Midlanders vote 'yes'

Prop A

For	Against
5,730	4,263

Prop B

For	Against
5,953	4,027

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$100M BOND PASSES

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From left, Midland Development Corp. board chair Brent Hilliard, city councilwoman Sharla Hotchkiss, and city councilman J.Ross Lacy react as final voting numbers indicate a success for the road bond proposal Tuesday at an election results party.

Voters approve roads plan

■ Best special election turnout in more than a decade helps deliver double-digit percentage victory

By Stewart Doreen
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Midland voters delivered an emphatic "yes" for better roads.

Turning out in higher numbers than had been recorded for a special standalone election since 2003, Midlanders on Tuesday approved a pair of propositions that will provide $100 million to improve Midland's streets and infrastructure.

Parts of 26 streets across the city will be rebuilt after more than 57 percent of voters approved proposition A, and nearly 60 percent approved proposition B.

Proposition A dedicates $74.09 million for street improvements, and proposition B calls for $25.91 million for waterworks and sewer system improvements.

It was just as Councilman J.Ross Lacy had hoped for: An inspired electorate gave Midland "its swagger back" when it comes to preparing for the future. The road bond is a first step in putting money toward infrastructure for a community that Lacy said could grow by 20,000 to 30,000 people in the next five years.

By passing the road bond, voters reversed a trend in local special elections. A school district tax ratification election failed in October 2016, and in May, voters opposed the 4B sales tax that would have gone toward improving the city's parks infrastructure.

Turnout was greater than the four most recent standalone special elections (those which didn't take place on a presidential ballot). The 9,993 votes for proposition A were more than the 7,741 votes in the Midland College bond election in 2005, more than the 8,270 votes in the Midland County Hospital District's bond election in 2009 and substantially more than the 6,714 average in the Midland ISD tax ratification election in October 2016 and the type-B sales tax in May.

"We took a step in the right direction," Lacy said Tuesday night. "The fact we got 10,000 voters was an incredibly encouraging sign that the citizens of this city are engaged and turning out to vote. ... We put propositions in front of the voters, and they voted overwhelmingly in support of them."

Lacy made 72 presentations to groups, businesses and organizations and just about anyone willing to listen to his pitch for better roads. Polling, according to Brent Hilliard with the Midland Road Bond campaign, indicated margins like the ones Tuesday were possible, and the campaign delivered with the first local taxing entity election victory in five years.

"There is nothing like having the voters come out and help us decide the future of Midland by participating in voting, which is what they did today," Hilliard said. "In some respects, the stars were aligned. We have a community that does have aging infrastructure and citizens who understand the infrastructure was aging. We also had a large group of those who wanted to do something about it."

City officials will use the $100 million to fund 26 road projects across the city over a five-year period. City staff selected the roads, which include parts

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More coverage

Read more election coverage and statisitcs inside and online.

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Executive Oil Conference

Marathon drawn back to Permian

■ 'Transformation' in the Northern Delaware Basin has caught the oil company's attention

By Mella McEwen
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Marathon Oil's Permian Basin roots stretch back to the 1920s and the discovery of the fabled Yates field. But changing fortunes and a declining Permian Basin sent the company elsewhere.

That is, until this year, when Marathon spent just under $2 billion in two deals that have brought the company 91,000 net acres in the New Mexico portion of the Northern Delaware Basin. At the same time, it sold its Canadian assets, part of a divestment of non-core assets that has generated $4 billion in cash over the last 12 months.

"When we look at new opportunities, we have four criteria: quality — can it compete for capital; scale; value — can it generate high returns for the long haul; and

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Conference takeaways

By Mella McEwen and Trevor Hawes
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■ Marathon President and chief executive officer Lee Tillman urged the industry to follow the lead of other industries such as medicine, aerospace and retail in leveraging its large sets of data to improve. He said companies such as Netflix and Google used machine learning to identify trends and wondered why the oil and gas industry can't leverage its data the same way.

He is optimistic about how the industry, and Marathon, will develop new technology that will boost efficiency and cost-savings and improve well performance and, more importantly, do it safely.

"Creative solutions have made step changes in our business, and innovation has been the driving force in our industry for over 150 years," he told the gathering.

But innovation can no longer come in steps. He called for improvements in 2-D seismic, 3-D seismic and microseismic but even more so in the digital space, with the industry leveraging the large data sets it has

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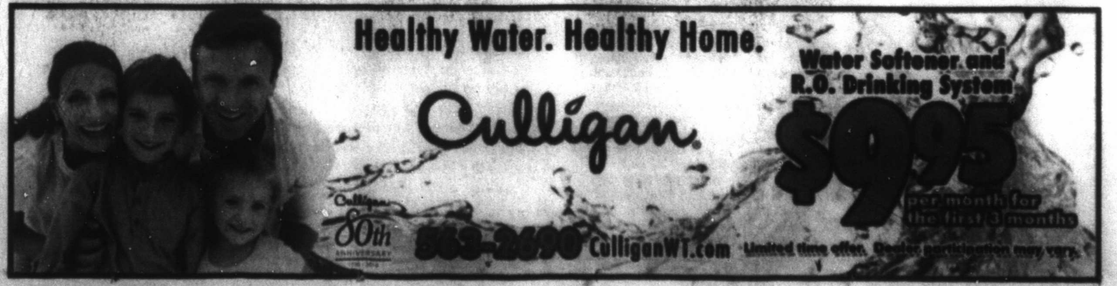

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Lee Tillman, president and CEO of Marathon Oil, speaks Tuesday at the 2017 Executive Oil Conference.

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upside potential," Lee Tillman, president and chief executive officer of the company, said on the sidelines of the Executive Oil Conference Tuesday at the Horseshoe Pavilion.

The Northern Delaware Basin acreage ticked all four of those boxes, he said. The company had been watching the Permian but had been looking for the right position.

"We knew, with its stacked plays, it's an area you can't ignore because of the resource density across the entire Permian Basin."

The Northern Delaware caught the company's attention not only because Marathon was able to tick off all four of those boxes but because of how technology has transformed the basin, he said.

Tillman praised Marathon's Permian asset team, centered in Carlsbad, New Mexico, for the company's progress. Noting that the second deal was closed in June, he said the team has built its operations from zero to having four rigs in operation and securing a dedicated frac crew. The company already is seeing strong early results from its wells and expects to have 10 to 15 wells online by the end of the year.

Marathon is looking for a more contiguous position through bolt-on acquisitions, swaps or other means. "We want more acreage with higher working interest and (to allow) longer laterals," he said.

With the acquisition, Marathon has achieved its objective of having a footprint in all four of the nation's four major oil basins: Permian, Eagle Ford, Bakken and the SCOOP/STACK plays.

"This complements our other holdings," he said. "With (a footprint in) all four, we can optimize operations across all four basins."

Tillman said the Northern Delaware is expected to play a major role in the company's efforts to grow production 18 to 22 percent from 2017 to 2021, all within cash flow and at a flat $50 oil price.

The nation's unconventional resource plays are only 10 years old but have already transformed the industry, he said.

"By far, across my 25-year career, not only is this sustainable but it has changed the way we see energy in the U.S. and the way we are viewed across the world," he said. "We've displayed an ingenuity and innovation the world overlooked. Global geopolitics has been transformed because of what we've done."

The four basins Marathon is active in are world-class basins that give the U.S. an economic advantage "as long as we don't get in the way of ourselves" with too many regulations, Tillman said.

"You don't have to be in the oil and gas industry to benefit. We are a source of cheap, reliable energy to manufacturers, to high-tech," he said.

"Nowhere else is there the regulatory environment to produce cleaner energy," Tillman said. "The economic development of oil and natural gas does not exclude environmental stewardship. We live in these areas. These are our homes. It's important to us to be good stewards. The perception is that it has to be either/or. My argument is that the two are intertwined."

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Pair charged with aggravated robbery

A Midland man and woman were arrested Thursday after their alleged involvement in a robbery, according to court documents.

Brandon

Mata

Robert Louis Brandon, 31, and Santana Ashley Mata, 32, were being held Monday on $100,000 bonds for first-degree felony charges of aggravated robbery and $500 bonds for Class A misdemeanor charges of failure to identify. Brandon was also being held on a $10,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of prohibited substance/item in a correctional facility.

A Midland police detective respondedNov. 1 in reference to a robbery.

Brandon was at a hotel when he allegedly asked a man for his money. Brandon had a gun, and Mata had a sword, according to their arrest affidavit. The man dropped his money, keys and phone and left the room with Brandon chasing after him, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the first-degree felony charge, Brandon and Mata could face up to life imprisonment.

Man arrested on assault charge

A Midland man was arrested Oct. 25 after allegedly assaulting a woman, according to court documents.

Herrera

Michael J. Herrera, 30, was released Oct. 27 on a $20,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of assault of a family/house member by impeding breath and a $500 bond for a Class A misdemean¶ charge of family violence — assault causes bodily injury.

A Midland police officer was dispatched at about 10:40 a.m. Oct. 25 in reference to advising rights.

The officer reviewed surveillance video from a store and saw Herrera grab a woman by the neck and pin her against an ATM machine, according to his arrest affidavit. The woman stuck out her tongue as if she couldn't breathe, according to the affidavit.

Herrera had allegedly also punched the woman, grabbed her by the wrist and hit her.

If convicted of the third-degree felony charge, Herrera could face up to 10 years imprisonment.

Man charged with endangering child

A Midland man was arrested Oct. 30 after allegedly endangering a child, according to court documents.

Smith

James Graydon Kelly Smith, 29, was being held Monday on a $10,000 bond for a state jail felony charge of abandoning or endangering a child by criminal negligence and a $500 bond for a Class A misdemeanor charge of failure to identify.

Midland police were dispatched to a truck stop at about 3:35 a.m. Oct. 30 in reference to checking a person.

Smith allegedly left a child unsupervised inside a vehicle. The child had access to power tools and chemical cleaners, according to Smith's arrest affidavit.

The forecasted temperature was 51 degrees, and the vehicle was turned off, according to the affidavit. Smith didn't provide the child with blankets, and the child wore thin clothes but didn't have any socks or shoes, according to the affidavit. If convicted of the state jail felony charge, Smith could face up to two years imprisonment.

Three charged with robbery, theft

Three men were arrested Friday after their alleged involvement in a robbery, according to court documents.

Butler

Nava

Trevino

Those arrested were Richard James Butler, 29, of Early; Felipe Fabian Nava, 25, of Midland; and James Eric Trevino, 26, of Big Spring. The men were being held Tuesday on $100,000 bonds for first-degree felony charges of aggravated robbery and $10,000 bonds for state jail felony charges of theft of property $2,500 or more but less than $30,000. Butler was also being held on a $847.60 bond for a Class C misdemeanor charge.

Midland County sheriff's deputies were dispatched to a drilling site at about 9:55 p.m. Friday in reference to a robbery.

A drilling employee made contact with three men who were stealing items — later determined to be drill bits, according to their arrest affidavit. The men got into a vehicle, and the employee tried to remove keys from the ignition to stop them from leaving, according to the affidavit.

The driver allegedly said he had a gun. The employee took the keys before the driver bit him on the shoulder blade, drawing blood and causing pain, according to the affidavit. The court document doesn't list which of the three men was the driver.

Other stolen drill bits were found in the suspects' vehicle, according to the affidavit.

If convicted, Butler, Nava and Trevino could face up to life imprisonment for the first-degree felony charge and up to two years imprisonment for the state jail felony charge.

TAKEAWAYS

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to address new and ongoing questions: "Where should I drill? How far apart should my wells be? How much will they produce?"

■ Bruce Niemeyer, vice president, Chevron North American Exploration & Production Co., said his company isn't chasing high initial potentials or rapid development, but instead is focusing on capital efficiency, "the foundation of being successful."

What's as important, he said, is "what happens 30 years after the well is placed on production."

■ Raoul LeBlanc, vice president, HIS Markit, observed, "We've filled the pantry but we're not incubaint new plays. That's a limit in the long-term."

■ Michael Hanson, founding member, Parkman Whaling LLC, warned of a couple of regulatory hurdles that will raise costs in the coming months. One is air emission regulations covering oil field engines, and the second is the new e-log technology that trucking companies will have to install – not just the cost of the technology itself but the impact on transportation costs.

■ Jay Boudreaux, managing director, Simmons & Co. International, said his company is seeing clients turn to technology such as artificial intelligence not just to control costs but manage future expenses.

Investors, Hanson said, are telling operators, "You've acquired enough acreage. Now, go figure out what you've got."

■ Michael Wichterich, president of Three Rivers Operating Co. III LLC, said "We've gone from 200 rigs last year to 380 rigs. Everything is more expensive. Execution is terrible. Truckers can make $1,500 to $2,000 a day."

:It's tremendously inefficient at this point. It will get better; it will get more efficient but until we get full development it will take a while," Wichterich said. "We're two years away from efficiency. Execution is our biggest issue and we're stuck with it for a year or two."

■ Mergers and acquisitions have been a tool to improve margins, said Maynard Holt, chief executive officer of Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co. Inc., but technology may be a more effective tool. He said companies should use technology such as analytics, artificial intelligence and robotics to look at margins.

■ **Not just "one thing":** Jeff Miller, president and CEO of Halliburton, credits hydraulic fracturing as "almost singlehandedly" leading the shale revolution. "Just like in 1949, it continues to rejuvenate oil-bearing formations," he said.

However, "it's never just one thing" that's responsible for success in oil and gas recovery. "Innovation happens in a lot of different ways," he said, adding that what's critical today are understanding the reservoir, developing new technologies, scaling processes and improving transportation to meet the demands for the oil and gas industry.

■ **Going deep:** While there are about three sand mines operating in the area between Kermit and Monahans, and about 16 total mines coming online, Elevation Resources President and CEO Steve Pruett, speaking during the technical roundtable discussion, said he doesn't know of any company currently using the sand. Sand is used during the hydraulic fracturing process to prop open fissures to release more hydrocarbons. The sand in the Permian is finer 100-mesh sand, which shows promise in getting deeper into microfractures. Pruett said he looks forward to seeing the results from other companies as they experiment with in-basin sand.

J. Ross Craft, chairman and CEO of Approach Resources, said his company has run pure nanoparticles in a few wells in an attempt to get proppant as deep as possible.

Dave Sobernheim, vice president of geoengineering at Keane Group, said there is tremendous pressure on supply chain and sourcing, which is why local mines are interesting.

■ **Hard hit:** Craft said he's seeing issues with well spacing in the southern Midland Basin. "No one wants frac hits," he said.

A frac hit is when a frac job in one well interferes with another, such as through penetration into another well or through pressure issues that can inhibit recovery.

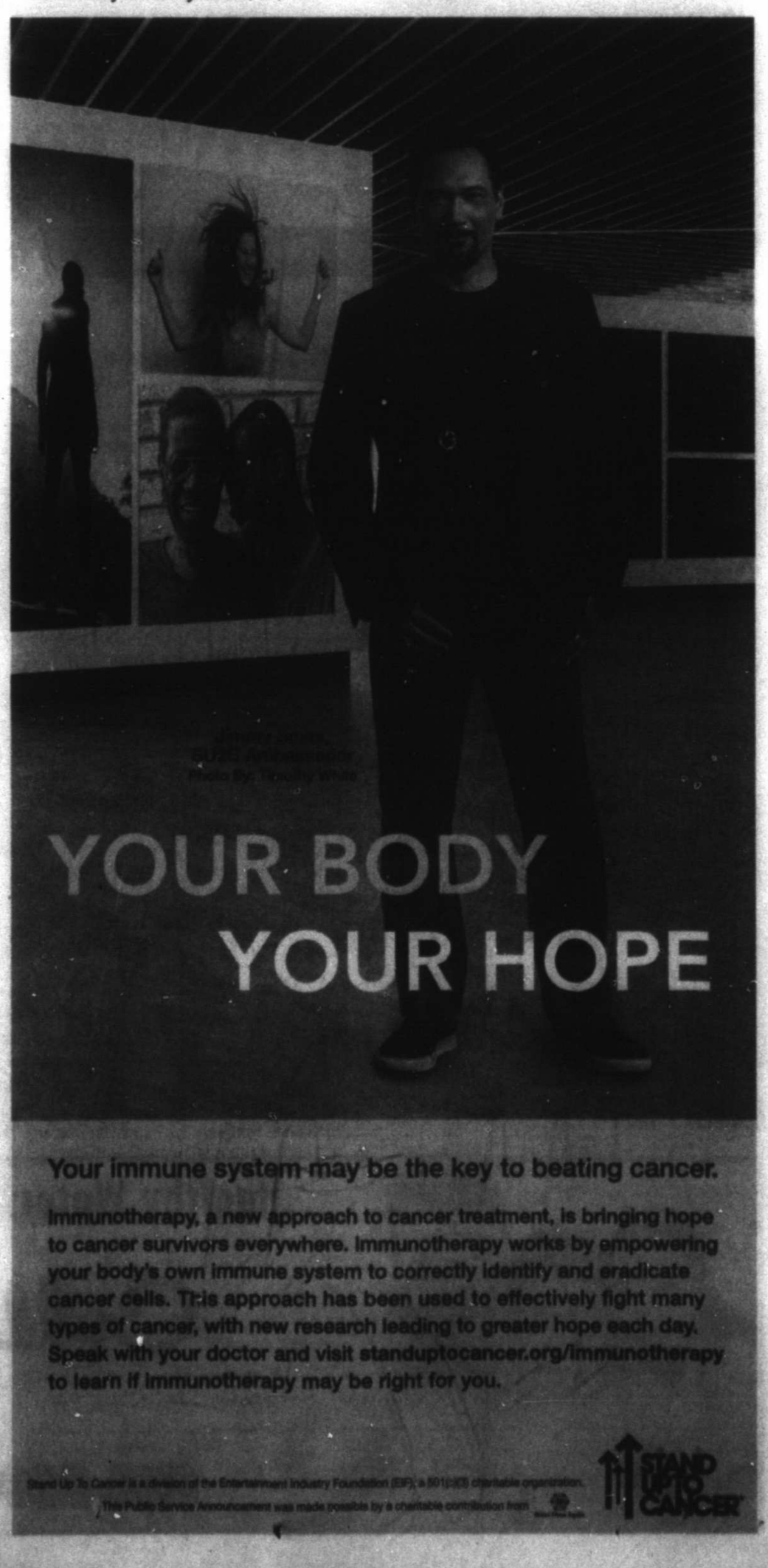
Pruett said the worst frac hits he has seen have come from offset operators, noting that one of his wells lost most of its production capability because it was near a competitor he didn't know about.

Sobernheim said he's heard talks of repressurizing parent wells before fracturing child wells. From a science perspective, there are a lot of geomechanical efforts, such as using complex 3-D models, to better plan for frac jobs.

■ **Land grab:** In recent years, there has been a significant land grab in the Permian Basin as companies look to expand their positions with more contiguous acreage. Concho Resources is one of those companies that has taken part, and the company's Executive Vice President Will Giraud said it's going to be hard to get acreage the "old-fashioned way" through the acquisition of private companies.

Giraud showed slides indicating the significant increase of land holdings that have changed hands from private companies to public companies. "We're in the later stages of the private land game," he said.

Giraud said companies need "big, blocky positions" to scale production, and they're needed at all depths. Completing wells in a section at the same time can drive efficiencies.



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This date in Midland

On Nov. 8, 1994, then managing general partner of the Texas Rangers George W. Bush was elected governor of Texas, defeating Democrat Ann Richards.

Things to do

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

■ Scott Dykema Art Show, 4 p.m., The Ballroom Dance Studio, 4400 N. Big Spring St.

■ Meditation with Art with Lynn Alsup. 6 p.m., Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. $5.

■ Kundalini Yoga with Kasie Lunson, 6:30 p.m., Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. $5. All levels are welcome. Bring a mat and dress in comfortable clothing.

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

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

■ Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 8 p.m., Torino's. Challengeentertainment.com.

Midland County Republican Women

The Midland County Republican Women will meet at 11:15 a.m. today at Midland Country Club.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar is the guest speaker. Also, officers will be installed. For more information, visit www.mcrw.us.

Democratic candidate in Midland

Jeffrey Payne, a candidate for the Democratic Party nomination for governor, will be in Midland from 5-6 p.m. today.

The event is scheduled to take place at the Midland County Democratic Party headquarters, 601 South Main St.

Miss America to appear at Centennial branch

Miss America 2018, Cara Mund, will appear at the Midland County Library Centennial branch 5:45-7 p.m. Thursday.

The event is a meet-and-greet with the public as Mund embarks on her national speaking tour about her platform, Make-A-Wish Passion with Fashion.

She is the official National Goodwill Ambassador for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

Farmers Market

The Midland Downtown Farmers Market at the Museum of the Southwest will operate two Saturdays a month through March. The market will be open the second and third Saturdays this month and December and the second and fourth Saturdays in January, February and March. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This date in Texas

One year ago: Democrat Zena Stephens of Jefferson County made history upon her election as the first black female sheriff in Texas.

Making the pitch for parks

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Greenwod players take the field Friday at J.M. King Memorial Stadium for a game against Lamesa.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 2-3-1
Pick 3 day: 4-5-2
Pick 3 evening: 4-9-8
Pick 3 night: 6-9-3
Daily 4 morning: 0-9-5-4
Daily 4 day: 8-9-3-4
Daily 4 evening: 8-9-9-2
Daily 4 night: 5-3-8-0
Cash Five: 1-9-10-28-32
Triple Chance: 3-14-15-21-37-42-47-48-51-52

Mega Millions: 1-54-60-68-69 BB: 11 Megaplier: 4
All or Nothing morning: 2-4-6-7-9-10-12-13-15-19-23-24
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Tuesday's temperatures
High 68
Low 49
Normal high 70
Normal low 43

Nov. 7's records
Record high: 88 set in 1963
Record low: 22 set in 1938

Precipitation
Monday ..... 0.00 in.
Tuesday ..... 0.00 in.
Month total ..... 0.00 in.
Year total ..... 16.94 in.
Normal total (year to date) ..... 13.50 in.

Winds
Average speed: 9.9 mph
Highest speed: 20 mph
Highest gust speed: 23 mph

Today's forecast
High: 45
Low: 37
Conditions: Showers early, cloudy later in the day/partly cloudy at night
Winds: 5-15 mph during the day/5 mph at night
Chance of rain: 70 percent early, 40 percent later in the day/no chance at night
Sunrise ..... 7:23 a.m.
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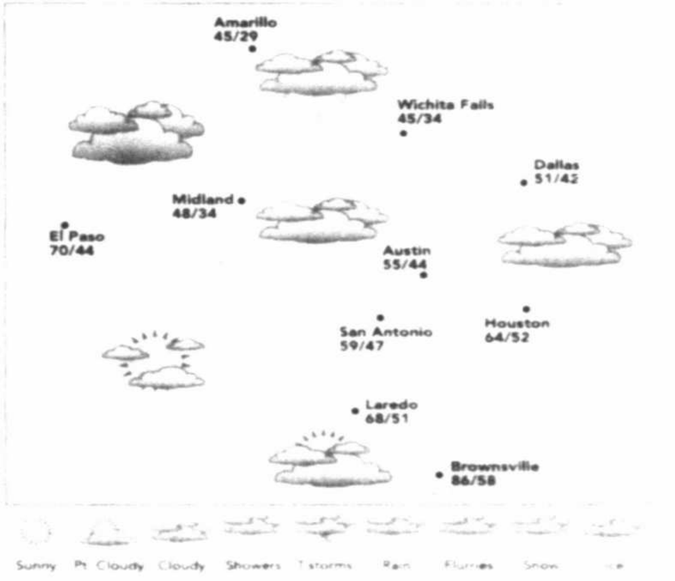
Forecast for Wednesday, November 8, 2017



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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 Scorpio and a Moon in Cancer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for **Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2017:**

This year you seek out new ideas and potential travel opportunities. You break past conventional thinking. You also give up thoughts that restrict you. If you are single, you could meet someone of significance in the next 12 months. You will know when this person enters your life. If you are attached, you tune in to your significant other with ease and display a considerable amount of sensitivity. The two of you will enjoy traveling together. CANCER understands you better than you might like.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Let your instincts lead you down the right path. Pressure builds involving a matter around your personal life and your outside life. Someone might opt for a power play. You could feel pressure to mediate the situation, as does a close associate. **Tonight:** Happiest heading home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You are likely to respond to a friend's inquiry. You might want to bypass a situation, and will if you can detach. You might be concerned about someone else's response. You don't need to worry so much — you will do the right thing. **Tonight:** Catch up on others' news, then decide.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Start a conversation with someone you admire but don't always understand. You will gain insight into what motivates and drives this person. Disagreemen. occur over funds, investments and choices. Try to stay within your budget! **Tonight:** Run errands on the way home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You see various opportunities arise when you express empathy and understanding. Look at the big picture, and you will be able to identify several possibilities. Avoid someone who likes to have control and will do nearly anything to stay in charge. **Tonight:** Do whatever suits you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ ou will gain a better perspective than you thought possible. Allow yourself to say less than you usually do. Be open to change, but know that today is not the day to make a decision. Think twice before verbalizing or finalizing any choice you're considering. **Tonight:** Out and about.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You could be in a situation where you want to change direction. Understand that your choices need to remain your own and no one else can decide for you. Be ready to focus on a friendship and its long-term direction. **Tonight:** Time for a midweek break with friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You might feel unusually tense, especially as others seem to be demanding a lot from you. Can you achieve what you want and still find time to relax? Perhaps you can use this stress to give you that extra push. Give yourself some extra personal time. **Tonight:** Could be a late night.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You could go overboard as you express a greater openness than you have in the past. You might want to avoid a power play. Getting involved points to very little success. try to steer clear of this situation. As a result, you will be a lot happier. **Tonight:** Opt for a new type of adventure.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Reach out to a close friend who might be wondering what he or she can do. A domestic issue could be confusing to both of you. Avoid a confrontation that pops up unexpectedly and involves your finances. Avoid a power play. **Tonight:** Try to disengage from a hassle.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Investigate a problem by keeping an open mind about what others consider to be a problem. You might feel as if you know what is right, but can't get anyone to agree with you. Avoid a control game, as no one will come out a winner. **Tonight:** Let a loved one make the call.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Pace yourself and get as much done as possible. You could be overly tired and withdrawn, but once you get started, you'll find it difficult to stop. You'll get through a lot of work. Maintain your sense of humor, especially when dealing with someone difficult. **Tonight:** Take it easy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your creativity emerges when dealing with a loved one. You recognize this person for what he or she is to you: a muse. A friend might mean well, but could become pushy. Let this person know that you will address the issue as soon as you can. **Tonight:** Be near good music.

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VOTERS

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of Thomason Drive and Main, "A" and Garfield streets. All roads received failing grades, according to a pavement condition index.

The owner of a property valued at $250,000 is expected to see a $100-a-year increase in his or her city tax bill when all debt is issued. City leaders would use a 25-year note to pay for the project. Finance Director Pam Simecka said the interest on the $100 million, assuming a 4.5 percent interest rate, will be $67.4 million.

The last time a road bond came before Midland voters was 1988. The $5.4 million bond failed 2,635 to 4,075. Nearly 30 years later, city officials expect to spend nearly as much in just engineering and consulting ($5.2 million). The rest of the $100 million will be spent on streets ($60 million), utilities ($24.4 million) and federally mandated ADA improvements at intersections ($10.4 million).

Lacy said the Midland City Council will issue requests for proposals (RFPs) at its Nov. 21 meeting for the first four projects: Taylor Avenue, between Lamesa Road and Mineola Street; Hicks Avenue, between Lamesa Road and Terrell Street; Cuthbert Avenue, between Garfield Street and "A" Street; and Green Tree Boulevard, between Holiday Hill Road and Midland Drive. Then the city will start the process to issue the first $25 million. He said it will take a couple of months to get everything through the bond counsel and Attorney General's Office.

"I have meetings at 2 p.m. (today) with city staff to make sure everything is in line," Lacy said. "I'm excited to go to work along with everyone at the city of Midland for the citizens. The city is worth fighting for, and that is why we have an aggressive plan and that we will deliver on time and on budget."

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

From left, city mayor Jerry Morales, city councilman J.Ross Lacy, and Midland Development Corporation board chair Brent Hilliard react to early voting results in favor of the proposed Road Bond on Tuesday at an election results party.

This was the third time in the city's history that Midlanders approved a bond of $100 million or more.

In 2012, Midlanders approved a Midland ISD $163.3 million bond for improvements, including three elementary schools.

In 2009, Midlanders approved a $110 million bond to help build a patient tower at Midland Memorial Hospital.

On Tuesday, Midlanders approved a $100 million bond to improve streets and infrastructure. The average approval margin of the two propositions was 16.99 percentage points.

The average margin of victory in the three elections was 23.07 percentage points.

The turnout was the most for a stand-alone local election going back to 2003 when 17,598 people voted in a $67 million Midland ISD bond election.

Proposition A had 57.38 percent approval after early voting and ended with 57.34 percent when all votes were counted. Proposition B had 59.32 percent approval after early voting and end with 59.65 percent. Both items had to pass for city officials to move forward with the 26 projects.

ELECTIONEXTRAS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

How Midland voted

City of Midland, Proposition A		
For	5,730	57.34
Against	4,263	42.66
City of Midland, Proposition B		
For	5,953	59.65
Against	4,027	40.35
State of Texas Proposition No. 1	**Votes**	**Percentage**
For	9,106	86.09
Against	1,471	13.91
State of Texas Proposition No. 2		
For	7,462	72.27
Against	2,863	27.73
State of Texas Proposition No. 3		
For	8,897	85.06
Against	1,563	14.94
State of Texas Proposition No. 4		
For	7,464	73.58
Against	2,687	26.42
State of Texas Proposition No. 5		
For	5,982	58.79
Against	4,193	41.21
State of Texas Proposition No. 6		
For	8,968	84.96
Against	1,587	15.04
State of Texas Proposition No. 7		
For	6,062	58.64
Against	4,275	41.36

Project timeline

Year 1
- Taylor Avenue, between Lamesa Road and Mineola Street
- Hicks Avenue, between Lamesa Road and Terrell Street
- Cuthbert Avenue, between Garfield Street and "A" Street
- Green Tree Boulevard, between Holiday Hill Road and Midland Drive

Year 2
- Cuthbert Avenue, between Ward Street and Garfield Street
- Wood Drive, between Midland Drive and Oriole Drive
- Carter Avenue, between Garfield Street and Big Spring Street
- Bluebird Lane, between Midland Drive and east end of Butler Park
- Bankhead Highway, between Front Street and Midkiff Road
- Oriole Drive, Mockingbird Lane to Teakwood Trace
- Michigan Avenue, between "A" Street and Garfield Street
- Louisiana Avenue, between "A" Street and Garfield Street
- Texas Avenue, between Andrews Highway and "A" Street

Year 3
- "A" Street, between Cuthbert Avenue and Indiana Avenue
- Garfield Street, between Michigan Avenue and Golf Course Road
- Thomason Drive, between Loop 250 and Wall Street

Years 4 and 5
- Main Street, between Wadley Avenue and Ohio Avenue
- Solomon Lane, between "A" Street and Big Spring Street
- Sunglo Street, between Midkiff Road and Garfield Street
- Sinclair Avenue, between Midland Drive and Loop 250
- "A" Street, between Wadley Avenue and Scharbauer Drive
- New York Avenue, between Carver Street and Fairgrounds Road
- Tarleton Street, between Golf Course Road and Wadley Avenue
- Anetta Drive, between Loop 250 to Midland Drive
- Whittle Way, between Sunshine Parkway to Wadley Avenue
- Illinois Avenue, between N Street and "A" Street

Church gunman once escaped from mental health center

By Nomaan Merchant, Jim Vertuno and Will Weissert
Associated Press

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS — The gunman who carried out the massacre at a small-town Texas church briefly escaped from a mental health center in New Mexico in 2012 and got in trouble for bringing guns onto a military base and threatening his superiors there, police reports indicate.

Kelley

Devin Patrick Kelley was also named as a suspect in a 2013 sexual assault in his Texas hometown of New Braunfels, about 35 miles (56 kilometers) from the scene of the church attack.

The records that emerged Tuesday add up to at least three missed opportunities that might have offered law enforcement a way to stop Kelley from having access to guns long before he slaughtered much of the congregation in the middle of a Sunday service. Authorities said the death toll of 26 included the unborn baby of one of the women killed. Kelley died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound after he was chased by bystanders and crashed his car.

The Air Force confirmed Tuesday that Kelley had been treated in the facility after he was placed under pretrial confinement stemming from a court-martial on charges that he assaulted his then-wife and hit her child hard enough to fracture the boy's skull.

Involuntary commitment to a mental institution would have been grounds to deny him a weapon provided that records of his confinement were submitted to the federal database used to conduct background checks on people who try to purchase guns.

Kelley was also caught trying to bring guns onto Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico when he was stationed there, according to an El Paso, Texas, police report released Tuesday.

While in the military, Kelley, who was 21 at the time, made death threats against superior officers, according to the June 2012 report, which also mentioned the military charges. He was eventually sentenced to 12 months of confinement for the assault.

The Air Force acknowledged Monday that it did not enter Kelley's criminal history into the federal database as required by military rules, another way he could have been denied a weapon.

Had Kelley been convicted of sexual assault, he would likely have been prevented from purchasing a gun because federal guidelines prohibit sales to anyone convicted of a felony punishable by more than one year in prison. The Comal County sheriff said he was reviewing whether his department mishandled the sexual assault investigation.

Authorities recovered a Ruger AR-556 rifle at the church and two handguns from the shooter's vehicle. All three weapons were purchased by Kelley, said Fred Milanowski, the agent in charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in Houston.

The El Paso report notes that Kelley was committed to a mental health facility in Santa Teresa, New Mexico, but at some point escaped and was later found by police at a bus station in downtown El Paso in June 2012.

Deputies were called to Kelley's home in New Braunfels in June 2013 about the rape case and investigated for three months, Comal County Sheriff Mark Reynolds said. But it appeared that they stopped investigating after they believed Kelley left Texas and moved to Colorado. Reynolds said the case was then listed as inactive.

The sheriff said he was trying to determine how deputies came to believe Kelley had moved and why they did not continue to pursue the case, either in Colorado or after Kelley returned to the area later. Deputies were called to the same house in February 2014 to investigate a domestic violence report involving Kelley and Danielle Shields, his girlfriend at the time, whom he married two months later.

"The last information that we have is the suspect moved to Colorado and then the investigation seems to have tapered off," Reynolds said Tuesday. "That's what we're looking into."

The district attorney for Comal County said in an interview that she became aware of the sexual assault case Monday before the records were released to The Associated Press and other media.

"That case was never presented to our office," Jennifer Tharp said.

The records from Comal County also describe a burglary that Kelley's father, Michael, reported on his property the day after the sexual assault report. Michael Kelley told an officer that someone had taken a laptop computer and hard drive belonging to his son from a barn he had converted into an apartment for Devin Kelley. But Kelley said his son was unavailable to talk to police because he had been in a traffic accident that morning.

None of the documents explains whether there was a connection between the sexual assault report and the burglary report.

Meanwhile at the First Baptist Church in tiny Sutherland Springs, investigators continued analyzing a gruesome crime scene and tried to gain access to the shooter's cellphone, a longstanding challenge for the FBI in thousands of other cases.

Authorities aimed to conclude the crime-scene investigation at the church by tonight. Investigators have no reason to believe anyone conspired with Kelley, who acted alone, said Texas Department of Public Safety Regional Director Freeman Martin.

Martin repeated earlier statements that the shooting appeared to stem from a domestic dispute involving Kelley and his mother-in-law, who sometimes attended services at the church but was not present on Sunday.

"We don't know what he was thinking or what was in his mind," Martin said. "There was conflict. He was upset with the mother-in-law."

The gunman's phone was flown to an FBI lab for analysis, but agents have yet to access it, said Christopher Combs, who is in charge of the agency's San Antonio division.

The inability to access the shooter's phone highlights a longstanding frustration of the FBI. Director Christopher Wray said last month that in the first 11 months of the fiscal year, agents were unable to access the content inside more than 6,900 mobile devices, an issue he said stymies investigations.

The FBI and other law enforcement officials have long complained about being unable to unlock and recover evidence from cellphones and other devices seized from suspects even if authorities have a warrant. Technology companies have refused to help, insisting they must protect customers' digital privacy.

The long-simmering debate was on display in 2016, when the Justice Department tried to force Apple to unlock an encrypted cellphone used by a gunman in an attack in San Bernardino, California. The department eventually relented after the FBI said it paid an unidentified vendor who provided a tool to unlock the phone and no longer needed Apple's assistance, avoiding a court showdown.

Authorities: We won't mention shooter's name again

By Andrew Dalton
Associated Press

The shooter's name went unspoken at a news conference on the killings at a church in Sutherland Springs and authorities there said they intend to keep refraining from saying it.

"We do not want to glorify him and what he has done," Texas Department of Public Safety Regional Director Freeman Martin said at the Monday briefing.

FBI Special Agent in Charge Christopher Combs agreed, saying "we don't talk about the shooter" in the hope that it "doesn't encourage other people to do horrific acts."

That choice reflects a larger movement of authorities, victims' families and academics who want to deny to mass killers the fame they often seek, and to keep from inspiring the next one.

The message: Don't hide information, but don't hype it. Report the name of a shooter when it's first released, then leave it out.

The movement was created by No Notoriety, a group at the forefront of the effort that focuses on spreading simple, meme-friendly ideas.

"Stop making rampage mass murderers famous," read a post on Facebook and Twitter, along with a blotted out photo of the Texas shooter, who killed 26 people.

"Focus on victims and heroes — not their killers!" one popular post said.

Caren and Tom Teves, whose son, Alex, was killed while shielding his girlfriend in the 2012 shooting in Aurora, Colorado, started the group. They were driven to act by feelings of disgust, but found common cause with experts.

While the immediate provocations for shooters differ — authorities in Texas said the shooting may have been prompted by a domestic violence situation — most seek the same kind of attention.

Zeynep Tufekci, a professor at the University of North Carolina who studies the social effects of technology, said evidence shows that future mass shooters were carefully watching coverage of the most recent attacks.

She has repeatedly urged — both online and in op-eds — that outlets should avoid repetition of the killer's name and face and steer clear of step-by-step discussions of their methods.

"It's past time that we considered less sensationalist ways of covering mass shootings, and reported such grim news without plastering the killer's name and face everywhere," Tufekci told The Associated Press in an email.

Tufekci said media outlets already are cautious in what they report about suicides for fear of inspiring copycats, and doing the same for mass shooters would be "just sound editorial policy, not censorship."

Pope offers condolences for church shooting

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis has sent a telegram to the archbishop of San Antonio to express his condolences for the deadly shooting at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs.

The telegram was sent Tuesday by the Vatican's secretary of state, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, who said the pope was "deeply grieved by news of the loss of life and grave injuries caused by the act of senseless violence."

The pontiff sent condolences to "the families of the victims and the wounded, to the members of the congregation and the entire local community."

Francis also offered prayers for mourners to "grant them the spiritual strength that triumphs over violence and hatred by the power of forgiveness, hope and reconciling love."

Source: The Associated Press

Voters reject Ector County ISD bond, tax increase

By Ruth Campbell
Odessa *American*

Residents rejected Ector County Independent School District's $291,172,291 bond and tax rate proposals Tuesday by a resounding margin.

According to unofficial final results, on the bond issue, 61.81 percent of people voted against the bond and 38.19 percent voted for it, or 4,442 against and 2,744 in support.

On the tax-ratification election, 60.04 percent, or 4,312 people voted against it, and 39.96 percent, or 2,870, were for it.

There are 73,847 registered voters in Ector County and 7,255 people, or 9.82 percent, cast ballots on Election Day.

The bond and tax ratification election would have brought the district's total tax rate to $1.45 per $100 valuation. It is currently $1.15 per $100 valuation.

The bond issue included lifecycle projects, new schools, fire and safety upgrades, a districtwide fiber network, completion of the girls' locker room at Permian High School, refurbishing the weight room at Odessa High School and renovation of the bathrooms at Ratliff Stadium.

The district has more than 32,000 students, and Superintendent Tom Crowe said he was disappointed by the results.

"But it just tells me we didn't put a bond package together that people could support. We enrolled 55 kids this week already, so this isn't going away. We've got to figure out what (it) is the people would support. We've got to go back because we've got crowded schools," Crowe said.

He added that he would invite people who voted against the bond to visit the schools to see how crowded they are and get involved.

Crowe said he spoke to ECISD Public Information Officer Mike Adkins about conducting a survey by a professional firm to see why people voted against the bond and tax ratification election because if there is another bond, there would have to be a TRE as well.

"We've just got to figure out what the community will support," Crowe said.

Crowe said it's too soon to say when the district might try again.

"We have to talk to the board. They've got to buy in and give guidance on that, as well," Crowe said.

And it has to be decided whether to go for a bond election and TRE separately.

"There's a lot of discussion we've got to have. I think we've got to remain positive and we've got to move forward," Crowe said.

"We'll figure it out," he added. "We've got 32,000 kids counting on us got a lot of teachers counting on us and a lot of district employees counting on us."

Chris Stanley, who was on the ECISD Bond Advisory Committee and a bond and TRE advocacy group called Ector County Kids Can't Wait, said it's back to the drawing board.

"The issues brought forward are not going away. As we reconfigure our ideas and being a broader discussion about the future of ECISD, we encourage all who wish to be involved with future solutions to become part of the discussion," Stanley said.

Residents also voted down a proposition from the county to create a sales tax district at a rate of 1.25 percent.

For Ector County Assistance District Proposition A, 63.88 percent, or 992 people voted against and 36.12 percent, or 561 people voted for it.

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Texans approve 7 proposed amendments to state Constitution

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas voters have ratified all seven amendments proposed to the state Constitution.

No statewide offices were up for grabs Tuesday's ballot, and congressional and legislative elections are still a year away.

The seven amendments range from issues related to property tax exemptions for disabled veterans to reducing restrictions on Texans borrowing against equity in their homes.

Proposition 7 lets banks and credit unions offer raffles and other prizes to people opening savings accounts.

Records show the Texas Legislature has proposed 673 constitutional amendments, with 491 approved by voters, 179 defeated and three failing to make the ballot for "reasons that are historically obscure." That's according to a report by the Texas Legislative Council.

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OPINION

Prayer does matter in wake of Texas shootings

■ The problem for many is that these prayerful solutions do not involve politicians strutting and crowing in a quest for answers that only they can deliver

MARK DAVIS
Dallas Morning News

In the wake of another mass shooting, the sides are assuming their familiar postures on cue. Conservatives are circling the wagons to guard their Second Amendment rights; liberals are calling for legislative remedies.

Equally familiar is the ramping up of rhetoric. The right accuses the left of "gun grabbing," as if any change in law is a sure path to confiscation, while the left accuses the right of "doing nothing" when restrictive laws are rejected.

But this time, as Texas prepares to lay its own victims to rest after the Sutherland Springs church massacre, our prayerful regard for the lost and the hurting is met with the bitter mockery of those unable to process that not everyone agrees with their belief that limiting gun rights is the answer.

If gun control advocates want to call for actions beyond prayers and good wishes, that's one thing. But the open scorn for those expressions of faithful support brings the debate to hateful new lows.

"Enough with the 'thoughts and prayers' already," tweeted MSNBC's Joy Reid, echoing a growing wave of derisive intolerance from the commentary and entertainment wings of Twitter's left wing.

"They were in church. They had the prayers shot right out of them. Maybe try something else," added actor Michael McKean amid a torrent of hateful replies to House Speaker Paul Ryan's prayer request.

I am prepared not to care if the guy from "This is Spinal Tap" is scripturally illiterate. But I do care if one side of the debate following mass shootings is going to mischaracterize and ridicule millions of Americans.

So to be clear: Those of us who turn to God first are not advocates of "doing nothing." Many of us favor addressing the actual problem, which is not a gun problem any more than drunken driving is a car problem.

In this particular case, there may indeed be practical improvements we can make to the enforcement of gun laws we already have. Gun-rights proponents will always cooperate with initiatives designed to keep people with sufficiently alarming criminal or mental health histories from owning guns.

It is absurd that we do not have a national or state-by-state database that instantly flags such people at the point of purchase.

But equally absurd is the belief that there is something magical Congress can do that will prevent the next Las Vegas or the next Sutherland Springs. In some cases, shooters will be previously law-abiding gun owners; in others, they will have a murderous intent that makes violating gun laws a tiny matter. In either case, the myth of the legislative remedy rings hollow.

Not every member of the gun control chorus responds to prayers for victims with scornful revulsion. But those who stoop to that level display a religious bigotry that reveals their sheer contempt for the answers many believe are the only real way to reduce these tragedies: a reliance on God.

That path involves invoking God to comfort the grieving, as well as showing greater love to each other, particularly the mentally ill and social outcasts who tend to spiral toward such acts. It involves living our lives as examples of a godly path that has better answers for racial hatred, embittered marriages, gambling losses and a host of other real or potential motives for recent shootings and the ones that may follow.

The problem for many is that these solutions do not involve politicians strutting and crowing in a quest for answers that only they can deliver. Preachers of the Gospel of Gun Control are welcome to kneel at the altar of government if they wish, but others will choose to address the issue through the lens of a fallen, sin-stained world, calling on God to redeem it, and each of us.

That has the power to prevent more gun tragedies than any new wave of laws.

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OPINION EXTRA

From 'dishonest' to 'truth': Opinions of Brazile have changed

Around this time last year, Donald Trump said that Donna Brazile was "totally dishonest." Now, Trump adviser Kellyanne Conway says that Brazile is trying to "get the truth out there."

Around this time last year, Hillary Clinton campaign manager Robby Mook said he was "not aware of any questions getting fed in" to the campaign by Brazile in advance of Democratic primary debates. Now, Mook says he does not recall events described by Brazile in a forthcoming book, suggesting as Trump once did that Brazile is dishonest.

As Brazile, the former interim chair of the Democratic National Committee, goes public with her version of what happened on the losing side of the 2016 presidential race, her allies and critics have suddenly reversed roles, adopting new views that serve their political interests.

Hacked emails posted by WikiLeaks in October 2016 revealed that on two occasions during the Democratic primary, Brazile had abused her position as a CNN analyst by tipping off the Clinton campaign to the nature of questions that would be asked at town-hall-style forums broadcast by the network. Brazile was not yet at the helm of the DNC when she made the improper disclosures.

Brazile initially disputed the authenticity of the emails published by WikiLeaks, and Mook gave her cover in an appearance on "The View" on Nov. 3, 2016, saying he hadn't even seen the emails in question and knew nothing about inappropriate question sharing.

But according to the Trump campaign, managed by Conway, the emails showed that Brazile lacked integrity. Trump routinely knocked Brazile and Clinton during the final month of the race, as he railed against a "rigged" political system.

"Now, if some of you have not noticed, Hillary is not laughing as much as the rest of us," Trump said at the annual Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner in New York, an event where politicians roast one another. "That's because she knows the jokes. All of the jokes were given to her in advance of the dinner by Donna Brazile."

On "Fox & Friends" on Monday, Conway offered a dramatically different take on Brazile.

"You've got Donna Brazile out there, trying to clear her name and get the truth out there, and I respect Donna for doing that," Conway said. "Donna became the interim DNC chair about the same time I became the Trump-Pence campaign manager, so I worked alongside of her plenty. We've always had a respectful relationship. She's a smart woman."

What has changed, of course, is that Brazile claims in her book that the Clinton campaign systematically bent the DNC to its will in a way that unfairly disadvantaged Bernie Sanders. Team Trump loves that narrative because it makes Clinton's nomination appear less legitimate, and sows resentment and division within the Democratic Party.

In short, Brazile is saying things that the Trump White House wants voters to hear and believe; therefore, the Trump White House says Brazile is no longer "dishonest" but credible.

Meanwhile, it is no longer in the interest of former Clinton campaign officials to defend Brazile, and Mook has shifted positions on the veteran operative, too.

"The allegation she's making there simply isn't true," Mook said of Brazile's claim that the funding arrangement between the DNC and the Clinton campaign was "unethical."

"I'm sure Donna was under a lot of pressure from her publisher to put this book out right on this election week, when we have critical elections happening around the country," Mook added. "I wish she'd just put her foot down and said, 'No, I'm not going to release it around these elections because we should be focused on turning voters out right now.'"

— Callum Borchers, Washington Post

Midland Reporter-Telegram
A Hearst newspaper

Two very American heroes come forth

■ It was a characteristically small-town American act of self-reliance that shows society still produces people who will risk life and limb for others without hesitation, unbidden by anything other than their own sense of obligation

RICH LOWRY
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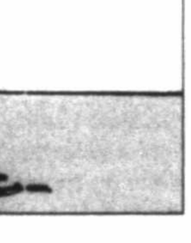

Before the Texas church shooter encountered any police officers, he was run off a highway and was dead. He had been shot and chased by two private citizens who took it upon themselves to respond to a heinous crime when no one with a badge was anywhere to be found.

The church shooting in Sutherland Springs is another heartbreaking chapter in the country's epidemic of mass shootings. Devin Patrick Kelley shot and killed 26 people and wounded another 20, accounting for nearly everyone in the small church. Dressed in black tactical gear, he killed the pastor's 14-year-old daughter and eight members of one family, including a pregnant mom and three of her children. The senseless cruelty is hard to fathom.

The response by the two bystanders who refused to stand by is something else entirely. It was a characteristically small-town American act of self-reliance that shows, no matter how tattered our civil society may be, it still produces people who will risk life and limb for others without hesitation, unbidden by anything other than their own sense of obligation.

When Stephen Willeford, 55, heard of the shooting, he left his house barefoot with his AR-15 and started exchanging fire with Kelley outside the church. An expert shot, Willeford hit Kelley and reportedly aimed for the gaps on his body armor. When Kelley got in an SUV and sped off, Willeford jumped in Johnnie Langendorff's truck and told him to give chase.

Langendorff, 27, didn't ask any questions. He followed Kelley at 95 mph down the highway, until the perpetrator ran off the road. Willeford jumped out of the truck and rested his rifle on top of Langendorff's hood and shouted for Kelley to "get out." The murderer apparently took his own life with a gunshot.

Willeford and Langendorff would have been justified in considering their work done when the shooter left the scene of his massacre. They would have been justified in considering it done when he crashed his vehicle. They instead were prepared for another gunfight in the cause of incapacitating him themselves. This showed an extraordinarily well-developed "sheepdog" instinct, to use the term from "American Sniper," the movie about legendary Navy SEAL Chris Kyle, also a Texan.

In his interviews, Langendorff, with a scraggly beard and a tattoo of a bull skull on his neck, invariably wears a cowboy hat. He is polite and matter of fact ("he said 'chase him' and so that's what I did — I just chased him"), implying that anyone would have done it.

This isn't true, although it is almost certainly more true in America's out-of-the-way places. Self-help is imperative in these areas because the alternative is no help, at least not on a timely basis. Small towns might not even have a police department, and the police tend to be for after-the-fact investigations rather than real-time responses.

This gets to one of the root causes of America's gun culture: In swaths of the country, a gun isn't an optional extra layer of self-protection, but a necessary first defense. Rates of gun ownership are highest in remote, sparsely populated states like Alaska, Idaho, West Virginia and North Dakota. In a poll of Texans a few years ago, nearly half of the people said they or a member of their family owned a gun.

Any gun-control measure that is sweeping enough to make a dent in the country's gun stock and render gun ownership difficult enough to, at the margins, keep firearms out of the hands of psychopaths will inevitably affect law-abiding people as well. In places like rural Texas, that would rightly be considered a serious imposition. Without a gun, if something goes wrong, the only option is sitting and waiting for the authorities to show up.

And the likes of Stephen Willeford and Johnnie Langendorff, obviously, aren't the waiting kind.

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Idea at the heart of GOP tax plan: 'trickle-down' economics

By Josh Boak
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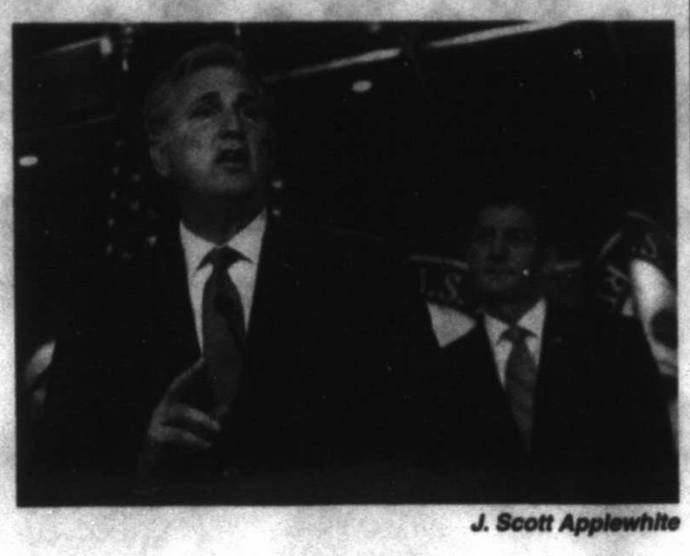

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Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., joined by Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, R-Wis., touts the GOP tax reform plan being crafted in the Ways and Means Committee this week, wuring a news conference Tuesday on Capitol Hill in Washington.

WASHINGTON — The House Republicans' tax-cut plan springs from a core argument: What's good for big business and the moneyed elite is inevitably good for the economy and everyone else.

Their plan would slash corporate tax rates, end inheritance taxes for the ultra-rich and create new tax advantages for business owners. To help pay for some of those breaks, the plan would end tax deductions for college loans, high medical bills, moving costs and state and local income taxes.

It would also add $1.4 trillion to the national debt over 10 years.

Taken as a whole, the tax plan would drastically lighten the burden on the powerful groups that Republican leaders say would strengthen the economy while eliminating some benefits for the middle class they've called their top priority.

Some new benefits for ordinary households — like a family credit — would expire in five years. And some existing benefits would erode with inflation.

But the Trump administration and Republican lawmakers argue that the goodies they would bestow on corporations and the wealthy would, in the political parlance of the 1980s, inevitably "trickle down" to everyone else.

Analyses from the White House contend that cutting the tax rates that corporations pay would ultimately result in $4,000 in additional income annually for the average U.S. household. It's a claim that many mainstream economists have disputed as improbable. And it's provided Democratic lawmakers with a rhetorical line of attack against the tax cuts: They're fundamentally unfair.

On Monday, as the House Ways and Means Committee worked its way through the bill, Rep. Suzan DelBene stressed what she described as the inequality at the heart of the bill.

"If a worker in my district had to move because his employer is forcing him to relocate his family or potentially lose his job, can he deduct his moving expenses under this plan?" asked DelBene, a Washington state Democrat.

No, she was told by Thomas Barthold, chief of staff for Congress' Joint Committee on Taxation.

"But if a company, a corporation, decides to close its facilities in my district, fire its workers and move its operation to China, say, can it deduct associated moving expenses under this plan?"

Yes, Barthold said. That company could shrink its tax bill by deducting moving costs — something families could no longer do.

By cutting the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 20 percent, the bill would reduce the tax liability of corporations by $846.5 billion over the next decade, according to the Joint Committee on Taxation. What's more, businesses could deduct the expense of state and local income taxes. Families no longer could.

Companies could deduct the price of equipment bought for employees. Yet teachers could no longer deduct some of the costs of school supplies that they bought for students.

Nearly the entire net tax cut for individuals would come from two changes that would do nothing for most of the middle class: The government would repeal the alternative minimum tax, a provision that has long prevented many wealthy taxpayers from using loopholes to avoid paying taxes. The loss of the AMT would cause a revenue shortfall of nearly $700 billion over 10 years.

Also gone under the Republican bill: The inheritance tax on estates worth at least $5.5 million. That would let wealthy heirs keep an extra $172 billion over the next decade.

The plan would also allow business owners whose profits double as their personal income to pay, in part, at a discounted rate of 25 percent. This would cause the loss of an additional $448 billion over 10 years.

Given how these business owners are classified, the plan would let them deduct their state and local taxes from the equivalent of their personal income. By contrast, the employees of those business owners could not do so.

Taken together, that's $2.17 trillion worth of benefits that would help mainly companies and the wealthiest segment of the U.S. population.

By getting rid of itemized deductions — such as for medical costs and state and local taxes — that now help many middle class and affluent taxpayers, the plan would raise an additional $1.26 trillion during the next decade.

Every tax overhaul tends to create some layer of inequality. The best chance for faster growth often comes from lowering corporate rates and clearing the underbrush of loopholes where companies can hide cash. What makes this tax plan unusual is that many of the tax breaks that Republican lawmakers and President Donald Trump would like to preserve for companies would be taken away from families and individuals.

The solution isn't simple. Lowering corporate tax rates can help make the United States more globally competitive. It can also help increase investment by domestic and foreign companies, which could spur job growth.

Yet critics note that the stock market is booming and the unemployment rate is an exceedingly low 4.1 percent. So the benefits for the job market could be minimal.

Still, advocates of the Republican plan argue that companies are ideally positioned to immediately invest savings from tax cuts.

"Business investment is likely more responsive to changes in tax policy than households," said Scott Greenberg, a senior analyst at the conservative Tax Foundation, whose own analysis suggests that cutting the corporate rate to 20 percent — among other changes — would help generate roughly 1 million jobs.

Multinational companies already go out of their way to avoid U.S. taxes by shifting profits overseas or exploiting accounting rules. Research by Gabriel Zucman, an economist at the University of California at Berkeley, found that 63 percent of U.S. companies' foreign profits come from known tax havens. Republicans are betting that companies would shift more of those profits back to the United States under their plan.

Relatively high U.S. corporate rates can also encourage domestic companies to be acquired by rivals based in countries with lower rates — mergers that can lead to job losses if headquarters, offices and factories derive a tax advantage from being overseas. By making the tax code more favorable for businesses, the bill could theoretically increase investment in factories, businesses and workers.

But the details of the Republican plan suggest that companies could find it harder to land the skilled workers they say they need. Over 10 years, for example, the plan would repeal roughly $64 billion in tax breaks that promote higher education.

College graduates could no longer deduct interest payments on student debt. Ph.D. students who teach and conduct research would be taxed on their waived tuition bill— an expense that could force some to drop out. There are about 145,000 graduate students who receive this tuition waiver. Most are concentrated in science, technology, engineering and math.

"The tax bill as proposed goes completely in the wrong direction," said Steven Bloom, director of government relations at the American Council on Education, which represents many university presidents. "It's undercutting our ability to produce the kind of educated workforce that we need to produce."

Schiff to AP: Trump a graver threat than Russian meddling

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Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., answers questions Tuesday during an interview at the Associated Press bureau in Washington.

The House's top Democrat investigating Russia's election meddling on Tuesday declared that in many ways President Donald Trump is "far more grave a threat" to American democracy than the Kremlin.

Rep. Adam Schiff cited a litany of actions by Trump, from appointing Cabinet officers with "direct conflicts of interest" and goals of dismantling their agencies to limiting Muslim immigration and discrediting federal judges.

As for the president's own possible jeopardy, Schiff said Trump is trying to disparage the credibility of special counsel Robert Mueller and the congressional panels that are investigating possible coordination between his campaign and Russia in the election that put him in the White House.

"So no matter what is produced, he can say it's a fake," the California congressman said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"I do feel our democracy is under threat," Schiff said. Trump's approach to governing, he said, "is a serious problem and in many respects far more grave a threat than anything coming from outside the country."

The interview came as Trump jetted across the global stage on his first official trip to Asia. But back in Washington, FBI and congressional probes continued to churn. Trump has insisted that the FBI investigation, including the federal indictments of former campaign chairman Paul Manafort and the guilty plea of former adviser George Papadopoulos, have nothing to do with him.

"It's disappointing, though hardly surprising, that Adam Schiff would make hysterical and demonstrably false comments about the president, and then claim to be objective in his oversight duties," said Raj Shah, White House principal deputy press secretary.

Schiff also had sharp words for Facebook, Twitter and Alphabet — Google's parent company — who he said were stonewalling investigators about sharing data that could possibly link the Trump campaign to Russian interference.

Among the questions Schiff said the social media companies could help resolve is whether Americans were surreptitiously targeted by the Russians in ways that were "sufficiently specific and overlapping" that they would have required input directly from the Trump campaign.

When the companies were asked for such information, Schiff said: "They were noncommittal, but we will continue to press them."

Schiff, the senior Democrat on the House intelligence committee, also suggested that Russian contacts with Trump campaign aides George Papadopoulos and Carter Page were part of a larger Russian effort to infiltrate the Trump campaign and that WikiLeaks served as a Russian proxy to leak damaging information about Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton without involving Trump campaign aides directly.

Asked if his House panel was investigating the president personally, Schiff said it was not focused on specific people. But he also said the probe could focus on Trump himself.

"No one is off the table," Schiff said.

As House Democrats have pursued their focus on Trump and his campaign, House Republicans, urged on by Trump, have launched their own investigation of Clinton and her role when she was secretary of state in the sale of a uranium mine to Russia. Schiff accused House Speaker Paul Ryan of giving his "blessing" to a coordinated effort to handicap the Russia probe.

"I think the speaker, ultimately the buck stops with him. And whatever he is allowing, he is blessing. And in this case what he is blessing is an effort that I think was orchestrated by the White House and its external allies to distract from the Russia probe," Schiff said.

He also said it will be difficult to stave off efforts by the Russians — or others — to interfere with the next presidential election as long if the White House doesn't help get to the bottom of 2016 and Trump still denies there was interference to help him.

In the meantime, he said, the time for clarity about the 2016 election is now.

"We don't wait until there's a constitutional crisis. We need the White House to get the message now that there will be a dramatic pushback should he try to fire Bob Mueller," Schiff said. "I think we're all going to be held to account one day for what we did when our democracy was under threat."

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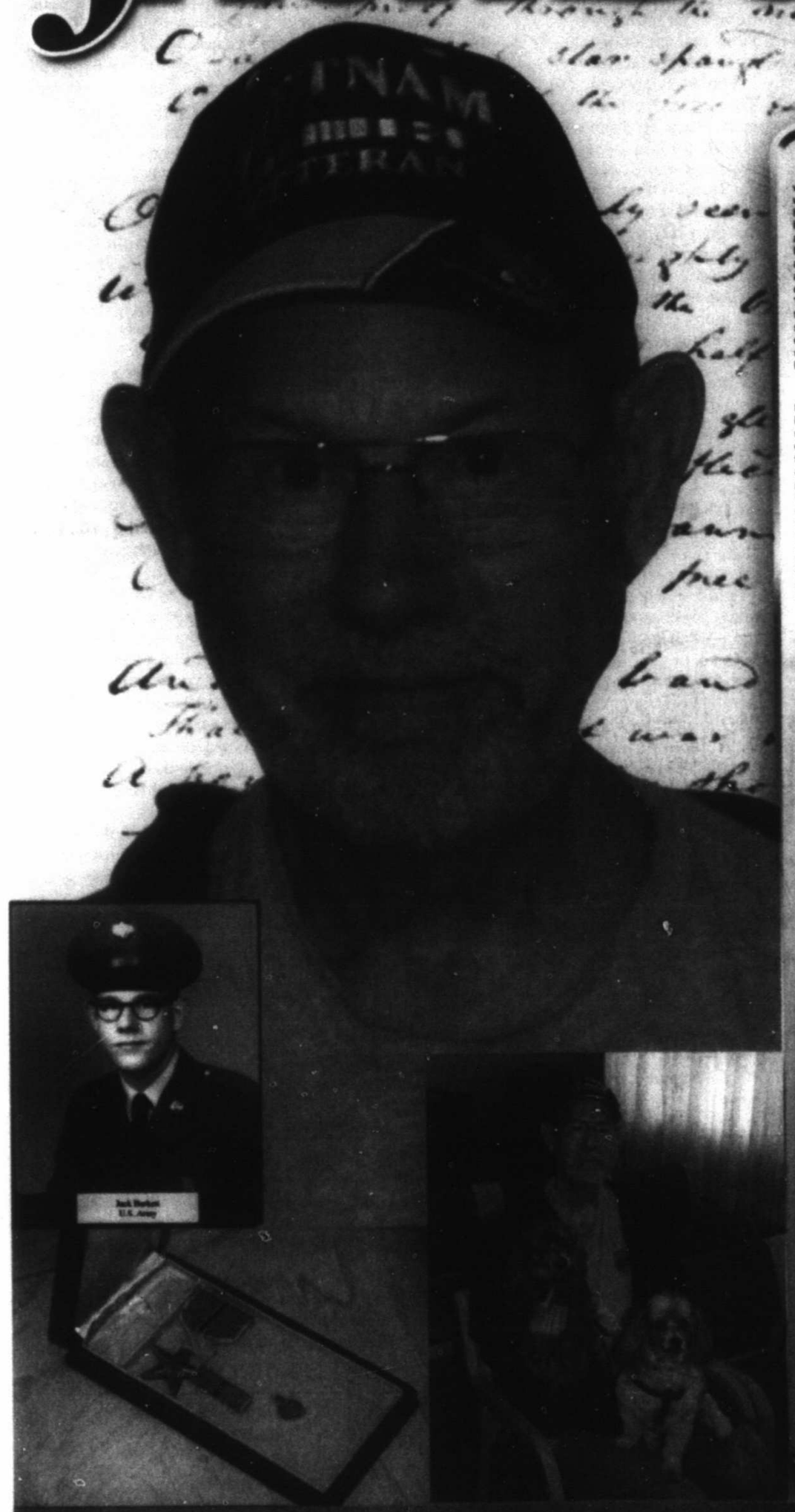

"Do all the good you can, to all the people you can, in all the ways you can, as long as you can." D.L. Moody may very well have written this about Jack Burkett. He has a heart the size of Texas and has dedicated his life to bringing smiles to the faces of everyone he meets. Jack and his faithful companions, Ike and Morley, his adopted Malti-Poos, dedicate their time to visiting the residents at Manor Park every single day. Their rounds include the independent and assisted living residences, as well as, the skilled nursing, rehab and Alzheimer's units. He refers to it as his "Dog Ministry". The residents absolutely love their visits and it has helped keep him active. The dogs love all the attention they are showered with, especially the bacon some of the residents give them. They even have little sweaters that say, "I LOVE BACON" on them! Jack's generosity doesn't end there. He has donated several computers for the residents to use, furnished Christmas lights to decorate the property and has been known to host a pretty fun party.

Jack was born on May 16, 1942 in Dowagiac, Michigan to Jack and Martha Burkett. He has one brother, Bill Burkett and wife Karen, who live in Midland and own WCB Energy. Their family lived in Dowagiac until Jack was in high school. Jack's father came from a family of farmers, but he decided to take a different path. He desperately wanted to go to college, but during the Great Depression, there just wasn't any money for it. He was finally able to go to Hope College. After graduating, he got a job in the banking industry, which took them to Marietta, Ohio, Sabina, Ohio and Blanchester, Ohio for advancement opportunities. For Jack, moving away was difficult, but he learned to enjoy meeting new people and living "out in the country" for the first time. He was thrilled to get to use an outhouse at the tiny 2-room school he attended. Jack's mother, Martha, attended Rockford College in Rockford, Illinois for 2 years before transferring to the University of Michigan, where she earned a degree in political science. She aspired to become a lawyer, but her father who was a lawyer and judge told her women don't belong in the law.

Jack was in college when the Vietnam War broke out. He obtained a student deferment. He said, "I was hanging on to that student deferment for all it was worth!" When he graduated, in order to keep the deferment active, he took the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and law school admissions test (OSAT) and applied to several universities for grad school. He was accepted into law school, which meant he was safe for 3 more years. He hoped the war would be over by the time he finished. In his senior year, the 25 deferment was abolished and the lottery was instituted. In the interim, Jack received his draft notice from the US Army and panicked. His father, who was County Chairman of the Republican Party, knew their Congressman, so Jack went and talked to him. He said he couldn't exempt him from the draft, but gave him a deferment to finish law school and sit for the Ohio Bar Exam. A week after sitting for the bar, he received another draft notice. He and his parents were mortified, but knew he would have to go this time. He had run out of options.

So, at age 25, Jack headed to basic training at Fort Leonardwood, Missouri. He didn't even know if he had passed the bar when he deployed. He received a telegram from the Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, that he had not only passed the bar, but had the 2nd highest score. Unfortunately, since he was deployed, he was unable to attend the swearing in ceremony. During his Christmas furlough, he went home. His father had arranged a private swearing in ceremony before the Ohio Supreme Court.

Jack laughed when recalling his boot camp adventures. When his bus pulled into Fort Leonardwood, there was a very impressive graduation ceremony in progress with a big band playing. They asked the new recruits if anyone could play an instrument and he raised his hand. He did get to play an instrument, but instead of playing with the band as he hoped, he just got to beat time on the drum for his company to march to. He said one day his unit was doing a line formation called "Dress Right Dress", where everyone places their hands on the next person's shoulders to create a line. A little squirrel jumped down from a nearby tree and scampered across the whole line of armed everyone was laughing except the drill instructor who was yelling for them to take those smiles off their faces. He said, "Where was I going to put it?"

After boot camp, Jack was placed in a holding company while waiting for an officer training school, predecessor the Judge Advocate General School, in Charlottesville, Virginia. In the meantime, the Tet Offensive began in Vietnam and there was terrible fighting in Saigon. Jack was assembled in the middle of the night to learn that he was being deployed to Saigon. Jack thought he was going to "Oh Tel" He remembering his mother crying when he told her the news. He was sent to Saigon and assigned to the 5th Infantry Division. Arriving there was a traumatic experience. Jack said, "I will never forget the smell of Saigon when they landed. It didn't take him long to realize it was another time. They landed and were told to jump out and run. "Run! Run! Run!" Everyone ran off the plane as if good away. He spent the next 3 months in Saigon until the city was cleared of enemy.

His division was transferred to Cam Ranh Bay, a town called Dong Tam. In Dong Tam, a buddy of his was caught off base without permission and called Jack to defend him in an Article 15. He didn't know anything about military jurisprudence, but he agreed to help his friend. Jack ended up being let off on a technicality. He earned recognition from the JAG, who invited him into their office in Division Headquarters. He said, "I'm the Brooke Hart who defended the 5th Advisor Company." Jack was then promoted to the 5th Advisor Company, where he was assigned to work with the Vietnamese Army.

While in the JAG office, Jack was assigned to "R Battle Okay Ok." He was no longer infantry, but was required to wear pistol belt around the perimeter of the compound. He said, "I'd get my pistol out, duck, they kept hearing noises around their shack and we couldn't figure out what they were said not to shoot. Anyway, one morning I'm in the shower, I'm shaving and I hear a noise and I duck and I'm in the shower. They had lost all communication with their headquarters. Their wires were all cut and their telephone line that connecting the ground was cut. I learn later, that Charlie had cut the wires and they had to go out and wire, going on out there. The Viet Cong had to cross their compound, mines, whatever, instead of facing potential drop, we'd be sitting ducks. Every time one would pinned down, we would call back to Dong Tam and guys would get out and fix it." Jack knew they needed help and he asked around the global trying to find out where the hell was Dong Tam. He finally got back together. He said, "It was all I knew to do. I wasn't skilled in that." He said "That night was just something! I don't mean the 10 clock it was so horrible! Among other things, when you have lying behind you and you don't know where they are, and you hear gunfire. It was just horrible! That's the only way I can describe it." Jack successfully reconnected the wires and those were finally able to call for help. His bravery and determination to get help for his fellow soldiers earned him a Bronze Star and most certainly saved many lives. When his tour of duty ended, Jack felt absolute delight. He said, "It was such a good feeling." He served from September 1967-April 1968.

Jack says despite his traumatic experiences in Vietnam, he doesn't let that define him. He is grateful he was able to represent the USA, but wishes he hadn't had to see all the bad that things do to people. He believes we should love the country we live in and enjoy all the privileges that go with it.

He said, "It's a whole Vietnam vet thing and such a terrible thing and I didn't get any treatment for PTSD because they didn't even know what it was and I became an alcoholic. That I learned how to play the poor Vietnam Vet all the time. I wanted to go out and do something good with my life." He wants people to understand that you have to learn to heal from things like that and get over it.

After serving his country proudly for 18 months, he came home and much to his father's delight, quickly found an opportunity working for Bank One as a Legal Officer. He learned every aspect of the banking industry. Jack said, "I never could count coins as fast as my Dad did though. He would just take two fingers and zip them over the palm of his hand and zip them into one of those coin wrappers. I never could do that." He implemented the new Truth-in-Lending Regulation Z while at Bank One.

In 1978, he received a political appointment as First Deputy Superintendent of the Banks of Ohio. He served in this position for 2 years until the Governor who appointed him was voted out of office and all political appointees were replaced by the new Governor. He decided to move to Austin at that time to be closer to his brother, who was living in Midland. He wanted to take the Texas Bar Exam, but needed to learn Oil & Gas Law and Community Property Law. Dean Keaton, at the University of Texas Law School, allowed him to audit courses for free. He saw a notice for a law clerk in the student lounge for the law firm, Clark, Thomas, Winters and Newton. He applied and got the job. After passing the Texas State Bar, Jack was made partner. During the Savings and Loan crisis in the mid 80's, all of his clients failed or were bought a at by other banks and he was left with no clients. So, he left and went to work at the Farm Credit Bank of Texas. He worked on some rather interesting cases and he learned a lot from his time there.

His final job was as Deputy Council for the Independent Bankers Association of Texas for community banks. He was responsible to keep bankers informed on the latest laws and regulations. He traveled all over Texas and loved hosting training seminars. It was the capstone of his career.

Jack also acted as lobbyist for the banking industry and helped educate lawmakers. His stellar reputation for being honest and straightforward resulted in many phone calls from lawmakers seeking his opinion on laws they were considering. Because of this, he was selected to be on a committee to draft a new finance code section, within the existing credit code, that regulated a variety of different industries. He had to review all Texas law looking for the word "bank". Since it was prior to the computer age, it was a manual process. He said he couldn't believe how many times the word "bank" is used outside of a financial institution. It took weeks to complete. Jack was also a member of the Texas Association of Bank Council.

Jack retired in 2005 and moved to Midland to take care of his mother, who had developed Alzheimer's. He took care of her until her death. He loves to travel and is very active in all of Manor Park's activities.

In his short 75 years, Jack has accomplished a great many things and helped an even greater number of people. He served his country dutifully and has spent his life working to improve the lives of others. His love of family, country and people has gotten him where he is today. He brings joy to so many and absolutely delights in doing so. He is the kind of person we should all aspire to be like. He is a true American hero and an inspiration to us all. Thank you for your service, Jack!

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UTPB receives grants for biology researchers

Professors' research focuses on vascular and neurodegenerative diseases

From staff reports

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin has received two $500,000 grants from the UT System STARs (Science and Technology Acquisition and Retention) Program to hire two biology researchers — Xuemin Xu and Mei-Zhen Cui. They currently are at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

Cui and Xu, who are married, will join the university faculty as professor of biology in the College of Arts and Sciences.

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Cui has a Ph.D in molecular biology from the Tokyo Institute of Technology and completed her postdoctorate training at the Scripps Research Institute in San Diego and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Cleveland. Her research focuses on molecular mechanisms underlying vascular diseases, such as atherosclerosis, restenosis and thrombosis, according to a press release from UTPB.

"Dr. Cui brings expertise in cardiovascular research (and) students who aspire to enter the medical profession can come to UTPB and learn from first class scientists," said Michael Zavada, dean of the college, in a statement.

Xu also holds a Ph.D in molecular biology from the Tokyo Institute of Technology. His research will focus on the areas of Alzheimer's disease and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis disease, according to the release.

"Dr. Xu brings a depth of research in the areas of neurodegenerative disease," Zavada said. "His presence in the department will substantially strengthen our graduate program and allow our students to move into the medical field without having to leave the Permian Basin."

The STARs grants will be used to set up research laboratories, purchase equipment and hire graduate assistants, according to the release.

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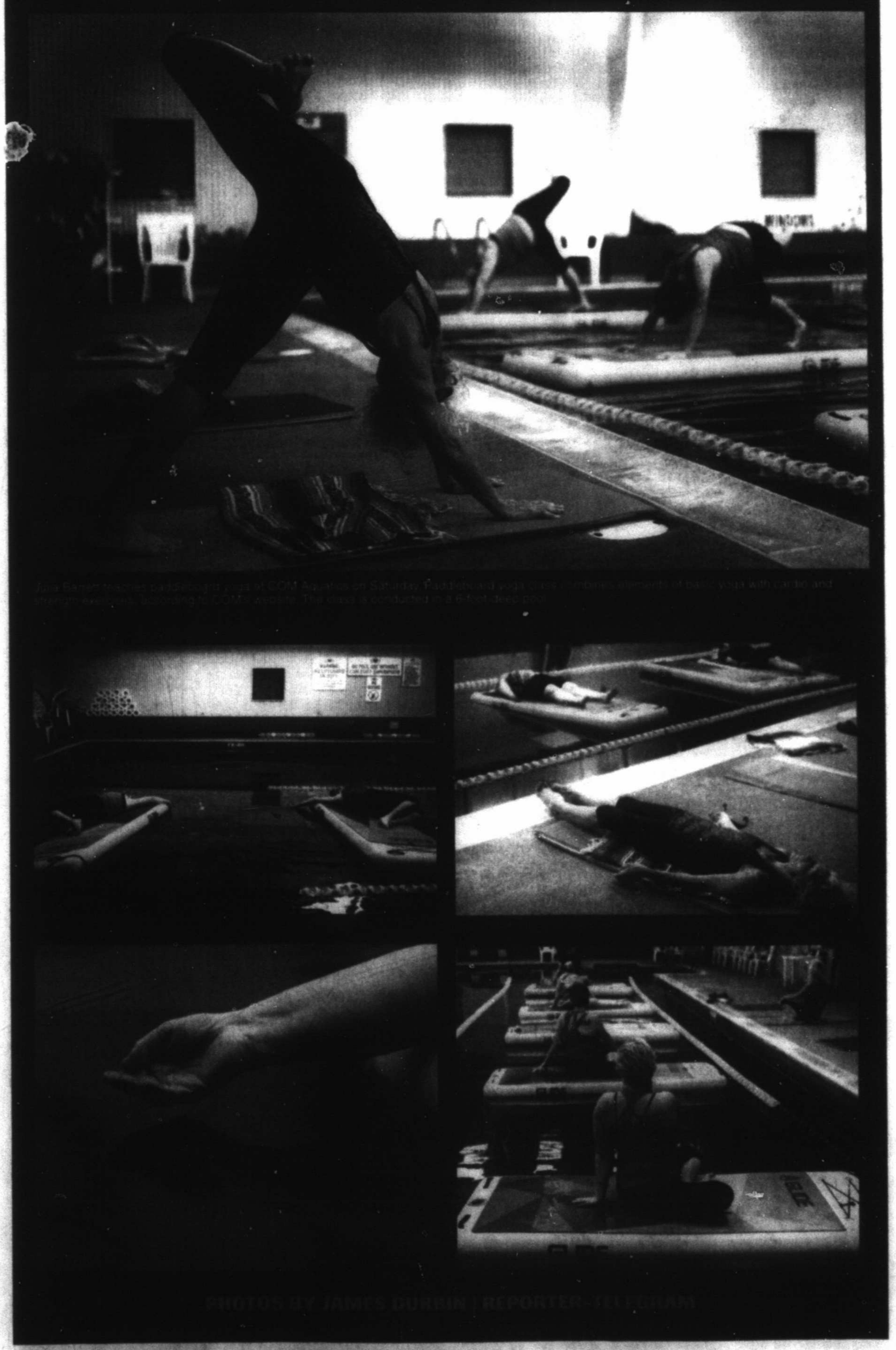

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Trump administration moves ahead with Obama menu-label law

By Matthew Perrone
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration is moving ahead with Obama-era requirements to post calorie counts in restaurants, supermarkets, convenience stores and pizza delivery chains nationwide next year.

Despite years of opposition by some food sellers, the Food and Drug Administration is offering only minor compromises to industry complaints about the difficulties of displaying calories at takeout chains, self-service buffets and other non-restaurant food locations.

The FDA posted a preliminary guidance online Tuesday to help businesses comply with the law.

Trump appointees have delayed or upended regulations passed by the Obama administration including rules for water pollution, fuel emissions and policing for-profit universities. But the menu labeling rules, championed by former first lady Michelle Obama, appear on track to take effect next May after years of delays.

Behind the law is the idea that people may think twice about buying their daily doughnut at the gas station if they see how many hundreds of calories it contains.

"When you arm consumers with reliable information, they are going to make better decisions, smarter and more informed decisions about their diet," FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb said in an interview with The Associated Press. "Providing this information is more important now than ever because more people are eating their meals away from the home."

In a key move, the FDA rejected requests from pizza chains, including Domino's Pizza, which wanted to post calorie information on their websites instead of each store location, arguing that most customers don't visit their physical locations. However, the agency said stores have a variety of options for displaying calorie counts beyond traditional menu boards, including electronic kiosks, tablet devices and even paper menus.

"At first glance, there appears to be some progress, showing that the FDA is listening to concerns," Domino's spokesman Tim McIntyre said in an email.

However, he added that the company still wants Congress to intervene to change the law. Industry groups are backing legislation in the House of

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Exoskeletons make strides at robotics symposium

■ Medical officer hopes event can speed devices' adoption for rehabilitation

By Andrea Rumbaugh
Houston Chronicle

Vikki McFarland took 554 steps. Multiple sclerosis put her in a wheelchair in 2007, but with the wearable robotics she recently walked around the NeuroRecovery Research Center at TIRR Memorial Hermann, activating motors at her hips and knees by tilting her torso.

"I felt like there were new muscles in my body that I haven't felt in a long time," McFarland said.

Wearable robotics continue to evolve, but adoption for rehabilitation or use in the home has been slower than desired. To discuss this and other topics, TIRR Memorial Hermann helped attract the International Symposium on Wearable and Rehabilitation Robotics to Houston. This is the fourth time the event has been held and the first time it's been in the U.S.

Dr. Gerard Francisco, chief medical officer for TIRR Memorial Hermann and professor of rehabilitation at UTHealth, put in the bid for TIRR Memorial Hermann to host the symposium. The event has historically been more focused on engineers than clinicians, and he hopes this year's event can help bridge that gap.

"We really need to talk to each other," Francisco said. "Engineers need to include clinicians and patients as they design their devices — not after."

There are a host of wearable devices being used by clinicians. One, for instance, puts participants on a treadmill while wearing a belt attached to wires. The wires put force on the pelvic in a manner needed for the patients to adjust their stance while walking and, ultimately, retrain their walking patterns. The goal is to help strengthen the muscles and improve coordination for children with cerebral palsy.

More recognizable devices, however, are exoskeletons that sometimes are reminiscent of Iron Man suits. The NeuroRecovery Research Center has four exoskeleton devices that help patients and study participants enhance their mobility or, in scenarios where that isn't possible, exercise their muscles and bones to avoid dystrophy. There are also health benefits to not being in a chair all day.

A showcase at the symposium highlighted one specific exoskeleton called the Indego, which can be used for rehabilitation or as a personal device.

Veronica Daniels-Lewis, who also has multiple sclerosis, was using the Indego at the Neuro-Recovery Research Center on Friday as a study participant. She is able to walk in public with a walker, and she can get around her house without assistance.

The Indego — a lighter weight exoskeleton that requires users to have some torso control — has helped Daniels-Lewis focus on posture. She thinks it could be beneficial to others with multiple sclerosis.

"I can see this going a long way in the future to help people get up, get mobile, become independent and build self-esteem," she said.

In general, robotics can be beneficial in providing repetitive practice essential for neuro motor recovery. But it's important that those repetitions are translated into functional activities, said Susan Fasoli, associate professor at MGH Institute of Health Professions in Boston.

She said there is some evidence that in upper extremities, such as arms, shoulders, wrists and hands, having patients focus on outcomes instead of the task itself can help

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Obituaries

Charles Raleigh Kreuz

June 15, 1931 - November 3, 2017

Charles Raleigh Kreuz, 86, of Fredericksburg, Texas passed away on November 3, 2017 after a lengthy illness.

Raleigh was born in Lockhart, Texas on June 15, 1931. He graduated from Lockhart High School and received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from The University of Texas. He married Patricia A. Kreuz November 25, 1953.

Upon graduating, Raleigh began an extensive and diversified career, with a major oil company, advancing to the position of Manager of Environmental Affairs before retiring. He represented his company on industry committees devoted to addressing environmental issues. He chaired some of these committees and received several rewards for his service. After retiring, Raleigh became an environmental consultant, advising numerous companies regarding environmental issues. In his spare time, Raleigh took great pleasure in coaching youth football, basketball and baseball.

Raleigh and Pat moved to Fredericksburg in 1989 where he pursued his love of the outdoors by hunting, fishing and ranching. In his later years, Raleigh discovered a passion for gourmet cooking, attending cooking schools in Italy and France.

Raleigh was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters. He is survived by his wife of 63 years; two sons, Charles P. Kreuz (Jan) of Palm Coast Florida, James R. Kreuz (Tanya) of Boerne, Texas; daughter, A. Lischen Kreuz Kerr (Paul) of Hartsville, South Carolina; grandchildren, Robert Kreuz (Donna), Sarah Leonardi (Ross), Jennifer Kreuz, Claire Kreuz, David Kerr, James Kerr, Rachael Kerr, Rebecca Kerr; and two great grandchildren, Charles and Lily Kreuz.

Services will be held Monday, November 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Fredericksburg, Texas. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 601 West Creek Drive, Fredericksburg, Texas 78624, Alamo Hospice, 1595 S. Main, Suite 101, Boerne TX 78006, or a charity of your choice.

To leave condolences for the family, please visit www.ebensberger-fisher.com and select Obituaries.

Arrangements with Ebensberger-Fisher Funeral Home of Boerne.

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

Francis Maberry Oekerman

On November 2, 2017, Frances Oekerman went to be with her Lord. Born in Vernon, Texas on November 20, 1928 to the late Murl and Lillian (Talley) Maberry, Frances Myrle grew up in Texas and Oklahoma and graduated from Empire High School (near Duncan, Oklahoma) in 1946. While working as a telephone operator in Duncan, she met and, in 1949, married Cecil Oekerman. As Cecil's job with Halliburton necessitated, the family moved to Canada, Venezuela, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and finally to Midland, Texas where the couple retired.

An accomplished seamstress, Frances also became a talented artist. Her art graces the homes of her family and friends. No matter where the family lived, Frances was an active member of their church, being involved in many different ministries. The last two churches of which she was a member were First Baptist Church Midland, Texas and Wiley Baptist Church in Abilene, Texas.

Frances is survived by her sons and their wives: Mitchell and Stacey of Abilene, Joe and Becky of New Braunfels, and Patrick and Amy of Oro Valley, Arizona and five grandchildren: Emily, David, Mark, Ruth Ann, and Rachel. She was great-grandmother to Jinjer, Olive, Grant, Wesley, Charlotte, Evan, Luke, and Daisy. Other relatives include her sister-in-law, Irene Davis.

Frances will be buried in Midland, Texas in Resthaven Memorial Park next to Cecil.

Visitation with the family will be held at Ellis Funeral Home from 9:30am to 10:30am on Saturday, November 11. Her graveside service will follow at 11:00am.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to one's favorite charity.

Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Dignity 801 Andrews Hwy. (432) 683-5335

Henry Earl Williams

Henry Earl Williams 65, of Midland went to be with the Lord on Friday, November 3, 2017. He was born to Henry Lee and Truly Williams on April 16, 1952.

Henry Williams was an awesome man who loved his family above everything. He was a great financial support to his family and took very good care of his children. He was the glue that kept his family together and a very hardworking man. He worked for over 40 years for Leamco and Weatherford oil services where he was the head master assembly man building Pump Jacks for the Oil Company. The Pump Jacks are in place all over the world. Those he left behind to cherish his memory are his mother Truly Williams, daughters Marchette Dewberry, Christina Johnson, Gwen Johnson, sons Kenneth Earl Williams, Gerald Brown, Mario Brown, sisters, Willie Pearl Gambrell, Dedie Williams, Francis Williams Bunch, brother Ruben Williams, a host of grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. Nieces and nephews who loved him dearly and was always by his side Angela, Whitney, Brittany, Vanessa, Megan, Benard and Ryan.

He is preceded in death by his father Henry Lee Williams, brother Jesse Williams, sister Linda Fruge, and great granddaughter Ima Williams.

Viewing will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2017 from 10:00am-9:00pm at Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

Graveside service for Mr. Williams will be Friday, November 10th, 2017 at 2:00 pm at Serenity Memorial Gardens with Pastor Dennis Hodges Sr. officiating.

Arrangements were made with Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to pipkin@nts-online.net or you can visit the website at www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com.

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Julia Hitchcock Harvey

Julia Hitchcock Harvey, 63, of Midland, Texas, passed away on November 7, 2017.

A celebration of her life will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity on November 9, 2017. Burial will take place at Pine Ridge Cemetery in Saranac Lake, New York.

Julia (Julie) Marie Hitchcock was born on April 6, 1954 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Tom and Doris Hitchcock. She grew up in St. Anthony Village and attended St. Anthony High School where she excelled in academics and had many interests, including interning in Washington, D.C. for her congressman and varsity cheerleading. During those years, she spent her summers on Mission Lake and fell in love with the water, growing to become an expert sailor and water skier.

To earn extra money for the summers, she also took a job at Grand View Lodge in Brainerd, Minnesota, where she first met the Harvey Family, vacationing from Texas.

Julie attended the University of Utah where she continued to do well academically and fell in love with snow skiing. She graduated in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Family and Consumer Studies and took a job with General Mills in Phoenix, Arizona, selling cereals and baking mixes to grocery stores. In Phoenix, she reunited with Allen G. Harvey, whom she had first met at Grand View Lodge, and who was attending law school at the University of New Mexico. Allen and Julie soon married, on June 17, 1978, at the Episcopal Cathedral in Minneapolis.

After law school, Julie and Allen found their way to Midland, Texas where he worked for Atlantic Richfield Company. In 1980, their first child, Jessica Hitchcock Harvey, was born, followed by her brother, Allen Grambling Harvey, Jr. in 1983. Julie was the perfect mother and a strong Christian role model for her children, taking care of their every need. They both excelled in school and many extracurricular activities.

Always active in the community and in fitness, Julie became a Bible Study Fellowship leader, member of P.E.O., master gardener, fitness trainer, founder of a fitness magazine, and creator of the award-winning water aerobics program for the City of Midland aquatics center that is still active today. She was also a talented and prolific baker, and it was known to all the neighborhood kids that anyone who visited the Harvey house was sure to leave with freshly baked cookies in hand.

Julie spent her summers teaching her children to sail, ski, play bridge, and enjoy the great outdoors at lake houses on both sides of the family: the Hitchcock's on Mission Lake and the Harvey's on Upper St. Regis Lake, New York - an Adirondack camp formerly owned by Dr. Edward L. Trudeau. After the house on Mission Lake was sold, the Adirondack camp, known as Trail's End, quickly became her most cherished place. Julie never missed a summer at camp, where she baked especially delicious cookies, brownies, cakes, and pies - many made with hand-picked wild blueberries - to feed the extended Harvey family. Even during the most difficult times of her courageous two-year battle with cancer, she made sure the family had many special moments together at the lake. Julie will be dearly missed by her family.

She is survived by her husband, Allen; children, Jessica and Allen, Jr.; sister, Elizabeth Hitchcock Wallen; and her parents, Tom and Doris Hitchcock.

The family would like to express their deep gratitude to all of Julie's friends who sustained her and brought her joy throughout this ordeal, as well as all of the doctors and nurses at Adirondack Health, Allison Cancer Center, Hospice of Midland, and Visiting Angels.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Midland, Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, or Pine Ridge Cemetery in Saranac Lake.

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

Arrangements are also under the direction of Fortune-Keough Funeral Home in Saranac Lake. Family and friends can also sign the online guest book and share their memories at *fortunekeoughfuneralhome.com*.

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Annalie Renee Vasquez

August 28, 2017- November 4, 2017

Funeral services for Annalie Renee Vasquez will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Stanton.

Visitation will be held on November 8, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel.

Annalie was born August 28, 2017 to Raymond Montez and Lorena Vasquez and passed away November 4, 2017.

Annalie is preceded in death by her grandfathers, Ramon Montez and Pedro Vasquez.

She is survived by her parents, Raymond Montez and Lorena Vasquez of Stanton; sisters, Mia Raylynn Montez, Renesmae Marie Montez, Khloe Nevaeh Montez, and Abigail Montez; brother, Raymond Martinez Montez, Jr.; grandmothers, Magdalena Perez and Eva Montez; and great-grandmother, Juanita Lopez.

Death Notices

Joe Manuel Villa

Funeral services for Joe Manuel Villa will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Stanton.

Rosary was held on November 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel.

Joe passed away November 4, 2017.

He is survived by his wife, Rosa Villa; daughters, Cynthia Lerma and Diana Villa; sons, Steven Lerma and Joey Villa; and by seven sisters and four brothers.

MENUS

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Representatives that addresses many of their concerns.

Pizza chains have argued that displaying calorie counts in their locations doesn't make any sense because most of their customers don't come into the store. Grocery and convenience stores have said the rules would be more burdensome for them because they typically have more limited offerings than restaurants and one central ordering point.

The FDA offered clarifications that it said could reduce the workload for some businesses. The agency said posters, coupons, mailings and other advertising materials are not considered menus and do not have to list calories.

The agency will take comments on its guidelines for 60 days before moving to finalizing them.

The restaurant industry has backed the law and major chains including Starbucks, Subway and McDonald's are already posting calorie counts. New York City and several other cities have passed laws requiring restaurant chains to list the information, but the federal rule would apply to more places and require them in non-traditional food outlets such as gas stations and movie theaters.

AP file photo

A KFC menu with calorie counts is shown in New York on Aug. 24. The Trump administration is moving ahead with a law from the Obama years that will require calorie counts to appear on foods served at restaurants, supermarkets, convenience stores and pizza-delivery chains nationwide. The FDA posted recommendations Nov. 7 to help businesses comply with the law.

Most of the setbacks to implementing the 2010 law came during the Obama years. The FDA took more than four years to write the rules and establishments originally had until the end of 2015 to comply. But that deadline was pushed back twice. Last year, the Trump administration pushed the date back again to May 2018 to review how to "reduce costs and enhance flexibility."

Consumer advocates who lobbied for years to pass the law expressed relief after reviewing the FDA guidelines.

"We were worried about the Trump administration caving to industry and weakening the information people get when they eat out," said Margo Wootan, a lobbyist for the Center for Science in the Public Interest. "That didn't happen today, and that's great news."

HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

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, 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays; PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St., 553-7220.

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

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

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

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

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

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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TIRR Memorial Hermann Hospital holds the No. 2 spot for the third consecutive year as one of the country's top rehabilitation hospitals according to U.S. News & World Report's Best Hospital rankings for 2017-18.

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improve results. To achieve this, virtual reality and other games have been integrated into some robotics.

Fasoli said it's also important to transfer the learned motion to everyday tasks. Robotics, for instance, can be used to help reach and grab items. That can then be associated with opening a refrigerator to get out food. Patients will gradually use that motion for other tasks and a broader range of activities.

Outside of everyday tasks, wearable robotics can help patients feel better, too.

Dr. Eugene Alford, a specialist in facial plastic and reconstructive surgery, is paralyzed from the waist down. He used an exoskeleton called Rex and reported dramatically reduced spasticity, improved bowel and bladder function, less pain and the simple pleasure of looking someone in the eye without craning his neck up.

"The results for me were pretty amazing," he said.

Francisco was encouraged by Monday's conversations. He hopes this is the starting point for bringing together clinicians, engineers, researchers and patients. Because there are still some barriers preventing these devices from being more widely adopted.

Wearable robotics aren't easy to take on or off, and they can be rather expensive. Francisco also said it hasn't been shown, beyond any doubt, that a particular device will truly help.

Therefore, he said research at TIRR Memorial Hermann is focused on determining which devices are best suited for which conditions or people.

They're testing exoskeletons on people with spinal cord injuries, multiple sclerosis and those recovering from strokes. It will soon be the exclusive clinical partner for University of Houston's testing of an exoskeleton device for children with cerebral palsy.

McFarland is hoping the robotics will help her to walk with a cane or walker. She wants to regain the sensation of walking and using her muscles, and she's optimistic the exoskeletons can help.

"When I get out of this situation," she said, "I can run like Forrest Gump."

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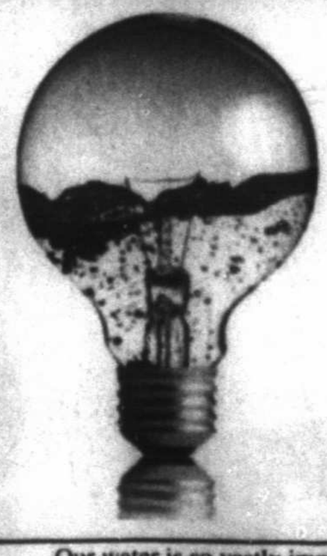
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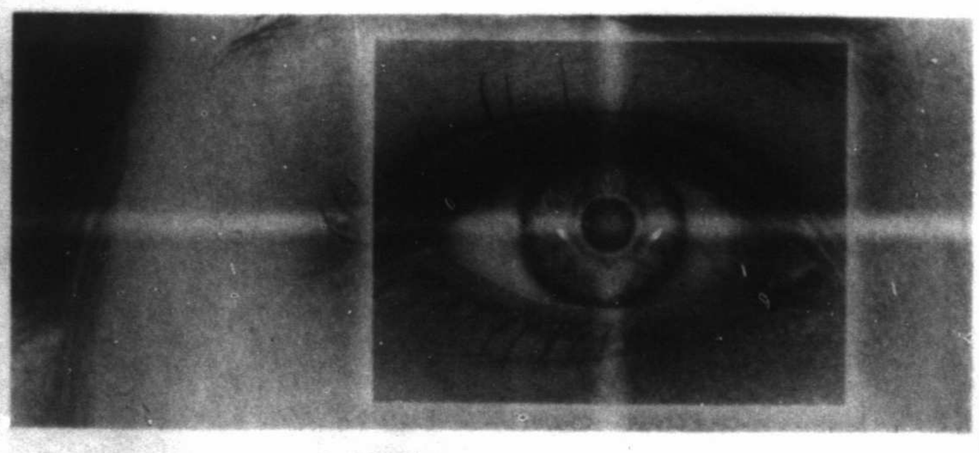
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Finding a balance can reduce single parent's stress

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Being a single parent is a tough job. Many parents struggle to find a healthy balance between family, work and personal life. Learning how to find balance in these areas is very important. If you are a single parent and are struggling to find balance in your life or in dealing with stress, you are not alone.

Managing stress as a single parent is also key in being able to find balance. It is important to remember that you need time to relax and de-stress. Though most often "alone time" is seen as a luxury or distant dream, it does not have to be that way. Even taking 15 minutes a day to do deep breathing, browse through favorite websites, watch a favorite TV show, or just sit in silence can help to reduce stress. For many single parents, this alone time may require waking up 15 minutes earlier or staying up 15 minutes later. But doing so can greatly improve one's emotional health.

Single parents may also struggle with asking for help from family or friends, and they often feel like "I should be able to handle all of this on my own." This expectation only adds to the stress. One way to begin working on this expectation is by replacing "should" with the words "would like." Simply changing the above statement to "I would like to handle all of this on my own but it's OK for me to ask for help when I need it," reduces the amount of pressure and allows a parent to ask for help.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

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Midland High School student Camryn Jordan, second from left, administers oxygen while students Colbi York, left, Ruby Bejarano, second from right, and Vanessa Corella look on. Anatomy and physiology students visited the F. Marie Hall SimLife Center at Midland College last week. The center is an educational and clinical laboratory used to train students in a variety of medical fields.

Schools pump up PE classes with alternative activities

By Carolyn Thompson
Associated Press

You won't find gym class on the schedule in upstate New York's Victor school district.

What you will see: kayaking, rock climbing, mountain biking, dance, self-defense, archery and in-line skating — all under the heading of physical education. The teachers say it's a more fitting description of lessons meant to last well beyond the class bell.

"We want our kids as they walk out of these halls in grade 12 to be active for life," said Ron Whitcomb, the district's director of health, physical education and athletics.

With the childhood obesity rate at about 17 percent, the federal education law passed in December 2015 to replace No Child Left Behind elevates health and fitness to rank among things like art, music, civics and science as elements of a well-rounded education and makes additional funding available.

At a time when schools are all about getting students ready for college or jobs, experts say it's a chance for more physical education teachers to look beyond graduation, too, and leave even the least competitive students with the will and skills to keep moving. In many places, that has meant more bike-riding, outdoor hikes and yoga, and less dodgeball and shimmying up a rope — more choice about which activity to pursue, and less emphasis on who's the best at it.

"The most important job of a great physical education teacher is to appreciate every student in that class, not just the highly skilled," said Whitcomb, whose program pre-dates the new law and is among those considered models for the more modern approach.

Connecticut, Vermont and Michigan are among states that include physical education or fitness in their accountability plans for the U.S. Education Department under the new law. The more holistic view of school quality is a departure from the old law's heavy reliance on test scores.

In the shadow of Washington state's Mount Rainier, physical education teacher Tracy Krause's students have for several years been fly-fishing and rock climbing as part of an "Outdoor Academy" program that also incorporates English Language Arts and environmental science. All freshmen at Krause's Tahoma High School take a foundations class that lets them explore things like dance, yoga, strength and conditioning.

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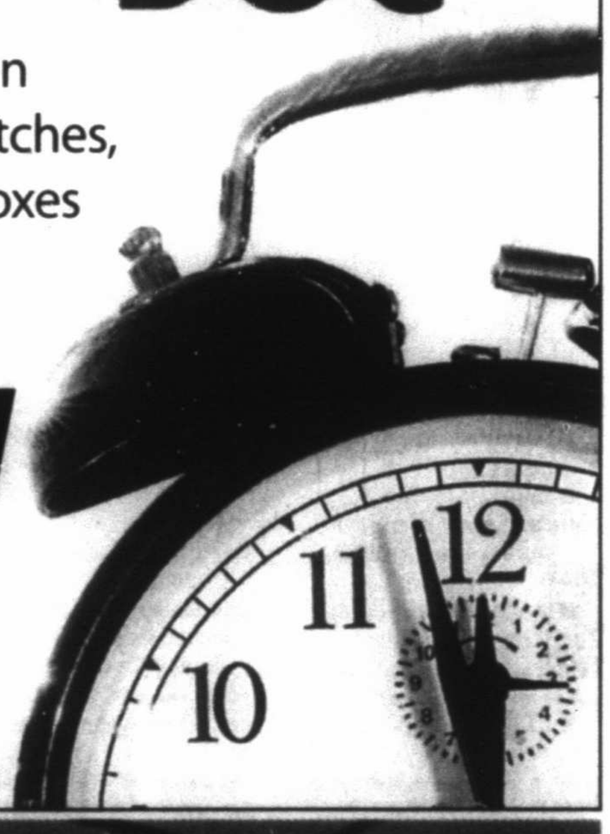

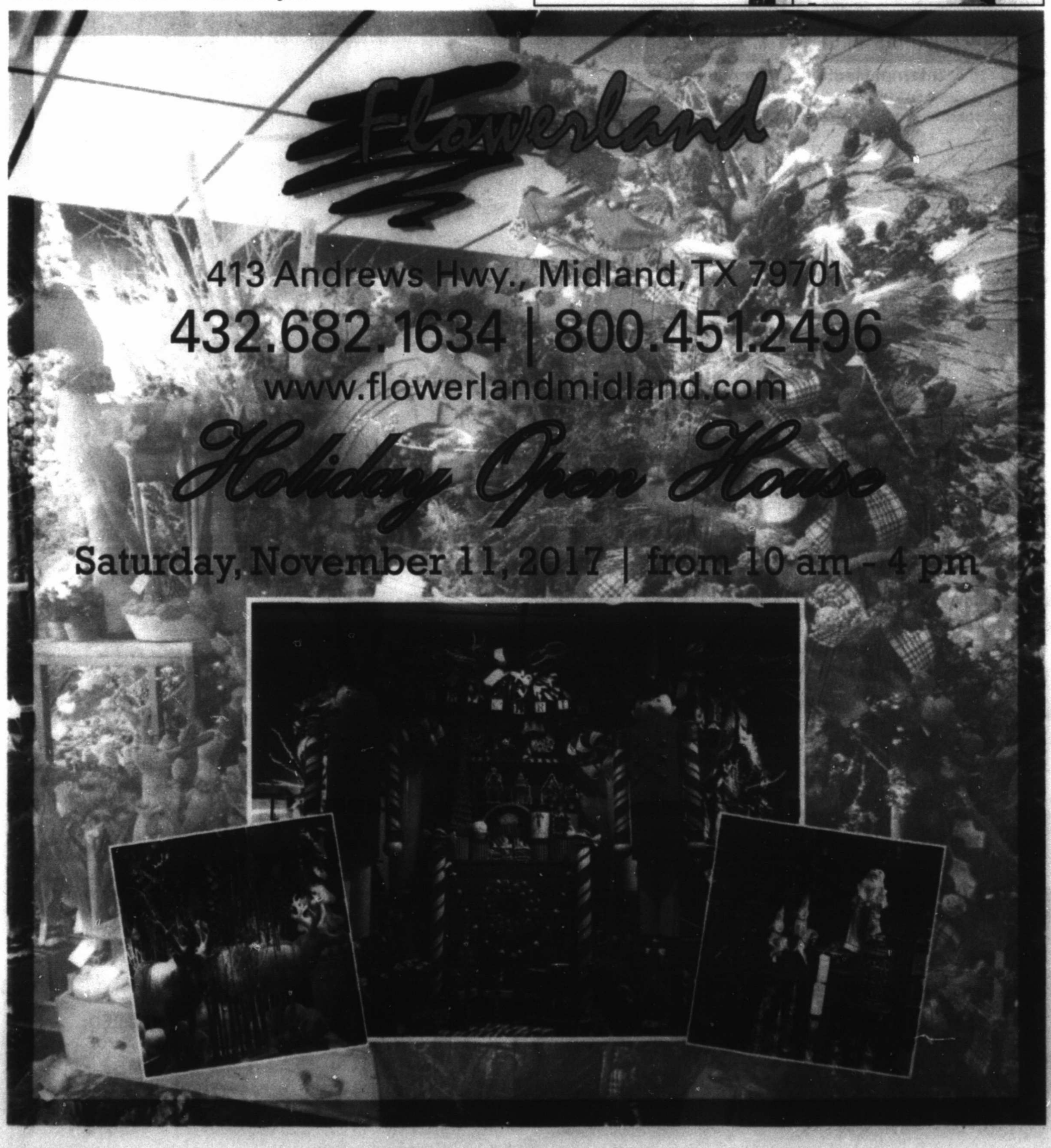

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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SOLUTION TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLE

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DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 "That cracks me up!"
5 "__ and the Swan": Rubens painting
9 Paper Mate product
12 1936 Olympics standout
14 Goes it alone
15 "Te __": Rihanna song
16 "Golfer's guide for measuring distances
18 Playful bite
19 House vote
20 Like much store-brand merchandise
21 Contact lens solution brand
22 Soft boot material
24 Winner's wreath
26 Church seating
28 "Philatelist's find
31 On __ of: for
34 Family guys
35 Overhead expanse
36 Superhero in an armored suit
38 Place for a hot stone massage
41 "Uncle Tom's Cabin" novelist
42 Became clear to, with "on"
44 "Hybrid retriever
48 Tough to learn
49 "Finally!"
50 One of his stories is the source of the "sour grapes" idiom
53 Relax in the tub
54 Sonny and Cher, e.g.
57 Sulu portrayer John
60 Kin of net
61 "Winter warming spell
63 Fla. neighbor
64 Athlete's rep
65 Facebook option
66 Mario Bros. console letters
67 Exercise break
68 Casino conveniences

DOWN

1 Georgetown hoopster
2 On the road
3 "These are the reasons"
4 "Go on ... "
5 Place for a hoop
6 Musk of Tesla Motors
7 Kid's drawing tablet
8 Pose a question
9 Bakery-café chain
10 "8 Mile" rapper
11 Orange juice specification
13 Customer-drawing sign word
14 Waste conduit
17 Supreme being
21 Road grooves
23 "Miracle on Ice" team, for short
25 Yoga position
26 "Masterpiece" network
27 "There's a mouse in our house!"
29 Sleep study subject
30 Ewe guy
32 Low-calorie brews
33 Place for big headlines
37 Hooting bird
38 Popular mobile app ... and, as shown by circles, what the inner parts of the answers to starred clues do
39 __ capita
40 Mix in
41 Badlands Natl. Park site
43 Detective's question
44 Garage container
45 1962 Lawrence portrayer
46 Peruvian pack animals
47 Not skilled in
51 Lux. setting
52 Tofu beans
55 Change for a five
56 Fourth-down play
58 Inflict pain on
59 Is in arrears
61 Cookie container
62 Article in some hip-hop titles

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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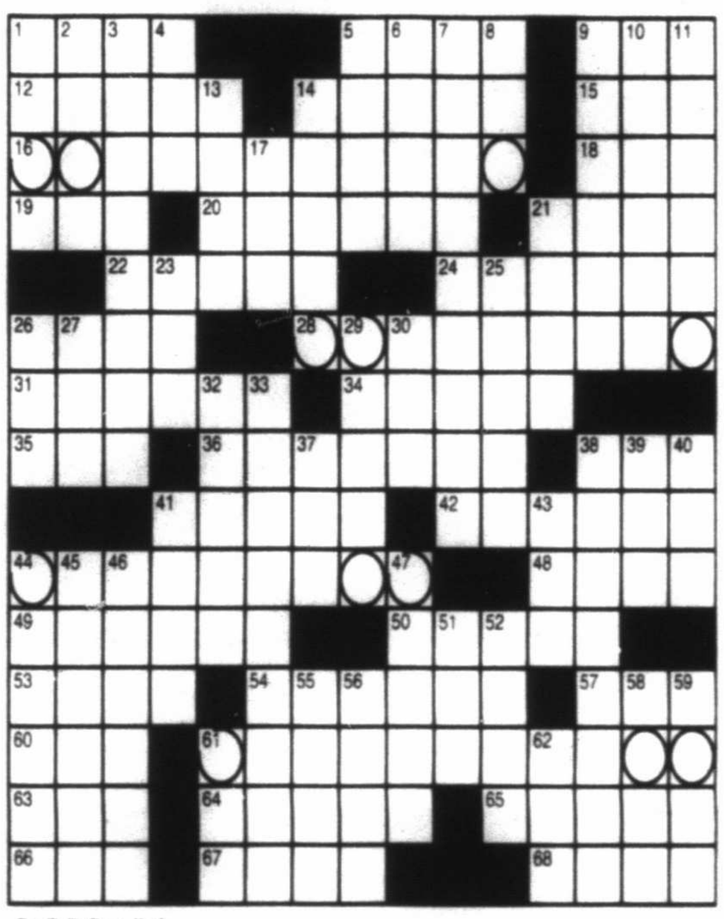

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JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

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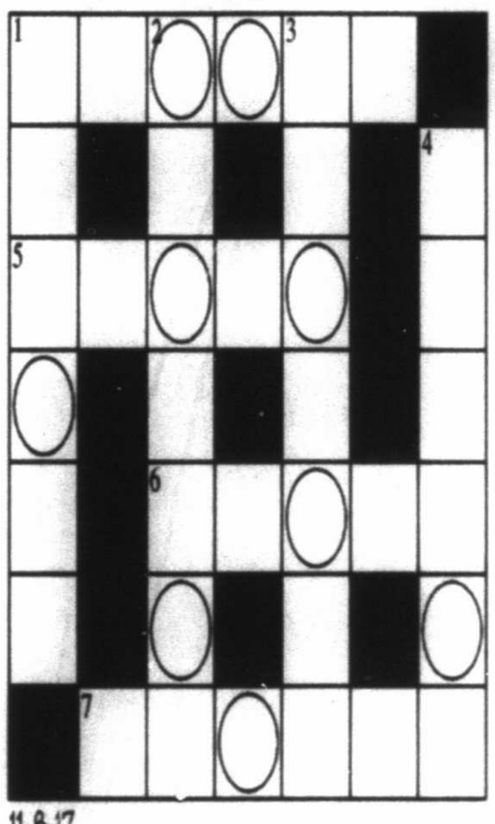

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Corner ___	KTCPEO
5. Apple ___	RIDCE
6. Whinny	HGNIE
7. Close	RBNAYE

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Sugar ___	KATCPE
2. Rhythm	NCCAEDE
3. Preceding	RAEREIL
4. Tremendously	GIYLHH

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 person said, "If you want to stay young-looking, pick your parents very carefully."

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-Pocket 5A-Odor 6A-Neigh 7A-Nearly 1D-Pocket 2D-Cadence 3D-Earlier 4D-Highly 5D-Oak Chart

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NEGIS

LNAFK

TCLOHB

LUNFAT

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: WEARY GOING STEREO PUDDLE
Answer: The competition between the energy companies was a — POWER STRUGGLE

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Today's Answers:

1. Breaks apart
2. He's on the right course

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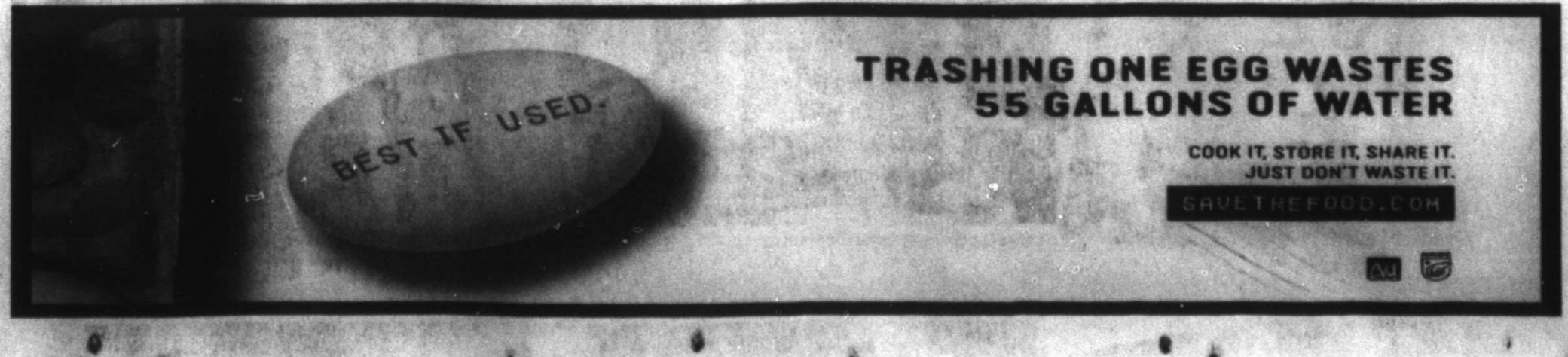

Millennials embrace nursing profession as boomers retire

By Michelle Andrews
Kaiser Health News

The days are long past when the only career doors that readily opened to young women were those marked teacher, secretary or nurse. Yet young adults who are part of the millennial generation are nearly twice as likely as baby boomers were to choose the nursing profession, according to a recent study.

These young people, born between 1982 and 2000, are also 60 percent more likely to become registered nurses than the Gen X'ers who were born between 1965 and 1981.

What gives?

"There's no perfect answer," said David Auerbach, an external adjunct faculty member at Montana State University's College of Nursing and the lead author of the study, which was published last month in Health Affairs. The trend could be associated with economic factors, he said. Millennials came of age during a period of deep economic uncertainty with the Great Recession, which began in 2007, and the nursing profession generally offers stable earnings and low unemployment.

In addition, researchers have teased out generational characteristics that might make nursing more attractive to millennials.

"These people are looking for more meaningful work and work that they care about," Auerbach said.

One thing that hasn't changed since the 1950s: Nursing is still dominated by women. Women make up at least 83 percent of registered nurses and licensed practical nurses, according to data from earlier this year from the Kaiser Family Foundation. (Kaiser Health News is an editorially independent program of the foundation.)

For the study, researchers analyzed Census Bureau data on 429,585 registered nurses from 1979 to 2015. The study excluded data on advanced practice nurses

The study found that the number of new entrants into the field has plateaued in recent years. Still, the millennial generation's embrace of the nursing profession should nearly compensate for the retirement of baby boomer nurses over the next dozen years and may help avert shortages, according to the researchers.

Many factors will influence whether the supply of nurses is adequate in coming years. The health care needs of an aging population is only one of them.

"The growth in accountable care organizations and alternative payment models is probably the biggest factor," Auerbach said.

For example, as hospitals move away from fee-for-service medicine toward models that pay based on quality and cost-effectiveness, nurses' roles may shift, and fewer of them may be needed in hospital settings as inpatient care declines.

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Maria Danilova/AP

Second-graders learn to ride bikes on the school yard from physical education teacher Terrance Chavis on Oct. 3 at Seaton Elementary School in Washington. At a time when elementary and high schools are all about getting students ready for college or jobs, physical education teachers are being urged to look beyond graduation, too, to make lifelong movers out of even the least competitive kids.

PE

From 4B

"Our (school) motto is 'future ready.' We want kids to leave with a plan for the future, whether it's college or the military or going straight to the workforce, and I think the same needs to be true about their health," Krause said.

Washington, D.C., teachers put all of the district's second-graders on bicycles to gain a lifelong skill. Fourth- and seventh-graders do parkour, in which students leap and vault over obstacles in a way that's more freewheeling than skill-specific gymnastics. D.C. sixth-graders learn orienteering, including how to read a compass and geocache. High schoolers swim.

"We want to teach a variety of these foundational movement skills with cycling, swimming, parkour. So that they're very individualized, and when you have that, you can't take it away," said Miriam Kenyon, the district's director of health and physical education.

Lily Morgulis, 7, envisions riding bikes with her parents on weekends after mastering the two-wheeler with her classmates at Seaton Elementary School in Washington, D.C.

"It's a good exercise. It gives you an opportunity to ride bikes once in a while," Lily said on a recent morning, after putting on a shiny blue helmet and making several smooth circles. "I feel like it's really fun. It feels happy."

On the flip side, schools, including in New Hampshire, Virginia and Maine, are increasingly doing away with "human target" games like dodgeball in gym class, as well as team sports that may pit accomplished competitive athletes against classmates who would rather sit on the sidelines.

The goal should be to meet all students where they are and move forward, said Cheryl Richardson, senior director of programs at SHAPE America, the Society of Health and Physical Educators, not "where PE is so hard that they learn to hate it or associate it with some sort of torture."

Gym class was so defeating for Christa Crawford Valency that she transferred out of her private Los Angeles high school.

"The PE teacher was a former professional football player. He was ... 'We're going to run stairs,' and I was just, like, throwing up. I could not keep up," Crawford Valency, 31, said.

Though she surfed and did martial arts, the "suicide runs" and competitive volleyball games required skills she hadn't acquired.

"I was having panic attacks," she said.

Now a teacher herself in Chula Vista, California, Crawford Valency makes sure her fifth- and sixth-grade students acquire fundamental skills like visual and spatial awareness that will help prepare them for whatever sport or dance they may pursue later.

"Just enjoy movement more," she said. "It's a lot less threatening."

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GREENWOOD REPORT

Rangers push past expectations, prepare for playoffs

By Oscar LeRoy
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There were some that didn't think Greenwood would make the playoffs this year.

In the tough District 2-4A Division II, some thought that because of a new coach and the fact that the Rangers were young in some areas that they wouldn't have been able to finish in the top four of the district standings.

The Rangers not only proved that they were indeed good enough to make the playoffs for the fifth straight year after a 43-20 victory against Lamesa last Friday but they were not going to be a pushover among the top teams in the league.

The Rangers (6-3, 3-2) now have a chance to capture the No. 3 seed out of the district if they can beat Sweetwater (7-2, 3-2) on the road this Friday.

For a program that's come to expect making the playoffs, it still had to go through a transition period with new head coach Jared Sanderson, who brought in his own schemes and ideas to the Rangers. It wasn't easy at times but the Rangers overcame close losses to Seminole (35-32) and Monahans (27-21) in district to key a key road win over Pecos (56-42) and then shrugged off a slow start against Lamesa for the playoff-clinching victory.

"I'm proud of the kids," Sanderson said. "It was always our goal to get in to the playoffs and to extend our season. We've earned the right to play another week.

"I feel like we still have a lot of room to improve," he added. "Offensively, we can get better up front with our blocking, we can improve our route running and we also do a better job of protecting our backs better. Defensively, we can be a lot more physical than we have been and stay on top of routes better in the defensive backfield. We're also missing tackles that we should be making. We have a lot of potential and room for improvement and that's encouraging. Making the playoffs is big but we've got to continue to get better."

Lamesa didn't make it easy on the Rangers either as the Golden Tornadoes hung in there and

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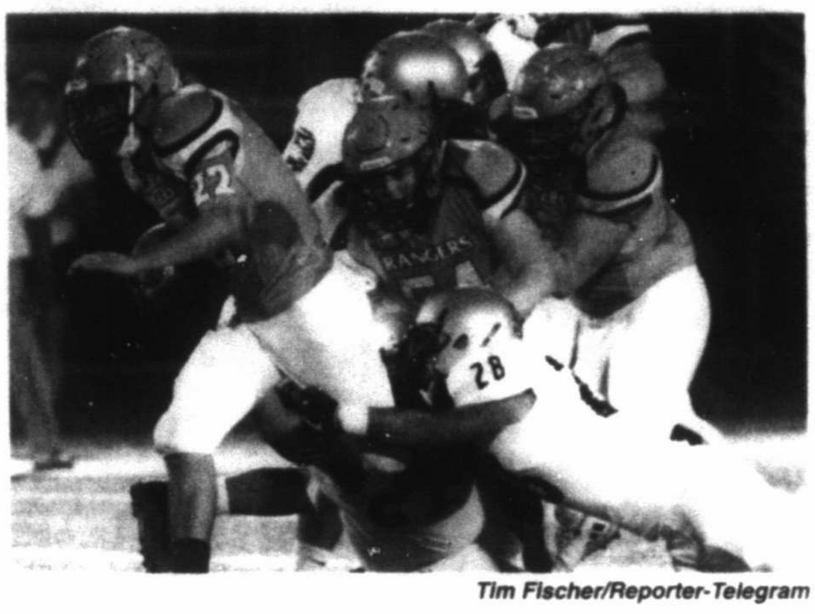

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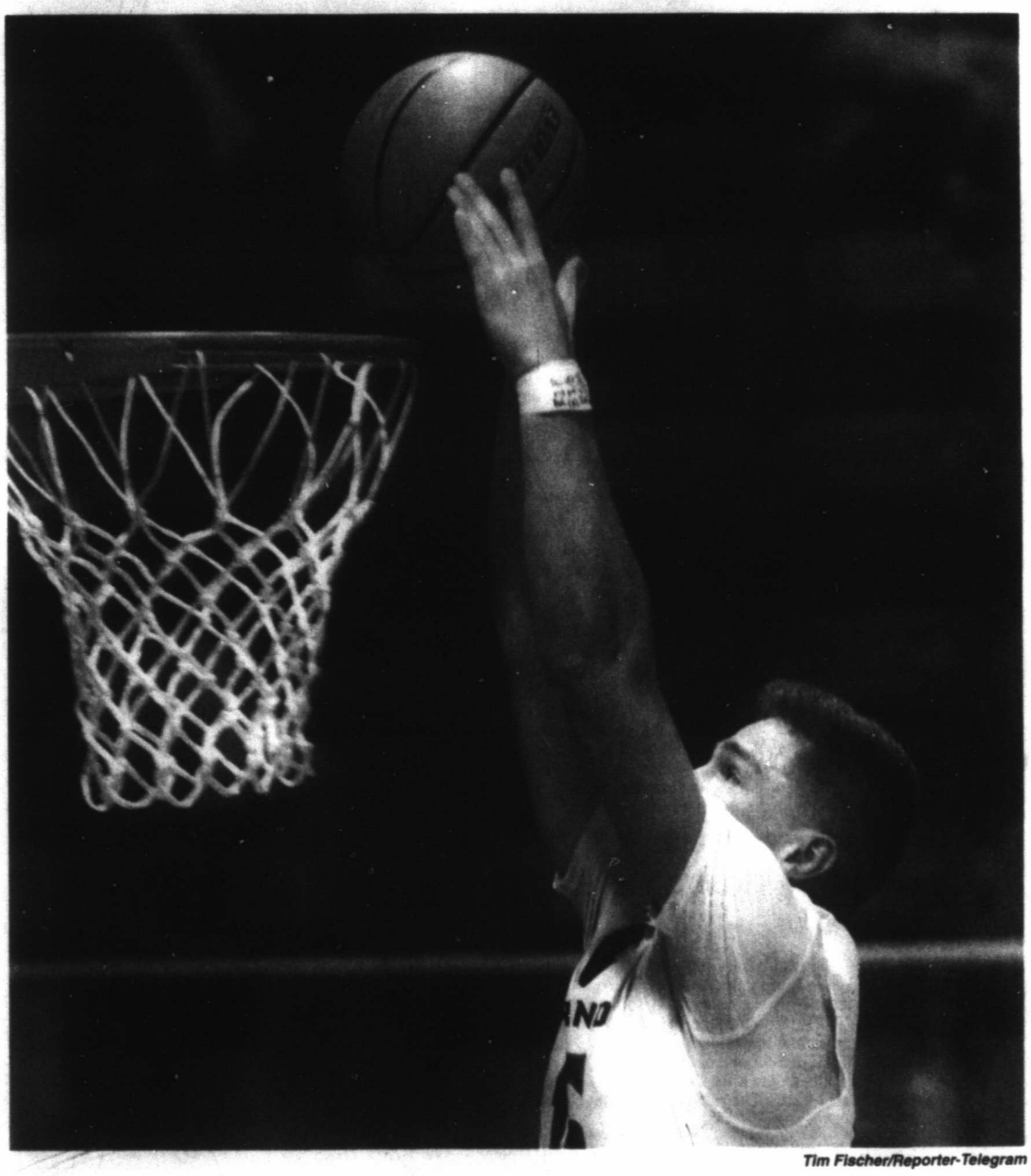
Greenwood's Ryan Snodgrass keeps his feet moving as Lamesa's Noe Gonzales tries to stop him Friday at J.M. King Memorial Stadium.

Above the rim



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Midland Christian's Jordan Riley drops one in for an easy two points Tuesday in the season opener against Midland Classical at the McGraw Event Center.

Defense helps MCS race past MCA

By Will Korn
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The Midland Christian boys basketball team wanted to make a defensive statement to open its 2017-18 season.

Visiting Midland Classical came out with plenty of energy, but it wasn't long before the Mustangs' superior length and athleticism on defense took control of the evening. MCS applied frustrating on-ball pressure, repeatedly got out into transition and used an 18-0 run over the first and second quarter to cruise to a 66-28 victory over the Knights, Tuesday at McGraw Event Center.

MCS (1-0) junior forward Jordan Riley poured in a game-high 22 points, while Mitch McCann nailed four 3-pointers and added 14 points. Forward Cole Miller led MCA (0-1) with 11 points, while Conrey Echols supplied nine for the Knights, which shot just 22.7 percent (10-for-44) in the loss.

MCS head coach Chris Ryburn said his team executed its defensive game plan perfectly. Though the Knights struggled to

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AREA FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Andrews, Garden City clinch district titles

By Oscar LeRoy
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The high school football regular season is winding down, which means that teams will be fighting for playoff spots or district championships in Week 11.

Mason

Here is what's been decided among the core UIL teams in the Reporter-Telegram coverage area:

■ Andrews won its fourth straight District 2-4A Division I title with a 42-30 win over Clint. The Mustangs will have the bye this week and next face Borger in the bi-district round at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16 at Wolfforth Frenship.

■ Greenwood will play Sweetwater for the No. 3 seed out of District 2-4A Division II. Seminole won the outright district title, while Monahans will be the No. 2 seed.

■ Coahoma and Stanton have both clinched playoff spots out of District 2-3A Division II. Coahoma will be the No. 2 seed, while Stanton is the No. 4 seed.

Jones

■ Garden City has clinched the No. 1 seed out of District 6-1A Division I and will play either Hermleigh or Klondike in the bi-district round.

■ Rankin has clinched a playoff spot and will host Imperial Buena Vista on Friday for the District 7-1A Division I title.

■ Grady has a chance to clinch the second playoff spot with a win over Wellman-Union at home on Friday. Sands will be the No. 1 seed out of the district.

■ Big Spring and Forsan have been eliminated from playoff contention out of their respective districts.

Andrews continues district dominance

Andrews continued its dominance of District 2-4A Division I with its win over Clint to finish the district with a 4-0 record for the fourth consecutive season.

Andrews coach Ralph Mason said it's always his team's goal to win a district championship and it feels good to accomplish that again this year.

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DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

College Basketball
Exhibition: East Central at Oklahoma, 7 p.m., FCS
College Football
Toledo at Ohio, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Kent State at Western Michigan, 6 p.m., CBSSN
Eastern Michigan at Central Michigan, 7 p.m., ESPNU
Curling
Pacific-Asia Championships: Women's Gold Medal Match, 4 p.m., OLYHD
Pacific-Asia Championships: Men's Gold Medal Match, 9 p.m., OLYHD
Golf
LPGA: Blue Bay, 2nd Round, 10 p.m., GOLF
EPGA: Nedbank Golf Challenge, 1st Round, 2 a.m., GOLF
Men's Soccer
Copa MX: CF Pachuca vs. Club Tijuana, 8:20 p.m., UDN
National Basketball Association
LA Lakers at Boston, 7 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP
Minnesota at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP
National Hockey League
Boston at NY Rangers, 7 p.m., NBCSN
Tampa Bay at San Jose, 9:30 p.m., NBCSN
Women's College Volleyball
Missouri at South Carolina, 5 p.m., ESPNU
Maryland at Nebraska, 6 p.m., BTN
Oklahoma at Texas Tech, 6 p.m., FSSW, FCSP
TCU at Texas, 7 p.m., LHN
Kentucky at Alabama, 7 p.m., SEC
Penn State at Iowa, 8 p.m., BTN

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
DETROIT TIGERS — Named Andrew Graham manager of Erie (EL). Mike Rabelo manager of Lakeland (FSL) and Lance Parrish manager of West Michigan (MWL).
HOUSTON ASTROS — Reinstated RHPs Brady Rodgers, David Paulino and Jandel Gustave from the 60-day DL.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Promoted Terry Bradshaw to hitting coach and Cal Ebbrett to pitching coach. Named Vance Wilson bullpen coach and Mitch Maier first base coach.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Reinstated RHPs Alex Meyer, Matt Shoemaker, JC Ramirez and Nick Tropeano from the 60-day DL.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Assigned OF Niko Goodrum and LHP Ryan O'Rourke outright to Rochester (IL). Reinstated RHPs Trevor May, Phil Hughes and J.T. Chargois from the 60-day DL.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Assigned OF Zach Vincej outright to Tacoma (PCL).
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Assigned OF Cesar Puello. RHP Shawn Tolleson and C Curt Casali outright to Durham (IL).
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Assigned C Raffy Lopez and RHPs Luis Santos, Taylor Cole and Leonel Campos outright to Buffalo (IL).Claimed RHP Taylor Guerrieri off waivers from Tampa Bay.
National League
COLORADO ROCKIES — Selected the contract of OF Noel Cuevas from Albuquerque (PCL).
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Assigned OF Pedro Florimon and Jesen Therien outright to Lehigh Valley (IL). Reinstated RHPs Vince Velasquez, Jesse Eickhoff and Zach Eflin from the 60-day DL.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Assigned LHP Dan Runzler outright to Indianapolis (IL). Reinstated 2B Josh Harrison from the 60-day DL.
ST LOUIS CARDINALS — Reinstated RHP Alex Reyes from the 60-day DL.
Frontier League
EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Signed 1B/OF John Kukura.
FLORENCE FREEDOM — Signed LHP Jack Fowler to a contract extension.
WASHINGTON WILD THINGS — Signed catcher Kyle Pollock to a contract extension.
WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Signed LHP Brady Muller.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Fined Charlotte C Dwight Howard $25,000 for making an obscene gesture toward a fan.
PHOENIX SUNS — Traded G Eric Bledsoe to Milwaukee for F/C Greg Monroe and two 2018 draft picks.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CHICAGO BEARS — Placed TE Zach Miller on injured reserve. Signed TE Ben Braunecker. Signed TE Colin Thompson to the practice squad.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Released RB Bronson Hill from the practice squad. Signed G Willie Beavers to the practice squad.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Placed LB Don'a Hightower on injured reserve. Signed DL Ricky Jean Francois. Re-signed DL Mike Purcell to the practice squad.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Waived DE Jordan Williams and DB Tim Scott. Placed LB Nigel Harris on injured reserve. Reinstated CB Janoris Jenkins from suspension. Signed LB Kelvin Sheppard. Signed LB Deontae Skinner from Oakland's practice squad.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed DB Antone Exum Jr. to a one-year contract. Placed OL Garry Gilliam on injured reserve.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ARIZONA COYOTES — Assigned G Louis Domingue to Tucson (AHL). Recalled F Michael Sislo from Tucson.
CALGARY FLAMES — Removes F Jaromir Jagr from injured reserve. Assigned F Tanner Glass to Stockton (AHL).
COLORADO AVALANCHE — Reassigned F Vladislav Kamenev to San Antonio (AHL) and F Brady Shaw to Colorado (ECHL).
EDMONTON OILERS — Recalled F Kyle Platzer from Wichita (ECHL) to Bakersfield (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Recalled G Vitek Vanecek from South Carolina (ECHL) to Hershey (AHL).
American Hockey League
HERSHEY BEARS — Assigned F Kelly Zajac to South Carolina (ECHL).
IOWA WILD — Returned F Kyle Bonis from loan to Toledo (ECHL).
SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Assigned F Brady Shaw to Colorado (ECHL).
SAN DIEGO GULLS — Recalled D James Melindy from Utah (ECHL).
ECHL
ECHL — Suspended Wheeling F Garrett Meurs one game.
BRAMPTON BEAST — Added G Brandon Billile as emergency backup.
IDAHO STEELHEADS — Traded G Branden Kromm to Quad City.
MANCHESTER MONARCHS — Traded the ECHL rights to G Ryan Faragher to Idaho
NORFOLK ADMIRALS — Released D Joe Sova
WICHITA THUNDER — Released D Vytal Cote.

LACROSSE
National Lacrosse League
BUFFALO BANDITS — Signed F Jordan Durston to a two-year contract and T Alex Bohl and D Charles Scanlan to one-year contracts.

OLYMPIC SPORTS
USA GYMNASTICS — Named Kerry Perry president and CEO

Former star pitcher Roy Halladay killed in Florida plane crash

Associated Press

HOLIDAY, Fla. — Roy Halladay, a two-time Cy Young Award winner who pitched a perfect game and a playoff no-hitter for the Philadelphia Phillies, died Tuesday when his private plane crashed into the Gulf of Mexico. He was 40.

Pasco County Sheriff Chris Nocco said during a news conference that Halladay's ICON A5 went down around noon off the coast of Florida. The sheriff's office marine unit responded and found Halladay's body in shallow water near some mangroves. No survivors were found.

Police said they couldn't confirm if there were additional passengers on the plane or say where it was headed. The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating.

Halladay, who retired after the 2013 season, was an amateur pilot who often posted on social media about small planes . "I have dreamed about owning a A5 since I retired! Real life is better then my dreams!!" Halladay tweeted on Oct. 13.

Icon aircraft had posted a video with Halladay trying out a new plane. The video showed Halladay taking delivery of a new Icon A5, a two-seat "light-sport aircraft" that can land on water.

In the video, Halladay said the terms of his baseball contract prevented him from having a pilot's license while playing, and that his wife was originally against the idea of him getting the aircraft.

"She's fought me the whole way," Halladay said.

Halladay

"Hard. I fought hard. I was very against it," Brandy Halladay said in the same video, before explaining why she eventually understood and approved of her husband's desire to have the plane.

The A5 was a newer model from Icon, based in Vacaville, California . On May 8, two Icon employees, the company's lead test pilot and the director of engineering, were killed in a crash in an A5 in Napa County, California. The NTSB report said the probable cause was "the pilot's failure to maintain clearance from terrain while maneuvering at a low altitude."

Halladay spent 12 seasons with the Toronto Blue Jays followed by four seasons with the Phillies. He was 203-105 with a 3.38 ERA.

"We are numb over the very tragic news about Roy Halladay's untimely death," the Phillies said in a statement. "There are no words to describe the sadness that the entire Phillies family is feeling over the loss of one of the most respected human beings to ever play the game."

Other baseball players to die in plane crashes included Pittsburgh Pirates star Roberto Clemente in a relief mission from Puerto Rico traveling to earthquake victims in Nicaragua on New Year's Eve in 1972; New York Yankees catcher Thurman Munson piloting his own plane near his home in Canton, Ohio, in 1979; and Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle piloting his own plane in New York City in 2006.

Halladay was nominated several times for the Roberto Clemente Award, given by Major League Baseball to players for sportsmanship and community involvement. The Halladay Family Foundation has aided children's charities, hunger relief and animal rescue.

"Many of you know Roy as a Cy Young winner, future Hall of Famer, one of the best pitchers ever to pitch the game of baseball," said Pasco County Sheriff Chris Nocco, who personally knew Halladay.

"We know Roy as a person, as a caring husband who loved his wife, Brandy. He loved his two boys tremendously ... and we are so sad for your loss."

Nocco said Halladay knew many members in the sheriff's office, and that Halladay was even a part of a charity fishing tournament last Friday.

"He was probably one of the most humble human beings you'll ever meet," Nocco said. "For somebody who won two Cy Youngs, one of the greatest pitchers in baseball, he would walk in the room as if he was anybody. Didn't matter who he met, he was kind, generous. His family purchased a dog for us — K-9 Doc. K-9 Doc is out there working, saving lives, making our community safer."

The dog was named as a nod to Halladay's nickname — Doc.

"He was one in a million," Nocco said. "It is a true loss for us."

Halladay was an old-style workhorse who pitched 67 complete games and 20 shutouts. A three-time 20-game winner, he was an eight-time All-Star with Toronto (1998-2009) and Philadelphia (2010-13).

Halladay pitched a perfect game for the Phillies at the Florida Marlins on May 29, 2010. That Oct. 6, against Cincinnati in the NL Division Series, he became only the second pitcher to throw a postseason no-hitter, joining Don Larsen, who accomplished the feat for the New York Yankees in the 1956 World Series.

The right-hander retired after the 2013 season, saying he wanted to avoid back surgery.

"As a baseball player, you realize that's something you can't do the rest of your life," Halladay said. "I really don't have any regrets. You realize there's other things for you to accomplish in life."

He was eligible for the Hall of Fame in 2019.

"Heart is broken to hear about Roy Halladay," former teammate Roy Oswalt tweeted. "great friend, teammate, father and husband. One of the best teammates ever! You will be missed !"

Former pitcher Dan Haren tweeted that "I wanted to be Roy Halladay. I'm heartbroken, rest easy Doc ," then posted a photo of a signed Halladay jersey .

No change in top 4 of CFP rankings; Georgia, 'Bama 1-2

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

With three games matching teams in the selection committee's top 10, the College Football Playoff race could become a lot clearer on Saturday.

Or more muddled.

Georgia, Alabama, Notre Dame and Clemson held their spots in the top four of the selection committee rankings Tuesday night, and unbeaten Miami moved up three spots to No. 7 before its showdown with the Fighting Irish.

Oklahoma remained fifth and TCU moved up to sixth. The Sooners and Horned Frogs play a key Big 12 game on Saturday, with the winner taking sole possession of first place in the conference.

Notre Dame visits the Hurricanes on Saturday night, and Georgia is at Auburn, which came in 10th.

After Miami in the rankings, unbeaten Wisconsin was No. 8, the highest-ranked Big Ten team. The Hurricanes jumped over Wisconsin after beating Virginia Tech handily last Saturday. The Badgers pulled away late in a rout of Indiana.

Selection committee chairman Kirby Hocutt, Texas Tech's athletic director, said the committee was impressed by the Hurricanes' most convincing win of the season against a "solid" Virginia Tech team.

"That strengthened their resume more than, I would say, Wisconsin strengthened their resume with a win over a three-win Indiana team," Hocutt said.

Washington, the highest-ranked Pac-12 team, is ninth and Auburn is 10th.

No. 14 Penn State and No. 15 Ohio State fell out of the top 10 after losses last week.

UCF was 18th, the highest-ranked team from outside the Power Five conferences. The highest-ranked conference champion from the Group of Five leagues is guaranteed a spot in one of the New Year's Six Bowls, and the American Athletic Conference is in prime position to grab that bid, likely to the Peach or Fiesta bowl.

College Football Playoff Rankings

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

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

Andrews sweeps Levelland, advances to regional tourney

From staff reports

PLAINS -- Behind a team-high 10 kills from Laura Muniz, the Andrews volleyball team swept Levelland, 25-23, 25-22, 25-18, in a Class 4A regional quarterfinal match on Tuesday at Plains High School.

Tori Gray added nine kills, 26 assists and a block for District 4-4A champion Andrews (27-12), which advanced to the regional semifinal to face District 8-4A champion, Glen Rose (46-1), which swept Springtown in its quarterfinal match Tuesday. Andrews and Glen Rose play 1 p.m. Friday in Snyder.

Challys Morris had eight kills and two blocks for Andrews, while Alivia Mayfield had six kills and three blocks. Mariah Infante led the Lady Mustangs with 12 digs.

ANDREWS DEF. LEVELLAND 25-23, 25-22, 25-17
Andrews statistics
Kills – Laura Muniz 10, Tori Gray 9, Challys Morris 8, Alivia Mayfield 6, Madison Thompson 2, Jazz Johnson 2
Assists – Gray 26
Digs – Mariah Infante 12, Savannah Infante 7, Hailey Ramirez 6, Thompson 5, Muniz 2, Gray 1
Blocks – Mayfield 3, Morris 2, Muniz 1, Thompson 1, Gray 1
Aces – M. Infante 1
Records: Andrews 27-12; Levelland 25-12
Next: Andrews vs. Glen Rose, Class 4A regional semifinal, 1 p.m. Friday, Snyder

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	9	2	.818	—
Toronto	6	4	.600	2½
New York	6	4	.600	2½
Philadelphia	6	4	.600	2½
Brooklyn	4	7	.364	5

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	6	4	.600	—
Washington	5	5	.500	1
Charlotte	5	6	.455	1½
Miami	4	6	.400	2
Atlanta	2	9	.182	4½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	7	3	.700	—
Indiana	5	6	.455	2½
Cleveland	5	6	.455	2½
Milwaukee	4	6	.400	3
Chicago	2	7	.222	4½

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	8	3	.727	—
San Antonio	7	4	.636	1
Memphis	6	4	.600	1½
New Orleans	6	5	.545	2
Dallas	2	10	.167	6½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	7	3	.700	—
Portland	6	4	.600	1
Denver	6	5	.545	1½
Utah	5	6	.455	2½
Oklahoma City	4	5	.444	2½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	8	3	.727	—
L.A. Clippers	5	5	.500	2½
L.A. Lakers	5	5	.500	2½
Phoenix	4	7	.364	4
Sacramento	1	8	.111	6

Scores & Schedule

Tuesday's Scores
Cleveland 124, Milwaukee 119
Dallas 113, Washington 99
New Orleans 117, Indiana 112
New York 118, Charlotte 113
Toronto 119, Chicago 114
San Antonio 120, L.A. Clippers 107
Denver 112, Brooklyn 104
Philadelphia 104, Utah 97
Memphis at Portland, late
Oklahoma City at Sacramento, late
Today's Games
Indiana at Detroit, 6 p.m.
New York at Orlando, 6 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Boston, 7 p.m.
Miami at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

NFL GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE
East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	6	2	0	.750	216	179
Buffalo	5	3	0	.625	174	149
Miami	4	4	0	.500	116	179
N.Y.Jets	4	5	0	.444	191	207

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	5	3	0	.625	181	193
Jacksonville	5	3	0	.625	206	117
Houston	3	5	0	.375	229	208
Indianapolis	3	6	0	.333	162	260

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	6	2	0	.750	167	131
Baltimore	4	5	0	.444	190	171
Cincinnati	3	5	0	.375	129	158
Cleveland	0	8	0	.000	119	202

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	6	3	0	.667	253	208
Oakland	4	5	0	.444	196	214
Denver	3	5	0	.375	150	196
L.A. Chargers	3	5	0	.375	150	152

NATIONAL CONFERENCE
East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	8	1	0	.889	283	179
Dallas	5	3	0	.625	226	176
Washington	4	4	0	.500	177	194
N.Y.Giants	1	7	0	.125	129	207

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	6	2	0	.750	221	155
Carolina	6	3	0	.667	168	159
Atlanta	4	4	0	.500	170	172
Tampa Bay	2	6	0	.250	158	198

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	6	2	0	.750	179	135
Detroit	4	4	0	.500	206	186
Green Bay	4	4	0	.500	181	191
Chicago	3	5	0	.375	134	171

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	6	2	0	.750	263	155
Seattle	5	3	0	.625	189	149
Arizona	4	4	0	.500	139	201
San Francisco	0	9	0	.000	143	239

Scores & Schedule

Thursday's Game
Seattle at Arizona, 7:25 p.m.
Sunday's Game
Pittsburgh at Indianapolis, noon
Minnesota at Washington, noon
L.A. Chargers at Jacksonville, noon
New Orleans at Buffalo, noon
Green Bay at Chicago, noon
Cincinnati at Tennessee, noon
N.Y.Jets at Tampa Bay, noon
Cleveland at Detroit, noon
Houston at L.A. Rams, 3:05 p.m.
N.Y.Giants at San Francisco, 3:25 p.m.
Dallas at Atlanta, 3:25 p.m.
New England at Denver, 7:30 p.m.
Open: Kansas City, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Oakland
Monday's Game
Miami at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	15	11	2	2	24	59	42
Toronto	16	9	7	0	18	61	58
Ottawa	14	6	3	5	17	51	47
Detroit	16	8	7	1	17	45	43
Boston	13	6	4	3	15	39	40
Montreal	16	7	8	1	15	44	57
Buffalo	15	5	8	2	12	38	54
Florida	14	4	8	2	10	48	59

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	17	9	6	2	20	45	59
New Jersey	14	9	4	1	19	50	45
Columbus	16	9	6	1	19	52	46
N.Y.Islanders	15	8	5	2	18	55	48
Washington	16	8	7	1	17	47	51
Philadelphia	15	7	6	2	16	47	43
N.Y.Rangers	16	7	7	2	16	52	55
Carolina	13	5	5	3	13	35	38

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	16	12	3	1	25	53	37
Winnipeg	14	8	3	3	19	46	40
Nashville	15	8	5	2	18	40	42
Colorado	14	8	6	0	16	49	47
Dallas	15	8	7	0	16	42	43
Chicago	15	7	6	2	16	43	36
Minnesota	13	5	6	2	12	40	40
Pacific Division							
Los Angeles	14	10	2	2	22	48	31
Vegas	15	9	5	1	19	52	44
San Jose	13	8	5	0	16	36	30
Calgary	14	8	6	0	16	35	38
Vancouver	14	7	5	2	16	37	34
Anaheim	14	6	6	2	14	40	43
Edmonton	14	5	8	1	11	32	44
Arizona	17	2	13	2	6	42	68

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.

Scores & Schedule

Tuesday's Scores
Edmonton 2, N.Y.Islanders 1, OT
Buffalo 3, Washington 1
St. Louis 3, New Jersey 1
Carolina 3, Florida 1
Nashville 3, Columbus 1
Pittsburgh 3, Arizona 1
Montreal 3, Vegas 2
Vancouver at Calgary, late
Los Angeles at Anaheim, late
Today's Games
Minnesota at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at N.Y.Rangers, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

HS VOLLEYBALL PAIRINGS

UIL volleyball playoffs
Class 6A
Region I
Regional quarterfinals
Arlington Martin (39-5) vs. Keller (29-10), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Hurst Bell HS
Southlake Carroll (37-7) vs. Trophy Club Nelson (37-9), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Lewisville HS
Weatherford (39-6) vs. El Paso Coronado (33-3), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Andrews HS
Plano West (30-11) vs. Hebron (36-7), 6 p.m. Tuesday, The Colony HS

Class 4A
Regional quarterfinals
Andrews (26-12) vs. Levelland (25-15), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Plains HS
Glen Rose (46-1) vs. Springtown (23-6), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Burleson HS
Seminole (36-7) vs. Bushland (39-1), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Lubbock Estacado HS
Graham (33-6) vs. Midlothian Heritage (31-3), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aledo HS

Class 3A
Regional quarterfinals
Sonora (27-12) vs. Alpine (30-5), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Fort Stockton HS
Boyd (34-7) vs. Peaster (30-13), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jacksboro HS
Shallowater (34-5) vs. Amarillo Highland Park (30-11), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Plainview HS
Brock (36-8) vs. Colorado City (27-10), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Abilene Cooper HS

TAPPS 3A
State semifinals
Midland Classical (35-5-1) vs. Willow Park
Trinity Christian (38-3), 10 a.m., Friday, Waco Midway HS
Round Rock Christian (33-6-1) vs. Temple Central Texas Christian (32-11), 12:30 p.m. Friday, Waco Midway HS

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UPCOMING EVENTS
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12/7 6:30-8:30 Microchip Clinic at Beer Garden's Yappy Hour
12/31 Toasting for Tails New Year's Eve Party at DoubleTree
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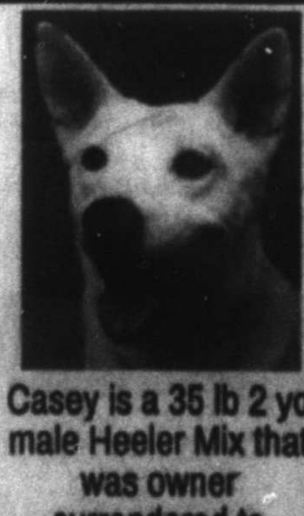
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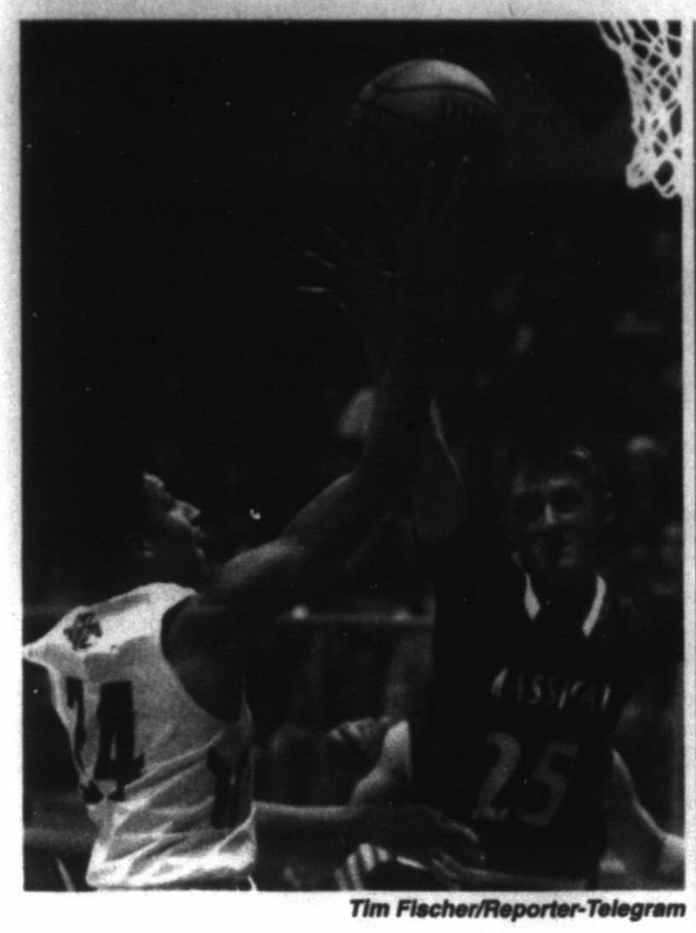

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Midland Christian's Joseph Venzant drives to the basket as Midand Classical's Drew Littleton defends Tuesday at the McGraw Event Center.

MCS

From 1C

generate offense, their early hustle kept them in the game after the first quarter. But the Mustangs' active hands turned MCA over and they established full control with a 22-3 edge in the second quarter to take a 35-9 halftime lead.

"I definitely wanted (us) to get out and pressure passing lanes, but do it in a way that we could still stay disciplined and that's what I thought the guys did a really good job of," Ryburn said. "We didn't foul too much and we weren't overrunning passing lanes too much. They were just in really good position."

Added Riley, who scored eight of MCS' 13 points in the first quarter: "When we're moving the ball up the floor and getting easy (baskets), that's when we're at our best. The ball pressure creates a lot of steals. Right now we're just trying to keep the ball pressure on and deny the lanes so (opponents) can't pass, try to get a steal and go score."

MCA head coach Ron Miller said he was pleased with his team's effort throughout a lopsided contest. But an inability to settle into a flow offensively in the opening minutes was a major detriment.

"I felt like defensively in the first quarter we played really well," Miller said. "We were just too amped up, so we weren't relaxed and we didn't let the offense come to us."

In the third quarter it was more of the same, as MCS jumped in front of lazy passes with authority and continued to rev up its transition game. An 8-0 run to open the period ballooned the Mustangs' lead to 36.

In the fourth, the Knights, trailing 57-16, found life with back-to-back 3-pointers by Echols and Josiah McDougall. MCA outscored the Mustangs 12-9 in the quarter but had fallen behind by too much.

Miller said MCS was a great season-opening test for his young roster and added that his players learn and move forward.

"I felt like we had good character," Miller said. "We didn't give up, we kept playing, but it was the first game of the year and we weren't ready for (MCS') team speed. It was a good learning experience."

Gunnar Griffin had eight points for the Mustangs. Freshman guard Joseph Venzant, the younger brother of Cal State Fullerton freshman guard and MCS grad Daniel Venzant, had six points for MCS.

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MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 66, MIDLAND CLASSICAL 28

MCA (0-1) – Cole Miller 11, Conrey Echols 9, Josiah McDougall 3, Aaron Giffin 3, Drew Littleton 2

MCS (1-0) – Jordan Riley 22, Mitch McCann 14, Gunnar Griffin 8, Joseph Venzant 6, AJ Brown 5, Tommy Beebe 5, Porter Gotowac 3, David Beebe 3

MCA	6	3	7	12 –28
MCS	13	22	22	9 –66

Free throws – MCA 2-4, MCS 6-8. 3-point goals – MCA 4 (Echols 3, McDougall), MCS 8 (McCann 4, Brown, Gotowac, T Beebe, D Beebe). Total fouls – MCA 12, MCS 10. Fouled out – Brown.

Next: MCA at Trinity, 8 p.m. Tuesday; MCS at Presidio (in Alpine), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday

HS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

GIRLS

AMARILLO CAPROCK 51 MIDLAND HIGH 36

AMARILLO – Midland High fell behind in the first half and wasn't able to recover in a non-district loss against Amarillo Caprock on Tuesday.

Maya Duarte and Taysha Rushton co-led the Lady Bulldogs (0-2) with eight points, while Quay Webster and Jurnee Williams each added seven for MHS, which trailed 25-11 at halftime.

MHS was outscored 26-25 in the second half.

AMARILLO CAPROCK 51, MHS 36

MHS (0-2) – Maya Dotiffe 8, Taysha Rushton 8, Quay Webster 7, Jurnee Williams 7, Savanna Carter 2, Rauey Haile 2, Zoe Taylor 2

Caprock (1-0) – Angong 15, Badillo 10, Nelson 9, Martinez 6, Hoehns 4, Medina 4, Reed 2, McCall 1

MHS	4	7	13	12 –36
Caprock	7	18	14	12 –51

Free throws – MHS 6-9, Caprock 15-24. 3-point goals – MHS 2 (Rushton 2), Caprock 2 (Nelson, Badillo). Total fouls – MHS 20, Caprock 13. Fouled out – MHS, Sadie Govan.

Next: Denver City at MHS, 6 p.m. Friday

LUBBOCK COOPER 74 LEE 38

LUBBOCK – Lubbock Cooper had five players score in double figures and rolled to a 74-38 non-district win over visiting Lee on Tuesday.

Alaysha Green scored a team-high 13 points for the Lady Rebels (0-1), who trailed 35-20 at halftime and were outscored 26-11 in the fourth quarter.

Destiny Stanford added seven points for Lee, while Paige Low and Braydyn Hill each had six.

LUBBOCK COOPER 74, LEE 38

Lee (0-1) – Alaysha Green 13, Destiny Stanford 7, Braydyn Hill 6, Paige Low 6, Quinci Strambler 3, Mackenzie Ross 3

Cooper – Douglass 18, Gregory 12, Romero 12, Hise 10, Edgeman 10, Fairbanks 5, Roland 5, Goltz 2

Lee	8	12	7	11 –38
Cooper	13	22	13	26 –74

Free throws – Lee 9-20, Cooper 20-29. 3-point goals – Lee 3 (Green, Stanford, Ross), Cooper 4 (Gregory 2, Douglass, Romero). Total fouls – Lee 23, Cooper 18. Fouled out – None.

Next: Lee vs. John Paul II in Burleson Centennial Tournament, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Burleson

WALL 50 GREENWOOD 40

WALL – A slow start for Greenwood was too much to overcome as Wall got the non-district victory in the teams' season opener.

Wall jumped out to a 13-2 lead in the first quarter and had a 26-18 halftime lead.

Cassi Mebane led Greenwood with 13 points and Kensleigh Ellis added 11.

Jayden Fiebiger led Wall with a game-high 17 points.

WALL 50, GREENWOOD 40

Greenwood (0-1) – Taylor Payton 3, Natalee Karcher 4, Kaitlan Keel 4, Kensleigh Ellis 11, Ariana Leyva 3, Cassi Mebane 13, Mattie Huber 2

Wall (1-0) – Sawyer Lloyd 7, Abby Alexander 8, Payton Box 2, Landry Reynolds 2, Sam Rocha 12, Jayden Fiebiger 17

Greenwood	2	16	11	11 –40
Wall	13	13	16	8 –50

Free throws – GHS 5-16, Wall 9-13. 3-point goals – GHS 3 (Ellis 2, Leyva), Wall 2 (Alexander 2). Total fouls – GHS 11, Wall 12. Fouled out – None.

Next: Greenwood at Lamesa, 5 p.m. Friday

NO. 3 GARDEN CITY 59 RICHLAND SPRINGS 19

GARDEN CITY – The No. 3-ranked Garden City girls basketball team opened the season with a non-district blowout victory over Richland Springs.

Payton Hastings had a game-high 18 points to lead the Lady Kats (1-0), who scored 20 points in the second quarter for a 27-11 halftime lead. Lyndee Walker and Madison Hastings each added nine points for Garden City.

NO. 3 GARDEN CITY 59, RICHLAND SPRINGS 19

Richland Springs (0-1) – Lewis 6, Mann 5, Sutherland 5, Carlisle 1

Garden City (1-0) – Payton Hastings 18, Madison Hastings 9, Lyndee Walker 9, Jordan Driver 7, Ischel Sotelo 6, Angelica Munguia 5, Allison Hallmann 3, Ally Burnett 2

Richland Springs	4	7	7	1 –19
Garden City	7	20	15	17 –59

Free throws – RSHS 3-6, GCHS 7-19. 3-point goals – RSHS 2 (Mann, Lewis), GCHS 2 (Hallmann, Walker). Total fouls – GCHS 14. Fouled out – Burnett.

Next: Garden City at Stanton, 1 p.m. Saturday

LAMESA 49 PECOS 45

PECOS– Samaje Mason scored a game-high 28 points to lead Lamesa over Pecos in non-district action.

Camren Clement added 11 for Lamesa.

LAMESA 49, PECOS 45

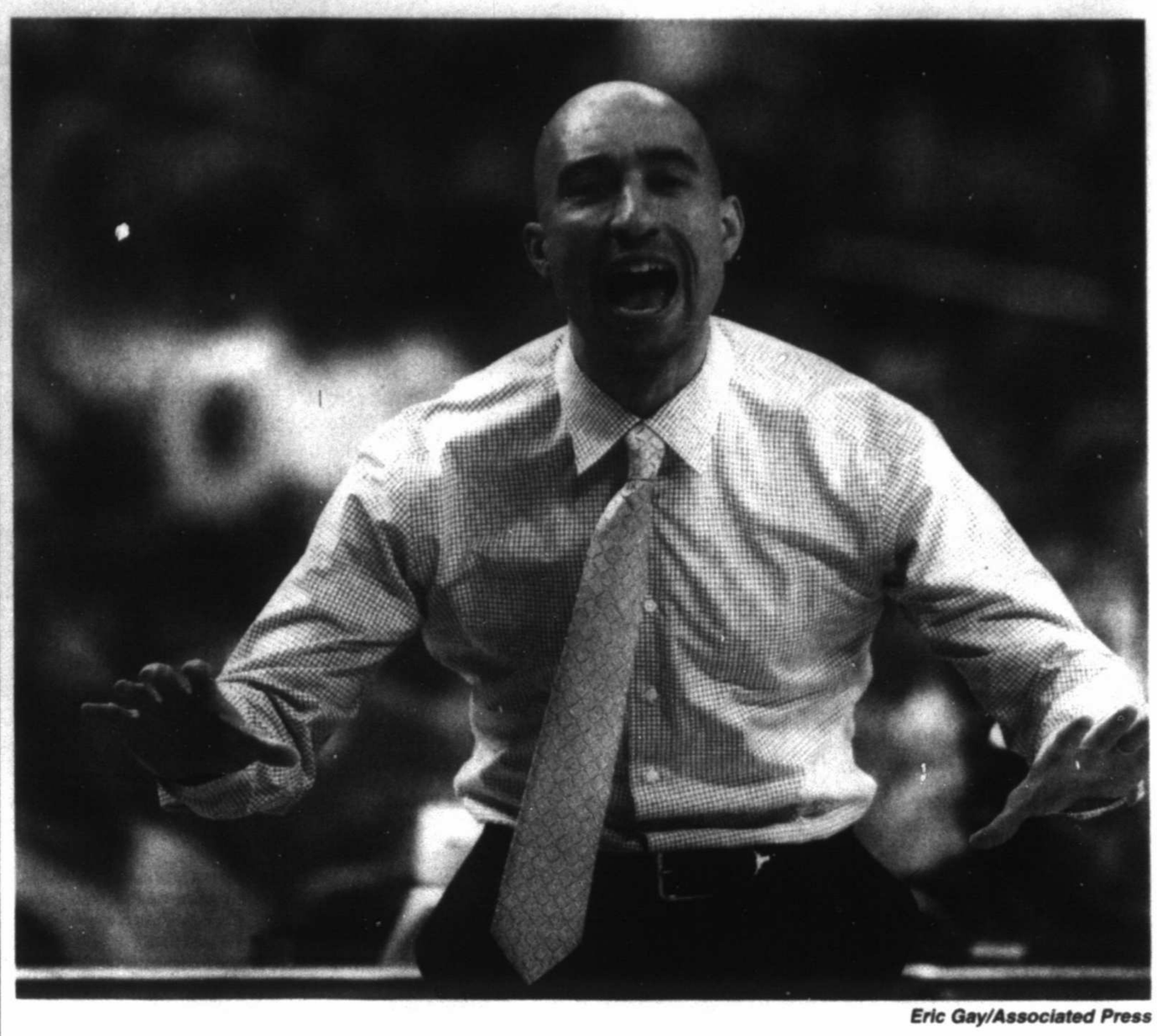
Lamesa (1-0) – Emma Garcia 4, Camren Clement 11, Leland Martin 2, Samaje Mason 28, Dee Ortiz 1, Bailey Brock 3

Pecos (0-1) – Rayos 1, Pedno 5, Serrano 10, B. Rayos 5, Burleson 26, Mashoff 2

Lamesa	11	13	11	14 –49
Pecos	20	11	4	10 –45

Free throws – Lamesa 10-16, Pecos 14-21. 3-point goals – Lamesa 1 (Brock), Pecos 4 (Burleson 2, Pedno, Rayos). Total fouls – Pecos 19, Lamesa 24. Fouled out – None.

Next: Greenwood at Lamesa, 5 p.m.



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Texas coach Shaka Smart calls to his players during the first half on an a college basketball game against Kent State in 2016 in Austin. Texas' freshman class should help the Longhorns rebound from a dismal 2016-17 campaign. Texas' incoming recruiting class was ranked sixth in the 247Sports Composite and features 6-11 forward Mohamed Bamba, the nation's No. 3 overall recruit. Freshman Matt Coleman could take over immediately as the Longhorns' top point guard.

Oklahoma, Texas among teams set for tourney return

By Steve Megargee
Associated Press

Oklahoma went from the joy of a 2016 Final Four appearance to the misery of a 20-loss campaign last season.

Now the Sooners have a chance to redeem themselves .

"Last year motivates me every day," Oklahoma forward Khadeem Lattin said. "It's something I lose sleep over, I've lost plenty (of) sleep over. I'm ready to get it right."

Oklahoma isn't the only team left out of last season's NCAA Tournament that believes it will earn a bid this time around.

Plenty of teams have chances for a big turnaround. Especially with many of the nation's top incoming freshman headed for programs coming off disappointing seasons.

Which teams that missed the 2017 tournament are mostly likely to return in '18? Here's a sampling:

Alabama

2016-17 record: 19-15, lost in first round of NIT

Alabama's hopes of earning its first NCAA Tournament berth since 2012 may depend on the uncertain status of freshman guard Collin Sexton and top returning starter Braxton Key. Alabama announced Monday that the NCAA hasn't yet cleared Sexton to play and that Key has a meniscus injury that requires surgery with no timetable set for his return. Sexton was rated as the country's No. 5 prospect according to composite rankings compiled by 247Sports . Alabama returns Dazon Ingram, shot blocker Donta Hall and Riley Norris while adding Ohio State transfer Daniel Giddens.

Missouri

2016-17 record: 8-24

New Missouri coach Cuonzo Martin has dramatically improved the talent base of a program that has finished in the SEC basement the last three years. Missouri landed top recruit Michael Porter Jr., a preseason AP All-America selection . Porter headlines a Missouri recruiting class that was ranked fourth nationally according to the 247Sports Composite , behind only Duke, Kentucky and Arizona. Missouri returns Jordan Barnett, Kevin Puryear and Terrence Phillips, who all had double-figure scoring averages last season.

Oklahoma

2016-17 record: 11-20

After going from the Final Four in 2016 to 20 losses season last season, Oklahoma should find a happy medium between those two extremes. The Sooners lost their leading scorer in Jordan Woodard but return three starters in Kameron McGusty (10.9 ppg last season), Rashard Odomes (10.1) and Khadeem Lattin (8.4). Oklahoma also adds promising freshman point guard Trae Young, rated as the nation's No. 23 recruit in his class by the 247Sports Composite.

Texas

2016-17 record: 11-22

Texas' freshman class should help the Longhorns rebound from a dismal 2016-17. Texas' incoming group was ranked sixth in the 247Sports Composite and features 6-foot-11 forward Mohamed Bamba, the nation's No. 3 overall recruit. Freshman Matt Coleman could take over immediately as the Longhorns' top point guard. Texas returns guards Andrew Jones and Kerwin Roach Jr., who each averaged over nine points last season. Tulane transfer Dylan Osetkowski was the Green Wave's leading rebounder two years ago.

No 25 TEXAS A&M

2016-17 record: 16-15

Texas A&M is the only team in the preseason Top 25 that failed to earn an NCAA bid last season. Robert Williams' surprising decision to return for his sophomore season rather than entering the NBA Draft makes the Aggies legitimate NCAA Tournament contenders, though he has been suspended for the Aggies' first two games. Williams, one of four returning starters, averaged 11.9 points and 8.2 rebounds last season. Texas A&M also returns Tyler Davis (14.1 ppg, 7 rpg last season), Admon Gilder (13.7 ppg) and Tonny Trocha-Morelos (8.1). Davis and Trocha-Morelos are both 6-10.

TCU

2016-17 record: 24-15

After winning the NIT in coach Jamie Dixon's first season, the Horned Frogs have their sights set on their first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1987. TCU returns all five starters, including preseason all-Big 12 forward Vladimir Brodziansky. The Horned Frogs also add VCU graduate transfer Ahmed Hamdy and New Mexico Junior College transfer Shawn Olden, who began his college career at Pepperdine

NBA ROUNDUP

SPURS 120 CLIPPERS 107

SAN ANTONIO — LaMarcus Aldridge scored 25 points, and the Spurs made a season-high 15 3-pointers in their third straight win.

San Antonio also had a season-best 12 steals, and Danny Green, Rudy Gay and Pau Gasol all had or matched their best scoring output of the season. Green scored 24 points, Gay had 22 and Gasol added 19.

The Spurs were dominant in the third quarter for the second straight game. After routing Phoenix by 21 points in the third quarter Sunday, San Antonio outscored the Clippers by 19.

Austin Rivers led Los Angeles with 24 points. Blake Griffin added 15 points on 4-for-13 shooting.

MAVERICKS 113, WIZARDS 99

WASHINGTON — Harrison Barnes scored 31 points, rookie Dennis Smith Jr. had 22 and the Mavericks snapped a six-game losing streak.

Wesley Matthews made four 3-pointers and finished with 14 points for Dallas, which has won 14 of its last 15 meetings with Washington. It was just the second win on the season for the Mavericks.

John Wall had 23 points and 14 assists in his return from a sprained left shoulder, but the Wizards lost for the fifth time in seven games. Bradley Beal had 23 points, and Otto Porter Jr. finished with 13.

Dallas led by as many as 16 in the second half before Washington put together a 14-0 run to close to 90-88 with 8:56 remaining in the game. The Mavericks responded with a 15-5 spurt and were never challenged again.

CAVS 124 BUCKS 119

CLEVELAND — Kevin Love scored a season-high 32 points, LeBron James added 30 and the Cleveland Cavaliers withstood a 40-point performance by Giannis Antetokounmpo to beat the Milwaukee Bucks 124-119 on Tuesday night.

The Cavs have been one of the NBA's biggest surprises this season — for all the wrong reasons. But after losing five of six, they did enough to hand the Bucks their fourth straight loss and keep Cleveland fans from panicking.

Love, who was briefly hospitalized after scoring just four points in a surprising loss to Atlanta on Sunday, also had 16 rebounds. J.R. Smith added a season-high 20 points for the Cavs.

Still a few weeks shy of his 23rd birthday, the multi-talented Antetokounmpo finished 16 of 21 from the floor. Malcolm Brogdon added 22 points for Milwaukee.

Before the game, the Bucks got some scoring help by acquiring guard Eric Bledsoe from the Phoenix Suns in exchange for forward/center Greg Monroe and two draft picks.

KNICKS 118 HORNETS 113

NEW YORK — Kristaps Porzingis scored 28 points, including a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 1:48 remaining, and the Knicks earned their third straight victory.

The Eastern Conference player of the week was held below 30 for only the third time in 10 games this season, but he delivered when it mattered, scoring seven points in the final 2:32.

Doug McDermott added a season-high 20 points off the bench and Tim Hardaway Jr. had 19 for the Knicks, who have won six of seven after an 0-3 start.

Kemba Walker, Dwight Howard and rookie Malik Monk each had 21 points in the Hornets' third straight loss.

PELICANS 117 PACERS 112

INDIANAPOLIS — Anthony Davis had 37 points and 14 rebounds for New Orleans, and DeMarcus Cousins added 32 points and 13 boards.

Davis was 14 for 18 from the field in New Orleans' third straight win. Darius Miller scored 12 points, and Jameer Nelson had 10.

Indiana had six players score in double figures in its third straight loss. Myles Turner had 21 points and 12 rebounds and Victor Oladipo scored 15 points.

Indiana led 75-61 at halftime, but the Pelicans outscored the Pacers 35-19 in the third quarter.

RAPTORS 119 BULLS 114

TORONTO — DeMar DeRozan scored 24 points, Jonas Valanciunas had 21 points and 10 rebounds, and Toronto beat Chicago for its first three-game winning streak over the Bulls since 2009.

Kyle Lowry scored 17 points for the Raptors, who had lost 11 straight meetings with the Bulls before the current streak began with an overtime victory on March 21. Toronto beat Chicago 117-100 on Oct. 19 in the opening game of the season for both teams.

Chicago's Bobby Portis had 21 points and 13 rebounds in his first game of the season. Robin Lopez scored 20 points as Chicago lost for the fourth time in five games.

Portis returned to the lineup after he was suspended for eight games for injuring teammate Nikola Mirotic during a fight at practice.

NUGGETS 112 NETS 104

DENVER — Nikola Jokic had a career-high 41 points for Denver, and Will Barton and Paul Millsap scored 17 apiece.

Jokic also had 12 rebounds, two steals and two blocks. The Nets starters couldn't match Jokic's output; they combined for 40 points.

Tyler Zeller led Brooklyn with a season-high 21 points. Only three Nets were in double figures. D'Angelo Russell had 12 points a night after scoring 23, and Timofey Mozgov scored 11.

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Texas A&M head coach Kevin Sumlin encourages his players during the first half against Florida, Oct. 14 in Gainesville, Fla.

Kevin Sumlin addresses his future at Texas A&M

By Brent Zwerneman
Houston Chronicle

COLLEGE STATION – Longtime Texas A&M radio broadcaster Dave South will call his last home football game on Saturday night when the Aggies play host to New Mexico, prompting a poignant response from Aggies coach Kevin Sumlin.

"It's an emotional time," Sumlin said Tuesday during his weekly press conference. "Even though we look like we're (tough) people … over the last six years there's great times, and there's not-so-great times."

South has hosted Sumlin's weekly radio show in that span, and the coach had good reason for added emotion when glancing back on the good and bad times: It's also expected to be Sumlin's final home game with the Aggies, after A&M has failed to compete for SEC West titles under his watch.

"What I do is focus on what we have to do this week to win games, and the big picture will take care of itself," Sumlin said in addressing questions about his immediate and long-term future. "What we can do, is the best we can do. From that standpoint it keeps you focused on what's going on right now. … That's how I'm going to continue to approach it, and that's not going to change."

The Aggies (5-4, 3-3) wrap up their regular season following the nonconference home game against the Lobos with road contests at Mississippi and LSU, and athletic director Scott Woodward is expected to make a change shortly after, although A&M officials have declined to directly address Sumlin's future.

Aggies receiver Damion Ratley said the players have no problem blocking out any negativity concerning their coach – because they don't pay any attention to it.

"I can't say that I've heard that," Ratley said when asked about speculation concerning Sumlin's future. "I can't comment on that, because I haven't heard it."

Meanwhile multiple insiders have said Florida State coach Jimbo Fisher is on A&M's short list to replace Sumlin, with Fisher's name first surfacing after the Aggies blew a 34-point lead at UCLA in the season opener.

The Seminoles, who won a national title under Fisher in 2013, are in a rare down season under the former LSU offensive coordinator, and are 3-5 headed into their game at No. 4 Clemson on Saturday. They have won at least 10 games in six of his seven prior seasons, including a 14-0 finish in 2013 behind Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Jameis Winston.

Fisher and Woodward, the latter an LSU graduate, both worked at LSU in the early to mid-2000s.

The Aggies have reached double-digit victories once under Sumlin, in his first season of 2012 when they finished 11-2 behind Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Johnny Manziel. They could win all of their remaining games, including a bowl game, and still wouldn't reach at least 10 wins for a fifth consecutive season.

Most troubling under Sumlin, the Aggies are 2-8 since 2015 against their final four SEC West foes this year: Mississippi State, Auburn, Mississippi and LSU. A&M is 1-5 against perennial power Alabama in the Aggies' six seasons in the SEC, and has yet to defeat wanna-be rival LSU in that span.

In the last two weeks A&M has lost at home to Mississippi State and Auburn by a combined 36 points, and the Aggies will go at least three years between division victories at Kyle Field (the last coming in October 2015 and A&M doesn't play another SEC West home game until November 2018).

The Aggies are young – 55 of their 82 players on their last travel roster were either freshmen or sophomores – but even Sumlin knows youth isn't an excuse in his sixth season of building a roster. He did counter any claims of leading an undisciplined squad, however.

"There's not a question about discipline on this football team,"

he said Tuesday. "In those times everybody is looking for answers, and things get magnified when you lose."

Sumlin, who likely will have no problem landing another Power Five job based on his 49-25 overall record at A&M, will be owed about $10 million with two years remaining on his contract at $5 million annually.

"You understand what this is about from day one," Sumlin said of what he's dubbed a "results-oriented" business. "You know what you signed up for."

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Wentz, Goff exceed expectations in Year 2

By Josh Dubow
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Jared Goff and Carson Wentz have answered almost all the questions they faced following suspect rookie seasons as the top two picks in the 2016 draft.

Both young quarterbacks have their teams in first place in their divisions after they became the first QBs drafted Nos. 1 and 2 in the same year to each throw four TD passes on the same day this weekend.

Wentz had gotten off to a promising start as a rookie in Philadelphia before a rough second half. He lost seven of his final 10 games while throwing more interceptions than touchdowns with a pedestrian 5.8 yards per attempt.

Goff's year was considerably worse after being taken one spot ahead of Wentz by the Rams. There were hopes he could quickly become the face of the franchise that had just arrived in Los Angeles. Instead, he couldn't even win the starting job until halfway through the season and finished the year averaging 5.3 yards per attempt with a 63.6 passer rating.

That has all changed. Goff and Wentz have undergone sophomore surges to put their teams in contention in the NFC and lead a group of players who have been far better in the first half of this season than many expected.

Wentz has led the team with the NFL's best record as the Eagles (8-1) have a 2 ½-game lead over Dallas in the NFC East following a 51-23 win over Denver . He leads the NFL with 23 TD passes , including 17 in the past five games.

"I think he's progressed at a rate as fast as anybody I've seen really," Washington coach Jay Gruden said about Wentz before losing to him last month. "His ability to make plays in the pocket, his ability to stay in the pocket in the face of a rush and still deliver balls accurately, his command of the offense."

Goff has had a staggering level of improvement from his rookie year with obvious help from new coach Sean McVay and better talent surrounding him. His numbers have shot up in every category . He has increased his yards per attempt from 5.3 to 8.3 to go with 13 TDs, only four interceptions and a 97.9 rating.

That performance has helped put the Rams in first place in the NFC West following Sunday's 51-17 win over the Giants.

"I think he's just continuing to take an ownership of our offense. We talk about being an extension of the coaching staff and I think he is truly starting to become that," McVay said. "But he's only going to continue to grow and get better. And in terms of where we want him to be, I think we just want him to just continue to take those daily steps, and he's done that and been receptive."

Rams, Bills, Jags succeeding with new coaches

By Arnie Stapleton
Associated Press

DENVER — Of the half dozen first-year NFL head coaches, Vance Joseph inherited what was widely considered the best situation: a team just one year removed from a Super Bowl parade with a championship-caliber defense and a renovated offense.

Unlike the other five teams that averaged 4.4 wins last season, Denver was coming off a 9-7 season and the job only came open because of Gary Kubiak's health concerns.

Yet, it's the Broncos (3-5) who are spiraling with five losses in their past six games while Sean McVay's Rams (6-2), Doug Marrone's Jaguars (5-3) and Sean McDermott's Bills (5-3) are primed for playoff pushes.

Even Anthony Lynn's Chargers (3-5) are on the rise after a winless first month that included three losses by a field goal or less.

While the 49ers are an NFL-worst 0-9, Kyle Shanahan could end up being the biggest winner of them all with his team jockeying for the top pick in next year's draft.

"Of course it wears on you," Shanahan said of all the losing. "If you sit there and you think about those words and the record too much and, yeah, it will affect you big time.

"But sitting and dwelling on that and worrying about your ego and things like that, it's not going to make you play better."

The dive has started to fray nerves in Denver, where calls for offensive coordinator Mike McCoy's job fill the airwaves.

Suddenly, all that winning ugly over the past couple of years, highlighted by Denver's defense carrying a diminished Peyton Manning to victory in his Super Bowl 50 farewell, looks pretty good in retrospect.

When Kubiak quit, defensive coordinator Wade Phillips joined McVay in L.A. and offensive coordinator Rick Dennison joined McDermott in Buffalo.

Phillips is having his customary first-year effect with the Rams, who sport the largest point differential in the NFL, and Dennison is directing an offensive turnaround with the Bills, who could end the league's longest playoff drought — they haven't qualified since 1999.

The Rams have missed out every year since 2004 and the Jaguars every season since 2007. If they continue their resurgence, the Chargers might get in for the first time since 2009.

AREA

From 1C

"It means everything because it's what you work for," said Mason, whose team is 8-2 overall. "Anything short of a district championship would be disappointing."

Clint gave the Mustangs one of the more competitive games in the district as the Lions jumped out to a 13-0 lead before the Mustangs responded with 21 points in the second quarter and then pulled away in the second half.

"(The Lions) came ready to play and they did a good job of controlling the ball," Mason said. "But our offense was efficient and we were able to score on every possession except two."

Quarterback Jace Keesee had another good game, passing for 212 yards and two TDs, Britin Garcia rushed for 202 yards and three TDs, and Noah Lujan caught five passes for 91 yards and two TDs.

Mason added the bye week will be good for his team to heal up some injuries and get ready for the playoffs.

Bearkats continue their roll

No. 3-ranked Garden City continues to play better and better and that has only meant bad news for its District 6-1A Division I opponents.

The Bearkats clinched the No. 1 seed out of the district with an impressive 54-8 victory over Sterling City as the Eagles were held to 139 total yards.

"That was our best all-around game to date," Garden City coach Jeff Jones said. "Against Westbrook (the week before) it took us a while to get it going. But this time, we got going from the very start. Sterling City has great athletes and great coaches but it was the perfect storm for us."

The Bearkats' defense set the tone and Jones attributed his team's depth as playing a big role in their success.

"You just see them make plays everywhere but we only have two kids playing both ways," Jones said. "That means four of our defensive starters are on the sidelines while the offense is on the field, talking to the coaches and making adjustments."

Garden City (7-2, 2-0) next travels to Robert Lee (4-5, 0-2) on Friday to play for the outright district title.

Grady has chance for postseason

Two straight District 6-1A Division II wins has Grady (2-7, 2-1) in position to earn a playoff berth with a home win over Wellman-Union (5-4, 2-1) on Friday. It would be Grady's first playoff berth since 2014.

After the struggles the Wildcats have gone through over the last few seasons and seven straight losses to start this season, getting to playoffs would mean a lot to this program.

"It's a good thing for the kids," Grady coach Brent Lucas said. "After stringing together two wins in a row, we've given ourselves a chance to make it. It would be a big deal for us."

Grady is coming off a 60-12 win over Loop and Lucas said he's seen improvement on both sides of the ball, especially on defense.

"We've done a better job of tackling and all the hard work that we've been putting in to become better tacklers is paying off," Lucas said.

Friday is also Grady's homecoming game as it was changed from earlier this year.

Rankin can win district

Rankin is back in the playoffs and now it has a chance to win the District 7-1A Division I title with a home win over district power Imperial Buena Vista, on Friday.

The Red Devils (7-2, 2-0) put itself in this position after a 77-47 win over Marfa last week and second-year Rankin coach Jeff Shelton said his team played really well.

"We knew it was going to be a back-and-forth game but we only had one drive in which we didn't score on," Shelton said. "Defensively, we had three takeaways and stepped up to keep them from getting fourth down conversions. We also kept (Marfa running back Arron Luna) from having any big runs on us and forced the rest of the team to beat us. We played good, sound football."

Shelton said clinching a playoff spot is validation for all the hard work the kids have been putting in.

"Last year we got knocked out and it didn't leave a good taste in our mouths," Shelton said. "But the kids have been working hard since the end of last season and they have really bought into our offseason programs and other athletic programs at the school. Everybody in the locker room is buying into what we do and it makes our job as coaches a lot more fun."

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GREENWOOD

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Greenwood only had a 21-14 lead at halftime.

"In the second half we played a lot better," Sanderson said. "In the first half, we had too many penalties and we were doing things we shouldn't have been doing. Our mental focus wasn't there but you have to give credit to Lamesa. They came out and played well and we had to respond. The good news is that early in the season we weren't much of a second-half team but lately we have been."

The Rangers pulled away in the second half and it also helped that sophomore Ryan Snodgrass has a huge night with a season-high 276 yards rushing with three touchdowns on 19 carries. Thanks to that game, Snodgrass now has 1,180 yards rushing on the season.

"He had a really good night," said Sanderson about Snodgrass. "He saw the field well and he was able to do something once he got past that first line of defense. The guys up front also did a nice job of getting on their blocks. But once Ryan got to the next level of the defense, he was tough to stop."

Now with a playoff berth out of the way, the Rangers will concentrate on getting a higher seeding for the playoffs. If they win on Friday, they will play either Dalhart or Perryton in the bi-district round, but if they lose they will play District 1's No. 1 seed Bushland in the first round next week at a time, day and place to be determined.

Playing at Sweetwater has never been easy and the Mustang Bowl has been tough on opponents for many years. Sanderson, however views this game as an opportunity for his team more than a challenge.

"Playing at the Mustang Bowl is unique and there's a reason a lot playoff games are played there," Sanderson said. "For us, it's a seeding game but it will also be great preparation for a playoffs getting to play at a place like that."

It also won't make things easy that the Mustangs are coming off two straight losses, including a 45-27 loss at Monahans last week.

"They're going to be hungry," said Sanderson of the Mustangs. "The good thing is that we're both in and I think you're going to see a pretty good ballgame. Both teams will be throwing a lot of things out there to get the win."

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HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	(5:00) ★ Let It Snow		★ Miss Christmas ('17, Rom) Brooke D'Orsay.				★ Merry Matrimony Jessica Lowndes.				★ A Christmas Me...	
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Property Brothers (N)		H.Hunt	House (N)	Property Brothers		Property Brothers	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	(4:00) Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Little Women: Dallas "Down In The Mud"		Women Dallas (N)	(:50) Little W. (N)	Little Women: Dallas "Pretty Little Liar" (N)		Little Women: LA (N)		(:05) Little W. Dallas "Pretty Little Liar"		Women Dallas	(:50) Little W. Dallas
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 Boston Bruins at New York Rangers (L)					NHL Hockey Tampa Bay Lightning at San Jose Sharks (L)				
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Sponge	H.Danger	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Shannara (N)			★★ L Robot ('04, Sci-Fi) Will Smith.		
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(3:00) ★★★★ Skyfall Daniel Craig				★★★ Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End ('07, Adv) Johnny Depp.						★ Skyfall	
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal	Conan "Live from the Apollo in NYC" (N)		Full Frontal	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(4:30) ★ You Can't ...		★★★ The Shop Around the Corner				★★★ The Mortal Storm Margaret Storm.				★ The Philadelph...	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado (N)		El Cesar (N)		Sin Senos Si Hay Par		Señora acero (N)		Al rojo	Titulares	Sin Senos Si Hay Par	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Long Island Medium "Reading the Stars"		90 Day Fiancé "Family First"		To Be Announced		Healer "Something Real Is Going On"		90 Day Fiancé "Family First"		To Be Announced	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(4:30) ★★ The Replacements		★★ Remember the Titans An African American coach is hired to unify an integrated high school football team.				★★ The Replacements Replacements are brought in to substitute for a team of striking football players.					
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	MASH	(:35) MASH	(:10) Ray	(:50) Ray	(:25) Loves Ray		Mom	Mom	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	NCIS "16 Years"		NCIS "Saviors"		NCIS "Day in Court"		Str. Robot (N)	(:55) Damnation "Sam Riley's Body"			(:55) Chicago "Now is Always Temporary"	
WGN	19	85				★★★ Contact (1997, Sci-Fi) Matthew McConaughey, Tom Skerritt, Jodie Foster. An astronomer receives the Earth's first message from an extraterrestrial source.								Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Rules of Engage.

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Divorced mom mulls overruling dad on daughter's social life

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 ex-husband and I have been divorced for three years and share custody of our 10-year-old daughter, who lives with me full time. Her father lives out of state and sees her during the summer months.

Last year, my daughter had an incident (an "I'll show you mine, you show me yours" kind of thing) with a friend at school, and my ex and I decided they should no longer hang out after school alone anymore. A year has gone by, and because they're in the same social circle at school, my ex is refusing to allow her to go to any events this friend attends (birthdays, sleepovers), even though there is always adult supervision.

It makes me sad to see her miss out, and I understand that the incident is normal for kids that age. What can I do? Since she does not live with him, can I overrule? — I'LL SHOW YOU MINE

DEAR I'LL SHOW YOU MINE: I'm sorry your ex-husband doesn't understand that sexual curiosity in children is normal, because it appears he has overreacted. You cannot dictate the rules in his household. However, while your daughter is living with you during the winter months, he cannot overrule your parenting decisions either.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 43-year-old woman who is trying to win back my high school sweetheart. He contacted me through Facebook seven years ago, and we've been talking off and on ever since.

I have never gotten over him, but he has had two bad past relationships and says he isn't ready for another one at this time. What can I do to let him know I haven't gotten over him since high school and that I'd love to try again?

Our relationship ended because my parents thought I was too young to have a boyfriend. I was 15 and he was 17. He says he would love to try again "one day" — just not now. What are some things I could do to let him know, "Hey, I'm still here, and I want a second chance" without scaring him away? — HIGH SCHOOL SWEETHEART IN FLORIDA

DEAR SWEETHEART: He KNOWS you are "still here" and want a second chance. Because he still isn't ready to give a romance with you another try, face it — the status quo could last indefinitely. You have devoted seven precious years to trying to sway him. It's time for you to move on. How he reacts as you begin to disengage will let you know if you have made the right decision.

DEAR ABBY: Since the last presidential election our oldest son has stopped communicating with us. He would text us, but his texts were so disrespectful and hurtful we had to block him from our phones. He's a grown man and we love him. What should we do? — DISAPPOINTED PARENTS

DEAR PARENTS: The last presidential election has proved to be so divisive that it has ended friendships and caused rifts in some families. Blocking your son from your phones was a mistake. It would have been better to have just told him you would prefer not to discuss politics via text messages.

Until both sides can start listening respectfully to each other, healing and understanding will not happen. Unblock your phone and let your son know that he hurt your feelings, which is why you did it.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Another overtrick battle

Both vulnerable. South deals

NORTH
♠ 10 8
♡ A 8 2
♢ A 8 7
♣ K J 4 3 2

WEST
♠ J 6
♡ J 10 7 3
♢ J 10 3 2
♣ A 10 6

EAST
♠ Q 9 5 4 3 2
♡ 6 5 4
♢ K 5
♣ Q 7

SOUTH
♠ A K 7
♡ K Q 9
♢ Q 9 6 4
♣ 9 8 5

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All pass

Opening lead: Three of ♡

Rubber bridge players, in general, show disdain for overtricks and will vilify an opponent that goes after them. Overtricks in duplicate bridge are very important and declarers will make every effort to try for them.

South won the opening heart lead in his hand with the king and led a low club to dummy's jack, losing to the queen. East shifted to a low spade, won by declarer with the ace. A low club went to the 10 and king, and a third round of clubs set up the rest of the suit. West continued with the jack of spades to South's king. Declarer crossed to dummy with the ace of hearts and cashed the remaining clubs. East discarded three spades on the long clubs and South two diamonds.

The contract was assured at this point with two spades, three hearts, a diamond and three clubs. Could declarer find an overtrick? South reasoned that East would not have discarded three spades unless he was protecting something in diamonds, so he crossed back to his hand with the queen of hearts and exited with his remaining spade. Success! East won with his queen and was forced to lead a diamond away from his king. Making four and a great result!

We are saddened to report that Tannah Hirsch, who wrote this column for some 40 years, passed away on Oct. 6.

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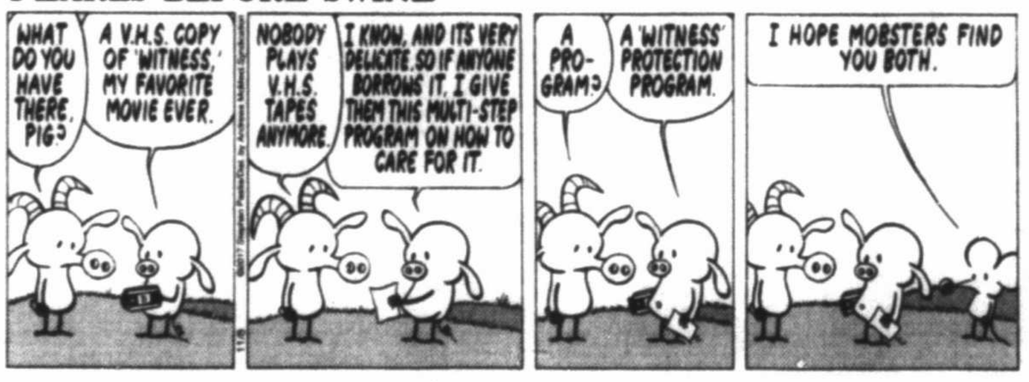

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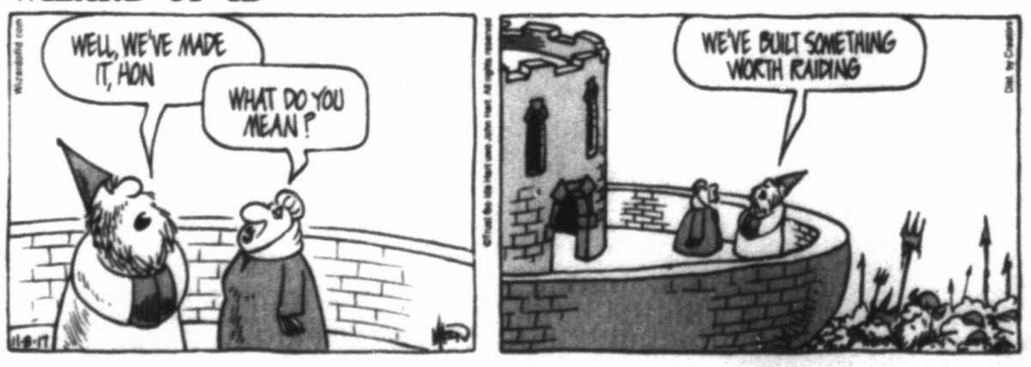

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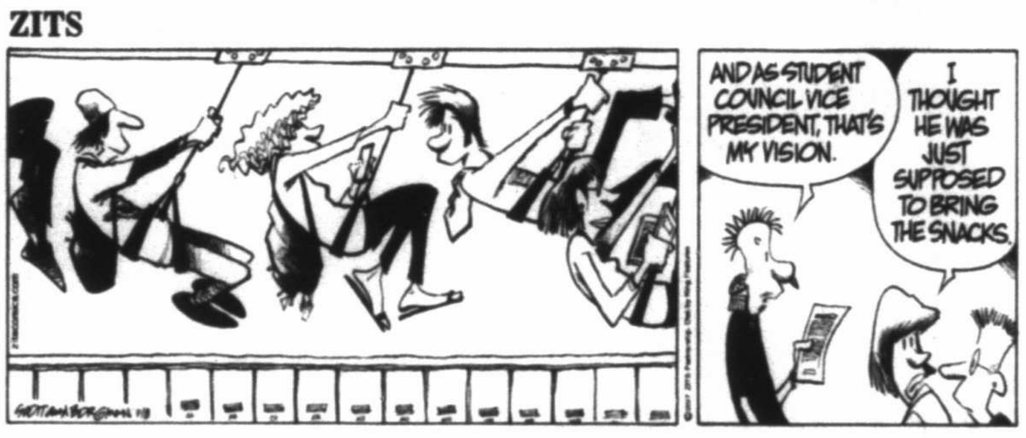

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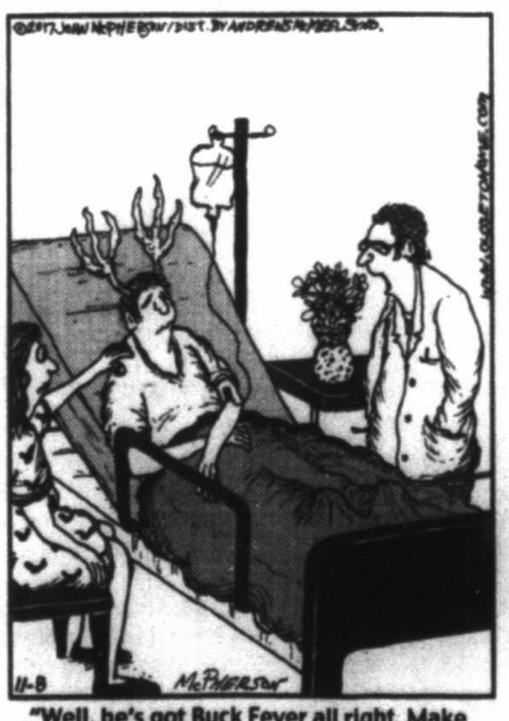
MUTTS

CLOSE TO HOME



"Well, he's got Buck Fever all right. Make sure he gets plenty of rest and keep him out of the woods until deer season is over."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"HOW 'BOUT A LULLABY, MR. WILSON?"

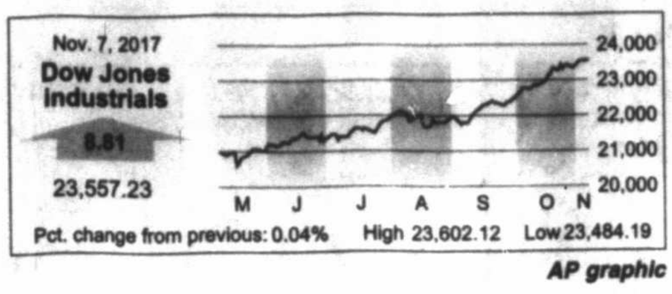
LOCKHORNS

"LORETTA ISN'T ANGRY AT ME RIGHT NOW, BUT SHE'S BUILDING A CASE."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Mommy! Will you tell Jeffy to stop it! He keeps breathing on me!"

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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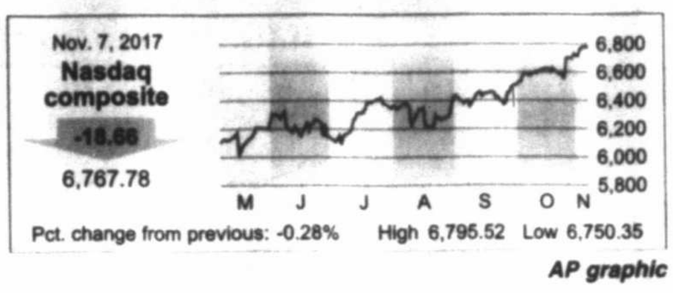

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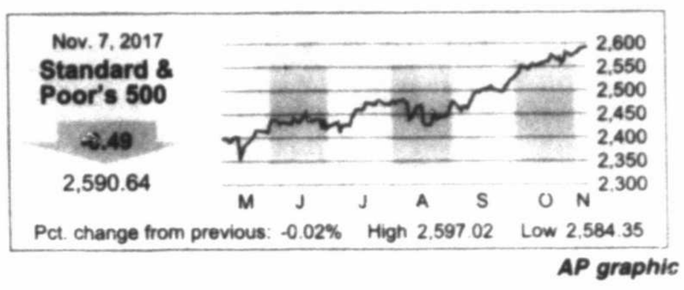

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Tuesday: $57.20
Previous: $57.35

POSTED

Tuesday: $53.75
Previous: $53.50

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Tuesday: $50.40
Previous: $50.15

NATURAL GAS

Tuesday: $3.152
Previous: $3.134

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SPDR Fncl	675147	26.38	-.37
BioMrn	664573	27.18	-.57
ValeantPh	635951	14.10	+2.06
GGP Inc	322963	22.20	+3.19
S&P500ETF	517528	258.67	-.18

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
KindredHl	8.40	+2.40	+40.0
NeoPhoton	5.92	+1.17	+24.6
ValeantPh	14.10	+2.06	+17.1
KeyEngy	12.84	+1.86	+16.9
GGP Inc	22.20	+3.19	+16.8

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Mallinckdt	20.11	-11.07	-35.5
BlueApron n	3.05	-.83	-21.4
Veritiv	25.90	-6.60	-20.3
HertzGl	20.94	-4.45	-17.5
Brookdale	8.81	-1.48	-14.4

Diary

Advanced	1,247
Declined	1,681
Unchanged	102
Total issues	3,030
New Highs	166
New Lows	68
Volume	3,641,729,478

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Myomo n	86549	8.85	+4.61
TransEnix	57966	2.53	-.26
NwGold g	45898	3.40	...
iShindia bt	35113	34.97	-.79
22ndCentry	30887	2.07	-.12

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Myomo n	8.85	+4.61	+108.7
MexcoEn	4.35	+.37	+9.3
inTestCorp	8.90	+.70	+8.6
TalleneEl	3.00	+.20	+7.1
GabGoAn n	17.50	+1.00	+6.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GldFld	4.90	-.93	-15.9
MastechD	11.51	-1.19	-9.4
ErinEn rs	2.45	-.25	-9.3
TransEnix	2.53	-.26	-9.3
Compx	13.65	-1.25	-8.4

Diary

Advanced	141
Declined	197
Unchanged	22
Total issues	360
New Highs	6
New Lows	5
Volume	111,514,833

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Comcast s	314079	36.39	+.85
MicronT	312051	43.95	+.70
TripAdvis	298184	30.35	-9.18
Zynga	284647	3.67	-.19
21stCFoxA	253757	27.75	+.30

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Cyren Ltd	2.35	+.70	+42.4
TOP Shi rs	2.32	+.64	+38.1
Parcptr	9.54	+1.86	+24.2
ShiftPixy n	3.25	+.60	+22.6
FinjanH	2.24	+.41	+22.4

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SelectaB n	10.36	-12.17	-54.0
Taligent	2.96	-2.29	-43.6
FivePrime	25.86	-17.90	-40.9
TrueCar	10.58	-5.76	-35.3
Quantenn n	10.05	-4.82	-32.4

Diary

Advanced	824
Declined	2,081
Unchanged	208
Total issues	3,113
New Highs	143
New Lows	76
Volume	2,085,048,610

Snap 3Q loss more than triples, stock tumbles after-hours

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Snapchat is getting a redesign to make it easier to use. But the new look will not make the latest earnings report from its parent company any prettier for investors.

Shares in Snap Inc. were down more than 16 percent in after-hours trading Tuesday after the company posted yet another quarter of disappointing growth.

Snap Inc. on Tuesday reported a loss of $443.2 million in its third quarter, more than triple its loss a year earlier.

The larger loss came with lackluster Snapchat user growth and revenue that was below Wall Street expectations.

The Venice, California-based company said it had a loss of 36 cents per share. Losses, adjusted for stock option expense and non-recurring costs, were 14 cents per share, which was in line with the average estimate of 11 analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research.

Snap posted revenue of $207.9 million in the period, up from $128.2 million a year ago. That was well below the average forecast of 10 analysts surveyed by Zacks of $233.1 million.

Snapchat added 4.5 million daily users in the quarter to 178 million, which amounts to a 3 percent growth. The company does not report monthly user figures.

CEO Evan Spiegel said Snapchat needs to grow its user base beyond 13 to 34 year olds in the U.S., France the U.K. and Australia. This, he said in a statement, includes Android users, people older than 34 and what he called "rest of world" markets.

"This means that we will have to make some changes to our product and business," Spiegel said, adding that this includes redesigning Snapchat to make it easier to use.

Twitter doubles character limit to 280 for (nearly) everyone

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Twitter says it's ending its iconic 140-character limit — and giving nearly everyone 280 characters.

Users tweeting in Chinese, Japanese and Korean will still have the original limit. That's because writing in those languages uses fewer characters.

The company says 9 percent of tweets written in English hit the 140-character limit. People end up spending more time editing tweets or don't send them out at all. Twitter hopes that the expanded limit will get more people tweeting more, helping its lackluster user growth. Twitter has been testing the new limit for weeks and is starting to roll it out Tuesday.

The company has been slowly easing restrictions to let people cram more characters into a tweet. It stopped counting polls, photos, videos and other things toward the limit. Even before it did so, users found creative ways to get around the limit. This includes multi-part tweets and screenshots of blocks of text. Twitter's character limit was created so that tweets could fit into a single text message, back when many people were using texts to receive tweets. But now, most people use Twitter through its mobile app; the 140-character limit is no longer a technical constraint but nostalgia.

Yellen says public trust in Fed ethics is critical

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen said Tuesday that the Fed's effectiveness critically depends on the nation's confidence that the central bank is acting only in the public's interest.

Yellen said it is important for Fed officials to "demonstrate our ethical standards in ways that leave little room for doubt."

Yellen's remarks came at a ceremony where she and former Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke were honored with this year's Paul H. Douglas Award for Ethics in Government, named for the late Illinois senator. Yellen and Bernanke were recognized for their efforts to increase transparency at the historically secretive Federal Reserve.

Yellen's comments were her first public remarks since President Donald Trump announced last week that he was by-passing her and nominating Fed board member Jerome Powell as the next Fed chairman.

Yellen did not mention her status at the Fed or the current state of the economy in her brief remarks. While her four-year term as Fed chairman ends on Feb. 3, her term as a Fed board member does not end until early 2024. Yellen has so far remained mum about whether she will stay on the seven-member board after her term as chairman ends. In her remarks, Yellen noted that in addition to having a long and distinguished career in Congress, Douglas had early in his political career had established high ethical standards.

Losses for banks and smaller companies take US stocks lower

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks slipped Tuesday as smaller companies and banks took their worst losses in a few months. With stock indexes near record highs, investors moved some money into big-dividend stocks like real estate companies.

Banks and other financial companies have been climbing over the last two months, but Tuesday they skidded as interest rates moved lower. Small, domestically-focused companies had their worst day since mid-August as House Republicans began making changes to their tax bill. Their Senate counterparts are expected to introduce their own bill soon. The Standard & Poor's 500 index dipped 0.49 points to 2,590.64. The Dow Jones industrial average added 8.81 points to 23,557.23, another record high. The Nasdaq composite fell 18.65 points, or 0.3 percent, to 6,767.78. The Russell 2000 index tumbled 18.87 points, or 1.3 percent to 1,479.09.

Metal prices drop

Gold lost $5.80 to $1,275.80 an ounce. Silver fell 30 cents to $16.94 an ounce. Copper declined 7 cents to $3.09 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $146.71 Up 0.09

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $5.15 Up 0.15

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $111.80 Down 1.89

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.76 Down 0.04

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.38 Up 0.40

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $27.55 Down 0.05

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $16.53 Up 0.31

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $36.82 Up 0.42

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.75 Up 0.10

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $20.24 Down 0.29

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	12	4.25	-.10	-58.4
AT&T Inc	1.96	12	33.07	+.22	-22.2
Abraxas	...	86	2.18	-.01	-15.2
AdvDrsEq	.92e	...	15.77	-.03	+24.1
AMD	...	...	12.05	+.12	+6.3
Alibaba	...	53	188.51	+.87	+114.7
AlpAlerMLP	1.35e	...	11.00	+.08	-12.7
Ambev	.06e	6	6.12	-.12	+24.6
Amgen	4.60	16	173.48	+2.68	+18.7
Anadarko	.20	...	51.08	-.75	-26.7
Annaly	1.20a	10	11.24	+.20	+12.7
Apache	1.00	...	46.19	-.55	-28.9
Apple Inc	2.52	20	174.81	+.56	+50.9
AppMatl	.40	19	56.47	+.14	+75.0
Archrock	.48	...	10.70	-.33	-18.9
ATMOS	1.80	25	86.57	+.73	+19.4
AutoData	2.52f	30	112.75	+1.42	+9.7
BP PLC	2.38	30	41.48	+.07	+11.0
BioMrn	.48	18	27.18	-.57	+23.0
B IPVxST rs	...	...	33.52	+.18	...
BeringsCp s	1.20	...	15.65	-.12	+1.1
BasicEnS	...	...	.45	...	...
BerkHs A	...	23279361.00	809.02	+14.4	
BkHillsCp	1.78	17	58.84	-.90	-4.1
BlueApron n	...	6	3.05	-.83	-67.3
BrityEq	1.56	22	61.51	+.23	+8.9
BrownFA s	...	33	56.61	+.47	+20.7
BrownFB s	...	...	55.74	+.64	+24.1
CBL, Assc	1.06	3	5.63	+.07	-51.0
CBS B	.72	13	57.61	+2.21	-9.4
CVS Health	2.00	12	68.95	+2.15	-12.6
CabotO&G	.20	68	27.84	-.89	+19.2
CaflonPet	...	37	11.82	-.31	-23.1
Caterpllar	3.12	36	138.61	+1.10	+49.7
Celastic g	...	7	10.13	-.31	-14.5
CntryLink	2.16	7	18.22	-.45	-31.8
ChesEng	...	7	4.18	...	-40.5
Chevron	4.32	77	117.24	+.20	+.4
Chicos	.33	10	7.37	-.11	-48.8
Cimarex	.32	40	125.97	+.61	-7.3
Cisco	1.16	18	34.40	-.01	+13.8
Citigroup	1.28	14	72.71	-1.09	+22.3
CocaCola	1.48	28	46.94	+.47	+10.8
ColgPalm	1.60	26	70.90	+.65	+8.3
Comcast s	.63	18	36.39	+.85	+5.4
ConAgra	.85	19	33.76	+.44	-14.6
ConchoRes	...	...	146.71	+.09	+10.6
ConocoPhil	1.06	43	53.48	-.19	+6.7
CrackerB	4.80	24	154.10	-2.09	-7.7
CSVlzSh rs	...	...	8.18	+.10	-91.4
CSVLgNG rs	...	...	10.78	+.44	-76.7
CrosTim	.93e	15	15.16	+.13	-15.6
DCP Mid	3.12	18	34.69	+.86	-9.6
DTE	3.30	22	112.81	+1.23	+14.5
DenburyR	...	...	1.96	+.12	-54.9
DevonE	.24	59	41.26	+.40	-6.7
DxSCBear rs	...	...	13.90	+.46	-30.0
Disney	1.56	16	101.61	+.97	-2.5
EOG Resrc	.67	...	108.08	-.87	+4.9
EnCana g	.06	25	12.75	-.16	+8.6
Energen	.08	...	55.12	-.63	-4.4
EnPro	.80	47	83.16	-1.07	+23.5
EntProdPt	1.69f	20	25.02	-.09	-7.5
Ericsson	.11e	...	6.48	-.03	+11.1
ExtendStay	.84f	51	17.23	-2.82	+6.7
ExxonMbl	3.08	32	83.58	-.17	-7.4
Facebook	...	34	180.25	+.08	+56.7
FordM	.60a	11	12.16	-.17	+.2
FrptMcM	...	...	14.55	-.09	+10.3
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GlPlainEn	1.10	19	33.71	+.33	+23.3
Hallibrtn	.72	...	45.27	+.19	-16.3
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iShBrazil	.67e	...	39.16	-1.20	+17.5
iShEMkts	.59e	...	46.56	-.29	+33.0
iS Eafe	1.66e	...	69.64	-.26	+20.6
iShBdHYB	5.08	...	87.74	-.25	+1.4
iShR2K	1.77e	...	...	...	+10.3
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10,080.51	8,116.68	Dow Jones Transportation	9,671.79	-60.00	-.62	+6.94	+16.13
755.71	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	758.92	+9.67	+1.29	+15.06	+13.44
12,443.80	10,416.34	NYSE Composite	12,371.26	-29.67	-.24	+11.89	+17.48
6,790.67	5,122.77	Nasdaq Composite	6,767.78	-18.66	-.28	+25.72	+30.31
2,519.38	2,100.59	S&P 500	2,590.64	-.49	-.02	+15.71	+21.08
1,845.20	1,499.03	S&P Midcap	1,830.82	-12.74	-.69	+10.24	+20.87
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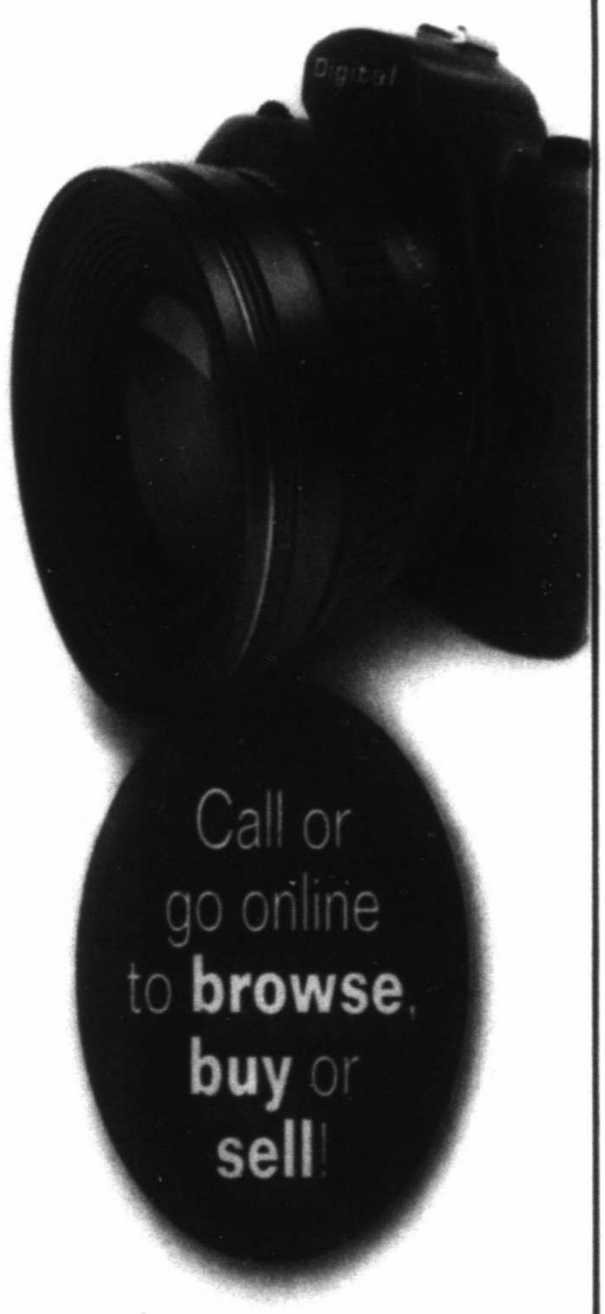

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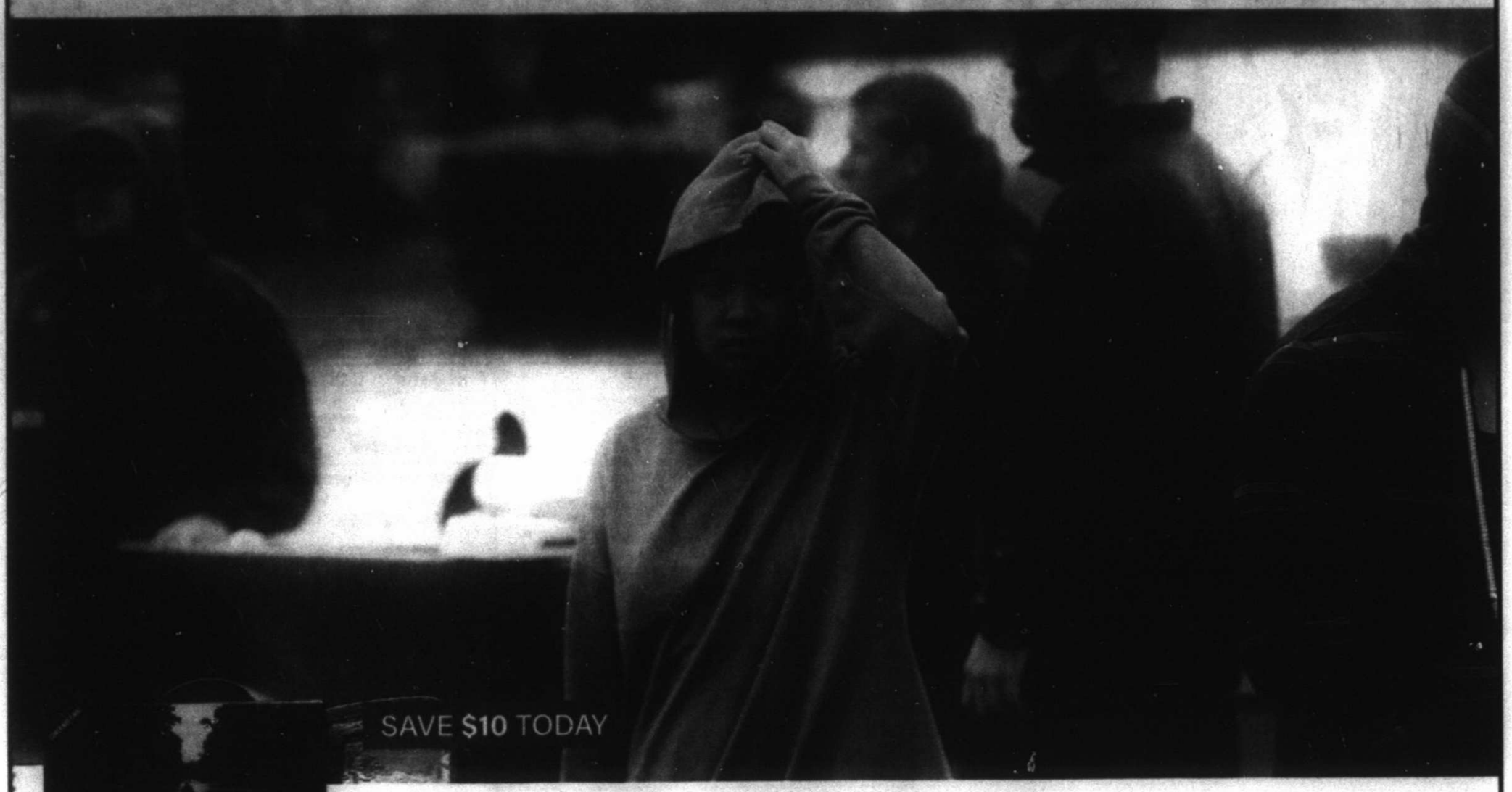

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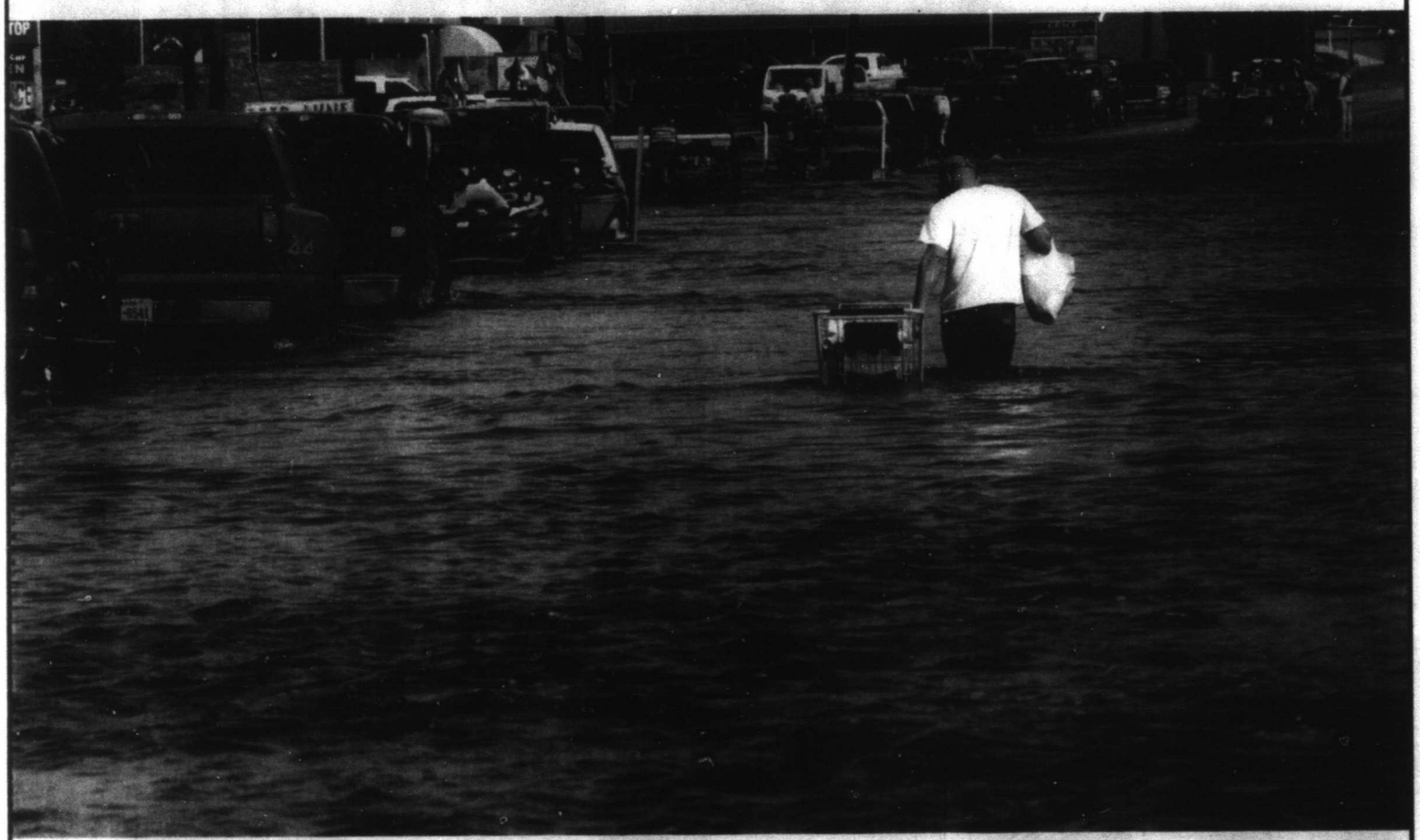

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, [RRC Operator No. 217012] 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 distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 8, Blk. 39 T1S, T&P RR CO/EDWARDS, W Survey, A-719, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 5.89 miles NW direction from MIDLAND, 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.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Nov 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	WHITEFISH UNIT	
Lease/Unit Well No.	801 LS	
Lease/Unit Acres	320.0	
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0	
Lease Lines	630.0 F W L,	306.0 F S L
Survey Lines	630.0 F W L,	306.0 F S L
Wellbore Profile(s)	Horizontal	
Lateral: TH1		
Penetration Point Location		
Lease Lines:	630.0 F W L	
	306.0 F S L	
Terminus Location		
BH County: MIDLAND		
Section: 17	Block: 39 T1S	Abstract: 37
Survey: T&P RR CO		
Lease Lines:	330.0 F W L	
	50.0 F S L	
Survey Lines:	330.0 F W L	
	2594.0 F N L	

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10070 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Jerry Russell, at (512)4690064.

Legal and Public Notices

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a BG - Wine and Beer Retailer's Permit by Bean & Grape 1 LLC. dba Bean & Grape, to be located at 3211 W. Wadley, STE 21, Midland, Midland County, Texas. Officers of said corporation are Vine Restaurant Group LLC., Raymond Blanchard Jr., Manager, & James Allen Spinks, Member.

O&E MIDLAND 4501, LLC DBA THE LOST CAJUN RESTAURANT IS MAKING APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION FOR A WINE & BEER RETAILER'S PERMIT LOCATED AT 4501 W WADLEY, MIDLAND, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS. BLAINE D. LAW IS THE MANAGER.

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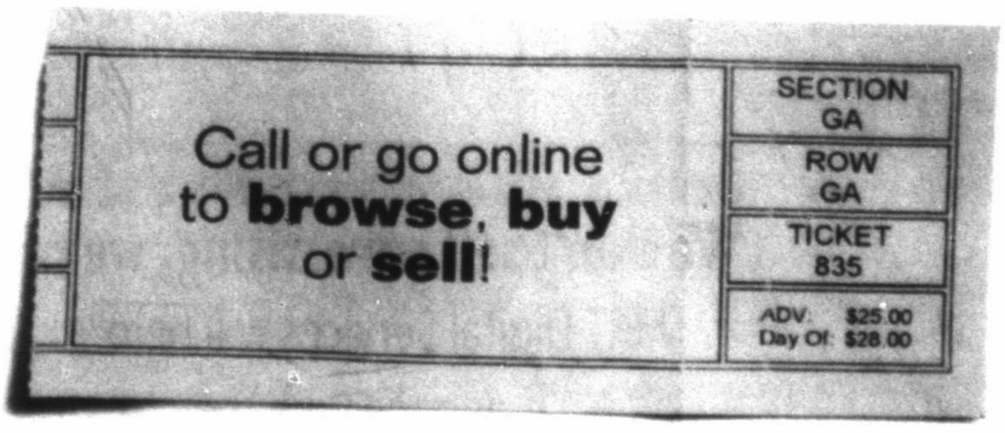

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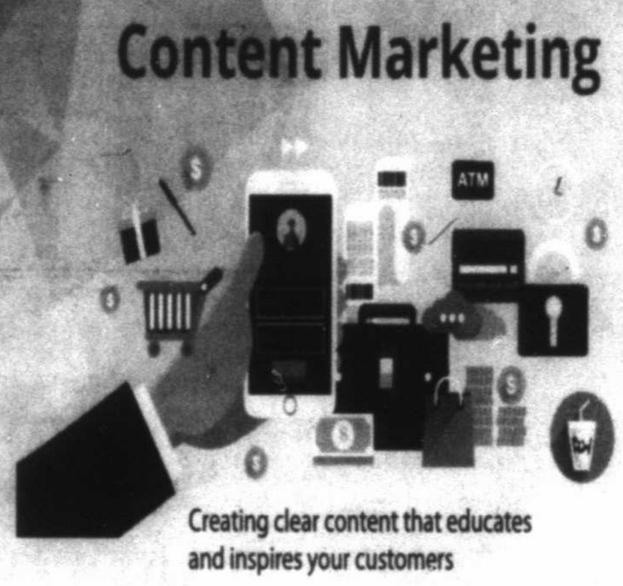

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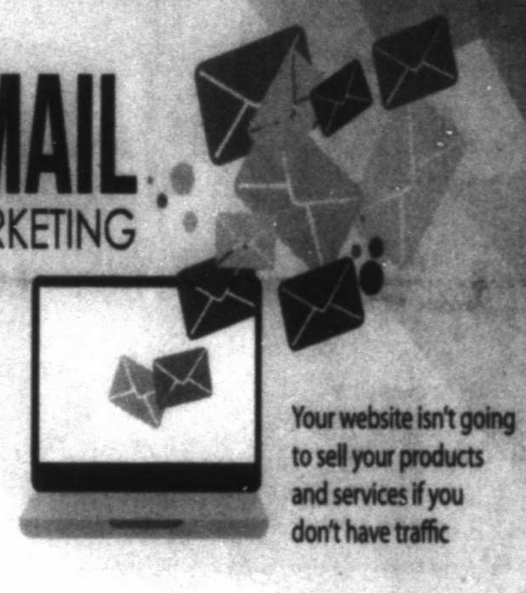

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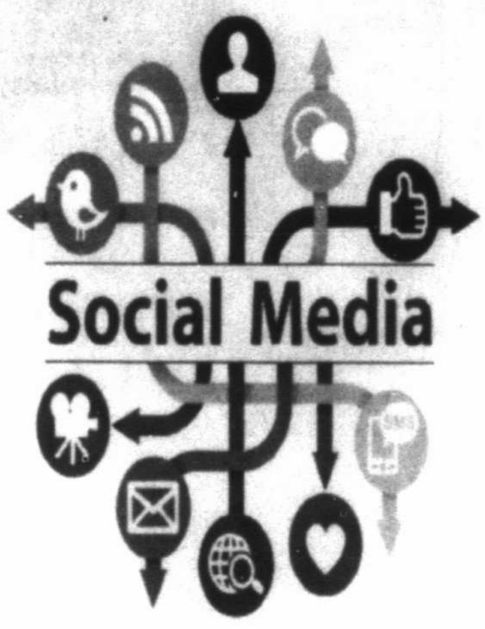

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