

COMING SUNDAY A local volunteer firefighter was being held Friday for nine felony charges related to arson.

- Permian helps boost Corpus Christi's status as a global oil market
- Oil field spending could hit \$60 billion in 2019 if there are enough workers
- Report: Midland experiences second largest rent increase in U.S. during month of February
- Sheriff Painter makes his case for keeping Culver Juvenile Detention Center open

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Section C

Federal judge denies Empower Texans motion

■ Judge rules Empower Texans did not have grounds to receive an injunction against several defendants, including Midland County DA

By Trevor Hawes
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A federal judge in Midland denied and

dismissed Empower Texans' motion for a preliminary injunction in the conservative group's attempt to head-off possible prosecution over a mailer that used a different name.

Judge David Counts of the U.S. District Court in Midland ruled Friday that Empower Texans did not have grounds to receive an injunction against several defendants: Midland County District Attorney Laura Nodolf, Travis County District Attorney Margaret Moore, Tarrant

County Criminal District Attorney Sharen Wilson and Attorney General Ken Paxton, according to court documents.

All of this was to prevent an investigation into Empower Texans' political campaigning actions in the District 99 Republican primary election between state Rep. Charles Geren and Mindy Ellmer in Tarrant County. A voter complained to the Travis County district attorney that a mailer sent under the name the Texas Ethics Disclosure Board possibly violated

Texas Penal Code section 37.11, Impersonating a Public Servant.

Empower Texans is headquartered in Travis County.

The voter questioned whether the name "Texas Ethics Disclosure Board" — which Empower Texans registered with the Texas Secretary of State on Jan. 26, 2018 — was in violation of the code, alleging that it pretended to be an official

Please see MOTION/2A

Harry Potter high jinks



Children solve a Harry Potter-themed escape room challenge Friday at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. The challenge gives groups of students 25 minutes to solve clues that allow them to escape from the office of Dolores Umbridge. See more photos on Page 4A.

Texas closer to 500-rig mark

■ Lea County jumps Midland for second most rigs in Permian

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The Permian Basin rig count inched one higher this week to 437, according to Baker Hughes data.

Reeves County has had 66 rigs for three straight weeks. Lea County, New Mexico, jumped by four rigs to 51. Midland County fell by one to 48.

Other counties with double-digit rig counts were Eddy, New Mexico (35); Loving (30); Martin (26); Howard (25); Glasscock (23); Culberson (19); Reagan (17); Ward (17); Andrews (15); Pecos (14); Winkler (13); and Upton (12).

Sterling County saw renewed rig activity; Kent County saw all activity cease, as did Chavez County in New Mexico.

Railroad Commission District 8, which encompasses most of the Permian's most active counties, fell by one rig to 302. For other areas with activity in the Permian, District 7B was unchanged at one, District 7C stayed at 34, District 8A rose by two to 14 and New Mexico held steady at 96.

The Permian had 308 rigs a year ago.

TEXAS & NEW MEXICO

Texas is approaching the 500 rig mark, but it's not there yet. The Lone Star State tallied 492 rigs this week, up two. The last time Texas hit the 500s was the week ending March 13, 2015, when 501 rigs were recorded.

The Eagle Ford in South Texas rose by one rig this week to 71. The Barnett in North Texas held at two rigs.

Please see RIG COUNT/2A

Price of oil rises for second straight week

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The price of oil was up for the second

straight week, rising by a half percentage point after seeing losses Monday and Tuesday.

West Texas Intermediate contracts for April delivery settled Friday at \$62.34 per barrel, up \$1.15 (1.88 percent) on the day and up 30 cents (0.48 percent) for the week. WTI lost \$1.33 over the first two days of the week but rebounded starting Wednesday. The week low was \$60.71 on Tuesday.

Domestic crude production continued above the 10 million barrels per day (bb/d) mark. The Energy Information Administration reported this week

that production rose by 12,000 bb/d to 10.381 million bb/d.

Imports fell by 407,000 bb/d to 6.098 bb/d. Exports edged lower by 11,000 bb/d to 1.487 million bb/d.

Commercial crude supplies nationwide rose by 5 million bbl to 430.9 million bbl. The Strategic Petroleum Supply held at 665.5 million bbl.

Total motor gasoline stocks dropped by 6.3 million bbl to 244.8 million bbl. Kerosene-type jet fuel fell by 1.1 million bbl to 41.6 million bbl. Distillates

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Price of oil

\$62.34 ▲ \$1.15

Did you know?

H-E-B issues a recall for cranberry-butter-custard products. Page 4A

Word of the Day

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Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 2A.

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Court backs Texas activist who challenged county gun ban

Associated Press

DALLAS — A Texas appeals court has ruled in favor of a gun-rights activist who had complained that county officials were illegally barring firearms from a public building. The Court of Appeals for the 1st District of Texas found in favor of Terry Holcomb Sr. by ruling, in part, that Waller County had no standing to sue Holcomb in 2016 because a complaint he lodged should have been heard by the state attorney general's office.

Thursday's opinion reversed a lower-court ruling, with justices also determining that lower court didn't have jurisdiction in the matter. The Legislature in 2015 adopted a law forbidding state agencies and other public entities from posting notices barring entry to armed concealed handgun license holders. The attorney general's office is charged with investigating any claims that the law is being violated. Attorney General Ken Paxton was named as a party in the county's lawsuit, and the appeals court determined that Holcomb's complaint would have to be heard by Paxton's office before any court action.

Holcomb is executive director of a gun-rights group called Texas Carry. He's sent dozens of letters to local governments and others across the state complaining of restrictions placed on license holders. In the case of Courthouse like the one in Waller County, Texas law prohibits guns from being brought

Henry Eugene Baker

Henry Eugene Baker, 80, of Ingram, TX, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, March 15, 2018. He was born March 9, 1938 in Lowell, MA to the late Mary Catherine Monahan and Henri Baker.

Visioning will be held from 1:30 PM, Sunday, March 18, 2018 at Grimes Funeral Chapel in Kerrville, TX. Services are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Monday, March 19, 2018 at Grimes Funeral Chapel with the Pastor Bel Hardin officiating. Burial will follow at the Nichols Cemetery.

He retired from Big Spring State Hospital in April of 2000 with 10 years of service. Prior to that he owned and operated Henry's Plumbing for over 25 years. Henry's plumbing career spanned more than 44 years. At the age of 17, he joined the Air Force and left Massachusetts on a train headed to Goodfellow AFB, TX where he was set up on a blind date with a young San Angelo girl named Esther Marie Holland.

Nineteen days later they were engaged to be married and for the next 60 plus years they were inseparable. Henry was adored by his family who always loved to hear the stories of his youth while growing up in Lowell, MA. He truly loved his family and treasured time spent with his grandkids and great-grandkids. Henry was a faithful follower of Jesus Christ.

He is survived by his wife Esther Marie Baker; children Renea Hipp and husband Barry of Beckrook, TX; Gene Baker and wife Johanna of Kerrville, TX; Shelly Baker of Kerrville, TX; grand-children Dany Lann and husband Rainey, Corey Hipp, Haley Alaride and husband Mo Alaride, Corina Huffman, Candace Fogle and husband Matt; 12 great-grandchildren; sister Barbara Southard and brother Bill Baker, and many aunts and nephews. Preceding him in death are his parents and sisters Clare Osgood and Eleanor Thompson.

Serving as pallbearers will be son-in-law Barry Hipp, grandson Corey Hipp, grandson-in-law Barry Ray, Lann, great-grandsons Tyler Lann, Montgomery Lann, and Chris Lann. Honorary pallbearers are Bill Burfield and Wayne Oby.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to Proctor Hospice, Kerrville, TX. Condolences may be sent to AllObituaries@midreporter.com or by calling 805-499-8888 prior to next publication day.

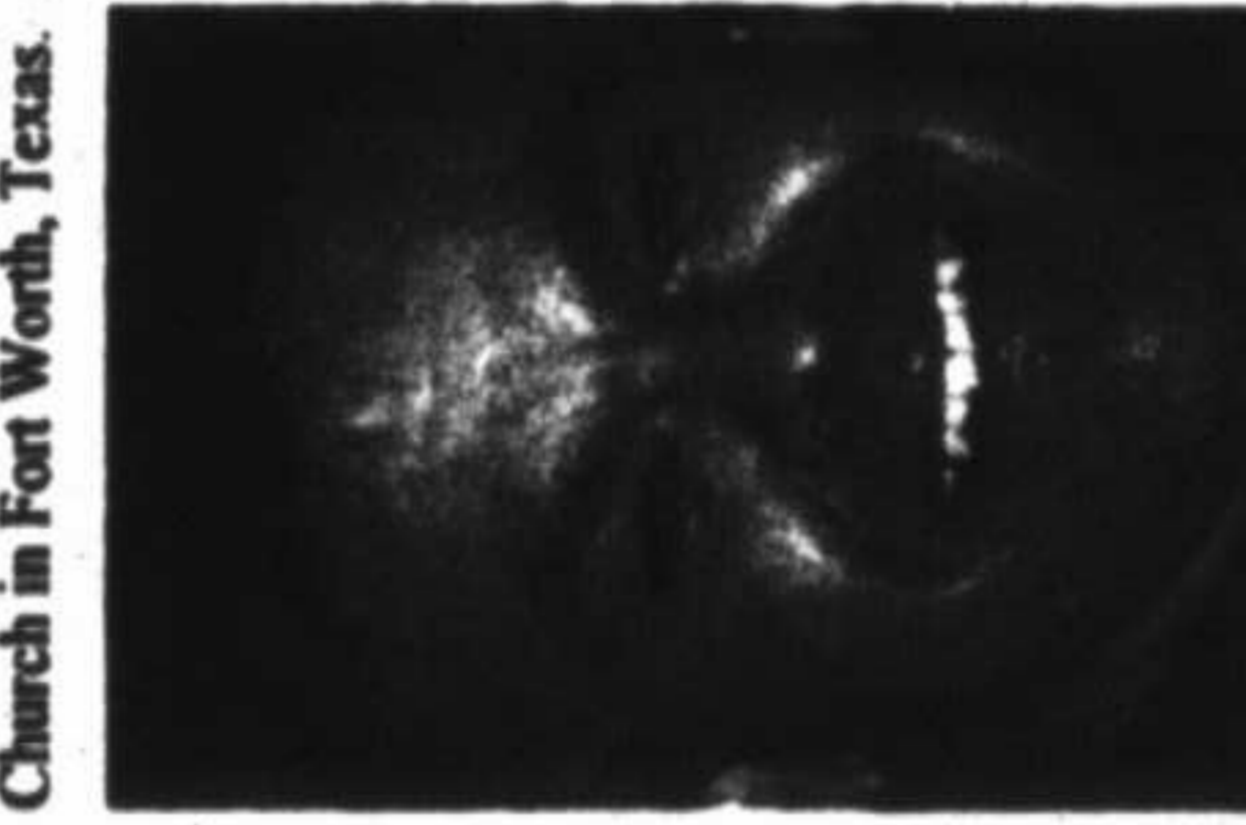


at grimesfunerals.com. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Grimes Funeral Chapels of Kerrville.



Jennifer Allison Linnner Seel

Jennifer Allison Linnner Seel, 46, passed away on February 9, 2018 surrounded by friends and love from friends there in person and far away but with her in spirit. Jennifer is preceded in death by her parents, Modesta and William Seel. Jennifer is succeeded by her brother, Jeff Seel. A Memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on March 24, 2018 at Southwestern Christian Church in Fort Worth, Texas.



Juan G. Alvarez

Juan G. Alvarez, 57, of Midland, passed away March 11, 2018. He was born July 11, 1960.

He was a loving husband, a devoted father and great brother. He was a loyal friend and a strong mentor to many people in his life who called him a friend. Juan spent the majority of his life in Midland, TX, working for Kinder Morgan. When Juan was not at work he could be found at the golf course, flying his planes, or hanging out on his property with his family. Juan enjoyed a simple and quiet life that allowed him to create strong friendships where he could share his own life experiences with people. Prior to his career in the Oil Industry, Juan served in the Air Force for 9 years. Juan loved God, his family, his friends, and this country something fierce. Juan's presence and his contagious laugh will be forever missed. His family and friends will forever have a void in their hearts, as he left this earth too soon. He was loved greatly, and those who knew him will carry a piece of him in their hearts always.

He is survived by his children, Justin Alvarez and Kristian Carter; mother, Alicia Alvarez; brothers, David Alvarez and Robert

Alvarez; sister, Sylvia; four grandchildren. A viewing will be held Saturday, March 17, 2018 at American Heritage Funeral Home. Funeral Mass will be held at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, Monday, March 19, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery/Funeral Home/Crematory.



Wayne Wheeler Leppard

1928-2018 Wayne Wheeler Leppard, born on January 4, 1928 in Merkel, Texas, passed away peacefully at age 90 on March 13, 2018 in Colleyville, Texas.

Wayne was faithfully by his side as she was throughout their 73 years of marriage. His family can pay their respects at the visitation on Friday, March 16th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch, 906 Gregg St., Big Spring, Texas 79721. A grave-side service will take place on Saturday, March 17th at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Memorial Park. Peace Chapel, 6900 S. US Highway 87, Big Spring, TX 79720. Welcoming Wayne in heaven with his sister Jeanne and his parents, William Connie (WC) & Mary Ruth Wheeler; brother Jackie and beloved sons Lawrence and Dickie.

Manning our loss but celebrating his victory are his son and daughter-in-law Ron and Sheri; brother Glenn; sisters, Ann and Doris. Wayne's legacy continues to grow through his grandchildren, Shawn Leppard of Oklahoma City, OK, Chris Leppard of Austin, TX, Susan Warner of Big Spring, TX, Bryan Leppard of North Richland Hills, TX, Amy Campbell of Colleyville, TX, Shannon Leppard of Austin, TX, Kimberly Gilchman of McKinney, TX and Deion Leppard of Scottsdale, AZ.

Wayne's fifteen great-grandchildren filled his final years with hope and joy. His spirit of dedication to family, faithfulness and virtue is evident in each of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and will continue to be a beacon for their lives and families. Wayne served in the United States Marine Corps where he attended boot camp

at Parris Island, SC, was stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC, and was called back from reserves to serve in the Korean War. He served as a Military Police Officer until his honorable discharge as a Gunnery Sergeant.

Waymon married Betty Joyce Lawdermilk and established their home and family in Coahoma, Texas. He was proud of his sons, Lawrence, Ron and Dickie, for their academic and athletic achievements earned while playing football, basketball and track for Coahoma High School and graduating from Texas Tech University.

He retired from Coonan Petroleum Corporation after faithfully working as the Operations Supervisor at the Big Spring oil refinery where he was proud to be one of the only employees to work for Coonan for over 50 years.

Waymon was a Past Master and 32nd degree Scottish Rite member of the Coahoma Masonic Lodge 992. He served as an ordained family of faith as an ordained deacon at Midway, West Side and Temple Baptist churches in Big Spring, Texas.

Death Notices

Carmen O. Lozano, 76, passed away March 15, 2018. She was born May 5, 1941, Levelland, Texas. She is survived by her husband, Isabel M. Lozano, her children, Isabel Jr., Joe Angel, Steve, Mammal, Albert, Hope, Irene, Emma, Lape, Barbara, Allison and Kathy; twenty-seven grandchildren; forty-five great-grandchildren and numerous great-great grandchildren. Viewing will be held Monday, March 19, 2018 at American Heritage Funeral Home beginning at 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Funeral service will be held Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 10:00 a.m. at Iglesia Bautista Monte Sani, 2105 S. Baird in Midland. Burial immediately following at American Heritage Cemetery.

Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery/Funeral Home/Crematory.

George Knott

George Knott, 89, passed away on the Knott family ranch in Martin County on March 15, 2018. There will be a visitation on Sunday, March 18, 2018 at Ellis Funeral Home from 5-7 p.m. A funeral service will be held in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel on Monday, March 19, 2018 at 2 p.m. Burial to follow at Kenhaven Memorial Park.

Guillermo Lucero

Guillermo Lucero, 45, passed away March 15, 2018 at Midland Memorial Hospital. Visitation will be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 17th and 18th at Avila-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home Chapel, 1902 N. Lamesa Road for friends and family. Survivors include his mother, Rosalba Armandez Lucero and a brother, Manuel Lucero. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Avila-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home.

Area	Count	District
Andrews	18 (1)	SEE (1)
Cherokee	2	DISTRICT 2A
Culberson	1 (1)	2 (1)
El Paso	20 (1)	6 (1)
Franklin	20 (2)	3
Hobbs	1	4 (1)
LeFlore	20 (1)	4 (1)
Midland	20 (1)	14 (1)
Permian	20 (1)	NEW DISTRICT
Wheeler	1	9 (1)
Yardley	1	20 (1)
Total	141	81 (1)

The following are county-by-county Permian Basin rig counts, with changes in parentheses, for the week ending March 16.

Region	Count
United States	500
Permian Basin	141
Midland	20
LeFlore	20
Franklin	20
Cherokee	2
Culberson	1
El Paso	20
Hobbs	1
Midland	20
Permian	20
Wheeler	1
Yardley	1

From 1A Twenty of the Haystack's 52 rigs were in East Texas. Eight of the Granite Wash's 14 rigs were in the Permian. Texas had one rig offshore. New Mexico added one rig for a statewide total of 88. Its pair of non-Permian rigs were in San Juan County in the northwestern part of the state. At this time last year, there were 396 rigs in Texas and 45 in New Mexico.

United States As Texas approaches 500 rigs, the U.S. is getting closer to 1,000 rigs. The week's U.S. had 990 rigs up six. The last time the midland was at the 1,000-rig mark was the week ending April 2, 2015, when 1,028 rigs were recorded. The number of rigs exploring for oil this week was 865, up four. National gas rigs rose by one to 189. A single midcontinent rig went down. All 13 offshore rigs were in the Gulf of Mexico. In

Midwest rig total fell. By drilling temporarily, there were 865 horizontal rigs, up 17; 37 vertical rigs down four; and 69 directional rigs, down seven. The U.S. had 789 rigs a year ago. Most active Basins with the highest rig counts were the Permian, the Eagle Ford, the Granite Wash (64), the Midland (58) and the Williston (54). Areas with the most active rigs were Texas, Oklahoma (128), New Mexico, Louisiana (57) and North Dakota (53). Canada's rig count tumbled by 54 rigs this week to 219. Almost all last rigs were searching for oil, which fell by 23 to 144. Midland rigs dropped by two to 75. Canada had 776 rigs a year ago. The total number of rigs in the North American region fell by 49 to 1,209. At the same time last year, there were 1,085 rigs in North America.

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Prices From 1A were down 4.4 million bbl to 133.1 million bbl. For the week, WTI's price is up \$1.97 (1.56 percent) and a barrel has averaged \$62.21. It has reached its closed as high as \$66.14 and has fallen as low as \$59.19. There have been 52 trading days so far. Prices leading by a price were higher by a 25 cents this week. The Reporter-Telegram tracks WTI "all other areas" and West Texas areas. On Friday, WTI posted was priced at \$58.75 per barrel, up \$1 (1.7)

TODAY IN MIDLAND

WORD OF THE DAY brought to you daily by Jumburrito quiescent [qui-es-cent] adjective 1 : marked by inactivity or repose : tranquilly at rest 2 : causing no trouble or symptoms quiescent gallstones

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Child Painting Event: "Invisible Shamrock." 1 p.m., Kiddie and Canvas Parties, 3300 N. Midland Road. \$25 per child. \$20 adults. Midland.com.

Mac's MusicFest with the Josh Abbott Band, Gungor Smith, Mike Ryan and the Stateline Band. Presented by Mac's Bar-B-Q and Catering, 1-8 p.m., Old Midland County Courthouse site, 500 N. Lorraine St. \$25-\$75. macstexasbbq.com.

Saturday Movie: "Leap." 11:30 a.m., Midland County Public Library downtown, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Free.

Contestant branch, 2500 W. Loop 250 N. The class will cover planning, shopping and preparing meals. Registration available online. Inport.com/contests/leap.

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Today is St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day is a global celebration of Irish culture on or around March 17. It particularly remembers St. Patrick, one of Ireland's patron saints, who ministered Christianity in Ireland during the 5th century.

Source: www.timeanddate.com

Things to do

Easter Bunny at Midland Park Mall, 4511 N. Midland Road. Children can visit and take photos with the Easter Bunny. Reservations can also be made online. Simonbunny.com.

Parent's Day Out, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Midland YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring St. \$10 per child. The event offers activities, games, movies and lunch for children.

Garden Explorers: Spring Planting for grades 3-5, 10 a.m., Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. \$5 members, \$8 non-members. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Bridge lessons, 10 a.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. \$3. Permianbridgeclub.com.

Bridge game play, 10:30 a.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. \$8. For more information call 682-6265.

"The Gingerbread Man and the Laprocham Loose at School" storytime, 11 a.m., Barnes and Noble Bookstore, 2817 W. Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com.

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A cosplayer poses for a photo with another con-goer at Permian Basin Comic Con on Friday at the Horseshoe Pavilion.

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Mega Millions: 1-13-26-33-52 BB: 11 MP: 3 All or Nothing morning: 1-2-4-5-7-10-11-14-15-16-17-24 All or Nothing day: 1-3-5-6-8-9-10-13-14-18-21-23 All or Nothing evening: 1-2-3-7-8-9-10-12-16-17-18-20 All or Nothing night: 2-4-5-7-9-13-14-17-21-22-23-24

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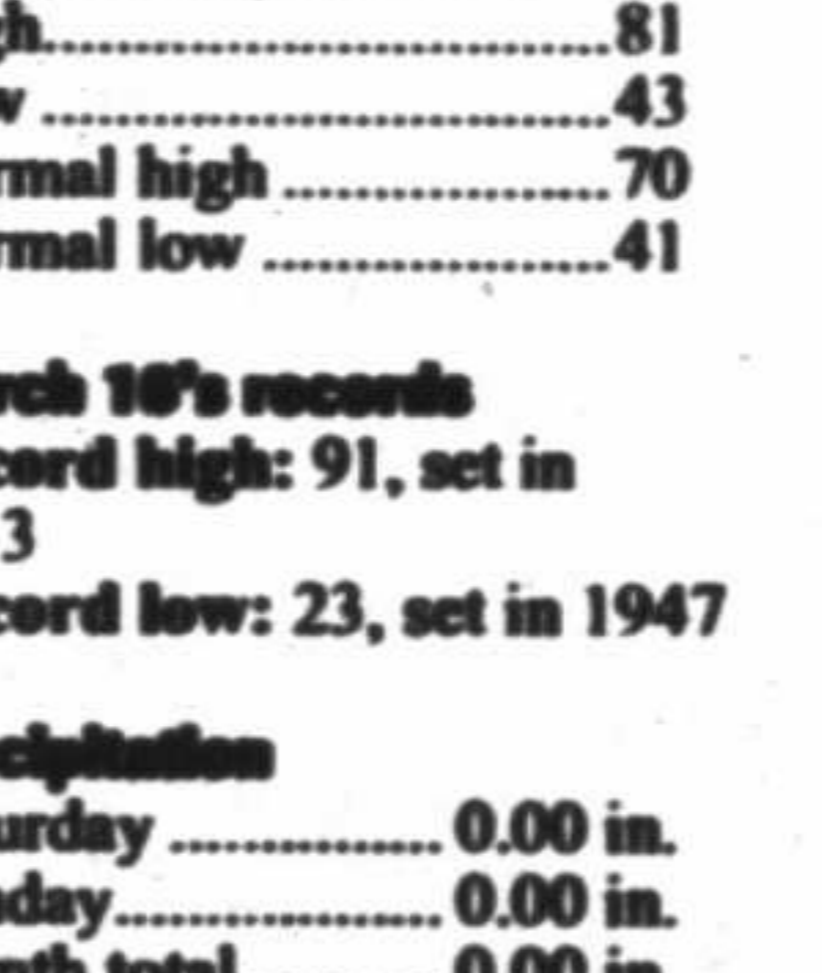
Friday's temperatures High: 81 Low: 43 Normal high: 70 Normal low: 41

March 10's records Record high: 91, set in 2013 Record low: 23, set in 1947

Precipitation Saturday: 0.00 in. Sunday: 0.00 in. Month total: 0.00 in. Year total: 0.05 in. Normal total (year to date): 1.57 in.

Winds Average wind speed: 11.7 mph Highest sustained wind speed: 21 mph Highest gust speed: 31 mph

Forecast for Saturday, March 17, 2018



March 17 forecast High: 80 Low: 52 Conditions: Mostly cloudy during the day and night Winds: 5-15 mph Chance of rain: None There is "elevated fire weather" warning in Midland and around the area.

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

Why not now? You could feel as if the effort was well worth it. Tonight: Do what you want, and you'll be happy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Focus on doing what is right rather than what you think will work. Don't do something just to please a freeloading associate. This person will sense that your actions aren't authentic anyway. Use caution if you do not want a volatile situation. Tonight: Let the party go on.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You might think that a friend is off-base with his or her request. You will be in a position to see the results of proceeding as this person has suggested. Make your points clearly. Touch base with a loved one in order to get appropriate feedback. Tonight: Flow with the moment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You have an idea that you would like to implement. Present this concept to several associates who tend to think outside the box. Though you might not love their suggestions, their questions will prompt you to fine-tune your idea. Tonight: Try something new and unusual.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Embrace your Irish side today, or at least pretend to be Irish. You might want to play the role of the recluse. Be smart and honor your needs. Opt to lie low for a few hours; you'll emerge feeling energized and ready to visit with others. Tonight: Be present in the moment.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Make an effort to connect with a friend at a distance with whom you are able to be more forthright. You have been wanting to have a conversation with this person.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Defer to a partner, and let him or her call the shots this St. Patrick's Day. You might feel put off that your desires are made secondary, but in the long run, everything will work out. Be less sensitive, and don't assume that you know the whole story. Tonight: Remain ongoing.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Fortunately, you know how to get along with the majority of people. However, a sense of irritation could be building. The problem is that you are likely to personify what goes on, when really it has nothing to do with you. Others are spirited. Tonight: Defer to a close loved one.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You might be at a point where you no longer can hold back. You want to let events unfold as they may. Speak your mind, but understand that

the other party involved is likely to do the same. Refuse to take any harsh comments personally. Tonight: Let go of disagreements.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You could be embarrassed by the nature of a demanding situation. Rest assured that this problem is about to resolve itself. Don't forget to join friends for some St. Patrick's Day cheer. Your sense of fun emerges during a meeting or get-together. Tonight: Add some laughter.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You'll want to relax and get together with friends. Someone might come along with an even better way to celebrate St. Paddy's Day. You will have the opportunity to pitch in and help this person. A friend needs to share some news. Listen well. Tonight: Your popularity soars!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You could be in a lot on your mind. Bring friends together for some St. Patrick's Day fun. Some people might want to head to an Irish-themed party. You will be delighted by what takes place. As the day continues, others get into the swing of the day. Tonight: Stay on the same page.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) You could be in a rush to achieve certain goals and clear out appointments. You have the ability to squeeze a lot into a very short amount of time. The more time you have to celebrate St. Patrick's Day today, the happier you will be. Tonight: Expect to be out until the wee hours.

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H-E-B has issued a recall over for its cranberry-turkey-salad products with a sell-by date of March 19 or earlier because of a potential for mislabeled products with an undeclared pecan allergen, according to a press release Friday.

People who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to pecans run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reaction if they consume this product, the release said. The issue was discovered when a customer notified the store of the affected product.

Items recalled are:

- H-E-B cranberry turkey salad; UPC 25954300000.

- H-E-B cranberry turkey salad sandwich, 8 ounces; UPC 26703100000.

- H-E-B cranberry turkey salad snack tray, 14 ounces; UPC 26792000000.

- H-E-B delicatessen cranberry turkey salad with whole wheat crackers, UPC 26516100000.

Customers who purchased the product can return it to the store for a full refund, the release said. Customers with any questions or concerns may contact H-E-B customer service at 855-432-4438.

AUSTIN

Texas accuses more schools of 'unlawful electioneering'

Republican Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton has ordered two more school districts to stop "unlawful electioneering activities," accusing them of using state funds to endorse a political candidate.

Paxton's office said Friday that it had issued cease-and-desist letters to school districts in Elgin and Galena Park.

Last month, similar letters were sent to three other school districts.

At issue this time are a tweet from Elgin's superintendent and a letter from a Galena Park principal. Both applauded a Republican challenger to Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick in Texas' March 6 primary.

Patrick is a top advocate for school vouchers that would give public funding to private schools. He won the primary handily.

EL PASO

Democrats alleging fraud in congressional primary

Three Democrats who lost their party's congressional primary in El Paso are suing the race's winner and the county's elections administrator, alleging fraud.

Former state Rep. Norma Chavez teamed with John Carrillo and Enrique Garcia for a suit filed Wednesday in state district court. It was first reported by the El Paso Times.

They allege that El Paso County Elections Administrator Lisa Wise and others tampered with elections hand drives to aid the winner of the March 6 primary, former El Paso County Judge Veronica Escobar.

The primary's second-place finisher, Dori Fenebock, didn't join the lawsuit.

AUSTIN

Texas clarifies LGBTQ inmate policies as part of settlement

Texas has agreed to clarify its policies regarding the treatment of LGBTQ inmates after reaching a settlement with a transgender ex-prisoner who alleges she was raped and beaten while incarcerated.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice has modified policy to clarify that its practices officially comply with the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act, according to agency spokesman Jeremy Deak. He said the state has two years to update staff on the changes, the Dallas Morning News

reported.

Advocates provided more details about the terms.

"The first one is improvement to the intake process to help ensure that vulnerable people, like LGBT people, are identified and steps can be taken early in the process to protect them," said Demoya Gordon, an attorney with Lambda Legal, an LG-BTQ law group. "The new policies also ... will make it such that TDCJ does a better job of getting vulnerable people into safekeeping where they are separated from people who may seek to abuse them."

The policy modifications came as part of a settlement state officials reached this week with Passion Star, a trans woman who filed a civil rights complaint in 2014.

Star alleged that prison officials failed to protect her from sexual and physical abuse while housed in men's prisons. She was released last year.

HOUSTON

Fired deputy faces up to 40 years for child porn

A former sheriff's deputy in Texas faces up to 40 years in federal prison after pleading guilty in a child pornography investigation with ties to Wisconsin.

Prosecutors in Houston say 31-year-old Andrew Craig Sustaita of Spring pleaded guilty Thursday to possession of child pornography and to production of child pornography. The Harris County sheriff's deputy was fired in January 2017 amid the criminal investigation.

Prosecutors say Sustaita posted images to a known child pornography website, had child porn on two of his devices and posted images of his own genitalia positioned on or near a victim as she apparently slept.

The investigation led to discovery of images of a victim on a computer in Milwaukee. Sustaita acknowledged distributing the images online.

HOUSTON

Texas governor announces flood relief for buyouts, dredging

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott has pledged millions of dollars for widespread property buyouts and preparations for dredging the San Jacinto River to help communities prevent future catastrophic flooding that occurred during Hurricane Harvey.

Gov. Greg Abbott met with area leaders Thursday in Kingwood to announce plans for voluntary buyouts of about 900 flood-prone homes in Harris County. The county flood control district says the buyouts would cost about \$180 million, the Houston Chronicle reported.

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NEW MEXICO

Allsup's employees get \$1,000 bonus thanks to new tax bill

SANTA FE — Allsup's Convenience Stores, the chain that operates throughout New Mexico and Texas, is giving its employees a little extra money.

The Santa Fe New Mexican reports the chain gave all full-time, non-executive employees a one-time time cash bonus of \$1,000 on Thursday.

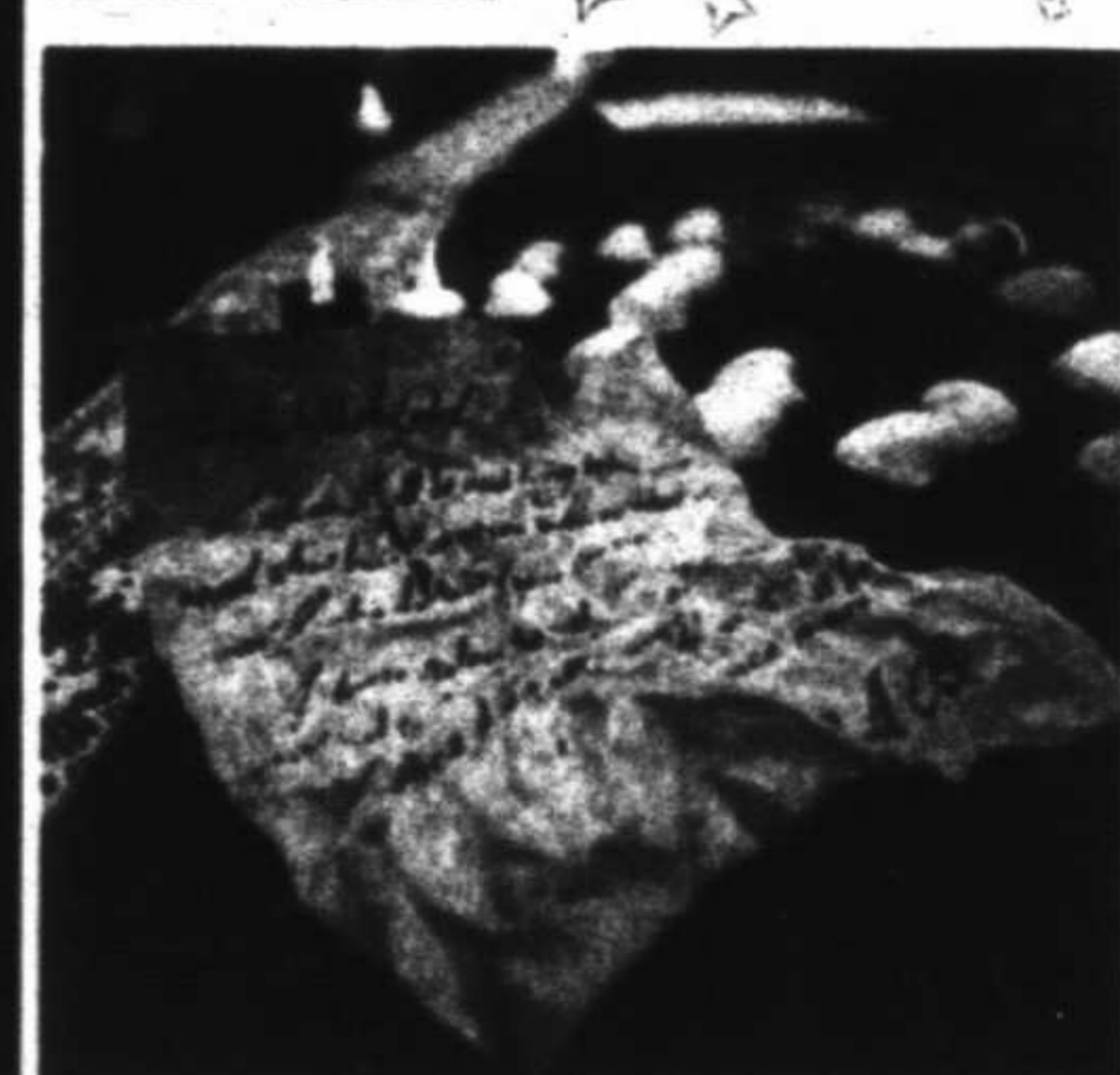
Owners of the Clovis, New Mexico-based company said a statement that the windfall was "a result of the recent Tax Cuts and Jobs Act passed" in December.

The bonus went to employees who have been with the company at least a year.

The company operates 317 stores in New Mexico, West Texas and Oklahoma and employs 3,200 full-time and part-time employees. It did not say how many of its employees received a bonus this week.



Escape Artists



Midland County Public Library Centennial branch is hosting a Harry Potter-themed escape room challenge where groups of students have 25 minutes to solve clues that allow them to escape from the office of Dolores Umbridge.

Search resumes for missing worker after chemical plant blast

By Emily Schmall
Associated Press

CRESSON — The search has resumed for a worker who is missing and presumed dead after an explosion at a Texas chemical plant, officials say.

Hood County Fire Marshal Ray Wilson said there was a pause in the search at the Tri-Chem Industries plant Friday afternoon while crews evaluated the mixtures of chemicals that had spilled at the plant in Cresson, located 50 miles (80 kilometers) southwest of Dallas. Wilson said about half of the 15,000-square-foot (1,400-square-meter) building has caved in and remains on fire following the explosion Thursday.

Hood County records showed that in 2017 the company had chemicals that were toxic and flammable. Hood County said the company had not submitted an emergency management plan with them.

Wilson said the plant contains acids that react to heat, pressure and water, which is why they haven't yet turned on the fire hose.

Texas Department of Public Safety Staff Sgt. Earl Gilliam said experts determined there were no air quality issues Thursday, but that the site remains dangerous because of the



In this image from video by KDFW, a fire burns at the Tri-Chem Industries plant in Cresson, Texas. Officials said fears of another blast amid the toxic chemicals prevented crews from battling the blaze.

chemicals still to be cleaned up.

There is a fertilizer plant adjacent to the Tri-Chem plant, but Wilson said there was "no known threat" to the fertilizer facility.

Investigators believe a worker dragging his foot along the floor while chemicals were being mixed sparked Thursday's explosion. That worker was taken to Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas with burn injuries.

Jessica Gregg told television

station KXAS that the man taken to Parkland was 27-year-old Jason Speegle, her son-in-law. Catherine Bradley, a spokeswoman at Parkland, said Speegle was in serious condition Friday.

Another worker was treated for less severe injuries and released from a hospital in Granbury on Friday.

Wilson said a deputy fire marshal was hospitalized Thursday with breathing difficulties, but has been treated and released.

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Man uses security cameras to spy on stay-at-home wife

DEAR ABBY: I'm a stay-at-home mom with three children — all in school. We recently had security cameras installed around our house. However, my husband has taken to using them to monitor everything I do throughout the day. He will say things like, "What took so long to go to the dry cleaner?" or, "Why did you go outside at 11 a.m.?" I feel like a prisoner in my home! What should I do? — **NO PRIVACY IN THE EAST**

DEAR NO PRIVACY: What your husband is doing is controlling and, frankly, creepy. This is what insecure abusers do to their significant others. Tell him you do not have to account to him for every minute of your day, and that he should be doing more important things with his time than monitoring you. And then **INSIST** the two of you get counseling. Do it **NOW**.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a healthy 30-year-old woman living in Los Angeles. A close friend just had a baby. I'm planning to visit her, but she is demanding that before I do I get vaccinated (the Tdap). I didn't think much of it, but another friend thinks that's a tall order. She says why can't I just wash my hands and use hand sanitizer like everyone else? Do you think this is an appropriate request, or is my other friend overreacting? — **OLD SCHOOL**

DEAR OLD SCHOOL: The Tdap vaccine is important because it protects against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough). It is usually given only once in a person's lifetime, with booster shots every 10 years. Unless otherwise indicated by a health care professional, everyone over the age of 19 who has never received this vaccine should have it.

Yes, I do think the mother's request is appropriate, and your other friend is overreacting. If you prefer not to do it, you always have the option of waiting to visit until after the baby begins the DTaP series of vaccinations.

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: A boy (also a junior in high school) asked me to a school dance a couple of weeks ago. He's kind, funny, does great in school. I really like him, and I think he likes me, but since the dance, nothing has happened! The problem, I think, is that he is Mormon.

I am fine with his religion. I am Jewish and not very religious, but I'm not planning to convert. We have talked about this together, and I'm afraid that his parents and/or religion won't permit him to have a relationship with me. What are the rules about dating when you are Mormon? Is he not allowed to date me, or is he just shy? — **DON'T KNOW IN TEXAS**

DEAR DON'T KNOW: I'm not an expert on the Mormon religion, so I

took your question to my "Mormon connection," Allen Bergin, Ph.D. After I read him your letter, he asked me to assure you that the boy is just shy. Be patient, and you'll probably hear from him around the time of the next dance.

TO MY IRISH READERS: Happy St. Patrick's Day.

May there always be work for your hands to do. May your purse always hold a coin or two. May the sun always shine on your windowpane. May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain. May the hand of a friend always be near you. May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

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With Bob Jones

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- WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
 3♠ DM Pass 3♠
 Pass 3♠ Pass ?
 What call would you make?
- Q2 — East-West vulnerable, as South. What call would you make?
 you hold: ♠94♥AQ50A198♦8765
- Partner opens two spades, weak, and right-hand opponent bids three clubs. As dealer, what call would you make?
- Q3 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold: ♠KQJ6♥AJ102♠7♦KQJ13
- SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
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 What call would you make?
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DISCOVER MORE

Bridge collapse puts spotlight on rapid building technique

By Jason Dearen
Associated Press

As the 950-ton concrete bridge section was swung into place over a highway last weekend, Florida International University officials were beaming with pride.

The pedestrian bridge on the edge of the Miami-area campus was a signature achievement of the school's Accelerated Bridge Construction University Transportation Center, a research group set up with federal funding a few years ago to show how spans could be built faster and cheaper in the U.S.

"FIU is about building bridges and student safety. This project accomplishes our mission beautifully," FIU President Mark B. Rosenberg boasted that day. "We are filled with pride and satisfaction at seeing this engineering feat come to life and connect our campus to the surrounding community."

Five days later, the bridge collapsed onto the busy six-lane highway, crushing cars and killing at least six people in a tragedy now under federal investigation.

While it's not yet clear what caused the failure of the unfinished span Thursday, the disaster has cast a spotlight on a rapid construction technique widely used around the U.S.

Accelerated bridge construction, or ABC, involves assembling large sections of a span offsite, then moving the massive pieces into place all at once.

The technique eliminates the lengthy road closings and other traffic disruptions that can result when a bridge is built over a highway piece by piece. It is also considered by some engineers to be safer for hardhat workers and motorists because much of the construction isn't done in the middle of traffic.

The general approach has been around since the mid-19th century — and has been used safely and successfully for a long time — but interest in ABC has increased in recent years as states have looked for quicker, less



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Crushed cars are shown under a section of a collapsed pedestrian bridge Friday near Florida International University in the Miami area. The new pedestrian bridge that was under construction collapsed onto a busy Miami highway Thursday afternoon, crushing vehicles beneath massive slabs of concrete and steel, killing and injuring several people, authorities said.

expensive ways to replace thousands of aging bridges. In the case of the Florida tragedy, engineering experts said the question is where was the fatal mistake: in the design of the bridge, in the way its construction was carried out or in the materials used?

Civil engineering experts who viewed photos of the planned structure and the collapse have raised questions about how FIU and its contractors approached the project.

To some bridge engineers, the decision to install the span's main concrete segment over a busy road before building its main support tower was puzzling.

Traditionally, the tower is constructed first, and the walkway or roadway is anchored to it with cables.

"It's odd," said Henry Petroski, a professor of

civil engineering at Duke University and a leading authority on engineering failures. "That's probably why they used this so-called ABC method, so they could get the span over the roadway in one operation, because if you do it incrementally, you have to interrupt traffic."

Investigators will also be looking at the companies building the project, a collaboration between MCM Construction, a Miami-based contractor, and Figg Bridge Design, based in Tallahassee. Both companies have been involved in construction accidents before.

Figg was fined in 2012 after a section of a bridge it was building in Virginia fell and injured several workers. Virginia's labor department later fined Figg for construction violations, and a

subcontractor sued accusing the firm of negligence and poor design. MCM was accused of substandard work in a lawsuit filed this month by a worker injured when a makeshift bridge the company built at the Fort Lauderdale airport collapsed under his weight.

Professor Amjad Aref, a researcher at the University at Buffalo's department of civil, structural and environmental engineering, said it is unclear what the builders at FIU were using in lieu of a tower to support the segment that collapsed.

The span had some kind of cables to help support it, and the bridge section that collapsed was attached to two smaller pylons at either end.

But in ABC projects like the FIU span, the loss of the extra support from the

main tower during construction is a risk, he said.

"Until all the pieces are put together to transmit the loads safely to the foundations, these bridges may suffer disproportionate or full collapse because of instability," Aref said. "Typically, this process requires a few weeks. During that time, they are often supported by another system to ensure stability because they are really vulnerable to collapsing."

"I am really puzzled that the tower does not exist," Aref said.

Utah started using the ABC technique in 2007 and it has since become the primary way bridges are built, with more than 200 of them around the state, said Carmen Swanwick, chief structural engineer with the state Transportation Department. She said the Miami

collapse doesn't undermine her confidence in Utah's bridges, which are inspected every two years.

"I have no concerns," Swanwick said. "We believe it improves quality. A lot of times, the component or the bridge itself is constructed in a more controlled environment."

Engineers say the method has been used safely in other projects for years, and in general keeps the public safer.

"What really bothers me is with ABC, the benefits are so substantial that I would hate to see this accident lead to its reduced use," said Michael Culmo, a bridge engineer in Connecticut who has worked on accelerated construction projects for decades. "While this is a tragedy, the process itself is very safe."



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Former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, center, walks during her visit to the Jantar Mantar monument Thursday in Jaipur, Rajasthan state, India.

Indian hospital: Hillary Clinton treated for minor injury

By Chenchul Ngashangva
Associated Press

NEW DELHI — Hillary Clinton was treated briefly at a hospital in western India after suffering a minor injury at her hotel, the head of the hospital said Friday.

Clinton, who has been visiting some of India's historic sites in recent days, arrived at the hospital early Wednesday and "was here for about 15-20 minutes," said Suresh Goyal, the CEO of Goyal Hospital in the city of Jaipur.

He declined to say what she was treated for. An employee of Jaipur's Ummed Bhawan Palace hotel, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was

not authorized to speak to the media, said Clinton had stayed there and had sprained her wrist. He said, however, that she was not injured at that hotel.

On Thursday, she wore a scarf over her right arm and hand as she toured monuments in the city of Jaipur.

A widely shared video shot earlier this week showed her tripping on the steps of a palace in central India, requiring the aid of two men before kicking off her shoes.

In a weekend speech in New Delhi, Clinton, the 2016 U.S. Democratic presidential candidate, said President Donald Trump has "quite an affinity for dictators" and that he "really likes their authoritarian posturing and behavior."

Pentagon: No survivors in American helicopter crash in Iraq

By Qassem Abdul-Zahra
Associated Press

BAGHDAD — All seven service members aboard a U.S. helicopter that crashed in Iraq were killed, the Pentagon said Friday in a written statement.

The aircraft crashed in western Iraq a day earlier, said the officials, who insisted on speaking anonymously to release details of the crash before they were made public.

The crash did not appear to be the result of enemy activity and is under investigation, the Pentagon said.

"It is a tragedy reminds us of the risks our men and women face every day in service of our nations. We are thinking of the loved ones of these service members today," said U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Jonathan P. Bragg, director of operations in the fight against the Islamic State extremist group in Iraq and Syria.

The helicopter was used by the Air Force for combat search and rescue and was shifting from one location to another when it went down Thursday afternoon near the town of Qaim in Anbar Province.

The Pentagon said an accompanying U.S. helicopter immediately reported the crash and a quick-reaction force comprised

of Iraqi security forces and coalition members secured the scene.

The names of those killed would be released after next of kin are notified, the statement added.

New York City officials announced Friday that two of those killed were long-time members of the city's Fire Department — Lt. Christopher Raguso and fire marshal Christopher "Tripp" Zanetta. They were "truly two of New York City's bravest," Mayor Bill de Blasio said.

President Donald Trump offered his thoughts and prayers on Twitter Friday for the families of service members killed, saying he was thinking of the "brave troops," and adding that "their sacrifice in service to

our country will never be forgotten."

The U.S.-led coalition battling the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria have an outpost in Qaim, which is located near the Syrian border. The anti-IS campaign accelerated through much of last year, as coalition and Iraqi forces battled to take back a string of cities and towns.

Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi declared victory over IS in Mosul in July. In the following months, Iraqi forces retook a handful of other IS-held towns including Tal Afar in August, Hawija in September and Qaim in October. In November, Iraqi forces retook the last Iraqi town held by IS — Ramah, near the border with Syria.

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Trump's possible China tariffs bring loud protests in US

By Lisa Mascaro and Josh Boak
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is considering sweeping tariffs on imports from China, with an announcement possible as early as next week. And that has industry groups and some lawmakers scrambling to prevent the next front in a potential trade war that could reverberate across the U.S. economy.

Early indications from the White House have officials brood for tariffs across a wide variety of consumer goods, from apparel to electronics, and even on imported parts for products made in the U.S. The size and scope remain under debate, but the U.S. Chamber of Commerce is warning that annual tariffs of as much as \$60 billion on Chinese goods would be "devastating."

Trump's focus on China could be even more consequential, both at home and abroad, than the recently announced penalty tariffs on steel and aluminum. And amid the staff turmoil at the White House, it's being read as a sign of rising influence for the administration's populist economic aides, led by Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross and adviser Peter Navarro.

Even Larry Kudlow — an avowed free trader tapped to replace Gary Cohn as director of the White House National Economic Council — has said that China deserves a "tough response" from the United States and its friends. He told CNBC this week, "The United States could lead a coalition of large trading partners and allies against China."

But with these tariffs, the Trump administration appears so far to be content to go it alone.

On Friday, the National Retail Federation, which recently hosted industry groups to organize opposition to another round

of tariffs, convened a conference call to update its members. "They're all concerned about this," said David French, vice president for government relations. "Tariffs are a tax on consumers and they're best used sparingly as tools."

Trade experts and economists say the tariffs could lead to rising prices for U.S. consumers and businesses without accomplishing one of the president's stated goals: reducing last year's trade imbalance of \$566 billion.

China, the largest source of the trade imbalance, would likely respond to any tariffs by retaliating with higher import taxes on U.S. goods, among other possible restrictions.

"They signaled that they will aim at things that affect the United States politically as well as economically," said Claude Barfield, a scholar at the conservative American Enterprise Institute and former consultant with the U.S. trade representative.

"The farmer in Kansas or Iowa could feel it," he said. "U.S. high tech companies could feel it because the supply chains for iPhones go through China."

Lawmakers on Capitol Hill, who have largely been shut out of administration deliberations, fear tariffs would stunt economic benefits in the U.S. that could be stemming from the GOP tax cuts.

Republican leaders, including House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wisconsin and Rep. Kevin Brady of Texas, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, have urged the administration to target any proposed tariffs as narrowly as possible, away from U.S. allies and focused on countries engaged in over-production and product dumping.

Republicans in Congress largely opposed Trump's steel and aluminum tariffs and are working with the administration on a process for allowing waivers or

carve outs for certain countries or types of metals, beyond the exemption the White House is allowing for Canada and Mexico.

"We want to narrow this," Brady, who has been in talks with Ross all week, said Friday on Fox. "Tariffs are taxes — lower is better, zero is the best."

The new tariffs on China would be tied to an investigation into the country's failure to stop intellectual property theft, a probe that was launched in August as part of the rarely used Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Beyond the trade imbalance, the Trump administration hasn't fully explained to the public which specific steps it wants China to take, creating a degree of uncertainty.

"Is the endgame just the tariffs or is this the beginning of negotiation? It's hard to know what the ultimate intent of the administration is," said Rod Hunter, a lawyer at Baker & McKenzie who previously coordinated global economic policies during George W. Bush's administration.

Already, the steel and aluminum tariffs have sparked a response from the European Union, which Friday released a list of U.S. products — from whiskey and motorcycles to breakfast foods and batteries — it plans to introduce duties on if the 28-nation bloc is not exempted.

Trump is considering adjustments but appears undeterred on trade.

"The president's going to continue fighting for the American worker," said Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders. "He's also working with a number of individual countries and negotiating on areas of national security where we can work together, and there's some flexibility there, and we're continuing to have those conversations."

Sen. David Perdue, R-Ga., a White House



Tom Donohue, President and CEO, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, foreground, speaks as Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin, left, President Donald Trump, second from left, and Karen Kerrigan, President and CEO, Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council, listen during a meeting Oct. 31 in Washington. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is warning Trump against slapping big tariffs on Chinese imports. "Simply put, tariffs are damaging taxes on American consumers," Donohue said in a statement.

ally who spoke earlier this week with Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer, said he has been talking with Trump on measured approaches toward using

tariffs to remedy trade imbalances. "His instincts are exactly right: We need a level playing field with the rest of the world," Perdue said

recently on Fox Business. "And I think we'll see a measured approach going forward. This is not a guy that wants to create isolationism or a trade war."

As rumors of an exodus swirl, White House pushes back

By Jonathan Lemire, Catherine Lucey and Jill Colvin
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With whispers of a staffing purge permeating the West Wing, the White House pushed back Friday and insisted that reports of tumult and imminent departures are overblown.

Chief of staff John Kelly, himself the subject of rumors that his days are numbered, assured a group of staffers their jobs were safe, at least for now.

"The chief of staff actually spoke to a number of staff this morning reassuring them that there were no immediate personnel changes at this time and that people shouldn't be concerned," said press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders.

But days after President Donald Trump's secretary of state was ousted, many close to the president think more upheaval is coming soon.

Trump has been moving toward replacing national security adviser H.R. McMaster but has not settled on exact timing or a successor, according to four people with knowledge of White House deliberations. Kelly has also worn on the president, confidants of the president said. And Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin, under fire for ethics violations, appears to be grasping to keep his job.

With speculation about McMaster's future particularly intense, Sanders gave multiple reassurances about the national security adviser — first in a tweet Thursday and then from the briefing room podium the next day. She said Trump had indicated that no changes were coming.

"I spoke directly to the president last night," Sanders said. "He asked me to pass that message along to Gen. McMaster. I know the two of them have been in meetings today."

McMaster, for his part, said Sanders had "set it straight" but struck a slightly different tone.

"Everybody has got to leave the White House at some point," he told a reporter from ABC News outside the West Wing. "I'm doing my job."

But the air of stability the White House tried to project felt more like a pause than a permanent shift.

Trump is privately weighing still more changes, expressing frustration with some aides and sifting through possible replacements. Reports of tumult in the administration were at such a feverish pitch — even on Trump's beloved Fox News — that the president on Thursday reflected on the latest staff departures during an Oval Office conversation with Kelly and Vice President Mike Pence.

With a laugh, Trump said: "Who's next?"

It's a question that has the whole White House on edge.

Kelly has told confidants that he believes he can weather the current storm. But he has grown increasingly frustrated with the constant turmoil in the West Wing, believing at times that Trump intentionally fuels the chaos to keep his staff on its toes and his name in headlines, according to a person familiar with the chief of staff's thinking. The person wasn't authorized to speak publicly about private conversations and spoke on condition of anonymity.

This account of the tensions in the White House is based on conversations with more than a dozen officials inside the White House and familiar with West Wing deliberations, all of whom spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss internal matters.

After more than 14 months in office, Trump is reshaping his administration, seeking people more likely to fall in line with his policies and tolerate his moods. The factionalism that defined the early days of his tenure has faded, and he has lost some of the close aides who could manage his volatile impulses.

Trump's administration has set records for turnover among senior administration aides. Top economic adviser Gary Cohn and communications director Hope Hicks are leaving in coming weeks. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson was just unceremoniously ousted. And Trump personal assistant John McEntee was removed from his job this week and escorted off White House grounds — then quickly handed a job on Trump's re-election campaign.

In private conversations in recent weeks, Trump has reflected on his desire to reshape the administration. Though the drumbeat of the ongoing Russia probe has only grown louder, the president believes that his recent decisions on tariffs and North Korea have breathed new life into his administration, and he is eager to take more bold steps that make his own mark. He has told confidants he wants to rid himself of staffers who hold him back.

Trump chafes at McMaster's demeanor, complaining that his aide lectures him, according to three current and former administration officials. Officials said personal tensions have led McMaster to be sidelined in some internal discussions, including a recent meeting on Venezuela sanctions, with Kelly taking on a more active role in foreign policy decisions.

The president and McMaster have disagreed on a number of issues — including the Iran deal and the U.S. approach to North Korea — and the national security adviser has also clashed with Kelly and Defense Secretary James Mattis, according to the officials.

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Frenship tops Rebels, clinches share of 2-6A title

By Oscar LeRoy
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The first half of Friday's key District 2-6A boys soccer match between Lee and Wolfforth Frenship saw both teams play a little tight and miss out on some scoring opportunities.

That all changed just 24 seconds into the second half.

Magnus McSween broke away from the Rebels' defense to break the scoreless tie with a goal and give the Tigers the momentum it needed in a 3-1 victory at Grande Communications Stadium.

With the victory, Frenship (20-2-0,

7-0-2-0, 21 points in district) clinched at least a share of the 2-6A title and the No. 1 seed in the playoffs.

Lee fell to 14-7-1 overall and 5-1-2-1, 18 points in district and can still claim the No. 2 seed. Lee closes out the regular season at Odessa Permian on Tuesday.

Frenship coach Scott Smith said while the game wasn't the prettiest his team has played this season, from a tactical standpoint, his team was able to dig deep inside



Aranda

to get the win. He added that getting that early second-half goal was a big momentum boost for his team.

"That was huge," he said. "That was the bit of tactical influence that we had, was to put Magnus at forward and try to get him (through the defense). You can't predict that's going to happen but that was a big influence and that made the second half in our favor. Lee had some good players. (Luis Aranda) gave us some trouble, but our boys stuck



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it out and they deserve it. I'm really proud of them.

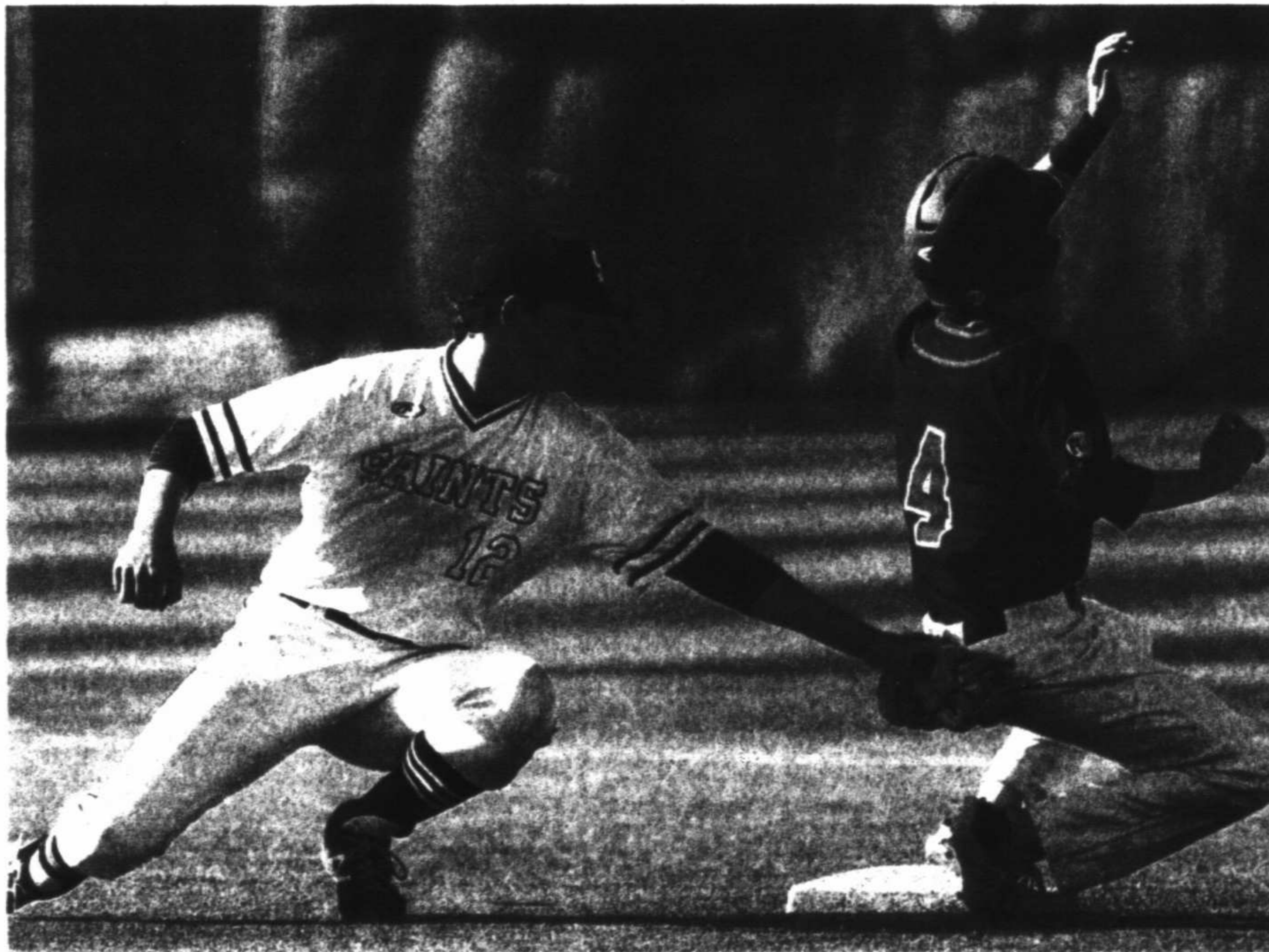
"I think (in the second half) we wanted it more, to be completely honest. I think we had 11 players on the field who really, really wanted to win the district title. I felt the first half was a game of two nervous teams, and I feel the second half was our boys thought, 'we want it' and they went for it straight from the kickoff."

Lee coach Scott Hicks said the early goal was a tough one to give up.

"We played the ball back and McSween is an awesome athlete. He got on it, and I

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Mustangs can't hold on



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Christian's Cody Grebeck safely steals second as Ft. Worth All Saints' Jacob Speaker puts the tag on too late on Friday at Christensen Stadium.

All Saints outlasts MCS in high-scoring affair

By Will Korn
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The Fort Worth All Saints and Midland Christian baseball teams each have their fair share of underclassmen on their rosters.

But that youth was nowhere to be found in Friday's marathon at Christensen Stadium, as both teams showed a seasoned and disciplined approach at the plate with two outs and even two strikes.

And with two outs in the top of the eighth and in a 1-2 count, the Saints' Caleb Silvia scored the winning run on a passed ball, lifting Fort Worth All Saints to an 11-10 victory over MCS in a TAPPS Division II District I contest.

After the win, All Saints head coach

Mike Fehler said he was blown away by the maturity hitters on both teams showed in critical situations. The Saints and Mustangs combined for 33 hits on the day, including 14 of them with two outs. In total, 16 of the game's 21 runs were scored with two outs.

"It was unbelievable, both teams," Fehler said. "Even with two strikes - (MCS) had great approaches, we had great approaches. It could have gone either way. It was a good battle."

Added All Saints sophomore right fielder Jack Hardgrove, who went 3-for-5 with two runs scored: "I just think we took a really aggressive approach at the plate. We tried to execute when we could and it ended up paying off."

All Saints (5-4-1, 1-1 in TAPPS Div.

II District I) pulled ahead for a 2-0 lead in the top of the first against MCS junior right-hander Carter Eckles, as Silvia and Texas Tech commit Cade Farr clubbed consecutive two-out triples.

The Mustangs (9-6-2, 2-1) answered in the bottom half when freshman leadoff hitter Cody Grebeck scored on an error with two outs to cut the deficit to 2-1. After Saints added a third run on a sacrifice bunt in the second, MCS inched within one again on a two-out single to right field by sophomore Trace Blue.

MCS then seized a 6-3 lead in the third on a triple by Gage Jordan, a sacrifice fly by Hunter Robertson, and with two outs, a two-run single off the bat of Blue.

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Why receiver Dez Bryant should not take a pay cut

By Mac Engel
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

When the Sheriff Stephen Jones leads the Dallas Cowboys into trying to guilt, and or bully, Dez Bryant into a pay cut, Dez needs to think about an old teammate first.

No, not DeMarcus Ware. Not Doug Free.

Dez, before you have your meeting about taking that pay cut, think about Brandon Carr.

In March 2012, the Cow-

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boys signed the free agent Carr to a five-year, \$50.1 million deal. Three years later, the Cowboys wanted a do-over.

The Cowboys had successfully re-negotiated to lower the contract figures for Ware and Free, so doing the same with Carr should not have been hard.

Carr is a good guy, and he

knew he was overpaid. He also knew it's not about what you're worth, but what you can get.

In the spring of 2015, Carr knew what everyone else did: He might have been overpaid, but there was no one else behind him on the depth chart. He had leverage.

The Cowboys liked Carr, and Carr liked the Cowboys. The Cowboys just didn't like Carr at that number. But that was not Carr's problem.

When the Cowboys approached Carr that spring to reduce his \$8 million base salary, the man did not blink. He dared the tough-talking Cowboys to cut him.

The Cowboys blinked, and Carr remained on the team at his contracted figure for 2015. The following year, the Cowboys again approached Carr about accepting a pay cut. Then he knew it was time. He

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Why this is likely Cole Hamels' last season with Rangers

By Kevin Sherrington
The Dallas Morning News

PHOENIX — Cole Hamels doesn't follow the Phillies much these days. Nothing personal, because it was a great run. You don't depart a place where you won a World Series MVP without leaving at least a little of yourself behind. And he's sure the addition of Jake Arrieta will benefit a young team "champing at the bit to get relevant again," maybe even "put them on the map."

But keeping up with the Phillies personally?

Not when you consider this: Philadelphia's starting lineup and pitching staff could include as many former Rangers from the blockbuster 2015 trade as teammates Hamels once knew.

For all its hold on history, baseball moves on, whether you're ready or not.

Hamels knew the feeling before the 2015 deal that brought him to Texas, and he recognizes the symptoms now.

Basically, if he returns to his old form after a season he calls a "hiccup," and the Rangers are no closer to the Astros for it, he'll probably be dealt by the trade deadline. Even if he doesn't come back as vintage Hamels — which would hardly be surprising at 34 — chances are pretty good this is his final season as a Ranger.

Whatever this season brings, he's prepared himself physically and mentally for anything, not the least his farewell.

"Yeah, I understand it," he said. "I've seen it a lot. It's the game. I don't think you can take anything personally because of the fact that, if somebody wants you, somebody wants you. It's a great feeling, as opposed to sitting at home and nobody wants you and you're not playing anymore."

"You just have to roll with what happens."

If you were thinking Hamels is ready to go based on his not-so-subtle reply to Jeff Banister's proposed six-man rotation, or five plus one or however it eventually adds up, yes, you're on to something. He hasn't backed off his criticisms. A creature of habit, he continues to talk about his goal of 200 innings, a virtual impossibility if he misses a half-dozen starts in a radical rotation.

He's prepared himself for a season like 2016, when he started 32 games, hit 200 innings on the nose and recorded a 15-5 record and 3.32 ERA. He believes he knows what went wrong last year. His fastball command deserted him early, leading to an ERA of 4.20, his highest in nearly a decade.

Essentially, he blames his old winter workout regime. He says he went into last season lacking the flexibility

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WHAT'S ON DECK

HS Baseball: Odessa High at Midland High, noon. Lee at Odessa Permian, 1 p.m. HS Boys Soccer: Midland High at Amarillo Tascosa, 2 p.m. HS Girls Soccer: Midland High at Amarillo Tascosa, noon. HS Softball: Andrews at Midland High, noon. JC Baseball: Midland College at New Mexico Military Institute, noon. JC Softball: Midland College at Frank Phillips College (DH), 11 a.m.

TRANSACTIONS

FOOTBALL: National Football League: ARIZONA CARDINALS - Signed QB Sam Bradford to a two-year contract. BALTIMORE RAVENS - Released the contract offer for WR Ryan Grant after he failed his physical. BUFFALO BILLS - Re-signed RB Tavon Austin and Taven Jones. CAROLINA PANTHERS - Signed DT Derrick Foe. CHICAGO BEARS - Agreed to terms with P Pat O'Donnell, TE Daniel Brown and QB Tyler Bray on one-year contracts. DETROIT LIONS - Re-signed RB Zach Zornes. GREEN BAY PACKERS - Signed TE Jeremy Gunnerson. LOS ANGELES CHARGERS - Signed K Caleb Sturgis to a two-year contract. MINNESOTA VIKINGS - Signed DT's Dylan Hadley and Sheldon Richardson. Released WR James Wright. NEW YORK GIANTS - Signed OL Patrick Omahand and CB Curtis Riley. NEW YORK JETS - Signed CB Tyrone Johnson to a two-year contract. OAKLAND RAIDERS - Signed S Landon Carter to a two-year contract and CB Rashawn Martin. PHILADELPHIA EAGLES - Released DE Vercy Curry. TENNESSEE TITANS - Released OL Karl Roff. WASHINGTON REDSKINS - Re-signed WR Brian Clark, Signed P Stan Tom-Hill. HOCKEY: National Hockey League: ANAHEIM DUCKS - Re-called D Robbyn Hoyer from San Diego (AHL). ARIZONA COYOTES - Assigned G Adam Hill to Tucson (AHL). DALLAS STARS - Re-assigned G Mike McLean to Texas (AHL). NEW JERSEY DEVILS - Signed F Brent Dewey to a two-year, entry-level contract.

NHL GLANCE

Table with NHL team records and statistics. Columns include team name, GP, W, L, OT, Pts, GF, GA. Eastern Conference: Tampa Bay (40-18-4-100-257-190), Boston (39-20-5-81-199-179), Toronto (42-22-7-91-239-204), Florida (39-28-7-78-230-212), Montreal (28-33-12-64-182-226), Detroit (28-30-11-60-181-215), Ottawa (28-33-11-60-242), Buffalo (22-38-12-58-167-229). Metropolitan Division: Washington (41-23-7-89-232-200), Pittsburgh (42-18-5-87-237-218), Columbus (31-38-29-5-101-199-190), Philadelphia (31-35-25-11-81-210-210), New Jersey (30-28-8-89-212-211), Carolina (30-29-11-71-188-218), N.Y. Rangers (31-32-7-71-205-227), N.Y. Islanders (31-30-21-79-228-228). Western Conference: Nashville (30-48-10-109-238-170), Winnipeg (41-29-10-84-236-187), Minnesota (39-24-7-85-217-200), Colorado (30-28-24-8-104-204), Dallas (32-30-8-64-207-190), St. Louis (37-28-5-79-192-188), Chicago (31-30-8-69-219-219). Pacific Division: Vancouver (45-28-5-85-238-195), San Jose (39-28-9-85-207-192), Los Angeles (31-35-16-84-207-178), Anaheim (31-35-12-82-188-190), Calgary (31-35-10-80-188-206), Edmonton (30-35-5-85-198-200), Vancouver (31-35-37-9-180-231), Arizona (29-33-11-57-180-235).

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Big 12: Baylor 2, Texas Tech 0; Christian 3, Kansas State 0; West Virginia 10, Cameron 9; Texas 14, Sam Houston 4; Oklahoma 3, Houston 0; Missouri 6, TCU 3; Seton Hall 10, Oklahoma St. 7; Auburn 4, Texas A&M 1. SEC: Auburn 8, Indiana 0; Boston College 6, Virginia 7; Campbellsville 10, Kentucky Christian 0; Carson Newman 6, Anderson (EC) 6; Cumberland 10, Stone Mountain 6; Duke 4, Wake 3; Georgia Tech 16, Virginia Tech 9. Sun Belt: Liberty 10, Georgia State 0; Longwood 6, High Point 4; Middle Tennessee 4, North Carolina 2; North Carolina 3, Wake Forest 2; Old Dominion 10, Virginia Tech 2; South Carolina 10, Virginia Tech 2; Tennessee State 3, W. Virginia 2; Virginia Tech 10, North Carolina 2; Wake Forest 10, Virginia Tech 2. Sun Belt: Liberty 10, Georgia State 0; Longwood 6, High Point 4; Middle Tennessee 4, North Carolina 2; North Carolina 3, Wake Forest 2; Old Dominion 10, Virginia Tech 2; South Carolina 10, Virginia Tech 2; Tennessee State 3, W. Virginia 2; Virginia Tech 10, North Carolina 2; Wake Forest 10, Virginia Tech 2.

MLB SPRING TRAINING GLANCE

Table with MLB team statistics for American League and National League. Columns include team name, W, L, Pct. American League: Houston (10-8-0.574), Baltimore (10-8-0.556), Boston (12-8-0.600), New York (12-8-0.600), Cleveland (12-8-0.600), Oakland (12-8-0.600), Kansas City (11-10-0.524), Chicago (10-10-0.500), Minnesota (10-10-0.500), Toronto (10-11-0.476), Tampa Bay (9-11-0.450), Seattle (9-12-0.429), Los Angeles (8-14-0.364), Detroit (7-11-0.386), Texas (7-18-0.286). National League: Milwaukee (14-7-0.667), Chicago (14-7-0.667), St. Louis (12-7-0.632), Arizona (12-8-0.600), San Diego (12-8-0.600), Washington (11-10-0.524), Los Angeles (11-10-0.524), St. Louis (10-10-0.500), St. Louis (10-11-0.476), Colorado (9-12-0.429), Philadelphia (9-12-0.429), Cincinnati (7-12-0.364), New York (5-18-0.278).



Ottawa Senators center Matt Duchene (95) scores against Dallas Stars goaltender Ben Bishop (30) during the third-period Friday in Ottawa.

Mike Hoffman scores in OT Senators edge Dallas Stars for 3rd in row

OTTAWA, Ontario — Mike Hoffman scored at 3:26 of overtime and the Ottawa Senators beat the Dallas Stars 3-2 on Friday night to win their third game in a row for just the second time this season. Ottawa won on home ice for the first time since Feb. 17. Marian Gaborik and Matt Duchene also scored for the Senators (26-33-11), and Craig Anderson made 23 saves. Tyler Seguin and Tyler Pitlick had the goals for the Stars (38-26-8). Ben Bishop, who stopped 22 shots, made his first start since missing five games with a knee injury sustained March 5 against the Senators. Bishop has a 9-0-4 career record against Ottawa. Dallas has lost four straight, its longest skid of the season. The Senators started the third period on the power play and were able to take advantage as Gaborik scored his 10th of the season on a one-timer off some solid work from Thomas Chabot and Ryan Dzingel to tie it at 1. The Stars didn't register their first shot until the 16th minute of the period, shortly after the Senators took a 2-1 lead on Duchene's goal. Duchene took the puck on his backhand and beat Bishop high from in close. Just more than a minute later, the Stars tied it 2-2 as Pitlick put the puck past Anderson. Neither team seemed to be able to get much going in the second. Jean-Gabriel Pageau had a great chance but rang a shot off the post, and the Stars hit one at the other end. Mark Borowicki took an elbow to the mouth midway through the game and went to the dressing room, but was able to return. Pitlick took a late double-minor for high sticking Senators defenseman Ben Harpur with just under a minute left in the second to set up Ottawa for a three-minute man advantage to open the third. The Stars opened the scoring midway through the first on the power play as some good passing led to Jamie Benn feeding Seguin for a one-timer and his 38th goal of the season, a career high. The Senators had their chances but hit the post three times, twice on the same power play. NOTES: Ottawa's Mark Stone missed his third straight game with a leg injury. ... Stars D Marc Methot sat out his second consecutive game with a hand injury. The former Senator and Ottawa native was set to play his first game against the Senators since being selected in the expansion draft by the Vegas Golden Knights and later traded to Dallas.

Frenship rolls by Lee, stays unbeaten in 2-6A

The Wolfroth Frenship girls soccer team remained undefeated in District 2-6A with a 5-1 victory over Lee at Grande Communications Stadium. Frenship (18-2-1, 9-0-0-0, 27 points) had a 4-0 lead before the Lady Rebels (8-11-1, 0-1-8-0, 2 points) scored their goal with 24 minutes left in the match when Gabby Granado scored off a corner kick by Zoey Evans. "Tonight was sort of a patchwork lineup sort to speak, due to spring break and injuries," Lee coach Mark Hinchaw said. "But the girls competed hard and to be one of the few teams to ever score on Frenship is certainly something to build on in the future." Lee closes its season at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Odessa Permian.

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knew once he got behind us he was going to put it in," Hicks said. Frenship took a 2-0 lead with less than 24 minutes left when Christian Ledesma scored in traffic off a corner kick by McSween. The Rebels showed they were very much in contest when Aranda scored with 19:54 left to cut the lead, 2-1 and that seemed to give Lee a little energy. Lee continued to have opportunities in the second half but couldn't convert. The Tigers added an insurance goal with 6:57 left when Richard Robillard scored from Drew Hucutt. With less than a minute left, Lee was forced to play down a man when Jose Gutierrez was issued two yellow cards. "We had our chances," Hicks said. "(The Tigers) won most of the 50-50 balls and they just seemed like they were playing the ball quicker and making better runs. I think we played hard. We just didn't have success tonight. "We made a huge mistake in the first minute of the second half and the rest is catch-up. We had a chance to tie it up, and that's all you can ask for. We definitely had a chance to be in it."

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MC BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

BASEBALL CHAPS TAKE 2 FROM NMMI

ROSWELL - Midland College went 2-0 against New Mexico Military Institute on Friday to start its four-game road Western Junior College Athletic Conference series on a high note.

Midland High grad Ethan Barker was 2 for 3 with a home run, two RBI, three runs and two walks to power the Chaps to a 9-6 win over the Broncos in the first game.

In the second game, Aaron Weseman spun a one-hit shutout to lead MC to a 19-0 rout of NMMI in five innings.

In the first game, MC (11-10, 4-2 in WJAC) overcame a 5-1 deficit through two innings.

Trailing 6-4, the Chaps surged ahead with a five-run sixth inning, which was highlighted by four consecutive walks with the bases loaded. MC catcher Cameron Melcher went 2 for 3 with a home run, a double, two RBI and two runs scored in the win. Chaps reliever Justin Lewis notched the save after hurling 1 2/3 scoreless innings of one-hit ball.

MC tallied 20 hits, 10 for extra bases, in its game two victory.

For the Chaps, Fobby King went 2 for 3 with two homers and four RBI; Fraynier Chavez was 2 for 3 with a home run, two RBI, three runs and a walk; Cade Bullinger went 2 for 3 with a double, a triple, three RBI and two runs; Benton Rogers was 2 for 3 with a home run, a double, four RBI and three runs; and Barker went 3 for 4 with a double, a triple, two RBI and two runs.

Weseman tossed 41 of his 71 pitches for strikes, while striking out four and walking four.

MC closes out the series against NMMI (16-10, 4-2) with a doubleheader at 1 p.m.

CDT today.

Game 1
MIDLAND COLLEGE 1, NMMI 0
Midland 413 20-1020 1
NMMI 000 100 0 -812 2
Logan McCormack, Levi Hen (2), Justin Lewis (2) and Cameron Melcher...

Game 2
MIDLAND COLLEGE 19, NMMI 0, 5 INNINGS
Midland 413 20-1020 1
NMMI 000 100 0 -812 2
Aaron Weseman and Garrett Wilkerson, Matthew Morgan...

Next MC at NMMI (20), 1 p.m. CDT today

SOFTBALL MC SWEEPS CLARENDON IN WJAC OPENING DN

CLARENDON - Late game heroics propelled Midland College to a doubleheader sweep of Clarendon College in Friday's opening slate of Western Junior College Athletic Conference action.

The Lady Chaps squeaked past the Lady Bulldogs, 3-2, in eight innings in the first game, and MC rallied for a 7-5 victory in the second affair.

In the first game, MC's Blanca Corda broke a 1-1 tie by clubbing a two-run homer in the top of the eighth.

In the second game, the Lady Chaps (19-11, 2-0 in WJAC) overcame a 4-0 deficit through four innings and they trailed Clarendon 5-4 entering the top of the seventh before rallying for three runs to take the lead.

Shaycalynn Hoochul and Elizabeth Chastain both provided RBI doubles for MC during the three-run frame.

"I think they responded well," Lady Chaps head coach Amanda Evans said. "We came together when we needed to." MC sophomore Crystine Kestner won both games in the circle to improve her season record to 11-6.

In game one, Kestner allowed two runs, five hits and one walk over eight innings, while striking out 13.

Later in the day, Kestner gave up one run (unearned), four hits and one walk over five innings of relief. She struck out six.

Chastain, Youne Hernandez and Rocio Barajas each led the Lady Chaps with two hits in the first game.

In game two, Chastain was 3 for 4 with two doubles, an RBI and a run, while teammate Alexis Sullivan went 2 for 3 with a home run, a double, two RBI and two runs scored.

Sierra Woolley and Taylor Hewlett both had three total hits in the doubleheader for Clarendon (23-5, 0-2).

MC closes out its road trip today with a doubleheader against WJAC foe Frank Phillips College at 11 a.m.

Game 1
MIDLAND COLLEGE 3, CLARENDON COLLEGE 2, 6 INNINGS
Midland 000 002 3-3 0 0
Clarendon 000 000 11-2 5 1
Crystine Kestner and Madeline Host, Kallie Arnold, Deyn Vanolis...

Game 2
MIDLAND COLLEGE 7, CLARENDON COLLEGE 5
Midland 000 002 3-3 0 0
Clarendon 000 000 11-2 5 1
Taylor Long, Crystine Kestner (2) and Madeline Host, Deyn Vanolis...

Next MC at Frank Phillips College (20), 11 a.m. today



Max Faulstich/Fort Worth Star-Telegram/TNS

Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Dez Bryant warming up before action against the Philadelphia Eagles at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia on December 31, 2017.

ENGEL

From 1B

agreed to lower the figure.

Not long after the Cowboys asked Carr to take his cut, in the summer of 2015, the Cowboys signed Bryant to a five-year, \$70 million extension. Three years later, the Cowboys want a do-over on that deal, too.

Led by Sheriff Stephen and deputy coach Jason Garrett, the Cowboys are talking tough with the man whose production has dropped in three consecutive seasons, yet he still is their best wide receiver.

Led by Stephen, the Cowboys have embraced the philosophy of not paying age, of avoiding high-price free agents, and getting tough on underperforming players. The doctrine embraced by the Pittsburgh Steelers and New England Patriots is solid, provided there are better, cheaper options available.

Meanwhile, Jerry Jones said at the NFL combine in Indianapolis that he wants Dez on the team. Of course, Jerry will always say that he "reserves the right to change my mind."

Dez, it's not your problem your team does not like you at \$12.5 mil. This is one of those 50/50 balls you are so good at catching, so go get it.

At \$12.5 million due in 2018, Dez is overpaid but, like Carr in 2015, there is no one else behind him on this team, or elsewhere.

There are no guarantees in free agency, and none as a rookie in 2018.

You want Terrance Williams as your No. 1? The Cowboys tried that in 2015 and the results were terrible. Do you want Cole Beasley as your No. 1? Antonio Brown ain't coming to town, either.

The Miami Dolphins are reportedly dealing Jarvis Landry to the Cleveland Browns for a pair of draft picks, so that option is gone. If it ever was an option.

The draft? The learning curve for rookie wide receivers is such that no team, with few exceptions, can plan for that player to be a top-end threat in his first season.

Trades? Don't plan on it. Free agency? The Cowboys have intentionally avoided the high-end neighborhood of free agency since the Carr contract.

Jacksonville wide receiver Allen Robinson, 24, is the type of player who could appeal to Stephen's conservative preference on free agents.

And Robinson could be better than Dez Bryant. Focus on "could."

Between 2015 and '16 combined, Robinson had 153 receptions for nearly 2,300 yards and 20 touchdowns. But he tore his anterior cruciate ligament in Week 1 of the '17 season, and now his Buyer Beware status should reduce his asking price.

Are any of these types of options better than Dez? The Cowboys' passing game was awful in 2017, and Dez must accept part of the blame. He can whine and cry about it, but as his team's designated go-to, big-cash receiver, he was a thunderous dud.

His production has been off for three consecutive years, and that can't all be because his relationship with Dak Prescott isn't as chummy as it was with Tony Romo.

Dez is getting older, and he's not winning one-on-one routes as often as his quarterback needs.

He was never the best route runner in the league, but can still go get it. He was never the type of receiver who was going to age as well as a Larry Fitzgerald.

Dez is not a bum, and he's not worth \$12.5 million. But like Brandon Carr in 2015, that's not Dez's problem.

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HS BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

SOFTBALL MONAHANS 10 GREENWOOD 1

MONAHANS - Taylor Franca had three RBI and struck out 12 batters in the circle to lead Monahans to a District 4-4A rout of Greenwood on Friday.

Franca held Greenwood (12-10-3, 1-1 in District 4-4A) to only one run on seven hits and four walks in seven innings.

Daisy Venegas went 2 for 4 with a home run, three RBI and two runs for the Lady Lobos (20-4, 2-0).

Paylee Sims and Chelsie Gleason each led the Rangers with two hits.

MONAHANS 10, GREENWOOD 1
Greenwood 000 00 0-1 7 2
Monahans 000 001 1-10 4 4
Kendal Dove and Paylee Sims, Taylor Franca and Evelyn Whelan...

Next Fort Stockton at Greenwood, 5 p.m. Tuesday

COAHOMA 5 COLORADO CITY 3

COLORADO CITY - Jayden Mann was 3 for 4 with a triple, an RBI and a run to propel Coahoma to a win over rival Colorado City in both teams' District 5-3A opener Friday at the Mitchell County Sports Complex.

Maxlyric Overton was victorious for the Lady Bulldogs (9-1, 1-0 in District 5-3A) after holding the Lady Wolves to three runs (one earned), five hits and two walks, while striking out seven. Caitlyn Corley had two RBI for Coahoma.

COAHOMA 5, COLORADO CITY 3
Coahoma 000 001 1-5 7 3
Colorado 000 001 2-5 3 3
Melyric Overton and Hannah Corley...

ALPINE 27 CRANE 9
CRANE - Alpine scored 13 runs in the first inning and added 11 more in the second

to roll past Crane in three innings in the two teams' District 3-3A opener Friday.

Alpine starting pitcher Keelehe Vargas limited Crane (0-1 in District 3-3A) to just three hits.

Alpine tallied 17 hits - eight of them for extra bases - in the win.

ALPINE 27, CRANE 9, 6 INNINGS
Alpine 000 001 13-17 27 10
Crane 000 000 00 3 1
Keelehe Vargas and Andrea Corral, Leigh Thomas, Rafael Velazquez and Wiley Corbett...

BASEBALL COAHOMA 11 WALL JV 5

FORSAN - Logan Forsan went 3 for 3 with three runs scored to lead Coahoma to a four-inning win over Wall JV in Friday's Battle on the Buffalo Trail Tournament.

Braden Pearson was 2 for 3 with two runs and an RBI

for the Bulldogs (3-8), while teammate Zach Holmes went 1 for 3 with two RBI, a run and a walk.

Seth Brooks was 1 for 3 with two runs for Coahoma, which improved to 1-1 in the tournament.

COAHOMA 11, WALL JV 5, 6 INNINGS
Coahoma 000 001 11-11 21 9
Wall JV 000 000 00 5 1
Bobby Brooks (2) and Braden Pearson...

ALPINE 13 CRANE 5

CRANE - Alpine scored six runs in the top of the sixth to pull away from Crane in a District 3-3A win Friday.

The Bucks cranked out 16 hits in the victory and had 5-0 after three innings before Crane got on the board with a lone run in the fifth.

ALPINE 13, CRANE 5
Alpine 000 002 13-16 20 9
Crane 000 001 5-5 11 6
Josh Lopez, Tyler Estrella and Nick Corbett...

NBA ROUNDUP

RAPTORS 122 MAVERICKS 115

TORONTO - DeMar DeRozan made the game-winning basket in overtime and the Toronto Raptors rallied to match the longest winning streak in franchise history, extending their season-best run to 11 by beating the Dallas Mavericks 122-115 on Friday night.

DeRozan scored 29 points and Jones Valenciano had 21 points and 12 rebounds as the Eastern Conference-leading Raptors won for the 10th time in 19 games. Kyle Lowry got the night off to rest as the Raptors played the second game of the back-to-back.

Delon Wright and Fred VanVleet each scored 14 points, helping Toronto improve to an NBA-best 29-5 at home. Dallas had won three of four. Harrison Barnes scored 27 points for the Mavericks, Dennis Smith Jr. had 19 and J.J. Barea 18.

Up 94-78 to begin the fourth, Dallas stretched its lead to 101-93 on a jump shot by Barnes with 5:43 remaining, but four points from DeRozan cut it to 101-97 with 4:32 left.

Toronto kept coming, pulling within two on a pair of free throws by DeRozan and, after a Dallas turnover, tying it at 106 on DeRozan's jumper with 1:15 to go in regulation.

Each team turned the ball over before Barnes missed a jumper with 24 seconds left and VanVleet grabbed the rebound. After a timeout, DeRozan let the clock wind down before driving and kicking to Barea, who missed a potential game-winning shot. DeRozan also missed before the buzzer, sending it to overtime.

VanVleet and DeMar DeRozan each made a 3 in overtime before DeRozan drove for

the breakthrough basket with 53 seconds left.

Valenciano sealed it by making five of six at the free-throw line in the final 10 seconds.

Toronto also extended its franchise-record streak of games with 100 or more points to 22.

CELTICS 92 MAGIC 83

ORLANDO, Fla. - Terry Rozier and Greg Monroe each scored 17 points, helping the Boston Celtics beat the Orlando Magic 92-83 on Friday night.

Boston stopped a two-game losing streak despite shooting just 37.8 percent from the field. Al Horford had 15 points for the Celtics, and Abdel Nader finished with 11.

Orlando lost for the sixth time in seven games. Reserve Shelvin Mack scored 13 of his 16 points in the fourth quarter. Jonathon Simmons and D.J. Augustin had 13 apiece.

Boston opened a 26-point lead early in the second half. Rozier hit a pair of 3-pointers and Monroe overpowered Nicolo Vuocoric for another driving layup to make it 62-36 with 5:25 left in the third quarter.

The Magic cut the deficit to 14 against Celtics reserves early in the fourth quarter and Boston coach Brad Stevens put his starters back in for the last nine minutes of the game. They managed just two field goals the rest of the way, but it was still enough to hold off Orlando.

The closest the Magic could get was 90-83 on a driving layup by Mack with 41 seconds to play.

THUNDER 121 CLIPPERS 113

OKLAHOMA CITY - Corey Brewer scored 22 points to help the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Los Angeles Clippers 121-113 on Friday night. Oklahoma City's Russell Westbrook had 16 points, 10 rebounds and 11 assists for his 22th triple-double of the season and the 101st of his career. Paul George scored 19 points and Steven Adams added 18 points and 14 rebounds for the Thunder, who swept all three games from the Clippers this season. George played through a pelvic strain and Adams had a left hip contusion.

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NBA GLANCE

Table with columns: Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division, Western Conference, Southwest Division. Lists teams and their records.

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stretch against mostly teams in playoff contention.

Tobias Harris scored 24 points and Austin Rivers added 23 for the Clippers.

Brewer and Adams carried the load in the first half, scoring 14 points each to help the Thunder take a 63-56 lead.

Terrance Ferguson got a 3-pointer to rally in early in the fourth quarter to give the Thunder a 94-87 lead. He later caught a pass in midair around his waist, and then kicked his legs out and hoisted before making a reverse layup to bump the lead to 96-88.

Westbrook clinched the triple-double on a rebound in the fourth quarter. His mid-range jumper gave the Thunder a 116-107 lead and forced a Clippers timeout, and Oklahoma City maintained control from there.

MCS

From 1B

In the fourth, All Saints leveled the score on a two-run homer to right center by Logan Brit. In all too familiar fashion, the big hit came with two men gone.

The Saints chased Eckles from the game with two outs in the seventh and they had piled up 16 hits on the junior. Victimized by three errors, only four of Eckler's eight runs allowed at the time were earned.

After Jake Richardson took over on the mound for Eckles, pinch hitter Todd Thompson and Jason Speranza stepped and decided to pull All Saints

ahead, 10-8.

Hardgrove said he and his teammates, who had struggled offensively over the past few games, began to feel more and more comfortable as Friday's game moved along.

"It felt really good. I think we finally flipped a switch and it ended up working out (Friday)," Hardgrove said. "We hit the ball hard today in every way."

In the bottom of the seventh, a solo home run by Dakota Snyder cut the MCS deficit to 10-9, before Blue scored on a wild pitch with two outs to tie the game a third time.

MCS head coach Mike

Robles said his players never quit and that resiliency was in full effect.

"That's what we've been seeing all year from this group of guys - they battle," Robles said. "They battle no matter what and they fight and claw if they're down. It's not the first daylight we've been in and it's probably not going to be the last. They're going to keep fighting and that says a lot about the character of this team. They're fighters."

"We've got seven innings of baseball and these boys are going to play all seven."

Blue finished 4-for-4 with three RBI and the run

for MCS, while Grebeck and Jordan each went 2-for-5. Silvis paced All Saints by going 4-for-4 with a RBI and two runs.

Brit was 2-for-5 with two RBI and a pair of runs.

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MIDLAND COLLEGE 19, NMMI 0, 5 INNINGS
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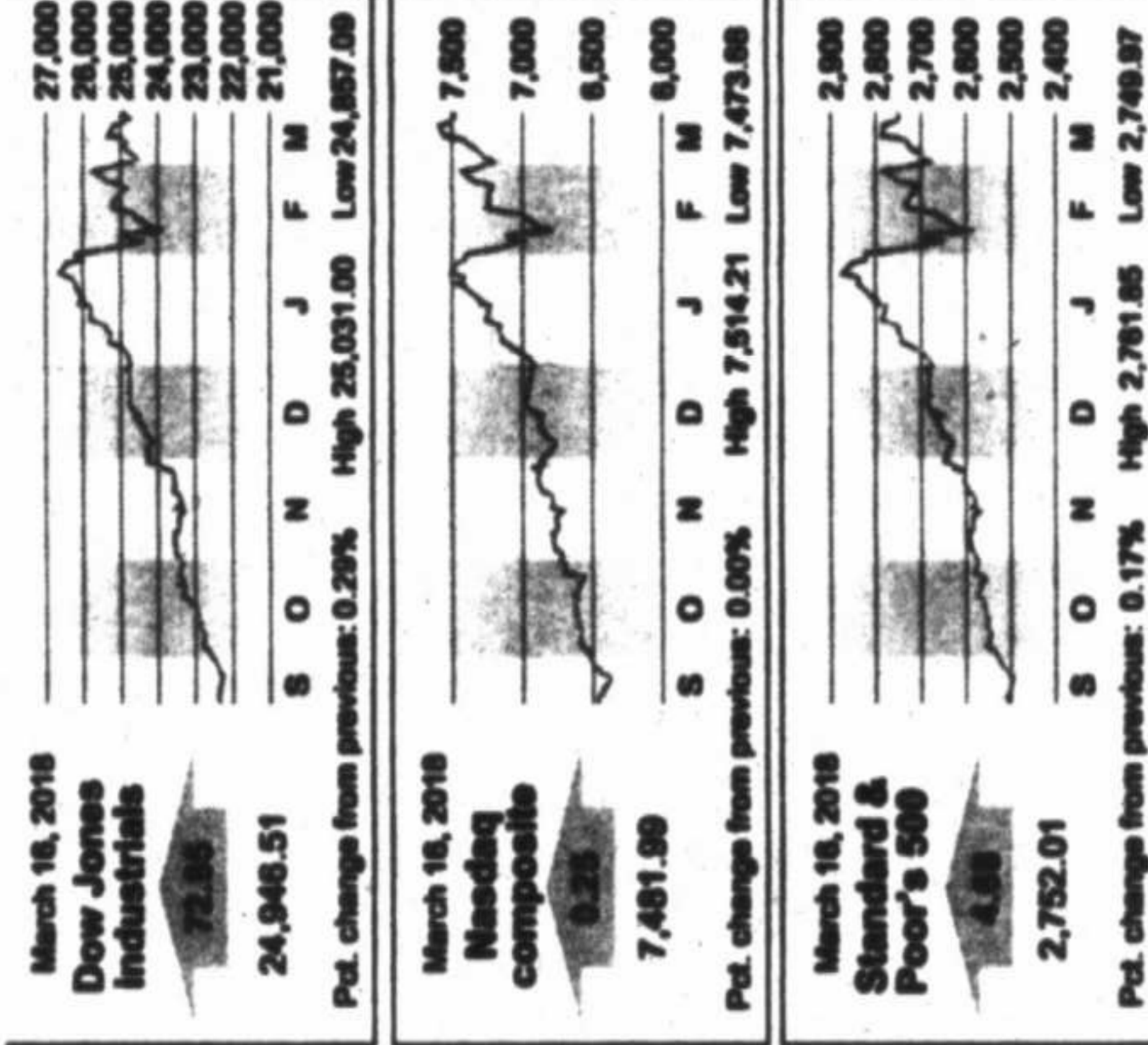
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Texas Tech guard Keenan Evans (12) looks for room against the Stephen F. Austin defense during the first half of a first-round game Thursday at the NCAA tournament in Dallas. The All-Big 12 guard now has a postseason win, and he seems to have shaken off a troublesome foot injury that affected him for several games.

Texas Tech's Evans excels as time runs out

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

DALLAS — Keenan Evans missed all of his shots in the first half of Texas Tech's NCAA Tournament opener. The All-Big 12 guard made them all after that.

While Evans already had led the Red Raiders to several second-half comebacks this season, the latest one extended his college career.

"In my mind every night is a senior night for me, so I don't want to lose. I don't want to go home yet," Evans said Friday. "And as time ticks down, it's just putting more pressure on yourself. If you lose, I feel like it's all on me, so I just try to do what I can."

With time running out, Evans seems to excel.

Second-year Texas Tech coach Chris Beard said he just loves coaching Evans and doesn't want it to end.

"It is like when you go to a good movie and you know it's getting toward the end, but you are loving the movie so much, you want it to go a little bit farther," Beard said. "Or you've got a good plate of enchiladas and you're looking at it, and you only have two bites left, but it's so good, you turn it into three bites."

They have at least one more game together. Third-seeded Texas Tech (25-9) plays Florida on Saturday night in Dallas.

The Red Raiders advanced with a 70-60 win over Stephen F. Austin, with Evans scoring 19 of his 23 points in the second half. After going 0 for 4 from the field with four free throws in the first half, he was 6-of-6 shooting after halftime as they overcame an eight-point deficit.

"We just trust Keenan a lot. So we put the ball in his hand at the end and he came through this season, so just trusting him at the end to do what he does," freshman guard Jarret Calver said. "He's proven to us that he can be trusted."

Evans had 22 of his 26 points in the second half when the Red Raiders overcame a 15-point deficit against Oklahoma State on Jan. 23. He scored 31 points four days later in a win at South Carolina, 18 of those in the last 10 minutes.

In Tech's Big 12 tournament opener, Evans had 18 of his 25 points after half-time in a 73-69 win over Texas. He scored all 23 of his points after the break in the regular season-ending 79-75 win over TCU.

"Put the ball in his hands, he makes plays all year long," center Norense Odiase said. "Those games without him, obviously we struggled."

The Red Raiders ended February with a four-game losing streak, costing them a shot to upset Kansas as Big 12 champions. Evans didn't play in the second half of a 59-57 loss at Baylor that started the slide because of a toe issue. He went a combined 3-of-19 shooting against Baylor, Oklahoma and Kansas before missing

a game at West Virginia.

"It was tough to overcome just because I felt like I was letting my team down in a way, but I felt like it wasn't my fault," Evans said. "It's just not 100 percent, and I still battle with it every night."

Evans was a sophomore starter when the Red Raiders made it to the NCAA tourney two years ago, and lost to Coach in Tubby Smith's last game as their coach. That was their first NCAA game since 2007, when Beard was an assistant to Texas Tech coach Bobby Knight.

"To me the greatest player ever was Michael Jordan. I grew up in that generation, no cable TV, but you could watch his game on WGN. He would always get aggressive as the game goes on too," Beard said. "Keenan is a floor general. He's a guy that can play the point guard no doubt, but he can score, which we need him to do."

Seventh-seeded Nevada rallies, tops Texas 87-83 in overtime

By Steve Megargee
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Nevada's Caleb Martin had just missed a potential game-winning shot at the buzzer and didn't feel all that disappointed. The junior forward just knew his team would finish the job in overtime.

And then he helped make it happen.

Martin shot 3 of 3 from 3-point range in overtime and finished with 18 points Friday as Nevada rallied to beat Texas 87-83 for its first NCAA Tournament victory since 2007.

"We were comfortable," Martin said. "It's one of those things where you could tell the other team didn't want to go into overtime with us. You could kind of feel the energy on the floor when we walked back out there. You kind of know it was kind of in our favor."

The Wolf Pack, seeded seventh in the South Region, advanced to a Sunday matchup with No. 2 seed Cincinnati (31-4). The Bearcats beat Georgia State 68-53.

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Texas forward Mohamed Bamba (4) and guard Matt Coleman (2) celebrate Nevada guard Jordan Carline (24) in the first half of a first-round game of the NCAA tournament on Friday in Nashville, Tenn.

points. Nevada made all six of its field-goal attempts in overtime after Texas forward Mohamed Bamba fouled out with 3.8 seconds left in regulation.

Those two teams with contrasting styles provided the kind of thriller that had excited Nevada coach Bill Musselman particularly amped up. Musselman opened his postgame press conference with an ap-

ology after television cameras caught him shouting obscenities during a locker-room celebration.

"What an unbelievable game," Musselman said.

Martin's 3-pointer with 2:26 left in overtime gave Nevada its first lead since opening the game on a 5-0 run. Texas' Matt Coleman took a jumper that went

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Texas A&M holds off Providence 73-69 in NCAA West 1st round

By Aaron Beard
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Tyler Davis and Robert Williams spent all Friday snatching rebound after rebound, blocking a few shots and had Williams offer a highlight-reel capper in the final minute.

When Texas A&M's bigs are playing like this, it's tough to tangle with these Aggies. And that gives them their best chance to stick around the NCAA Tournament for another weekend.

Davis had 14 points and 15 rebounds and Williams added his own double-double to help Texas A&M beat Providence 73-69, sending the Aggies on to the second round of the West Region.

Williams finished with 13 points and 14 rebounds for Texas A&M (21-12), the region's No. 7 seed. They also each blocked two shots.

"We got a lot of help from our guards, too," Davis said. "Our guards put bodies on the outside so we can play 1-on-1 inside. It was really a team effort. We were able to snag a couple of boards."

A couple? The 6-foot-10 forwards outrebounded Providence's entire team.

"We're just out there doing our job," Davis said. "This is what we do. We

know we have the advantage inside most games so this is just another game where we came out and gave 100 percent effort on the glass."

Providence's players knew it would be a challenge for their smaller group to battle on the boards. The game plan, guard Kyrion Cartwright said Thursday, was simply "box out." And all through the Friars' locker room in Charlotte on Friday were orange signs saying the same thing.

Still, knowing what they had to do and executing it were two different things.

The Aggies finished with a 44-26 rebounding advantage and had 11 offensive rebounds against the 10th-seeded Friars (21-14).

"Even though we were checking out, and I thought we did a decent job, they got length rebounds," Providence coach Ed Cooley said. "There's really nothing you can do. That's God's gift to them. There's really nothing you can do about it. You keep encouraging your kids, but when you've got 7-6 wing length and 7-5 wing length, that's genetics, baby."

The highlight moment

Williams offered the punctuating play when he blocked a final-minute 3 from Bullock and scored

downcourt for a runout. Gilder found him and Williams launched himself for a windmill dunk with 39.2 seconds left.

To listen to Williams, it could've been more.

"I actually wanted to go between my legs," Williams said to laughter, "but I thought Coach (Billy Kennedy) would take me out."

Big picture

Providence: The Friars were making their fifth straight tournament trip and had earned wins against 1-seeds Xavier (twice) and Villanova this season. But they couldn't keep the Aggies off the boards nor get into a steady flow to take advantage of their guard play, shooting 44 percent for the game but making just 6 of 20 3-pointers.

Texas A&M: The Aggies were up and down all year, from hitting No. 5 in the AP Top 25 in December to starting 0-5 in the Southwestern Conference. But they came up with key baskets when they had to have them, and their game-long work on the boards was a lack of an advantage.

Top scorers

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The 74 points were the most Virginia had allowed this year. Lyles was the catalyst.

He died up Virginia's defense in the second half, getting the hole easily on six different occasions and making easy layups.

Lyles finished with 23 of his points in the second half and Joe Sherburne finished with 14 points.

The game was tied at half-time, but the Retrievers came out confident and motivated in the second half and built a double-digit lead that Virginia could never erase.

Sherburne scored on an and-one drive and then knocked down a 3-pointer from the top of the key after a behind-the-back pass from KJ Maura.

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Midland Christian grad and Cal State Fullerton freshman guard Daniel Venzant logged two minutes in the Titans' 74-48 loss to Purdue in Friday's NCAA Men's Tournament first round game in Detroit.



Venzant

learn more on star guard Carson Edwards. The sophomore opened the first-round game with a step-back jumper and scored more inside and out when Purdue needed him most.

Edwards scored 13 of his 15 points in the first half and the rusty Boltemakers pulled away to rout Cal State Fullerton to advance.

For the first time in six tries during 62 years, the Thundering Herd won an NCAA Tournament game.

Jon Elmore scored 27 points and Jarrod West hit a huge 3-pointer with three minutes left to help No. 13 seed Marshall topple fourth-seeded Wichita State 61-75 in the East Region.

When the buzzer sounded, West raised his arms in the air and joyously ran practically the length of the court before joining his teammates in celebration.

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describe his team's hard-nosed style. The Bearcats waited until the final few minutes to deliver a knockout punch Friday.

Jaron Cumberland set career highs with 27 points and 11 rebounds as Cincinnati recovered after blowing a 10-point lead in the second half to beat pesky Georgia State 68-53 in the NCAA Tournament.

"The key to our defense has been it's almost like a 15-round fight," Cronin said. "We feel the other team out. We make adjustments, and the kids do a great job with it. They step up their defensive intensity."

Cincinnati, the No. 2 seed in the South Region, won its eighth game in a row and advanced to a Sunday matchup against either the seventh-seeded Nevada or 10th seed Texas.

After trailing 42-32 early in the second half, 15th-seeded Georgia State (24-11) rallied to take a pair of one-point leads, its last one coming on a driving bank shot from D'Marcus Simonds with 9:30 remaining.

Cincinnati (31-4) answered by reeling off 10 straight points as part of a 17-2 run.

"We just played Cincinnati basketball," said Cumberland, who had his first career double-double. "We're known for defense, and we just focused on our game plan."

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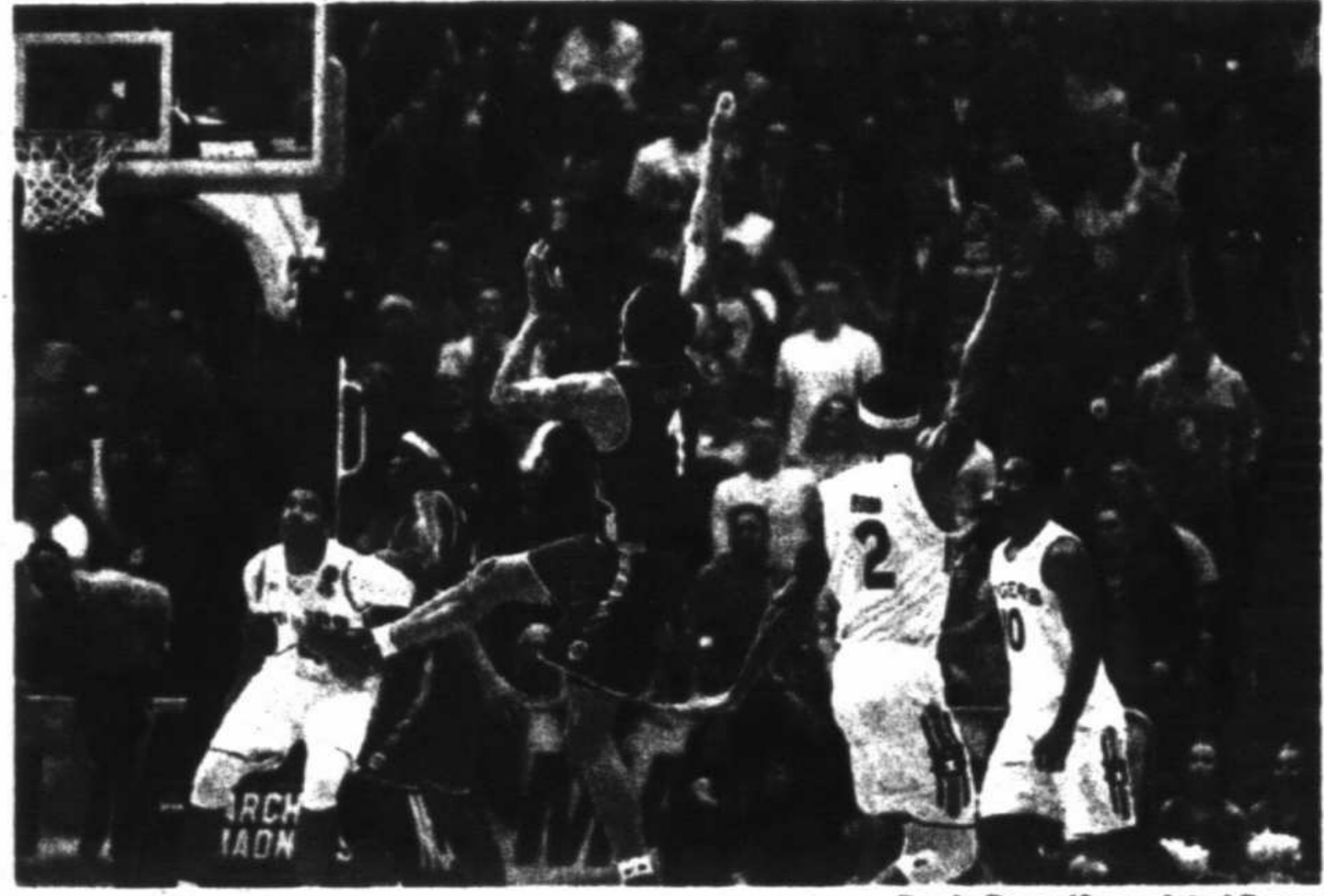
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simply what Huggins expects. "I would be shocked if he didn't play that way," Huggins said. "He plays that way all the time. He plays that way in open gym. But he's always done that."

Carter scored 21 points, had eight assists and six steals, and played suffocating defense on Murray State star Jonathan Stark, and the fifth-seeded Mountaineers overwhelmed the 12th-seeded Racers 85-68.

Toddy Allen added 16 points and the Mountaineers (25-10) pulled away in the second half to advance to the round of 32 for the third time in the past four seasons.

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Foster was booted off the Kansas State team after the 2015 season for multiple violations of team rules, but said earlier this week this game was more about advancing than any type of revenge.

He took responsibility for his mistakes, saying it was something that he needed to go through to grow up.

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Xavier Musketeers looked every bit like a No. 1 seed their first time around in the role at an NCAA Tournament.

J.P. Macura scored 18 of his career-high 29 points in the first half, and Xavier routed No. 16 seed Texas Southern 102-83 Friday night in their tournament opener in the West Region.

The Musketeers (29-5) will play either No. 9 seed Florida State or eighth-seeded Missouri on Sunday for a berth in the Sweet 16.

Tyson Bluiett added 26 points, and Karem Karim had 24 for the Big East's regular season champs.

With celebrity fan Bill Murray watching, Macura helped Xavier rebound when falling behind 20-13 within the first five minutes to lay a 21-2 run that put the Musketeers ahead for good. Macura's fourth 3 capped the run with 7:12 left and Xavier secured ahead 34-22.

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around and out, and Martin hit another 3 that extended Nevada's lead to 81-77 with 1:36 left.

After Coleman cut Nevada's margin to 81-79, Martin passed to twin brother Cody for a layup that made it 83-79 with 53 seconds remaining.

Teeth-seeded Texas later got within two on a 3-pointer by Kerwin Roach II with 15.5 seconds left, but that's as close as the Longhorns got. Roach had a career-high 26 points for Texas (19-15) and shot 6 of 10 from

3-point range. Coleman had a career-best 25 points.

Caleb Martin also had 10 rebounds and five assists. Cody Martin had 14 points, eight rebounds and five assists. Nevada's Kendall Stephens had a team-high 22 points.

This was the kind of moment that brought the Martines to Nevada after the 6-foot-7 twin decided to transfer from North Carolina State.

"This is what we came here to do," Cody Martin said. "This is what we wanted to do all year. When we get here, I knew we had

something special with this team."

They sure produced a special comeback. Nevada missed after Texas grabbed a 77-73 lead in overtime on a four-point play from Roach, who sank a 3-pointer while getting fouled.

"I actually felt like we'd weathered the storm," Roach said.

Texas led 40-26 early in the second half before Nevada clawed back and finally tied it when Jordan Carville hit one of two free throws with 3.8 seconds left in regulation.

Texas' Dylan Osothowski then threw an inbound pass half the length of the court to Jericho Sims, who knocked the ball out of bounds. That turnover gave Nevada the ball about 20 feet from Texas' basket with 1.6 seconds left.

Martin missed the potential game-winner at the buzzer. He wouldn't miss again the rest of the day.

Big picture

Texas: A tough loss ended a remarkable season for Texas, which relied on three freshmen starters to bounce

back after going 11-22 in 2016-17. Texas earned an NCAA bid even after losing Andrew Jones, who was the Longhorns' second-leading scorer when he was diagnosed with leukemia in January.

Nevada: The Wolf Pack's dynamic offense overcame a dominant first-half performance. Nevada shot 39.3 percent (11 of 28) and scored 26 points in the first half. The Wolf Pack shot 60 percent (21 of 35) and scored 61 points in the second half and overtime.

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Texas' next step is finding out what the future holds for Sims, a potential NBA lottery pick. Sims said after the game that he hasn't set a timetable for deciding whether to return for his sophomore year.

"I'm not really worrying about that right now," Sims said. "I'm still processing what just happened."

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Carter helps Texas A&M beat Drake 89-76

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COLLEGE STATION — Gary Blair and Texas A&M played to their strength to beat pesky Drake.

Freshman Chenedy Carter scored 26 points and the fourth-seeded Aggies beat 13th-seed Drake 89-76 on Friday in the opening round of the women's NCAA Tournament.

"We can't be Drake and get 30 assists in a ball game because we can create off the bounce as well as any team in the country," said Blair, whose team scored 50 in the paint. "So that's our strength. Our inside game is our strength."

Blair's Aggies used full-court pressure to move comfortably in front in the second quarter in to an 89-76 win, but the Aggie coach had no interest in doing that for too long either.

"What worked in the second half?" Blair asked and answered. "We ran set plays instead of transition. We got 57 points in the first. I was trying to shorten the game to save legs, to make them play defense a little bit longer."

Khaalia Hillsman added 22 to help send the Aggies to the second round against DePaul. Carter, who had 19 in the opening half, had a complete game. She also had 11 assists, five rebounds and six steals. Some of those steals were made as she became A&M's last line of defense. Carter, who has been limited at times this season by foul trouble, did not pick up a personal foul. A&M only had six as a team. Drake shot three free throws in the game.

"We kind of moved the ball a little bit," said Carter. "We had a lot of open and easy shots, and everybody finished out there tonight." A&M had an answer for every comeback try to Drake. Danni Williams hit a 3-pointer with 5:44 left put the Aggies back into a

15-point lead.

Drake, which had 29 assists in the game, got as close as 85-76 when Maddy Dean hit a runner in the lane, but A&M moved down court and passed to Hillsman, who scored easily.

Sara Rhine scored 21 had for Drake (26-8) and had a nearly perfect offensive day. She hit 10 of 11 from the field and made her only free throw. Becca Hittner had 19 for Drake (26-8).

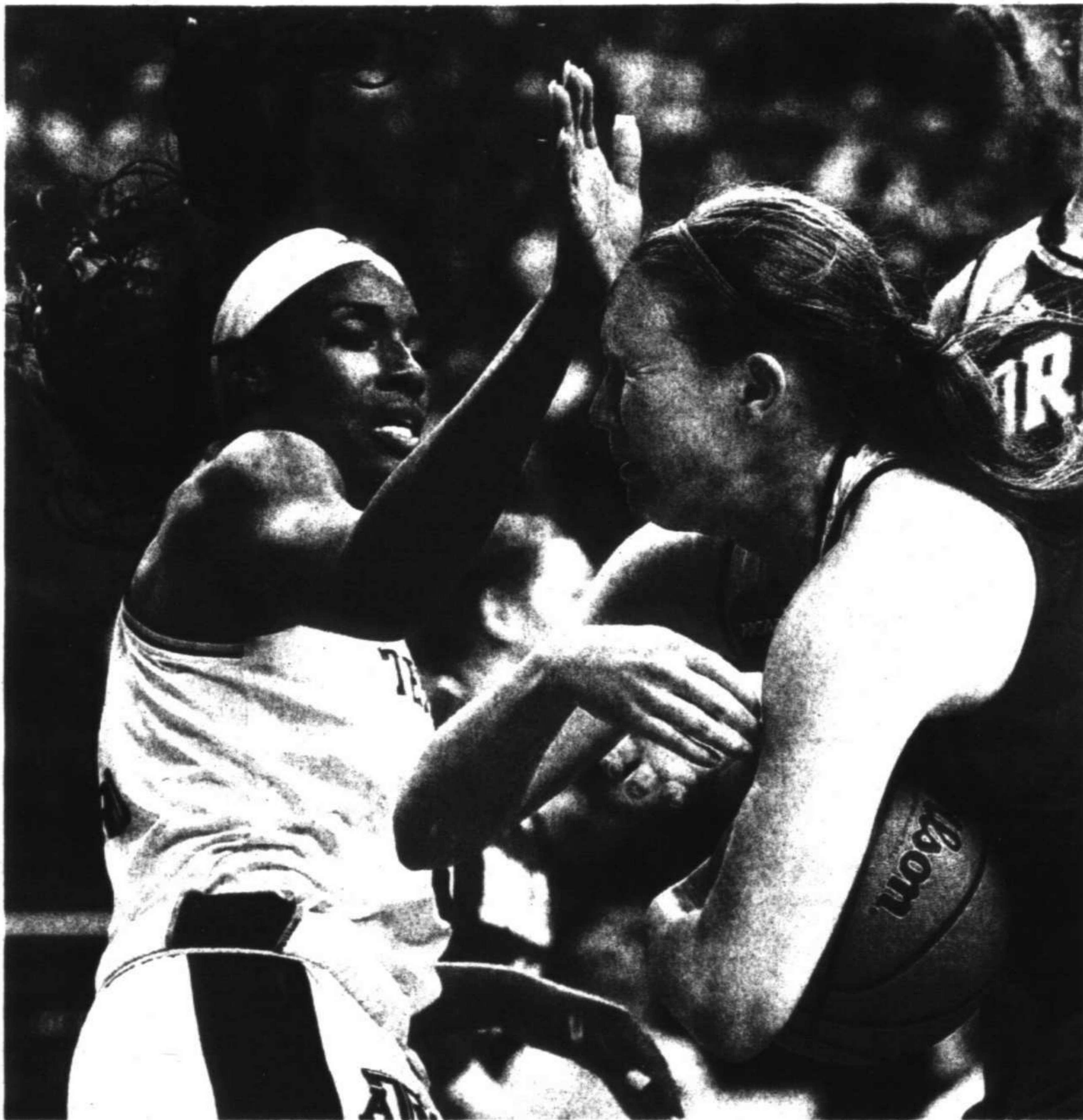
The Aggies (25-9) broke the game open in the second quarter, building a 57-42 halftime edge. A&M outshot the Bulldogs from 3-point range in the opening half, with Carter and Danni Williams each hitting three of four. Williams hit four of seven 3s overall and scored 18.

Drake led, 28-26 after a fast-paced first quarter where the Bulldogs hit 12 of 17 shots.

In the second quarter the Aggies held them to 12 of 17 shooting and Carter scoring 12 of her points as A&M began to build a big edge.

"We didn't move," said Drake coach Jennie Baranczyk, who felt her team passed up open shots worrying about A&M's quickness. "We passed a lot around the perimeter. They upped their pressure and that's when we're at our best, is when people do that and we can back cut out of it or we can start to read screens better. And we stopped doing that. We just started passing around the basket."

Hillsman, who was weary after the run-and-gun opening to the game, played 13 first-half minutes, but A&M's inside game was efficient. For the game, she made 10 of her 14 shots. Anriel Howard also contributed inside with some late drives to keep A&M's lead in double digits. Howard finished with 14 points and



David J. Phillip/Associated Press

Drake's Becca Hittner, right, grabs a rebound in front of Texas A&M's Anriel Howard, left, during the first half of a first-round game in the NCAA tournament on Friday in College Station.

10 rebounds.

BIG PICTURE

Texas A&M moved to the second round on the Aggies' home court for the second time in the last three years. Anriel Howard, who set an NCAA tournament record with 27 rebounds in

A&M's 2016 first-round home win over Missouri State, led the Aggies with 10 rebounds this year.

A&M has advanced to the second round for the 11th time in the past 12 years. The Aggies have never lost in six first-round games at home.

ENDING THE STREAK

Texas A&M's win halted a 21-game winning streak by Drake.

NEARLY PERFECT Rhine only missed once on an active day. The 6-1 Drake sophomore hit 10 of 11 shots from the field and sank her only free

throw. She also grabbed 10 rebounds.

UP NEXT

Texas A&M will play DePaul Sunday in the second round. The Blue Demons took a 90-79 win over Oklahoma.

Cox's big game lifts Baylor to beat Grambling State

Associated Press

WACO — Lauren Cox had a career-high 30 points and 17 rebounds to lead four players in double figures, and second-seeded Baylor beat Grambling State 96-46 in the first round of the women's NCAA Tournament on Friday.

The Lady Bears (32-1) scored 17 of the game's first 18 points and were never challenged in picking up their 29th straight win. Cox tied the Lady Tigers' offensive output of 19 points in the first half by herself and tied for a team-high five assists.

The Lady Tigers went missed their first eight shots and went without a field goal until an Ariel Williams jumper with 3:30

to go in the first quarter. Things didn't go much better the rest of the way, and they finished at 25 percent from the floor and 19 percent (5 for 26) from 3-point range.

Kalani Brown chipped in 22 points and 15 rebounds, and Dekeyia Cohen just missed a double-double with 17 points and nine rebounds.

Jazzmin Boyd scored 20 points to lead Grambling State, the SWAC Tournament champion.

BIG PICTURE

Grambling State: The Lady Tigers made their first NCAA Tournament appearance in 19 years, but they never had a chance in this one. Other than Boyd, Grambling State didn't

have anybody who could consistently create offense against a focused Baylor defense. Their next two leading scorers combined to go 6 for 29 from the field.

Baylor: The Lady Bears' size figured to be a problem for Grambling State, and it was from the opening tip. Cox, Brown and Cohen all had mismatches inside, and the Lady Bears dominated in the points in the paint 56-22 and on the boards 60-26, and blocked 11 shots. The Lady Bears shot 52 percent from the floor.

UP NEXT

Baylor will face seventh-seeded Michigan in the NCAA Tournament second round Sunday.

NCAA TOURNAMENT GLANCE

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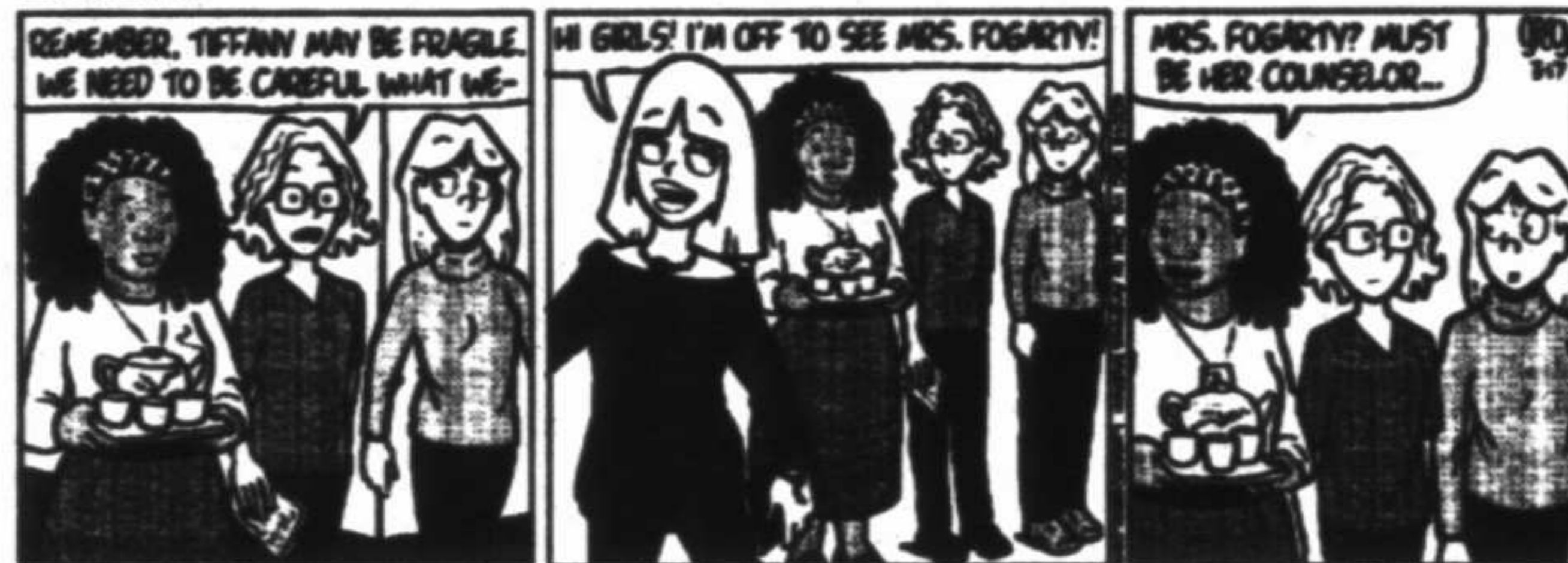
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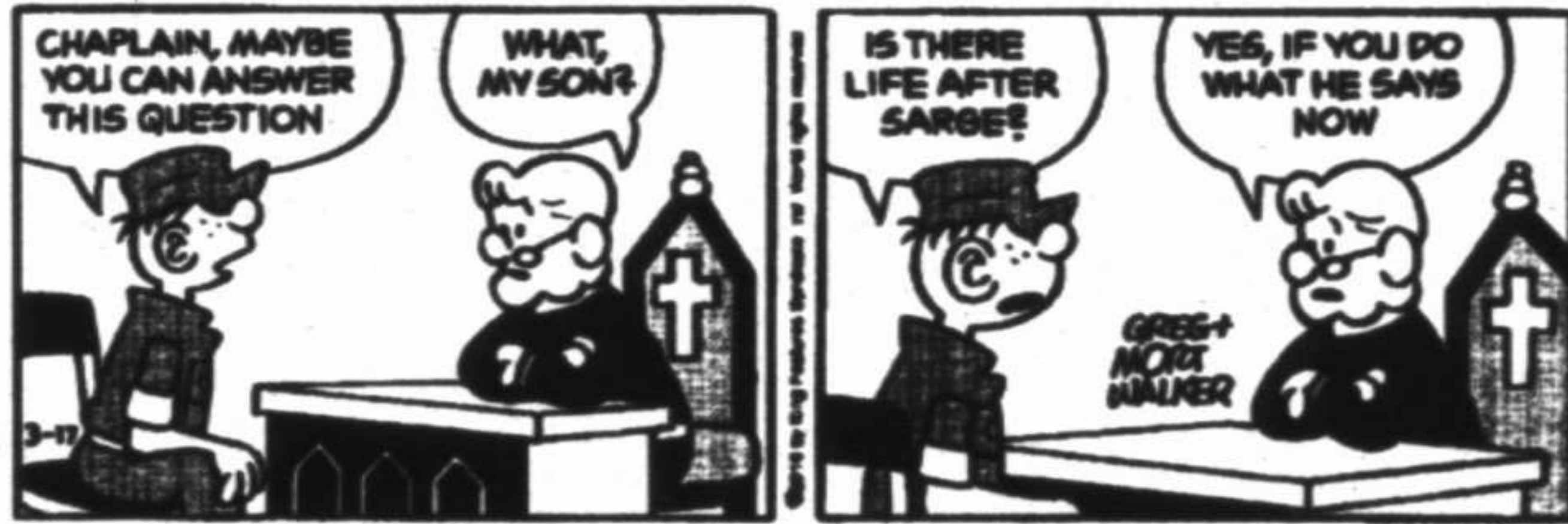
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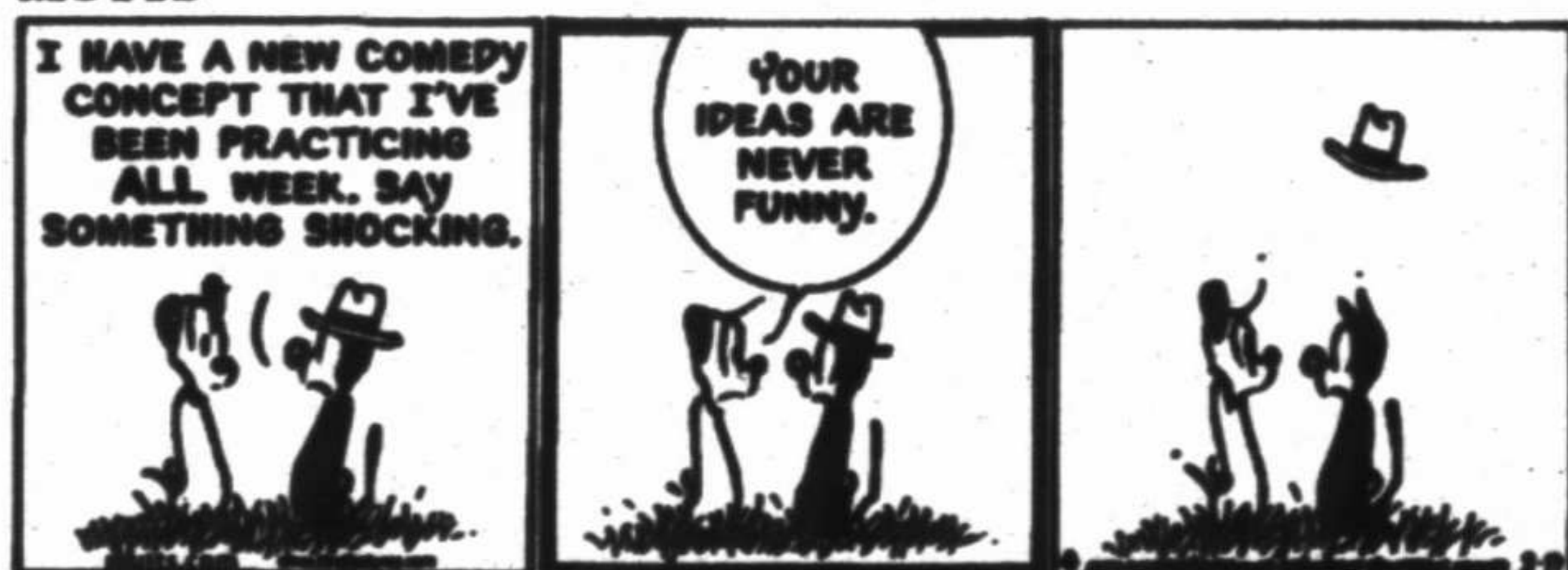
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Required Qualifications:

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Must possess a valid Texas Class "A" Commercial Driver License, good driving record, and be insurable on Midland College's insurance policy
- Three years' experience driving "over the road" (OTR) or local
- Experience in pre-trip/post trip inspections, coupling and uncoupling of equipment
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- Review commercial and residential development requests
- Review all phases of the planning process for commercial and retail development
- Prepare analysis and recommendations in support of geometric, roadway, intersection, and other infrastructure improvements
- Prepare analysis and recommendations for the installation and maintenance of traffic control devices within the city

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in civil engineering or related field with a minimum of three years' experience in traffic engineering or related field
- Master's degree in civil engineering or related field may be substituted for three years' experience
- Valid Texas driver's license required
- Certification as an Engineer in Training (EIT) preferred

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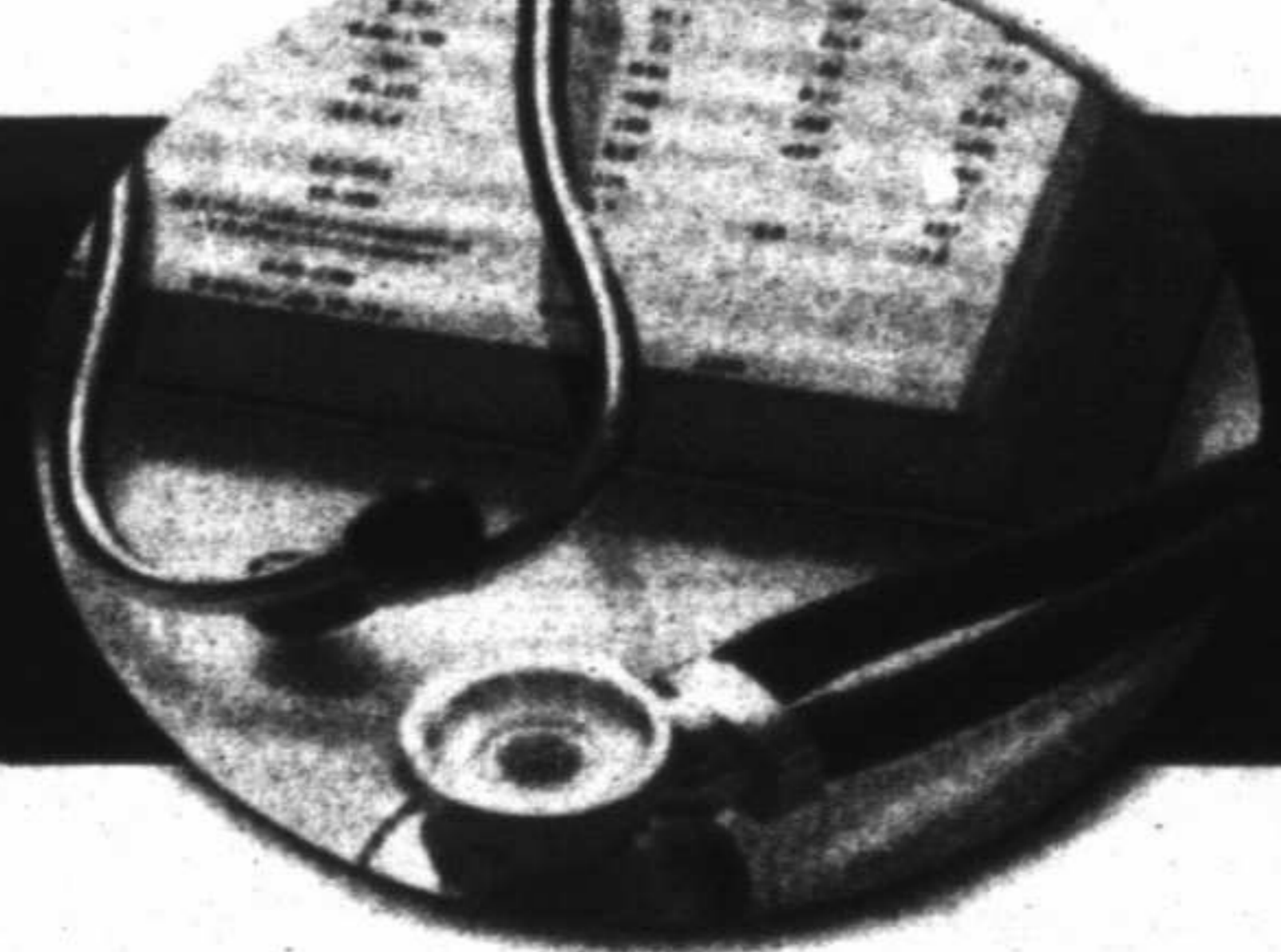
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Join Midland's leading media company and become part of the winning sales team that offers advertisers a robust suite of digital and print products to help them achieve their business objectives. We are seeking digital savvy, highly motivated sales professionals to sell our marketing solutions to local businesses. Our ideal candidate will be goal oriented, is a relentless hunter, driving to win new business, and has a track record of exceeding monthly goals.

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Responsibilities include:

- Consistently meet/exceeds all print and digital revenue goals.
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The Ideal Candidate:

- You're self-motivated and results oriented.
- You have an outgoing, confident personality.
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- You're confident and not willing to accept average.

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Required Skills & Experience:

- 2+ years of sales experience with a proven record of successfully exceeding goals.
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- Provides training, development, and planning of the IT infrastructure.
- Is responsible for the testing, building, and testing of IT solutions; analyzing IT infrastructure technical issues; and supporting the design, planning, building, and testing of new IT solutions, as assigned.
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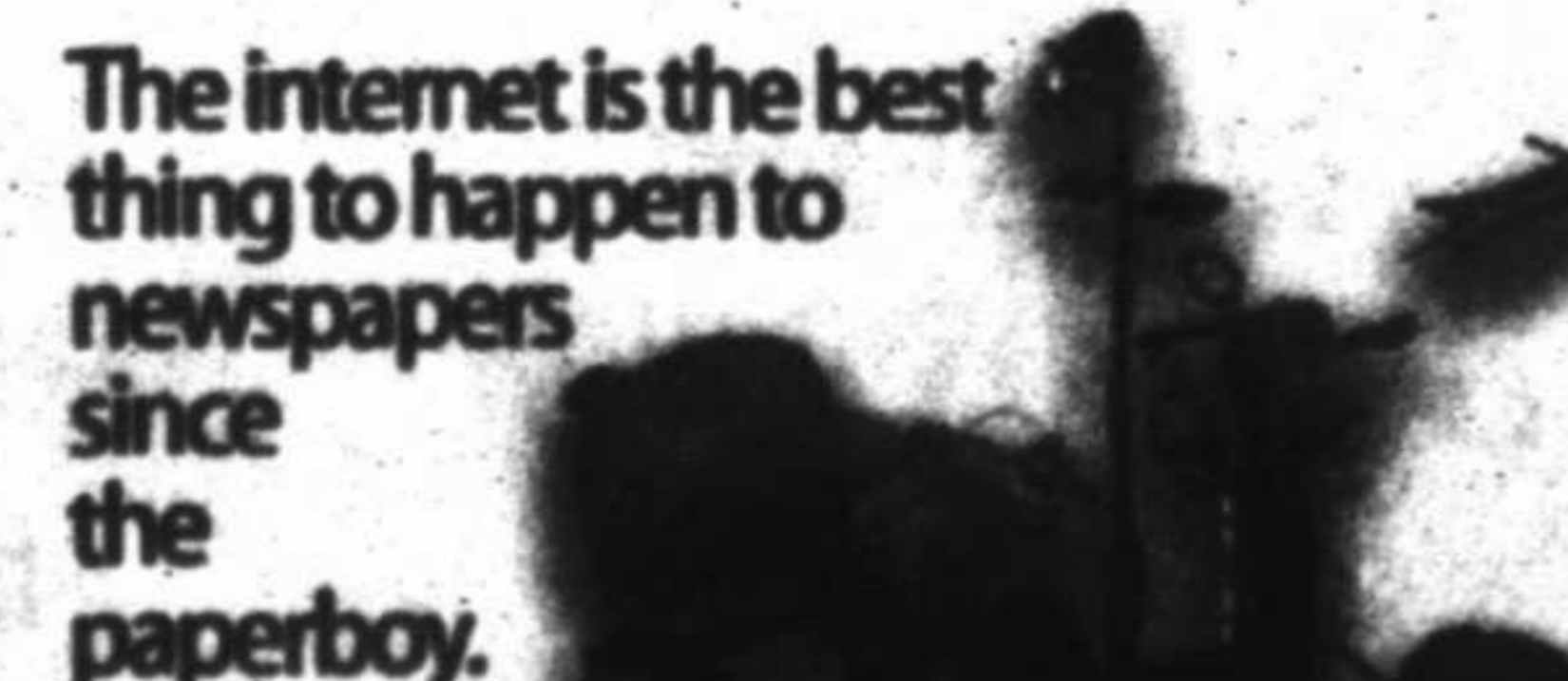
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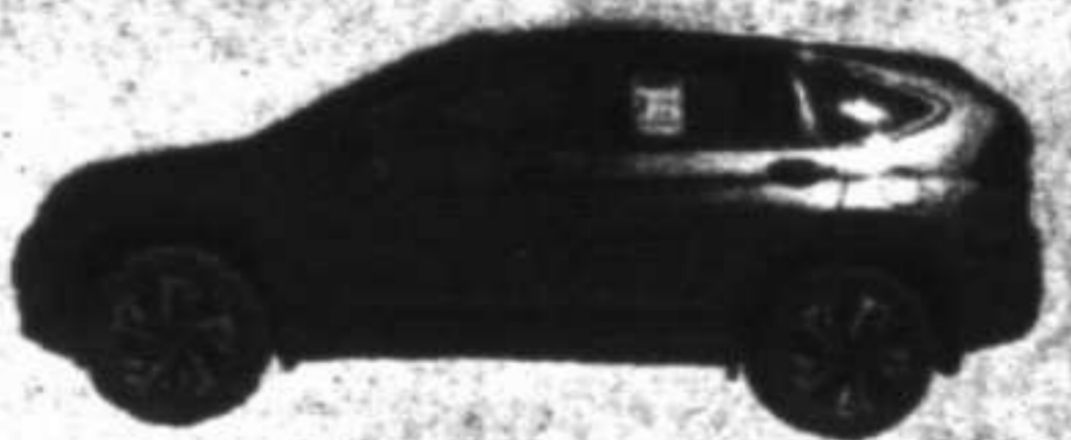




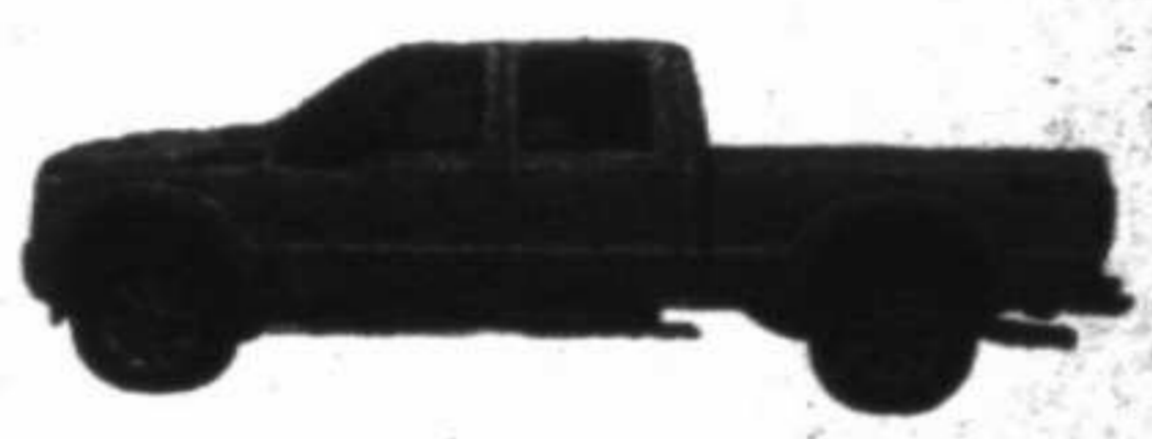












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