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READER'S CHOICE

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Coming Sunday

Midland-Odessa's economies gaining momentum

Regional index marks first year-over-year increase in two years.

By Mella McEwen
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Midland and Odessa's economies are entering the second half of 2017 with significant upward momentum, shaking off the effects of falling crude oil prices.

At the end of the second quarter, the Midland-Odessa Regional Economic Index marked the eight-month anniversary of its current recovery with its first year-over-year increase in two years.

The June index was 1 percent higher than June 2016, the first year-over-year increase since "July 2015, when the index was on the way down," said Karr Ingham, the Amarillo economist who prepares the index for the Midland Development Corp.

"The 2.9 point increase in June (from May) marks the largest monthly increase since November 2011," he said.

Although a 1 percent increase may not seem like much, Ingham said the index contracted 22 percent during the recent downturn, reversing a growth trend that saw it expand 70 percent over five years.

Economic recovery continued to gain momentum during the second quarter, with Ingham putting annualized growth at 13 percent over the course of the quarter.

"The recovery is impressive, bordering on spectacular at the midpoint of 2017," said Ingham. "And this will almost certainly continue in the coming months."

Even if crude prices remain around $45 a barrel, that level should sustain continued economic recovery as long as oil field service costs don't rise sharply and prompt a slowdown in activity, he said.

Led by the region's very active oil and gas industry, employment in Midland-Odessa continued to recover. Ingham said seasonally adjusted data for the two cities suggests an estimated 2,700 jobs were added in June over June 2016, which he said marked the low point of the economic contraction. Employment in the second quarter rose by 1,730 jobs compared to the second quarter of 2016, while employment in the first half of 2017 was down 280 jobs compared to the first half of 2016.

The unemployment rate also continues to fall rapidly, averaging 4 percent in June, down 33.4 percent from the June 2016 average of 6.1 percent. The second quarter average of 4.1 percent is down 28.2

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SPEAKING TO THE PUBLIC

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Chamber of Commerce held a meet and greet with new MISD Superintendent Orlando Riddick on Thursday evening at the Chamber offices.

45-year-old man sentenced to life in prison for 2016 murder

From staff reports

A Midland County jury has sentenced a 45-year-old Midland man to life in prison for murder and tampering with physical evidence — the corpse — according to a press release from Midland County District Attorney Laura Nodolf.

Juan Gonzales Jr. pleaded guilty to an indictment and had requested the jury-assessed punishment, she said.

In the trial, which took place in the 441st District Court, the evidence showed that on May 11, 2016, Kathy Lujan disappeared. After Gonzales filed a missing person's report on May 14, 2016, the Midland Police Department began investigating the disappearance. Officers determined it was not a missing-person case, but more likely a homicide, according to the release.

Gonzales requested to speak with detectives and told them Lujan had killed herself and he had moved her body. He took detectives to a location on County Road 160 where Lujan's body was found, according to the release.

During the trial, the defendant testified to a different version of events and admitted to killing Lujan. Based on his testimony, the defendant requested that the jury consider whether or not he acted under the sudden heat of passion when he caused Lujan's death.

The jury determined that Gonzales did not kill Lujan in sudden heat of passion and assessed his punishment at life in prison and a fine of $10,000 on each of the charges. The case was prosecuted by Nodolf, First Assistant District Attorney Timothy Flathers and Assistant District Attorney Ada Nwanerie.

More inside

A 38-year-old Midland man has been sentenced to 50 years in prison for sexually assaulting a child.

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Craddick: Let the caucus pick a candidate for speaker

By Stewart Doreen
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Count state Rep. Tom Craddick among those Republican House members who want to see the caucus pick a nominee for speaker and be united behind that person when the next Texas speaker is selected.

Craddick was among the Republicans who met earlier this week to discuss procedures for electing a speaker in 2019, when the next legislative session will take place. There have been conservative members this session disgruntled by the performance of current Speaker Joe Straus. Straus and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick haven't seen eye to eye on certain legislative matters, including the so-called bathroom bill, school finance and a property tax bill.

"There is more turmoil and animosity in the two bodies today than ever," Craddick said.

Craddick was speaker when Straus wrestled away the speakership. Straus, a Republican from San Antonio, wrangled just 11 GOP member votes to go with 65 Democrats to take the speaker's seat from Craddick, the first Republican speaker since Reconstruction.

Challenges to Straus' speakership since have been futile, and he ends this legislative session having completed five speakerships — one of three Texans to do so.

Craddick said Republicans will gather for a retreat in September to discuss suggestions about picking the next speaker. The dean of all Texas legislators said most states pick their speaker by going through a caucus first.

"We need to stand together behind one person," Craddick said. "It doesn't mean we will be together on every issue, but it unites everyone."

If a caucus system was in place, Craddick might still be speaker today. He had the support of the caucus in 2009 but there just wasn't a way

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$47.09 ▲$0.31

September 2017

The big number

47 thousand people

That's the population of Charlottesville, Va. Page 4A

Word of the Day: kibitzer

Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 3A.

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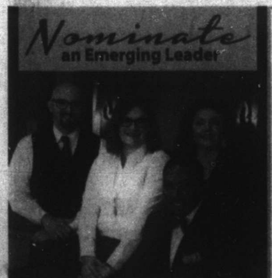

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Midland Magazine's 20 Under 40, presented by My Community Federal Credit Union, is an annual recognition program for Midland's emerging leaders. The program showcases young, dynamic leaders living or working in Midland County who are under the age of 40. The program recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves in their careers and/or in the community.

To nominate a deserving Midlander, visit www.mrt.com/20under40

The 20 individuals selected for the 20 Under 40 honor will be featured in Midland Magazine's Nov. 19, 2017 edition.

*20 Under 40 nominees must be 39 years or under as of Dec. 31, 2017 and may not be nominated by a family member.

City names Chuck Blumenauer as new interim fire chief

■ Texas Rangers are investigating charges against former interim chief

From staff reports

Assistant Chief of Operations Chuck Blumenauer has been named as the new interim chief for the Midland Fire Department. Midland City Manager Courtney Sharp told the Reporter-Telegram this week that Blumenauer replaces former interim chief Chip Balzer, who retired recently. Sharp said the city currently is conducting searches for a new fire chief and a new police chief to replace Chief Price Robinson, who is retiring at the end of the month.

The city is working with a search firm to come up with candidates for each position. Sharp said candidates for each position will interview with different city groups — one made of law enforcement/fire department officials, another made of residents and a third made of city department heads.

Those groups will make recommendations, and Sharp will interview the top three. Robinson makes an annual salary of $153,845; former Fire Chief Robert Isbell made $153,375. Blumenauer receives a salary of $112,200 as the interim head of the department.

Sharp said a Texas Rangers investigation involving Balzer continues. He said the investigation involves an off-the-job infraction and could end up being criminal.

A city spokesperson said in June that the city was made aware in May of an allegation concerning Balzer and that the allegations were immediately turned over to the Texas Rangers for an independent investigation.

Mayor: City will hold two tax rate hearings Tuesday

From staff reports

Our View

See what we have to say about Tuesday's public hearing.

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Midland Mayor Jerry Morales told the Reporter-Telegram on Thursday a public hearing regarding the city's tax rate has been scheduled for Tuesday evening.

Morales said the 6 p.m. hearing inside council chambers will be in addition to the 10 a.m. meeting that day.

The city had a tax rate hearing on Tuesday. No one spoke for or against the proposed tax rate, which was set at 40.8389 cents per $100 valuation.

The rate is a 3 percent increase over the effective rate. Last year, a person living in a home valued at $200,000 paid about $799 in city property taxes. That amount would increase to $822, according to the tax rate in the proposed budget.

There have been complaints in the past about some Midlanders not being able to attend morning City Council meetings. An evening tax rate hearing should provide an opportunity for those Midlanders who want to make their feelings known.

The city also will hold a public hearing Aug. 29 to gather input on the proposed budget.

The council will have first readings on the budget and tax rate ordinances on Aug. 29. The second readings on both ordinances is set for Sept. 12. The proposed budget is available online and in the City Secretary's Office.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SAN ANGELO

Records: Texas family killed man to gain custody of child

Court records say three members of a West Texas family conspired to kill an Abilene man and kidnap his daughter in an effort to gain custody of her. Arrest affidavits obtained Wednesday by the San Angelo Standard-Times allege 34-year-old Stephen Jennings and his wife, 28-year-old Kristen Jennings, conspired with his father and two others in the July death of Eric Torrez.

The affidavits say Stephen Jennings lured the 41-year-old Torrez to San Angelo on the pretense of bidding on construction work. But Jennings and an accomplice allegedly beat Torrez and later shot him.

Kristen Jennings is the mother of Torrez's daughter and authorities say she went with her father-in-law to unlawfully take the child from an Abilene home.

Stephen Jennings is charged with murder and Kristen Jennings with engaging in organized criminal activity.

AUSTIN

Calls to remove Confederate markers return to Texas Capitol

A top Texas Republican wants the accuracy of memorials around the state Capitol reviewed amid calls to remove Confederate monuments. A spokesman for Texas House Speaker Joe Straus said Thursday that the powerful GOP leader will work with a Dallas lawmaker who this week singled out one Confederate plaque as "indefensible on historical grounds."

CRADDICK

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to impose the will of the group on the floor when the speaker vote took place. The result was a rarity in politics as members of the minority party picked the House leader.

Some GOP members want not only the majority party caucus to select the speaker but also want the party in the majority to control committee chairs, Craddick said. Currently, the speaker can pick a person from either party. Craddick doesn't think that should change.

"That is the way Texas has been since the '70s when I crossed and became chairman of the Natural Resources Committee," Craddick said. Speakers from that point have factored in expertise when divvying out chairmanships, he said.

Craddick didn't think the recent special session was especially productive as legislation moved slowly. Half of the governor's 20 special session items passed out of the House and Senate. The Midland lawmaker said he didn't mind that the governor's attempt to adjust the texting-while-driving ban — which Craddick sponsored — couldn't get out of committee in the House. His preference is to allow those metropolitan areas with tougher ordinances regulate their own communities. He also said he was happy sunset legislation passed, specifically citing the Texas Medical Board.

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CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Woman arrested on child injury charge

A Midland woman was arrested Monday after allegedly injuring a teenager, according to court documents.

Carrie Denise Byrom, 55, was being held Thursday on a $25,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of injury to a child with intent to commit bodily injury and a $25,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of abandoning or endangering a child with imminent danger of bodily injury.

Byrom

Midland police were dispatched to a residence at about 1:50 p.m. Monday in reference to a disturbance.

A teenager was in the backyard when she ran inside the residence to escape from Byrom and locked the door, according to her arrest affidavit. Byrom later allegedly stabbed the teenager with a key, causing pain and a laceration.

The teenager was forced outside and rarely given food, according to the affidavit. The teenager was placed in a shed several times as punishment, and the structure had poor ventilation and the temperature often approached 140 degrees, according to the affidavit. Byrom allegedly prohibited the teenager from coming inside, showering and changing clothes. The teenager was previously told to sleep on a wooden play set and a trampoline, according to the affidavit.

If convicted, Byrom could face up to 10 years imprisonment for the third-degree felony charge and up to 20 years imprisonment for the second-degree felony charge.

Woman charged with child endangerment

A Midland woman was arrested Tuesday after allegedly endangering children, according to court documents.

Taylor Marie Nelson-Buck, 20, was released Wednesday on a $10,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of abandoning or endangering a child with imminent danger of bodily injury.

Nelson-Buck

Midland police were dispatched to a residence at about 3:15 p.m. Tuesday in reference to a welfare check.

Nelson-Buck was sleeping, allowing two children in her care to exit a second-floor apartment, according to her arrest affidavit.

One of the children was found with a dirty diaper, according to the affidavit.

The area of concern was a second-story walkway near the entrance to a stairwell and with openings a small child could fit through, according to the affidavit. One of the children found his way to the first floor on several occasions, according to the affidavit.

The children had roamed unattended multiple times in recent months, and police had responded to incidents, according to the affidavit. If convicted of the second-degree felony charge, Nelson-Buck could face up to 20 years imprisonment.

Man gets 50-year sentence for sexual assault of a child

A 38-year-old Midland man has been sentenced to 50 years in prison for sexually assaulting a child, according to a press release from the Midland County District Attorney's Office.

A 238th District Court jury on Wednesday found David Martin Luna guilty of one count of aggravated sexual assault of a child, a first-degree felony. Judge Elizabeth Leonard returned the punishment verdict later that day. The evidence at trial showed that Luna assaulted the girl twice, according to the release.

Midland County Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Lively prosecuted the case.

Texas police chiefs start adapting to sanctuary cities law

By Nomaan Merchant
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Even as a new Texas law targeting so-called sanctuary cities remains in legal limbo, police chiefs and sheriffs are making changes to comply, rewriting training manuals and withdrawing policies that prevented officers from asking people whether they are in the United States illegally.

The law, known as Senate Bill 4, goes into effect Sept. 1 unless a federal judge in San Antonio blocks it. The law prohibits police from stopping an officer from inquiring into the immigration status of someone during an arrest or a traffic stop, and requires local jails to honor all "detainer" requests issued by federal immigration authorities. It's aimed at sanctuary cities, broadly defined as places that limit cooperation with federal immigration authorities.

The state says the law promotes cooperation on immigration enforcement and prevents immigrants without legal status accused of a crime from being released. Several Texas cities and civil-rights groups sued the state, arguing the law is unconstitutional and vague, that it would hamstring officers trying to work with immigrants who are victims of crime, and that it might inspire other states to pursue their own versions of the law. The state says Senate Bill 4 is different from the 2010 Arizona "show me your papers" law partially struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court.

U.S. District Judge Orlando Garcia is expected to issue a ruling before the law takes effect. But if he doesn't, or if he rules against the cities and groups that sued Texas, law enforcement across the state will have to implement the law starting in two weeks.

Texas hasn't issued any guidance to law enforcement agencies on whether to change their policies, nor has it required training on how officers are supposed to implement it. But police chiefs could face fines or jail time under the law if they prevent their officers from asking about a person's immigration status.

Houston police are drafting a policy instructing officers about their responsibilities under the law. Police Chief Art Acevedo, an outspoken opponent of Senate Bill 4, said officers will be required to file a report anytime they ask someone about their immigration status. In part, Acevedo said, he's concerned about a minority of officers "taking SB4 as a mandate and as a blank check to go out and become immigration agents."

"We chase crooks, not cooks and nannies and day laborers," Acevedo said. "I think that's a view that's shared by the majority of Texas lawmen."

ECONOMIES

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percent from the second quarter 2016 average of 5.6 percent, and the year-to-date average of 4.5 percent is 16.3 percent improved from the 5.3 percent averaged in the first six months of 2016.

Ingham said Midland and Odessa lost a combined 24,000 jobs during the downturn.

Consumers continued to open their pocketbooks as the area's economic recovery strengthened. June retail sales were up 19.6 percent compared to the previous June, which Ingham said was down 22 percent from June 2015. Second quarter retail sales were up 12.9 percent over the second quarter of 2016, and year-to-date sales are up 4.5 percent compared to the first half of last year.

Automotive spending leaped 40.9 percent in June over last June, while second quarter spending is up 25.6 percent from last year's second quarter. For the first six months of the year, automotive spending is up 21.9 percent compared to the same time a year ago, which was down more than 20 percent compared to the first half of 2015.

Construction activity in Midland-Odessa is soaring, with the valuation of all building permits coming in 146 percent above June 2016 levels. Valuations in the second quarter were up 38.3 percent from last year's second quarter, and valuations in the first half of the year are up 27.3 percent over a year ago.

Ingham said June permits for new housing declined 4.3 percent, with Midland and Odessa issuing 133 permits, down from 139 last June. He said June 2016 housing permits were fairly strong, up nearly 30 percent from June 2015. In the second quarter, the two cities issued 340 housing permits, up 11.5 percent from 305 a year earlier. The number of permits issued in the first half of this year climbed 42.3 percent and set a record, with 727 permits being issued, compared to 511 in the first six months of 2016.

The housing market continues to move further into record territory, said Ingham, noting that home sales for June, for the second quarter and for the first six months of 2017 all set records.

There were 417 homes sold in June, the first time sales in Midland-Odessa exceeded 400, a 12.4 percent gain from 370 last June. The number of homes sold in the second quarter crossed 1,000 for the first time, with 1,083 sold, up 17 percent from 926 in the second quarter of 2016. There were 1,977 homes sold in the first half of the year, up 28 percent from 1,545 in the first half of last year.

The average sales price also continued to strengthen, with June's average of $270,110 up 7.1 percent from last June's average of $252,110. The second quarter average of $265,929 is up from 9.9 percent from the $242,019 averaged in the second quarter last year, and the year-to-date average of $256,884 is up 7.7 percent from the $238,432 averaged for the first six months of 2016.

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Militaria, Edge Weapons, Medals, Patches and Insignias, Helmets, "Bayonets from Janzen's Notebook", Mine Detector, Russian High-Altitude Helmets, Packs, Bags, Foot Lockers, Entrenching Tools, Leather Holsters, Web gear, and more than we can list
Special Interest & Collectibles: 1967 Wurlitzer Juke Box (works), 2 Bronzes, Antique Coffee Grinder, Antique Butter churn, S&N prints by Joe Beeler, Charles Pruitt, Western and other Art, Mantle Clock, Core Lamps, Bulova Advertising Clock, Comics (Batman, Spiderman, Green Hornet 1990's), Rolleiflex Camera, Vintage Cash Registers, Denoyer-Geppert School Maps, Hand Crafted Doll House and Furniture, Vintage Pachinko Machine, Belt Buckles, Knives, Vintage toy cap guns and other vintage toys
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TODAYINMIDLAND

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Children spray a fire hose as they try to push a volleyball across a line Wednesday at the City of Midland Wellness Tour, Wet 'n' Wild with the Midland Fire Department.

Things to do

■ 16th annual Bustin' Clay for United Way, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Jake's Clays, 13301 Farm-to-Market Road 1379. $180. Bustinclayforunitedway.org.

■ Bingo Nights, 7 p.m., American Legion, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 682-5511.

■ Darren Welch Group, 5 p.m., The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

■ Jesse and the Midnight Fiddlers, 6 p.m., Mac's BBQ and Catering, 2400 W. Indiana Ave.

■ The Good Neighbors, 7 p.m., The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

■ Hold 'em poker tournaments, 7 p.m., The Detour.

■ SciFriday: "Weird Science," 7:30 p.m., Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. The 1985 John Hughes film about two high school nerds attempting to create the perfect woman stars Anthony Michael Hall and Kelly LeBrock. museumsw.org.

■ Steve Hamende, 9 p.m., Escape Lounge, 3001 E. Business Loop 20, Odessa.

■ The 69th Season of Summer Mummers: "Psychedelic Trip to the Summer of '69" at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. $12-$25. MCT-midland.org.

Movies in the Park

Movies in the Park: "Sing," 8 p.m. (dusk), Fasken Park, 2301 Humble Ave. Free. midlandtexas.gov.

New movies in Midland

■ At Tall City 14: "The Hitman's Bodyguard," "Logan Lucky."

■ At Cinergy Cinemas: "The Hitman's Bodyguard," "Logan Lucky."

PBAF to host Patrick Wayland golf tourney

The Permian Basin Area Foundation will host the sixth annual Golf to Honor tournament in memory of Marine Corps 2nd Lt. Patrick Wayland on Aug. 28 at Hogan Park Golf Course. Proceeds from the event benefit the Patrick Wayland Memorial Scholarship Fund established with the foundation in 2012 by Wayland's family and friends.

The scholarship honors Wayland's life as a scholar, athlete, Marine Corps officer and man of faith and character. Three Midland High graduates received college scholarships from the Patrick Wayland Memorial Scholarship Fund for the 2017-18 academic year.

Gas prices in Midland

Cheapest gas: $2.03 (Sam's Club, SH 191/Tradewinds)

Cheapest gas (non-membership store): $2.09 (H-E-B, Andrews Highway/Loop 250; Murphy USA, Midland Drive/Briarwood; H-E-B, Wadley/Midkiff)

Most expensive gas: $2.25 (multiple locations throughout Midland)

Most common prices: $2.19, $2.25

Cheapest prices in West Texas: Lubbock $1.95, San Angelo $2.02, Midland $2.03, Odessa $2.09, Abilene $2.13

	Mid-Odessa	Texas
Thursday	$2.221	$2.139
Last week	$2.184	$2.162
Last month	$2.094	$2.054
Last year	$1.985	$1.972

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

Gas prices in Texas drop

COPPELL — Retail gasoline prices in Texas and across the country declined 2 cents per gallon this week.

AAA Texas on Thursday reported the statewide average price at the pump was $2.15 per gallon. Nationwide gasoline prices settled at an average $2.34 per gallon.

The association survey found San Antonio has the cheapest gasoline in Texas this week at an average $2.06 per gallon. Drivers in El Paso face the state's highest gasoline prices at an average $2.20 per gallon.

AAA experts say drivers likely will see higher gasoline prices amid continuing strong production levels and seasonal demand. An association statement says gasoline demand remains strong into the end of summer, with various parts of the U.S. expecting a tourism increase in preparation for Monday's solar eclipse.

Source: Associated Press

This date in Texas

On Nov. 18, 1983, Hurricane Alicia slammed into the Texas coast, leaving 21 dead and causing more than $1 billion in damages.

Today in History

Today is Friday, Aug. 18, the 230th day of 2017. There are 135 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson issued his Proclamation of Neutrality, aimed at keeping the United States out of World War I.

In 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, guaranteeing all American women the right to vote, was ratified as Tennessee became the 36th state to approve it.

In 1969, the Woodstock Music and Art Fair in Bethel, New York, wound to a close after three nights with a mid-morning set by Jimi Hendrix.

In 1997, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the nation's largest Lutheran body, voted for closer ties with three other major Protestant denominations: the Presbyterian Church (USA), the United Church of Christ and the Reformed Church in America.

Today's birthdays: Actor-director Robert Redford is 81. ABC News reporter Bob Woodruff is 56. Actor Christian Slater is 48. Actor Edward Norton is 48. Actor-comedian Andy Samberg (TV: "Saturday Night Live") is 39.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 8-6-4
Pick 3 day: 3-1-4
Pick 3 evening: 7-6-8
Pick 3 night: 2-3-0
Daily 4 morning: 7-3-2-7
Daily 4 day: 8-0-1-3
Daily 4 evening: 1-2-4-5
Daily 4 night: 2-0-7-0
Cash Five: 7-9-19-27-29
Triple Chance: 3-6-10-14-15-18-20-25-32-42
Texas Two Step: 5-25-26-33
BB: 19
All or Nothing morning: 2-6-7-8-10-12-15-17-18-21-23-24
All or Nothing day: 2-3-4-5-10-12-15-16-20-21-23-24
All or Nothing evening: 2-3-5-6-7-11-15-18-19-20-23-24
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Weather

Thursday's temperatures
High 96
Low 73
Normal high 94
Normal low 69

August 17's records
Record high: 106 set in 1969
Record low: 60 set in 1931 and equaled in 1972

Precipitation
Thursday ..... 0.00 in.
Wednesday ..... 0.00 in.
Month total ..... 1.85 in.
Year total ..... 12.07 in.
Normal total (year to date) ..... 8.82 in.

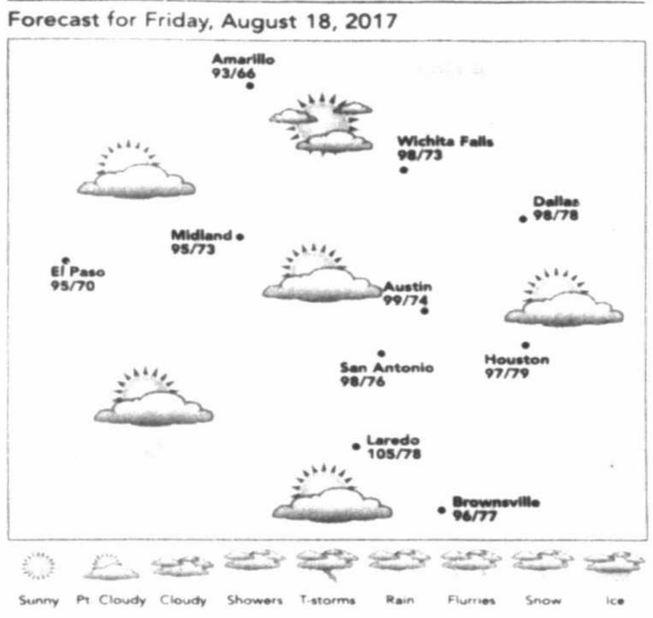
Winds
Average: 10.9 mph
Highest sustained: 17 mph

August 18 forecast
High: 95
Low: 73
Conditions: Sunny during the day/partly cloudy at night
Winds: 10-15 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: None

Sunrise ..... 7:15 a.m.
Sunset ..... 8:29 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

Forecast for Friday, August 18, 2017



JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Leo and a Moon in Cancer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for **Friday, Aug. 18, 2017:** This year you might choose to act on a long-term desire. Check in with yourself and make sure that you still have the same goals. Know that your chosen path has a strong chance of being successful. If you are single, define and recognize the type of relationship you want. The trick is to choose the right person, who wants the same. If you are attached, the two of you will work together to achieve a mutual goal. Your day-to-day relating, especially your conversations with each other, add a special quality to your life together. CANCER understands you well.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You could be distracted by your inner voice. Your instincts will send you a very different message from what seems realistic. Air out your feelings carefully. A boss or higher-up might get easily triggered. Maintain your distance for now. **Tonight:** A loved one keeps reaching out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Consider your alternatives carefully. A friend who might be flaky in one person's opinion could be reliable in another person's mind. Focusing on your long-term goals will allow you to take a leap of faith. You have Lady Luck riding on your shoulder. **Tonight:** Follow the music.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Your more-possessive side emerges when dealing with a partner or close associate. Listen to news carefully; finances could be involved -- specifically, yours. Clear out the issue before it evolves. An idea is likely to spark your imagination. **Tonight:** Let your creativity play out..

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★ You welcome feedback from someone who often perceives what you don't. Clearly, you and others come from different places. Remain sensitive; otherwise, you'll have a problem reining in a far-out plan. Perhaps you should keep your thoughts to yourself. **Tonight:** Be spontaneous.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You'll sense a lot happening around you. You might misconstrue what is occurring. Know that you could be wrong. Observe and ask a question if you can. Your imagination is a ceaseless wonder to many people, and it serves you well more often than not. **Tonight:** Play it low-key.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ A meeting could be more important than you realize. Not only is what you hear important, but so is the process by which you sort through that information. Reach out to a close friend or loved one with whom you always have a good time. **Tonight:** Go for what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ You sense an innate tension. Know that you might be attaching these feelings to different situations or people. Others might not feel what you feel or even make the same deductions. Deal directly with an authority figure who is difficult at best. **Tonight:** Out and about with friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You could be responsible for much more than what you are willing to admit. You have made a decision about the kind of life you want to live, and you make choices accordingly. You could be in a power struggle before you know it. **Tonight:** Think "entertainment."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ One-on-one relating takes you down new path, though you might have a reactive moment. Try to let go of wanting to have control over someone else. Feelings run high, and your ability to move past an issue and let go will be tested once more. **Tonight:** Out with a favorite person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Others continue to seek you out for various reasons. You might hear all sorts of ideas and request for feedback and acknowledgment. Your perspective could change because of how someone presents him- or herself. **Tonight:** Make choices that ensure a fun, relaxing evening.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 23-Feb. 18) ★★★ Use care with your finances, as you have a goal in mind that could cause you to go overboard. Someone from a distance might trigger your imagination. This person makes you feel lucky and appreciated. **Tonight:** Let go of a resentment you have been holding on to.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ One-on-one relating presents a new opportunity. Be flattered by someone else's sharing. Take a stand when dealing with a difficult situation that involves a friend or loved one. Consider walking away from this person and/or situation. **Tonight:** Lighten up the moment.

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Why hate came to the progressive island of Charlottesville

By Sarah Rankin
Associated Press

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University of Virginia students, faculty and residents attend a candle light march across grounds on Wednesday in Charlottesville, Va., . Hundreds gathered on the campus for a candlelight vigil against hate and violence days after Charlottesville erupted in chaos during a white nationalist rally.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — The white nationalists behind last weekend's violent rally found an appealing target in the historic town where Thomas Jefferson founded a university and an outspoken, progressive mayor declared his city the "capital of the resistance" to President Donald Trump.

For more than a year, the Charlottesville government has also been engaged in contentious public soul searching over its Confederate monuments, a process that led to the decision to remove a statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee. All those factors made this community a symbolically powerful backdrop for what's considered the largest white nationalist gathering in at least a decade.

"We are a progressive, tolerant city. We are also a Southern city," Mayor Mike Signer said. About a year and a half ago, Charlottesville "decided to launch on the difficult but essential work of finally telling the truth about race. That made us a target for tons of people who don't want to change the narrative."

On the eve of Saturday's rally, hundreds of white men marched through the University of Virginia campus, holding torches and chanting racist and anti-Semitic slogans. The next morning, many looked like they were dressed for war as they made their way to Emancipation Park.

They clashed with counter-protesters in a stunning display of violence before authorities forced the crowd to disperse. Later, a car plowed into a crowd of demonstrators, killing 32-year-old Heather Heyer and injuring 19 others.

With a population of around 47,000, Charlottesville is a progressive island in a conservative part of Virginia.

The funky, cosmopolitan town is nestled in the rolling foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. It's known for being home to Jefferson's plantation, Monticello, and the place where the Dave Matthews Band got its start.

The heart of its downtown is an open-air pedestrian mall lined with restaurants, bars and quirky boutiques. Tourists flock to Charlottesville not only for the history and culture but also to visit the wineries that dot the countryside just outside of town.

Charlottesville was easily overwhelmed by the numbers that showed up Saturday, said Ed Ayers, a leading Civil War scholar who taught at UVA for decades before moving to Richmond. Despite Virginia's bloody part in the Civil War, Ayers said, the Lee statue does not have a significant historical connection to Charlottesville. The city "did not play a central role in the war at all, he explained, and the statue was not erected until the 1920s, when Jim Crow laws were eroding the rights of black citizens. Charlottesville was just "a very clear symbol they could go to and have a protest," Ayers said. The city is proud of Jefferson's university, a prestigious school with graduates that include prominent figures such as Robert F. Kennedy. But UVA is also a school largely built by slaves and where professors had ideological connections to the resistance movement that followed the Brown vs. Board of Education school desegregation decision. The university did not admit black students until 1950. Last year, figures provided by the school show only 6 percent of students were black.

White nationalist leader Richard Spencer — a UVA grad who was one of the most high-profile speakers lined up for the rally — echoed Ayers' perspective. He said that the Confederate monuments are a metaphor for something "much bigger," referring to "white dispossession and the de-legitimization of white people in this country and around the world."

Saturday was not Spencer's first demonstration in Charlottesville. In May, he was among another torch-wielding group that rallied around the statue at night, chanting, "You will not replace us." Later that month, local right-wing blogger and UVA graduate Jason Kessler applied for the permit for Saturday's event.

Then, in July, about 50 Ku Klux Klan members rallied at the statue, where they were met by more than 1,000 protesters. That, too, made national news.

Oren Segal, director of Anti-Defamation League's Center on Extremism, said hate groups are eager to exploit media attention.

"When they saw a built-in opportunity to build off the other two rallies, it was clear they decided, 'This is the place. We're going to get more attention here,'" he said.

Virginia's closely watched governor's race, one of only two in the nation this year, also helped draw attention.

Republican Corey Stewart successfully made the statue's proposed removal a key talking point in the GOP primary, which he almost won despite being an underdog. Stewart, a one-time state chairman of Trump's campaign, made several campaign stops in Charlottesville. At least one public appearance was with Kessler. Katie Straight, who stood outside the downtown theater Wednesday where a memorial service for Heyer took place, agreed that the city's "democratic" discussion about what to do with the statues had contributed to the scope of what happened Saturday.

"I also think that you have a group of angry people in this country who are looking for a place to physically terrorize those who might challenge their legacy of power," Straight said. "And Charlottesville, in this historic moment, happens to be that place. I hope and pray it's the last place, but I don't think it will be."

Vice Media's immersive Charlottesville report gets traction

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — For all the words flowing since last weekend in Charlottesville, the most striking television reporting has been Vice Media's insider account of the white nationalist movement and what it has wrought.

Correspondent Elle Reeve's initial story of the weekend violence took up the entirety of HBO's half-hour "Vice News Tonight" broadcast Monday and by Thursday had been viewed more than 36 million times on TV and online. Reeve's expertise from reporting on the intersection of the internet and white supremacy movement over 18 months helped vividly illustrate attitudes and tensions.

In the process she put the alternative nightly newscast, which debuted last Oct. 16, on the map.

"What distinguishes us is being on the road and trying to be in the middle of an event as much as we can just to show people what is happening," said Josh Tyrangiel, executive vice president of news at Vice. "It felt very much like a moment for us."

MSNBC's Nicolle Wallace called it "an extraordinary piece of work. I encourage everyone to watch the whole thing."

While Reeve couldn't have anticipated the violence, she expected the event would be significant because it would get a large turnout and was bringing together factions that typically have little use for one another.

Vice's cameras not only captured chants of "Jews will not replace us" during the march, Reeve interviewed members of the movement explaining their bigotry. One man directs anti-Semitic remarks at President Donald Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner: "Donald Trump gives his daughter to a Jew," he complained. Another profanely says that they will "kill these people (Jews and blacks) if we have to."

In one startling moment, Reeve and a camera person push their way into a van carrying some of the white nationalist leaders.

"It's not enough to say, 'these people are bad,'" Reeve said. "You have to say why they are bad."

Or, more precisely, show it. The report, which generally eschews narration, takes viewers through the weekend confrontation in the immersive style that characterizes Vice's work. In its coverage of the events surrounding Heather Heyer's death, Vice interviews a man who fruitlessly tried to revive her.

Reeve said it was important to let demonstrators know she wasn't frightened or intimidated by them.

"Many were quite hostile to me," she said. "But I did not want to let that show on my face."

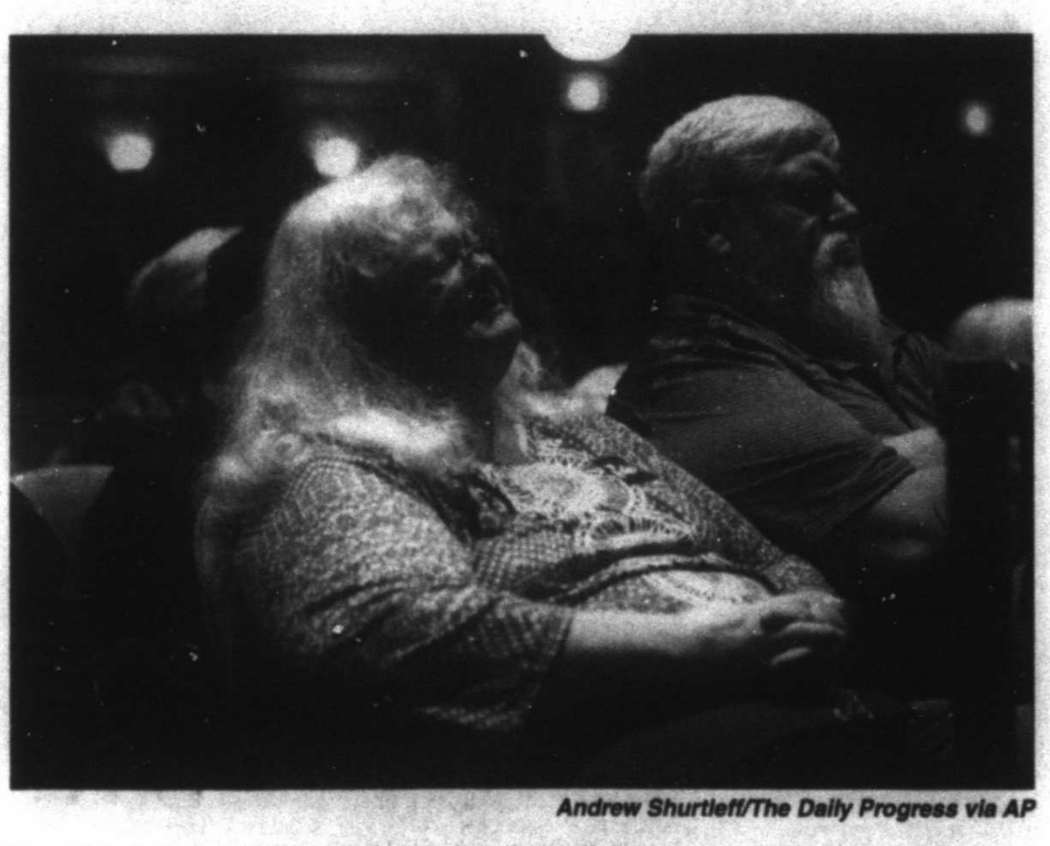
Reeve was still in Virginia reporting on the story Thursday. She said no one in the white nationalist movement has talked to her about her reporting, and she has no interest in reading what they might be saying about her online.

Her boss, Tyrangiel, said the sources Reeve built paid off this week. She's paid close attention to the distinctions between the people and ideologies within the movement, he said. "There aren't that many people who have taken the time to really examine it," he said. "She's able to get more access than most. That said, a lot of what we got last weekend wasn't as much about access as it was insistence." Tyrangiel said he didn't want anyone to confuse getting to know these activists with getting to like them.

"One of the things that we were very careful about was that we could not be used," he said. "We don't want to be in a position where we'll helping to get their message across. At the same time this is a very important story."

Charlottesville woman's family: Fight injustice like she did

By Brian Witte And Sarah Rankin
Associated Press



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Susan Bro, mother to Heather Heyer, becomes emotional during a memorial for her daughter, Wednesday at the Paramount Theater in Charlottesville, Va. Heyer was killed Saturday, when a car rammed into a crowd of people protesting a white nationalist rally.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Family members of the young woman mowed down while protesting a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville used her funeral as a rallying cry, telling mourners the best way to honor Heather Heyer is to continue her fight against injustice.

"Let's find that spark of conviction," Heyer's mother, Susan Bro, told the hundreds who packed a downtown theater to remember Heyer on Wednesday. "Find what's wrong and say to yourselves, 'What can I do to make a difference?'"

Heyer's death on Saturday — and President Donald Trump's insistence that "both sides" bear responsibility for the violence — continued to reverberate across the country, triggering fury among many Americans and soul-searching about the state of race relations in the U.S. The uproar has accelerated efforts in many cities to remove symbols of the Confederacy.

Heyer, 32, was eulogized as a woman with a powerful sense of fairness. The mourners, many of them wearing purple, her favorite color, applauded as her mother urged them to channel their anger not into violence but into "righteous action." "They tried to kill my child to shut her up. Well, guess what? You just magnified her," said Bro, receiving a standing ovation from mourners inside the Paramount Theater.

State troopers were stationed on the surrounding streets, but the white nationalists who had vowed to show up were nowhere to be seen among the residents, clergy and tourists outside the theater, just blocks from where Heyer died.

Heyer, a white legal assistant from Charlottesville, was killed and 19 others were injured Saturday when a car plowed into counter-protesters who had taken to the streets to decry what was believed to be the country's biggest gathering of white nationalists in at least a decade. Hundreds of neo-Nazis, skinheads and Ku Klux Klan members had descended on Charlottesville after the city decided to remove a monument to Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

The driver of the car, James Alex Fields Jr., a 20-year-old Ohio man described as an admirer of Adolf Hitler and Nazi Germany, was arrested and charged with murder and other offenses.

In other developments:

■ Trump tweeted for the first time about Heyer, calling her "beautiful and incredible" and a "truly special young woman." The White House did not respond to questions about whether the president had contacted Heyer's family.

■ Baltimore dismantled four Confederacy-related monuments under cover of darkness, including statues of Lee and Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, while the mayor of Birmingham, Alabama, had the city's 52-foot Confederate memorial obelisk covered over with wooden panels.

■ The number of protesters arrested in connection with the toppling of a Confederate statue Monday night in Durham, North Carolina, climbed to four.

■ Citing security concerns, the University of Florida denied a request by a group headed by white nationalist Richard Spencer to rent space on campus for a September event.

Jody and Brent Dahlseng, of Rockford, Illinois, said they were traveling to Virginia Beach for vacation and made a special stop in Charlottesville to honor Heyer. They stood outside the theater with purple ties around their shoulders.

"This country can do better than this," Brent Dahlseng said.

Charlottesville resident Danielle Notari, who was also outside the theater, spoke through tears.

"We wanted to come say goodbye and pay our respects," she said, her arms wrapped around her young daughter.

Heyer's family members and friends said her death would only inspire them to fight harder for justice.

"This is not the end of Heather's legacy," her mother said.

Speaking firmly, Bro urged those who wanted to honor her daughter to "find in your heart that small spark of accountability."

"You poke that finger at yourself like Heather would have done, and you make it happen," she said. "You take that extra step and you find a way to make a difference in the world!"

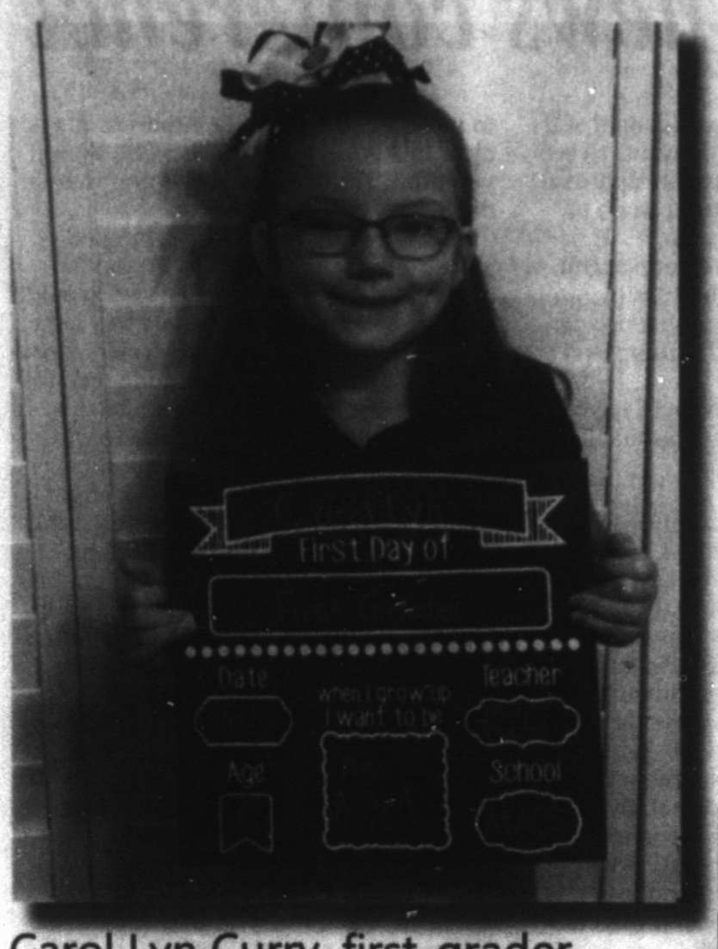
Heyer's grandfather, Elwood Shrader, said she always wanted fairness, even from a young age, and was quick to call out something that wasn't right. He said she wanted respect for everyone and believed "all lives matter."

Mark Heyer, her father, said his daughter wanted to "put down hate."

"She's very compassionate, she's very precise, got a big heart," said Larry Miller, her boss at the law firm where she worked. "She wants to make sure that things are right. She cares about the people that we take care of."

First day of school

Thursday was the first day of school for Midland Academy Charter School. Here are some photos that you have sent in.



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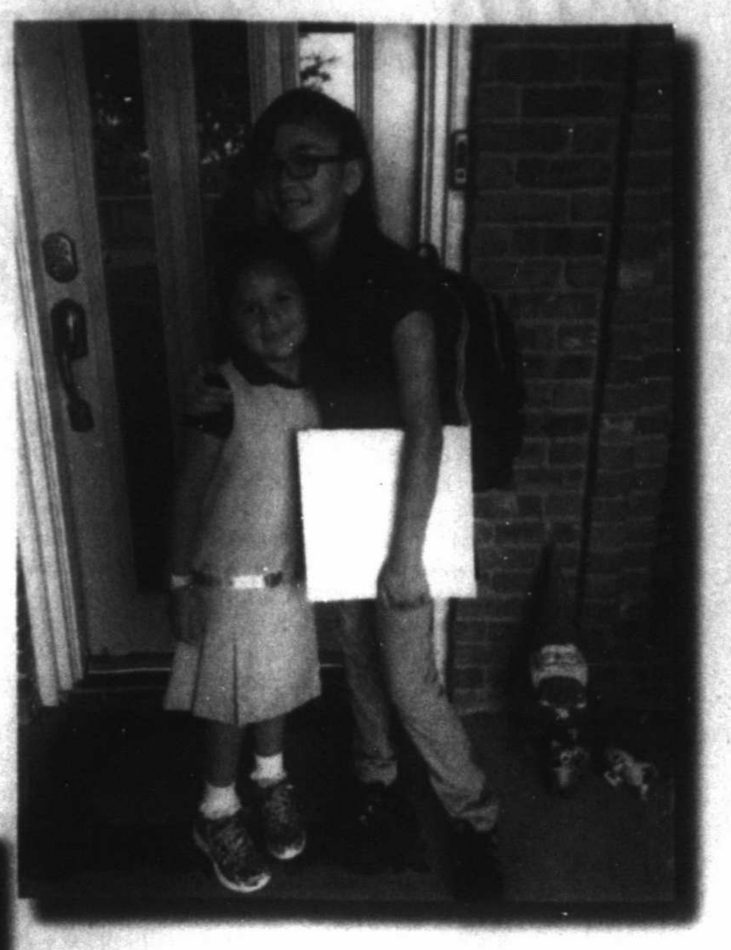
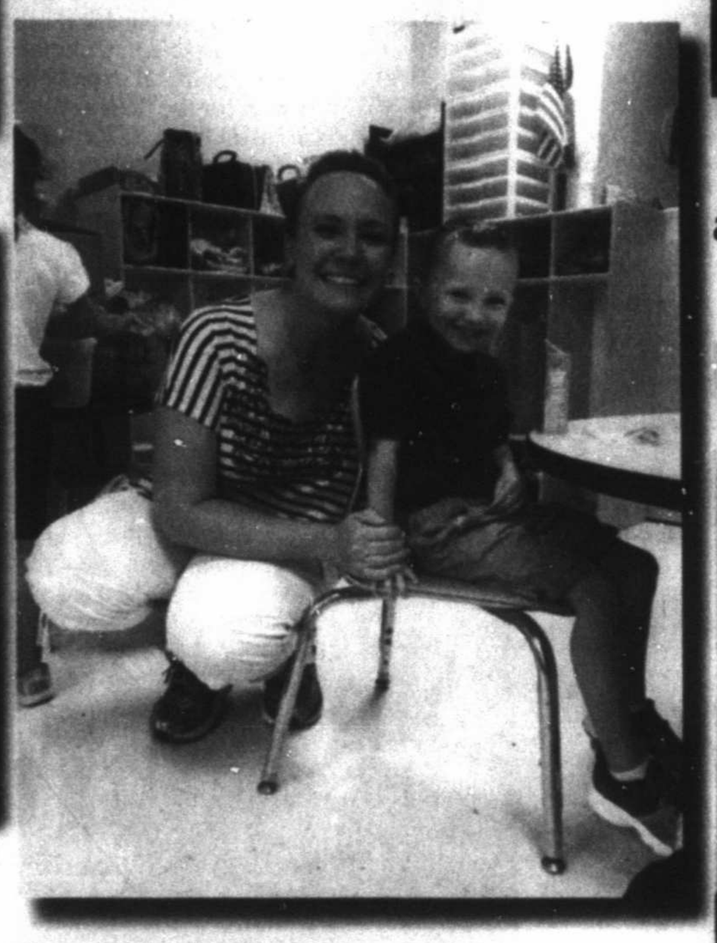


Jaci Campos, left, and Felicity Campos

Penelope Hernández, first-grader, left, and Nicolas Hernández, fifth-grader



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Luna Saenz, left, and Eva Saenz

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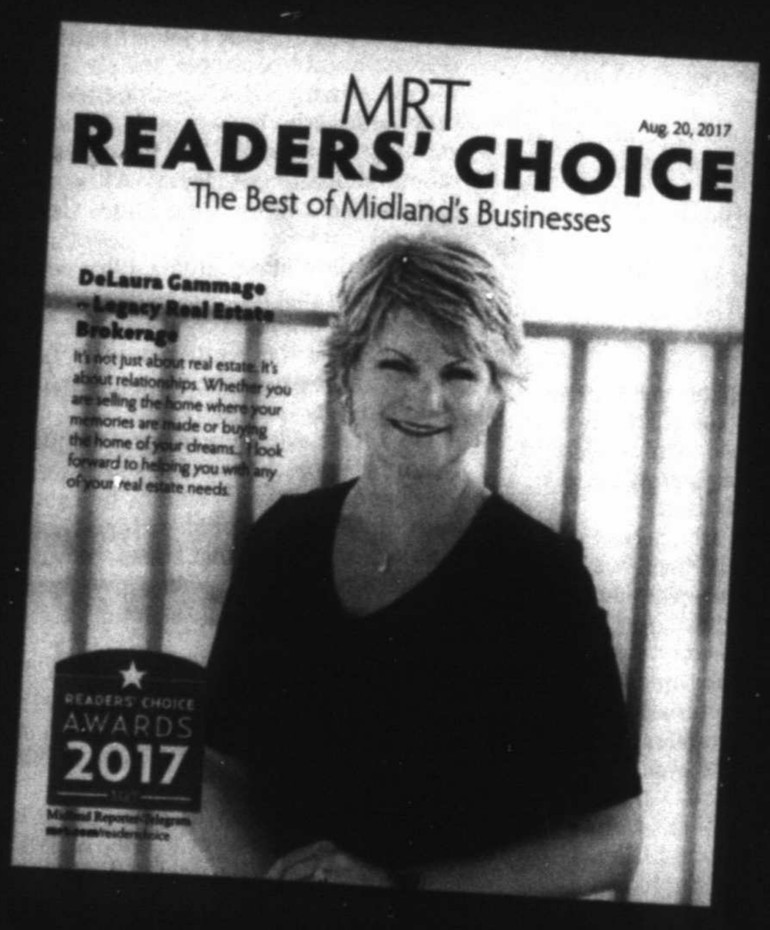

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OPINION

GOP can't impeach Trump over news conference

■ Washington elites stepping in to remove Trump because they don't like what he says would validate exactly the complaints that led to his election in the first place

MEGAN MCARDLE
Bloomberg

President Trump has been widely and appropriately condemned for reacting to the Charlottesville, Virginia, horror with remarks about "both sides" and for comparing Confederate generals to George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, and for reacting to white supremacist terrorism by saying "there is another side."

Sure, I've been critical of the left's "antifa" tactics to counter fascism. (Among other things, they enabled the white nationalists to cry victimhood in Charlottesville.) But the time to critique the left fringe is not after someone with vile racist views has just murdered a protester. That moment is the appropriate time to condemn white supremacist ideology, denounce the murderer and express the hope that the nation can learn to live together better as we mourn our dead.

This should go without saying, but apparently it doesn't, so there, I said it. And a lot of Republicans expressed that appropriate sentiment. House Speaker Paul Ryan, for example, tweeted: "We must be clear. White supremacy is repulsive. This bigotry is counter to all this country stands for. There can be no moral ambiguity."

And there you have it: The leader of the House has taken a stand against Trump. When I retweeted Ryan, people demanded to know: So what is he going to do about Trump?

A lot of liberals wanted to know how Ryan was going to stop Trump from saying things like this. Republicans have learned that they can't. The party has, after all, tried to stop Trump from Trumping. It has tried surrounding him with party stalwarts who could advise him not to say things like this. It has tried condemning his most offensive and un-American utterances. It has tried making fun of his hands. None of it seems to have made much impression on Trump.

Our system of government leaves Congress with few levers to pull once sweet reason and appeals to the presidential self-interest have failed. If Trump wants to see how much lower he can push his approval ratings, there is little his party can do to stop him.

They can impeach him, of course. But what would you put in the articles of impeachment? "In a press conference on Aug.15, President Donald J. Trump said the wrong thing"?

His response was hideous, but I have a tough time making it fit any reasonable definition of "high crimes and misdemeanors."

While the framers had a pretty good idea of what constituted such an offense, they don't seem to have given anyone besides Congress the power to decide exactly what circumstances constituted a high crime and misdemeanor. As far as I can tell, the Congress of the United States can impeach a president because they don't like the way he combs his hair, and all the rest of us could do is write indignant letters to our local representative.

But in practice, Congress is limited by both political expediency and a due respect for the delicacy of our political institutions. If Republicans impeach Trump over a news conference, indignant voters will turn the nation blue at the next election. But even if the GOP were willing to make that sacrifice for America, it's not clear that America would benefit, even if you think Trump is the worst president in the history of our nation.

As I've written before, Washington elites stepping in to remove Trump because they don't like what he says would validate exactly the complaints that led to his election in the first place. Voters knew that he said things like this, and voted for him anyway. Removing him for such a reason would call the democratic legitimacy of the government into question.

The damage to our institutions might well be even deeper than the damage that Trump is doing with his incompetent administration and polarizing rhetoric — especially if this becomes a precedent for future presidencies under perpetual threat that a restive Congress will decide to give the vice president a try.

At the point where, say, two-thirds of the country wants him removed, then Congress has the ability, and probably the duty, to do so. And given that the public is now about equally split on the question, we may get there.

But at the moment, Paul Ryan, like the rest of us, can do very little except watch in horror, and try to stand up for the good when our president won't.

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OUR VIEW

Evening hearing gives public another chance to participate

Kudos go out to Mayor Jerry Morales and the rest of the Midland City Council. The council has scheduled a tax rate hearing for Tuesday evening so those who can't attend the regular morning hearing can offer their opinions about the tax rate and when they believe city leaders can and should cut or add to the proposed budget.

The meeting is set for 6 p.m. Tuesday at council chambers.

We encourage residents to attend. This is your chance to be a part of government. As we have written earlier, it is one thing to talk the talk because you believe a government entity is spending too little or too much. It is another thing to appear in front of the council and tell members to their faces what those excesses or deficits are.

We have heard and seen on social media that government leaders won't listen, and it doesn't matter how many people show up, make calls or send emails. We know that's not right. During the conversations about transportation network companies — such as Uber — some council members said they had never received so much correspondence as they did on that issue, which forced them to address the problem.

Our question for those who have a problem with the city budget: "Can you match the intensity of those who wanted Uber in this town?" Our guess is, if you can match that intensity and if you can show that the budget or tax rate isn't enough or is too much, this council will listen. Want more or less money going to the police and fire departments? Want more or fewer resources for parks and community services? How about increasing or decreasing the budget for road maintenance? The council will be all ears.

We appreciate that the City Council is having this extra meeting. It would have been easier for them to keep the same schedule, such as other taxing entities, or to follow their instinct and say there's no point in scheduling an evening hearing because no on attended previous special evening meetings. But these council members are being open and transparent. So who's in? Who wants more or less? Who wants to look at the budget and be on the record and state that this community needs more or less, or who wants to tell the council and city staff they are doing their job well with this fiscal year budget?

We will be there ready for your comments; the council also will be there. Will you?

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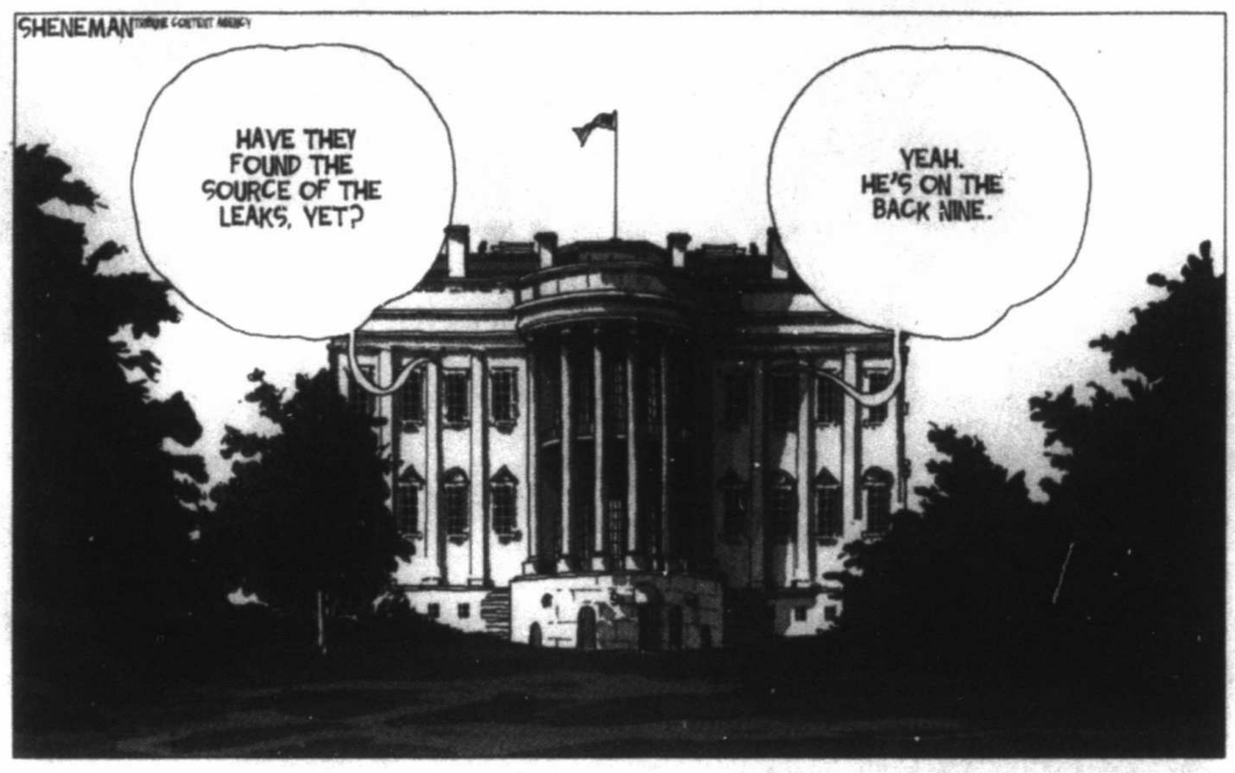

Hicks has mission impossible

■ Interim communications director's standing with Trump seems to be remarkably steady

CALLUM BORCHERS
Washington Post

Hope Hicks might be the bravest person in Washington.

Hours after President Donald Trump surprised advisers by taking questions from reporters and reigniting criticism of his response to violence in Charlottesville — which he had just begun to quell a day earlier — the Daily Caller reported that Hicks would step into the role of White House communications director. The Washington Post and other news outlets confirmed the report Wednesday but noted that Hicks will serve in an interim capacity.

Trump's impromptu news conference Tuesday was a smack-you-in-the-face reminder that he does not take instruction — not that Hicks needed to be reminded. She has been part of Trump's communications team since he launched his campaign more than two years ago.

Hicks has seen one communications director after another make quick exits since Trump was elected: Jason Miller (two days), Sean Spicer (55 days), Mike Dubke (90 days), Spicer again (64 days), Anthony Scaramucci (10 days).

Hicks saw Trump ignore her advice, last month, to be more forthcoming when the New York Times first learned about a meeting involving Donald Trump Jr., Jared Kushner, Paul Manafort and a Kremlin-connected Russian lawyer.

Hicks knows what she is getting into — or, at least, she should. She will be nominally responsible for directing the communications of a president who is so determined to control his own messaging that he sometimes used to pose as his own spokesman in telephone interviews, under the assumed name John Barron or John Miller.

The Washington Post last year published a recording of one such interview, with a reporter from People magazine in 1991. Hicks, now 28, turned 3 that year.

Trump's tendency to freelance and even undermine his advisers' strategies makes the communications director's job a frustrating one. In one memorable example, the president in a May interview with NBC News contradicted Spicer and other aides who had spent the previous two days pushing the narrative that Trump had acted on the recommendation of Deputy Attorney General Rod J. Rosenstein when firing James Comey as FBI director.

Trump lit that narrative on fire when he told Lester Holt that he "was going to fire regardless of recommendation."

Dubke was the White House communications director at the time; he resigned one week after Trump's interview with Holt.

On a team whose members' standing with Trump is subject to wild fluctuations, Hicks' has remained remarkably steady. In a July article entitled "The untouchable Hope Hicks," Politico's Annie Karni wrote that Hicks "is protected, in a world of rival power centers, by the deep bond she shares with the man at the top."

More:

"He affectionately refers to her as "Hopester." She still calls him "Mr. Trump." And she views her job, ultimately, as someone who is installed where she is to help, but not change, the leader of the free world."

It seems that Hicks harbors no illusion about wielding enough power to control Trump. But a person who holds the communications director's title generally expects the power to do what the title suggests — direct the day-to-day messaging of the White House.

There is little in Trump's history to suggest that he is willing to grant such authority to Hicks or anyone else.

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Under fire — from GOP — Trump digs in on Confederate icons

By Jonathan Lemire and Darlene Superville
Associated Press

BRIDGEWATER, N.J. — With prominent Republicans openly questioning his competence and moral leadership, President Donald Trump on Thursday burrowed deeper into the racially charged debate over Confederate memorials and lashed out at members of his own party in the latest controversy to engulf his presidency.

Out of sight, but still online, Trump tweeted his defense of monuments to Confederate icons — bemoaning rising efforts to remove them as an attack on America's "history and culture."

And he berated his critics who, with increasingly sharper language, have denounced his initially slow and then ultimately combative comments on the racial violence at a white supremacist rally last weekend in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Trump was much quicker Thursday to condemn violence in Barcelona, where more than a dozen people were killed when a van veered onto a sidewalk and sped down a busy pedestrian zone in what authorities called a terror attack.

He then added to his expression of support a tweet reviving a debunked legend about a U.S. general subduing Muslim rebels a century ago in the Philippines by shooting them with bullets dipped in pig blood.

"Study what General Pershing of the United States did to terrorists when caught. There was no more Radical Islamic Terror for 35 years!" Trump wrote.

Trump's unpredictable, defiant and, critics claim, racially provocative behavior has clearly begun to wear on his Republican allies.

Tennessee Sen. Bob Corker, whom Trump considered for a Cabinet post, declared Thursday that "the president has not yet been able to demonstrate the stability nor some of the competence that he needs to" in dealing with crises. And Sen. Dan Sullivan of Alaska tweeted, "Anything less than complete & unambiguous condemnation of white supremacists, neo-Nazis and the KKK by the @POTUS is unacceptable. Period."

Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina said Trump's "moral authority is compromised."

Trump, who is known to try to change the focus of news coverage with an attention-grabbing declaration, sought to shift Thursday from the white supremacists to the future of statues.

"You can't change history, but you can learn from it," he tweeted. "Robert E. Lee. Stonewall Jackson — who's next, Washington, Jefferson? So foolish. ...

"Also the beauty that is being taken out of our cities, towns and parks will be greatly missed and never able to be comparably replaced!"

"Sad to see the history and culture of our great country being ripped apart with the removal of our beautiful statues and monuments," he tweeted.

Trump met separately Thursday at his golf club in nearby Bedminster with the administrator of the Small Business Administration and Florida Gov. Rick Scott, a longtime Trump supporter. Trump also prepared for an unusual meeting today at the Camp David presidential retreat in Maryland with his national security team to discuss strategy for South Asia, including India, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Vice President Mike Pence was cutting short a long-planned Latin America tour to attend the meeting.

Though out of public view, Trump sought to make his voice heard on Twitter as he found himself increasingly under siege and alone while fanning the controversy over race and politics toward a full-fledged national conflagration.

He dissolved two business councils

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President Donald Trump

Wednesday after the CEO members began quitting, damaging his central campaign promise to be a business-savvy chief executive in the Oval Office.

And the White House said Thursday that it was abandoning plans to form an infrastructure advisory council.

Two major charities, the Cleveland Clinic and the American Cancer Society, announced they are canceling fundraisers scheduled for Trump's resort in Palm Beach, Florida, amid the continuing backlash over Trump's remarks.

Meanwhile, rumblings of discontent from his staff grew so loud that the White House had to release a statement saying that Trump's chief economic adviser wasn't quitting. And the president remained on the receiving end of bipartisan criticism for his handling of the aftermath of the Charlottesville clashes.

On Thursday, he hit back hard — against Republicans.

He accused "publicity-seeking" Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina of falsely stating Trump's position on the demonstrators. He called Arizona Sen. Jeff Flake "toxic" and praised Flake's potential primary election opponent.

Graham said Wednesday that Trump "took a step backward by again suggesting there is moral equivalency" between the marching white supremacists and the people who had been demonstrating against them. Flake has been increasingly critical of Trump in recent weeks.

Pressured by advisers, the president had softened his words on the dispute Monday, two days after he had enraged many by declining to single out the white supremacists and neo-Nazis whose demonstration against the removal of a Robert E. Lee statute had led to violence and the death of a counter-protester in Charlottesville.

He returned to his combative stance Tuesday — insisting anew during an unexpected and contentious news conference at Trump Tower that "both sides" were to blame.

Aides watching from the sidelines reacted with dismay and disbelief and privately told colleagues they were upset by the president's remarks, though not upset enough for anyone to resign.

The resignation speculation around Gary Cohn, head of the National Economic Council and a Jew, had grown so intense by Thursday that the White House released a statement saying reports that Cohn was stepping down were "100 percent false."

But not all of Trump's aides were unhappy with his performance.

Adviser Steve Bannon's job security in the White House has become tenuous — Trump offered only a "we'll see" on Tuesday when asked if his chief strategist would remain in his post — but Bannon has been telling allies that the president's news conference would electrify the GOP base.

And in a pair of interviews Wednesday, Bannon cheered on the president's nationalist tendencies and suggested that a fight over Confederate monuments was a political fight he welcomes.

"The race-identity politics of the left wants to say it's all racist," Bannon told The New York Times. "Just give me more. Tear down more statues. Say the revolution is coming. I can't get enough of it."

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FAVORITE CREDIT UNION My Community Credit Union

My Community Credit Union is proud to serve the community by helping the men and women who make it great. Their passion is to make every member's and future member's story a financial success story. They accomplish this by focusing on financial education at all levels throughout the community.

"We pride ourselves on service, community involvement, & financial education opportunities within our community," said President & CEO, Donna Neal. "We work in partnership with Midland and Ector County school districts to provide financial education to students through different curricula at the middle and high school levels."

MCCU offers budget and finance programs to middle school children at no cost to the school. This year, they partnered with the Cornerstone Credit Union Foundation to host a Biz Kid$ contest; the students drew up their own business plan and made a formal presentation to parents, faculty and MCCU representatives. "They went on to regional contests in Texas and Oklahoma, with prizes and recognition. It was a huge success, and the students really enjoyed it!" Donna said.

At the high school level, MCCU presents Reality Fairs, an interactive program that lets students experience what happens after high school from a financial perspective.

"They learn about earning and saving and get a realistic glimpse of what they're able to afford," Donna said.

My Community Credit Union also offers seminars throughout the community on budgeting, maintaining credit scores and understanding loan products.

"Some of the seminars are geared toward investing in IRAs and 401Ks. It's a chance for community members to be educated on different opportunities to make their money work for them," Donna said. MCCU is intentional in its efforts to support the Midland-Odessa communities. The credit union helped raise more than $50,000 this year for CASA of West Texas. "We are proud of the efforts we have made and the lives we have touched," Donna said.

MCCU also partners with Children's Miracle Network, Crime Stoppers, Junior Achievement and various other organizations each year.

"As a credit union, we're different from larger financial organizations," Donna said. "We're local; we care about the community."

A credit union is a not-for-profit organization that does not have a governing board made up of outside interests, but a board of directors made up of and elected by their fellow credit union members.

"Those who serve on the board don't receive any compensation," Donna said. "Our earnings go back to the credit union membership.

MCCU is able to offer lower interest rates on many loan products.

"For example, our auto loans are a lot lower than is typical with larger banks and financial institutions," she said.

My Community Credit Union keeps in mind the habits of a younger generation and stays current with the latest and greatest technology.

"You can access your account, open an account and apply for a loan from your mobile device," Donna said. "However, we have an option for all audiences, including those who enjoy the ambience of coming in and speaking to an individual."

MCCU offers many financial services including checking, savings, IRAs and CDs. Through Kasasa, they also offer three different types rewards: Kasasa Cash Back, Kasasa Saver and Kasasa Tunes.

"We offer accounts with reward benefits that no other financial institution in West Texas is offering," Donna said. "We also offer a credit card with a fabulous low-interest rate, and we are excited to announce our rewards credit card coming in October."

My Community Credit Union has been part of the Midland community since 1952. On June 1, 2008, Permian Basin Credit Union in Odessa joined the MCCU family, bringing additional members and providing a branch location in Odessa. My Community now has over 29,000 members.

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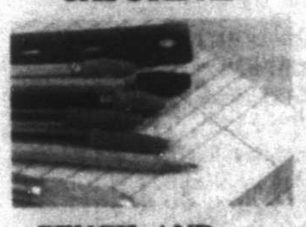
THIS WEEK

TODAY

BOWL BATTLE
The King and I restaurant hosts a battle of the bowls with all sales of the winning bowl going toward Midland Humane Coalition. Select between two bowls during business hours.

LIFTING SPIRITS UP
Faith Temple Church of God in Christ continues its 43rd annual Spiritual Explosion with guest pastor Johnny Gatlin Sr. at 7 p.m., followed by the Founder's Day Banquet on Saturday at 2 p.m.

SATURDAY



PENCIL AND PAPER
The West Side Lions Club hosts its 12th annual Back to School Bash at 4300 Thomason Drive. Free school supplies will be given to students in K-12 with a parent or guardian. 10 a.m.

SHOP TIME
Runway Seven will host Sip, Snack, Shop and Support benefiting the Midland Children's Advocacy Center. Shop the boutique while learning about MCAC's work in the area. Refreshments provided. 1 p.m.

MONDAY

GIVE BACK
The Blue Door's Give Back Mondays will donate proceeds from drink sales this month to Freedom Service Dogs, a nonprofit that rescues dogs and trains them to provide assistance to children, veterans, active duty soldiers and those with disabilities. 4 p.m.

TUESDAY

LUNCH LESSON
To learn about becoming a court-appointed special advocate, join CASA of West Texas' Lunch and Learn informational meeting at 1611 W. Texas Ave. Noon.

SPANISH STUDY
Casa de Amigos will host Conversational Spanish for Beginners on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-6 p.m. $20 per eight classes. Register by calling 432-682-9701.

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Photo provided by Big Daddy Weave

From left, Brian Beihl, Jeremy Redmon, Mike Weaver, Joe Shirkand Jay Weaver bring a new approach to their live show as Big Daddy Weave.

Highs and lows helped Big Daddy Weave connect deeper with fans

By Rich Lopez
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In recent years, Christian pop band Big Daddy Weave has undergone a metamorphosis. Major success following the band's 2012 "Love Come to Life," was followed by tragedy four years later when band member Jay Weaver had both legs amputated. But the band has turned its ups and downs into its advantage.

As they continue their Set Free tour, which stops at Crossroads Church in Odessa on Wednesday, lead singer Mike Weaver talked about connecting with the audience on a different level, his brother's progress and how change has made the band better.

MRT: Much has gone on with the band both professionally and personally. Does that reflect in your music and show?

Weaver: For us, really, it's about inspiring hope. We all go through junk and we all need a second chance.

MRT: How do you inspire that hope?

Weaver: For years, we would tell some kind of champion story with the audience that was encouraging.

But then God was looking to use us differently, and we started sharing about our brokenness. We all hurt and that somehow resonated far more than any story.

MRT: What do you share?

Weaver: We're just honest and open, man, about what's on our minds. To know someone has been, or is, going through what you've been through, that is pretty hopeful. You can see that light come on and that we're all sharing an experience. I'm actually jazzed by the interaction we see with the lives of some people.

MRT: Was there a catalyst for this newfound openness at your concerts?

Weaver: As we were walking through, it just started to feel fake to pretend everything was OK when we were going through rough stuff. But we didn't want that to be a gimmick, either. We wanted to have a message of moving forward. Where we are going tomorrow is not bound by our lives today.

MRT: The band released its first album "Neighborhoods" in 2001. How do you feel nine albums later?

Weaver: I still feel like I'm going to be told to get a day job, but I love playing music. And just to see what God has done and allowed us to do has been great. We're thankful to do this. We're a little more achy than when we started, but in our hearts, we still feel like college kids.

MRT: At this point, you're all practically family.

Weaver: It's been cool to see each of us go through seasons of life. We're all dads now. There were times we hated each other's guts. But all that adds depth to those long-term relationships, and it carries a special kind of weight.

MRT: Your brother, Jay, had his legs amputated due to complications from diabetes. Speaking of family, how did he and you all — particularly you — go through that?

Weaver: It was just like a punch to the gut for all of us. This is my brother. There was such a helpless feeling that comes with that. We heard from places all over the world. It was time to see if we believe in what we say we believe. It was a dark time but we and the church rallied around him and lifted him up.

MRT: And how is he doing?

Weaver: Much better and there is steady improvement. He and we are all learning a new normal, and it's slow-going but hopeful.

MRT: With both success and obstacles, does the band handle each differently or the same?

Weaver: Because of our experience now, we know where to run. We take it to (God) first. When we began this personal revival, there was a freedom in that. The Lord began to heal something in us. The response has been beautiful, and we see how it's all rooted in God's unconditional love.

Pastor: Clinton wants to preach

By Martha Quillin
The News & Observer

RALEIGH, N.C. — Hillary Clinton wants to be a preacher, and a Duke Divinity School alum who served as her spiritual adviser during the 2016 presidential campaign says Clinton would be powerful in the pulpit.

"I think she would be a terrific preacher," said the Rev. Bill Shillady, who has been a friend and a pastor to the Clinton family for 15 years. "She knows her Bible, and she loves people and she loves God."

Shillady met Clinton in 2002 at a memorial service for 9/11 victims in New York. She was a New York senator at the time and Shillady was pastor of Park Avenue United Methodist Church on the Upper East Side of Manhattan.

Shillady is a native of Reading, Pennsylvania, who studied religion and business administration at Lebanon Valley College. He earned a master's in divinity from Duke in 1981 and a doctor of ministry degree from Drew Theological School in 1993.

Since 2008, Shillady has been executive director of the New York-based United Methodist City Society, which supports United Methodist churches and their programs.

After the memorial service, Shillady said Hillary Clinton brought her daughter, Chelsea, to Sunday services at his church. He became friends with the family and served in a pastoral role for the Clintons. He co-officiated Chelsea Clinton's wedding to Marc Mesvinsky in July 2010 and led the memorial service for Hillary Clinton's mother, Dorothy Rodham, in 2011. He would have meals with the family from time to time, he said, usually around holidays.

In 2015, he celebrated Easter with the Clintons. Shortly after, he said, Clinton announced

Mary Altaffer/Associated Press

In this April 6 photo, former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton speaks during the Women in the World Summit at Lincoln Center in New York.

she would make a second run for the presidency, and Shillady wanted to do something to support her. Shillady knew that Joshua DuBois, Barack Obama's "pastor-in-chief," had provided Obama with a daily devotional during his presidency, weaving together Scripture, song, prayer and reflection.

Shillady decided to do something similar for Clinton for the duration of the campaign.

"It was really just a movement of the spirit," Shillady said. "I didn't know how difficult the campaign was going to be, or how contentious. I just thought it would help her to have a Scripture and a meditation on that Scripture and a prayer each day."

Beginning April 6, 2015, Shillady would start each day by looking at news headlines and finding a Bible verse appropriate to what was happening in the world or in Clinton's life. He would write a short meditation on the

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Barbecue is big at two weekend community events

By Rich Lopez
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Barbecue is the focus of two community events planned for Saturday.

Mount Moriah Disciples of Christ will host its second annual Cops, Kids and Barbecue on Saturday. With ribs and more as the centerpiece, the event serves as a bridge between the community and the Midland Police Department and as a resource for school supplies.

"We want to continue to build a relationship with the department and let them know our kids are good while also showing our kids they can trust and respect the local law enforcement,"said Dennis Hodge Sr., the church's pastor.

The event also serves as the church's back-to-school bash. Mount Moriah will provide backpacks to children heading into the new school year. In 2016, the church distributed backpacks filled with supplies to 100 children.

Hodge said Chief Price Robinson will be honored at the event that is open to all of Midland.

"I'd love to see other communities come to see what's going on in ours," he said. "We want to be able to build these relationships because we want to show Christ's love throughout the whole community."

Cops, Kids and Barbecue is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at 701 S. Calhoun St.

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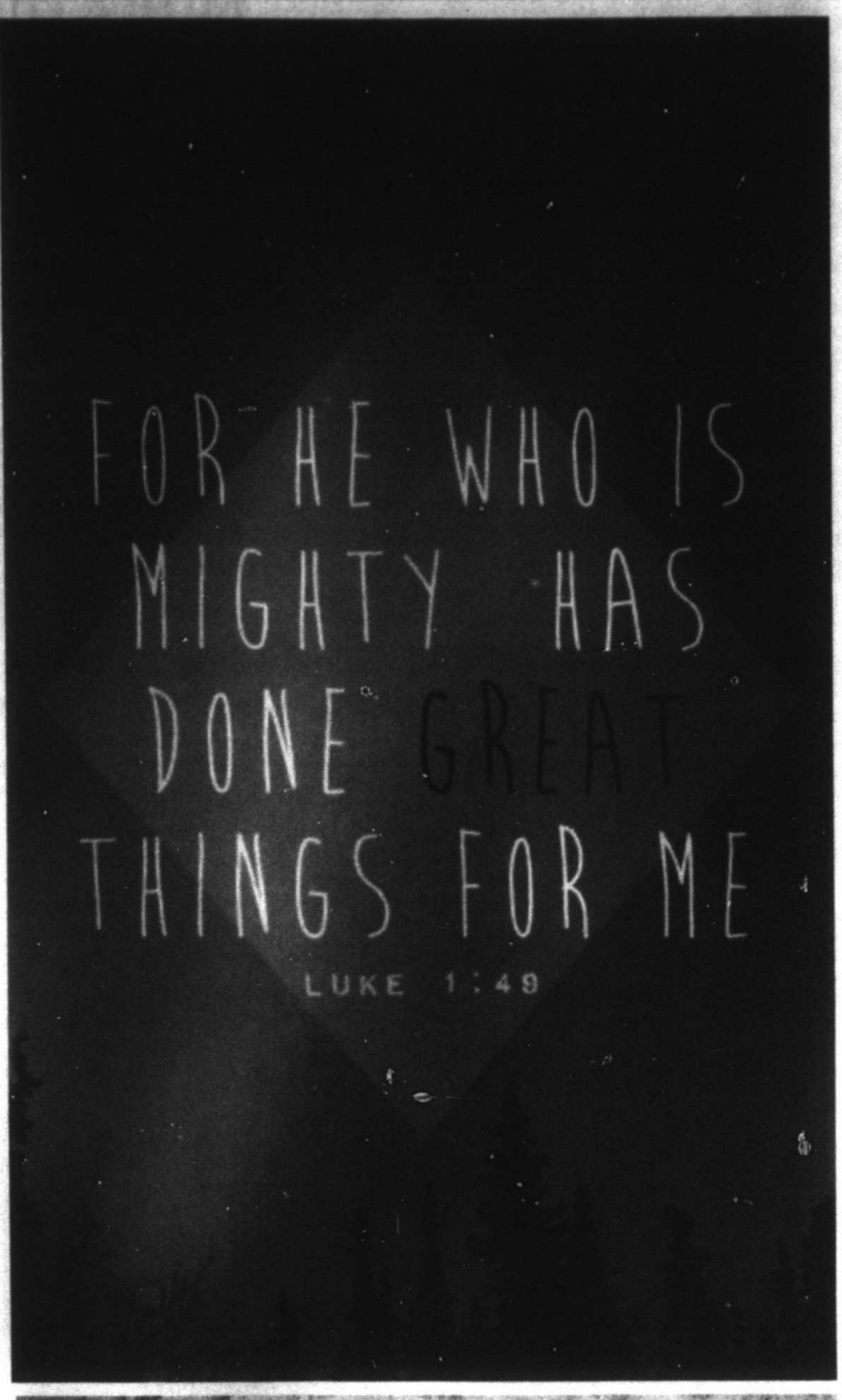

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Little Miss Flint raises money for 1K backpacks to students

Associated Press

FLINT, Mich. — A 10-year-old girl known as "Little Miss Flint" helped gather and distribute more than 1,000 backpacks to Flint students after raising more than $10,000 in two weeks.

Amariyanna "Mari" Copeny partnered with nonprofit Pack Your Back to pass out free backpacks and supplies at the Mott Community College Event Center on Aug. 6, the Flint Journal reported.

"We need to help kids in Flint that can't afford a backpack or school supplies so the people can go to school," she said. "School is important. Education is life."

Mari first attempted the #PackYourBackChallenge on Twitter last year by gathering 100 backpacks.

"She amazes me with every new task that she throws at me. She wants to do backpacks, we'll do backpacks. She wants to get to the moon, we'll try to get her to the moon," said LuLu Brezzell, Mari's mother. "Whatever she's down for in her goals, I guess I'm just along for the ride. I will do everything in my power to make it possible."

Local teachers will receive the leftover backpacks and school supplies that were not picked up that day to distribute among students in need in the first week of school.

Central Michigan University student Galen Miller said he founded Pack Your Back after he brought a semi-truck filled with bottled water to Flint in March 2016, and witnessed a need based on how the water crisis affected Flint residents.

"No child should have to go through this, and I knew we had to help more," Miller said. "Our goal is to enhance the educational experience for underprivileged students in Michigan by giving them the tools and resources to succeed in the classroom."

Mari said providing backpacks is a way to continue to build Flint back after the water crisis. But she doesn't want people to lose sight that there's still work to be done on that front.

Clinton

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verse, offer a prayer and email the devotional to Clinton by 5 a.m.

"She has said it was the first thing she read every day, and it helped to center her that day," Shillady said.

About three months into the project, Shillady said, he enlisted the help of some church laity and other clergy members, including Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians.

"They were written specifically for her," Shillady said. "Sometimes they were about strength and perseverance, qualities the campaign demanded endlessly. Sometimes I would write about joy, with a reminder to seek and savor the exciting and exhilarating moment, like the birth of her grandson."

Some devotionals were about gratitude, or celebration, Shillady said. "And when there was a difficult day — when there was a shooting, or a terrorist attack — I would write about grief and hope.

"It helped her to stay focused on the values that were important to her, and have been since she grew up, in her Methodist faith: justice and dignity, compassion and love."

Shillady said Clinton would respond to the messages if she especially liked a Scripture passage or a devotional.

When Clinton lost to Donald J. Trump, she quoted a verse from Galatians that Shillady said he had sent her a few weeks before. "Let us not grow weary in doing good," she said in her concession speech, "for in due season, we shall reap if we do not lose heart."

Shillady continued sending the devotionals until Dec. 31, 2016, a total of 635 in all.

Earlier this year, Clinton suggested to Shillady that he make a book of the daily devotionals. He did, culling them to 365 and trimming them to fit on one page. His publisher, Abingdon Press, included email exchanges between Shillady and Clinton, news clippings from the long campaign, and photographs.

The book, "Strong for a Moment Like This," takes its title from the fourth chapter of the Book of Esther, about the Jewish queen who feared speaking out on behalf of her people when some members of her husband's court planned to exterminate them.

The book was released Aug. 15.

Shillady said he and Clinton were together for a photo shoot for the book's release when she said, almost offhandedly, "'Bill, I think I'd like to do some preaching.'

"I said, 'Oh, really? Are you serious?' "Shillady said he asked.

He said she answered, "I am."

Clinton did not immediately respond to a request for an interview made through The Clinton Foundation.

Clinton grew up in the Methodist church, attending First United Methodist in Park Ridge, Illinois, as a child. After moving to Little Rock, Arkansas, with her husband, Bill Clinton, she joined First United Methodist Church there, and taught Sunday school and worked with the youth. When Bill Clinton was elected president and the family moved to Washington, Hillary Clinton attended Foundry United Methodist Church in D.C.

In an address to the general conference of the United Methodist Church in Denver in 1996, Clinton said the church, with its emphasis on personal holiness leading to social holiness, had had a formative influence on her life.

"The church was a critical part of my growing up, and in preparing for this event, I almost couldn't even list all the ways it influenced me and helped me develop as a person, not only on my own faith journey, but with a sense of obligations to others," Clinton told the gathering, which included 150 Methodist bishops.

"It taught me practical lessons as well: for example, how to recover from the embarrassment of passing out in an over-heated sanctuary when I was playing an angel during the Christmas pageant," she said. "That particular lesson has stood me in good stead on many occasions in my adult life. But most importantly, I learned from the ministers there and the lay leaders there, the men and women such as yourselves who ran the church life, about the connection between my personal faith and the obligations I faced as a Christian, both to other individuals and to society."

At 69, Clinton is not interested in attending seminary or becoming an ordained minister, Shillady said. But in the Methodist tradition, "The laity have been known to take the pulpit," he said.

"She knows her Methodist history. She would be a good expositor of the Bible. The way she has advocated for the disenfranchised and the poor in our nation stems from her Methodist upbringing and her understanding of the Methodist heritage of being a member of society and caring for others. And talk about life experience. She could write her own book about that."

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Obituaries

Clarence Ray Zachery

Clarence Ray Zachery, known to pretty much everyone everywhere as Putty, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Tuesday, August 15, 2017.

He was born in Midland on April 18, 1955, to Galberson and Dorothy Dean Zachery, the fourth of the nine Flying Zachery boys. He was a proud Midland High Bulldog, playing both offense and defense in football and competing on the State Championship baseball team in 1973. He graduated in 1973 and went to East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma, on a football scholarship.

In 1973, he married his high school sweetheart, Cheryl Neal, and they raised two children, of whom Putty was so very, very proud: his son, Clay (officially named, of course, Clarence Ray Zachery II), and his adored daughter, Rachel Nichole.

Putty's lifelong career was with Chevron/Texaco, but his heart was in Little League, where he proudly coached decades of players, including his son and grandson, and energetically argued with the umpires. He loved baseball and playing golf with his boys, and he loved barbecuing for family and friends. He loved eating. And if you knew Putty, you know this is true: he loved talking. Putty loved to talk and he loved to argue. He could, and did, talk to anyone about anything, and he was indefatigable. It was best to just listen and nod. He loved people and he had friends from every part of his life, from the boys he fought with at Dezavala Elementary, to his fellow choir members at Midland High, to his co-workers and fellow Little League coaches and players, to the other outpatients at the Midland Dialysis Center. He adored his grandchildren.

Putty is preceded in death by his parents, Galberson and Dorothy, and by his older brother, Eddie, and his younger brother, James.

He leaves behind his daughter, Rachel; his son, Clay and daughter-in-law, Stephanie, and their children, Christian and Courtney; his ex-wife, Cheryl; his partner, Lucy Galindo and her son, Nick; his brothers, Galberson, Earl, Sam, Jerry, Terry, and Carlos; a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins; and many, many friends.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, August 18, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, August, 19, 2017 at Mid-Cities Community Church in Midland.

Donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the American Kidney Fund or your local dialysis center.

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

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Olin "Ken" Folmar

"Ken" was born December 5, 1929 in Leonard, Texas to Olin P. and Annie (Hardage) Folmar. He spent his early school years in Yantis, Texas. He attended Sunset High School in Dallas, Texas where he played football and was awarded The Sunset High Dad's Club Award in mechanical drawing and photography. He then attended East Texas State University on a football scholarship.

Upon suffering an injury that ended his football playing days, he enlisted in the Marine Corps. Before leaving for boot camp, he met Dorothy Virginia Truly and it was "love at first sight," that lasted almost 68 years. They were married November 26, 1949. He served two years with the title of "Field artillery fire control man" and was honorably discharged as a sergeant from the United States Marine Corps.

After his military service, he worked in the oil and gas industry where he was able to use his drafting skills and retired after 36 years as the head draftsman for Texaco in Midland, Texas.

Ken and Virginia lived in Midland 32 years where they raised their children, Kenny and Laura. Ken enjoyed officiating six man football games, coaching his son in various sports which included football, little league, and American Legion baseball. His favorite hobbies were photography, woodworking, family camping and watching the Dallas Cowboys and Texas Rangers.

After his retirement, his biggest dream came true as he and Virginia in 1989 built a beautiful home on the family farm just outside of Yantis, where they spent remainder of their lives.

Ken is survived by his wife, Virginia; his son, Kenny and wife Kirsten; daughter, Laura and husband David; grandchildren, Chandler (Natalie), Abby, and Rachel; and greatgrandchildren, Aspen, Ayden, and Vivienne.

He is now joined with his grandson, Taylor, in Heaven.

Military graveside honors by the Hopkins County Military Coalition will be held at the Yantis Cemetery on August 19, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

There will be no formal visitation.

Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. *www.westoaksfuneralhome.com*

Valton "Bob" Smith

Funeral services for Valton "Bob" Smith, 87, of Lamesa will be held Saturday, August 19, 2017 at 12:00 noon at Branon Funeral Home Chapel with Ben Phipps officiating. Interment will be at 3:00 p.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Valton passed away Wednesday, August 16, 2017 in Lubbock. He was born February 26, 1930 in Comanche to Ernest and Maggie (Shelton) Smith. He married Geneva (Shupp) Smith in 1948. She preceded him in death in 1997. They were married for 49 years. He later married Lela Fern (Woods) Smith July 23, 1999. They were married 18 years.

Valton served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was the owner of two Phillips 66 Gas Station for in Midland 48 years. He was a member at Second Baptist Church where he was a Deacon.

He is survived by his wife, Lela Fern Smith of Lamesa; step-sons, Randy Bush and wife, Sharan of San Angelo, and Mark Bush and wife, Belinda of Lamesa; brother, Clarence Smith of Dublin; nieces, Debbie Gentry, and Sandra Burk, Darlene Nelson, and Connie Cheatham; nephews, Dennis Smith, Dwight Smith, Alton Smith, and Ricky Smith; great-niece, Autumn Drennan; great-nephews, Valton Cooper and wife, Caley, and Justin Mauldin; great-great niece, Caitlyn Cooper; and great-great nephew, Valton "Creed" Cooper.

Valton is also preceded in death by his parents; sister, Eva Gentry; and brother, Alton Smith.

The family suggests memorials to Medical Arts Hospice, 2205 N Bryan Ave, Lamesa, TX, 79331, and Kindred Hospice 3223 South Loop 289, Ste 318, Lubbock, TX, 79416. To send condolences online, please visit *www.branonfuneralhome.com*.

Death Notices

Danny Ray Hennings

Danny Ray Hennings, 62, of Midland, Texas, passed away on August 14, 2017.

He is survived by his two sons, Billy and Carl Hennings.

Gary Lynn Branch

Gary Lynn Branch, 59, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Monday, August 14, 2017.

There will be a visitation at Ellis Funeral Home from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 17, 2017.

A funeral service will be held in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, August 18, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. with Brother Bob Porterfield officiating.

Burial will be at a later date in Azle, Texas at Ash Creek Cemetery.

Mercedes Borrero

Mercedes Borrero, 77, of Midland, passed away Thursday, August 17, 2017.

Memorial services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, August 19, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

Survivors include husband, Cecilio Borrero, and children, Henry Borrero and Jacqueline Pelcastre.

CALENDAR

Aug. 18-24

Today

The 43rd annual Spiritual Explosion: "Reaching a Changing World with the Unchanging Word of God." The event will feature speacial guest pastor Johnny Gatlin Sr. with psalmist Kirisma Evans and guest musician Cersie Kenan. 7 p.m. at Faith Temple Church of God in Christ, 1605 N. Terrell St. ftc-midland.org.

16th annual Bustin' Clay for United Way, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at Jake's Clays, 13301 Farm-to-Market Road 1379. $180. Bustinclayforunitedway.org.

King and I Battle of the Bowls fundraiser pits two meals against each other with proceeds benefiting the Midland Humane Coalition. Choose between a Muscle Bowl by Boston Marathon runner Steve Berrones or a Spartan Bowl by Megan Whitford, a Spartan Race qualifier. All of the sales from the winning bowl will go toward MHC. King and I, 801 N. Big Spring St.

Saturday

Yoga classes are offered weekly. 9 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. Free. uumidland.org.

The 12th annual Back to School Bash offers free school supplies for students K-12. Student must attend with parent or guardian. 10 a.m.-noon at West Side Lions Club, 4300 Thomason Drive.

Cops, Kids and Barbecue features face painting, bounce houses and barbecue while also honoring local officers and the retirement of Chief Price Robinson. School supplies will also be given out as part of the event. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Mount Moriah Discipies of Christ, 701 S. Calhoun St.

Basin Burnout cook-off competition benefiting Reel Thanx and Hunt for Heroes.The event includes food sampling, live music and fireworks. Noon-6 p.m. at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Drive. $25 advance, $40 door. Basinburnout.com.

Sip, Snack, Shop and Support is a shopping event benefiting Midland Children's Advocacy Center. Snacks and drinks provided as well as information about the organization's initiatives. 1-5 p.m. at Runway Seven, 2900 W. Loop 250 N.

The 43rd annual Spiritual Explosion Founders Day Banquet honoring W.C. Kenan. 2 p.m. at Faith Temple Church of God in Christ, 1605 N. Terrell St. $25. ftc-midland.org.

Sunday

"Super Kids Save the World" is a collaborative exhibition with Keep Midland Beautiful. Through a superhero theme, this show provides information on green practices such as recycling and reusing. On display at Centennial through Sept. 9. Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250.

Give Back Mondays benefits Freedom Service Dogs, a nonprofit that rescues dogs and trains them to provide assistance to children, veterans, active duty soldiers and those with disabilities. 4 p.m. at The Blue Door, 4610 N. Garfield Road. 21 and older.

Grief Support six-week session, 6:30-8 p.m. at Hospice Midland. hospiceofmidland.org.

Belly Dancing Class, 8 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. uumidland.org.

Tuesday

Midland Lunch and Learn Information Meeting offers details on becoming a court appointed special advocate. Noon at CASA of West Texas, 1611 W. Texas Ave.

Thursday

Brothers in Christ is a weekly men's group with studies that range from the Bible to topical issues. 6:30 a.m. at Midland Bible Church, 5900 Whitman Drive. midlandbible.org.

To include your event on this calendar, please email Rich Lopez at jrlopez@mrt.com

BBQ

From 1B

The Basin Burnout cook-off competition, also in its second year, benefits Reel Thanx and Hunt for Heroes. The event begins at noon at Security Bank Ballpark and showcases live music by The Stateline Band and Part B and features a live auction. Basin Burnout extends into the Midland RockHounds game and the postgame fireworks.

Hunt for Heroes is an organization that brings awareness to outdoor sports but also honors service men and women from all branches with the annual Hunt for Heroes Banquet.

Reel Thanx is an organization that also honors those who served in the armed forces by hosting quarterly weekend trips that serve as a rehabilitation and connection to nature.

Throughout the day, 20 teams will vie for Burnout bragging rights as proceeds benefit the two organizations.

Tickets to the event are $25 and are available by visiting basinburnout.com.

Be sure to check out Sunday's edition to read weekly

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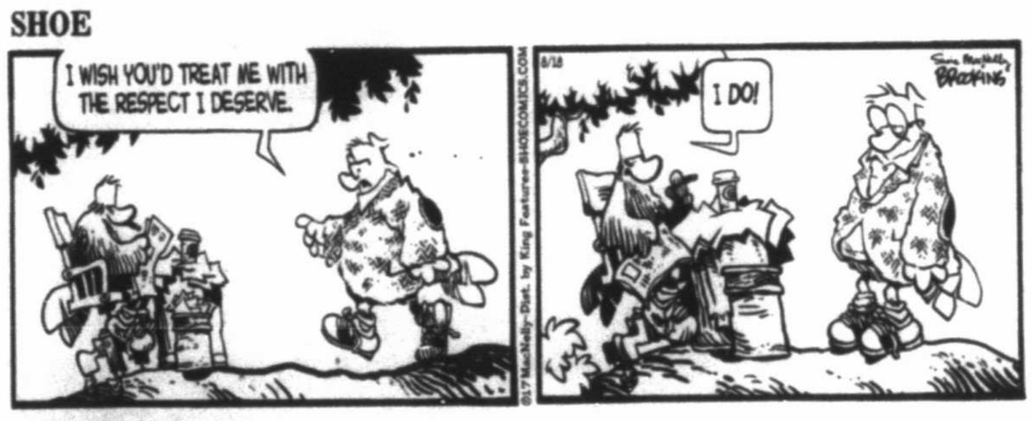

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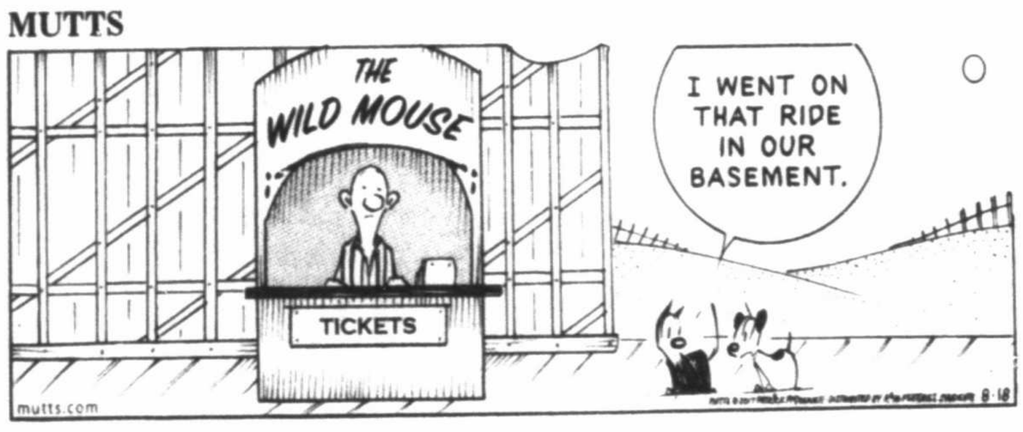

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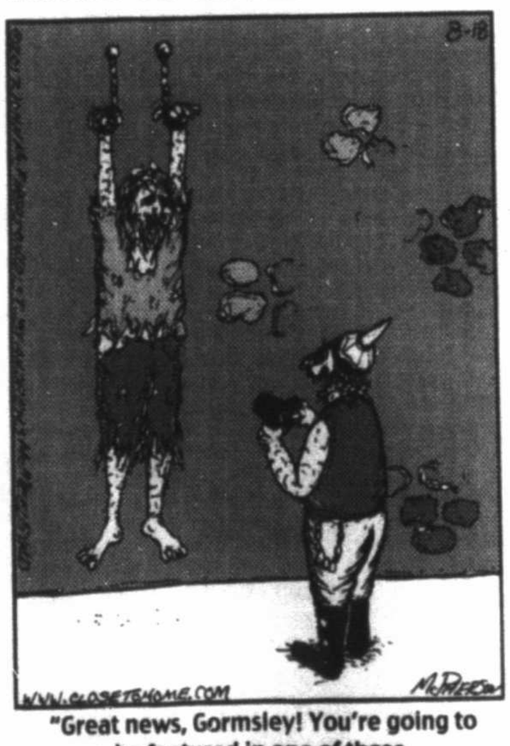

"Great news, Gormsley! You're going to be featured in one of those 'Hang In There, Friday's Coming!' posters!"

DENNIS THE MENACE

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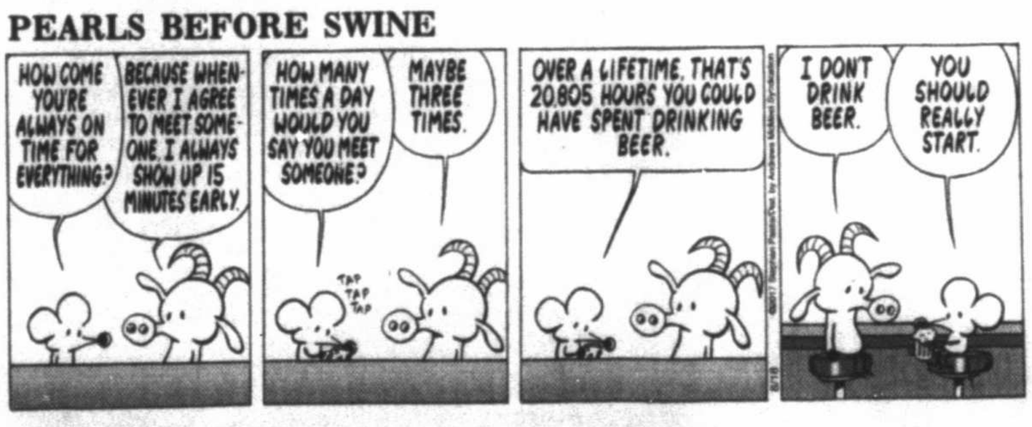

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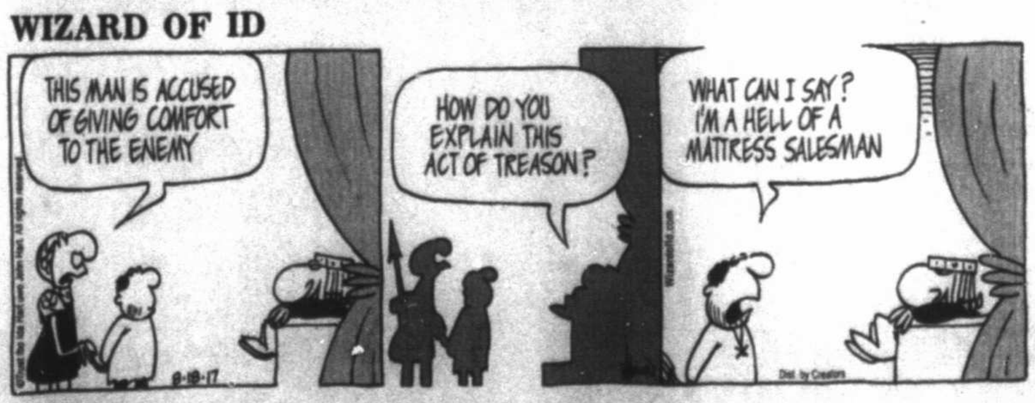

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"SADLY, THE ENTIRE HOUSE IS A SMOKING SECTION."

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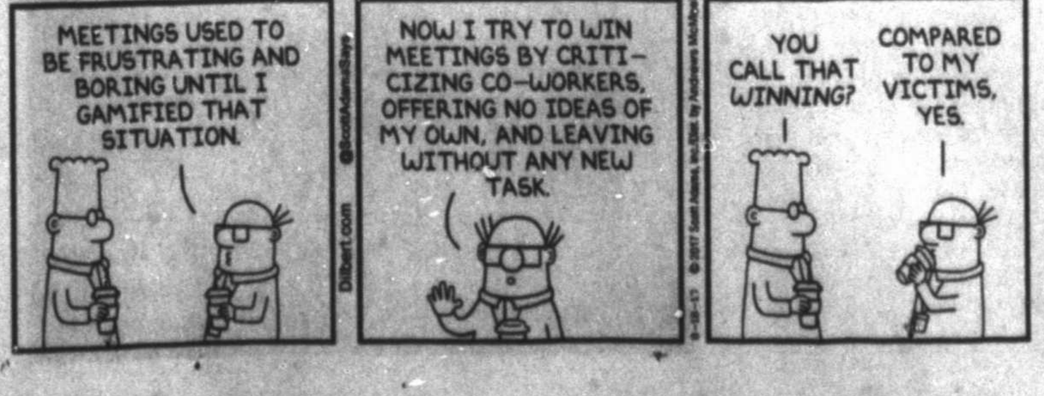


Tassanee Vejpongsa/Associated Press

A car sits parked outside Blessed Diego de San Vitores Church on Aug. 13 in Tumon, Guam. Across Guam — where nearly everyone is Roman Catholic — priests are praying for peace as residents of the U.S. Pacific island territory face a missile threat from North Korea.

Catholic Guam celebrates Mass amid N. Korea threat

By Grace Garces Bordallo and Tassanee Vejpongsa
Associated Press

TUMON, Guam — Across Guam — where nearly everyone is Roman Catholic — priests prayed for peace as residents of the U.S. Pacific island territory faced a missile threat from North Korea.

Archbishop Michael Byrnes instructed priests in Guam's 26 churches to offer prayers for peace between the two nations and courage for military forces on the island. He asked for prayers for "just resolution of differences, and prudence in both speech and action."

Guam's Catholic faithful attended Sunday Mass after several days of dramatic rhetoric between the two nuclear-armed nations. President Donald Trump threatened swift and forceful retaliation against North Korea, declaring the U.S. military "locked and loaded."

There hasn't been any widespread anxiety among Guam residents, even after Pyongyang vowed to complete a plan to attack waters near the island by mid-August.

Monte Mesa, who is vice-chairman of the Guam Visitors Bureau, said the Mass at Blessed Diego de San Vitores Catholic Church in Tumon was comforting. He said after the crowded Mass the message from the readings and the gospel "tell our people that God is in control of what is happening and if we have faith and believe in God all this rhetoric and war possibility here on Guam will be taken care of by God."

The Rev. Jose Antonio "Lito" P. Abad said during the Mass that he woke up Wednesday morning reading the breaking news on his phone that Guam was a missile target from North Korea. He felt anxious, he told the congregation during his homily, but that saying prayers gave him peace. He asked his parishioners to pray that God will give them strength.

The church is a major influence on the devout island where 85 percent of the population is Catholic. The church is grappling with numerous lawsuits alleging sex abuse in a growing scandal that has rocked the tiny island where Catholicism is deeply woven into the Spanish-influenced culture of about 160,000 people.

The Archdiocese of Agana invited people to a noon rosary prayer rally, where hundreds gathered under an overcast sky at the ruins of the old Spanish government palace in the heart of Hagatna, Guam's capital. Rallies are being held across the world in commemoration of Our Lady of Fatima's appearance to three shepherd children, 100 years ago in Fatima, Portugal. "Praying for peace in our world and conversion of sinners is very much a part of the messages Our Lady imparted to the children in her appearances at Fatima," the archdiocese said in a statement.

Nikky Flores, a member of the Catholic Daughters of America, said the prayers offered during the rally were "totally significant especially because of this threat. We all come together and pray. We really are very hopeful that it will not come," she said of the missile threat.

The Rev. Francis X. Hezel, assistant pastor at Santa Barbara Catholic Church in Dededo, said he hasn't heard of parishioners seeking comfort from the church amid the North Korea threat.

"It's business as usual with this dark cloud hovering over us for sure," he said. "I don't think they'll be trembling with fear."

Hezel noted that Guam is familiar with the threats.

"The people of Guam are used to standing in a perilous position," he said. "That's the peril and the promise of the place."

Mayor orders religious shrine removed from state land

Associated Press

PASSAIC, N.J. — A religious shrine that has served as a focal point for Hispanic residents of a New Jersey city has been removed after occupying ground on state-owned land for 14 years.

Workers took down the shrine to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Passaic on Wednesday. It consisted of a wooden log enclosed in a glass case, surrounded by statues, candles and flowers. It came together over the years after a Hispanic teenager claimed to have seen the face of the Virgin Mary in the stump.

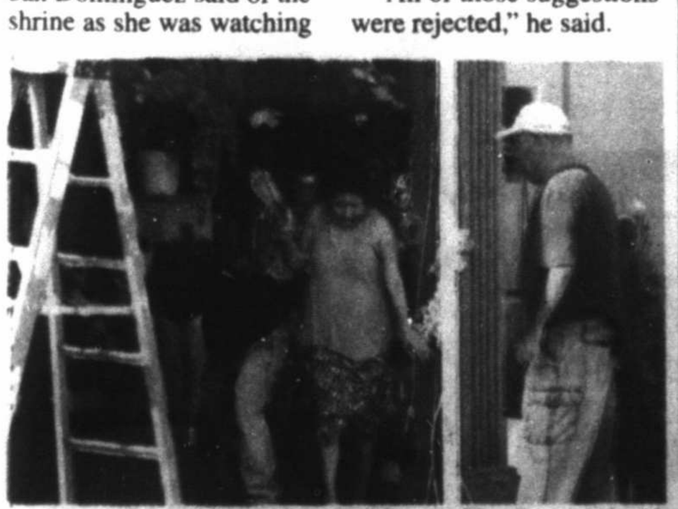
"It gives us hope," Esteban Dominguez said of the shrine as she was watching workers dismantle it. "And everybody lives for hope."

The shrine was on property along Route 21 that is owned by the state Transportation Department.

Mayor Hector Lora tells The Record he ordered the shrine removed because of separation-of-church-and-state issues.

Lora said the group that maintained the shrine — Mayordomia Guadalupe — began to collect money at the site and ran electrical lines for security lighting. He said the city had tried unsuccessfully for months to relocate it and its removal should not come as a surprise.

"All of those suggestions were rejected," he said.



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Department of Public Works workers dismantle the shrine for Our Lady of Guadalupe on the corner of Madison and Hope avenues Wednesday in Passaic, N.J.

22 states back bid to keep NM Ten Commandments statue

By Susan Montoya Bryan
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A coalition of nearly two dozen states led by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton is stepping into a dispute in northwestern New Mexico over a Ten Commandments monument.

Paxton along with Republican attorneys general from 22 states are supporting city leaders in Bloomfield, New Mexico, who are asking the U.S. Supreme Court to hear their appeal of a lower court ruling requiring the removal of a Ten Commandments display from the lawn outside City Hall.

The coalition filed its brief Thursday, joining a growing list of groups and members of Congress who are interested in seeing the court settle more definitively the question of whether such monuments or displays violate the clause in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution that prohibits the establishment of religion by the government.

Attorneys involved in the case say other cases from Kentucky and Arkansas to California have had different outcomes as lower courts have applied different standards to reach their decisions.

Paxton argues that governments shouldn't be forced to censor religion's role in history because some people are offended. He says the Supreme Court has ruled previously that a passive monument such as a Ten Commandments display, accompanied by other displays acknowledging the nation's religious heritage, are not an establishment of religion.

Republican U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce, of New Mexico, and 23 of his colleagues make similar arguments in a separate brief.

"The disorder in the courts applying the Establishment Clause generates unnecessary litigation regarding these symbols and memorials that reflect our national heritage," the congressional members argue.

In July, attorneys representing the city of Bloomfield filed a petition with the court asking that it hear their appeal.

The legal fight began in 2012 when the American Civil Liberties Union sued on behalf of two residents who objected to the monument. A federal appeals court in February let stand a lower court ruling that concluded the monument violated the constitutional prohibition on the government endorsing a religion.

Attorneys for Bloomfield argue that the decision by the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ignored previous rulings by the Supreme Court that simply being offended by such a monument did not give someone a legal basis to challenge the monument.

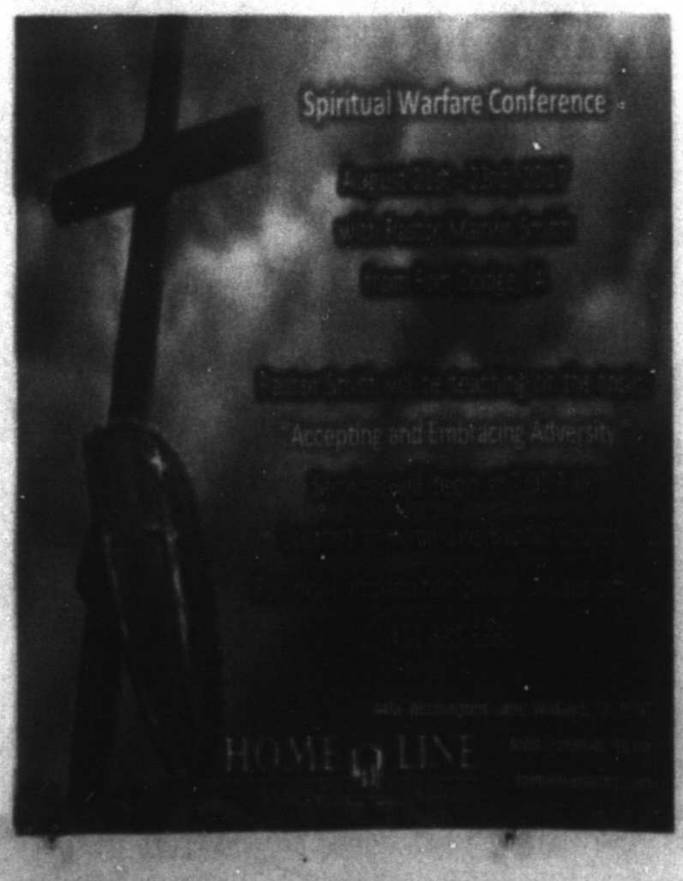
Attorneys with the ACLU of New Mexico have said they believe the record is in their favor if the Supreme Court were to hear the case.

In seeking a resolution from the high court, Bloomfield's attorneys pointed to a California case involving a Latin cross displayed on government property being held unconstitutional when surrounded by stone plaques honoring military personnel. However, in another case, a cross was deemed constitutional when displayed in a city insignia as a sculpture outside of a city sports complex and in a school mural.

There also are the cases of a Ten Commandments poster in a Kentucky courthouse being found constitutional and a monument on the grounds of a public building in Arkansas being found unconstitutional.

In Bloomfield, the concrete block that displays the Ten Commandments sits alongside other monuments related to the Declaration of Independence, the Gettysburg Address and the Bill of Rights.

The city claims it took steps to avoid endorsing religion by placing disclaimers on the lawn stating that the area was a public forum for citizens to display monuments related to the city's history of law and government and that the privately-funded monuments did not necessarily reflect the opinions of the city.



Golden glow gone, USA Gymnastics faces change

By Will Graves
Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — On the floor of the Honda Center, the USA Gymnastics championships are imbued with a sense of normalcy and routine. Of tumbling runs and coaching tweaks. Of blaring music and chalk dust. Of leaps and leotards. Of the search for who's next.

Denhollander

There is no sign of an organization in crisis trying to finds its way following a stormy year that's seen one of the U.S. Olympic movement's marquee brands shaken from the head of its national office in Indianapolis down to the smallest of its 3,546 member clubs.

To find the fallout from allegations of sexual abuse against a longtime former national team doctor and a subsequent independent review that called for significant changes in the manner in which USA Gymnastics protects its athletes, you need to pull back.

While the women's field went through final preparations Thursday for Friday night's opening round of competition, in a hotel conference room across the street Olympic bronze medalist Jamie Dantzscher and national team member Rachael Denhollander called for several members of the USA Gymnastics Board of Directors to resign, insisting the organization needs to make a clean break from its past before it can begin moving forward.

"A complete change in USAG leadership is needed starting at the top," said Dantzscher, who won a team bronze medal at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney.

In a convention center a few miles away, hundreds of gym operators and coaches tried to figure out how to best implement the guidelines outlined by Deborah Daniels, a former federal prosecutor who made 70 recommendations in June — all immediately adopted — designed to provide athletes, their parents and coaches better safeguards and greater recourse against accused abusers.

In Michigan, Larry Nassar — who spent nearly 30 years working as an osteopath for USA Gymnastics' elite athletes — sat in prison after pleading guilty to three child pornography charges. Nassar is still awaiting trial on nearly two dozen other charges while also facing more than 100 civil lawsuits claiming he abused female athletes during his tenure at both USA Gymnastics and Michigan State. Many are in mediation and four cases in California are tied up in the courts.

The golden glow from the Final Five's medal-hogging performance in Rio de Janeiro faded quickly. While Simone Biles, Gabby Douglas, Aly Raisman, Madison Kocian and Laurie Hernandez have spent the last 12 months enjoying their newfound celebrity, USA Gymnastics has spent its time playing defense and figuring out where to go next after being named as a co-defendant in multiple civil cases filed against Nassar.

Longtime women's national team coordinator Martha Karolyi — who along with husband Bela has been named a co-defendant in some of the lawsuits — retired shortly after returning from Rio. The organization recently pulled out of a deal to purchase the Karolyi Ranch, which has served as the de facto home of the women's program for nearly two decades.

Steve Penny was forced out as president and chief executive officer in March for mishandling a number of abuse cases. A

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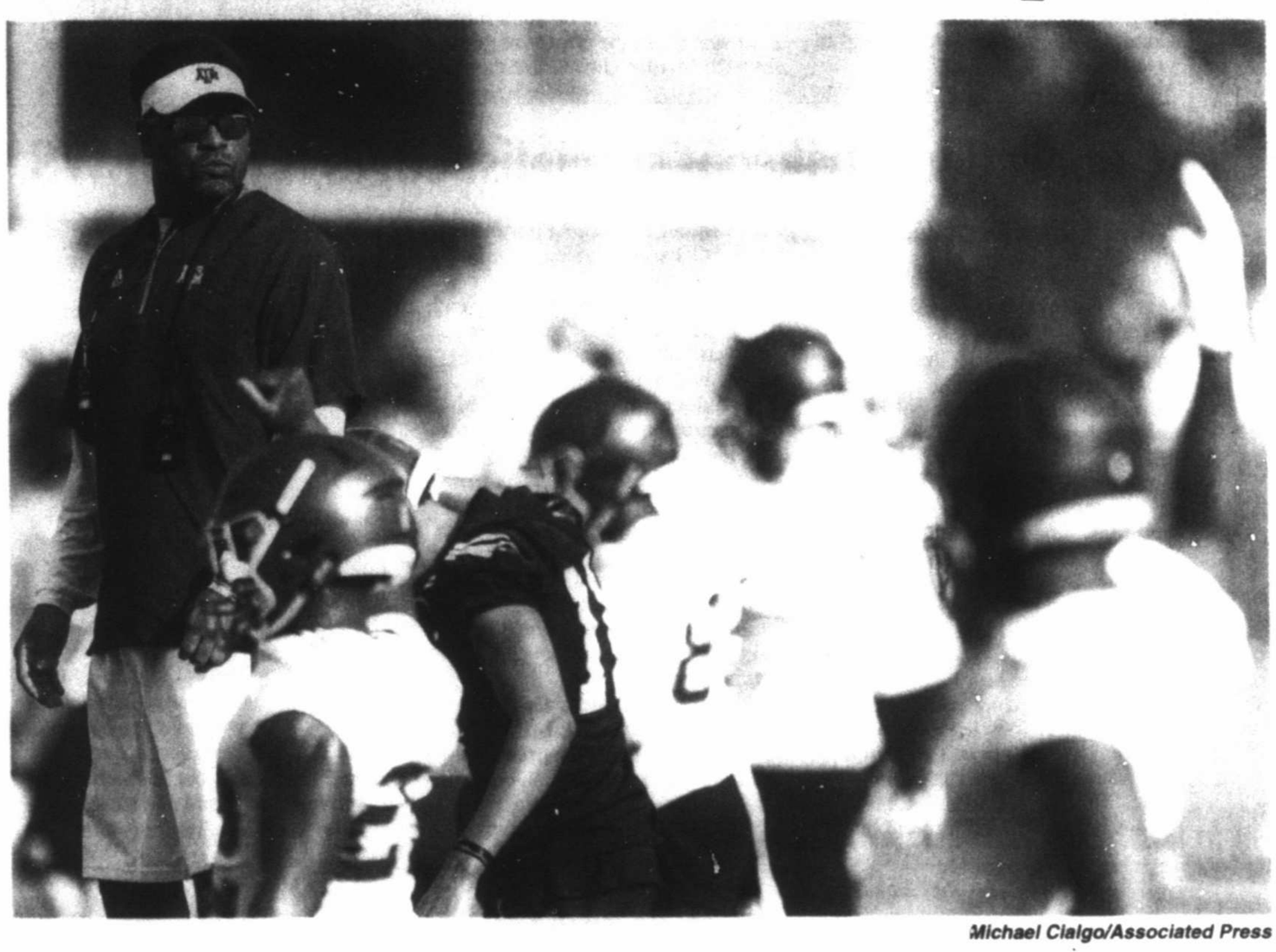
Life after the No. 1 pick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Texas A&M head coach Kevin Sumlin watches over warmups during the first day of football practice at the Coolidge Grass Practice Fields on Aug. 4 in College Station.

Texas A&M turns to group to replace Garrett

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — Myles Garrett left a huge hole in the Texas A&M defense when he chose to skip his senior season and declare for the NFL draft.

The Aggies know there isn't one player who will be able to fill the shoes of the top overall pick. But coach Kevin Sumlin is confident a team effort can make up for the loss of the standout defensive end.

The leading contender to take his spot is junior college transfer Micheal Clemons. The 6-foot-6, 255-pound Clemons had 8 1/2 tackles for losses in six games as a freshman at Cisco Junior College last season and was rated as the fifth-best junior college prospect in the state.

"We've got to have some depth," Sumlin said. "You don't ever replace a player like ... Myles Garrett. But by committee and by who we are and maybe with Micheal being the type of talent that he is, he can generate some things early that can give us the pass rush."

Sumlin usually doesn't rave about players, but seemed excited about Clemons and the progress he's made since arriving in College Station.

"Everything he's done with workouts and our strength coaches and around our players has been phenomenal," Sumlin said. "And just in case you guys don't know, his nickname is Cyclops. So I'm into recruiting anybody who's 6-6 and his nickname is Cyclops. I don't care if he's got one eye or not. If he can rush the passer, he's good with me."

The Aggies also must find a replacement for their other defensive end after four-year letterman Daeshon Hall was

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Plan of attack: How a college football coach game-plans

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A big dry erase board hangs on the wall of one side of the meeting room. It has rows and rows of numbers and words handwritten in blue marker that only make sense to someone who speaks the language of football.

On the opposite wall sits another big white board, mostly empty with a few categories written in red marker: 3rd and 1-2; 3rd and 3-6; Red Zone; Goal Line.

The task for Fordham's offensive staff, led by 33-year-old coach Andrew Breiner, on this muggy summer day in the Bronx is to mark up most of that board and finish the second phase of the first run of game-planning for the Rams' opening game of the season.

Or, as Breiner puts it: "Let's try to find a way to score some points against Army."

Putting together a game plan is an elaborate exercise in the art — and science — of analyzing an opponent's tendencies and patterns, and determining how best to exploit them. It's mixing and matching. What do we like to do and when? What do they like to do and when? Throw out the stuff that won't work, keep what should and then figure out what are (hopefully) the best plays to run in the upcoming game.

The process can vary from staff to staff and coach to coach, but the template is generally the same.

Breiner, considered one of the bright young offensive minds in college coaching, let the AP sit in on a summer game-planning meeting, and then explained how he and his staff do it during the season.

Preparation

Summer game-planning is a way to get a jump on the early part of the

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Oklahoma's Riley faces high expectations in first year

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Lincoln Riley has taken over for longtime Oklahoma football coach Bob Stoops, yet little has changed about Sooner football.

As usual, Oklahoma is expected to make a run at Big 12 and national titles.

Riley

"It's not anything that needs to be said," Riley said. "As a coach, I felt it the first time I walked in the door here. I felt it when I came to interview. You just know about the history, you know about the expectations, and I've hit on it a lot. I'm more focused on the great opportunity that we all have and what you can accomplish here when you do it the right way."

Quarterback Baker Mayfield is a key reason the transition is expected to go smoothly. He set the single-season FBS record for passing efficiency last season, finished third in the Heisman balloting and led the Sooners to a win over Auburn in the Sugar Bowl.

He'll enter the season opener Sept. 2 against UTEP still figuring out his receivers. His top targets last season, Biletnikoff Award winner Dede Westbrook and running back Joe Mixon, are in the NFL.

Tight end Mark Andrews, an All-Big 12 selection last season, has 14 career touchdowns on 50 catches, and Mayfield said he will look to Andrews more this season.

"He's a guy you have to pay attention to because he can run like a receiver and he's big enough to play with the big boys," Mayfield said. "He's going to be huge part of the offense and have a great year."

Jeff Badet, a transfer from Kentucky, will give the Sooners speed on the outside. He caught 31 passes for 670 yards last season for the Wildcats. He had seven touchdown receptions and averaged 21.6 yards per catch.

Here are some things to watch from the Sooners this season:

Replacing Basquine

Inside receiver Nick Basquine recently suffered a season-ending Achilles tendon injury. Basquine was the team's No. 2 returning receiver and a projected starter. Mykel Jones should step in for Basquine. He caught 13 passes for 106 yards last season.

New backs

The Sooners also will need to replace one of the best running back

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PGA: Wyndham Championship, 2nd Round, 1 p.m., GOLF

US Amateurs, Quarterfinals, 5 p.m., FS1

Champions: Dick's Sporting Goods Open, 1st Round, 6:30 p.m., GOLF

EPGA: Saltire Energy Paul Lawrie Match Play, Round of 16, 4 a.m., GOLF

GYMNASTICS

P&G Gymnastics Championship, Women's Day 1, 10 p.m., OLYHD

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Saratoga Live: Skidmore Stakes, 4 p.m., FS2

LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

Sydney, Australia vs. Tokyo, Japan, 1 p.m., ESPN

Walla Walla, Wash. vs. Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif., 3 p.m., ESPN

Seoul, South Korea vs. Santiago, Dominican Republic, 5 p.m., ESPN

Greenville, NC vs. Sioux Falls, SD, 7 p.m., ESPN

MLB

Toronto at Chicago Cubs, 1 p.m., MLB

NY Yankees at Boston, 6 p.m., MLB

Chicago White Sox at Texas, 7 p.m., FSSW

Oakland at Houston, 7 p.m., ATT

MEN'S SOCCER

La Liga: Leganes vs. Alaves, 1:10 p.m., beIN2.

Bundesliga: FC Bayern Munich vs. Bayer 04 Leverkusen, 1:30 p.m., FS1, FXDEP

Ligue 1: FC Metz vs. AS Monaco, 1:45 p.m., beIN

Liga NOS: Rio Ave vs. Portimonense, 2:30 p.m., GolTV

La Liga: Valencia vs. Las Palmas, 3:10 p.m., beIN2

La Liga: Valencia vs. Las Palmas, 3:40 p.m., beIN

Liga MX: CF Monarcas Morelia vs. Pachuca, 6:30 p.m., UDN

Liga MX: Tijuana vs. Santos Laguna, 8:50 p.m., UDN

MLS: Portland Timbers vs. New York Red Bulls, 9 p.m., FS1, FXDEP

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

Legacy Fighting Alliance 19, 8 p.m., AXS

MOTORSPORTS

Monster Energy Cup Series: Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race, Final Practice, 11:30 a.m., NBCSN

XFINITY: Food City 300, Qualifying, 2:30 p.m., NBCSN

Monster Energy Cup Series: Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race, Qualifying, 4:30 p.m., NBCSN

XFINITY: Food City 300, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN

FIM Superbike World Championship: Germany, Race 1, 5:50 a.m., beIN, beIN2

NFL

Minnesota at Seattle, 9 p.m., NFL

RUGBY

Super League: Leeds vs. St. Helen's, 1:30 p.m., FSP

NRL: North Queensland vs. Cronulla-Sutherland, 4:30 a.m., FS2

TENNIS

ATP/WTA: Western & Southern Open, 10 a.m., TENNIS

ATP/WTA: Western & Southern Open, Noon, ESPN2, TENNIS

ATP/WTA: Western & Southern Open, 4 p.m., TENNIS

ATP/WTA: Western & Southern Open, 6 p.m., ESPN2, TENNIS

WNBA

Phoenix at Washington, 6 p.m., NBAtv

San Antonio at Seattle, 9 p.m., NBAtv

WOMEN'S SOCCER

NCAA: USC vs. UC Davis, 5 p.m., P12, P12 LA

NCAA: South Carolina vs. USF, 6 p.m., SEC

NCAA: Arizona State vs. Ohio State, 6:30 p.m., P12 AZ

NCAA: Texas vs. Rice, 7 p.m., LHN

NCAA: Oklahoma vs. Arizona, 7 p.m., FSSW+, FCSA

NCAA: Oregon vs. NC State, 7 p.m., P12, P12 OR

NCAA: UCLA vs. San Diego State, 9 p.m., P12, P12 LA

NCAA: Washington State vs. Minnesota, 9 p.m., P12 WA

ON RADIO

MLB

Chicago White Sox at Texas, 7 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa)

Oakland at Houston, 7 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

TEXAS LEAGUE BASEBALL

Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM, 550 AM

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

FOOTBALL

Scrimmage, Andrews at Greenwood, 7 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Lee at Granbury Classic

MHS at Northwest ISD Tournament

Greenwood at San Angelo Tournament

Midland Christian at San Angelo Tournament

MCA at Lubbock All Saints

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BOSTON RED SOX — Reinstated LHP Rickey Egan from the 60-day DL and optioned him to Pawtucket (IL). Designated RHP Noe Ramirez for assignment.

MINNESOTA TWINS — Reinstated LHP Tyler Duffey from the 60-day DL. Placed LHP Dietrich Enns on the 10-day DL. Recalled RHP Aaron Slegers from Rochester (IL).

NEW YORK YANKEES — Placed 1B Garrett Cooper on the 10-day DL. Recalled 1B Tyler Austin from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).

National League

NEW YORK METS — Placed INF José Reyes on the 10-day DL, retroactive to August 13. Signed RHP Xavier McDaniel to a Major League contract. Recalled INFs Gavin Cecchini and Matt Reynolds from Las Vegas.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Placed INF Francisco Cervelli on the 10-day DL, retroactive to August 14. Recalled INF Max Moroff from Indianapolis (IL).

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Placed INF Ivan Rodriguez on the family leave list. Recalled INF Buddy Baumann from El Paso (PCL).

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Placed RHP Shawn Kelley from rehab assignment. Placed RHP Ryan Madson on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Aug. 14.

CYCLING

INTERNATIONAL CYCLING UNION — Suspended KOR Jonghun Choi, chairman, Samuel Sanchez after failing an out-of-competition doping test.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Agreed to terms with C Justin Britt on a contract extension.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Signed DB Demus Sims. Waived/injured DE Kourtnie Brown.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

BUFFALO SABRES — Signed F Zemgus Girgensons to a two-year contract.

ECHL

WORCESTER RAILERS — Signed F Nick Jensen.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

COLORADO RAPIDS — Signed G Steve Clark. United States Striker Jozy Altidore mutually terminated their contract.

COLLEGE

ATLANTIC 10 CONFERENCE — Named Matt Jones's associate commissioner for men's basketball. Promoted Jill Redmond to senior associate commissioner for governance.

BUTLER — Named Joey Lee softball coach.

CONNECTICUT — Named Kathy Daugherty director of volleyball.

FAIRFIELD — Named Jean Bennett assistant softball coach.

HOFSTRA — Named Taunita Stephenson associate athletic director for student-athlete success.

LA SALLE — Named Andrew Amans and Jeremy Sugden men's assistant baseball coaches recruiting coordinators.

MISSISSIPPI STATE — Named Kourtney Chumbler men's and women's assistant tennis coach.

OHIO — Named Jennifer Kellner women's assistant tennis coach.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS-EDWARDSVILLE — Named Destiny Boardwell women's assistant basketball coach.

NFL PRESEASON

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	.000	7	3
Miami	1	0	0	.000	36	31
New England	0	1	0	.000	24	31
Buffalo	0	2	0	.000	26	37
South						
Jacksonville	1	0	0	.000	39	36
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	3	7
Houston	0	1	0	.000	17	27
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	16	24
North						
Baltimore	2	0	0	1.000	54	10
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	23	12
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	20	12
Cleveland	1	0	0	1.000	20	14
West						
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	24	17
Oakland	1	0	0	.000	10	20
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	17	27
L.A. Chargers	0	1	0	.000	17	48

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	30	31
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	29	40
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	12	20
Washington	0	1	0	.000	3	23
South						
Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	27	17
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	.500	24	31
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	20	23
New Orleans	0	1	0	.000	14	20
North						
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	24	9
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	24	10
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	17	10
Chicago	0	1	0	.000	17	24
West						
L.A. Rams	1	0	0	1.000	13	10
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	46	17
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	27	17
Arizona	1	1	0	.500	38	30

Scores and schedule

Thursday's Games
Baltimore 31, Miami 7
Philadelphia 20, Buffalo 16
Tampa Bay 13, Jacksonville 6

Today's Games
Minnesota at Seattle, 9 p.m.

What's in a smaller glove? More hype

By Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press

■ COMMENTARY

LAS VEGAS — It's only two ounces of foam, four if you count both hands.

Still, it was enough to make Conor McGregor quite happy. Floyd Mayweather Jr., too, because it likely means more sales for what could be the richest fight ever.

Nevada boxing regulators went out of their way to give a gift to both fighters, approving an exemption to the rule requiring 10-ounce gloves for the 154-pound fight so that both fighters can wear 8-ounce gloves.

And just like that, the fight appeared more competitive — at least to some.

Oddsmaker William Hill immediately boosted the odds of McGregor winning, though they are still low. And UFC chief Dana White didn't wait long to trumpet the smaller gloves as a game changer.

"It affects the fight big time," White said. "When we were in our original negotiations it was something they would not even talk about. I don't know what changed but I'm glad it did. It makes it so much more fun."

The underlying school of thought is that McGregor will have a better chance of knocking Mayweather out with smaller gloves, though Mayweather has fought all but three of his professional fights with 8-ounce gloves and has never been knocked out.

But the fight needed another selling point, and Nevada State Athletic Commission members were happy to give it one.

"It's an unusual contest for us as a commission," said chairman Anthony Marnell.

Unusual, well, yes. The fight matches a UFC champion in his first professional boxing match against a fighter who was throwing punches before he could walk and who won all 49 of his pro fights before announcing his retirement.

Commission members — who regulate both UFC and boxing in Nevada — are charged with protecting the health and safety of fighters. Their No. 1 job is to make sure as few fighters as possible get their brains scrambled in the ring or in the octagon.

And in this case, they failed.

It was bad enough that the commission approved a novice boxer to go 12 arounds with one of the best fighters of all time, no questions asked. But commission members lost any remaining credibility when they agreed to change the glove size for no real reason other than the two fighters asked for it.

In doing so, they ignored a letter from the Association of Ringside Physicians asking them not to.

"We hated to see them break their own rules and regulations kind of arbitrarily," said Dr. Larry Lovelace, who heads the association and is also on the Oklahoma State Boxing Commission. "It seemed almost capricious to change from 10 ounces, which is the prescribed weight of gloves for that weight class."

To be fair, there is no solid medical evidence about the effects of getting hit with smaller gloves. But there was enough anecdotal evidence that the Nevada commission in 2006 adopted regulations that call for 8-ounce gloves in fights 147 pounds or smaller, and 10-ounce gloves for anything above that.

In the 11 years since, that has been the rule. Until Wednesday, there had been no exceptions.

But tickets and pay-per-view had to be sold. More people had to be convinced that McGregor actually has a chance in the ring with Mayweather.

And convinced they were, at least the ones betting at William Hill. Oddsmakers there lowered the lopsided odds favoring Mayweather from minus-600 to minus-550 because they will be fighting with smaller gloves.

McGregor himself predicted the smaller gloves would make the night even easier for him.

"I believe now that gloves are eight ounces I don't believe he makes it out of the second round," McGregor said. "I do not see him absorbing the blows in the first two rounds."

Most in boxing scoff at that, saying the size of the gloves would only matter if they were both forced to fight in 4-ounce UFC gloves that are open past the knuckle. There's also a school of thought that smaller gloves will actually help Mayweather by making his hands even quicker.

But by allowing smaller gloves, commission members did more than just try and lure a few more people to Las Vegas next week. They made a decision that, in theory at least, could affect the outcome of the fight.

And by any standard, that's a bad decision to make.

Connecticut strikeout specialist edges NJ in LLWS

By Jack Dougherty
Associated Press

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Chris Cartnick hit four home runs and had 10 RBIs for Holbrook, New Jersey, in its Mid-Atlantic regional tournament. Ethan Righter of Fairfield, Connecticut, struck out 18 over 9 1/3 innings in the New England tournament.

On Thursday, in the first inning of their first game at the Little League World Series, the two faced each other at a key moment.

Righter had just surrendered a deep home run to Jackson's Tai Mann, with Cartnick, who has picked up the nickname Diesel, coming to the plate.

Unlike many little leaguers, Righter displayed no signs of frustration after allowing his first run in three games. He fought Cartnick for nine pitches before striking him out on a high fastball, something not many pitchers have been able to accomplish this year.

Fairfield then built a five-run lead, before hanging on for a 7-6 win.

"I was just trying to get them to put the ball in play and get outs," said Righter, who gave up four hits and bounced on the mound when a couple of calls went against him. "I knew my defense would back me up."

Righter settled into a groove after sitting Cartnick down. He struck out the side in the second inning and allowed only one run more in 3 2/3 innings before reaching the 85-pitch limit. He finished with seven strikeouts.

Just for perspective, Jackson averaged more than 10 runs in the Mid-Atlantic regional tournament and didn't score fewer than eight in a single game.

Righter hovered around 66-68 mph with his fastball and mixed in a disappearing curveball about 15 mph slower to keep hitters guessing. Everything needed to be on the outside half of the plate to take away Jackson's pull power, and Righter did his job.

Righter also showed poise and baseball knowledge beyond his years in clutch situations. When he faced Mann again in the third inning, Righter remembered the last time he tried to groove a high fastball past him. To keep this ball from leaving the stadium, Righter spun four straight curveballs to Mann and struck him out.

In the same inning, Righter found himself in a bases loaded jam with two outs. One wild pitch got past catcher Aidan Rivera and Cartnick scored from third, but Righter again found his composure and struck out Charlie Meglio to limit the damage.

GOLF SCORES

Wyndham Championship

Thursday
At Sedgefield Country Club
Greensboro, N.C.
Purse: $5.8 million
Yardage: 7,130; Par: 70 (35-35)
First Round

Matt Every 29-32—61
Henrik Stenson 31-31—62
Cameron Smith 31-32—63
Vaughn Taylor 30-33—63
Webb Simpson 35-28—63
Tim Wilkinson 32-31—63
Brian Campbell 31-32—63
Harold Varner III 30-33—63
Sam Saunders 31-32—63
Davis Love III 32-32—64
Rick Lamb 29-35—64
Martin Flores 34-30—64
Lucas Glover 33-32—65
Rory Sabbatini 32-33—65
Mark Wilson 31-34—65
Anirban Lahiri 30-35—65
Hunter Mahan 32-33—65
Michael Kim 32-34—66
Ryo Ishikawa 34-32—66
Martin Laird 33-33—66
Chez Reavie 34-32—66
Ryan Armour 33-33—66
Russell Knox 31-35—66
J.J. Henry 33-33—66
Ollie Schniederjans 32-34—66
Bobby Wyatt 32-34—66
Morgan Hoffmann 32-34—66
Andrew Loupe 31-35—66
Dicky Pride 32-34—66
Tag Ridings 32-34—66
Padraig Harrington 33-33—66
Robert Streb 32-34—66
Jonathan Randolph 34-32—66
Patton Kizzire 33-34—67
Chesson Hadley 32-35—67
David Hearn 33-34—67
Shane Lowry 32-35—67
Ben Martin 34-33—67
Ryan Moore 33-34—67
Jason Dufner 35-32—67
Billy Horschel 34-33—67
Chad Campbell 33-34—67
Ted Purdy 32-35—67
J.T. Poston 32-35—67
Seamus Power 33-34—67
Dru Love 35-32—67
Johnson Wagner 33-34—67
Troy Merritt 34-33—67
Kevin Na 35-32—67
Bud Cauley 31-36—67
Mark Hubbard 33-34—67
C.T. Pan 34-33—67
Daniel Summerhays 31-36—67
Richy Werenski 32-35—67
Joel Dahmen 33-34—67
Brad Fritsch 32-35—67
Mark Anderson 32-35—67
Greg Owen 32-36—68
Jason Bohn 34-34—68
Trey Mullinax 34-34—68
Steven Bowditch 35-33—68
William McGirt 33-35—68
Nick Taylor 34-34—68
John Huh 32-36—68
Stuart Appleby 33-35—68
Spencer Levin 33-35—68
Ken Duke 37-31—68
Ryan Brehm 32-36—68
Harris English 32-36—68
Jonathan Byrd 32-36—68
Kevin Streelman 33-35—68
Tommy Gainey 32-36—68
Andres Romero 34-34—68
Emiliano Grillo 33-35—68
Keegan Bradley 34-34—68
K.J. Choi 35-33—68
Jonas Blixt 34-34—68
Camilo Villegas 34-34—68
Tim Herron 33-35—68
Jason Kokrak 30-38—68
Miguel Angel Carballo 33-35—68
Julián Etulain 33-35—68
Steven Alker 36-32—68
Tyler Aldridge 34-34—68
Brett Drewitt 33-35—68
Ricky Barnes 34-35—69
Luke Donald 34-35—69
James Hahn 35-34—69
D.A. Points 32-37—69
Blayne Barber 33-36—69
Gonzalo Fdez-Castaño 36-33—69
Bob Estes 35-34—69
Roberto Castro 33-36—69
Tom Hoge 33-36—69
Seung-Yul Noh 36-33—69
Aaron Baddeley 35-34—69
Kevin Kisner 33-36—69
Ben Crane 34-35—69
Søren Kjeldsen 36-33—69
Arjun Atwal 34-35—69
Zac Blair 35-34—69
Andres Gonzales 37-33—70
Billy Hurley III 34-36—70
Kyle Stanley 34-36—70
Brett Stegmaier 35-35—70
Brendon de Jonge 32-38—70
Kyle Reifers 36-34—70
Danny Lee 35-35—70
Alex Cejka 35-35—70
Nick Watney 35-35—70
Grayson Murray 37-33—70
Geoff Ogilvy 33-37—70
Y.E. Yang 35-35—70
Hiroshi Iwata 33-37—70
Brandon Hagy 35-35—70
Savio Nazareth 36-34—70
Byeong Hun An 35-36—71
Graeme McDowell 36-35—71
Peter Malnati 33-38—71
Willy Wilcox 34-37—71
Nicholas Lindheim 34-37—71
Tyrone Van Aswegen 35-36—71
Scott Brown 34-37—71
Ernie Els 36-35—71
Chris Stroud 34-37—71
Greg Chalmers 35-36—71
Smylie Kaufman 35-36—71
Brian Gay 34-37—71
Cameron Tringale 35-36—71
J.J. Spaun 35-36—71
Sebastián Muñoz 32-39—71
Brad Miller 34-37—71
Kevin Tway 33-39—72
Ryan Blaum 35-37—72
Whee Kim 35-37—72
Brian Stuard 37-35—72
Retief Goosen 35-37—72
Carl Pettersson 33-39—72
Bryce Molder 35-37—72
Chad Collins 36-36—72
Scott Stallings 37-35—72
Matt Jones 34-38—72
Ryan Palmer 36-36—72
Brian Davis 35-37—72

Paul Lawrie Match Play results

Thursday
At Bad Griesbach Golf Resort
Bad Griesbach, Germany
Purse: $1.17 million
First Round

Lucas Bjerregaard, Denmark, def. Daniel Im, United States, 6 & 4.
Florian Fritsch, Germany, def. Oliver Fisher, Britain, 1 up.
Chris Paisley, Britain, def. Scott Jamieson, Scotland, 22 holes.
Nathan Kimsey, Britain, def. James Morrison, Britain, 2 & 1.
Anthony Wall, Britain, def. Sam Walker, Britain, 1 up.
Haydn Porteous, South Africa, def. Gregory Havret, France, 2 & 1.
Adrian Otaegui, Spain, def. Gary Stal, France, 4 & 2.
Nino Bertasio, Italy, def. Chris Hanson, Britain, 2 & 1.
Raphael Jacquelin, France, def. David Drysdale, Scotland, 2 up.
Robert Rock, Britain, def. Marc Warren, Scotland, 20 holes.
Aaron Wu, China, def. Nicolas Colsaerts, Belgium, 3 up.
Rikard Karlberg, Sweden, def. Matt Wallace, Britain, 5 & 4.
Jorge Campillo, Spain, def. Felipe Aguilar, Chile, 2 & 1.
Jamie Donaldson, Wales, def. Paul Peterson, United States, 2 & 1.
Edoardo Molinari, Italy, def. Robert Karlsson, Sweden, 24 holes.
Ashley Chesters, Britain, def. Ricardo Gouveia, Portugal, 4 & 2.
Thomas Detry, Belgium, def. Eduardo De La Riva, Spain, 3 & 1.
Nacho Elvira, Spain, def. Justin Walters, South Africa, 1 up.
Alejandro Canizares, Spain, def. Richard Bland, Britain, 3 & 1.
Mikko Ilonen, Finland, def. Matthieu Pavon, France, 8 & 7.
Paul Lawrie, Scotland, def. Peter Hanson, Sweden, 20 holes.
Marcus Fraser, Austria, def. Gregory Bourdy, France, 2 & 1.
Maximilian Kieffer, Germany, def. Magnus A. Carlsson, Sweden, 4 & 3.
Alexander Knappe, Germany, def. Lasse Jensen, Denmark, 2 & 1.
Victor Dubuisson, France, def. Bradley Dredge 3 & 2.
Marcel Siem, Germany, def. Julien Quesne, France, 2 & 1.
Paul Dunne, Ireland, def. Nathan Holman, Austria, 6 & 5.
Jens Fahrbring, Sweden, def. Johan Edfors, Sweden, 2 & 1.
Matthew Southgate, Britain, def. Romain Wattel, France, 3 & 2.
Johan Carlsson, Sweden, def. Daniel Brooks, Britain, 2 & 1.
Tom Lewis, Britain, def. Richie Ramsay, Scotland, 3 & 2.
Zander Lombard, South Africa, def. Sebastien Gros, France, 2 & 1.

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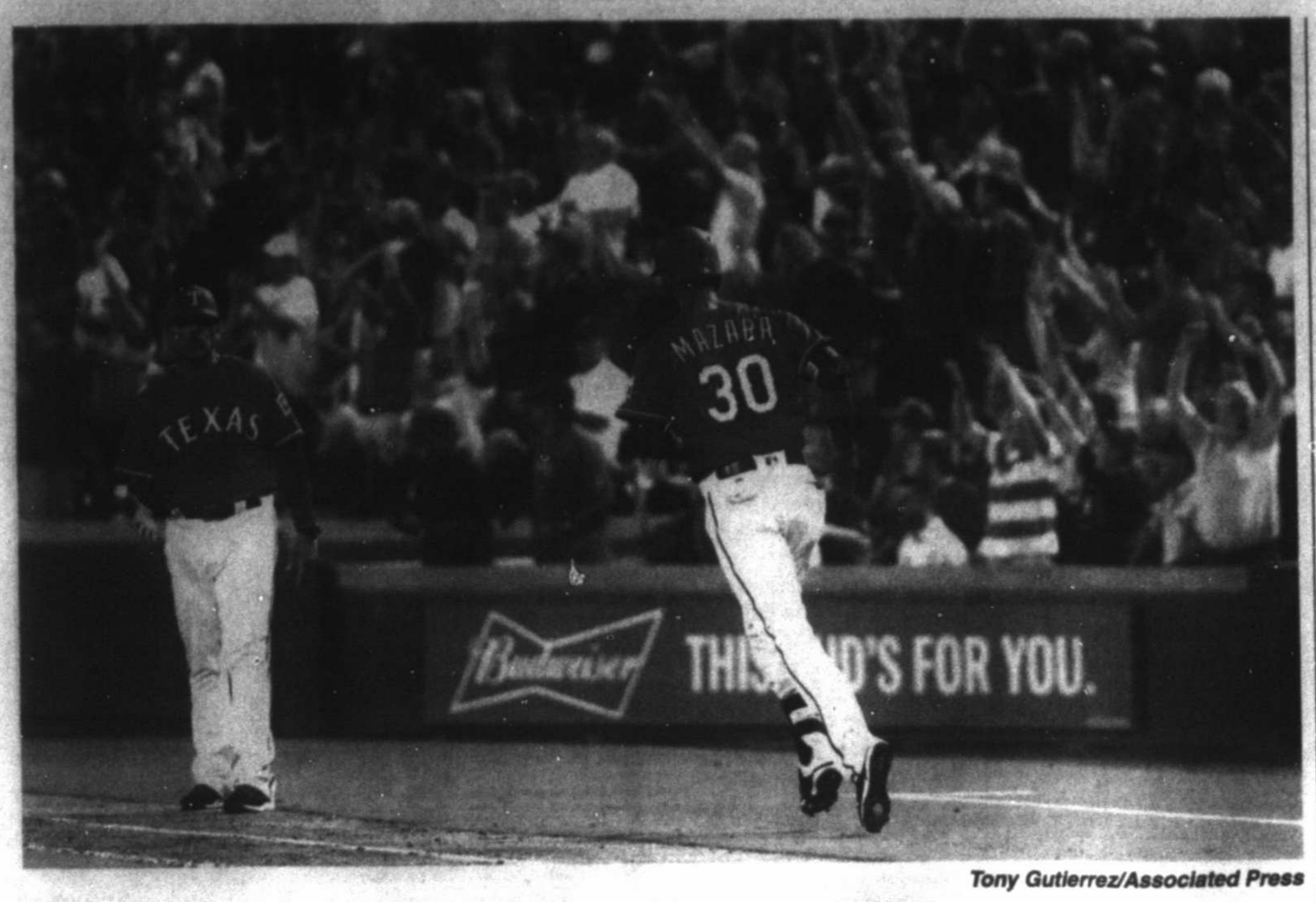

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3-run jack for Rangers

Texas Rangers first base coach Hector Ortiz watches Nomar Mazara (30) round the bases on his three-run home run in the fifth inning of a baseball game against the Chicago White Sox on Thursday in Arlington. The Rangers won 9-8.

Corbin goes 8 2/3 innings, Diamondbacks beat Astros

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Patrick Corbin was kicking himself for one small mistake that led to his exit.

The Arizona pitcher came within an out of his first career shutout and first complete game since 2013 in the Daimondbacks' 4-0 victory over the Houston Astros on Thursday.

After allowing a two-out double to Yuli Gurriel in the bottom of the ninth, Corbin was pulled by Arizona manager Torey Lovullo. Archie Bradley took over and struck out Marwin Gonzalez.

"Just left the fastball up on the last guy — just one of the few mistakes I had," Corbin said. "He hit it pretty good so that's the one thing I'm frustrated about. I wasn't able to finish. You don't get those chances too often. You try to do it every game."

Corbin (10-11) allowed four hits and one walk, struck out seven and threw just 105 pitches. He has 16 1/3 consecutive scoreless innings, blanking the Chicago Cubs in 6 2/3 innings in his previous start.

"It's hard to take your starting pitcher out of a game in that moment and that time," Lovullo said. "I feel like it was the best thing for our time."

After scoring a combined 18 runs in consecutive wins over Arizona on Tuesday and Wednesday, the Astros' bats went cold in the final game of the four-game series, which was split between Arizona and Houston.

Astros manager A.J. Hinch vented frustration about the balls and strikes calls from home plate umpire Paul Nauert, focusing heavily on the final strikeout of Gonzalez. On a full-count pitch that appeared low and outside, Gonzalez struck out looking.

"We could have built an inning after that," Hinch said. "I'm tired of it. I'm tired of our guys getting taken to task for knowing the strike zone, and that's not the reason that we lost today. That's not the reason that we've had a tough week but it's garbage when you start getting at-bats taken away from you."

Astros second baseman Jose Altuve — who leads the majors by a wide margin with a .361 batting average — shied away from criticizing the umpires but stood by Hinch.

"A.J. is the manager of this team and if he thinks something is going wrong, it's because it's going wrong," Altuve said. "We're all in this together, and I'm going to support everything he said. I know, if he said it, it's because something is happening."

Gonzalez also balked at criticizing the calls.

"All I can say is that I shouldn't be the one talking about where the pitch was," Gonzalez said. "Everybody saw where the pitch was and where it wasn't, and in any case, it should be the guy behind the plate answering the questions."

Arizona second baseman Daniel Descalso hit an inside-the-park home run off Astros starter Mike Fiers in the fourth inning on a deep drive that sailed over the head of center fielder Jake Marisnick and bounced off the wall away from him.

It was the 14th inside-the-park homer in Arizona franchise history and the third this season. It hadn't happened outside of Arizona since Kelly Stinnett did it on Aug. 29, 2005, in San Diego.

Descalso's homer put Arizona up 2-0 after Jeff Mathis' single that scored Ketel Marte, who reached third following a walk and a two-base throwing error by Fiers. Jake Lamb made it 3-0 in the sixth with his 26th homer.

Fiers (7-8) allowed three runs, two earned, on seven hits and two walks in 5 1/3 innings.

Fiers echoed Hinch's sentiment that the strike zone was inconsistent.

"It hurt us today," Fiers said. "I think it was one-sided. It was tough. We felt like we didn't get the pitches we should've got and it was the same way when we were at the plate. It's tough when the zone is that big for them and it shrinks for your guys."

The Diamondbacks added a run in the eighth when David Peralta scored on a wild pitch from Francis Martes and a throwing error by catcher Max Stassi. The Astros committed two errors in the game, and Arizona had three.

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

ROCKHOUNDS 6, NATURALS 0
At Security Bank Ballpark

TOP HITTERS: Midland's Vloserg Rosa went 3-for-3 with a home run, three RBI, two runs scored and walk. Rosa reached 100 RBI for the season. ... RockHounds center fielder B.J. Boyd was 2-for-4 with a double, an RBI, three runs scored and walk.

TOP PITCHERS: Heath Fillmyer, Joel Seddon and Cody Stull combined to throw a four-hit shutout for Midland. Fillmyer, the starter, held the Naturals to four hits and two walks over seven innings. Seddon and Stull followed with a perfect inning each.

HIGHLIGHTS: Max Schrock plated Boyd with a first-inning RBI single. ... J.P. Sportman extended Midland's lead to 2-0 with a double that scored Rosa in the fourth. ... The RockHounds scored three runs in the fifth behind Boyd's run-scoring double and a two-run homer by Rosa. ... Rosa added an RBI single in the seventh.

NOTES: Rosa is the first Texas League player to top the 100-RBI plateau since 2012, when Nate Freiman accomplished the feat for the San Antonio Missions. Rosa is the first RockHounds player to reach 100 RBI since Chris Carter in 2009. ... The RockHounds swept the three-game series against Northwest Arkansas. Midland begins a three-game home series with Arkansas at 7 p.m. today. ... The RockHounds (61-62) lead Corpus Christi (56-66) by 4 1/2 games in the race for the South Division wild card playoff spot. Tulsa defeated the Hooks, 2-1, Thursday.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Arkansas — RHP Nick Neidert (1-3, 5.82 ERA); Midland — Casey Meisner (4-3, 4.60).

TL standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield	35	17	.673	—
Tulsa	33	20	.623	2½
Arkansas	23	30	.434	12½
Northwest Arkansas	21	32	.396	14½

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	39	22	.639	—
Midland	35	27	.491	4
Corpus Christi	22	30	.423	7½
Frisco	21	32	.396	9

Thursday's Scores
Midland 6, Northwest Arkansas 0
Frisco 3, Arkansas 0
Tulsa 2, Corpus Christi 1
San Antonio at Springfield, late
Today's Games
Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.
San Antonio at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.
Corpus Christi at Springfield, 7:10 p.m.

ROCKHOUNDS 6, NATURALS 0

NW Arkansas	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
N. Lopez 2b	4	0	1	0	Mateo ss	4	1	1	0
J. Lopez 3b	4	0	1	0	Boyd cf	4	3	2	1
O'Hearn rf	3	0	0	0	Curtis dh	4	0	1	0
Duenez 1b	4	0	0	0	Rosa 1b	3	2	3	3
Moon lf	3	0	1	0	Schrock 2b	3	0	1	1
Ramos dh	2	0	1	0	Sportman rf	4	0	1	1
Arteaga ss	3	0	0	0	Ramirez lf	3	0	0	0
Miller cf	3	0	0	0	Neuse 3b	3	0	0	0
de Sn Migel c3	0	0	0	0	Murphy c	3	0	0	0
Totals	**29**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**Totals**	**31**	**6**	**9**	**6**

NW Arkansas ..... 000 000 000 —0
Midland ..... 100 130 10x —6

DP — Midland 2. LOB — Northwest Arkansas 4, Midland 8. 2B — Sportman (25), Boyd (27). HR — Rosa (15). CS — Mateo (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Northwest Arkansas						
Staumont L, 1-3	4.2	7	5	5	3	5
Tenuta	2.0	2	1	1	2	2
Marte	1.1	0	0	0	1	2
Midland						
Fillmyer W, 9-4	7.0	4	0	0	2	4
Seddon	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
Stull	1.0	0	0	0	0	1

WP — Fillmyer 2. HBP — by Marte (Neuse).
T — 2:34. A — 4,610

MLB's Manfred working on pace of play with Clark, union

By Jay Cohen
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Major League Baseball is having conversations with the players' association over possible rule changes designed to speed the pace of play, and Commissioner Rob Manfred said Thursday he hopes to reach an agreement instead of implementing any measures unilaterally.

Manfred also said the Bruce Sherman-led ownership group trying to purchase the Miami Marlins has presented the league with a financial structure that would work for finalizing the deal, and he expressed confidence that a major league franchise can be successful in the market. Speaking at the conclusion of the owners meetings, he also expressed surprise with veteran umpire Joe West's reaction to his suspension for his comments about Texas Rangers third baseman Adrian Beltre.

The average time of a nine-inning game is a record 3 hours, 5 minutes this season, up from 3 hours last year and 2:56 in 2015. Manfred's first season as commissioner. Management proposed making changes for this year, such as installing pitch clocks and limiting trips to the mound by catchers, but players' association head Tony Clark said his side would not agree. The league can implement changes by itself with one-year advance notice.

"We met with Tony Clark and a group of players last week," Manfred said. "The tone of those conversations have been very positive. Hats off to Tony and the players on that, and I remain confident that we will have changes for next year on the issue of pace of game that will be significant."

Manfred declined to get into any specifics about possible changes or what the league might do if it is unable to reach a deal with the union.

"I think the best course for baseball — and by that I mean the clubs and the players — is for us to get an agreement," he said.

Union spokesman Greg Bouris confirmed the dialogue is ongoing, and said players "are committed to discussing ways to enhance the game and move it forward."

The owners had a light agenda for their quarterly meeting at a hotel in downtown Chicago, and one of the major topics was Sherman's signed $1.2 billion agreement to purchase the Marlins from Jeffrey Loria. Former New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter is a limited partner in the group and will take over Miami's business and baseball operations if the transaction is approved.

Sherman met with the MLB ownership committee on Wednesday, and the deal could be completed by the end of the season. Manfred brushed aside any concern over reports that the group is seeking more financing.

"The group led by Mr. Sherman has presented us with a financial structure that would allow them to close the transaction consistent with baseball's rules," he said. "That doesn't mean that they might prefer to have additional equity in the deal and might be out there looking for it. But they have a financial structure that would allow them to close the deal consistent with our rules."

MLB GLANCE

American League

TWINS 4
INDIANS 2

MINNEAPOLIS — Max Kepler made up for a fielding mistake in the top of the inning with the go-ahead home run in the bottom of the seventh, sending the Minnesota Twins to a 4-2 victory over Cleveland in the second game on Thursday night to salvage a doubleheader split with the Indians.

Twins starter Aaron Slegers sailed through 6 1/3 innings in his major league debut, helping stop Cleveland's six-game winning streak. The Indians had also won 10 straight games in Minnesota, all but one this season.

Yan Gomes and Jason Kipnis each homered and had three hits for the Indians in a 9-3 victory in the opener as the Twins set a franchise record with 19 strikeouts.

BLUE JAYS 7
RAYS 3

TORONTO — A sustained power surge from Josh Donaldson has put the Toronto Blue Jays back in the AL playoff picture.

With little production to speak of, meanwhile, the Tampa Bay Rays risk sliding right out of contention.

Justin Smoak hit a tiebreaking home run in the eighth inning, Donaldson added two solo blasts and the Blue Jays beat the Rays 5-3 on Thursday, completing a 7-3 home stand.

"It's a breath of fresh air to be able to come to the yard expecting to win," Donaldson said.

The 2015 AL MVP, Donaldson has 11 home runs over his past 19 games and is batting .400 (20 for 50) with 21 RBIs in August. He homered four times in the four-game series, including a two-run shot in Monday's opener and a three-run blast Tuesday.

"Josh is on fire right now," manager John Gibbons said.

Smoak hit a two-run drive off Tommy Hunter (2-4), his 33rd, as the Blue Jays took three of four from the Rays to remain on the fringes of the AL wild card race. Toronto is 10-5 in August.

Interleague

YANKEES 7
METS 5

NEW YORK — Gary Sanchez homered and matched a career high with five RBIs. Luis Severino got right back on track and the New York Yankees made it a four-game sweep in the Subway Series with a 7-5 victory Thursday night over the Mets.

Sanchez hit a three-run homer off struggling starter Steven Matz in the first inning and a two-run single in the fourth. Brett Gardner broke his 3-for-29 slump with a two-run double, and the Yankees won twice at Citi Field just as they did back home in the Bronx earlier this week.

Four games behind first-place Boston in the AL East, the Yankees begin a three-game series Friday night at Fenway Park. The Red Sox took two of three last weekend when the longtime rivals played at Yankee Stadium.

Curtis Granderson hit his seventh career grand slam off Bryan Mitchell in the ninth, pulling the Mets to 7-5. Dellin Betances was immediately summoned and got three quick outs for his eighth save.

National League

REDS 13
CUBS 10

CHICAGO — Phillip Ervin may be a late-bloomer, but the Cincinnati outfielder has arrived in the majors with bang.

Ervin hit a two-run homer to snap a tie in the seventh inning and had four RBIs in his first major league start as the Reds rebounded from blowing a nine-run lead to defeat the Chicago Cubs 13-10 on Thursday.

Ervin, in right field in his fifth game, also had a single and double in four at-bats. On Wednesday, the 25-year-old homered as a pinch hitter for his first hit.

BRAVES 10
ROCKIES 4

DENVER — The Atlanta Braves didn't have long to process a bad loss to the Colorado Rockies. That was a good thing.

Ender Inciarte hit two of Atlanta's four homers and the Braves responded to the big loss by beating the Rockies 10-4 on Thursday.

Freddie Freeman and Tyler Flowers also homered, and Lucas Sims (1-3) got his first win in the majors for the Braves, who managed a four-game split at Coors Field thanks to four solo shots off Colorado starter Jeff Hoffman (6-5).

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	69	51	.575	—
New York	65	55	.542	4
Tampa Bay	60	63	.488	10½
Toronto	59	62	.488	10½
Baltimore	59	62	.488	10½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	66	53	.555	—
Kansas City	61	59	.508	5½
Minnesota	60	59	.504	6
Detroit	53	67	.442	13½
Chicago	45	73	.381	20½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	74	47	.612	—
Los Angeles	62	59	.512	12
Seattle	61	61	.500	13½
Texas	60	60	.500	13½
Oakland	53	68	.438	21

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	71	47	.602	—
Miami	68	61	.487	13½
Atlanta	64	65	.454	17½
New York	63	66	.445	18½
Philadelphia	43	75	.364	28
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	63	57	.525	—
Milwaukee	63	59	.516	1
St. Louis	61	59	.508	2
Pittsburgh	58	62	.483	5
Cincinnati	51	71	.418	13
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	65	34	.714	—
Arizona	67	54	.554	19
Colorado	67	54	.554	19
San Diego	54	66	.450	31½
San Francisco	48	74	.393	38½

Scores and Schedules

American League
Thursday's Scores
Cleveland 9, Minnesota 3, 1st game
Arizona 4, Houston 0
Toronto 5, Tampa Bay 3
Minnesota 4, Cleveland 2, 2nd game
N.Y. Yankees 7, N.Y. Mets 5
Texas 9, Chicago White Sox 8
Today's Games
Toronto (Happ 6-8) at Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 12-8), 1:20 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Heaney 0-0) at Baltimore (Hardman 7-7), 6:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Hill 8-4) at Detroit (Zimmermann 7-9), 6:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Montgomery 7-6) at Boston (Pomeranz 12-4), 6:10 p.m.
Seattle (Ramirez 4-4) at Tampa Bay (Pruitt 6-3), 6:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Shields 2-4) at Texas (Cashner 7-9), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Godley 5-5) at Minnesota (Santana 12-7), 7:10 p.m.
Oakland (Manaea 8-7) at Houston (Keuchel 10-2), 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Kluber 11-3) at Kansas City (Kennedy 4-8), 7:15 p.m.

National League
Thursday's Scores
Arizona 4, Houston 0
Cincinnati 13, Chicago Cubs 10
Atlanta 10, Colorado 4
N.Y. Yankees 7, N.Y. Mets 5
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, late
Washington at San Diego, late
Philadelphia at San Francisco, late
Today's Games
Toronto (Happ 6-8) at Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 12-8), 1:20 p.m.
St. Louis (Martinez 9-9) at Pittsburgh (Williams 5-5), 6:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Hill 8-4) at Detroit (Zimmermann 7-9), 6:10 p.m.
Miami (Nicolino 1-1) at N.Y. Mets (Flexen 2-1), 6:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Romano 2-5) @ Atlanta (Dickey 8-7), 6:35 p.m.
Arizona (Godley 5-5) at Minnesota (Santana 12-7), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Garza 6-6) at Colorado (Marquez 9-5), 7:40 p.m.
Washington (Scherzer 12-5) at San Diego (Perdomo 6-7), 9:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Eflin 1-4) at San Francisco (Moore 3-12), 9:15 p.m.

Texas boxes

DIAMONDBACKS 4, ASTROS 0

Arizona	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
D.Peña rf	4	1	1	0	Springer rf	3	0	1	0
Pollock cf	4	0	2	0	Bregman ss	4	0	0	0
Lamb 3b	4	1	1	1	Altuve 2b	4	0	0	0
Gldschm 1b	3	0	1	0	Y.Gurriel 1b	4	0	1	0
J.Mrtn dh	4	0	1	0	Ma.Grcia lf	4	0	0	0
Descalso 2b	4	1	1	1	Beltran dh	3	0	0	0
K.Marte ss	3	1	2	0	J.Davis 3b	3	0	0	0
Hrhmann lf	2	0	0	0	M.Stassi c	3	0	0	0
G.Blnco lf	1	0	0	0	Marisnick cf	3	0	2	0
Mathis c	3	0	1	1					
Totals	**32**	**4**	**10**	**3**	**Totals**	**31**	**0**	**4**	**0**

Arizona ..... 001 101 010—4
Houston ..... 000 000 000—0

E—Fiers (2), M.Stassi (1), Lamb (10), K.Marte 2 (8). DP—Houston 4. LOB—Arizona 4, Houston 5. 2B—Y.Gurriel (33). 3B—K.Marte (1). HR—Lamb (26), Descalso (7). CS—Pollock (5), Springer (8).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Arizona						
Corbin W, 10-11	8 2-3	4	0	0	1	7
Bradley	1/3	0	0	0	0	0
Houston						
Fiers L, 7-8	5 1-3	7	5	5	3	5
Urquidy	2 2-3	3	2	2	2	2
Martes		2	2	2	0	0
Hoyt		0	0	0	0	2

Urquidy pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.
WP—Corbin, Martes.
T—2:48. A—27,948 (42,060).

Thursday's finescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
INDIANS 9, TWINS 3

Cleveland ..... 210 000 042 —9 14 0
Minnesota ..... 010 000 110 —3 12 1

Carrasco, Shaw (6), Olson (7), McAllister (8), Allen (8), Goody (9) and Gomes, Gibson, Gee (5); Boshers (7), Pressly (8), Perkins (8), Busenitz (9) and Castro. W—Carrasco 12-5. L—Gibson 6-10. HRs—Cleveland, Kipnis, Gomes. Minnesota, Buxton.

BLUE JAYS 5, RAYS 3

Tampa Bay ..... 200 101 010 —3 11 3
Toronto ..... 101 010 02x —5 8 0

Archer, Hunter (8) and W.Ramos; Rowdy, Loup (8), Barnes (8), Maybin (7), Liriano (8) and Maldonado. W—Liriano 3-0. L—Hunter 2-4. Sv—Osuna (32). HRs—Toronto, Donaldson 2, Smoak.

INTERLEAGUE
YANKEES 7, METS 5

New York ..... 300 400 000 —7 9 1
New York ..... 300 000 104 —5 7 1

Severino, Shreve (1), Mitchell (9), Betances (9) and Sanchez; Matz, Bradford (4), Robles (7), A.Ramos (9) and J.Arnaud. W—Severino 10-5. L—Matz 2-7. Sv—Betances (8). HRs—New York, Sanchez, New York, Granderson.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
REDS 13, CUBS 10

Cincinnati ..... 080 000 211—13 12 0
Chicago ..... 210 320 100—10 13 1

Neshek, Lorenzen (4), Storen (6), Adleman (7), A.Peralta (8), Iglesias (9) and Turner; Lester, Montgomery (2), Grimm (7), Wilson (8), Duensing (9), Rondon (9) and Avila. W—Storen 4-2. L—Grimm 2-3. Sv—Iglesias (22). HRs—Cincinnati, Ervin, Votto. Chicago, Baez, Avila, Schwarber, Happ 2, Bryant.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
BRAVES 10, ROCKIES 4

Atlanta ..... 211 020 600—10 12 1
Colorado ..... 020 000 101 —4 9 0

Sims, S.Freeman (6), Johnson (7), Motte (8), Jose, Barnes (9) and Flowers; Hoffman, Rusin (5), Dunn (7), Oberacker (7), Senzatela (8) and Lindor. W—Sims 1-3. L—Hoffman 6-5. HRs—Atlanta, Inciarte 2, Flowers, Freeman. Colorado, Blackmon.

GYMNASTICS

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replacement for Penny will likely be named by September, while Valeri Liukin took over for Karolyi last fall, tasked with both continuing the women's programs dominance while also creating a more transparent culture.

Less than two months removed from Daniels' report, there are signs of progress. National team members who fly into Houston for training camps must be escorted to the camp with at least two other people along for the ride to avoid any one-on-one interaction. Underage female gymnasts with male coaches who are picked to compete internationally must now travel with a credentialed female chaperone. One-on-one visits to cabins the athletes use during overnight stays by medical staff is now prohibited.

That's at the national level. Policing at a local level is another matter entirely. Denhollander came forward as part of an investigation by The Indianapolis Star that discovered USA Gymnastics collected complaints of improper conduct by over 50 coaches between 1996 and 2006 and regularly declined to forward them on to the authorities unless expressly asked to do so.

The new guidelines require member gyms to go to authorities immediately. Daniels suggested USA Gymnastics consider withholding membership from clubs who decline to do so. The organization also named Toby Stark, a child welfare advocate, as its director of SafeSport. Part of Stark's mandate is educating members on rules, educational programs, reporting and adjudication services.

Many member clubs have already adopted some of the recommended policies on their own.

There is much to be done. Dantzscher and Denhollander don't believe real progress is possible until board chairman Paul Parilla, vice chairman Jay Binder and treasurer Bitsy Kelley are removed. All three signed a letter supporting Penny in March after the United States Olympic Committee called for his ouster.

"It is clear that the board intends to conduct business as usual," Dantzscher said.

PLANS

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schedule. Breiner and his staff planned for the first three opponents this summer, but they will go back and do the whole process again the week before each game.

During the season, the prep work starts the week before the week leading up to the game. While the coaches and players are practicing for Saturday's game, graduate assistants are breaking down film for the following week's opponent.

Breiner wants that completed by Friday afternoon so all that needs to be added Sunday is the game that was just played.

Of course, these days film is not film. It is all digital recordings, and computer software from companies such as XOS allow for easy filtering and on-screen labeling. Each play is sorted by down and distance and labeled for personnel groupings. For studying defenses that would be the number of defensive backs, linebackers and linemen on the field. The front is identified (How many players are lined up over the offensive linemen and where?), coverage (How many players are dropping deep helps determine man-to-man or zones) and pressure (Who is blitzing and from where?).

On Sunday, the coaches will dive into film and data reports of the next opponent on their own.

Monday

At Fordham, where the Rams have gone 40-11 the last four seasons, there is no practice Monday so coaches put in a long day of game-planning.

"The first thing we do when we sit down to start an opponent is we have the personnel discussion," said Briener, who was promoted from offensive coordinator to head coach when Joe Moorhead left to become Penn State's offensive coordinator.

That's tricky for the first opponent of the season, but using last year's depth chart, coaches take an educated guess at who will be playing. Rarely does an opposing player drastically change a game plan.

Then begins the work of coming up with plays to run on first and second down. Some of the work is simple process of elimination. For example: Against a 4-3 defense, how the interior linemen line up — shaded left or right — helps narrow down the running plays. Coverages determine what passing plays get thrown out, and some are obvious.

"So if you're a cover-four team (basically, four players dropping deep), we're probably not going to run play-action, four verticals at you because it's not a good concept against cover-four," Breiner said.

Generally, teams use their base defense on first and second down and switch things up on third down. Breiner said one of the first things he will try to determine is whether an opponent defends second down by distance.

"The first thing I'll look for on second down is second-and-long," he said. "Are they really trying to treat that as a pass down? Or are they treating that as what I would call normal down. Seven or less."

Breiner said for one opponent last season, he set up his call sheet completely based on distances. "Because I found a pattern within their defensive calls that I knew on these certain distances I was going to get certain things," he said.

Tuesday

The results of Monday's game-planning are implemented on the practice field Tuesday. That day's game-plan meeting goes about two hours and is focused on third-down plays, sorted by distance needed for a first down.

Generally, this is when defenses mix things up and use distance as a defender. Breiner said it is important to avoid getting bogged down in looks that rarely show up on film. He tells his staff: "Don't chase ghosts."

"Often times when you find things that just show up a couple times for the defense that was game-plan specific for the opponent they were seeing that week," he said "Whereas when you see things that show up across the board, this is who they are."

Wednesday

Tuesday's work goes to the practice field on Wednesday, while coaches game-plan for special situations such as backed up against the goal line, 2-point plays and fourth down. It is also the last chance to tweak what is already in place.

Breiner prefers to go into a game with a relatively small list of plays. He would rather not say the exact number. Breiner's offense is loaded with run-pass option plays, where the quarterback reads the defense after the snap to determine whether to hand off or throw. Having multiple answers baked into one play means fewer total plays are necessary. That means fewer for players to learn and more time for them to master what Breiner wants the Rams to do best.

Of course, it's not uncommon — especially against offenses that have been as good as Fordham's have been under Moorhead and Breiner — for an opponent to spring a big surprise on Saturday.

To prepare for that, Breiner uses a "cheat sheet," a tip he took from a talk given by Arizona coach Rich Rodriguez during a clinic.

"He listed different coverages and different fronts and just a call or two that were his favorite calls against those," Breiner said. "So that if he ever got into a game and they showed him something different or they were stuck and couldn't seem to get the right plays called, he would go back to that cheat sheet."

Thursday

Wednesday's work is installed at practice and players get the entire plan — printed out.

"I'm old school," Breiner said.

Friday

The day before a game is mostly about studying up, with a walk-through in the afternoon or early evening and meetings for the players. Hopefully, they do some cramming before bed.

Saturday

Game day. Time to see if the plan worked.

Last year, Fordham averaged 6.63 yards per play (eighth-best in FCS) and 40.1 points per game (fourth in FCS). Usually, it worked quite well.

OKLAHOMA

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combinations in school history. Samaje Perine left as the school's all-time leading rusher, and Mixon set the single-season school record for all-purpose yardage in a season. Rodney Anderson appears ready to step in and help fill the void after missing last season with a neck injury and most of 2015 with a leg injury. Abdul Adams is the top returning rusher, and Dimitri Flowers was the starting fullback last season.

Experienced line

Blocking should be a strength, with all five starters returning on the offensive line. Orlando Brown, a 345-pound left tackle, is back to pave the way after being named a second-team All-American last season. Bobby Evans, Ben Powers, Dru Samia and Erick Wren also return.

"They know what they're doing," offensive line coach Bill Bedenbaugh said. "They know the expectations. They'll be ready to get out there."

Unsatisfied defense

Oklahoma's defense struggled at times last season, but got it together toward the end to help the Sooners go unbeaten in Big 12 play.

"We know we can play better, so I think that part affected them, affected all of us," Oklahoma defensive coordinator Mike Stoops said. "So they care about how they play, and if we want to win like we want to win, we know we have to play better defense."

Outside linebacker Ogbonnia Okoronkwo returns after ranking third in the Big 12 with nine sacks last season. Steven Parker has 30 career starts at safety. Defensive tackle Matt Romar is back in the trenches. Emmanuel Beal and Caleb Kelly are back at the linebacker spots. Jordan Thomas, a preseason All-Big 12 pick, returns at cornerback opposite Jordan Parker.

Early test

The Sooners will find out early if they are national championship material with a Week 2 showdown at Ohio State. The Buckeyes rolled the Sooners 45-24 in Norman last season. The Sooners also lost their opener to Houston and the combo dropped them out of the national title picture.

TEXAS A&M

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a third-round pick of the Carolina Panthers.

Qualen Cunningham and Jarrett Johnson are also candidates to help fill in for Garrett and Hall. Johnson could have a leg up on the competition after serving as a backup for both players over the last couple of seasons. He appeared in 12 games last season, with three starts when Garrett was injured and finished with 4 1/2 tackles.

Sumlin is considered by many to be on the hot seat and last year's 8-5 finish didn't help, a mark that included four losses in the last five games. Some things to know about the 2017 Aggies, who open the season on Sept. 3 at UCLA:

AP file photo

Texas A&M's Christian Kirk (3) celebrates after scoring a touchdown against Tennessee during the first half of a game Oct. 8, 2016, in College Station.

Quarterback competition

After replacing Garrett, Texas A&M's biggest question entering the season is who will take over for Trevor Knight at quarterback. Knight spent just one season with the Aggies after joining the team as a graduate transfer from Oklahoma. Sumlin won't say much about who he expects to start, but Jake Hubenak appears to be the front-runner after appearing in seven games with two starts as a junior last season. He threw for 884 yards with six touchdowns and two interceptions.

"He's older, been in games," Sumlin said. "I think the first couple years he's a little tentative because he was behind some guys and really wanted to learn. But I see him right now as a mature guy that understands that he wants it."

He'll compete with Nick Starkel and Kellen Mond to be A&M's starter. Starkel is a redshirt freshman who threw for 3,091 yards and 29 touchdowns as a senior in high school. Mond was rated by Rivals.com as the No. 1 dual-threat quarterback in the nation after throwing for 1,936 yards and 20 touchdowns and running for 775 yards and 18 more scores last season at IMG Academy.

"The guy who understands that he doesn't have to do everything because of the players that are around him ... that understands he doesn't have to do all that and takes care of the ball and can make some plays for us, that will be the guy that will play for us," Sumlin said.

Captain Kirk

Texas A&M's top returning starter is receiver/punt returner Christian Kirk. The junior had a Southeastern Conference-leading 83 receptions for 928 yards and nine touchdowns last season. He added three touchdowns on punt returns. After losing 10 starters, Kirk is prepared to step up and be a team leader this season.

"I have wanted to step into that major leadership role," he said. "Last year it was Trevor Knight, who had to lead the team as captain and was very vocal person. Now I have to step into that role."

Running game

While Texas A&M hasn't decided on a starting quarterback, they're set at running back with two players who are coming off big seasons. Trayveon Williams became the first true freshman in school history to rush for 1,000 yards by finishing with 1,057 yards and eight touchdowns on 156 carries. Keith Ford also returns after ran for 669 yards with six touchdowns in his first season at Texas A&M after transferring from Oklahoma.

Early schedule

After visiting UCLA, the Aggies will have a couple of games to tune up by hosting Nicholls State and Louisiana-Lafayette before opening SEC play with their annual meeting in Arlington, Texas with Arkansas on Sept. 23. Alabama comes to town on Oct. 7 and two road trips, to Ole Miss and LSU, wrap up the regular season.

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						6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Shark Tank		What Would You Do?	20/20		Local 2 News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(39) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother (N)		Hawaii Five-0 "Poniu I Ke Aloha"	Blue Bloods "Foreign Interference"		CBS 7 News (N)	(35) The Late Show		(39) J.Corden
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Mama's Family	ALF	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Perry Mason	Twilight Zone
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Chef "Vegas Deluxe and Oyster Shucks"		Beat Shazam "Episode Ten"		Fox 24 News (N)	TMZ	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother
KMLM	IND	11	12	12	11	11	Hidden in Sight	Zola Levitt Presents	Update News	HaYesod	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Update News	Shepherd's Heart	Dr. Brad Young
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 (N)	NewsWest 9 Now	America's Got Talent "Live Show 1" Judging is turned over to the viewers.			Dateline NBC			NewsWest 9 (N)	(35) The Tonight Show	(39) Seth Meyers
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)		Wash. Week (N)	On Story	Perform. "Vienna Philharmonic Summer Night Concert 2017" (N)		PBS Previews		Charlie Rose (N)	Newsline	Tavis Smiley
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		Enamorandome de Ramon		La doble vida de Estela Carrillo		La Tierra Prometida		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo
KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	American Ninja War.		American Ninja War.		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Tosh.0	Access H.
FLIX		340	575		165		(3:20) Witless Prot...		Willard Bruce Davidson.			(:40) The Hills Have Eyes			(:15) ★★★ Black Christmas Olivia Hussey.		
HBO		300	550	14	14		Movie	VICE (N)	Central Intelligence Dwayne Johnson.				Bill Maher (N)		VICE	Room 104	Bill Maher
HBO2		302	551	15	101	23	(4:50) Good Will H...		Ballers		Collateral Beauty Will Smith.		(:15) The Accountant ('16, Cri) Ben Affleck.				Movie
HBOS		304	552	16	102		(3:00) ★★★ Sleepers Brad Pitt.		LastWeek		★★ Crimson Peak Mia Wasikowska.				★★ Shakespeare in Love Joseph Fiennes.		
MAX		380	557	17	120	24	(4:55) ★★★ Blow		Midnight Special Michael Shannon.				(:55) ★★★ Road to Perdition Tom Hanks.		(:55) Puerto Ric...		
MAX2		382	558	18	122		Movie	★★ Zoolander Ben Stiller.			★★ Baby Mama Tina Fey.			(:40) How to Be Single Dakota Johnson.			Movie
PLEX				96			(5:30) Head Over...		★★★ Soapdish Sally Field.			(:40) ★★★ In and Out			(:10) Revenge of the Pink P...		Movie
SHOW		320	565	19	140	25	★★ Diary of a Mad Black Woman				Tiffany Haddish (N)		(:05) Acc.	(:35) Ray Donovan		(:35) Dice	(:05) Dice	Dice
TMC		336	573	22	155	26	(5:30) Get the Girl		★★★ Beaches ('88, Dra) Bette Midler.				(:05) ★★ Blue Crush Kate Bosworth.				★ Dangerous Minds
A&E		27	58	28	35	47	(4:00) Live PD		Live PD "Rewind"		Live PD Live access inside the country's busiest police forces and the communities they patrol. (L) (N)						Live PD
AMC		40	74	23	42	51	(3:30) The Da Vinc...		★★★ Men In Black Will Smith.				★★★ Total Recall Arnold Schwarzenegger.				Movie
BET		58	-		40		(4:00) Top Five		To Be Announced						Being Mary Jane	Martin	Martin
BRAVO		65	76		41		The Real Housewives		★★★ Pretty Woman ('90, Rom) Richard Gere.					★★★ Pretty Woman ('90, Rom) Richard Gere.			
CNBC		46	52		39	72	Undercover Boss		Under Boss "ADT"		Boss "Donatos"		Boss "Rocket Fizz"		American Greed		American Greed
CNN		43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		CNN Report (N)		CNN Tonight		History of Comedy		History of Comedy
DISC		50	60	31	24	42	Bering Sea Gold		Bering Sea Gold		Bering Sea Gold (N)		Alaskan Bush People		Sea Gold "Cold War"		Bush "Bush Heart"
DISNEY		56	64	36	25	36	Andi M.	Raven's.	Raven's.	Underc.	Bizaard.	Andi M.	StuckMid	Raven's.	Underc.	Bizaard.	StuckMid	Andi M.
ESPN		32	35	48	31	30	(5:00) Baseball		Baseball Little League World Series (L)				Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)
ESPN2		34	36	49	32	31	ATP Tennis Western & Southern Open Site: Lindner Family Tennis Center – Mason, Ohio (L)								Boxing Golden Boy		
FNC		45	48	53	23	55	The Story		Tucker Carlson		The Five		Hannity		Tucker Carlson	The Five	
FOOD		64	70	27	68	54	Diners	Diners	Diners	Guy Trip	Guy Trip	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Guy Trip	Diners
FREEFORM		53	63	34	42	33	(4:55) ★ Home Alone		(:20) ★★★ Home Alone 2: Lost in New York Macaulay Culkin.						The 700 Club		★ Another Cinder...
FSSW		37	38	50	45	29	Pudge	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at Texas Rangers Site: Globe Life Park -- Arlington, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	Pudge	Stars Insider	SportsDay OnAir
FX		31	56	59	64	69	(3:30) ★ Captain A...		★★ Furious 7 ('15, Action) Paul Walker, Jason Statham, Vin Diesel.						★★ The Equalizer Denzel Washington.		
HALLMARK		54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Chesapeake Shores		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		63	69	26	48	44	Hunters	B. Hunters	Dream H.	Dream H.	Dream H.	Dream H.	H.Hunt	House	H.Hunt	House	Dream H.	Dream H.
HISTORY		71	59	29	50	43	A. Pickers "Catch-32"		Car Country (N)				(:05) Road Hauks (N)		(:05) Road Hauks (N)		(:05) Car Country
LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	48	(4:00) ★ What to Expect When You're...		★★★ The Holiday Cameron Diaz. Two women with romance issues swap homes and fall for men in their new neighbourhoods.						Growing Up Supermodel		★★★ The Holiday
MSNBC		47	53		49	73	Hardball (N)		All in (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow
NBCSN		38	43				Count.	NASCAR Auto Racing Food City 500 (L)					Auto Auctions (N)		Gymnastics P&G Championships (L)		
NICK		55	-	39	34	37	H.Danger	JoJoSiwa	★ The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of...				F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	★★★ Wedding Crashers ('05, Com) Vince Vaughn, Owen Wilson.						★★★ The Longest Yard ('05, Com) Adam Sandler.				Movie
SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	(3:00) ★ G.I. Joe: Ret...		Killjoys (N)		Dark Matter (N)		Wynonna Earp (N)		★★★ Blade ('98, Act) Wesley Snipes.		
TBS		25	33	44	66	41	Sein. "The Jimmy"	Seinf. "The Doodle"	★★★ Avengers: Age of Ultron Tony Stark develops an artificial intelligence that decides that humans must be destroyed.						E.League (N)		The Guest	The Guest
TCM		41	75	24	63	66	(3:00) ★ Sunday in ...		★★★★ The Birds ('63, Hor) Rod Taylor.				(:15) ★★★ Dark of the Sun Rod Taylor.				(:15) ★ The Man ...
TELE		20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado (N)		Jenni Rivera: Ma (N)		Sin Senos Si Hay (N)		Señor de cielos (N)		Al rojo	Titulares	Sin Senos Si Hay Par
TLC		51	61	32	38	52	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced
TNT		24	34	40	26	50	Bones "The Bodies in a Book"		★★★ 300: Rise of an Empire ('14, Action) Eva Green, Rodrigo Santoro, Sullivan Stapleton.				The Last Ship "The Scott Effect"		The Last Ship "Rising Sun"		The Last Ship "Shanzhai"
TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	MASH	(:35) MASH	(:10) MASH	(:50) Ray	(:25) Loves Ray		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA		26	55	42	27	49	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family
WGN		19	85				M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	MASH "Payday"	M*A*S*H	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Mother "Pilot"	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother

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Man questions his dating style after being cheated on twice

Dear Abby

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DEAR ABBY: I have been in two relationships. The first was with a girl a couple of years older than I am. We were together for several years before she cheated on me and dumped me. I was crushed. The next girl was a few years younger. She did the same thing after we were together a year.

What am I doing wrong? Fidelity is important to me, and they both knew it from the start. How can I avoid this in the future?

I have never been a controlling person. I was always fine with my girlfriends going out with their friends without me if I couldn't go for some reason. (That's how they ended up meeting the other guys.)

The people in lasting relationships I've seen watch each other like hawks, and never allow their significant other to be in the company of the opposite sex without them. Is this normal? Should I be like them? That seems controlling, but clearly, my "no boundaries" relationship style has backfired on me. — CHEATED ON IN NEW YORK CITY

DEAR CHEATED ON: Few things can ruin a relationship or a marriage like obsessive jealousy can. Watching one's partner "like a hawk" is stifling. It will eventually drive the person away, as you will see as you continue to observe the couples you have mentioned. Please don't try to change the person you are because YOU are just fine.

I believe that in relationships there has to be a certain amount of responsibility. If someone is mature enough to be involved romantically, that person should be willing to admit if things aren't working out. Being cheated on is painful, and being dumped is equally so. Not every relationship leads to marriage, but rather than sneak around to avoid a frank conversation, it's better to practice the Golden Rule.

DEAR ABBY: I am in a predicament. My therapist is great, but sometimes I think she shares too much. Last time I went, she was running late. When I finally got into her office, she told me the previous patient was nonverbal and had painted her nails during the session. Later in the session, she confided that years ago she had been date raped.

Abby, I am in counseling because my father raped me when I was 15 (I am now 24). Her sharing has me worried because I don't want her telling others what I say or do during counseling. Further, her story of the date rape scared me. She described a situation that is not uncommon for me to be in, and it caused something almost like a flashback in me. I think what she did was insensitive, to say the least.

I have nobody else to ask, so what should I do? I'm getting counseling for free now due to my income, and it took months to get set up with a counselor. Should I report her or accept that this was a mistake and say nothing? If I need to report her, how would I go about doing that? — CONFLICTED ABOUT IT

DEAR CONFLICTED: You should change therapists because it appears this one has more problems than you do. As to what agency you should report her breach of professional ethics to, contact the state organization that has licensed her to practice.

Goren Bridge

With Bob Jones

No way out

East-West vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
♠A 9 3
♡5 4 3 2
◊Q J 6 5
♣J 10

WEST
♠K Q J 10 7 2
♡A Q
◊4
♣K 5 4 3

EAST
♠6 5 4
♡9 8 7
◊8 3
♣9 8 7 6 2

SOUTH
♠8
♡K J 10 6
◊A K 10 9 7 2
♣A Q

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1◊	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	5◊	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All pass	

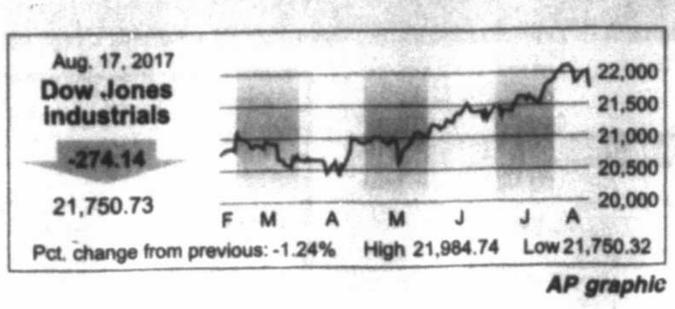
Opening lead: King of ♠

It is normal for the West hand to compete to four spades. When this deal was played in a team competition, a slower route to four spades at the other table allowed North-South to find their heart fit. Repeated spade leads eventually promoted East's nine of hearts into the setting trick against five hearts. The abrupt leap to four spades at this table led to a five diamond contract instead. That contract can succeed if declarer can find a way to avoid the club finesse.

South showed good technique when he won the opening spade lead with dummy's ace and immediately ruffed a spade with the ace of diamonds. He crossed back to dummy with a trump to the queen and ruffed dummy's last spade. A trump to dummy's jack drew the last enemy trump and declarer then led a heart to his jack.

West saw that he would be end-played if he won this with the queen. He could cash the ace of hearts, but he would then have to lead a club or yield a ruff-sluff. He tried to avoid this fate by winning the trick with his ace and then returning the queen, hoping his partner had the 10. Declarer could counter this, of course, by allowing West's queen to hold the trick. Despite that, this was a good effort by West. Holding the 10, South simply scooped up the queen of hearts with the king and eventually took the club finesse for a potential overtrick. Making five diamonds, doubled!

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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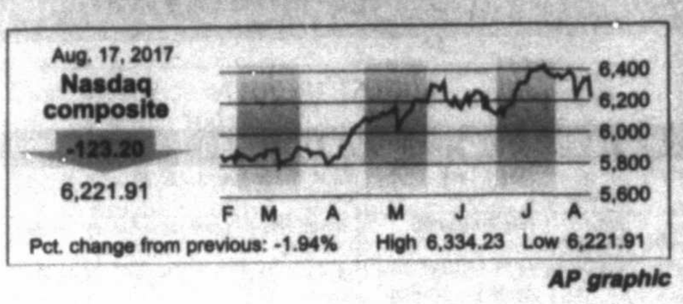

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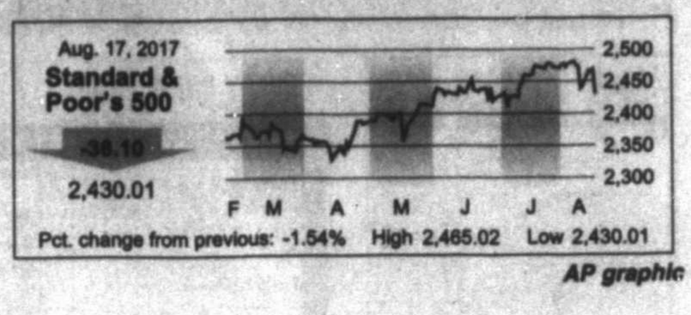

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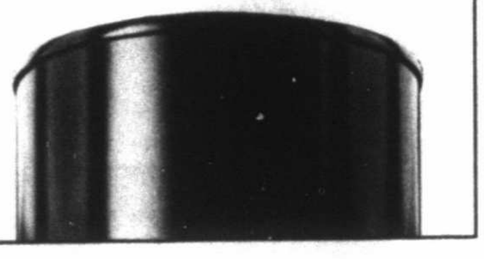

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MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
B iPVxST rs	2609476	13.86	+1.91
S&P500ETF1	1139348	243.09	-3.85
PUVixST rs	782080	41.15	+10.28
SPDR Fncl	749971	24.61	-.43
BkofAm	748648	23.64	-.55

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Seadrill	3.15	+.48	+18.0
Myovant n	11.53	+1.60	+16.1
Jumei Intl	2.83	+.28	+11.0
Kadmon n	2.30	+.21	+10.0
ZoesKitchn	13.28	+1.02	+8.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ProShtVix s	68.24	-13.59	-16.6
BrigStrat	20.76	-3.33	-13.8
UBS VIHdg	48.47	-6.78	-12.3
CatoCp	13.07	-1.73	-11.7
B&W Ent n	2.17	-.28	-11.4

DIARY

Advanced	525
Declined	2,398
Unchanged	92
Total issues	3,015
New Highs	54
New Lows	144
Volume	3,047,558,499

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
TherapMD	69992	6.27	+.33
BarcGSOil	42211	4.85	-.01
NDynMn g	40297	1.56	+.07
22ndCentry	34986	2.12	-.01
NwGold g	27174	3.44	-.03

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RxVlmxWk	28.32	+25.36	+856.6
LGL Grp	4.86	+.55	+12.8
Skyline	10.99	+.74	+7.2
BoviesMed	2.54	+.15	+6.3
TherapMD	6.27	+.33	+5.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RxVlmxInF	23.48	-4.70	-16.7
TelInstEl	3.30	-.41	-10.9
MexcoEn	4.51	-.47	-9.5
UnvSecInst	2.05	-.15	-6.8
StneEn wt	2.15	-.15	-6.5

DIARY

Advanced	117
Declined	223
Unchanged	21
Total issues	361
New Highs	2
New Lows	8
Volume	82,654,663

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
PwShs QQQ	655763	141.33	-2.95
Cisco	509323	31.04	-1.30
CSVixSh rs	488020	22.28	+5.41
JD.com	301442	40.80	-2.85
Apple Inc	267264	157.86	-3.09

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CSVixSh rs	22.28	+5.41	+32.1
Precipio n	5.02	+1.03	+25.8
DarioHlth	2.27	+.43	+23.4
ProDvrs h rs	4.97	+.84	+20.3
NewstrTc n	11.00	+1.81	+19.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RLJ Ent rs	2.96	-.58	-16.4
CSVelIVST	71.50	-13.46	-15.8
LakeInd	13.50	-2.15	-13.7
Valeritas n	4.14	-.60	-12.7
ProQRTher	4.35	-.60	-12.1

DIARY

Advanced	588
Declined	2,301
Unchanged	199
Total issues	3,088
New Highs	35
New Lows	114
Volume	1,955,124,971

Prudential is said to plot its escape from Fed's oversight

Bloomberg

Prudential Financial Inc. is laying the groundwork to escape the government's label that it's too big to fail, a move that would dramatically reduce federal oversight of the largest U.S. life insurer.

Prudential is preparing to push a federal watchdog — the Financial Stability Oversight Council — to remove it from a list of nonbanks that regulators concluded would threaten the financial system if they collapsed, said two people familiar with the company's plans.

With business-friendly officials appointed by President Donald Trump taking over FSOC, the Newark, New Jersey-based company sees an opening, said the people, who asked not to be named because a final decision hasn't been made. And the Treasury Department is expected to release a report as soon as next month criticizing how the government has gone about designating companies such as Prudential, which could provide momentum for the insurer to get out.

Another factor helping Prudential is rival MetLife Inc.'s legal victory last year overturning its label as a systemically important financial institution, or SIFI.

The creation of FSOC — and granting it power to flag companies as so big and interconnected that their failure could imperil the economy — was one of lawmakers' key responses to the 2008 financial crisis. But the council, which is led by the Treasury secretary, has been controversial from the start.

Under the Dodd-Frank Act, big banks such as JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Goldman Sachs Group Inc. automatically received the systemic-risk label, but the number of companies FSOC designated has been falling in recent years, with Prudential and American International Group Inc. the only two remaining. The label brings tough oversight by the Federal Reserve and a series of difficult supervisory exercises, such as stress tests and the submission of strategies for how the companies can be safely wound down in a bankruptcy.

Prudential quietly began its exit campaign as soon as Trump's Treasury secretary, Steven Mnuchin, arrived on the job in February, sending him a welcome letter contending that its status as a SIFI wasn't appropriate, the people said.

"We expect that ultimately we may not wind up as a SIFI," Mark Grier, Prudential's vice chairman, told shareholders in a May conference call, adding that Washington is "moving in the right direction" on the topic of nonbank designations. "Exactly how we get there, I'm not quite sure."

Prudential has "long maintained" it shouldn't have been labeled risky in the first place and only got to that point through "flaws" in the council's process, the company said in a Thursday statement to Bloomberg News.

"We support the administration's thorough review of the FSOC determination and designation process and look forward to reviewing the Treasury report upon completion," the statement said.

Prudential could get the ball rolling by sending a letter formally requesting FSOC rescind its risk label, though Treasury says such petitions must typically demonstrate a company has made "an extraordinary change that materially decreases the threat the nonbank financial company could pose." Prudential may have an easier time when Treasury conducts an automatic annual review of its designation.

A firm needs the Treasury secretary and at least six additional FSOC members to agree to rescind its risk label, as happened last year with General Electric Co.'s financial arm, GE Capital, after it shrunk and exited most of its financial-services operations. Other FSOC members include the leaders of the Fed, the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

Buffett's firm maintains $9B bid for power transmitter Oncor

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Warren Buffett's company is maintaining its $9 billion bid for Texas power transmitter Oncor despite competition from a private equity fund.

Greg Abel, who leads Iowa-based Berkshire Hathaway Energy, said he doesn't plan to increase the offer for Oncor, which serves about 10 million people.

A bankruptcy court hearing is scheduled for Monday to review Berkshire's bid for Oncor. Its parent company, Energy Future Holdings Corp., entered bankruptcy in 2014 facing more than $40 billion in debt after energy prices plunged.

Hedge fund Elliott Management, which owns a significant portion of Oncor's debt, opposes Berkshire's takeover bid, and Elliott is putting together a competing bid for Oncor.

The bankruptcy court and Texas utility regulators will have to sign off on any sale.

Buffett's Omaha, Nebraska-based Berkshire already owns several utilities.

US stocks tumble

U.S. stocks plunged Thursday as losses for Cisco Systems hurt technology companies while Wal-Mart declined after its latest quarterly report. Banks also dropped as bond yields and interest rates sank for a second day.

It was the second-worst day for stocks this year, which has seen few large declines. Along with technology companies and retailers, transportation companies skidded and all of the industrial, financial and basic materials companies in the S&P 500 fell. Those sectors tend to struggle when investors are concerned about economic growth, although there weren't any specific signs of economic trouble Thursday.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 38.10 points, or 1.5 percent, to 2,430.01, its lowest close since July 11. The Dow Jones industrial average tumbled 274.14 points, or 1.2 percent, to 21,750.73. The Nasdaq composite sank 123.19 points, or 1.9 percent, to 6,221.91. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks fell 24.59 points, or 1.8 percent, to 1,358.94.

High-dividend stocks like utilities and real estate companies fared slightly better than the rest of the market, although they still finished lower.

Metal prices end mixed

Gold rose $9.50 to $1,292.40 an ounce. Silver added 11 cents to $17.05 an ounce. Copper lost 2 cents to $2.94 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $108.05 Down 2.50

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $3.83 Up 0.01

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $86.10 Down 1.96

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.22 Down 0.04

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.51 Down 0.47

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $22.80 Down 0.55

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $11.31 Down 0.07

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $30.60 Down 1.12

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $12.30 Down 0.51

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $16.05 Down 0.68

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.96	14	37.60	-.63	-11.6
Abraxas	...	**42**	1.67	-.03	-35.0
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	14.54	-.15	+14.4
AMD			12.34	-.29	+8.8
Alibaba	...	48	153.92	+4.42	+86.7
AlpAlerMLP	1.35e	...	10.73	-.03	-14.8
Altaba	...	...	62.20	+1.55	+60.8
Ambev	.06e	6	6.19	-.04	+26.1
AmAirlines	.40	6	46.03	-2.38	-1.4
Amgen	**4.60**	**15**	**167.81**	**-3.58**	**+14.8**
Anadarko	**.20**	**...**	**41.72**	**-.81**	**-40.2**
Apache	**1.00**	**...**	**39.89**	**-.74**	**-37.2**
Apple Inc	2.52	18	157.86	-3.09	+36.3
ApldMatl	**.40**	**17**	**43.12**	**-1.34**	**+33.6**
Archrock	.48	...	9.20	+.05	-30.3
ATMOS	**1.80**	**25**	**87.46**	**-.49**	**+18.0**
AutoData	2.28	28	104.68	-6.42	+1.8
BP PLC	**2.38**	**25**	**34.10**	**-.19**	**-8.8**
BkofAm	.48f	14	23.64	-.55	+7.0
B iPVxST rs	...	...	13.66	+1.91	-46.5
BaringsCp s	1.20	...	16.20	+.11	+4.7
BasicEnS	...	...	45	...	...
BerkHa A	**...**	**18267**	**075.00-780.99**		**+9.4**
BlkHillsCp	**1.78**	**20**	**68.71**	**-1.20**	**+12.0**
BrMySq	**1.56**	**23**	**56.77**	**-.73**	**-2.9**
BrixmorP	1.04	9	19.10	-.25	-20.9
BrodeCm	.22	45	12.20	-.04	-2.3
BrownFA s	**...**	**31**	**53.53**	**+.87**	**+15.7**
BrownFB s	**...**	**...**	**50.64**	**+.51**	**+12.7**
CVS Health	2.00	13	78.89	-.36	...
CallonPet	**...**	**31**	**9.94**	**-.07**	**-35.3**
Caterpillar	3.12	29	113.14	-.98	+22.0
Celestic g	...	8	11.54	-.04	-2.6
CntryLink	2.16	9	19.38	-1.51	-18.5
ChesEng	...	9	3.88	-.12	-44.7
Chevron	**4.32**	**60**	**106.92**	**-.92**	**-10.0**
Chicos	.33	11	7.87	-.07	-45.3
Cimarex	.32	31	96.30	-.26	-29.1
Cisco	1.16	16	31.04	-1.30	+2.7
Citigroup	1.28	13	66.60	-1.11	+12.1
CocaCola	**1.48**	**28**	**45.86**	**-.34**	**+10.8**
ColgPalm	**1.80**	**24**	**71.30**	**-.63**	**+9.0**
Comcast s	.63	22	40.27	-.97	+16.6
ConAgra	**.88f**	**20**	**34.72**	**-.42**	**-12.2**
ConchoRes	...	...	108.05	-2.50	-18.5
ConocoPhil	1.06	34	43.00	-.89	-14.2
CrackerB	4.80f	24	151.52	-1.95	-9.3
CSVixSh rs			22.28	+5.41	-76.6
CSVelIVST			71.50	-13.46	+52.9
CrosTim	**1.10e**	**14**	**14.65**	**...**	**-18.5**
DCP Mid	3.12	16	30.66	+.20	-20.1
DTE	3.30	23	109.90	+.02	+11.6
Delcath rs			.17	+.03	-81.7
DeltaAir	1.22	10	47.53	-2.60	-3.4
DevonE	**.24**	**91**	**30.18**	**-.48**	**-33.9**
DxSCBear rs			18.22	+.93	-8.2
Disney	**1.56**	**18**	**101.38**	**-.82**	**-2.7**
DowChm	**1.84**	**20**	**53.18**	**-.76**	**+10.4**
DryShips s		1	3.20	+.01	-100.0
EOG Rescs	**.67**	...	**83.38**	**-1.60**	**-17.5**
Energen	.08		49.18	+1.10	-14.7
EnPro	**.88**	**47**	**69.22**	**-2.12**	**+2.8**
ENSCO	.04	2	4.16	-.12	-57.2
EntProdPt	1.68f	19	24.98	-.19	-7.6
Ericsson	.11e		6.00	-.10	+2.9
ExxonMbl	**3.08**	**29**	**76.26**	**-1.21**	**-16.5**
Facebook		34	166.91	-3.09	+45.1
FordM	.60a	11	10.64	-.16	-12.3
FrptMcM			14.20	-.57	+7.7
GATX	**1.68**	**10**	**60.49**	**-1.63**	**-1.8**
GabMultT	**.94e**	...	**9.17**	**-.10**	**+26.7**
GAInv	**1.15e**	...	**34.04**	**-.46**	**+9.2**
GenElec	**.96**	**23**	**24.75**	**-.35**	**-21.7**
GtPlainEn	**1.10**	**21**	**31.19**	**-.31**	**+14.9**
Hallibrtn	.72		38.69	-.63	-28.5
HorizPhm		...	13.14	+1.25	-18.8
HuntBncsh	.32	18	12.64	-.36	-4.4
iShGold		...	12.39	+.06	+11.6
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	36.22	-.71	+14.6
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	41.92	-.80	+26.8
iShEMkts	.84e	...	43.30	-.56	+23.7
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	66.01	-.75	+14.3
iShBxHYB	5.09	...	87.34	-.49	+.9
iShR2K	1.77e	...	134.93	-2.51	+.1
Intel	**1.00**	**15**	**36.17**	**-.64**	**-8.0**
InterDig	1.20	8	69.15	-1.80	-24.3
JD.com	...	...	40.80	-2.85	+60.4
JPMorgCh	2.24f	14	90.65	-1.44	+5.1
JohnJn	**3.36**	**20**	**133.04**	**-1.13**	**+15.5**
JohnContl n	1.06e	25	36.89	-.66	-10.4
Keycorp	.38	16	17.79	-.19	-2.6
KimbClk	**3.88**	**20**	**122.28**	**-.05**	**+7.2**
Kroger s	.50f	11	22.86	-.23	-33.6
L Brands	2.40	12	37.55	-1.40	-43.0
LegacyRes	.60m	...	1.22	-.05	-42.7
Lubys	**...**	**...**	**2.70**	**-.04**	**-36.9**
Macys	1.51	7	19.62	-.52	-45.2
MarathnO	.20	...	10.82	-.37	-37.5
McDnlds	3.76	27	157.89	-1.01	+29.7
Merck	1.88	16	61.84	-.86	+5.0
MerMMed	**...**	**52**	**40.85**	**...**	**+54.2**
MexcoEn	...	...	4.51	-.47	-9.9
MicronT	...	11	29.62	-1.07	+35.1
Microsoft	1.56	25	72.40	-1.25	+16.5
Nabors	.24	...	6.35	+.08	-61.3
NOilWarco	.20	72	30.09	+.15	-19.6
NetApp	.80f	19	39.56	-2.85	+12.2
NokiaCp	.17e	...	6.25	-.11	+29.9
NSTFI3	**.55e**	**...**	**14.83**	**...**	**+4.7**
NTXQI	**.65**	**...**	**14.42**	**...**	**+5.1**
Nvidia	.56	51	161.47	-3.68	+51.3
OcciPet	**3.08f**	**...**	**58.92**	**-.78**	**-17.3**
Oracle	.76f	22	48.55	-.70	+26.8
PDC Engy	**...**	**27**	**37.20**	**-1.86**	**-48.7**
ParTech	**...**	**23**	**9.40**	**-.06**	**+68.5**
ParkDrl	**...**	**...**	**1.15**	**-.05**	**-55.8**
PattUTI	**.08**	**...**	**15.44**	**-.09**	**-42.6**
Penney		9	3.58	-.02	-56.9
PennaRE	**.84**	**7**	**10.39**	**-.25**	**-45.2**
Pmian	.63e	22	7.91	-.33	+2.6
Petrobras	...	...	8.54	-.11	-15.5
Pfizer	**1.28**	**14**	**32.95**	**-.41**	**+1.4**
PlsNtr	.08	...	131.27	-.36	-27.1
PlainsAAP	**2.20**	**15**	**19.14**	**-.56**	**-40.7**
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	141.33	-2.95	+19.3
Praxair	**3.15**	**23**	**131.79**	**-1.80**	**+12.5**
PrmEgy	**...**	**...**	**48.00**	**+8.75**	**-11.1**
PUVixST rs	...	...	41.15	+10.28	...
ProShtVix s	...	...	68.24	-13.59	...
ProctGam	**2.76f**	**24**	**92.07**	**-.37**	**+9.5**
PShQQQ rs	...	...	29.50	+1.70	-43.4
PUShtSPX	...	...	15.40	+.67	-24.5
RangeRs	.08	19	17.46	-.07	-49.2
RegionsFn	.36	15	13.99	-.35	-2.6
RiteAid	...	37	2.23	-.05	-72.9
Rowan	.40	4	9.13	-.12	-51.7
RoyDShllA	3.76	83	54.50	-.25	+.2
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	217.81	-2.66	+10.3
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	243.09	-3.85	+8.8
SpdrLehHY	2.30	...	36.78	-.19	+.9
SpdrS&P RB	.74e	...	51.80	-1.46	-7.1
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	29.10	-.45	-29.7
SabnR	2.32e	18	38.65	-.15	+10.0
SanderFrn	**.96**	**14**	**140.23**	**-3.47**	**+48.8**
Schlmbrg	2.00	56	63.03	-.68	-24.9
SiriusXM	.04	37	5.48	-.11	+23.1
Smucker	3.12f	16	122.66	-.52	-4.2
SnapInc A n	...	...	13.35	+.23	-45.5
SwshEngy	...	47	5.13	-.10	-52.6
SpiritRltC	.72	10	8.60	+.11	-20.8
SP Engy	2.04e	...	62.01	-.89	-17.7
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	24.61	-.43	+5.8
SP Inds	1.12e	...	67.42	-1.19	+8.4
SP Tech	.78e	...	57.13	-1.14	+18.1
Target	2.48f	11	56.12	-.19	-22.3
TelefEsp	**1.20e**	**...**	**10.76**	**-.34**	**+17.0**
TevaPhrm	1.36e	8	17.10	-.39	-52.8
3M Co	4.70	24	205.35	-2.57	+15.0
Torchmark	**.80**	**17**	**76.86**	**-1.90**	**+4.2**
Transocn	...	7	7.28	-.30	-50.6
TriContl	**.98e**	**...**	**24.63**	**-.34**	**+11.7**
TylerTech	**...**	**54**	**169.96**	**-2.36**	**+19.0**
UBSI	**1.32**	**17**	**33.15**	**-.20**	**-28.3**
US OilFd	...	...	9.62	+.05	-17.9
USSteel	.20	...	23.75	-.88	-26.1
UrbanOut	...	13	18.94	-.82	-33.5
Vale SA	.29e	...	9.72	-.38	+27.6
Vale SA pf	.29e	...	9.16	-.27	+32.9
ValeantPh	...	3	14.34	+.19	-1.2
ValeroE	2.80	21	64.55	-1.44	-5.5
VanEGold	.12e	...	23.03	-.05	+10.1
VerizonCm	2.31	10	47.89	-.52	-10.3
Vipshop	...	21	10.20	-.90	-7.4
VulcanM	**1.00**	**36**	**114.11**	**-1.98**	**-8.8**
WEC Engy	2.08	22	64.06	-.51	+9.2
WalMart	2.04	18	79.70	-1.28	+15.3
WalgBoots	1.60f	17	80.89	-.37	-2.3
WeatherIntl	...	...	3.86	-.05	-22.6
WellsFargo	1.52	13	51.80	-.89	-6.0
WhitingPet	...	...	4.32	-.08	-64.1
WmsCos	1.20	42	29.08	-.54	-6.6
XcelEngy	**1.44f**	**22**	**48.87**	**-.27**	**+19.5**
Xerox rs	.25p	11	31.85	-.56	+38.5
Yamana g	.02	...	2.74	+.01	-2.5

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52-Week High	Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
22,179.11	17,883.56	Dow Jones Industrials	21,750.73	-274.14	-1.24	+10.06	+16.95
9,763.58	7,712.13	Dow Jones Transportation	9,152.45	-224.77	-2.40	+1.20	+15.53
740.36	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	734.42	-5.20	-.70	+11.34	+8.20
12,019.85	10,281.48	NYSE Composite	11,712.72	-156.13	-1.32	+5.93	+7.82
6,460.84	5,034.41	Nasdaq Composite	6,221.91	-123.20	-1.94	+15.58	+18.74
2,490.87	2,084.59	S&P 500	2,430.01	-38.10	-1.54	+8.54	+11.11
1,795.14	1,475.38	S&P Midcap	1,696.14	-29.89	-1.72	+2.14	+8.62
25,848.33	21,583.94	Wilshire 5000	25,154.27	-392.43	-1.54	+7.38	+10.81
1,452.09	1,156.08	Russell 2000	1,358.94	-24.59	-1.78	+.13	+9.87

SUDOKU

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Level: 1 2 3 4

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

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SOLUTION TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE

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DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Sound check item
4 Went down
8 Euripides tragedy
13 __ cross
14 Skewer relative
16 Hipbone-related
17 Woofer's output?
18 Even less given to emotion
19 Quantum of solace?
20 Leave in disarray, probably
22 Copier room quantity
24 "Taking that as a given ... "
25 Comfortable (with)
27 Indisposed
29 Dawn goddess
30 Bread component
31 Toy used on flights
34 Rural road track
35 Disney character who sings, "The cold never bothered me anyway"
36 Go Fish request
37 Turns red, maybe
39 '90s-'00s sci-fi hit ... or what this puzzle's circles graphically depict
42 2006 demotion
45 Heracles' beloved
46 Very little
50 Agent
51 1962 "Happy Birthday, Mr. President" singer
53 Fla. resort
54 Natural resource
55 Physics unit
56 Shut off completely, as lights
58 Trident-shaped letters
60 Order to Spot
63 Sugar source
64 Civilian garb
66 Pair in the score for Beethoven's Fifth
68 Dandy
69 Partner of ciencias
70 Forward attitude
71 Pizzeria chain
72 Stick dwellings
73 Holden Caulfield, for one
74 Court call

DOWN

1 Visiting Pimlico
2 __ counseling
3 Blowfish
4 Furtive sorts
5 Golf chip path
6 "The Big Sleep" genre
7 Walk-in joint?
8 Inaccurate introduction?
9 Wells race
10 Suggests an alternative
11 Enjoys a buffet, usually
12 Engages with boldness
15 Farm structure
21 Company that survived Canada's Prohibition
23 Jan. honoree
26 Tequila sunrise direction
28 Old plucked strings
32 Minuteman Statue city
33 About to receive
38 Not to be wasted
40 Diamond plate
41 Garlic relative
42 Stage employee
43 Down time
44 Makes joyous
47 Joyless
48 Paint thinner solvent
49 Dicey situation
52 Hosp. areas
57 "An Enemy of the People" playwright
59 Editor's afterthought
61 Act as lookout, say
62 Time long past
65 Orbiting research facility: Abbr.
67 "Fairest of creation," in a Milton classic

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

S	T	U	N		R	A	S	H		F	I	L	E	T
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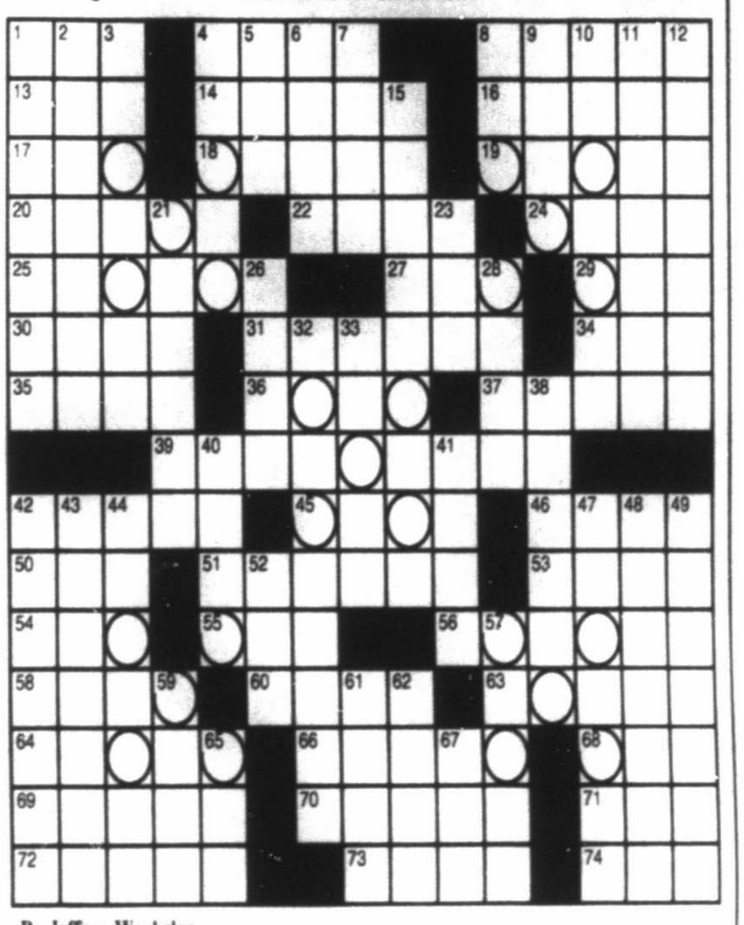

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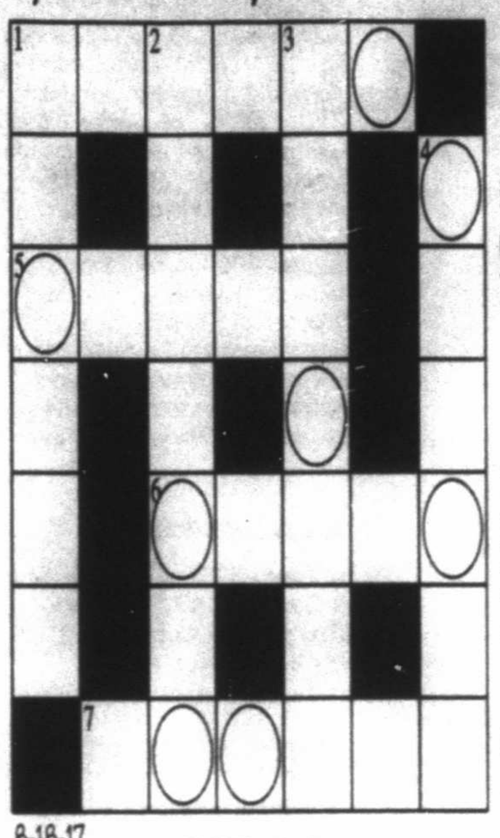

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ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Kind of view	IARELA
5. Provide	RACTE
6. Saturn satellite	NITTA
7. Cherished	AREDOD

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Nook	VOALEC
2. Twirled	ADEROTT
3. Lawn tool	ROAERTA
4. Autographed	GNSEID

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

CLUE: This is almost the same size as the Czech Republic.

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-Aerial 5A-Cater 6A-Titan 7A-Adored 1D-Alone 2D-Related 3D-Aerator 4D-Signed 5-Scotland

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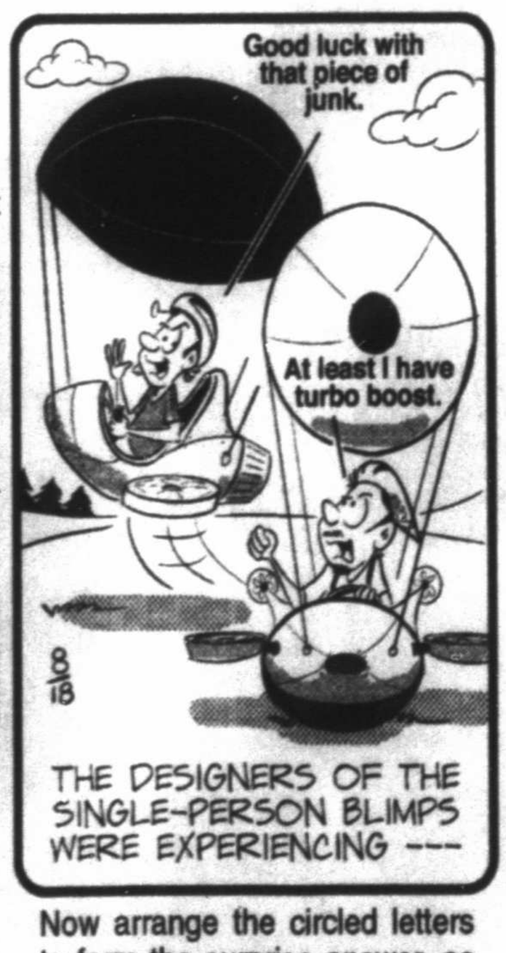

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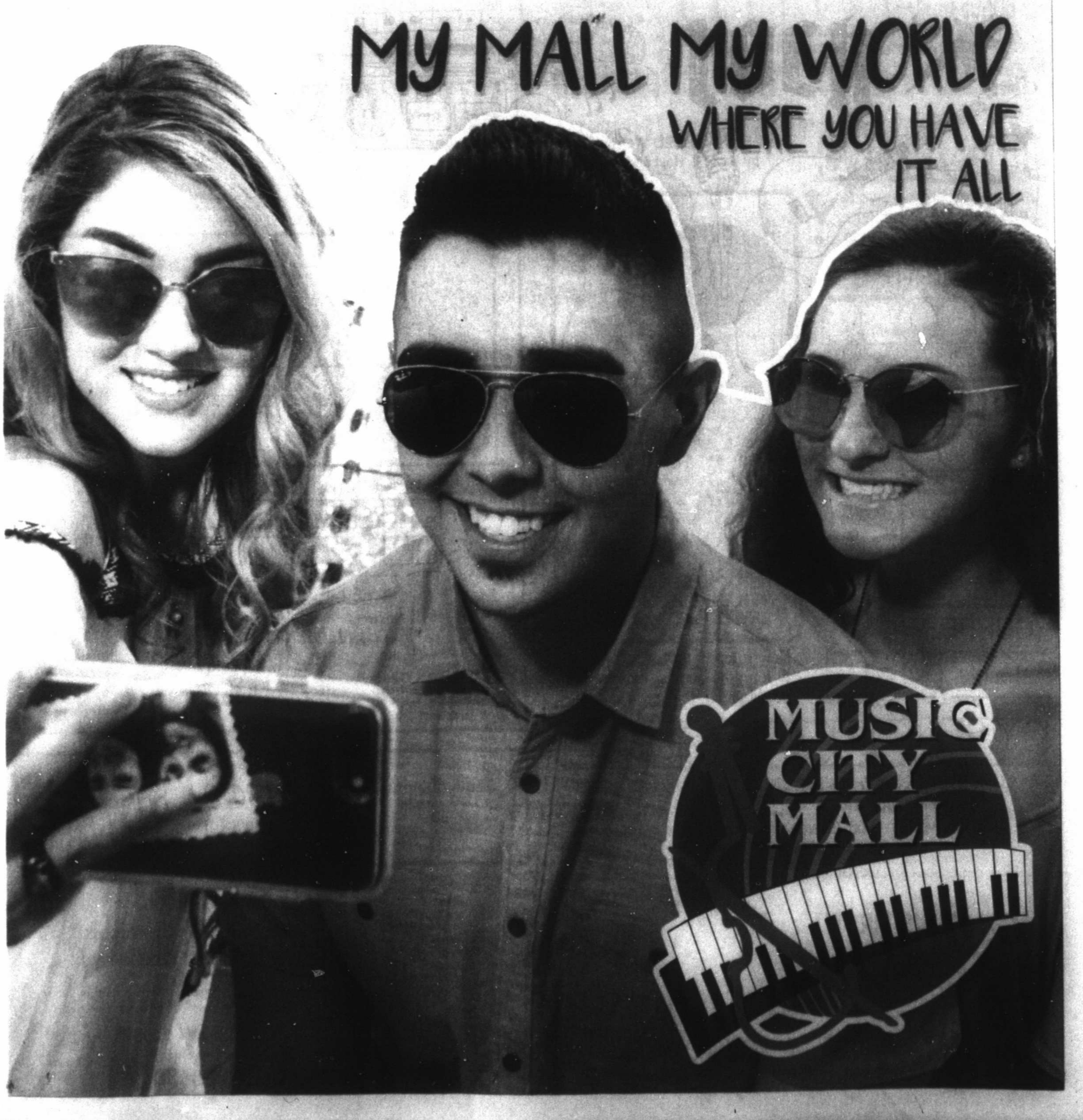

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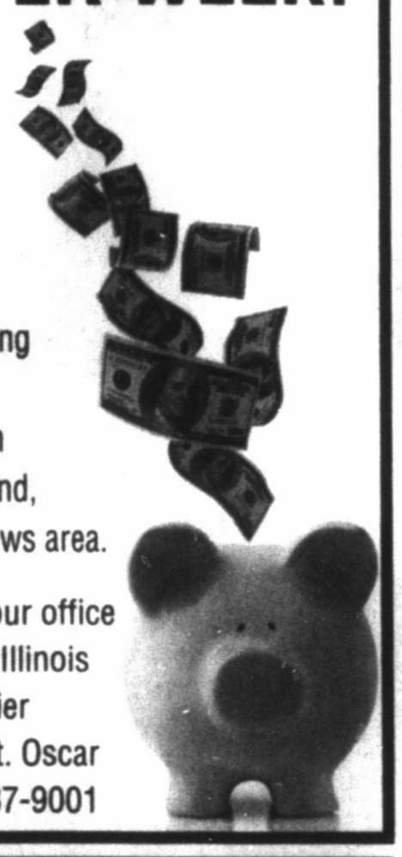

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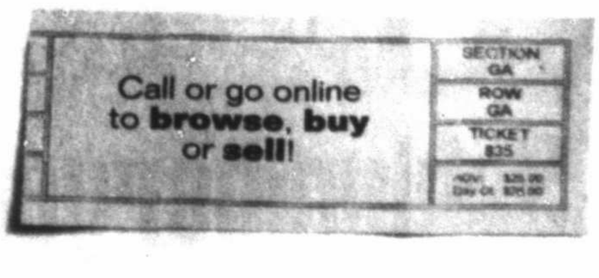

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING AND A PROPOSED RENEWAL WITH AMENDMENT OF A GENERAL PERMIT AUTHORIZING THE DISCHARGE OF STORMWATER ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ or commission) proposes to renew and amend the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) General Permit Number TXR150000, authorizing the discharge of stormwater and certain non-stormwater discharges from construction activities into or adjacent to surface water in the state. The proposed general permit applies to the entire state of Texas. General permits are authorized by Texas Water Code §26.040.

PROPOSED GENERAL PERMIT. The executive director has prepared a proposed general permit with amendments to the existing general permit authorizing the discharge of stormwater and certain types of non-stormwater from small construction sites (one acre to less than five acres) and large construction sites (five acres or larger) into or adjacent to surface water in the state. The proposed changes to the general permit are described in the fact sheet.

The executive director proposes to require dischargers to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to obtain authorization to discharge. The proposed general permit also specifies when permit coverage can be obtained without submitting a NOI, when a waiver from permit coverage may be obtained, and when permit coverage under a separate individual TPDES permit must be obtained. This general permit would also authorize the discharge of stormwater from industrial activities at construction sites that directly support the construction activity and are located at, adjacent to, or in close proximity to the permitted construction site. Non-stormwater discharges that are not specifically listed in the general permit are not authorized by the general permit. No significant degradation of high quality waters is expected and existing uses will be maintained and protected.

The executive director has reviewed this action for consistency with the goals and policies of the Texas Coastal Management Program (CMP), according to General Land Office regulations, and has determined that the action is consistent with applicable CMP goals and policies.

A copy of the proposed general permit and fact sheet are available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk located at the TCEQ's Austin office, at 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building F. These documents are also available at the TCEQ's 16 regional offices and on the TCEQ website at *https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/stormwater.*

PUBLIC COMMENT AND PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments about this general permit in writing or orally at the public meeting held by the TCEQ. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comments or to ask questions about the general permit. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

The public meeting will be held at **1:30 p.m., September 18, 2017**, in TCEQ's complex at 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building E, Room 201S, Austin, Texas.

Written public comments must be received within 30 days from the date this notice is published. Written comments may be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at *https://www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html.*

APPROVAL PROCESS. After the comment period, the executive director will consider all the public comments and prepare a written response. The response will be filed with the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at least ten days before the scheduled commission's agenda meeting when the commission will consider approval of the general permit. The commission will consider all public comments in making its decision and will either adopt the executive director's response or prepare its own response to the comments. The commission will issue its written response on the general permit at the same time the commission issues or denies the general permit. A copy of any issued general permit and Response to Comment will be made available to the public for inspection at the agency's Austin office, regional offices, and via weblink. A notice of the commissioners' action on the proposed general permit and a copy of its Response to Comment will be mailed to each person who submitted public comment or requested to be on the mailing list. Also, a notice of the Commission's action on the proposed general permit with a weblink to the Response to Comment will be published in the *Texas Register.*

MAILING LISTS. In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. You may request to be added to: 1) the mailing list for this specific general permit; 2) the permanent mailing list for a specific county; or 3) both. Clearly specify the mailing lists to which you wish to be added and send your request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address previously mentioned. Unless you otherwise specify, you will be included only on the mailing list for this specific general permit.

INFORMATION. If you need more information about the proposed general permit or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, toll free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our website at *https://www.tceq.texas.gov.*

Further information may also be obtained by calling the Stormwater and Pretreatment Team, TCEQ Water Quality Division, at (512) 239-4671.

Si desea información en Español, puede llamar 1-800-687-4040.

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF 2017 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR CITY OF MIDLAND

A tax rate of **$0.408389** per $100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of City of Midland. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of City of Midland proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of Street Improvement Projects.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	$0.408389 per $100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	$0.399679 per $100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	$0.396494 per $100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	$0.426987 per $100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Midland from the same properties in both the 2016 tax year and the 2017 tax year.

The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that City of Midland may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

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Pam Simecka
Finance Director
300 N Loraine, Midland, Texas
432-685-7210
psimecka@midlandtexas.gov

The Proposed Budget can be found on our website located at www.midlandtexas.gov.

You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

First Hearing: August 15, 2017 at 10:00am at City Council Chamber, 300 N. Loraine, Midland Texas.

Second Hearing: August 22, 2017 at 10:00am at City Council Chamber, 300 N. Loraine, Midland Texas.

Third Hearing: August 22, 2017 at 6:00pm at City Council Chamber, 300 N. Loraine, Midland Texas

Legal and Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by RSP Permian, L.L.C.(MCC HZ Unit No. 1115H) for a Permit to Drill an Oil and Gas Well inside the City Limits on the following described property: Located 285 feet from the north line and 2,628 feet from the east line located in Section 11, Block X, H.P. Hilliard Survey, City of Midland and County of Midland, Texas.

LOCATION: Generally located 2,628 feet west of North State Highway 349 and 5,030 feet north of Mockingbird Lane. - District 1.

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CITY OF MIDLAND
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LOCATION: Generally located 339 feet south of East Cynthia Dr. extension and 2,291 feet west of Todd Drive -District 2.

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in care of the Executor.

DATED the 16th day of August, 2017.

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ATTORNEYS FOR INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Michael Wayne Herring, Deceased, were issued on August 15,2017, in Cause No. P-19139 pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Lisa Fitzgerald, Independent Executor, whose residential address is 504 Lajitas Drive, Midland, Texas 79707-6100.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in care of the Executor.

DATED the 15th day of August, 2017.

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARIE-LOUISE ANDREE PROVOSTY HICKEY, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Marie-Louise Andree Provosty Hickey, deceased, were issued to William Moran Hickey, on August 15, 2017, in the proceeding styled "Estate of Marie-Louise Andree Provosty Hickey, Deceased," Cause No. P19143 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, which is still pending and that said person now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in Midland County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same to William Moran Hickey, c/o W. Scott Ryburn, 300 N. Marienfeld, Ste. 700, Midland, Texas 79701, before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

William Moran Hickey, as Independent Executor of the Estate of Marie-Louise Andree Provosty Hickey, Deceased, Cause No. P19143 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas

Permian Basin MPO Policy Board Meeting

Date: August 21, 2017 5:00 p.m.
Place: Permian Basin MPO
9601 Wright Dr., Suite 1
Midland, TX 79706

The Policy Board of the Permian Basin MPO will hold a regularly scheduled meeting to approve a revision to the Vision 2040 MTP, including an updated project list. The Policy Board may also authorize the release of a draft amended FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program for public comment. The Board may conduct an Executive Session as permitted under Chapter 551 of the Texas Administrative Code.

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LOCATION: Generally located 405 feet north of Green Tree Blvd. extension and 2,588 feet east of North Midland Drive - District 1.

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LOCATION: Generally located 1,082 feet south of East Cynthia Dr. extension and 2,284 feet west of Todd Drive -District 2.

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LOCATION: Generally located 405 feet north of Green Tree Blvd. extension and 2,498 feet east of North Midland Drive - District 1.

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LOCATION: Generally located 340 feet south of East Cynthia Dr. extension and 2,266 feet west of Todd Drive -District 2.

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79701

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79701

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79701

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79701

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79701

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79703

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79705

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79705

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79707

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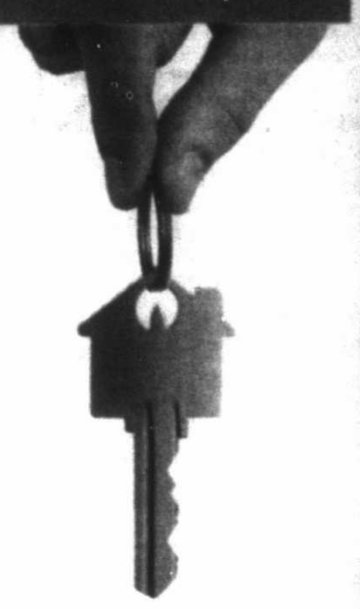

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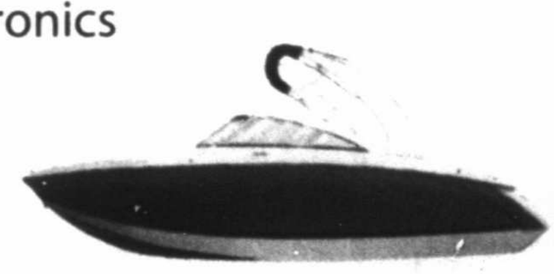

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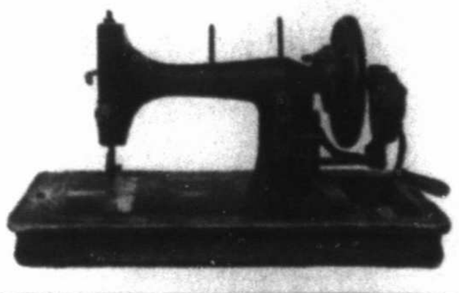

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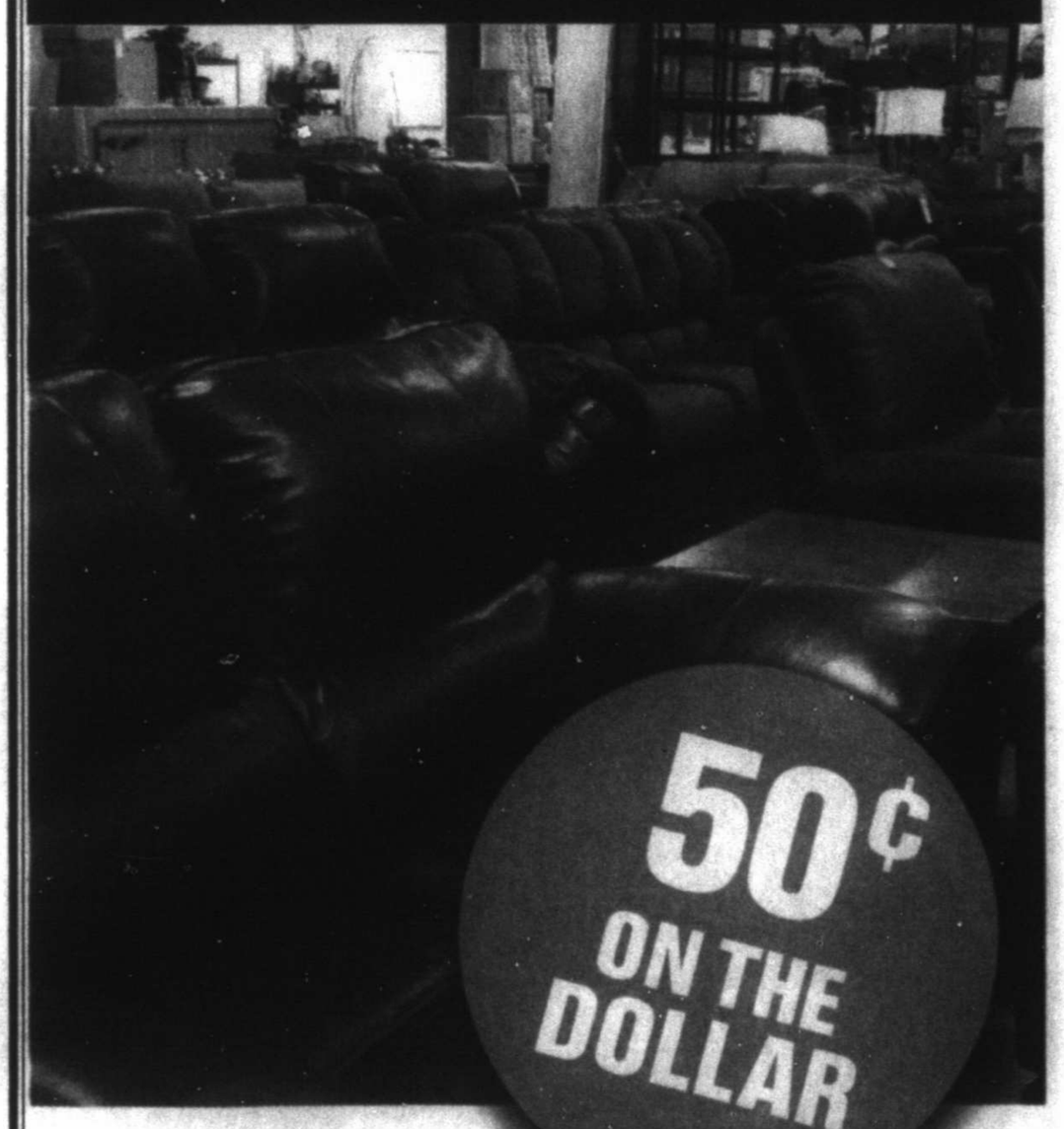

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