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MUSIC IN THE AIR

Crudefest country music festival kicks off today. Former Midlander and member of the Randy Rogers Band talks about performing in his hometown.

Weekender/Inside

Wet weather snarls homebuilding progress

By Rye Druzin
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Multiple storms have brought record amounts of rain to West Texas, filling reservoirs, flooding roads and creating a green landscape. But wet weather can also have a monetary effect on local businesses, particularly for homebuilders who might be delayed as they wait for the bad weather to break.

AccuWeather estimated that severe thunderstorms, winter storms and flooding cost the U.S. more than $22 billion in damages in 2014. While Midland-specific costs of inclement weather are not available, the Tall City has suffered costs from car crashes on icy roads and delayed home building because of rain storms.

"If you're needing to fill dirt in and get it spread in order to pour a foundation and get the concrete started, then the rain is gonna dramatically affect all those things," said Annie Winkler, executive officer of the Permian Basin Builders Association. "If they can't get to the fill dirt, then they, of course, can't spread it, and then, of course, if you're at the point where you're ready to pour a concrete slab, it's going to affect the dry time of that concrete slab."

As of Wednesday afternoon, Midland has receice more than 7.3 inches of rain this year, which is more than 4 inches above normal for this time of year. The at-times torrential downpours have led to multiple flash flood warnings, and some storms have brought high winds. For Betenbough's Midland general manager Barry Fletcher, the wet weather makes any work outside of the home impossible.

"We can't do any grading work, grading dirt. Framers can't really get outside unless there's a roof on it," he said.

To prepare for such delays, Fletcher said that Betenbough builds weather delays into their schedules, something that

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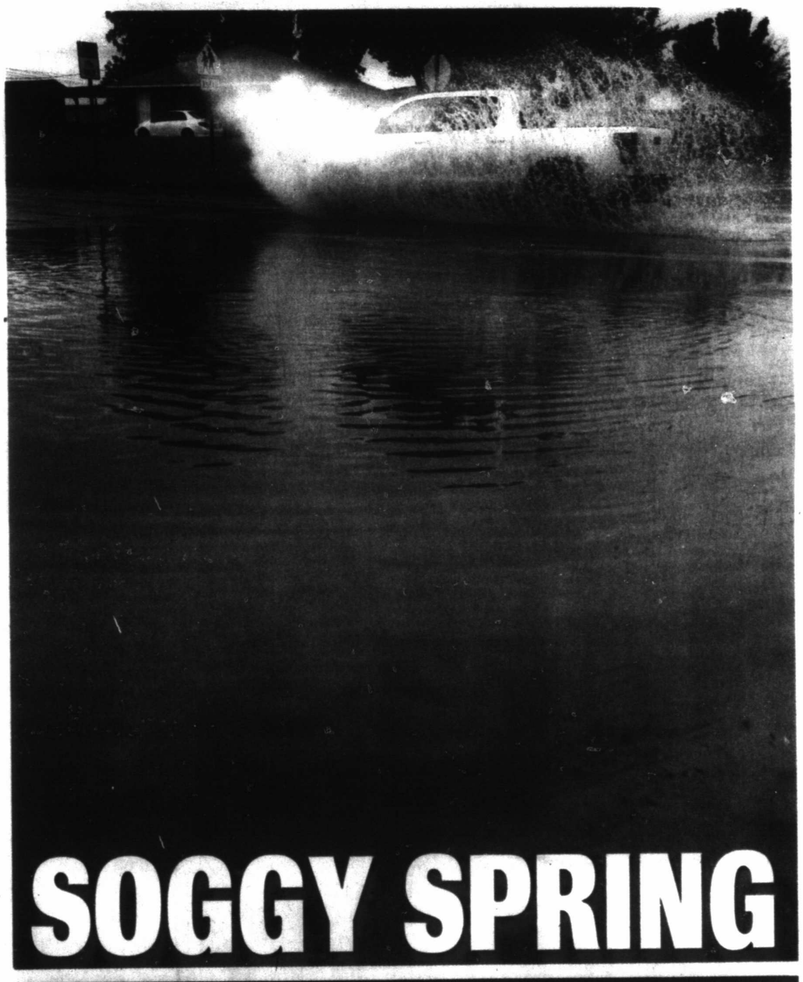

SOGGY SPRING

Precipitation facts and figures

Precipitation totals

At Midland International on Wednesday: 0.62 of an inch
Two-day total: 1.39 inches
Total this month: 1.68 inches
Noteworthy: There has been measurable precipitation five of the 13 days this month.

Did you know?

The 7.32 inches of precipitation that has fallen at Midland International Air and Space Port so far this year is more precipitation tahn during the entire year of 2011 and is nearly as much as the amount of precipitation in 2014.

Precipitation 4-1-1

The following information should give the reader an indication of how much precipitation has fallen at Midland International so far this year and how little precipitation fell in 2011-14.

Precipitation through May 13: 7.32 inches
Typical precipitation through May 13: 3.03 inches
Last year's precipitation through May 13: 1.32 inches

Total precipitation in 2011: 5.47 inches
Total precipitation in 2012: 12.80 inches
Total precipitation in 2013: 8.50 inches
Total precipitation in 2014: 7.67 inches
Average precipitation 2011-14: 8.61 inches

Long term? Still very dry

The National Weather Service told the Reporter-Telegram on Wednesday that, going back to Oct. 1, 2010, normal precipitation in Midland would have been 64.45 inches.

Actual precipitation has been 41.79 inches. That means there is still a deficit of 22.66 inches of precipitation during that time.

Typical precipitation for a year is 14.60 inches, so the NWS reports it would take what is comparable to 567 days worth of normal precipitation to eliminate that deficit.

Long, long term? Not as dry

Going back to May 13, 1985, the National Weather Service reports the precipitation deficit in Midland is 19.85 inches, which is less than the deficit going back to October 2010. Also, there was a surplus of precipitation — albeit a small one — between May 13, 1985, and Oct. 1, 2010.

Forecast

Today: 20 percent to 30 percent chance of precipitation
Friday: 40 percent chance of precipitation Friday night
Saturday and Sunday: High temperature in the mid- to upper 80s. Slight chance of precipitation Saturday night.

Lakes

The Colorado River Municipal Water District reported no changes in the depth of its lakes on Wednesday.

Photo

Cars make it through a flooded intersection on Louisianna Avenue on Wednesday during the morning commute.

Facts and figures from staff reports
Photo by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Justice hails Culver as 'trailblazer'

By Ed Todd
MRT correspondent

Heralded as a trailblazer in the Texas court system as jurist, judge or justice, Midlander Barbara Culver excelled famously in the courtroom and in conservative politics.

Petite and vibrant at 5 feet tall, grandeur of stature in the judiciary and in conservative politics, Culver was a jurist of compassion and forthrightness.

She bears and abides many community and judicial accomplishments over the years as she closes in on 90. Though her name, Barbara Jacqueline Green Culver Clack, is lively, she is most familiar simply as Judge Culver.

Her courtroom career takes in her 15-year tenure as Midland County judge beginning in 1963, her 10 years as presiding judge of the 318th District Court and her year as Justice Culver on the Texas Supreme Court.

"Justice Culver is a pioneer in the law, a pioneer in the judiciary and a trailblazer," Texas Supreme Court Justice Eva Martinez Guzman said Wednesday in honoring Culver in "Salute to Women for Justice," hosted by the Midland County Republican Women at Midland Country Club.

Also recognized during Women for

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Incoming UT president declines $1M salary

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Emails show the incoming president of the University of Texas at Austin declined a $1 million salary offer because he was concerned it could upset students and faculty at the school that has been stretched for funds in recent years.

"With many issues and concerns about administrative costs, affordability and tuition, such a salary will affect the ability of the president to work with the Texas Legislature on matters important to the university," Gregory Fenves said in an email to Pedro Reyes, the UT System's executive vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Fenves warned that the proposed paycheck would draw "widespread negative attention from students and faculty because of budget constraints seen in the last

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Natural Gas	$2.935	▲ $0.030
Gasoline	$2.447	▼ $0.009

The big number
'Saturday Night Live' closes its **40th season** on Saturday. Read more about it on Page 8A.

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Obituaries

Belvin Ann Redus

Belvin Ann Redus, 77, of Midland, Texas, passed on from this life and into the arms of the Lord on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, after a nine year battle with cancer.

Belvin was born in Snyder, Texas, on November 20, 1937.

All who knew Belvin will forever remember her for the sparkle in her eyes, her amazing smile and the kind words of wisdom, advice and knowledge she was eager to share. Belvin loved life, her family and never passed up a chance to visit the lake.

Belvin is preceded in death by her parents, JD and Florine Martin; and by a sister, Sandra Martin.

Those left to cherish her memory include her brother, Lonnie Martin and wife Joyce of Arkansas; daughter, Tonya Helms and husband Wayne of Midland; granddaughters, Shellie Crossland and husband Cody of Midland, and Tasha Ramos and husband Joel of Midland; great granddaughters, Celeste Helms, Hailey Chavarria, Devyn Smith and Kyndall Ramos, great grandsons, Xavier Ramirez and Hayden Crossland; and great-great grandson, Jackson Cabrera.

Memorial services will be held on Friday, May 15, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Bob Porterfield officiating. A private burial will be held in Ira, Texas, shortly following the service.

The family of Belvin Ann Redus wishes to thank Hospice of Midland, as well as caretakers Angie, Minerva and Amy for their continuous and compassionate care.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the American Cancer Society, 2304 W. Wadley Ave., Midland, Texas 79705 or Hospice Midland, 911 W. Texas Ave., Midland, Texas 79701, in the name of Belvin Ann Redus.

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

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Buddy Jewel Lamb

Buddy Jewel Lamb of Midland, Texas passed away onto his eternal reward on May 9, 2015 with pulmonary fibrosis. He was the sixth of 12 children born to Jewel and Inez Lamb on October 31, 1934 in Atwood, Oklahoma. He received most of his education in Hagerman, New Mexico and Midland College.

Buddy married Janice Sexton in Midland on October 27, 1952. He was working for Merchants Motor Freight Lines when he was enlisted in the Army on September 18, 1957 and was discharged on September 17, 1963. While in the Army, he was awarded Outstanding Trainee with a letter of commendation and good conduct.

After his Honorable Discharge from the Army, he returned to work for Merchant Motor Freight Lines and worked for 15 years. He started Lamb Home Improvement in 1969 and did home inspections for many years. He then became a plumbing, heating, and A/C contractor. He also had worked for Printz Properties. Buddy was a hard worker, a kind and generous man who liked to help others. He was a wonderful husband, father, brother, uncle, grandfather, great grandfather, and friend. He and Janice enjoyed traveling to various places in their RV.

Buddy was preceded in death by his parents, four siblings, and two grandsons, Michael Wayne Sharp and Nicholas Albert Fanska.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Janice Lamb of Midland; three children, Brenda Sharp and Nathan Lamb, both of Midland, and Lisa Fanska of Tucumcari, New Mexico; one brother, Olen Lamb of Kankakee, Illinois; six sisters, Helen Frye of Midwest City, Oklahoma, Clara Sims of Baytown, Texas, Carolyn Hill of Farmington, New Mexico, Nancy Brown of Granbury, Texas, Donna Allison of Garrison, Texas, and Judy Griffin of Garland, Texas; 10 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren; and by four sisters-in-law, one uncle, and numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends. Buddy cared deeply and was devoted to his church family.

Funeral service will be today at 3:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Buddy's long time pastor and brother-in-law, Reverend Lowell Cessna, will conduct the service. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Pallbearers for the service will be his nephews.

A special "Thank You" is given to the caregiver family of Home Hospice of Midland and to First Apostolic Church. God's blessings to all of our family and friends for their love, prayers and generosity.

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

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John Randolph (Randy) Storie

John Randolph (Randy) Storie died May 11, 2015, in Midland, Texas. He was born in Odessa, Texas, February 10, 1949, to Prebble Hortense Brannon Storie and Dale Storie. After graduating from Odessa High School, he attended West Texas State University in Canyon, where he earned both a Bachelor of Music degree in 1971 and a Master of Arts degree in 1978.

Mr. Storie began his 45-year teaching career in Plano I.S.D. as an assistant director, followed by positions at McDonald Middle School in Mesquite (1972-73), Fort Stockton Junior High (1973-1976), and San Jacinto Junior High in Midland (1976-1980).

In 1980, he was named Director of Bands at Robert E. Lee High School in Midland, a position he held until the fall of 2014, when he was promoted to Coordinator of Music for Midland I.S.D. He was a highly respected and sought-after clinician and adjudicator.

During his time as director of his beloved Mighty Rebels, he served terms as chairman and president of Region VI Band Division of the Texas Music Educators Association and was elected vice president and chairman of the state organization for 1996-1998. Other professional honors and memberships included the Legion of Honor (1996), Texas Bandmasters Association, National Bandmasters Association, and American Bandmasters Association. He was a member of Phi Beṭu Mu Bandmaster fraternity and life member of Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity.

During his 35-year tenure at LHS, he and the Rebel band were without question the "heart and soul of Lee High School." It would be nearly impossible to cite all the awards and recognitions Mr. Storie and his band have earned, but several made him especially proud. First of all, under his direction, the Rebel Band earned 35 consecutive sweepstakes awards in UIL competition. In 1992, the band was the recipient of the John Phillip Sousa Sudler Flag of Honor. His bands were invited to perform at two gubernatorial inaugurations (for George W. Bush in 1994 and 1998), and three presidential inaugurations in Washington, D.C., including those of Ronald Reagan in 1985, George H. W. Bush in 1990, and George W. Bush in 2001. In 1998, his band performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City. His bands also received invitations to march in the Tournament of Roses Parade 1993 and then again in 2015. Since 1984, they have been consistent top 10 finalists for the Texas Honor Band.

Mr. Storie was preceded in death by his parents, Prebble Storie and Dale Storie.

He is survived by his cousins, David Rhoads (Rebecca) and Mary Rhoads Routh of Wimberly, Texas; Marsha Wolfe (Roger) of McCamey, Texas; Heavia Doyle (Jerry) of Floresville, Texas; Gerry Patterson (Suzanne) of Georgetown, Texas; Mike Patterson of Houston, Texas, and Buenger Dickson (Sally) of Austin, Texas.

He was an honorary uncle to and hand-picked by Melissa Moore, Lori Kuhl, Melainie Lauderdale, David Rhoads, III, and Jonathan Rhoads.

He is also survived by his very special friends, Bob and Billie Vick of Midland, Texas, as well as more than 9,000 students whom he loved and taught over the years, including more than 60 whom he influenced to become music educators or professional musicians themselves. He also leaves behind countless parents of band students who have remained close to him throughout his career.

Viewing will be Thursday and Friday, May 14-15, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home, 3800 N. Big Spring St., Midland, Texas.

The family will receive guests Thursday, May 14, 2015 between 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 16, 2015 at the family plot in East Hill Cemetery, Fort Stockton, Texas, with his cousin David L. Rhoads officiating.

A memorial concert /celebration of Mr. Storie's life and career is planned for Saturday, July 13, 2015 in Stan Cobb auditorium of Robert E. Lee High School. Final arrangements are pending.

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

Paula Jean Lewis

Paula Jean Lewis, 78, of Stanton, passed away on May 12, 2015. A graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 14, 2015 at the Evergreen Chapel at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton, with Pastor David Harp officiating.

Paula was born on August 18, 1936 to Aubry Ray Russell and Pauline Stover in Paducah, Texas.

Paula married the love of her life, Richard Lewis, on September 16, 1955. She was a long time member and Sunday School Teacher of First Baptist Church in Stanton.

She is preceded in death by her daughter, Pauline Ruth Lewis.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Lewis; sons, Richard Wayne Lewis and wife, Patsy of Midland, George Lewis and wife, Diane, of Midland; sisters, Helen Clements and husband, Jack, of Andrews, Carol Hood of Hobbs, New Mexico; grandchildren, George, Lindsey, and Bryleigh and Brandon Lewis; and great-grandchild, Haley Rae Lewis.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at *www.npwelch.com* .

Prentice William Bryant

Reverend Prentice William Bryant was called home to be with the Lord on May 6, 2015 after surviving the past three years with a terminal illness. He was born June 7, 1964 in Abilene, Texas. He accepted Christ as his Savior at Dellwood Baptist Church around the age of 10. He attended school in Midland and graduated from Lee High School. He further attended and graduated from East Texas State University in Commerce. He married Sandra Bryant on September 6, 2001.

Prentice retired in 2010 from Midland Memorial Hospital after 23 years. He enjoyed hunting, helping others, and spending time with his friends and family. Prentice had a close and personal relationship with Christ and was looking forward to seeing his mother, father, and brother who have preceded him in death.

He had a particular interest in reading and studying biblical end times in the book of Revelation. Prentice's love and devotion were to his wife and daughter, of whom he made many sacrifices for in order to prepare them spiritually and physically for the moment of his passing. He moved his family to the Dallas area in 2012 to be closer to friends and family for long term preparation, a testament to his bravery and character. Prentice was a devoted husband, father, brother, and compassionate friend who will be missed by all.

Prentice is survived by his immediate family; wife, Sandra Bryant; his daughter, Kelsey Pine-Bryant; and his beloved dog, "puppity pup pup,"Bella; sister, Paula and Marlon Schaus of Albuquerque; brother, Perry and Jenny Bryant of Kansas City, Missouri; brother, Reverend Pat and Amy Bryant of Midland; and sister, Phyllis and Reverend John Mark Mason, also of Midland; along with his nieces and nephews, Becky, John Allen, Jennifer, Kristen, Sarah, Caleb, Joshua, and Ezra.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Calvin and Helen Bryant; and a younger brother, Parrish Wayne Bryant and grandparents.

Any memorials can be made to St Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

The family will receive guests from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, May 14, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Memorial services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, May 15, 2015 at Fannin Terrace Baptist Church in Midland, with Pastor David Warren, officiating.

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

Robert Joseph Leonard

Services are pending at LaGrone Funeral Chapel for Robert Joseph Leonard, 90, of Roswell, who passed away on May 5, 2015.

A complete announcement will be made when arrangements are finalized.

Condolences may be made online at *www.lagronefuneralchapels.com.*

Arrangements are under the personal care of LaGrone Funeral Chapel.

Levi Ryan Driver

Levi Ryan Driver went to be with the Lord on May 8, 2015. Levi was born in Virginia Beach on June 21, 2010. He is survived by his mom, Caroline Wilson; grandfather, Thomas McFadden; and sister, Hannah Wilson.

Levi was precious, outgoing and wise beyond the four years he had. Levi touched the hearts of everyone he met. He loved riding his bike and always looked forward to Taco Tuesday. He graduated preschool with a heavy heart. He did not make the ceremony. He will be deeply missed as he is at peace with God and forever in our memories.

A gathering of remembrance will be held on Friday, May 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the La Promesa Apartment Complex, 4590 N. Texas Avenue, Odessa, Texas 79762.

Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery & Funeral Home, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas 79707.

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Death Notices

Alicia M. Paredez

Alicia M. Paredez, 75, of Big Spring, died Monday, May 11, 2015. Vigil service will be at 7:00 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She is survived by her husband Esequio "Chickie" Paredez; and three daughters, Mary Ann Iturraldel, Jo Jo Paredez, and Rachel Martinez .

Beverly McMahon

Beverly McMahon, 72, died Wednesday, May 13, 2015. Graveside services will be at 2:00 p.m. Friday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Beverly is survived by her husband, Clyde McMahon; two sons, Mike Madry and Brad Madry; and by two step-sons, Craig McMahon and Cavin McMahon.

Edmond "Eddie" Lester Mee, Jr.

Edmond "Eddie" Lester Mee, Jr., 85, of Midland, peacefully died on Wednesday, May 13, 2015.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Chata; son, Eddie Mee, III; daughter, Wendy Mathis; son, Doug Mee; and daughter, Ellie Hackey.

Jackson Carl Baker

Jackson Carl Baker, six months old, of Midland, became one of God's angels on Monday, May 11, 2015.

The family will be accepting guests at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 15, 2015.

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel on Saturday, May 16, 2015.

Jackson is survived by his parents, Carl Eugene "Trey" Baker, III and Lynn Baker; maternal grandparents, Arthur "Gerry" and Sandra Jackson; and by paternal grandparents, Carl E., Jr. and Debbie Baker.

Nicki Charls Luttrell

Nicki Charls Luttrell, 61, of Midland, Texas, passed away on May 12, 2015.

She is survived by her husband, Don R. Luttrell; and her daughters, Caroline Luttrell, Dana Luttrell, and Staci Klapproth.

Services are pending with American Heritage Cemetery & Funeral Home, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas 79707.

Lana Ezell Hopkins

Lana Ezell Hopkins 55 of Midland passed away at her home May 9, 2015.

She is survived by her husband David R. Hopkins, daughers Nicole M. Willingham & Lorie L. Ezell, all of Midland .

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Former UNC coach, assistant Bill Guthridge dies at 77

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C.— The North Carolina basketball family has lost a second beloved coach in the last few months with the death of Bill Guthridge, Dean Smith's "perfect sidekick."

Guthridge, who was Smith's longtime assistant and later succeeded him as North Carolina's head coach, was 77. The school announced Wednesday that Guthridge died Tuesday.

The family told team spokesman Steve Kirschner that Guthridge died of heart failure, and that the coach had lived with a heart condition the past seven years.

"This is another terrible loss for the Carolina basketball family," former North Carolina player and current Charlotte Hornets owner Michael Jordan said in a statement to the Associated Fress. "Coach Guthridge was instrumental in recruiting me to UNC and I have so many great memories of him and the lessons he taught me. I will miss his kindness and wisdom.

"My sympathies go out to his wife, Leesie, and their kids and family."

Jordan is among many Tar Heels who had tremendous respect for Guthridge.

"If he told me to run through that wall to make me better, I'd hit that wall," former Tar Heel player and well-traveled college coach Buzz Peterson told AP. "Because I knew coach Guthridge had the best interest for you and wanted to see you succeed."

Guthridge spent three decades as an assistant to Smith, helping him bring national championships to Chapel Hill in 1982 and 1993.

"The word 'assistant' means you're helping someone," current coach Roy Williams said, "and I couldn't imagine anyone quote 'helping' someone any more than coach Guthridge helped coach Smith."

When Smith retired as Division I's winningest men's coach shortly before the 1997-98 season, Guthridge was promoted to replace him, and he guided the Tar Heels to two Final Fours in three seasons.

Guthridge went 80-28 from 1997-2000, reaching Final Fours in 1998 and 2000.

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MUMMY LESSON IS A WRAP

ABOVE: Anna Hodgkins works on molding the clay arms before wrapping her mummy Tuesday during the "Make Your Own Mummy" exercise at the Petroleum Museum. "Make Your Own Mummy" preceded a presentation by National Georgraphic photographer Kennett Garrett, who spoke as part of the Arlen Edgar Distinguished Lecture Series. Garrett's work includes major archeological sites, including the tomb of Tutankhamun.

RIGHT: Julie LaFortune watches as her daughter, Emily, finishes making her mummy.

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REPORTER-TELEGRAM

Locals approve of Cruz-Nelson space exploration initiative

By Rye Druzin
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Sen. Ted Cruz has submitted to the Senate the Commercial Space Launch Competitiveness Act, which would add four years to the life of the International Space Station (ISS) and would extend the regulatory learning period for the commercial space industry.

"We are making a commitment to supporting the continued development of a strong commercial space sector with this bill," Cruz said in a statement. "The U.S. Commercial Space Launch Competitiveness Act provides the International Space Station nearly a decade of certainty by authorizing operations through 2024 and encourages dynamic private sector growth by giving industry the time it needs to foster and develop new technology."

The press release from Cruz's office included statements of support from XCOR Aerospace's Chief Technical Officer Jeff Greason and Midland Development Corp. Executive Director Pam Welch.

"I'm very pleased that, with the myriad of issues Congress has to deal with, they recognize that continuing the regulatory approach which has placed the United States firmly in the lead in the development of commercial space transportation is worth their time and attention," said Greason, whose company is currently moving to Midland International Air and Space Port from the Mojave desert in California.

Welch expressed support for the legislation that she said would update the Commercial Space Launch Act, an initiative that was first undertaken by President Ronald Reagan.

Other people from the private space industry who voiced their support included Virgin Galactic CEO George Whitesides, SpaceX and Blue Origin President Rob Meyerson.

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Bank robbery accomplice apprehended

An El Paso man pleaded guilty Wednesday for his involvement in a February bank robbery in Midland.

Fabian Barrios, 28, faces up to 20 years in prison for his role in the armed robbery of the former CitiBank branch at 1100 Andrews Highway, according to a press release from the U.S. Attorney's Office Western District of Texas. The branch has since become a BB&T bank.

Barrios and his accomplice, 27-year-old Alan Montes, also of El Paso, entered the bank at about 10:20 a.m. Feb. 10 and approached a teller, displayed a weapon and demanded money, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article. The men escaped with an undisclosed amount of money.

Montes was arrested by the FBI on Feb. 11 and pleaded guilty to a bank robbery charge on April 14, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office Western District of Texas.

Both men remain in custody and are scheduled to be sentenced on June 24 before U.S. District Judge Robert Junell in Midland.

Man arrested for allegedly kicking officer

Esquibel

A Midland man was arrested Sunday after allegedly kicking an officer who was trying to restrain him, according to court documents.

Jacob Esquibel, 18, was charged with two third-degree felonies of assault on a public servant. He was released Monday on a $15,000 bond.

Midland police officers responded at about 7:40 a.m. Sunday to a vehicle in which the driver was apparently passed out. The officers found the driver, later identified as Esquibel, was unresponsive. The officers opened the unlocked doors and noticed a strong smell of alcohol, according to the arrest affidavit.

When Esquibel woke up, he refused to get out of the vehicle, according to the affidavit. Officers then removed Esquibel by physical force and attempted to place him in custody.

Officers had Esquibel on the ground, and he began resisting arrest, according to the affidavit. He allegedly slipped out of a wrist lock and kicked the officer twice in his left thigh, according to the affidavit. The officers then sprayed Esquibel in the face with pepper spray in an attempt to gain compliance, but he continued to resist and eventually broke free, according to the affidavit.

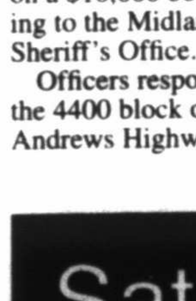
One officer used his expandable baton and hit Esquibel twice in the left leg; the other officer used his control baton on Esquibel's left shin and left arm, according to the affidavit. Esquibel seemed to relent, and the officers grabbed him. He then lunged at the officers and one officer punched him twice in the face, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the two third-degree felonies, Esquibel faces between four and 20 years in prison.

Man allegedly kicks in door, assaults woman

A Midland man was arrested Sunday for allegedly hitting a woman and kicking in her door to continue the assault, according to court documents.

Jimmy Lenard, 54, was charged with a first-degree felony of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit another felony. He was released Monday on a $10,000 bond, according to the Midland County Sheriff's Office.



Lenard

Officers responded to the 4400 block of West Andrews Highway around 4:20 a.m. Sunday in reference to a confrontation. Officers found a man, later identified as Lenard, with a bloody nose and a mark by his eye, according to the arrest affidavit. Lenard was taken into custody and officers noted the smell of alcohol on the man, according to the affidavit.

Officers found a woman holding the left side of her head and she said she and Lenard had gotten into a dispute. She said Lenard allegedly became emotionally upset and hit her at least four times in the side of the head, according to the affidavit. She allegedly punched Lenard in the nose in self-defense and ran into an apartment.

Lenard knocked on the apartment door and told the woman to let him in. She did not answer the door, and Lenard allegedly kicked in the door and entered the apartment. He then punched the woman again in the head, and a friend of the woman broke up the fight, according to the affidavit.

The officer said he observed a contusion on the woman's head, as well as boot marks on the apartment door consistent with the boots that Lenard was wearing, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the first-degree felony, Lenard faces between two and 99 years in prison.

MPD: Men commit robbery and assault at motel

A 23-year-old Midland man was arrested Sunday night after allegedly assaulting and robbing a man in his motel room.

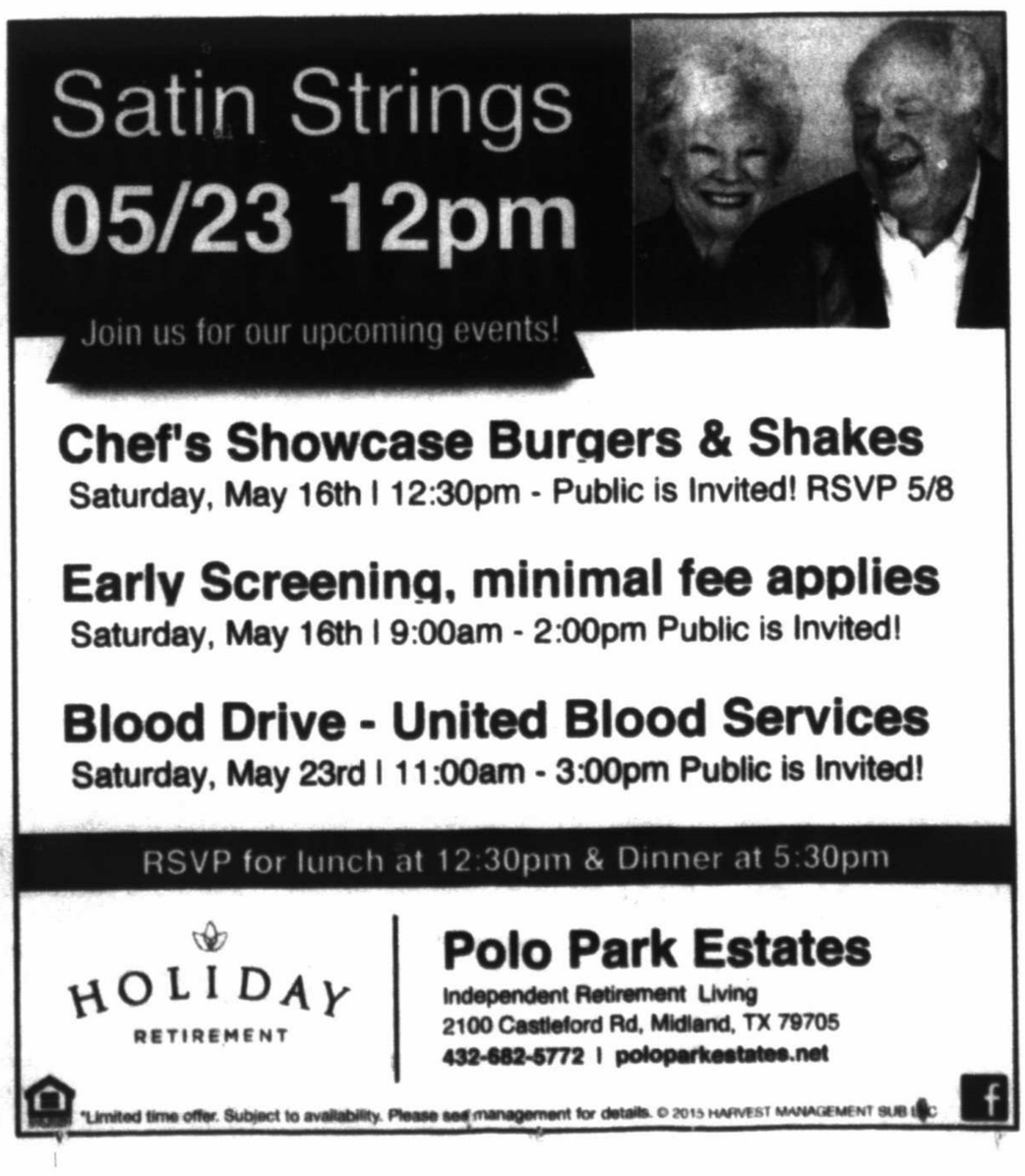
Joshua Luis Pena was held Wednesday on a $150,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of aggravated robbery, according to the arrest affidavit.

When Midland police responded to a call at the West Wind Motel on West Wall Street, a man said that two men forced entry into his room. The man identified one of the intruders as Pena, according to the affidavit. One of the intruders then restrained the man as the other repeatedly struck him in the face, according to the arrest affidavit.

Pena then allegedly reached in the man's pockets and took money before fleeing the scene. The man chased Pena and his accomplice until the accomplice pointed a large black rifle at him, according to the affidavit.

Police found Pena and his accomplice in a vehicle nearby and the firearm also was in the vehicle, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the first-degree felony, Pena could face up to 99 years in prison.



TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ Lowdown, 6:30-9:30 p.m., The Wine Rack. wineracknidland.com.
■ 49th annual Jazz Party Collaboration, 7-11 p.m., MCM Elegante in Odessa. wtjs.org.
■ Crudefest Texas Music Festival at 5209 South County Road 1270. thecrudefest.com.
■ Thirsty Thursday at Midland RockHounds, 7 p.m., Security Ballpark. milb.com.
■ Sibley Nature Center Distinguished Lecture Series speaker Robert Young on "Sustainability and Economic Development," 7 p.m., Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland. 684-6827.
■ Improv at the Yucca, 8 p.m., Yucca Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Note: For more information on this weekend's entertainment calendar, go to The Weekender section in today's Reporter-Telegram.

Support groups, club meetings today

■ Permian Basin Community Service Organization (for individuals, organizations or businesses that provide services to improve quality of life), 11:45 a.m., Mi Piaci Italian Restaurant, 2607 N. Grandview Ave., Odessa; 432-210-4234.
■ Chronic fatigue fibro-myalgia syndromes support group, noon, Rays of Hope Grief Centre; 520-3500.
■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30-7:30 p.m., Christian Church of Midland, 2609 Neely Ave. 694-8643
■ Permian Basin Chess Club, 6 p.m., University of Texas of the Permian Basin student union; Steve Dudley, 556-1920; Brian Farrell, 288-7141; pbcc.50gigs.net; odessachess@cableone.net.
■ Sun Country Gentlemen, 7 p.m., Rea Greathouse Room at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 553-1952 or 425-5662.
■ The Midland Blue Star Military Family, 7 p.m., Koinonia Room at First Presbyterian Church; Doc Weathers 631-7646 or docweathers@suddenlink.net.

Community calendar

■ The Jubilee Center's Walk for Hunger event is 5-8 p.m. Friday at Hogan Park Golf Course Pavilion. Event will feature barbecue dinner, live and silent auctions, clowns, face painting and a petting zoo. Fundraisers walked, ran or swam and were sponsored for their efforts.

Funds raised go to provide food for families in West Texas. For more information, go to jubileemidland.org or call 520-0671.

■ The Alzheimer' Association's sixth annual Bark in the Park is 9-11 a.m. Saturday at Hogan Park Dog Park. Events include contests for cutest costume, owner-look-alike and best trick; agility and obedience demonstrations; information booths; and micro-chipping by Midland Animal Services.

For more information call Janet Cross, at 570-9191, ext. 8031.

Water usage in Midland

(Figures includes deliveries from the Colorado River Municipal Water District, Paul Davis well fields and T-Bar Ranch)

April 30	22,150,000 gallons
May 1	19,079,000 gallons
May 2	22,160,000 gallons
May 3	22,435,000 gallons
May 4	19,064,000 gallons
May 5	17,831,000 gallons
May 6	20,468,000 gallons
May 7	21,507,000 gallons
May 8	17,772,000 gallons
May 9	18,984,000 gallons
May 10	21,561,000 gallons
Monday	21,548,000 gallons

Current total storage by CRMWD in their lakes is 233,008 acre-feet (1 acre-foot is approximately 325,800 gallons). The average CRMWD delivery to Midland in April was 13,015,667 gallons. The current average in May is 13,106,545 gallons.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 7-1-5
Pick 3 day: 5-1-1
Pick 3 evening: 7-8-1
Pick 3 night: 7-4-3
Daily 4 morning: 8-6-7-7
Daily 4 day: 3-2-1-7
Daily 4 evening: 0-4-7-0
Daily 4 night: 0-3-6-9
Cash Five: 3-16-22-29-36
Lotto Texas: 2-15-22-31-43-47
Powerball: 1-25-29-31-47 PB: 7 Power Play: 3
All or Nothing morning: 1-2-5-6-7-8-9-10-12-13-16-23
All or Nothing day: 1-2-5-7-14-16-17-18-19-22-23-24
All or Nothing evening: 3-4-5-7-8-12-13-16-19-20-23-24
All or Nothing night: 7-8-9-11-13-14-16-18-19-21-23-24

Today in history

In 1804, the Lewis and Clark expedition to explore the Louisiana Territory as well as the Pacific Northwest left camp near present-day Hartford, Illinois.

In 1948, according to the current-era calendar, the independent state of Israel was proclaimed in Tel Aviv.

In 1955, representatives from eight Communist bloc countries, including the Soviet Union, signed the Warsaw Pact in Poland. (The Pact was dissolved in July 1991.)

In 1998, singer-actor Frank Sinatra died at a Los Angeles hospital at age 82. The hit sitcom "Seinfeld" aired its final episode after nine years on NBC.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama heatedly condemned what he called a "ridiculous spectacle" of oil executives shifting blame for the BP oil spill in congressional hearings and denounced a "cozy relationship" between their companies and the federal government.

One year ago: Canadian-born U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz officially renounced his birth country's citizenship amid speculation he could make a run at the White House in 2016.

Today's birthdays: Movie producer George Lucas is 71. Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg is 31.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Retired Judge Barbara Culver, is honored Wednesday by the Midland County Republican Women.

CULVER

From 1A

Justice were Judge Elizabeth Leonard of the 238th District Court, Judge Robin Malone Darr of the 385th District Court and District Attorney Teresa Clingman.

Culver ventured into the justice system in Midland in 1951 when she and her husband, John Culver, opened Culver & Culver law firm after graduating from Southern Methodist University Law School and then entered the judiciary via conservative politics.

"She blazed the trail that some of us have been able to follow," said Guzman, the first Latina on the Texas Supreme Court.

Culver in 1988 became the first Republican woman on that court.

"We are so grateful for her contributions to Midland and to the great state of Texas," said Guzman, 54.

For Midland's fledging but ambitious conservatives spirited by the petite but plucky Barbara Culver, the "day of Republicans dawned" in Midland County in the November 1962 general election.

That dawning — headlined by the Midland Reporter-Telegram — in a community and state then historically dominated by Democrats, became the impetus that figured in changing Midland's political character to a bastion of conservatism.

The 36-year-old Culver, a Dallas native, was the first Republican and the first woman elected as county judge in the history of the 1885-founded Midland County.

"She was electable, had a law degree, smart, had the credentials to do the job and (as today) has an outgoing personality that would ingratiate her to the people," said William "Bill" Heck, then, like Culver, a Barry Goldwater Republican.

"I love Goldwater," Culver said recently, "because he was saying what conservatives wanted to hear in language that made sense."

Heck was among three "Midland Goldwater" (for president in 1964) stalwarts, along with Van Howbert and Bill Adams, who persuaded Culver to run for the county judgeship.

In Midland, there were "not a helluva lot" of Republicans, Heck said. Culver barely beat Democrat candidate, Judge Noel Cason, by a vote of 6,949 to 6,769.

Republican Bill Davis defeated the Democrat candidate for Midland's state representative in 1962. Thereafter, Midland Republicans prevailed, first Frank Kell Cahoon in 1964 then Tom Craddick, who was first elected in 1968.

"Women were not active in the party as they are now," said Heck, 91, a geologist and former county commissioner. Culver was "qualified to run for any office that was on the ballot," Heck said. "In those days, the only drawback that she had was (being) a woman."

"When you are elected to (political) office, you are public servant," Culver said recently. "You work for the whole public, not just your party. That means you are cleaning up the messes that people make of their political lives. That's a servant."

Culver's "influence was huge," said conservative Republican kingpin and former Midland mayor Ernest Angelo Jr., 81. "She was willing to run as a Republican in that year (when) hardly any lawyers, attorneys, would even think about identifying with the Republican Party. It would be much better for them to be Democrats, they thought. Judge Culver had the courage to buck that tide and started an overwhelming sweep over Midland to elect Republicans. (Midland) was a conservative community (but) just didn't know it."

Vendor gets prison term for defrauding school district

Associated Press

PLANO — A federal judge has sentenced a security contractor to 2 1/2 years in prison after she pleaded guilty to conspiracy to defraud Plano ISD.

Carol Ann Larue pleaded guilty to a conspiracy count last June. U.S. District Judge Richard Schell of Plano also ordered LaRue to pay more than $1.2 million in restitution.

LaRue owns and operates a fire control and security firm. Court documents show she conspired with Plano ISD employee Kris Wilson Gentz to submit fraudulent invoices from May 2011 to December 2013 and split the proceeds.

Gentz, who also pleaded guilty to the same conspiracy charge, was sentenced last month to 4 1/2 years in prison and ordered to pay almost $2.7 million in restitution.

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he said is unusual in the building industry. Other construction companies that he had worked for in the Dallas-Fort Worth area would not account for these days and would either try to make up the lost time or push back their due dates.

In the past four years, Midland has averaged 8.75 days of rain between January 1 and May 13. In 2015, the Tall City has already has seen 27 days of rain in the same period. This can challenge builders who are trying to build new homes in normally dry West Texas. Winkler said that poor weather conditions can delay homes anywhere from a few days to a couple of weeks.

"For volume builders, that (delay) kinda dominoes, so if you have a couple of houses that are ready to pour a slab and they get put off, then the next few houses may be put off, as well," she said. "But all the builders that I've talked to say that at the very most it's one to two weeks."

Winkler heard from one builder who said that they are holding off pouring the slab of a house until the ground dries. She said that the ice storms at the beginning of the year were much worse than the recent rains. One builder told her that while his team finished up the inside of a home during the ice storm, they were unable to work on the outside.

On a related note, spokesmen for Oxy and Chevron, which are building corporate campuses on the west side of Midland, said that weather conditions have not hindered their construction plans. Oxy is slated to complete its campus by the end of 2015, while Chevron's contstruction should be completed by the beginning of 2016.

SALARY

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five years." His email was obtained by the Austin American-Statesman through an open records request.

Fenves is expected to receive his requested base salary of $750,000 a year, making him an outlier in a field where salaries generally push north of seven figures.

Michael Young, who became president of Texas A&M University on May 1, is the highest-paid leader of a public academic institution in Texas. His total annual compensation is $1.4 million, including $1 million in base salary.

Fenves requested his annual bonus, dependent on a performance evaluation, be capped at 10 percent of his base salary rather than the 12 percent listed in a proposed term sheet. With $50,000 in deferred pay, his total compensation comes to $800,000 a year, which doesn't count any bonus pay.

The UT System Board of Regents is expected to formally approve Fenves' compensation package Thursday.

Fenves will assume office June 3, replacing Bill Powers who resigned after a decade in the job.

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

Highlights from around the Capitol on Wednesday:

Abortion

Debate has finally begun in the Texas House over whether to tighten restrictions on rules allowing teens to have abortions if they can't get required parental consent.

Victoria Republican Rep. Geanie Morrison's bill would make sweeping changes to the so-called judicial bypass process. It allows girls younger than 18 to get a judge's permission to have an abortion without telling their parents in extreme cases.

The law governing judicial bypass went untouched since it became statute in 1999. Each year, about 300 teens who meet certain criteria are granted a court-ordered abortion.

Opponents of Morrison's proposal say the changes would mar a system already working properly, and may endanger girls already in difficult situations.

Texas has some of the nation's toughest abortion restrictions. But the Republican-controlled House is looking for dwindling ways to notch further anti-abortion successes, and is targeting judicial bypass.

Restricting that process was named one of the five priority issues by anti-abortion group Texas Right to Life, and several Republicans filed bills to address what they see as an abortion loophole. Many have since been withdrawn in support of Morrison's measure.

Melissa Conway, the group's spokeswoman, said the "loophole-ridden" process keeps parents in the dark and allows teens to get "dangerous abortions without the guidance of their parents."

Gay marriage

Dell Inc. has joined opposition to a Texas bill that would attempt to defy the U.S. Supreme Court if gay marriage is legalized.

The computer maker released a statement Wednesday saying it has let Republican Gov. Greg Abbott know that the Round Rock-based company considers diversity a "business imperative."

Texas business groups have urged lawmakers for months to not pursue Indiana-style laws that gay rights activists say discriminate. But Dell becomes the most visible company to voice public opposition.

Nearly every Republican in the Texas House is sponsoring a bill that would prohibit state and local officials from issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples. The proposal must pass the House by midnight Thursday to advance.

Dozens of other bills are in front of the measure with the deadline looming.

Building maintenance

To keep state buildings from falling into disrepair — as some have, including the Texas School for the Deaf — lawmakers have voted to establish a deferred maintenance fund and oversight committee.

Sponsored by Tyler Republican Sen. Kevin Eltife, the bill authorizing the fund cleared the House on Wednesday via a voice vote.

It needs only a final lower chamber vote before heading to Gov. Greg Abbott for signature into law.

Under the bill, the lieutenant governor and House speaker would each appoint three members to the committee.

The measure's House sponsor, Rep. Charlie Geren, said the committee would ensure sufficient funding — including $20.6 million already earmarked for deferred maintenance and emergency repairs needed starting this year — is spent "the way they're supposed to be spending it."

On deck

House lawmakers are bracing for a long and bumpy upcoming ride. Thursday at midnight is the deadline for House bills to get their first vote by the full chamber. Measures that don't make it are considered all but dead — though they could live on as amendments attached to other bills.

The flow of legislation has been far more leisurely in the Senate, which has no such looming deadline to pass its own bills. The upper chamber resumes work Thursday at 11 a.m.

Quote of the day

"Get Congress to change it. You don't like the Federal Reserve Bank, if you have a problem with the Federal Reserve Bank."
— Rep. Joe Pickett, D-El Paso, to Republican Rep. Jonathan Stickland of Bedford. Pickett was defending his bill to empower Federal Reserve law enforcement officers to make arrests, searches and seizures on bank property or while protecting bank personnel — and Stickland was objecting.

Study: Vitamin B3 may help prevent certain skin cancers

By Marilynn Marchione
Associated Press

For the first time, a large study suggests that a vitamin might modestly lower the risk of the most common types of skin cancer in people with a history of these relatively harmless yet troublesome growths.

In a study in Australia, people who took a specific type of vitamin B3 for a year had a 23 percent lower rate of new skin cancers compared to others who took dummy pills. In absolute terms, it meant that vitamin takers developed fewer than two of these cancers on average versus roughly 2.5 cancers for the others.

The study did not involve melanoma, the most deadly form of skin cancer. Instead, it aimed at more common forms — basal and squamous cell cancers. More than 3 million cases are diagnosed each year in the United States.

"These are sort of the run-of-the-mill skin cancers that so many people get," said Dr. Richard Schilsky, chief medical officer of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, an organization of cancer specialists. "They're rarely lethal but they're very persistent and they keep coming back," and are expensive to remove, usually through surgery, freezing off the spots or radiation.

He and other doctors with the oncology group said the vitamin, called nicotinamide, could offer a cheap, easy way to lower risk.

However, Australia has higher rates of skin cancer than the U.S. and other parts of the world, and some doctors may want more evidence beyond this single study before recommending the pills. Vitamins have long proved elusive for cancer prevention, and some studies have even found certain ones can be harmful.

Researchers also stressed they were not suggesting vitamin use for people who have not yet had one of these cancers.

"At the moment, it's not something for the general population," said the study's leader, Dr. Diona Damian of the Dermatology University of Sydney in Australia.

"We must always remember the basics of sun-sensible behaviors" — avoiding overexposure and using sunscreen — as the best ways for anyone to lower risk, she said.

The study involved 386 people who had at least two skin cancers in the previous five years. They took either 500 milligrams of the vitamin or dummy pills twice a day for a year. Neither they nor their doctors knew who got what until the study ended.

Besides reducing the rate of skin cancers, vitamin use also seemed to cut the rate of precancers — scaly patches of skin called actinic keratoses — by 11 percent after three months of use and 20 percent after nine months.

Participants were tracked for six months after they stopped taking their pills, and the rate of new skin cancers was similar in both groups.

"The benefit wears off fairly quickly," Damian said. "You need to continue taking the tablets for them to continue to be effective."

Nicotinamide is thought to help repair DNA in cells damaged by sun exposure. It is not the same as nicotine, the addictive stuff in tobacco. It's also not the same as niacin and some other forms of B3, which can cause flushing, headaches and blood pressure problems.

Those problems were not seen with nicotinamide in the study.

Nicotinamide is sold over the counter, is easy to take, and "there are essentially no side effects," Schilsky said.

However, it might be a little tough to find. A check of one major drugstore chain found only other forms of B3, such as niacin, or combination B vitamins. Online, some retailers offered nicotinamide for prices ranging from a nickel to a dollar a tablet, sometimes combined with other things.

Investigators: Train in deadly wreck was going 106 mph

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The Amtrak train that crashed in Philadelphia, killing at least seven people, was hurtling at 106 mph before it ran off the rails along a sharp curve where the speed limit drops to just 50 mph, federal investigators said Wednesday.

The engineer applied the emergency brakes moments before the crash but managed to slow the train to only 102 mph by the time the locomotive's black box stopped recording data, said Robert Sumwalt of the National Transportation Safety Board. The speed limit just before the bend is 80 mph, he said.

The engineer, whose name was not released, refused to give a statement to law enforcement and left a police precinct with a lawyer, police said. Sumwalt said federal accident investigators want to talk to him but will give him a day or two to recover from the shock of the accident.

More than 200 people aboard the Washington-to-New York train were injured in the wreck, which happened in a decayed industrial neighborhood not far from the Delaware River just before 9:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Passengers crawled out the windows of the torn and toppled rail cars in the darkness and emerged dazed and bloody, many of them with broken bones and burns.

Calif. golf courses tee up water-saving measures

By Gillian Flaccus
Associated Press

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A golfer watches his tee shot near dry vegetation in an area beyond the boundaries of the course at the El Niguel Country Club in Laguna Niguel, Calif., on April 25. California's epic drought is reshaping the course at El Niguel Country Club and dozens of others statewide. Pressed by the fourth year of bone-dry weather and the threat of state-mandated water cuts, some of the poshest courses in California are ceding back to nature some of their manicured green, installing high-tech moisture monitoring systems and letting the turf they don't rip up turn just a little bit brown.

LAGUNA NIGUEL, Calif. — At first glance, nothing seems amiss at this lush, members-only golf club in one of the priciest communities in Orange County. A bubbling fountain gurgles out of an artificial lake. Emerald-green fairways stretch into the distance. Golf carts zoom across the grass like white ants.

But behind the man-made stream and arcing sprinklers, California's epic drought is reshaping the course at El Niguel Country Club and dozens of others statewide.

Pressed by the four-year dry spell and state-mandated water cuts, some of the finest courses in California are taking such steps as tearing out the grass in places where it won't affect the game, planting drought-resistant vegetation, letting the turf turn brown in spots and installing smart watering systems.

"The new buzzword in the industry is 'Brown is the new green.' We can't provide the same kind of product as we'd like to anymore," said Mike Williams of Hidden Valley Golf Club in Norco. "Everybody can't play on a lush green surface like the Masters."

It's a move the golf industry says is necessary for its long-term survival as the drought drags on.

Last week, state regulators ordered a 25 percent overall cut in the use of drinkable water in California, leaving it up to local water agencies to decide how to achieve it. Golf courses are starting to find out what that will mean for them — cuts in their water allocations, tough sprinkler restrictions and perhaps higher water rates.

In California, an average 18-hole golf course sprawls over 110 to 115 acres and conservatively uses almost 90 million gallons of water per year, enough to fill 136 Olympic-size swimming pools, said Mike Huck, a water management consultant who works with golf courses statewide.

Some golf courses already are spending up to $500,000 a year on water to maintain that oasis look. Country clubs also realize that the sight of great expanses of perfect grass won't sit well with the public when people are being asked to take four-minute showers, flush less and let their own lawns wither.

As a result, many of California's more than 860 golf courses have jumped at turf reduction rebate programs run by water agencies. The programs offer $2 to $3 for every square foot of turf removed.

A golf course can easily tear out up to 25 acres of grass next to the fairways and around the clubhouse without affecting the game, said David Fleming, a golf course architect whose business is booming.

El Niguel Country Club applied for rebates last year to rip up 22 acres, and the final phase is now underway. The project will save 12 million gallons a year, just in time for cuts to the course's water allocation that begin in June, said Brian Archbold, golf course supervisor.

Rancho Santa Fe Golf Club, down the road in San Diego County, tore out almost 19 acres late last year and replaced it with sandy beds dotted with brightly colored yellow, purple and white desert plants for an eventual water savings of 13 million to 15 million gallons a year, Fleming said. The course still faces a 50 percent cut in supply by June 1 if a local water agency's plans pass — likely meaning the rough will go dry.

Other courses are investing in wireless soil probes that can provide real-time feeds to groundskeepers on their cellphones. The readouts indicate exactly where to water and exactly how much, to within a fraction of an inch, eliminating the need for sprinklers that drench large areas.

Some golf courses are installing liners in their artificial lakes, turning off sprinklers in areas of less foot traffic and considering on-site facilities that treat wastewater from the sewers — a strategy Australian golf courses used to survive a recent 10-year drought.

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Is Obama ready to join the populists?

■ Senate Democrats handed the president a beating on the vote to fast-track trade authority

DANA MILBANK
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Could this be the populist moment? A seemingly unstoppable coalition of the powerful assembled to advance the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade bill: a Democratic president aligned with the Republican majority in both chambers of Congress and the full lobbying might of Corporate America.

But on Tuesday afternoon, the Senate Democratic minority delivered a surprise defeat to President Obama. They blocked consideration of "fast-track" trade authority — a crucial vehicle to get the Pacific trade pact through Congress.

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Bush's super PAC, Right to Rise, is expected under the guidance of longtime adviser Mike Murphy to conduct many of the functions a candidate's campaign would — but without coordination with Bush or the federal contribution limits that go with a campaign.

At the event in Reno, the former Florida governor again refused to say whether he would have proceeded with the 2003 invasion of Iraq if he'd been in brother and former President George W. Bush's shoes. Anyone in hindsight "would have made different decisions," he told reporters. "There is no denying that. But to delve into that and not focus on the future, I think is where I need to draw the line."

Pressed by a voter at the town hall-style meeting about the war, Bush said: "Talking about the future is more than fair. Talking about the past, saying how would you have done something after the fact is a little tougher, and it doesn't necessarily change anything."

Bush later noted that such voter encounters stand in contrast to what he described as Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton's campaign.

"You can't script your way to the presidency, put yourself in a protective bubble and never interact with people — only talk with people that totally agree with you," Bush said. "That's not going to work. That's not very sincere."

House passes bill to end bulk collection of US phone records

By Ken Dilanian
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House voted by a wide margin Wednesday to end the National Security Agency's bulk collection of Americans' phone records and replace it with a system to search the data held by telephone companies on a case-by-case basis.

The 338-to-88 vote set the stage for a Senate showdown just weeks before the Patriot Act provisions authorizing the program are due to expire.

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The bill's number was H.R. 2048. Its title was the Uniting and Strengthening America by Fulfilling Rights and Ensuring Effective Discipline Over Monitoring Act of 2015.

If the House bill becomes law, it will represent one of the most significant changes stemming from the unauthorized disclosures of former NSA contractor Edward Snowden. But many Senate Republicans don't like the measure, and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has introduced a separate version that would keep the program as is. Yet, he also faces opposition from within his party and has said he is open to compromise.

President Barack Obama supports the House legislation, known as the USA Freedom Act, which is in line with a proposal he made last March. The House passed a similar bill last year, but it failed in the Senate.

Most House members would rather see the Patriot Act provisions expire altogether than re-authorize NSA bulk collection, said Rep. Adam Schiff, ranking Democrat on the intelligence committee. "I think the Senate is ultimately going to pass something like the USA Freedom Act," he said.

The issue, which exploded into public view two years ago, has implications for the 2016 presidential contest, with Republican candidates staking out different positions.

The revelation that the NSA had for years been secretly collecting all records of U.S. landline phone calls was among the most controversial disclosures by Snowden, a former NSA systems administrator who in 2013 leaked thousands of secret documents to journalists.

The program collects the number called, along with the date, time and duration of call, but not the content or people's names. It stores the information in an NSA database that a small number of analysts query for matches against the phone numbers of known terrorists abroad, hunting for domestic connections to plots.

Officials acknowledge the program has never foiled a terrorist attack, and some within the NSA had proposed abandoning it even before it leaked — on the grounds that its financial and privacy costs outweighed its counterterrorism benefits.

Senate agrees to open debate on trade agenda

By Charles Babington
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senators reached a deal Wednesday to move forward on President Barack Obama's trade agenda only one day after Democrats embarrassed him by blocking it.

Lawmakers said about a dozen Senate Democrats agreed to let full-blown debate begin after both parties' leaders consented to tweak the package that failed on a procedural vote Tuesday. Those Democrats' votes were the difference between blocking the agenda and letting it move ahead.

The breakthrough doesn't assure Obama of receiving "fast track" negotiating authority, which would let him send to Congress trade proposals it can kill or ratify, but not amend. That's still subject to weeks or months of Senate and House debates, amendments and votes.

But the breakthrough gave the White House a welcomed respite from the negative headlines stemming from Tuesday's setback, which was driven entirely by Democrats.

Most Democratic lawmakers oppose free-trade agreements, saying they reduce U.S. jobs. Labor unions and liberal groups, which are vital to Democrats' campaigns, strongly oppose fast track.

Tuesday's impasse involved side issues including a proposal to punish countries that keep their currency artificially low to boost exports. Wednesday's agreement calls for a stand-alone vote on a customs enforcement bill that includes "currency manipulation" sanctions, perhaps as early as today.

A vote on fast track would come later, possibly next week.

The administration generally opposes addressing currency issues in trade bills, saying it could invite allegations against the Federal Reserve's efforts to help the U.S. economy. Keeping currency manipulation provisions out of the fast track bill was important to Obama's allies. It's possible the president would veto other bills that include such provisions.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said this week, "We believe that we have a variety of effective mechanisms already that allow the administration — as we've effectively done when it comes to China and Japan — to protect the interest of the United States and our economy when it comes to currency policy."

Under Wednesday's agreement, the Senate will vote first on the customs enforcement bill and next on a bill to renew the African Growth and Opportunity Agreement. Those bills drew less debate in the Senate Finance Committee than did the fast track bill.

After that, senators presumably will have enough votes to start the full-blown debate over fast track, the most important and contentious of the trade items. It will include "trade adjustment assistance," which provides aid to workers displaced by trade pacts, a priority for liberals.

Even with that, however, most Democrats may vote against fast track. But heavy Republican support, plus about a dozen Democrats, could move it through the Senate and to the House, where another fierce debate is likely.

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Is Obama ready to join the populists?

■ Senate Democrats handed the president a beating on the vote to fast-track trade authority

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Could this be the populist moment? A seemingly unstoppable coalition of the powerful assembled to advance the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade bill: a Democratic president aligned with the Republican majority in both chambers of Congress and the full lobbying might of Corporate America.

But on Tuesday afternoon, the Senate Democratic minority delivered a surprise defeat to President Obama. They blocked consideration of "fast-track" trade authority — a crucial vehicle to get the Pacific trade pact through Congress.

The victors: the ascendant populist wing of the Democratic Party, and its spiritual leader, Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts. "Over and over, American workers have taken the brunt of bad trade deals," the former Harvard professor and scourge of big business told a gathering of the Roosevelt Institute, a liberal think tank, hours before the vote.

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"And now this trade deal is getting the full court lobbying press from those same giant multinational corporations," she said. "The middle class is on the ropes and now is the time to fight back."

Under intense pressure from the Warren wing, 44 of the 45 Democrats present defied Obama. Even Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., the chief Democratic advocate for the fast-track bill, buckled. Proponents fell eight votes short of the 60 they needed to take up the fast-track bill.

Senate free-traders will likely find a way to revive the measure, but Tuesday's defeat will embolden opponents in the House, where the free-trade package already faced trouble. However the trade debate is resolved, the defeat in the Senate is likely to be a turning point because it shows that the populists are now in control of the Democratic Party. Anger over growing inequality has reached critical mass, and a backlash has begun against a political system that has, over the last three decades, allowed 100 percent of all income growth to go to the wealthiest 10 percent.

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"I believe in this," Obama said of the trade deal, "the same way ... that I believe in a higher minimum wage. The same way that I believe in stronger protections for workers who are trying to get a voice in their company. The same way I believe in equal pay. The same way I believe in paid sick leave."

But Obama's actions haven't matched his words, and he didn't require Republicans to accept any of those priorities before he joined them in pushing for free-trade legislation. Senate Republicans drove more Democrats into opposition when they declined requests to bring up other trade-related bills, except for legislation offering a meager (and reduced) amount of training funds for workers who lose their jobs.

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Warren, at the same event, took a shot at those Democrats who have "floated along with the idea that economic growth is in direct opposition to strengthening the well-being of America's working families ... That claim is flatly wrong."

Tuesday's 44-to-1 vote against Obama's position confirms that Warren's populists now dominate the Democratic Party — and if Obama wants to retain a semblance of relevance, he'll join them.

OUR VIEW

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Want to smoke some pot? Roll your joint and take your chances.

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Some people will argue for change. They will cite any number of polls or statistics related to developments in other states where pot laws are either more lax or recreational use is allowed.

In our view, that is fine for those states, but not what Texans want. How do we know this? The people continue to elect representatives who go down to Austin and decide prohibition makes sense for Texas.

In January, wanna-be presidential candidate and former Texas Gov. Rick Perry — as reported in the San Antonio Express-News — voiced a position on decriminalization in Texas during a trip overseas. A president Perry, citing his support for the 10th Amendment, likely would have no problem watching state after state legalize the drug if that is their choice.

It is not the position of this newspaper's Editorial Board to join the movement — however strong it might be — to push for legalization of marijuana. It is illegal to possess, and the argument for making it legal has to be better than "Well, alcohol is legal" or "It's less harmful than cigarette smoking."

More importantly, it has to start with Texans electing representatives who will go to Austin and change the law. Our preference typically is for the people's decisions at the ballot box to instigate that type of change. If lawmakers ever were to approve marijuana-reform legislation, we live with our collective decision.

We look forward to a constructive and lively debate in the future about the legalization of marijuana. We also expect that no matter the status of the drug, employers still have rights when it comes to drug-testing policies at their workplaces.

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Dallas Morning News

Last Friday night, a drunk walked into a 7-Eleven store in Troy, Michigan, shouted anti-Muslim racial slurs at the clerk and punched the manager in the face.

Where is the outrage?

In March, after a busload of foolish fraternity boys made national headlines for singing a racist chant, were white people obligated to take coffee cakes over to their black neighbors and apologize? When a bizarre fundamentalist church says the Bible makes it OK for husbands to spank their wives, should mainstream Christians issue news releases to disagree?

Probably not. Most of us take it for granted that somebody else's bad behavior does not mean we are violent, racist or just plain crazy.

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"Sadly, our image in this country has been ruined by a tiny fraction of brainwashed criminals in the Middle East," a frustrated reader in Richardson wrote me last week.

Why should this man, a vice president of his neighborhood association (I Googled him), have to reassure anybody that he's not one of that faction?

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"The president is making some fairly nasty remarks about people on the other side, that they don't understand we're in the 21st century," Joseph Stiglitz, a Nobel laureate in economics, said at the Roosevelt Institute gathering, at the National Press Club. "Actually we do. I don't think he understands."

Warren, at the same event, took a shot at those Democrats who have "floated along with the idea that economic growth is in direct opposition to strengthening the well-being of America's working families ... That claim is flatly wrong."

Tuesday's 44-to-1 vote against Obama's position confirms that Warren's populists now dominate the Democratic Party — and if Obama wants to retain a semblance of relevance, he'll join them.

OUR VIEW

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Want to smoke some pot? Roll your joint and take your chances.

That is the way it has been in Texas, and barring the most unexpected development in the history of the Texas Legislature, that is how it will be.

Some people will argue for change. They will cite any number of polls or statistics related to developments in other states where pot laws are either more lax or recreational use is allowed.

In our view, that is fine for those states, but not what Texans want. How do we know this? The people continue to elect representatives who go down to Austin and decide prohibition makes sense for Texas.

In January, wanna-be presidential candidate and former Texas Gov. Rick Perry — as reported in the San Antonio Express-News — voiced a position on decriminalization in Texas during a trip overseas. A president Perry, citing his support for the 10th Amendment, likely would have no problem watching state after state legalize the drug if that is their choice.

It is not the position of this newspaper's Editorial Board to join the movement — however strong it might be — to push for legalization of marijuana. It is illegal to possess, and the argument for making it legal has to be better than "Well, alcohol is legal" or "It's less harmful than cigarette smoking."

More importantly, it has to start with Texans electing representatives who will go to Austin and change the law. Our preference typically is for the people's decisions at the ballot box to instigate that type of change. If lawmakers ever were to approve marijuana-reform legislation, we live with our collective decision.

We look forward to a constructive and lively debate in the future about the legalization of marijuana. We also expect that no matter the status of the drug, employers still have rights when it comes to drug-testing policies at their workplaces.

But as it stands now in Midland County, if you want to smoke, you are taking a chance. This is a county where those who possess marijuana will be arrested, and those arrested because of a decision to thumb their nose at the law have no one else to blame but themselves.

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Stop asking for everyone to apologize

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Dallas Morning News

Last Friday night, a drunk walked into a 7-Eleven store in Troy, Michigan, shouted anti-Muslim racial slurs at the clerk and punched the manager in the face.

Where is the outrage?

In March, after a busload of foolish fraternity boys made national headlines for singing a racist chant, were white people obligated to take coffee cakes over to their black neighbors and apologize? When a bizarre fundamentalist church says the Bible makes it OK for husbands to spank their wives, should mainstream Christians issue news releases to disagree?

Probably not. Most of us take it for granted that somebody else's bad behavior does not mean we are violent, racist or just plain crazy.

Yet there seems to be a kind of compulsory loyalty test for Muslim Americans from which the rest of us are excused.

It goes like this: Angry, disaffected oddball undergoes voluntary brainwashing by manipulative Internet campaign. Commits or attempts splashy atrocity, as did the hapless wannabe terrorists who targeted the provocative "draw the prophet" event in Garland.

"What happened in Garland is what we all feared would happen and never wanted to have happen," wrote Muslim American journalist Dilshad Ali on her blog, "Muslimah Next Door."

Like Ali, horrified "mainstream" Muslims everywhere — imams, cultural groups, the orthodontist who fixed your kid's teeth, the lady with all the bird feeders down the block — raced to reassure non-Muslims that they condemn violent ideology.

That's not us! We aren't trying to ban bacon or stop women from driving cars or impose Shariah law on the PTA! We don't want to kill anybody!

Well, of course they don't. Yet, inevitably, the howl goes up: "Where are the mainstream Muslims? Why don't they denounce this?"

Did you miss the memo? I sometimes wonder. There have been denunciations aplenty.

But, seriously, it would try my patience to continually have to apologize for the hateful behavior of a handful of white people or the crackpot biblical interpretations made by a splinter sect of overwrought Christians.

If I felt pressured to message all of my out-of-state friends to assure them I don't agree with every objectionable sentiment voiced by a Texas politician, I'd never have time to do anything else. I just have to rely on people to have the good sense to grasp that we have not all lost our minds.

"Sadly, our image in this country has been ruined by a tiny fraction of brainwashed criminals in the Middle East," a frustrated reader in Richardson wrote me last week.

Why should this man, a vice president of his neighborhood association (I Googled him), have to reassure anybody that he's not one of that faction?

It's that kind of frustration that has fueled such backlashes as sarcastic Twitter hashtag #MuslimApologies ("I'm sorry that Mufasa had to die in Lion King"; "I am sorry Pluto is no longer a planet"), or comedian Jon Stewart's satirical reproach that a Muslim correspondent's condemnation of terrorism wasn't "denounce-y" enough.

There's a bitter humor in all this, but I'm afraid it's lost on the blowhards and bigots for whom no denunciation will ever be denounce-y enough, no apology sufficiently abject.

Because when the denunciations are duly made, these same critics won't trust them, won't believe them. They'll cherry-pick Quran verses and quote radical fundamentalist interpretations of Islamic theology. They'll claim to know "what Muslims believe" better than Muslims themselves.

"I know there will be people whom I will never be able to convince that the majority of Muslims are God-loving, peace-wanting good people," Ali wrote in her blog post after the Garland attack. "So I'll just keep trying my best to be a living example of who I want my children to be."

Like all of us, Muslim Americans have every right to voice their opinions.

But they also have the right to mind their own business and live their own lives. As Ali writes, being a living example should speak for itself.

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House approves GOP bill banning most late-term abortions

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans finally won House approval Wednesday for a late-term abortion ban after dropping rape provisions that provoked a rebellion by female GOP lawmakers, forcing party leaders into an embarrassing retreat.

The near party-line 242-184 vote marked a victory for anti-abortion lawmakers and organizations.

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The bill's number was H.R. 36, and its title was the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, called the bill "the most pro-life legislation to ever come before this body," adding, "We should all be proud to take this stand today."

Even with House passage, the measure stands little chance of becoming law. Its fate is uncertain in the more moderate Senate, and President Barack Obama would likely veto it, leaving it chiefly a way for the GOP to underscore its backing for the anti-abortion goals of some of its most ardent supporters.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest contrasted the measure's strictures with the usual Republican demands for keeping government out of people's lives, saying, "The bill continues to add a harsh burden to survivors of sexual assault, rape and incest who are already enduring unimaginable hardship."

The legislation forbids most abortions starting with the 20th week of pregnancy.

In January, Republican leaders abruptly postponed a vote on the original version, which permitted rape victims to have abortions only if they'd reported the assault to police. The new bill instead requires those women to receive medical care or counseling at least 48 hours before an abortion.

Republican women and moderates objected that the initial bill clamped harsh requirements on women making stressful decisions and could make the GOP seem callous.

"This has a much less punitive substance to it," said Rep. Jackie Walorski, R-Ind., who said she'd now support the legislation. "It's important that when we look at the care of women who are in crisis, that we make sure they're totally taken care of."

The January delay was particularly awkward for GOP leaders because that vote was to occur during the annual March for Life by abortion opponents who flock to Washington for the event. Wednesday's vote came on the second anniversary of the murder conviction of Kermit Gosnell, a Pennsylvania abortion doctor, in the deaths of three babies killed with scissors after delivery.

To help win support from anti-abortion lawmakers, the revamped measure has new protections for unborn babies.

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"It's time to open our eyes and allow our consciences to catch up with our technology," said Rep. Trent Franks, R-Ariz., the bill's chief sponsor.

Abortion rights advocates say the measure violates women's privacy and cite doctors' groups, such as the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, that have gathered evidence that fetal pain is unlikely until several weeks later.

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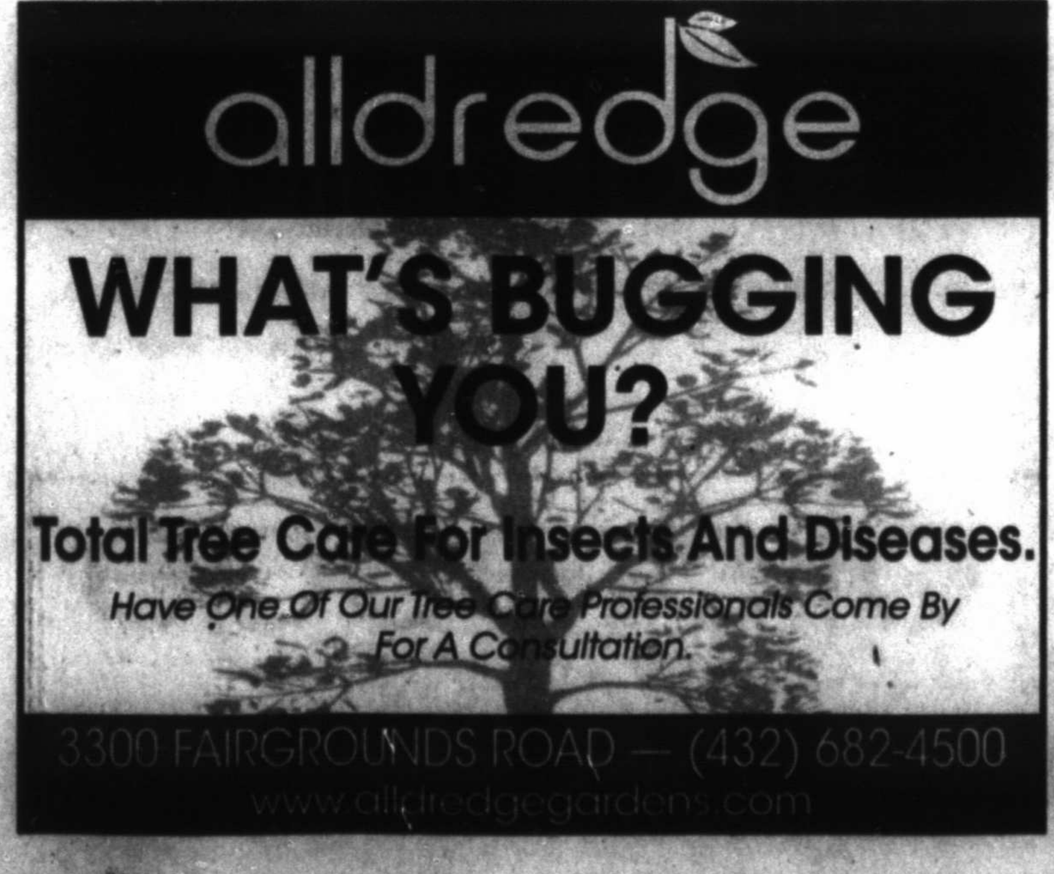

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"I believe in this," Obama said of the trade deal, "the same way ... that I believe in a higher minimum wage. The same way that I believe in stronger protections for workers who are trying to get a voice in their company. The same way I believe in equal pay. The same way I believe in paid sick leave."

But Obama's actions haven't matched his words, and he didn't require Republicans to accept any of those priorities before he joined them in pushing for free-trade legislation. Senate Republicans drove more Democrats into opposition when they declined requests to bring up other trade-related bills, except for legislation offering a meager (and reduced) amount of training funds for workers who lose their jobs.

At the White House, press secretary Josh Earnest called the vote a "procedural snafu." But Obama was undone by more than procedure. His would-be successor, Hillary Clinton, was not courageous enough to take a position on the trade legislation, but her silence gave Democrats more freedom to oppose it. And Democrats in Congress bristled at Obama's disparagement of opponents of the trade bill as emotional, illogical and dishonest.

"The president is making some fairly nasty remarks about people on the other side, that they don't understand we're in the 21st century," Joseph Stiglitz, a Nobel laureate in economics, said at the Roosevelt Institute gathering, at the National Press Club. "Actually we do. I don't think he understands."

Warren, at the same event, took a shot at those Democrats who have "floated along with the idea that economic growth is in direct opposition to strengthening the well-being of America's working families ... That claim is flatly wrong."

Tuesday's 44-to-1 vote against Obama's position confirms that Warren's populists now dominate the Democratic Party — and if Obama wants to retain a semblance of relevance, he'll join them.

OUR VIEW

Want to smoke pot? Elect officials willing to make it legal

Want to smoke some pot? Roll your joint and take your chances.

That is the way it has been in Texas, and barring the most unexpected development in the history of the Texas Legislature, that is how it will be.

Some people will argue for change. They will cite any number of polls or statistics related to developments in other states where pot laws are either more lax or recreational use is allowed.

In our view, that is fine for those states, but not what Texans want. How do we know this? The people continue to elect representatives who go down to Austin and decide prohibition makes sense for Texas.

In January, wanna-be presidential candidate and former Texas Gov. Rick Perry — as reported in the San Antonio Express-News — voiced a position on decriminalization in Texas during a trip overseas. A president Perry, citing his support for the 10th Amendment, likely would have no problem watching state after state legalize the drug if that is their choice.

It is not the position of this newspaper's Editorial Board to join the movement — however strong it might be — to push for legalization of marijuana. It is illegal to possess, and the argument for making it legal has to be better than "Well, alcohol is legal" or "It's less harmful than cigarette smoking."

More importantly, it has to start with Texans electing representatives who will go to Austin and change the law. Our preference typically is for the people's decisions at the ballot box to instigate that type of change. If lawmakers ever were to approve marijuana-reform legislation, we live with our collective decision.

We look forward to a constructive and lively debate in the future about the legalization of marijuana. We also expect that no matter the status of the drug, employers still have rights when it comes to drug-testing policies at their workplaces.

But as it stands now in Midland County, if you want to smoke, you are taking a chance. This is a county where those who possess marijuana will be arrested, and those arrested because of a decision to thumb their nose at the law have no one else to blame but themselves.

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Stop asking for everyone to apologize

■ 'Mainstream' Muslims shouldn't have to denounce the horrific acts of others

JACQUIELYNN FLOYD
Dallas Morning News

Last Friday night, a drunk walked into a 7-Eleven store in Troy, Michigan, shouted anti-Muslim racial slurs at the clerk and punched the manager in the face.

Where is the outrage?

In March, after a busload of foolish fraternity boys made national headlines for singing a racist chant, were white people obligated to take coffee cakes over to their black neighbors and apologize? When a bizarre fundamentalist church says the Bible makes it OK for husbands to spank their wives, should mainstream Christians issue news releases to disagree?

Probably not. Most of us take it for granted that somebody else's bad behavior does not mean we are violent, racist or just plain crazy.

Yet there seems to be a kind of compulsory loyalty test for Muslim Americans from which the rest of us are excused.

It goes like this: Angry, disaffected oddball undergoes voluntary brainwashing by manipulative Internet campaign. Commits or attempts splashy atrocity, as did the hapless wannabe terrorists who targeted the provocative "draw the prophet" event in Garland.

"What happened in Garland is what we all feared would happen and never wanted to have happen," wrote Muslim American journalist Dilshad Ali on her blog, "Muslimah Next Door."

Like Ali, horrified "mainstream" Muslims everywhere — imams, cultural groups, the orthodontist who fixed your kid's teeth, the lady with all the bird feeders down the block — raced to reassure non-Muslims that they condemn violent ideology.

That's not us! We aren't trying to ban bacon or stop women from driving cars or impose Shariah law on the PTA! We don't want to kill anybody!

Well, of course they don't. Yet, inevitably, the howl goes up: "Where are the mainstream Muslims? Why don't they denounce this?"

Did you miss the memo? I sometimes wonder. There have been denunciations aplenty.

But, seriously, it would try my patience to continually have to apologize for the hateful behavior of a handful of white people or the crackpot biblical interpretations made by a splinter sect of overwrought Christians.

If I felt pressured to message all of my out-of-state friends to assure them I don't agree with every objectionable sentiment voiced by a Texas politician, I'd never have time to do anything else. I just have to rely on people to have the good sense to grasp that we have not all lost our minds.

"Sadly, our image in this country has been ruined by a tiny fraction of brainwashed criminals in the Middle East," a frustrated reader in Richardson wrote me last week.

Why should this man, a vice president of his neighborhood association (I Googled him), have to reassure anybody that he's not one of that faction?

It's that kind of frustration that has fueled such backlashes as sarcastic Twitter hashtag #MuslimApologies ("I'm sorry that Mufasa had to die in Lion King"; "I am sorry Pluto is no longer a planet"), or comedian Jon Stewart's satirical reproach that a Muslim correspondent's condemnation of terrorism wasn't "denounce-y" enough.

There's a bitter humor in all this, but I'm afraid it's lost on the blowhards and bigots for whom no denunciation will ever be denounce-y enough, no apology sufficiently abject.

Because when the denunciations are duly made, these same critics won't trust them, won't believe them. They'll cherry-pick Quran verses and quote radical fundamentalist interpretations of Islamic theology. They'll claim to know "what Muslims believe" better than Muslims themselves.

"I know there will be people whom I will never be able to convince that the majority of Muslims are God-loving, peace-wanting good people," Ali wrote in her blog post after the Garland attack. "So I'll just keep trying my best to be a living example of who I want my children to be."

Like all of us, Muslim Americans have every right to voice their opinions.

But they also have the right to mind their own business and live their own lives. As Ali writes, being a living example should speak for itself.

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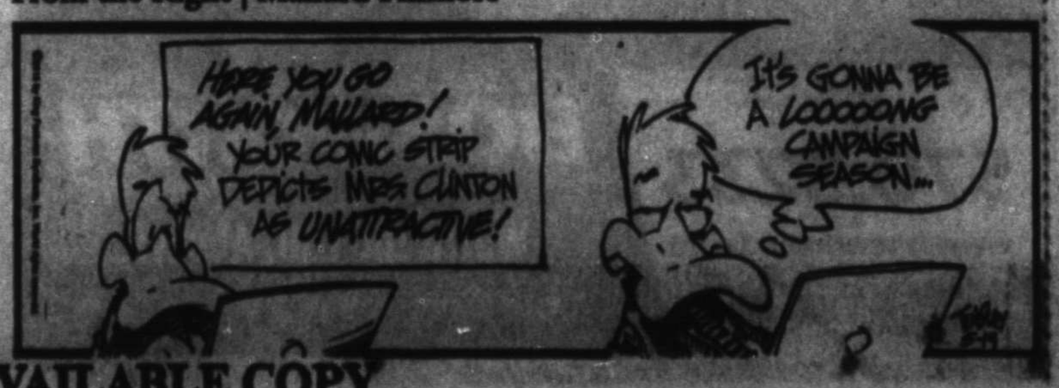

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House approves GOP bill banning most late-term abortions

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans finally won House approval Wednesday for a late-term abortion ban after dropping rape provisions that provoked a rebellion by female GOP lawmakers, forcing party leaders into an embarrassing retreat.

The near party-line 242-184 vote marked a victory for anti-abortion lawmakers and organizations.

Rep. Mike Conaway, R-Midland, voted to pass the bill. He also was a bill co-sponsor.

The bill's number was H.R. 36, and its title was the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, called the bill "the most pro-life legislation to ever come before this body," adding, "We should all be proud to take this stand today."

Even with House passage, the measure stands little chance of becoming law. Its fate is uncertain in the more moderate Senate, and President Barack Obama would likely veto it, leaving it chiefly a way for the GOP to underscore its backing for the anti-abortion goals of some of its most ardent supporters.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest contrasted the measure's strictures with the usual Republican demands for keeping government out of people's lives, saying, "The bill continues to add a harsh burden to survivors of sexual assault, rape and incest who are already enduring unimaginable hardship."

The legislation forbids most abortions starting with the 20th week of pregnancy.

In January, Republican leaders abruptly postponed a vote on the original version, which permitted rape victims to have abortions only if they'd reported the assault to police. The new bill instead requires those women to receive medical care or counseling at least 48 hours before an abortion.

Republican women and moderates objected that the initial bill clamped harsh requirements on women making stressful decisions and could make the GOP seem callous.

"This has a much less punitive substance to it," said Rep. Jackie Walorski, R-Ind., who said she'd now support the legislation. "It's important that when we look at the care of women who are in crisis, that we make sure they're totally taken care of."

The January delay was particularly awkward for GOP leaders because that vote was to occur during the annual March for Life by abortion opponents who flock to Washington for the event. Wednesday's vote came on the second anniversary of the murder conviction of Kermit Gosnell, a Pennsylvania abortion doctor, in the deaths of three babies killed with scissors after delivery.

To help win support from anti-abortion lawmakers, the revamped measure has new protections for unborn babies.

If an abortion doctor believes the fetus could survive outside the womb, a second doctor must be present to care for it, including taking it to a hospital. Women would also have to sign consent forms describing the fetus' age and the steps to be taken to save its life.

Republicans named the legislation the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, citing what they said is evidence that fetuses at 20 weeks can feel pain.

"It's time to open our eyes and allow our consciences to catch up with our technology," said Rep. Trent Franks, R-Ariz., the bill's chief sponsor.

Abortion rights advocates say the measure violates women's privacy and cite doctors' groups, such as the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, that have gathered evidence that fetal pain is unlikely until several weeks later.

Bush almost an official 2016 candidate

Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — Over and over again, Jeb Bush has said he's still thinking about whether to run for president.

But for half a sentence Wednesday, Bush let on it's a decision he's already made. And he's in the race for the White House.

Talking with reporters after a town hall in Reno, Nevada, the former Florida governor said, "I'm running for president in 2016 and the focus is going to be about how we, if I run, how do you create high sustained economic growth."

Bush noted several times in the same conversation he is still thinking about whether to run and caught himself before ending the sentence in which he said he was running by adding that caveat. Earlier in the same exchange he had said, "If I run, it will be 2016."

But the caveat is important. It's one Bush has uttered countless times since January, traveling to early voting and battleground states and meeting voters. It's what has allowed him to raise limitless money to fuel a super PAC expected to complement his campaign once he officially announces his candidacy.

Once a White House hopeful launches a formal campaign, he or she can no longer coordinate activities with a super PAC. That's why people who are running a presidential campaign in all but name hold off on declaring their intentions until the time suits them — even as they make speeches, meet donors and undertake other activities that are clearly the work of a presidential contender.

Bush's super PAC, Right to Rise, is expected under the guidance of longtime adviser Mike Murphy to conduct many of the functions a candidate's campaign would — but without coordination with Bush or the federal contribution limits that go with a campaign.

AP file photo

Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, seen here at an event April 7, hinted Wednesday that he'll seek a bid for the White House during a town hall meeting in Reno, Nev.

At the event in Reno, the former Florida governor again refused to say whether he would have proceeded with the 2003 invasion of Iraq if he'd been in brother and former President George W. Bush's shoes. Anyone in hindsight "would have made different decisions," he told reporters. "There is no denying that. But to delve into that and not focus on the future, I think is where I need to draw the line."

Pressed by a voter at the town hall-style meeting about the war, Bush said: "Talking about the future is more than fair. Talking about the past, saying how would you have done something after the fact is a little tougher, and it doesn't necessarily change anything."

Bush later noted that such voter encounters stand in contrast to what he described as Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton's campaign.

"You can't script your way to the presidency, put yourself in a protective bubble and never interact with people — only talk with people that totally agree with you," Bush said. "That's not going to work. That's not very sincere."

House passes bill to end bulk collection of US phone records

By Ken Dilanian
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House voted by a wide margin Wednesday to end the National Security Agency's bulk collection of Americans' phone records and replace it with a system to search the data held by telephone companies on a case-by-case basis.

The 338-to-88 vote set the stage for a Senate showdown just weeks before the Patriot Act provisions authorizing the program are due to expire.

Rep. Mike Conaway, R-Midland, voted to approve the bill.

The bill's number was H.R. 2048. Its title was the Uniting and Strengthening America by Fulfilling Rights and Ensuring Effective Discipline Over Monitoring Act of 2015.

If the House bill becomes law, it will represent one of the most significant changes stemming from the unauthorized disclosures of former NSA contractor Edward Snowden. But many Senate Republicans don't like the measure, and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has introduced a separate version that would keep the program as is. Yet, he also faces opposition from within his party and has said he is open to compromise.

President Barack Obama supports the House legislation, known as the USA Freedom Act, which is in line with a proposal he made last March. The House passed a similar bill last year, but it failed in the Senate.

Most House members would rather see the Patriot Act provisions expire altogether than re-authorize NSA bulk collection, said Rep. Adam Schiff, ranking Democrat on the intelligence committee. "I think the Senate is ultimately going to pass something like the USA Freedom Act," he said.

The issue, which exploded into public view two years ago, has implications for the 2016 presidential contest, with Republican candidates staking out different positions.

The revelation that the NSA had for years been secretly collecting all records of U.S. landline phone calls was among the most controversial disclosures by Snowden, a former NSA systems administrator who in 2013 leaked thousands of secret documents to journalists.

The program collects the number called, along with the date, time and duration of call, but not the content or people's names. It stores the information in an NSA database that a small number of analysts query for matches against the phone numbers of known terrorists abroad, hunting for domestic connections to plots.

Officials acknowledge the program has never foiled a terrorist attack, and some within the NSA had proposed abandoning it even before it leaked — on the grounds that its financial and privacy costs outweighed its counterterrorism benefits.

Senate agrees to open debate on trade agenda

By Charles Babington
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senators reached a deal Wednesday to move forward on President Barack Obama's trade agenda only one day after Democrats embarrassed him by blocking it.

Lawmakers said about a dozen Senate Democrats agreed to let full-blown debate begin after both parties' leaders consented to tweak the package that failed on a procedural vote Tuesday. Those Democrats' votes were the difference between blocking the agenda and letting it move ahead.

The breakthrough doesn't assure Obama of receiving "fast track" negotiating authority, which would let him send to Congress trade proposals it can kill or ratify, but not amend. That's still subject to weeks or months of Senate and House debates, amendments and votes.

But the breakthrough gave the White House a welcomed respite from the negative headlines stemming from Tuesday's setback, which was driven entirely by Democrats.

Most Democratic lawmakers oppose free-trade agreements, saying they reduce U.S. jobs. Labor unions and liberal groups, which are vital to Democrats' campaigns, strongly oppose fast track.

Tuesday's impasse involved side issues including a proposal to punish countries that keep their currency artificially low to boost exports. Wednesday's agreement calls for a stand-alone vote on a customs enforcement bill that includes "currency manipulation" sanctions, perhaps as early as today.

A vote on fast track would come later, possibly next week.

The administration generally opposes addressing currency issues in trade bills, saying it could invite allegations against the Federal Reserve's efforts to help the U.S. economy. Keeping currency manipulation provisions out of the fast track bill was important to Obama's allies. It's possible the president would veto other bills that include such provisions.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said this week, "We believe that we have a variety of effective mechanisms already that allow the administration — as we've effectively done when it comes to China and Japan — to protect the interest of the United States and our economy when it comes to currency policy."

Under Wednesday's agreement, the Senate will vote first on the customs enforcement bill and next on a bill to renew the African Growth and Opportunity Agreement. Those bills drew less debate in the Senate Finance Committee than did the fast track bill.

After that, senators presumably will have enough votes to start the full-blown debate over fast track, the most important and contentious of the trade items. It will include "trade adjustment assistance," which provides aid to workers displaced by trade pacts, a priority for liberals.

Even with that, however, most Democrats may vote against fast track. But heavy Republican support, plus about a dozen Democrats, could move it through the Senate and to the House, where another fierce debate is likely.

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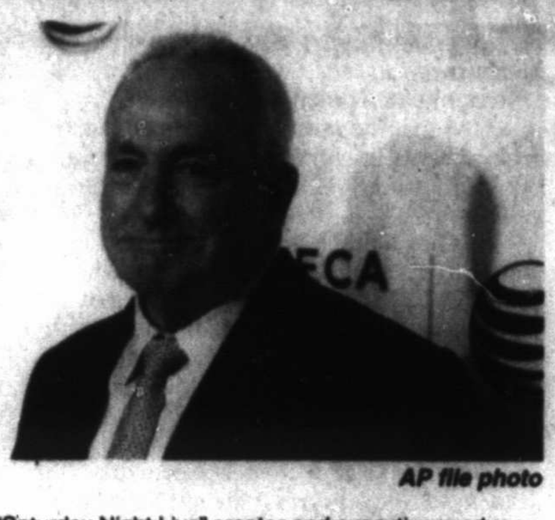
'SNL' boss Michaels wraps its 40th season as he looks ahead

By Frazier Moore
Associated Press



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On April 15 "Saturday Night Live" creator and executive producer Lorne Michaels attends the 2015 Tribeca Film Festival.

NEW YORK — With less than two hours before dress rehearsal for the Mother's Day edition of "Saturday Night Live," the mood seemed relaxed. Studio 8H at NBC's 30 Rockefeller Plaza, where guest host Reese Witherspoon would soon preside, was almost deserted.

And Lorne Michaels, "SNL" creator and executive producer, exuded mellowness as he welcomed a reporter to his office just past 6 p.m. to chat about the 40th season (which concludes Saturday at 10:30 p.m., with Louis C.K. hosting), late-night TV in general and what lies ahead.

What follows is an edited version of that conversation.

AP: Things appear remarkably calm around here!

Michaels: It will become less calm in about half an hour.

AP: Any particular concerns about the show right now?

Michaels (laughs): Let's start with being 26 minutes (too) long! And we have most of the cast's mothers performing, and I don't think you want to cut anyone's mother on Mother's Day!

AP: You're in the home stretch of a remarkable season.

Michaels: It's been an odd season. The high point came in February, with our doing the 40th (anniversary special). There were so many moving parts, and all the emotion. When it turned out as well as it did, I think we were all stunned. Then I, for one, was very happy to get back to doing the normal shows.

AP: But the season finale won't be exactly normal, will it?

Michaels: It's always complicated, because you have a feeling of, "I'd like to go into the summer with a great memory of that show," so you feel a different kind of pressure. The way you get through the season is: There's always next week. And then, with the finale, there's three months of summer. But it always works out.

AP: There's been some turnover in the cast the last couple of seasons, especially after the loss of Kristen Wiig, Fred Armisen, Andy Samberg and Jason Sudeikis. Is the dust beginning to settle?

Michaels: What I'm most pleased with this season is this cast. It FEELS like it's a cast. I think they feel good about themselves, like it's their time, and that the audience is completely behind them. (Weekend) Update was the hardest transition (with last season's departure of longtime anchor Seth Meyers). But now it's in a really good place with Colin (Jost) and Michael (Che).

AP: As executive producer of "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" and "Late Night with Seth Meyers," you've been leading elsewhere on NBC's late-night lineup, while things are in flux for your competition at CBS, where "The Late Late Show with James Corden" only premiered in March and Stephen Colbert won't be taking over "Late Show"from David Letterman until September.

Michaels: I think Corden is a wonderful performer and that he will figure it out. Almost everything before you go on the air is conceptual — and then, there's the doing it. The doing it is what you learn from. And if you follow your successes, if you see the things that are working for you and that viewers are responding to, I think you generally get to a place that's successful.

But I don't think you'll be able to tell what Corden's show is until Colbert is in front of it. Once that lineup is in place, Colbert is formidable. He stands for intelligence, and he's a wonderful performer.

I think Jimmy is killing it, and Seth's show gets better and better. But I don't think any of us underestimate what the fall could be like, so we just want to go in prepared and doing our best work.

AP: What are your thoughts about Letterman's retirement from "Late Show" next week?

Michaels: He has the highest level of integrity. I watch his show, and there's something very honest about it, and truly funny. Because he's been in New York, and he used to be in this same building (hosting "Late Night" from 1982-93), and because his bandleader (Paul Shaffer) used to be here (in the early years of "SNL"), there's been a kinship. His last show will be a difficult thing to watch.

AP: Letterman is leaving after a total of 33 years in late-night talk, at age 68. You've been running "Saturday Night Live" for 40 years, along with many other projects, and this season you observed your 70th birthday. Do you have an exit strategy?

Michaels: I have no plans not to be here. It's what I do, I love it, and I feel really strong and clear about what I want to do. In terms of the hours, and how hard it is, well, the schedule is the schedule. I leave here on Tuesday nights around 2 o'clock in the morning. That hasn't changed, although there are many, many people who, when I leave, are still here writing.

To use a tennis metaphor, after a certain point, you can't keep charging the net, and you fall back to the lob game. But you still can win. I think I care just as much as I did at the beginning, and I think, at lots of levels, I'm better at it now. You learn to trust signs that something isn't going to work earlier than you used to or that this person is talking nonsense earlier than you used to, and you're confident enough to say "We've got it. Let's move on."

But it's still scary every week. Dress rehearsal is always still a mess. You go, "How did I think this was going to work?" And then you scramble, and everybody pulls it together.

And with that, Michaels excused himself. Just an hour-and-change until dress rehearsal. A long evening was in store for him and everybody else to pull another one together. And, of course, they did.

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Closing: "Unfriended," "Get Hard"

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Opening: "Mad Max Fury Road," "Pitch Perfect 2," "Age of Adaline"
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REDNECK CRAZY Tyler Farr to play Graham Central Station next week.

CRUDEFEST2015

Music festival brings Les Lawless back home

By Rich Lopez
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Although Les Lawless now calls the San Antonio-area home and lives his life as a paid musician in a successful Texas country band, he still thrilled to play in Midland.

The Lee High School alum actually digs when his friends can see him onstage in his own hometown.

"I enjoy playing Midland a lot," Lawless said. "My family and a ton of friends still live there, so I come in and out quite a bit. I get to see old high school friends and people I don't see regularly, and they come out to the shows. That's pretty cool for me."

Lawless plays drums for the Randy Rogers Band. The band headlines the Friday night installment of this year's Crudefest.

He's been with the band since its formation in 2002. They've found success with strong album releases like 2010's "Burning the Day" and 2013's "Trouble." The band released the live album and DVD "Homemade Tamales — Live at Floore's" in 2014.

So times are good for the band and for Lawless. As for how it happened, he couldn't quite say.

"I don't know how we were able to stand apart from other bands doing what we do. Fans just took to us. We had some sort of X-factor, and I'm happy for it," he said with a laugh. "But Randy's a really good songwriter, and he has a way of writing that women fall in love with and men think is cool, you know?"

Lawless admits songwriting isn't for him. He's not wired that way.

But his interests go well beyond drumming and music. First, he's a huge golf fan. The Randy Rogers Band even recorded the intro music for the show "Secret Golf," which just began a run on CBS Sports Network.

And another interest can be found on the south side of I-20.

He and Rogers decided to start a side business, so they found themselves partnering with a chef friend to start a food truck. The truck would appear at festivals and concerts and seasonally at the Guadalupe River. They then discovered that oil fields were a guaranteed source of income.

"We're actually set up in Midland now," he said. "We have the Outlaw Café there and a couple of trucks based in Permian Lodging, but it's open to the public."

Lawless adds that going into the food business made sense being that's how they rate the venues they play.

"We both like food, first of all, but then we will judge a venue by what restaurants are around," he said. "We left the menu mostly up to the chef, but it's a lot of familiar food. It's been fun, but it can be stressful at times, too."

Lawless finds less stress in being on the road playing night after night than working with payroll or fixing a busted truck, but it's all a matter of balance.

"I just deal with everything as it happens," he said.

Coming back to Midland will be somewhat bittersweet this time for Lawless. He spoke about the passing of Lee's longtime band director Randy Storie earlier this week.

"I'm kind of sad to see him go," Lawless said. "I've never had a teacher push me so hard. He was amazing, and I can't imagine I would be here in a successful music career without him being a part of it in my formative years. He really got greatness out his students."

IF YOU GO

See the artist lineup, check out ticket and parking pricess and camping arramgements on **Page 3.**

WANT TO GO?

Crudefest Texas Music Festival, 5209 S. County Road 1270. May 14-16. General admission multi-day passes $75-$90. Thecrudefest.com.

Musician Tom Russell sounds like a Texan but feels like an outsider

By Rich Lopez
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Legendary songwriter Tom Russell will bring his impressive discography to Midland. He will perform Saturday at the Wagner and Brown auditorium at Midland College. Tall Townes Entertainment presents the concert.

Tall Townes has also teamed up with Chef Chip Hight to provide an accompanying dinner option. Hight will present a Mexican buffet menu that will include posole, Gulf-fish ceviche, homemade chips and salsa, chicken enchiladas with green sauce, carne guisada with tres leches and alfajores for dessert.

Before Russell heads to Midland, he chatted about his most recent work and final piece in his Western trilogy, "The Rose of Roscrae," and the theatrical qualities behind it. The California-born Russell talks about how Texas has heavily influenced his career and how West Texas and his one-time home El Paso figure into Texas' music lore.

MRT: Where did your idea for "The Rose of Roscrae" stem from?

Russell: I've been working on this for 20 years. It started with a film idea about my sister-in-law Claudia Russell, who was ranching alone on a 3,000-acre historic Spanish ranch in California. She had to shoot two bears that had come into her house. She had a deep history in the West.

MRT: You're definitely a storyteller, but "Roscrae" has a unique air about it.

Russell: I had always wanted to write a frontier musical like I'd heard when I was a kid. But I wanted mine to have more authentic Cowboy language, traditional songs and edgy originals.

MRT: So you did envision your trilogy as something beyond concept albums. They are fantastically epic and visual.

Russell: Yes, 'The Rose Of Roscrae' is aimed at the Broadway stage, or maybe even a Western movie. The earlier record 'The Man From God Knows Where' was produced at several colleges, but I think there's a lot more possibilities for 'The Rose' to make the stage.

MRT: How do you respond when you're called "one of the best singer-songwriters of our time?"

Russell: I'm deeply honored, of course, but there are still some giants out there. Bob

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WANT TO WIN TICKETS?

Look on mrt.com for a chance to win tickets to see **Tom Russell** at **Midland College.**

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Artist Jonah LaMonica stands at his studio, Element 46, on Wednesday at Palladium Arts Studio.

Element 46 will bring a mix of modern and vintage to Midland

By Rich Lopez
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Artist Jonah LaMonica has an eye for the eclectic, which is evident in his Palladium Arts studio tucked into the South side of Midland on Cotton Flat Road.

But his eye is expanding.

LaMonica launches his new Element 46 boutique with a party open to the public on Saturday.

"In Element 46, I can offer

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CALENDAR

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

MUSIC

Lowdown, 6:30-9:30 p.m. today at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

49th annual Jazz Party Collaboration, 7-11 p.m. today through Saturday and 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at MCM Elegante in Odessa. wtjs.org.

Crudefest Texas Music Festival, today through Saturday at 5209 South County Road 1270. thecrudefest.com.

Imagine open mic night for contemporary Christian music, 6-9 p.m. Friday at Tea2Go. 689-5451.

One — Metallica tribute band, Friday at Hacienda Event Center. haciendamidland.com.

West Texas Winds Children's Concert, 2 p.m. Saturday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. co.midland.tx.us.

Ernesto, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

An Evening with Tom Russell, 8 p.m. Saturday at Wagner and Brown Auditorium at Midland College. talltownes.com.

Johnny Cash and Roy Orbison tribute concert, 8 p.m. Saturday at Ector Theatre. ectortheatre.com.

Celtic Woman, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

ART & DANCE

West Texas Salseros Latin Night with performance by Johan and Alyssa Ibanez of Dallas, 9 p.m. Friday at DoubleTree by Hilton Midland Plaza. wtxsalseros.com.

Salsa dancing lesson with Johan and Alyssa Ibanez of Dallas, 1 p.m. Saturday at Love To Dance Studio in Odessa. wtxsalseros.com.

Spring Fashion Workshop, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday at Ellen Noel Art Museum. noelartmuseum.org.

GAMES & SPORTS

RockHounds baseball and Thirsty Thursday, 7 p.m. today at Security Ballpark. milb.com.

RockHounds baseball, 7 p.m. Friday at Security Ballpark. milb.com.

RockHounds baseball, 7 p.m. Saturday at Security Ballpark. milb.com.

RockHounds baseball, 2 p.m. Sunday at Security Ballpark. milb.com.

Play bridge at Allison Bridge Center, 682-8595.

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

Senior bingo, 10 a.m. Fridays at Cimarron House.

THEATER, COMEDY & FILM

Improv at the Yucca, 8 p.m. today at Yucca Theatre. mctmidland.org.

"Fixing Up," Friday through May 30 at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

EVENTS

Sibley Nature Center Distinguished Lecture Series speaker Robert Young on "Sustainability and Economic Development," 7 p.m. today at Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland. 684-6827.

Midland Downtown Farmers Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday at Museum of the Southwest. midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com.

Running for the Mission — Family 5K Run/Walk benefiting Mission Center Adult Day Service, 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Midland Shared Spaces. 230-0988.

MFD Strong Man and Woman Competition benefiting the family of Aaron Hughes, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at Heroes Fitness. 528-4942.

Ragin' Cajun to benefit Special Olympics Texas, 4-11 p.m. Saturday at CAF. sotx.org/ragincajunmidland.

Walk/Run/Swim for Hunger appreciation dinner and auction to benefit Jubilee Center, Sunday at Hogan Park. jubileemidland.org.

KID-FRIENDLY

Discover the Dinosaurs, Saturday and Sunday at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

Storytime for preschool, 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Barnes and Noble Booksellers. barnesandnoble.com.

Dome shows, throughout the week at Marian Blakemore Planetarium. museumsw.org 683-2882.

"Permian Monsters: Life Before the Dinosaurs" through July 26 at Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum and the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. museumsw.org.

COMING SOON

MAY

Petroleum Museum Lunch and Lecture with Sgt. David Perez of Honor Our Troops, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. May 19 at Petroluem Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Show of Support volunteer dinner, May 19 at Horseshoe Pavilion. showofsupport.org.

"R.E.M. by MTV," 7:30 p.m. May 19 at Cinemark in Odessa. fathomevents.com.

Storytime, 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. May 20 at Ellen Noel Art Museum. noelartmuseum.org.

Brant Croucher, 6:30-9:30 p.m. May 20 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

Neil Gaiman, 7 p.m. May 20 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Laura Bush Literacy Program Reading Event, 4:30-5:30 p.m. May 21 at George W. Bush Childhood Home visitor center. bushchildhoodhome.org.

Lowdown, 6:30-9:30 p.m. May 21 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

Tyler Farr, 8 p.m. May 21 at Graham Central Station in Odessa. grahamcentralstationodessa.com.

Saliva, Puddle of Mud,

Saving Abel, 8 p.m. May 21 at Hacienda Event Center. haciendamidland.com.

Latin Night with free lesson and Latin dancing, 7 p.m. May 22 at Cafe at the Gardens. wtxsalseros.com.

Improv at the Yucca, May 22 at Yucca Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Star Party, dusk May 22 at Blakemore Planetarium. museumsw.org.

"Blazing Saddles," 7:30 p.m. May 22-23 at Ector Theatre. ectortheatre.com.

Wolf 359, 6:30-9:30 p.m. May 23 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

Unspoken: Be The Spark. Start A Fire, 6 p.m. May 24 at First Baptist Church. unspokenmusic.com.

Le Vian Collection show, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. May 26 at Jared The Galleria of Jewelry. levian.com.

RockHounds baseball, 6:30 p.m. May 26 at Security Ballpark. milb.com.

RockHounds baseball, 6:30 p.m. May 27 at Security Ballpark. milb.com.

Lone Star Brass Children's Concert, 2 p.m. May 27 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. co.midland.tx.us.

Lowdown, 6:30-9:30 p.m. May 28 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

RockHounds baseball and Thirsty Thursday, 7 p.m. May 28 at Security Ballpark. milb.com.

West Texas Salseros Latin Nights, 9 p.m. May 29 at DoubleTree by Hilton Midland Plaza. wtxsalseros.com.

Kruse Classic Car Auction, 1-10 p.m. May 29 and 8 a.m.-10 p.m. May 30 at Horseshoe Pavilion. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Midland Community Band "Lone Star March," 7 p.m. May 29 at Allison Fine Arts auditorium at Midland College. facebook.com/pages/Midland-Community-Band

RockHounds baseball, 7 p.m. May 29 at Security Ballpark. milb.com.

SciFriday Show: "Pacific Rim," 8 p.m. May 29 at Blakemore Planetarium. museumsw.org.

Murf, 6:30-9:30 p.m. May 30 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

RockHounds baseball, 7 p.m. May 30 at Security Ballpark. milb.com.

RockHounds baseball, 2 p.m. May 31 at Security Ballpark. milb.com.

JUNE

Bush Tennis Center summer camps, sessions June 1-Aug. 11 at Bush Tennis Center. bushtenniscenter.com.

Camp Fire West Texas summer day camp, 7:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m. June 1-Aug. 14 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. campfirewtx.org.

YMCA Mini Camp: Indoor Soccer Camp, 1-4 p.m. June 1-5 at Midland YMCA. midlandymca.org.

Summer Movie Camp "How to Train Your Dragon 2," 9:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. June 2 at Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

ELEMENT 46

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something that I've picked out or really liked. When I look at a piece I know that I would like it and put in my own house," he said. "We don't just take a catalog and start ordering."

Instead, his new home décor shop will feature a diverse sclection that mixes modern pieces with vintage flair from small pieces to grand statements for the home.

The shop — located at his studio — is a cozy showroom that brings an artistic air to Midland retail.

"I would say it's unique that I've never been to s a store with both new and vintage in this way," LaMonica said.

Ironically, he said his own works won't have as much prominence in his shop.

With good reason.

"Palladium Arts pieces are time consuming which is exactly another reason to open the store instead of not being able to offer Palladium pieces which can take several months," he said. "In Element 46, I can offer something that speaks to my own style."

He praised his wife Courtney with balancing both his style and the store's vision.

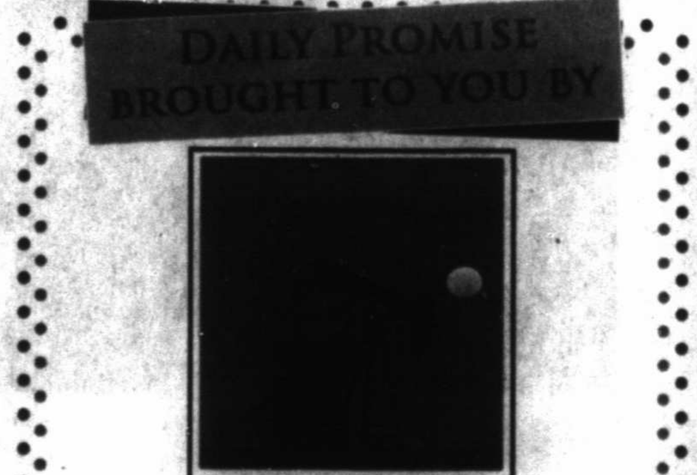
"My style was man-cave before I was married. Being married really softened up my style and Courtney brought a lot that to the new store. There's a nice balance of masculine and feminine," he said.

Beyond that, Element 46 is another step in a growing voice in Midland. The shop is something easily seen in artsy neighborhoods of bigger cites. Instead, he kept it close to home.

"I love Midland and grew up here. It's not an easy market to work in but it needs to step out of its comfort zone," he said. "But I'm really proud of Midland and the strides it has made to grow. I love seeing Midland grow and to be a part of it."

WANT TO GO?

Element 46 Launch Party, 1408 Cotton Flat Road. May 16 at 6:30-11:30 p.m. Starting May 18, shop hours will be Monday-Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. element46.com.



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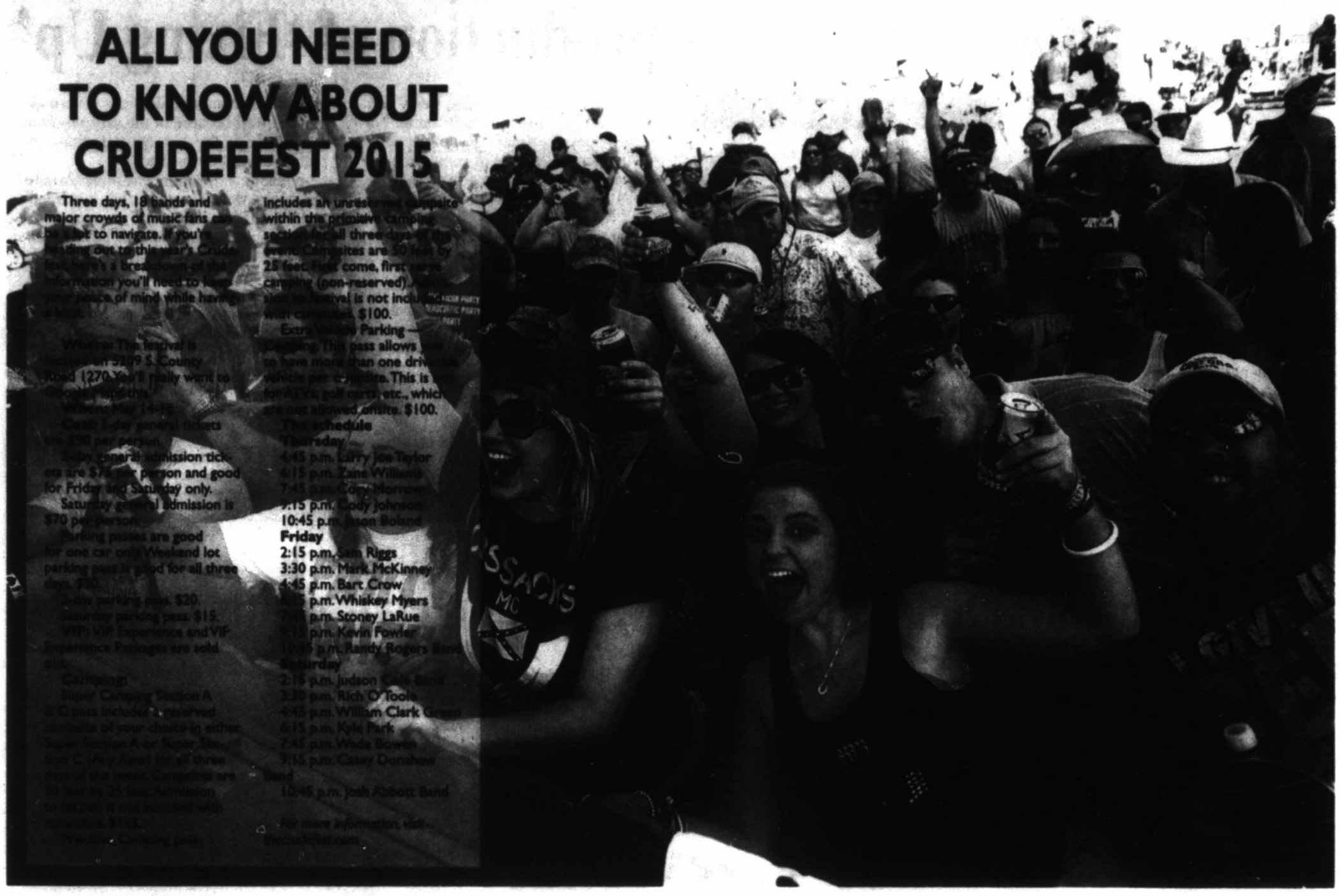

RUSSELL

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Dylan, Ian Tyson, Merle Haggard, Leonard Cohen, John Prine, Guy Clark. I still have a lot of work to do.

MRT: With such a long and acclaimed career, which songs still give you that same charge as the day you wrote them?

Russell: My favorites are 'Guadalupe,' 'I Talk To God,' 'East Of Woodstock, West Of Vietnam,' 'Nina Simone' and 'Blue Wing.' If they're well written, they take on a life of their own.

MRT: Your music is so connected to Texas that it's easy to forget you're not from here. What about the state and its culture appealed to you?

Russell: I've had a good run in El Paso. The geography of West Texas has always appealed to me, though I don't consider myself a Texan. I've always felt a rank outsider wherever I am.

MRT: To add to that, the Mexican influence on your music is prominent as well. Could you elaborate on that?

Russell: I've mined the border region for plenty of material: the Juarez drug wars, the deep Spanish history and on and on. I grew up in Los Angeles and always heard Mexican music. One of my first songs, 'Gallo Del Cielo,' is a corrido in English. On the 'Rose of Roscrae,' I wanted to expand our notion of Americana music, which should include Mexican music, South-American music, French-Canadian music, blues. I even have a Swiss Yogel Choir on the record, because there were Swiss and German communities in Texas. This is the roots of our music.

MRT: On a different note, Texas gets a lot of flak from the media and the web for its conservatism and political ideologies. How do you resolve that against how you see Texas artistically and culturally?

Russell: I'm not all that interested in politics or ideologies where people speak from a script. I'm a songwriter and a painter. I'm more interested in creating something that will have lasting magic.

MRT: You paint, you write, you play music — do you see yourself as a Renaissance man?

Russell: I just try to stay busy. We don't own a television. I read books, I paint, I write songs. Occasionally I tour. I also write essays on the West for a serious journal called 'Ranch and Reata.'

MRT: 2014 was quite a big year for your music. How was it seeing some of your previous music given a second life?

Russell: We have a great record company Frontera Records run by a friend of mine in Kansas City. He's released a lot of Tom Russell albums filled with rarities. Also, Rockbeat Records released 'The Western Years,' a double anthology, as well as 'Tulare Dust,' the Merle Haggard tribute Dave Alvin and I co-produced.

This year they're re-releasing two records I did with Barrence Whitfield, so there's a lot of Tom Russell available.

MRT: Of your own albums, which would you recommend to a new listener for a proper 'Tom Russell experience?'

Russell: 'Blood and Candle Smoke' was recorded with Calexico a few years back and I think the sound and songs are pretty hip. And the current 'Rose of Roscrae' is the biggest and to my mind best thing I've produced. 'Hotwalker' is quite interesting for someone who knows the history of Beat Poetry.

MRT: Much of your music really speaks to a West Texas spirit and you also lived in El Paso for a spell. How would you define that spirit?

Russell: The music that comes out of West Texas and El Paso is infused with a feeling of the frontier and the landscape, which is pretty raw but honest.

WANT TO GO?

An Evening with Tom Russell in the Wagner and Brown Auditorium at Midland College, 3600 North Garfield St. 8 p.m. Saturday. $27.50 concert; $62.50 concert and dinner. Talltownes.com.

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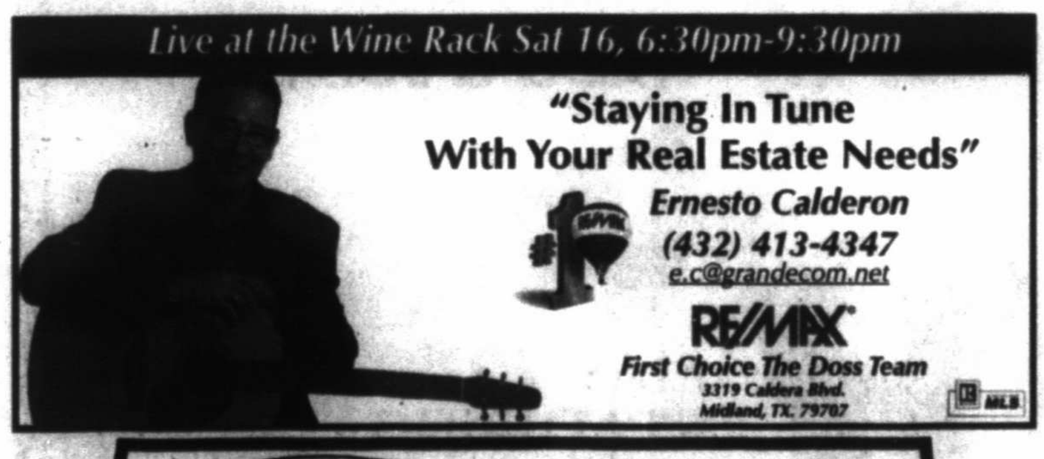

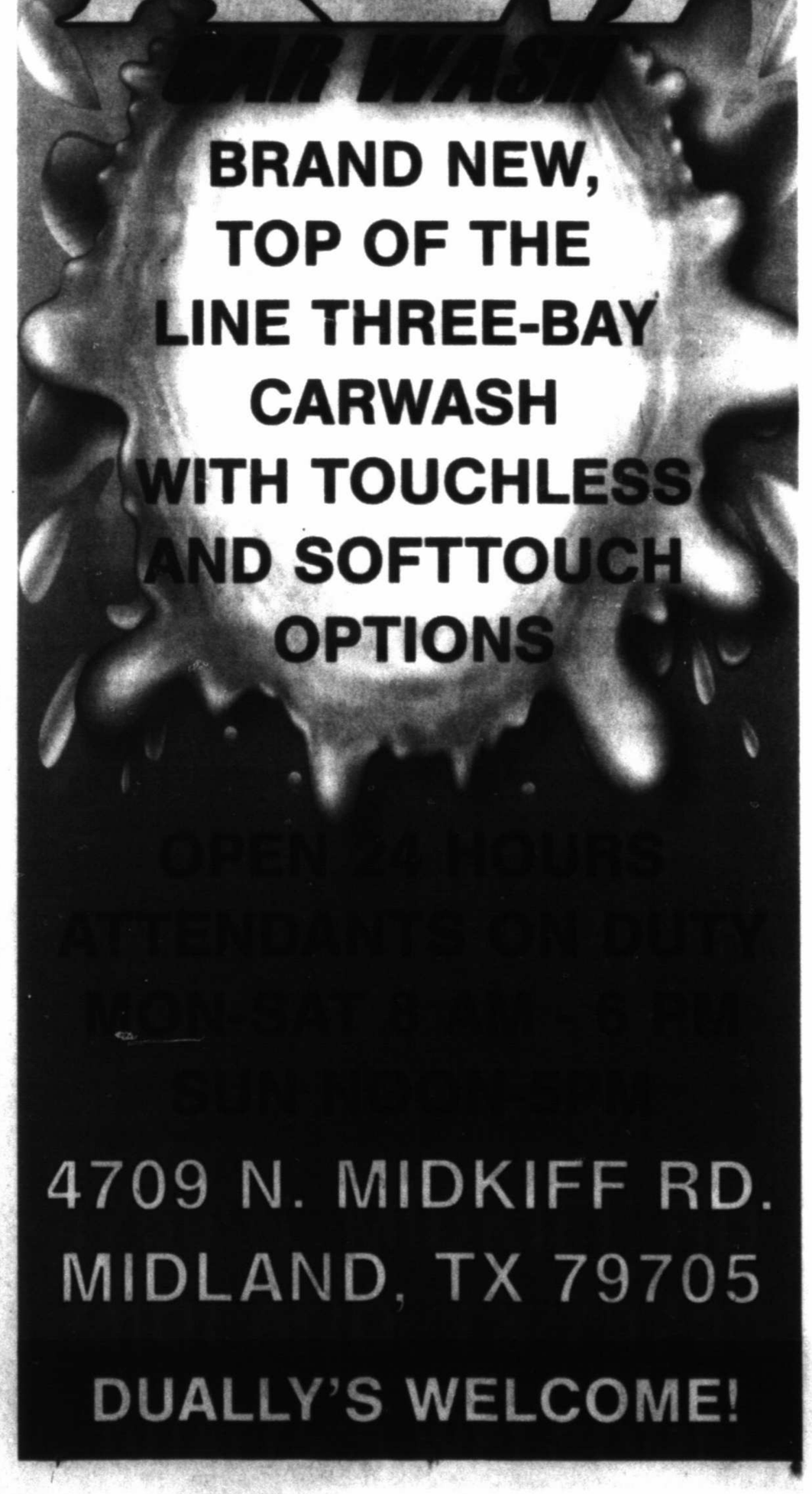

STAGE & SCREEN

Laughs abound in MCT's production of 'Fixing Up'

By Rich Lopez
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REVIEW

If there was any pressure on director Pam Keel in producing the world premiere of "Fixing Up," that didn't show on Friday's opening night. The 2014 McLaren Comedy Festival winner was both a charming and splendorous comic affair. With characters who ranged from over-the-top to understated, the cast proficiently filled the spectrum.

We're introduced to Frank and Diana Reynolds (Darryl Bales and Jeri Morgan), who are intent on playing matchmaker to Frank's socially awkward brother Virgil (Alan Roy). In a miscommunication, the couple introduced him to two women at the same time. Sarah (Lacie LaForge), the sweet, friendly veterinarian was a stark contrast to brusque businesswoman Taylor (Erica Reagan). They all will meet at the Reynolds home that is undergoing major renovations.

The premise is simple — until it isn't. As Virgil met his blind dates, a bevy of colorful characters joined the mix from Judge Lawrence (Daryl Berry) and his wife Cassandra (Amy Rydell), jilted lover and Egyptologist Byron (Matthew Nicholson) and ragamuffin neighbor Walter (Mike Harrell).

Virgil has an accident with his car and a cat, which introduces Lawrence and Cassandra, who happen to be Sarah's parents. Byron tracked Taylor to the Reynolds' household to beg for her hand in marriage. And Lawrence and Cassandra begin to pitch their taxidermist son's life story as a potential project to Frank, who is a documentary filmmaker.

These outlandish scenarios worked fine for the comedy, mostly thanks to the cast. Each actor delivered a fully realized character that kept the show on point.

As the ostentatious parents, Berry and Rydell were wonderfully high camp. For the new agey Cassandra, Rydell tapped into the perfect amount of conviction and weirdness while she also proved to be a magnetic force onstage.

But Reagan was equally dynamic. She created a condescending and snobbish Taylor that was a perfect antithesis to LaForge's more modest Sarah. Bales and Morgan were great at depicting normal, which can be difficult. And Roy gave Virgil a heartwarming appeal with aw-shucks acting. Nicholson's character may have been the most out-of-place (an Egyptologist who keeps running into strangers' homes?), but his charismatic attention to Byron's nuance was exact.

The play suffered a bit in the writing and mostly in the second act.

Authors and married couple Jenni and John Marsh created a mostly delightful farce. Situations delved into the ridiculous with séances, furry costume fights and mistaken animal identities. These all worked well because of the very physical capabilities of the cast, but sometimes the second act felt overwritten.

In places, exposition was forced where characters were explaining too much the "why" of their scenes, and pacing sometimes lagged because of this. For first-time playwrights, this can be an easy fallacy.

But overall, "Fixing Up" was sitcom-type fun. Michael Fields and Isabel Arsiaga rounded out the cast as perhaps the most normal of the characters. Lauren Lusk's set was imaginative, quite literally, from floor to ceiling. And the fuzzy-costume fight has been one of the most laugh-riotous scenes in theater this year.

WANT TO GO?

"Fixing Up" at Midland Community Theater, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $18-$24. Through May 30. mtmidland.org.

Stirring drama 'Selma' sheds new light on civil rights struggle

PICK O' THE WEEK

"Selma" (PG-13) Perfectly cast and perfectly acted, this gripping story focuses more on the politics of the era save for a few glorious moments when Oprah Winfrey reminds us all of how she first came to fame for her acting abilities. **A**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"Miss Julie" (PG-13) The stars — Colin Farrell and Jessica Chastain — failed to align in this awkward period drama. First you'll hate her, then you'll hate him and finally, you can hate both equally, all the while hoping poor Kathleen will gather her courage and kill them both. **F**

Reeled & Stream

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MORE REVIEWS

"Aftermath" (R) Chris Penn, who died in 2006, is strangely left out of the IMDb credits for the film, which was his last. Why this film took so long to make it to DVD is unknown — Penn died during post-production — but this final glimpse at his underappreciated skills is worth the look. **B-**

"Against the Sun" (PG) The story of three U.S. airmen lost at sea bears a strong resemblance to the first half of "Unbroken" — bird and shark included. This version lacks the production values and budget, but is every bit as thrilling, if not more so. **B-**

"Amira & Sam" (unrated) Comedy has a few laugh-out-loud moments but at its heart is a tender romance that is wonderfully honest. **B**

"Black or White" (PG-13) Somewhat predictable family-turned-courtroom drama features a spectacular performance by Octavia Spencer. **B**

"Black Sea" (R) Taut submarine thriller doesn't rank with the likes of "The Hunt For Red October" or "Das Boot," but it comes pretty close. **B**

"The Last Five Years" (PG-13) For musical lovers only. Not being a member of that club, I was miserable for not only the 94 minutes it was on screen but hours after. **C**

"Lost River" (R) Ryan Gosling's first foray into filmmaking from the other side of the camera produced mixed results among critics. Although far outside the norm, it's a wonderfully compelling story. **B**

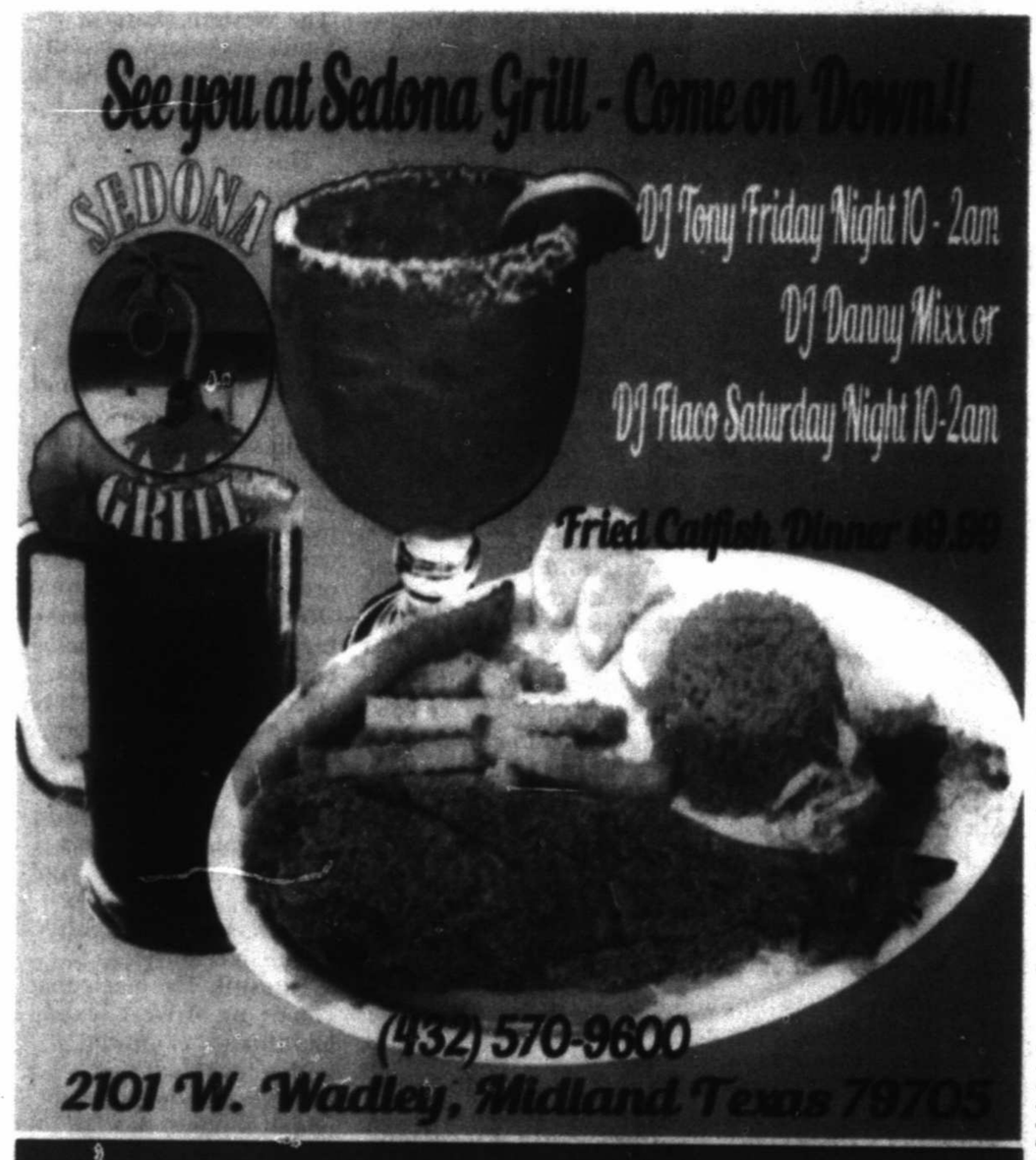
"The Marine 4: Moving Target" (R) Though little more than a cookie-cutter, damsel-in-distress action flick, the production is credible despite the goofy, fight scenes that are a painfully patented WWE staging. **B-**

"Mr. Turner" (R) Critically acclaimed biopic from Mike Leigh is a subtly complex film about a wonderfully eccentric painter. **B**

"Murder of a Cat" (unrated) Not even JK Simmons can rescue this stinker from going into the litter box. **D+**

"Spare Parts" (PG-13) True story follows in the footsteps of similar films such as "Stand and Deliver," but finds its own voice with a little help from George Lopez. **B**

"When Calls the Heart: Trials of the Heart" (unrated) An admitted guilty pleasure from one who grew up watching "Little House on the Prairie," this story of a small Canadian town that has spawned two movies and a TV series is just old-fashioned goodness. **B**



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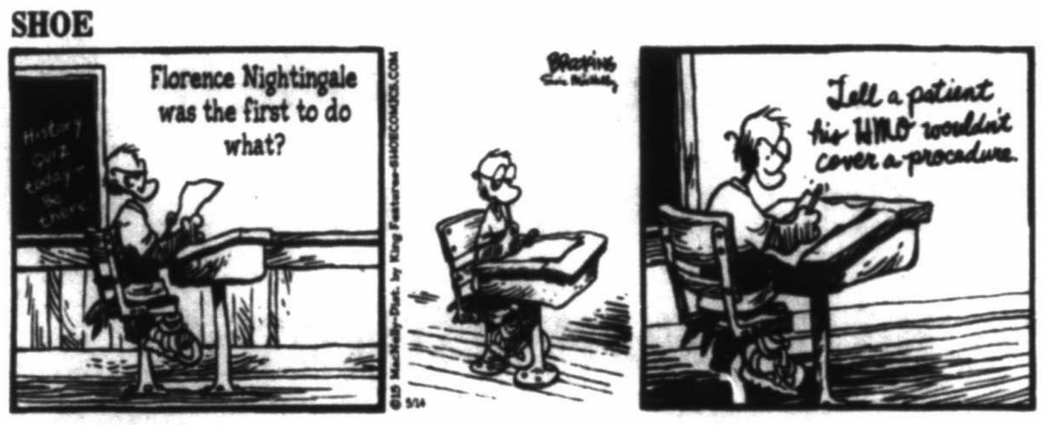

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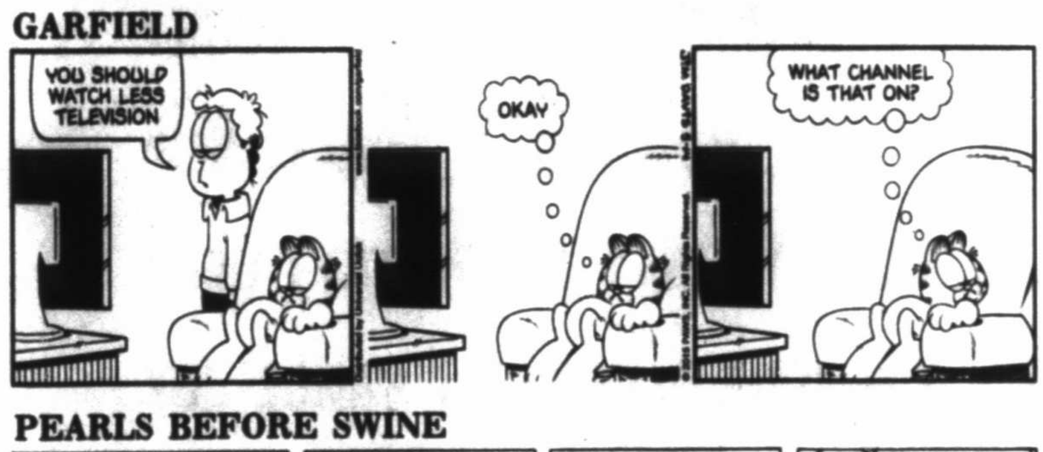

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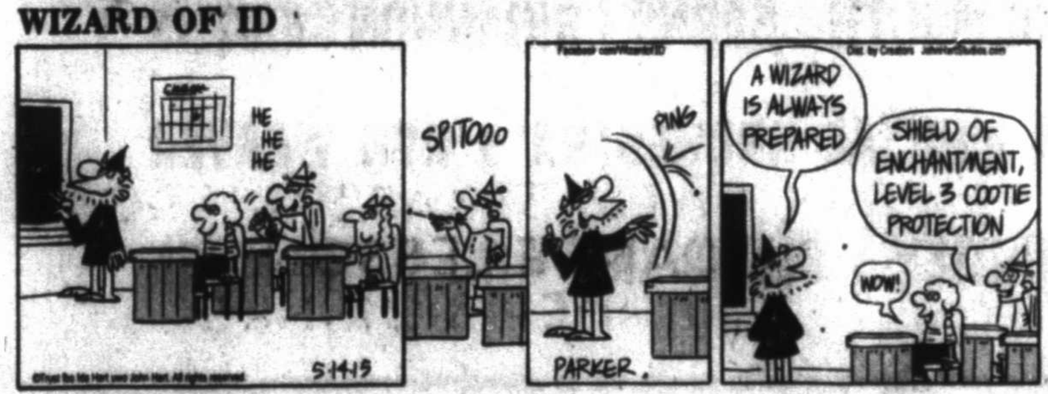

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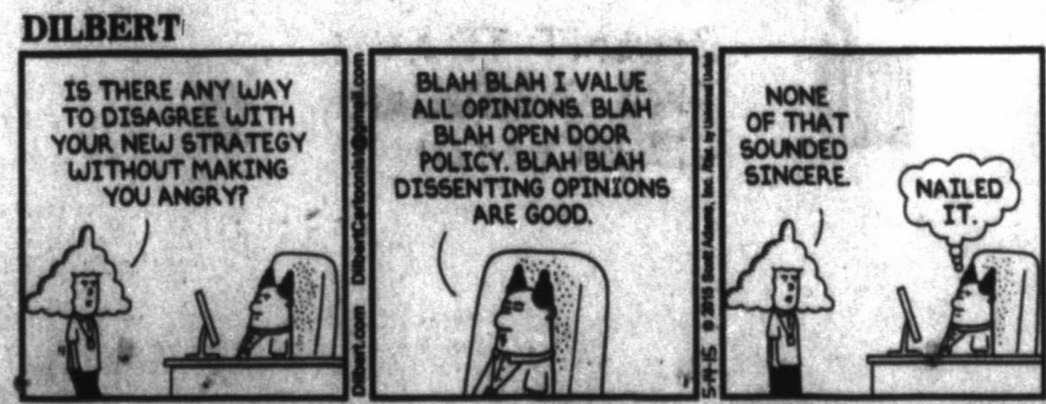

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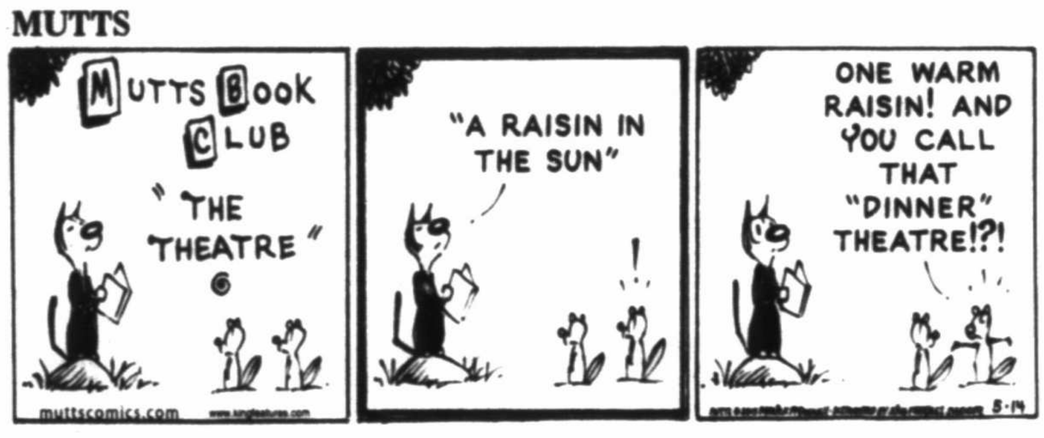

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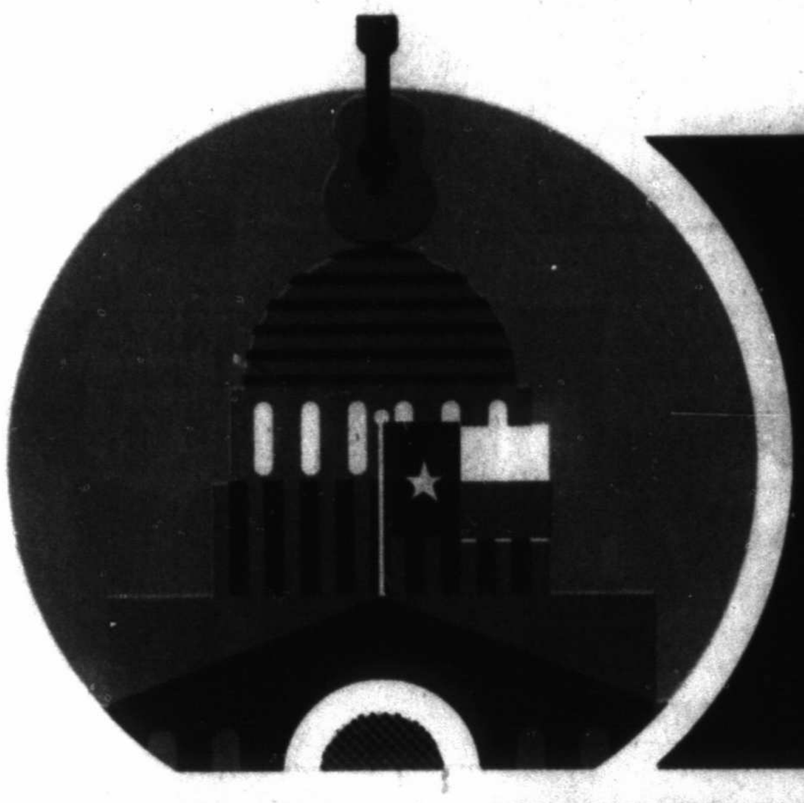

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Four Bulldogs officially sign with colleges

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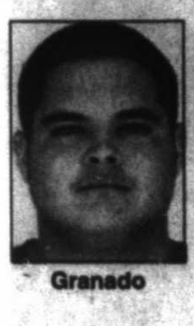
Granado

Solis

By Will Korn
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The Midland High football program is sending four more of its players on to continue their football careers in college.

After safety Blake Humble and lineman C.J. Carillo signed earlier in the year, Emilio Solis, Britt Boler, Jacob Granado and Trevor Abney all signed their letters of intent together on Wednesday at MHS.

Boler will be playing with Texas Lutheran University next season, while Solis, Granado and Abney will remain together and play at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, which will kick off its new football program in two years.

For head coach Craig Yenzer, this group of four players has been memorable over the last couple of seasons. Last year, they helped to lead the team back to the playoffs for the first time since the 2011 season.

"These guys were the heart of our team," Yenzer said. "The fun part of coaching is to establish relationships with the players and to see these guys and what they did, whether it was in powerlifting, the offseason, all the extra work they put in, I'm trying not to get emotional. They helped us take a big step forward and now the expectations in our program have gone sky high because of these guys."

For Solis, Granado and Abney, who will all redshirt at UTPB this coming season, the opportunity to continue playing as teammates in college was a major factor in their decisions. Another tipping point in the decision was the school's proximity to home.

Solis, an inside linebacker who led the Bulldogs with 117 tackles as well as nine sacks last season, said that it will be a blessing to be able to have his MHS teammates on the sidelines with him when he begins play as a Falcon.

"Being able to play here, close to home, close to my family with two great friends of mine, it means everything," Solis said. "I've been with them since GMFL and still being able to have five more years after high school, it's going to be great. I'm excited for it."

Abney, standing 6-foot-4, played receiver for MHS last season. He was third on the team in receptions with 17 and third in receiving yards with 226 to go along with two touchdowns.

Abney, who originally wanted to become a Navy SEAL after graduation, said he too is looking forward to playing football with Solis and Granado at the next level.

Please see **BULLDOGS**/4C

Sockers defeat Tulsa

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Sockers' Tory McKerrell moves the ball against Tulsa Athletics' Byron Knowles on Wednesday at Grande Communications Stadium.

Sockers knock off Tulsa Athletics in first match

By Will Korn
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It might be tempting to assume that a soccer team with an almost entirely new roster and just a handful of practices could be a bit sluggish to start the season.

But neither of those things seemed to deter the Sockers FC in its first game of the season.

Rather, the Sockers rolled to a 3-1 win against the Tulsa Athletics of the National Premier Soccer League, in the first round of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup, Wednesday at Grande Communications Stadium.

With the victory, the Sockers (1-0-0) advanced to the second round of the U.S. Open Cup where they will face the Oklahoma City Energy FC, a club from the professional United Soccer League. That match is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. May 20 at Grande Communications Stadium.

"I was really impressed with the way we played," Sockers head coach Matt Barnes said. "We're probably the only PDL (Premier Development League) team in the entire United States that started our season on Monday. When you're in Midland, it's just so hard geographically to get the kids you need and get them on the same page. It was a real testament to these boys and the preparation they put in when they got here."

Over the first five minutes, Tulsa (0-1-0) looked to be the team in control, using a quick pace that pushed the ball hard down the field.

But the Sockers drew first blood, when 6-foot-5 defender Walker Hume showed awareness and followed up on a prime scoring chance. From about 25 yards out, he ripped a low shot that found the bottom right corner of the goal to give the Sockers a 1-0 advantage in the 16th minute.

For Hume, it was a nice feeling to get the team's first goal of the year.

"It was exciting just to get the season started with a goal, especially from a defender," Hume said. "It just shows that we can score in many different ways."

In the 36th minute, Walker Hume's twin brother Tucker set up midfielder Andrew Lopez with a sneaky pass that drew the Tulsa keeper out of his box. Immediately off of the touch, Lopez tapped the ball into a wide open net to

Please see **SOCKERS**/2C

Fixed-up Colby Lewis pitching just fine for Texas Rangers

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Colby Lewis is hip to pitch for the Texas Rangers, without worrying about all those "replacement parts" inside of him.

Lewis chuckles at the suggestion that he is a medical marvel. Or that his hip procedure — unprecedented for an active major league pitcher — should bear his name, much like Tommy John identifies the now well-known elbow ligament replacement surgery.

Lewis

"I just know how good I feel and I think the results are based upon being healthy," said Lewis, who has allowed only two runs over 21 innings his last three starts.

It has been about 21 months since Lewis had a resurfacing procedure to remove bone spurs from his right hip, surgery that was just short of a full hip replacement. That happened while trying to come back from surgery in 2012 for a torn flexor tendon in his right elbow.

There was also the Tommy John surgery he had 19 years ago while still in high school, and the torn rotator cuff that led to shoulder surgery in 2004 before his journey to Japan that eventually led back to the Rangers and becoming the best postseason pitcher in their history.

Now 35 years old, the fixed-up Lewis is 3-2 through seven games with a 2.40 ERA that was sixth among AL starters. Opponents are hitting only .220 against him.

"He just looks confident, looks healthy. His slider has a really good bite on it, and he makes a lot of good hitters look bad," Rangers third baseman Adrian Beltre said. "That's the Colby we know."

Lewis held Kansas City, the majors' top-hitting team, to three hits and one run over seven innings in an 8-2 win Monday night. His next scheduled start is Saturday night at home against Cleveland.

"Not to be rude, but I don't care. I don't monitor that. I don't look at my stats," Lewis said. "I feel like if you get caught up in that kind of stuff, then you start competing for other things than what

Please see **LEWIS**/3C

Andrews' Ridge comes back from injury to reach state meet

By Christopher Hadorn
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ANDREWS — At this time last year, it was agonizing for Andrews track and field athlete Oceana Ridge to hear banter about the UIL State Track and Field Championships at Mike A. Myers Stadium in Austin.

Just one year prior as a sophomore in 2013, Ridge captured medals with a second-place finish in the 300-meter hurdles and a third-place showing in the 100-meter hurdles.

However, Ridge was unable to return to Austin in 2014 and build upon her impressive 2013 performance. Ridge, a competitive young lady, was unable to compete at full strength because of a torn meniscus in her knee, which she suffered during basketball season.

"It was really an emotional year for me last year because I just wanted to go through high school with a good career, good healthy career, and that was really tough," Ridge said.

Now 100 percent healthy, Ridge has come back emphatically during her senior season. Ridge has qualified for the Class 4A state championships on Saturday in three individual events — the 100-meter hurdles, the 300-meter hurdles and the long jump.

The Lady Mustangs senior holds both the top times in the 100 hurdles (14.29) and 300 hurdles (44.31) in each event's nine-entry field based on regional times.

Ridge, though, has not seen the heat sheets posted on the UIL website.

"I try not to look at them," Ridge said. "They kind of freak me out sometimes. I just kind of get out there and run, I guess."

Ridge's legacy at Andrews will be remembered fondly no matter what happens Saturday. She has already captured two UIL state medals and she led the Andrews girls to a Region 1-4A championship by winning three events in Lubbock on May 1-2. Despite having two medals to fall back upon, Ridge says she doesn't want to feel comfortable heading into the state meet. The senior believes the butterflies helps her perform.

"I feel as if lose some of the pressure then I won't compete to the best," Ridge said.

Ridge says her goal is to win gold medals in both hurdle events.

In the long jump, Ridge's regional mark of 18 feet, 6 3/4 inches ranks fourth among the field. Ridge placed a respectable fifth (18-3 1/4) in the long jump in 2013.

"That one is going to be really tough, but of course I'm going to go for a medal in that as well," Ridge said.

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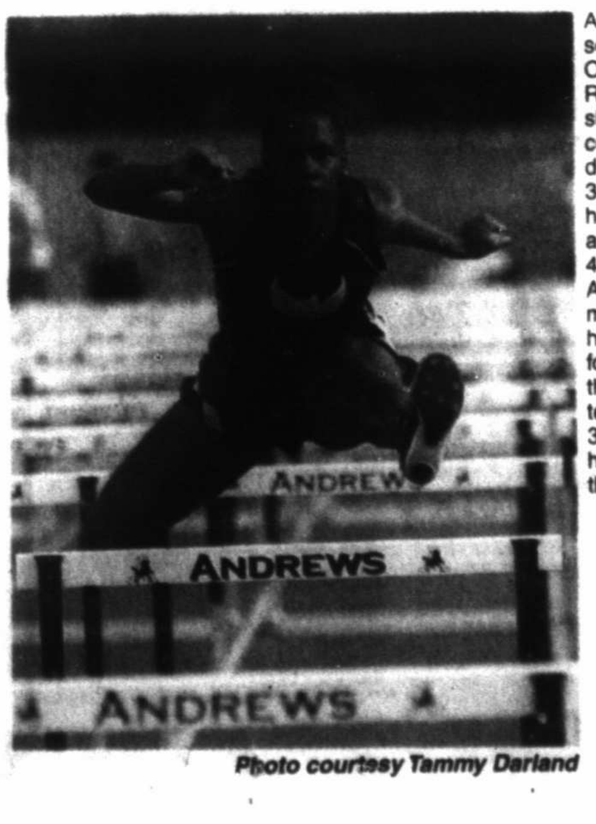

Photo courtesy Tammy Darland

Andrews senior Oceana Ridge is shown here competing during the 300-meter hurdles event at the District 4-4A meet in Andrews last month. Ridge has qualified for state in the 100-meter hurdles, 300-meter hurdles and the long jump.

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WHAT'S ON TV

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Penn State at Purdue, 4 p.m., BTN
UCF at USF, 5:30 p.m., CBSSN
LSU at South Carolina, 6 p.m., SEC
TCU at Oklahoma, 6 p.m., FSSW/FCSC
Virginia at North Carolina, 6 p.m., FSSW+
Texas A&M at Ole Miss, 6:30 p.m., ESPNU
Ohio State at Indiana, 7 p.m., BTN
Washington State at Arizona State, 9 p.m., P12/P12 BAY/P12 LA

CYCLING

Tour d' Italia, Stage 6: Montecatini Terme to Castiglione della Pescaia, 7:30 a.m., beIN/beIN2
Tour of California, Stage 5: Santa Barbara to Santa Clarita, 4 p.m., NBCSN

GOLF

European PGA: Open de Espana, 1st Round, 8:30 a.m., GOLF
Champions: Regions Tradition, 1st Round, 11:30 a.m., GOLF
PGA: Wells Fargo Championship, 1st Round, 2 p.m., GOLF
Web.com: BMW Charity Pro-am, 1st Round, 6 p.m., GOLF
LPGA: Kingsmill Championship, 1st Round, 8 p.m., GOLF
European PGA: Open de Espana, 2nd Round, 4:30 a.m., GOLF

IIHF

Quarterfinal 1, 8 a.m., NBCSN
Quarterfinal 2, 9 a.m., NBCET
Quarterfinal 2 (JIP), 10:30 a.m., NBCSN
Quarterfinal 3, Noon, NBCET
Quarterfinal 4, 1 p.m., NBCET

MLB

Minnesota at Detroit, Noon, MLB
Kansas City at Texas, 1 p.m., FSSW
San Francisco at Cincinnati, 6 p.m., MLB
Toronto at Houston, 7 p.m, ROOT

MEN'S SOCCER

UEFA Europa Semifinal, Leg 2: ACF Fiorentina vs. Sevilla FC, 2 p.m., FS2/ESPNDEP
UEFA Europa Semifinal, Leg 2: FC Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk vs. SSC Napoli, 2 p.m., FOXSOC+
Copa Libertadores: Racing Club vs. Montevideo Wanderers FC, 4:30 p.m., FOXDEP
Liga MX Quarterfinal, Leg 1: Tiburones Rojos de Veracruz vs. Queretaro, 6:55 p.m., ESPNDEP
Copa Libertadores: Boca Juniors vs. CA River Plate, 7 p.m., FOXDEP
Liga MX Quarterfinal, Leg 1: Club Atlas vs. CD Guadalajara, 8:55 p.m., UDN
Copa Libertadores: Atletico Nacional vs. CS Emelec, 9 p.m., FOXDEP

MOTORSPORTS

Camping World Truck Series: NC Education Lottery 200, Practice, 2 p.m., FS1
Camping World Truck Series: NC Education Lottery 200, Final Practice, 6 p.m., FS1

NBA

Eastern Conference Semifinal, Game 6: Chicago at Cleveland, 7 p.m., ESPN
Western Conference Semifinal, Game 6 (if necessary): Houston at LA Clippers, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

NHL

Eastern Conference Semifinal, Game 7 (if necessary): Tampa Bay at Montreal, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN

RUGBY

NRL: Canterbury Bulldogs vs. Sydney Roosters, 4:30 a.m., FOXSOCP

TENNIS

ATP: Internazionali d'Italia, 5 a.m., TENNIS

WHAT'S ON RADIO

MLB

Kansas City at Texas, 1 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

UIL State Meet, Austin

JUNIOR COLLEGE GOLF

NJCAA National Tournament, Newton, Kansas

LOCAL SPORTS

BARBER WINS LONE STAR POKER TOUR

Mike Barber is this year's winner of the Lone Star Poker Tour, which is held throughout the year at Woofers and Tweeters and Rednecks Drafthouse and Billiards in Midland.

Barber won $10,000 to go toward competing in the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas May 27 through July 14.

Eric Blank fnished in second place and Ben Hancock was third in the competition.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Placed RHP Jason Garcia on the 15-day DL, retroactive to May 11. Recalled RHP Mike Wright from Norfolk (IL).

HOUSTON ASTROS — Optioned LHP Kevin Chapman and OF Robbie Grossman to Fresno (PCL). Reinstated OF George Springer from the 7-day DL and LHP Brett Oberholtzer from the 15-day DL.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with RHP Huston Street on a two-year contract through 2017.

MINNESOTA TWINS — Sent RHP Tim Stauffer to Rochester (IL) for a rehab assignment.

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Transferred LHP Drew Smyly to the 60-day DL.

TEXAS RANGERS — Activated 1B-DH Mitch Moreland from the 15-day DL. Optioned OF Jake Smolinski to Round Rock (PCL). Purchased the contract of LHP Sam Freeman from Round Rock. Designated RHP Stolmy Pimentel for assignment.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES — Agreed to terms with C Wil Nieves on a minor league contract and assigned him to Gwinnett (IL).

CINCINNATI REDS — Optioned RHP Carlos Contreras to Louisville (IL). Recalled RHP Raisel Iglesias from Louisville. Claimed RHP Ryan Mattheus off waivers from the L.A. Angels.

MIAMI MARLINS — Sent RHP Henderson Alvarez to Jupiter (FSL) for a rehab assignment.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Reinstated RHP Sean O'Sullivan from the 15-day DL.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Sent RHP Casey Janssen to Harrisburg (EL) for a rehab assignment.

American Association

AMARILLO THUNDERHEADS — Signed LHP Clayton Tanner.

LAREDO LEMURS — Released LHP Dayne Quist and LHP Luke Goodgion.

Can-Am League

ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Signed OF Bill Miller.

TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Signed INF Danny Mateo and RHP David Leblanc.

Frontier League

FLORENCE FREEDOM — Released UTL Rob Kelly.

FRONTIER GREYS — Released C Jonathan Sigado and RHP Steven Wehr.

GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Released LHP Ryan Dejesus.

JOLIET SLAMMERS — Released SS Bryan Johns and RHP Tyler Murphy.

LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Signed RHP Mike Devine and OF Aaron Lindgren. Traded SS Josh Kennedy to the Ozark (Heartland). Released RHP Nate Antone, RHP Stephen Bougher, SS Brendan Costantino, RHP Zach Gordon and RHP Pat Lemmo.

NORMAL CORNBELTERS — Signed LHP Kevin P[illegible]ney and RHP Ross Spurgeon. Released [illegible]P Justin Collop, RHP Jose Flores, LHP Martire Garcia, C Tyler Latham, RHP Josh Mooney and RHP Brad Orosey.

RIVER CITY RASCALS — Released LHP Paul Hvozdovic and C Jackson Slaid.

ROCKFORD AVIATORS — Released LHP Ryan Bonnott, RHP Dae Kim and OF Matthew Young.

SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS — Traded RHP Anthony Smith to Winnipeg (AA) for a player to be named.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS — Released RHP Bryan Bierlein and LHP Michael Carden.

WASHINGTON WILD THINGS — Signed OF C.J. Beatty. Traded LHP Kevin Brandt to Laredo (AA) for a player to be named. Released RHP Jon Bengard, RHP Ben Carlson and RHP Ernesto Zaragoza.

WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Signed LHP James Ferguson, LHP James Fisher, RHP Travis Tingle, INF Mike Torres, LHP Zak Wasserman and INF Max White to contract extensions.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA — Assessed Cleveland G Matthew Dellavedova a technical foul for his role in a skirmish in Game 5 against Chicago and received an automatic $2,000 fine for the technical.

Women's National Basketball Association

CONNECTICUT SUN — Traded exclusive negotiating rights to F Asjha Jones to Minnesota for a 2016 second-round draft pick.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed LB Markus Golden and DE Rodney Gunter to four-year contracts.

BALTIMORE RAVENS — Agreed to terms with CB Kyle Arrington.

BUFFALO BILLS — Released FB Corey Knox. Signed FB John Conner.

DETROIT LIONS — Signed RB Ameer Abdullah to a four-year contract and CB Chris Owens and WR Greg Salas. Released WR Skye Dawson.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Signed WR Neal Sterling.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Named Dwayne Joseph director of pro personnel.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Signed LBs Denzel Perryman and Kyle Emanuel, CB Craig Mager and DL Darius Philon.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Agreed to terms with DT Angelo Blackson, LB Deiontrez Mount, C Andy Gallik and WR Tre McBride.

Canadian Football League

TORONTO ARGONAUTS — Signed LB Brandon Isaac, WR Jarvis West, DL Martez Wilson and RBs Akeem Daniels and Lyle McCombs. Released DB David Sims and WRs Mike Davis, Mike Thomas, Anthony McClung and Darryl Surgent.

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed OL Sukh Chungh.

MOTORSPORTS

INDYCAR — Docked driver Helio Castroneves eight points for causing a wreck during the opening lap of last weekend's Grand Prix of Indianapolis.

OLYMPIC SPORTS

USA GYMNASTICS — Named Luan Peszek vice president of program development.

SOCCER

FIFA — Banned former vice president Reynald Temarii eight years for ethical violations.

COLLEGE

CLEMSON — Announced men's sophomore basketball G Marcquise Reed has transferred from Robert Morris.

FLORIDA — Announced QB Skyler Mornhinweg has left the program and will transfer to Columbia. Announced CB J.C. Jackson is no longer enrolled in school following an arrest charging him with three counts of armed robbery stemming from an April 18 incident in Gainesville.

LE MOYNE — Promoted men's basketball coach Steve Evans to associate director of athletics.

MICHIGAN — Suspended associate athletic director for football Jim Minick indefinitely, after he was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol on May 9.

OKLAHOMA — Announced RB Keith Ford is transferring.

SIENA — Announced the retirement of men's tennis coach Jim Serbalik.

STOCKTON — Named Greg Ruttler men's soccer coach.

TEXAS TECH — Named Neil Payne assistant soccer coach. Promoted Gibbs Keeton to soccer recruiting coordinator.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

The Sockers' Troy McKerrell goes up for a header against the Tulsa Athletics on Wednesday at Grande Communications Stadium.

SOCKERS

From 1C

give his team a 2-0 lead.

The Sockers dominated possession for most of the first half, but things began to level out in the second half.

In the 75th minute, Tulsa found an answer on Jork Suhnoka's strike from about 30 yards out that nested in the upper left corner. That cut the Sockers' lead to 2-1, but midfielder Scott Smith put the game away with a tally in the 85th minute from six yards out that deflected off a Tulsa defender and in.

Tucker Hume said he was also pleased with his team's performance despite several new players having to get accustomed to each other only in the last couple of days.

"Coming out here and getting three goals and allowing one was a good performance," Hume said. "I thought it was an overall good effort from the team, a good starting point."

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MC's Wicks in a tie for 4th at nationals

From staff reports

NEWTON, Kan. — Midland College golfer David Wicks is in a tie for fourth place in the medalist standings after the second round of the NJCAA Division Men's National Golf Championship on Wednesday.

Wicks

Wicks shot a 1-under par 71 at Sand Creek Station to give him a 144 total, five shots back of leader Michael DeMorat of Eastern Florida State.

MC coach Delnor Poss said Wicks shot 3-over on the front nine but bounced back and shot 4-under on the back to finish with his score.

"David set a good tone for us," Poss said.

As a team, Midland College only improved by six shots after its tough first round showing on Tuesday as the Chaparrals shot a 312 for a 630 total, good enough for 16th place.

Indian Hills Community College leads the field with a 581 total, followed by Eastern Florida State (584) in second place. Odessa College moved up four spots on Wednesday to third place as the Wranglers have a 587 total. OC's Vetle Maroy is third in the medalist standings with a 142 total.

Midland College freshman Xander Basson was the only other Chaparral to shoot below 80 on Wednesday as the South African shot a 78.

Poss said Basson shot even par on the first 13 holes but he lost his focus down the stretch and finished with a 6-over par round on the day.

"The other fellows didn't show much improvement and performed the way they did (on Tuesday)," Poss said. "If we make some improvement, we can pass a lot of people, and that is what we're going to try to do."

The third of four rounds is today with the Chaps teeing off at 7:50 a.m. weather permitting.

NJCAA DIVISION I MEN'S NATIONAL GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP
at Sand Creek Station, Newton, Kansas
Par: 72. Yards: 7,359
Tuesday's first round

Team standings — 1. Indian Hills CC 289-292—581; 2. Eastern Florida State 290-294—584; 3. Odessa College 296-291—587; 4 (tie) McLennan CC 293-297—590; Western Texas College 295-295—590; 6. Dodge City CC 296-298—594; 7. Wallace State CC 289-308—597; 8. Hutchinson CC 292-310—602; 9. New Mexico JC 298-305—603; 10. Trinidad State 297-311—608; 11. Eastern Arizona College 298-311—609; 12. Central Alabama 306-305—611; 13. Faulkner State 300-312—612; 14. Iowa Western 305-317—622; 15. Pima CC 296-329—625; 16. Midland College 318-312-630; 17. Cape Fear CC 311-320—631; 18. Scottsdale CC 315-318—633; 19. Eastern Wyoming CC 321-322—643

Medalist standings — 1. Michael DeMorat, Eastern Florida, 72-67—139; 2. Cory Matthew Donnell, McLennan, 71-70—141; 3. Vetle Maroy, Odessa College, 71-71—142; 4. (tie) George Trujillo, Indian Hills, 73-71—144; David Wicks, Midland College, 73-71—144; 6. (tie) Chase Coble, Hutchinson, 69; Jakob Garstecki, Indian Hills, 73-72—145; Kerry Sweeney, Eastern Florida, 71-74—145; Ben Maskus, Dodge City, 70-75—145; P.J. Shields, Faulkner State, 70-75—145; Jacob Henderson, Western Texas College, 72-73—145; Marty Sanchez, New Mexico JC, 145

Midland College (318-312—630) — David Wicks 73-71—144; Xander Basson 83-78—161; Dominick Haskins 81-81—162; Jas Bowling 81-86-167; Blake Roberson 88-82—170

Grady's Gibson, Andrews doubles team eliminated

From staff reports

COLLEGE STATION — Grady freshman Dominic Gibson saw his run end at the Class 1A State Tennis Tournament with a loss in the boys singles semifinal.

Gibson fell to Throckmorton's Colton Gage, 6-3, 6-2, on Wednesday morning at Texas A&M's Mitchell Tennis Center.

Tennis players at the tournament have had to endure two days of rain delays as quarterfinal competition didn't end until 4:15 a.m. on Wednesday.

Late Tuesday, the Andrews boys doubles team of Jordan Davis and Lucio Valenzuela fell to the team of Blake Jordan and Brady Zapalac of Bellville, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2, in a Class 4A quarterfinal match.

RANCHLAND HILLS STAMPEDE TEE TIMES

2015 Ranchland Hills Stampede
Friday-Sunday
Ranchland Hills Golf Club
Friday's Tee Times
No. 1
Championship Flight

1:18 p.m.: Kale Hughes, Ruben Hernandez, Braxton Brin, Aaron Garza
1:26 p.m.: Trey Allen, Nick Hollis, Ken Patterson, Jason Hewett
1:34 p.m.: Matt Phillips, Terrance Begnel, Rick Houston, Shawn Savage
1:42 p.m.: Brian Stephens, Brett Holly, KT Livingston, Brady Shivers
1:50 p.m.: Ryan Fioretti, Chris Hubbard, Scott Rundell, Ben Clark
1:58 p.m.: JD Dickerson, Ross Tyler, Michael Pruitt, Shawn Reeves

Presidents Flight

12:30 p.m.: Troy North, Shane Savage, David Sharrock, Cody Cox
12:38 p.m.: Chad Jordan, Mark Terry, Erick Alvarado, Adolf Garza
12:46 p.m.: Jason Stuart, Ben Rogers, Steve Hibbison, Tory Martin Jr.
12:54 p.m.: Nathan Foreman; Chris Rasnick, Gary Mulloy, John Castillo
1:02 p.m.: Braxton Dunaway, J.B. Lutrell, Rich Fontenot, Omar Sanchez
1:10 p.m.: Dr. Mike Connally, Gary Johnson, Jim Nash, Jayson Lester

Third Flight

8:33 a.m.: Lance Wood, Paul Edwards, Raul Ochoa, Gilbert Zarate
8:41 a.m.: David Morren, Doug Noel, Steve Pitts, Alex Bles
8:49 a.m.: Dana Slusher, Abel Lujan, Tommy Naylor, Mark Kast
8:57 a.m.: John Chandler, Michael Chandler, Sammy Fields, Warren Hutcherson
9:05 a.m.: Ricky Young, Brett Young, Steve Jumper, Joe Dryer

Fourth Flight

7:45 a.m.: Jack Sharrick, John Naugle, Gary Gray, David Robbins
7:53 am.: Greg Tomlin, Dustin Freeman, Tommy Hill, Gene McGuire
8:01 a.m.: John Morrow, Oscar Molinar, Randy Silva, Corky Allen
8:09 a.m.: Leeland Adams, Jacob Burris, Adiel Alvarado, Josh Jones
8:17 a.m.: John Blevins, Shaen Standard, Mark McDonald, Rob Roy McDonald
8:25 a.m.: Coley Wood, Jason Hamm, Paul Slaughter, Tom Robb

No. 10
First Flight

1:18 p.m.: Matt Oga, Rusty Maddux, Kevin Spray, Jeff Welch
1:26 p.m.: Jeremy Stallings, Jerod Padgett, Bob Milam, Jeff Munden
1:34 p.m.: Chris Baltzell, Cody Hughes, Mark Hessel, Josh Little
1:42 p.m.: Zach Smithey, Lee Prucka, Daryl Smith, Larry January
1:50 p.m.: Ken Livingston, Matt Manulik, Greg Avery, John Hopkins

Second Flight

12:38 p.m.: Craig Foster, Sid Wilson, Richard White, Mark Valenzuela
12:46 p.m.: Bill Dingus, Tim Jebson, Marselo Barriga, Marcus Lopez
12:54 p.m.: Danny Brenner, Elton Smith, Billy Pate, Chip Roemisch
1:02 p.m.: Kinney Riley, Clayton Luttrell, Clayton Weaver, Dan Pender
1:10 p.m.: Steven Scott, Greg Russell, Jerad Fain, Keith Bitner

Fifth Flight

8:17 a.m.: Terry Garrett, Tommy Neatherlin, Ronnie Burnett, Joey Robinson
8:25 a.m.: Stephen Bowerman, Tommy Reynolds, Thomas Castillo, Todd Robinson
8:33 a.m.: Tony Olivas, Chas Gauthier, Nick Maschas, David Saxe
8:41 a.m.: Shawn Mowels, Miles Walker, John Reyes, Johnny Reyes
8:49 a.m.: Pool Webb, Jacob Moore, Bob Reimers, Thurman Roland

Sixth Flight

7:45 a.m.: Les Riek, Steve Deffenbaugh, Rodney Cox, Nate Lamb
7:53 a.m.: Billy Rumbaugh, Gordon Tindol, Heath Frizzell, Tim Gilliam
8:01 a.m.: Morris Vannoy, Ray Farmer, Heath Babcock, Jared Stallings
8:09 a.m.: Ronnie Kellum, Mike Ketter, Sal Quiroz, Paul Harrelson

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MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

RANGERS 5 ROYALS 2

ARLINGTON — Prince Fielder homered and had three hits, Shin-Soo Choo hit a leadoff home run for the second straight game and the Texas Rangers beat the Kansas City Royals 5-2 Wednesday night.

Choo pulled a 98 mph fastball from Yordano Ventura into the right-field seats, and Fielder gave the Rangers a 4-0 lead with a two-run homer in the second inning.

Texas rookie Delino DeShields had three hits, including his first triple, and scored twice.

Yovani Gallardo (3-5) took a shutout into the seventh inning before allowing run-scoring doubles by Kendrys Morales and Salvador Perez. Gallardo snapped a four-start losing streak that matched a career worst.

The first five Texas hitters reached against Ventura (2-3), who gave up at least four runs for the fourth time in five starts.

RED SOX 2 ATHLETICS 0

OAKLAND, Calif. — Bob Melvin knows Sonny Gray's winning streak should still be going. More missed chances, more mistakes defined the day once again.

The Oakland Athletics had ample opportunities to support their ace, and never came through in a 2-0 loss to the Boston Red Sox on Wednesday.

Gray (4-1) struck out nine and didn't walk a batter for the first time all season. But the A's dropped to 1-11 in the daytime with their seventh loss in eight games.

With nine or more strikeouts for the third straight start, Gray was trying to extend his best start to a season. He missed matching his career-best winning streak of six straight decisions dating to his last loss Sept. 23 against the Angels. He has allowed one earned run or fewer in six of his first eight starts.

ORIOLES 6 BLUE JAYS 1

BALTIMORE — Miguel Gonzalez scattered three singles and allowed just one unearned run while pitching into the eighth inning, and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-1 on Wednesday night.

Alejandro De Aza reached base four times for the Orioles on a single, double, hit by pitch and a walk. Rookie Rey Navarro got his first career home run with a solo shot to lead off the eighth.

Gonzalez (4-2) struck out five and walked two in 7 2/3 innings to improve to 7-2 with a 2.38 ERA in 12 career starts against Toronto. The Blue Jays' only run came on a passed ball in the eighth.

The Orioles, who won for just the third time in nine games, held Toronto without an extra-base hit for the first time this season.

Blue Jays righty Aaron Sanchez struggled early, walking his first two batters in the second. After a bunt by David Lough moved them over, Caleb Joseph followed with a two-run double down the left-field line. Manny Machado and De Aza added two more doubles, extending the lead to 4-0. De Aza went to third on a wild pitch and Jimmy Paredes got an infield single for the Orioles' fifth run.

Sanchez (3-3) allowed a season-high five runs on seven hits with four walks and a strikeout over 5 2-3 innings.

RAYS 3 YANKEES 2

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Asdrubal Cabrera got his 1,000th hit during a two-run second inning, and the Tampa Bay Rays rebounded again from an early deficit to beat the New York Yankees 3-2 on Wednesday night.

Tampa Bay went up 3-2 in the second when Cabrera drove in a run on a double off Adam Warren (2-2) and scored on Joey Butler's single.

TWINS 6 TIGERS 2

DETROIT — Torii Hunter homered and Joe Mauer hit a bases-loaded triple, leading the Minnesota Twins past the Detroit Tigers 6-2 on Wednesday night.

Ricky Nolasco (3-1) allowed two unearned runs in 5 1/3 innings for the win. Nolasco came in with a 9.00 ERA, but gave up only four hits and three walks while striking out seven.

Kyle Lobstein (3-3) allowed six runs and seven hits and a walk while only recording seven outs.

The Tigers lost outfielder J.D. Martinez to a back injury. He singled in his first two at-bats, but Rajai Davis hit for him in the sixth. The team announced he had lower back tightness and is day-to-day.

National League

PHILLIES 3 PIRATES 2

PHILADELPHIA — Steve Lombardozzi challenged Jeff Francoeur to make a perfect throw with the game on the line so he wasn't second-guessing himself after it backfired.

Cole Hamels struck out nine over seven strong innings, Francoeur threw out the potential tying run at the plate to end the game and the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 3-2 Wednesday night.

Hamels (3-3) allowed two runs and five hits to snap Philadelphia's four-game losing streak. He outpitched Matt Harvey in the Phillies' previous win last Friday night.

Pirates lefty Francisco Liriano (1-3) was a hard-luck loser again. He gave up three runs and six hits, striking out six in seven innings. Liriano has a 2.96 ERA, but only one win.

MARLINS 5 DODGERS 4

LOS ANGELES — Dee Gordon had four hits against his former team, Giancarlo Stanton had a decisive two-run single in the seventh and the maligned Miami Marlins' bullpen finished off a 5-4 win over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Wednesday night.

Gordon, who was traded from the Dodgers to the Marlins in December, had two doubles and scored twice for his first hits and runs against the team that drafted him in the fourth round in 2008.

The Marlins (16-19) rallied from a two-run deficit by stringing together five consecutive singles in the seventh, capped by Stanton's hit that made it 5-4.

Relievers Sam Dyson, Bryan Morris, Mike Dunn and A.J. Ramos combined for 3 2-3 shutout innings after starter Jarred Cosart departed with a tight right hamstring. Ramos pitched a perfect ninth for his first career save since Steve Cishek lost his closer job.

Enrique Hernandez and Joc Pederson each homered for the Dodgers (22-11).

The Marlins avoided a three-game sweep with the win and snapped the Dodgers' five-game winning streak.

REDS 5 BRAVES 1

CINCINNATI — Reds rookie Raisel Iglesias may have pitched his way on to the Reds' roster.

The 25-year-old Cuba native tossed eight innings of two-hit baseball in his second career start and Todd Frazier connected for his 12th home run of the season, leading Cincinnati to a 5-1 win over the Atlanta Braves on Wednesday. He possibly earned a spot on the staff if not the rotation.

NATIONALS 9 DIAMONDBACKS 6

PHOENIX — The Arizona Diamondbacks appeared to catch a break when rookie Michael Taylor came to the plate with the bases loaded instead of Washington star Bryce Harper.

They weren't feeling so fortunate after Taylor hit his first career grand slam in the ninth, two innings after Harper was ejected.

"Let's give that team credit. They battled," Arizona manager Chip Hale said after the Diamondbacks lost 9-6 to the Nationals on Wednesday. "A guy off the bench comes up with a big home run. That's pretty impressive."

CUBS 2 METS 1

CHICAGO — Chris Coghlan drew a bases-loaded walk in the bottom of the ninth inning to give the Chicago Cubs a 2-1 victory over the New York Mets on Wednesday night.

The Cubs, who have won three straight, scored twice in the final two innings after being shut out for seven innings by Mets ace Matt Harvey.

Harvey allowed only three hits and struck out nine. Harvey blended a blistering fastball with a heavy dose of off-speed pitches.

Interleague

ASTROS 4 GIANTS 3

HOUSTON — George Springer hit a tie-breaking solo homer in the eighth and the Houston Astros rallied past the San Francisco Giants 4-3 on Wednesday night.

Springer had come off the seven-day concussion disabled list prior to the game. He sent Jeremy Affeldt's (0-2) pitch over the yellow line in left-center. It was his lone hit and broke a 0 for 10 slump.

Chad Qualls (1-2) threw a perfect eighth for the win and Luke Gregerson pitched the ninth for his eighth save.

Buster Posey had three RBIs for the Giants.

INDIANS 2 CARDINALS 0

CLEVELAND — Cardinals third baseman Matt Carpenter had three at-bats against Corey Kluber. Twice he failed to make contact.

He wasn't alone.

Kluber struck out 18 — the most by an AL pitcher since Roger Clemens in 1998 — and carried a no-hitter into the seventh inning before Jhonny Peralta singled with two outs as the Cleveland Indians downed St. Louis 2-0 on Wednesday night.

Kluber (1-5) dominated the Cardinals, getting his first win this season in style. He matched Hall of Famer Bob Feller's 77-year-old club record for strikeouts in a nine-inning game and held a team with baseball's best record to a measly single.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HAWKS 82 WIZARDS 81

ATLANTA — Al Horford snatched away an offensive rebound and dropped in the winning basket with 1.9 seconds left after Dennis Schroder's drive to the basket was blocked by John Wall, giving the top-seeded Atlanta Hawks an 82-81 victory over the Washington Wizards on Wednesday night and a 3-2 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Paul Pierce, who made a buzzer-beating winner in Game 3, appeared to have doomed the Hawks again when his 3-pointer from the corner gave the Wizards an 81-80 lead with 8.3 seconds left. Pierce taunted the Hawks bench and home crowd on his way back down the court before bowling over Wall, who was playing for the first time since Game 1 after fracturing several bones in his left hand. Wall didn't mind, throwing up his hands in celebration.

But Atlanta had one more chance.

The Hawks gave the ball to Schroder, who ignited a fourth-quarter rally and was still in the game with All-Star point guard Jeff Teague watching from the bench. Schroder drove and had the shot swatted off the backboard by Wall.

Horford snatched the ball away from Nene, who tumbled to the court, leaving the Hawks center all alone under the basket. He put it the easy shot on a night when both teams struggled offensiveiy, then watched the Wizards throw up a wild shot from halfcourt that didn't come close as the horn sounded.

The sellout crowd nearly stormed the court, held back by security while the Hawks celebrated. Horford pumped his fists to the crowd, having saved the Hawks with their magical season on the brink. He led the Hawks with 23 points and 11 rebounds.

Atlanta is one victory from advancing to the third round of the playoffs for the first time since moving from St. Louis in 1968. Game 6 is Friday night in Washington, and the Wizards must win to force the series back to Atlanta for a decisive Game 7.

Wall's return was the major storyline before the game. The Wizards star was injured in the series opener, fracturing several bones in his left hand when he tumbled to the court. He managed to finish that game, scoring 18 points and dishing out 13 assists as the Wizards pulled off an upset in Atlanta, but he missed the next three games.

He looked just fine in Game 5, but didn't put up his usual numbers as both offenses slogged through a tough night. Wall wound up with 15 points, seven assists and four steals, but also turned it over six times. Bradley Beal led the Wizards with 23 points.

This was a game of runs. The Hawks produced the biggest one of all, a 14-0 spurt in the fourth quarter after missing their first nine shots of the period, along with four turnovers. Kyle Korver finally scored Atlanta's first basket of the quarter, a 3-pointer with 4:58 remaining. Horford followed with another 3 from the corner, and it was tight the rest of the way.

Washington closed the first half on a 19-6 run, taking a 47-41 halftime lead. Atlanta missed seven of eight shots and turned it over three times, allowing the Wizards to pull ahead for the first time since the opening minutes. It could have been worse, but the Hawks finally made two baskets in the final 45 seconds of the half and Washington's Otto Porter missed a shot at the buzzer.

NBA PLAYOFFS SCHEDULE & BOX

SCHEDULE
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Cleveland 3, Chicago 2

Monday, May 4: Chicago 99, Cleveland 92
Wednesday, May 6: Cleveland 106, Chicago 91
Friday, May 8: Chicago 99, Cleveland 96
Sunday, May 10: Cleveland 86, Chicago 84
Tuesday: Cleveland 106, Chicago 101
Today: Cleveland at Chicago, 7 p.m.
x-Sunday, May 17: Chicago at Cleveland, TBD

Atlanta 3, Washington 2

Sunday, May 3: Washington 104, Atlanta 98
Tuesday, May 5: Atlanta 106, Washington 90
Saturday, May 9: Washington 103, Atlanta 101
Monday, May 11: Atlanta 106, Washington 101
Wednesday: Atlanta 82, Washington 81
Friday, May 15: Atlanta at Washington, 6 or 7 p.m.
x-Monday, May 18: Washington at Atlanta, 7 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
L.A. Clippers 3, Houston 2

Monday, May 4: L.A. Clippers 117, Houston 101
Wednesday, May 6: Houston 115, L.A. Clippers 109
Friday, May 8: L.A. Clippers 124, Houston 99
Sunday, May 10: L.A. Clippers 128, Houston 95
Tuesday: Houston 124, L.A. Clippers 103
Today: Houston at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.
x-Sunday, May 17: L.A. Clippers at Houston, TBD

Memphis 2, Golden State 2

Sunday, May 3: Golden State 101, Memphis 86
Tuesday, May 5: Memphis 97, Golden State 90
Saturday, May 9: Memphis 99, Golden State 89
Monday, May 11: Golden State 101, Memphis 84
Wednesday, May 13: Memphis at Golden State, late
x-Friday, May 15: Golden State at Memphis, 7 or 8:30 p.m.
x-Sunday, May 17: Memphis at Golden State, TBD

WEDNESDAY'S BOX
HAWKS 82, WIZARDS 81

WASHINGTON (81): Pierce 3-9 2-2 11, Nene 4-11 1-1 9, Gortat 7-10 0-1 14, Wall 7-16 1-2 15, Beal 9-21 4-5 23, Porter 3-13 3-5 9, Gooden 0-4 0-0 0, Sessions 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 33-88 11-16 81.

ATLANTA (82): Carroll 4-11 1-2 10, Millsap 6-14 2-3 14, Horford 10-18 2-2 23, Teague 6-13 0-0 14, Korver 1-5 0-0 3, Antic 0-2 4-4 4, Bazemore 0-3 0-0 0, Schroder 3-12 0-0 6, Muscala 4-5 0-0 8. Totals 34-83 9-11 82.

Washington	19	28	15	19	—	81
Atlanta	23	18	22	19	—	82

3-Point Goals—Washington 4-17 (Pierce 3-6, Beal 1-5, Sessions 0-1, Porter 0-2, Wall 0-3), Atlanta 5-22 (Teague 2-3, Horford 1-1, Carroll 1-5, Korver 1-5, Antic 0-1, Bazemore 0-1, Schroder 0-3, Millsap 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Washington 52 (Porter 10), Atlanta 59 (Horford 11). Assists—Washington 20 (Wall 7), Atlanta 21 (Schroder 7). Total Fouls—Washington 17, Atlanta 17. Technicals—Pierce, Carroll. A—18,854 (18,729).

TUESDAY'S LATE BOX
ROCKETS 124, CLIPPERS 103

L.A. CLIPPERS (103): Barnes 1-8 2-2 5, Griffin 12-21 6-9 30, Jordan 3-3 7-16 13, Paul 9-16 0-0 22, Redick 3-12 2-2 9, Crawford 2-10 0-0 5, Davis 0-1 0-0 0, Rivers 3-11 1-2 8, Hawes 5-7 0-0 11, D.Jones 0-0 0-0 0, Hudson 0-1 0-0 0, Turkoglu 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 38-91 18-31 103.

HOUSTON (124): Ariza 8-12 2-2 22, Smith 4-7 0-2 9, Howard 7-14 6-14 20, Terry 4-10 0-0 11, Harden 9-20 7-8 26, Prigioni 0-1 0-0 0, Brewer 5-8 5-6 15, T.Jones 5-8 2-2 12, Capela 4-4 0-2 8, Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, Papanikolaou 0-1 1-2 1, Dorsey 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 46-85 23-38 124.

L.A. Clippers	22	26	28	27	—	103
Houston	27	36	27	34	—	124

3-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 9-35 (Paul 4-9, Hawes 1-2, Barnes 1-4, Crawford 1-5, Rivers 1-5, Redick 1-8, Hudson 0-1, Turkoglu 0-1), Houston 9-29 (Ariza 4-6, Terry 3-8, Smith 1-3, Harden 1-8, T.Jones 0-1, Prigioni 0-1, Papanikolaou 0-1, Brewer 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 52 (Griffin 16), Houston 68 (Howard 15). Assists—L.A. Clippers 22 (Paul 10), Houston 29 (Harden 10). Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 27, Houston 24. A—18,142 (18,023).

LEWIS

From 1C

you need to be doing out there on the mound."

After allowing a club-record 13 runs and career-worst 13 hits in only 2 1-3 innings against the Los Angeles Angels last July, Lewis had a 6.54 ERA in his first 16 starts after being the first big league pitcher to come back from such an extensive hip surgery. He has a 3.36 ERA in his 20 starts since then.

"I heard about how tough this guy is," first-year Rangers manager Jeff Banister said. "Knowing the back story, the arm injuries, the early arm injury before he even came out of high school, to look at the body of work now, not only that, but the tour of Japan, to come back ... You really can't say enough for what he's been capable of doing, what he's doing right now."

Drafted by Texas in 1999 with a compensation pick between the first and second rounds, Lewis made his major league debut in 2002 and pitched for the Rangers until his shoulder surgery in 2004. He had stops with Detroit (2006) and Oakland (2007), then spent two seasons in Japan before rejoining the Rangers in 2010, the year they played in their first World Series.

Lewis won Game 6 of the AL Championship Series over the New York Yankees to clinch the pennant, then was the winning pitcher in the only World Series game Texas won against San Francisco.

Add in another World Series trip in 2011, and Lewis is 4-1 with a 2.34 ERA in eight postseason starts.

Lewis has repeatedly said how blessed he feels to have had multiple chances to get back to pitching, the latest with a prosthetic in his body.

"There's zero pain," Lewis said, describing how his hip feels. "I have probably 100 percent range of motion, whereas before I had 10, not even 10, I actually had negative. I couldn't even rotate out at all."

MLB STANDINGS, BOXES & LINESCORES

STANDINGS
AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	21	14	.600	—
Tampa Bay	19	16	.543	2
Toronto	17	18	.486	4
Boston	16	18	.471	4½
Baltimore	15	17	.469	4½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	21	13	.618	—
Detroit	20	14	.588	1
Minnesota	19	15	.559	2
Chicago	14	17	.452	5½
Cleveland	12	20	.375	8

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	21	13	.618	—
Los Angeles	16	17	.485	4½
Seattle	15	17	.469	5
Texas	15	19	.441	6
Oakland	13	23	.361	9

Wednesday's Scores

Boston 2, Oakland 0
Cleveland 2, St. Louis 0
Baltimore 6, Toronto 1
Minnesota 6, Detroit 2
Tampa Bay 3, N.Y. Yankees 2
Texas 5, Kansas City 2
Chicago White Sox 4, Milwaukee 2
Houston 4, San Francisco 3
Colorado at L.A. Angels, late
San Diego at Seattle, late

Today's Games

St. Louis (Wacha 5-0) at Cleveland (Bauer 2-1), 11:10 a.m.
Minnesota (Pelfrey 3-0) at Detroit (An. Sanchez 2-4), 12:08 p.m.
Kansas City (Guthrie 2-2) at Texas (Detwiler 0-4), 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Whitley 1-1) at Tampa Bay (E.Ramirez 0-1), 6:10 p.m.
Toronto (Hutchison 3-0) at Houston (R.Hernandez 1-3), 7:10 p.m.
Boston (J.Kelly 1-2) at Seattle (Elias 0-1), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	20	14	.588	—
Washington	19	16	.543	1½
Miami	16	19	.457	4½
Atlanta	15	19	.441	5
Philadelphia	12	23	.343	8½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	23	10	.697	—
Chicago	18	15	.545	5
Cincinnati	17	17	.500	6½
Pittsburgh	17	17	.500	6½
Milwaukee	12	23	.343	12

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	22	11	.667	—
San Diego	17	17	.500	5½
San Francisco	17	17	.500	5½
Arizona	15	18	.455	7
Colorado	11	18	.379	9

Wednesday's Scores

Washington 9, Arizona 6
Cleveland 2, St. Louis 0
Philadelphia 3, Pittsburgh 2
Cincinnati 5, Atlanta 1
Miami 5, L.A. Dodgers 4
Chicago Cubs 2, N.Y. Mets 1
Chicago White Sox 4, Milwaukee 2
Houston 4, San Francisco 3
Colorado at L.A. Angels, late
San Diego at Seattle, late

Today Games

St. Louis (Wacha 5-0) at Cleveland (Bauer 2-1), 11:10 a.m.
Pittsburgh (Worley 2-2) at Philadelphia (Harang 3-3), 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Niese 3-2) at Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 2-2), 1:20 p.m.
San Francisco (Lincecum 3-2) at Cincinnati (Cueto 3-3), 6:10 p.m.
Colorado (E.Butler 2-3) at L.A. Dodgers (B.Anderson 2-1), 9:10 p.m.
Washington (Fister 2-1) at San Diego (T.Ross 1-3), 9:10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S TEXAS BOXES
RANGERS 5, ROYALS 2

Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
AEscor ss	4	0	1	0	Choo rf	4	1	2	2
Mostks 3b	4	0	1	0	Andrus ss	3	1	0	0
L.Cain cf	4	1	1	0	Fielder dh	4	1	3	2
Hosmer 1b	4	0	1	0	Beltre 3b	4	0	1	1
KMorls dh	4	1	1	1	Morlnd 1b	3	0	2	0
AGordn lf	2	0	0	0	Peguer lf	4	0	0	0
S.Perez c	3	0	1	1	Chirins c	4	0	0	0
Infante 2b	3	0	0	0	Field 2b	3	0	0	0
Orland rf	3	0	0	0	DShlds cf	3	2	3	0
Totals	31	2	6	2	Totals	32	5	11	5

Kansas City .... 000 000 200—2
Texas .... 220 100 00x—5

DP—Kansas City 2, Texas 1. LOB—Kansas City 3, Texas 5. 2B—K.Morales (12), S.Perez (6), DeShields (4). 3B—DeShields (1). HR—Choo (5), Fielder (4). CS—Hosmer (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Kansas City						
Ventura L,2-3	7	10	5	5	2	6
K.Herrera	1	1	0	0	0	1
Texas						
Gallardo W,3-5	7	6	2	2	1	2
Sh.Tolleson H,6	1	0	0	0	0	1
Feliz S,6-8	1	0	0	0	0	0

WP—Gallardo.
T—2:15. A—26,258 (48,114).

ASTROS 4, GIANTS 3

San Francisco	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Aoki lf	4	0	1	0	Mrsnck cf	4	0	0	0
MDuffy 2b	4	1	1	0	Altuve 2b	4	0	1	0
Pagan cf	5	1	2	0	Valuen 3b	3	2	1	1
Posey dh	5	1	3	3	Springr rf	3	1	1	1
Maxwll rf	4	0	1	0	ClRsms lf	4	0	1	1
Belt 1b	4	0	0	0	Gattis dh	4	0	1	0
Susac c	4	0	0	0	JCastro c	3	1	1	1
McGehn 3b	3	0	1	0	Carter 1b	2	0	1	0
BCrwfr ss	3	0	2	0	MGnzlz pr-1b	0	0	0	0
Villar ss	3	0	1	0					
Totals	36	3	11	3	Totals	30	4	8	4

San Francisco .... 100 020 000—3
Houston .... 000 111 01x—4

E—Maxwell (1), Valbuena (2). DP—San Francisco 2, Houston 2. LOB—San Francisco 10, Houston 5. 2B—B.Crawford (6). 3B_Pagan (3). HR—Posey (5), Valbuena (8), Springer (5), J.Castro (4). SB—M.Duffy (1). CS—Belt (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Francisco						
T.Hudson	5 1-3	6	3	3	2	4
Lopez	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Kontos	1 1-3	1	0	0	1	2
Affeldt L,0-2	2-3	1	1	1	0	0
Romo	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Houston						
Oberholtzer	3	5	1	1	2	3
Deduno	2	3	2	2	1	1
W.Harris	1	1	0	0	0	1
Neshek	1	0	0	0	0	1
Qualls W,1-2	1	0	0	0	0	1
Gregerson S,8-9	1	2	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Deduno (B.Crawford). WP—Oberholtzer, Deduno.
T—3:10. A—20,725 (41,574).

WEDNESDAY'S LINESCORES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
RED SOX 2, ATHLETICS 0

Boston .... 010 000 010 —2 6 0
Oakland .... 000 000 000 —0 5 1

Miley, Tazawa (7), Uehara (9) and S.Leon; Gray, Scribner (8), Abad (8), Clippard (9) and Phegley. W—Miley 2-4. L—Gray 4-1. Sv—Uehara (7).

ORIOLES 6, BLUE JAYS 1

Toronto .... 000 000 010 —1 4 1
Baltimore .... 050 000 01x —6 9 0

Aa.Sanchez, Hendriks (6), Cecil (8) and Ru.Martin; Mi.Gonzalez, O'Day (8) and Joseph. W—Mi.Gonzalez 4-2. L—Aa.Sanchez 3-3. Sv—O'Day (1). HRs—Baltimore, R.Navarro (1).

TWINS 6, TIGERS 2

Minnesota .... 105 000 000 —6 12 1
Detroit .... 000 002 000 —2 8 0

Nolasco, A.Thompson (6), Tonkin (7), Duensing (8), Boyer (8), Perkins (9) and K.Suzuki; Lobstein, A.Wilson (3), Alburquerque (7), B.Hardy (8), Gorzelanny (9) and J.McCann. W—Nolasco 3-1. L—Lobstein 3-3. HRs—Minnesota, Tor. Hunter (6).

RAYS 3, YANKEES 2

New York .... 200 000 000 —2 10 0
Tampa Bay .... 120 000 00x —3 7 1

Warren, A.Miller (8) and B.McCann; Karns, Cedeno (6), B.Gomes (7), Jepsen (8), Boxberger (9) and B.Wilson. W—Karns 3-1. L—Warren 2-2. Sv—Boxberger (10). HRs—Tampa Bay, Souza Jr. (6).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
NATIONALS 9, DIAMONDBACKS 6

Washington .... 003 002 004 —9 8 3
Arizona .... 013 010 010 —6 14 0

G.Gonzalez, Roark (6), Thornton (7), Barrett (8), Storen (9) and Lobaton; Hellickson, Delgado (6), O.Perez (7), Ziegler (8), Reed (9) and Pacheco. W—Barrett 3-0. L—Reed 0-2. Sv—Storen (10). HRs—Washington, Werth (2), T.Moore (2), M.Taylor (3).

PHILLIES 3, PIRATES 2

Pittsburgh .... 000 020 000 —2 6 0
Philadelphia .... 000 030 00x —3 7 1

Liriano, Scahill (8) and Cervelli; Hamels, Giles (8), Papelbon (9) and Ruiz. W—Hamels 3-3. L—Liriano 1-3. Sv—Papelbon (7).

REDS 5, BRAVES 1

Atlanta .... 000 000 010 —1 2 0
Cincinnati .... 112 010 00x —5 7 0

Stults, W.Perez (6), Cahill (8) and Bethancourt; R.Iglesias, Cingrani (9) and B.Pena. W—R.Iglesias 1-0. L—Stults 1-4. HRs—Cincinnati, Byrd (7), Frazier (12).

CUBS 2, METS 1

New York .... 000 001 000 —1 6 0
Chicago .... 000 000 011 —2 7 0

Harvey, C.Torres (8), Familia (9) and Plawecki; Monell; Hammel, Rosscup (9), H.Rondon (9) and M.Montero. W—H.Rondon 2-0. L—C.Torres 1-2.

MARLINS 5, DODGERS 4

Miami .... 001 100 300 —5 12 0
Los Angeles .... 000 130 000 —4 6 0

Cosart, S.Dyson (6), Morris (7), Dunn (8), A.Ramos (9) and Realmuto; Frias, Liberatore (7), Hatcher (7), Baez (7), Santos (8) and Grandal. W—S.Dyson 2-0. L—Liberatore 0-1. Sv—A.Ramos (1). HRs—Los Angeles, K.Hernandez (1), Pederson (10).

INTERLEAGUE
CAVALIERS 2, CARDINALS 0

St. Louis .... 000 000 000 —0 1 0
Cleveland .... 200 000 00x —2 7 0

Lackey, Choate (6), Villanueva (8) and Molina; Kluber, Allen (9) and R.Perez. W—Kluber 1-5. L—Lackey 2-2. Sv—Allen (5).

WHITE SOX 4, BREWERS 2

Chicago .... 300 000 100 —4 9 0
Milwaukee .... 000 000 011 —2 7 0

Quintana, Petricka (8), Robertson (9) and Flowers; Nelson, Kintzler (7), Cotts (9) and Maldonado. W—Quintana 2-3. L—Nelson 1-4. Sv—Robertson (7). HRs—Chicago, A.Garcia (3). LaRoche (4). Milwaukee, C.Gomez (3).

TUESDAY'S LATE LINESCORES
ANGELS 5, ROCKIES 2

Colorado .... 001 100 000 —2 5 0
Los Angeles .... 000 200 03x —5 10 0

K.Kendrick, Betancourt (8), Roberts (8) and Hundley; C.Wilson, Street (9) and C.Perez. W—C.Wilson 2-2. L—Betancourt 0-1. Sv—Street (11).

MARINERS 11, PADRES 4

San Diego .... 000 000 301 —4 6 0
Seattle .... 401 002 31x—11 15 1

Kennedy, Kelley (5), Garces (7) and De.Norris; Paxton, Farquhar (7), Wilhelmsen (7), Furbush (8), Lowe (9) and Zunino. W—Paxton 1-2. L—Kennedy 2-2. HRs—Seattle, Seager (4), Morrison (6), Zunino 2 (5), Ruggiano (1), N.Cruz (15).

DIAMONDBACKS 14, NATIONALS 6

Washington .... 001 102 002 —6 12 1
Arizona .... 201 524 00x—14 16 0

Strasburg, Solis (4), Grace (6), Barrett (7), C.Robinson (8) and W.Ramos; R.De La Rosa, Chafin (8), Delgado (9) and Gosewisch. W—R.De La Rosa 4-2. L—Strasburg 2-4. HRs—Washington, Harper (12). Arizona, Inciarte (1), Trumbo 2 (6).

DODGERS 11, MARLINS 1

Miami .... 100 000 000 —1 5 0
Los Angeles .... 001 145 00x—11 21 0

Haren, Hand (5), Masset (6), Morris (8) and Realmuto; Bolsinger, P.Rodriguez (6), Santos (7), Nicasio (8), Howell (9) and Grandal. W—Bolsinger 1-0. L—Haren 4-2. HRs—Miami, Stanton (8). Los Angeles, H.Kendrick (4), Ethier (5).

NHLROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

RANGERS 2 CAPITALS 1

NEW YORK — Derek Stepan scored 11:24 in overtime, lifting the New York Rangers past the Washington Capitals 2-1 and into the Eastern Conference finals Wednesday night.

Stepan's wrist shot from the left wing after he won a faceoff — a rarity for the Rangers — capped a comeback from a 3-1 deficit in the series. The Rangers are the only team to manage that in successive years, doing the same thing to Pittsburgh in the second round in 2014.

Alex Ovechkin scored in the first period for Washington, which has lost five Game 7s in as many tries when leading a series 3-1. Kevin Hayes tied it in the second.

New York, which had the NHL's best record this season, will face Tampa Bay for a spot in the Stanley Cup finals, where the Rangers lost to Los Angeles last spring. The series begins Saturday at Madison Square Garden.

Although the Rangers were badly outplayed early in overtime, Henrik Lundqvist stood tall in goal and the Capitals couldn't find that winning touch. That's something the Rangers seem to own in a seventh game: New York has won six in a row, including the last three series against Washington.

It was the Rangers' fourth overtime win in as many tries this year, all by 2-1 scores. It was a cruel finish for Braden Holtby, who was superb all series and made 37 saves Wednesday night.

Washington was quicker to the puck than the generally faster Rangers in the first period, when Lundqvist was much busier than Holtby, making 14 saves. The difference through 20 minutes: Washington's top goal scorer connected on his best chance, New York's didn't.

Ovechkin, who scored 53 times to lead the league, somehow got wide open in the slot after the Capitals won a faceoff and worked the puck off the boards. His wrist shot beat Lundqvist to the glove side.

Late in the period, while killing a penalty, the Rangers' Rick Nash, who trailed Ovechkin by 11 goals during the season, got free on a breakaway. He tried to deke Holtby and go through the legs, but his backhander was stopped as the fans lamented a missed opportunity.

The Rangers' sometimes-anemic, sometimes-opportunistic power play tied it in the second period. Tireless defenseman Ryan McDonagh kept in a clearing attempt at the right point and passed to J.T. Miller. His cross-ice feed to a cutting Hayes was perfect and Hayes put it past Holtby.

NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE

SECOND ROUND
(Best-of-7)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
N.Y. Rangers 4, Capitals 3

Thursday, April 30: Washington 2, N.Y. Rangers 1
Saturday, May 2: N.Y. Rangers 3, Washington 2
Monday, May 4: Washington 1, N.Y. Rangers 0
Wednesday, May 6: Washington 2, N.Y. Rangers 1
Friday, May 8: N.Y. Rangers 2, Washington 1, OT
Sunday, May 10: N.Y. Rangers 4, Washington 3
Wednesday: N.Y. Rangers 2, Washington 1

Tampa Bay 3, Montreal 2

Friday, May 1: Tampa Bay 2, Montreal 1, 2OT
Sunday, May 3: Tampa Bay 6, Montreal 2
Wednesday, May 6: Tampa Bay 2, Montreal 1
Thursday, May 7: Montreal 6, Tampa Bay 2
Saturday, May 9: Montreal 2, Tampa Bay 1
Tuesday: Tampa Bay 4, Montreal 1

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Chicago 4, Minnesota 0

Friday, May 1: Chicago 4, Minnesota 3
Sunday, May 3: Chicago 4, Minnesota 1
Tuesday, May 5: Chicago 1, Minnesota 0
Thursday, May 7: Chicago 4, Minnesota 3

Anaheim 4, Calgary 1

Thursday, April 30: Anaheim 6, Calgary 1
Sunday, May 3: Anaheim 3, Calgary 0
Tuesday, May 5: Calgary 4, Anaheim 3, OT
Friday, May 8: Anaheim 4, Calgary 2
Sunday, May 10: Anaheim 3, Calgary 2, OT

Associated Press

Kentucky Derby winner American Pharoah is held by trainer Bob Baffert at the stakes barn at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore on Wednesday. The Preakness Stakes horse race is Saturday.

Derby winner American Pharoah has dreaded rail for Preakness

By Richard Rosenblatt
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Bob Baffert can only hope the finish of the Preakness Stakes turns out better than the position draw.

The trainer watched in disbelief Wednesday as his Kentucky Derby winner American Pharoah drew the dreaded No. 1 post position for Saturday's second leg of the Triple Crown. A moment later, his other entry, Dortmund, was saddled with the No. 2 post.

A 1-2 punch he could do without after American Pharoah was made the 4-5 morning-line favorite and Dortmund the 7-2 second choice in an eight-horse field entered Wednesday. It's the smallest field for the 1 3/16-mile Preakness since 2000, when Red Bullet upset Derby winner Fusaichi Pegasus.

"I can't believe I drew the 1-2 of all draws," a somewhat disappointed Baffert said, noting that if American Pharoah is the best horse, "we're going to find out.

"It's the luck of the draw. I don't love it, but it will be easy to watch."

Justin Zayat, the son of owner Ahmed Zayat and general manager of Zayat Stables, chimed in on Twitter: "The champ will just have to work for it from the rail. I have faith in AP."

Baffert has never liked the No. 1 post, and history backs him up. The last horse to win the Preakness from the inside post was Tabasco Cat in 1994; the last to win it from the No. 2 post was Snow Chief in 1986.

Baffert has 10 wins in Triple Crown races, and none started from the rail. Two weeks ago at the Derby draw, Baffert clapped his hands to his mouth after waiting until near the end of the draw before avoiding the No. 1 post for American Pharoah and having him draw No. 18. Dortmund wound up with in the No. 8 gate.

"It's kind of a different vibe here," Baffert said, referring to a field less than half the size of the 18-horse Derby and a track that tends to be quicker than Churchill Downs. "But unless they re-draw it, we'll have to live with it."

If American Pharoah wins, it would set up Baffert for an unprecedented fourth Triple Crown try. The last Triple Crown winner was Affirmed in 1978.

Derby runner-up Firing Line was the third choice at 4-1, followed by Divining Rod (12-1), Danzig Moon (15-1), Mr. Z (20-1), Bodhisattva (20-1) and Tale of Verve (30-1).

The first three Derby finishers arrived at Pimlico Race Course about 2 1/2 hours before the post-position draw. After Baffert walked them around the stakes barn, they settled down in stalls 29 and 30. Traditionally, the Derby winner is housed in stall No. 40.

Baffert had his reasons.

"There's a lot of crowd at the end there," he said of the stall where media tend to gather and the horse can be clearly viewed. "The noise sort of gets to them a little bit, so I'm just trying to keep him and Dortmund together.

He said the horses shipped well from Louisville, Kentucky.

"He was revved up," Baffert said. "His motor I can just feel, shut down. He's a very intelligent horse. This was just a routine walk, a new place and he settled in well."

American Pharoah, to be ridden again by Victor Espinoza, comes into the Preakness with five impressive wins in a row, two last year to be voted 2-year-old champion and three this year, in the Rebel, the Arkansas Derby and then the Kentucky Derby.

Jimmie Johnson throws caution to wind at Kansas Speedway

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — The image Jimmie Johnson has cultivated over the years is of a clean-cut, corporate pitchman, almost the antithesis of the "good 'ol boy" drivers from NASCAR's colorful past.

His conservative driving style has delivered six championships, one behind Richard Petty and Dale Earnhardt for most in Sprint Cup history. Johnson's No. 48 Chevrolet is seemingly always in contention, whether he's running at Talladega or Bristol or somewhere in between.

Johnson

That's what made his radio chatter Saturday night raise some eyebrows.

While the rest of the leaders decided to pit in the closing laps at Kansas Speedway, all of them running low on fuel, Johnson threw caution to the wind. He told crew chief Chad Knaus that he was going to stay on the track, gambling that he would be able to hold off hard-charging Kevin Harvick and the rest of the field — and have enough gas to make it to the finish line.

He would either win or lose, spectacularly.

"Usually Chad gives me some indication early in Turn 3 what he's going to do, and he really didn't say much, so I knew he was thinking hard. And I could see most guys were favoring down and trying to find their way to the apron," Johnson said. "He asked me what I wanted to do and it just dawned on me: We've won two races, we're locked in the Chase, points don't matter.

"It's all about wins," Johnson said. "I said, 'Man, I feel like gambling.'"

It turned out to be the right call, too. Harvick ran out of time trying to chase Johnson down, and the sport's most dominant driver coasted on fumes to his third win of the season.

With a newfound cavalier attitude, Johnson could earn a whole lot more.

That's because in the past NASCAR, rewarded consistency over brilliance. That was never more evident than in 2003, when Matt Kenseth won the championship with 25 top-10 finishes but despite winning one race. Ryan Newman won eight times but failed to finish six other races.

Then came the Chase, which made accumulating points a little less important. So long as you had enough to qualify for NASCAR's version of the playoffs, you could take a few risks.

Then before last season, the rules changed again to essentially guarantee drivers that won a race a spot in the Chase. Suddenly, Johnson and others could take a far different approach on a week-by-week basis. Whereas Johnson may have pitted at Kansas and been content with a top-five finish and the points that came with it, winning became all that mattered.

The only way Johnson was going to reach victory lane Saturday night was to stay on the track. Harvick had the better car, and Martin Truex Jr. and others were just as fast.

"We knew that we were going to need to have probably four or five guys at the minimum stay out for us to have any shot at pulling it off," Knaus said. "We were tossing back and forth what we should do, and I didn't want to say too much until the very last moment, and when I threw it out there to Jimmie and he said, 'Well, let's gamble,' I was like, 'That's easy. It's done.'"

One of the best drivers in NASCAR history taking on a go-for-broke attitude?

That could make the rest of the "regular season" interesting.

Johnson is among the favorites heading into Saturday night's All-Star race at Charlotte, which he's won four times already. After that comes the Coca-Cola 600, which Johnson won for the fourth time last year by passing Harvick late in the race.

Castroneves walks away from scary crash at Indy 500 practice

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Helio Castroneves' car flipped over and went airborne Wednesday during a scary-looking crash in practice for the Indianapolis 500, less than an hour after he was docked eight points by IndyCar officials for a rules violation in last weekend's race.

Castroneves

The Brazilian star was not seriously injured.

Castroneves climbed out of the car under his own power and was quickly checked, cleared and released at the speedway's infield medical center. Team owner Roger Penske said there were no broken bones, though Castroneves did not take questions from reporters.

It was an uncharacteristically rough day Castroneves at Indy's 2.5-mile oval he knows so well.

His three 500 wins are tied for the most of any foreign-born driver in Indy history. His four pole wins here are tied for the second most ever, trailing only Team Penske consultant Rick Mears who won six. In addition, he finished as the 500 runner-up in 2003 and 2014, has seven other top-10 finishes in 14 career 500 starts and has qualified for the first two rows of the 33-car race 10 times. Qualifying for this year's May 24 race starts Saturday.

But this month hasn't exactly gone according to plan.

Castroneves was involved in a five-car melee at the start of Saturday's Grand Prix of Indianapolis, a crash that knocked New Zealand's Scott Dixon, from the rival Target Chip Ganassi team, out of contention before he even got through the first turn. Dixon complained then that Castroneves should have been assessed a drive through penalty for avoidable contact. Castroneves finished sixth. Dixon was 10th.

Race officials took no action Saturday but on Wednesday blamed Castroneves for causing the crash and trimmed his points total from 161 to 153, though he remained third in the standings. Teammates Juan Pablo Montoya (171) and Will Power (166) are sitting first and second, while Dixon is tied for fourth at 144. All four drive Chevrolet-powered cars.

AUTO RACING GLANCE

NASCAR
SPRINT CUP
NASCAR SPRINT ALL-STAR RACE
Site: Concord, North Carolina.
Schedule: Friday, Sprint Showdown practice (Fox Sports 1, 11 a.m.-12:45 p.m.); Sprint All-Star practice (Fox Sports 1, 12:45-2:30 p.m.); Sprint Showdown qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 3-4:30 p.m.); Sprint Showdown race, 6:15 p.m. (Fox Sports 1, 6-7 p.m.); Saturday, Sprint All-Star qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 7-8:30 p.m.); Sprint All-Star Race, 8 p.m. (Fox Sports 1, 7:30-10 p.m.).
Track: Charlotte Motor Speedway (oval, 1.5 miles).
Race distances: Sprint Showdown, 20 laps, 30 miles; Sprint All-Star Race, 110 laps, 165 miles (four 25-lap segments and a 10-lap finale with only green-flag laps counting in the last segment).
Last year: Jamie McMurray pulled away to win after a door-to-door battle with Carl Edwards.
Last week: Jimmie Johnson won the rain-delayed race at Kansas Speedway for his series-high third victory of the season. He stayed on the track during a late caution to take over the lead, then held off hard-charging Kevin Harvick.
Fast facts: Kyle Busch is racing for the first time since breaking his right leg and left foot in the Xfinity Series opener at Daytona. ... Race winners in the last two seasons and active past season champions and past All-Star winners earned spots in the non-points event. The top two in the Sprint Showdown and a driver selected in fan voting will complete the All-Star field. ... Johnson has a record four victories.
Next race: Coca-Cola 600, May 24, Charlotte Motor Speedway, Concord, North Carolina.
Online: http://www.nascar.com

XFINITY
300 250
Site: Newton, Iowa.
Schedule: Friday, practice; Saturday, practice, qualifying; Sunday, race, 1 p.m. (Fox Sports 1, 12:30-3:30 p.m.).
Track: Iowa Speedway (oval, 0.875 miles).
Race distance: 218.75 miles, 250 laps.
Last year: Sam Hornish Jr. won in Joe Gibbs Racing's No. 54 Toyota.
Last race: Joey Logano won at Talladega on May 2 for his third series victory of the season.
Fast facts: The race is the first of six series stand-alone events. ... Ty Dillon leads the season standing, nine points ahead of Chris Buescher. The series will return to the track in August.
Next race: Hisense 300, May 23, Charlotte Motor Speedway, Concord, North Carolina.
Online: http://www.nascar.com

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK
NORTH CAROLINA EDUCATION LOTTERY 200
Site: Concord, North Carolina.
Schedule: Thursday, practice (Fox Sports 1, 2-5 p.m., 6-8 p.m.); Friday, qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 4:30-6 p.m.), race, 7:30 p.m. (Fox Sports 1, 7-10 p.m.).
Track: Charlotte Motor Speedway (oval, 1.5 miles).
Race distance: 201 miles, 134 laps.
Last year: Kyle Busch raced to the third of his seven 2014 victories.
Last week: Matt Crafton won at Kansas, conserving just enough fuel while the leaders kept running out.
Fast facts: Two-time defending series champion Crafton leads the season standings. He also won at Atlanta. ... Kasey Kahne is making his first series start since winning at Rockingham in 2012. He's driving the No. 00 Chevrolet for JR Motorsports. ... Brad Keselowski is driving his own No. 29 Ford.
Next race: Lucas Oil 200, May 29, Dover International Speedway, Dover, Delaware
Online: http://www.nascar.com

NHRA MELLO YELLO DRAG RACING
SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT NHRA SOUTHERN NATIONALS
Site: Commerce, Georgia.
Schedule: Friday, qualifying; Saturday, qualifying (ESPN2, 8-10 p.m.); Sunday, final eliminations (ESPN2, 8 p.m.-11 p.m.).
Track: Atlanta Dragway
Last year: Robert Hight raced to the fourth of his five 2014 Funny Car victories. Spencer Massey won in Top Fuel, Jeg Coughlin in Pro Stock and Eddie Krawiec in Pro Stock Motorcycle.
Last event: Ron Capps won in Baytown, Texas, on April 26 for his second Funny Car victory of the season. Doug Kalitta won in Top Fuel, and Erica Enders-Stevens topped the Pro Stock field.
Fast facts: Capps leads the Funny Car standings, six points ahead of Hagan. Tony Schumacher leads in Top Fuel, Enders-Sanders in Pro Stock, and Krawiec in Pro Stock Motorcycle.
Next event: NHRA Kansas Nationals, May 22-24, Heartland Park Topeka, Topeka, Kansas.
Online: http://www.nhra.com

VERIZON INDYCAR
Next race: Indianapolis 500, May 24, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indianapolis.
Last week: Team Penske's Will Power won the Grand Prix of Indianapolis on the track's road course. He led 65 of 82 laps en route to his first victory of the season.
Online: http://www.indycar.com

FORMULA ONE
Next race: Monaco Grand Prix, May 24, Circuit de Monaco, Monte Carlo, Monaco.
Last week: Mercedes' Nico Rosberg won the Spanish Grand Prix for his first victory of the year. Teammate Lewis Hamilton was second.
Online: http://www.formula1.com

OTHER RACES
ARCA RACING SERIES: Menards 200, Sunday (CBS Sports Network, 1-3 p.m.), Toledo Speedway, Toledo, Ohio. Online: http://www.arcaracing.com
WORLD OF OUTLAWS: Sprint Car: Friday-Saturday, Williams Grove Speedway, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; Sunday, Weedsport Speedway, Weedsport, New York. Online: http://www.worldofoutlaws.com
U.S. AUTO RACING CLUB: Sprint Car: Friday, Gas City I-69 Speedway, Gas City, Indiana. Online: http://www.usacracing.com

BULLDOGS

From 1C

"I'll be a lot easier because I'll have some familiar faces to play with," Abney said. "It'll be more comfortable. I'm really looking forward to being able to keep playing with some of the guys that I know."

Like Solis and Abney, Granado, a defensive lineman, deeply valued his camaraderie with his Bulldog teammates. As a startup program, the three will also have a chance to make an early impact with the Falcon's new team.

"We laid the foundation here at Midand High," Granado said. "To go leave our legacy and set high standards at UTPB, it's a great opportunity. It's a blessing."

But something else in particular really appealed to Granado about UTPB.

"Education is key and it has my intended major," said Solis, who plans to major in mechanical engineering. "Out of all the schools that offered me, UTPB was the only one that had my intended major."

Meanwhile, Boler will be attending TLU, an established Division III program that has been very successful in recent years.

As an outside linebacker with MHS, Boler was fourth on the team in tackles with 59 in 2014. He also led the team with eight pass breakups and was a three-year varsity letterman.

Boler said he fell in love with everything about TLU after his visit to the campus.

"Visiting there, right off the bat, I loved the location," Boler said. "On the way up there I loved it. The coaching staff is great. I met a lot of them and a lot of the players and I'm connecting with them real well. It's exciting and I'm so honored that they gave me the chance to keep playing the sport that I love."

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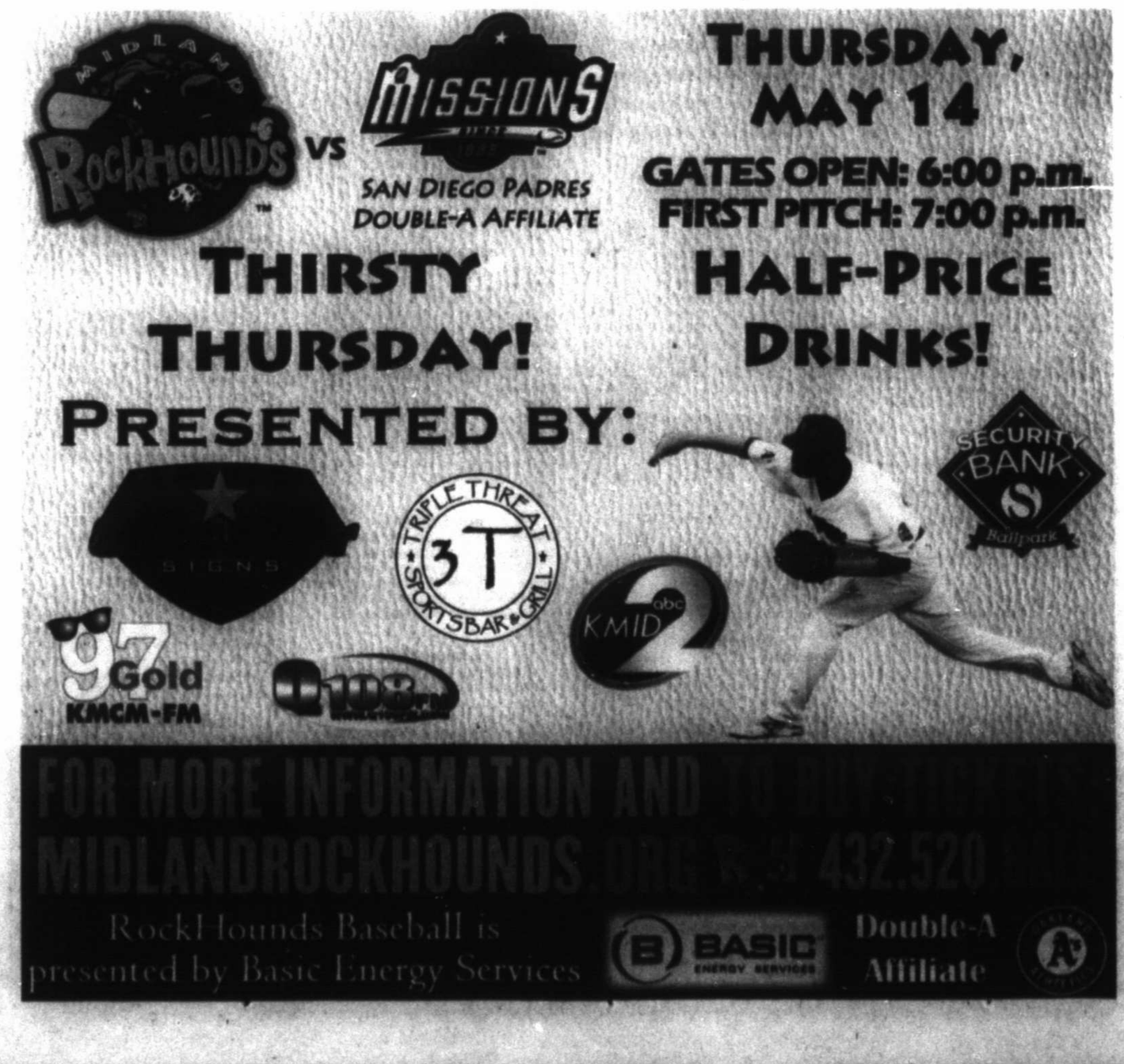

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		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID	ABC	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Grey's A. "You're Home" (SF) (N)		Scandal "You Can't Take Command" (N)		Crime "Episode Eleven" (SF) (N)		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Couple (N)	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Element "A Controlled Descent" (SF) (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT	CW	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Hogan's Heroes	Twilight Zone	Welcome Kotter	Welcome Kotter	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Wrongful Writ"		Columbo
KPEJ	FOX	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Bones "The Murder in the Middle East" (N)		Wayward "Where Paradise Is Home" (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot In Cleveland	Hot In Cleveland	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KMLM	IND	Dr. Rik Wadge	Rocks/Manuscripts	Update News	Fruits of Zion	Light of the Southwest				Joe McGee	Doug Stringer	Called Out	Biblical Israel
KWES	NBC	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Undercover Mother"		The Blacklist "Masha Rostova" (SF) (N)		Dateline NBC		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT	PBS	PBS NewsHour		Tracks Ahead	Daytripper TV	Secret War "From Warrior to President"		Above and Beyond		Charlie Rose (N)		Tavis Smiley (N)	Euromaxx Highlig
KUPB	UNI	La sombra del pasado		Amores con trampa		Hasta el fin del mundo		Que te perdone Dios... Yo no		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA	MNT	Fam.Feud	Million..	The Mentalist		Mentalist "Redacted"		My News	Million..	Anger M.	M&M	Office	Access H.
FLIX		(5:00) The Cat's ...		★★ A Walk on the Moon				★★ Ask the Dust ('06, Rom) Colin Farrell.				★★ Asylum	
HBO		★★★ The Devil Wears Prada				Veep	Silicon	Game of Thrones		Cathouse	Thought Crimes		
HBO2		★ Austin Powers: International...		Fight		★★ Divergent ('14, Act) Shailene Woodley.					Real Sports		Movie
HBO3		Movie	Veep	Bill Maher (N)		★ For a Good Time, Call ...			LastWeek	★★★ Neighbors Seth Rogen.		Movie	
MAX		Blended		(:15) ★ Calvary ('14, Dra) Brendan Gleeson.				★ J. Edgar ('11, Crf) Leonardo DiCaprio.			(:20) Sin City Diaries		
MAX2		★★ Enemy of the State Will Smith.				★ As Above, So Below				(:40) Zane's Sex Chronicles	(:15) ★ Transcend...		
PLEX		★ Adventures ...		★★ Passionada Jason Isaacs.				(:50) ★★★ Les Misérables ('98, Dra) Liam Neeson.			(:05) ★ I'll Do Anyt...		
SHOW		★ Age of Hero...		★ The Railway Man ('13, War) Colin Firth.				Penny Dreadful		SEX With	HAPPYish	All-Star Comedy Jam	
TMC		The Tempest		★ Ask Me Anything				(:40) ★ The Discoverers Griffin Dunne.			★ Finding Vivian Maier		
A&E		First 48 "For a Quick Buck/ Bloody Sunday"		The First 48 "Cold Betrayal"		The First 48 (N)		The First 48 (N)		First 48 "Trust No One/ Risky Business"		The First 48 "Cold Betrayal"	
AMC		(:15) Mad Men		(:20) Mad Men				(:25) Mad Men	Mad Men		(:35) Mad Men		MadMen
BET			Movie	Nellyville		Single Ladies "Build"		★★★ Talk to Me ('07, Dra) Mike Epps, Don Cheadle.			Wendy Williams		
BRAVO		Atlanta	Atlanta	"Reunion Part Three"		Housewives (SF) (N)		Real Housewives		Watch (N)	Atlanta	"Reunion Part Three"	
CNBC				Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Profit "SJC Drums"		Consumed		American Greed	
CNN		OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Gotta Do It (N)		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		Somebody's Gotta	
DISC		Naked "Argentina"		NakedAfraid "Brazil"		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid	
DISNEY		(5:45) ★★★★ Up			Girl (N)	KC Under	Jessie	Liv/Mad	Austin	I Didn't	A.N.T.	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN		(5:00) SprtC	Count	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)						NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)			
ESPN2		Highly?	SportsC.	30 for 30 "The U"				Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter		Baseball Tonight (L)	
FAMILY		(5:30) ★★★ Kung Fu Panda				★★★ The Princess Diaries ('01, Fam) Julie Andrews.				The 700 Club		Boy MW	Boy MW
FNC		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD		Chopped "Waste Not"		Chopped				BeatFlay	Beat Flay	Cutthroat Kitchen		Chopped	
FSSW		NCAA Baseball TCU at Oklahoma Site: L. Dale Mitchell Park – Norman, Okla. (L)						Sooners Football	Longhorns Preview	Texans Huddle	Outdoor SW (N)	The Game 3...	SportsDay OnAir
FX		Movie	★★★ Men in Black 3 ('12, Act) Will Smith.					Comedian	Louie (N)	Comedian	Louie	Louie	Comedian
HALLMARK		Waltons "The Call"		Waltons "The Hunt"		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		H.Hunt	House (N)	H.Hunt	House	Fixer Upper	
HISTORY		Pawn S.	Pawn Star	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn Stars (N)		(:05) Lost in Tra. (N)		(:05) Pawn	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.
LIFETIME		Hoarders "Glen/ Lisa"		Hoarders "Dee/ Jan"		Hoarders "Joanne/ Kristi"		Hoarders "Joni and Millie"		Hoarders "June/ Doug"		Hoarders "Dee/ Jan"	
MSNBC		Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN				NHL Live! NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)				Overtime	UCI Cycling		IIHF Hockey World Championship		
NICK		Sponge	Sponge	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	FreshP.	FreshP.
SPIKE		★★★ Mad Max 2: The Road Warrior Mel Gibson.					Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Bar Rescue	
SYFY		(4:00) ★★★ Fallen		WWE Smackdown! (N)				★★ Resident Evil: Extinction				★ Apocalypse L.A.	
TBS		Sein. "The Jimmy"	Seinf. "The Doodle"	Family Guy "Blue Harvest"		Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan		The Office	Conan
TCM		(5:30) ★ Satellite in t...		★★★ In Old Chicago Tyrone Power.				★★ Earthquake Charlton Heston.				(:15) ★ San Francisco	
TELE		Caso cerrado		Avenida Brasil		Tierra de reyes		El señor de los cielos		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	Tierra de reyes	
TLC		My Big Fat Fabulous Life "Babs Knows Best"		Kate Eight "Mother's Day Surprise"		The Willis Family "Momma"		The Willis Family		The Willis Family "Momma"		The Willis Family	
TNT		Castle "Pandora" Pt. 1 of 2 cont'd next		Castle "Linchpin" 2/2		Castle "Once Upon a Crime"		Castle "A Dance With Death"		CSI: NY "Holding Cell"		CSI: NY "Party Down"	
TVLAND		Reba	Reba	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Friends	Friends
USA		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Double Strands"		★★ Oz the Great and Powerful A magician is forced into a struggle with three witches when he visits an enchanted land.						Law & Order: S.V.U. "Anchor"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Bullseye"	
WGN		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	Parks and Rec	Parks and Rec

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NFLPA to use noted labor lawyer Kessler in appeal

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Noted labor attorney Jeffrey Kessler will aid in the players' union's planned appeal of Tom Brady's suspension.

The New England Patriots quarterback was suspended by the NFL for the first four games of the 2015 season for his role in the deflating of footballs.

He has until 5 p.m. EDT on Thursday to file the appeal. His lawyer, Don Yee, and the union have said they will appeal.

Kessler has litigated some of the most famous sports antitrust cases, including working for a variety of player unions. He was instrumental in getting NFL free agency established and had a key role in helping end the league's lockout of the players in 2011.

Along with Brady's suspension, the NFL fined the Patriots $1 million Monday and stripped them of a 2016 first-round draft choice and a 2017 fourth-rounder.

But Kessler would be involved only in Brady's case.

Kessler most recently represented Adrian Peterson in his appeal to reduce his league suspension for violating the personal conduct policy. Peterson served his full suspension through April 15, albeit on the commissioner's exempt list, where he was paid his salary. The running back has been reinstated, although he has not reported to the Minnesota Vikings.

An NFL-sanctioned investigation by attorney Ted Wells asserted it was "more probable than not" that Brady "was at least generally aware" of plans by two team employees to prepare the balls to his liking, below the league-mandated minimum of 12.5 pounds per square inch. Wells also noted that Brady refused to turn over phone records. Wells said he had told Brady and Yee he did not need to see his phone and would have accepted a list of communications.

Brady would actually miss the first five weeks of the season because the Patriots have a bye. He would miss four game checks, totaling about $1.88 million.

RIDGE

From 1C

"I try not to pay attention to the marks," Ridge added. "... I don't really know (what mark I will need). I'm just going to get out there and compete to the best of my ability."

Last year Ridge said there were times when she was blue about her injury and she credits retired track and field coach Don Harridge, assistant coach Mallory Adams and trainer Diane Lloyd for keeping her spirits up.

Andrews girls track and field head coach Matt Gafford says Ridge is someone the entire team admires for the manner in which he fought back from injury and for her accolades in meets.

"Being a senior and being such a good track athlete, she's definitely a leader and the girls look up to her, they kind of follow her lead," Gafford said. "If they're not working hard, she will bring them along, talk to them and get them going. She's a definitely a good leader, which will be truly missed next year."

Ives hopes to medal in 300 hurdles

Andrews senior John Ives enters Saturday's boys Class 4A 300-meter hurdles with the fastest time (37.95) recorded at regionals. Ives is also competing in the 300-meter hurdles for the first time at state.

In 2013, Ives competed in the boys 800 relay at state along with Andrews teammates Robert Ridge, Joe Prieto and Tadarius Ridge so he's familiar with the atmosphere in Austin.

"When you get up there, don't let the crowd dictate what you're going to do, just kind of blow them all off and just build yourself a wall around everybody else," Ives said. "Just try and stay calm as possible."

On Saturday, Ives in competing in the 800 relay once again along with Le'Vaun Lewis, Robert Ridge and Braden Grimsley. Ives is the anchor.

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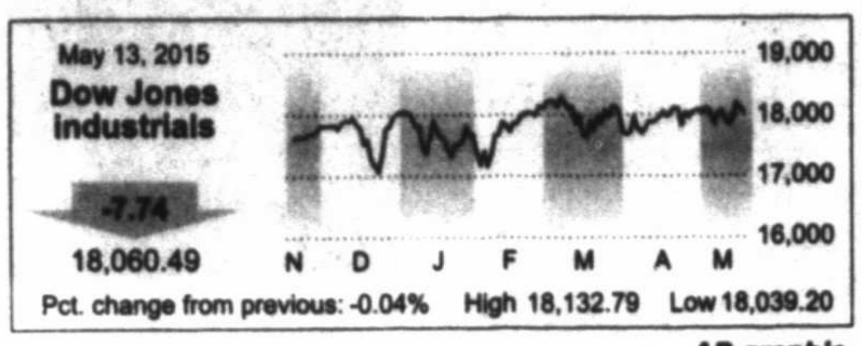

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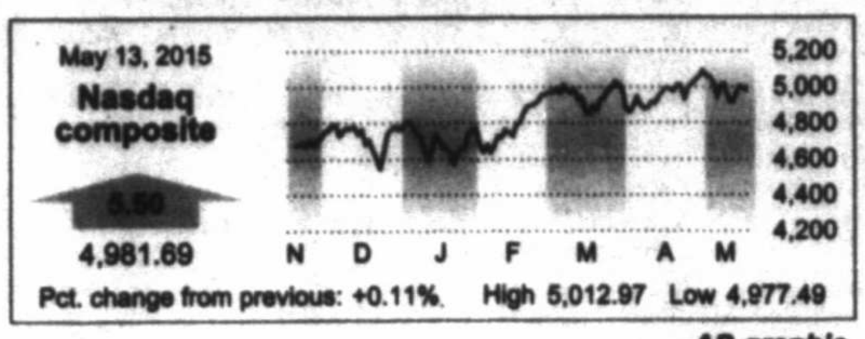

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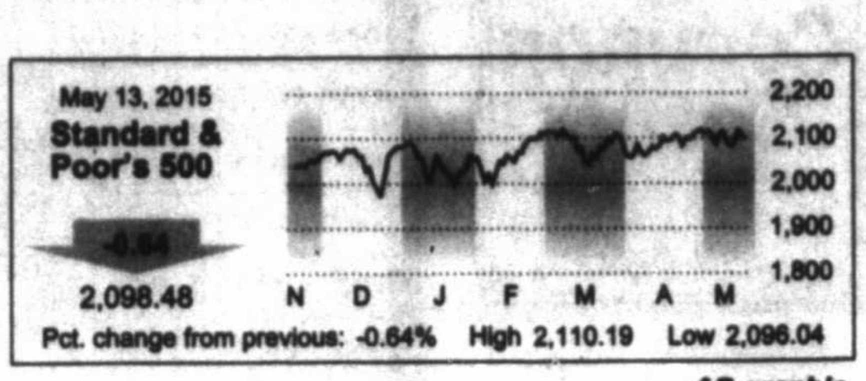

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Wednesday: $2.935
Previous: $2.897

Wal-Mart to test unlimited shipping service for $50 per year

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. will test a new unlimited shipping service for online shoppers this summer that will be priced below Amazon's $99 per year Prime service.

Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, told The Associated Press on Wednesday that the shipping subscription service will cost customers $50 a year. Products will arrive in three days or less.

Wal-Mart offers a grocery delivery and pickup service in five markets. But the unlimited shipping program marks a substantial commitment and underscores how serious the retailer is about accelerating the growth of its online business, which has seen a slowdown.

The unlimited shipping service was first reported by The Information, a publication that covers the technology industry.

Ravi Jariwala, a company spokesman, said the offering is in response to increasing demands from customers who are looking for predictable and affordable shipping. It's also part of Wal-Mart's overall strategy to test new ways to serve customers who are increasingly researching and buying on their PCs or mobile devices and are looking for convenience.

Jariwala said the service will be available by invitation only for now and it will offer more than one million top-selling items, from toys to electronic gadgets. Wal-Mart's online site sells more than seven million products.

For now, he said the service would not offer features like free video and music streaming that Amazon provides. He said that customer feedback will direct how the program will evolve.

Stocks mostly lower

Coming off a two-day losing streak, the major stock indexes spent much of the day Wednesday drifting between small gains and losses before ending mostly lower.

Technology stocks were among the biggest gainers, sending the tech-heavy Nasdaq composite slightly higher. The Dow Jones industrial average and Standard & Poor's 500 index notched their third straight loss. The price of U.S. oil fell.

In addition to corporate deals and earnings news, traders had their eye on the Commerce Department's latest monthly snapshot of retail sales. The report, a bellwether for consumer spending, showed retail sales were essentially flat in April, falling short of Wall Street's forecasts. All told, retail sales have risen just 0.9 percent over the past 12 months.

"The retail sales numbers were really crucial in terms of assessing whether or not the rebound from the first quarter was gaining momentum," said Quincy Krosby, market strategist for Prudential Financial. "It leaves a lingering concern as to whether or not there's something more at work keeping the economy from rebounding."

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 7.74 points, or 0.04 percent, to 18,060.49. The Standard & Poor's 500 index shed 0.64 points, or 0.03 percent, to 2,098.48. The Nasdaq composite added 5.50 points, or 0.1 percent, to 4,981.69.

The indexes are up for the month and year.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	797030	210.02	+.04
CSVLgCrde	781301	3.76	-.06
BkofAm	459548	16.47	+.04
MktVGold	393281	20.78	+.49
Vale SA	386228	7.12	-.25

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
WillmsPtrs	58.16	+10.76	+22.7
CastleAM	4.86	+.64	+15.2
CivitSolu n	20.89	+2.17	+11.6
UCP	9.08	+.90	+11.0
CastlightH	9.06	+.85	+10.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Ducomun	24.50	-6.09	-19.9
ResMed	55.48	-9.89	-15.1
EKodk wtA	3.90	-.55	-12.4
CenElBras	2.40	-.27	-10.1
GenieEn n	11.62	-1.15	-9.0

DIARY

Advanced	1,734
Declined	1,387
Unchanged	103
Total issues	3,224
New Highs	57
New Lows	37
Volume	3,279,640,214

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	38952	3.44	+.09
B2gold g	33091	1.69	+.04
BarcGSOil	29395	12.54	-.09
CheniereEn	27353	75.03	-.99
UraniumEn	24544	2.70	+.24

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TrioTch	3.19	+.43	+15.6
LGL Grp	5.20	+.49	+10.4
UraniumEn	2.70	+.24	+9.8
IssuerDir	7.65	+.65	+9.3
IEC Elec	4.24	+.34	+8.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
InfuSystem	2.91	-.29	-9.1
Contango	16.98	-1.67	-9.0
ImpacMtg	20.37	-1.99	-8.9
Sifco	13.80	-1.20	-8.0
Electrmed	2.20	-.17	-7.2

DIARY

Advanced	199
Declined	197
Unchanged	21
Total issues	417
New Highs	4
New Lows	5
Volume	101,755,660

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Zynga	357354	3.01	+.08
Cisco	339780	29.35	+.12
Apple Inc s	334766	126.01	+.14
Microsoft	318350	47.63	+.28
FrontierCm	299371	5.46	-.24

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
OneHorizn	2.63	+1.55	+142.4
GigaTr h	2.83	+1.08	+61.7
nTelos	8.09	+1.89	+30.5
ImmuCell	7.12	+1.47	+26.0
Rntrak	61.76	+10.65	+20.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EZchip	14.84	-4.73	-24.2
Orexigen	5.02	-.91	-15.3
CSVS3xInSlv	46.71	-5.62	-10.7
MarlinMid	18.00	-2.13	-10.6
VestRM rs	3.52	-.37	-9.5

DIARY

Advanced	1,365
Declined	1,334
Unchanged	181
Total issues	2,880
New Highs	74
New Lows	35
Volume	1,632,745,766

US retail sales flatline in April after rising 1.1 percent in March

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. shoppers kept their spending in check in April, as modest wage growth over the past year keeps family budgets tight.

The Commerce Department said Wednesday that retail sales were unchanged last month after rising 1.1 percent in March. Sales have risen just 0.9 percent over the past 12 months. Steady hiring has yet to spark significantly higher incomes.

The retail sales report also raises the possibility that nasty winter weather can't entirely explain the recent lackluster consumer spending in prior months, since the anticipated spring rebound has not materialized.

"The continuing weakness of retail sales in April brings into question our working assumption that the soft patch through the winter months was largely due to the unseasonably cold temperatures in the Northeast," said Paul Ashworth, chief U.S. economist at Capital Economics.

Americans cut back on their purchases at autos dealers, furniture outlets, building supply stores, gas stations, supermarkets and department stores last month. Offsetting those declines were increases in spending at restaurants, clothiers, health-related stores and online retailers.

Excluding the volatile categories of autos, gas, building materials and restaurants, sales were flat.

Many economists say that sales should improve once the strong job growth fuels acceleration in wage growth. But the addition of 3.1 million jobs over the previous 12 months has done little to push up paychecks at a meaningfully faster pace than inflation.

Wages have risen at a relatively modest 2.2 percent clip over the past 12 months, barely outpacing inflation, the Labor Department reported last week.

Also, gasoline prices are beginning to rise, which could cut into shopping budgets. The average cost of gas nationwide is $2.66 a gallon, up from $2.39 a month ago, according to the AAA Daily Fuel Gauge.

Prices at the pump still remain almost a dollar lower a gallon than last year. But the previous decreases in fuel costs led more Americans to pocket the savings instead of spending.

Economists watch the retail sales report closely because it provides the first indication each month of the willingness of Americans to spend. Consumer spending drives 70 percent of the economy. Yet retail sales account for only about one-third of spending, with services such as haircuts and Internet access making up the other two-thirds.

Consumer spending increased 0.4 percent in March, the largest gain since November, the Commerce Department reported.

The economy expanded at a meager annual pace of 0.2 percent during the first three months of the year. Consumer spending growth fell to just 1.9 percent during the first quarter, down sharply from 4.4 percent in the previous quarter.

A stronger dollar has weighed on exports, and energy firms are cutting workers and equipment orders due to cheaper oil. Meanwhile, consumer spending has failed to rise to a level to propel stronger economic growth.

MIDLAND STOCKS

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Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $47.97 Down 1.00

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $118.07 Down 1.52

Dawson Operating (DWSN)
Closing Price $5.89 Up 0.16

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $79.42 Down 0.17

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $11.75 Down 0.07

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.16 Down 0.10

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $23.60 Down 0.28

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $28.12 Up 0.47

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $11.75 Down 0.28

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $19.30 Up 0.36

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AES Corp	.40	11	13.36	-.35	-3.0
AT&T Inc	1.88	31	33.90	+.24	+.9
Abraxas	...	6	3.25	-.02	+10.5
AdaDvsEq	1.17e	...	14.18	-.01	+3.7
Alcoa	.12	22	13.63	+.08	-13.7
Alibaba n	...	55	87.53	+.76	-15.8
AlonUSA	.60f	18	16.82	+.67	+32.8
Amgen	3.16	21	158.39	+.15	-.6
Anadarko	1.08	...	85.11	-1.08	+3.2
Apache	1.00	...	62.70	-.94	...
Apple Inc s	2.08f	16	126.01	+.14	+14.2
ApldMatl	.40	21	19.93	+.04	-20.0
ATMOS	1.56	18	52.50	-.44	-5.8
AutoData	1.96	29	86.31	-.45	+3.5
Avon	.24	...	6.67	-.09	-29.0
BP PLC	2.40	47	42.77	+.08	+12.2
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	15.76	-.07	-.8
BakrHu	.68	33	66.50	-.49	+18.6
BcoSantSA	.76e	...	7.52	...	-9.7
BkofAm	.20	25	16.47	+.04	-7.9
B iPVixST	...	...	20.67	-.38	-34.4
BarrickG	.20	83	13.25	+.42	+23.3
BasicEnSv	...	...	9.81	-.16	+39.9
BerkHa A	...	18	217200.00	-600.00	-3.9
BlkHillsCp	1.62	16	47.25	-.12	-10.9
BrMySq	1.48	50	67.40	-.10	+14.2
BrownFA	1.26	31	96.87	-.42	+10.4
BrownFB	1.26	29	92.25	...	+5.0
CVS Health	1.40	24	99.81	-.43	+3.6
Cameron	...	12	52.92	+.12	+5.9
Caterpillar	2.80	14	88.44	+.28	-3.4
Celestic g	...	15	12.55	+.02	+6.9
CntryLink	2.16	26	34.35	-.65	-13.2
ChesEng	.35	...	15.23	-.22	-22.2
Chevron	4.28	12	107.70	+.14	-4.0
Chicos	.31	...	17.17	-.05	+5.9
Cimarex	.64	...	116.93	-.83	+10.3
Cisco	.84f	18	29.35	+.12	+6.2
Citigroup	.20f	22	54.20	+.46	+.2
ClayEng	...	41	47.97	-1.00	-24.8
CocaCola	1.32	26	41.05	+.36	-2.8
ColgPalm	1.52f	27	67.60	-.28	-2.3
Comcast	1.00f	17	56.28	-1.05	-3.0
ConAgra	1.00	...	37.46	-.22	+3.3

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConchoRes	...	29	118.07	-1.52	+18.4
ConocoPhil	2.92	16	65.39	-.01	-5.3
CrackerB	4.00	22	135.60	+.41	-3.7
CSVLgNGs	...	...	2.78	+.10	-30.2
CSVLgCrde	...	...	3.76	-.06	-23.1
CSVixSht	...	...	1.10	-.03	-60.1
CrosTim	2.44e	9	21.56	-.50	+24.5
DCP Mid	3.12	15	38.01	-.28	-16.3
DTE	2.76	16	77.19	-1.07	-10.6
Danaher	.54f	25	87.35	+1.35	+1.9
Dataram h	...	...	2.32	+.09	+36.4
DeltaAir	.36	15	46.78	+.68	-4.9
DevonE	.96	...	65.95	-1.62	+7.7
DxGldBull	...	...	13.30	+.88	+19.1
DirDGldBr	...	...	11.90	-.95	-51.7
Disney	1.15f	23	109.19	-.05	+15.9
DowChm	1.68	16	50.73	-.22	+11.2
DuPont	1.96f	20	69.33	-5.03	-6.2
EOG Rescs	.67	17	91.60	-1.81	-.5
EmpDist	1.04	16	23.12	-.14	-22.3
Energen	.08	40	09.16	-.65	+8.5
EngyTsfr	4.06f	73	56.69	+.40	-12.8
EnPro	.80	86	62.64	+.39	-.2
EntPrdPt s	1.50f	25	33.57	-.43	-7.1
Ericsson	.39e	...	11.30	+.03	-6.6
ExterranH	.60	23	31.94	-.32	-2.0
ExxonMbl	2.92f	13	86.56	-.46	-6.4
Facebook	...	76	78.44	+.98	+.5
FordM	.60	20	15.41	-.15	-.6
FrptMcM	.20m	...	22.61	-.12	-3.2
FrontierCm	.42	...	5.46	-.24	-18.1
GATX	1.52	11	55.77	+.30	-3.1
GabMultT	1.08e	...	9.15	+.02	-8.6
GAInv	3.50e	...	35.44	-.06	+1.3
GenElec	.92	...	27.21	+.18	+7.7
Gevo rs	...	...	4.47	-.21	-6.9
GtPlainEn	.98	16	25.48	-.21	-10.3
HalconRes	...	...	1.29	-.01	-27.5
Hallibrtn	.72	17	47.29	-.20	+20.2
Hertz	...	...	19.52	-.35	-21.7
iShBrazil	1.38e	...	36.10	-.42	-1.3
iShJapan	.15e	...	13.01	+.09	+15.7
iShSilver	...	...	16.35	+.54	+8.6
iShChinaLC	1.04e	...	49.21	-.58	+18.2

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShEMkts	.88e	...	42.40	+.08	+7.9
iSh20 yrT	3.10	...	118.88	-.96	-5.6
iS Eafe	2.26e	...	67.53	+.50	+11.0
iShR2K	1.59e	...	122.49	-.01	+2.4
iShREst	2.70e	...	74.84	-.63	-2.6
IntegrysE	2.72	23	70.59	-.73	-9.3
Intel	.96	14	32.64	+.39	-10.1
InterDig	.80	...	55.96	-.31	+5.8
JohnJn	3.00f	18	100.55	+.08	-3.8
Keycorp	.30f	14	14.92	+.20	+7.3
KimbClk	3.52	27	110.40	+.65	-4.4
LegacyRes	1.40m	...	11.75	-.07	+2.8
Lubys	...	...	5.26	+.07	+15.6
Macys	1.44f	15	63.73	-1.60	-3.1
MVJrGold	...	...	26.60	+.72	+11.2
MktVGold	.12e	...	20.78	+.49	+13.1
McDnlds	3.40	21	97.35	-.60	+3.9
Merck	1.80	15	59.18	-.26	+4.2
MeritMed	...	34	20.31	+.08	+17.2
MexcoEn	...	...	5.16	-.10	-5.0
MicronT	...	8	27.19	+.32	-22.3
Microsoft	1.24	20	47.63	+.28	+2.5
Nabors	.24	13	15.98	-.24	+23.1
NatGrid	3.48e	...	69.25	-.49	-2.0
NOilVarco	1.84	10	51.88	+.40	-20.8
NokiaCp	.51e	...	6.87	+.05	-12.6
NStarRlt	1.60	...	18.72	-.25	+6.5
NvMAd	.79a	...	13.44	+.03	-1.6
NvPMI	.82a	...	13.24	+.03	-5.2
NuvPI	.82a	...	13.39	+.03	-3.4
NSTFI3	.59a	...	14.24	+.01	...
NTXQI	.65a	...	14.02	-.06	-3.0
OcciPet	3.00f	20	78.17	+.51	-5.5
Orexigen	...	...	5.02	-.91	-17.2
PallCorp	1.22	34	123.89	+5.27	+22.4
ParTech	...	...	4.34	+.01	-29.4
ParkDrl	...	12	3.78	+.08	+23.1
PattUTI	.40	23	21.35	-.17	+28.7
Penney	...	...	8.71	-.17	+34.4
PennaRE	.84f	...	22.29	-.61	-5.0
Prmian	.87e	9	9.32	+.15	-2.4
PetrbrsA	.85e	...	9.22	+.08	+21.6
Petrobras	.46e	...	9.85	+.09	+34.9
Pfizer	1.12	23	33.53	-.25	+7.6
PioNtrl	.08	31	151.89	-2.65	+2.0

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PlainsAAP	2.74f	22	48.22	+.13	-6.0
PwShs QQQ	1.49e	...	108.00	+.22	+4.6
Praxair	2.86	21	117.81	-.03	-9.1
PrmEgy	...	6	56.00	...	-23.0
PUltVixST	...	...	9.65	-.32	-61.6
PrUltCrude	...	...	9.86	-.10	-4.9
ProctGam	2.65f	25	79.70	-.25	-12.5
RangeRs	.16	26	62.70	-1.11	+17.3
RegionsFn	.24f	14	10.26	+.09	-2.8
RiteAid	...	20	7.99	+.16	+6.3
Rowan	.40	...	23.93	+.20	+2.6
RoyDShllA	3.76	12	63.30	+.60	-5.5
SpdrDJIA	3.55e	...	180.75	+.03	+1.6
S&P500ETF	3.94e	...	210.02	+.04	+2.2
SpdrLehHY	2.26	...	39.20	-.06	+1.5
SabnR	3.95e	10	39.52	-.18	+10.5
SanderFm	.88a	7	82.39	+.39	-1.9
SandRdge	...	...	1.49	-.03	-18.1
Schlmbrg	2.00	23	92.51	+.04	+8.3
SeadrillLtd	...	2	15.00	+.46	+25.6
SigmaAld	.92	33	138.94	+.07	+1.2
SiriusXM	...	43	3.86	+.03	+10.3
Smucker	2.56	21	116.58	+.76	+15.4
SP Engy	1.94e	...	80.38	-.21	+1.5
SPDR Fncl	.41e	...	24.59	+.01	-.6
SP Util	1.51e	...	43.25	-.43	-8.4

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
SunEdison	...	...	28.49	+.88	+46.0
SunocoL s	1.68f	...	40.89	-.44	-2.1
TelefEsp	1.03e	...	14.96	+.10	+5.3
Tesoro	1.70	13	88.80	+.63	+19.4
3M Co	4.10	21	161.31	+1.24	-1.8
Torchmrk s	.54f	14	56.60	-.07	+4.5
Transocn	3.00	...	21.39	+1.18	+16.7
TriContl	.78e	...	21.84	...	+2.0
Twitter	...	...	37.72	+.24	+5.2
TylerTech	...	64	122.38	+1.27	+11.8
UBWV	1.28	20	37.92	...	+1.3
US OilFd	...	...	20.61	-.13	+1.2
Vale SA	.60e	...	7.12	-.25	-13.0
ValeroE	1.60	8	58.28	+.75	+17.7
VerizonCm	2.20	22	49.73	+.11	+6.3
Vipshop s	...	...	26.66	+.88	+36.4
VulcanM	.40	87	90.87	+.64	+38.2
WalgBoots	1.35	33	84.07	-.11	+10.3
WstnRefin	1.36f	8	45.42	+1.82	+20.2
WhitingPet	...	15	34.67	-.76	+5.1
WmsCos	2.32f	97	53.21	+3.11	+18.4
WilmsPtrs	3.40	...	58.16	+10.76	+13.9
XcelEngy	1.28f	18	32.85	-.36	-8.5
Xerox	.28f	15	11.24	+.08	-18.9
Zynga	...	...	3.01	+.08	+13.2

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,288.63	15,855.12	Dow Jones Industrials	18,060.49	-7.74	-.04	+1.33	+8.71
9,310.22	7,700.57	Dow Jones Transportation	8,559.51	-90.36	-1.04	-6.35	+9.26
657.17	524.82	Dow Jones Utilities	572.55	-5.50	-.95	-7.37	+6.42
11,248.99	9,886.08	NYSE Composite	11,117.00	+3.83	+.03	+2.56	+4.33
5,119.83	4,035.96	Nasdaq Composite	4,981.69	+5.50	+.11	+5.19	+21.49
2,125.92	1,820.66	S&P 500	2,098.48	-.64	-.03	+1.92	+11.12
1,543.48	1,269.45	S&P Midcap	1,515.92	+1.18	+.08	+4.37	+11.71
22,522.83	19,160.13	Wilshire 5000	22,159.94	-9.42	-.04	+2.26	+10.98
1,278.63	1,040.47	Russell 2000	1,232.28	-.85	-.07	+2.29	+11.71

Local forecast

The National Weather Service lists some chance of rain in the forecast for five of the next six days. There is a 20 percent chance today and 30 percent chance tonight. On Friday night, expect a 40 percent chance of showers. The lone day without some chance of rain is Sunday.

Otherwise, expect average high temperatures and lower-than-average low temperatures over the next week.

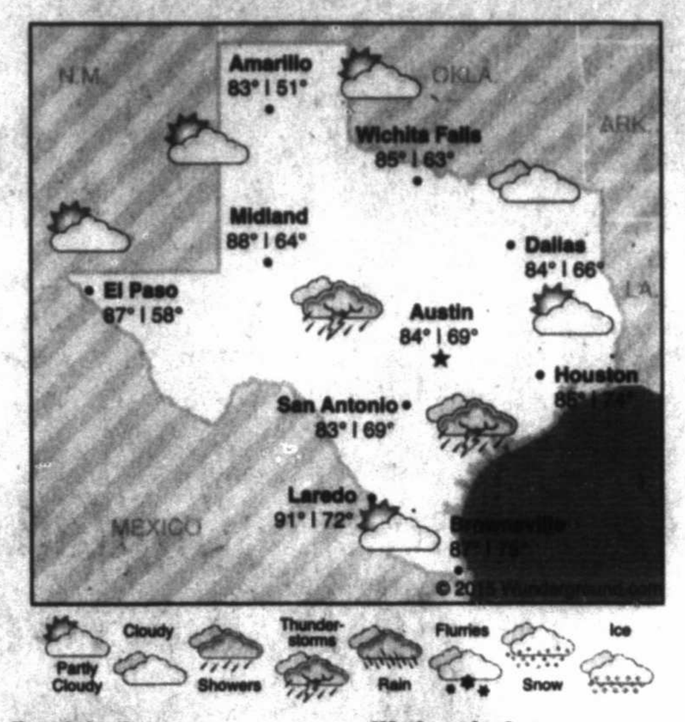
The record high for May 13 is 102 set in 1960 and 2006. The record low is 39 set in 1971. The high last year was 63 degrees. The low last year was 45.

National forecast

Much of the area from northern Georgia to Maine will be dry today, with at least partial sun. An area of high pressure over Pennsylvania is forecast to settle east. Temperatures will bounce back to seasonable levels after a frosty start in parts of the interior Northeast.

Showers and thunderstorms will move into Florida.

An area of drenching rain and embedded thunderstorms will soak the northern Plains into part of the Mississippi Valley.



Precipitation

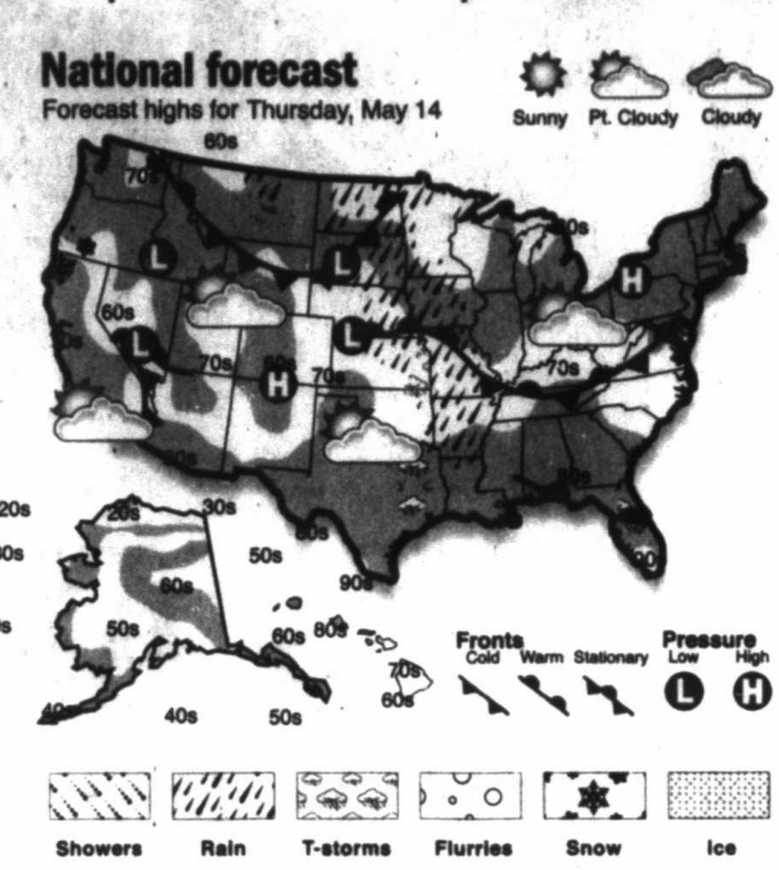
Wednesday	0.77 in.
Thursday	0.62 in.
Month total	1.68 in.
Year total	7.32 in.
Normal total (year to date)	3.03 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	79
Low	59
Normal high	87
Normal low	59
Sunrise	6:52 a.m.
Sunset	8:38 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, May 14



Words can't heal the pain family endures after rape

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: What do you say when someone has been raped? I have a friend whose granddaughter was brutally raped and left for dead. I have asked a few questions about how she is doing and receive only cursory answers in response.

I know this incident has caused great sadness within this family. What do I say? What do I do? I am at a loss for words, and don't know how to help. Any advice you can offer would be greatly appreciated. — STYMIED IN ARIZONA

DEAR STYMIED: You have shown your concern by asking. It should be clear to you that your friend is not comfortable discussing the family tragedy in detail. Now drop the subject, because sometimes being at a loss for words is a GOOD thing. When your friend is comfortable talking about it, he/she will do it without prompting.

DEAR ABBY: This past week, I read to the students at a local grammar school. I read to kindergarteners, second- and fourth-graders. The children were great, quiet and attentive. They asked insightful questions about the stories.

The teachers, on the other hand, were a disappointment. They dressed the way I dress when I work in the yard — jeans and T-shirts. What an unprofessional image they presented to these youngsters! They missed a wonderful opportunity to be a positive example of women in the workforce by displaying a total disregard for their appearance or the impact they have on young minds. — SAD TO SEE IN NEVADA

DEAR SAD: I, too, remember when teachers dressed more formally in the classroom. But that was then and this is now. On the bright side, one would hope that teachers gain the respect and affection of their students less on how they look and more on the love of learning they are able to instill.

DEAR ABBY: I recently took two days off from work to stay home with a cold. When I returned to work, a co-worker started commenting on how I might be contagious. Then, during our lunch break, she commented that she didn't want me to sit next to her "because she didn't want to get sick." I told her there were plenty of other seats if she preferred to sit elsewhere, and sarcastically thanked her for making me feel "welcomed."

She continues to bring it up and is now pushing everyone to use hand sanitizer and sanitize their work areas. I'm offended. I think it's rude. A couple of co-workers are now sick with similar symptoms. Is she being rude, or am I oversensitive? And how should I respond? — OFFENDED IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR OFFENDED: Your co-worker isn't rude; she's a germaphobe and with good reason. If everyone was careful to use hand sanitizer and sanitize their workstations and shared surfaces — door knobs, light switches, lunchroom equipment — there would be fewer individuals taking sick days. In a case like this, you should stop being defensive. The best way to respond to the woman is not to respond at all.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, May 14, 2015:

This year you have the energy and support to zero in on one of your many desires. You could have one friend that pushes you so hard, to the point that squabbles often result. Learn to pull back when you have had enough. If you are single, the best part of getting to know someone is during the first few months. Someone who could have a great deal of impact on your life will appear sometime after August. If you are attached, the two of you enter an extremely romantic phase, in which you will act like new lovers. Plan on taking a special vacation together. ARIES can be challenging.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You have the ability to move through a lot of different errands and projects quickly. A family member might need some extra attention. If you don't get a response from this person, keep trying. Your creativity will emerge with a loved one. Tonight: As you like it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You might be exhausted by news that is forthcoming. Lie low and manage a matter that is close to your heart. Emotional extremes could hit you quickly and point to a change of pace. Don't worry so much about an important choice you need to make. Tonight: Where the action is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Zero in on a key issue in a meeting, and you'll discover what your associates' views are. This information could prove to be more important than you realize. Open up to talks, and let others express their logic and reasoning. Tonight: Among the crowds.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You have the ability to move a boss or parent to a new way of thinking. Use subtlety to get the effect you want. Someone close to you appears to be a little off. Do not push this person, as you might not see eye to eye with him or her. Tonight: A must appearance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Reach out for more information, and touch base with a loved one at a distance. This person will be able to express another perspective or side of an issue. Open up to a new possibility. You could feel awkward when dealing with a professional. Tonight: Ever playful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Deal with others directly. You could feel as if someone is not supporting you in achieving a long-term desire. Open up a conversation with the person in question. Perhaps a situation regarding your home life is dragging you down. Try to find out. Tonight: Be a duo.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You might want to have a break from the hectic pace. What you want and what you get could be a different story. Rethink a decision that involves a higher-up. Communication could open your eyes to an aspect of a situation that has evaded you up till now. Tonight: Say "yes."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ You could be overtired. You might wonder what would be best to do with regard to completing a project. Consider taking a power nap; you will feel a lot better afterward. Keep your eye on a money matter. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Your fiery side emerges, and you will ask questions. You are likely to notice how someone wants to be drawn into the conversation. Surprises surround you, especially involving a child or loved one. A partner could be on the offensive. Tonight: Be naughty and nice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Tension emanates from a judgment that you are making of yourself. Know when to pull back and handle this issue within. Do your best to clear out what you must. Your creativity comes forward once you relax. Allow stronger one-on-one relating. Tonight: Fun and games.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You are likely to say exactly what you want and think. Add a touch of diplomacy, and you will find the responses you get will be much better. Your creativity emerges when someone tosses his or her negativity at you. Refuse to take on these issues. Tonight: Strut your stuff.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You could be exhausted and questioning your limits. You simply might be having an off day. Take some time just for you. A change of pace could make all the difference in how you feel and think. An important friend is likely to be hard on you. Tonight: Pay bills.

BORN TODAY

Facebook co-founder Mark Zuckerberg (1984), singer/songwriter Anahi (1983), musician Jack Bruce (1943)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

The tenth trick

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ K 6 4
♡ J 7 5 2
◇ J 10 6
♣ A 6 2

WEST
♠ Q J 9 5
♡ 4
◇ A Q 7 2
♣ Q 10 8 7

EAST
♠ 10 8 7
♡ 6 3
◇ 9 8 5 4 3
♣ K J 5

SOUTH
♠ A 3 2
♡ A K Q 10 9 8
◇ K
♣ 9 4 3

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	Dbl	2♡	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♡	All pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♠

South had just enough to make a game try, and North, with a maximum, happily accepted. South took a moment to plan his play before deciding where to win the first trick. He counted nine top tricks, but he needed 10. Where was his tenth trick? It was sitting right there in dummy, but care was required to get it.

South won the opening spade lead carefully with the ace in his hand. Trumps were drawn in two rounds before South led the king of diamonds from his hand. West won his ace and shifted to clubs, but it was too late. Declarer won with dummy's ace and led the jack of diamonds, shedding a club from his hand. West won his queen of diamonds, but was only able to cash one club trick. Declarer ruffed the third club, crossed to dummy with the king of spades, and discarded his remaining spade on the 10 of diamonds, his tenth trick!

Note that an opening club lead would have defeated the contract, but West cannot be faulted for his spade lead. South's two-spade bid was a "need help" bid, suggesting weakness in spades. North would have accepted just as happily had his king of spades been the king of clubs.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Charms
6 60-Across, e.g.
10 1992 Matchbox acquirer
14 Candy message
15 Offend, in a way
16 Old record problem
17 BAN
20 '70s Sonny & Cher label
21 Dramatist with three Pulitzers and three Tonys
22 BEN
28 Spiral-horned antelope
29 Skunk River city
30 Tornado survivor of film
31 Shakespeare's "__ Andronicus"
33 Edwards, e.g.: Abbr.
36 BIN
40 Greek org.
41 Lash LaRue vehicle
42 Branch of Islam
43 "Deal __ Deal"
44 Very long time
45 BON
51 Eastern garment
52 Eastern nurse
53 BUN
60 "Terrible" ruler
61 Histamine opener
62 Wet
63 Prized possessions
64 "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" co-screenwriter
65 Gas brand with a red-white-and-blue logo

DOWN

1 Grand squared
2 Encouraging word
3 __ wine
4 Reproductive cells
5 Moped
6 Burial chamber
7 Youngest Marx brother
8 __ Lingus
9 "Citizen Kane" studio
10 Denim and chino
11 Start of a '60s TV toon yell
12 Old-time news source
13 Elected
18 California NBAers, on a scoreboard
19 Least infirm
22 Paving stones
23 What Mexican Olympians go for
24 Doha is its capital
25 Pizzeria chain, familiarly
26 Liquid 32-Down
27 "My turn!"
31 Grand __ National Park
32 Solid 26-Down
33 "Gesundheit!" trigger
34 Spark producer
35 Sixth-day creation
37 Fooled (around)
38 Eastern royal
39 "Just __!"
43 Loads
44 One way to be washed
45 Comparable to a house?
46 Use a pocketknife, perhaps
47 Fantasize
48 Recurring Dana Carvey "SNL" character
49 Some spam
50 Encouraging word
54 __ diet
55 __ diet
56 Strain
57 New Jersey fort
58 Lennon collaborator
59 Dr. for women

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

M	S	D	O	S		M	O	B	S		S	W	A	B
A	L	E	V	E		O	A	R	S		M	I	R	E
C	O	M	E	T	O	T	H	I	N	K	O	F	I	T
S	T	I	R		S	O	U	L		A	L	I	A	S
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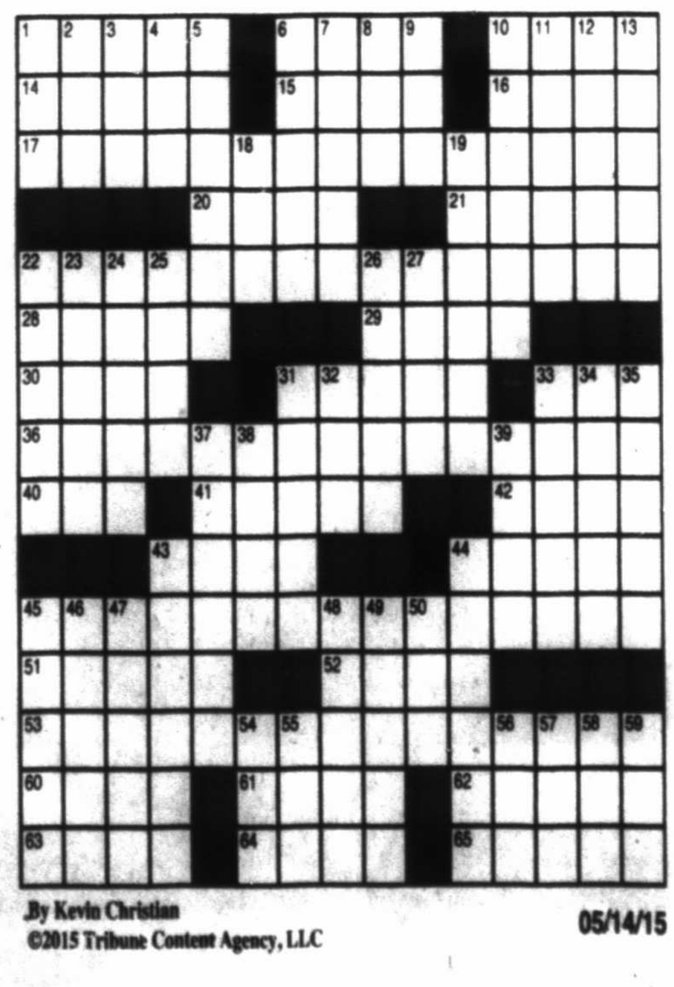

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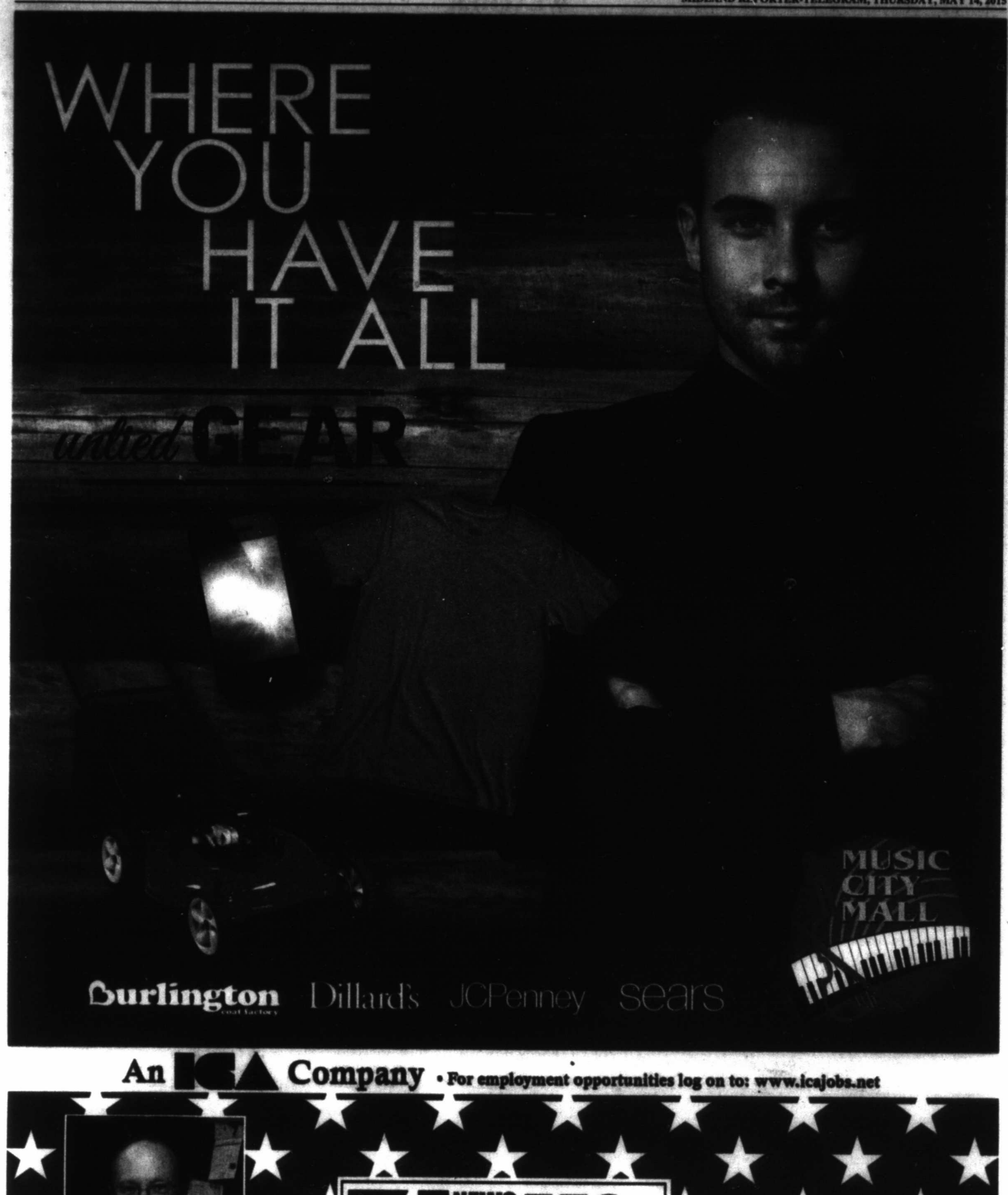

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FOUND FEMALE part Lab, cut like Schnauzer near 4712 W. Cuthbert. Call 432-770-3109

FOUND SATURDAY at Parker Elementary young female black & gold Terrier. 432-312-6007

$1000 REWARD for the return of Bella. Approximately 3 pounds, 3 years old. Last seen on 5-5-15 near JBS Parkway and Orchid Lane in Odessa. Please call 318-308-3398.

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MOTOR MPO POLICY BOARD MEETING

Date: May 18, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.
Place: Wright Office Complex, Suite 1
9601 Wright Drive
Midland, Texas 79706

The Policy Board of MOTOR MPO will meet to discuss the following: Current planning activities including a future visioning exercise. The Board may conduct an Executive Session as permitted under Chapter 551 of the Texas Administrative Code.

Community Events

Coin & Currency Show
May 15 - May 17, 2015
Courtyard Midland
1505 Tradewind Blvd, Midland, TX 79707
Friday, May 15th 2PM - 6PM
Saturday, May 16th 9AM - 5PM
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Call Ron Wilson
214-232-8337

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Call Vince Vehar
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2012 Mazda 2 4dr Auto Sport $12,881
Call Rocky Merritt
432-967-1536

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Call Sarah Bright
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HONDA 2014 Accord, fully loaded, less than 1500 miles. Burgandy with ivory interior. Owned by elderly couple. $24,000. 432-631-2161

Passenger Cars

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JEEP, 1999, Wrangler, 5 speed manual, 2 door, hard top, 70k odometer, $8950. 432-689-8189 after 6pm.

NISSAN 2008 Altima, 3.5 SL, V6, 120K miles. White with tan leather interior, sun roof, Bose radio. Absolutely immaculate OBO. $10,250. Call 432-413-6241

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Collectibles: Art; signed prints; Clark Bronson and others; silver serving pieces; sterling flatware; International Wild Rose; silver-plated punch bowl; American Fostoria; Nippon; wonderful seasonal decor Christmas
Vintage Items: toys, miniatures; games; records; lace; photos; books clothing; hand bags; costume jewelry; kitchen items; trunks; Shirley Temple items; Precious Moments figures
ETC: Baylor Wedgewood plates; stereos; luggage; cookbooks; Singer treadle machine
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Legal & Public Notices

ORDINANCE NO. 9376

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY ADDING THERETO CERTAIN AREAS ADJOINING THE PRESENT CITY LIMITS, BEING A 5.23-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF SECTION 37, BLOCK 40, T-1-S, T&P RR CO. SURVEY, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF TRADEWINDS BOULEVARD, APPROXIMATELY 170 FEET SOUTH OF CHAMPIONS DRIVE); AND APPROVING A PUBLIC SERVICE PLAN

WHEREAS, public hearings before the City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, a home rule municipal corporation, where all interested persons were provided an opportunity to be heard on the proposed annexation of the hereinafter described territory, were held in the City Council Chambers on November 18, 2014 and November 19, 2014; and

WHEREAS, notice of such public hearings was published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Midland, Texas, and in the below described territory, on October 31, 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS:

SECTION ONE. That the following described property adjoining the present boundary lines of the City of Midland, Texas, be and the same is hereby annexed to and incorporated within the boundary of the City of Midland, Texas:

Being a 5.23-acre tract of land out of Section 37, Block 40, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas, and being more fully described by metes and bounds attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference for all legal purposes.

SECTION TWO. That the service plan, attached hereto as Exhibit "B", which provides for the extension of municipal services into the area described above in Section One, is hereby approved.

SECTION THREE. That this ordinance be published in the official newspaper in the City of Midland, Texas, and the same shall not be effective until after the publication thereof.

The above and foregoing ordinance was duly proposed, read in full and adopted on first reading, the _____ day of _____, A.D., 2014; and passed to second reading on motion of Council member _____, seconded by Council member _____, by the following vote:

Council members voting "AYE":

Council members voting "NAY":

The above and foregoing ordinance was read in full and finally adopted by the following vote upon motion of Council member _____, seconded by Council member _____, on the _____ day of _____, A.D., 2015, at a regular meeting of the City Council:

Council members voting "AYE":

Council members voting "NAY":

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ day of _____, A.D., 2015.

_____
Jerry F. Morales, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Amy M. Turner, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT AND COMPLETENESS:

_____
Frank Salvato, Assistant City Manager

_____
Charles Harrington, Director of Development Services

APPROVED ONLY AS TO FORM:

_____
Keith Stretcher, City Attorney

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO SWR 26/27 SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that XTO Energy Inc., Operator 945936, has filed to amend existing P-17 permit #7226 with the Texas Railroad Commission for the following amended P-17 application for the exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to surface commingle production from oil and gas lease* in (Lease ID 32455) Midkiff 38 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field; (Lease ID 32943) Midkiff 48 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field; (Lease ID 32293) Midkiff 38 B lease, Sprayberry (Trend Area) field in Midland County. This application is for common separation and common storage. Production will be measured by W-10. Any royalty interest owners who have not received written notification please consider this your Notice of Application. If you have objections to the issuance of this permit, you may submit a letter to Ericka Davis, P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days after the date the application is filed.

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for:

Hydro Blasting
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Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after **Thursday, May 14, 2015.**

All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **12:00 (Noon) on Tuesday, June 2, 2015.**

All proposals must be sealed and labeled **"RFP # 1163-051415.**

Under no circumstances will faxed proposals from bidders be accepted.

All proposals must be price protected for a period of twelve (12) months.

All proposals will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the proposals in the purchasing office according to the policy/procedure of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

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Proposals shall be addressed to:
Rachel Hanna Jones
Director of Materials Management
Midland County Hospital District
Midland Memorial Hospital
400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Pkwy
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Stk# U13244	2010 Dodge Ram	~~$17,881~~	$16,881
Stk# 2578MA	2012 Dodge Durango	~~$21,995~~	$20,995
Stk# 2245TA	2014 Ford Taurus SEL	~~$23,995~~	$22,995
Stk# U13260	2013 Volkswagen Passat Diesel	~~$24,881~~	$23,991
Stk# U13233	2014 Volkswagen Beetle Diesel	~~$25,881~~	$24,991
Stk# U13256	2014 Dodge Durango Limited	~~$31,881~~	$30,991
Stk# U13211	2013 Mercedes GLK 350	~~$32,881~~	$31,661
Stk# U13205	2013 Infiniti M37 AWD	~~$33,781~~	$32,781
Stk# U13217	2015 Ford Explorer Limited	~~$34,881~~	$33,881
Stk# U13210	2013 Lexus RX 350 Loaded	~~$36,881~~	$35,991
Stk# U13248	2014 BMW X3	~~$36,995~~	$35,995
Stk# U13261	2012 BMW X5	~~$37,881~~	$36,661
Stk# U13241	2014 GMC Yukon Denali	~~$44,881~~	$43,981
Stk# U13249	2014 Chevy Tahoe LTZ	~~$46,995~~	$45,995
Stk# U13268	2012 Ford F 150 Raptor	~~$47,981~~	$46,981

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*All prices plus TT&L, subject to prior sale. With approved credit. Offer ends 04/30/15
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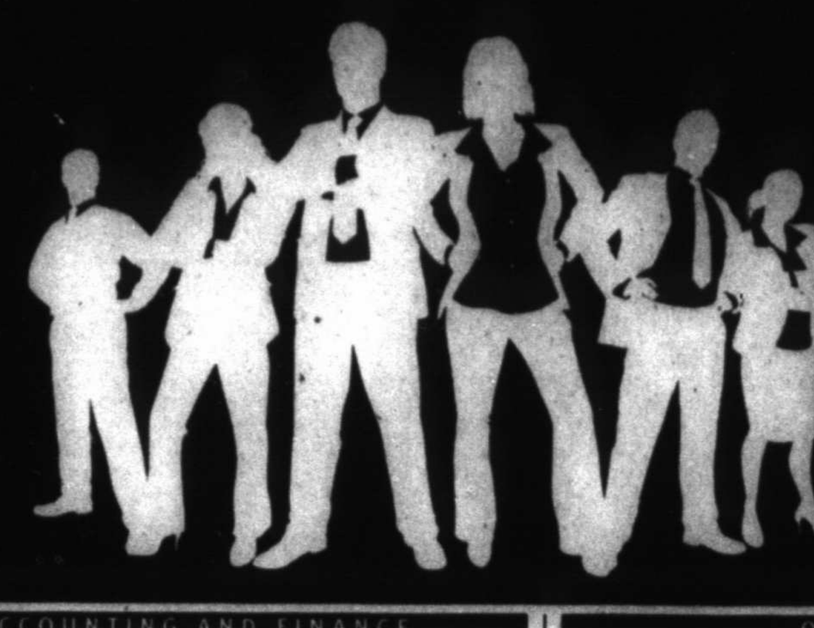

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FT CDL Mixer Driver and Loader Operator needed

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Oil company is currently seeking Torque & Test Operators for West Texas area. Job requirements: Must have a minimum of 1 to 3 years experience. Must have a valid CDL. Must be able to travel 50% of the time. Applicants may apply at proosllc.com. Submit resumes to HR@proosllc.com

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Automotive Sales

Looking for Automotive Sale person, previous auto sales experience required. Guaranteed salary $70,000 with 12 vehicles sold per month. Send resume to jclem642@yahoo.com or come by West Texas Autoplex 3110 W. Wall Street, Midland, Texas.

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Executive Administrative Assistant Wanted

The perfect candidate will be able to proficiently navigate the Office productivity package. will have good communication skill, will have great organizational skills, be able to work in a time sensitive environment, and have a working knowledge of "church". We provide good compensation, a full benefits package and a great working environment. Please send resume to hrdirector@firstmethodistmidland.com.

CONSTRUCTION & FACILITIES

Carpenters

Carpenters needed for local construction company. 5 Years experience required in commercial construction. Please send Resumes to info@jplott.com or apply online at JPLOTT.COM

EDUCATION & TRAINING

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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

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36' HITCHHIKER Premier 5th wheel, showroom new, 3 slides, 2 ACs, Big Foot automatic leveling, automatic satellite, electric awning, new 17.5 Michelin tires, stored inside since new. List $80,000, now $29,995. Like new 2011 Ram Laramie Longhorn 3500 Dually, 4 wd, 19,000 miles, Reese 20,000 pound hitch, auxiliary fuel tank, $44,995. 432-664-9009.

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Residential Rentals

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3BD/2BA $2250/MO, 2202 Hughes, call 432-553-0380

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NICE 2BD/1BA, $1125/mo, $1125 deposit. Nice 3BD/1BA, $1225/mo, $1225 deposit. 432-694-9853.

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Residential Sales

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Residential Sales

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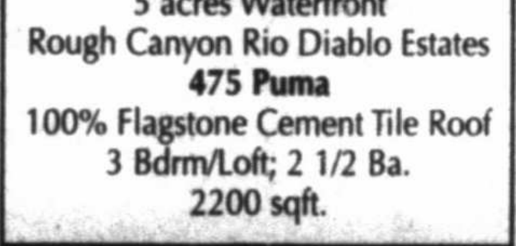

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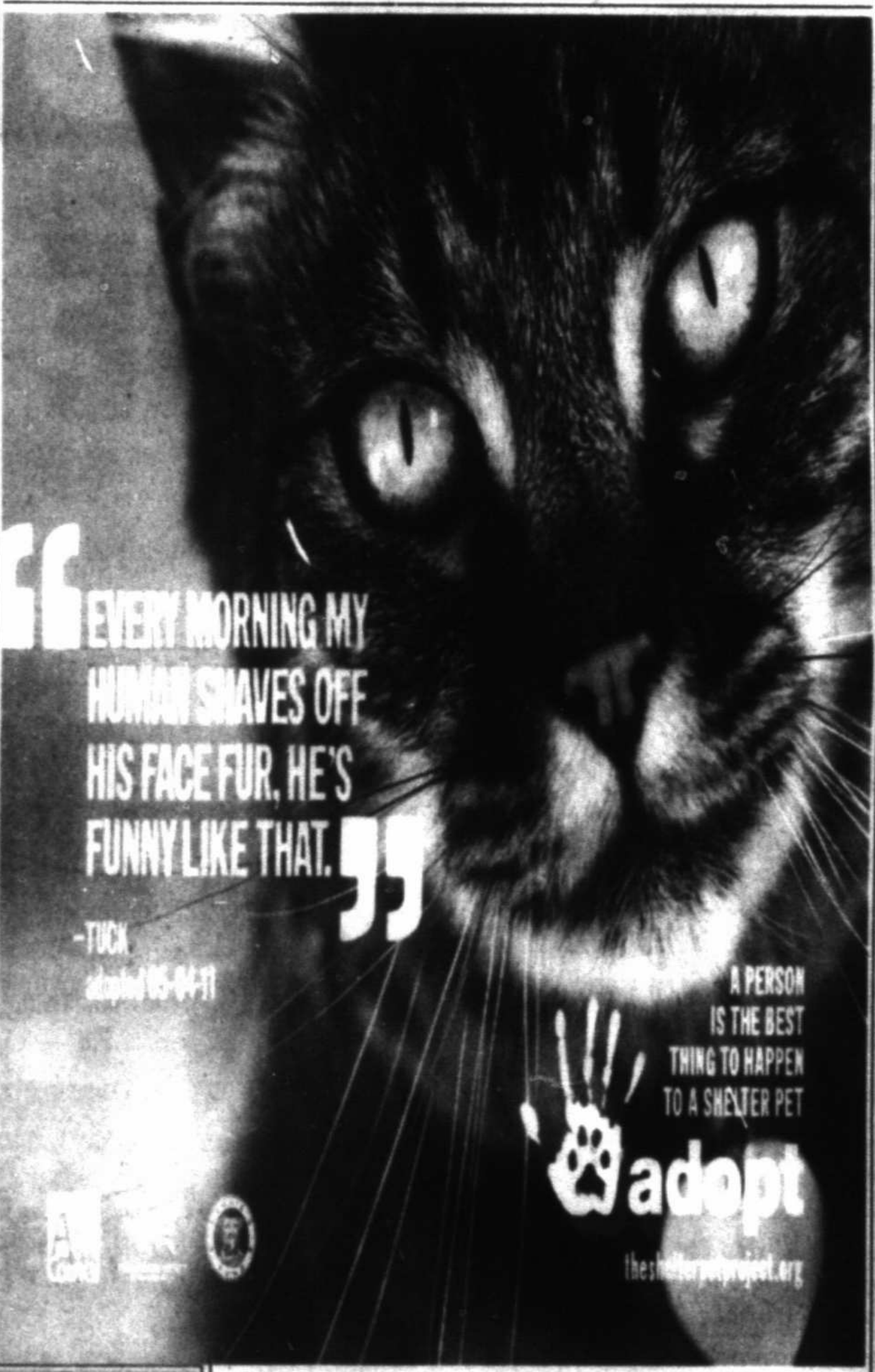

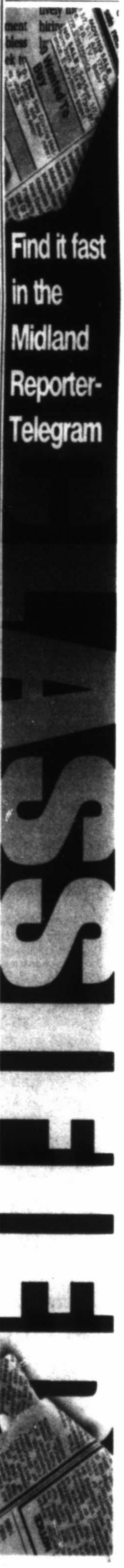

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2008 Dodge Ram 1500
2014 Chevy Cruze
2007 Chevy Tahoe
2004 GMC Sierra 1500
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2008 Chevy Silverado

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2007 Ford F-250 Super Duty
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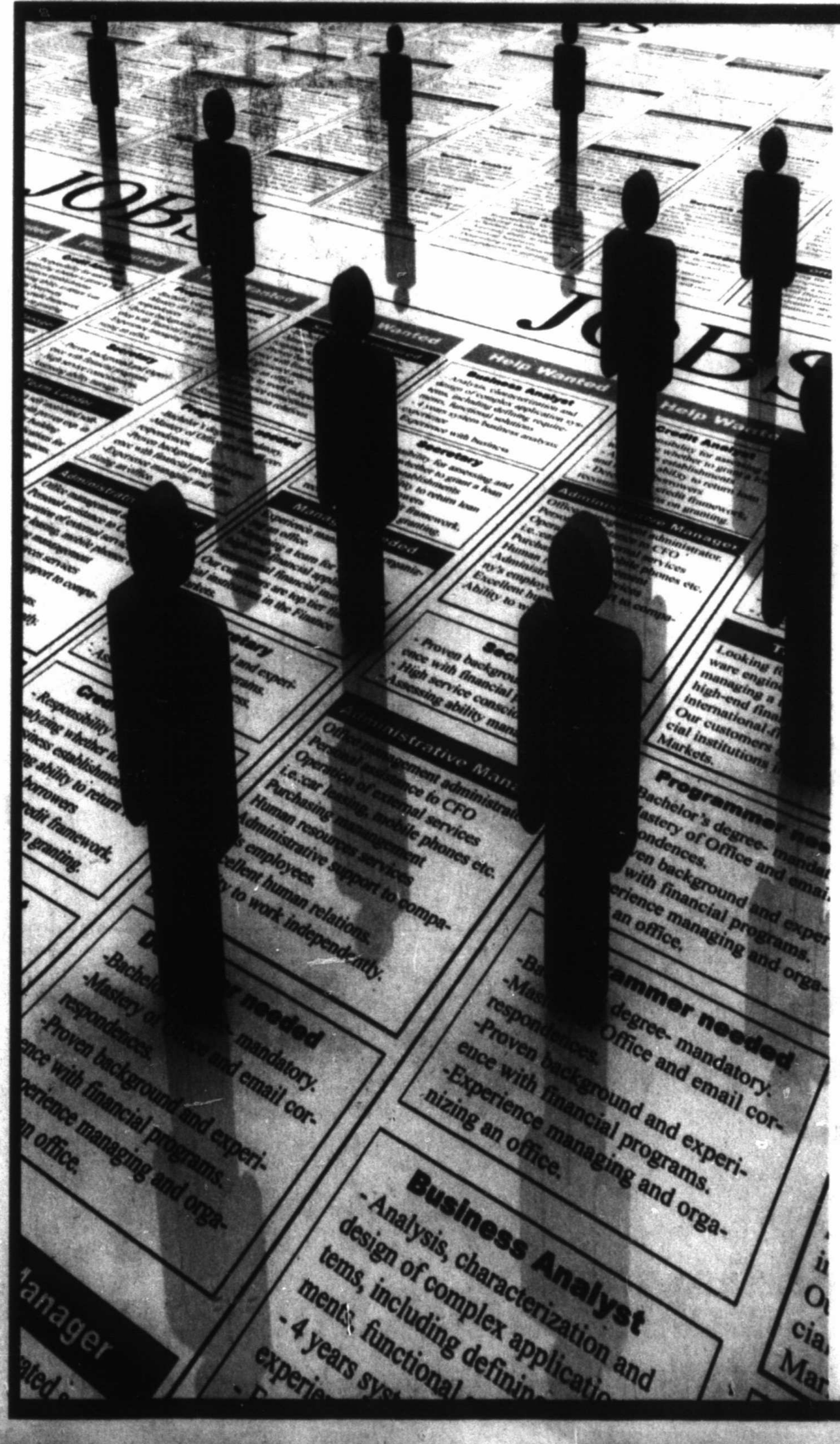

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Could Eating Bugs Be Good for the Planet?

Scientists think eating bugs could fight hunger and help protect our planet's health.

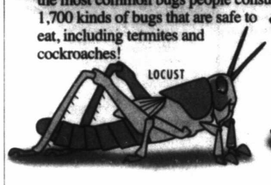
According to entomologist Arnold van Huis of Wageningen University in the Netherlands, about 80% of the world's population eats insects.

Find the differences!

WARNING! DON'T NIBBLE BUGS IN YOUR BACKYARD. SOME ARE DANGEROUS!

Most Popular Bugs for Eating

Mealworms, crickets and locusts are the most common bugs people consume. But there are more than 1,700 kinds of bugs that are safe to eat, including termites and cockroaches!



Bugs have munched some of the words right out of this article. Can you put them back where they belong?

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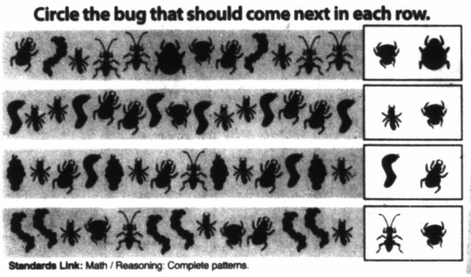
Mini Livestock

According to the United Nations, the planet's _____ will reach 9 billion before 2050. The demand for meat will double. Raising cattle, pigs and other livestock takes a lot of land, a lot of _____ and a lot of money to feed them.

Insects are much _____ and cheaper to raise than livestock. They like to live together in _____ spaces, so they need less land. They can also eat _____ food _____. According to entomologist Arnold van Huis, we throw away one-third of our food. Insects could eat the _____ we throw out, turning it back into food for people to eat.

In Thailand, poor rice _____ who often lose their crops to bad weather, are finding that raising mounds of _____ crickets is helping them to survive and keep their farms. There are more than 20,000 cricket farms in Thailand, _____ 7,500 tons of crickets each year. Thailand leads the world in raising insects for food.

Circle the bug that should come next in each row.



Standards Link: Math / Reasoning: Complete patterns.

Bug Appétit!

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Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write simple phrases that describe and summarize concepts.

Extra! Extra!

Bug Dot-to-Dot

On one newspaper page, find and circle the letters that spell the names of each of the bugs below. Then connect the circled letters to make and color a design.

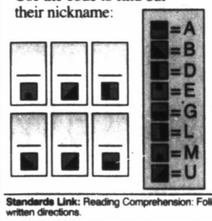
- Termite
- Beetle
- Ladybug
- Ant
- Cricket
- Firefly

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Did you know that **crustaceans**, like lobsters, crab and shrimp, belong to the same part of the animal family tree as insects? So if you've ever tried these tasty treats, then you've dined on the insects of the sea!

In Louisiana, people eat a lot of crustaceans called **crawfish**. Use the code to find out their nickname:



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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R	W	R	U	E	F	H	N	B	E
C	U	I	C	C	Q	I	N	E	R
S	G	T	C	R	O	P	S	B	M
U	S	T	A	E	D	L	G	H	S

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Weekly Writing Corner

Bug Recipes

Today I will be making cockroach stew. The ingredients are cockroach legs, bug juice, and a bowl. First, get the bowl and put bug juice inside. Lastly, add cockroach for extra crunch. I believe you will enjoy the tasty stew.

Jesus Porras,
4th grade, St. Ann's

My bug recipe is called the Beetle Cake. Things you need for the recipe are flour, beetles, icing, cake mix, strawberries. First, you mix the flour, beetles, cake mix, strawberries and sugar. You then bake it in the over. Finally, after it has cooled off you put icing on the cake. My usual recipe will surprise.

Sierra Garza,
4th grade, St. Ann's

If I could make a recipe that had bugs I would make beetle bug donut glaze. It would be made of beetle juice made thick using powdered sugar. I would put a flavor in the beetle juice to make it better. I would also put some food coloring in it to make it look tastier. As you can see my donut glaze would be a huge success.

Diego Dauphin,
4th grade, St. Ann's

My bug recipe is called ants on a log. You will need fried ants, a celery stick and peanut butter. First, you put the celery stick on a napkin. Then you put the peanut butter on the celery stick. Next, you put the ants on the frying pan and let them sit. Lastly, you sprinkle it on the celery stick. This is how you make ants on a log. All in all, this is an easy recipe for a healthy snack.

Emarie Lang,
4th grade, St. Ann's

My recipe is called Beetle-worm cream pie. First, you make or buy a crust. Then, you mix worms in your filling. Let it cook for thirty minutes in the oven on 350 degrees. When the pie is cooked you sprinkle beetles on the top and you let it cool. All in all, this is how you make beetle-worm pie. Enjoy!

Jackson Bayless,
4th grade, St. Ann's

My recipe is called chocolate ants. Chocolate ants taste really good. My mom tried them and she said it was delicious. Chocolate ants do look and sound nasty but when you try them you will love them. These ants are mighty delicious and have a crunch. The nuts are delicious because they have sweet chocolate and have much protein. As you can see, bugs can taste good.

Areli Tavarez,
4th grade, St. Ann's

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Living Things

Collect newspaper pictures of living things. Make a poster called LIVING THINGS with four columns: *Mammals, Insects, Plants, Other Animals*. Keep adding to your poster until every column is filled.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Which kind of ANT is great at math?

ANSWER: An account-ant!

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