MIDLAND REPORTER-TELEGRAM

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018 mrt★com *320,000 readers in print and online*

PEEP THIS!

A Texas brewery is making beer out of a certain Easter candy.

mrt.com



TEXAS ADVANCES

Lashann Higgs scored 19 points and Brooke McCarty scored 15 as Texas booked its fourth consecutive trip to the Sweet 16 with an 85-65 win over Arizona State on Monday.

Page 1C

'Netflix for oil' setting stage for $1 trillion data battle

By David Wethe
Bloomberg

A battle for big data is brewing in the oil patch.

The service companies that map underground pockets of oil, drill the wells and lift crude from miles below are generating vast new amounts of data they never before realized could be valuable. But their exploration customers are essentially saying hands off to anything coming out of their wells, including the streams of zeros and 1s.

"There's no doubt to me, we are producing two resources: the oil and gas, and the data," said Philippe Herve, a Schlumberger Ltd. veteran who now helps oil companies use artificial intelligence at SparkCognition. "The oil and gas is very clear: it belongs to the operator. But who owns the data?"

More inside

Oilfield safety should be a value, not a priority, Permian Road Safety Coalition meeting speaker says.

Page 2A

Answering that question will mean real money for a global industry climbing out of the worst crude crash in a generation. An industry that only uses about 1 percent of the data it generates, according to Baker Hughes, is trying to harness it to see where to pump more oil faster for less money. Transforming to a digital oil field could add almost $1 trillion to the world's economy by 2025, according to a 2015 study by Oxford Economics and Cisco Consulting Services.

To the service companies specifically, owning the data — enough to fill 20 million file cabinets since 2010 alone — would mean a whole new revenue stream, perhaps as they sell subscriptions to huge data libraries.

"It's like Netflix for oil and gas," said John Gibson, an advisor at Tudor Pickering Holt & Co. who previously ran the oil-services business for Halliburton Co. "Imagine that all data is like a movie that many different people want to watch, but they want to watch it at different times."

To the producers, though, owning that data means one less check they'd have to write. And it would ensure competing producers couldn't see their data while stealthily moving into a new field. EOG Resources Inc., dubbed by one of its analysts as the Apple of the oilfield, is widely considered a leader among explorers for bypassing oilfield service companies to generate its own in-house innovations.

"Data is king and one of our most valuable resources," Sandeep Bhakhri, chief information and technology officer at EOG told investors on a conference call last year. "You have to own the data. You cannot outsource its collection, analysis or delivery."

Oil companies have for years bought relatively straight-forward data such as seismic files or drilling logs that contractors gather for their customers. The newer, larger batch yet to be harnessed is coming straight off the oilfield equipment itself — the rigs, pipes, pumps and vales.

"They also have value because they're revealing properties of the reservoir that

Please see DATA/2A

Out with the old



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Road work continues Monday on Cuthbert Avenue near the intersection of G Street as crews replace aging water lines and runoff pipes.

Midland jobless rate tied for fifth lowest in nation

By Stewart Doreen
sdoreen@mrt.com

Midland is tied for the fifth lowest unemployment rate in the nation during the month of January, according to statistics from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Midland's unemployment rate of 2.4 percent tied the metropolitan statistical area with Elkhart-Goshen, Illinois.

Ames, Iowa, posted the lowest jobless rate in the nation at 1.8 percent. Honolulu, Hawaii (2.0); Kahului-Wailuku-Lahaina, Hawaii (2.1); and Madison, Wisconsin (2.3), rounded out the top four spots.

The only other Texas city among the 25 MSAs with unemployment rates at 2.9 percent or lower was Amarillo

Please see JOBS/2A

State GOP denies Canon's request for recount in state Senate race

From staff reports

The Republican Party of Texas has denied former Midland Mayor Mike Canon's request for a recount in the primary for state Senate District 31, according to the Quorum Report.

The online political site reported that the RPT cited technical problems with Canon's request. Canon garnered 31.39 percent of the 80,636 total votes. Incumbent Kel Seliger captured 50.41 percent. Canon hoped a recount would have brought Seliger's vote total below 50 percent, forcing a runoff for the seat long held by the Amarillo Republican.

Canon told the Reporter-Telegram on Monday that "we're done. The reason we were still looking at it is we wanted to get the final canvass report.

"The numbers today were certified," he said in a phone interview. "They weren't far apart from the Election Day numbers, and the folks I was seeking

Please see CANON/2A

New apartments planned for Briarwood and Holiday Hill Road

By Mella McEwen
mmcewen@mrt.com

New apartments are in the works for the north side of Briarwood Avenue at Holiday Hill Road.

The six members of the Planning and Zoning Commission approved a site plan for the apartment complex being planned by Stonehawk Capital Partners.

The site plan calls for 21 buildings containing 360 apartments, 625 parking spaces, 100 garages and amenities including an outdoor gaming area and barbecue pits. The new complex is tentatively set to open in March 2019.

Commissioners also allowed Bobby Cox Cos. to move ahead with the construction of its fourth Rosa's Café and Tortilla Factory.

They approved the company's request for a specific use permit with term for the sale of all alcoholic beverages at the new restaurant, to be built at Rankin Highway and Gist Avenue.

Karen Hopkins, executive assistant, said the request was consistent with the three other Rosa's currently in business in Midland. "We have to have a full liquor permit because of our margaritas because we use tequila," she said.

The opening date for the new 6,940-square-foot restaurant has not been set – crews are still preparing the lot – but the company has already begun the hiring process. Those interested in working at the new Rosa's can call 432-934-9834.

Commissioners also approved a request for a zone change from AE-agricultural estates O-1, office district, for Elkins Road and East County Road 72.

Steve Jeter, who is acquiring the land from Gary J. Dawson, said the zone change was required before he could close on the purchase of the land. He said he plans to build professional office space on the acreage but has no specific plans.

Robert Rendall appeared before the commission seeking a zone change from FD-future development to PD — planned district for a shopping center at the intersection of Briarwood Avenue and Avalon Drive.

He told the Reporter-Telegram there currently aren't any plans for a shopping center but the request was being made to pave the way for a future center.

"With the completion of that part of Briarwood, that area is opening up for development," he said.

Visit us on social media

Price of oil
$62.06 ▼ $0.28

Did you know?
6 bombings in Austin have injured 4, and killed 2 since March 2. Page 4A

Word of the Day: entertainment
Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 2A.

Brought to you daily by

Vol. 69, No. 9
Daily $2, Sunday $3

Classified 1D | Comics 7C | Dear Abby 3B | Lottery 3A | Obituaries 2A | Puzzles 7C | Stocks 6C | TV 3B

Two brothers charged with aggravated assault

From staff reports

Two Midland brothers were arrested Sunday after they allegedly were involved in an assault, according to court documents.


L. Wynne

Lawrence Eugene Wynne III, 39, and Cody Wayne Wynne, 32, were being held Monday on $25,000 bonds for second-degree felony charges of aggravated assault causes serious bodily injury.

A Midland police detective was contacted at about 3:25 p.m. Sunday in reference to an assault victim at the 7-Eleven on West Illinois Avenue.

Video of the incident showed a man was talking to occupants of a pickup before the Wynnes exited the vehicle with two other people, according to their arrest affidavit. The man started running away when Lawrence chased him down, threw him to the ground and put him in a chokehold, according to the affidavit.

Another occupant of the vehicle — whose name was not included in the affidavit — punched the man in the face three times, according to the affidavit. Lawrence allegedly then choked the male until he became unconscious. The man woke up before Lawrence put him in another chokehold and held him to the ground, according to the affidavit.


C. Wynne

Cody allegedly assisted in holding the man down by his arms, making him unable to defend himself. Lawrence at that time repeatedly struck the man in the face, and they continued holding him down until a police officer arrived, according to the affidavit.

The man had lacerations and swelling on his face, making him unable to open his eyes, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the second-degree felony charge, the Wynnes could face up to 20 years imprisonment.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS

LANCASTER

Police kill man accused of dragging officer with car

Police in a city outside Dallas have fatally shot a man they say struck and dragged an officer with a vehicle.

Lancaster Police allege they were conducting a traffic stop Sunday night when the driver they made contact with reversed his vehicle and drove toward officers.

Police say those officers moved out of the way, but the driver then accelerated, striking and dragging another officer.

The dragged officer shot the driver as he attempted to flee. Police say the driver lost control, hit a pole and was taken to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead. The officer was injured but is now in stable condition. Police won't release the identities of the officer or the driver.

The Department of Public Safety and the Texas Rangers are assisting in the investigation.

AUSTIN

Post final draft of special education plan

Texas has posted a final draft of its plan for overhauling special education across the state.

The Texas Education Agency has been working on the plan since federal officials found that the state had illegally denied services to students with disabilities for years. The posting sets an April 6 deadline for public comment before it's submitted to the U.S. Department of Education.

The plan posted Monday would create a professional statewide special education deployment system. It also calls for increasing special education staffing, providing better special education training for teachers and creating more tools for parents of children with suspected disabilities. Meanwhile, it would help school districts identify and help thousands of students who were previously denied special education services.

AUSTIN

Bill Murray takes catnap at SXSW premiere of 'Isle of Dogs'

Bill Murray took a catnap at the premiere of the film "Isle of Dogs."

Murray voices the canine Boss in Wes Anderson's movie, which was shown Saturday at the South by Southwest festival in Austin, Texas. The 67-year-old Murray read the poem "Dogs" accompanied by a cellist and joined Anderson and cast members onstage to answer questions from the audience.

But Murray nodded off when the questions centered on the filmmaking process.

HOUSTON

Man condemned for icepick slaying gets execution date

A 66-year-old Texas man on death row for the icepick slaying of a 20-year-old woman in Houston in 1979 has been set for execution.

Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg says a judge has signed an order setting Danny Bible for lethal injection June 27 in Huntsville.

Bible faces execution for killing Inez Deaton. Evidence showed she went to his house in Houston to use a telephone and later was found stabbed 11 times, raped and dumped on the bank of a bayou. Her killing went unsolved for nearly two decades until his arrest in Fort Myers, Florida, for a Louisiana rape. He told authorities about killing Deaton in Houston and a woman and her baby west of Fort Worth. Records show he's confessed to four killings.

DATA

From 1A

before you didn't think about," said Barry Zhang, CEO of the artificial-intelligence provider Quantico Energy Solutions.

Estimated spending on digital technology amounts to less than 10 percent of the $8 million average cost of an onshore well in the U.S., said James West, an analyst at Evercore ISI. But that's expected to climb. More than 7 out of 10 industry executives surveyed by Accenture and Microsoft said they plan to spend more or significantly more on digital over the next three to five years. Nearly 40 percent said they're worried about falling behind peers if they don't continue to invest in digital.

Service contracts today are already being drafted with the data-ownership question in mind. And while there's always been a section addressing data, it's far more important now, Brian Richards, a managing director at Accenture, said in a phone interview.

"It went from a thing in a contract — 'We'd like to do this; if we can't, we can't' — to a strategic imperative, like a real sticking point — 'We have to have this and here's why,'" Richards said.

Devon Energy Corp. has been dealing this over the past year as it's embarked upon rewriting all of its service contracts during the downturn. The older contracts had maybe a line or two addressing data ownership, said Garrett Jackson, vice president of drilling and completions for the Oklahoma City driller.

"It was always pretty straightforward, and there was never really a lot of conversation about it," he said in an interview. "Now the clauses are getting to be a page, page and a half long, trying to parse out what parts are the contractor, what parts are the operator, when there's overlap, how that's divided up."

Halliburton, which announced an alliance with Microsoft in August to offer a digital platform for customers to collaborate, was asked on an earnings conference call last year how much explorers were willing to share.

"Customers are taking a closer and closer look at their own data and who owns and controls that data," CEO Jeff Miller said on the call. "I suspect they will control it more so. I mean, it's just very competitive for our customers."

Building out a more robust digital business is just as important to the world's biggest service providers, including Schlumberger, Halliburton and Baker Hughes, who are leading the charge, Evercore's West said. While digital represents less than about 2 percent of total sales for the servicers, it can be as much as 4 percent of their operating income, he said.

"It's very profitable," West said. "There's a bridge that needs to be made here between, 'What is mine and what is yours?' because we're going to make a better well with better data."

JOBS

From 1A

(2.8). Wisconsin had the most cities with jobless rates in the top 25 (six). The unemployment rate in the state was 3.1 percent. By contrast, the unemployment rate in Texas was 4.2 percent. Hawaii posted the lowest unemployment rate of any state during the month of January (2.1 percent). The following are the lowest unemployment rates from around the nation during the month of January. A full list of those below 3 percent will appear on the next Eye on Development page.

Unemployment rates

Ames, Iowa	1.8
Honolulu, Hawaii	2.0
Kahului-Wailuku-Lahaina, Hawaii	2.1
Madison, Wisconsin	2.3
Bismarck-Garrison, Illinois	2.4
Midland	2.4
Iowa City, Iowa	2.5
Portland, Maine	2.5
Burlington, Vermont	2.5
Sheboygan, Wisconsin	2.5

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Obituaries



Christopher James Mahaffey,

Christopher James Mahaffey,46, of Odessa, Texas was called up to Heaven on March 17th, 2018. He unexpectedly succumbed to a severe infection of his heart after courageously fighting the past couple of weeks surrounded by family.He was born in Lubbock, Texas on October 23, 1971 to parents Eric and Pam Mahaffey. He graduated from Permian High School in Odessa, Texas in 1990 and soon after went to work in the oil field for Schlumberger, where he worked all over the world for 20 years. Christopher was loved by many of his coworkers and admired for his wisdom and expertise as a frac supervisor and later when he went out on his own as a consultant. Whether he was working in Texas, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Ohio, or Chad, Africa, Christopher would always cross paths with someone that knew him. Christopher was a very devoted husband, father, and grandfather.

Despite his sometimes tough exterior, deep down he was a very thoughtful, loving and caring person who never missed an opportunity to show his family and friends how much he cared for them. He would take the time to send flowers to his wife, attend sporting events for his kids, and hold his grandbabies every chance he got. Christopher was also an avid collector of an array of items including watches, coins, firearms, and subscribed to many "of the month" clubs.

Christopher is survived by his parents, Eric and Pam Mahaffey of Odessa, his mother-in-law Shirley Miller of Odessa. He is survived by his wife Stacie Mahaffey of Odessa, and children Krysta Halford and fiancé Alric Emanuel Jr. of Georgetown, Texas, Christin Mahaffey of Odessa, Joe Dale Halford III and fiancé Tasha Ziegler of Odessa, Nick Mahaffey of Odessa, Collin Mahaffey of Odessa, Brianna Mahaffey of Odessa, Brian Mahaffey of Odessa, and grandchildren Zayvin Emanuel and Mackenzie Halford. He is survived by his brother Patrick Mahaffey and wife Candy of Odessa, and sister Ashley Gohr and husband Luke of Odessa. Along with many nephews, nieces, cousins and extended family.

He will always be missed but never forgotten and will continue to live in our hearts forever and bring us joy with remembrances.

Celebration of life service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 21st at First Baptist Church Odessa, located at 709 N. Lee Street in Odessa, Texas. Services are entrusted to Shawn Smith from First Baptist Church Odessa.

Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors

Dignity 4635 Oakwood Drive Odessa, TX 79761 (432) 368-7191

Condolences may be offered at www.frankwilsonfuneral.com



Donnie William Rowland

Donnie William Rowland, 88 of Weatherford, TX, passed away peacefully on Saturday March 17, 2018 at Medical City Hospital. He was born in Big Spring, TX on April 28, 1929 to Wriley Donnie Rowland and Vernon Hart. A former resident of Midland, TX. He resided at Martin Crest Assisted Living in Weatherford, TX until his passing.

Donnie was raised in Marshall, TX where he played high school football. He attended Daniel Baker College on a football scholarship where he received his bachelor's degree in 1951. He served in the US Army from 1953 to 1955. He retired from Texaco in 1989 where he was an accountant for 35 years. Donnie was active in the DBC (Daniel Baker College) Billy Club and DBC Ex-student Association where he served as president and later was inducted into the Daniel Baker Hall of Honor. He had been active in multiple civic affairs and professional organizations such as Boy Scouts of America as a Scout Leader, President of the Good "Sam" West Texas Gadabout Chapter, President of West Texas-New Mexico Federal Credit Union and many other organizations. Donnie was a passionate man who enjoyed fishing, camping and traveling with family and friends. One passion he had until the end was his love for singing. Donnie was extremely loving and proud of his daughter, Karen Jones of Weatherford, TX, and son, Michael Rowland and his wife Mary, stepdaughters Janis Boyle of Lago Vista, TX and Barbara Sledge of Midland, TX. He is also survived by his brother Delbert Rowland of Dallas, TX; as well as 6 loving grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by wife Mary Ann Rowland, and then by wife Joyce B Rowland, who both held a very special place in his heart.

Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. at Resthaven Memorial Park at 4616 North Big Spring, Midland, TX. The family requests in lieu of flowers, that donations may be made in Donnie's name to Howard Payne University, 1000 Fisk Street, Brownwood, TX 76801, Attention: DBC Alumni Association.

Death Notices

James Otho Coyle

James Otho Coyle passed away on March 16, 2018 in Brownwood, Texas. Survivors include his wife Belinda Coyle of Odessa, step father S.D. Fellers of Santa Anna, son Brandon Coyle and wife Jeri of Odessa, daughter Brittany Havner and husband Shawn of Midland, grandsons Caiden Havner and Talon Coyle. Also surviving brother Earnie Coyle and wife Delisa of Brownwood, sisters Debbie Naron of Abilene, Tammy Foster of Louisiana, Kim Richard and husband Paul of Lousiana. Preceded in death by his mother Nelda Faye Coyle and father Earnest E. Coyle.

Jesus Beningo Garlarza

Jesus Beningo Garlarza passed away in Midland, Texas at 66 years of age on March 15, 2018. A visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home. A Funeral Service will be held in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 11 a.m.

Joe O. Castro Jr, and Celia "Sally" Castro,

Joe O. Castro Jr, 61, and Celia "Sally" Castro, 58, passed away March 11, 2018. Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 24, 2018 at Elevate Church. All floral offerings may be delivered to Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory in Midland.

Survivors include daughter, Stephani Castro and son, Joe O. Castro III.

Martha Harvey,

Martha Harvey 78, of Midland, Texas passed away on Sunday, March 18, 2018. There will be a visitation at Ellis Funeral Home on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 from 6-8 p.m. A funeral service will be held at Kelview Heights Baptist Church on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.

Speaker: Make oil field safety a value, not priority

■ Former OSHA investigator addresses Permian Road Safety Coalition meeting

By Trever Hawes
thawes@mrt.com

The focus on oil and gas safety used to be on preventing falls, but now attention is on transportation.

"Fifty percent of all occupational fatalities in oil and gas were in transportation — 50 percent," consultant Dean Wingo said at Monday's Permian Road Safety Coalition meeting.

Wingo also teaches safety at the University of Texas at Arlington and spent decades working at the Occupational Safety and Health Administration before retiring in 2013. Through his experience investigating thousands of incidents, Wingo said safer work environments happen when safety is woven into workplace culture.

"The difference between a priority and a value is that a core value is created by the culture of an organization," he told a packed Horseshoe Education Building. "A priority is something you set every day, week or month. It may be the highest priority of the day, but that can change when something more important becomes the new priority.

"I always encourage companies to make safety a value, just like honesty, hard work and loyalty."

Safety policies are only as effective as rewarded behaviors, Wingo said.

"If you're going to reward the guy for getting it done but aren't going to question how it happened, and you know sometimes there's no way they could have done it safely within that time and constraints, you're rewarding unsafe behavior."

Wingo added that if management doesn't follow company safety policies, neither will employees.

"They're going to do what they think gets rewarded. Be very careful what you recognize and what you reward."

Oil and gas operations require many truck drivers; however, there currently is a labor shortage across the nation, Wingo said. Companies face greater demand with fewer people, and they face pressure to do more with less.

"Those demands are going to pull at you. If safety is not a core value of your organization, if they believe that you don't believe in safety, they're not going to believe it, either."

CANON

From 1A

advice from said they wouldn't result in any kind of change."

Seliger's "camp" told the Quorum Report, "Canon lost this election by 15,000 votes – almost 20 percent behind Kel Seliger ... requesting a recount under these circumstances is an abuse of the system that benefits no one."

It was the second time Canon lost to Seliger in the Republican primary for the Senate seat. In 2014, Canon received 47.48 percent of the vote.

WORD OF THE DAY
brought to you daily by
JimBurrito
astonishment
[as-ton-ish-ment]
noun
1 a : a feeling of great surprise and wonder : the state of being astonished : amazement The garden's beauty filled me with astonishment. b : consternation

Midland Reporter-Telegram
AT YOUR SERVICE
ISSN 0899-5832
A Hearst Newspaper
Published each morning by the Hearst, Midland Reporter-Telegram Division, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701. Periodicals postage paid at Midland, TX 79711. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to the Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

MAIN SWITCHBOARD
432-682-5311

PUBLISHER
Jeffrey Shabram 687-8880
jshabram@mrt.com

NEWSROOM
EDITOR
Stewart Doreen 687-8856
sdoreen@mrt.com

MANAGING EDITOR
Mary Dearen 687-8852
mdearen@mrt.com

SPORTS EDITOR
Oscar LeRoy 687-8809
oleroy@mrt.com

OIL EDITOR
Mella McEwen 687-8860
mmcewen@mrt.com

FEATURES EDITOR
Rich Lopez 687-8859
jrlopez@mrt.com

ONLINE EDITOR
Mercedes Cordero 687-8850
mcordero@mrt.com

CIRCULATION
CUSTOMER SERVICE
688-2700

DIRECTOR
Sharon Heckler 687-8829
sheckler@mrt.com

ADVERTISING
ADVERTISING DIRECTOR
Adrianne Hrebicek 687-8811

SALES MANAGER
Chad Anderson 687-8813
cranderson@mrt.com

RETAIL ADS
682-5311, ext. 4

CLASSIFIED ADS
682-6222 / 682-6999 (fax)
mrtclassified@mrt.com

PRODUCTION
DIRECTOR
John Maddox 687-8844
jmaddox@mrt.com

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
How do I submit an announcement for a wedding or engagement?
weddings@mrt.com

How can I submit an obituary? obits@mrt.com

How can I handle a billing problem?
Circulation: 688-2700
Advertising: 687-8806

CUSTOMER SERVICE HOURS
Monday-Friday: 6 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday & holidays: 7 a.m.-10 a.m.
Call us at 432-688-2700 if your newspaper has not arrived by delivery time (6 a.m. Monday through Friday; 7 a.m. on weekends and holidays). For Midland city area requests received before 10 a.m., we can offer same or next day redelivery. Outside the city delivery area, we will apply a credit to your account or redeliver the next day.
Please note: The publisher reserves the right to modify the cost of individual editions and/or subscriptions at any time.

HOME DELIVERY
All subscriptions payable in advance
7 day regular delivery only ..... $1.67 per week
Sat/Sun/Mon delivery ..... $3.00 per week
Sat/Sun/Mon/Tues delivery ..... $3.67 per week
Sunday only ..... $1.75 per week

Mail rates — Texas
Daily/Sunday ..... $3.00 per week
Sunday only ..... $1.62 per week

Mail rates — Other U.S.A.
Daily/Sunday ..... $3.23 per week
Sunday only ..... $1.62 per week

Overseas and out-of-area subscriptions rates furnished upon request.

NOTICE: All subscriptions include delivery of 11 Premium Issues delivered throughout the year, including Christmas and Thanksgiving. They will be charged at an additional rate of up to $3.00. For each Premium Issue, your normal billing will be charged to the billing period when the Premium Issue is delivered. You will need to start paying the height of your billing period.

Pricing and subscription changes: The Midland Reporter-Telegram reserves the right to modify the cost of individual editions and/or subscriptions at any time. When a price change or frequency change occurs, each subscriber affected will receive a notice of the change and the effective date on their account.

TODAYINMIDLAND

Things to do

■ Palette Club Painting, 9 a.m. to noon, the Palette Club. 907 W. Wadley Ave. paletteclubmidland.com.

■ Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. To register, email sara@artbysaradb.com.

■ Tales and Trails: Squirrels, 10 a.m., Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. $2 suggested donation. sibleynaturecenter.org.

■ Evening Family Storytime offers songs, stories and literacy activities for ages 2 to 6 and their caregivers. 4:30 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

■ Bingo, 6 p.m., Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.

■ Bridge game play, 1 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8585.

■ Permian Basin Dance Club with live country music, 7:30 p.m., rown Royal Club, 1110 E. ------Scharbauer Drive. $6. For more information, call 432-638-3707 or 432-250-8215.

■ Two-Dollar Tuesdays with the same price for games, shoes, select beers and arcade card after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

■ Karaoke and pool tournament, Tuesdays at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

Spring begins

The spring equinox (also called the March equinox or vernal equinox) falls at 11:15 a.m. today. This event marks the astronomical first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere.

The summer solstice is set to take place at 10:54 a.m. on June 21.

www.almanac.com

Davidson lecture

The Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series: "An Evening with Barak Goodman," 7:30 p.m., Chaparral Center at Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield St. The Emmy-winning documentarian will discuss his films such as the Oscar-nominated "Scottsboro: An American Tragedy" and his recent "Oklahoma City" among other works. Free. midland.edu.



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Children read to a therapy dog named Pippin March 13 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

Meetings

Midland College
4 p.m.
Gibson Board Room

Community Easter events

■ Photos with the Easter Bunny will be taken at Midland Park Mall through March 31; special-needs children will be treated to Caring Bunny 9-10:30 a.m. March 18; pet photos with the Easter Bunny will be taken 6:30-8 p.m. March 25.

■ The 25th annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, a partnership with the Midland Downtown Lions Club, is 7-10 a.m. Saturday at the mall food court.

■ Annual Easter egg hunt hosted by First Christian Church is 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. March 31 at Hill Park, 1301 Cuthbert Ave. Even includes 25,000 eggs and a free hot dog lunch.

■ Easter Spring Fest is 4-8:30 p.m. March 30 at Ashton Medical Lodge, 801 S. Loop 250 West; Easter egg hunt, hot dogs and cotton candy; face painting and balloon animals; and photos with live rabbit; 689-2100.

Community Easter events

■ Photos with the Easter Bunny will be taken at Midland Park Mall through March 31; special-needs children will be treated to Caring Bunny 9-10:30 a.m. March 18; pet photos with the Easter Bunny will be taken 6:30-8 p.m. March 25.

■ The 25th annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, a partnership with the Midland Downtown Lions Club, is 7-10 a.m. Saturday at the mall food court.

■ Annual Easter egg hunt hosted by First Christian Church is 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. March 31 at Hill Park, 1301 Cuthbert Ave. Even includes 25,000 eggs and a free lunch.

■ Easter Spring Fest is 4-8:30 p.m. March 30 at Ashton Medical Lodge, 801 S. Loop 250 West; Easter egg hunt, hot dogs and cotton candy; face painting and balloon animals; and photos with live rabbit; 689-2100.

Today in history

Today is Tuesday, March 20, the 79th day of 2018. There are 286 days left in the year. Spring arrives at 12:15 p.m. Eastern time.

Today's highlight:

On March 20, 1854, the Republican Party of the United States was founded by slavery opponents at a schoolhouse in Ripon, Wisconsin.

On this date:

In 1852, Harriet Beecher Stowe's influential novel about slavery, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was first published in book form after being serialized.

In 1942, U.S. Army Gen. Douglas MacArthur, having evacuated the Philippines at the order of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, told reporters in Terowie, Australia: "I came out of Bataan, and I shall return."

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 0-0-2
Pick 3 day: 7-4-3
Pick 3 evening: 5-8-8
Pick 3 night: 2-9-7
Daily 4 morning: 0-0-4-1
Daily 4 day: 3-4-2-8
Daily 4 evening: 5-3-2-7
Daily 4 night: 2-8-5-2
Cash Five: 5-14-18-31-36
Two Step: 16-18-27-31
BB: 21
Triple Chance: 7-9-19-26-29-32-36-42-43-45
All or Nothing morning: 2-3-5-9-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-23
All or Nothing day: 2-4-7-9-11-13-15-16-18-19-22-23
All or Nothing evening: 2-4-5-8-11-12-15-16-17-20-21-23
All or Nothing night: 3-4-5-8-9-14-15-17-18-19-20-24

Stay connected
facebook.com/TheReporterTelegram
MRT mrt.com
YouTube http://bit.ly/2oWMrCy
@mwnews
@midlandreportertelegram

Weather

Monday's temperatures
High 71
Low 49
Normal high 71
Normal low 42

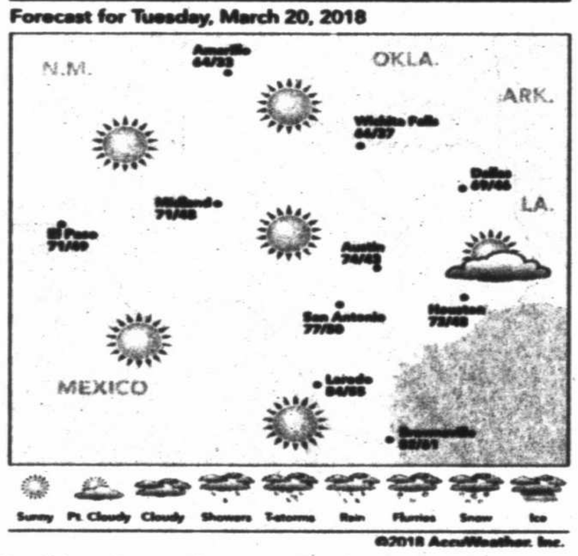
March 19 records
High: 90, set in 2017
Low: 21, set in 1965

Precipitation
Sunday ..... 0.00 in.
Monday ..... 0.00 in.
Month total ..... 0.01 in.
Year total ..... 0.06 in.
Normal total (year to date) ..... 1.62 in.

Winds
Highest sustained wind speed: 30 mph
Highest gust speed: 36 mph

Today's forecast
High: 72
Low: 46

Today's weather — AccuWeather.com
Forecast for Tuesday, March 20, 2018



©2018 AccuWeather, Inc.

Conditions: Sunny today/ mostly clear tonight
Chance of rain: none
Sunrise ..... 7:52 a.m.
Sunset ..... 8 p.m.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Pisces and a Moon in Taurus if born before 12:16 p.m. (ET). Afterward, the Sun will be in Aries.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, March 20, 2018:

This year you communicate with clarity. You integrate your thoughts and feelings particularly well. You respect others' points of view. People in general become unusually easy to deal with. If you are single, romance is more than possible this year. You even could meet Mr. or Ms. Right. If you are attached, your sweetie absolutely adores you and shows it with more warmth and kindness. The two of you could make a major mutual investment come late fall. ARIES can help you make money.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ When hitting an obstacle, you might be somewhat hesitant to share what is going on with others. You initially could be closed off, but you probably will open up when you experience a similar situation later on. Mix in some diplomacy, if possible. Tonight: Indulge a little.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Ask yourself why someone else's actions irritate you. Communicate your feelings openly and diplomatically, and be open to a heavy conversation. At a certain point, you might become frustrated if some form of mutuality does not occur. Tonight: Pay bills first, then do your thing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Listen to both sides of a story, whether you want to or not. Work on being as nonjudgmental as possible. Remain upbeat yet direct with a friend. Once this person becomes grounded, relating becomes easier. Tonight: You might feel pulled in different directions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Ask for more space in order to take the kind of stand you would like to. The problems that come up for you could stem from overindulgence. Make sure to take good care of yourself. A partner might be overly serious. Tonight: Others count on you, but might not let you know.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You want to celebrate the arrival of spring. Make a new list of your goals and resolutions. Speak with a partner or loved one to see if he or she can get behind the same wish list. Tonight: Listen to what others would like to have happen over the next few months.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Reach out to a loved one at a distance. New priorities evolve in a discussion. Schedule some time to take a class or workshop, then decide to plan a vacation and/or indulge in whatever would open up your mind. Discussions will be enlightening. Tonight: Out among the crowds.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ You enter spring with fond memories that you share with many people. At the six-month mark from your birthday, the planets will present you with their report card. Note any areas that need to be updated or transformed. Be willing to take action. Tonight: Get into the celebration. .

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ If you can't make a decision just yet, let it go for now. In a few days, revisit the issue and see if your perspective has changed. You might be ready to make a choice at that point. Know that this is a particularly lucky year for you. Tonight: Accept a loved one's suggestion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ To solve a problem quickly, become more aware of it. Detach and consider others' points of view. Get above the issue, as if you were not involved. At the same time, enjoy the presence of spring. You connect on a deep level with this season! Tonight: As the moment guides you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Look at what is happening around you. Many people seem more upbeat. You might be able to make a switch or a change without encountering a hassle. Sometime in the evening your imagination seems to come to life. Use this creative period well. Tonight: In the limelight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Feel relieved that good news is heading your way. You become upbeat with the simple knowledge of the change of seasons. You will be more grounded later in the day. A discussion around your home could make waves. Choose your words with care. Tonight: Out and about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Stay sensitive to your finances. You might want to make a major purchase in the near future. Understand the limits of your budget. Consider making a commitment to build up your income. Be aware of what someone you care about is asking for. Tonight: Dinner for two.

BORN TODAY

Singer/songwriter Chester Bennington (1976), TV personality Fred Rogers (1928), author Lois Lowry (1937)

SMILES & TEETH
LARRY RUSK, D.D.S.
1110 West Texas Ave. Midland, TX 79701 432-682-5729
www.drlarryrusk.com • email: drlarryrusk@yahoo.com

"GET ON THE LIST"
FOR ACORN REDUCTION
CONTACT THE PROFESSIONALS AT
elder edge
TO HELP YOU SOLVE THE PROBLEM FOR NEXT YEAR!
3300 FAIRGROUNDS RD
(432) 682-4500
WE ARE MORE THAN JUST A GARDEN CENTER

The latest Austin bomb was personal — just like every other bomb in the world

By Jacquielynn Floyd
The Dallas Morning News

■ COMMENTARY

Sunday night, my Austin relations gathered for a weekly tradition at my brother's house: Family dinner. They had spaghetti and lively conversation. They went for a walk, took in the soft spring evening.

Half an hour later and less than a mile away, a bomb exploded, injuring two young men on bicycles.

It was the fourth bomb to hit the state capital since March 2. All have been shocking, bewildering. This one hit close to my figurative home, my family. It hit close to my heart.

One of the men injured when the device went off — police believe the bomb may have been tied to a tripwire, designed to blow up whoever touched it first — is a classmate of my youngest niece. My brother and sister-in-law know his parents.

He underwent emergency surgery Sunday night to remove shrapnel in his legs. Close, too close.

But every bomb that kills or injures somebody is too close to somebody's neighborhood, somebody's family. The three previous Austin explosions, package bombs left on front porches, were in areas that tend to be working class and minority. This one was in an area that's largely white and well-to-do.

All of them are places where people walk their dogs, ride their bicycles, live their lives. "Over there" — Syria, or Parkland, Florida, or the other side of town — is too close to home for somebody. It's too close to home for all of us.

"We can't leave our house," my niece told me Monday morning. Police told everyone in the area to stay indoors while their investigation was ongoing, she said. "Everything just feels so strange."

She's 25 years old, living at home while she finishes graduate school. She's marrying a medical student in June. I want nothing bad to happen to her, ever.

I want her to live in a neighborhood where no bomb can explode, where there are no angry people waving guns around, where there's no reclusive lunatic who entertains sick fantasies about murder and torture and revenge. There is no such neighborhood.

"It's terrible and it's super-weird," said my brother. "On the other hand, this is something millions of people in the world deal with every day. This time it's us."

He's a practical person. Sunday night, accompanied by the noise of sirens down the way and helicopters circling overhead, he went outside and moved some bagged-up leaves into the garage, eliminating cover for any rogue devices. He spent the night downstairs on the living-room sofa while my sister-in-law and niece slept upstairs. My younger niece is working out of state.

Monday morning, they waited for police to issue an all-clear so they could go about their lives: My niece has class; my sister-in-law teaches high school; my brother works at the capitol. While they waited, we talked.

My immediate, emotional inclination was to tell them pack a suitcase and come up here because I live in the safest neighborhood in the whole wide world, because my house is shielded by a force field that repels all harm, because nothing bad can happen in my town, on my street.

Just like that, I had slipped into the unreasoning, runaway panic we're always lecturing the people "over there" to avoid.

My brother politely declined: "I think making the trip up I-35 is still more dangerous than living in my neighborhood," he said. This is, of course, true.

We walked at length about pubic urgency to identify a motive for these bombings, just as there is always predictable speculation about the motives behind mass shootings and other seemingly random events that terrorize whole cities, whole populations.

That urgency, too often amplified by us-in-the-media, is counterproductive: There is no explanation for vicious, randomized violence that will make sense to sane people. No grievance, no grudge, no ideological obsession explains the moral vacuousness of shooting children in their schools, of planting bombs on people's front porches.

"If somebody wants to collateralize the world to make a point, what can you do?" my brother asked. "The motive of the bomber is not the thing. It's the fact of the bomb."

The bomb does more than physical damage. It terrorizes, traumatizes, makes us stupid with fear. It makes us want to hide in our houses with the doors locked. Or, worse, it makes us want to neutralize the threat and guarantee our safety by yanking it out by the roots — by finding someone to blame, something we can prevent.

There's a central truth here, something we keep misunderstanding about terrorism and mass murder and acts of inhuman carnage. The ideology behind the acts — the "motive" — may be personal grievance, or extremist religion, or political separatism. But that's only the excuse: The people who do these things thrive on the mayhem and the panic and the fear they cause.

With this latest explosion, I experienced that dislocating sense of actual threat: This time it happened in a familiar part of part of town; it affected my people.

This bomb was personal, but what bomb isn't?

All bombs are personal if they're meant to harm persons. That means all of us — even if we can't see that far.

Distributed by Tribune Content Agency, LLC.



Tamir Kalifa/The New York Times

FBI agents are shown at the scene of Sunday's explosion that injured two people in southwest Austin on Tuesday. A fourth bomb triggered by a tripwire suggests a higher level of sophistication in the wave of bomb attacks that have unnerved the residents of Austin.

Fear mounts in Austin as serial bomber uses tripwire

By Paul J. Weber and Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The hunt for the serial bomber who has been leaving deadly explosives in packages on Austin doorsteps took an even more sinister turn Monday when investigators said the fourth and latest blast was triggered along a street by a nearly invisible tripwire.

Police and federal agents said that suggests a "higher level of sophistication" than they have seen before, and means the carnage is now random, rather than targeted at someone in particular. Underscoring that point, a relative says the most-recent explosion left what appeared to be nails stuck in his grandson's knees.

"The game went up a little bit — well, it went up a lot yesterday with the tripwire," Christopher Combs, FBI agent in charge of the bureau's San Antonio division, said in an interview.

Two people have now been killed and four wounded in bombings over a span of less than three weeks.

The latest happened Sunday night in southwest Austin's quiet Travis Country neighborhood, wounding two men in their 20s who were walking in the dark. They suffered what police said were significant injuries and remained hospitalized in stable condition.

Police haven't identified the victims, but William Grote told The Associated Press that his grandson was one of them, saying he is cognizant but still in a lot of pain. Grote said one of them was riding a bike in the street and the other was on a sidewalk when they crossed a tripwire that he said knocked "them both off their feet."

"It was so dark they couldn't tell and they tripped," Grote said. "They didn't see it. It was a wire. And it blew up."

Grote said his son, who lives about 100 yards away from the blast, heard the explosion and raced outside.

"Both of them were kind of bleeding profusely," Grote said.

That was a departure from the three earlier bombings, which involved parcels left on doorsteps that detonated when moved or opened.

The tripwire twist heightened the fear around Austin, a town famous for its cool, hipster attitude.

"It's creepy," said Erin Mays, 33. "I'm not a scared person, but this feels very next-door-neighbor kind of stuff."

Authorities repeated prior warnings about not touching unexpected packages and also issued new ones to be wary of any stray object left in public, especially one with wires protruding.

"We're very concerned that with tripwires, a child could be walking down a sidewalk and hit something," Combs said.

Investigators are looking at a variety of possible motives, including domestic terrorism or a hate crime. Local and state police and hundreds of federal agents are investigating, and the reward for information leading to an arrest has climbed to $115,000.

"We are clearly dealing with what we believe to be a serial bomber at this point," Austin police chief Brian Manley said, citing similarities among the four bombs. He would not elaborate, though, saying he didn't want to undermine the investigation.

While the first three bombings all occurred east of Interstate 35, a section of town that tends to be more heavily minority and less affluent, Sunday's was west of the highway. Also, both victims this time are white, while those killed or wounded in the earlier attacks were black or Hispanic.

Those differences made it harder to draw conclusions about a possible pattern, further unnerving a city on edge.

Thad Holt, 76, said he is now watching his steps as he makes his way through a section of town near the latest attack. "I think everybody can now say, 'Oh, that's like my neighborhood,'" he said.

Fred Milanowski, agent in charge of the Houston division of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, said the latest bomb was anchored to a metal yard sign near the head of a hiking trail.

"It was a thin wire or filament, kind of like fishing line," he said. "It would have been very difficult for someone to see."

Milanowski said authorities have checked over 500 leads. Police asked anyone with surveillance cameras at their homes to come forward with the footage on the chance it captured suspicious vehicles or people.

Noel Holmes, whose house is about a mile away, was stunned by how loud Sunday's explosion was.

"It sounded like a very nearby cannon," Holmes said. "We went out and heard all the sirens, but it was eerie. You didn't feel like you should be outside at all."

Spring break ended Monday for the University of Texas and many area school districts. University police warned returning students to be alert and to tell their classmates about the danger, saying, "We must look out for one another." None of the four attacks happened close to the campus near the heart of Austin.

The PGA's Dell Technologies Match Play tournament is scheduled to begin in Austin on Wednesday, and dozens of the world's top golfers were to begin arriving.

"I'm pretty sure the tour has enough security to keep things safe in here. But this is scary what's happening," said golfer Jhonattan Vegas, already in town.

Andrew Zimmerman, a 44-year-old coffee shop worker, said the use of a tripwire adds a new level of suspected professionalism and makes it harder to guard against such attacks.

"This makes me sick," he said.

Self-driving vehicle strikes and kills pedestrian in Arizona

By Felicia Fonseca and Tom Krisher
Associated Press

A self-driving Uber SUV struck and killed a pedestrian in suburban Phoenix in the first death involving a fully autonomous test vehicle — a crash that could have far-reaching consequences for the new technology.

The fatality Sunday night in Tempe was the event many in the auto and technology industries were dreading but knew was inevitable.

Uber immediately suspended all road-testing of such autos in the Phoenix area, Pittsburgh, San Francisco and Toronto. The testing has been going on for months as automakers and technology companies like the ride-hailing service compete to be the first with cars that operate on their own.

The Volvo was in self-driving mode with a human backup driver at the wheel when it hit 49-year-old Elaine Herzberg as she was walking a bicycle outside the lines of a crosswalk, police said. She died at a hospital.

Uber CEO Dara Khosrowshahi expressed condolences on his Twitter account and said the company is working with local law enforcement on the investigation.

The National Transportation Safety Board, which makes recommendations for preventing crashes, and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which can enact regulations, sent investigators.

Tempe police Sgt. Ronald Elcock said local authorities haven't drawn any conclusions about who is at fault but urged people to use crosswalks. He told reporters at a news conference Monday the Uber vehicle was traveling around 40 mph when it hit Helzberg immediately as she stepped on to the street.

Neither she nor the backup driver showed signs of impairment, he said.

The public's image of the vehicles will be defined by stories like the crash in Tempe, said Bryant Walker Smith, a University of South Carolina law professor who studies self-driving vehicles.

Although the Uber vehicle and its human backup could be at fault, it may turn out that there was nothing either could have done to stop the crash, he said.

Either way, the fatality could hurt the technology's image and lead to a push for more regulations at the state and federal levels, Smith said.

Autonomous vehicles with laser, radar and camera sensors and sophisticated computers have been billed as the way to reduce the more than 40,000 traffic deaths a year in the U.S. alone. Ninety-four percent of crashes are caused by human error, the government says.

Autonomous vehicles don't drive drunk, don't get sleepy and aren't easily distracted. But they do have faults.

"We should be concerned about automated driving," Smith said. "We should be terrified about human driving."

In 2016, the latest year available, more than 6,000 U.S. pedestrians were killed by vehicles.

The federal government has voluntary guidelines for companies that want to test autonomous vehicles, leaving much of the regulation up to states.

Many states, including Michigan and Arizona, have taken a largely hands-off approach, hoping to gain jobs from the new technology, while California and others have taken a harder line.

California is among states that require manufacturers to report any incidents during the testing phase. As of early March, the state's motor vehicle agency had received 59 such reports.

Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey used light regulations to entice Uber to the state after the company had a shaky rollout of test cars in San Francisco. Arizona has no reporting requirements.

Hundreds of vehicles with automated driving systems have been on Arizona's roads.

Ducey's office expressed sympathy for Herzberg's family and said safety is the top priority.

The crash in Arizona isn't the first involving an Uber autonomous test vehicle. In March 2017, an Uber SUV flipped onto its side, also in Tempe. No serious injuries were reported, and the driver of the other car was cited for a violation.

Herzberg's death is the first involving an autonomous test vehicle but not the first in a car with some self-driving features. The driver of a Tesla Model S was killed in 2016 when his car, operating on its Autopilot system, crashed into a tractor-trailer in Florida. The NTSB said that driver inattention was to blame but that design limitations with the system played a major role in the crash.

Claire's, the ear-piercing mall chain, files for bankruptcy

By Joseph Pisani
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Claire's, the mall chain that has pierced the ears of millions of teens, has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

The accessories chain said Monday that its stores will remain open as it restructures its debt.

It's just the latest retailer to seek bankruptcy protection, close stores or go out of business entirely as more people skip the mall and shop online. Toys R Us, for example, announced last week that it would close or sell all its stores after filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection last year.

Claire's said it is "confident" it will emerge from bankruptcy protection in September, having reduced its debt by nearly $2 billion. It believes it can compete with the shift to online shopping, arguing that its "iconic ear piercing services are unmatched and cannot be replicated online."

Besides the Claire's chain, the company also operates Icing stores. Both sell earrings, lip gloss, iPhone cases and other accessories. Last year, it had more than 4,000 stores around the world.

With security measures, urban schools avoid mass shootings

By Corey Williams
Associated Press

DETROIT — Alondra Alvarez lives about five minutes from her high school on Detroit's southwest side but she drives there instead of walking because her mother fears for her safety. Once the 18-year-old enters the building, her surroundings take on a more secure feel almost immediately as she passes through a bank of closely monitored metal detectors.

"My mom has never been comfortable with me walking to school. My mom is really scared of street thugs," said Alvarez, who attends Western International.

As schools around the U.S. look for ways to impose tougher security measures in the wake of last month's school shooting in Parkland, Florida, that left 17 people dead, they don't have to look further than urban districts such as Detroit, Chicago, Los Angeles and New York that installed metal detectors and other security in the 1980s and 1990s to combat gang and drug violence.

Security experts believe these measures have made urban districts less prone to mass shootings, which have mostly occurred in suburban and rural districts.

Officials in some suburban and rural school districts are now considering detectors as they rethink their security plans after the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, where 19-year-old former student Nikolas Cruz allegedly brought in a duffel bag containing an assault rifle and opened fire. He's charged with 17 counts of first-degree murder and 17 counts of attempted murder.

The massacre has galvanized thousands of students around the country who walked out of their classrooms for 17 minutes — one for each Parkland victim — on March 14 to protest gun violence.

"I think urban schools are eons ahead. They've been dealing with violence a lot longer than suburban schools," said Philip Smith, president of the National African American Gun Association.

During the mid-1980s, Detroit was one of the first districts in the nation to put permanent, walk-through metal detectors in high schools and middle schools. New York schools also had them in some buildings.

By 1992, metal detectors had been installed in a few dozen Chicago high schools. And in 1993, under pressure to make schools safer, Los Angeles' district announced that it would randomly search students with metal detectors.

Such measures "are designed to identify and hopefully deter anybody from bringing a weapon to school, but metal detectors alone portray an illusion of being safe," said Nikolai Vitti, superintendent of the 50,000-student Detroit Public Schools Community District.

"Our schools need to be safer than they are," Vitti said. "As a nation, we need to fully fund and make sure all districts can adequately staff school resource officers and also offer mental health and first-aid training to all educators."

Security measures don't always keep guns off school grounds. A 17-year-old high school senior was killed and another student wounded March 7 in a Birmingham, Alabama, classroom shooting. Metal detectors at the school were not in use that day. A 17-year-old student has been charged with manslaughter.

Two students were shot and three people suffered other injuries in February when a gun in a backpack accidentally fired inside a Los Angeles Unified School District middle school. The district does random metal-detector wand searches daily in middle schools and high schools. A 12-year-old girl has been charged with being a minor in possession of a firearm and having a weapon on school grounds.

In response to the Parkland shooting, Florida's governor has said he wants to spend $500 million to increase law enforcement and mental health counselors at schools, to make buildings more secure with metal detectors and to create an anonymous tip line.

A package of legislation passed by the New York state Senate includes provisions for metal detectors and improved security technology in schools. A parent in Knox County, Kentucky, has said his law office would donate $25,000 for metal detectors in schools there.

Alvarez, the student at Detroit's Western International, said she and others who attend the school go through metal detectors every morning. Her elementary and middle schools also had metal detectors.

"I've always seen it as something that made me feel safe," she said, adding that all schools should have them and not just inner-city ones "so students don't feel discriminated against."

US student found dead in Bermuda after intense search

By Josh Ball
Associated Press

HAMILTON, Bermuda — A Pennsylvania college student who disappeared following a rugby tournament in Bermuda was found dead Monday after an intensive search of the British island territory.

Searchers found the body of Mark Dombroski, 19, at the base of a colonial-era fort in a park not far from where he was last seen walking by himself on CCTV footage, officials with the Bermuda Police Service said at a news conference.

A cause of death was not released but forensic experts were still processing the scene where his body was found and an autopsy was planned, said Acting Commissioner James Howard.

"Bermuda Police Service extends our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends," Howard said after a day of searching that included local authorities, volunteers and Dombroski's family.

Dombroski was a member of the rugby team at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia and had come to Bermuda to compete in a tournament. He disappeared early Sunday, with video footage showing him walking alone and looking at his phone as he left a bar where his friends had gathered.

He was found at the base of Fort Prospect in a wooded area known as the arboretum and near an athletic center where the team had played during the tournament.

Dombroski's family rushed to the island to join the search and retrace his steps.

"We dearly love our son, we cherish our son. ... We want him back," his mother, Lisa Dombroski, said at a news conference with police officials. "We thank the citizens of Bermuda. People have been with us shoulder to shoulder throughout this ordeal."

Detective Sgt. Jason Smith said there's no evidence Dombroski was drunk, or that alcohol played a role in his disappearance. Lisa Dombroski speculated her son, who had hurt his shoulder in a game that day and wasn't feeling well, had simply wanted to call it a night. She said the surveillance footage showed him favoring his arm.

"He wasn't in a celebratory kind of mood," Lisa Dombroski said. "He wanted to get back."

Facebook drags technology companies down as stocks slide

By Marley Jay
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Facebook plunged to its worst loss in four years Monday and led a rout in technology companies. The social media company's stock fell following reports that a data mining firm working for the Trump campaign improperly obtained data on 50 million Facebook users.

The drop in Facebook stock came after the New York Times and the Guardian reported that the firm, Cambridge Analytica, was able to tap the profiles of more than 50 million Facebook users without their permission. Legislators in the U.S. and Europe criticized Facebook and said they want more information about what happened. Investors wondered if companies like Facebook and Alphabet will face tighter regulation as a result.

Daniel Ives, chief strategy officer and head of technology research for GBH Insights, said Facebook is in a crisis, and it will have to work hard to reassure users, investors and governments.

"This is a defining moment for them," he said. "It either becomes a blip on the radar and it helps the platform mature... or it becomes the start of something broader."

Elsewhere, the British pound rose and European stocks slumped after Britain and the European Union said they are getting closer to a deal that will complete Britain's departure from the EU in March 2019.

The S&P 500 index sank 39.09 points, or 1.4 percent, to 2,712.92. The benchmark index took its biggest loss since Feb. 8, when it tumbled almost 4 percent as investors worried that rising inflation would slow the progress of the market and the U.S. economy.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 335.60 points, or 1.3 percent, to 24,610.91. During the day it fell as much as 493 points. The Nasdaq composite gave up 137.74 points, or 1.8 percent, to 7,344.24. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks declined 15.49 points, or 1 percent, to 1,570.56.

Larger technology companies including Apple and Microsoft fared worse than smaller ones. Another market favorite, Amazon, also dropped, and health care stocks fell more than the rest of the market.

Representatives of Britain and the European Union said they made progress on the terms of Britain's departure from the bloc. British envoy David Davis said important steps have been made in the last few days and he thinks EU leaders will back them in a meeting Thursday and Friday. Britain is scheduled to officially leave the EU on March 29, 2019.

The pound rose to $1.4050 from $1.3938. The British FTSE 100 index fell 1.7 percent and Germany's DAX fell 1.4 percent. France's CAC-40 was 1.1 percent lower.

Facebook said late Friday that it suspended Cambridge Analytica and its parent company. It said Cambridge obtained data from 270,000 people who downloaded a purported research app that was described as a personality test. A former employee said Cambridge was able to get data from tens of millions of other users who were friends with the people who downloaded that app.

Facebook first learned of the breach more than two years ago but hadn't disclosed it. Facebook also said it recently received a report that Cambridge Analytica hadn't deleted all of the data it obtained from Facebook, something Facebook said the company claimed to have done. Senator Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota said Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg should testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee while legislators in Britain and the European Union also called for inquiries.

On Monday Facebook said it hired an outside firm to audit Cambridge. Its stock sank $12.53, or 6.8 percent, to $172.56, its biggest one-day loss since March 2014.

Ives, of GBH, said Wall Street is more concerned about the latest situation than it was about issues like Facebook's platform spreading fake news. That's because Cambridge reportedly got access to the personal data of a large number of users, and the backlash suggests Facebook may face more regulation and could lose users, advertisers or advertising revenue.

He estimated that $5 billion in annual revenue for Facebook might be a risk and said the situation could create problems for other tech companies, especially Twitter and Alphabet's YouTube unit. Alphabet lost $34.35, or 3 percent, to $1,100.07.

Twenty-nine of the 30 Dow stocks finished the day with losses. The only exception was airplane maker Boeing.

Bond prices gave up an early gain. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note remained at 2.85 percent.

Benchmark U.S. crude fell 28 cents to $62.06 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, used to price international oils, lost 16 cents to $66.05 per barrel in London.

Wholesale gasoline lost 2 cents to $1.92 a gallon. Heating oil remained at $1.91 a gallon. Natural gas fell 4 cents to $2.65 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Gold added $5.50 to $1,317.80 an ounce. Silver rose 5 cents to $16.33 an ounce. Copper lost 2 cents to $3.08 a pound.

Tokyo's Nikkei 225 fell 0.9 percent and Hong Kong's Hang Seng edged up less than 0.1 percent. Seoul's Kospi lost 0.8 percent.

The dollar slipped to 105.97 yen from 106.10 yen. The euro rose to $1.2357 from $1.2284.

PAID CONTENT

for your information

To appear in *For Your Information* call Paul Wiseman at 697-7468 or your advertising account executive at 682-5311.

Have City wide install lights, fans, smoke alarms and more

City Wide Electric's Joe Fussell and Jorge Mendoza can brighten your space, get you a breeze where you need it and help with any other electrical or wiring issues in your home or business.

Want to update landscape lighting or add security lighting? No problem. Indoors, are your ceiling fans worn out—or do you need to add one? City Wide can do that. They install wall-mounted TVs, cave lighting, smoke alarms and more.

Do you have poorly lit hallways? Ask City Wide about retrofitting with enclosed LED hall lights that look like recessed lighting, but are simpler to install.

If you want TV cable run through the attic instead of around the outside of your home, call City Wide—if it's possible to run through the attic instead, they'll get it done.

Whether you're better at English or Spanish, City Wide can help you.

Like and share City Wide on Facebook and get a discount on electrical work. They will also have a blog starting in the next few weeks.

Joe and Linda Fussell have owned City Wide for 48 years and they look forward to serving you now.

City Wide Electric has been owned by Joe and Linda Fussell since 1971. They accept Visa and Master Card. The phone number is 697-6456. Email them at city_wide@att.net.

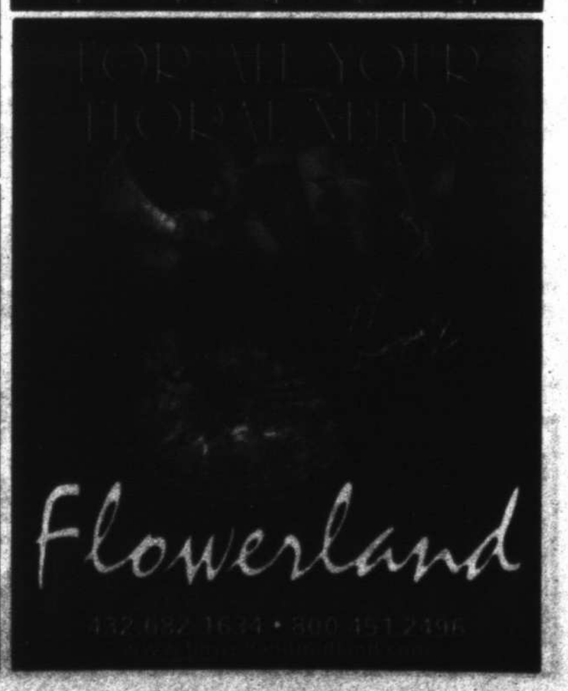


For electrical work of any kind call Joe Fussell or Jorge Mendoza at 697-6456.















Washington week starts with mostly bad news



ED ROGERS

Special to the Washington Post

I always tell colleagues at work to give me the bad news because good news has a way to taking care of itself. So, in that spirit, here is some bad news to contemplate — especially for Republicans — as we start our week.

For starters, Democrats hold a double-digit lead in the latest NBC News/Wall Street Journal generic congressional ballot poll, released Sunday. As a point of reference, the NBC/WSJ generic congressional ballot poll had Republicans and Democrats nearly tied at this point in 2014, just eight months before Republicans won not only the Senate but also their largest majority in the House since the 1928 election. So, for Republicans, being down 10 points in March is troubling.

Next, President Donald Trump has never been described as beholden to traditional norms of civilized behavior and respectable leadership. But according to Maggie Haberman's Sunday report in the New York Times, Trump has become even more unrestrained, "newly emboldened to say what he really feels and to ignore the cautions of those around him." Really? Trump has been holding back? If Trump's performance so far occurred while he was "feeling tentative and anxious, intimidated by the role of president," as Haberman reports, then heaven help us all for what might come next. To be clear, if the inhibited President Trump is what we've witnessed thus far, then the uninhibited President Trump is going to be bad news for us all. Now that Trump feels unencumbered by whatever restraints he had previously been operating under, anything is possible. I never thought of him as particularly shy, but here we are.

As if that wasn't enough, the Stormy Daniels story has legs and more. Unlike most tweet-based gaffes or personnel troubles emanating from the Trump White House, the Daniels affair has taken root. Beyond just the distracting headlines — and once again having to shield your children from news about their president — the Stormy Daniels matter has gone from the tabloids into mainstream TV and the courts. Even worse for the GOP, it is a constant reminder that a serious component of the Republican leadership, who represented themselves as being from the "value voters" wing of the party, were frauds and hypocrites. These Republican leaders are mostly silent. I remember how in 1980 there were disapproving grumblings on the right that "Reagan is a divorcé." How quaint. We have come a long way.

Then there is the constant turmoil surrounding staffing in the Trump White House. While Trump appears to have taken his foot off the personnel firing pedal, everything could change in an instant. But even if Trump were to hold off on making any further staff changes, the steady stream of unexpected and impromptu departures has already taken a toll on White House staff. And everyone knows more are likely to occur. As Michael Shear and Maggie Haberman reported Friday, "some aides say they wake up each morning wondering if they will still have a job by the end of the day." So, as I've said on several occasions, I salute those who are hanging in there. And even though this column is about bad news, here is some good news for those who work or will work in the White House: Outgoing economic adviser Gary Cohn is living proof you can work in the Trump administration and enhance your reputation. Cohn had a good reputation before coming to the White House and will have an even better one leaving it. Cohn knew what his job was, he stayed out of the day-to-day noise and bickering, he worked toward an identifiable objective and he managed to lead one of the White House's most important policy offices under difficult conditions. As Cohn proved, working in the Trump White House can actually be a net plus. And remember, life is all about the net.

As if all that weren't enough, the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta last week substantially walked back a recent growth projection. It went largely unnoticed, but the Atlanta Fed cut a prediction of 5.4 percent gain in gross domestic product in the first quarter to just 1.9 percent on Wednesday and 1.8 percent on Friday. For no particular reason, I've always thought 4 percent GDP growth was a magic number politically. At 4 percent growth, almost everyone is better off and things tilt in favor of incumbents. But according to this latest figure from the Atlanta Fed, we appear to be moving in the wrong direction. And oh, by the way, on top of it all, Trump's proposed tariffs are looming over the economy, creating great uncertainty for investors and businesses alike. As Scotiabank economist Derek Holt told the Wall Street Journal, "With everything looking better coming into the year, trust politics to risk messing it all up." The allure of a pro-business, anti-regulation Trump has fueled the economy for months. But Trump's aggressive posture on tariffs could quickly change that.

Just a little bad news to get another week started. In the Trump era, this entire column could be overwhelmed by something that suddenly appears out of the blue, or every item mentioned could be enhanced by new, wild revelations before the end of the day. Either way, it is exhausting. And it is mostly bad news.

GUEST VIEW

Bombs in Austin look like terrorism, require Texas toughness

We love you, Austin. Don't panic.

That's our message to residents in the state capital, but we understand if that sentiment is less than satisfying for them. They're living with a chilling uncertainty since deadly explosions began rocking the city early this month.

If ever there were a need for Texas toughness, it's in situations like this, when even the authorities seem to have little sense of who the enemy is. It's anyone's guess right now as to whether these are race-based hate crimes, twisted political ideology or random evil.

But as Austin strives to remain steady, it's imperative that America's best counterterrorism specialists be engaged with, if not in charge of, this confounding investigation.

Terrorism — home-grown or foreign-led — less often presents itself in America as a single massive tragedy. Instead, it emerges, day after day, in the form of small events such as those unfolding in Austin.

A bomb, apparently triggered by a trip wire, detonated Sunday night in the southwest part of the city, leaving two young men with significant injuries. Three previous explosions, dating back to March 2, killed two people and seriously wounded a 75-year-old woman in East Austin.

Authorities on Monday, citing similarities among all the explosive devices, acknowledged they are dealing with a serial bomber. They noted that the trip-wire device not only represents a higher level of skill by the perpetrator but a change in strategy. While the previous package bombs seemed targeted to specific residences, the latest appeared to be a random attack.

It's moments like these that call for the full partnership of law enforcement at all levels — from the FBI, Homeland Security and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to the Texas Rangers and the best minds that police departments statewide can provide.

The very reason that tough-minded security operations are in place throughout our government is to react to, and root out, the kind of perpetrators who have shaken Austin to its core. They must do their jobs — and do them quickly — before more Texans die or suffer injuries.

Here in Dallas, our hearts are heavy for a city that all of us admire and care so much about. The good-natured competition over Amazon's HQ2 project seems so long ago as we collectively hold our breath for the state capital.

Just as we can't jump to conclusions about who or what is behind these cruel attacks, we can't assume that any of us can ever be secure from danger. Laws can't be written that thwart every bad guy. But the public has a choice about how it reacts to every situation. That's the reality of the times we live in.

A delicate balance exists in getting security right in order to protect Americans' liberties. The serial bombings in Austin present an urgent opportunity for law enforcement at all levels to show that our government has this balance right.

— The Dallas Morning News

Distributed by Tribune Content Agency

Midland Reporter-Telegram

A Hearst newspaper

EDITORIAL BOARD

Jeff Shaheen, Publisher
Stewart Doreen, Editor
Mary Doreen, Managing Editor
Trevor Hawes, Asst. Managing Editor

TO OUR READERS

Opinions, columns, letters and cartoons reflect the author's or artist's views and not necessarily the view of the Reporter-Telegram.



Saudi Arabia, US should seize moment

KHALID BIN SALMAN

Ambassador to the U.S.

Seldom in human history do countries peacefully and voluntarily embark upon a resolute course correction to recalibrate a national economy and expand societal norms — without comprising religious sensibilities. Yet that is precisely what the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is attempting to do.

For decades, the Kingdom lived according to social and cultural norms that went unchallenged, thus inhibiting our progress. But our leaders have set a new course that aims to transform our economy and society, and unlock our untapped potential.

Two years ago, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, working under the guidance of King Salman, launched Vision 2030, a comprehensive plan for economic diversification as well as social and cultural reform. Young and dynamic, the crown prince — our chief reform architect — understands our largest demographic group, namely our youth.

Our old course was not sustainable, and change is now underway in virtually every aspect of society. We are expanding women's rights, improving services for Muslim pilgrims and investing in megaprojects across various industries. We are opening our country to tourism, creating a domestic entertainment industry, and promoting Saudi heritage and culture. And we are also restructuring our health-care and education systems. These are but a few of the reforms that have already been launched.

The United States will have a chance to acquaint itself with these reforms during Mohammed's first official visit here as the crown prince beginning (today). His visit is intended to reinforce Saudi Arabia's already strong partnership with the United States, building on the 2017 Riyadh summit, which elevated our countries' relationship. But, the crown prince is not just here to talk politics; he is also here to talk business, specifically the bilateral investment opportunities made possible by his diversification strategy. The crown prince's multi-city tour will lay the groundwork for Salman's visit to the United States later this year.

Mohammed is one of Saudi Arabia's top politicians, so he will come to Washington to meet with officials from the Trump administration, as well as congressional members from both sides of the aisle, which will fortify the long-standing relationship between our two countries. The historic relationship between Saudi Arabia and the United States stretches back decades, nurtured and safeguarded by both Democrats and Republicans. It was born in the aftermath of World War II, sustained during the Cold War and reinforced during Operation Desert Storm.

Our security cooperation includes shared efforts against terrorism, including intelligence sharing and joint counterterrorism ventures such as the Global Center for Countering Extremist Ideology, or Etidal. On the educational front, thousands of Saudi students have studied in the United States over the decades. Economically, Saudi businessmen have invested hundreds of billions of dollars in the United States, across various industries including technology, real estate and infrastructure.

As we do with every presidential administration, we are focused on maintaining our close working relationship. The Trump administration has made tremendous achievements. President Trump's decisions, particularly in the area of fighting extremism and pushing back on the malicious influence of Iran, are having an effect. The Kingdom's leaders and the Trump administration continue to build and strengthen the framework of a bilateral relationship that facilitates interagency cooperation.

We now see new chances for revitalizing the long-standing Saudi-U.S. alliance. The crown prince will highlight this during his trip — especially in the area of business and investment opportunities — and expand the efforts that Salman and President Trump initiated last year in Riyadh. The relationship today is stronger, deeper and more multidimensional than ever, and it extends beyond the Oval Office, the halls of Congress, military bases and trading floors.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is reforming, and our dynamism will take the Saudi-U.S. relationship to new heights. Both sides should seize the moment. We must take the opportunity to recommit ourselves to a cemented alliance with a proud legacy, but one that also looks to the future, sparks prosperity, unlocks the full potential of all Saudis and helps to stabilize a crucial region and the world.

Khalid bin Salman is the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the United States.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



Republicans tell Trump: Lay off Mueller — but they don't act

By Mary Clare Jalonick, Zeke Miller and Chad Day
Associated Press



J. Scott Applewhite/AP file photo

Special counsel Robert Mueller departs the Capitol after a closed-door meeting with members of the Senate Judiciary Committee in 2017 about Russian meddling in the election and possible connection to the Trump campaign in Washington. The White House is continuing to deny that President Donald Trump is looking to oust Mueller. Spokesman Hogan Gidley tells reporters aboard Air Force One that, "there are no conversations or discussions about removing" Mueller.

WASHINGTON — More Republicans are telling President Donald Trump in ever blunter terms to lay off his escalating criticism of special counsel Robert Mueller and the Russia probe. But party leaders are taking no action to protect Mueller, embracing a familiar strategy with the president — simply waiting out the storm.

Trump blistered Mueller and his investigation all weekend on Twitter and started in again Monday, questioning the probe's legitimacy with language no recent president has used for a federal inquiry. "A total WITCH HUNT with massive conflicts of interest!" Trump tweeted.

Mueller is leading a criminal probe into whether Trump's 2016 presidential campaign had ties to Russia and whether there has been obstruction of justice since then.

Trump was told to cut it out Sunday by such notable Republicans as Trey Gowdy, chairman of the House Oversight Committee, and Bob Corker, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Then on Monday, he was told that firing Mueller would be "the stupidest thing the president could do" by Orrin Hatch, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

But Hatch, on CNN, also said he didn't see any need for legislation to protect Mueller. And that sentiment was widely echoed by GOP leaders.

In recent months, bills to protect the special counsel have stalled, and Republican leaders have stuck to muted statements endorsing Mueller or denying he is in trouble. So far, that tactic has worked for them as Trump has lambasted the Russia investigation on Twitter but allowed Mueller to continue his work.

Democrats say legislation is needed.

"Immediately," said Sen. Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut. And Arizona Republican Jeff Flake, a frequent Trump critic, said, "If you don't pick this fight, then we might as well not be here."

But GOP leaders saw no reason to leap to stop a firing they don't think is in sight.

"I don't think that's going to happen so I just think it's not necessary, and obviously legislation requires a presidential signature," said Texas Sen. John Cornyn, the No. 2 Republican in the Senate. "I don't see the necessity of picking that fight right now."

Still, Cornyn said there would be "a number of unintended consequences" if Mueller were to be removed, and lawmakers had communicated that message to Trump "informally and formally."

White House lawyer Ty Cobb issued a statement Sunday tamping down the speculation, saying Trump is not "considering or discussing" Mueller's removal. White House spokesman Hogan Gidley said Trump has "some well-established frustration" about the probe but insisted there is no internal discussion about removing Mueller.

Separately, Trump's legal team has provided documents to Mueller summarizing their views on key matters being investigated, according to a person familiar with the situation. That person insisted on anonymity to discuss the ongoing investigation.

The records were given as Trump's lawyers negotiate with Mueller's team about the scope and terms of a possible interview with the president.

Also, Trump added a new lawyer. Joseph diGenova, a former U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia, will join his team later this week.

DiGenova has been outspoken in his defense of Trump, talking of a "brazen plot" to exonerate Hillary Clinton in an email investigation and to "frame" Trump with a "falsely created crime."

Multiple White House officials said Monday that they believe Trump is now acutely aware of the political — and even legal — consequences of taking action against Mueller. For now, they predicted, Trump will snipe at Mueller from the outside.

His sniping is getting more pointed.

Trump challenged the probe's existence over the weekend and strongly suggested political bias on the part of Mueller's investigators.

The tweets ruffled some GOP lawmakers. South Carolina's Gowdy admonished the president's lawyers, saying that if Trump is innocent, "act like it."

But House and Senate leaders remained quiet, and decidedly unruffled.

"As the speaker has always said, Mr. Mueller and his team should be able to do their job," said AshLee Strong, spokeswoman for House Speaker Paul Ryan.

A spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell referred to comments that McConnell made in January saying he wasn't worried that Mueller would be ousted.

Two bipartisan Senate bills introduced last summer, when Trump first started criticizing Mueller's probe, would make it harder to fire a special counsel by requiring a judicial review. But Republicans backing the bills have not been able to agree on the details, and Senate Judiciary Chairman Chuck Grassley has shown little interest in moving them. McConnell has said he thinks they are unnecessary.

Still, some of the White House officials acknowledged that Trump did once flirt with removing Mueller.

That came last summer, when Trump's legal team — then led by New York attorney Marc Kasowitz — was looking into potential conflicts of interest with Mueller and his team and planning to make a case to have him removed, according to people familiar with the strategy. Those people spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the private conversations.

As that strategy was being formulated, Trump directed White House counsel Don McGahn in June to call Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein to raise the perceived conflicts and push for Mueller's removal, according to one of the people familiar with the matter.

McGahn put off making the call because he disagreed with the strategy, the person said. When Trump persisted in pressing the issue, McGahn told other senior White House officials he would resign if Trump didn't back off. Trump let the matter drop, the person said.

Trump cannot directly fire Mueller. Any dismissal, for cause, would have to be carried out by Rosenstein, who appointed the counsel and has continued to express support.

Trump has fumed to confidants that the Mueller probe is "going to choke the life out of" his presidency if allowed to continue indefinitely, according to an outside adviser who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss private conversations with the president.

Likely contributing to Trump's sense of frustration, The New York Times reported last week that Mueller had subpoenaed the Trump Organization for Russia-related documents. Trump had said Mueller would cross a red line with such a step.

"Why does the Mueller team have 13 hardened Democrats, some big Crooked Hillary supporters, and Zero Republicans?" he tweeted Sunday.

Some of Mueller's investigators indeed have contributed to Democratic political candidates including Hillary Clinton, but Justice Department policy and federal service law bar discrimination in the hiring of career positions on the basis of political affiliation. Mueller is a Republican.

AIRESERV.
HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING
a Neighborly company
KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE!
10 YEAR LABOR WARRANTY.
We're Like Elfs for your HVAC!
24/7 EMERGENCY SERVICE
Residential & Commercial Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning Services
Call today: 432-242-1212
13300 Highway 191, Midland, TX 79707

DAILY PROMISE BROUGHT TO YOU BY
HENRY
Matthew 1:21
"... you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

Fun Facts Sponsored by
FRANKLIN FOLIAGE
LANDSCAPING
"Serving West Texas Since 1981"
685-3521
franklinfoliage.com
Call us today to create the garden of your dreams!
A full day on the moon lasts about 29.5 Earth days on average.
The moon is moving away from us by 1.48 inches a year.

Dillard's
ROUNDTREE & YORKE
STOCK UP & SAVE
LIMITED TIME!
BUY ONE, RECEIVE ONE 50% OFF*
MIX AND MATCH
KNIT SHIRTS | WOVEN SHIRTS | CASUAL PANTS | SHORTS
*ENTIRE STOCK OF REGULAR-PRICE ROUNDTREE & YORKE KNIT & WOVEN SHIRTS, CASUAL PANTS AND SHORTS. SECOND STYLE MUST BE OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE. SELECTION VARIES BY SIZE AND STORE. ALSO AVAILABLE IN BIG & TALL.
ROUNDTREE & YORKE BIG & TALL
Selection varies by size and store. Call 1-800-345-6272 to find a Dillard's store near you.

How Facebook likes could profile voters for manipulation

By Barbara Ortutay and Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press



AP file photo

A Facebook logo being displayed in a start-up companies gathering at Paris' Station F, in 2017 in Paris. A former employee of a Trump-affiliated data-mining firm says it used algorithms that "took fake news to the next level" using data inappropriately obtained from Facebook.

NEW YORK — Facebook likes can tell a lot about a person. Maybe even enough to fuel a voter-manipulation effort like the one a Trump-affiliated data-mining firm stands accused of — and which Facebook may have enabled.

The social network is now under fire after The New York Times and The Guardian newspaper reported that former Trump campaign consultant Cambridge Analytica used data, including user likes, inappropriately obtained from roughly 50 million Facebook users to try to influence elections.

Monday was a wild roller coaster ride for Facebook, whose shares plunged 7 percent in its worst one-day decline since 2014. Officials in the EU and the U.S. sought answers, while Britain's information commissioner said she will seek a warrant to access Cambridge Analytica's servers because the British firm had been "uncooperative" in her investigation. The first casualty of that investigation was an audit of Cambridge that Facebook had announced earlier in the day; the company said it "stood down" that effort at the request of British officials.

Adding to the turmoil, the New York Times reported that Facebook security chief Alex Stamos will step down by August following clashes over how aggressively Facebook should address its role in spreading disinformation. In a tweet, Stamos said he's still fully engaged at Facebook but that his role has changed.

It would have been quieter had Facebook likes not turned out to be so revealing. Researchers in a 2013 study found that likes on hobbies, interests and other attributes can predict personal attributes such as sexual orientation and political affiliation. Computers analyze such data to look for patterns that might not be obvious, such as a link between a preference for curly fries and higher intelligence.

Chris Wylie, a Cambridge co-founder who left in 2014, said the firm used such techniques to learn about individuals and create an information cocoon to change their perceptions. In doing so, he said, the firm "took fake news to the next level."

"This is based on an idea called 'informational dominance,' which is the idea that if you can capture every channel of information around a person and then inject content around them, you can change their perception of what's actually happening," Wylie said Monday on NBC's "Today." It's not yet clear exactly how the firm might have attempted to do that.

Late Friday, Facebook said Cambridge improperly obtained information from 270,000 people who downloaded an app described as a personality test. Those people agreed to share data with the app for research — not for political targeting. And the data included who their Facebook friends were and what they liked — even though those friends hadn't downloaded the app or given explicit consent.

Cambridge got limited information on the friends, but machines can use detailed answers from smaller groups to make good inferences on the rest, said Kenneth Sanford of the data science company Dataiku.

Cambridge was backed by the conservative billionaire Richard Mercer, and at one point employed Stephen Bannon — later President Donald Trump's campaign chairman and White House adviser — as a vice president. The Trump campaign paid Cambridge roughly $6 million according to federal election records, although officials have more recently played down that work.

The type of data mining reportedly used by Cambridge Analytica is fairly common, but is typically used to sell diapers and other products. Netflix, for instance, provides individualized recommendations based on how a person's viewing behaviors fit with what other customers watch.

But that common technique can take on an ominous cast if it's connected to possible elections meddling, said Robert Ricci, a marketing director at Blue Fountain Media.

Wylie said Cambridge Analytica aimed to "explore mental vulnerabilities of people." He said the firm "works on creating a web of disinformation online so people start going down the rabbit hole of clicking on blogs, websites etc. that make them think things are happening that may not be."

Wylie told "Today" that while political ads are also targeted at specific voters, the Cambridge effort aimed to make sure people wouldn't know they were getting messages aimed at influencing their views.

The Trump campaign has denied using Cambridge's data. The firm itself denies wrongdoing, and says it didn't retain any of the data pulled from Facebook and didn't use it in its 2016 campaign work.

Yet Cambridge boasted of its work after another client, Texas Republican Sen. Ted Cruz, won the Iowa caucus in 2016. Cambridge helped differentiate Cruz from similarly minded Republican rivals by identifying automated red light cameras as an issue of importance to residents upset with government intrusion. Potential voters living near the red light cameras were sent direct messages saying Cruz was against their use.

Even on mainstay issues such as gun rights, Cambridge CEO Alexander Nix said at the time, the firm used personality types to tailor its messages. For voters who care about tradition, it could push the importance of making sure grandfathers can offer family shooting lessons. For someone identified as introverted, a pitch might have described keeping guns for protection against crime.

It's possible that Cambridge tapped other data sources, including what Cruz's campaign app collected. Nix said during the Cruz campaign that it had five or six sources of data on each voter.

Facebook declined to provide officials for interview and didn't immediately respond to requests for information beyond its statements Friday and Monday. Cambridge also didn't immediately respond to emailed questions.

Facebook makes it easy for advertisers to target users based on nuanced information about them. Facebook's mapping of the "social graph" — essentially the web of people's real-life connections — is also invaluable for marketers.

For example, researchers can look at people's clusters of friends and get good insight as to who is important and influential, said Jonathan Albright, research director at the Tow Center for Digital Journalism at Columbia University. People who bridge different friend networks, for example, can have more influence when they post something, making them prime for targeting.

Two-thirds of Americans get at least some of their news on social media, according on Pew Research Center. While people don't exist in a Facebook-only vacuum, it is possible that bogus information users saw on the site could later be reinforced by the "rabbit hole" of clicks and conspiracy sites on the broader internet, as Wylie described.

Abortion impasse may shut down effort to reduce premiums

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The polarizing politics of abortion have burst into the congressional budget debate, overwhelming bipartisan efforts to help millions of consumers who buy their own health insurance policies get relief from soaring premiums.

On Monday, Senate and House Republicans released their latest plan to stabilize the Affordable Care Act's insurance markets. It calls for new federal money to offset the cost of treating the sickest patients and restores insurer subsidies that President Donald Trump terminated last year.

That's clearly a shift from when repealing "Obamacare" was the GOP's demand. But the fine print of the GOP offer includes restrictions on abortion funding that Democrats have already rejected, a "poison pill" to abortion rights supporters. They say the proposal could block abortion coverage by some health insurance plans consumers purchase with their own money.

Lawmakers of both parties have been negotiating over a health insurance stabilization bill for months, but chances it will be added to the budget deal appear to be dwindling. Some experts estimate such legislation could reduce premiums by 20 percent to 40 percent, after two years of relentless increases.

The office of one of the leading Democratic negotiators, Sen. Patty Murray of Washington, on Monday called the Republican offer "partisan," saying in a statement it came as a surprise.

In an interview last Friday, Murray said her GOP counterparts have only recently started raising the issue of abortion restrictions.

"To me that is just unacceptable," Murray said. "Why would they add it on at the last minute?" She complained that some Republicans were taking the stabilization bill "hostage."

Republicans say their longstanding support for restrictions on abortion funding is well-known.

Abortion is just one of several divisive social issues complicating prospects for a $1.3 trillion spending bill that would keep the government open and provide funding increases for military and domestic programs.

Others include a Republican demand for stronger "conscience" protections for clinicians, and a Democratic maneuver to protect family planning money for Planned Parenthood clinics, which provide birth control for many low-income women.

Federal funding for abortion has long been restricted by a series of laws known as the Hyde amendment, which prohibit taxpayer funds from being used to pay for abortions, expect in cases of rape, incest or when the woman's life is endangered.

Abortion remains a legal medical procedure in the United States, covered by many employer plans. However, the abortion rate has dropped significantly, from about 29 per 1,000 women of reproductive age in 1980 to about 15 in 2014. Better contraception, fewer unintended pregnancies and state restrictions may have played a role, according to a recent scientific report.

Former President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act attempted a compromise over abortion coverage.

Talks on $1.3T catchall spending bill nearing completion

By Andrew Taylor
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Battles over priorities in a huge government-wide spending bill are essentially settled, leaving a scaled-back plan for President Donald Trump's border wall and a huge rail project that pits Trump against Capitol Hill's most powerful Democrat as the top issues to be solved.

An agreement could be announced as early as Tuesday.

Efforts to tackle politically-charged immigration issues and rapidly rising health insurance premiums appeared to be faltering.

Capitol Hill Democrats rejected a White House bid to extend protections for so-called Dreamer immigrants in exchange for $25 billion in funding for a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border. Democrats appeared likely to yield on $1.6 billion in wall funding, Trump's official request for the 2018 budget year, but they were digging in against Trump's plans to hire hundreds of new immigration agents.

A dispute over abortion seemed likely to scuttle a Senate GOP plan to provide billions in federal subsidies to insurers to help curb health insurance premium increases.

Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., was working on Trump's behalf against funding for a Hudson River tunnel and rail project that's important to Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., and Republicans from New York and New Jersey.

Monday's developments were described by several lawmakers — as well as congressional aides in both parties who spoke on condition of anonymity because the talks remain secretive.

House and Senate action is needed by midnight Friday to avert another government shutdown.

The bill would implement last month's budget agreement, providing 10 percent increases for the Pentagon and domestic agencies. Coupled with last year's tax cuts, it heralds the return of trillion-dollar budget deficits as soon as the budget year starting in October.

Many battles over policy riders were sorted out in marathon negotiations over the weekend. As is typical, many of the policy issues were melting away.

"We've had at least 100 that we've taken out," said Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy, top Democrat on the Appropriations Committee.

For instance, an effort to add a plan to revive federal subsidies to stabilize the individual health insurance market and help the poor cover out-of-pocket costs under President Barack Obama's health law appeared to be failing. A complicated dispute involving abortion was at fault.

Trump told Sens. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., and Susan Collins, R-Maine, that he supports addressing the health insurance issue now as part of the catchall spending plan.

Alexander and Collins are seeking to revive payments to insurers, which Trump halted last fall, that reimburse the carriers for reducing out-of-pocket costs for many low-earning customers. Those reductions are required by the Obama health law, and insurers have made up for the lost federal payments by boosting premiums.

The Republicans said their subsidy plan would reduce premiums by up to 40 percent over time. They would also create a $30 billion, three-year reinsurance program that states could use to help insurers afford to cover their most seriously ill, expensive consumers.

Democrats, however, oppose GOP provisions that would forbid the federal payments from being used to help pay for insurance policies that provide abortion.

And Republicans appeared likely to fail in a bid to fix a glitch in the recent tax bill that subsidizes grain sales to cooperatives at the expense of for-profit grain companies, several aides said.

"We need to fix that problem," said House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif.

Elsewhere, efforts to use the measure as a vehicle to extend protections for young immigrants under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival, or DACA, program appeared likely to fail, lawmakers and aides said. Trump killed the Obama-era program in September, but a court decision has essentially left it in place, for now.



State tests are hard, put excess pressure on students



STACEY CALLAWAY
Bowie Fine Arts Academy

I love to read. My mother used to say that one day, she would have to shovel out my house to get to my kids because I would be too busy reading to clean. Fortunately, even though my love of books hasn't gone away entirely, a family forces your priorities to change. I still read quite a bit, but it's more "Pete the Cat" and princess stories than the novels I normally would choose myself.

My daughter, a kindergartener, is soaking up words and books as fast as she can. During our drive to school, she sounds out words that she sees on the signs we pass. Every night, she brings me a stack of books to read to her, and there are a few I let her read to me.

My students are often the exact opposite. Sometime between the excitement in kindergarten, when everything is new, and the time I get them in fifth or sixth grade, they have lost that longing for learning. Some days I feel like I have to sing and dance in order to capture their attention. What has changed that makes learning more of a chore than an adventure? Right now, we're in STAAR-testing mode. Moving to fifth grade means a much earlier testing date for my students. Fifth grade is an SSI year, a year we require our fifth-graders to pass both math and reading to move onto the next grade.

Legislators — most if not all — who have never taught before, decided that all students need to be performing at grade level by fifth grade. That sounds great on paper, but what they don't realize is that every child is different. Every student learns at a different pace. I often use the analogy of my glasses. I wear bifocals now, so if I want to read, the glasses must stay on my face. I often give them to anyone who thinks they might help. Of course, nobody takes me up on the offer. My eyes are different than theirs, so my glasses work only for me. Their little brains are the same way; they all work in different ways. We have 84 fifth-graders, and it's my job to figure out the best way for them to learn the content I'm required to teach.

We start state testing in third grade. I was fortunate to have started teaching before the pressures of STAAR came along. Back in the early days of my teaching career, we were able to have fun. I taught everything in units that explored science, math and reading all within the context of a special topic. We had fun, and the students still learned. The elected officials in Austin took all of that away from us.

I taught second grade in Texas between 1998 and 2001, before these changes occurred. In second grade, we read stories and did art projects to go along with our reading. I moved to Oklahoma in 2001 and taught third grade; the element of fun was still there. (Oklahoma didn't start testing until after I left.)

By the time I moved back to Texas, we had the TAKS test for a few years until the dreaded STAAR test took its place. The difference between the two is enormous. The STAAR requires upper-level thinking that some students are simply not ready to do. On the sixth-grade test, for

Please see CALLAWAY/2B

HISTORY ESSAY WINNERS



Photos by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Annalyese Daniels, above, and Lillian Earl, below, read their Texas history essays at the Texas Independence Day celebration earlier this month at the Haley Memorial Library. Annalyese, a seventh-grader at University of Texas of the Permian Basin STEM Academy, and Lillian, a fourth-grader at Hillander School, won the Texas history essay contest that is annually sponsored by the Aaron Estes Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. See Page 4B for the winning essays and additional photos.



Hereford boy supported by Be a Friend project

■ Bullying victim receives more than 1,100 letters of encouragement

By Jon Mark Beilue
Amarillo Globe-News

BUSHLAND — If the ruse of his grandmother driving him from their home in Hereford to Bushland to see the school for a possible transfer seemed a little sketchy to 11-year-old Marcus Escobedo, it sure seemed fishy when he was directed to take a hard right down a hallway to the junior high cafeteria.

"I didn't expect this to be that great a place," he said, "but it is."

Waiting for him were the loud marching strains from 20 members of the Bushland High School band, as well as the welcoming cheers from about 250 students from Bushland Middle School, Westover Park Junior High in Amarillo and seven students and one sponsor from Lake Worth High School, 352 miles away on Fort Worth's northwestern edge.

"This is pretty cool," said Marcus, whose face wore a dazed look for most of the recent 30-minute surprise ceremony that was for him and only him.

Marcus was the 13th honoree — if you will — of the national Be a Friend project, an anti-bullying campaign that got its beginnings in New York from the See The Web educational theater company. One of its musicals, "It's Easy," was on bullying. The cast of the show wanted to continue the focus on the musical and take it from the stage to real life.

"This has just continued to grow and grow," said Jennifer Jo Young of Cold Spring, New York, co-founder and co-president of the Be a Friend project. "It's doing what we hoped it would do."

The idea is to learn of a bullying victim, vet their story, and then through participating school organizations across the country, send that student hundreds/tens/tens of encouragement. They don't mediate any crisis. They don't talk to school officials. They just flood a young boy or girl with letters of encouragement.

"You get hundreds and hundreds of letters of support from their peers. It's to let them know they're not alone and to stay strong," Young said. "On the flip side, someone who's writing them is stepping into their shoes and to take the time to practice empathy. Empathy does not come naturally for everyone."

Michelle Lancaster, a Bushland High School family and consumer science teacher, is also sponsor of the service club, FCCLA (Family Care and Community Leaders of America). A few years ago, her parents, living in New Jersey, heard about the project, and told their daughter. She in turn asked club members if they wanted to participate.

Two years ago, her students were among hundreds across the country who wrote support letters to Mia Mateo, then 12, who was at Austin Middle School. About three months ago, KFDA-TV aired a piece

Please see PROJECT/2B

MIDLAND COLLEGE PROFILES

By Rebecca Bell

VP of Student Services is focused on success for MC students

"In December 2015, the magic began to happen," said Liz Zenteno, dean of Enrollment Management at Midland College. "That's when Julia Vickery accepted the position as director of Pathways Advising.



Vickery

"I remember thinking that she had a formidable task ahead of her. At that time, many of our students were taking classes that did not even correspond to the major that the college had on their record."

"My goal was to focus on how we could change our advising system in order to achieve better student retention and help students focus on a pathway to reach their educational goal," Vickery said. "We had many students who were taking unnecessary classes and excessive hours because they didn't have a degree or transfer plan."

Vickery completely revamped MC's advising system in order to ensure that students complete educational goals by taking the right classes for their chosen major and pathway. With a new focus of keeping each student on his/her designated pathway, the college increased by 16 percent the number of completions over a one-year period. A year later, the college saw another gain of 18 percent over the previous year's increase.

Zenteno said Vickery's approach to achieving these significant accomplishments has consisted of a combination of developing ongoing staff development, securing funding to contract with a third-party student-success consulting firm and implementing software that serves as a data "warehouse," enabling advisors to build ad hoc reports in order to monitor students' progress.

Vickery has also been instrumental in helping personnel in MC's instructional programs devise curriculum maps, and she has helped to develop content for the college's new website.

"I believe that in order to truly improve the success rate of our students, we must focus on a holistic, student-centered strategy across all dimensions of the student experience — not just the student advising aspect," Vickery said. "I am so very fortunate to work with a great team of colleagues at Midland College who shared this philosophy. Personnel in all areas of the college — instructional, support services and campus operations — came together to focus on helping students with a 'pathway to success.'"

MC President Steve Thomas in December promoted Vickery to vice president of Student Services. She now oversees all aspects of student recruitment, enrollment, financial aid, advising, counseling, student records and student life.

"Julia is the perfect fit for the job of vice president of Student Services," said Donna Savage, special advisor to the president. "She has a comprehensive understanding of the student experience at MC. She is decisive and has a keen intelligence, great communication skills and a great heart."

The term "heart" is used quite often in describing Vickery.

"She has a heart for students," said Summer Thomas, Abell-Hanger Foundation grants coordinator, in a January 2016 Reporter-Telegram article about Vickery's involvement with Students in Philanthropy.

Please see PROFILE/2B

PROJECT

From 1B

on Marcus, who was dealing with threats in Hereford.

Lancaster sent the information on to Young, who agreed to put their national campaign in motion for Marcus. In the meantime, Lancaster enlisted the assistance of Bushland's junior high, Westover, and her colleague Juli Thorpe, the FCCLA sponsor in Lake Worth.

Let the letter writing begin. Almost all correspondence goes first to Young, who removes any last names, any references to social media. They're not creating pen pals. She also looks for any letters in the rare instance they might blame the victim.

"If we get close to 1,000 letters," Young said, "we might take out five."

Two years ago, like most others, Mia Munoz got her letters delivered to her home. Lancaster thought they could do better than that with a surprise presentation to Marcus. It took some planning and juggling, particularly with a 700-mile roundtrip for the Lake Worth students.

"By helping the wounded and the injured and make them grow," Thorpe said, "it makes our students feel better about who they are. It's about being a true leader. One of our national projects is 'Stop the Violence,' so this marries together. We're glad to come up here and be part of this."

Linda Guerrero said her grandson has had severe ADHD, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, since he was 3, and is being tested for autism. Marcus said he's been burned with a lighter, beaten up, and had a knife pulled on him.

"He's looking over his shoulder. Lately, he's been waking up crying," she said.

Because a snowstorm in the northeast delayed arrival of letters, Marcus didn't have all of the record haul at the presentation. There is a record 1,182 letters in all. Munoz was on hand to present Marcus with more than 500 letters that weren't stranded.

She is now 14 and a ninth-grader at Caprock High School in Amarillo. Her 500 letters were, and still are, a boost. She hopes it will be for Marcus.

"It gave me a lot of self-confidence," she said. "I've got a jar of letters and just this week, when I was feeling down, I'll read a few again."

Distributed by Associated Press

PROFILE

From 1B

As a child, Vickery lived on a cotton farm just north of Stanton. She wanted to be a doctor and performed make-believe surgery on dolls and other toys, including her green John Deere toy tractor.

After graduating from Lee High School, Vickery studied pre-med at Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa. However, the woman with the "great heart" knew that she couldn't handle the inevitable loss of a patient, so she shifted her major to general studies, focusing on science, communications and business. She followed her husband, Eric, to the University of Kansas where she earned a master's degree in microbiology.

Julia and Eric Vickery have been married for 22 years. They have two children: a son Benton, 13, and a daughter, Railey, 9. Throughout the years, family nights for the Vickerys have included MC basketball games and other college activities, including the annual Holiday Evening.

Vickery began working at MC in 1997. She has served in numerous capacities associated with her passion — helping students develop and achieve their personal and educational goals. Among her many responsibilities has been the administration of residential housing and related services, student activities and the Legacy Scholarship program. Her former job titles have included MC Testing Center coordinator, Student Life director, Student Development and Students in Philanthropy coordinator and occasional adjunct biology professor.

Vickery has maintained her commitment to serving students — not only helping them on their educational journey, but also assisting and counseling them to overcome personal obstacles.

"It was people like Julia Vickery who gave me the strength I needed to stay in school," said alumna Irma Bueno, whose father was diagnosed with a life-threatening illness during the time she attended Midland College.

Vickery was honored last month by the National Academic Advising Association, which presented her with the Excellence in Advising - Administrator Award.

"I've been fortunate in my professional career to work with a number of highly intelligent, creative and dedicated leaders," Zenteno said. "However, Julia stands out for her investment in the ongoing training of her team of pathways advisors, her insistence on developing and consistently implementing a set of advising practices and procedures that took full advantage of the technologies available and her willingness to partner closely with the college's academic divisions to ensure student success."

"Julia's desire to serve students is a trait that is easily seen in everything she does and asks us to do," said Dawn Finley, one of MC's Pathways advisors. "We are trained to go beyond course enrollment to coach students for success all along their chosen pathway. Simply stated, Julia Vickery is student-focused."

Rebecca C. Bell is executive director, Institutional Advancement, at Midland College.

CALLAWAY

From 1B

example, half of the questions required students to make inferences to answer the questions. Gone are the days of "go back and find your answer in the passage." The tests our students take are genuinely hard, and the stress it puts on their little bodies is unfair and unjust.

So what can parents, teachers and other concerned adults do? We can start by calling and writing our state senator and representative. Tell them that the STAAR test should be eliminated from elementary grades. Get rid of the SSI years, fifth and eighth grade, and let the professionals, aka the teachers, decide whether a student is ready for the next grade. If we still need testing, hire teachers to write them instead of the big companies. Use a multi-layered approach that doesn't focus just on one day, but instead collects evidence throughout the year that shows a student's growth.

I had many emails after my last column, and I invite you to share your thoughts with me again at bookgirlstacey75@gmail.com. This address is exclusively dedicated to reader responses, and I will try to get back to you in a timely matter. I had one oil company step up to sponsor a teacher to attend the International Literacy Conference in Austin this year. Oil is booming, so please help me get as many teachers as possible to this amazing conference. The cost to attend the three-day event is about $775.

With hotel and transportation, the cost comes in close to $1,200. For a teacher, that sum is enormous. I know we have generous people who want MISD to be the best district in the state. Sending teachers to world-class conferences is one way to make that happen.

Stacey Calloway teaches fifth-grade reading and social studies at Bowie Fine Arts Academy.

MAKINGTHEGRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Midland Christian School senior **Lauren Hanna** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. She is the daughter of Tom and Becka Hanna.



Hanna

She is National Honor Society historian, Student Council treasurer and is a football trainer.

She attends First United Baptist Church and is active with the Opportunity Camp.

Hanna plans to attend Hardin-Simmons University and major in nursing.

Greenwood High School senior **Benjamin Hawley** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. He is the son of Brad and Jerri Hawley.



Hawley

He is a member of Interact, PALs, National Honor Society, the tennis team and Academic All District team.

He attends Fellowship Baptist Church and participates in the youth group.

Hawley plans to attend Angelo State University and major in petroleum land management or business administration.

DALLAS — Midlander **Stephanie Lyon** has been named to the Honor Roll for the fall semester at the University of Dallas.

To be eligible, students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.0.

Midland High School senior **Braden Vines** has been honored by the Midland Morning Lions Club. He is the son of Jimmie and Leslie Vines.



Vines

He is a member of the swim team, National Honor Society and is a Texas Scholar. He is a state record-holder in the 200 I.M.

He is involved in Be the Change, Christmas in Action, Keep Midland Beautiful and Young Life. He attends First Christian Church.

Midland High School senior **Abbigail Sanchez** has been honored by the Midland Morning Lions Club. She is the daughter of Mark and Ana Sanchez.



Sanchez

She is a member of the softball team and is vice president of Skills USA — Health Services. She is a softball letterman and a Texas Scholar.

She volunteers at Midland YMCA, Midland Memorial Hospital, St. Ann's Catholic Church vacation Bible school and St. Ann's Family Fair. She is a member of St. Ann's Teen ACTS team.

Sanchez plans to attend Midland College and major in nursing.

Local students win at regional science fair

The Permian Basin Science & Engineering Fair was March 3 at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. Local winners in the regional event are:

Senior Division

2nd Animal Science: Sarahann Adams,Trinity School

Junior Division

1st (tie)Animal Science: Karleigh Smith, Carver Center

1st (tie)Animal Science:Kate Catalano, Carver Center

2nd Animal Science: Cari Stanley, Goddard Junior High

3rd Animal Science: Baileigh Jared, Carver Center

1st Behavioral and Social Science: Sydney Sanz, Trinity School

1st (tie)Biochemistry: Konnor Benton, Carver Center

1st (tie)Biochemistry: Hadley Whytlaw, Trinity School

2nd Biomedical and Health Sciences: Raj Sukumar, Trinity School

3rd Biomedical and Health Sciences: Jace Cohlmia,Carver Center

2nd Cellular and Molecular Biology, Will Aston, Goddard Junior High

1st (tie)Chemistry: Landrie Almquist, Carver Center

3rd (tie) Chemistry: Josh Sturdivant, Carver Center

3rd (tie) Chemistry: Jackson Tapp, Emerson Elementary

2nd Earth and Environmental Sciences: Sage Thompson, Trinity School

3rd Earth and Environmental Sciences: RaeLeigh Oakes, Emerson Elementary

2nd Energy/Chemical: Evan Ridderhof, Fasken Elementary

1st Energy.Physical: Colleen Mohr, Trinity School

2nd Energy/Physical: Illy Lujan, Carver Center

3rd Energy/Physical: Julia Brown, Carver Center

3rd Engineering Mechanics: Hudson Alworth,Trinity School

1st Environmental Engineering: Nicholas Spangher, Carver Center

2nd Environmental Engineering: Reagan Smith, Carver Center

3rd Environmental Engineering: Madelyn Moreno, Carver Center

1st Materials Science: April Villalobosseda, Carver Center

3rd Materials Science: Connor Stewart, Carver Center

3rd Mathematics: Natalie Spangher, Carver Center

1st Microbiology: Connor McMurry, Carver Center

2nd Microbiology :Justin Blaylock, Trinity School

3rd Microbiology: Keira Cochran, Midland Montessori

2nd Physics & Astronomy, Julie Parmer, Carver Center

3rd Physics & Astronomy: Evan McAllaster, Trinity School

1st Plant Sciences: Keren Ortega, Carver Center

3rd Robotics and Intelligent Machines: Emma Ugwuanyi, Fasken Elementary

1st Systeoftware: Bryan Garcia, Fasken Elementary

Elementary Division

Third-graders

Carson Gist, Carver Center — 1st Behavioral/Social Science

Alexander Chebli, Carver Center — 3rd Behavioral/Social Science

Logan Holley, Washington STEM Academy — 1st Chemistry

Katherine Stallings, Carver Center — 2nd Chemistry

Saanvi Sharma, Carver Center — 1st Earth Science

Jayden Williamson, Carver Center — 2nd Earth Science

Jayden Bhakta, Carver Center — 1st Engineering

Breanna Hempton, Carver Center — 2nd Engineerin

Lydia Kim, Carver — 1st Life Science

Miriam Prizer, Carver Center — 1st Physics/Astronomy

Madalyn Marquez, Carver Center — 1st Physics/Astronomy

Fourth-graders

Caleb Gabriel, Camiring Carver Center — 1st Behavioral/Social Science

Desiree Mireles, Carver Center — 1st Chemistry

Noah Lopez, Carver Center — 1st Earth Science

Owen Rust, Carver Center — 3rd Earth Science

Lauren Ramos, Carver Center — 2nd Engineering

Na'mor Goodley, Washington STEM — 1st Life Science

Yosief Fikadu, Carver Center — 1st Life Science

Alya Schuman, Washington STEM — 2nd Life Science

Annie Alleman, Carver Center — 3rd Life Science

Esteban Maldonado, Washington STEM — 3rd Physics/Astronomy

Lorelei Parrish, Carver Center — 3rd Physics/Astronomy

Fifth-graders

Noah Tucker, Fasken Elementary — 2nd Behavioral/Social Science

Connor Kondratick, Carver Center — 3rd Earth Science

Halleigh Harmon, Carver Center — 2nd Engineering

Kayson West, Carver Center — 3rd Engineering

Cole Clary, Carver Center — 1st Life Science

Ariana Vaquera, Carver Center — 2nd Life Science

Lauren Blaylock, Carver Center — 2nd Physics/Astronomy

Karlie Gist, Carver Center — 1st Behavioral/Social Science

Christelle Katada, Carver Center — 1st Chemistry

NACE (National Association of Corrosion Engineers) Awards

Logan Holley, Washington STEM, third-grader — Chemistry

Katherine Stallings, Carver Center, third-grader — Chemistry

Christelle Katada, Carver Center, fifth-grader — Chemistry

Saanvi Sharma, Carver Center, third-grader — Earth Science

Miriam Prizer, Carver Center, third-grader — Physics/Astronomy

NACE (National Association of Corrosion Engineers) Awards

Animal Science: Sarahann Adams, Trinity School, ninth-grader

Chemistry: Jackson Tapp, Emerson Elementary School, sixth-grader

Chemistry: Josh Sturdivant, Carver Center, sixth-grader

Materials Science: McKenzie Butler, Fasken Elementary, sixth-grader

Microbiology: Keira Cochran, Midland Montessori, sixth-grader

Microbiology. Connor McMurry, Carver Center, sixth-grader

Source: UTPB

Students get experience working with drones

By Lauren Caruba
San Antonio Express-News

The drone hovered about a foot above a grassy athletic practice field at Southside High School, poised to make a landing. But before it could touch down, a gust of wind flipped it onto its back.

"This is why I want them flying outside," said Michael Frye, an associate professor of engineering at the University of the Incarnate Word. "They've got to get used to this."

As part of his work as the principal investigator for UIW's Autonomous Vehicle Systems Lab, Frye recruits and works with students who are interested in drone technology and autonomous robots. Last week, he and his students spent a couple of hours flying their drones at the school, where the airspace is uncontrolled up to 700 feet. The flying session marked the first time the lab's Unmanned Aircraft Systems Group had flown its drones outdoors, a major departure from indoor tests under the lab's controlled conditions.

Established about a year ago, the UAS group writes algorithms and software to enable the drones to fly on their own and communicate with each other. The work is funded by the AVS lab's contract with the Department of Defense, as part of a research partnership with the Air Force.

Working with drones and artificial intelligence will give students practical experience that will be applicable when they enter the workforce, Frye said.



William Luther/San Antonio Express-News

Jack Han, left, and Jordan Epps, UIW Autonomous Vehicle Systems Lab Unmanned Air Systems pilots, fly a quadcopter Thursday at Southside High School.

"We want to graduate students that have relevant skills," he said. "Right now, AI is it."

Drones can be used for a wide range of purposes, from examining crops to helping transport cargo. Soon, the students will be working with CPS Energy to study whether UAS technology can be used to inspect power lines, Frye said.

To pilot the drones, the students must obtain remote pilot certification from the Federal Aviation Administration, which regulates drone flight. The group will not be able to test its autonomous technology outdoors unless they obtain a waiver from federal rules that require drones to be piloted, Frye said.

Jordan Epps, a first-year MBA student who completed an undergraduate engineering degree at UIW, piloted a series of increasingly sophisticated drones Thursday while Jack Han, a senior engineering major, gave directions and monitored video feed from a camera mounted to the aircraft. Two other students acted as visual observers, keeping an eye on the drone.

Epps, 22, said he has always been fascinated with planes and has interned at several aerospace companies. He said flying drones is not difficult and in some ways resembles playing a video game. Epps once dreamed of being a pilot and hopes to one day lead a company's drone department.

"This is my way of kind of fulfilling that dream," he said.

The group has drawn students from a variety of backgrounds and majors.

Jenny Stewart, a UIW junior majoring in meteorology, recently joined the UAS group to help them gauge weather conditions. During her four years in the Navy, she did weather forecasting for ships and aircraft, work that she misses.

"I can put my skills to use," said Stewart, 30.

During the flying session, the conditions were cloudy and windy, with winds of about 11 mph and some gusts of 17 mph. Flying outdoors requires students to be cognizant of weather conditions as well as other unpredictable factors, such as birds that could interfere with a flight.

The group plans to continue logging flying hours at the school throughout the spring. In the fall, the college students will help support the formation of a drone club at Southside High School. Andrew Chavez, a STEM teacher at the high school who would oversee the club, said he hoped exposing kids to the technology would give them "a new vision of what they can do in the future."

There's a little bit of everything in

Education

Look for it in Tuesday's edition of the Reporter-Telegram

MIDLAND NEED TO READ
ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM
Enhancing the lives of Midland County adults through literacy
info@midlandneedtoread.org
432-682-9693
1709 W. Wall St.
Midland, Texas 79701

Centers for children & families
Providing counseling for those in need, for children and adults, regardless of level of income. Counseling emphasizes support and healing of individuals and families.
3701 Andrews Highway
Midland, Texas 79703
432.570.1084
www.centerstx.org

MARC
Empowering Lives
Offering opportunities for children and adults with disabilities
2701 North A Street
Midland, TX
432.695.9901

TUESDAY PRIME TIME — **MARCH 20, 2018**

For Content Information Please Check Above Listings

	C	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Middle (N)	Fresh Off-Boat (N)	Black-ish (N)	Modern Family	For the People "Reborn" (N)		News (N)	(CC) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(CC) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Dark Secrets"		NCIS "High Tide"		Skull "Survival Instincts"		CBS 7 News (N)	(CC) The Late Show		(CC) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H "O.R."	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Mama's Family	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Mission "The Case of the Prankish Professor"		Twilight Zone
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Lethal Weapon "Diggin' Up Dirt"		LA to Vegas (N)	The Mick (N)	Fox 34 News (N)	FAST	Mom	Modern "Sleeper"	Modern Family	Not Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Our Mosaic	Housecall	Upside Down	Walls of Jerusalem	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Creation Magazine	Mission: MZS	Restore Zion	MeWard
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Newsfl-ext 9 (N)	NewsMext 9 Now	The Voice "The Battles Part Two" (N)		Nice "Most of All to Dream" (N)		Chicago Med "Born This Way" (N)		Newsfl-ext 9 (N)	(CC) The Tonight Show		(CC) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS Newshour (N)		Al Capone: Icon		Jackie Robinson Jackie Robinson speaks out against injustice.				Amanpour (N)	Beyond 100 Days	News (N)	Shades
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		El Hijo y Lazaro		Papa a Todo Madre		Por Amor Sin Ley		Mujeres Tejas	Mujeres nectu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	X-Files "Redux II"		The X-Files		Alfred&M.	Alfred&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	News	Game
FLIX	340	575		165		(6:40) Inside Man		(7:55) Battlefield Earth John Travolta.						(9:55) Outlander (08, Sci-Fi) James Caviezel.			(11:55) End of Days
HBO	300	500	14	18		pop Mike Myers (N)		(7:30) The Ghost Writ				(9:45) Move and Now		YetLook			(1:15) Lies by Night (16, CC) Ben Affleck.
HBO2	302	501	15	181	23	(6:00) Game In Gli...		Bill Maher		earWeek		(9:30) Arthur Miller: Writer					(1:15) The Terminator
HBOS	304	503	16	182		(2:10) Rock Star	Mark Wahlberg.			(9:00) Toby Keith' (16, Com) James Franco.					(CC) Silicon	(CC) Silicon	(CC) Silicon Sports
MAX	310	507	17	183	24	(6:25) The Dark Kn...		(8:00) The Cop (16, Comedy) Kevin Connor.						(10:10) Funny People (09, Comedy) Adam Sandler.			(1:50) Hit
MAX2	312	509	18	132		(2:15) 17 Again (09, Comedy) Zac Efron.		(4:00) Shakespeare in Love Joseph Fiennes.						(6:00) Eddie 19 Anne Archer.			Movie
PLEX				96		(6:00) Astro Boy		(7:30) The Phantom				(9:40) The Quest			(CC) Touching Min. Virgin		
SHOW	320	540	19	140	25	(6:00) The Invincible		Showtime		Homeland		The Chi		Cartoon	(CC) Unbreakable		
TMC	330	570	22	155	26	(6:10) Chasing Mav...		(7:55) The Chain (10, World Peter Mullan.						(10:00) The Hateful Eight (15, Wes) Samuel L. Jackson.			
ABE	27	58	28	35	47	The First 48 "Cold Betrayal"		The First 48 "Broken Home"		The First 48 "Endless Love and Out of Time"		Undercov "Undercover No More" (SF) (N)		(CC) The First 48 "Chopper"		(CC) The First 48 "Broken Home"	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(6:00) Signs		(7:55) Contagion (11, Act) Kate Winslet, Matt Damon.						(9:55) Crisis of Credit Ctontol Quotedo.			
BET	58	-		40		The Contest (04, Com) Tim Meadows, Patrick Fawcett, Jo Kolo.						The Quad (N)		The Quad		Martin	Martin
BRAVO	65	76		41		Housewives "Gag Gift"		Rev Hills Social (N)		Beverly Hills (N)		RuthFred	RuthFred	Watch (N)	Beverly Hills		RuthFred
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Back in the Game		The Profit	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
DISC	50	80	31	24	42	Mankiller "Lighted Up"		Mankiller "Not a Crook"		Moonshiners (N)		Moonshiners (N)		Moonshiners		(CC) Moonshiners	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Duck'd	Duck'd	Duck'd	Duck'd	Diamond.	Diamond.	Gravity	Gravity	MarBARK	Diamond.	Andi M.	Raven's.
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball Hit Tournament (L)				NCAA Basketball Hit Tournament (L)				SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	Poker '17 World Series		Poker '17 World Series		Poker '17 World Series		Poker '17 World Series		Poker '17 World Series		NFL Live	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	The Story		Tucker Carlson		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		Tucker Carlson	
FOOD	64	70	27	88	54	Chopped "Hootin' It!"		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(6:00) Captain Am...		Shadowhunters (N)		(8:00) Midas (16, Ani) Ming-Na Wen.				The 700 Club		(1:00) A Walk to Rem...	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Mavericks Insider	Mavs Live Pregame (L)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at New Orleans Pelicans Site: Smoothie King Center -- New Orleans, La. (L)					Mavs Post (L)	U.S. Basketball HR State Tournament Boys 6A Championship		HR Champ.	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(6:00) Grown Ups		(7:55) Grown Ups 2 (13, Com) Adam Sandler.				Rudest	Rudest	Rudest	(8:55) Grown Ups		
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	F.House	Full House	F.House	F.House	MAS&L	MAS&L	MAS&L	MAS&L	C. Gilb	C. Gilb	C. Gilb	C. Gilb
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper (N)		H.Hunt	House (N)	H.Hunt	House		Fixer Upper
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Forged Fire "Kukrida"		Forged In Fire (N)		Forged In Fire (N)		(10:00) CliffHanger (N)		(10:00) Forged In Fire			(10:00) Forged In Fire
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Married at Sight "One Month Anniversaries"		Love Unlocked "Communication" (N)		Married "Planning for the Future" (N)		Love at First Sight (N)		(10:00) Love at First Flight		Married Love Unlocked "Communication"	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball (N)		All In (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	39	49				NHLLive	NHL Hockey	Philadelphia Flyers at Detroit Red Wings (L)						(10:00) NHL Overtime (L)		American Ninja War.	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	H.Danger	H.Danger	(7:55) The LEGO Movie Chris Pratt.				F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Int. Master (N)		(9:55) How American You Think and Lary.			
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(6:10) Tomorrowla...		Falconeye	Falconeye	Falconeye	Falconeye	Falconeye	Falconeye	Falconeye	Falconeye	Falconeye	Falconeye
TBS	25	39	44	66	41	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Deliver (N)	Conan (N)		The Detour	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(6:00) Madonall		(7:55) The Graduate Dustin Hoffman.						(9:55) Modern Times		(1:00) 2001: A Space Odyssey	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Case consolo (N)		Just Just, el ay (N)		Al Otro Lado del (N)		Domingo Infinito (N)		Al rojo	Titulares	Al Otro Lado del	
TLC	51	61	32	30	52	My Big Life (N)		My Big Fat Fabulous Li. "My Big Fat Baby" (N)		Counting On "A New Bundle of Joy"		(10:00) The 885-lb Teen		(10:00) My Big Fat Fabulous Li. "My Big Fat Baby"		(10:00) Counting On "A New Bundle of Joy"	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(6:00) Real Steel Hugh Jackman.		NBA Basketball Oklahoma City Thunder at Boston Celtics Site: TD Garden -- Boston, Mass. (L)				NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Portland Trail Blazers Site: Moda Center -- Portland, Ore. (L)					
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Mom	Mom	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Modern Family	Modern Family	WWE Super Smackdown				Unsolved "Take Your Best Shot" (N)		(10:00) Law & Order: S.V.U. "Svengali"		(10:00) Law & Order: S.V.U. "Rhodes"	
WGN	19	85				Cops		(7:55) Edge of Tomorrow A soldier in a war against an alien race becomes caught in a time loop after he is killed.				Messenger "Careful What You Pray for" (N)		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops

midland county child welfare board
tenth annual BLUE RIBBON RUN
THE RACE TO END CHILD ABUSE
April 14, 2018
Register online!
MIDLANDCHILDWELFARE.COM
SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE!

TRUSTED VALUED ESSENTIAL
Lifelong. Learning.
basin pbs

The Uptown Midland BPW has a rich history of leadership and community involvement.
We invite you to learn more about us, and to consider joining us!
Uptown Midland Business & Professional Women
MidlandBPW.com

CASA
Court Appointed Special Advocates FOR CHILDREN
CASA OF WEST TEXAS
1611 W Texas Ave.
Midland, TX 79701
(432) 683-1114

Midland Habitat for Humanity ReSTORE
Call for donation pick-up.
Come shop our store.
Open to the public.
Tues.-Sat.
8:30-4:30.
305 E. Texas
432-682-9606

DOING THE MOST GOOD
The Salvation Army
300 S Baird St.
Midland, TX 79701
432-683-3614

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION
"Change the Path of a Pet's Life"
4206 W. Loop 250
- Midland, TX 79707
(Inside PetSmart)
432-520-3134 ext. 7
www.midlandhumane.org
LIKE us on Facebook

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland Texas
Mentoring children for a better Midland
432-687-0195

Casa de Amigos
HELPING PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES
1101 E. Garden Ln, Midland, TX 79701
432-682-9701
casadeamigosmidland.org

Love is lost in good marriage as abuse increases with time

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: I have been married 14 years and have two children. The first three years of marriage were great. We both cared for and respected each other. As our children grew older and our jobs have become more demanding, my husband has changed about how he views our sex life.

After our third year of marriage, my husband started raping me. No one knows this except an ex-sister-in-law.

At first, I didn't understand what was really happening. He was forceful and wouldn't take no for an answer. I went along with it at first, thinking I wasn't giving him enough attention and was doing the "wifely duty." But over the years, it has become worse — ripping my clothing off and holding me down.

I have told him it's not OK, but if I speak up, it leads to a fight. He says I don't show him I care for him and we don't have sex enough, so this is his way of getting it.

Abby, I have lost respect for the man I married. I no longer want to be intimate with him, because he doesn't respect me or my body. The only reason I have stayed this long is for my children. Is there hope in him changing? — SLEEPING ON THE COUCH

DEAR SLEEPING ON THE COUCH: Ripping a spouse's clothing off and holding her (or him) down is not foreplay; it is spousal rape and a form of domestic abuse. It is a crime in all 50 states. The level of hostility in your home isn't healthy for you or your children, who may grow up thinking it is normal.

Because your husband may become violent if you tell him the marriage is over, contact RAINN — 800-656-4673; rainn.org — and let them help you form a safe escape plan. It is not normal for a man to treat a woman the way your husband has. He is unlikely to change, and you need to look out for yourself and the children.

DEAR ABBY: My wife is in her 30s. She's a beautiful woman and a wonderful mother to our three children, and my soul mate. We've been married 10 years. She has many qualities I love and admire, but also one that causes me serious concern: her slouchy posture. She slouched a little when we married, but her posture has worsened dramatically since then.

We have spent thousands of dollars on personal trainers, massage and chiropractic. When we (infrequently) quarrel, she unconsciously slouches more, which drives me crazy. She's willing to see professional medical practitioners, but is unwilling to accept any responsibility for it. I can't bring it up without her getting bristly and defensive, but it's getting worse every year. It's also taking a toll on our relationship. I'd appreciate any advice you could share. — DESPERATE FOR STRAIGHT TALK

DEAR DESPERATE: If your wife's posture is the only thing about her that causes you "serious concern," you are a lucky man. Believe me when I tell you I have been told far worse.

Correcting one's posture takes constant vigilance and determination. It's not easy, and not everyone is able to manage it. Slouching is a defensive posture, and if she slouches even more when you raise the subject, it may have something to do with the way you're doing it.

Goren Bridge

With Bob Jones

Why bother?

North-South vulnerable, North deals

NORTH
♠K 10 9 5 3
♡9 8
◇A J 9
♣A J 10 5

WEST
♠9 8
♡K 10
◇K 8 6 5 3
♣9 8 6 2

EAST
♠J 7 6 4 2
♡J 7 6 5 3 2
◇10
♣4

SOUTH
♠A Q
♡A Q 4
◇Q 7 4 2
♣K Q 7 3

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	2♣*	2♡	Pass
2♠	Pass	4NT	All pass

*At least 5-5 in the majors, mostly weak

Opening lead: Nine of ♣

It's hard to see why East would bother entering the auction with his pathetic hand. It did, however, give South a problem in the bidding. South started by cue-bidding East's heart suit, but he didn't know what to do next. He just bid what he hoped he could make.

South won the opening spade lead with his ace and then cashed four rounds of clubs, ending in his hand. East discarded a spade and two hearts. Declarer cashed the queen of spades and led the queen of diamonds — king, ace, 10. Dummy's nine of diamonds was cashed, East shedding another heart, leaving this position:

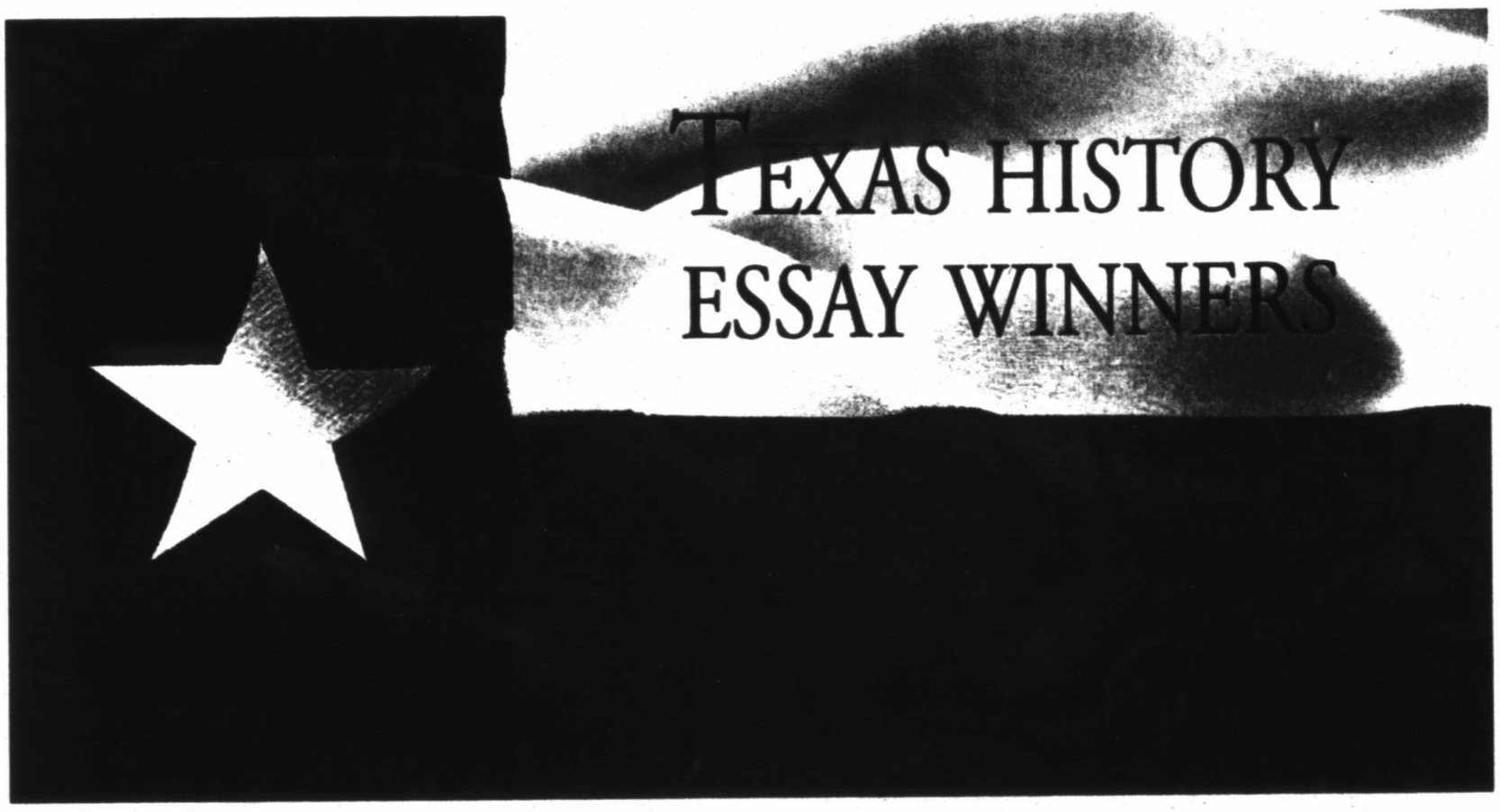
NORTH
♠K 10
♡9 8
◇J
♣ Void

WEST
♠ Void
♡K 10
◇8 6 5
♣ Void

EAST
♠J 6
♡J 6 5
◇ Void
♣ Void

SOUTH
♠ Void
♡A Q 4
◇7 4
♣ Void

South led dummy's nine of hearts and passed it when East played low. West won with his 10 and exited with a diamond to dummy's jack. East couldn't defend the position and he chose to discard a low heart. Declarer cashed dummy's king of spades, discarding his remaining diamond, and led the eight of hearts. East followed with the jack, but his last card was known to be the jack of spades, so South won with his ace and claimed his contract when this felled the king from West. Well played!



'Stephen F. Austin: A Humble Man Who Changed Peoples Lives'

By Lillian Earl
Hillander School

Stephen F. Austin gave his whole life to the settlement of Texas. He died at an early age after giving his time and great effort to begin settling our state. He was a selfless man with great character that never knew how many children would respect and know his name and history.

Stephen Fuller Austin was born in Austinville, Virginia November 3rd, 1793 to Moses and Maria Austin. He had two older sisters that only lived a few months. Stephen's family had a successful coal mining business that afforded him to be able to attend Bacon Academy and Transylvania University in the east. He graduated with honors in 1810. When he returned his was a natural born leader running a general store outside of the mine and then took over his father's position of running the mines. After a crash in the economy Stephen's father decided to take up a new venture while Stephen was in New Orleans at Law School. Stephen also claimed he would not marry until he had helped his father in clearing their name of any debts. Stephen F. Austin never married. Moses Austin partnered with the Mexicans to begin to bring settlers from the United States to what is now Texas. Sadly after all of Moses's hard work to begin his new venture he contracted pneumonia and died. Stephen had just finished Law School and even though in the beginning it was not his dream to settle Texas he wanted to finish his father's dream. At his father's funeral he said, "This news has affected me very much. He was one of the most feeling and affectionate Fathers that ever lived. His faults I now say, and always have, were not of heart." Soon after Stephen's father died he set out for San Antonio to ask if he could take over his father's land grant. He learned that Mexico had declared independence from Spain. The Spanish governor let Austin take over the land grant under the empresario system. After exploring Austin picked the land between the Colorado and Brazos rivers. He then successfully settled his first 300 settlers and continued on from there. Austin was known as a voice of reason in dealing with Mexican authorities. He was nominated to go to Mexican officials to the Convention of 1833 and ended up in jail because the officials claimed he was trying to start a rebellion. His case never went to trial and he was finally released the next year. After his arrest Austin began to support Texas Independence because he could no longer keep the peace with Mexico. The Mexican government ordered the Texas army to return their cannon and they responded with, "Come and take it!" This battle at Gonzales was the beginning of the Texas Revolution! Austin led the army to present day San Antonio and moved the Texian and Tejano volunteers to the Alamo. He was then relocated to New Orleans where he served as Texas commissioner. After this bitter defeat, Austin's troops surprised the Mexicans and defeated them in 18 minutes at the Battle of San Jacinto. Santa Anna was taken the next day and signed a peace treaty giving Texas their independence. After hearing the wonderful news Austin rushed back to Texas. He was not sure if he wanted to run for President of Texas but he had many supporters. In the end Sam Houston was elected and because of his great admiration for Austin he appointed him Secretary of State. Austin was perfect for this position due to his history of making peace. Just a few months later Austin thought he had a cold but it turned out to be pneumonia and he died on December 27, 1836. Houston's said, "The Father of Texas is no more. The first pioneer of the wilderness has departed."

Stephen F. Austin often expressed regret in never having his own children and not settling down but we owe our history of this great state to his selflessness. Many schools, colleges, and the capital of Texas have his name because he was the Father of Texas.



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lillian Earl receives an award for her winning essay during the Texas Independence Day celebration March 2 featuring a student essay contest, Toast to Texas, and volley of fire at the Haley Library.

Bibliography

https://www.tsl.texas.gov/treasures/giants/austin/austin-01.html

https://www.thoughtco.com/biography-of-stephen-f-austin-2136243

Isaacks, Harriett and Kuligowski, Stephanie. 2013. Stephen F. Austin The Father of Texas.

Flynn, Joan. 1981. Stephen F. Austin Father of Texas.

Lillian Earl is a fourth-grader at Hillander School. She is the daughter of Laura and Jeremy Earl.

'Moses Austin's Old 300: Who, What, Why'

By Annalysse Daniels
UTPB STEM Academy



Photo credit

Annalysse Daniels receives an award for her winning essay during the Texas Independence Day celebration March 2 featuring a student essay contest, Toast to Texas and volley of fire at the Haley Library.

The Old 300, Moses Austin, and Stephen F. Austin are very important to Texas history. Moses Austin was born on October 4, 1761, and was the 5th generation of Austins in America. Moses, at age 21, went into the dry goods business in Middletown, Connecticut, and later married Mary Brown. They had five children, but two children died as infants. He opened a lead mining business and became known as the lead king for all the lead mines he owned, but like many businesses of the time, he went bankrupt. Wanting to recover from bankruptcy, he came up with a plan to work with the Spanish government in San Antonio to bring 300 Anglos to Texas - the Old 300. The Spanish government initially refused, but as Moses Austin was leaving, he ran into an old friend, Baron de Bastrop, who helped him revise his request, and the two men went back to the Spanish government and requested a grant for the 300 Anglo American families again.

This time the Spanish government agreed. His grant was officially approved in January of

1821. On his way back home, he got sick and died shortly after, leaving the grant completion to his son Stephen F. Austin.

Stephen F. Austin was a lawyer, educated in New London, Connecticut, and at Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky. He settled in Missouri where he was a member of the territorial legislature. As soon as he received word that his father died, he went down to San Antonio and took over his father's land grant.

However, things were not simple for Stephen F. Austin. His father's grant was guaranteed by the Spanish government, but between the time Moses Austin received the grant and the time that Stephen took over, Mexico had successfully revolted against Spain, kicking them out. Mexico was now an independent country.

As soon as Stephen squared away the papers and was granted permission to colonize Texas by the Mexican government, he posted bulletins around towns. Many families agreed to go to Texas. Once they made their way to the colony, each man with his family would receive an amount of land. He would receive an extra portion of land for his wife, children, and any slaves that were brought with him. Jared E. Groce was given 10 sitios because he brought 90 slaves with him. John P. Coles and William Robb received large amounts of land for building mills. The men without families were put into groups of two and three, and each group became a legal family, sharing land together.

Baron de Bastrop served as the commissioner and began issuing titles to these families. By the time he was called away for business in Louisiana, he had issued two hundred and seventy-two contracts.

Stephen then hired a ship, The Lively, and instructed the captain to, "take the colonists to the mouth of the Colorado River in Matagorda Bay, as he traveled overland to meet them." On the way, the ship was blown off course and landed near the BrazosRiver. When the first wave of settlers were claiming land, Austin was still waiting for the group who had traveled by boat; he did not know they had been blown off course. Austin waited and looked for the settlers, and instead, found squatters taking claim of the land along the Colorado River. Unsure about what to do, he headed back to San Antonio where the Mexican government informed him that the newly formed government of Mexico was reconsidering his land grant and its policy.

Stephen had to travel to Mexico city, a 1,700 mile round trip journey, to try to settle the issue. As he traveled he ran into a group of Comanches who stole all of his supplies from his camp. He kindly told them that he was an American and not one of the hostile Spaniards, and they gave most of his belongings back. However, he did not get his food, four blankets, or his Spanish book back.

Once he got to Mexico, he had to wait because the president, Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, had fled the city after a cholera breakout. As Austin waited and waited, he realized his colonist might not know what to do without their leader. Austin decided to write a letter to his colonists telling them to make a temporary government while he was gone. His letter was intercepted by Mexican authorities who read it and decided Stephen F. Austin should be arrested as a traitor. He stayed in jail for about two years. Once freed, he headed back to Texas. When he got back to Texas he found that his colony was on the brink of a rebellion, and they wanted to separate from Mexico.

The Old 300, Moses Austin, and Stephen F. Austin were all very important to Texas history; everything they did led to Texas becoming part of the United States. Without Moses Austin, we would not have had an Anglo colony. Without Stephen F. Austin, we would not have had the Old 300, the first American settlers in Mexican Texas. Without the Old 300, we would not have had the manpower to overthrow the Mexican government and declare independence on March 2nd, 182 years ago, to become our own country and later a state in the United States of America.

References

Christian, Bixby, et al. For the love of Texas: Tell me about the colonists! The History Press, 2013.

Christian, Bixby, et al. For the love of Texas: Tell me about the revolution! The History Press, 2013

"Old Three Hundred," Handbook of Texas Online, Published by the Texas State Historical Association, http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/mno01. (accessed February 16, 2018).

Annalysse Daniels of Odessa is a seventh-grader at University of Texas of the Permian Basin STEM Academy. She is the daughter of Heather Patrick.

SPORTS

To submit information to the sports department, email **sports@mrt.com**

Texas rolls over Arizona State and into Sweet 16

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Lashann Higgs scored 19 points and Brooke McCarty scored 15 as Texas booked its fourth consecutive trip to the Sweet 16 with an 85-65 win over Arizona State in the women's NCAA Tournament on Monday night.

Higgs scored 15 in the first half, and McCarty took over in the third quarter with 10 points in a 14-2 run that pushed the Longhorns to a big lead and never let the Sun Devils recover. McCarty had a pair of 3-pointers in the run and her nifty drives and assists made sure the No. 2-seed Longhorns (28-6) avoided the same kind of home court upsets that hit several host teams earlier in the evening.

The No. 7-seed Sun Devils had played eventual national champion South Carolina within a minute of a huge upset in the second round last season, but saw any hopes of catching the Longhorns disappear in the decisive third quarter.

McCarty, even at just 5-foot-4 and the smallest player on the court, had a game-high 10 rebounds, often using them to kick-start Texas in transition.

The Longhorns are one of the top rebounding teams in the country and dominated the Sun Devils on the boards 40-19 in a physical matchup.

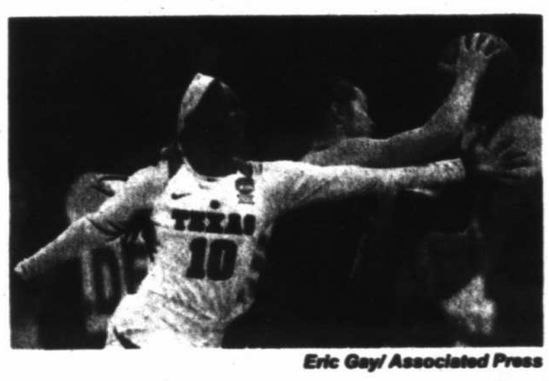
Kianna Ibis scored 27 to lead Arizona State (22-13), an effort that kept the Sun Devils within 40-35 at halftime, but scored just eight over the final two quarters.

Texas hosted the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament for the third consecutive year.

The Longhorns are 48-6 at the Frank Erwin Center over the last three seasons, including six wins in the tournament.

The Longhorns' fourth year in the Sweet 16 continues a resurgence for a program for a program that produced the women's tournament's first undefeated national champion in 1985.

Texas hasn't been back to the Final Four since 2003.



Eric Gay/ Associated Press

Texas guard Lashann Higgs (10) and Arizona State guard Robbi Ryan (11) battle for control of the ball during a second-round game in the NCAA women's basketball tournament on Monday in Austin.

Bracket busters



Keith Srakocic/Associated Press

Villanova head coach Jay Wright, left, talks with Eric Paschall during the second half of a second-round game in the NCAA men's basketball tournament against Alabama on Saturday in Pittsburgh. Villanova won 81-58.

Sweet 16 has unexpected field after favorites ousted

By Aaron Beard
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — After little went according to plan in the opening weekend of the NCAA Tournament, the bracket has a wildly different look for the Sweet 16 than many expected.

Out: Two 1-seeds (Virginia and Xavier) and a pair of 2-seeds (North Carolina and Cincinnati).

In: Two No. 11 seeds (Syracuse and Loyola-Chicago).

There are only seven of the top 16 seeds still alive for the regional rounds

The Cavaliers' historic loss to 16-seed UMBC took out the top overall seed and thrust Villanova into the role of favorite, while preseason No. 1 Duke was dominant in its two tournament wins.

Despite all the bracket turmoil, the power conferences managed to get 12 teams into the Sweet 16, with four coming from both the Atlantic Coast Conference and the Big 12.

Here's a look at the updated Final Four paths for the top remaining seeds:

East

This is the region that came closest to following the script.

Four of the top five seeds survived: No. 1 Villanova, No. 2 Purdue, No. 3 Texas Tech and No. 5 West Virginia. And the Wildcats (32-4) will have the shortest travel (about 315 miles) by heading to Boston as they pursue a second national title in three seasons.

"My good vibes are coming from how this team's playing, how unselfishly they play," Villanova coach Jay Wright said after Saturday's win against Alabama .

"Honestly, we don't care where we play. Boston is a great town, old Big East town like Pittsburgh. We stir up old Big East feelings. We like that."

Villanova meets the Mountaineers (26-10) in one semifinal Friday, while the Boilermakers (30-6) face the Red Raiders (26-9) in the other.

One storyline to watch: the status of 7-foot-2 Purdue center Isaac Haas, who broke his elbow in the first-round win against Cal State Fullerton. Haas warmed up before Sunday's win against Butler but an official said shortly before tipoff that the big man's brace hadn't been approved for competition.

Midwest

Consider this one an ACC invitational.

Three of the four teams to advance to Omaha, Nebraska, are from the ACC: No. 2 Duke, No. 5 Clemson and No. 11 Syracuse. They'll join top-seeded Kansas , with regional semifinals set for Friday.

The Jayhawks (29-7) are trying to return to the Final Four for the first time since 2012 after two straight regional-final losses. They'll face the Tigers (25-9), who are in their first NCAA Tournament since 2011 and their first Sweet 16 since 1997.

The Blue Devils (28-7) meet the Orange (23-13), who took out third-seeded Michigan

Please see NCAA/3C

MVP Jose Altuve, Astros finalize $163.5M, 7-year contract

Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Jose Altuve sat behind a table set up on the field at the Houston Astros' spring training complex, and his teammates looked on as the World Series champions announced his $163.5 million, seven-year contract, the longest in team history.

"You made me more nervous, because I don't like talking in front of a lot of people. You know that," he said

Houston finalized a deal Monday that guaranteed the AL MVP an additional $151 million over five seasons.

"Certainly a fan favorite. Our fans love Jose," owner Jim Crane said. "Winner, MVP — what else can you say? He always leads by example. When I talk to the guys in the locker room, everybody is better because of Jose, and he's a great leader. So, Jose, you're the heart of the team. We're happy to have you for the long-term."

The 27-year-old second baseman had been among baseball's best bargains. He agreed in 2013 to a deal that originally guaranteed $12.5 million from 2014-17 and included club options for 2018 at $6 million and 2019 at $6.5 million.

His new deal keeps those salaries and adds a $21 million signing bonus, of which $1 million is payable upon the deal's approval by the commissioner's office and $10 million each on July 1 in 2018 and 2019. He gets annual salaries of $26 million from 2020-24.

Altuve all gets a no-trade provision, a hotel suite on road trips and premium stadium seats. From 2021-24, his salaries in the remainder of the contract would increase by $3 million if he is voted MVP, $2 million if he finishes second and $1 million if he finishes third.

"This a very important day for me," he said. "It was a priority, because that way it doesn't take attention from the season."

Altuve would have been eligible for free agency after the 2019 season. The 5-foot-6 Altuve hit .346 last season to win his second straight AL batting title and third in four seasons. He had 24 homers, 82 RBIs and 32 stolen bases.

"There's some stability that comes with writing Jose's name in the lineup every single day," manager A.J. Hinch said, "and to think that he's going to be the franchise player for years to come is good for him, it's good for the organization, it's obviously good for me as a manager and most importantly is good for his teammates because he's the most reliable player I've ever been around."

After winning its first World Series title, Houston also hopes to reach more long-term deals. Pitcher Dallas Keuchel and designatted hitter Evan Gattis are eligible for free agency after this season.

Houston added pitcher Justin Verlander for its stretch run last fall and Gerrit Cole in a trade during the offseason.

"We'd love to keep all the guys I'm looking at here for their entire careers," general manager Jeff Luhnow said. "Jim is committed to keeping the best team on the field for as long as possible and giving us a chance to win multiple championships, and part of that is developing our own players and keeping our own players and bringing in the right types of players. And we've done that. We'll see what the future holds but we certainly have a desire and an intention to keep our core together as long as possible."

Winning makes McIlroy as good as he already was

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Rory McIlroy had his first Arnold Palmer moment before the tournament even started.

He had just finished his pro-am round at Bay Hill and was about to walk out of the tunnel leading from the 18th green when a man asked him for a picture. McIlroy obliged, because he usually does. But this was different.

The man handed him a black bolero hat and told McIlroy it was from his squadron when he served in Vietnam. He didn't want a selfie with McIlroy. He wanted a picture of McIlroy wearing the hat that meant so much to him. The hat looked awkward on him with golfing attire, but McIlroy didn't mind.

It's all about giving the fans what they want.

Then the 28-year-old from Northern Ireland gave them something even better with what McIlroy described as a "perfect round of golf," certainly the closing stretch. He birdied five of the last six holes, capping it off with a 25-foot putt on the 18th hole to win the Arnold Palmer Invitational.

That ended his longest drought without a victory in eight years, and it cast him in a new light with the Masters approaching.

McIlroy had fallen to No. 13 in the world when he missed the cut the previous week at the Valspar Championship, his second missed cut in four PGA Tour events this year. He had not been that low in the ranking since April 25, 2010.

It's not that he was forgotten; rather, attention was shifting to so many others that it was easy

Please see MCILROY/4C



Phelan M. Ebenhack/ Associated Press

Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, kisses the championship trophy after winning the Arnold Palmer Invitational golf tournament Sunday in Orlando, Fla.



John Raoux/AP file photo

Jose Altuve of the Houston Astros baseball team.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

College Baseball
Arkansas State at Missouri, 6 p.m., SEC
Sam Houston State at Texas, 6:30 p.m., LHN

Major League Baseball
Toronto at Philadelphia, Noon, MLB
Texas at Chicago White Sox, 3 p.m., MLB

Men's College Basketball
NIT: Penn State at Marquette, 6 p.m., ESPN
NIT: Mississippi State at Louisville, 8 p.m., ESPN

National Basketball Association
Oklahoma City at Boston, 7 p.m., TNT
Dallas at New Orleans, 7 p.m., FSSW
Houston at Portland, 9:30 p.m., TNT, ATTSW

National Hockey League
Dallas at Washington, 6 p.m., FSSW+
Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN
New Jersey at San Jose, 9:30 p.m., NHL

Tennis
WTA: Miami Open, 9 a.m., TENNIS

RADIO

National Basketball Association
Dallas at New Orleans, 7 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

HS Baseball
Amarillo Tascosa at Midland High, 4:30 p.m.
Lee at Wolfforth Frenship, 7 p.m.
Fort Stockton at Greenwood, 7 p.m.

HS Girls Soccer
Odessa High at Midland High, 5:30 p.m.
Lee at Odessa Permian, 5:30 p.m.

HS Boys Soccer
Odessa High at Midland High, 7:30 p.m.
Lee at Odessa Permian, 7:30 p.m.

HS Softball
Wolfforth Frenship at Lee, 4:30 p.m.
Midland High at Odessa Permian, 7 p.m.
Fort Stockton at Greenwood, 5 p.m.
Midland Christian at Brownwood, 3 p.m.

JC Golf
Midland College at Lion Invitational, Pottsboro

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL — Promoted Uzma Rawn group director and vice president of sponsorship sales.
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Optioned C Austin Wynns and LHP Donnie Hart to Norfolk (IL).
BOSTON RED SOX — Reassigned INF Chad De La Guerra to minor league camp.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Optioned INF Yandy Diaz, C Eric Haase and INF Eric Stamets to Columbus (IL). Reassigned OF Brandon Barnes, INF Richie Shaffer and RHPs Preston Claiborne, Stephen Fife, Cam Hill and Neil Ramirez to minor league camp. Released C Ryan Hanigan and OF Melvin Upton Jr.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Signed 2B Jose Altuve to a seven-year contract. Optioned INF A.J. Reed to their minor league camp.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Optioned C David Freitas and RHP Rob Whalen to Tacoma (PCL). Reassigned OF John Andreoli and RHPs Shawn Armstrong, Mike Morin and Art Warren to minor league camp.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Optioned LHP Anthony Banda and RHP Ryne Stanek to Durham (IL).
TEXAS RANGERS — Placed RHP Clayton Blackburn on the 60-day DL. Claimed 1B Tommy Joseph off waivers from Philadelphia.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Optioned SS Richard Urena and LHP Sam Moll to Buffalo (IL).
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Optioned 3B Ryan Schimpf to Gwinnett (IL). Signed RHP Anibal Sanchez to a minor league contract. Reassigned OF Ronald Acuna Jr. to their minor league camp.
COLORADO ROCKIES — Optioned RHP Yency Almonte and LHP Sam Howard to Albuquerque (PCL).
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Optioned RHPs Tyler Beede, Roberto Gomez and Derek Law; and OFs Austin Slater and Mac Williamson to Sacramento (PCL). Reassigned Cs Trevor Brown, Justin O'Conner and Hector Sanchez; INFs Orlando Calixte, Chase d'Arnaud and Kyle Jensen; OF Chris Shaw; LHP Andrew Suarez; RHPs Juan Gregorio and Jose Valdez to their minor league camp.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Signed RHP Jeremy Hellickson to a minor league contract.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
ATLANTA HAWKS — Transferred F Andrew White III from Erie (NBADL).
CLEVELAND CAVALIERS — Announced coach Tyronn Lue is taking a leave of absence.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Acquired DB C.J. Smith from Seattle for a conditional 2020 seventh-round draft pick.
DETROIT LIONS — Re-signed DT Christon Flings.
HOUSTON TEXANS — Signed S Tyrann Mathieu. Claimed WR Sammie Coates off waivers from Cleveland.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Re-signed LB Lerentee McCray.
LOS ANGELES CHARGERS — Agreed to terms with C Mike Pouncey on a two-year contract.
LOS ANGELES RAMS — Re-signed DE Dominique Easley to a one-year contract.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Acquired QB Teddy Bridgewater and a 2018 seventh-round draft pick from Denver for a 2019 fifth-round pick.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Released LB Shea McClellin.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Re-signed DE Kerry Wynn. Signed WR Cody Latimer, DE Josh Mauro and CB B.W. Webb.
OAKLAND RAIDERS — Signed QB Josh Johnson and CB Shareece Wright.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Signed DE Vinny Curry and C Ryan Jensen. Waived DE Robert Ayers, Jr.

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	72	49	19	4	102	269	202
Boston	71	45	17	9	99	239	184
Toronto	72	43	22	7	93	243	204
Florida	70	38	27	7	79	212	216
Montreal	73	26	35	12	64	182	232
Ottawa	71	26	34	11	63	197	244
Detroit	72	26	35	11	63	184	224
Buffalo	72	23	37	12	58	172	236

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	72	41	24	7	89	225	214
Pittsburgh	72	41	26	5	87	237	218
Columbus	73	40	28	5	85	205	200
Philadelphia	73	37	25	11	85	218	215
New Jersey	72	37	27	8	82	217	215
Carolina	72	31	30	11	73	184	225
N.Y. Rangers	72	32	32	8	72	208	231
N.Y. Islanders	72	30	32	10	70	231	262

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	72	48	14	10	106	226	178
Winnipeg	72	43	19	10	96	240	189
Minnesota	73	41	24	8	90	227	210
Colorado	72	39	25	8	86	231	209
Dallas	73	38	27	8	84	209	197
St. Louis	72	39	28	5	83	201	193
Chicago	73	39	34	0	78	208	223

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	72	46	21	5	97	244	199
San Jose	72	40	23	9	89	219	199
Los Angeles	73	40	27	6	86	211	184
Anaheim	73	37	24	12	86	206	197
Calgary	73	35	28	10	80	202	217
Edmonton	72	31	36	5	67	201	231
Vancouver	72	25	39	8	58	188	238
Arizona	71	23	37	11	57	170	238

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Monday's Scores
Columbus 5, Boston 4, OT
Nashville 4, Buffalo 0
Florida 2, Montreal 0
Los Angeles 4, Minnesota 3, OT
Calgary at Arizona, late

Today's Games
Columbus at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Washington, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Edmonton at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Florida at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Vegas, 9 p.m.
New Jersey at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

MLB SPRING TRAINING GLANCE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Houston	16	7	0.696
Boston	15	8	0.652
Cleveland	15	10	0.615
Baltimore	14	10	0.583
Oakland	12	9	0.571
Kansas City	13	10	0.565
New York	13	10	0.565
Chicago	12	11	0.522
Toronto	12	12	0.500
Minnesota	11	12	0.478
Tampa Bay	11	12	0.478
Seattle	11	13	0.458
Los Angeles	11	15	0.423
Detroit	8	13	0.381
Texas	7	15	0.318

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Milwaukee	16	7	0.696
Miami	13	8	0.619
Chicago	14	10	0.583
San Diego	11	9	0.550
St. Louis	12	10	0.545
Arizona	12	11	0.522
Atlanta	12	13	0.480
San Francisco	11	13	0.458
Los Angeles	11	13	0.458
Washington	10	12	0.435
Colorado	9	14	0.391
Pittsburgh	9	14	0.391
Philadelphia	9	15	0.375
Cincinnati	9	15	0.375
New York	7	16	0.304

Monday's Scores
Baltimore 4, Detroit 2
Pittsburgh 11, Minnesota 9
Houston 2, N.Y. Mets 0
Boston 6, Philadelphia 5
Atlanta 6, Toronto 0
Miami 9, Washington 1
Cleveland 5, San Francisco 4
Chicago White Sox 10, Arizona 2
Tampa Bay 4, N.Y. Yankees 2
Chicago Cubs vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., late
Colorado vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., late
Seattle vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., late
Oakland vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., late

Today's Games
Miami vs. Washington at West Palm Beach, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers vs. Oakland at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Texas vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Arizona vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 5:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 6:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 6:40 p.m.

COLLEGIATE BASEBALL POLL

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — The Collegiate Baseball poll, with records through March 18, total points and previous ranking. Voting is done by coaches, sports writers and sports information directors:

	Record	Points	Previous
1. Oregon State	15-1	400	1
2. Stanford	14-2	388	3
3. Auburn	15-2	387	5
4. Florida	15-4	385	6
5. Vanderbilt	15-5	381	11
6. UCLA	13-4	380	14
7. Arkansas	15-5	368	10
8. N.C. State	13-5	365	13
9. Mississippi	12-6	358	15
10. Clemson	15-4	317	2
11. Louisville	15-4	315	4
12. Florida State	15-4	272	7
13. Stetson	17-0	268	8
14. Indiana	15-4	265	9
15. LSU	14-7	255	16
16. Kentucky	14-6	253	12
17. Texas Tech	17-5	250	18
18. Texas A&M	17-4	247	17
19. UNLV	16-5	243	21
20. UCF	17-4	234	22
21. Southern Miss.	14-4	233	23
22. Illinois	13-6	230	24
23. Duke	15-4	227	25
24. Sam Houston State	15-4	225	20
25. Missouri	13-5	223	19
26. Wichita State	15-5	222	26
27. Coastal Carolina	15-7	220	27
28. Southeastern Louisiana	15-5	218	28
29. East Carolina	13-5	215	29
30. Texas State	13-4-1	213	30

BASEBALL AMERICA TOP 25

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — The top 25 teams in the Baseball America poll, with records through March 4 and previous ranking, released by the staff of Baseball America:

	Record	Pvs
1. Florida	15-1	1
2. Oregon State	15-0	2
3. Florida State	11-0	3
4. Stanford	11-1	4
5. Texas Tech	15-0	6
6. Arkansas	14-0	8
7. TCU	14-0	7
8. Kentucky	13-1	9
9. Texas A&M	13-1	9
10. Clemson	13-1	10
11. UCLA	12-1	11
12. Mississippi	12-1	12
13. North Carolina	12-1	13
14. Virginia	12-1	14
15. Southern Miss	12-1	15
16. LSU	12-2	16
17. Texas	12-2	17
18. Indiana	12-2	18
19. Louisville	12-2	19
20. Auburn	12-2	20
21. Vanderbilt	12-2	21
22. UC Irvine	12-2	22
23. UCF	12-2	23
24. Coastal Carolina	12-2	24
25. San Diego State	12-2	25

Lue taking leave from Cavaliers due to health issues

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Cavaliers coach Tyronn Lue is taking a leave of absence from the team to address health issues that have included chest pains and loss of sleep.

Lue said Monday in statement that tests have offered no conclusion about what the issue is and offered no timetable for his return. The coach said he feels he needs to step away "and focus on trying to establish a stronger and healthier foundation" from which to coach the rest of the season.

"While I have tried to work through it, the last thing I want is for it to affect the team. I am going to use this time to focus on a prescribed routine and medication, which has previously been difficult to start in the midst of a season," Lue said. "My goal is to come out of it a stronger and healthier version of myself so I can continue to lead this team to the championship we are all working towards."

Associate head coach Larry Drew will run the team in Lue's absence starting with Monday's home game against Milwaukee. Drew said he received a text message from Lue at 1:30 a.m. saying, "It's your show."

LeBron James said he was informed of Lue's decision at morning shootaround, saying it was "probably well overdue."

"I knew he was struggling, but he was never not himself. He was just dealing with it the best way he could," James said. "Once he leaves the gym and goes home, there's things we don't know, but he was the same every single day even though he was going through what he was going through."

A stress-filled season for the Cavs has taken a toll on the 40-year-old Lue, who led them to the 2016 NBA championship after taking over for David Blatt midway through that season. They are 40-29, third in the Eastern Conference, and have endured roster shake-ups, injuries and other distractions as they try to return to the NBA Finals.

Now they will play without their coach.

"We all want great players, we all want the best teams, but with that comes a lot of pressure as well. And what Ty Lue has had to go through this year with that team, with the trades and the injuries and the pressure, it's unrelenting," Denver coach Michael Malone said. "So I hope that he gets healthy and is able to get back in time for the playoffs and help that team win as many games as possible."



Nam Y. Huh/Associated Press

Cleveland Cavaliers head coach Tyronn Lue reacts as he watches his team during the first half of an NBA game against the Chicago Bulls on Saturday in Chicago.

Lue spent the second half of Cleveland's victory in Chicago on Saturday in the locker room because of an illness, the second time this season he left a game because he wasn't feeling well. The former NBA guard also sat one out against Chicago at home in December.

"We know how difficult these circumstances are for Coach Lue and we support him totally in this focused approach to addressing his health issues," general manager Koby Altman said.

Drew, who coached the second half of Saturday's game, the finale of a six-game, 11-day road trip, spoke about Lue before Monday's contest.

"He's shown the warrior that he is," Drew said. "If you would have left it up to him he'd be sitting in this chair right now instead of me. That's just who he is. He doesn't want to miss games. He doesn't want to miss practices. He wants to be with the team, but there comes a point where you have to take a step back and assess things. This thing has been lingering just a little bit too long. T-Lue needs to step away and allow himself to heal before joining the team."

NBA ROUNDUP

Associated Press

CAVALIERS 124, BUCKS 117

CLEVELAND — LeBron James scored 40 points as part of his third triple-double in four games and the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Milwaukee Bucks 124-117 on Monday night as coach Tyronn Lue began his leave of absence to address health issues.

Lue said Monday in a statement he been dealing with chest pains and loss of sleep, and that tests have offered no conclusion about what the issue is. Associate head coach Larry Drew will run the team in Lue's absence.

James scored 17 points in the third quarter and finished with 12 rebounds and 10 assists for his 16th triple-double this season and 71st of his career.

PACERS 110, LAKERS 100

INDIANAPOLIS — Victor Oladipo sparked a decisive run and finished with 20 points, Myles Turner had 21 points and the Indiana Pacers recovered from a poor start for a 110-100 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Monday night.

The victory snapped Indiana's two-game losing streak.

Los Angeles was led by Kyle Kuzma with 27 points and Brook Lopez with 23, but the Lakers still lost their third straight.

76ERS 108, HORNETS 94

PHILADELPHIA — Joel Embiid had 25 points and 19 rebounds and Ben Simmons had a triple-double to lead the Philadelphia 76ers to a 108-94 win over the Charlotte Hornets on Monday night.

Simmons had 11 points, 12 rebounds and 15 assists to help the Sixers keep alive their shot at finishing fourth in the Eastern Conference and earning home-court advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

The 76ers have one of the easiest schedules of any team the rest of the season. The Sixers would have to pass Washington and Indiana to grab the No. 4 seed and stave off a potential Toronto or Boston matchup for at least a round.

NETS 118, GRIZZLIES 115

NEW YORK — Allen Crabbe and Caris LeVert each scored 22 points and the Brooklyn Nets beat the Memphis Grizzlies 118-115 on Monday night.

Rondae Hollis-Jefferson had 16 points and 12 rebounds, and DeMarre Carroll scored 18 points for the Nets, who have two straight wins for the first time since Jan. 19-21.

Andrew Harrison, who missed Memphis' last nine games due to a right wrist injury, scored 19 points, and Brionte Webber had a career-high 15. The Grizzlies have lost 20 of 21.

KNICKS 110, BULLS 92

NEW YORK — Tanks for nothing.

The Knicks are picking the worst possible time to go on a win streak. With valuable Ping-Pong balls hanging in the balance, the Knicks won for the second straight game, beating the Bulls, 110-92, Monday night at Madison Square Garden.

This game had huge implications for NBA draft lottery position, and the Bulls treated as such.

Chicago made the trip to New York without starters Zach LaVine (knee tendinitis), Lauri Markkanen (back spasms) and Kris Dunn (sprained toe). Robin Lopez was in the building, but he was a healthy scratch.

HEAT 149, NUGGETS 141

MIAMI — James Johnson scored a career-high 31 points, Kelly Olynyk added 30 off the bench and the Miami Heat set a franchise single-game scoring record by beating the Denver Nuggets 149-141 in double overtime Monday night.

Miami's total was also an NBA season-high and helped the Heat get back to the No. 7 spot in the Eastern Conference standings. Houston and Oklahoma City each scored 148 in games earlier this season.

Wayne Ellington scored 29 points for the Heat. Nikola Jokic had 34 for Denver, while Wilson Chandler added 26 for the Nuggets.

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Toronto	52	18	.743	—
x-Boston	47	23	.671	5
Philadelphia	39	30	.565	12½
New York	26	45	.366	26½
Brooklyn	23	48	.324	29½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	40	30	.571	—
Miami	38	33	.535	2½
Charlotte	30	41	.423	10½
Orlando	21	49	.300	19
Atlanta	20	50	.286	20

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	41	29	.586	—
Indiana	41	30	.577	½
Milwaukee	37	33	.529	4
Detroit	30	39	.435	10½
Chicago	24	46	.343	17

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Houston	56	14	.800	—
San Antonio	40	30	.571	16
New Orleans	40	30	.571	16
Dallas	22	48	.314	34
Memphis	19	51	.271	37

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	44	26	.629	—
Oklahoma City	43	29	.597	2
Utah	40	30	.571	4
Minnesota	40	31	.563	4½
Denver	38	33	.535	6½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Golden State	53	17	.757	—
L.A. Clippers	37	32	.536	15½
L.A. Lakers	31	39	.443	22
Sacramento	23	48	.324	30½
Phoenix	19	52	.268	34½

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Today's Scores
Cleveland 124, Milwaukee 117
Indiana 110, L.A. Lakers 100
Philadelphia 108, Charlotte 94
Brooklyn 118, Memphis 115
Miami 149, Denver 141, 3OT
New York 110, Chicago 92
Golden State at San Antonio, late
Detroit at Sacramento, late

Tuesday's Games
Toronto at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Dallas at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Boston, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Utah, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Houston at Portland, 9:30 p.m.

TEXAS TECH

From Staff Reports

FRIDAY'S RED RAIDER EVENT POSTPONED

Texas Tech's Red Raider Club announced on Monday that Friday night's event with the fans at the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum has been postponed so fans can enjoy the men's basketball team in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament.

The Red Raiders will be playing Purdue at 8:57 p.m. Friday in Boston.

The event will be rescheduled for later in the spring.

The Texas Tech football team will still conduct a scrimmage at 1 p.m. Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium.

The scrimmage is free to the public.

HS POWERLIFTING

From Staff Reports

BIG SPRING'S ROBERTS FINISHES 7TH AT STATE

WACO — Big Spring senior Carlie Roberts finished seventh out of 21 lifters in the Class 4A 181-pound division during Saturday's Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Association Girls State Meet.

Roberts set a personal record with 940 total pounds lifted, and also set personal bests with 190 pounds lifted in the bench, and 400 pounds lifted in the deadlift.

She also lifted 350 pounds in the squat.

Chaps sit in 6th at Lion Invite

From staff reports

POTTSBORO – The Midland College golf team is in sixth place after the first round of the NCAA Division II-dominated Lion Invite at Tanglewoood Resort.

The Chaparrals shot a 305 on Monday and are 18 strokes back of Southeastern Oklahoma State, which shot a 287. Ranger College, one of only two other junior colleges in the field, hot a 295 for second place.

Michael Salazar had the best day for MC as he shot a 2-over 74 to be in a tie for 12th in the individual standings. Alex Motes shot a 76, Callum Bruce fired a 77, Chris Ayers had a 78, and Baily Knoll shot an 82 for the Chaps. Justin Benson, playing as an MC individual, shot a 77.

Former Chap and Midland High grad Lucas McCubbin, now playing for Texas A&M-Commerce, shot a 78.

The tournament concludes with the final round today.

Lion Invite at Tanglewood
Tanglewood Resort, Pottsboro
Par: 72; Yards: 6,939
Monday's first round results
Team standings — 1. SE Oklahoma State 287; 2. Ranger College 295; 3. Texas A&M-Commerce 300; 4. Texas A&M-Commerce B 302; 5. Northwestern Oklahoma State 305; 6. Midland College 305; 7. SE Oklahoma State B 309; 8. St. Thomas (Texas) 309; 9. Western Texas College 310; 10. Oklahoma Panhandle 319
Individual standings — 1. Blake Hedford, Texas A&M-Commerce, 69; 2. (tie) Tim Whitehead, Western Texas College, 69; Sean Lobaco, Ranger College, 69; 4. Hayden Pinder, SE Oklahoma State, 69; 5. (tie) Zach Jones, SE Oklahoma State, 70; Jon Wicks, A&M-Commerce, 70; 7. Wilhelm Gerdes, A&M-Commerce, 71; 8. Parker Osborn, Northwestern Oklahoma State, 72; 9. (tie) Sam Berry, SE Oklahoma State, 73; Brad Brandt, St. Thomas, 73; Midland University, Western Texas College, 73
Midland College (305) — Michael Salazar 74, Alex Motes 76, Callum Bruce 77, Chris Ayers 78, Bailey Knoll 82, MC individual, Justin Benson, 77

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION

3/24 8:00-12:00 - Shot & Microchip Clinic at Ulmer Park Pavilion
4/05 6:30-8:30 Microchip Clinic at Beer Garden's Yappy Hour
4/22 2:00 - Bark in the Park at Security Bank Ballpark
6/16 4th Annual Hot Dog Run 5K and 1K

TRAP NEUTER RETURN PROGRAM
THIS PROGRAM WILL HELP RESIDENTS TRAP STRAY CATS & HAVE THEM VACCINATED & ALTERED.
LEARN MORE & PLEASE DONATE:
MIDLANDHUMANE.ORG/TNR

ENHANCED ADOPTION CENTER
Open for adoptions Mon- Sat 12-7, Sun 12-6
Adoption Fees (fully vetted & chipped):
Cats $110, Dogs $150
432.520.2134 ext. 7
Located within Midland's PetSmart Store

AD SPONSORED BY
BROWN'S PERMIAN ELECTRIC CO.

P.O. Box 63213
Midland, TX 79710
MidlandHumane.org



Booth is a 1.5 yo large (60 lb) Corgi Mix that was recently rescued from a high kill shelter. Booth is an escape artist! He is incredibly sweet, social, fun-loving & has a ton of playful energy!

NCAA MEN'S GLANCE

Associated Press

FIRST FOUR
At UD Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Tuesday, March 13
Radford 71, LIU Brooklyn 61
St. Bonaventure 65, UCLA 58
Wednesday, March 14
Texas Southern 64, N.C. Central 46
Syracuse 60, Arizona State 56
EAST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 15
At PPG Paints Arena
Pittsburgh
Villanova 87, Radford 61
Alabama 86, Virginia Tech 83
At American Airlines Center
Dallas
Texas Tech 70, Stephen F. Austin 60
Florida 77, St. Bonaventure 62
Friday, March 16
At Little Caesars Arena
Detroit
Purdue 74, Cal State Fullerton 48
Butler 79, Arkansas 62
At Viejas Arena
San Diego
Marshall 81, Wichita State 75
West Virginia 85, Murray State 68
Second Round
Saturday, March 17
At PPG Paints Arena
Pittsburgh
Villanova 81, Alabama 58
At American Airlines Center
Dallas
Texas Tech 69, Florida 66
Sunday, March 18
At Little Caesars Arena
Detroit
Purdue 76, Butler 73
At Viejas Arena
San Diego
West Virginia 94, Marshall 71
At TD Garden
Boston
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 23
Villanova (32-4) vs. West Virginia (28-10), 6:27 p.m.
Purdue (30-6) vs. Texas Tech (26-9), 8:57 p.m.
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 25
Semifinal winners
SOUTH REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 15
At American Airlines Center
Dallas
Tennessee 73, Wright State 47
Loyola of Chicago 64, Miami 62
At Taco Bell Arena
Boise, Idaho
Kentucky 78, Davidson 73
Buffalo 89, Arizona 68
Friday, March 16
At Spectrum Center
Charlotte, N.C.
Kansas State 69, Creighton 59
UMBC 74, Virginia 54
At Bridgestone Arena
Nashville, Tenn.
Cincinnati 68, Georgia State 53
Nevada 87, Texas 83
Second Round
Saturday, March 17
At Taco Bell Arena
Boise, Idaho
Kentucky 95, Buffalo 75
At American Airlines Center
Dallas
Loyola of Chicago 63, Tennessee 62
Sunday, March 18
At Spectrum Center
Charlotte, N.C.
Kansas State 59, UMBC 43
At Bridgestone Arena
Nashville, Tenn.
Nevada 75, Cincinnati 73
At Philips Arena
Atlanta
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 22
Kansas State (24-11) vs. Kentucky (26-10), 8:37 p.m.
Nevada (29-7) vs. Loyola of Chicago (30-5), 6:07 p.m.
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 24
Semifinal winners
MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 15
At PPG Paints Arena
Pittsburgh
Rhode Island 89, Oklahoma 78, OT
Duke 89, Iona 67
At INTRUST Bank Arena
Wichita, Kan.
Kansas 76, Pennsylvania 60
Seton Hall 94, N.C. State 83
Friday, March 16
At Little Caesars Arena
Detroit
Michigan State 82, Bucknell 70
Syracuse 57, TCU 52
At Viejas Arena
San Diego
Auburn 62, College of Charleston 58
Clemson 79, New Mexico State 68
Second Round
Saturday, March 17
At PPG Paints Arena
Pittsburgh
Duke 87, Rhode Island 62
At INTRUST Bank Arena
Wichita, Kan.
Kansas 83, Seton Hall 79
Sunday, March 18
At Little Caesars Arena
Detroit
Syracuse 55, Michigan State 53
At Viejas Arena
San Diego
Clemson 84, Auburn 55
At CenturyLink Center Omaha
Omaha, Neb.
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 23
Kansas (29-7) vs. Clemson (25-9), 6:57 p.m.
Duke (28-7) vs. Syracuse (23-13), 8:37 p.m.
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 25
Semifinal winners
WEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 15
At INTRUST Bank Arena
Wichita, Kan.
Houston 67, San Diego State 65
Michigan 61, Montana 47
At Taco Bell Arena
Boise, Idaho
Gonzaga 69, UNC Greensboro 64
Ohio State 81, South Dakota State 73
Friday, March 16
At Spectrum Center
Charlotte, N.C.
Texas A&M 73, Providence 69
North Carolina 84, Lipscomb 65
At Bridgestone Arena
Nashville, Tenn.
Xavier 102, Texas Southern 89
Florida State 67, Missouri 64
Second Round
Saturday, March 17
At Taco Bell Arena
Boise, Idaho
Gonzaga 93, Ohio State 84
At INTRUST Bank Arena
Wichita, Kan.
Michigan 84, Houston 63
Sunday, March 18
At Spectrum Center
Charlotte, N.C.
Texas A&M 65, North Carolina 62
At Bridgestone Arena
Nashville, Tenn.
Florida State 75, Xavier 70
At STAPLES Center
Los Angeles
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 22
Florida State (23-11) vs. Gonzaga (32-4), 6:07 p.m.
Texas A&M (25-12) vs. Michigan (29-7), 8:37 p.m.
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 24
Semifinal winners
FINAL FOUR
At The Alamodome
San Antonio
National Semifinals
Saturday, March 31
South champion vs. West champion
East champion vs. Midwest champion
National Championship
Monday, April 2
Semifinal winners

NCAA WOMEN'S ROUNDUP

Associated Press

UCONN 71, QUINNIPIAC 46

STORRS, Conn. — Napheesa Collier scored 23 points and top-seeded UConn beat in-state neighbor Quinnipiac 71-46 on Monday night to advance to a 25th straight Sweet 16.

Azura Stevens added 14 points and Kia Nurse chipped in with 13 for the Huskies (34-0), who found themselves in a much slower-paced game than their 140-52 first-round rout of Saint Francis (Pa.).

But Connecticut was not threatened in this one either. They opened with a 9-2 run and never trailed.

Jen Fay had 12 points to lead the ninth-seeded Bobcats (28-6), who saw their school-record 23-game winning streak snapped.

Quinnipiac got plenty of open looks, but hit just four of 24 shots from 3-point range, including just one of 12 from in the first half.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN 95, OHIO STATE 78

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Presley Hudson scored 28 points and No. 11 seed Central Michigan stunned No. 3 Ohio State 95-78 on Monday night to earn the school's first ever trip to the Sweet 16.

Cassie Breen threw the ball high in the air as the clock wound down and the joyous Central Michigan players jumped, screamed and hugged as they celebrated the biggest win in school history.

The Chippewas had won their first tournament game ever in Saturday's first-round upset of No. 6 Louisiana State. With the upset of Ohio State, they advance to face No. 2 Oregon in Spokane, Washington, on Saturday.

Central Michigan (30-4) out-rebounded and out-hustled Ohio State, played taut defense, hit a season-high 14 3-pointers and kept the Buckeyes at bay late in the game.

BUFFALO 86, FLORIDA STATE 85

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — A week ago Buffalo was waiting to find out if it earned one of the final four at-large berths to the women's NCAA Tournament.

Now the 11th-seeded Bulls are headed to the Sweet 16 for the first time in school history.

Cierra Dillard scored 22 points as Buffalo shocked No. 3 seed Florida State 86-85 in a second-round game on Monday night. The Bulls (29-5) won't have far to go for the regional semifinal as it will face defending champion and second-seeded South Carolina on Saturday in Albany, New York.

"We made history. It hasn't sunk in and hit us," Dillard said. "We're going to the Sweet 16 and to be a mid-major. It's an amazing feeling. This is the year of upsets and to be a part of that is great."

DUKE 66, GEORGIA 49

ATHENS, Ga. — Duke played like a championship contender, especially on defense, in a lopsided win over Georgia.

The Blue Devils will soon learn if they're a legitimate threat to the title. UConn awaits.

Leaonna Odom scored 16 points and fifth seed Duke's defense was dominant, holding fourth seed Georgia to two second-quarter points in a 66-40 women's NCAA Tournament second-round win on Monday night.

Lexie Brown and Erin Mathias each had 14 points for Duke (24-8), which will play UConn in the Albany Regional on Saturday. UConn has won four of the last five titles, 11 overall, and entered this year's tournament as the top seed.

Duke coach Joanne P. McCallie said her team will have to cut down on turnovers "and love the fact we have the opportunity to play the best team in the country, the team that has dominated women's basketball.

"That is a great opportunity, to really compete and get after it. That is pretty special and this team has earned it."

The win over Georgia should boost the Blue Devils' confidence for the biggest test against UConn. McCallie wasn't happy with her team's 21 turnovers, but she couldn't deny it was "a great defensive game for our team."

MISSISSIPPI ST 71, OKLAHOMA ST 56

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Victoria Vivians scored 23 points, Teaira McCowan added 21 points and 18 rebounds and Mississippi State earned a hard-fought 71-56 win over Oklahoma State in the second round of the women's NCAA Tournament on Monday night.

Top-seeded Mississippi State (34-1) also got 17 points from Morgan William, who hit several crucial baskets throughout the game. McCowan scored 17 of her 21 points in the second half and shot 8 of 12 from the field.

Oklahoma State (21-11) was hurt when starting guard Loryn Goodwin picked up her fourth foul with 4:39 remaining in the third quarter. She stayed in the game, but her defensive presence was limited and that was around the time that Mississippi State went on a 10-2 lead to open up a 51-43 advantage.

William made a jumper a few seconds before the third-quarter buzzer to give the Bulldogs their biggest lead in the game at 55-45 and they slowly pulled away.

Oklahoma State, the No. 9 seed, was led by Kaylee Jensen's 18 points. Goodwin added 14 points, nine rebounds and eight assists.

Oklahoma State pushed to an early 20-12 lead late in the first quarter, but Mississippi State rallied and the rest of the first half was extremely close. The Bulldogs took a 35-34 advantage into halftime.

UCLA 86, CREIGHTON 64

LOS ANGELES — Jordin Canada scored 21 points and Japreece Dean added 16 points to lead third-seeded UCLA to an 86-64 victory over No. 11 seed Creighton in the second round of the women's NCAA Tournament on Monday night.

UCLA (26-7) reaches the Sweet 16 for the third consecutive year and advances to the Kansas City Regional and will face Texas on Friday.

Canada, made six of seven shots and dished out eight assists to lead the Bruins. The senior guard, the Pac 12 defensive Player of the Year and three-time All-Conference guard, has scored 20 or more points in six of her last eight games.

Monique Billings scored 15 points and Kennedy Burke added 11 points for UCLA.

Audrey Faber led Creighton with 20 points and Olivia Elger added 13 for the Bluejays.

The Bruins scored on eight of their first nine possessions to jump to an early double-digit lead. Dean's 3-pointer at the 4:12 mark of the opening quarter gave UCLA an 18-7 lead.

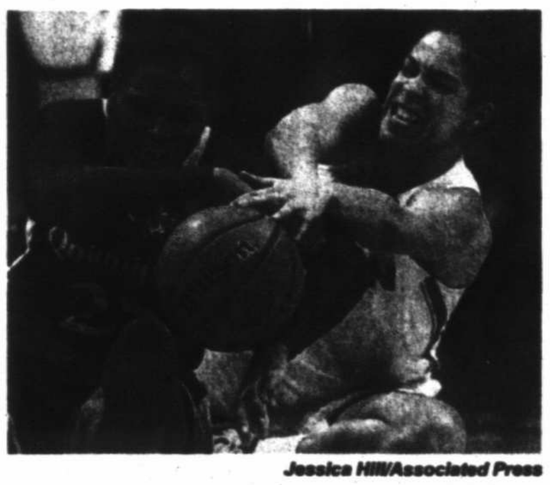
The Bruins kept the defensive pressure on the Bluejays and led 26-15 after the first quarter.

STANFORD 90, FGCU 70

STANFORD, Calif. — Alanna Smith scored 28 points with four 3-pointers, Brittany McPhee added 17 points and nine rebounds and No. 4 seed Stanford is headed back to the Lexington Regional for a third straight March after beating scrappy 12th-seeded Florida Gulf Coast 90-70 on Monday night.

Freshman Kiana Williams shined on the big stage for the second time in three days with 12 points and six assists for the Cardinal (24-10), on to the Sweet 16 for the 11th straight season.

Florida Gulf Coast (31-5) set the single-season 3-point record with 431, breaking Sacramento State's mark of 424 from 2014-15, but didn't have the depth or talent to keep up against a taller Stanford team that made it hard for the Eagles to do their signature move: drive and dish.



Jessica Hill/Associated Press

Quinnipiac's Aryn McClure, left, and Connecticut's Kia Nurse, right, fight for the ball during the second half of a second-round game in the NCAA women's basketball tournament on Monday in in Storrs, Conn.

What's an NCAA Tournament upset worth? Units = big bucks

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

UMBC made more than history in the NCAA Tournament.

By becoming the first No. 16 seed to beat a No. 1, the Retrievers made about $1.7 million for the America East Conference. Loyola-Chicago's buzzer-beating run to the Sweet 16 will be worth double that to the Missouri Valley Conference. Nevada's consecutive comebacks were also worth about $3.4 million for the Mountain West. The MVC and Mountain West will pocket at least as much from NCAA Tournament units as the Pac-12, which had three teams in the field, all bounced after one game each.

Units are what the NCAA calls its revenue distributions from the basketball performance fund, which rewards teams for tournament performance. The NCAA Tournament generates more than $700 million in revenue for the association and its schools, the vast majority from its media rights deal with CBS and Turner.

Units for this year's tournament are worth approximately $273,000, according to the NCAA, but their value ends up being greater than that.

The units are paid out annually each of the next six years, increasing in value each year by about 2-3 percent. The payout system means that one upset by UMBC should be worth more than $1.7 million. Units are earned every game a team appears in, with the exception of the first game played by an automatic qualifier and the NCAA championship game.

The money goes to the conferences, unless the school is an independent in basketball. The NCAA encourages equal distribution by conferences among its members, but it is not required. Most do.

The Missouri Valley has in the past received multiple bids, but only champion Loyola-Chicago got in as an automatic qualifier this year. The MVC distributes the units revenue equally among 10 members — though the NCAA Tournament participants receive an additional half-share to cover travel expenses, MVC spokesman Ryan Davis said Sunday.

The Atlantic Coast Conference has been rolling in units in recent years, with a total of 64 from 2015-17, worth more than $100 million.

This season, the ACC got nine teams into the field, more than any other conference, and placed four teams in Sweet 16. Two of them — Duke and Syracuse — play in the regional semifinals, limiting the conference's earning potential.

The Big 12 also placed four teams in the round of 16. The Southeastern Conference and Big Ten each have two.

For the ACC — and other Power Five conferences — NCAA units account for less than 10 percent of conference revenue. The ACC reported $373.4 million in revenue for fiscal year 2016 — most of which comes from a television rights deals with ESPN — and paid out about $25 million to each of its members.

For low-major Division I schools such as UMBC and the eight other members of the America East, those units are real money.

NCAA

From 1C

State on Sunday.

Duke and Syracuse met in Cameron Indoor Stadium on Feb. 24, with the Blue Devils holding the Orange to 32 percent shooting in a 60-44 win . The rematch will mark the second NCAA Tournament matchup between Hall of Famers Mike Krzyzewski and Jim Boeheim, with Coach K's Blue Devils winning one in the Sweet 16 in 1998.

West

Things were set to go to form Sunday, only to see top-seeded Xavier and No. 2 North Carolina lose. Now Big Ten champion Michigan headlines the quartet in Los Angeles.

The third-seeded Wolverines (30-7) — who beat Houston on a last-second 3-pointer — will meet seventh-seeded Texas A&M (22-12) after the Aggies blew out the reigning champion Tar Heels in their home state.

Fourth-seeded Gonzaga (32-4) will face ninth-seeded Florida State (22-11) after the Seminoles' upset of the Musketeers .

"I think what you see happening in college basketball, it's almost like a revolution," FSU coach Leonard Hamilton said. "And what happens is you start categorizing people by the reputation that their players get going into college.

"But in reality, kids are playing basketball all over the country and teams are getting better."

South

This is where there was the most March Madness.

None of the top-four seeds advanced, the first time in tournament history that has happened in a region. So the games in Atlanta will now be headlined by 5-seed Kentucky (26-10).

The Wildcats (26-10) followed their run to the Southeastern Conference Tournament title by surviving an upset bid from Davidson then beating Buffalo — which had upset fourth-seeded Arizona . They'll face another set of Wildcats on Thursday in ninth-seeded Kansas State (24-11), which ended UMBC's historic weekend in Charlotte.

The other game features 7-seed Nevada (29-7), which tied the tournament's second-biggest comeback by rallying from 22 down to beat No. 2 seed Cincinnati. The Wolf Pack faces No. 11 seed Loyola-Chicago (30-5), which advanced against No. 6 seed Miami and No. 3 seed Tennessee on final-seconds shots.

"We told the guys before, look at today alone: Michigan State, North Carolina, basically at home losing today," Kansas State coach Bruce Weber said.

"It's what makes March Madness special and it kills the coaches because it's so hard and you think you have a great team. Matchups are important. Making the plays, having the right mojo at the right time."

MEN'S NIT GLANCE

Associated Press

First Round
Tuesday, March 13
Baylor 89, Wagner 55
Louisville 82, Northern Kentucky 58
Middle Tennessee 91, Vermont 84
Western Kentucky 79, Boston College 62
Oklahoma State 80, Florida Gulf Coast 69
Notre Dame 84, Hampton 69
Oregon 88, Rider 80
Saint Mary's 89, SE Louisiana 45
Southern Cal 103, UNC Asheville 98, 2OT
Wednesday, March 14
Marquette 67, Harvard 60
LSU 94, Louisiana-Lafayette 76
Penn State 69, Temple 57
Mississippi State 88, Nebraska 59
Utah 69, UC Davis 59
Stanford 86, BYU 80
Washington 77, Boise State 74
Second Round
Saturday, March 17
Penn State 73, Notre Dame 69
Sunday, March 18
Mississippi State 78, Baylor 77
Marquette 101, Oregon 92
Louisville 84, Middle Tennessee 69
Monday, March 19
Oklahoma State 71, Stanford 65
Utah 85, LSU 71
Washington (21-12) at Saint Mary's (29-5), late
Western Kentucky (25-10) at Southern Cal (24-11), late
Quarterfinals
Tuesday, March 20
Penn State (23-12) vs. Marquette (21-13), 6 or 8 p.m.
Mississippi State (24-11) vs. Louisville (22-12), 6 or 8 p.m.
Wednesday, March 21
Southern Cal-Western Kentucky winner vs. Oklahoma State (21-14), TBA
Saint Mary's-Washington winner vs. Utah (21-11), TBA
Semifinals
At Madison Square Garden
New York
Tuesday, March 27
Game 1, 6 p.m.
Game 2, 8:30 p.m.
Championship
Thursday, March 29
Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.

NCAA WOMEN'S GLANCE

Associated Press

ALBANY REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 16
At Columbia, S.C.
Virginia 69, California 62
South Carolina 65, N.C. A&T 52
Saturday, March 17
At Storrs, Conn.
UConn 140, Saint Francis (Pa.) 52
Quinnipiac 69, Miami 52
At Athens, Ga.
Duke 72, Belmont 59
Georgia 69, Kansas 59
At Tallahassee, Fla.
Florida State 91, Little Rock 49
Buffalo 102, South Florida 70
Second Round
Sunday, March 18
At Columbia, S.C.
South Carolina 65, Virginia 51
Monday, March 19
At Storrs, Conn.
UConn 71, Quinnipiac 43
At Athens, Ga.
Duke 69, Georgia 49
At Tallahassee, Fla.
Buffalo 86, Florida State 85
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 24
South Carolina (29-6) vs. Buffalo (29-5), 10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m.
UConn (34-0) vs. Duke (28-8), 10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m.
Regional Championship
Monday, March 26
Semifinal winners, 8 p.m.
SPOKANE REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 16
At Notre Dame, Ind.
Notre Dame 83, Cal State Northridge 61
Villanova 81, South Dakota State 70, OT
At College Station
DePaul 69, Oklahoma 79
Texas A&M 69, Duke 70
At Eugene, Ore.
Minnesota 63, Green Bay 77
Oregon 93, Seattle 45
Saturday, March 17
At Columbus, Ohio
Central Michigan 73, LSU 69
Ohio State 67, George Washington 45
Second Round
Sunday, March 18
At Notre Dame, Ind.
Notre Dame 82, Villanova 72
At College Station
Texas A&M 69, DePaul 70
At Eugene, Ore.
Oregon 101, Minnesota 72
Monday, March 19
At Columbus, Ohio
Central Michigan 69, Ohio State 70
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 24
Semifinal winners, 6 p.m.
SPOKANE REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 16
At Notre Dame, Ind.
Notre Dame 83, Cal State Northridge 61
Villanova 81, South Dakota State 70, OT
At College Station
DePaul 69, Oklahoma 79
Texas A&M 69, Duke 70
At Eugene, Ore.
Minnesota 63, Green Bay 77
Oregon 93, Seattle 45
Saturday, March 17
At Columbus, Ohio
Central Michigan 73, LSU 69
Ohio State 67, George Washington 45
Second Round
Sunday, March 18
At Notre Dame, Ind.
Notre Dame 82, Villanova 72
At College Station
Texas A&M 69, DePaul 70
At Eugene, Ore.
Oregon 101, Minnesota 72
Monday, March 19
At Columbus, Ohio
Central Michigan 69, Ohio State 70
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 24
At Spokane, Wash.
Notre Dame (31-4) vs. Texas A&M (20-8), 5 or 8:30 p.m.
Oregon (30-4) vs. Central Michigan (30-4), 5 or 8:30 p.m.
Regional Championship
Monday, March 26
Semifinal winners, 8 p.m.
KANSAS CITY REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 16
At Raleigh, N.C.
Maryland 77, Princeton 57
N.C. State 83, Elon 51
Saturday, March 17
At Starkville, Miss.
Oklahoma State 61, Syracuse 57
Mississippi State 85, Hampton 39
At Los Angeles
UCLA 71, Auburn 69
Creighton 70, Iowa 59
At Austin
Arizona State 73, Nebraska 52
Texas 69, Idaho 54
Second Round
Sunday, March 18
At Raleigh, N.C.
N.C. State 74, Maryland 69
Monday, March 19
At Starkville, Miss.
Mississippi State 71, Oklahoma State 69
At Los Angeles
UCLA 86, Creighton 64
At Austin
Texas 69, Arizona State 65
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 23
At Kansas City, Mo.
N.C. State (29-6) vs. Mississippi State (31-1), 6 or 8:30 p.m.
UCLA (26-7) vs. Texas (29-6), 6 or 8:30 p.m.
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 25
Semifinal winners, 5:30 p.m.
LEXINGTON REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 16
At Louisville, Ky.
Louisville 74, Boise State 42
Marquette 84, Baylor 65
At Knoxville, Tenn.
Oregon State 83, Western Kentucky 59
Tennessee 103, Liberty 59
At Waco
Michigan 73, Northern Colorado 61
Baylor 69, Quinnipiac 43
Saturday, March 17
At Stanford, Calif.
Florida Gulf Coast 84, Stanford 79
Stanford 82, Georgia 62
Second Round
Saturday, March 17
Louisville 74, Oregon State 62
Marquette 91, Baylor 85
At Knoxville, Tenn.
Oregon State 83, Western Kentucky 59
Tennessee 103, Liberty 59
At Waco
Michigan 73, Northern Colorado 61
Baylor 69, Quinnipiac 43
Saturday, March 17
At Stanford, Calif.
Florida Gulf Coast 84, Stanford 79
Stanford 82, Georgia 62
Second Round
Sunday, March 18
At Louisville, Ky.
Louisville 69, Marquette 58
At Knoxville, Tenn.
Oregon State 69, Tennessee 68
At Waco
Baylor 83, Michigan 59
Monday, March 19
At Stanford, Calif.
Stanford 83, Florida Gulf Coast 70
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 23
At Lexington, Ky.
Oregon State (28-7) vs. Baylor (29-4), 6 or 8:30 p.m.
Louisville (31-4) vs. Stanford (31-10), 6 or 8:30 p.m.
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 25
Semifinal winners, Noon
FINAL FOUR
At Columbus, Ohio
National Semifinals
Friday, March 30
Albany champion vs. Spokane champion, 6 or 8:30 p.m.
Kansas City champion vs. Lexington champion, 6 or 8:30 p.m.
National Championship
Sunday, April 1
Semifinal winners, 5 p.m.

Joint World Cup bidders: Trump hasn't sparked voter concerns

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

Organizers of the North American bid to host the 2026 World Cup insist FIFA members have not expressed concern about President Donald Trump's harsh words about foreigners or the U.S. Justice Department prosecuting corrupt soccer officials.

"Look, this is not geopolitics," new U.S. Soccer Federation President Carlos Cordeiro said Monday during a conference call. "We're talking about football and what fundamentally at the end of the day, what's the best interests of football and our footballing community, and we've had no backlash. We're very focused on the merits of our bid."

A joint bid by the United States, Mexico and Canada was submitted to FIFA on Friday along with a proposal by Morocco. The 207 other members of the international soccer governing body will vote on June 13 in Moscow.

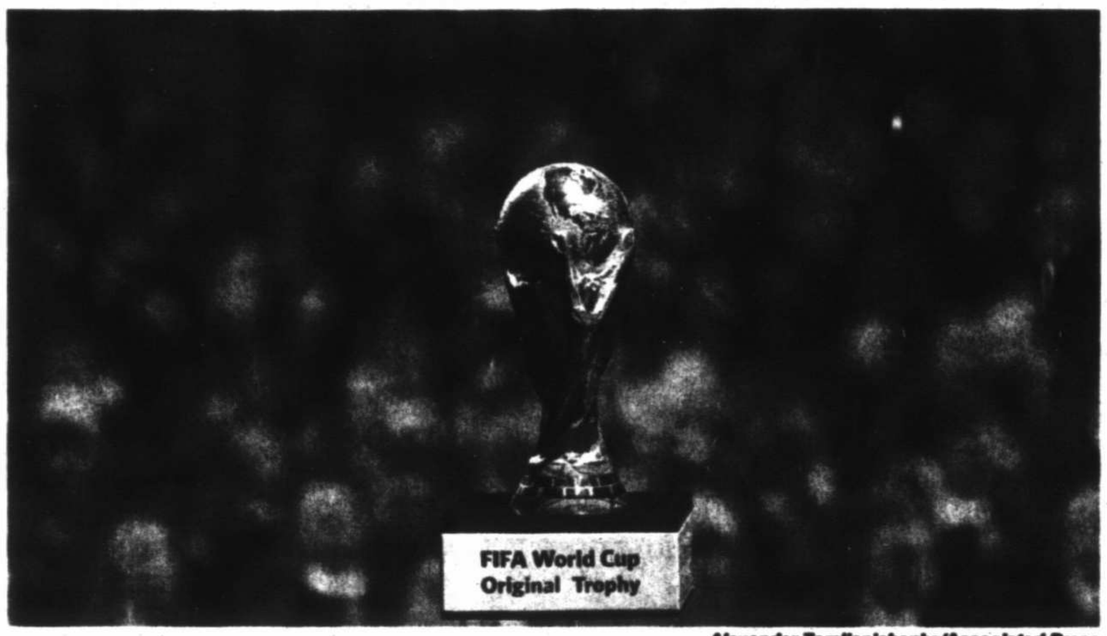
Cordeiro, Mexican Football Federation President Decio de Maria and Canadian Soccer Association President Steven Reed spoke from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where they were meeting with members of the Association of South East Asian Nations, a subset of the Asian Football Confederation.

A solo bid by the U.S. for the 2022 World Cup was favored going into the 2010 vote but lost to Qatar. FIFA then changed the vote rules to give the decision back to the entire membership, which chose hosts prior to 1986, when the choice started being made by the roughly two dozen members of its executive committee.

"We believe that the member associations are going to judge us on the quality of the bids, on the merits of our bid, and that's it," Reed said. "We're very confident about what we're putting forward, and I don't think that we're concerned about politics."

Sixty games would be played in the U.S. under the bid plan, including all from the quarterfinals on. Three cities were included from Mexico and Canada, and both of those nations would host 10 games.

Holding a tournament in the U.S. would subject many of the documents generated to subpoena by U.S. federal prosecutors, who have secured numerous guilty pleas to corruption charges from soccer officials since 2015 and obtained convictions at trial last year against Juan Angel Napout, the former president of South American soccer's governing body, and Jose Maria Marin, the former president of Brazil's soccer federation.



Alexander Zemlianichenko/Associated Press

The World Cup trophy is placed on display on Friday Dec. 1, 2017, during the 2018 soccer World Cup draw in the Kremlin in Moscow.

"We haven't had any of those concerns raised by any of the members that we've met so far," Cordeiro said. "The reforms that FIFA undertook some years ago I think were spot on and we feel very confident that ultimately the right decision will be made."

Morocco's bid envisions spending almost $16 billion, including $3 billion to construct nine new stadiums, refurbish five others and build or renovate 130 training grounds.

The North American bid proposed venues be selected from among 23 stadiums that exist or already are under construction, including three each in Mexico and Canada. Sixteen of the U.S. stadiums are sites of NFL teams.

"The split of matches that we have proposed to FIFA frankly reflects the resources of the three countries," Cordeiro said. "We in the United States are blessed with some very substantial resources in terms of stadium infrastructure, of cities and so on, and that reflects the 60 matches that we have on the table. But at the end of the day there is a reason why FIFA have asked for or have encouraged joint bids and we do think that our joint bids taken together provide for a vastly superior bid than our competition."

NFL ROUNDUP

TEXANS SIGN FREE AGENT SAFETY MATHIEU, CLAIM WR COATES

HOUSTON — The "Honey Badger" is headed to Houston.

The Houston Texans said Monday they had signed unrestricted free agent safety Tyrann Mathieu and claimed wide receiver Sammie Coates off waivers from Cleveland.

Mathieu was released last week by Arizona after five seasons when the two sides couldn't rework his contract. The 25-year-old safety was due for $18.75 million of his contract to be guaranteed when the league year officially began and Arizona saved nearly $5 million in cap space by cutting him.

He has 11 career interceptions, four sacks, 41 passes defensed and 303 total tackles in 86 NFL games during a career plagued by injuries. Only last season did Mathieu appear in all 16 games and he finished with two interceptions along with 74 tackles. He was an All-Pro in 2015, when he had five interceptions and 17 passes defensed.

Mathieu became a star in the Arizona secondary after being selected in the third round of the 2013 draft following a troubled college career at LSU. A finalist for the Heisman Trophy as a sophomore, he got into trouble with marijuana and eventually was kicked out of school. Mathieu spent an entire season out of football and slid to the third round before the Cardinals took a chance on him.

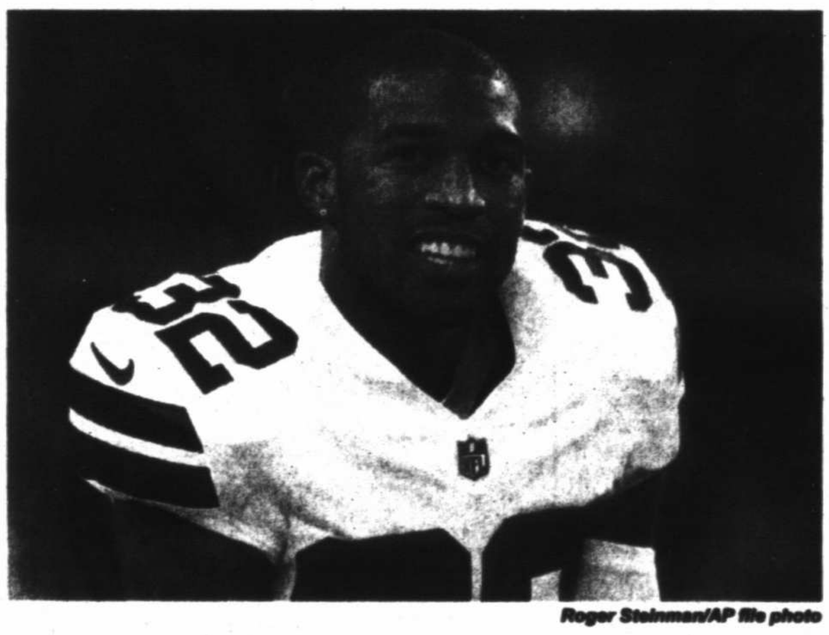
His rookie season ended prematurely when he tore the LCL and ACL in his left knee.

His big 2015 season was cut short when he tore the ACL in the other knee. His absence was sorely felt as the team that went 13-3 before being routed by Carolina in the NFC championship game.

Despite the injury, the Cardinals rewarded him with a five-year, $62.5 million contract, with $15.5 million guaranteed. Off the field, he was a model citizen and with his fierce style and natural charisma, was among the most popular players on the squad.

The 24-year-old Coates was a third-round pick by Pittsburgh out of Auburn in 2015.. He spent two seasons with the Steelers before joining the Browns last year. He has 28 career receptions for 516 yards and two touchdowns in 32 regular-season games played, including six starts.

Associated Press



Roger Steinman/AP file photo

Dallas Cowboys cornerback Orlando Scandrick (32) stands on the sideline during a preseason NFL game against the Oakland Raiders on Aug. 27, 2017 in Arlington. A person with direct knowledge of the move says the Washington Redskins have signed Scandrick to a two-year deal worth up to $10 million.

ANOTHER ONE OUT THE DOOR: CB ORLANDO SCANDRICK SIGNS WITH RIVAL REDSKINS

Cornerback Orlando Scandrick didn't take long in finding a new home after requesting and being granted his release from the Dallas Cowboys.

Scandrick took the familiar route and joined the rival Washington Redskins on a two-year deal worth up to $10 million, according to sources.

Scandrick asked for released from the Cowboys last week and it was finally granted on Saturday.

He was in Washington on Sunday and signed Monday.

Scandrick, a 10-year veteran, will serve as the nickel back in Washington while also getting a chance to compete to start opposite Josh Norman.

The Cowboys had some interest in keeping Scandrick as an insurance policy but it was clear they were committed to a youth movement at cornerback with 2017 rookies Chidobe Awuzie, Jourdan Lewis and Xavier Woods. They also planned to move safety Byron Jones to cornerback.

Scandrick also wanted a fresh start.

Coach Jason Garrett, owner Jerry Jones and vice president Stephen Jones all contacted him to personally thank him for his time in Dallas and bless his departure with no hard feelings.

Scandrick, a former fifth-round pick in 2008, had nine strong years with the Cowboys. He outperformed cornerback Mike Jenkins, a first-round pick that same year, and become of the league's best slot cornerbacks. He eventually became the team's best cover corner, surpassing 2012 first-round pick Morris Claiborne and big-money free agent signee Brandon Carr.

Injuries took his toll the past three seasons. He missed 2015 with a torn anterior cruciate ligament and missed games in 2017 with fractured bones in his back.

Scandrick joins Anthony Hitchens (Kansas City Chiefs), fullback Keith Smith (Oakland Raiders) and linebacker Kyle Wilber (Oakland Raiders) to leave the Cowboys since the start of free agency last week.

By Clarence E. Hill Jr.
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Pereira's organization helping vets become game officials

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

Hector Tarango was lost, finding little purpose in life.

After a medical discharge from the Army following a series of ailments, including a ruptured Achilles tendon, he had developed post-traumatic stress disorder. His personal life was a mess.

"My deployment money was gone, my son was gone and my wife remarried. It was ugly after my three deployments," he says. "I gave up."

Then three people and one vocation turned around Tarango's existence.

His son, Joseph, reentered his life. His friend Henry Rodriguez, whom Tarango calls "my brother," alerted him to Battlefields to Ballfields, an organization that gets veterans involved in officiating.

And Mike Pereira, the former NFL head of officiating and current Fox football analyst who founded Battlefields to Ballfields a year ago, took Tarango under his wing.

Now, the 37-year-old Tarango not only is a football official, he's branched out into basketball.

"I played sports and football, but I didn't know the rules," Tarango says. "A lot of people watch football and think they know the rules, but they don't.

"Henry told me Mike Pereira ran it and I had no idea who Mike was. I wasn't interested in it (originally), but I did some research and said, 'Yeah, I'll do it.' I had never blown a whistle before."

Like more than 100 other former military members, Tarango regularly blows whistles now, working youth and high school games in California. Pereira launched his organization last year hoping to reach the century mark at some point in its buildup. He's gone well past that number, and many of the vets have stories similar to Tarango's.

Battlefields to Ballfields funds the veterans through scholarships as they get involved in officiating. Pereira works with officiating groups across the country to get the veterans onto the fields and courts once they have learned their craft.

"One of the hurdles when you start to officiate is the cost of starting: dues and registration fees and uniforms," he says. "It's expensive, especially based on what you make per game."

It's also rewarding, not only for the former military members but for the officiating realm.

"They've got the characteristics you need to officiate," Pereira says. "The courage is a huge part, not being intimidated by any players, coaches or spectators. The whole notion of teamwork; they had to be part of a team before, and as officials you are part of a team as well.

"The confidence, of course, to be able to do a job and do it well. And the stick-to-itiveness.

"It's amazing to watch them learn, they learn so quickly because they have had to follow orders. It's hard — we all know officiating is hard — and it will take them a while. But they have all it takes to be successful and now all they need is repetitions.

"My goal is to get them to stay with it."

That goal apparently has been reached with Tarango. He did Pop Warner football games on weekends and junior varsity contests on Thursdays, averaging perhaps four games a week. He's doing the same with basketball, and doesn't sound averse to trying other sports.

"I get to put a uniform on and I like wearing a uniform," he says with a chuckle. "It gets me out of the house. It is fulfilling.

"At first it was real hard. There's that brotherhood, though. I'm not saying it works for everybody, but it works for me. Reffing makes me part of the game and a part of something."

That's the idea. Pereira's group has officials working a variety of sports, including wrestling, track and field, lacrosse, soccer, even one ice hockey official. Of the first 100 recruits to B2B, eight already were doing a second sport within a year.

Battlefields to Ballfields is looking for mentors among veterans who already have experience in officiating, and Pereira believes many of his recent signees have the ability to teach.

"These guys and women make a good little extra income and they're getting out and working with kids," Pereira says. "We all talk about how we want to serve again in some way, and they feel like a part of the community.

"It's the most fulfilling thing I have ever done."

McIlroy

From 1C

to feel overlooked. All it took was one victory for the conversation to include his bid for a green jacket to complete the career Grand Slam.

"It's huge for my confidence going into the next few weeks," McIlroy said. "I kept saying I didn't need a win going into Augusta to feel like I had a chance. I just wanted to see signs of good golf. And thankfully, I've been able to get both."

Just don't get the idea his confidence was lagging.

McIlroy always says that when he's playing well, it's hard to remember ever playing poorly. And when he's playing poorly, it's hard to remember what it was like to play well. But he has a history of going through spurts of mediocrity, and coming out of it strong without notice. Most memorable was in 2012 when he missed the cut four times in five tournaments. Two months later, he won the PGA Championship and consecutive FedEx Cup playoff events.

Three times in his career, McIlroy has won in his next start after missing the cut. Five other times, he won after finishing out of the top 30.

That's why he wasn't the least bit concerned after missing the cut at the Valspar Championship.

"It's such a fine line out here, and I might have sounded crazy the last few weeks when I was telling everyone it actually feels pretty close and I'm not that far away, and I'm putting up 72s and 73s," he said. "And all of a sudden, it all clicks into place and I end up winning a golf tournament by three shots and shooting 8 under on the last day. So it's fine lines out here. I think you have to play the game to really appreciate that. It's not as black and white as some people make it out to be."

He could think of only one time he was genuinely worried about his game.

McIlroy was 19 and in his first full year as a pro in 2008. He had only two top 10s all year on the European Tour. He wasn't eligible for any of the majors. He had missed three straight cuts in Sweden, Holland and Scotland. He was concerned he might lose his card. And then he lost in a playoff in Switzerland, lost in another playoff in Hong Kong and won his first pro event early in the next year.

"And I was off and running," he said.

McIlroy reached No. 50 with that playoff loss in Hong Kong, and he hasn't fallen out since then. He's had a few dips, sure, "but it's not as if I've had to panic."

Palmer and McIlroy share one other connection, at least for now. They are one leg short of the Grand Slam. Palmer never won the PGA Championship. McIlroy needs the Masters. When they had dinner at Bay Hill in 2015 — right before McIlroy's first crack at the fourth leg of the slam — the topic never came up.

"It's amazing to think, all that Arnold did in the game, he never won that Grand Slam," McIlroy said.

McIlroy at the Masters, Phil Mickelson at the U.S. Open and Jordan Spieth at the PGA Championship each have a chance at the career slam this year.

"I'm glad to be part of that conversation, get the first shot at it in a few weeks," McIlroy said. "So we'll see how we go."

His game is never far away, even if it doesn't look like it at times.

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Level: 1 2 3 4

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

			7	9		1		
	7				8	9	4	
1	9			6			3	
5					7			9
7			4					6
	3			4			1	2
	4	1	6				5	
		7		8				

SOLUTION TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE

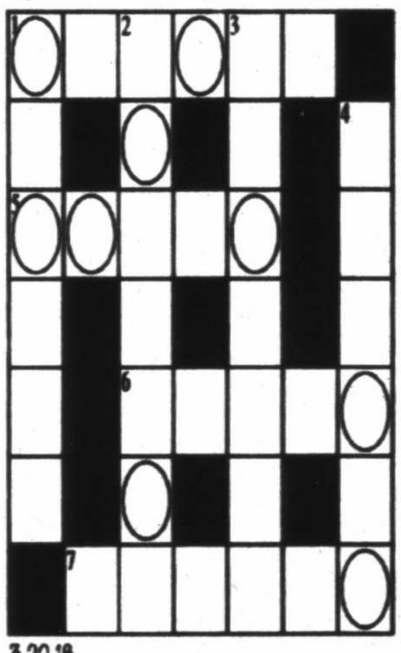
2	1	7	6	9	5	8	4	3
6	8	9	4	2	3	5	7	1
3	5	4	8	1	7	6	2	9
4	2	6	7	8	1	9	3	5
8	3	1	2	5	9	7	6	4
7	9	5	3	6	4	1	8	2
1	4	2	9	7	6	3	5	8
5	6	8	1	3	2	4	9	7
9	7	3	5	4	8	2	1	6

3/20/18

© 2018 The Mepham Group. Distributed by Tribune Content Agency. All rights reserved.

JUMBLE® CROSSWORDS™

by David L. Hoyt



ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Bowling ___	PYORTH
5. Ladies	MONEW
6. Rush, outpouring	RUSEG
7. Declare, maintain	TRASES

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. In the direction of	WADTRO
2. Absorption	MOSISSO
3. Special recipient	NOHOEER
4. Although	BATILE

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

3-20-18

CLUE: Buzz Aldrin graduated from ___ ___ in 1951.

BONUS ◯◯◯◯ ◯◯◯◯◯

©2018 Tribune Content Agency, LLC & Hoyt Designs. All Rights Reserved.

ANSWERS: 1A-Trophy 5A-Women 6A-Surge 7A-Assert 1D-Tweet 2D-Osmosis 3D-Heavier 4D-Albee 5D-Nose flute

Send comments to TCA - 435 N. Michigan Ave., Third Floor, Chicago, IL 60611 or DLHoyt@aol.com.

JUMBLE

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

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

KAARP ◯◯◯◯◯

KLFEU ◯◯◯◯◯

CLORSL ◯◯◯◯◯◯

TAPDUE ◯◯◯◯◯◯

©2018 Tribune Content Agency, LLC All Rights Reserved.

Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app



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

◯◯◯◯◯ ◯ ◯◯◯◯

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: TEMPO GLORY VISION PARDON
Answer: The high jumper was successful in practice, but his coach worried he was — OVERDOING IT

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Affectionate sideline greeting
6 "I understand now!"
9 Mud bath coverings
14 Gal pal, in Genoa
15 Searchlight used by Gotham police
17 One changing pitches
18 "Are you declining?"
19 "Tell me!"
21 Response to a tasty treat
22 Understand
23 "Va-va-__!"
24 Long Island town
26 Dog-fired
28 605, to Seneca
30 Stop, to swabs
33 Circle segment
34 "Humble" home
36 "Why would __?"
37 Dealer's query
39 Class with smocks
40 Punctuation in many lists
42 Sign of disuse
43 Like yoga teachers
45 Many a craft beer, for short
46 Online box filler
48 Cough up the cash
49 Enterprise rival
50 KitchenAid appliances
52 __ colada: rum drink
54 Old vitamin bottle no.
57 Shiba __: Japanese dog
58 Scored well under par, in golf lingo
61 Bart Simpson's "Holy cow!"
64 "Love Me Like You Do" singer Goulding
65 Apple Store support station
66 Preps, as potatoes
67 Icon tappers
68 Bashful
69 Risky rendezvous

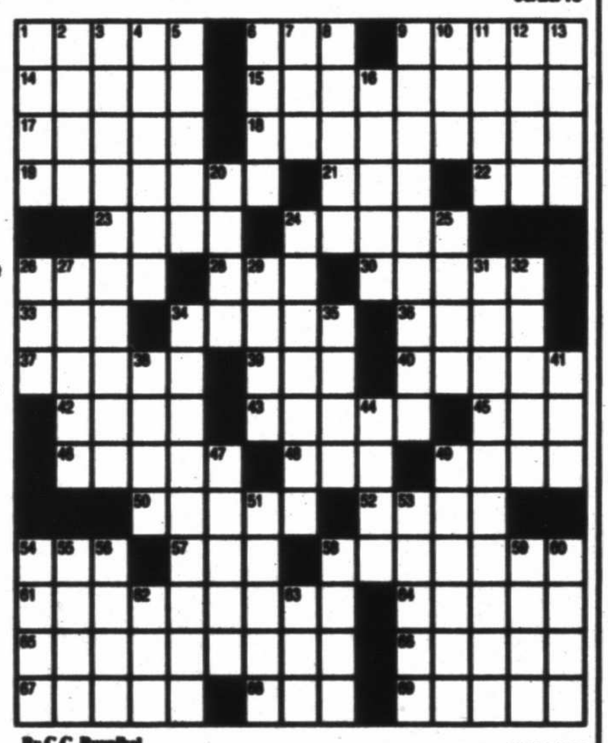
DOWN

1 Fashionable Kentucky Derby array
2 "My turn to bat"
3 Handheld cleaner
4 Spotted wildcat
5 Thomas of "That Girl"
6 Somewhat
7 Polishes off
8 Legal dept. staffers
9 2006 cop drama set in Florida
10 Star's rep.
11 Hose mishap
12 Welles' "Citizen"
13 Schedule opening
16 Six-time Super Bowl coach Don
20 Website with film profiles
24 Hosp. fluid-administration methods hidden in 3-, 9-, 31- and 34-Down
25 __ Alto, Calif.
26 Tampa __ Buccaneers
27 Slowly wear away
29 West Virginia natural resource
31 Reagan Library site
32 Allegro, largo, lento, etc.
34 Like much Norton software
35 Bluesy James
38 Japanese golf great Aoki
41 Remote batteries
44 Promote aggressively
47 Dunham and Olin
49 Buck horn
51 Anesthetizes
53 Bumbling
54 Sauce brand with an accent on its last letter
55 Salon colorings
56 OXY 10 target
58 Suspicious (of)
59 Art store buys
60 Wild or Old area
62 Balloon filler
63 Scrooge's scoff

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

C	R	A	W		D	E	M	S		A	D	H	O	C
L	A	S	E		A	L	O	E		C	R	E	D	O
A	I	N	T		W	H	O	A		E	T	A	I	L
S	T	A	R	T	D	I	N	N	E	R		V	E	T
S	T	P	A	U	L			C	A	B	B	Y		
			G	R	E	A	S	E	R		I	R	M	A
A	A	H		T	R	O	N		S	P	L	A	Y	S
P	R	O	W	L		L	A	G		E	L	I	O	T
A	L	T	H	E	A		F	A	M	E		N	B	A
L	O	C	O		R	H	U	B	A	R	B			
		O	M	E	G	A			D	E	R	I	V	E
E	L	F		D	O	U	B	L	E	D	A	T	E	S
M	U	F	T	I		N	O	A	H		C	A	R	S
T	R	E	A	T		T	U	N	A		E	L	S	E
S	E	E	P	S		S	T	A	Y		D	Y	A	N

03/20/18



By C.C. Burnikel
©2018 Tribune Content Agency, LLC

03/20/18

WUZZLES®

WORD PUZZLES BY WOOD / TOM

Each Wuzzle is a word riddle which creates a disguised word, phrase, name, place, saying, etc. For example, NOON GOOD = GOOD AFTERNOON

3 WUZZLES BOOKLETS

"The Best of Wuzzles" ($4.00), "More of the Best of Wuzzles" ($4.50), and "Wuzzles for Kids" ($4.25) are available, postpaid, from Wuzzles, Box 1141, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406

1.

EPCOT

2.

His Tg Field

Print Your Answers Here:

1. _____ _____
2. _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

Today's Answers:

1. Epcot Center
2. Outstanding in his field

3-20

Created by Tom Underwood
www.wuzzleking.com

© North America Syndicate, 2018

WUZZLES® ANSWERS

1. Epcot Center
2. Outstanding in his field

3-20

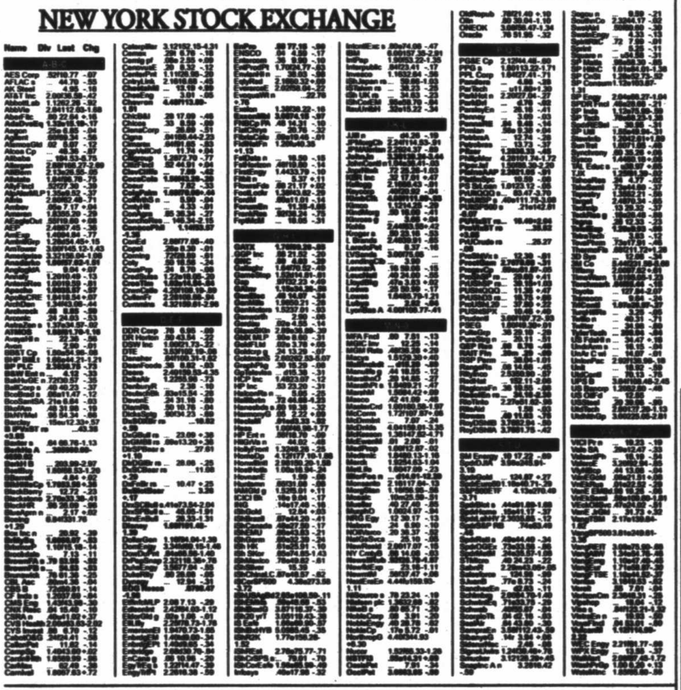
There's a little bit of everything in

Education

Look for it in Tuesday's edition of the Reporter-Telegram

THE MARKET IN REVIEW

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE



NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET



MUTUAL FUNDS



AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE



A DAY ON WALL STREET



AP

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SPDR S&P 500 ETF	1904247	270.49	-3.71
iShares	653037	48.60	-.53
GenDigital	638578	14.07	-.24
PIMCO Total Return	588532	10.40	+2.04
Invesco QQQ Trust	579091	43.35	+3.85

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Xerox	6.54	+1.07	+19.6
ParTech	11.60	+1.30	+12.4
ChesterHill	13.10	+.99	+8.1
SagaSite	2.15	+.13	+6.4
GenPart	10.63	+.62	+6.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MiniPlan n	14.01	-12.30	-46.5
DeskMkt	10.40	-3.20	-14.8
HostAll	3.33	-.52	-13.5
RandomIn	3.69	-.45	-10.9
RAIT pfC	10.28	-1.22	-10.6

Diary

Advanced	631
Declined	2,284
Unchanged	80
Total Issues	2,995
New Highs	39
New Lows	139
Volume	3,285,140,672

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
MondelēzIntl	250200	2.20	+.76
NovaGold g	59800	2.40	+.19
Bigsby g	59648	2.75	-.16
NovaGld g	59479	4.39	+.31
GlobalSt Id	39880	33.37	-.55

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MondelēzIntl g	2.20	+.76	+52.8
NthnGld g	2.39	+.21	+10.0
NovaGld g	4.39	+.31	+7.6
AdvMtc	40.97	+2.81	+7.4
Zedge n	3.70	+.20	+5.7

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Alo Gld n	2.10	-.35	-10.7
InfoInSt	2.62	-.34	-8.4
Cohen n	10.22	-.78	-7.1
CRH Med	2.85	-.15	-5.0
Mysen n	3.72	-.22	-5.6

Diary

Advanced	97
Declined	219
Unchanged	28
Total Issues	344
New Highs	3
New Lows	19
Volume	168,255,673

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Facebook	571000	172.56	-12.53
Micron T	708431	60.14	-.44
PrcShs QQQ	699181	167.10	-3.92
CSVInSh n	76904	8.69	+1.21
Comcst n	329915	35.39	-.53

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
QuoteCp	4.34	+.97	+28.8
OptiumPrn	28.34	+5.60	+27.0
HemiBrn h	27.30	+5.60	+27.0
InnoBio n	19.40	+3.59	+22.5
CSVInSh n	8.69	+1.21	+17.6

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CibusPrn	6.60	-1.90	-34.1
PrcShs n	2.16	-.49	-18.4
Zevex n	27.90	-5.10	-15.5
RXI Phm n	4.91	-.79	-14.5
MpsInn n	2.21	-.33	-13.0

Diary

Advanced	709
Declined	2,976
Unchanged	171
Total Issues	3,856
New Highs	65
New Lows	65
Volume	2,309,814,725

INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net % Chg	YTD % Chg	52-week % Chg
26,616.71	20,370.55	Dow Jones Industrials	24,810.91	-355.60	-1.35	-.44	+17.72
11,422.92	8,744.38	Dow Jones Transportation	10,048.57	-37.25	-.36	+.32	+16.99
779.69	647.91	Dow Jones Utilities	686.31	-5.51	-.80	-5.12	-.78
13,637.62	11,324.59	NYSE Composite	12,691.48	-132.59	-1.04	-1.23	+9.47
7,697.27	5,706.54	Nasdaq Composite	7,344.24	-137.74	-1.84	+6.39	+24.45
2,872.87	2,322.51	S&P 500	2,712.92	-39.89	-1.42	+1.47	+14.39
2,091.48	1,573.39	S&P Midcap	1,917.57	-18.88	-.97	+.89	+11.35
29,760.60	24,131.40	Wilshire 5000	28,066.29	-448.29	-1.57	+1.69	+14.39
1,616.52	1,336.60	Russell 2000	1,570.58	-16.40	-.98	+2.28	+13.47

PERMIAN BASIN STOCKS

New stocks of local interest listed

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel		14	4.95	-.10	-12.5
AT&T Inc	2.00f	14	35.59	-.42	-1.17
Abaxis		63	2.87	-.07	-15.0
AdaDrilg	1.32p		15.19	-.17	+1.1
AIG			11.43	-.04	+11.2
AlaskaAir			62	-.11	+911.2
Alibaba		85	184.53	-4.75	+12.8
AlphaNRLP	1.35p		9.52	-.37	-11.8
Amber	.65e	7	7.17	-.04	+11.8
Amazon	1.80f	69	1452.89	-4.69	+8.8
Ameresco	1.56f	69	57.92	-1.51	+8.5
Apache	1.80	23	39.57	-.97	+8.8
Apple Inc	2.52	21	170.39	-2.72	+3.4
Applied Mat	.72	19	50.59	-.94	+14.4
Archrock	.48	22	8.85	-.59	+5.7
ARRIS	1.60f	15	28.39	-1.16	-4.9
Astrotech	2.52	21	114.49	-2.66	-2.3
BP PLC	2.38	21	39.73	-.73	-7.4
BlackRc	.48	21	31.58	-.19	+5.3
B PrvMST n			43.35	+3.85	+55.3
BunkrCp n	1.20		14.55	-.40	-2.7
BunkrG	.12	21	14.25	-.98	-5.5
BunkrSt			.45		
BunkrsA			2000000.00	-4000.00	-0.5
BuyerSrc			.22	-.02	+100.0
BWAirp	1.70		59.52	-1.68	-0.8
BWAirp	1.60		58.62	-1.58	-2.5
BWAirp s	.70		58.62	-1.58	-2.5
CVS Hlth	2.00	11	69.83	-2.00	-12.2
CaesarsEnt			12.39	-.65	-5.6
CalDiveInt		20	11.62	-.14	-5.4
CalAmp	3.12	27	19.62	-.31	-2.4
Calavdg g		9	11.39	-.60	+7.7
CdnNtRs	2.16	7	36.59	-.66	
CapstnTr		6	2.61	-.08	-24.6
Carbonite	4.04f	91	19.64	-.46	-0.8
Chevron	4.00	12	6.59	-.08	-2.6
Chico's	.64	20	21.35	-.55	-24.0
Cisco	1.52f	23	44.37	-.74	+16.6
Citigroup	1.28	13	70.27	-.77	-2.5
ClinDiag		6	7.89	-.62	-1.7
CloudMe	1.68f	65	43.58	-.39	-5.7
CocaCola	1.60f	20	45.89	-.46	-7.1
Comcast	.68	20	37.29	-.68	-11.5
ConocoPh	.20	20	58.54	-.87	-5.6
Corning	1.04f	40	28.62	-.58	-6.7
CrownCstl	4.00	41	97.87	-1.21	-5.7
CubicEn			6.69	-.21	-46.0
CypSemi	1.00e	65	17.29	-.51	-4.4
DCP Mid	.61	20	37.29	-.68	-10.8
DPL Inc	1.00	20	58.54	-.87	-5.6
DanaInc	.20	20	28.62	-.58	-6.7
DeanFds			17.29	-.51	-4.4
Deere	3.40f	20	58.54	-.87	-5.6
DenburyR			3.61	-.09	-11.5
DeVry Ed	1.00f	20	37.29	-.68	-10.8
DiamondBk	1.00	20	58.54	-.87	-5.6
DigitalGlb			1.87	-.04	-17.6
DirxionDly			17.29	-.51	-4.4
DirxDlyFn			58.54	-.87	-5.6
DirxDlyEn			37.29	-.68	-10.8
DirxDlyHC			58.54	-.87	-5.6
DirxDlyIn			17.29	-.51	-4.4
DirxDlyRE			58.54	-.87	-5.6
DirxDlyTc			37.29	-.68	-10.8
DirxDlyTr			58.54	-.87	-5.6
DirxDlyUt			17.29	-.51	-4.4
DirxDlyEM			58.54	-.87	-5.6
DirxDlyEM			37.29	-.68	-10.8
DirxDlyEM			58.54	-.87	-5.6
DirxDlyEM

TODAY'S COMICS SPONSORED BY

HARTMAN ROOFING INC.
432-522-1117
QUALITY, INTEGRITY, EXPERIENCE
SATISFACTION GUARANTEED!!!

The wiseman built his house on a rock
Then he hired Hartman to roof it!!!
All Types of Roof and Roof repair • Free Estimates
Commercial • Residential
www.HartmanRoofing.com

HARTMAN ROOFING INC.
Mention this ad. and receive $300.00 off a full roofing job or $50.00 off any repair of $200.00 or more

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



FUNKY WINKERBEAN



LUANN



BLONDIE



MARY WORTH



BEETLE BAILEY



ZITS



CLASSIC PEANUTS



BABY BLUES



SHOE



MUTTS



GARFIELD



CLOSE TO HOME

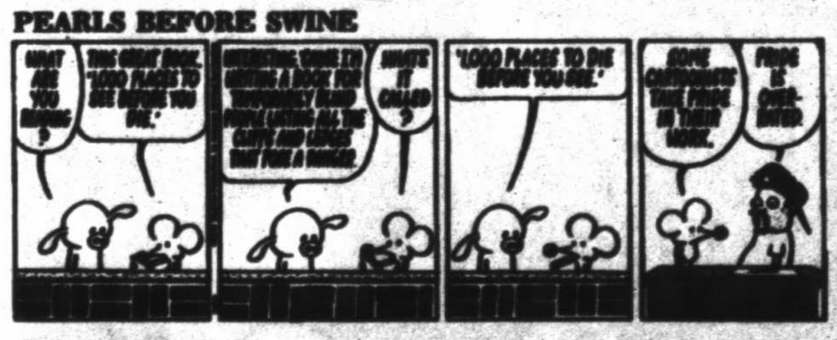


Stephen King buys his first car.

DENNIS THE MENACE



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE



WIZARD OF ID



LOCKHORNS



FAMILY CIRCUS

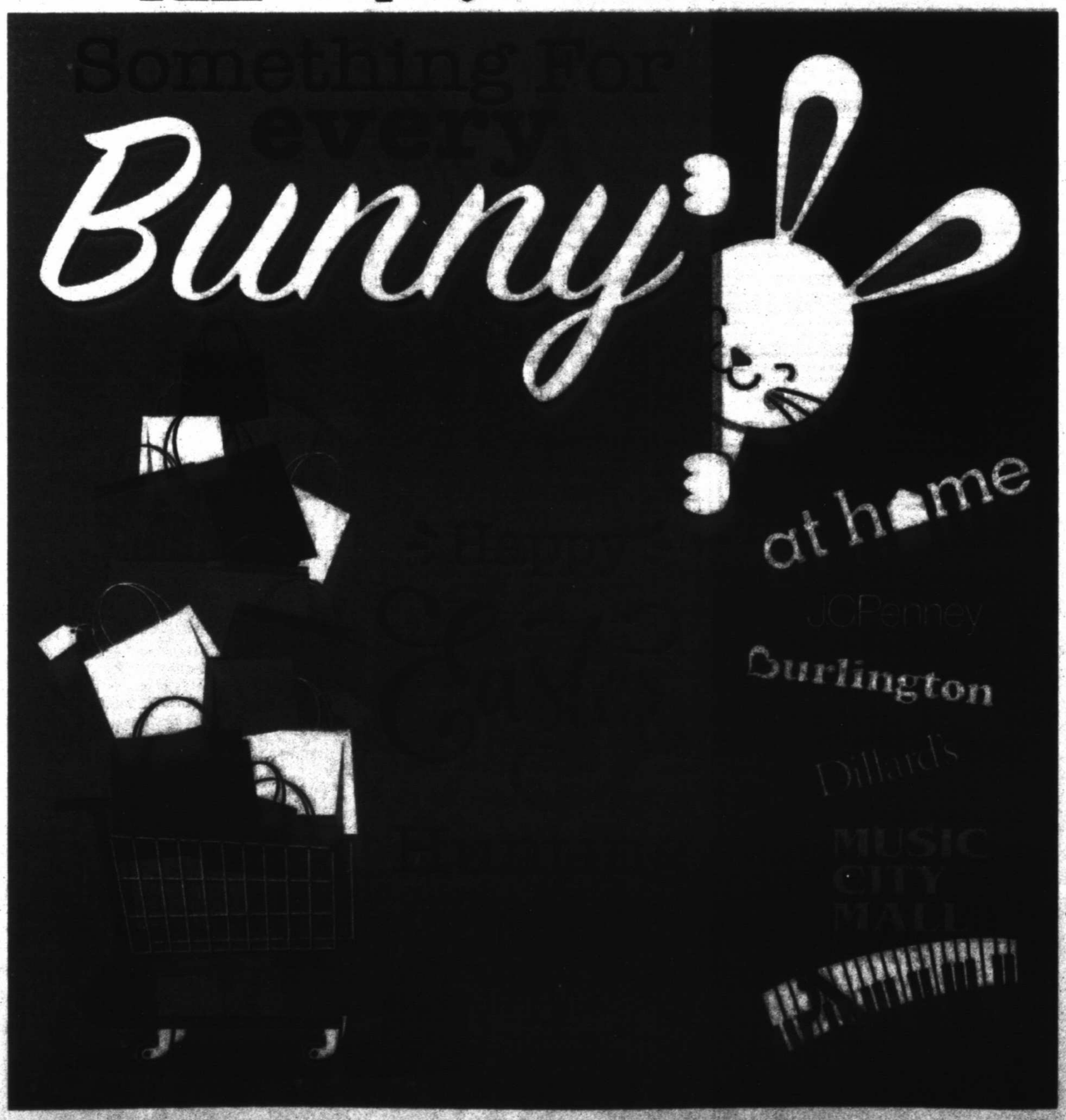


DILBERT





An ICA Company For employment opportunities: www.icajobs.net



mrt★com/jobs



Employment ads by:

432.682.6999

432.682.6222

mrtclassifieds@mrt.com

SALES JOBS



Multi-Media Sales Executive

The Midland Reporter-Telegram, part of Hearst Communications, is excited to announce that due to our continued growth in the Midland, TX market, we are seeking Multi-Media Sales Executives just like you to join our team! Our industry is changing into a digital world, and we are looking for experienced professionals who are eager to facilitate our innovative efforts.

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

Multi-Media Sales Executives maximize advertising sales potential, through the development of quality business relationships and promotion of new/existing advertising products. This position requires a heavy amount of prospecting and lead-development with local businesses. We pride ourselves on simplifying the marketing process for our customers, while helping advertisers track the impact of their campaigns and understand their advertising options. In short, we help our customers grow their business.

Responsibilities include:
- *Consistently meets/exceeds all print and digital revenue goals.*
- *Understanding the clients' advertising needs, and develop the ideal marketing solution for them*
- *Delivering customized sales presentations in person, or by phone/web-demos*
- *Generating new leads by making cold calls and maintaining an awareness of new businesses opening in the area*
- *Be the face of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and ensure a superior customer experience*

The Ideal Candidate:
- *You're self-motivated and results oriented*
- *You have an outgoing, resilient personality*
- *You enjoy the thrill of the hunt by bringing in new business*
- *You're confident and not willing to accept average*

Required Skills & Experience:
- *2+ years of sales experience with a proven record of successfully exceeding goals*
- *Passion to educate clients in their marketing options and close deals*
- *Exceptional communication and presentation skills*
- *Strong computer skills, Digital Sales experience a plus*
- *Bachelor's degree preferred*

What's in it for you?
- *Paid training*
- *Competitive Base Salary & Commissions*
- *Medical, Dental and Vision Coverage*
- *Flex spending accounts*
- *Short & Long-Term Disability Insurance*
- *401K with company match*
- *Paid time off & more!*

Email your resume to David.Robbins@hearstnp.com or mail to David Robbins, 201 E. Illinois Ave, Midland, TX 79701

SALES JOBS

Multi-Media Sales Executive

The Midland Reporter-Telegram, part of Hearst Communications, is excited to announce that due to our continued growth in the Midland, TX market, we are seeking Multi-Media Sales Executives just like you to join our team! Our industry is changing into a digital world, and we are looking for experienced professionals who are eager to facilitate our innovative efforts.

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

Multi-Media Sales Executives maximize advertising sales potential, through the development of quality business relationships and promotion of new/existing advertising products. This position requires a heavy amount of prospecting and lead-development with local businesses. We pride ourselves on simplifying the marketing process for our customers, while helping advertisers track the impact of their campaigns and understand their advertising options. In short, we help our customers grow their business.

Responsibilities include:
- Consistently meets/exceeds all print and digital revenue goals.
- Understanding the clients' advertising needs, and develop the ideal marketing solution for them
- Delivering customized sales presentations in person, or by phone/web-demos
- Generating new leads by making cold calls and maintaining an awareness of new businesses opening in the area
- Be the face of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and ensure a superior customer experience

The Ideal Candidate:
- You're self-motivated and results oriented
- You have an outgoing, resilient personality
- You enjoy the thrill of the hunt by bringing in new business
- You're confident and not willing to accept average

Required Skills & Experience:
- 2+ years of sales experience with a proven record of successfully exceeding goals
- Passion to educate clients in their marketing options and close deals
- Exceptional communication and presentation skills
- Strong computer skills, Digital Sales experience a plus
- Bachelor's degree preferred

What's in it for you?
- Paid training
- Competitive Base Salary & Commissions
- Medical, Dental and Vision Coverage
- Flex spending accounts
- Short & Long-Term Disability Insurance
- 401K with company match
- Paid time off & more!

Send resume to David Robbins at david.robbins@hearstnp.com
No Phone Calls Please.

EDUCATION TRAINING

Instructor-Transportation Trainer

Midland College is seeking a Instructor- Transportation Trainer
Job Summary: The Transportation Trainer will provide instruction and train students in the classroom as well as in driving. The students will be provided with training and experience to obtain a Commercial Driver License.

Required Qualifications:
- **High school diploma or equivalent**
- **Must possess a valid Texas Class "A" Commercial Driver License, good driving record, and be insurable on Midland College's insurance policy**
- **Three years' experience driving "over the road" (OTR) or local**
- **Experience in pre-trip/post trip inspections, coupling and uncoupling of equipment**
- **Computer literacy**
- **Knowledge of rules and regulations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**
- **Knowledge of Double Clutching techniques and how to teach it as required by TXDPS**
- **Knowledge of air brake testing procedures and be able to instruct and execute**
- **Knowledge of Hours of Service Regulations and be able to log and teach log book entries as well as log book recap**
- **Ability to manage multiple tasks while providing close attention to detail**
- **Ability to work in cooperation with others and work a flexible schedule based on training needs**
- **Maintain a high level of record keeping, utilize creativity, and meet frequent deadlines**
- **Establish goals and maintain a high level of decision making**
- **Adaptable to a constantly changing environment**
- **Ability to move or lift/move up to 75 pounds, capable of climbing stairs, balancing, stooping, and repetitive twisting**
- **Must successfully pass a DOT physical and DOT drug test**

EOE

Steel Sucker Rod Applications Engineer

Endurance Lift Solutions is currently hiring for a Steel Sucker Rod Applications Engineer. An ideal candidate will have a degree in Engineering, 5 or more years, experience, and knowledge of artificial lift and subsurface engineering. Company offers medical, dental, vision and life benefits, and a safe harbor 401(k) plan. Please apply by sending your resume to lfinley@becedenistration.com.

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-8 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm-4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-8 nights per week. We will train the right person.
$11.00 per hour

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 8 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.



Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday - Friday 8-5 or email: jmeeks@hearstnp.com

NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

OUT OF CITY DELIVERY DRIVER/ MISCELLANEOUS DUTIES

- **Must have a clean, valid license & acceptable driving history**
- **Late night/Early morning hours**
- **Obey all traffic laws**
- **Strong commitment to safety is a must**
- **Professional communication with management, co-workers and customers**
- **Ability to lift, push or pull up to 50-lbs**
- **Must be able to reach, bend, lift as needed**
- **Must be able to work independently & in a team environment**
- **Ability to read, understand & follow oral and written instructions**
- **Perform other duties as delegated or assigned by Supervisor**
- **Required education: High School or equivalent**

This is a full time position that offers paid vacation and full package of benefits.

Please mail resumes to P-119 c/o Midland Reporter Telegram 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX. 79701

Restaurant Positions

Osaka Japanese Steakhouse **FT**
Would you like to make $15 to $20 an hour, depending on position? Now Hiring Hibachi Chefs, Waitresses, Hostesses, Cashiers, Bartenders, Bus Help, Dishwashers & Kitchen Help. Come apply in person: 11am-2pm at 1207 Tradewinds Blvd. 79705 or online at: www.my-osaka.com

Insurance Sales Professional

Regional Independent Insurance firm looking for sales professional to handle change and promote efficiencies. Must be able to set appointments, work independently, develop own leads, network and manage your own sales pipeline. Dependable, honest and career minded. Prefer someone with knowledge in sales with either P&C license. Please send resume to: jobs@insurance.com

Manager & Cashiers

Sheetz's Central Has Immediate Openings for MANAGER TRAINEE & CASHIERS
Full-time & Part-time position must have own transportation
Apply in person Mon-Fri 9-5
8350 E University, Ste 11, Odessa, Tx

SCIENCE RESEARCH

Environmental Scientist

Full service environmental consulting firm seeking an experienced environmental scientist to support operations in the Permian Basin out of Artesia, NM. Competitive salary, benefits, and bonus opportunities. Please apply at www.hrlcomp.com/careers EOE

Accounting Clerk

Accounting Clerk must have experience with Microsoft Office/ QuickBooks and a good understanding of Accounting. Pay based on experience. Benefits Pkg. Send resume to: Production Lift Cos. P. O. Box 9423, Midland, TX. 79708 or mwilhart@productionlift.com

Experienced Plumber/ Journeyman or Tradesman

All service work - residential and commercial. No new construction. Must have valid drivers license and acceptable driving history. This is a full time position that offers paid vacation and also includes health and dental insurance. Come Randy's Rooter & Plumbing, 309 W. Washington, Midland, Texas. Apply between 8am-4pm.

Plumber Apprentices

Plumber apprentices needed for new commercial projects. Must possess valid DL. Experience preferred. Good work environment with competitive pay and standard benefits. Call 432-697-5995

FALCON FLOWBACK SERVICES is looking to hire several local, hard working RIG-UP & SHOP HANDS as well as an EXPERIENCED FIELD OPERATIONS MANAGER for our operations based out of Midland,TX. To apply and learn more about this opportunity, please visit www.falconflowback.com

FALCON EFS FLOWBACK SERVICES

Delivery Driver

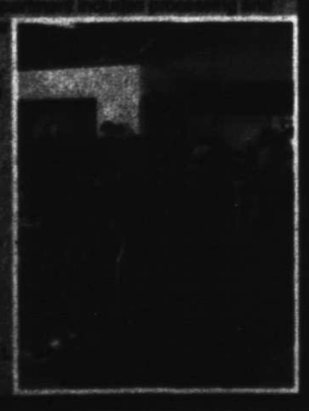
Wanted: DELIVERY DRIVER for local oilfield chemical service company. Good pay, good benefits. Requirements: • High School Diploma or GED • CDL • Must be willing to acquire or currently possess: Hazmat endorsement, Tanker endorsement. Call Tim (432) 260-4181

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be have later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person.
$11.00 per hour

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 8 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.



Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday - Friday 8-5 or email: jmeeks@hearstnp.com

NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

The Classifieds: Your Ticket to Local Finds



Midland Reporter-Telegram
CLASSIFIEDS
sellittexas.com • 432-682-6222

mrt classifieds

432.682.6999 432.682.6222 mrtclassifieds@mrt.com

Legal and Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

The Midland County Purchasing Agent, located in suite 1101 of the County Courthouse, 500 N. Loraine Midland, Texas, 79701 will offer surplus items and vehicles for sale by electronic auction through GovDeals beginning March 1, 2018. The auction site can be seen at www.govdeals.com. The conditions of the sale are "as is" at the time of sale. Items can be viewed by appointment only. Please contact Kristy Engeldahl via telephone 432-688-4872 or by email pur103@co.midland.tx.us. Closing date is March 30, 2018.

General Announcement

* Up to 90% off! Miss Cayce's Clean Sweep SALE! * Starts Tuesday March 20-Sat 24 10-4 1012 Andrews Hwy (behind Westlake, next to KC Nutty Roller) help us clean out before the New arrives! * Furniture, rugs, home decor, props, displays, antiques,beautiful Halloween, Fall, Christmas wreaths, Teardrops and garlands! gifts, lamps, chandeliers, ribbon, wreaths, centerpieces, Santa's, angels, and sooo much more! * Valentines 40% off!

Thank You! Jesus! Mark Berryhill.com Ministering for Christ Teach the Lord's Word 1-4

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE TO Physicians and Providers

Superior HealthPlan Inc., a licensed HMO in Texas, 5900 E. Ben White Blvd., Austin, TX 78741, provides CHIP, Medicaid and Commercial benefits to eligible members. Application can be made to participate any time.

Lost and Found

FEMALE CAT vicinity of Kiowa Dr. Turtle shell color. 520-5402

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

Classified CAN 682-6222

Recreation Vehicles

Houseboat-Stardust cruiser Super Nicel 55FT, Powered with two 350 Chevy engines, low hours, central h/a, upper deck & waterslide, Kohler generator, sleeps 6, Lake Amistad, DelRio,TX..$65,000 OBO. (432)-661-6095.

Classified CAN 682-6222

Autos For Sale-Lease

Pickup Trucks

FORD 2004 F 150, XLT 4 door crewcab, white with gold trim completely loaded, sliding bed cover, new tires, very clean, engine good, 4 WD, tow package. 190K miles. $7,995.00 575-937-7567 for appointment.

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

Merchandise

Miscellaneous 4 Sale





For Sale McElroy Fusion Machine Ready To Work For More Info Please Call 956-740-4197

Classified CAN 682-6222

Real Estate Rental-Sale

Residential Sales

Single Family Homes

FSBO 2805 Boeing, 3 bedroom 2 bath, 2 car garage, Old Midland. Owner financing. $225,000, 10% down plus closing cost. Call 432-631-4974.

Single Family Homes

HOME FOR SALE BY OWNER ON FAIRWAY OAKS 4bdr/3.5 bath Completely remodeled including new appliances. Home sits on the 15th green of Fairway Oaks Golf Course in Abilene, Texas Mansion on the Golf Course 214-797-0785 Email eesibley@yahoo.com Sharron Ann Sibley

Vacation Rental

LOT OR Building site Lake Leon (Eastland, TX.) on deep water out of flood plain, storage building & carport, lots of trees. Call 254-488-0299 for more information.

Lots and Land

Acreage

22.16 AC. COKE COUNTY. NEAR ROBERT LEE. WELL, ELECTRICITY. LEVEL, MESQUITE, CEDAR COVER. GREAT FOR RETIREMENT OR WEEKEND CABIN. WHITETAIL, QUAIL, DOVES & TURKEY. $3,933 DOWN, $651/MO. CALL/ VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO. 800-876-9720 ranchenterprisesltd.com

Lots and Land

Acreage

40 AC. N. OF COMSTOCK. NEAR LAKE AMISTAD. W. TX BRUSH COUNTRY. DEER, JAVELINA, TURKEY, QUAIL & DOVE. $2,000 DOWN, $331/MO. CALL/ VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO. 866-366-6109 ranchenterprisesltd.com

49.16 Acres WCR-113 Just South of I-20 off Midkiff $624,000 Gary Luna The Real Estate Co. (432)-352-1673

LAKE FRONT ACRES, Lake Brownwood gated community, 4.85 acres located on deep water can be divided into 5 lots of just less than 1 acres, or 2 lots of 1.8 acres, 1 lots of approximately .90 acres. Single lots $78,500. More than 1 lot price negotiable. 806-789-5209

Land For Sale On the north truck route Kermit,Tx Call (432-631-6522)

Commercial

COMMERCIAL YARD/ BUILD TO SUIT FOR LEASE 5 ACRES, FENCED 2 AC CALICHED. $2350/MONTH JUST EAST OF MIDLAND 432-664-7764

Commercial

Current Pre-School space available Vicky Garrett Real Estate One (432)-425-8889

INTERSTATE 20 yard for lease, west of Halliburton in Odessa 5 to 9 acres, fenced with caliche base & water well. $1,000 per acre. 432-559-5531.

MIDLAND INDUSTRIAL Whse, 2703 W Industrial, 1900-4500 s.f. Dock Highstorage units, 830-388-0216

Lots and Land

85 AC. ROCKSPRINGS. ELECTRICITY, LIVE OAK, CEDAR COVER. AXIS DEER, WHITETAIL, HOGS & TURKEY. $2,850/AC. FIXED RATE 30 YEAR OWNER FINANCING, 5% DOWN. CALL/ VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO. 800-876-9720 ranchenterprisesltd.com

1800 ACRES Rocksprings, TX Great topo, good cover. 3 water wells, elec. Whitetail, Axis, Blackbuck. Partial Minerals. Asking $1475/ac Mark Connally - Broker - 512-944-4435

READY-RANCH RR WWW.READY-RANCH.COM

- Kent County
*11,155 ac. S. of Snyder, 4 homes, pens/roping arena, 800 ft. elev., creek, blinds, Whitetail deer, mule deer and quail $750/ac
*4,212 ac. Masonic Creek, canyons, whitetail and mule deer and quail $600/ac
*1,771 ac. windmill, creek, blinds and feeders, great whitetail and mule deer, turkey, hogs, quail $650
- Baylor County
*646 ac. over 1 mile SOLD creek, blinds, feeders, elevation change, oaks $3,500/ac
*565 ac. Pecan Creek, New Living/Shop, 200 acres cleared for cattle, blinds/feeders, windmill $4,425/ac
- Howard County
*642 ac. canyons, blinds/feeders, great deer, cedar/mesquite, surface water, some cultivated cattle $750/ac
*160 ac. big canyon, SOLD oaks, cedar/mesquites, great deer, turkey, jav $800/ac
- Shackelford County
*135 ac. Sulphur Springs SOLD deer and whitetail, hogs, varmints, mobile elec $1,150/ac

(432) 664-7764 or (432) 934-7777 No Realtors - Buy Direct!!! Deal with Landowners that know the Country!!! ***Owner Financing Available***

Let Classifieds Work for You! Call 432-682-6222

CLASSIFIEDS

The Midland Reporter-Telegram



Who's Who For Service

You can advertise your business for as little as $47.00 monthly.

Call 682-6222 for details.

Svcs-Professionals

Accounting Financial

APPLIANCE REPAIR
REPAIR SERVICES and Parts for Refrigerators, Freezers, Stoves, Washers & Dryers.
Free Service Call with Repair. Free Removal.
Full Warranty, Very Affordable Prices.
M&M Appliances
1007 N Midkiff, Midland Call 432-570-8278

Concrete Construction

PATIO CLEANING
UPSCALE PATIO & CLEANING SERVICE
Professional Patio, Window & Gutter Cleaning. Crete Surface Restoration.
Will haul off old patio furniture.
Spring Clean Your Patio's Now.
Free estimate with an appointment.
Call Rick Sanders @ 432-296-0723
email: upscalepatiocleaning@gmail.com
web: www.upscalepatiocleaning.com

Lawn and Garden

LAWNGEVITY
30 Years experience.
All your lawn care needs.
I dont send a crew, I'm one of the crew!
We show up!!!!!!
432-661-9518

Miscellaneous Services

WATER TREATMENT
Culligan of West Texas
Residential & Commercial
FREE WATER ANALYSIS
563-2690

We buy homes in any area in any condition.
Call the Scott Williams Team of Realtors
432-689-7770.

Cleaning Services

Home Cleaning

Call the cleaners!! Dusting, Organizing,Sweeping, Mopping, Tile, Bathrooms, Windows, Make Ready!
One Time, Weekly, Bi-Weekly, & Monthly services available.
Deep Cleaning & Free Estimates!
Joey & Ashley Ball
(432)-296-2942

Home Cleaning

HOUSEKEEPING
18 years experience.
References available.
Elva @ 432-553-0928

Home Cleaning

PROFESSIONAL HOUSE CLEANER. Excellent references, trustworthy, & honest, hard worker. Reasonable rates. Call Nelle 432-559-0809.

Cleaning Services

Home Cleaning

WEST TEXAS CLEANING SERVICES
Experience 10 years, we are a trustful, honest, hardworking company offering reasonable rates. Weekly, bi-weekly, move-out and move-in, and deep cleaning services are available. Contact Cecilia Ortiz for your free estimate! (214)-608-5438 References are available.

Computer Services

Repair Replacement

A+ COMPUTER Tutor! Overcome Your Fear of Computers! ✓Your PLACE at Your PACE. ★Call Karen 432-553-2468 (leave msg).

Hauling

HAULING & Cleanouts Home, storage, or office. 432-889-1316

Fence Repair & Staining

ADVANCED BRICK DOCTOR, brick & mortar repair, All types of new construction specializing in block and brick fence. Steve Richey. 432-853-2859.

Concrete

For all your concrete needs, driveways, sidewalks, new slabs house or garage additions. Call Danny @ 432-894-0702

Fences

ABC CONSTRUCTION Wood, chain link, block, gates & repairs are my specialty. Native Midlander building since 1979. Call Lonnie 432-528-5262

Fence Repair & Staining

AMH FENCING
A rating on Angie's List. Residential fence, builder and repair. Reliable, professional, and quick response. Local for 12 years.
432-254-9207

Painting Wallpaper

FLAWLESS PAINT & handyman service. Specializing in painting, drywall, drywall repair and textures, epoxy floor finish, tile and popcorn acoustic removal. Workmanship satisfaction guarantee. Ask about name your own price program. 10% senior citizen & veterans discount. Call for your free estimate. 432-528-2865

Heat Air Conditioning

ELLIS & Sons Plumbing & Air Conditioning Sales & Service. Service all brands. 683-2679. TALCB005482.

Painting Wallpaper

CRC Interior and Exterior Painting Remodeling, fencing & fabrication. Clayton R. Cross. 432-770-8595. 1st ESTIMATE FREE.

PAINTING, SHEET rock, repairs, fans, electrical, plumbing, tile-floor & bath. Permian Maintenance 432-697-5417

PRECISE PAINTING FEMALE PAINTER: Interior/exterior, residential. Very professional, takes pride in her work, very dependable & affordable. FREE Estimates. 432-250-4643

Remodeling Repair

BATHROOM REMODELING. Residential & commercial. Call Gene 432-661-2566

PAINTING, SHEET rock, repairs, fans, electrical, plumbing, tile-floor & bath. Permian Maintenance 432-697-5417

Roofing

J&J ROOFING
All Types of Roofing & Repairs. Fence Repairs, Metal roofs.
25 years experience. Free Estimates Call Juan, 432-631-6861

Tree Service

AAAAA PROFESSIONAL tree pruning, tree & stump removal. Over 20 years experience. Senior discounts. 432-889-3318.

Lawn and Garden

AFFORDABLE TREE shrub pruning, removal, sprinkler repairs. Licensed & Insured. Call Williams Tree Lawn Sprinkler 561-8802, 638-8163.

Tree Service

Arbor Max Solutions
Professional Landscape & TreeCare. Call to Schedule nut reduct applic.
Taylor Maxwell Degreed Horticulturist
Certified Arborist
TX3608A
432-528-1737

Lawn and Garden

RETIRED MIDLAND fireman weekly or bi-weekly, mow, scalp, trim, and edge lawns Call (432)-697-2030

Lawn and Garden

DAVID'S TREE & LAWN SERVICE
Trimming trees & shrubs, leaf clean ups, mowing and more! Please call to make appointment
432-349-0894
www.facebook.com/davidstreelawnservice

LEYVA LAWN CARE
Trees & Lawns.
Professional & Efficient
432-250-9470
Free Estimates.

M & M Landscape
22 years experience.
Grass sodding, Xeriscaping, tree & shrub removal.
Native Midlander
432-230-3372.

Lawn and Garden

MURPHY'S LAWN CARE
Mowing, edging, trimming, Hedge/ shrub trimming, clean-ups.
Bill or Maryann.
(432)687-2131

Landscape Design

RAINBOW LANDSCAPING
We do it all! Mowing, edging, beds, flower pot, junk hauling. Free estimates, 20+ years experience, friendly service.
Call Bryan at 432-301-1788

Lawn and Garden

STRACENER IRRIGATION
Sprinkler Systems Repairs & Installations
License #4933
Call (432) 591-0525

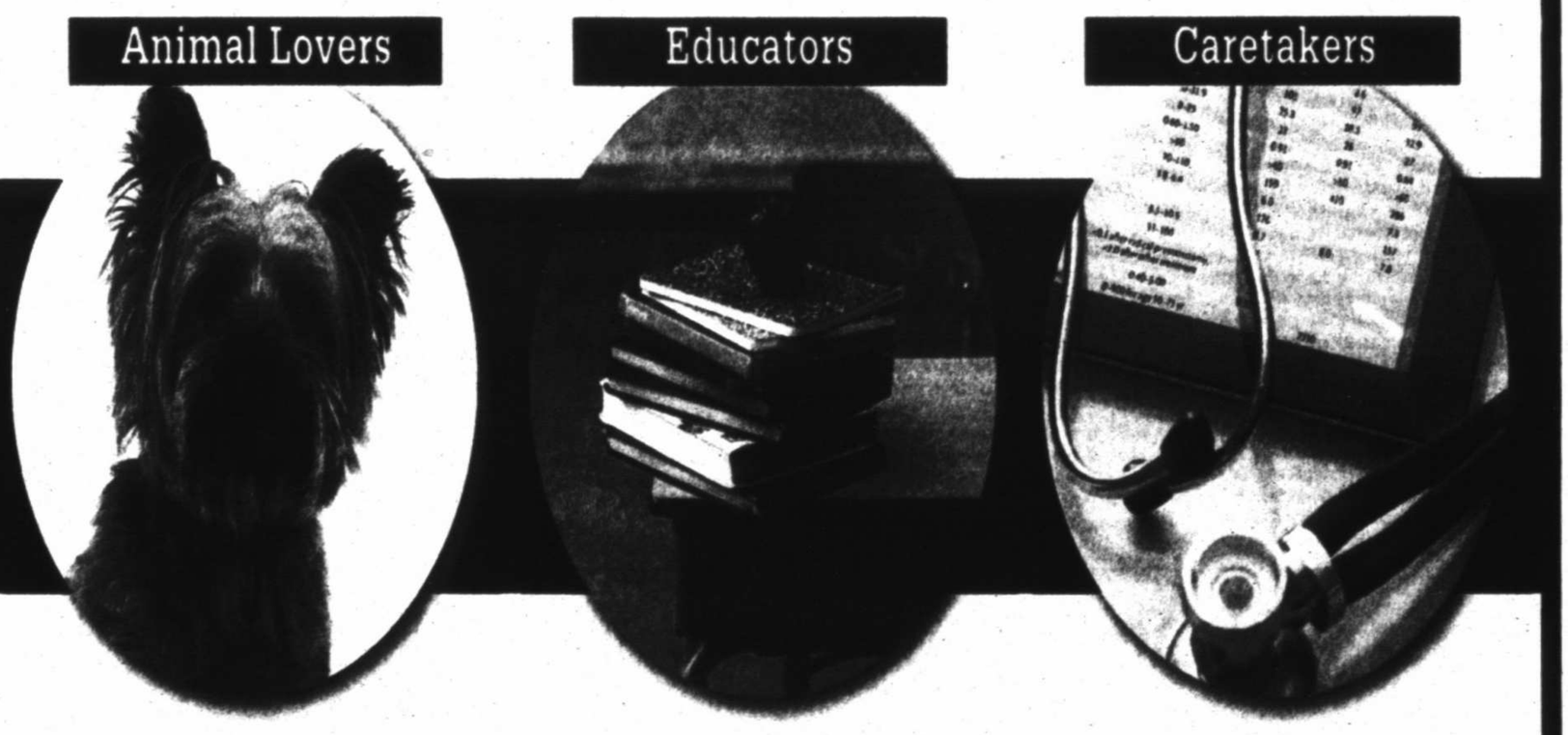
WILL TRIM, prune or uproot just about any tree, very reasonable prices. Call Norman 432-296-1424.

Irrigation

BLUE'S SPRINKLER SYSTEM
Installs and repairs. Backflow assembly tester. Lic. 8285
432-889-8983
432-704-2647

Answer Your Calling

Browse Dozens of **Rewarding Career Opportunities** for



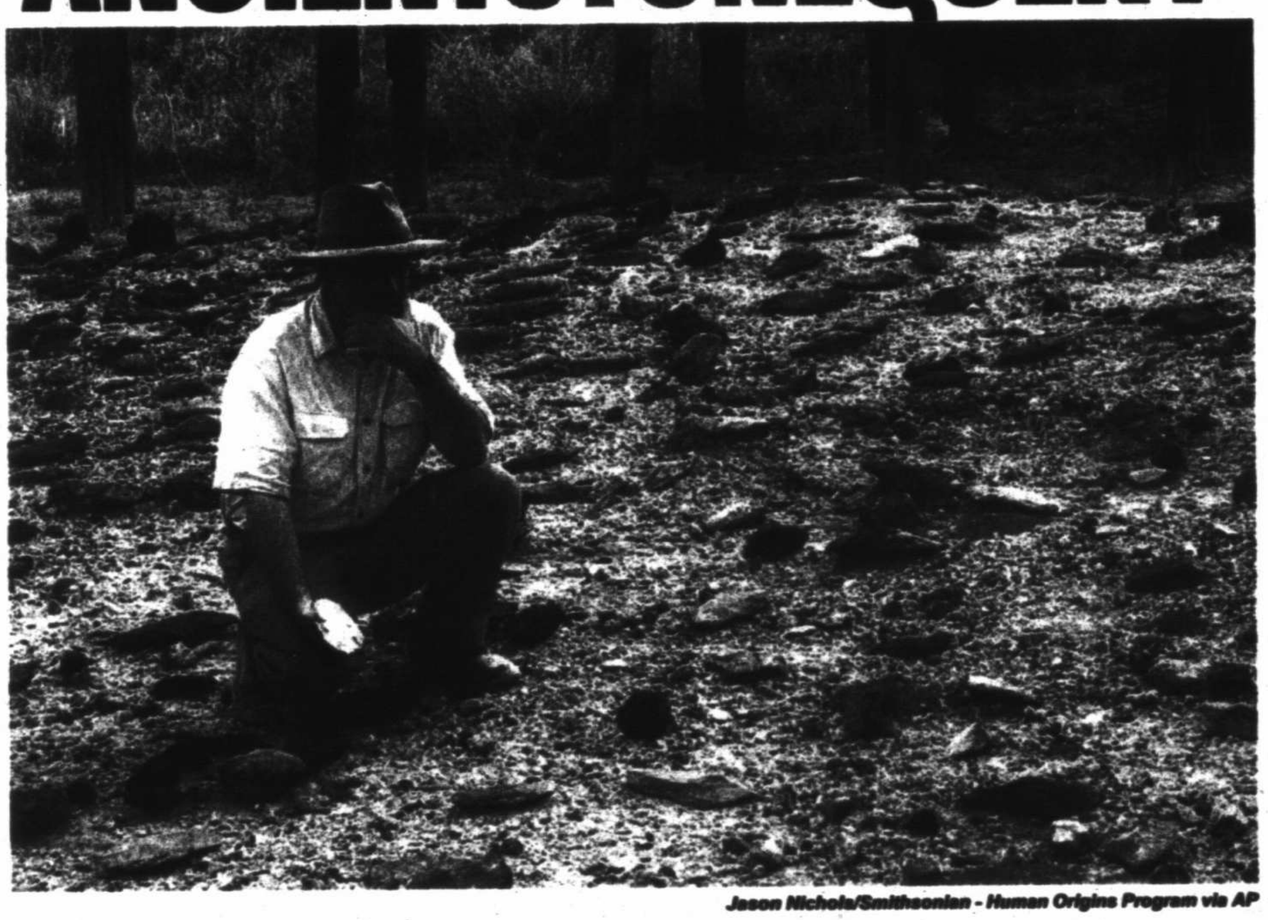
Online Today at mrt★com

Midland Reporter-Telegram **JOBS SECTION**

In Print & Online

432.682.6222

ANCIENTSTONEQUERY



Jason Nichols/Smithsonian - Human Origins Program via AP

Richard Potts is shown with artifacts in the Olorgesailie Basin in southern Kenya. Research by Potts and others released on Thursday says stone tools and other items from ancient sites in Kenya give a glimpse at the emergence of some key human behaviors, perhaps including a building of relationships with long-distance neighbors.

Tools give glimpse of early human behavior

By Malcom Ritter
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stone tools and other items from ancient sites in Kenya give a glimpse at the emergence of some key human behaviors, perhaps including a building of relationships with distant neighbors, new research says.

Scientists can't be sure whether the objects were made by our species, Homo sapiens, or some close relative that's now extinct. But at about 320,000 years old, they're roughly the same age or a bit older than the earliest known H. sapiens fossils, which appeared in Morocco.

In any case, they show "foundations of the origin of modern human behavior," says Richard Potts of the Smithsonian Institution, one of the researchers reporting the find in three papers released Thursday by the journal Science.

The tools are much smaller and more sophisticated than the older, teardrop-shaped stone tools found in the same area in southern Kenya. Some were made of a volcanic rock, obsidian, that didn't come from the area, meaning the toolmakers traveled miles to get it.

And those excursions must have led them to encounter groups of H. sapiens or our close evolutionary relatives. The toolmakers likely made connections with them so that they wouldn't be threatened when they showed up on somebody else's turf, the researchers said.

"I don't think you would last very long if you went around grabbing someone else's obsidian without their permission," said Alison Brooks, an anthropology professor at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and another author of the papers.

The newer tool style, known from other sites as Middle Stone Age technology, produced smaller stone flakes for uses like scraping and points on projectiles. It required a lot more planning to break off those chips to a desired size and shape, and so indicates a level of mental sophistication, Potts said. The findings include some small stone points that were carefully modified at the base so they could be attached to something like a spear.

Potts stressed that the researchers don't claim that they've identified the birthplace of this tool style, but rather that the finds represent what was going on in at least one part of Africa.

The older stone tools are from 1.2 million to about 500,000 years ago. Then, because of the geology of the sites, nothing is preserved until 320,000 years ago, when "we have a total replacement" of the old tool style by a more advanced one, Potts said.

Analysis showed much of the obsidian was from places about 15 miles to 30 miles away in five different directions. So that means the toolmakers maintained mental maps of where to go find it, Potts said.

The volcanic rock was brought in as a raw material, and then turned into the sharp-edged chips. The rock was evidently valuable, and so it might have been traded, Potts said.

He also said the toolmakers may have been spurred to create a wide-ranging social network as a hedge against the unpredictability of water and food supplies, caused by shifts in the natural environment.

"Networks are the way that hunter-gatherers protect themselves against disaster in the future," said Brooks.

The researchers also reported finding evidence for use of pigments. Two rocks appeared to have been ground and chopped, evidently to produce a powder of the bright red ochre pigment they contained. Some other rocks brought in from elsewhere contained manganese, which has been used in other archaeological settings as a black pigment.

The researchers don't know what the toolmakers may have colored, but in other settings the use of color is often "something that is basically advertising that you're part of a group," as with flags or uniforms, Potts said.

Experts not connected with the work called it significant.

The three papers "lead us towards a more nuanced understanding of our species' origins," said Sarah Wurz of the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg. A key advance is tying the appearance of the cultural changes to evidence of environmental changes, such as rapid wet-dry cycles, she wrote in an email.

Eric Delson of Lehman College in New York said that when the new work is combined with other findings, "it is now clear that the time period around 300,000 years ago was a watershed for modern human (H. sapiens) origins across Africa."

Study: 1-year-old can reason like scientist

By Amy Ellis Nutt
Washington Post

In intriguing research, a team of scientists may have discovered the earliest age at which a person can reason logically: 12 months.

For decades, psychologists have considered language a necessary and essential indicator of inferential thinking — the complex ability to "read between the lines," to reason one's way to a correct interpretation of an event when the evidence is not obvious. As recently as 2014, experiments by prominent developmental psychologists suggested such thinking began between 3 and 5 years of age.

Psychologist Nicolo Cesana-Arlotti, a postdoctoral fellow at Johns Hopkins University, thought the age might be much younger.

"If you have logical reasoning, you can generate conclusions, you can obtain evidence that would be hard to obtain otherwise," he explained this week. "It opens you up to much more information. So we were driven by the belief that logical reasoning might play an important role in a full picture" of the infant mind.

He and his colleagues were right.

In a study published Thursday in the journal Science, Cesana-Arlotti and his colleagues described how they determined infants might have inference-making ability. Their experiment involved 144 babies, half of them a year old and half 19 months old, but none yet talking. In the experiment, the children sat in the laps of their silent and impassive mothers, who were blindfolded so the babies would not pick up on any unintentional facial clues. An animated sequence then played on an individual computer screen.

Each group watched the same animation, which included such virtual objects as an umbrella, flower, smiley face and dinosaur placed in front of a black screen. The tops of each were drawn to be identical, and when the two objects flew behind the screen — say, the umbrella and the smiley face — only those tops could be seen. Suddenly, a cup scooped up one of the objects — the baby could not see which — and moved in front of the screen. Again, just the object's top was visible within the cup.

At this point, the black screen dropped to reveal the remaining object — let's assume the umbrella — behind it. To test the babies' logical reasoning — their ability to infer through the process of elimination that the smiley face must be in the cup — the researchers pulled a fast one. Instead of the smiley face, another umbrella appeared in the cup. Each baby, regardless of age group, reacted by looking longer at the cup. There was no difference between the two age groups.

"It's a classic paradigm," said Cesana-Arlotti, the study's lead author. "When something unexpected happens, the infant looks longer because their expectations have been violated."

Everything old is new again with rebooted TV series

Dear PropellerHeads: I know the word on the street is that new TV is everything but is it wrong I'm excited about old shows coming back?

A: If it's wrong to miss your old favorite shows, then I don't want to be right. But it can be a slippery slope and like many a sequel or remake, reboots and resurgences of our favorite television from yesteryear can be hit or miss.

For those not in the know, I'll layout some highlights worth peeping for those nostalgic viewers.

Bringing it back OG style:

■ "Will & Grace": Even for those not-so-avid TV viewers, you probably know about this come back. "Will and Grace" came back at the end of 2017 and had so much buzz that it was picked up for a second season before its first return season had even started. Original fans of the show will feel right at home to pick up where they left off 11 years ago and new viewers will be introduced to the eternal friendship we all envied in Karen and Jack (bit.ly/2HsYNeS).

■ "Fuller House": '90's kids were and are living for this comeback. TBH I haven't watched it because although I loved this part of TGIF when I was a kid, it doesn't really appeal to the adult(ish) version of me. Also, no Olsen twins. How rude.

■ "Roseanne": This one is heading our way so soon, we can taste the loose meat at the Lanford Lunchbox. On March 27, the original cast will be reprising their roles, complete with John Goodman returning from the dead and somehow weaving both Beckys into the storyline. Word is they address and clean up loose ends in the first episode so we can get on to the business of seeing what's new for the Conners.

■ "Murphy Brown": Candice Bergen returns to her title role in this updated version of the highly acclaimed late '80's/'90's sitcom. It'll be interesting to see how the series addresses the current political climate as it was known to push the envelope in its day. I am also curious to see if Eldin is still doing work in Murphy's house. Perhaps a crossover episode with HGTV's Fixer Upper?

Toot it or reboot it:

■ "Queer Eye": The verdict is in on this reboot and audiences are loving the new Fab Five. If you are a fan of crying at sentimental makeovers and hating yourself a little bit for it, this show is for you. Also, it's pronounced Yaaaaas, like gas, but you hold that "a" until you're out of breath.

■ "Muppet Babies": I get it. You are probably not between the ages of 4-8 and writing into your favorite tech column but if you were a child when the original series aired you are probably still mildly excited about this. This is definitely something I will introduce to my children. And by introduce I mean force to watch and love. Then I would circle back and introduce them to Rolfgang Amadeous (bit.ly/2tKXeHa) which is truly how I learned what real music was.

■ "Charmed": Let's face it, if you can't tell by the name of the column, I'm a nerd. If someone says witch or magic I'm in. Of course, as a fan of the original series I hope the new one is respectful to the old but also is awesome enough to create a new creepy following. There is a little drama around this reboot as Piper does not seem pleased with how the show is being reimagined, and is giving the yet to be aired series a "Bye, Witch" (http://on.today.com/2F9BoBK).

Movie over I'm primetime now:

■ "Bad Boys Series": This series has yet to be titled but is set to star Gabrielle Union (reprising her role from the film Bad Boys II) and Jessica Alba. I am skeptical of the potential for this series to be relevant, but NBC is definitely going all in on some big names.

■ "Heathers": I'm not gonna lie, even if this is terrible, I am here for it. The promo has potential complete with spot on RBF (bit.ly/2FPvpSZ). It is on the paramount network, so it may be hard to catch for those of us that only stream and wiggle our rabbit ears, but if I see a preview that even teases about Martha Dump Truck, I will find a way.

■ "Little Women": PBS's Masterpiece Theater is bringing this version to life in May 2018 and it's filling the class conscience British void that Downton Abbey left me with. Plus, three words; Angela Frenkin Lansbury (http://to.pbs.org/2CfQ0e).

This is just a taste of the familiar titles coming to the small screen over the coming year. If you like your couch potato with a side of nostalgia, you are sure to find something to obsess over. If not, you can just pout and wait two years for the last season of "Game of Thrones." We get it, it's cold.

When the PropellerHeads at Data Directions aren't busy with their IT projects, they love to answer questions on business or consumer technology. Email us at askthepropellerheads@data-directions.com or contact us at Data Directions, Inc. 8510 Bell Creek Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116. Visit our website at data-directions.com/askthepropellerheads.

Chevron

Thank you Chevron for supporting Newspapers in Education