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CLASSROOM PIONEER

Meet Malih Annilo, a math teacher who doesn't mind giving up lunch to help a student.

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MAKING A COMEBACK

After shooting an 82 in the first round of the District 4-4A girls golf tournament, Ryan Pate shot a 5-under par 69 at Hogan Park's Roadrunner Course to jump into the lead by six shots, heading into next Monday's final round in Fort Stockton with a 151 total.

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Industry misses opportunity with public

Missteps with endangered lizard provided opportunity to be trusted

By Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

■ COMMENTARY

Presidential candidate Ted Cruz famously said he would make boots out of an endangered lizard in West Texas, but the oil and gas industry took a more measured approach and promised to carefully protect the species in return for environmental regulators backing off its operations.

State Comptroller Susan Combs crowed about the deal, which she developed in 2012 to keep the dune sagebrush lizard off the federal endangered species list. She and oil and gas executives said their voluntary, private protection program would become a model for the nation.

"Working with energy producers and other stakeholders, we were able to enroll nearly 250,000 acres in West Texas as part of the Texas Conservation Plan," Combs said. "This decision proves we don't have to choose between the environment and our economy, but can be good stewards of both."

Turns out that the Texas Habitat Conservation Foundation, created to protect the lizard, did nothing, NOTHING, that was promised for years. No monitoring, no habitat restoration, no innovation. An Austin American-Statesman investigative team only discovered the lapse after the current comptroller

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Entertaining employee

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Jesse Rodriquez, an employee of Bush's Chicken, dances outside the restaurant on Friday. Rodriquez's shift at Bush's Chicken ended earlier that night, but he stayed to entertain people driving by. The Lee High sophomore says he wants to use his dance moves to make the world a better place.

Commissioners table Crude Fest

By Cassie Burton
cburton@mrt.com

Discussions about authorizing a mass gathering permit for Crude Fest were tabled at Monday's Commissioners Court meeting to give county law enforcement time to work with sponsors about security details.

Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter said Crude Fest sponsors contacted the county Thursday to discuss security. Sponsors did not agree with the proposal by the county concerning the amount of law enforcement officers, jailers, paramedics and the fire department. Commissioners tabled the discussion to wait for sponsors' counter-proposal.

Crude Fest is scheduled to take place May 12-14 on South County Road 1270, according to its website. Painter said there was "plenty of time" to figure out security details.

"We've got to have officers on scene and be prepared to act," Painter said. "I think it's a good event, a lot of good bands come out there, but in the past, we've had people that are participating in it throw beer cans, full beer cans, at the band, and there's no sense in that."

Last year, a 21-year-old man was stabbed at Crude Fest. In 2014, 19 people were arrested, and in 2013, 80 people were arrested during the concert, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

"We want (the people) that are going to attend to have a good time ... come to Midland County and have fun," Painter said. "We have people who travel long ways to come to these events and we need to protect them."

County commissioners also voted to extend the current burn ban by an additional 30 days after its initial expiration date of April 10. The extension will continue the ban until May 10.

It was originally on the docket to be continued for 90 days, but due to phone calls made to commissioners and Judge Mike Bradford, the extension was reduced to be studied at a later meeting,

Please see **TABLE**/4A

Feds: Risk of 2016 quake increases, especially in Oklahoma

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The ground east of the Rockies is far more likely to shake this year with damaging though not deadly earthquakes, federal seismologists report in a new risk map for 2016. Much of that is a man-made byproduct of drilling for energy.

Parts of Oklahoma now match northern California for the nation's most shake prone. One north-central Oklahoma region has a 1 in 8 chance of a damaging quake in 2016, with other parts closer to 1 in 20.

Overall, 7 million people live in areas where the risk has dramatically jumped for earthquakes caused by disposal of wastewater, a byproduct of drilling for oil and gas. That is mostly concentrated in Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Kansas, Colorado and Arkansas.

Natural earthquake risk also increased around the New Madrid fault in Missouri, Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas and Illinois.

In a first-of-its-kind effort, the U.S. Geological Survey on Monday released a map for risks of damaging quakes in the current year. Past efforts looked at 50-year risks and didn't include man-made quakes. The new risks are mostly based on increases in quakes felt last year.

These are not massive quakes that kill hundreds or thousands of people and leave devastation in their wake. Instead, these smaller quakes happen more frequently, said Mark Petersen, chief of the National

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WTS Posted	$31.15 ▼	$0.25
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Gasoline	$1.589 ▼	$0.012

The big number
New Mexico has identified 115 influenza and pneumonia-related deaths this flu season. See Page 5A.

Word of the Day: shirk
Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 3A.

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Obituaries

Charlie Newton

Charlie Eugene Newton, 88, of Midland, passed away on Thursday, March 24, 2016. Memorial services will be held on Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 11:00AM at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

He was born on January 6, 1928 to Albert Guy Newton and Claudie Shaw Newton in Carnegie, OK. He served in the US Army during WWII. Upon discharge from the Army he worked for Phillips Petroleum and Northern National Gas as corrosion specialist before starting the first Cathodic Protection Company in the Permian Basin in 1959.

During his time here on earth, Charlie enjoyed hunting, fishing, the outdoors and music. One constant was his love of dance, he was an excellent dancer. Charlie worked long hours on his jobs and was always busy keeping up with his property, he rarely sat still unless there was a good ballgame, golf or Western on TV. At the end of a long day, Charlie loved to watch the sun set.

Charlie is survived by his wife, Lynn A. Newton of Midland; five children, Sharon Williams of Tool, TX; Rick Newton of Madisonville, LA; Tracy Shock of Midland; Noland Dunnan of Bradenton, FL; and Nicole Dunnan Evangelist of Parker, CO; 10 grandchildren, Robb Williams, Ashley Williams, Laci Newton Powell, Taryn Newton, Garrett Shock, Hillori Shock, Jacob Dunnan, Aaron Dunnan, Rhianon Evangelist, Cantyn Evangelist; and five great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents and 10 siblings.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be donated to Alzheimer's Association, 4400 N. Big Spring Ste C-32, Midland, TX. 79705; Hospice Midland, 911 W. Texas Ave, Midland, TX. 79701 or American Cancer Society, 400 N. Garfield, Ste 100, Midland, TX. 79701.

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

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Jacque Rae Stoltz

Jacque Rae Stoltz, 90, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, March 26, 2016. He was born on July 17, 1925 to Samuel Galard Stoltz and Willametta York Stoltz in Oil Hill, Kansas. The family later moved to Bartlesville, Oklahoma for a time before settling in Hobbs, New Mexico in 1939. There, Jacque attended school, became an Eagle Scout, played football and basketball and came to enjoy the game of golf. He graduated from Hobbs High School in 1943.

In June of 1943, in the midst of World War II, Jacque enlisted in the United States Army and began his active service in August of 1943. He was a member of the 75th Infantry Division, 289th Regiment, 1st Battalion A Company. While serving his country as a member of what has come to be known as "America's Greatest Generation" he fought in the Battle of the Bulge in the Ardennes and the Colmar Pocket in France. For gallantry in action during military operations conducted against the German army in Belgium, on January 24, 1945, Sergeant (then Private First Class) Jacque R. Stoltz was awarded the Silver Star. He was later awarded the Bronze Star and the British Military Medal. In September of 2015, for his actions in France in the Colmar Pocket in 1945, the French attaché awarded him the French Legion of Honor on behalf of the government of France at ceremonies in Houston, Texas.

After returning from Europe following the end of the war, Jacque enrolled in Texas Tech as an electrical engineering major, a degree which he completed in less than four years by attending school year round. While attending Texas Tech, Jacque married the love of his life, Marguerite Evelyn Johnson on July 18, 1947 at St. Helena's Catholic Church in Hobbs. He graduated from Texas Tech with his electrical engineering degree in 1949 and upon graduation Jacque and Marguerite returned to Hobbs where he went to work for New Mexico Electric Company and later Dixie Electric Company. During their early years of their marriage, Jacque served in the Army Reserve and was honorably discharged as First Lieutenant in December, 1959. In June of 1959, shortly before the birth of their third child, Jacque joined the Catholic Church and began his lifelong journey of faith. Then in 1963, Jacque took a job with Mobil Oil Corporation moving the family to Lubbock for two years, and then to Midland in 1965.

During those years in Hobbs and Lubbock, Jacque was especially involved in his children's activities- including Boy Scouts and serving as baseball coach for his sons' baseball teams- while still finding time to enjoy the game of golf. In Lubbock he attended religious education classes at Christ the King where he became very involved in teaching religious education. He carried these same activities to Midland when transferred there by Mobil, and had the joy of introducing the game of golf to his daughter. During this time, Jacque was also responsible for the awarding to Mobil of several patents related to automation activities for Mobil's oil and gas operations in the Permian Basin. He also taught professional development classes and presented numerous papers at professional engineering conventions throughout the country. In 1979, with all of their children raised, Jacque and Marguerite were transferred to Houston, where they set up a new home in Kingwood. There, they became active members of St. Martha's Catholic Church and Kingwood Country Club. During their almost 20 years in Kingwood, Marguerite and Jacque made numerous friends. Following Jacque's retirement in 1986, they traveled with those friends on land and by sea to Alaska, the Bahamas, Canada, the Panama Canal, Italy, and any place with a great golf course. When home, Jacque would help drive the nuns downtown and work in St. Martha's Soup Kitchen beside them. In 1998, Jacque and Marguerite returned to Midland, where Jacque worked with St. Vincent de Paul and San Juan Catholic mission until he and Marguerite eventually settled in Manor Park.

Jacque was preceded in death by his parents, his two siblings- older brother Jerry and younger brother Joe- and by Marguerite, his wife of 67 years on March 6, 2015.

He is survived by his three children, who loved him dearly, and who will miss him greatly: Mike Stoltz and wife Barbara of Midland; Mark Stoltz and wife Patty of Garden Ridge; and Teresa Miller and husband Kevin of Midland. He is also survived by six grandchildren, Christopher Stoltz and wife Erica of Midland; Stephen Stoltz and wife Jessica of Midland; Michael Stoltz and wife Lauren of Tyler; Mark D. Stoltz and wife Isabell of San Antonio; Kristen Beeghley and husband Jamie of New Braunfels; and Laura Quinn of Midland; 15 great grandchildren: Hadley Stoltz, Riley Stoltz, Lindley Stoltz, Elley Stoltz, Jonathan Stoltz, Samuel Stoltz, Mary Margaret Stoltz, Lillian Stoltz, Jacque M. Stoltz, Alexandria Stoltz, Nicolas Stoltz, Colette Stoltz, Lance Beeghley, Paige Beeghley, and Brooke Beeghley.

The family wishes to extend a special thanks to Virginia Berlanga, Tavita Mendoza, Lorena Vargas, and Daisy Gonzales for their loving assistance in caring for our beloved father, grandfather, and great grandfather as he battled Myasthenia Gravis. In addition, a heartfelt thanks to Nanette Paredes, PA-C, Dr. Shylesh Ganta and the wonderful staff of Hospice of Midland.

A rosary vigil will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at St. Ann's Catholic Church. The funeral mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 31, 2016 at St. Ann's Catholic Church. The burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia at a date to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to St. Ann's Catholic School Endowment Fund at 2000 W. Texas, 79701, Hospice of Midland at PO Box 2621,79702, to Manor Park Foundation at 2208 North Loop 250 West, Midland, TX 79707 or to a favorite charity of your choice.

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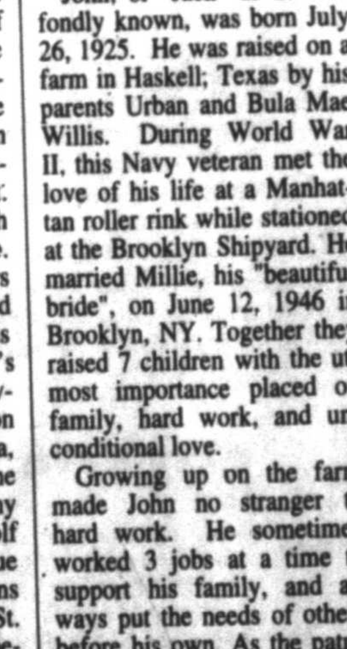

John W. Willis

John W. Willis, 90, of Midland passed away on Saturday, March 26, 2016. A Rosary will be held on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at 7:00pm at St. Stephen's Catholic Church. A memorial mass will be held on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at 10:00am at St. Stephen's Catholic Church.

John, or "Jack" as he was fondly known, was born July 26, 1925. He was raised on a farm in Haskell, Texas by his parents Urban and Bula Mae Willis. During World War II, this Navy veteran met the love of his life at a Manhattan roller rink while stationed at the Brooklyn Shipyard. He married Millie, his "beautiful bride", on June 12, 1946 in Brooklyn, NY. Together they raised 7 children with the utmost importance placed on family, hard work, and unconditional love.

Growing up on the farm made John no stranger to hard work. He sometimes worked 3 jobs at a time to support his family, and always put the needs of others before his own. As the patriarch of the family, he guided and inspired others by faith, loyalty, and forgiveness. He loved spending time and sharing stories with his family and friends, and took great pride in watching his family grow. John enjoyed reading, watching westerns, and attending daily mass. He was a member of St. Stephen's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. He was a very loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Mildred Willis of Midland; son, Drey Willis of Melbourne, FL; son, David Willis of Midland; daughter, Janet Chirico (John) of Barnegat, NJ; daughter Donna Daniel (David) of Keller, TX; son, Chris Willis (Ann) of Midland; daughter, Susan Carter (Bill) of Midland; daughter, Sharon Baier (John) of Bel Air, MD; 15 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

In memory of John's giving spirit, the family also suggests that donations be made to Helping Hands of Midland.

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Lessie Lee Warren

Lessie Lee Warren was born Dec 5, 1933 in Caldwell, Texas. She was one of five children born to Viola Mondine, and Lee Cunningham. She departed this life on March 16, 2016 in Midland.

Lessie was a remarkable woman who loved life. She especially enjoyed cooking big dinners for her family, and yard work was her passion, she also liked to camp and fish. She was baptized at St Paul A M E, accepting Christ at a early age. She retired from MISD.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her siblings, Ally V. Mondine, Mattie Mondine, Max Mondine, and Fannie Mae Moore; granddaughter, Sabrina Marion.

She leaves to cherish her memory her eleven children, Earnestine Marion, Elijah Marion, Brenda Livingston, Ray Marion, Wennell Green, Billy Faye Woodberry, Lois Marie Garner (Clarence), all of Midland; Charles Clay Warren of Waco, TX; Curtis Lee Smith, and Willie Woodberry, of Amarillo, TX; 31 grandchildren, and a host of great grandchildren.

Viewing will be Tuesday 6-8pm at the Thomas Chapel. Funeral Services will be Wednesday, at 1:00 pm March 30, 2016 at the Thomas Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

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Martha "Tula" Bocanegra Reyes

On the early morning of March 26, 2016, Martha passed away peacefully after a three year battle with cancer. Martha was being visited and comforted by her children, grand-children, and great grand-children at Midland Memorial Hospital at the time of her passing. Martha was 70 years old.

Martha was born in Juarez, Chihuahua Mexico on March 9, 1946 to Maria Del Rosario Bocanegra de Lopez. Martha was the third of four children.

At a young age, she married Benigno Gonzales Reyes an Army soldier and moved to California where they had four children. After a few years, they moved back to her home town of Juarez and had three more children. Eventually, they moved to Texas and had one more child making that a total of eight children. They made Midland their permanent residence for over 40 years.

Martha was a dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother. Her family was her greatest joy in life, and made them her main priority. She raised her children and grandchildren with discipline and a loving heart. She showed her love, day in and day out, in many different ways. Not only did she care for their daily needs, but also gave them all her love and support. Her home was constantly filled with laughter and the smell of a home cooked meal. Other than her family, her passions in life were gardening, tending to her various pets, and crafting. Martha was active in her family's lives and enjoyed every moment she spent surrounded by them.

Martha is preceded in death by her husband, Benigno Reyes, brother Tomas Bocanegra of Juarez, sister Magdalena Abeyta of Midland and mother Maria del Rosario Bocanegra de Lopez.

She is survived by her brother Juan Armando Bocanegra and wife Hortencia of California; son Benito Reyes of Ohio; daughter Martha James and husband Lance, daughter Sandra Aguilera and husband Francisco, daughter Yolanda Reyes and Javier Gutierrez, son Ernesto Reyes, daughter Laura Carrillo and husband Mike, daughter Susana Reyes and husband Jose Luis; son Tomas Reyes, 30 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Martha will be dearly missed by her entire family. She was the rock that everyone depended on and the glue that held all the family together.

The family would like to thank the staff at Midland Memorial Hospital and Hospice of Midland for the excellent service provided and caring staff. They would also like to thank the community and friends for their prayers, help, and support during this trying time.

Viewing will be held at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home beginning at 9 am Tuesday March 29, 2016 with a small service at 7 pm.

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

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Robert Santos

On March 24, 2016, our Lord called one of His angels home. Robert Santos, or as he would love to be called "Gator Boots," was born on January 20, 1958 in Robstown, Texas to Pedro and Virginia Santos. He was called home at the very young age of 58.

He was one of the toughest men you ever came across; truly living life to the fullest was his devout moto. He worked very hard when needed and played wildly when he wanted. He worked as a foreman for Rusty's Oil Field Service for years and worked in the oil field all his life. He was a wonderful and caring man to all of his family with a contagious smile and great sense of humor.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Pedro and Virginia Santos; and by a brother, Jubal Santos.

Roberto is survived by his sons, Robert Santos, Jr. of Alice, Texas and Randy (Rachel) Santos of Alice; brothers and sisters, Oralia (Raul) Arredondo of San Diego, Texas, Pedro (Rosie) Santos, Jr. of Victoria, Texas, Leonel (Enderia) Santos of Banquete, Texas, Hilda (Roel) Gonzalez of Alice, Noe (Roxanne "Roxy") Santos of Alice, and ET (Elizabeth) Santos of Albany, Oregon; and by his sister-in-law, Norma Santos of Alice.

Other survivors include three grandsons and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Rosas Funeral Home Chapel in Alice, Texas with a prayer service to be held at 7:00 p.m. that evening.

Funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at the Church of Christ. Burial will follow at the San Diego Cemetery in San Diego, Texas.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Rosas Funeral Home.

Virginia Freeman

Virginia (Luxi) Blakemore-Freeman, age 51, of Johnson City, passed away on March 19, 2016. This loving woman's visitation is on Tuesday, March 29th, 6:00 p.m. with the service an hour later at Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home in Lakeway.

She sent messages of only love and peace to all she met. While happily living with God, she will continue to live on earth through her children, Haydin West (17) and Gerald Luke Freeman (14).

She was a free spirit with a rare, yet beautiful soul that was and will continue to be appreciated by many. Rest In Peace Ginny.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home (512) 263-1511. Obituary and memorial guestbook available online at www.wcfish.com.

Death Notices

L. V. Welch

L.V. Welch, 90, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, March 26, 2016. Memorial services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, April 2, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

Survivors include son, Larry Michael "Mike" Welch.

Linda Jane Gray

Linda Jane Gray, 74, of Midland passed away on Sunday, March 27, 2016. No services are being held at this time.

Survivors include her son, Michael Moore, and daughter Stacy Gray.

Marion Merle Sell

Marion Merle Sell, 89, passed from this life to be with the Lord on March 21, 2016. A memorial service has been scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 31 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Online condolences may be offered ellisfunerals.com

Wilda Boyd Frier

Wilda Boyd Frier, 84, of Midland, died March 26, 2016 in Midland.

She is survived by two sons, Bobby and Billy Houston; daughter, Donna Webb.

Viewing will be held March 30, 2016 at American Heritage Funeral Home from 4-8 p.m.

Graveside services will be held March 31, 2016 in Lovington, NM at 1:00 p.m.

Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery, Funeral Home and Crematory.

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Front from left, demonstrators Jess Jude, Loan Tran and Noah Rubin-Blose sit chained together in the middle of the street during a protest against House Bill 2 on Thursday outside of the Governor's Mansion on North Blount Street in downtown Raleigh, N.C.

Lawsuit challenges North Carolina anti-discrimination law

By Gary D. Robertson
Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Gay and transgender rights supporters wasted little time in challenging a new North Carolina law, filing a lawsuit Monday that called it discriminatory and said it singles out LGBT people for "disfavored treatment."

The law, which has also drawn strong opposition from major corporations, was signed last week by Republican Gov. Pat McCrory. He's resolutely backed his decision since, and on Monday blamed a "well-coordinated campaign" for trying to stain the state's reputation.

The bill signing came after the GOP-controlled legislature completed a one-day special session in response to a broad Charlotte ordinance that allowed transgender people to use the restroom aligned with their gender identity. The new state law prevents cities and counties from extending protections to cover sexual orientation and gender identity at restaurants, hotels and stores.

"By singling out LGBT people for disfavored treatment and explicitly writing discrimination against transgender people into state law, (the new law) violates the most basic guarantees of equal treatment and the U.S. Constitution," the lawsuit said.

With the law, North Carolina also became the first state to require public school and university students to use only those bathrooms that match their birth certificates, according to the National Conference on State Legislatures.

Advocates for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender rights say state legislators demonized LGBT citizens with bogus claims about bathroom risks. Supporters say the new law protects all people from having to share bathrooms with people who make them feel unsafe.

"The threat of this (law) that it presents to LGBT people and the whole of North Carolina is real and it is immediate," said Chris Sgro, executive director of Equality North Carolina, whose group is a plaintiff.

Two transgender people, a lesbian law professor and the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina and Equality North Carolina sued. Lawsuit defendants include McCrory and the University of North Carolina system, where two of the plaintiffs work and a third attends college. The system's 17 campuses also must comply with the law for employees and students.

Payton Grey McGarry, a student at UNC-Greensboro, and UNC-Chapel Hill employee Joaquin Carcano were born female and consider themselves male but have not changed their birth certificates. A transgender person could use the bathroom aligned with their gender identity if they changed the biological sex on their certificate, allowed after a sex change.

Carcano used a men's restroom at work and McGarry used a men's campus locker room before the law was passed. Now they'll have to search for bathrooms in other buildings, businesses or elsewhere, the lawsuit says.

"I can put myself through the anxiety and stress of going to a female restroom and risk being physically or verbally or physically assaulted ... or I can break the law. It's an uncomfortable situation, either way," McGarry said in a conference call.

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Joaquin Carcano, center, the lead plaintiff in the case, speaks during a press conference to announce the filing of a federal lawsuit challenging North Carolina's HB 2 law at the LGBT Center of Raleigh, N.C., on Monday. Several different advocacy groups and some of the lead plaintiffs spoke at the event. Joaquin was born a woman and is now a man. Simone Bell with Lambda Law is at left; Chris Brook with the ACLU is at right.

The lawsuit also alleges the new law violates equal protection provisions and federal Title IX rules, which bars discrimination by the UNC system on the basis of sex, putting at risk billions of dollars in federal funds. Supporters of the law disagree.

House Speaker Tim Moore and Senate leader Phil Berger said they're confident a court will find the General Assembly acted properly while reining in local government powers.

The lawsuit takes "attempts to argue with a straight face that there is

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■ Kid's Class: BBQ, 4:30 p.m., Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Road. Children will learn kitchen skills while cooking tasty, healthy meals. $60 includes apron, materials and food. Hightfoods.com.

■ Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment, 7 p.m. at Basin Burger House.

Club meetings, support groups today

■ Survivors of sexual abuse; interactive Bible study to help deal with the consequences of sexual abuse. Child care available; House of Hope, 570-5935.

■ Overeaters Anonymous; 7-8 p.m., B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031.

■ Classic Movie Club, 7 p.m., Cigar Frog's, 216 N. Main St.; 687-1671.

■ Permian Basin Dance Club with live country western bands, 7:30 p.m.-10 p.m., St. Stephen's ballroom, 4601 Neely St. 432-520-4343 or 432-296-9840.

Military support groups

■ A confidential peer-to-peer support gathering for combat veterans at Midland College Cogdell Center, 201 Florida Ave.; Steve Cree, 770-7469.

■ Peer to Peer support group for veterans, active duty, guard, reserves and their families, 6 p.m., Permian Basin Community Center, 401 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 403; Wil Hoggard, 213-5342, william.hoggard@wtcmhmr.org.

■ Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1303 E. Taylor, bingo games 7 p.m.

Know a member of the military coming home?

Military families can call 352-0785 or email Vickie Gomez (zemogv@cableone.net) when they know their member of the military is flying into Midland International Airport so the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee can be there to greet them.

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Daily 4 day: 2-0-6-7
Daily 4 evening: 3-5-0-1
Daily 4 night: 9-3-5-2
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Texas Two Step: 1-7-20-30 BB: 15
All or Nothing morning: 1-3-7-8-12-13-15-16-17-19-22-23
All or Nothing day: 1-2-4-5-7-9-10-11-17-18-20-21
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Lingering cases could affect presidential election

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — A flurry of recent legal activity could affect how 14 million registered Texas voters cast ballots in time for November's presidential election.

In New Orleans, a federal appeals court is set to re-examine the constitutionality of Texas' tough voter ID law, while the U.S. Supreme Court could decide whether it should still be enforced in the meantime. A separate lawsuit in San Antonio accuses Texas of

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CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MPD: Man punches man, causing serious bodily injury

A Midland man was arrested Sunday for allegedly punching a man causing facial fractures, according to court documents

Kenneth J. Nolan Jr., was being held Monday on a $75,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury.

Nolan

Officers were dispatched to Excel Emergency Room on N. Midland Dr. in reference to an assault, according to the affidavit. The male complainant stated that Nolan had come to his house when they became involved in a verbal argument, according to the affidavit.

The male complainant turned to walk away during the argument, at which point Nolan "became enraged" and struck the male in his right eye with a fist, causing two large lacerations and profuse bleeding, according to the affidavit.

There was one witness to the assault, according to the affidavit. The male complainant was treated at Excel ER for serious lacerations to his upper and lowers eyelid that required sutures and three fractures to his face, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the second-degree felony, Nolan could face up to 20 years in prison.

MPD: Man bites, strikes and kicks woman

A Midland man was arrested Thursday for allegedly striking, biting, choking and scratching a woman, according to court documents.

Mora

Jose Manuel Mora, 35, was being held Monday on a $25,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of assault of a family/house member with previous conviction.

When police officers responded to a report of an assault, they observed a woman with numerous injuries: multiple scratches on her face and neck, a bite mark and abrasion on her right forearm, abrasions on her left elbow, bleeding on her lower lip and a bite mark and swelling on her pink finger, according to the arrest affidavit.

The woman and Mora allegedly had been in an argument in a vehicle when he placed his hands around her neck and choked her.

The argument escalated and after arriving at a residence, Mora pulled the woman to the ground by her hair and kicked her in her stomach while she was on the ground, according to the affidavit. Mora also bit her during the assault, according to the affidavit.

Mora had been convicted of four previous family violence offenses, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the third-degree felony, Mora could face up to 10 years in prison.

TABLE

From 1A

Bradford said.

Midland County Fire Marshal Dale Little recommended a 90-day extension, saying during the meeting that "it only takes one spark." Following the 30-day extension, the court will likely return to the issue to consider another extension, Little said.

The only trash that could be burned legally is trash from single-family homes. State law currently prohibits burning items that "create black smoke," such as tires, building materials, household furniture, wire and treated lumber, Little said.

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QUAKE

From 1A

Seismic Hazard Mapping Project. They damage but don't topple buildings.

"There's no question that there's a lot of shaking going on in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas," Petersen said in an interview after a press conference Monday. "These are much higher ground motions" than the last time he created the longer-term map, in 2014.

For example, on that map the risk was low in Dallas; now, after a tenfold increase in risk, Petersen said it compares to places in California. The Dallas-Fort Worth area risk is between 2 to 5 percent this year, he said.

"Oklahoma and Texas have the largest population exposed to induced quakes," Petersen said.

North-central Oklahoma was said to have a 12 percent risk, and it has already been hit: A 5.1 magnitude quake caused some damage around Fairview in February.

Seismologist Rowena Lohman of Cornell University, who wasn't part of the map team, said the increase around Oklahoma is easily noticeable and scientists are trying to determine whether these man-made smaller quakes lead to larger events.

Induced quakes are to blame for much of the problem. They result when wastewater is injected deep underground, said USGS seismologist Justin Rubinstein, the deputy chief of the mapping program. That injection is a byproduct of energy drilling, including hydraulic fracturing, a relatively new and controversial process to drill for oil and gas.

INDUSTRY

From 1A

fired the foundation last month.

The foundation's executives denied the comptroller's allegations, but tellingly, Warren Chisum, a former state representative who served on the foundation, told the Statesman: "We were just not able to meet all the requirements."

"We should have been able to handle it. But we didn't have the right people," said Chisum, who promised to resign at the foundation's next meeting.

Now, environmentalists are screaming, "I told you so!" The industry has betrayed the trust of the public and has invited federal regulators to come in and, after much litigation, probably take over protecting the species.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was planning to list the species as threatened or endangered, which would trigger strict rules on how the lizards' habitat could be used for oil and gas drilling. The foundation had promised to restore habitat to help boost the lizards' population, but didn't follow through, the comptroller's office said.

Environmentalists claim that the foundation instead looked away while habitat was lost to development.

Public-private cooperation is always better than top-down regulation. Society can set the standard, companies can find an innovative way to meet that standard, and regulatory agencies can make sure it works. That's what this deal was supposed to prove.

What a stupidly wasted opportunity for the oil and gas industry to show it can be trusted. The next time any executive or industry leader promises they can protect the environment, this is the first example every environmentalist will cite.

This is why the industry has such low esteem with the general public, and why Democratic presidential candidates get such huge cheers when they spread misinformation about fracking or off-shore drilling. The industry must do better at keeping its promises.

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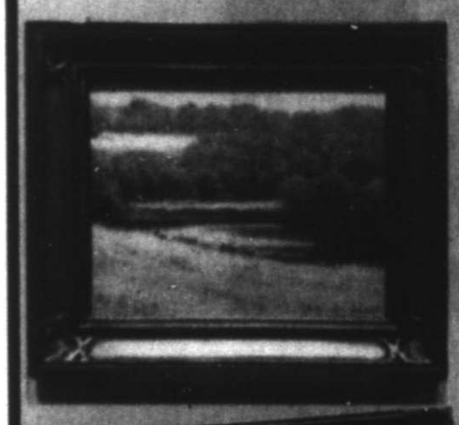

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What's your special reason to send flowers from Flowerland?

While it's great to check the calendar for appropriate flower-sending days, such as Valentine's Day, Mother's Day and other "official" times, there are plenty of other reasons to remember someone with flowers. And everyone at Flowerland is ready to help you any day of the week.

Of course, a birthday is still sort of a calendar day, but it's no less a great time to send a beautiful bouquet or a plant. If you need help knowing the right mix, call or stop by Flowerland and let one of their experts give you some great ideas. There are appropriate flowers for the season, for the birth month and to make other connections to the person.

Maybe a child or grandchild was in a school play or other performance. Flowers are a traditional presentation guaranteed to bring a smile to the performer's face and to show your support.

A "thank you" to a friend or family member who helped out in a special way can be done with flowers, too. Or maybe that friend or family member called and asked for help with a personal issue—in other words, they needed cheering up. The bright and warm colors of live flowers can add cheer to lots of dark days.

Which brings up another point: if you're concerned about allergies your recipient may have, ask Flowerland about silk flowers. Silks today are almost completely indistinguishable from the real thing.

Two other life events, weddings and memorial services, are also times when flowers can help celebrate or help comfort, and Flowerland is there for you at those times as well.

This is just a few of the great reasons to send flowers. And there are other reasons to stop in at Flowerland in general. The spring flowers are in and lots of them are on display. Brightly colored hydrangeas, kalanchoes, calla lillies and so many more flowers are shedding their warm glow in the showroom right now. Since flowers are a great gift for others, they are equally a great gift for your own home or garden. The flowers themselves are beautiful and lively, but knowing how to display them can really set off their beauty. **Flowerland's** Chief Designer, Chris Collum, AIFD, TMF, created some stunning arrangements with ideas you can use in your own home.

These floral designs can also be great imagination starters for your own decorating ideas.

Remember, spring is here and in this climate your best place to celebrate spring is at Flowerland!

Flowerland is located at 413 Andrews Highway in Midland. The phone number is 682-1634. Flowerland is an FTD and Teleflora florist. Their web address is www.flowerlandmidland.com.

Kalanchoes, calla lillies (left) and hydrangeas (below) are among the flowery beauties you can find at Flowerland, 413 Andrews Highway.

New car out of reach these days? Spend a fraction and give your old one a new look

Wouldn't it be great to buy a new vehicle right now? Maybe your old one has rattled down one too many lease roads or faded in the hot sun for too long. But right now, with the economy's uncertainty, buying a new car under any circumstances—cash or payments—is too risky for many people.

But if your old just looks terrible but you've kept the rest of it in good repair, there's another solution, says Allen Frasier of Allstar Refinishing and Collision. For as little as $499.95 for the most basic package, Allstar's production painting system will sand and repaint your old car with a bright, shiny new coat of paint and, at that price, give you a one-year warranty against fading or peeling.

You can do the conservative thing—go back with the original color or another factory look. That way you can slip quietly down the street without being noticed—at least not for a car whose body looks like it's barely survived a rollover off an overpass.

Or you could pick a bold color that says, "I'm free of the factory look!" There are packages that include pinstripes and other amenities.

Plus, the more advanced packages offer longer warranties and more protection against fading, designed to keep those colors clear and bright for even longer. The top option is the Five Star Package, which gives you a five-year warranty against fading, peeling and oxidation.

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Another side effect of the downturn may be that you're getting extra tax money back come April. You can invest that in something that will give lasting value when you put it toward a bright new coat of paint for your favorite work or school car.

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By Paul Wiseman

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Trump's rise means a new GOP will follow

DAVID BROOKS
New York Times News Service

This is a wonderful moment to be a conservative. For decades now the Republican Party has been groaning under the Reagan orthodoxy, which was right for the 1980s but has become increasingly obsolete. The Reagan worldview was based on the idea that a rising economic tide would lift all boats. But that's clearly no longer true.

We've gone from Rising Tide America to Coming Apart America. Technological change, globalization and social and family breakdown mean that the benefits of growth, to the extent there is growth, are not widely shared.

Republicans sort of recognize this reality, but they are still imprisoned in the Reaganite model. They ask Reaganite questions, propose Reaganite policies and have Reaganite instincts.

Now along comes Donald Trump, an angel of destruction, to blow it all to smithereens. He represents not only a rejection of the existing Reaganite establishment, but also a rejection of Reaganite foreign policy (he is less globalist) and Reaganite domestic policy (he is friendlier to the state).

Trumpism will not replace Reaganism, though. Trump is prompting what Thomas Kuhn, in his theory of scientific revolutions, called a model crisis.

According to Kuhn, intellectual progress is not steady and gradual. It's marked by sudden paradigm shifts. There's a period of normal science when everybody embraces a paradigm that seems to be working. Then there's a period of model drift: As years go by, anomalies accumulate and the model begins to seem creaky and flawed.

Then there's a model crisis, when the whole thing collapses. Attempts to patch up the model fail. Everybody is in anguish, but nobody knows what to do.

That's where the Republican Party is right now. Everybody talks about being so depressed about Trump. But Republicans are passive and psychologically defeated. That's because their conscious and unconscious mental frameworks have just stopped working. Trump has a monopoly on audacity, while everyone else is immobile.

But Trump has no actual ideas or policies. There is no army of Trumpists out there to carry on his legacy. He will almost certainly go down to a devastating defeat, either in the general election or — God help us — as the worst president in American history.

At that point the GOP will enter what Kuhn called the revolution phase. During these moments you get a proliferation of competing approaches, a willingness to try anything. People ask different questions, speak a different language, congregate around a new paradigm that is incommensurate with the last.

That's where the GOP is heading. So this is a moment of anticipation. The great question is not, Should I vote for Hillary or sit out this campaign? The great question is, How do I prepare now for the post-Trump era?

The first step clearly is mental purging: casting aside many existing mental categories and presuppositions, to shift your identity from one with a fixed mind-set to one in which you are a seeker and open to anything. The second step is probably embedding: going out and seeing America again with fresh eyes and listening to American voices with fresh ears, paying special attention to that nexus where the struggles of Trump supporters overlap with the struggles of immigrants and African-Americans.

This is a moment for honesty. Valuably, Trump has exposed the rottenness of the consultant culture, and the squirrelly way politicians now talk to us. This is a moment for revived American nationalism. Trump's closed, ethnic nationalism is dominant because Iraq, globalization and broken immigration policies have discredited the expansive open form of nationalism that usually dominates American culture.

This is also a moment for redefined compassion. Trump is loveless. There is no room for reciprocity and love in his worldview. There is just winning or losing, beating or being beaten.

It is as if he was a person who received no love and tried to compensate through competition. That is an ugly, freakish and untenable representation of the human condition. Somehow the Republican Party will have to rediscover a language of loving thy neighbor, which is a primary ideal in our culture, and a primary longing of the heart.

This is also a moment for sociology. Reaganism was very economic, built around tax policies, enterprise zones and the conception of the human being as a rational, utility-driven individual. The Adam Smith necktie was the emblem of that movement.

It might be time to invest in Émile Durkheim neckties, because today's problems relate to binding a fragmenting society, reweaving family and social connections, relating across the diversity of a globalized world. Homo economicus is a myth and conservatism needs a worldview that is accurate about human nature.

We're going to have two parties in this country. One will be a Democratic Party that is moving left. The other will be a Republican Party. Nobody knows what it will be, but it's exciting to be present at the re-creation.

OUR VIEW

Mall's 'nurse-in' shows importance of raising awareness

There is a right way and a wrong way to increase public awareness.

Saturday at Midland Park Mall, we saw the right way.

Several dozen woman conducted a "nurse-in" to highlight the importance of breastfeeding. The women gathered in response to an incident that allegedly occurred a couple of weeks earlier — an unidentified mother was "shamed" for breastfeeding her child at the mall, as Cassie Burton wrote in Sunday's edition. The group Midland-Odessa Breastfeeding Mommies used social media to recruit mothers interested in participating in the nurse-in and to remind the public that breastfeeding is, as one person said, "something that's normal and beautiful."

What made this event beneficial wasn't the protest as much as it was the public awareness aspect. Midland Park Mall also joined in solidarity by organizing a Mothers Health Event, as Burton wrote in her article. Lactation and nursing consultants and specialists from Midland Memorial Hospital, Lactation Services of the Permian Basin and The Breast Connection were on hand to answer questions.

Mothers had the opportunity to ask questions about fertility concerns, the effects of breastfeeding while pregnant and what to expect.

Midland Park Mall manager Kevin Church told Burton that breastfeeding is legal. A state law passed in 1995 entitles a mother "to breastfeed her baby in any location in which the mother is authorized to be," according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Educating the uninformed, in our view, is the best way to limit or shut down opposition to an issue.

There always will be some who frown on the idea of public breastfeeding. They aren't going to listen to justifications that seeing a woman breastfeed her baby in public is no different than seeing a scantily clad woman in that same public place. And the reality is, the best way to prevent second glances, stares and disturbing remarks is reminding people that breastfeeding is a normal process.

There's a fine line concerning privacy, decency and practicality even in regards to breastfeeding. Saturday's "nurse-in" wasn't about a mother's rights as much as it was about increasing awareness, which made the event that much more worthwhile.

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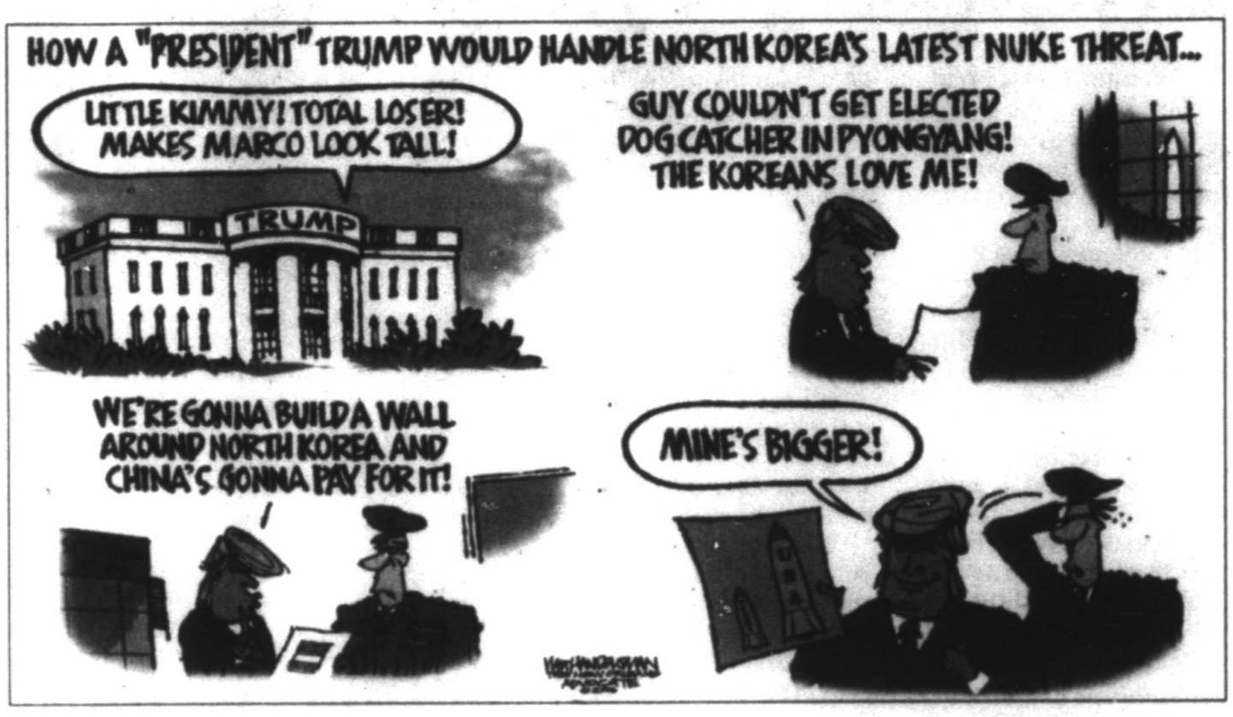

Limbaugh gives Trump his blessing

MICHAEL GERSON
Washington Post Writers Group

If Donald Trump becomes the Republican nominee, one of the main reasons will be that many in the conservative movement found him acceptable. And one of the main reasons that many conservatives are finding Trump acceptable is that the most influential political talk radio host in history, Rush Limbaugh, has provided his blessing.

Not his endorsement. Limbaugh takes pains to preserve neutrality between Trump and Ted Cruz, whom he describes as the obvious choice "if conservatism is the dominating factor in how you vote."

But Limbaugh has also consistently defended Trump as a legitimate choice for those whose dominating factor is the humiliation of "the establishment." Early in the campaign, when Trump attacked Sen. John McCain's status as a war hero, Limbaugh responded by praising *Trump's* courage, defending him as "an embattled public figure" willing to "stand up for himself, double down and tell everybody to go to hell." Through a long series of controversies, Limbaugh has excused Trump's narcissism and bluster as an endearing "schtick." Trump's deviations from conservative orthodoxy are noted but considered secondary. "I think with the case of Trump," argues Limbaugh, "there's a much bigger upside than downside."

The upside, in this view, is not just taking the political fight to liberalism; it is overturning a failed and corrupt Republican political order. Limbaugh dismisses defenders of this order as fundamentally self-interested. "[Trump] has put together a coalition that's exactly what the Republican Party says that it needs to win, and yet, look what they're doing. They're trying to get Trump out of the race, because they're not in charge of it." Opposing Trump is the work of a "cliquish, elitist club," preserving its influence and employment prospects. This criticism is sometimes expanded to include the conservative intelligentsia. "I'm talking about the establishment," says Limbaugh, "conservative media, the brainiacs, the think tanks, the professors."

For decades, Limbaugh set the tone of popular conservatism by arguing for ideological purity. Now, the great champion of conservatism has enabled the rise of the "least conservative Republican presidential aspirant in living memory" (in the words of Yuval Levin, editor of National Affairs). Trump is a candidate who talks more of personal rule than limited government. A candidate who praises a single-payer health system, proposes higher taxes on the wealthy, opposes entitlement reform and advocates the systematic destruction of Ronald Reagan's foreign policy. This is the politician Limbaugh has given the ideological hall pass of a lifetime.

Why might this concern your average conservative brainiac? First it is necessary to dismiss Limbaugh's consistent questioning of motives. Many men and women I know who work on Capitol Hill, in conservative media or in think tanks are hardly in it for the money or job security. Criticizing their venality from 30,000 feet in his Gulfstream jet rings particularly hollow.

Most in this Republican "establishment" believe they are serving a set of ideals, which includes market economics and limited government. There is no longer a Nelson Rockefeller wing of the GOP that is attempting to block the rise of the conservative movement. Leaders such as House Speaker Paul Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell are conservative by any serious measure. But they are forced to live within the constraints of our constitutional system. They don't have the option of inhabiting a fantasy world where entitlements such as Obamacare can be undone by the legislature alone. Such utopianism is fundamentally at odds with constitutionalism.

And many Republicans, in Washington and elsewhere, do not view civility, inclusion and tolerance as forms of weakness or compromise. In fact, they view casual misogyny, racial stereotyping and religious bigotry as moral failings, in their children and in their leaders. And they oppose — as a matter of faith or philosophy — any form of populism that has exclusion, cruelty or dehumanization at its core.

In reading Trump's recent interview with The Washington Post editorial board, what is striking is not only his shallowness (though his policy depth must be measured in microns). It is his utter rootlessness. None of his ideas or proposals is placed in the context of ideals or ideology, Republican or otherwise. Trump possesses impulses and instincts. He does not reason from first principles. Whatever the appeal of his authoritarian populism, it does not remotely resemble conservatism (see Russell Kirk's 10 principles, which includes belief in an enduring moral order, political prudence, and restraints on power and human passion).

Populist anti-intellectualism, on the rise at least since Sarah Palin, has culminated in Trump. It is the passing of conservatism, even if Limbaugh baptizes the dead.

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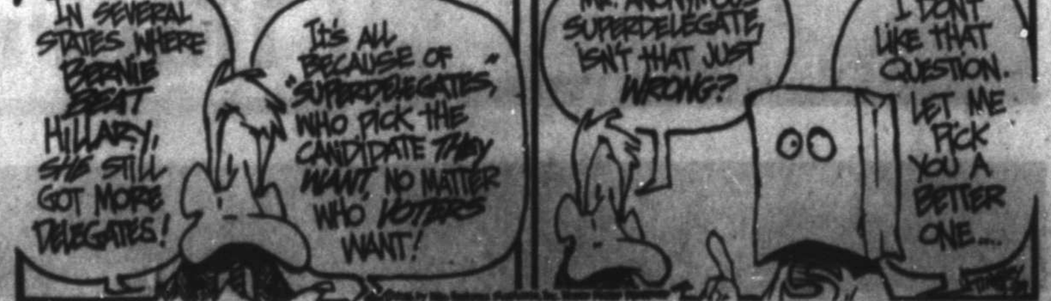

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Republican presidential candidate, businessman Donald Trump speaks March 12 in Vandalia, Ohio. Trump wants to win the White House in November. House Speaker Paul Ryan wants to save the Republican Party for the future. Those goals put Trump and Ryan increasingly at odds over both tone and substance as the billionaire businessman barrels toward the GOP presidential nomination.

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House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wis. speaks during a news conference March 23 on Capitol Hill in Washington. Donald Trump wants to win the White House in November. Ryan wants to save the Republican Party for the future. Those goals put Trump and Ryan increasingly at odds over both tone and substance as the billionaire businessman barrels toward the GOP presidential nomination.

Trump, Ryan increasingly at odds over future of GOP

By Julie Pace, Erica Werner and Bill Barrow
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump wants to win the White House in the fall. Paul Ryan wants to save his vision of the Republican Party for years to come.

Those goals put Trump and Ryan increasingly at odds over both tone and substance as the businessman barrels toward the GOP presidential nomination. While Ryan is appealing for political civility and a party rooted in traditional conservative principles, Trump is bucking campaign decorum and embracing policy positions that are sharply at odds with years of GOP orthodoxy.

Their starkly different visions for the Republican Party are a microcosm of the broader fissures roiling the GOP. And if Trump does become the Republican nominee, he and the House speaker's ability to work together could be the first test of whether a party in this much turmoil can stay together.

"Trump's obviously running on issues that are contrary to conservatives and at odds with what a lot of what Paul Ryan believes," said Peter Wehner, a former adviser to President George W. Bush.

For now, Trump and Ryan are engaged largely in a cold war, with the politicians only occasionally mentioning each other by name. Ryan has picked key moments to draw implicit contrasts with Trump, including condemning the billionaire's refusal to take responsibility for violence at his rallies. Trump will launch the next volley Tuesday when he campaigns in Ryan's hometown of Janesville, Wisconsin, ahead of the state's April 5 primary.

Trump, in his trademark contradictory style, has both praised Ryan and ominously warned the speaker against crossing him.

"Paul Ryan, I don't know him well, but I'm sure I'm going to get along with him, and if I don't, he's going to have to pay a big price, OK?" Trump said after his victories on Super Tuesday. A week later, after speaking with Ryan by phone, Trump said of the speaker: "I like him a lot. I respect him a lot."

People close to Ryan say the Wisconsin lawmaker is in disbelief about Trump's staying power. While he's publicly vowed to support whomever his party nominates, Ryan has privately said he's focused on trying to keep the GOP's House majority this fall and on fundraising for the party — leaving some friends with the impression that he would be a less-than-enthusiastic Trump backer in a general election.

Looming large are Ryan's own political ambitions. He passed on running for the White House in 2016, but some Republicans still harbor hopes that he could emerge as the nominee in a convention fight this summer if neither Trump nor Ted Cruz clinch the nomination by then.

"I would be less than honest with you if I said people are not mentioning a Ryan candidacy from time to time," said Rep. Charlie Dent, a Pennsylvania Republican who meets regularly with Ryan. "Clearly there are many in Congress who see Paul Ryan as a consensus candidate."

Ryan has vigorously denied that he's interested, though he was similarly definitive last year when he rebuffed calls to run for the speaker's job. He also insists that his role as chairman of the July convention requires him to remain officially neutral despite his obvious displeasure with Trump.

Yet Ryan's refusal to fully disavow Trump has left him open to criticism that he either cares too much about keeping the real estate mogul's enthusiastic supporters in the Republican fold or that he doesn't fully understand the threat.

"The barbarian is at the gate, and Paul Ryan wants to talk sense to him?" wrote David D. Haynes, the editorial page editor of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, the largest newspaper in Ryan's home state.

Trump, in private at least, has tried to soften such dire talk. A few weeks ago, he sent Ryan a copy of a Washington Post article that he'd marked up to show his disagreement with the piece's assertion that he was a threat to GOP orthodoxy. A Ryan aide confirmed that Trump sent the article, speaking on condition of anonymity because the aide was not authorized to speak publicly by name.

Ryan has been working behind the scenes to produce congressional plans on issues including health care, the economy and national security. Though not the original intent of Ryan's "agenda project," the effort could give Republicans something to run on if they can't or don't want to hitch themselves to their presidential nominee.

Trump's own policy proposals, though often vague, have sometimes sharply conflicted with where Ryan is trying to position the party, particularly on economic issues.

Ryan rose to prominence among Republicans for spending proposals that eventually would privatize government entitlement programs, gradually reducing those operations' share of federal spending. While Trump has joined Republicans in bemoaning alleged abuses of entitlement programs, he's long blasted proposals like Ryan's.

"As Republicans, if you think you are going to change very substantially for the worse Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security in any substantial way, and at the same time you think you are going to win elections, it just really is not going to happen," Trump said during a 2013 appearance at the Conservative Political Action Conference.

Trump has also spent decades criticizing U.S. trade policy and advocating steep tariffs on Chinese imports. It's a protectionist argument that puts him at odds with decades of Republican support for international trade, though he's in line with a growing contingent of House Republicans who see sweeping foreign trade deals as detrimental to American workers.

Before becoming speaker, Ryan was among the most vocal House Republicans in backing trade agreements, including President Barack Obama's Asia-Pacific pact. As speaker, Ryan has yet to schedule a vote on the Pacific Rim deal, saying he and other members are carefully vetting the details.

State-by-state strategy wielded to defund Planned Parenthood

By David Crary
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Though congressional Republicans' bid to defund Planned Parenthood was vetoed by President Barack Obama, anti-abortion activists and politicians are achieving a growing portion of their goal with an aggressive state-by-state strategy.

Over the past year, more than a dozen states have sought to halt or reduce public funding for Planned Parenthood.

The latest to join the offensive is Florida; GOP Gov. Rick Scott signed a bill Friday that bars Planned Parenthood from accessing state funds.

Defunding has been blocked by court action in some states.

But cutbacks in other states are forcing Planned Parenthood to drop contraceptive services, health screenings and other programs serving thousands of low-income women.

"It's been a non-stop assault — with devastating consequences for the patients we serve," said Dawn Laguens, Planned Parenthood's executive vice president. "At what point do you hit a tipping point where it has same impact as if a federal bill had passed?"

Planned Parenthood is a national target because of its role as the largest U.S. abortion provider.

Federal law and the laws of most states already prevent public money from paying for abortions except in rare circumstances, but the recent defunding bills prohibit state money for any services by an organization that also provides abortions.

During debate in Florida, state Sen. Aaron Bean offered this rationale: "We pay their light bill, we pay their salaries, we pay all kinds of things when the state contracts with these clinics. Let's get Florida out of the abortion business."

Many of the measures surfaced after anti-abortion activists began releasing secretly recorded videos last July alleging that Planned Parenthood sold fetal tissue to researchers for a profit in violation of federal law.

Planned Parenthood denied any wrongdoing, and investigations by several congressional panels and states have produced no evidence that it acted illegally.

Despite that, some Republican governors and lawmakers have cited the videos as justification for defunding.

States where defunding has been blocked by litigation include Alabama, Louisiana and Utah.

In some other states, the impact of defunding may be slight — Mississippi, for example, is pursuing that step even though Planned Parenthood received less than $1,000 in state money in each of the past five years.

However, Planned Parenthood said the cuts have had tangible impact in several states.

It cites Indiana, saying funding cuts led to closure of a Planned Parenthood clinic that was the only HIV testing center in Scott County — the subsequent site of an HIV epidemic.

A look at some other states where defunding has had an impact:

Texas

Texas was one of the first states to target Planned Parenthood's funding, saying it would not send Medicaid funds to organizations that provided abortions.

The Republican-led state government culminated a multiyear effort by ousting Planned Parenthood from the Texas Women's Health Program in 2013 and opting to fund the program entirely with state money so it would not run afoul of federal law.

Dr. Paul Fine, medical director of Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast, said the move affected health screenings and contraceptive services for more than 13,000 low-income women, many of them in areas with limited health care alternatives.

Charitable donations covered some of the lost funding, Fine said, but overall Planned Parenthood has seen a shift to more patients paying in cash or relying on commercial health insurance.

John Seago, legislative director of Texas Right To Life, acknowledged there was a dip in the number of women served after Planned Parenthood was defunded.

However, he said Texas has made progress in rebuilding a network of facilities that provide women's health care, with more providers now than in 2010.

Please see DEFUND/8A

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A sign is shown at a Planned Parenthood Clinic July 24, 2015 in Oklahoma City. Though congressional Republicans' bid to defund Planned Parenthood was vetoed by President Barack Obama, anti-abortion activists and politicians are achieving a growing portion of their goal with an aggressive state-by-state strategy. Over the past year, more than a dozen states have sought to halt or reduce public funding for Planned Parenthood.

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From 3A

a previously undiscovered 'right' in the U.S. Constitution for men to use women's bathrooms and locker rooms," their news release said.

About a dozen corporations, from American Airlines to IBM, have expressed negative reactions to the legislation. Dozens of the roughly 20,000 retail and interior-design companies also have now said they won't travel to next month's High Point furniture market of manufacturers and wholesalers, the market's governing body said Monday.

Speaking after a groundbreaking ceremony for a pharmaceutical plant in Raleigh's suburbs, McCrory told reporters he has "not had one corporation tell me that they're threatening to leave." He didn't address a question whether any companies have expressed support for the law.

"There's a very well-coordinated campaign, national campaign, which is distorting the truth, which is frankly smearing our state in an inaccurate way, and which I'm working to correct," McCrory said.

CASES

From 4A

defying federal voter "motor voter" rules.

The legal questions and timing of the cases are different, but all could have an impact on how Texans vote. Here are some answers to key questions about the cases.

Q: Where does Texas' voter ID law stand?

A: The New Orleans-based 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals will consider the state's 2011 law requiring voters show picture identification at the polls during a May 24 hearing.

A federal judge in Corpus Christi declared the law unconstitutional in October 2014, likening it to a poll tax and saying it had a discriminatory effect on poor and minority voters by making it more difficult for them to cast ballots.

Last year, a three-judge panel of the 5th Circuit Court found that the law violated parts of the federal Voting Rights Act, designed to prevent state and local governments from discriminating against minorities. But a majority of the 15-member court decided March 9 that the full court should consider the case, and the latest hearing date was set last week.

That's a potential blow for the Obama administration, which used the U.S. Justice Department to challenge Texas' law as a way to fight ballot-box restrictions passed by conservative statehouses nationwide. But top Texas officials are cheering their chance to defend a measure they say ensures the integrity of their state's elections.

Q: Aren't Texas voters already required to show ID?

A: Yes. The 2014 decision came so close to Election Day that a panel of the 5th Circuit ruled that Texas' voter ID law could be enforced that year to avoid voter confusion.

The U.S. Supreme Court upheld that order and it remains in effect. On Friday, though, the plaintiffs who originally challenged the law's constitutionality — including Hispanic groups and U.S. Rep. Marc Veasy, a Democrat from Fort Worth — asked the nation's high court to block its enforcement for the November vote.

They argue that possible confusion surrounding the law ahead of the 2014 election stopped being relevant after balloting that year.

Texas should soon respond to that challenge, but there's not yet a timetable on when the Supreme Court may rule.

DEFUND

From 7A

Seago said he's encouraged that numerous other states have sought to defund Planned Parenthood, but noted that some have struggled with their tactics.

"Defunding Planned Parenthood is not an easy public policy goal," he said. "There are limits on what states can do. Some states have crossed that line and made mistakes."

In February, a study in the New England Journal of Medicine asserted that fewer women in Texas had obtained long-acting birth control after Planned Parenthood was ousted from the health program.

The study fueled a backlash. State Sen. Jane Nelson called it biased and misleading, and one of the co-authors left his job with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission after incurring criticism for his role.

Wisconsin

In Wisconsin, Planned Parenthood has been the target of defunding efforts since Republican Gov. Scott Walker took office in 2011.

Walker signed a bill that year eliminating all state funding for Planned Parenthood health centers, contributing to the closure of five rural clinics.

In February, Walker signed two bills that together are expected to cost Planned Parenthood $8 million per year in federal funds — including $3.5 million for family planning.

The bills require state health officials to seek federal funding in the future on behalf of "less controversial providers."

Nicole Safar, government relations director for Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin, said her organization has not yet decided whether to challenge the bills in court.

If the cutbacks do take effect, Safar said, they would affect low-income women "who don't have anywhere else to go."

Ohio

Amid his presidential campaign, Ohio's GOP Gov. John Kasich signed a bill in February designed to strip about $1.3 million in government money from the state's Planned Parenthood affiliates.

The funds, mostly federal, have supported HIV testing, promoted teen pregnancy prevention, and assisted nearly 2,800 new or expectant mothers last year.

Diego Espino, a vice president of Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio, said the cut would not force the organization to close any of its 28 health centers in the state.

"We're not going away," he said. "But this will deprive thousands of women of very essential services."

Stephanie Ranade Krider, who advocated for the funding cuts as executive director of Ohio Right to Life, said the political message was more important that the amount of the cutback.

"When we look at the whole picture, it's like a drop in the bucket," she said. "The public relations impact is much more significant — it makes a statement that Ohio will no longer be doing business with the abortion industry."

REGIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW MEXICO

Officials: Flu activity expected for several more weeks

SANTA FE — New Mexico health officials said flu activity is widespread around the state and is expected to continue for several more weeks.

The Department of Health said elevated flu activity started a bit later than in the previous three seasons but that flu-related hospitalizations and deaths have increased in recent weeks.

The department also said the flu vaccine for this season appears to be a good match with strains that are circulating.

New Mexico has identified 115 influenza and pneumonia-related deaths this flu season. Of those 115 deaths, 13 were flu-related deaths among adults.

The department said many of the pneumonia-related deaths may have been related to complications from having flu because pneumonia is a known complication of influenza infection.

OKLAHOMA

Partial skull of Columbian mammoth found in Oklahoma

ALVA — A partial skull and two tusks of a prehistoric Columbian mammoth have been found in northwest Oklahoma.

Oklahoma Archeological Survey archaeologist Lee Bement said Monday that a Woods County employee found the remains last week near Alva, about 150 miles northwest of Oklahoma City.

Bement said the elephant-like animal with long, curved tusks was common in the Plains region during the Pleistocene era before becoming extinct about 11,000 years ago. He said the remains of two or three mammoths are found each year in Oklahoma.

Bement said archaeologists are interested because the earliest humans in Oklahoma existed at the same time and could have hunted mammoths.

The remains were sent to Oklahoma State University for analysis by a doctoral student in geology. They will be returned to the landowner.

LOUISIANA

4 parishes added to flood-related La. disaster declaration

NEW ORLEANS Four more parishes have been added to a presidential disaster declaration that followed recent historic flooding in Louisiana.

Sen. David Vitter's office said Monday that the latest additions are Jackson, Rapides, Red River and Sabine parishes.

The disaster declaration makes public assistance available for people and small businesses.

Previously approved parishes are: Allen, Ascension, Beauregard, Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Calcasieu, Caldwell, Claiborne, DeSoto, Grant, LaSalle, Livingston, Madison, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Ouachita, Richland, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Union, Vernon, Washington, Webster, West Carroll, and Winn.

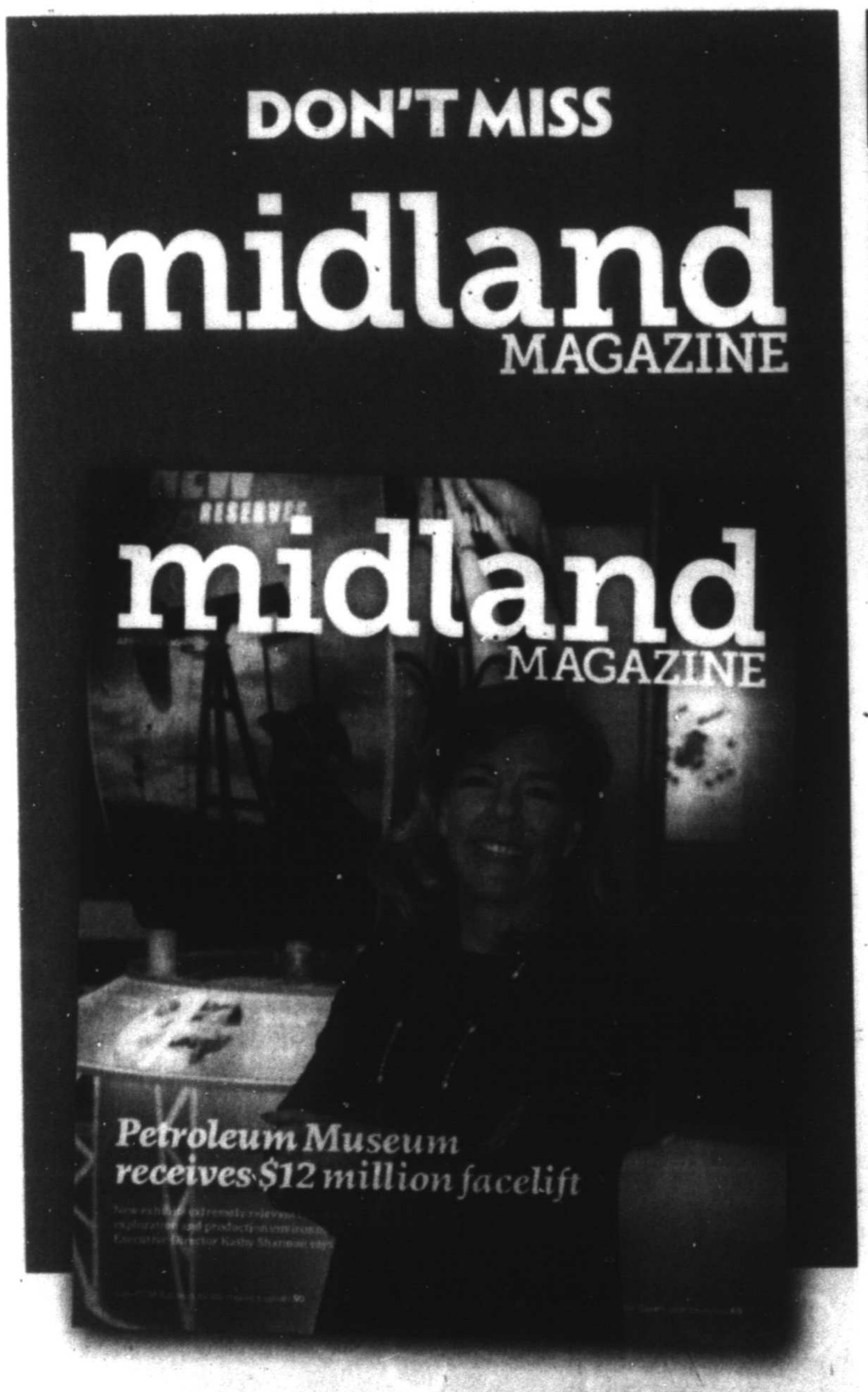
ARIZONA

Health officials confirm state's first case of Zika virus

PHOENIX — Health officials have confirmed Arizona's first case of the Zika virus in a Maricopa County woman.

The state Department of Health Services and county Department of Public Health said Monday that the unidentified adult woman traveled outside the U.S. to a Zika-affected area before developing symptoms.

Authorities said the risk of the virus spreading throughout Arizona is low and the state's public health system has a plan in place.



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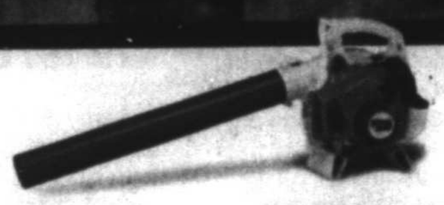

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Goddard Junior High mathematics teacher Mahli Armijo isn't happy unless she is improving herself and those she teaches in the classroom.

Just as Armijo has earned several degrees — associate degree in arts in teaching, bachelor's degrees in science and Spanish and a master's degree in Spanish — and would like to pursue a doctorate, she is constantly "evaluating the progress of her students and tweaking her teaching strategies to best reach them," according to her principal, Shelly Haney.

In fact, Haney said Armijo will attend an extra training or give up a lunch period to learn more about her craft or spend a little extra time with a student if it helps "buy into what she is selling."

Last week, the Midland Chamber of Commerce honored Armijo with the Excellence in Teaching Award for secondary teachers. Not bad for a teacher in her third year in the district.

The Odessa native is married to Jesse Armijo and has lived in Midland 10 years.

PHOTO BY TIM FISCHER

Q&A with the Pioneer

How, and why, do you make a difference in Midland's educational landscape?

I teach about 150 students every year. I try my best to impact their life in the most positive way.

Why did you choose a career in education?

I chose to become an educator because I have the opportunity to help build a better society.

How have you moved beyond the basic curriculum and found innovative ways to reach your students?

Today's learning environment requires teachers to spend time learning new strategies to help students learn according to their needs.

What is the one lesson you want to impart on every student who enters your class?

I want every student to understand that even though mathematics is difficult for most, it is the closest thing we have to real-life experiences. It teaches/shows us what we can do when embracing a challenge and what steps we take to solve it.

How has the role of being an educator changed since the first year of being a teacher? If so how?

Yes it has. When I started my first year, I thought I was done with learning and all I needed to do was teach. My theory has changed; I have to continue to learn just like my students do.

How have you implemented technology into your classroom and instruction model?

Technology is a very important part of my classroom instruction. Since we have obtained access to campuswide WiFi, it has been easier to incorporate more devices to make learning creative and meaningful.

What are your professional goals for the future?

I would like to obtain my PhD.

How do you inspire your peers, colleagues and others aiming to make a difference in Midland ISD?

I attend multiple sessions during the summer to learn new strategies to use in the classroom. I like to share my learning with those in my field.

What is the greatest challenge for being an educator in Midland today?

Classroom sizes. The ratio of students to teachers continues to increase, and it makes instruction a bit more challenging.

What support can Midlanders provide you and other educators?

More opportunities to be able to obtain grants for materials/resources for our classrooms.

She knows that making an effort with her kids outside of class speaks volumes

Mahli Armijo is an eighth-grade math teacher at Goddard Junior High. She is a wonderful educator who has been in the profession for less than three years. However, when you see her in action, it is hard to believe her time as a teacher is so brief.

Mrs. Armijo has many admirable attributes, but two things stand out the most. She is in a constant state of improving and progress, and she also builds positive relationships with her students.

This amazing teacher truly values her profession and is never satisfied with her students being status quo. She is constantly evaluating the progress of her students and tweaking her teaching strategies to best reach them. She is also very dedicated to bettering herself as a teacher. To that end, she attends extra training and is in a constant state of self-reflection and development to be the best for her kids. If they don't perform as she expects, she takes their results personally. She uses those moments as a catalyst and becomes motivated to get her students to that level.

She also has a servant heart and builds amazing relationships with her students that cause even the toughest junior high attitude to "buy into what she is selling" in her math classroom. She oversees student Bible studies and often gives up lunch time and afternoons to help her students with math and with life problems. Selflessly, she attends students' games, performances, concerts and celebrations. She knows that making an effort with her kids outside of class speaks volumes to their effort in the classroom. Her young age makes relating to her students easy, and she is not afraid to make them laugh or look silly herself, if it gets her point across.

— SHELLY HANEY
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Algebra is stumbling block for many US students

By Karen Matthews
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Who needs algebra?

That question muttered by many a frustrated student over the years has become a vigorous debate among American educators, sparked by a provocative new book that argues required algebra has become an unnecessary stumbling block that forces millions to drop out of high school or college.

"One out of 5 young Americans does not graduate from high school. This is one of the worst records in the developed world. Why? The chief academic reason is they failed ninth-grade algebra," said political scientist Andrew Hacker, author of "The Math Myth and Other STEM Delusions."

Hacker, a professor emeritus at Queens College, argues that, at most, only 5 percent of jobs make use of algebra and other advanced math courses. He favors a curriculum that focuses more on statistics and basic numbers sense and less on (y - 3)2 (equals) 4y - 12.

"Will algebra help you understand the federal budget?" he asked.

Many U.S. educators, including the architects of the Common Core standards, disagree, saying math just needs to be taught more effectively. It's fine for students to have quantitative skills, they say, but algebra is important, too.

"Every study I've ever seen of workers in whole bunches of fields shows that you have to understand formulas, you have to understand relationships," said Philip Uri Treisman, a professor of mathematics and of public affairs at the University of Texas. "Algebra is the tool for consolidating your knowledge of arithmetic."

Bill McCallum, a professor at the University of Arizona who played a lead role in developing the Common Core standards for math, said he would oppose any division of K-12 students into an algebra track and a non-algebra track.

"You might say only a certain percentage of kids will go on to use algebra, but we don't know which kids those are," he said.

In New York City, home to the nation's largest public school system with 1.1 million pupils, just 52 percent of the students who took last year's statewide Regents test in Algebra I passed, mirroring statistics elsewhere in the country.

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Frank Franklin/AP

Isaiah Aristy poses for a portrait Friday in New York. A new book says algebra has become an unnecessary stumbling block that's forcing millions of American students to drop out of high school or college. Aristy took the algebra Regents test twice and failed it both times. Aristy, now a freshman at the Borough of Manhattan Community College, said he was good at math until he hit algebra.

BYNUM'S REGROWTH

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Linda Miller supervises as Kara Claxton and Sam Neiman put food scraps into the composting bin Monday in the garden at Bynum School. More than 30 years after Bynum School opened its doors, the school still operates out of a modified farmhouse. But a $20 million capital campaign could change that, with a groundbreaking ceremony set for mid-summer and a new school finished by January 2018. The campaign officially began a few months ago, and 80 percent of the funds have been pledged.

Bynum School within reach of capital campaign

By Cassie Burton
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More than 30 years after Bynum School opened its doors, the school still operates out of a modified farmhouse. But a $20 million capital campaign could change that, with a groundbreaking ceremony set for mid-summer and a new school finished by January 2018.

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"There's been an incredible amount of community support here," said Nancy Woodman, a longtime supporter of Bynum who has consulted with the school's fundraising committee.

The $13 million set aside for campus development was reached and about $4 million of the $7 million endowment fund remains to be raised, according to a Bynum campaign statement.

Bynum School was created to provide specialized education for children with special needs. Students may be on the autism spectrum, have Down syndrome, different behavioral diagnoses, rare syndromes or a combination of the above, according to Keri St. John, head of school for Programs and Services.

Bynum doesn't receive any federal or state funding because it is a private school, but has been accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, St. John said.

What makes Bynum unique, according to St. John and Woodman, is that each student is on an individual

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JROTC cadets visit Dyess Air Force Base

By Cassie Burton
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About 30 Air Force Junior ROTC cadets from Midland High School spent a recent Friday getting a glimpse of their possible career when they toured Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene.

"It's a real eye-opener of an experience of what they do day to day to make sure the mission is successful," said Corps Commander Brayden Woods, who is a senior. "When you think of the Air Force, you think of pilots. But there is a lot that goes on behind the scenes."

The cadets visit the base every spring, but what they see differs from year to year.

This year the students were taken to the fire station, the B1 Bomber, the C-130 Hercules (a transport aircraft) and an explosive ordinance disposal.

The visits are intended to highlight what life is like to be on the military base. Cadets tour on a tight schedule, eat in the dining hall and interact with Air Force personnel in various departments. Woods said that over the years, the visits have helped him determine which aspect of the Air Force he is most interested in: military police and/or the Office of Special Investigations.

While this year marked the third time Woods toured Dyess, it was sophomore cadet Garrett Hilliard's first visit to the base. Hilliard said he wants to attend the Air Force Academy.

"It gave me hope and helped me to see the goals I would have to set for myself to reach the level (of) a lot of the personnel ... on that base," Hilliard said. "When they were at my age, they put forth the grades and the effort above all else, so that enlightened me."

JROTC does not require its members enlist in the military. However, cadets who participate in the program and then join after high school "are eligible to enlist in the services at one to two pay grades higher than other enlistees," according to the Air Force JROTC website.

"It lets them see their job if they do choose to do military," Woods said.

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Children need to value, take pleasure in simple things

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One of my all-time favorite children's books, "The Important Book" (Harper Collins) was first published in 1949, when I was 3 years old. In simple, melodic language, Margaret Wise Brown described what she believed to be important about a number of things — the sky, rain, grass, snow, an apple and a daisy.

She wrote, "The important thing about a daisy is that it is white. It is yellow in the middle, has long white petals, bees sit on it, and it has a ticklish smell, it grows in green fields, there are always lots of daisies. But, the important thing about a daisy is that it is white."

Why have Brown's simple words appealed to generations of young children? More importantly, what does this sweet book have to say about the nature of childhood and how best to communicate to children using words or experiences they understand? How can we teach our children well?

Margaret Wise Brown was telling us then, and her timeless words still tell us today, we need to slow down. To build a fulsome understanding of the world around them, children need time to observe, to discover, to process what they see, and hear, and touch and feel. They need time to see the world in terms of small miracles, to value and to take pleasure in simple things.

Panicked that children won't be prepared, won't make the grade, won't be competitive, we push too hard and much too soon, fueling an uproductive and even damaging headlong rush to adulthood. We need to be sure the strategies we use work best to promote learning, but also serve to build wholesome, healthy people.

Children need to wiggle, to move, to experiment, to chat and to share. Real engagement is a process of inquisitive exploration, and without real engagement, children are just marking time. Children need to be

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Fresh Off-Boat (N)	O'Neals (N)	Agents of SHIELD "Watchdogs" (N)		Beyond the Tank		Local 2 News/ 10	(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Blood Brothers"		NCIS:NO "Insane in the Membrane"		Carpool Karaoke (N)		CBS 7 News	(35) Stephen Colbert		(35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Happy Days	Laverne & Shirley	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Mason "The Case of the Bountiful Beauty"		Twilight Zone
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	9	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	New Girl (N)	Grandfa-thered (N)	Brooklyn 99 (N)	Grinder (N)	Fox 24 News	TMZ	2 Broke Girls	Modern Family	Two and Half Men	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Jean-Claude	Joshua Caleb	Update News	Behind the Veil	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Israel Inspired	Mission: M25	Ministerios Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	NewsWest 9 Now	The Voice "The Knockouts Premiere"		Chicago Med "Guilty" (N)		Chicago Fire (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	(35) The Tonight Show		(35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Al Capone: Icon		Secrets of Dead "The Alcatraz Escape" (N)		Frontline "Saudi Arabia Uncovered" (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		World News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Un camino hacia el destino		Sueño de amor		Pasion y poder		El Hotel de los Secretos		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
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FLIX	340	575		165		(3:00) The Weight ...		★★ Fear Rose Witherspoon.				(45) ★★ Species (95, SCI-FI) Ben Kingsley.			(35) ★★ The Way of the Gun		
HBO	300	550	14	14		(3:00) Max		Vinyl		★★★ Pitch Perfect 2 Anna Kendrick.				Together	Boxing WCB		
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(6:15) ★★ Tammy		★★ Vacation Ed Helms.				(40) Legacy	1stLook	LastWeek	Bill Maher	Mavis!	
HBO5	304	552	16	102		(:35) ★★ Transcendence Johnny Depp.				Girls	Together		★★★ I Think I Love My Wife		(35) ★ Unfriended		
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	Movie	(:25) ★★ A Perfect Murder			(:15) ★★★★ John Wick Keanu Reeves.				Banshee		Banshee "Tribal"	
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PLEX			96			(5:20) ★ Wild Child		★ The New Daughter				(:50) ★ When a Stranger Calls			(:20) ★★ House of Flying Daggers		
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(4:55) ★ Clouds of Sil...		Billions		★★★ Shooter ('07, Act) Mark Wahlberg.				(:05) Shameless		(:15) ★ Delivery Man	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(3:30) ★ Why Horror?		★★ The Crow Brandon Lee.				(:45) ★ The Crow: City of Angels			(:15) ★ Backcountry Missy Peregrym.		
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:30) ★ The Bourne ...		★ The Monuments Men ('14, Act) George Clooney.						★★★ The Patriot ('00, Dra) Heath Ledger, Mel Gibson.			
BET	58	-		40		BET Honors								Martin	Martin	Martin	Wendy
BRAVO	65	76		41		Beverly Hills		Beverly Hills		Beverly Hills (N)		(:15) Beverly Hills			Housewives Atlanta		VanderR
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Billion Dollar Buyer		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Billion Buyer (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		CNN Special Report		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		CNN Special Report	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch (N)		Deadliest Catch (N)		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	LivMad	S.Middle	★ Descendants ('15, Fam) Dove Cameron.			Backstag	Underc.	Friends	Bunk'd	Jessie	Jessie	
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball NIT Tournament (L)				NCAA Basketball NIT Tournament (L)					SportsCenter		
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FNC	45	48	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:15) ★ Dark Shadows Johnny Depp.				Shadow "Malec" (N)		Stitchers (N)		The 700 Club		★ Death Becomes...	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Spursin-sider (N)	Stars Insider (N)	Stars Pre-game (L)	NHL Hockey Nashville Predators at Dallas Stars Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)					Stars Live (L)	Insider (N)	WPT Poker Legends of Poker	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	★ White House Down ('13, Act) Jamie Foxx, Channing Tatum.						O.J. Simpson (N)		O.J. Simpson		The Americans	
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper (N)		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper (N)		House (N)	House (N)	Good Bones (N)		Fixer Upper	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Counting	CountCars	Counting	Counting	Count. (N)	Count. (N)	(:05) Forged Fire (N)		(:05) Forged in Fire		Counting	Counting
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Dance Moms "The Maddie Rumor"		Dance Chat "Brynn's Big Moment" (N)		Dance Moms "ALDC Does Vegas" (N)		Mother Daughter Exp. (N)		Dance Moms "ALDC Does Vegas'		Dance Moms: Chat "Brynn's Big Moment"	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				NHLTop10	NHL Live! (L)		NHL Hockey Colorado Avalanche at St. Louis Blues (L)					(:15) NHL Overtime (L)		Rivals	NHLTop10
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	★ Jinxed ('13, Fam) Clara Bravo.				H.Danger	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master (N)		Ink Mstr	Ink Mstr	Tattoo	Tattoo
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	★★ Charlie's Angels Drew Barrymore.				★★ Charlie's Angels II: Full Throttle				★ Silent Hill ('06, Hor) Sean Bean.			
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Seln. "The Masseuse"	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Separation "Gregory and Corey" (N)		Conan (N)		2 Broke Girls	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(4:30) ★★★ Gypsy		★ Lilith ('64, Rom) Warren Beatty.				★★★★ Ulee's Gold Peter Fonda.				★ Easy Rider	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		Quien es quien?		Eva, La Trailera		El señor de los cielos		Al rojo	Titulares	Gran Hermano	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Jill Jessa Count On "At Home and Away"		Jill Jessa "Date Nights and Bright Lights" (N)		Jill and Jessa: Counting On (N)		The Willis Family (N)		Jill and Jessa: Counting On		Willis "What Does It Mean to be a Willis?"	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Castle "In Plane Sight"		NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Cleveland Cavaliers Site: Quicken Loans Arena -- Cleveland, Ohio (L)					NBA Basketball Washington Wizards at Golden State Warriors Site: The Oracle -- Oakland, Calif. (L)				
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Griffith	A. Griffith	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern "Integrity"	Modern Family	Chrisley Knows (N)	Chrisley Knows	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family
WGN	19	85				(5:00) ★★ Black Hawk Down ('01, Action) Eric Bana, Ewan McGregor, Josh Hartnett.				Outsiders "Day Most Blessed" (N)		Outsiders "Day Most Blessed"		Underground "The Lord's Day"		Outsiders "Day Most Blessed"	

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

Two members of Midland County 4-H won $10,000 scholarships at the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo, which was last month.

Jaleigh Ivy won for her Grand Champion ABC steer and **Matthew Hartzoge** was champion shooter out of 756 contestants, according to a press release from the county extension office.

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Lee High School senior **Allen Ho** has been honored by the Midland West Rotary Club. He is the son of Ashley Zhang.

He is an academic letterman, a member of Business Professionals of America and a state qualifier in BPA.

He volunteers with Keep Midland Beautiful, Midland Teen Court and Midland County Public Library.

Ho plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in chemical engineering.

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Lee High School senior **Valerie Zubia** has been

Zubia

honored by the Midland West Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Bert and Lupe Zubia.

She is a Texas Scholar, member of Students in Philanthropy, Interact Club, debate team, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and cross country and soccer teams.

She volunteers with Meals on Wheels and Midland Teen Court and attends Golf Course Road Church of Christ.

Zubia plans to attend the University of Texas or Baylor University and major in pre-law or global/public health.

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Midland High School senior **Maxwell Gaddy**

Gaddy

has been honored by the Midland Rotary Club. He is the son of Chris and Christine Gaddy.

He is academic decathlon team captain, president of the Latin Club, robotics team coach, member of National Honor Society and JROTC.

He volunteers with Keep Midland Beautiful, Celebration of the Arts, CAF AirSho and local post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Gaddy plans to attend the University of Texas and major in history and business management.

ALGEBRA

From 2B

Rather than scaling back on algebra, New York City educators have announced an "Algebra for All" initiative that aims to keep students on track by providing specialized math teachers in fifth grade, before algebra is introduced.

"We believe in high standards," said Carol Mosesson-Teig, director of mathematics for the city Department of Education. "And we believe that the best way to serve the students is to strengthen the instruction."

Eighteen-year-old Isaiah Aristy took the algebra Regents test twice and failed it both times.

Aristy, now a freshman at the Borough of Manhattan Community College who is hoping for a career in law enforcement, said he was good at math until he hit algebra.

"When it came to x and y and graphing, that's when I started dropping, and it made me feel low," he said. "But we don't need to learn what x and y is. When in life are we going to write on paper, 'X and y needs to be this?'"

Like millions of community college students across the U.S., Aristy must pass a remedial math class with no college credit, and then pass at least one college-level math class, if he wants to get an associate's degree.

But Aristy isn't just repeating Algebra I again. BMCC is one of about 50 community colleges in 14 state that offer an alternative track called Quantway, developed by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, that seeks to develop quantitative literacy.

"It includes some basic algebra concepts, but you don't learn how to factor polynomials or solve complex equations," said math department Chairman Fred Peskoff.

Project director Karon Klipple said the foundation devised Quantway and a statistics track called Statway in 2011 because of the sheer numbers of students dropping out of community college due to algebra. Sixty to 80 percent of community college students nationwide test into remedial math, and most don't pass it, she said.

"This is where their hopes and aspirations go to die," Klipple said. "They're in college to try to make a better life for themselves, and they're stopped by mathematics."

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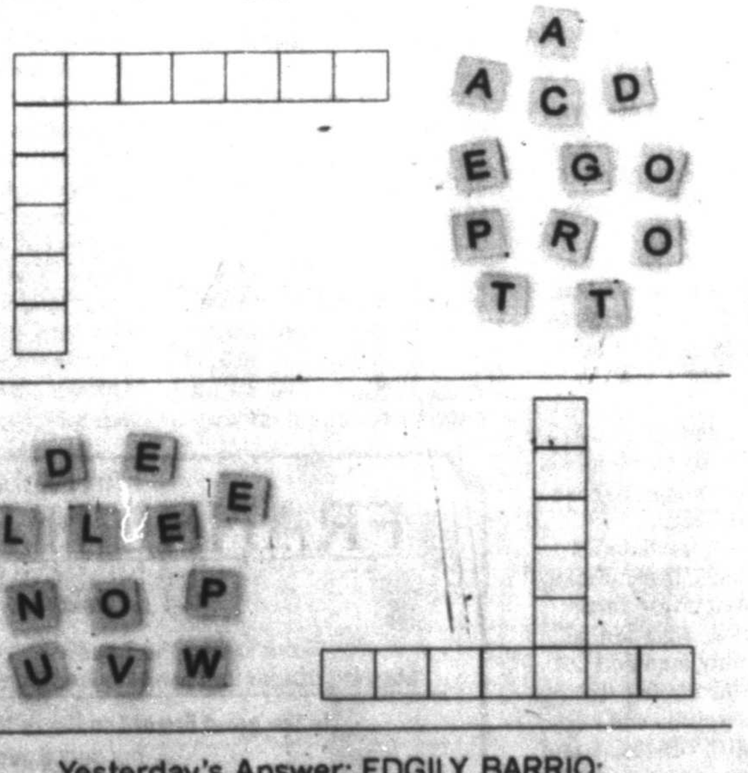

Yesterday's Answer: EDGILY, BARRIO; CANYON, BALLOT; ABSENT, UNREAD

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Tuition at foreign colleges less than US

■ Database Beyond The States lists colleges that offer bachelor's degrees taught in English

By Sarah Grant
Bloomberg

When Michael Ferrante, a 21-year-old college senior, returned to Baltimore to finish school after studying in Berlin for a year, he had only one regret — not having applied to college in Germany in the first place.

"It was infinitely cheaper to study in Berlin," said Ferrante, who graduated from Johns Hopkins University with a degree in German language and literature. In high school, he had planned on studying in Germany, but he applied to U.S. colleges because he was more familiar with American schools.

"I feel like most Americans don't think of Continental universities as having the same academic rigor as top-flight American universities," he said. "But based on my experience in Germany, it's just a different kind of rigor."

It's also a different price tag. Ferrante said he paid $500 for two semesters at Humboldt and Die Freie Universität in Berlin and spent roughly $27,000, with financial aid, for the same amount of time at Hopkins.

More American students are choosing to study abroad. In the 2013-2014 school year, the number of U.S. students studying abroad was 72 percent higher than it had been in 2000-2001, according to a report from the Institute of International Education. Many students are choosing to go further than a one-semester break and attend all four years of college in a foreign city.

The number of students enrolled in college outside their countries rose 463 percent from 1975 to 2012, said a report last month by Moody's Investors Service. International students in the U.S. have grown by 70 percent since 2005, according to the report.

Despite the growing interest in a global education, Americans have few guides to understand European college processes, which vary by country.

"I was shocked that there isn't the European equivalent of a Princeton Review or a Fiske Guide because there's so much information [in the U.S.]," said Jennifer Viemont, co-founder of Beyond The States, a database of 350 colleges in 30 countries that offer bachelor's degrees taught in English.

Viemont began the project four years ago when her high-school aged son expressed interest in going to college abroad.

"Other than country-specific websites like StudyinSweden.com or StudyinDenmark.com, there's not a lot of literature out there," she said.

College in Europe can be astonishly cheap for Americans. Forty public and private colleges in continental Europe offer free bachelor's degrees, taught in English, to Americans, said Viemont. An additional 98 colleges ask tuition of under $4,000 per year, she said. European colleges want American applicants because they can charge higher tuition for non-EU residents. Americans in Europe will still pay considerably less than they would at home, where the average out-of-state tuition for private universities is $32,405 a year, according to the College Board. The only European colleges that have bigger price tags are owned by American universities such as American College in Paris or Bard College in Berlin, Viemont said.

There are nonetheless costs to studying in Europe. Universities there don't own dorms the way American universities do, Viemont said; the cost of living off-campus varies by city and by country. Further costs such as regular flights home can tack on thousands of dollars.

The main thing that holds back some Americans from studying across the Atlantic is a fear that they'll sacrifice quality — and North American career opportunities.

"The biggest worry people seem to have is that a name from Europe won't carry the same weight as one from the U.S., but there's a serious upshot of graduating a year early and with a fraction of the debt," she said. "Plus, you've seen the world."

Texas A&M graduation ceremony relocated to dying man's home

By Mary Ann Roser
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — As a crowd gathered in the driveway of a Circle C home under a brilliant, windswept sky Tuesday afternoon, an unusual ceremony got underway, fulfilling a father's dying wish.

Jim Brewer, who at 57 is nearing the end of his struggle with pancreatic cancer, watched his daughter graduate from Texas A&M University — his alma mater and now hers.

The Austin American-Statesman reported that because doctors said the father's time is short, Texas A&M brought the ceremony to his Austin home as dozens of relatives, neighbors and friends looked on, many wearing Aggie maroon.

"One of the last things on my bucket list was to see my daughter graduate, but I didn't think I was going to make it," Jim Brewer said softly just before the ceremony. "Just seeing her get her degree."

His voice trailed off he teared up and sat in a wheelchair, clutching a maroon blanket to his chest. Then he turned and greeted yet another well-wisher, including some fellow members of the A&M Corps of Cadets with whom he had served. Some he hadn't seen in 15 years, he said, adding, "I feel like Tom Sawyer hanging out in the rafters."

The ceremony started at 1:30 p.m. sharp as Texas A&M Associate Dean John Hurtado, wearing a black robe with a purple sash, stood at a lectern borrowed from Clayton Elementary School, where Jim Brewer's wife, Lisa, teaches second grade. Lisa Brewer knelt beside his wheelchair and held his hand as their two sons, Nick, 26, and Mike, 27, stood behind them.

"When I heard about this opportunity, I jumped at the chance," Hurtado told the crowd. He brought a flag called a gonfalon that represents the college of engineering and explained the symbols to the crowd. Hurtado, an aerospace engineering professor, taught Jim Brewer's daughter, Jenny, who is 23 and slated to receive a bachelor's degree in that subject May 12.

Hurtado's voice broke when he turned his attention to Jenny Brewer and spoke of her accomplishments and the Aggie values she embodies. Jim Brewer looked on, alternately wiping tears and smiling at his daughter as she stood beside Hurtado in a cap and gown. When Hurtado instructed Jenny Brewer to turn around her class ring so the year was pointing outward, Jim Brewer touched his own ring, Class of 1980, and gave her a thumbs-up.

Jim Brewer is a civil engineering graduate and worked as a senior project manager at Doucet & Associates. Some of his colleagues were at the ceremony and were among those applauding when Hurtado said: "Jenny, you are now and forever an Aggie. Congratulations, and gig 'em."

Then the Brewers faced their family, friends and colleagues as they all sang "The Spirit of Aggieland," a familiar tune at A&M sports events.

"I think it's just amazing everyone showed up," Jenny Brewer said afterward. "I just want to thank Texas A&M. The Aggies are awesome."

The ceremony was Nick Brewer's idea. He lives and works in Fayetteville, Arkansas, but recently came home to be with his family. "The one thing my dad kept saying is he was hoping he would live long enough to see Jenny graduate."

Just a week ago, Nick Brewer emailed Texas A&M officials asking about the possibility of a home graduation ceremony. He knew Daniel Pugh, the vice president for student affairs, when Pugh was an official at the University of Arkansas, Nick Brewer's alma mater. Pugh followed through, and Nick Brewer said he wasn't really surprised.

"With the experience I've had with Texas A&M before and knowing the kind of people they are, I was optimistic," he said. "But to get the response from the people I got it from was pretty cool."

Jim Brewer didn't find out until Monday.

"We were trying to keep it a surprise, but he (Jim) was having a rough morning yesterday (Monday), so we let him know yesterday," Nick Brewer said, adding that his mom and sister were in the room. All four of them shed tears.

"This is beyond my expectations," Jim Brewer said, just before his family took him inside and invited their guests in for chocolate cake.

MAURER

From 2B

scheduled less. They need more time for free play, for creative play, for physical activity, for making art and music, for building and tinkering, for thinking.

Notably, my opinions on this subject are backed up by neuro-cience. Judy Willis, in "The Neuroscience of Joyful Education" (Educational Leadership, 2007) writes: "The truth is that when we scrub joy and comfort from the classroom, we distance our students from effective information processing and long-term memory storage. Instead of taking pleasure from learning, students become bored, anxious, and anything but engaged. They ultimately learn to feel bad about school and lose the joy they once felt."

Anyone who has ever well-loved a kindergartener knows the pure joy this quote talks about. Everything is exciting the first year of school. Children are filled to the brim with expectations. Unfortunately, too many pencils, too many tight lines and too many tests rob too many children of their joy and, in the end, make it more difficult for them to learn and to retain what they need to know.

Good teachers, in good schools, fighting the good fight, do everything possible to protect a child's right not to be perfect, to make mistakes and to take regular "joy" breaks throughout the day. In some schools, this requires an act of creative disobedience, in others it is an expectation.

"The Important Book" also has something to say about questions. Hearing this story for the first time, children ask, "Why does Margaret Wise Brown say the most important thing about a daisy is that it is white?" That's when you get to say, "The important thing is that she asked the question."

For parents and teachers, the important thing is making room for questions, encouraging dinner tables and classrooms where a lively exchange of ideas is valued. The words of the ancient Greek philosopher, Plutarch, ring true: "Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." Expressing a similar sentiment, Albert Einstein said, "Imagination is more important than knowledge." If we place too much emphasis on answers, and not on the value of questions, we make it less likely children will continue to be passionate about and engaged in learning.

Margaret Wise Brown's descriptions suggest a view from a window. The things she describes are framed in simple and innocent ways. Rain makes things shiny. The sky is blue and high and full of clouds. And, in thinking about children, it takes away my breath to know childhood is framed by a finite number of minutes. Childhood is a precious "window of opportunity" for developing a perspective, a point of view, a sense of purpose, a moral compass to last a whole life long. And, sadly, this finite number of minutes shrinks every time the expectations of misguided, if well-meaning, adults come into the lives of children.

In schools and in our homes, we need to banish labels created to organize children into arbitrary groups. We need to talk about children in terms of their possibilities, and never in terms of their disabilities. We need to talk about children in terms of their strengths, and not in terms of their gifts. We need to talk about children in terms of how hard they work, and not how well they perform the first, or the second or even the third time. Childhood should be time for practice and patience, not strikeouts. George Eliot once said, "It's never too late to be who you might have been." Childhood is much too early to sort children as winners or losers, but we allow it to happen.

Alexander Graham Bell said, "When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us." This quote sets up the last and most important lesson from "The Important Book." Brown wrote, "The most important thing about you is that you are you. It is true you were a baby, and you grew, and now you are a child, and you will grow, into a man, or into a woman, but the most important thing about you is that you are you."

Every child is different, and in our homes and in our schools, we need to find ways to make it possible for each child to realize their unique possibilities. Sen. S.I. Hayakawa said, "Good teachers never teach anything. What they do is create the conditions under which learning takes place." What do we need to fix? It's an important question.

Patricia Maurer is the head of preschool and lower school at Trinity School.

Boren says penny sales tax will easily make November ballot

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Oklahoma voters are deeply concerned about funding for public education as evidenced by their overwhelming willingness to sign a petition for a vote on a one-cent sales tax in November, University of Oklahoma President David Boren said Monday.

Supporters nearing the midpoint of a 90-day window for gathering about 123,000 signatures needed to place the question already have gathered more than 200,000 signatures, Boren said.

"People circulating the petitions tell me they're hardly ever turned down," said Boren, a former Democratic Oklahoma governor and U.S. senator. "People start lining up to sign it."

Supporters said the tax would generate about $615 million annually, with about 70 percent designated for a $5,000 pay raise for Oklahoma teachers.

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learning plan, and they are grouped by age and ability. Classes have fewer than 10 students, who spend an average of just under five years at the school, according to a fact sheet supplied by Bynum.

"He or she can reach his or her full potential, whatever it might be," Woodman said. "There's more to this than people are aware of."

Another differentiating aspect of Bynum is that it operates year round, not nine months. This schedule helps students to keep making progress on whatever their goals are, while also giving parents chances to work or volunteer that they otherwise may not have, Woodman said.

"We're very fortunate to have this resource here because it is very unusual to have this type of facility," Woodman said. "If people are looking to move into town and they have a special-needs child, this is a great advantage to have this school here."

The campus includes greenhouses, three donated trailers that house three classrooms, a garden, an outside play area and the original farmhouse that has four classrooms and administrative offices. Some classrooms serve various purposes. Students eat, do ceramics and participate in classroom activities in the same room.

There is no cafeteria area or gym; instead, students are invited to gym classes at Trinity School and dance classes at Art and Soul Dance Studio. Graduation, parent-teacher conferences and other special services frequently take place at donated spaces such as Mid-Cities Community Church, St. Stephen's Catholic Church and the Junior League of Midland, St. John said.

Students frequently participate in community service, such as Meals on Wheels and Helping Hands, and some gain job experience working with Bynum's partners such as Johnny Carino's, as a supplement to their education.

The new campus will include several classrooms, a gymnasium, courtyards, a playground, a vocational wing, therapy labs, a multipurpose room, greenhouses, gardens, potting sheds and parking. Residential spaces, retail spaces and recreational and physical education options are a potential phase two.

Linn Energy donated about 60 acres of land in May 2013 for a new school west of Holiday Hill Road and north of Briarwood Avenue. The school's board of directors adopted a new strategic plan in July 2013, according to a statement.

The planned campus will accommodate 122 students; currently, 50 students attend. The "Bynum experience" often means that students return to visit, according to St. John and 23-year faculty member Ermunda Basco-Yazdani.

"We have so many who come back and stay connected with us," said Basco-Yazdani, adding that some students come from Garden City or Stanton as well as from Midland and Odessa. "It's a regional school."

St. John said that the increased size "will definitely be filled" as the current campus frequently moves around administrative offices to make another classroom. In Region 18 Education Service Center for West Texas, 6,320 students meet eligibility for special-education services, according to a Bynum fact sheet.

"I may have to put people on a waiting list soon," St. John said. "We have knocked out walls and everything else to make room. It's time for a new campus."

Besides younger students, Bynum also has a school for adults with special needs. Tuition for minors is $10,000 a year and for adults $11,000 per year. It's the lowest tuition of private and parochial schools in Midland, according to the fact sheet.

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In the great fire of London in 1666 half of London was burnt down but only 6 people were injured.

An enneahedron is a solid with nine faces.

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Psalm 32:1

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven; whose sin is covered.

TODAY: Mostly sunny	WEDNESDAY: Sunny	THURSDAY: Mostly sunny	FRIDAY: Mostly sunny	SATURDAY: Sunny	SUNDAY: Sunny
High: 86 Low: 55	High: 82 Low: 43	High: 72 Low: 47	High: 66 Low: 41	High: 69 Low: 44	High: 77 Low: 48

Local forecast

The chance of rain in the forecast for today and later in the week is now gone, according to the National Weather Service.

The NWS does expect strong winds tonight and all day Wednesday. Gusts could reach 30 mph.

The record high for March 28 is 92 set in 1963. The record low is 19 set in 1931. On March 28 of last year, the high was 87 and the low was 51.

Weather brief

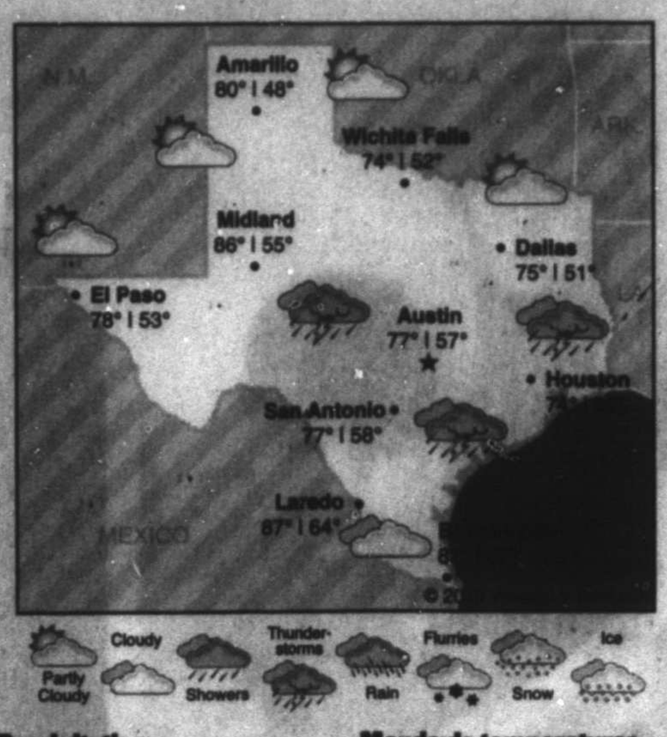
ARKANSAS

Severe weather possible later in week

• LITTLE ROCK — The National Weather Service says severe weather will be possible in Arkansas later this week.

The weather service said thunderstorms are expected to begin Wednesday morning in the western one-third of Arkansas and the chance for severe weather will start during the late morning and afternoon hours and spread eastward.

The primary threats will be large hail and damaging winds and the weather service said tornadoes can't be ruled out.



Precipitation

Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.34 in.
Year total	0.82 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.81 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	79
Low	43
Normal high	74
Normal low	44
Sunrise	7:40 a.m.
Sunset	8:07 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, March 29

Son's sperm donation provokes mother's ire

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: My oldest son came to me nine months ago asking my opinion. He wanted to donate sperm to a black, lesbian couple (for a fee) so they could have a biracial child. He told me he needed the money. I told him I didn't approve because they are lesbians. (Sorry, I'll be bashed for that statement, but I have to be honest.) I have a biracial 10-year-old son, so race isn't the issue. Had it been a heterosexual couple of any race, I would have been OK. However, what I told him was that if he gives up his rights to the child, I, too, won't have grandparents' rights. I broke down in tears when he told me all this. Yesterday, I received a picture of a newborn. It turns out my son donated his sperm knowing how I feel about homosexuality. I have tried hard to always be there for my children, letting them know I love them and doing the best a single mother could do for them. I feel I must have failed horribly in bringing him up to be a better man.

I cannot, in our home state, fight for grandparents' rights since he has relinquished his rights. I am even more hurt that he would share a picture of my grandson knowing my opinion, and I feel horribly disrespected. Am I being overly sensitive? Should I just let all of this go? — DISRESPECTED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR DISRESPECTED: What's done is done. Your son's sperm is his to do with as he wishes. His mistake was in asking your opinion and letting you see the picture. Because of your deep-seated bias against gay couples, I assume you weren't planning on having contact with the baby anyway, because overcoming your intolerance would have been necessary. Your son is an adult, and your blessing was not required. If you continue to hang onto this, it might destroy your relationship with your son, so let it go.

DEAR ABBY: My husband had an affair and a child with a married woman before we were together. They agreed to let her husband raise the boy as if he were his biological son. I didn't agree with it. We have a daughter together who is two years younger than the boy. They will be going to the same middle school next year. Our daughter is very sociable and likes meeting new people. I'm afraid that they will meet and be attracted to each other, not knowing they have the same father. Do I say something now, or wait and hope my worst fear does not become reality? — KEEPING A BIG SECRET

DEAR KEEPING: Say something now. While there is no guarantee they will be attracted to each other, they should be told they have a half-sibling.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, March 29, 2016:

This year you could be fiery and impulsive without even realizing it. Others will become reactive, as you seem to be so unpredictable! Let them know that this is just a phase. If you are single, you suddenly could decide that you have met The One. You are more likely to encounter Mr. or Ms. Right after summer 2016. If you are attached, the two of you often take off without any explanation. The freedom to act as a couple becomes very important to you and your sweetie. SAGITTARIUS sometimes rains on your parade.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You'll feel ready to accomplish what you want. An obstacle could slow you down midday. You are likely to find a way to jump over this hurdle. Be calm with someone older who might not grasp every detail of a conversation. Tonight: Try a new type of happening or cuisine.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Your natural preference is to relate to others on a one-on-one level; you like that sense of closeness and understanding. Even in the workplace, you prefer individual conversations. Be positive when dealing with a friend who seems to create chaos. Tonight: With a favorite person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Defer to someone who has a need to be heard. How this person's ideas turn out will have no reflection on you. If you feel the need to play devil's advocate, be diplomatic. Don't be surprised if someone unintentionally trips you up. Tonight: Continue as you have been.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ If you feel as if you are in a figurative pressure cooker, you probably are! A lot of people have expectations that they want you to meet. You'll experience little give-and-take right now. The good news is that this too will pass. Tonight: Know when to switch gears.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ If you note an impulsive quality emanating from yourself, don't suppress it — work with it. In fact, you might find it nearly impossible to do otherwise. Let a friend deal with his or her own stress. The time to lighten up the mood will be obvious. Tonight: Act as if there were no tomorrow.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Everything seems to backfire. You might not know when or how to say that you have had enough. A family member seems to be set in his or her ways. You are unlikely to be able to change this person's mind or help him or her see an alternative. Tonight: Stay close to home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You might need to ignore phone calls and emails for the moment. You have a lot of ground to cover, and you also should schedule a meeting ASAP. A loved one could become quite demanding at the last minute. Be patient. Tonight: Swap war stories with a dear friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ You might be more involved in a situation than you would like to be, especially as there could be financial ramifications. Make your limits clear. Others seem to have expectations that you can't meet. An unexpected development is likely to create chaos. Tonight: Treat yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Others wonder why some people feel awkward around you. By midday, you might give them a reason to be wary of getting too close to you. Take a walk, and refuse to let any negativity affect the day. A new friend is full of surprises. Tonight: Let go of stress through a hobby.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Others might not be as grounded as you would like them to be. Some of them will act flaky, and a family member seems to be working on being even more unpredictable. Don't get caught up in any drama, if possible. You have enough to handle. Tonight: Get lots of sleep.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Express interest in someone else's project or hobby. Unexpected news is likely to head your way, and it could surprise you. Relax with the moment, and go with the flow. Make it OK to be carefree and unpredictable. Tonight: Reach out to a loved one at a distance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Perform to your highest capabilities. Others seem to have high expectations of you. A conversation might wind up costing you more than you had anticipated, as the other party might ask for something that you weren't prepared to give. Tonight: Up until the wee hours.

BORN TODAY

Basketball player Walt Frazier (1945), businessman Sam Walton (1918), politician Eugene McCarthy (1916)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

The fork

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ K 9
♡ K 4
◊ A Q 5
♣ Q 8 6 4 3 2

WEST
♠ Q 6 5 2
♡ 9 3
◊ J 10 8
♣ K 10 9 7

EAST
♠ 8 7 4
♡ 10 8 6 5 2
◊ 9 7 6 3 2
♣ Void

SOUTH
♠ A J 10 3
♡ A Q J 7
◊ K 4
♣ A J 5

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2NT	Pass	6NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Jack of ◊

North realized that there might be a grand slam if partner held the three missing aces and both minor suit kings. He had no way to find out about all those specific cards, so he settled reasonably for a small slam. Lucky for him he did, as even 12 tricks proved to be a challenge.

South saw that the best suit to attack for extra tricks was the club suit, so he won the opening diamond lead with dummy's queen and led a low club. He intended to insert his jack if East played low, but he had to change plans when East showed out. Declarer won with his ace and stopped to think it over.

Declarer remembered a play that he had read about in a bridge textbook and led his low club toward dummy's queen. This caught West in a classic Morton's Fork Coup. Should West rise with his king, there would be more than enough club tricks to bring home the slam, so West played the nine. Dummy's queen won the trick, and declarer now needed three spade tricks without allowing West to gain the lead.

South crossed back to his hand with the king of diamonds and led a low spade to dummy's nine. This held the trick and South had the three spade tricks he needed right there. Had the finesse lost to East's queen, there would still be three spade tricks and the slam was in the bank. Nicely played!

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Gobbled down
6 IRS enforcer
10 Galaxy Tab rival
14 Memory slip
15 Lifeboat movers
16 Indian bridal dress
17 Hard-to-please diva
19 Money for the pot
20 Beast of burden
21 TriCLEAN gasoline brand
22 Skin ink, casually
23 Holder of odds and ends
25 "Bless you!" trigger
28 Penne __ vodka: pasta dish
29 Hider in a haystack
31 Former "Tonight Show" announcer Hall
32 Religious offshoot
34 Like pages worth bookmarking
36 Pueblo-dwelling tribe
39 Tart taste
40 Pesto thickeners
44 Short race
47 Hubbub
48 Full of pluck
51 Bring up
53 Spot to enjoy oysters and clams
55 Way back when
57 Have
58 Origami bird
59 Windy City superstation
60 Bear whose bed was too hard
62 Dine together, and a hint to this puzzle's circles
64 Deadlocked
65 In __; with all judges present
66 Diciembre follower
67 Granny
68 Help, as a fugitive
69 Cheryl and Diane

DOWN

1 Llama cousin
2 Ankle bones
3 New Testament letter
4 Branch of the mil.
5 Cobbler fruit
6 Play the flute
7 Botched up
8 River under the Ponte Vecchio
9 Federal hush-hush org.
10 Sci-fi writer Asimov
11 Cat with black fur
12 Statues and sculptures
13 Conk out
18 Gorilla expert Fossey
22 Famous last words?
24 Hidden store
25 Pond plant
26 Poem of tribute
27 Like 2015
30 Point
33 Polynesian archipelago native
35 Lab gelatins
37 Contented kitty sound
38 "Lord, is __?"
40 Target score in "Mario Golf"
41 Mrs. McKinley
42 Sign on a new store
43 Synthetic rubber compound
45 Kelp, e.g.
46 Gaunt from exertion
49 Law that incited a 1773 Boston revolt
50 Pull hard
52 Sonata movements
54 Master, in Swahili
56 One resisting authority
58 Chesapeake Bay crustacean
60 Cattle holder
61 "Selma" director DuVernay
62 Marketing major's deg.
63 "Messenger" molecule

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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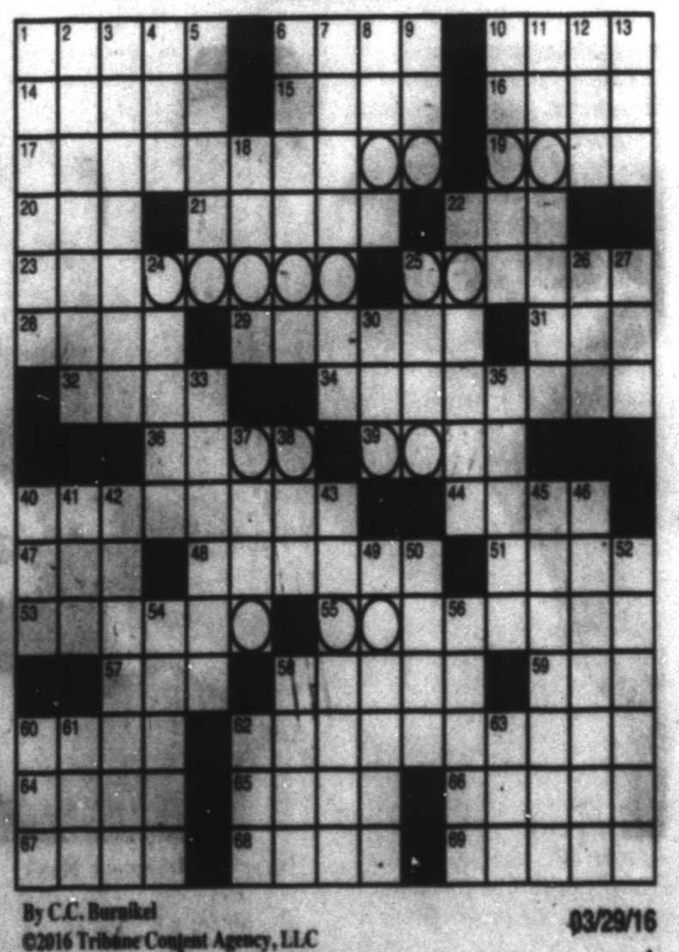

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Scharbauer and Fasken elementaries

No. 22 Diane Harris

Jones Elementary

No. 23 Leesha Seidel

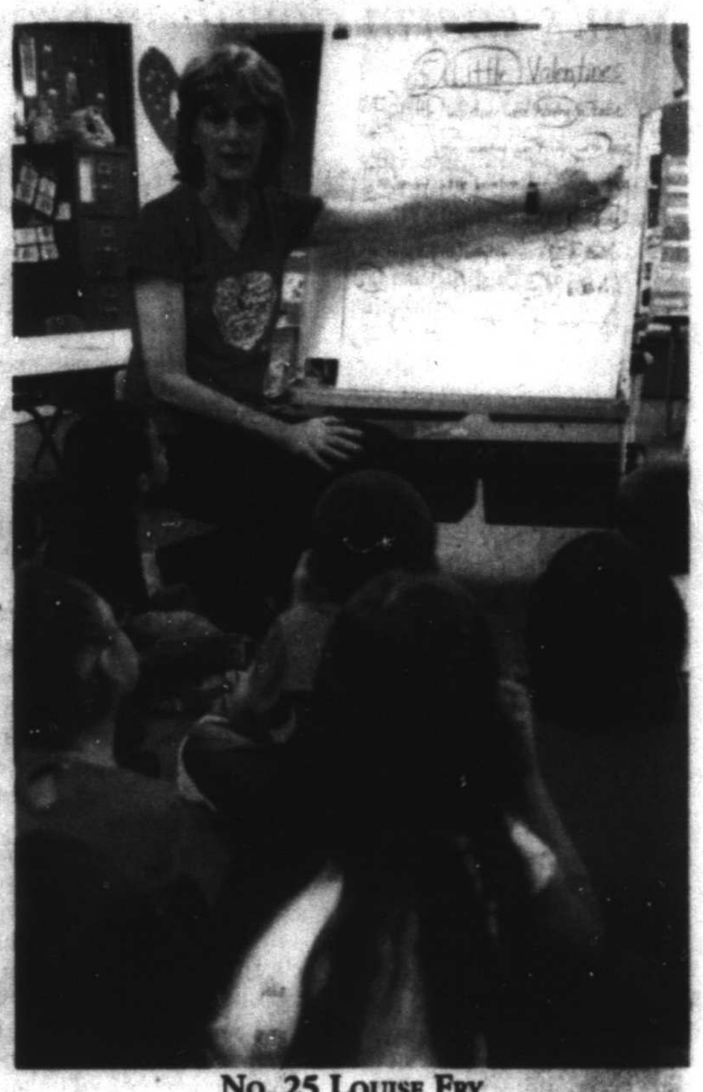
Carver Center

No. 24 Laura Timmerman

Bowie Elementary

CLASSROOM PIONEERS

Shown were the third round (Nos. 21-30) of Classroom Pioneers, an award from Pioneer Natural Resources and the Reporter-Telegram. If you missed any of the presentations, they can be found at mrt.com. Classroom Pioneers honors Midland ISD and Greenwood ISD teachers and support staff who use innovation to make a difference in the classroom. The Reporter-Telegram welcomes nominations from the public. Please go to www.mrt.com/classroompioneers and fill out a nomination form. We ask that nominations do not come from family members.



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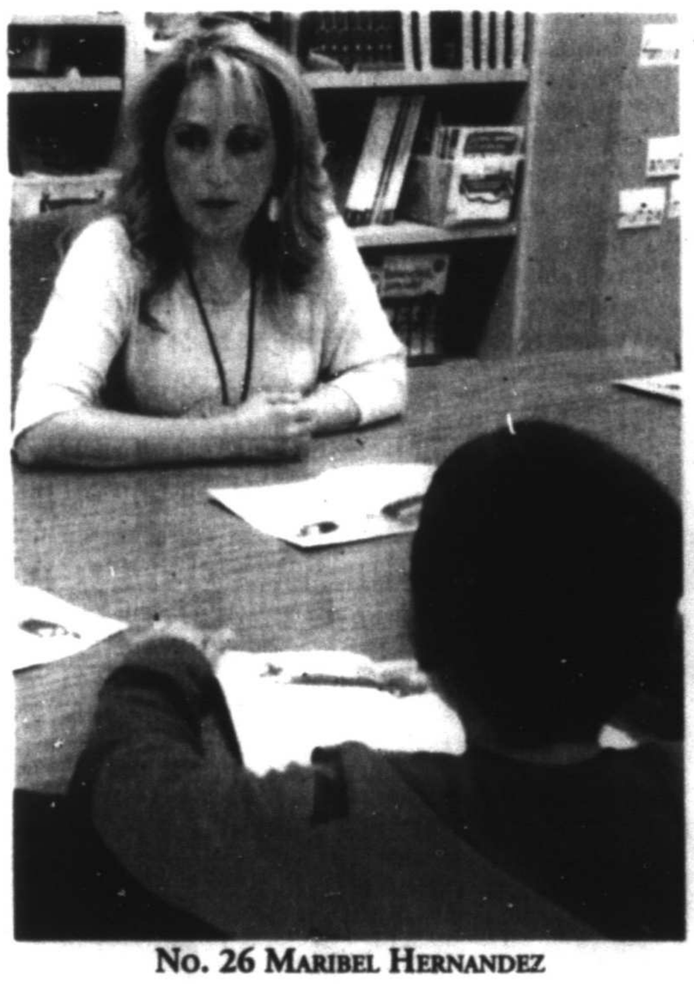

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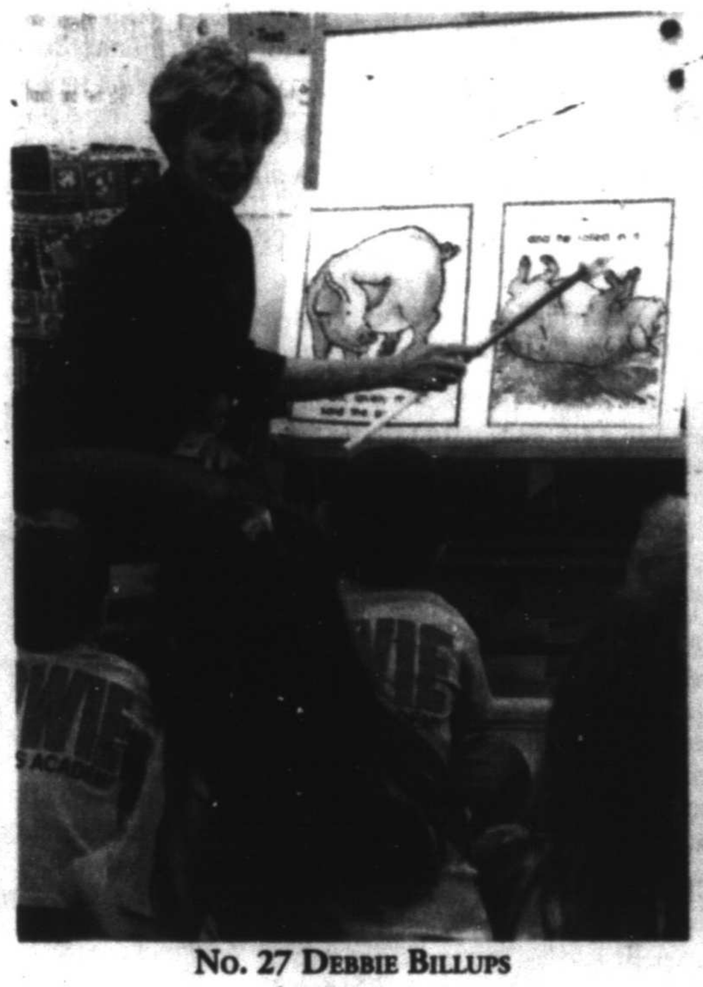

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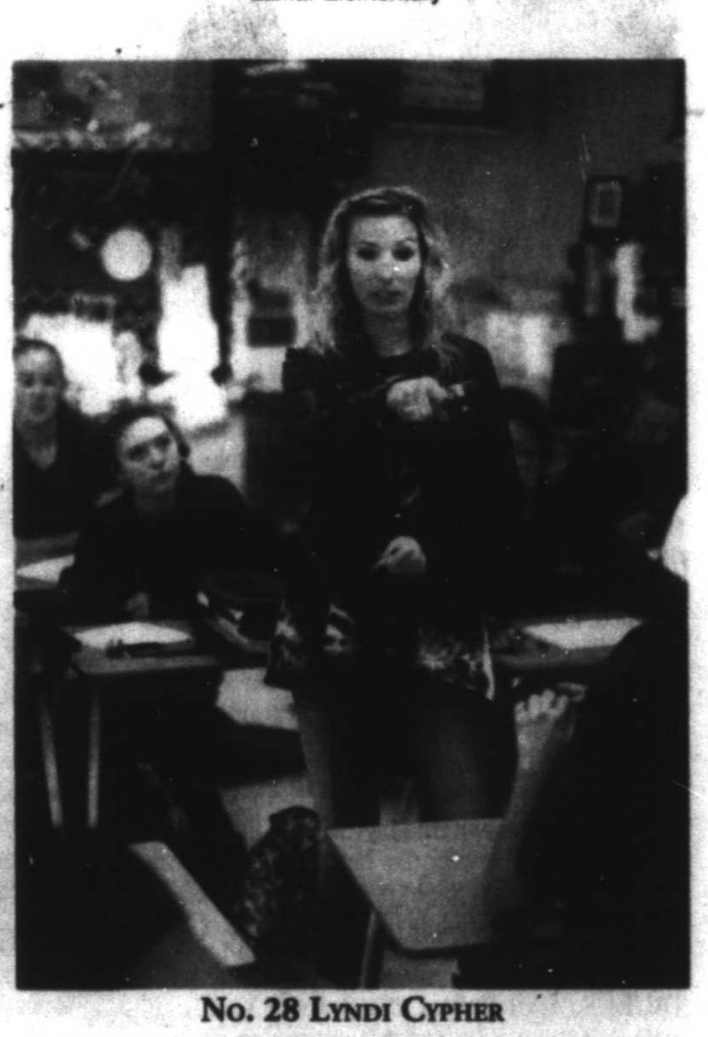

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Life College teacher

Greenwood's Pate surges to 1st in 4-4A tourney

By Oscar LeRoy
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Greenwood's Ryan Pate knows how to bounce back.

After struggling to deal with windy conditions and shooting an 82 in the first round of the District 4-4A girls golf tournament in Monahans on March 23, Pate had the best round of the tournament on Monday.

The senior and Missouri State signee shot a 3-under par 69 at Hogan Park's Roadrunner Course to jump into the lead by six shots, heading into next Monday's final round in Fort Stockton with a 151 total.

"Having the confidence that I needed a low round coming in, I was much more relaxed," said Pate, who had two bogeys and five birdies. "I was really consistent, probably the most consistent I've been. I hit the fairways, I hit the greens and hit two-putts for pars."

Andrews Gold freshman Sam Flores is second in the medalist standings with a 157 total as she helped her team take a 37-shot lead for second place.

However, Andrews Gold is 14 shots behind Andrews Black, which has a 325-324—649 total and is in very good position to capturing the program's sixth straight district title and 24th overall for the Lady Mustangs.

While Andrews can take two teams to the regional tournament for the fourth straight year, Pate — a two-time regional and state qualifier — has a chance to defend her district title.

"It's nice to have today's round as a cushion," Pate said. "I just need one more consistent round, and I'll be pretty set for regional. It's kind of nice having a good round my senior year. In the past, I've had some mediocre rounds in district."

Greenwood coach Sheila Smith said Pate even had a headache in the morning and was a little concerned about it.

"After she got out and started playing, she had some big shots and got the ball pretty close to the hole a few times," Smith said. "The 69 comes with some missed putts, but she came back with a good round today. Hopefully, we can do that at Fort Stockton."

For Andrews, the powerhouse program just kept chugging along as both the Black and Gold teams pulled away as players on both teams showed great consistency.

"With one round left, I feel we just have to play smart, don't do anything stupid, and we should be able to get two teams to the regional tournament," Andrews coach Mark Burgen.

Black's 324 and Gold's 329 on Monday were the best and second-best team rounds of the tournament. Burgen said it helped the players having some familiarity with the course after coming over to Midland to play a few practice rounds in the last week.

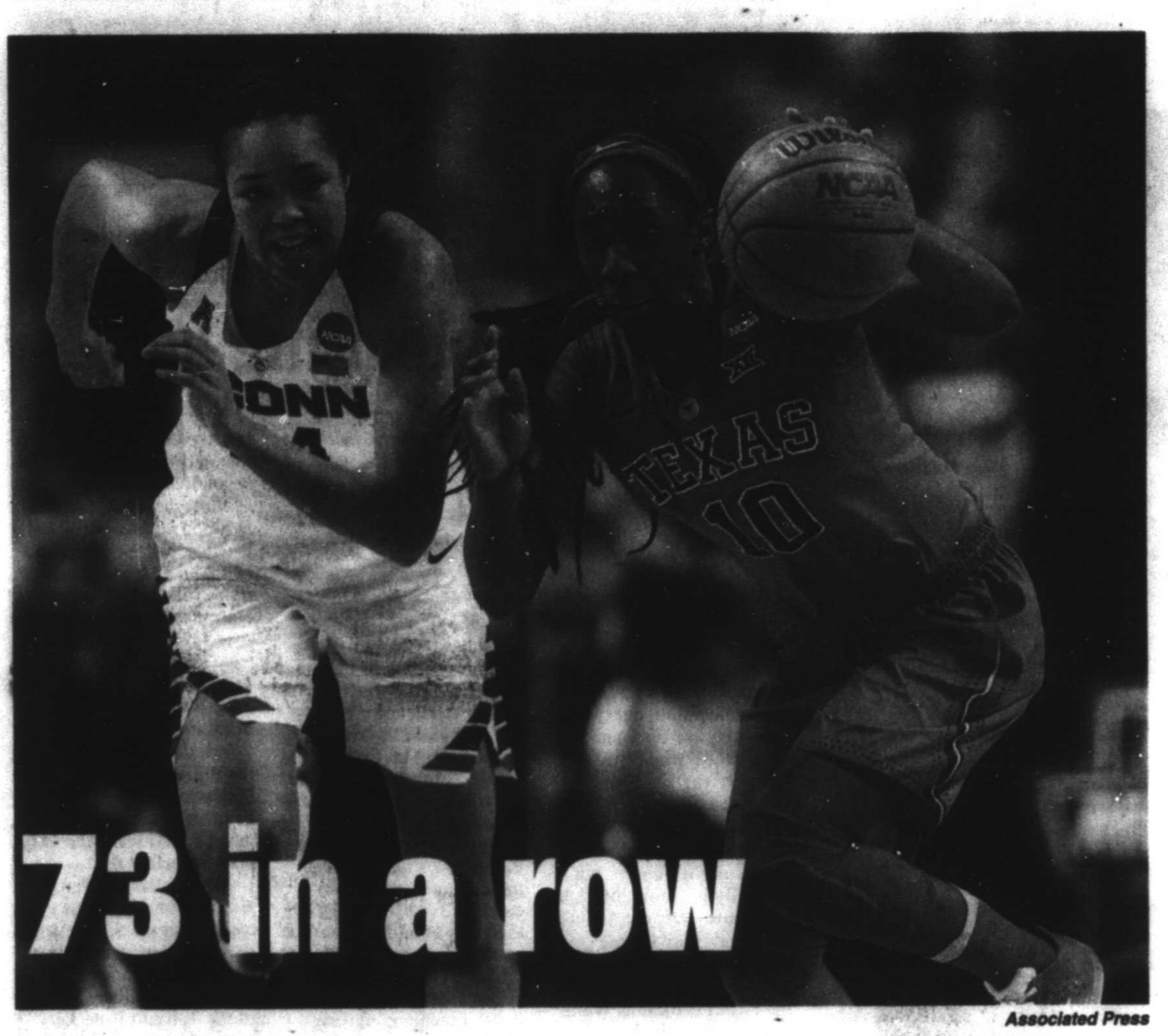
Burgen also praised Flores' play, who's been a big boost to the Gold team.

"She is all of a sudden coming on strong and she is a big reason the second team has the big lead (for second place)," Burgen said. "She had a 79 in Monahans and a 78 today.

Please see PATE/4C

Tim Fischer\Reporter-Telegram

Greenwood's Ryan Pate follows her shot Monday at the second round of the District 4-4A Girls Golf Tournament at Hogan Park Golf Course.



Associated Press

Texas' Lashann Higgs, right, steals the ball from Connecticut's Napheesa Collier, left, during the second half of a college basketball game in the regional final of the women's NCAA Tournament, Monday, in Bridgeport, Conn. UConn won 86-65.

UConn heads to 9th straight Final 4 after beating Texas

By Doug Feinberg
Associated Press

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — Morgan Tuck scored 22 points and Breanna Stewart added 21 points and 13 rebounds to lead top-seeded UConn back to the Final Four with an 86-65 victory over Texas on Monday night in the Bridgeport Regional.

It's UConn's ninth straight trip to the Final Four where it will be trying for a record fourth consecutive national championship. A feat never accomplished in the sport.

The victory, UConn's 73rd straight overall, was also the school's 22nd consecutive one in the postseason, breaking a tie with Tennessee for the most in a row.

Inside:

See coverage of the Baylor vs. Oregon State women's basketball game.

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Two more victories will give coach Geno Auriemma an 11th title, moving him past vaunted UCLA men's coach John Wooden for most all-time in college basketball history.

Stewart was selected as the Most Outstanding Player of the regional.

The Huskies will join Final Four newcomers Syracuse and Washington in Indianapolis this weekend.

UConn will play Oregon State in the national semifinals Sunday night.

Making the Final Four seemed like a foregone conclusion the way UConn has played this season, winning every game by double digits. The Huskies even stepped up their play in the regionals. They shattered their record when they routed Mississippi State in the Sweet 16 by an NCAA-best 60 points.

This was the second straight year that the Huskies (36-0) ended the Longhorns' season. UConn beat Texas (31-5) by a then-record 51 points last season in the Sweet 16. Texas made it one step further this season before falling to the Huskies again.

Please see FINAL/3C

Oklahoma coach Kruger returns to Final Four 22 years later

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Lon Kruger last coached in the Final Four in 1994. That's before most of his current players were born.

Back then, Kruger was coaching at Florida. Bill Clinton was president, the Internet was relatively new and pagers were more popular than cellphones.

Twenty-two years later, Oklahoma's coach has adjusted to the changes in the game and technology and has a shot at his first national title. The Sooners face Villanova on Saturday in a national semifinal in Houston.

Kruger

Kruger, 63, continues to reach his young players with old-fashioned elements.

"Coach Kruger's a great coach, and he's very genuine, and those are things that can transcend age," forward Khadeem Lattin said. "He's genuine and honest. Whether you're 100 or 12, if you're genuine and honest, everybody kind of flocks to those kinds of people, and he's that type of person."

Kruger has guided five different programs to the NCAA Tournament: Kansas State, Florida, Illinois, UNLV and Oklahoma. He led Kansas State to the Elite Eight in 1988, Florida to the Final Four in 1994, UNLV to the Sweet 16 in 2007 and Oklahoma to the Sweet 16 last year.

Now, he has received one of the most meaningful rewards for a coach — he's watched his players work hard all year and accomplish something life-changing together. He remembers the Florida Final Four squad and said that, though times have changed, the impact of such an accomplishment is the same.

"It's special because, even though they don't fully realize it right now, there are some memories that they'll have for a

Please see KRUGER/3C

Taunu'u leads Midland College's offense vs. WTC in doubleheader sweep

By Christopher Hadorn
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Lauren Taunu'u and the Midland College softball team were swinging cold bats early on in Monday's home doubleheader versus Western Texas College.

In order to relax at the plate, Taunu'u imagined that her parents back in her native Hawaii were watching her play.

"A couple of teammates, they put me aside, and they told me to clear my head and just try to find a happy place back at home," Taunu'u said.

The advice worked as Taunu'u caught fire in her team's second game with two home runs and five RBI to propel MC to an 18-9 run-rule win over Western Texas College in five innings at Midland College.

Behind a late offensive surge, the Lady Chaparrals overcame a 4-0 deficit to rally for an 8-5 victory over the Lady Westerners in game one.

MC (26-8, 6-2 in WJCAC) swept Monday's doubleheader to take the four-game Western Junior College Athletic Conference series, 3-1, over WTC (14-22, 3-5 in WJCAC) after both teams split Saturday in Snyder.

Monday's twin-bill was rescheduled after Friday's games were postponed because of anticipated severe winds.

In Monday's first game, MC was held to just two hits in the first three frames.

In the fourth inning, the Lady Chaps got their bats going when Greenwood grad Kassie Maddox hit a two-out, two-run double to put her team on the scoreboard.

In the ensuing innings, Cassie Siataga launched a two-run home run and Alexis Sullivan-Aguilar crushed a three-run homer as MC finished the first game on an offensive flurry and carried the momentum into the second game.

That's when Taunu'u got into a groove with a 3-for-3 performance. Taunu'u, a sophomore third baseman, hit four consecutive hard hit balls, which started with a sacrifice fly to the deepest part of center.

Both of Taunu'u's home runs were frozen ropes that left the field in a hurry.

"I just went up there all relaxed, cleared my head," Taunu'u said. "As soon as I made contact, I knew it was over, and I just couldn't wait to celebrate with (my teammates).

"When I am that hot, I want to keep going so we

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Tim Fischer\Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Danica Ferrisco connects for a hit Monday against Western Texas.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

College Baseball
Lamar at Texas, 6 p.m., LHN
Arkansas at Oklahoma State, 6 p.m., FCSC
Creighton at Nebraska, 6:30 p.m., BTN
Omaha at Kansas State, 6:30 p.m., FCSA
Alabama at Auburn, 7 p.m., SEC

College Softball
Gm 1: Louisiana at Baylor, 5 p.m., FSSW+, FCSP
Gm 2: Louisiana at Baylor, 7 p.m., FSSW+, FCSP

Major League Baseball
NY Yankees vs. Philadelphia, Noon, MLB
Oakland vs. Chic. Cubs, 3 p.m., MLB
San Francisco vs. Kansas City, 8 p.m., MLB

Men's College Basketball
NIT: BYU vs. Valparaiso, 6 p.m., ESPN
CIT Championship: UC Irvine at Coastal Carolina, 6 p.m., CBSSN
NIT: George Washington vs. San Diego State, 8 p.m., ESPN
Vegas 16: Tennessee Tech/Old Dominion winner vs. UC Santa Barbara/Northern Illinois winner, 8 p.m., CBSSN
Vegas 16: Oakland/Towson winner vs. Louisiana Tech/East Tennessee State winner, 10:30 p.m., CBSSN

Men's Soccer
AFCON Qualifier: Sudan vs. Ivory Coast, 11:50 a.m., beIN
Friendly: Germany vs. Italy, 1:30 p.m., ESPN2
Friendly: Portugal vs. Belgium, 1:30 p.m., ESPNDEP
World Cup Qualifying: USA vs. Guatemala, 6 p.m., ESPN2, UniMas, UDN
World Cup Qualifying: Argentina vs. Bolivia, 6:20 p.m., beIN2
World Cup Qualifying: Paraguay vs. Brazil, 7:50 p.m., beIN
Olympic Qualifying: USA vs. Colombia, 8:20 p.m., ESPN2
World Cup Qualifying: Mexico vs. Canada, 9:20 p.m., FS1, UniMas, UDN

National Basketball Association
Houston at Cleveland, 7 p.m., TNT
Washington at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., TNT

NBA D-League
Rio Grande Valley at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m., ESPNU

National Hockey League
Colorado at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m., NBCSN
Nashville at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW

Tennis
ATP/WTA: Miami Open, 10 a.m., TENNIS

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

Baseball
Stanton at MCA, 4 p.m.
Greenwood at Pecos, 7 p.m.

Softball
Greenwood at Pecos, 5:30 p.m.

YOUTH SPORTS

The Rattlers Baseball 13U baseball team recently took first place in the Triple Play Sportsplex "Battle of the Spring Breakers" tournament in Georgetown. Top row from left to right: Coach Trey Thompson, Blake Blackmon, Case Thompson, Coach Andrew Becker, Nick Vasquez. Dominic Fernandez, Joshua Keating, and Coach Eric Saucedo; Bottom row from left to right: Aidan Becker, Luke Ingram, Brayden Wynne, Tristen Rice, Gilbert Ramirez, Brian Abney and bat boy Urmiah Saucedo.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Optioned RHP Odrisamer Despaigne to Norfolk (IL).
BOSTON RED SOX — Optioned INF Deven Marrero to Pawtucket (IL). Reassigned INF Josh Rutledge, 1B/OF Allen Craig, OF Brennan Boesch, C Dan Butler and Sandy Leon and RH Anthony Varvaro to their minor league camp. Released RHP Carlos Marmol.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Reassigned RHP Carson Fulmer to their minor league camp.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Optioned LHP Kyle Crockett to Columbus (IL). Released OF David Murphy, LHP Joe Thatcher and OF Will Venable. Placed OF Lonnie Chisenhall on the 15-day DL.
DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned RHP Bruce Rondon to Toledo (IL). Granted RHP Bobby Parnell and INF Casey McGehee their unconditional release. Reassigned C Raffy Lopez and OF John Mayberry Jr. to their minor league camp.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Optioned RHP Michael Feliz and INF Jon Singleton to their minor league camp. Reassigned RHP Jake Buchanan, C Tyler Heineman, OF Eury Perez, INF A.J. Reed, INF Joe Sclafani and RHP Cesar Valdez to their minor league camp.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Released LHP Brian Duensing and RHP Peter Moyland and INF Clint Barmes.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Reassigned LHP Dan Runzler, C Juan Centeno, INF Jaimer Bensedoni and OFs Darin Mastroianni and Carlos Quentin to their minor league camp.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Reassigned RHP Diego Moreno to their minor league camp.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Optioned INF Shawn O'Malley, RHP Joe Wieland, LHP James Paxton, INF Chris Taylor and OF Stefen Romero to Tacoma (PCL). Selected the contract of 1B Dae-Ho Lee from Tacoma. Reassigned RHPs Casey Coleman and Justin De Fratus to their minor league camp.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Optioned OF Taylor Motter to Durham (IL).
TEXAS RANGERS — Released RHP Jeremy Guthrie.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Claimed C-1B Jesus Montero from Seattle. Designated C A.J. Jimenez for assignment.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Optioned LHP Matt Reynolds to Reno (PCL).
ATLANTA BRAVES — Reassigned LHP Alex Torres, C Williams Astudillo and INF Reid Brignac to their minor league camp. Released OF Nick Swisher unconditionally.
CHICAGO CUBS — Optioned RHP Spencer Patton to Iowa (PCL).
COLORADO ROCKIES — Optioned INF Rafael Ynoa to Albuquerque (PCL). Reassigned RHP Brian Schlitter to their minor league camp.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Announced the retirement of RHP Jamey Wright.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Optioned RHP David Goforth to Colorado Springs (PCL). Released LHP Franklin Morales.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Acquired RHP Dan Straily from Houston for C Erik Kratz. Reassigned RHPs Jose Dominguez, Philip Humber and Daniel McCutchen and C Rocky Gale to their minor league camp.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Optioned RHP's Sam Tuivailala and Miguel Socolovich, LHPs Dean Kiekhefer and Tim Cooney and C Mike Ohlman to Memphis (PCL). Reassigned 1B/OF David Washington to their minor league camp. Announced third base coach Jose Oquendo will take a medical leave of absence. Named Chris Maloney third base coach, Bill Mueller first base coach and infield instructor, Derrick May assistant hitting coach and George Greer minor league hitting coach.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Optioned RHP Rafael Martin and INF Tres Turner to Syracuse (IL). Reassigned LHP Aaron Laffey, OF Tom Campana, RHP Nick Masset, INF Scott Sizemore and C Jhonathan Solano to their minor league camp.
American Association
SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Signed LHP Francisco Gracesqui.
WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Released LHP Steven Gruver.
Can-Am League
NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Signed INF Dustin Lawley.
SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Signed RHP Andres Santiago.
FRONTIER LEAGUE
JOLIET SLAMMERS — Signed RHP Matt Hobgood.
NORMAL CORNBELTERS — Signed 1B Mitch Sutton.
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS — Signed C Riley Moore.
WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Signed LHP Chris Chigas.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CAROLINA PANTHERS — Signed CB Brandon Boykin to a one-year contract.
CHICAGO BEARS — Agreed to terms with LB Sam Acho on a one-year contract.GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed TE Jared Cook.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Announced the retirement of S Husain Abdullah.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Signed DT Nick Fairley to a one-year contract.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ARIZONA COYOTES — Recalled D Alex Grant from Springfield (AHL).
CALGARY FLAMES — Recalled Fs Derek Grant, Emile Poirier and Hunter Shinkaruk and D Brett Kulak from Stockton (AHL). Assigned Fs Freddie Hamilton and Garnet Hathaway to Stockton.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Placed G Cory Schneider on injured reserve, retroactive to March 4, and assigned him to Albany (AHL) for conditioning.
NEW YORK RANGERS — Agreed to terms with F Cristoval Nieves on an entry-level contract.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Signed G Adam Carlson to a two-year, entry-level contract.
American Hockey League
AHL — Suspended Rockford LW Pierre-Cedric Labrie one game.
ALBANY DEVILS — Released D Mathieu Brodeur and F Gunnar Hughes from professional tryout agreement.
HARTFORD WOLF PACK — Recalled D Kodie Curran from Greenville (ECHL).
SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Reassigned G Spencer Martin to Fort Wayne (ECHL).
SPRINGFIELD FALCONS — Recalled D Daniel New from Florida (ECHL).
ECHL
ATLANTA GLADIATORS — Agreed to terms with D Josh Atkinson.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
NEW YORK RED BULLS — Loaned Fs Brandon Allen and Alex Muyl, D Zach Carroll, G Ryan Meara and Ms Tyler Adams, Sean Davis and Derrick Etienne Jr. to Red Bulls II (USL).

COLLEGE
ARIZONA — Announced freshman men's basketball G Justin Simon is transferring.
COLORADO — Named JR Payne women's basketball coach.
COLUMBIA — Named Megan Griffith women's basketball coach.
FLORIDA — Announced senior men's basketball G DeVon Walker plans to transfer.
GEORGE WASHINGTON — Announced the resignation of Jonathan Tapia, women's basketball coach.
HOLY CROSS — Named Ben Graham men's assistant soccer coach.
JAMES MADISON — Announced the resignation of women's basketball coach Kenny Brooks to take the same position at Virginia Tech.
LITTLE ROCK — Announced the resignation of men's basketball coach Chris Beard so he can take the same position at UNLV.
LSU — Announced junior G Tim Quarterman will enter the NBA draft.
MIAMI — Announced men's sophomore basketball G James Palmer will transfer.
PURDUE — Announced men's redshirt freshman basketball G Grant Weatherford will transfer at the conclusion of the semester.
TULANE — Named Mike Dunleavy Sr. men's basketball coach.
VIRGINIA TECH — Named Kenny Brooks women's basketball coach.
WESTERN KENTUCKY — Named Rick Stansbury men's basketball coach.

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TAUNU'U

From 1C

can just the end the game early and go eat as a team."

That's what happened as MC scored 18 runs in the first three innings, while racking up 19 hits en route to a run-rule rout. Lilyan Bermudez added a home run for the Lady Chaps in game two.

MC head coach Tommy Ramos applauded the efforts of Maddox and nine-hole hitter Hannah Howard, who collected five hits, three doubles and three runs in the doubleheader. Maddox had four hits, two doubles, three RBI and two runs in the twin-bill. Both girls are new additions to the Lady Chaps' starting lineup.

"It was a change, just to change it up and they came in and wanting to play and they were hungry," Ramos said. "They set the tempo for us offensively just by being patient."

WTC freshman Jaden Shoults, a Greenwood grad, had two singles in game two:

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Game 1
MIDLAND COLLEGE 6, WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE 5

Western Texas	103	000	1	–5	10	0
Midland	000	224	x	–8	8	2

Lindsey Blastman and Snandell Palencia. Kaitlyn Durrett, Sarise Nakos (3) and Rubi Kami. W — Nakos. L — Blastman. 2B — WTC: Nauofa Gonzalez 2, Alyssa Adamez; MC: Hannah Howard 2, Kassie Maddox. HR — WTC: Talitaigi Villamu; MC: Cassie Statuga, Alexis Sullivan-Aguilar. RBI — WTC: Villamu 3, Blastman, Kaesena Cabrera; MC: Sullivan-Aguilar 3, Statuga 2, Maddox 2, Howard.

Game 2
MIDLAND COLLEGE 18, WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE 5, 6 INNINGS

Western Texas	120	00	–4	17	2	
Midland	540	0x	–18	19	1	

Kelly Speer, Rachel Gawdun (3) and Shandell Palencia. Sarise Nakos, Kaitlyn Durrett (5) and Rubi Kami. W — Nakos. L — Speer. 2B — WTC: Priscilla Guzman, Kaesena Cabrera, Nauofa Gonzalez; MC: Alexis Sullivan-Aguilar, Danica Ferrisco, Kami, Kassie Maddox, Hannah Howard. HR — WTC: Guzman; MC: Lauren Taufu'u 2, Lilyan Bermudez. RBI — WTC: Guzman 3, Gonzalez 3, Cabrera 2, Gawdun; MC: Taunu'u 5, Bermudez 3, Sullivan-Aguilar 2, Howard 2, Cassie Statuga, Melina Martinez, Kami, Maddox.

Records: Western Texas College 14-22, 3-5 in WJCAC; Midland College 28-6, 6-2 in WJCAC

Next: Midland College at Howard College (DH), 1 p.m. Friday

Springer homers twice as Astros beat Braves 12-9

Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — George Springer hit his first two homers of the spring, and the Houston Astros beat the Atlanta Braves 12-9 on Monday night.

Springer connected in the first inning against Mike Foltynewicz and belted another solo shot in the fourth against Williams Perez. Springer hit 16 homers in 102 games last season with the Astros.

Carlos Gomez, Preston Tucker and Colin Moran also homered for Houston.

Doug Fister gave up six runs and seven hits in 4 2/3 innings in his final spring start.

Atlanta's Hector Olivera had three hits and four RBIs. He went 3 for 4 to raise his spring batting average to .411.

Foltynewicz gave up six hits, including four home runs, in three innings.

MLB SPRING TRAINING GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Toronto	17	5	.773
Houston	17	9	.654
Los Angeles	15	8	.652
Minnesota	16	10	.615
Texas	16	11	.593
Detroit	15	11	.577
Seattle	15	12	.556
Chicago	14	12	.538
Cleveland	13	12	.520
Tampa Bay	11	11	.500
New York	11	13	.458
Oakland	11	13	.458
Boston	12	15	.444
Kansas City	13	18	.419
Baltimore	10	14	.417

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Washington	17	4	.810
Arizona	20	6	.769
Philadelphia	14	10	.583
Colorado	13	10	.565
Milwaukee	12	11	.522
Los Angeles	12	12	.500
Cincinnati	12	15	.444
Miami	9	12	.429
St. Louis	9	13	.409
San Francisco	11	17	.393
New York	7	14	.333
Chicago	8	17	.320
San Diego	8	19	.296
Pittsburgh	7	19	.269
Atlanta	6	18	.250

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Scores and schedule

Monday's Games
Baltimore 5, Boston 3
Minnesota 6, Pittsburgh 4
St. Louis 3, N.Y. Mets 1
Miami vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., ccd., Rain
Toronto 2, Philadelphia 1
Kansas City (ss) 11, San Diego 3
Cleveland 6, Oakland 4
L.A. Angels 8, Chicago Cubs 8, tie
Chicago White Sox 11, Colorado 7
Seattle 6, Kansas City (ss) 4
Houston 12, Atlanta 9
N.Y. Yankees 3, Detroit 2
Texas vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., late
Milwaukee vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., late
Arizona vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., late

Today's Games
Pittsburgh vs. N.Y. Yankees (ss) at Tampa, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Boston vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (ss) vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Washington vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Toronto (ss) vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay vs. Toronto (ss) at Dunedin, Fla., 12:07 p.m.
Miami vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 12:10 p.m.
Cleveland (ss) vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 2:10 p.m.
Oakland vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
Texas vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
Colorado vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
Atlanta vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 5:05 p.m.
Seattle vs. Cleveland (ss) at Goodyear, Ariz., 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 8:05 p.m.

Catchers still adjusting to baseball's plate-blocking rule

By Stephen Whyno
Associated Press

"Guys are making more money, and the last thing you want is just for one thing to take somebody's career away. ... Another thing is just the head issues, concussions. If somebody gets a free shot at you, you're going to get a concussion.

Russell Martin

Retired World Series-winning catcher Bob Boone has a CD with 60 video clips of home-plate collisions that resulted in injuries. None of those happened in the past two seasons since Major League Baseball instituted a new rule to prevent collisions.

Still, Boone hates the rule that bans blocking the plate because it has thrown catchers off their game. Going into the third season under the rule, many catchers around baseball are still struggling to adjust.

"It's one of the biggest plays we have in the game, and we put the defensive player, the catcher, out of position," said Boone, who works in the Washington Nationals' front office. "What (runners) do is they dive to the outside back corner. And if you get away from that outside back corner, your thought is, 'Hurry and get there so I can make the catch and I've got to go a long way to make the tag.' I think that's probably the biggest problem, is guys trying to make the tag before they have the ball, and they know they're not in position."

Catchers no longer have to brace for contact like before, when Buster Posey of the San Francisco Giants tore ligaments in his left ankle — the injury that precipitated the rule. Physically it's easier, but mentally it's more difficult.

Because they can't block a runner's path before getting the ball, catchers have to consciously worry about the right positioning while also catching the ball on the fly and making a tag.

"With so much going on, you're paying attention to a lot of things, variables — the runner, where guys are lining up with the cut-offs and if the outfielders are going to be able to make the throw on time," Jason Castro of the Houston Astros said. "Yet at the same time, you're kind of trying to make sure you're in the correct position to field the throw and still allow the runner the lane for him."

Castro said the way he was brought up through the Astros' organization made the transition easy because he was always taught to set up in a place that gave the runner a lane. But he understands why fellow catchers have had to retrain their brains and bodies to change their approach.

That's true of the Nationals' Wilson Ramos, who is still practicing making the smooth exchange from catching the ball on the fly to tagging the runner.

Much like a receiver in football trying to run before securing the ball, catchers must make a conscious effort to go one step at a time. While that's nothing new, Boone pointed out that under the new rule, it's harder for catchers to apply a quick tag like an infielder can on a would-be base-stealer at second.

"You see lot of catchers at home plate missing balls because we're trying to be like a first basemen — try to pick balls and tag," Nationals backup catcher Jose Lobaton said. "It's not easy to catch the ball with one hand with a catcher's mitt. It's not the same as a first-base glove."

Veteran Carlos Ruiz of the Philadelphia Phillies believes repeated practice in spring training and in game situations is the only way to perfect that.

Astros manager A.J. Hinch, a major league catcher for parts of seven seasons, considers losing track of the runner the biggest issue. Josh Thole of the Toronto Blue Jays said setting up differently has been his most major adjustment and hopes umpires understand his intent is to be in the right spot.

Teammate Russell Martin doesn't stick his leg out to block runners like he used to but insisted he won't let the rule change him too much. Martin is in favor of the rule for the sake of safety.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	75	42	24	9	93	216	184
Tampa Bay	76	44	27	5	93	214	182
Boston	76	40	28	8	88	222	207
Detroit	76	38	27	11	87	195	209
Ottawa	76	34	33	9	77	217	234
Montreal	76	34	36	6	74	201	221
Buffalo	76	31	35	10	72	181	205
Toronto	75	27	37	11	65	181	220
Metropolitan Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
z-Washington	75	54	18	3	113	236	175
N.Y. Rangers	76	43	24	9	95	219	199
Pittsburgh	75	42	25	8	92	214	186
N.Y. Islanders	74	40	25	9	89	208	192
Philadelphia	75	37	25	13	87	186	199
Carolina	76	33	28	15	81	186	206
New Jersey	76	36	32	8	80	171	193
Columbus	76	30	38	8	68	195	237

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Dallas	76	45	22	9	99	247	218
x-St. Louis	76	45	22	9	99	203	185
x-Chicago	76	44	25	7	95	212	188
Nashville	76	39	24	13	91	213	194
Minnesota	76	37	28	11	85	206	189
Colorado	76	39	33	4	82	204	215
Winnipeg	76	31	38	7	69	194	223
Pacific Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
x-Los Angeles	75	45	25	5	95	208	175
x-Anaheim	74	41	23	10	92	194	177
San Jose	75	41	28	6	88	219	196
Arizona	75	34	34	7	75	197	221
Calgary	75	31	38	6	68	205	239
Vancouver	75	27	35	13	67	171	217
Edmonton	76	30	41	7	67	193	232

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.
x-clinched playoff spot

Scores & schedule

Sunday's Scores
Carolina 3, New Jersey 2
Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Rangers 2, OT
Chicago 3, Vancouver 2

Monday's Games
Philadelphia 3, Winnipeg 2, OT
Washington 4, Columbus 1
Detroit 3, Buffalo 2
Tampa Bay 3, Toronto 0
Colorado 4, Nashville 3
Anaheim at Edmonton, late
Calgary at Arizona, late
Los Angeles at San Jose, late

Today's Games
Boston at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Carolina at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Colorado at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
Nashville at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

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Baylor forward Nina Davis, center, battles Oregon State forwards Deven Hunter, left, and Jamie Weisner, right, for space during the second half of a regional final of the women's NCAA Tournament Monday in Dallas.

Oregon St to women's Final Four after 60-57 win over Baylor

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

DALLAS — Sydney Wiese scored 18 points, including three free throws in the final 33 seconds and Oregon State advanced to the women's Final Four for the first time after a 60-57 victory over Baylor on Monday night.

The Lady Bears (36-2) finished their season with a regional final lost for the third consecutive season.

Oregon State (32-4) is going to Indianapolis to face three-time defending national champion UConn after eliminating the six-time defending Big 12 champions.

Jamie Weisner, the Pac-12 Player of the Year who was the regional Most Outstanding Player, had 16 points while Ruth Hamblin had 10 points and 12 rebounds for the Beavers — playing in their first regional final.

Alexis Jones had 19 points for top-seeded Baylor, while Kalani Brown had 12 and Nina Davis 11. Nina Johnson, the senior point guard, had only one assist with seven rebounds in her final chance to get to a Final Four.

With a roster filled with seniors and juniors recruited by coach Scott Rueck, the Beavers were in a regional final nearly six years after he had to conduct open tryouts to fill his first roster.

Oregon State has won 22 of its past 23 games and has already set a school record for victories this season. They won the Pac-12 Tournament and shared the regular-season title, after last season winning the crown outright to end Stanford's run of 14 championships in a row.

"I don't know how you put this into words," Rueck said after getting the championship trophy.

Weise made her second free throw after being fouled by Jones with 33 seconds left. Jones had a turnaround jumper that rattled around the rim without falling with 11 seconds left.

Hamblin, the 6-foot-6 center from Canada, grabbed the rebound and got the ball to Weise, who was fouled with 7.3 seconds left.

After Weise made both free throws, Baylor quickly got back down the court. Jones couldn't get off a shot, and Johnson's 3-pointer missed the mark.

Baylor led only twice, after scoring the game's first four points and when Davis made a layup with 6:54 left to put Baylor up 51-50.

The game's only four ties came after that, the first when Weisner made a free throw 24 seconds later.

The Beavers were tough and resilient throughout, and there was a point midway through the second quarter when Baylor coach Kim Mulkey was so frustrated after a non-call by the officials that she ripped off her gold jacket and flung it over the Lady Bears bench, drawing a technical foul.

Davis was almost knocked to the ground when missing a layup, and that was the boiling point after the coach was already upset by several other calls or non-calls by officials.

Weisner made her second free throw after the timeout, and Gabriella Hanson made a field goal after the Beavers kept possession for a 26-18 lead.

The Lady Bears had cut the gap to 26-25 on a reverse baseline basket by Jones with 1:41 to go, but Oregon State scored the last eight points of the half for its largest lead of the game.

Wallace knocked the ball out of bounds under the Beavers basket with less than 3 seconds to go, but Weisner got open for a 3-pointer off Wiese's inbound pass to end the half.

Baylor started the second half with its first 3-pointer. Alexis Jones made that one, and then had a steal that set up a possession when she made a fadeaway jumper that quickly trimmed a nine-point halftime deficit to 34-30.

The Lady Bears were within one after Khadijiah Cave had a 6-0 run all by herself in a 48-second span.

Cave had a put-back basket before an Oregon State miss. Cave then scored on a pass from Jones, and the 6-foot-3 junior Cave then stole the inbound pass and made another layup that led to a Beavers timeout with them up only 44-43.

FINAL

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Unlike that game which was basically over by the half, the Longhorns hung around with the Huskies on Monday night.

They only trailed 30-25 with 7:21 left in the second quarter before Stewart started a 12-1 run that blew the game open. Freshman Naphessa Collier was big in the game-changing spurt, scoring five straight points. Her classmate Katie Lou Samuelson hit a 3-pointer to cap the burst.

The Huskies led by 15 at the half and extended the advantage to 21 early in the third quarter, but the Longhorns hit three straight 3s to come within 54-42. That's as close as they would get as UConn scored 10 of the next 13 points to put the game away. The Huskies' big three of Stewart, Moriah Jefferson and Tuck combined for all 10 points.

The trio, who earned All-America honors earlier in the day, scored all but two of the Huskies' points the rest of the way until they left to a loud ovation from the sellout crowd with 1:38 left in the game.

The Longhorns advanced to the regional final for the first time since 2003, which was also the last season they reached the Final Four.

Ariel Atkins and Lashann Higgs scored 19 points each to lead the Longhorns.

CARE TO MAKE A WAGER?: So much talk over the past 24 hours has been centered on UConn's dominance in the sport and whether it's good for the game. Well that dominance has carried over to Vegas where the Huskies were such a prohibitive money line favorite that bettors had to wager $63,000 just to return $100 on the game, according to gambling odds website Pregame.com. A money line win on Texas would mean $21,000 for a bettor wagering $100. The line was even more lopsided when it opened, meaning some bettors were taking the long shot Longhorns.

Tip-ins:

Texas: The Longhorns fell to 0-7 against the Huskies, including four losses in the NCAA Tournament. ... Imani Boyette finished her stellar career as the only player in school history to have more than 1,000 points, 1,000 rebounds and 200 blocks.

UConn: Auriemma has 107 NCAA Tournament victories which puts him five behind Pat Summitt for most all time by any coach in women's or men's basketball. ... The Huskies' senior class is one victory behind matching Maya Moore and Lorin Dixon for most victories all time. The class of 2011 had 150 wins.

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lifetime," he said. "The bond that this group will have forever from going to the Final Four as a team — they don't fully understand how powerful that is 10 years from now, 40 years from now."

That's the kind of wisdom that made star guard Buddy Field comfortable when Kruger suggested he return to school after he considered leaving following his junior year.

"He can guide me if I'm struggling," Field said. "I've built up a relationship with him. I trust him. A teacher that's been in the game so long — you can't go wrong with that."

Oklahoma went 27-36 combined in the two years before Kruger took over in 2011. Now, the Sooners are in the NCAA Tournament for the fourth straight year and have reached the Final Four for the first time since 2002.

Kruger's steadiness was evident when Oklahoma hit a rough patch in February. Even after the Sooners squandered a 26-point lead against Baylor late in the season and had to rally for the win, he didn't panic.

"We haven't played great the whole time, but it's not like the ship's burning," he said at the time. "We had a lot of good stretches of play. He had our best stretches of play over the last month, and we've also had two really bad stretches of play. So we've got to kind of focus on both and learn from one and try to do the other better."

The Sooners bounced back and have won nine of their past 11 games. Now, there's one more thing the players want to do for Kruger — get him that national title.

"It's been a good four years here," forward Ryan Spangler said. "We want to finish it off right. The biggest thing is he's helped us on the court and off the court and made us better men."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL GLANCE

NCAA

MEN
EAST REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 27
North Carolina 88, Notre Dame 74
SOUTH REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 26
Villanova 64, Kansas 59
MIDWEST REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 27
Syracuse 68, Virginia 62
WEST REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 26
Oklahoma 80, Oregon 68
FINAL FOUR
At NRG Stadium
Houston
National Semifinals
Saturday, April 2
Villanova (33-6) vs. Oklahoma (29-7), 5:09 p.m.
North Carolina (32-6) vs. Syracuse (23-13), 7:49 p.m.
National Championship
Monday, April 4
Semifinal winners

WOMEN
BRIDGEPORT REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Monday, March 28
UConn 86, Texas 65
DALLAS REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Monday, March 28
Oregon State 60, Baylor 57
SIOUX FALLS REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 27
Syracuse 89, Tennessee 67
LEXINGTON REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 27
Washington 85, Stanford 76
FINAL FOUR
At Indianapolis
National Semifinals
Sunday, April 3
UConn vs. Oregon State, 5 or 7:30 p.m.
Washington (26-10) vs. Syracuse (29-7), 5 or 7:30 p.m.
National Championship
Tuesday, April 5
Semifinals winners, 7:30 p.m.

NIT

Semifinals
At Madison Square Garden
New York
Tuesday, March 29
Valparaiso (29-6) vs. BYU (26-10), 6 p.m.
George Washington (26-10) vs. San Diego State (28-9), 8:30 p.m.
Championship
Thursday, March 31
Semifinal winners, 6 p.m.

WNIT

Monday, March 28
Florida Gulf Coast 61, Hofstra 46
Michigan 77, Temple 76
Oregon 71, UTEP 67
Semifinals
March 30-31
Florida Gulf Coast vs. Michigan, TBA
South Dakota (30-6) vs. Oregon, TBA
Championship
Saturday, April 2
Semifinal winners, 2 p.m.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SPURS 101
GRIZZLIES 87

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — LaMarcus Aldridge had 31 points and 13 rebounds to lead the San Antonio Spurs to a 101-87 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies on Monday night.

Aldridge connected on 11 of 16 shots and was 9 of 11 from the line as San Antonio won despite resting stars Tim Duncan, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili, who did not make the trip to Memphis.

Patty Mills finished with 17 points, while Kyle Anderson had 13 points and a career-best seven assists. Boris Diaw also added 13 points.

Vince Carter led Memphis with 14 points, while JaMychal Green finished with 12. Matt Barnes had 11 points and nine rebounds for Memphis, which lost its third straight.

THUNDER 119
RAPTORS 100

TORONTO — Russell Westbrook had 26 points, 12 assists and 11 rebounds in his 16th triple-double of the season, Kevin Durant scored 34 points and the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Toronto Raptors 119-100 on Monday night for their eighth straight victory.

Westbrook has the most triple-doubles in a season since Magic Johnson had 17 in 1989-89.

Oklahoma City has the NBA's longest current winning streak and the team's longest since a 10-game run from Jan. 16-31, 2014.

DeMar DeRozan had 19 points and Norman Powell added 18 for the Raptors, who lost at home for just the fourth time in 2016.

HEAT 110
NETS 99

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade had 30 points and nine assists, Hassan Whiteside scored a career-high 27 points off the bench and the Miami Heat pulled away to beat the Brooklyn Nets 110-99 on Monday night.

Josh Richardson finished with 16 points in a spot start and Justise Winslow added 13 for Miami, which clamped down defensively in the second half.

Brook Lopez scored 26 points for Brooklyn, which had its streak of seven straight games with 100 or more points — the team's longest in two years — come to an end. Thaddeus Young made his first 10 shots and scored 20 for the Nets, who got 14 from Sean Kilpatrick.

HAWKS 102
BULLS 100

CHICAGO — Jeff Teague scored 26 points, including two free throws with just over six seconds to play, and the surging Atlanta Hawks fought off a furious Chicago rally for a 102-100 win Monday night.

It was the fourth straight win for the Hawks.

Though the Bulls mounted a dramatic late comeback, they continued a late-season swoon, losing their fourth straight.

The Bulls were down as much as 15 in the second half, but stormed back in the fourth quarter and were down three with the ball with eight seconds to play.

Chicago's Mike Dunleavy missed a layup, though, and fouled Teague, whose free throws sealed Atlanta's ninth win in 10 games.

TIMBERWOLVES 121
SUNS 116

MINNEAPOLIS — Andrew Wiggins scored 32 points, Karl-Anthony Towns added 27 points and 10 boards and the Minnesota Timberwolves beat the Phoenix Suns 121-116 on Monday night.

Wiggins needed just 13 field goal attempts to score his points. He made 17 of 21 free throws and 3 of 5 3-pointers as the Wolves won for the third time in their last four games. Minnesota shot 50.6 percent and turned 21 Suns turnovers into 26 points.

PELICANS 99
KNICKS 91

NEW ORLEANS — Jrue Holiday scored 10 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter and the New Orleans Pelicans snapped a three-game slide with a 99-91 victory over the New York Knicks on Monday night.

Returning from a two-game absence because of a toe injury on his left foot, Holiday took over a tight game in the final minutes, scoring six points during a 9-0 run that gave New Orleans a 93-85 lead.

The Pelicans won for the first time this season when scoring fewer than 100 points. New Orleans had been 0-33 in such games.

MAVERICKS 97
NUGGETS 88

DENVER — Reserve J.J. Barea scored 18 points and had 11 assists to help the short-handed Dallas Mavericks halt a three-game skid with a 97-88 win over the Denver Nuggets on Monday night.

Dwight Powell had 10 of his 16 points in the fourth quarter as Dallas moved into a virtual tie with Houston for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

It was a much-needed win for the Mavericks in a month that hasn't been friendly to them. They're 4-10 and have gone from five games over .500 on March 1 to two games below.

The Mavericks had seven players score in double figures, including all of their starters.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Toronto	49	24	.671	—
Boston	43	30	.589	6
New York	30	45	.400	20
Brooklyn	21	52	.288	28
Philadelphia	9	65	.122	40½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	45	30	.600	—
Miami	43	30	.589	1
Charlotte	42	31	.575	2
Washington	36	37	.493	8
Orlando	30	43	.411	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Cleveland	52	21	.712	—
Indiana	39	34	.534	13
Detroit	39	35	.527	13½
Chicago	26	37	.493	16
Milwaukee	30	44	.405	22½

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-San Antonio	62	12	.838	—
Memphis	41	33	.554	21
Houston	36	38	.486	26
Dallas	36	38	.486	26
New Orleans	27	46	.370	34½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Oklahoma City	52	22	.703	—
Portland	38	36	.514	14
Utah	37	37	.500	15
Denver	31	44	.413	21½
Minnesota	25	49	.338	27

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Golden State	66	7	.904	—
x-L.A. Clippers	45	27	.625	20½
Sacramento	29	44	.397	37
Phoenix	20	54	.270	46½
L.A. Lakers	15	59	.203	51½

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Scores & schedule

Monday's Scores
Oklahoma City 119, Toronto 100
Miami 110, Brooklyn 99
Atlanta 102, Chicago 100
Minnesota 121, Phoenix 116
New Orleans 99, New York 91
San Antonio 101, Memphis 87
Dallas 97, Denver 88
Utah 123, L.A. Lakers 75
Sacramento at Portland, late
Boston at L.A. Clippers, late
Tuesday's Games
Chicago at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Charlotte at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Brooklyn at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Washington at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

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Serena Williams upset by Kuznetsova in 3 sets at Miami Open

By Steven Wine
Associated Press

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Serena Williams had been out of the tournament for less than 20 minutes when she climbed into her white Mini Cooper with the checkerboard top and pulled away from the players' parking lot, fastening her seat belt as she drove.

A hasty departure, for sure.

Williams' 20-match winning streak at Key Biscayne ended Monday with a 6-7 (3), 6-1, 6-2 loss to Svetlana Kuznetsova in the fourth round of the upset-filled Miami Open.

Williams was bidding for her ninth title in the event and her fourth in a row.

But after a grueling first set that lasted nearly an hour, the 21-time Grand Slam champion faded on a sweltering afternoon.

It was her earliest exit at Key Biscayne since 2000, when she lost in the fourth round to Jennifer Capriati.

"I did the best I could," she said during a post-match news conference that lasted less than three minutes before she cut it off.

"I can't win every match. These players come out and play me like they've never played before in their lives. I have to be 300 percent every day."

Williams, 34, will retain the No. 1 ranking, but she hasn't won a tournament since earning her 69th title at Cincinnati in August.

"She's still No. 1, and she still plays great," Kuznetsova said. "I don't see much to be depressed about."

A wave of upsets continued on the men's side, too, with No. 2 Andy Murray dropping the final five games against No. 26 Grigor Dimitrov to lose 6-7 (1), 6-4, 6-3.

Murray played in the late afternoon and declined to blame the heat, but he committed 22 unforced errors in the final set and 55 total.

He was broken six times, including in his final three service games.

"I made many more mistakes than usual, especially in the third set," said Murray, a two-time Key Biscayne champion. "He was more solid than me."

Murray's elimination leaves the tournament without four of the five top-seeded men. Among them only No. 1 Novak Djokovic reached the round of 16.

The No. 15-seeded Kuznetsova beat Williams with defense, repeatedly extending points until she forced a mistake. The Russian finished with only 18 unforced errors to 55 for Williams.

In addition, Williams' serve was uncharacteristically unreliable. She hit 13 aces but also had nine double faults and was broken six times.

Williams said the 91-degree temperature — a record for the date — didn't faze her.

"Physically I'm fine," she said. "I don't know, I guess I didn't move today. Maybe that was one of the things that didn't work out for me."

Kuznetsova, 30, won Key Biscayne 10 years ago and is into the quarterfinals for the first time since 2009.

"I'm too old," she told the crowd.

"I've been many times on this court. I love being back here, and I'm really happy with my performance."

Also sidelined were No. 3 seed Agnieszka Radwanska and No. 4 Garbine Muguruza. Two-time champion Victoria Azarenka, seeded 13th, committed only 12 unforced errors and defeated Muguruza 7-6 (6), 7-6 (4). No. 19 Timea Bacsinszky eliminated Radwanska 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Williams lives 90 minutes from Key Biscayne and has long considered the event her home tournament.

But the stadium was two-thirds empty for her match, partly because of weather so uncomfortable some spectators draped towels over their heads seeking refuge from the sweltering sun.

Williams played a flawless tiebreaker, hitting two aces and three other winners. But after she lost serve to fall behind 3-1 in the second set, her play became more flat-footed. At least twice she failed to pursue shots from Kuznetsova.

In the third set Williams tried hitting balls as hard as she could, and some went for winners. But she double-faulted to fall behind 4-1, and Kuznetsova held twice to close out the victory.

There was no smiling by either player as they met at the net to shake hands. Kuznetsova improved to 3-8 against Williams and beat her for the first time since the 2009 French Open quarterfinals.

"It's obviously disappointing," Williams said, "but I've won here a lot, so it's OK."

Associated Press

Serena Williams, right, shakes hands with Svetlana Kuznetsova, of Russia, left, after their match at the Miami Open tennis tournament, Monday, in Key Biscayne, Fla. Kuznetsova won 6-7 (3), 6-1, 6-2.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Andrews' Rachel Huffman chips Monday at the second round of the District 4-4A Girls Golf Tournament at Hogan Park Golf Course.

PATE

From 1C

That's pretty good, I'm excited for her."

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District 4-4A Girls Golf Tournament
Round 1: Ward County Golf Course, Monahans, March 23
Round 3: Desert Pines Golf Course, Fort Stockton, April 4
at Hogan Park Golf Course
Monday's second round results
Team standings

1. Andrews Black 325—324—649; 2. Andrews Gold 334-329—663; 3. Seminole I 342-358—700; 4. Monahans I 348-366—714; 5. Greenwood 396-384—780; 6. Pecos 402-397—799; 7. Monahans II 409-419—828; 8. Seminole II 409-427—836; 9. Fort Stockton I 424-436—860; 10. Fort Stockton II 482-493—975

Medalist standings

1. Ryan Pate, Greenwood, 82-69—151; 2. Sam Flores, Andrews Gold, 79-78—157; 3. Madee McAllister, Andrews Black, 79-81—160; 4. Libby Walinder, Andrews Black, 87-84—161; 5. Savannah Pinson, Andrews Black, 81-83—164; 6. Lauren Franco, Seminole I, 83-82—165; 7. Kinzee McAllister, Andrews Black, 80-86-166; 8. (tie) Rachel Huffman, Andrews Black, 79-89—168; Alyssa Garcia, Seminole I, 82-86—168; 10. Skyler Strube, Andrews, 83-87—170

Team-by-team results

Andrews Black (325-324—649) — Libby Walinder 87-84—161, Madee McAllister 79-81—160, Rachel Huffman 79-89—168, Savannah Pinson 81-83—164, Kinzee McAllister 80-86-166

Andrews Gold (334-329—663)— Mikala Haynie 86-84—190, Katelynn Savell 83-87—190, Bailey McCarver 93-82—175, Macy Shulze 92-85—177, Sam Flores 79-78—157

Seminole I (342-358—700) — Lauren Franco 83-82—165, Alyssa Garcia 82-86—168, Aryana Nichols 87-98—185, Mallorie Duncan 96-96—192, Lacy Jackson 90-94—184

Monahans I (348-366—714) — Ochyan Juarez 86-89—175, Jaden Strickland 87-107—194, Sommer Hummel 86-87—173, Remsie Gilliam 89-101—190, Amanda Brandenburg 89-89—178

Greenwood (396-384—780) — Ryan Pate 82-69—151, Jordan Shoults 99-95—194, Reagan Wood 108-113—221, Kaylee Cheek 107—107—214, Crosby Cobb 115-121—236

Pecos (402-397—799) — Natalia Romo 93-94—187, Guadalupe Alaniz 98-93—191, Esmeralda Cano 101-100—201, Jacqueline Aguilar 110-115—225, Valeria Mendoza 115-110—225

Monahans II (409-419—828) — Lauren Salazar 98-98—196, Caitlyne Bolin 99-109—208, Hannah Thomas 110-96—206, Destyni Baltazar 102—116—218

Seminole II (409-427—836) — Jordan Allen 94-104-198, Amanda Mejordado 97-103-200, Alex Wall 109-105—214, Carlye Whitley 109-115—224

Fort Stockton A (424-435—860)— Kendall Lopez 103-108-211, Karisa Raines 102-105—207, Nia Lopez 110-117—227, Rebecca Rodriguez 117-111—228, Amber Sanchez 109-112—221

Fort Stockton B (482-493—975) — Damaris Silva 118-119—237, Anieleka Estrada 119-115—234, Elizabeth Garrison 112-129—241, Bethany Owens 131-138—269; Janneth Juarez 133-130—263

Medalists – Rachel Barner, Greenwood, 109-102—211; Carolyn Barron, Greenwood, 126-117—243; Anahi Gonzalez,Fort Stockton, NS-145-NS; Adriana Gonzales, Fort Stockton, 126-133—259, Victoria Fuentes, Fort Stockton, 122-137—259; Magi Lopez, Andrews, 89-91—180; Skyler Strube, Andrews, 83-87—170; Dallas Hathcock, Andrews, 93-93—176; Jaclyn Rodriguez, Pecos, 128-119—247; Esperanza Samaguey, Pecos, 118-NS; Clarissa Millian, Pecos, 95-120—215

Americans hope home crowd can bring Olympic berth

Associated Press

FRISCO — The United States under-23 men's soccer team will have its last chance for an Olympic berth when the Americans meet Colombia on Tuesday night.

A Colombia win or a tie with multiple goals scored would send the South American team to the Olympics in Rio in August. The U.S. then would miss consecutive Olympics for the first time since failing to qualify in 1960, '64 and '68.

"We have to have a real good game to reach our goal to go to Rio," U.S. coach Andi Herzog said. "If not, then Colombia's too good for us to qualify, and we don't deserve it."

The teams tied 1-1 on Friday in 90-degree heat in Barranquilla, Colombia. Tuesday will be the second leg in a two-match series. Aggregate goals will determine which team receives the 16th and last Olympic berth.

Even though a scoreless tie would send the U.S. to Rio, Herzog and striker Jordan Morris said the team wouldn't sit back.

"The way that we defend less is keep the ball more," Morris said.

"It's always normally easier to play in front of your home crowd," Herzog said, "and hopefully better weather conditions for us, so that should be hopefully an advantage for us. It doesn't help us if the weather is for us if we don't play really good."

The forecast for Tuesday night's start is for temperatures in the upper 60s, cloudy skies and a 20-mph wind from the southeast.

Toyota Stadium also is home to MLS' FC Dallas, whose roster includes U.S. defenders Kellyn Acosta and Walker Zimmerman.

"I think we'll get a decent crowd," Acosta said. "Colombia had tons of fans, so hopefully we'll have the same energy with our crowd as well.

U.S. midfielder Emerson Hyndman is a Dallas native.

"A lot of my family is coming down from Illinois that I don't get to see very often."

Even with hometown fans, only 5,000 tickets had been sold as of Monday. General admission tickets were marked down to $10.

To reach this qualifying match, the U.S. placed third in the CONCACAF qualifying tournament and Colombia was runner-up in the South American youth championships.

If the second leg ends in a tie, the tiebreakers are most road goals, most goals in extra time and if needed penalty kicks.

U.S. goalkeeper Ethan Horvath, who left Friday's match just before halftime because of a head injury, resumed training Saturday and can play Tuesday.

Ex-president of Honduras admits to bribery in FIFA scandal

By Larry Neumeister
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A former president of Honduras pleaded guilty to conspiracy charges on Monday, admitting that he solicited hundreds of thousands of dollars in bribes in the wide-ranging FIFA soccer scandal over lucrative broadcast rights.

Rafael Callejas, 72, who was a member of FIFA's television and marketing committee, entered the plea to racketeering conspiracy and wire fraud conspiracy in Brooklyn federal court.

He also agreed to forfeit $650,000, payable within a year, for his role in a system so corrupt that hundreds of millions of dollars in illegal payments were made over the past quarter-century.

"I knew it was wrong for me to ask for and to accept such undisclosed payments," Callejas told U.S. Magistrate Judge Robert M. Levy.

He said he distributed a significant portion of his bribes to delegates of the Honduran soccer federation so he could remain its president, a position he held from 2002 to last August.

Callejas, who was president of Honduras from 1990 to 1994, will be sentenced Aug. 5. He could face up to 40 years in prison.

PRO GOLF AGATE

World Golf Ranking
Through March 27

1. Jason Day	AUS	12.53
2. Jordan Spieth	USA	11.06
3. Rory McIlroy	NIR	9.36
4. Bubba Watson	USA	8.68
5. Rickie Fowler	USA	7.86
6. Adam Scott	AUS	7.26
7. Henrik Stenson	SWE	7.18
8. Justin Rose	ENG	6.07
9. Dustin Johnson	USA	5.94
10. Patrick Reed	USA	5.00
11. Louis Oosthuizen	SAF	4.83
12. Danny Willett	ENG	4.65
13. Branden Grace	SAF	4.65
14. Hideki Matsuyama	JPN	4.59
15. Sergio Garcia	ESP	4.40
16. Zach Johnson	USA	4.23
17. Brandt Snedeker	USA	4.18
18. Brooks Koepka	USA	4.09
19. Jim Furyk	USA	4.01
20. Phil Mickelson	USA	3.97
21. Charl Schwartzel	SAF	3.88
22. Kevin Kisner	USA	3.79
23. J.B. Holmes	USA	3.44
24. Jimmy Walker	USA	3.33
25. Paul Casey	ENG	3.30
26. Byeong-Hun An	KOR	3.27
27. Kevin Na	USA	3.23
28. Matt Kuchar	USA	3.21
29. Bill Haas	USA	3.18
30. Andy Sullivan	ENG	3.15
31. Marc Leishman	AUS	3.13
32. Shane Lowry	IRL	3.13
33. Justin Thomas	USA	2.94
34. Russell Knox	SCO	2.81
35. Emiliano Grillo	ARG	2.77
36. Rafa Cabrera-Bello	ESP	2.75
37. Kiradech Aphibarnrat	THA	2.70
38. Danny Lee	NZL	2.69
39. Ryan Moore	USA	2.67
40. Bernd Wiesberger	AUT	2.65
41. Thongchai Jaidee	THA	2.62
42. David Lingmerth	SWE	2.55
43. Matthew Fitzpatrick	ENG	2.50
44. Billy Horschel	USA	2.50
45. Soren Kjeldsen	DEN	2.48
46. Victor Dubuisson	FRA	2.46
47. Martin Kaymer	GER	2.46
48. Scott Piercy	USA	2.44
49. Chris Wood	ENG	2.42
50. Anirban Lahiri	IND	2.42
51. Smylie Kaufman	USA	2.42
52. Robert Streb	USA	2.36
53. Chris Kirk	USA	2.37
54. Jason Day	AUS	2.32
55. Jamie Donaldson	WAL	2.25
56. Thomas Pieters	BEL	2.21
57. Patton Kizzire	USA	2.21
58. Charley Hoffman	USA	2.17
59. Daniel Berger	USA	2.15
60. Fabian Gomez	ARG	2.14
61. Jason Dufner	USA	2.11
62. Ian Poulter	ENG	2.06
63. Graeme McDowell	NIR	2.06
64. Matt Jones	AUS	2.04
65. Marcus Fraser	AUS	2.04
66. Lee Westwood	ENG	2.03
67. Thorbjorn Olesen	DEN	2.02
68. Jason Bohn	USA	1.92
69. Kevin Chappell	USA	1.89
70. Harris English	USA	1.89
71. Gary Woodland	USA	1.89
72. Tony Finau	USA	1.88
73. Ryan Palmer	USA	1.87
74. K.T. Kim	KOR	1.85
75. Kristoffer Broberg	SWE	1.85

PGA Tour FedEx Cup Leaders
Through March 27

Rank	Player	Points	YTD Money
1	Adam Scott	1,705	$4,325,198
2	Jason Day	1,222	$3,136,500
3	Brandt Snedeker	1,182	$2,932,168
4	Kevin Kisner	1,147	$2,516,171
5	Russell Knox	1,055	$2,332,201
6	Justin Thomas	1,019	$2,312,877
7	Bubba Watson	1,010	$2,657,800
8	Kevin Na	992	$2,083,916
9	Smylie Kaufman	979	$2,007,935
10	Graeme McDowell	909	$1,951,529
11	Hideki Matsuyama	895	$2,041,943
12	Jason Dufner	867	$1,684,147
13	Jordan Spieth	806	$1,769,167
14	Fabian Gomez	788	$1,543,252
15	Emiliano Grillo	748	$1,511,983
16	Charl Schwartzel	746	$1,567,376
17	Patrick Reed	730	$1,691,902
18	Rickie Fowler	714	$1,582,307
19	Phil Mickelson	705	$1,666,840
20	Kevin Chappell	695	$1,423,095
21	Bill Haas	632	$1,353,249
22	Jason Bohn	605	$1,273,246
23	Ryan Moore	587	$1,368,724
24	Charles Howell III	573	$1,128,032
25	Tony Finau	549	$972,791
26	Dustin Johnson	546	$1,252,606
27	K.J. Choi	544	$1,125,528
28	Freddie Jacobson	534	$1,065,343
29	Sergio Garcia	528	$1,092,467
30	Jamie Lovemark	527	$990,095
31	Vaughn Taylor	526	$1,301,359
32	David Lingmerth	526	$1,131,360
33	Rory McIlroy	506	$1,280,068
34	Patton Kizzire	501	$976,150
35	Jason Kokrak	491	$956,592
36	Brooks Koepka	486	$1,053,516
37	William McGirt	484	$988,629
38	Louis Oosthuizen	483	$1,350,988
39	Alex Cejka	481	$997,782
40	Jimmy Walker	475	$1,031,996
41	Peter Malnati	473	$1,127,515
42	Scott Brown	465	$870,855
43	Harris English	459	$821,399
44	Si Woo Kim	448	$790,521
45	Jonas Blixt	430	$850,253
46	Kevin Streelman	420	$914,710
47	John Huh	420	$758,451
48	Brendan Steele	420	$750,117
49	Justin Rose	402	$889,687
50	J.B. Holmes	400	$912,485
51	Scott Piercy	387	$706,168
52	Patrick Rodgers	384	$695,208
53	Zach Johnson	380	$823,121
54	Zac Blair	373	$648,387
55	Matt Kuchar	365	$712,067
56	Marc Leishman	358	$674,444
57	Chez Reavie	351	$587,496
58	Andrew Loupe	351	$686,967
59	Brett Stegmaier	349	$660,785
60	Henrik Stenson	348	$699,933
61	Derek Fathauer	341	$588,896
62	Kyle Reifers	333	$457,065
63	Paul Casey	332	$593,225
64	Tyrone Van Aswegen	329	$583,837
65	Danny Lee	326	$671,016
66	Troy Merritt	325	$677,960
67	Daniel Summerhays	325	$486,588
68	Graham DeLaet	324	$520,345
69	Chad Campbell	323	$556,747
70	Billy Horschel	321	$620,887
71	Chris Kirk	314	$653,061
72	Cameron Tringale	313	$654,216
73	Brian Harman	312	$610,951
74	Hudson Swafford	310	$498,524
75	Jon Curran	303	$539,414
76	Aaron Baddeley	302	$528,882
77	Lucas Glover	300	$486,448
78	Ryan Palmer	296	$382,501
79	Mark Hubbard	295	$369,045
80	Colt Knost	290	$365,471
81	Brandon Grace	290	$588,631
82	Adam Hadwin	288	$488,984
83	Jhonattan Vegas	286	$461,662
84	Spencer Levin	286	$443,652
85	Will Wilcox	281	$487,845
86	Suhg Kang	280	$544,488
87	Sean O'Hair	279	$333,029
88	James Hahn	270	$471,362
89	Martin Laird	270	$438,971
90.	Harold Varner III	269	$431,627
91.	Gary Woodland	269	$360,731
92.	Daniel Berger	266	$437,429
93.	Jim Herman	265	$487,724
94.	Anirban Lahiri	264	$382,511
95.	Roberto Castro	263	$485,952
96.	Robert Streb	261	$389,299
97.	Blayne Barber	260	$444,647
98.	Luke List	260	$486,747
99.	Boo Weekley	259	$508,205
100.	Greg Owen	253	$381,967
101.	Ricky Barnes	249	$340,226
102.	Steve Marino	247	$433,337
103.	Hiroshi Iwata	247	$500,999
104.	Padraig Harrington	247	$376,429
105.	Kyle Stanley	243	$248,450
106.	Bryce Molder	242	$446,230
107.	Jeff Overton	241	$344,812
108.	Nick Taylor	235	$327,471
109.	Shane Lowry	235	$532,506
110.	David Hearn	234	$345,740
111.	Bronson Burgoon	229	$325,283
112.	Ben Martin	228	$345,768
113.	Jerry Kelly	227	$318,514
114.	Seung-Yul Noh	225	$300,168
115.	Camilo Villegas	219	$300,993
116.	Jason Gore	218	$336,774
117.	Luke Donald	218	$270,970
118.	Ben Crane	217	$238,779
119.	David Toms	216	$430,533
120.	Matt Jones	215	$360,113
121.	Russell Henley	213	$398,603
122.	Stewart Cink	208	$278,079
123.	Brendon de Jonge	205	$268,101
124.	Tyler Aldridge	195	$283,268
125.	Charley Hoffman	189	$346,532
126.	Scott Stallings	181	$285,050
127.	Ian Poulter	181	$290,542
128.	Keegan Bradley	179	$283,132
129.	John Senden	177	$292,980
130.	Retief Goosen	173	$232,281
131.	Webb Simpson	172	$297,625
132.	Michael Kim	172	$210,747
133.	Michael Thompson	170	$191,023
134.	Vijay Singh	166	$274,321
135.	Johnson Wagner	165	$293,563
136.	Brice Garnett	159	$356,593
137.	Sam Saunders	155	$204,119
138.	Morgan Hoffmann	150	$276,210
139.	Steve Stricker	150	$353,835
140.	Justin Leonard	146	$247,170
141.	Luke Guthrie	146	$230,508
142.	Davis van der Walt	144	$322,777
143.	Hunter Mahan	142	$177,037
144.	Cameron Smith	140	$268,353
145.	Francesco Molinari	139	$239,946
146.	Erik Compton	137	$122,827
147.	Jamie Donaldson	137	$216,720
148.	Will MacKenzie	137	$181,477
149.	Chris Stroud	135	$204,394
150.	Scott Pinckney	133	$178,472

LPGA Money Leaders
Through March 27

	Tm	Money
1. Lydia Ko	5	$614,122
2. Ha Na Jang	7	$603,270
3. Sei-Young Kim	6	$433,556
4. Haru Nomura	7	$334,517
5. Lexi Thompson	5	$310,533
6. Hyo-Joo Kim	6	$305,394
7. Brooke Henderson	6	$294,733
8. Pornanong Phatlum	6	$240,702
9. Amy Yang	4	$220,377
10. Stacy Lewis	6	$219,698
11. Jessica Korda	6	$182,507
12. Inbee Park	5	$177,545
13. Anna Nordqvist	6	$173,283
14. Paula Creamer	6	$154,157
15. Jenny Shin	6	$147,394
16. Candie Kung	6	$140,729
17. Chella Choi	7	$136,593
18. Ai Miyazato	6	$125,399
19. Minjee Lee	7	$124,376
20. Charley Hull	6	$121,747
21. Na Yeon Choi	5	$121,723
22. Jacqui Concolino	5	$118,334
23. Karrie Webb	5	$114,992
24. Gerina Piller	6	$113,665
25. Suzann Pettersen	5	$107,139
26. Brittany Lang	6	$98,434
27. Hee Young Park	6	$95,578
28. Carlota Ciganda	6	$93,200
29. Mirim Lee	5	$91,946
30. Shanshan Feng	4	$88,559
31. Kim Kaufman	7	$87,366
32. Ryann O'Toole	5	$83,850
33. Eun-Hee Ji	5	$83,270
34. Shea Lee	6	$82,544
35. Mo Martin	7	$80,308
36. In Gee Chun	2	$79,981
37. Megan Khang	4	$79,624
38. Danielle Kang	5	$78,360
39. Min Seo Kwak	5	$78,238
40. Ariya Jutanugarn	6	$73,773
41. Paula Reto	5	$72,921
42. Karine Icher	7	$70,095
43. Brittany Lincicome	6	$69,089
44. Mika Miyazato	7	$68,083
45. Lizette Salas	6	$65,369
46. Sandra Gal	6	$63,483
47. Cristie Kerr	6	$62,757
48. Xiyu Lin	5	$62,088
49. Pernilla Lindberg	7	$61,899
50. Caroline Masson	6	$59,972
51. Austin Ernst	6	$59,425
52. Sakura Yokomine	7	$56,396
53. Alison Lee	5	$56,052
54. Angela Stanford	6	$53,758
55. Catriona Matthew	5	$52,989
56. Lee-Anne Pace	5	$50,751
57. Gaby Lopez	5	$48,174
58. Simin Feng	4	$46,201
59. Julie Yang	4	$43,652
60. Mi Hyang Lee	6	$41,116
61. Sun Young Yoo	4	$39,911
62. M.J. Hur	4	$38,974
63. Azahara Munoz	6	$38,903
64. Jodi Ewart Shadoff	5	$37,345
65. Kelly Tan	5	$36,767
66. Wei-Ling Hsu	5	$36,578
67. Jenny Shin	6	$35,021
68. Cydney Clanton	5	$34,539
69. O Beak	3	$34,072
70. Morgan Pressel	6	$33,006
71. I.K. Kim	3	$32,940
72. So Yeon Ryu	4	$32,674
73. Annie Park	5	$31,151
74. Juli Inkster	4	$30,701
75. Tiffany Joh	5	$30,615
76. P.K. Kongkraphan	5	$27,799
77. Jennifer Song	5	$26,878
78. Alena Sharp	5	$26,589
79. Thidapa Suwannapura	6	$26,490
80. Sydnee Michaelis	5	$26,263
81. Holly Clyburn	4	$26,187
82. Michelle Wie	6	$25,849
83. Mariajo Uribe	6	$23,271
84. Vicky Tarnulis	7	$23,264
85. Jaye Marie Green	5	$21,159
86. Mina Harigae	5	$20,979
87. Jennifer Johnson	4	$20,720
88. Bertine Strauss	4	$20,612
89. Rachel Rohanna	5	$20,195
90. Laetitia Beck	5	$20,005
91. Lindy Duncan	3	$19,993
92. Moriya Jutanugarn	6	$19,643
93. Katie Burnett	5	$19,183
94. Su-Hyun Oh	1	$19,099
95. Christina Kim	5	$18,654
96. Giulia Sergas	5	$18,405
97. Jing Yan	4	$17,932
98. Hongyan Shauwang	3	$14,838
99. Juliela Granada	7	$14,720
100. Yani Tseng	6	$14,228

New Mexico regulators add races to Sunland Park schedule

By Susan Montoya Bryan
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — New Mexico regulators on Monday agreed to add one race per day to the schedule at Sunland Park to address concerns about the disbursement of potentially millions of dollars in purse money that accumulated during an equine herpes outbreak.

The outbreak in January led officials to shut down racing for several weeks and implement a quarantine at the track near the New Mexico-Texas border in an effort to limit the spread of the fast-moving EHV-1 virus. Dozens of horses tested positive, and several had to be euthanized.

Racing at Sunland Park resumed late last month. But horsemen said they lost dozens of races because of the outbreak and purse money was affected as a result.

Track officials confirmed at a special New Mexico Racing Commission on Monday in Albuquerque that the purse payout per racing day at Sunland Park has averaged more than $140,000. They also said they have no idea how much extra purse money they'll have at the end of the meet in May.

A few options failed to win approval over policy concerns before the commissioners agreed during Monday's meeting to the additional race per day and the disbursement of extra purse money at the end of the meet to horse owners.

"We're probably not going to make everybody happy, but this is what we've been left with," commission Chairman Ray Willis said.

Track officials had proposed increasing overnight purses by 15 percent going forward as well as retroactively rather than add races or extend the season.

Sunland Park race director Dustin Dix told the commissioners they should consider what's in the best interest of the racing fans.

"Quality is what they look for. It's not another race," Dix said. "That's how we get people and how we entice them and how we get them to be fans for a long time."

The New Mexico Horsemen's Association proposed adding two races per day for the remainder of the meet along with three additional race days.

Gerald Marr with the association said owners and horsemen want a chance to race for the money and doing so would have a trickle-down effect for trainers, breeders and groomers.

But critics complained that the board's decision was predetermined and that small horse owners were being left out.

Gary Roybal with the League of United Latin American Citizens suggested the commission consider an emergency rule change that would ensure parity among all involved. He argued that distributing purse money retroactively is not something spelled out in state law but rather is a commission policy that could be changed.

The New Mexico Livestock Board lifted the quarantine at Sunland Park in early March as state and track officials declared the virus contained. That cleared the way for horses to come and go at the track. But new protocols have been adopted to ensure horses have health certificates and vaccinations before entering licensed tracks around the state.

Japan-based Lani headed to Kentucky Derby

By Richard Rosenblatt
Associated Press

Lani is about to embark on a 7,380-mile journey back to his old Kentucky home for a chance to Run for the Roses.

The gray colt earned the trip to the Kentucky Derby with a come-from-way-behind victory in the UAE Derby on Saturday in Dubai. The win was worth 100 Derby qualifying points, and Lani will be on his way to America in the next few days.

"Of course, we will go to the Kentucky Derby," said Koki Maeda, the son of Lani's owner, Yoko Maeda, "and I'd like to get the first prize."

Lani moves into the AP's latest Run to the Roses Top 10 Derby contenders at No. 9. The biggest jump was made by Gun Runner, who won the Louisiana Derby by 4½ lengths and is up to No. 6.

Unbeatens Nyquist and Mohaymen remain 1-2 heading into their showdown in the Florida Derby on Saturday.

Lani was bred in Kentucky out of the Sunday Silence mare Heavenly Romance but is based in Japan.

Ski Captain is the only Japan-based horse to run in the Derby, finishing 14th in 1995. As fate would have it, the jockey who rode Ski Captain — Yutaka Take — is also the rider for Lani.

Take nearly fell off when Lani stumbled at the start and dropped well back in the field. But the colt regained his balance, raced on the outside and began making up ground. In the stretch, Lani pulled ahead of the leaders with about 100 yards to go and won the nearly 1¼-mile race by a half-length.

Trainer Steve Asmussen has himself a strong Derby contender in Gun Runner, who now has wins in the Risen Star and Louisiana Derby at the Fair Grounds and sits atop the points standings with 151.

— In addition to Nyquist and Mohaymen, others set for the Florida Derby include Fashionable Freddy, Fellowship, Majesto, Sawyers Mickeys and Takeittotheedge. Entries are drawn on Wednesday.

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Japanese horse Lani ridden by Yutaka Take, middle, crosses the finish line to win the U.S. $2,000,000 UAE Derby of the Dubai World Cup horse racing at the Meydan Racecourse in Dubai, United Arab Emirates on Saturday. Lani is about to embark on a 7,377-mile journey back to his old Kentucky home for a chance to Run for the Roses. The gray colt earned the trip with a come-from-way-behind victory in the UAE Derby on Saturday in Dubai. The win was worth 100 Kentucky Derby qualifying points, and Lani will be on his way to America in the next few days.

Here's our Top 10:

1. Nyquist (Doug O'Neill, trainer; Mario Gutierrez, jockey): Unbeaten 2-year-old champ on way to South Florida for showdown with Mohaymen. ... Worked 5 furlongs in 1:03 at Santa Anita on Friday. ... Next start: Florida Derby, Gulfstream Park, Saturday. ... Derby odds (pool 3): 7-1.

2. Mohaymen (Kiaran McLaughlin, Junior Alvarado): Trainer back from Dubai to get unbeaten colt set for toughest test yet. ... Fountain of Youth winner worked 4 furlongs in 48.80 at Palm Meadows last week. ... Next start: Florida Derby. ... Odds: 7-2.

3. Cupid (Bob Baffert, Martin Garcia): Rebel winner back at Santa Anita prepping for one more start before trip to Louisville. ... Next start: Arkansas Derby, April 16, Oaklawn Park. ... Odds: 36-1.

4. Danzing Candy (Cliff Sise Jr., Mike Smith): San Felipe winner worked 5 furlongs in speedy 58.60 at Santa Anita on Saturday. ... Winner of three straight after running eighth in first race. ... Next start: Santa Anita Derby, Santa Anita, April 9. ... Odds: 17-1.

5. Mor Spirit (Baffert, Gary Stevens): Baffert looking for eighth Santa Anita Derby win. ... San Felipe runner-up worked 4 furlongs in 47.80 at Santa Anita last week. ... Next start: Santa Anita Derby. ... Odds: 12-1.

6. Gun Runner (Steve Asmussen, Florent Geroux): Overpowered field to win Louisiana Derby. ... Comes into Derby with four wins in five races. ... Leads in Derby qualifying points with 151. ... Next start: Kentucky Derby, Churchill Downs, May 7. ... Odds: 25-1.

7. Shagaf (Chad Brown, Irad Ortiz Jr.): Gotham winner worked 5 furlongs in 1:00.10 at Belmont on Saturday. ... Like top 2, colt is also unbeaten. ... Next start: Wood Memorial, Aqueduct, April 9. ... Odds: 14-1.

8. Destin (Todd Pletcher, Javier Castellano): Could run one more time before Derby. ... Options still Blue Grass, Wood or Arkansas Derby for final prep. ... Next start: Undecided. ... Odds: 15-1.

9. Lani (Mikio Matsunaga, Yutaka Take): Won UAE Derby to clinch trip back home to Kentucky. ... Bred in Kentucky, races in Japan. ... Has three wins in last four races. ... Next start: Kentucky Derby. ... Odds: 5-1 (mutuel field).

10. Zulu (Pletcher, John Velazquez): Fountain of Youth runner-up worked 4 furlongs in 49.43 at Palm Beach Downs on Saturday. ... Next start: Florida Derby. ... Odds: 26-1.

WESTTEXASSPORTS

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To fax your information, send to 570-7650 or you can email it to sports@mrt.com.

Baseball

GCM Baseball Academy
What: Professional private baseball lessons & clinics covering pitching, fielding, catching and hitting provided by three former professional players.
For: Ages 5 & up.
Cost: Individual lessons $65 an hour or $40 for 30 minutes. Bulk purchases & group lesson rates available at discount.
For more info: Call (432) 425-6108

Private batting and pitching instruction
For more info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0096 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting

Private hitting and catching instruction
For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment.

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 296-2436

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Inninga Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed
For more info: Contact 689-6080

WTX Baseball
What: Instruction for players 5 and up
For more info: wtxbaseball.com; facebook.com/wtxbaseballmidland; 413-0329

Private lessons
For more info: Call Mike Mungula 432-230-6477 or email mmungla@midlandchristianschool.org

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Midland Hoops 32 Basketball Skills Training
Cost: $25 per session, one to two people; $15 for groups of three or more
For more info: Contact Eddie Vanzant at 254-6894 or go to midlandhoops32.com; vanzanteddie@yahoo.com

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Pool 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes 684-0177

Edith McElmore Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Camps/Clinics

Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

COM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755.

Tennis clinics and lessons
Contact Coach Jon Ianier for clinics and lessons at janier@midlandchristianschool.org

Don Eddy Basketball Camp
Featuring: The shooting game and the one on one game
Where: Trinity School gyms
For: Kids age 8 through 12th grade
When: June 13-17, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Cost: $225
For more info: Contact Coach Young at 432-528-5206 or go to www.debb.com to register.

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Beal Park Ranch House, 5200 W Wall St., Midland
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatx.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Jesse Mendoza at 432-254-9214

Lacrosse

West Texas Lacrosse spring "Learn-3-Play" clinics and scrimmages
For: Boys 3rd through 8th grade
When: 2:30-4 p.m. Sundays April 3-May 8
Where: Hogan Park South, 1307 E. Wadley Ave (across from Sibley Nature Center)
For more info: Go to www.westtexaslacrosse.org

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Private Martial Art/Self-Defense Lessons
Ages: Men-Women-Children
What: Learn Basic Skills to Advanced Techniques
Note: Private, Semi-Private and Group Lessons are available
For more info: Call Master Oscar Jimenez, 432-559-5009, ojimenez3@att.net

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9621 or (469) 248-8472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships.
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030

Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up.
When/where: 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woofers & Tweeters; 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at Rednecks Drafthouse. Players must be signed in by 6:15 p.m. each night.
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages
Where: 404 E. 81st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 2-6 p.m. Sunday
Cost: $60 down; $35 a month
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Football Club
Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Reyes-Washburn Park (north field)
For more info call: 432-697-8418

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hailey, president at haileyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0988

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter). Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422.

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 state and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com.
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 634-8474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

Midland United Girls Softball Registration
What: Online registration is now open and registration will only be available online
Fees: Tball ($75), 8U-18U ($100), late fee $25
For ages: A girl must be 4 by Jan. 1, 2015 to play Tball. The same date will used to place child in each division.
A parent may have opportunity to bump their child up one division.
To register: go to Midlandfastpitch.com or registration will also be available at Midland Park Mall on March 7 and March 14 from 1-5 p.m.

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards or freestyle or backstroke
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: 684-7755.

COM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: 684-7755

COM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team
What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

COM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of COM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international travel
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Swim Team
Who: Try out for COM Swim Team. tryouts available by appointment
What: Emphasizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

COM Adult Conditioning
What: Allows adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Walking Class
What: Unstructured, self-paced class
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Senior Fitness Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area.
For more info. Call 432-210-0611 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information.

Bush Tennis Center Clinics
What: Balloon Tennis 34 (ages 3-4); Redball 58 (ages 5-8); Orange and Green Ball 910 (ages 9-10); Junior Development (6th-8th grade, freshman-JV); Junior Select (varsity); RSR Adults (adult beginners); Intermediate Adults; 4.0-5.0 Adults (advanced adults); Also Junior Team Tennis registration now open
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtennriscenter.com and or call. 620-8180.

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 520-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

Midland College Tennis
What: Clinics, lessons, leagues, tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Call 687-4046

Midland College Tennis Club
When: A community tennis club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual Dues: Adults $65, youths $30, families $140
For more info: Call 563-1333 or email midlandtennisclub@aol.com
Note: Will be holding its annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 30 at 11 a.m.

Midland Women's Tennis Association
For more info: 559-7208

Ultimate Frisbee

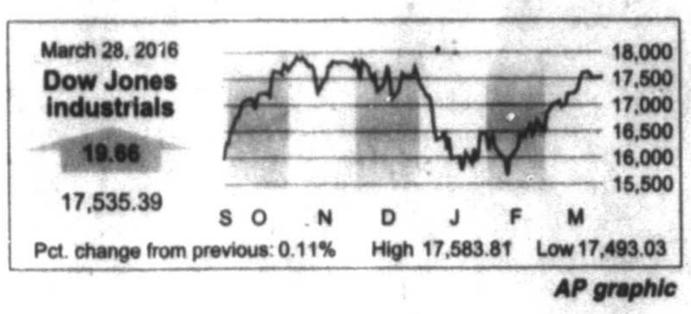
Midland Drought Ultimate Frisbee Club
What: The Club plays weekly casual pick-up games on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and offer occasional opportunities for tourney travel
For ages: Males and females from the high-school level to adult
For more info: Go to www.midlandultimatefrisbee.weebly.com or call Matt at 432-288-3138

Walking

Midland Walkabout AVA Club
For: All Ages
Annual dues: $15 per family
Walks: One Saturday morning per month
When: First Monday of the month at Murray's Deli on Wadley at 6 p.m.
Who: All ages
For more info: Call 432-697-4310, email gpetersen3@suddenlink.net or visit midlandwalkabout.wordpress.com

BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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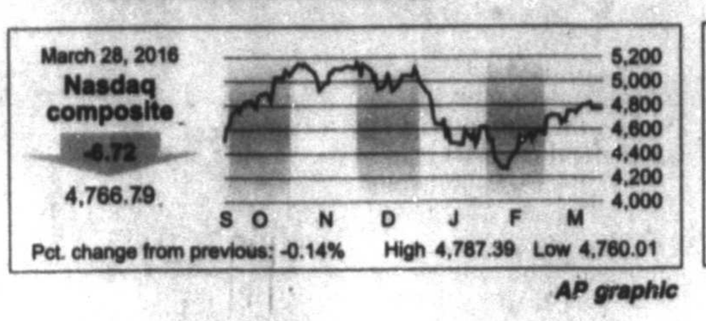

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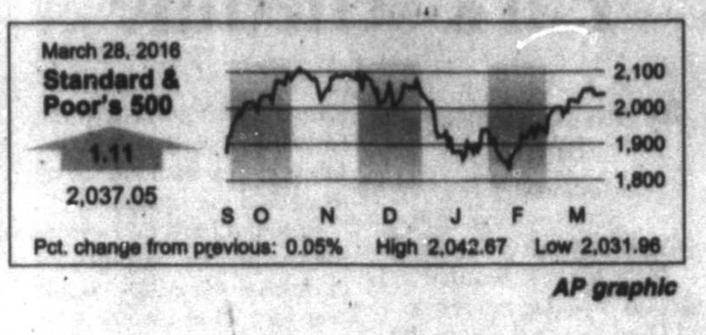

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Monday: $39.39
Previous: $39.46

POSTED

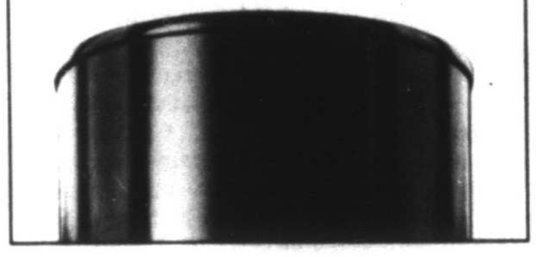
Monday: $35.75
Previous: $36.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Monday: $31.15
Previous: $31.40

NATURAL GAS

Monday: $1.848
Previous: $1.806



NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	568196203	24	+.12
B iPVixST	550774	19.05	-.25
BkofAm	530987	13.62	-.06
SunEdison	462587	1.26	+.05
GenElec	387495	31.49	+.38

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Cemig	2.37	+.31	+15.0
DianaS pfB	12.85	+1.28	+11.1
MesaRoyl	7.74	+.74	+10.6
PetrbrsA	4.63	+.42	+10.0
GolLnhs rs	9.04	+.77	+9.3

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SwEBioFu23	7.23	-1.94	-21.2
AlonBlue rs	2.58	-.53	-17.0
Pandora	9.60	-1.33	-12.2
PJT Part n	23.66	-2.81	-10.6
BP Pru	14.67	-1.63	-10.0

Diary

Advanced	1,761
Declined	1,315
Unchanged	115
Total issues	3,191
New Highs	111
New Lows	11
Volume	2,770,889,393

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
TransEnbx	22536	4.36	-.13
ChenereEn	21542	33.20	-.92
CentrusEn	19599	3.43	+.22
NwGold g	18110	3.50	-.05
iShindia bt	16870	26.57	-.09

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Skyline	8.30	+1.05	+14.5
CentrusEn	3.43	+.22	+6.9
Electrmed	3.96	+.19	+5.0
OncoCyte n	5.26	+.19	+3.7
AdcareHlt	2.26	+.08	+3.7

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NovaBay rs	2.05	-.25	-10.9
Tofutti	3.20	-.35	-9.9
AltisrcAst	12.03	-.87	-6.7
Can-Fite	2.74	-.19	-6.5
Amplnfr rs	4.30	-.28	-6.1

Diary

Advanced	170
Declined	193
Unchanged	24
Total issues	387
New Highs	6
New Lows	4
Volume	51,960,191

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CSVixSh rs	251157	5.08	-.13
MicronT	225777	10.38	-.12
Facebook	210448	113.69	+.64
Apple Inc	189286	105.19	-.48
SiriusXM	167246	3.91	+.04

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AlderBioPh	25.70	+8.52	+49.6
CodeReb n	4.60	+1.32	+40.2
AcadiaPh	23.81	+3.50	+17.2
SemiterSci h	2.17	+.26	+13.6
ArgosTher	6.11	+.68	+12.5

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Tecogen	4.53	-1.34	-22.8
TrovaGn wt	3.50	-.98	-21.9
AdamsPh	5.59	-1.04	-15.7
Cellectar rs	3.45	-.51	-12.9
Vericel	5.35	-.73	-12.0

Diary

Advanced	1,250
Declined	1,522
Unchanged	173
Total issues	2,945
New Highs	33
New Lows	43
Volume	1,351,207,065

Hedge funds pull back from Silicon Valley startups

By Selina Wangr
Bloomberg

In recent months, venture capital firms and mutual funds have become choosier about which technology startups they're prepared to back. Now hedge funds, after helping push valuations to dot-com-era heights, are getting more picky, too.

Last month, hedge funds participated in the fewest number of venture capital rounds in U.S. tech companies since 2013, inking just two deals, according to research firm PitchBook Data Inc. Even Tiger Global Management LLC, an early backer of Facebook and LinkedIn with $20 billion under management, has pulled back. Smaller firms are getting out altogether.

Like VCs, hedge funds are more circumspect because some startups have failed to live up to their billing. Plus, in the wake of several disappointing tech IPOs, many of the most promising firms are choosing to stay private longer, meaning it takes longer to cash out. Investors' stinginess is forcing startups to cut costs, fire workers and accept more stringent terms when raising money.

"We've completely stopped investing in private tech," said Jeremy Abelson, a portfolio manager at Irving Investors, a small hedge fund based in New York. "I'm done with intangible valuations, unknown exits, unknown liquidity, and I want something that if I put my money into it now, I'm not going to hit a grand slam, but I'm going to get something that's immediately yielding."

Hedge Funds participated in 38 percent fewer global VC-backed deals from the third to fourth quarter of 2015, according to PitchBook. The total completed deal size dropped from $9.1 billion to $4.6 billion in the same period. The pullback is especially squeezing late-stage financing for tech companies, and pushing up the number of so-called down rounds -- when startups accept a lower valuation in exchange for funds. The final stages (Series E and later) of financing based on lower valuations jumped to 26 percent in the fourth quarter last year, compared with 11 percent a quarter earlier, according to Fenwick and West LLP.

In years past, hedge funds lacked the patience required to back tech startups, risky investments that often take years to pay off. But the latest generation of Valley firms have real businesses (unlike many of their dot-com counterparts) so hedge funds have been competing with VCs for some of the biggest deals.

For example, Coatue Management LLC, a so-called crossover fund that invests in public and private companies, led a $55 million fundraising round for Snapchat. Valiant Capital Partners backed Pinterest, Dropbox and Evernote.

Some small hedge funds were attracted by the outsize returns reaped by larger firms, such as the $3.2 billion paper profit Silver Lake Management LLC earned when Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. went public last year.

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"Hot markets generate fair-weather players," said Ben Narasin, a partner at Canvas Ventures, a Portola Valley, California, VC whose partners invested in such startups as Lending Club and Houzz. "Everyone rushes to the new shiny thing."

But in recent months, some startups have put initial public offerings on hold after watching once high-flying firms stumble once they went public. Esty Inc. has lost almost half of its value since its IPO a year ago. Square Inc. and Match Group Inc. raised less than anticipated. Square's pricing of $9 a share in the IPO fell short of the $15.46 a share it sold stock for in its last private funding round. Match is trading below the IPO share price.

In 2013, tech investors could expect an average return of 160 percent from the last private fundraising round to IPO, according to data compiled by Irving Investors from BVMarket Data. In the second half of 2015, the average return fell to 29 percent.

Big hedge funds haven't abandoned the U.S. tech market; they're just getting choosier. For example, Tiger Global Management, which bills itself as an investment fund with a separate venture arm, made four U.S. investments in 2015, a drop from 12 a year earlier, according to CB Insights. (That doesn't include Tiger's big stake in Uber last December, which hasn't closed yet.)

Dragoneer Investment Group backed four U.S. tech startups in 2014 (including Instacart and Airbnb) and just one last year (Dollar Shave Club), according to CB Insights; in 2014 Valiant backed two (Instacart and Uber) but invested in no U.S. tech companies last year.

"It's not a liquid asset class," said Ilan Nissan, a partner at Goodwin Procter that advises hedge funds and venture capital funds. "You need to be willing to sit there and not be able to mark it everyday and know what your position is worth. As IPO markets go sideways, it makes sense that they'd be shying away from that asset class."

Stocks drop again

NEW YORK — Stocks got a little help from an international hotel deal and dueling superheroes Monday, but they could only wobble to a split finish in a quiet day of trading.

Hotel chains Starwood and Marriott climbed after a Chinese insurance company made another offer to buy Starwood. Media giant Time Warner rose after "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" had a super opening weekend.

Stocks flipped between small gains and losses for most of the day. Oil prices slipped and energy companies took modest losses. Mining and metals companies traded slightly higher.

Monday was the slowest trading day of 2016 for U.S. markets, and European exchanges were closed for the Easter holiday. Trading was closed in the U.S. Friday for the Good Friday holiday.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 19.66 points, or 0.1 percent, to 17,535.39. The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 1.11 points to 2,037.05, ending a three-day losing streak.

The Nasdaq composite index lost 6.72 points, or 0.1 percent, to 4,766.79. Stocks have flagged over the last few days after a five-week rally.

Gold, silver prices fall

The price of gold fell $1.50 to $1,220.10 an ounce. Silver lost 1 cent to $15.19 an ounce. Copper rose 2 cents to $2.25 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $7.14 Down 0.45

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $101.85 Down 1.76

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.74 Down 0.07

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $76.46 Down 0.97

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $0.89 Down 0.10

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $2.66 Down 0.04

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $21.16 Down 0.22

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $28.20 Down 0.37

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $5.00 Down 0.17

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $16.19 Down 0.72

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.92	17	39.07	+.19	+13.5
Abraxas	...	...	98	-.05	-8.0
AcadiaPh			23.81	+3.50	33.2
AdaDvraEq	.92e	...	12.50	+.03	-2.6
Alcoa	12	17	9.70	+.13	-1.7
AlderBioPh			25.70	+8.52	22.2
AlonUSA	60	14	10.33	-.27	-30.4
Ambev	19e		5.27	+.15	+18.2
Amgen	**4.00**	**16**	**148.37**	**-.87**	**-8.6**
Anadarko	**.20m**	**...**	**45.63**	**-.64**	**-6.1**
Apache	**1.00**	**...**	**48.41**	**-.44**	**+8.9**
Apple Inc	2.08	11	105.19	-.48	-.1
ApldMatl	**.40**	**19**	**20.20**	**+.05**	**+8.2**
Archrock	.75i		6.99	+.09	-7.0
ATMOS	**1.68f**	**23**	**72.57**	**+.19**	**+15.1**
AutoData	2.12	28	88.30	-.45	+4.2
BP PLC	**2.40e**	**...**	**30.42**	**...**	**-2.7**
BabsCCInv	1.20		17.28	+.18	+.2
BakrHu	.68		43.87	-.81	-4.9
BcoBrad s	44e		7.50	+.42	+55.9
BkofAm	.20	10	13.62	-.06	-19.1
B iPVixST			19.05	-.25	-5.2
BasicEnSv			2.70	-.03	+.7
BerkHa A	**...**	**142121235.03**	**+1595.01**	**+7.2**
BkHillsCp	**1.68f**	**40**	**58.57**	**-.45**	**+26.1**
BrMySq	**1.52f**	**45**	**62.77**	**+.25**	**-8.8**
BrownFA	**1.36f**	**33**	**104.17**	**-.06**	**-5.4**
BrownFB	**1.36f**	**29**	**96.54**	**+.04**	**-2.8**
CVS Health	1.70f	21	101.84	+.41	+4.2
CalifRescs			1.17	-.07	-49.8
Cameron		18	66.46	+.46	+5.2
Caterpillar	3.08	15	75.32	+.03	+10.8
Celestic g		13	10.68	-.08	-3.2
CntryLink	2.16	20	31.08	-.08	+23.5
ChesEng			4.15	-.10	-7.8
Chevron	**4.28**	**39**	**94.68**	**+.17**	**+5.2**
Chicos	.32f	45	12.61	+.28	+18.2
Cimarex	.32m		95.45	-.17	+6.8
Cisco	1.04f	14	27.90	-.06	+3.5
Citigroup	.20	10	41.92	-.02	-19.0
ClayEng	**...**	**...**	**7.14**	**-.45**	**-75.9**
CocaCola	**1.40f**	**26**	**45.80**	**+.22**	**+6.6**
ColgPalm	**1.56f**	**25**	**69.91**	**...**	**+4.9**
ColuPipln n	.52f	...	-25.02	-.02	+25.1

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConAgra	**1.00**	**24**	**44.28**	**+.21**	**+5.0**
ConchoRes	**...**	**...**	**101.85**	**-1.76**	**+9.7**
ConocoPhil	**1.00m**	**...**	**39.68**	**-.36**	**-15.0**
CrackerB	4.40a	21	150.21	-.08	+18.4
CSVelIVST			24.06	+.37	-6.7
CSVixSh rs			5.08	-.13	-18.8
CrosTim	**1.45e**	**9**	**14.80**	**-.34**	**+13.8**
DCP Mid	3.12	29	25.96	-.55	+5.2
DTE	2.92f	20	89.28	-.18	+11.3
Dataram h			.71	+.02	+7.7
DevonE	**.24m**	**...**	**25.84**	**-.63**	**-19.3**
DirDGlbBr			3.60	+.01	-78.2
Disney	**1.42f**	**18**	**98.09**	**+.87**	**-6.7**
DowChm	**1.84f**	**13**	**51.56**	**+.24**	**+.2**
EOG Resc	**.57**	**...**	**74.53**	**+.23**	**+5.3**
EmpDist	**1.04**	**25**	**32.86**	**-.50**	**+17.1**
EnCana g	.06m		5.79	-.15	+13.8
Energen	.08		33.63	-.34	-18.0
EgyTrEq s	1.14f	6	6.68	-.32	-51.4
EngyTsfr	4.22f		29.35	+.45	-13.0
EnPro	**.84f**	**...**	**57.29**	**-.67**	**+30.7**
EntProdPt	1.56f	19	24.30	-.25	-5.0
Ericsson	.43e		9.56	+.02	-.5
ExxonMbl	**2.92**	**22**	**84.22**	**+.24**	**+8.0**
Facebook	...	74	113.69	+.64	+8.6
FT Engy	.33e		13.94	-.07	+.6
Fitbit n	...	15	13.55	-1.03	-54.2
FordM	.60a	7	13.09	+.03	-7.1
FrptMcM	...	...	10.14	+.03	+49.8
GATX	**1.60f**	**9**	**46.15**	**-.87**	**+8.5**
GabMultT	**.94e**	**...**	**7.10**	**-.04**	**-5.3**
GAInv	**1.15e**	**...**	**30.58**	**-.07**	**-4.3**
GenElec	**.92**	**...**	**31.49**	**+.38**	**+1.1**
GlBazSci rs			.20	+.00	-78.7
GtPlainEn	**1.05f**	**23**	**31.69**	**-.01**	**+16.0**
HP Inc	.50	11	12.07	...	+1.9
HalconRs rs	...	...	1.05	-.04	-16.7
HalliBrtn	**.72**	**...**	**35.09**	**-.13**	**+3.1**
Hertz	...	17	9.81	-.70	-31.1
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	26.68	+1.00	+29.0
iShJapan	.13e	...	11.52	+.17	-5.0
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	33.01	+.27	-6.5
iShEMMkts	.84e	...	33.47	+.11	+4.0
iS Eafe	**1.70e**	**...**	**56.69**	**+.34**	**-3.5**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShBxHYB	5.09	...	80.98	-.37	+.5
iShR2K	1.73e	...	107.33	+.13	-4.7
Intel	**1.04**	**14**	**31.90**	**+.02**	**-7.4**
InterDig	.80	16	53.10	-.46	+8.3
ItauUnibH	.45e	...	8.69	+.34	+33.7
JPMorgCh	1.76	10	59.40	-.08	-9.4
JohnJn	**3.00**	**18**	**108.23**	**-.06**	**+5.4**
KimbClk	**3.68f**	**38**	**134.34**	**+.69**	**+5.5**
KindMorg	.50m	27	17.81	-.28	+19.4
LegacyRes	.60m	...	.89	-.10	-49.1
Lubys	**...**	**...**	**4.93**	**-.05**	**+10.3**
MannKd			1.63	-.48	+12.4
MarathnO	.20m	...	10.16	-.13	-19.3
MktVGold	.12e	...	19.42	-.04	[illegible]
McDnlds	3.56f	25	123.17	-.12	+4.3
Merck	1.84f	25	52.83	-.24	...
MeritMed	**...**	**33**	**17.71**	**+.14**	**-4.7**
MexcoEn	...	...	2.66	-.04	-17.6
MicronT	...	6	10.38	-.12	-26.7
Microsoft	1.44	34	53.54	-.67	-3.5
Mondelez	.68	9	39.44	-.07	-12.0
Nabors	.24	...	8.68	-.01	+2.0
NatGrid	**3.35e**	**...**	**70.55**	**+.12**	**+1.5**
NOilVarco	1.84	12	31.49	+.34	-6.0
Netflix s	...	...	101.21	+2.85	-11.5
NobleEngy	.72	...	29.69	-2.65	-9.8
NvMAd	**.79e**	**...**	**14.25**	**...**	**+2.9**
NvPMI	**.78e**	**...**	**14.09**	**-.05**	**+3.1**
NuvPI	**.82e**	**...**	**14.36**	**+.01**	**+1.8**
NSTFI3	**.55e**	**...**	**14.80**	**-.03**	**+1.8**
NTXQI	**.65**	**...**	**14.82**	**-.04**	**+2.7**
OcciPet	**3.00**	**51**	**68.03**	**-.48**	**+.6**
OfficeDpt	...	...	7.44	+.53	+31.9
Oracle	.60	20	40.62	-.35	+11.7
Pandora	...	...	9.60	-1.33	-28.4
ParTech	**...**	**...**	**5.80**	**+.17**	**-13.9**
ParkDrl	**...**	**...**	**2.07**	**-.07**	**+13.7**
PetMT	**.40**	**...**	**16.75**	**-.18**	**+11.1**
PennaRE	**.84**	**...**	**20.57**	**-.19**	**-5.9**
Pmian	.35e	17	6.02	+.05	+19.0
PetbrsA	...	...	4.63	+.42	+36.2
Petrobras	...	...	5.79	+.39	+34.7
Pfizer	**1.20f**	**18**	**29.78**	**-.30**	**-7.7**
PioNtrl	**.08**	**65**	**137.46**	**-1.73**	**+9.6**
PlainsAAP	**2.80**	**14**	**20.81**	**-.98**	**-9.9**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	107.11	-.15	-4.2
Praxair	**3.00f**	**21**	**112.45**	**+.71**	**+9.8**
PrmEgy	**...**	**16**	**33.39**	**-3.11**	**-37.0**
PUVixST rs	...	...	22.73	-.60	-19.8
ProctGam	**2.65**	**27**	**82.62**	**-.27**	**+4.0**
RangeRs	.08m	...	31.84	+1.12	+29.4
Rowan	.40	21	15.74	+.16	-7.1
RoyDShNA	3.76	73	48.14	-.14	+5.1
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	175.12	+.18	+.8
SAP500ETF	4.13e	...	203.24	+.12	-.3
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	29.52	-.26	-2.3
SabnR	2.50e	9	29.63	-.75	+12.8
SanderFm	**.88e**	**12**	**88.28**	**+.80**	**+13.9**
Schlmbrg	2.00	22	72.80	+.22	+4.4
SiriusXM	...	39	3.91	+.04	-3.9
Smucker	2.68	35	129.60	+.89	+5.1
SP Engy	2.04e	...	61.51	-.33	+2.0
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	22.38	+.07	-6.1
SP Util	1.55e	...	48.73	-.18	+12.6
Staples	.48	1	10.90	+.14	+15.1
SunEdison	...	...	1.26	+.05	-75.2
SunocoLog	1.92f	35	23.68	-.22	-7.9
Symantec	.80a	21	18.47	-.24	+9.3
TelefEsp	**1.03e**	**...**	**10.87**	**...**	**-1.7**
Tesoro	2.00	6	90.01	-2.48	-14.6
3M Co	4.44f	22	166.28	+1.82	+10.4

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Torchmark	**.56f**	**13**	**54.42**	**+.29**	**-4.6**
TriContl	**.82e**	**...**	**19.86**	**...**	**-1.8**
Twitter	...	...	15.60	-.31	-32.6
TylerTech	**...**	**58**	**123.49**	**+1.80**	**-29.2**
UBSI	**1.32**	**18**	**36.12**	**-.01**	**-2.4**
US NGas	...	...	6.56	+.16	-24.3
US OilFd	...	...	10.01	-.05	-9.0
USSteel	.20	...	15.57	-.21	+95.1
Vale SA	.29e	...	4.13	+.09	+25.5
Vale SA pf	.29e	...	3.09	+.04	+21.2
ValeantPh	...	...	28.86	-2.23	-71.6
ValeroE	2.40f	7	65.24	-.60	-7.7
VangEmg	1.10e	...	33.90	+.09	+3.6
VulcanM	**.80f**	**60**	**105.89**	**+.48**	**+11.2**
WEC Engy	1.98f	25	58.68	-.21	+14.4
WalgBoots	1.44	26	82.79	+.46	-2.8
WealthInt	...	...	7.34	-.07	-12.5
WellsFargo	1.50	12	48.70	-.20	-10.4
WstnRefin	1.52f	7	29.53	-.45	-17.1
WhitingPet	...	...	7.34	-.20	-22.2
WhlsCos	2.56	76	15.14	-.21	-41.1
xG Tech rs	...	...	.13	+.03	-40.6
XcelEngy	**1.38f**	**21**	**41.16**	**-.07**	**+14.8**
Xerox	**.31f**	**22**	**10.67**	**+.04**	**+.4**
Yahoo	...	...	35.23	+.37	+5.9

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18,351.36	15,370.33	Dow Jones Industrials	17,535.39	+19.66	+.11	+.63	-2.45
9,176.20	6,403.31	Dow Jones Transportation	7,858.71	-67.31	-.85	+4.66	-10.58
664.58	539.95	Dow Jones Utilities	657.28	-2.92	-.44	+13.75	+11.76
11,254.57	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	10,105.45	+19.84	+.20	-.36	-8.03
5,231.94	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	4,766.79	-6.72	-.14	-4.81	-3.85
2,134.72	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,037.05	+1.11	+.05	-.34	-2.39
1,551.28	1,215.14	S&P Midcap	1,418.35	+4.40	+.32	+1.41	-7.28
22,537.15	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	20,927.32	+12.55	+.06	-1.14	-5.37
1,296.00	943.09	Russell 2000	1,080.53	+.69	+.06	-4.60	-14.12

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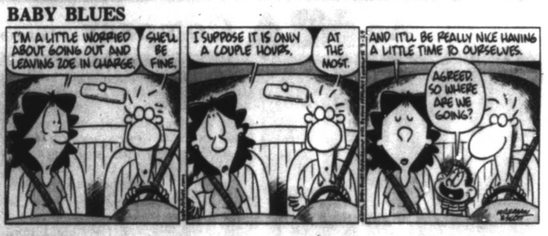

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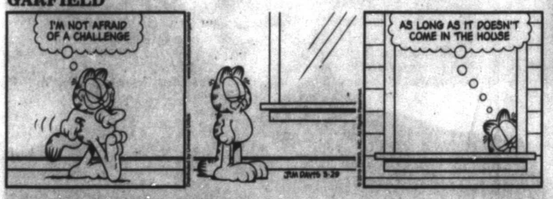

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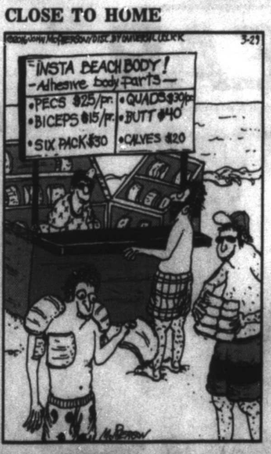

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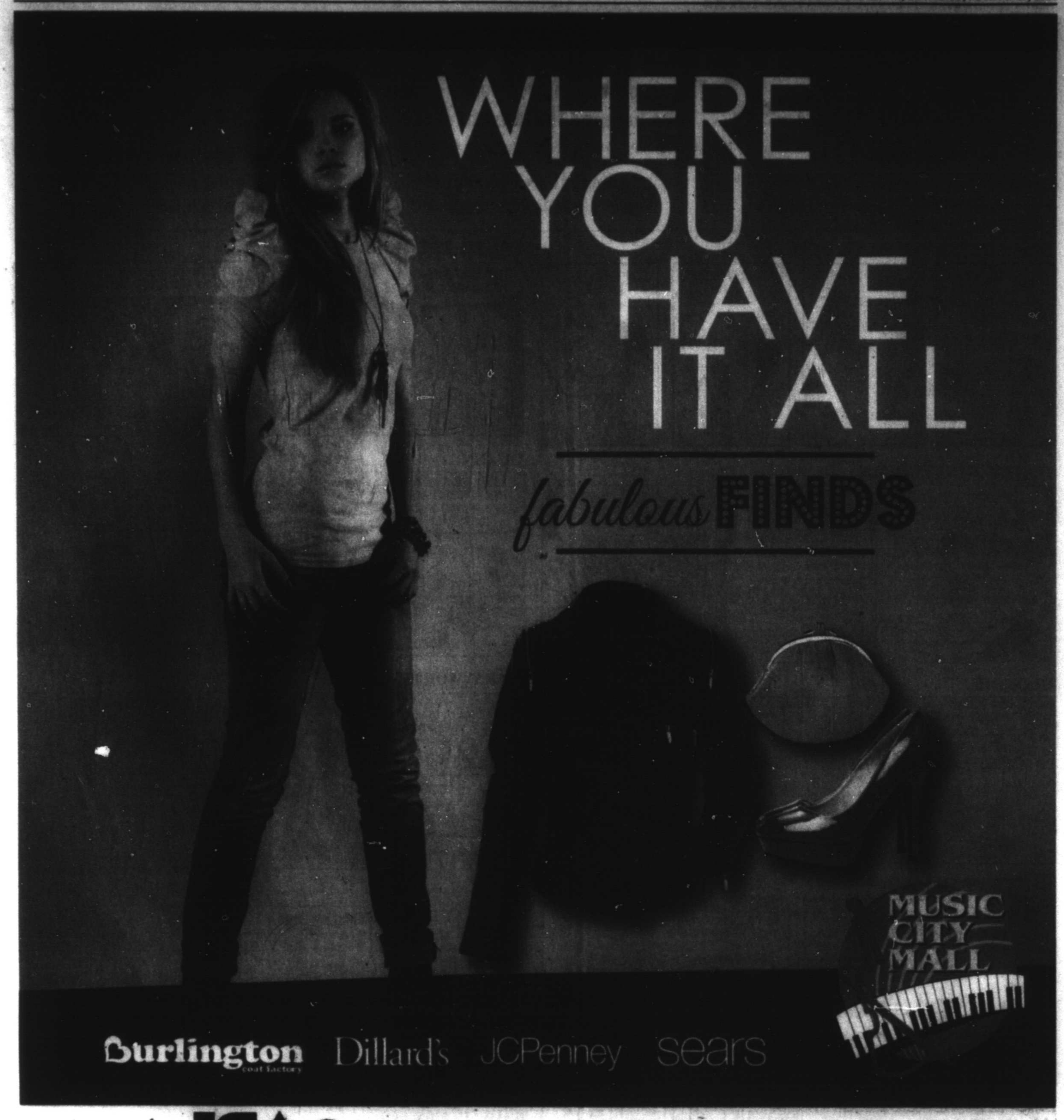

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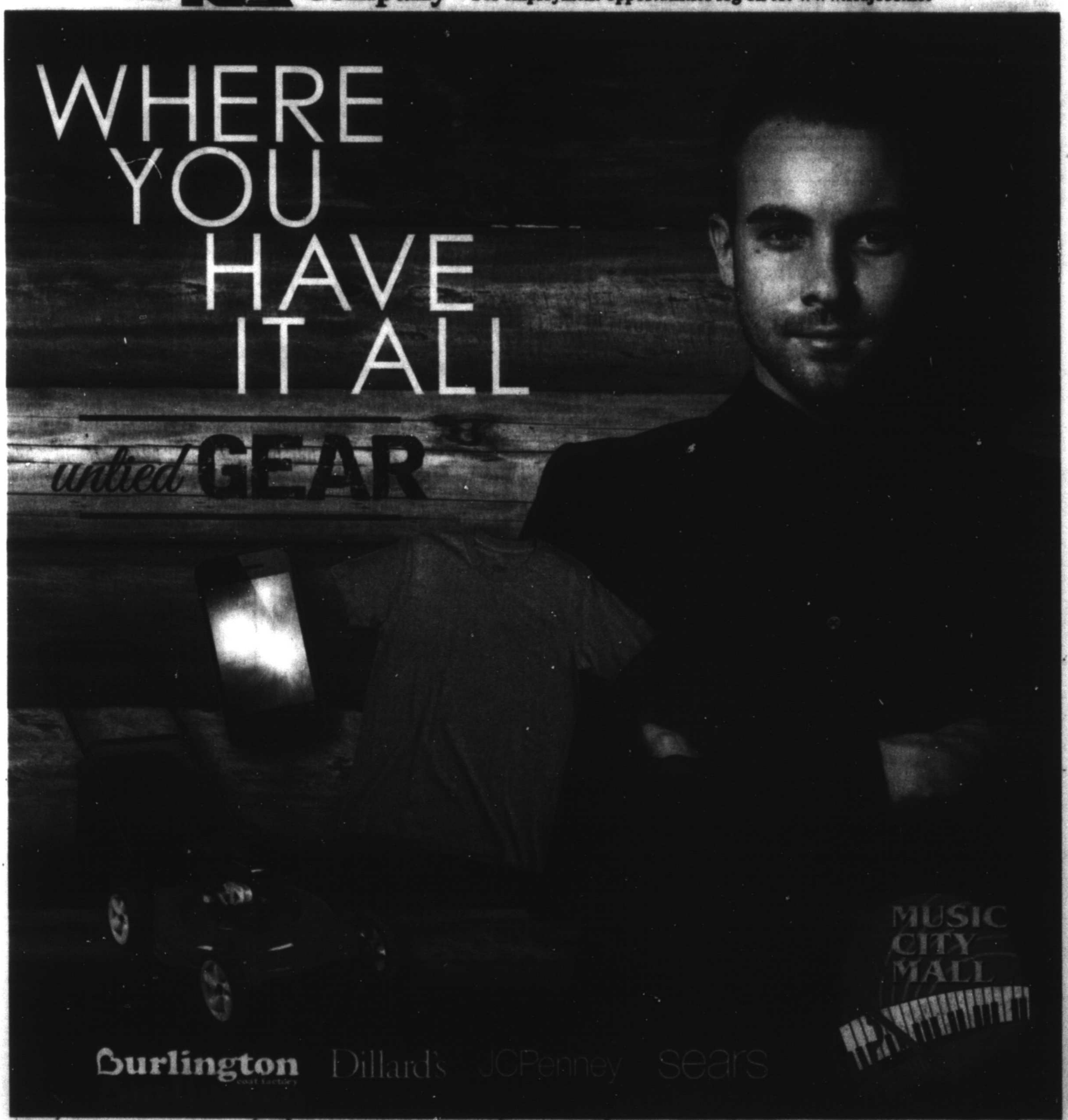

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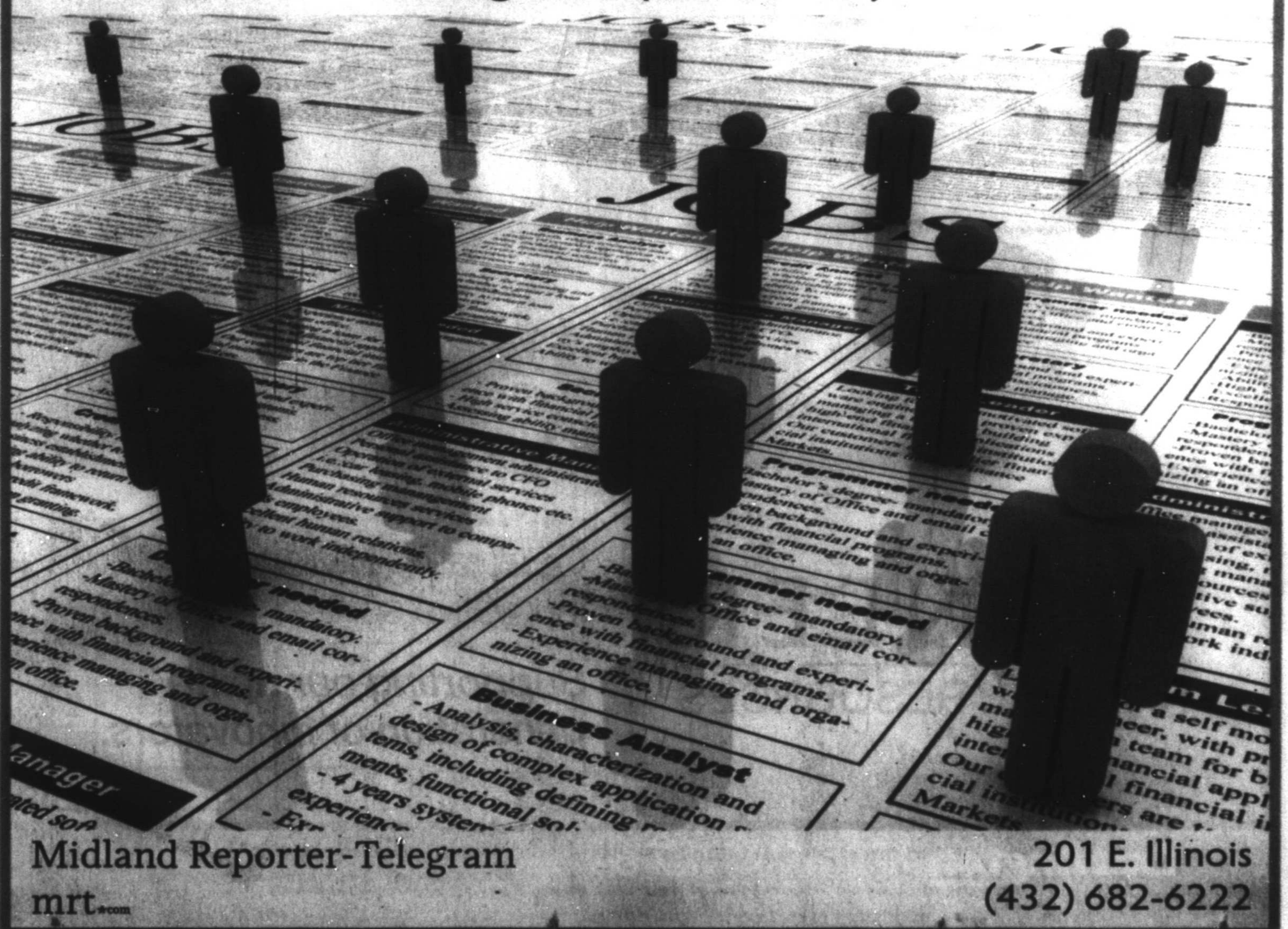

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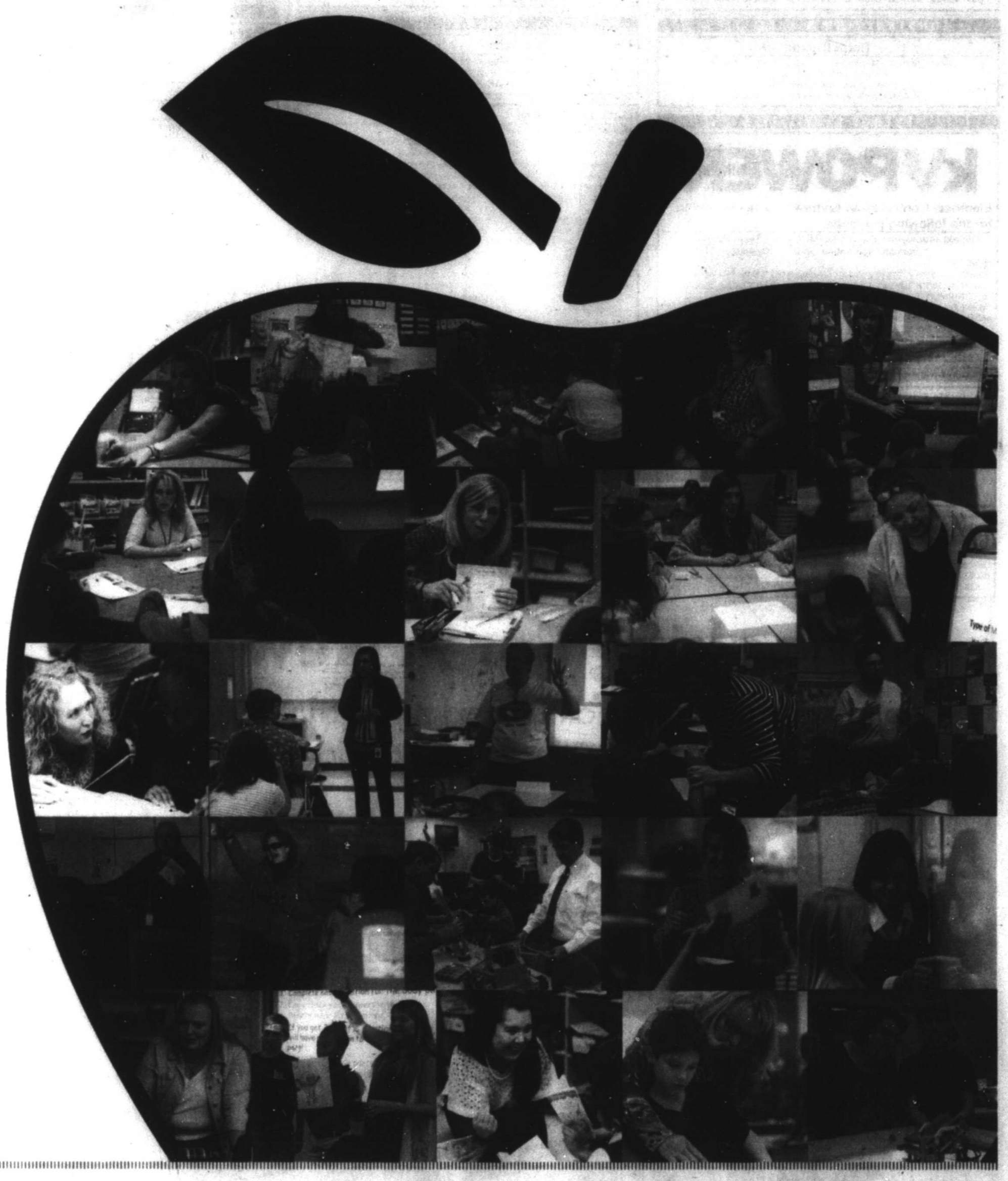

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Midland, Texas

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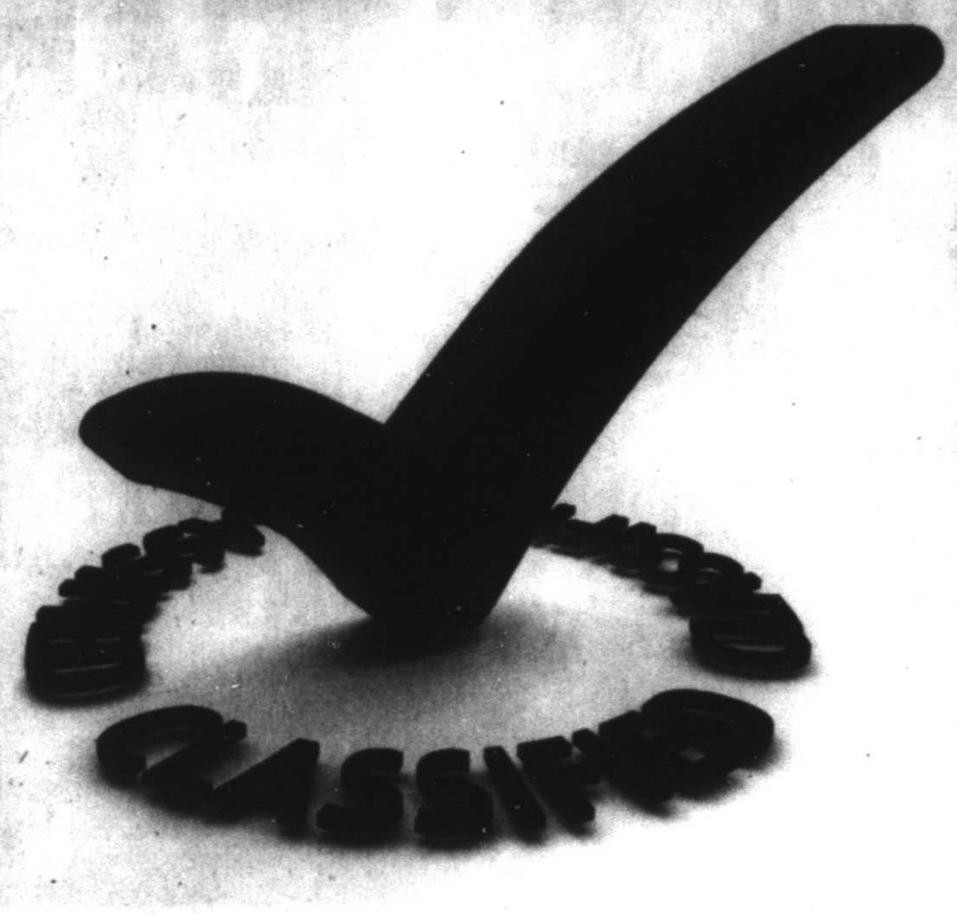

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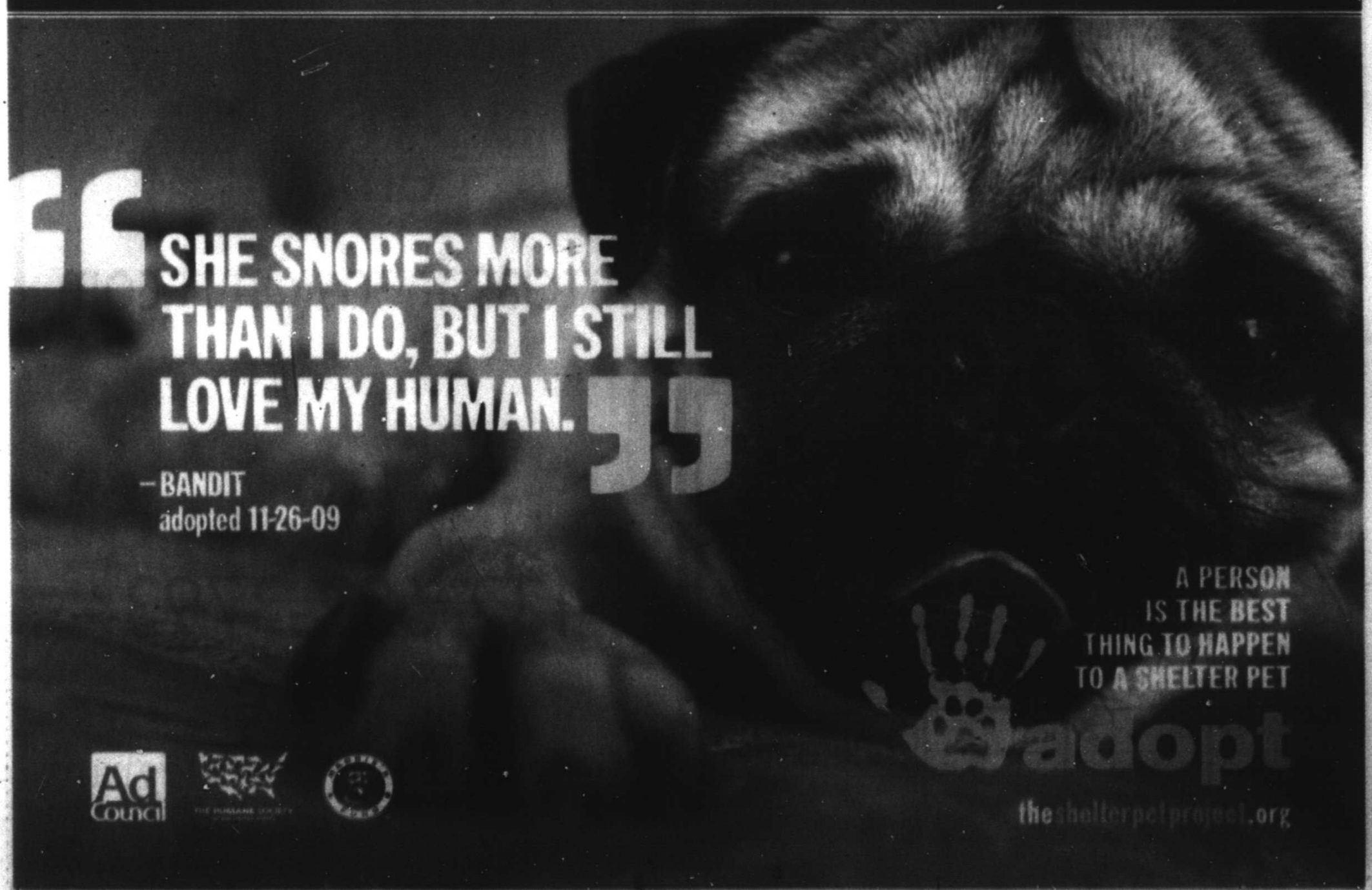

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BELOWEXPECTATIONS

Arctic sea ice reaches new record-low mark for wintertime

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The growth of Arctic sea ice this winter peaked at the lowest maximum level on record, thanks to extraordinarily warm temperatures, federal scientists said Monday.

The National Snow and Ice Data Center says ice covered a maximum of 5.607 million square miles of the Arctic Ocean in 2016. That's 5,000 square miles less than the old record set in 2015 — a difference slightly smaller than the state of Connecticut.

It's also some 431,000 miles less than the 30-year average. That difference is the size of Texas and California combined.

Records go back to 1979 when satellites started measuring sea ice, which forms when Arctic Ocean water freezes.

This year's ice didn't break the record by much, but it's "an exclamation point" on a longer-term trend, said NASA scientist Walt Meier, who helped calculate the data.

The sub-par showing doesn't necessarily mean that the minimum extent this summer will also break a record, scientists said. The summer minimum is more important for affecting Earth's climate and weather.

Data center scientist Julienne Stroeve says winter temperatures over the North Pole were 16 degrees warmer than normal, while other parts of the Arctic ran 4 to 11 degrees warmer than normal.

Data center chief Mark Serreze said in a press release, "I have never seen such a warm, crazy winter in the Arctic."

It was so warm that the Barents Sea was "pretty much close to ice -free for almost the whole winter, which is very unusual," Meier said.

Stroeve said early indications show that the sea ice is thinner than last year.

A leading but still controversial theory says loss of sea ice in the Arctic may change the jet stream and bring more extreme weather to the United States, Stroeve said.

The new report reveals "just the latest disturbing data point in a disturbing trend wherein climate changes are happening even faster than we had forecast," Pennsylvania State University climate scientist Michael Mann said.

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By Amina Khan
Los Angeles Times

When it comes to impressing potential dates, a little change in posture might make the difference between a swipe right and a swipe left. A new study led by a University of California, Berkeley researcher finds that, when all you've got is a moment, people who use more expansive, dominant gestures are the ones most likely to earn a second look.

The findings, published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, show that for the postures of both men and women, bigger is often better — and offer some insight into why those gestures are so attractive.

In all stages of romance, body language does a lot of the talking. Positive facial expressions like smiling and laughing do double duty — they signal that someone is feeling close to another person and they also make that other person feel closer in return. Previous research has shown that between committed partners, gestures like nodding, smiling and leaning forward are linked to those partners' self-reported feelings of love.

But in the fast-paced world of speed-dating and dating apps like Tinder, first impressions are extremely brief, over with the swipe of a thumb. Still, humans are apparently quite good at making judgments on a potential mate in a fraction of a second.

"Physical features, such as pupil size, gaze directionality, eye color, facial symmetry, and nonverbal displays, are encoded by human minds in as little as 39 ms," the researchers pointed out. "Some of these cues (i.e., a direct vs. an averted gaze) influence decisions to pursue or pass over a potential romantic partner when rapidly observing photographs of models in a computer task."

To find out whether such gestures made a difference in a person's attractiveness in fleeting encounters in real life, a team of researchers led out of UC Berkeley studied 144 four-minute dates that were recorded at a speed-dating event on the Northwestern University campus in 2007.

Trained raters watched video of each person (without sound, unless they were rating laughs) and ranked how expansive or closed their behaviors were. An expansive posture might involve a stretched torso, open arms and a spreading out of the body to take up more space. They also looked at "affiliation clues" — how much they smiled, laughed and nodded. Then the scientists compared those ratings to the responses from each person's date. Would the date want to see that person again?

The researchers found that the more expansive the posture, the more likely the date was to want to go out with him or her. The pattern was true for both men and women, and it held up when the researchers tested a popular GPS-based dating app to see how users responded as they flipped through photos. Photos of people in more expansive postures — leaning back, spreading out, opening the arms — earned more interest than those in contracted postures, with the arms pulled in, taking up little space.

That's likely to be because expansive postures can signal both dominance and openness. Dominance usually comes with access to more resources — an attractive quality in a mate — and openness signals a higher likelihood of getting said mate.

No matter who wins, data is a priority in the presidential race

Dear PropellerHeads: So, you guys know all about computers and numbers and stuff, right? Can you tell me who is going to win the 2016 presidential race?

A: Yes. Beyoncé. You're welcome. Seriously, though, perhaps what you are hinting at is the role of data analytics in modern day politics. I know that's not as exciting as Ms. Knowles, but it's still worth about 600 words, so why not?

Data mining and analytics seems old hat in the corporate world, with industries like the financial sector (e.g., Capital One) excelling in it. Using large and specific data sets, these companies have been able to target marketing and products, but also shape and improve customer experiences by figuring out unique ways to communicate with consumers based on all of the information available about them.

I know, I know, I'm going to start talking about synergy at any moment.

Just check out some of the top jobs this year — bit.ly/1nmvWyV. Yes, my little mathletes, data analytics could be the answer to your Bills, Bills, Bills.

The 2008 and 2012 Obama campaigns were really the lightning rod that made big data a player and now a necessity in

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running a modern-day political campaign. Having names, contact info and personal details on supporters is not a new idea in political campaigning, but targeting that data, thinking like a business, and using that information to mobilize support where you need it is now the name of the game.

Let's talk 2012 and Nate Silver. He used data and models to predict President Obama's re-election. Even when politicos weren't ready for his jelly, dismissed his predictions and insisted on a tightening race, it was the data that drove Silver's commentary and eventually made Nate the Queen Stats Bey of 2012 — wapo.st/1Tyyszf.

For all things politics, econ and sports — as told in the sweet, sweet language of statistical analysis — check out Silver's FiveThirtyEight (fivethirtyeight.com).

So what does all of this mean for the 2016 election? Data is king. Suddenly the conversation is about who has the biggest list (no direct correlation to hand size).

Take Ready for Hillary (now Ready PAC), which was started in 2013 purely to work on compiling the biggest list of potential Hillary supporters possible before her inevitable announcement to run. By the time an official announcement was made, the super PAC had gathered around 4 million names for the cause (bloom.bg/1DkaA8j).

Access to that wealth of information is enticing. So much so that the Democratic National Committee had to Ring the Alarm when staffers of the Bernie Sanders campaign recently got caught exploiting an error in the DNC database to access information from Clinton's supporters. These staffers have since been fired, but at the time, Sanders' campaign lost access to their own information in the DNC database and, in turn, filed suit against the DNC for undermining their campaign — cnn.it/1YpJrch. Feel the Bern indeed.

To the left, to the left, voter information in the box to the left. Both Bern and Hill's camps know this information is Irreplaceable.

Just because the Dems had a little data controversy doesn't mean the GOP isn't in on the game, too. Ted Cruz's campaign has all the feels, using data to determine the issues, approach and tone of voice their team on the streets uses to target potential supporters — wapo.st/1NYgFto.

Donald Trump's naysayers had written off the GOP's frontrunner in making data a priority in his campaign strategy. But as with his entire campaign, the Donald is full of surprises (politi.co/1PKfgud). And although his campaign has been vague with the details on their data program, when Trump does big data it's gonna be yuuuge.

OK, so maybe we don't know who the next prez is going to be, but we all know who Run the World.

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