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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Midland High beat Odessa High 3-2 in extra innings in their district matchup Tuesday. Get more in Sports.

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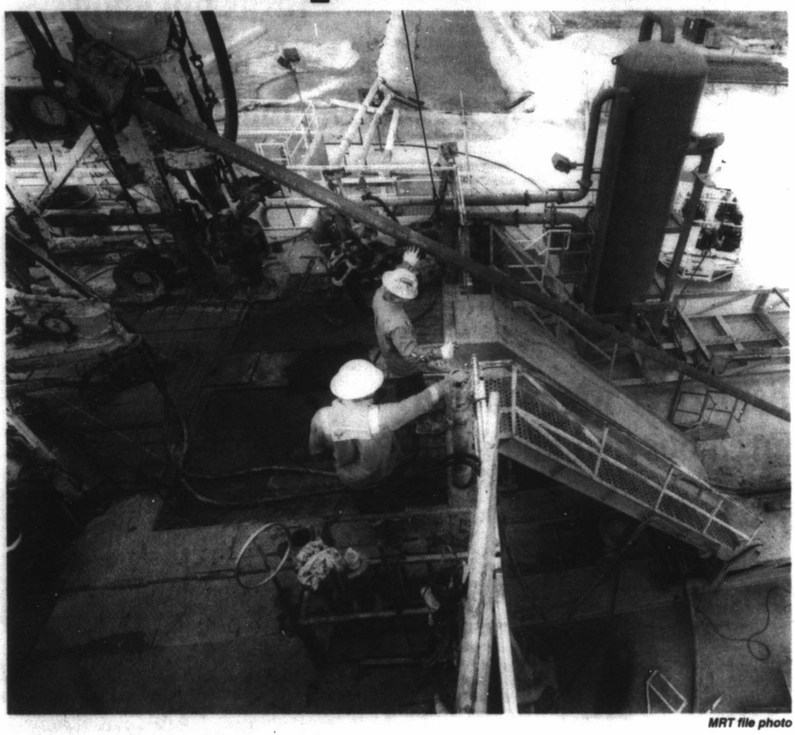
Oil outputs mixed



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Casing is put downhole on Trinidad Rig 433 on Nov. 2, 2016, in Midland County.

Saudi Arabia said likely to support OPEC extending output cuts

By Javier Blas
Bloomberg

Saudi Arabia is likely to support extending OPEC output cuts into the second half of 2017 in an effort to boost oil prices, according to a person familiar with the kingdom's internal discussions.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is scheduled to gather in Vienna on May 25 to discuss whether to roll over for another six months the 1.2 million barrels a day in production cuts it implemented in January. Several OPEC

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EIA: US oil output could near 1970 record next year

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

The Energy Department believes another burst of shale drilling could push U.S. oil production close to an all-time record by the end of next year.

The return of drilling rigs and roustabouts to U.S. shale fields could lift the nation's daily crude output to 10.1 million barrels by the fourth quarter of 2018, just 30,000 barrels under the November 1970 record, the Energy Information Administration said Tuesday.

Such a feat would mean domestic oil producers would have to put out an additional 1.2 million barrels a day over the next two years, up from the current 8.96 million barrels a day.

The EIA said that would contribute to a rise in global output to more than 100 million barrels a day by the second quarter of 2018, up 3.4 percent from current levels. The bulk of that growth, it believes, would come from outside of OPEC.

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Gas prices will rise this summer but should remain low.

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The EIA revised its forecast for U.S. oil production up by around 2 percent for 2018, and it increased its projection for the fourth quarter of 2017 up about 1 percent.

It pointed to higher levels of oil field spending. In the fourth quarter of 2016, investments by more than three dozen oil companies rose 72 percent, or nearly $5 billion, compared with the same period the year before. And spending continued to rise in the first quarter.

The EIA believes that burst of oil could weigh on oil prices. It now expects U.S. oil prices to average $52.24 a barrel this year, down 2.3 percent from its previous projection. It also revised its forecast for next year's oil prices down 1.9 percent to $55.10 a barrel.

Council approves $5 million MDC deal with UTPB

By Stewart Doreen
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The University of Texas of the Permian Basin will get $5 million from the Midland Development Corp. to help fill out the third floor of its yet-to-be-constructed engineering building at its Midland campus.

President David Watts was on hand as the Midland City Council unanimously approved the deal that will help build out classrooms, laboratories and associated facilities for the home of the school's future chemical and electrical engineering departments.

"This is a major step forward," Watts told the council, "a sign of real collaboration between the school and the city of Midland."

The $52 million engineering building will join the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center and Center of Energy and Economic Diversification on the Midland campus.

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Council votes to pay off the sports complex debt

By Stewart Doreen
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With little fanfare and a simple vote, the Midland City Council gave voters a choice — vote for the 4B extension on the ballot in May or see the tax go away at the end of August.

The City Council, as expected, on Tuesday unanimously called for the outstanding debt associated with the building of the Scharbauer Sports Complex to be paid off.

According to the city's finance director, Pam Simecka, it will take time to notify bond holders and take care of the particulars, so the official retirement of the debt should happen by the end of May. Once the debt is paid off and depending on the outcome of the May 6 4B election, the city will tell the state Comptroller's Office if there is a need to adjust the city's sales tax from 8.25 percent to 8 percent. It will take about a fiscal quarter to make changes, so the lower tax rate, if required, would go into effect Oct. 1, according to the City Attorney's Office.

City council members were excited to

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Price of oil

$53.40 ▲ $0.32
May 2017

The big number

13 people were killed last month by a driver who took prescription medication before driving. Page 2A

Word of the Day: eviscerate

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

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Lawmakers seek to ensure state funds don't reach abortion providers

By Marissa Evans
Texas Tribune

It was the amendment that made the difference between Texas House legislators ending their budget debate at 1:30 a.m. or 5:30 a.m. on Friday morning.

When Rep. Matt Rinaldi, R-Irving, laid out his amendment to ban abortion providers from receiving any funds from the state budget, House members had already been in the chamber for more than 12 hours to debate amendments on the proposed two-year state budget. Rinaldi's amendment passed in part because lawmakers agreed to bypass floor debates on dozens of other amendments and instead insert them into a non-binding portion of the budget known as "the wish list." The amendment passed 101-43, and soon legislators went home.

Rinaldi said he was inspired to propose the amendment after looking at the state comptroller's website and noticing Planned Parenthood affiliates were still receiving state dollars despite being cut out of various state health programs.

He said lawmakers' previous efforts to keep state money from abortion providers did not go far enough because they failed to defund organizations affiliated with such providers. He pointed to how Planned Parenthood affiliates are still able to receive state funding despite operating separate surgical centers to provide abortions. Rinaldi's staffers found that Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas, Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast and Planned Parenthood of Texas Capital Region received more than $500,000 in payments from state agencies in the current two-year budget. Rinaldi said banning abortion providers from all state funding would help close loopholes.

"This is the broadest prohibition Texas has ever passed and certainly the strongest statement against taxpayer-funded abortion," Rinaldi said.

It's unclear whether the measure will make it into law. House and Senate lawmakers must now reconcile their competing versions of the state budget.

The amendment is part of Texas' Republican-controlled Legislature's long history of budget and state agency maneuvers to defund Planned Parenthood affiliates and other abortion providers. Currently, state officials are also seeking to remove Planned Parenthood from Medicaid, the federal-state health insurance program for low-income people and the disabled. A federal judge blocked the state's efforts earlier this year but the attorney general's office is appealing the decision. Now that Republicans control both chambers of Congress and the White House, reproductive rights advocates fear Texas and other states may be empowered to take more bolder action to stop abortions. Several anti-abortion bills are moving through both chambers as the session enters its final weeks.

In the 2016 budget year, Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast received $108 from the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, $12.27 from the attorney general's office and $369,974.83 for a community grant from the Department of State Health Services, according to the state comptroller website. Meanwhile, Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas received $137,445.46 from the state health services department for a grant and $18 from the assistive and rehabilitative services department. Planned Parenthood of the Texas Capital Region received $36.01 from the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services.

The state comptroller's website does not offer details on what the payments were specifically for, and the state Health and Human Services Commission could not immediately provide that information either.

However, the commission reported paying Planned Parenthood affiliates an estimated $4.4 million in 2016 for a combination of HIV services, breast and cervical cancer screenings and Medicaid reimbursements. Planned Parenthood received $507,000 through the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program; $312,000 for HIV prevention services; and $3.6 million for providing family planning services through Medicaid including contraceptive services and pregnancy testing.

Planned Parenthood has not been a provider in the breast and cervical cancer program since August 2015; the 2016 payments the state made to the organization as part of that program were for previous services, said commission spokeswoman Carrie Williams. Planned Parenthood has not been a provider in the HIV program since midway through the 2016 budget year, she said.

Sarah Wheat, chief external affairs officer for Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas, said it's unclear how affiliates would be affected.

"I assume his goal is to create new barriers, but we're not clear yet on how he's trying to achieve that," Wheat said of Rinaldi.

Wheat pointed out that state and federal laws already prohibit taxpayer dollars from being spent on abortions. Planned Parenthood abortion services are offered separately from their clinics and made up 3 percent of procedures done in 2015, according to the

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Woman arrested on burglary charge

From staff reports

A Midland woman was arrested April 5 after allegedly entering a residence without the consent of the owner, according to court documents.

Hilary Yvette Brewer, 32, was being held Tuesday on a $20,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of burglary of a habitation and a $500 bond for a Class A misdemeanor charge of failure to identify.

Midland police were dispatched on April 5 in reference to checking a person in connection with a burglary.

Brewer

Brewer entered a residence with the intent to commit theft, according to her arrest affidavit.

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

Texas bill allows recusals for issuing gay marriage licenses

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Legislators in the nation's largest conservative state of Texas sought Tuesday to chip away at the landmark Supreme Court decision legalizing gay marriage, voting to let county judges and other elected officials recuse themselves from issuing marriage licenses if they have personal religious objections.

The bill won preliminary approval in the Senate 21-10, with full Republican support and all but one Democrat opposing it. A final vote, expected to come Wednesday, sends it to the state House.

Texas' Republican-controlled Legislature only meets every two years, meaning state lawmakers weren't able to respond to the high court's June 2015 gay marriage decision until now.

Should the bill become law, however, it will almost certainly be challenged as unconstitutional by federal lawsuits.

"If we don't do this, we are discriminating against people of faith," said the sponsor, Sen. Brian Birdwell, a Republican from Granbury about 40 miles southwest of Fort Worth. He was referring to clerks, judges, justices of the peace and other elected officials empowered to issue marriage licenses in Texas' 254 counties.

Opponents say it sanctions discrimination and defies the nation's highest court.

"The Texas Senate today said it has no problem with public officials picking and choosing which taxpayers they will serve," Kathy Miller, president of the progressive activist group the Texas Freedom Network, said in a statement. "This bill opens the door to taxpayer-funded discrimination against virtually anyone who doesn't meet a public official's personal moral standards."

Birdwell's hotly debated proposal only applies in cases where other officials without objections agree to step in for the recusing party.

If the substituting official is located outside the county where the marriage license is being sought, documents could be sent electronically so as not to unduly delay the process.

Republican Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton initially caused confusion by issuing a non-binding opinion following the 2015 Supreme Court ruling, suggesting that county clerks statewide who objected to gay marriage for religious reasons could refuse marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

But, after civil groups threatened lawsuits, gay couples soon were being married across the state without incident.

Sen. Sylvia Garcia, a Houston Democrat and former judge, said Tuesday that the law was unnecessary since Texas officials have been issuing marriage licenses for nearly two years without objection. She said the bill will let many Republican officials now stop doing so, not because they have legitimate, religious-based problems with gay marriage but because they want to take ideological stands that will impress local primary voters.

"All the clerks and judges know about the law and are following the law," said Garcia, who also asked if the constitutional duties elected officials swear to uphold shouldn't extend to enforcing Supreme Court decisions. Birdwell cut her off, saying the state Senate shouldn't engage in a "constitutional debate." He added that "lawmaking belongs to the legislative branch," not the courts.

The Senate defeated Democratic amendments seeking to weaken the bill, including one that would have docked the pay of county clerks refusing to issue gay marriage licenses.

Laws similar to Texas' haven't survived court challenges in other states. Last summer, a federal judge struck down a provision in a Mississippi law that had allowed county clerks to recuse themselves from issuing gay marriage licenses because of religious objections.

Attorney general wants judge off his criminal case

Associated Press

AUSTIN— Attorney General Ken Paxton wants the judge presiding over his upcoming criminal trial to step aside after moving the case out of the Republican's hometown.

State District Judge George Gallagher made the decision Tuesday after special prosecutors argued they couldn't get a fair trial in the conservative Dallas suburb of McKinney, where Paxton lives. Paxton was indicted in 2015 on felony securities fraud charges over allegations he duped investors in a tech startup.

Records: Driver who collided with church bus had taken pills

Associated Press

UVALDE — A 20-year-old man whose pickup collided with a church minibus last month in rural Texas, killing 13 people, told state troopers he had taken prescription medication before driving and had marijuana in his truck, according to court records.

The records obtained from Uvalde County showed a state trooper found two whole marijuana cigarettes and five partially smoked ones in Jack Dillon Young's truck after the March 29 crash that happened on a two-lane highway about 75 miles (120 kilometers) west of San Antonio, the San Antonio Express-News (http://bit.ly/2nBMgAb) reported Tuesday. An affidavit from another state trooper seeking a blood test for a toxicology report said the trooper had probable cause to believe Young was intoxicated during the collision because the man told a trooper he had taken prescription medication earlier in the day, including clonazepam and the generic forms of Lexapro and Ambien.

A phone call to a number listed for Young's family went unanswered Tuesday. A message left by The Associated Press for the judge who signed the documents was not immediately returned.

No charges had been filed in the crash as of Tuesday. District Attorney Daniel Kindred has said it could be more than a month before the investigation file from the Department of Public Safety is forwarded to his office.

The collision took place near Garner State Park. The small church bus carrying 14 older congregants from the First Baptist Church of New Braunfels was returning from a retreat.

Officials from Uvalde and Real counties confirmed they had received phone calls about a white pickup truck driving erratically and crossing the highway shortly before the wreck. A couple who had been driving behind Young's pickup filmed his car crossing into the oncoming traffic lane and onto the shoulder.

The couple later confirmed they had called the county law enforcement officials and later 911 when the collision occurred. The man later told police and reporters, including the AP, that Young had told him he had been texting before the accident.

A National Transportation and Safety Board investigator said Young was not wearing his seatbelt, while most if not all of the 14 church bus occupants had been wearing theirs. Only one passenger in the back row of the bus survived the crash.

The NTSB investigation of the crash, which will include a likely cause and any safety recommendations for the future, could take up to a year to complete. Kindred and other officials said that report has no bearing on when or whether criminal charges are filed.

COUNCIL

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which is located northeast of the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 1788 and State Highway 191.

In its master plan, UTPB aims to grow to 8,000 students by 2020, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article. The university reported an enrollment of nearly 7,000 in fall 2016 — an increase of about 3,000 students since the plan launched in 2012. Last fall, 38 percent of UTPB students were from Midland and Ector counties, according to the Office of Institutional Research, Planning and Effectiveness.

"This strategic partnership between all of the parties involved is a win-win for our communities," Council J.Ross Lacy said in a press release. "Education is the single greatest component in driving a strong economy that not only diversifies but allows us to grow and expand."

Watts said Tuesday that 1 in 10 students at UTPB are engineering students, and with the addition of electrical and chemical engineering, that number will continue to grow. In approving the deal, the council also signed off on the management of up to 10,000 square feet of space at the CEED to be used for a business incubator and makerspace.

Watts said the new engineering disciplines and the school's deal with the MDC will go before the University of Texas System board of regents in May.

DEBT

From 1A

pay off the debt, which according to Simecka, will show significant savings.

As planned when $38.4 million in bonds were taken out in 2000 and 2001, total payments (principal and interest) would have been $83.3 million. Following a refinancing of the 2000-issued debt in 2006 and the paying off of the 2001-issued debt in 2011, the council vote Tuesday means the city will have spent $65.4 million in principal and interest when the complex is paid off. That is a savings of $17.925 million.

Even after paying off the debt related to the construction of the complex and using 4B revenue for maintenance, operations and capital expenditures, there will be $27.939 million left over.

Now the focus for those associated with the 4B campaign turns to the last days before the early voting period, which begins on April 24.

Campaign officials would like to see an extension of the quarter-cent of sales tax for tournament field facilities construction, other parks upgrades, sports complex maintenance and operations and development of new and expanded roads.

Expectations are that a new 4B could raise as much as $10 million or $11 million a year. Over the 15-year life of the tax, that could be $150 million, plus the $27.9 million left over.

Two forums are set to discuss the 4B tax.

■ Today: Midland County Republican Women, 11:30 a.m., Midland Country Club. Contact www.mcrw.us for more information.

■ April 24: League of Women Voters, 7:30 p.m., Scharbauer Student Center Carrasco Room at Midland College. Contact http://lwv.org/local-league/lwv-midland.

Note: The date of this forum was changed because of the Easter holiday.

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Eviscerate
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verb
1. to remove the entrails from; disembowel

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

John Dach, 4, and Mary Dach, 6, play games after the stuffed animal sleepover Saturday at the Midland County Public Library Centennial Branch. Kids dropped off their stuffed animals the night before and returned in the morning to discover what the animals did during the night.

Things to do

■ Storytime at the Library.10:30 a.m. (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years), Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

■ Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.

■ Trivia Game Night, 7 p.m., True Texas BBQ, 5407 Andrews Highway. Free.

■ Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment, 8 p.m., Torino's. challengeentertainment.com.

Airport numbers from March

Enplanements
(people boarding an airplane)
March 2017: 45,141
March 2016: 40,166
Percent difference: 12.4
Year to date: 240,664 (3.4 percent increase from 2015-16)

Total passengers
March 2017: 88,412
March 2016: 79,322
Year to date: 480,049 (3.2 percent increase from 2015-16)

Fuel sales
(in gallons)
March 2017: 394,030
March 2016: 656,408
Percent difference: -40.0
Year to date: 2,443,462 (28.3 percent decrease from 2015-16)

Parking revenues
March 2017: $290,584
March 2016: $278,867
Percent difference: 4.2
Year to date: $1,643,710 (3.1 percent decrease from 2015-16)

Commercial landings
March 2017: 721
March 2016: 749
Year to date: 4,153 (2.0 percent decrease from 2015-16)

Source: City of Midland

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, April 12, the 102nd day of 2017. There are 263 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1861, the American Civil War began as Confederate forces opened fire on Fort Sumter in South Carolina.

In 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first man to fly in space, orbiting the earth once before making a safe landing.

In 1963, civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. was arrested and jailed in Birmingham, Alabama, charged with contempt of court and parading without a permit. (During his time behind bars, King wrote his "Letter from Birmingham Jail.")

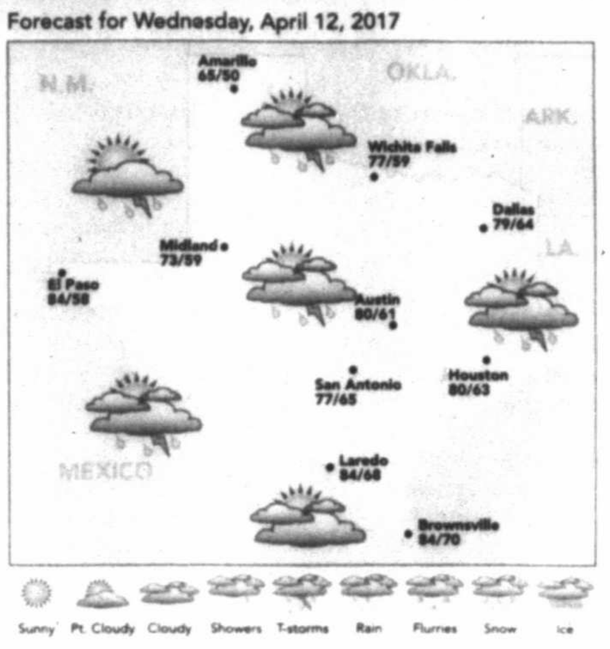
Today's birthdays: Actor Ed O'Neill is 71. Former talk show host David Letterman is 70. Country singer Vince Gill is 60.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 6-3-8
Pick 3 day: 6-8-3
Pick 3 evening: 0-8-7
Pick 3 night: 6-0-3
Daily 4 morning: 7-8-3-3
Daily 4 day: 5-3-3-8
Daily 4 evening: 5-7-2-9
Daily 4 night: 5-8-7-9
Cash Five: 6-10-26-33-34
Triple Chance: 5-8-10-12-25-34-39-42-52-53

Mega Millions: 19 34 35 38 49 BB: 8, **Megaplier:** 5
All or Nothing morning: 6-7-8-10-11-13-14-15-17-19-21-23
All or Nothing day: 2-4-7-8-9-10-11-13-15-21-22-24
All or Nothing evening: 3-6-8-9-10-12-17-18-19-22-23-24
All or Nothing night: 2-3-5-6-7-8-11-15-16-17-22-24

Forecast for Wednesday, April 12, 2017



Tuesday's temperatures

High	79
Low	58
Normal high	78
Normal low	48

April 11's records
Record high: 95 set in 1972
Record low: 28 set in 1995

Precipitation

Saturday	0.00 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.98 in.
Year total	3.30 in.
Normal total (year to date)	2.11 in.

Winds
Wind speed: 17 mph
Gust speed: 21 mph

April 12 forecast
High: 75
Low: 60
Conditions: Mostly cloudy today/showers tonight
Winds: 10-20 mph, gusts up to 25
Chance of rain: 40 percent today/80 percent tonight

Sunrise ..... 7:23 a.m.
Sunset ..... 8:16 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

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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 Wednesday, April 12, 2017:

This year you make headway in pursuing whatever is important to you. To some people, your conversations seem conflicted. Extremes often occur as a result of your independence. If you are single, you could meet someone anytime from now until fall. This person will be unique, interesting and perhaps even more independent than you are. If you are attached, you enjoy the one-on-one time with your sweetie more than you might acknowledge. Know that it is meaningful to both of you. SCORPIO understands your intensity well.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ One-on-one relating is key to your success and well-being. Please note that misunderstanding might seem inevitable. Make it OK for others to have different perspectives. These differences are what make life more interesting. Tonight: Help a partner feel special.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You'll feel inclined to go along with someone else's wishes. Tap into your imagination when working on a project or dealing with a group of people who have very different ideas. You could have difficulty maintaining a cohesive conversation. Tonight: Where your friends are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You could be in a position where you don't know which way you should go. As you rethink your path, an older associate might offer some words of wisdom. Listen to what this person shares, but know that you don't need to take his or her advice. Tonight: Time to relax!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Your thoughts might be on a special relationship. The emotional content of your life is very important to you. Emphasize the importance of friendship. If you don't understand what someone is saying, ask a question or two. Tonight: Let the fun and games begin!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Confusion marks what is going on. You see the big picture, but you might not understand what someone is saying in reference to the situation. Perhaps the two of you don't communicate the same way. A partner sparks your imagination with just a few words. Tonight: Head home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ For some reason, you can't seem to get your message across. Your thoughts and ideas are always practical, but you are not being heard, especially right now. A loved one seems to have an aura around him or her that makes him or her seem ethereal. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You might wonder which way to go with a personal matter. If you follow your ego and your desires, you could experience a backfire. If you remain open and caring, the response you get is likely to be much better. Confusion surrounds a meeting. Tonight: Where the fun is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Don't push so hard to achieve goals that seem somewhat impossible. Understand that you can't always get what you want. Rather than cause a disagreement, it might be better to be quiet and listen. Try to understand where others are coming from. Tonight: As you like it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Don't hesitate to step back and take a break from a heated situation where there seems to be a misunderstanding. Clearly, you are not on the same page as someone with whom you want to have a conversation. Let it go for now. Tonight: Postpone any big decisions for now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You might not be as clear as you'd like to be about an emotional matter. You tend to have a grin-and-bear-it attitude when you don't want to talk about feelings. Emphasize a friendship and your long-term desires. Have a chat when the timing is right. Tonight: Where your friends are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ If you're feeling misunderstood, take a step back and consider taking a new approach. Try to screen your calls as you attempt to sort through someone else's true intentions, especially with regards to shared finances. Tonight: Be on your best behavior; many people will be noticing you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Deal with a partner directly in order to avoid a misunderstanding. Clearly, this person feels as if the two of you are not on the same page. Convincing him or her otherwise will take considerable talent. Don't get hung up on details. Tonight: Go where you can be entertained!

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Wife punished for infidelity must insist on counseling

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my husband for 12 years, married for three. I had an affair a little over a year ago that he found out about.

He has let me back into the house, but he demeans my character at every opportunity. I don't fight back because I know I am the cause of his pain.

We have a 3-year-old daughter, and I am now six weeks pregnant with his child. I do not want to argue with him, because if I had been a better wife, he would not be so angry. But the hurt I feel from his words over the past months is weighing heavy on me, especially with my new hormones. I'm holding it in, but should I leave? Become a single mother? How can I get him to a counselor? — NEEDS COUNSELING

DEAR NEEDS: I do not mean to minimize your infidelity, but you had better take a stand and give your husband an ultimatum: Heal the marriage through marriage counseling, or you leave. Be prepared to follow through, because without professional intervention nothing will change. The situation you describe is unhealthy not only for you and your unborn child, but also for your little girl. Your daughter should not be raised to think that this toxic environment is normal.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a lesbian and have been in a relationship with a woman for two months now. She never offers to pay for our dates, and she hasn't planned or executed one, either.

How can I address this concern without hurting her? I would like her to reciprocate somewhat. — DOMINANT IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR DOMINANT: Good manners dictate that when someone has been asked out, treated, etc., that person should reciprocate.

Because that's not happening, you need to discuss it with her. To do so isn't hurtful; it's common sense, because unless you do, this pattern will continue.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Tricky Brits

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
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♥ K Q 10 7
♦ K 9 8
♣ Q 7 4 3

WEST
♠ K Q 10
♥ 6 2
♦ 7 5 4
♣ K 10

EAST
♠ 8 7 4
♥ A 9 4
♦ J 10 3 2
♣ J 6 5

SOUTH
♠ A J 5 4 2
♥ J 8 5
♦ A
♣ A 9 8 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	All pass

Opening lead: King of ♣.

Today's deal is from a recent match pitting a team from Ireland against a team from England. West was English star Tony Forrester.

East-West were playing "upside-down signals," so East's play of the eight at trick one was easily read as discouraging. That method showed well on this deal as it would be impossible to clearly read the play of the six as discouraging. South's opening bid added additional disengagement and Forrester alerted to the queen of diamonds. In case South held the singleton jack.

Declarer won in hand with the ace, performed and led a trump to dummy's king. When that was allowed to hold the trick, South ruffed dummy's low diamond as East shared the 10, and there led another heart. Needing the hearts to pay every, he overtook the jack with the queen. East won with the ace and led the jack of diamonds to the board's king. Declarer had to find discards from his hand or the king of diamonds and the missing ace of hearts. Both black suits were behaving well for him, but he chose to discard two spades and go after clubs.

When he next led a club to his ace, Forrester smoothly played the king. Declarer was certain that East started with 3-3-3-4 distribution, so he cashed the ace of spades, ruffed a spade and exited with a low club. This would have end-played East had he started with the 1-3-4-5 of clubs. Lacking the jack of clubs and had his carefully preserved low club, moved to Forrester, who cashed another diamond for down one.

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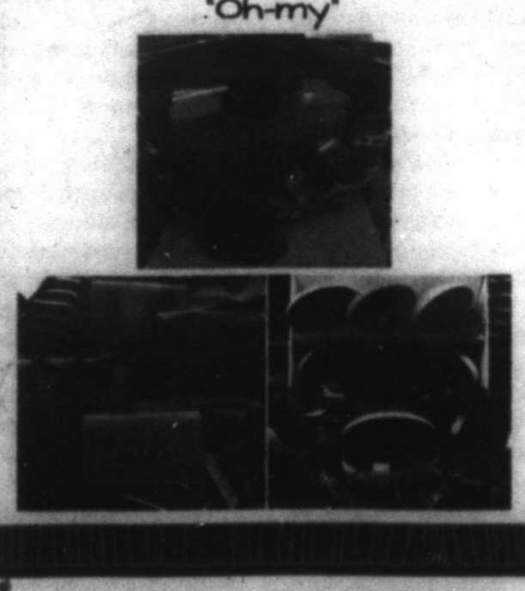

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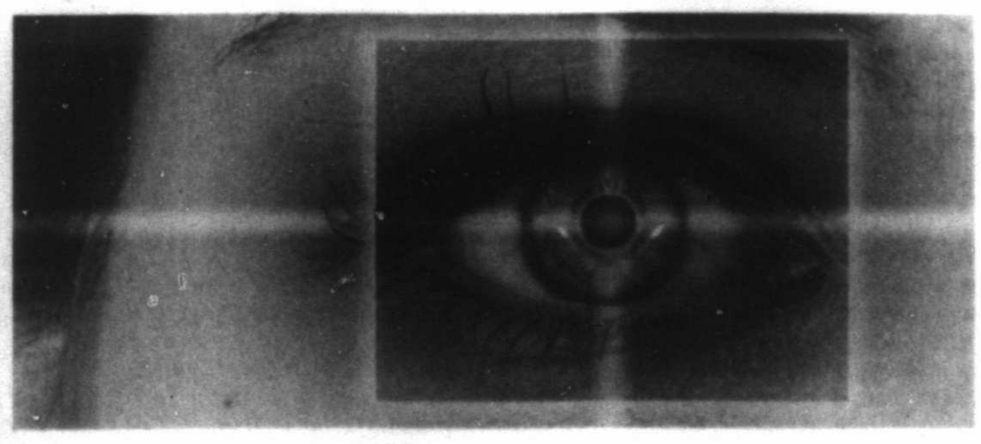

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United faces public-relations fiasco over dragged passenger

By David Koenig
Associated Press

United is getting pummeled on late-night TV. Online, jokers are proposing new corporate slogans such as "We'll drag you all over the world" and "We have red eye and black eye flights available." On Wall Street, the airline briefly lost nearly $1 billion in market value before its stock regained much of the loss.

Cellphone videos of airport police yanking a 69-year-old passenger out of his seat and dragging him down the aisle have become a public-relations nightmare for United. Travel and PR experts say the airline fumbled the situation from the start and made matters worse with a tone-deaf apology from the CEO.

It's too soon to know whether Sunday night's incident at Chicago's O'Hare Airport will cause lasting harm. United frequent flyers won't easily give up their miles. Many travelers aren't attached to a particular airline and just take the cheapest fare.

Then again, there are those videos.

"That is the craziest act I've ever seen. Who drags a ticketed passenger off an airplane?" said Bruce Rubin, a longtime practitioner of crisis public relations in Miami. "Because it's so visual and it's so unnecessary, it's the kind of thing that can hurt United long-term."

Lawyers for the passenger in the videos, David Dao, a doctor from Elizabethtown, Kentucky, said Tuesday that he was being treated in a Chicago hospital. They gave no further details on his injuries.

Just two weeks ago, United was at the center of another PR furor after a gate agent in Denver barred two girls from boarding a flight because they were wearing leggings.

United CEO Oscar Munoz apologized on Monday for the latest incident but also blamed the passenger for not obeying when airline employees asked him to leave. Munoz called the man "disruptive and belligerent."

On Tuesday, Munoz offered a stronger mea culpa for the "truly horrific event," saying, "No one should ever be mistreated this way." He promised a review of airline policies by April 30 and vowed to "fix what's broken so this never happens again."

Jim Corridore, an airline analyst for CFRA Research, said after "poorly handling a PR disaster," United's CEO "is finally saying the right things."

Dao and three other passengers had been told to give up their seats so that four employees of the company operating the flight for United could board. Dao was the only one to refuse.

To make room on the plane, United had tried to entice volunteers with travel vouchers worth $800 and a hotel room. When there were no takers, a United manager went on board and announced that four people would be removed.

Big mistake, say the crisis-management experts. Everyone wondered why United didn't simply sweeten the offer until four passengers agreed to get off.

"A few dollars could have solved this problem," said Allen Adamson, founder of Brand Simple Consulting in New York. "Instead, the damage of the brand will be millions of dollars."

United said passengers were already seated when the four employees of Republic Airline showed up at the gate and insisted on boarding the plane to Louisville, Kentucky, so that they could operate a flight the next morning.

United is "within their rights to take someone off the plane, but this problem is totally the creation of United," said Charles Leocha, a passenger-rights advocate in Washington. "For them to wait after the (passengers) boarded before they say, 'Sorry, you have to get off'" is inexcusable.

The online storm began immediately after the first video was posted online. Memes mocking United sprouted like flight delays during a thunderstorm. Some jokers created images of a bat-wielding villain from "The Walking Dead" patrolling the aisle on a United plane.

Munoz, who just last month was named PR Week's "Communicator of the Year," was vilified.

On ABC, comedian Jimmy Kimmel launched his show with a five-minute takedown of United, mocking Munoz for saying the airline had to "re-accommodate" customers — industry jargon for putting people on later flights. Kimmel showed the dragging video and likened the man's "re-accommodation" to the capture and extradition of Mexican drug lord El Chapo.

"That is such sanitized, say-nothing, take-no-responsibility, corporate BS speak," Kimmel said.

Munoz is a former railroad CEO who took the top job at United in September 2015 but was sidelined for months by a heart attack and transplant. After returning, Munoz set out to improve an airline that had lagged behind its rivals financially and disappointed passengers with computer outages and canceled flights.

United has made progress at repairing labor relations and is rebuilding its route network. Still, United ranked eighth out of the 12 biggest U.S. airlines — behind Delta, JetBlue and Southwest among others — in 2016 on-time performance, customer complaints and other measures.

The stock of parent United Continental Holdings Inc. plunged 4.4 percent Tuesday morning but recovered and closed down 81 cents, or 1.1 percent, at $70.71.

Richard Levick, a crisis-PR consultant in Washington, said Munoz and his airline responded poorly once the story dominated social media, just as they seemed to do during the leggings incident.

"It doesn't matter if United Airlines followed their rules," Levick said. "They are really beginning to become the brand that people think we should not fly."

AP file photo

United Airlines CEO Oscar Munoz delivers remarks June 2, 2016 in New York, during a presentation of the carrier's new Polaris service, a new business class product that will become available on trans-Atlantic flights. Munoz said in a note to employees Tuesday that he continues to be disturbed by the incident Sunday night in Chicago, where a passenger was forcibly removed from a United Express flight. Munoz said he was committed to "fix what's broken so this never happens again."

CEO issues new apology as details of passenger's past emerge

CHICAGO — After people were horrified by video of a passenger getting dragged off a full United Express flight by airport police, the head of United's parent company said the airline was reaching out to the man to "resolve this situation."

Hours later on Monday, his tone turned defensive. He described the man as "disruptive and belligerent."

By Tuesday afternoon, almost two days after the Sunday evening confrontation in Chicago, CEO Oscar Munoz issued his most contrite apology yet as details emerged about the man seen on cellphone videos recorded by other passengers at O'Hare Airport.

"No one should ever be mistreated this way," Munoz said.

The passenger was identified as physician David Dao, 69, of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, who was convicted more than a decade ago of felony charges involving his prescribing of drugs and spent years trying to regain his medical license.

But while Dao's history quickly became a focus of attention, there's no indication that his past influenced how he was treated or that the airline or police were aware of his background or would have known anything about him other than basic information such as his name and address, if that.

Screaming can be heard on the videos, but nowhere is Dao seen attacking the officers. In fact, he appears relatively passive both when he was dragged down the aisle of the jet and when he is seen standing in the aisle later saying quietly, "I want to go home, I want to go home."

Munoz's latest statement described the removal as "truly horrific." He said the company would review policies for seeking volunteers to give up their seats, for handling oversold situations and for partnering with airport authorities and local law enforcement.

Associated Press

Gas prices to rise this summer but should remain low

By Marley Jay
Associated Press

NEW YORK — You didn't think those super-low gas prices would last forever, did you?

The U.S. government says a rebound in oil prices means drivers will be paying more at the pump this summer than last year. But that will still be a bargain compared to just a few years ago.

The Energy Information Administration on Tuesday forecast that retail gas will cost an average of $2.46 a gallon from April through September, up from $2.23 a gallon over the summer of 2016.

The price of crude oil has risen about 15 percent over the last year, although at $53 a barrel, oil still costs about half as much as it did in the middle of 2014. Prices tumbled after that because of a huge supply glut.

"Motorists have gotten used to gas prices under $3 a gallon and that will continue," says Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst for the gas price tracking firm GasBuddy.

Gas prices rise over the summer as more people hit the road to take advantage of the warmer weather and school breaks. And while gas prices can vary a great deal depending on geography and other factors, the agency says it believes the average price of gas will rise to $2.39 a gallon this year, from $2.15 a gallon in 2016.

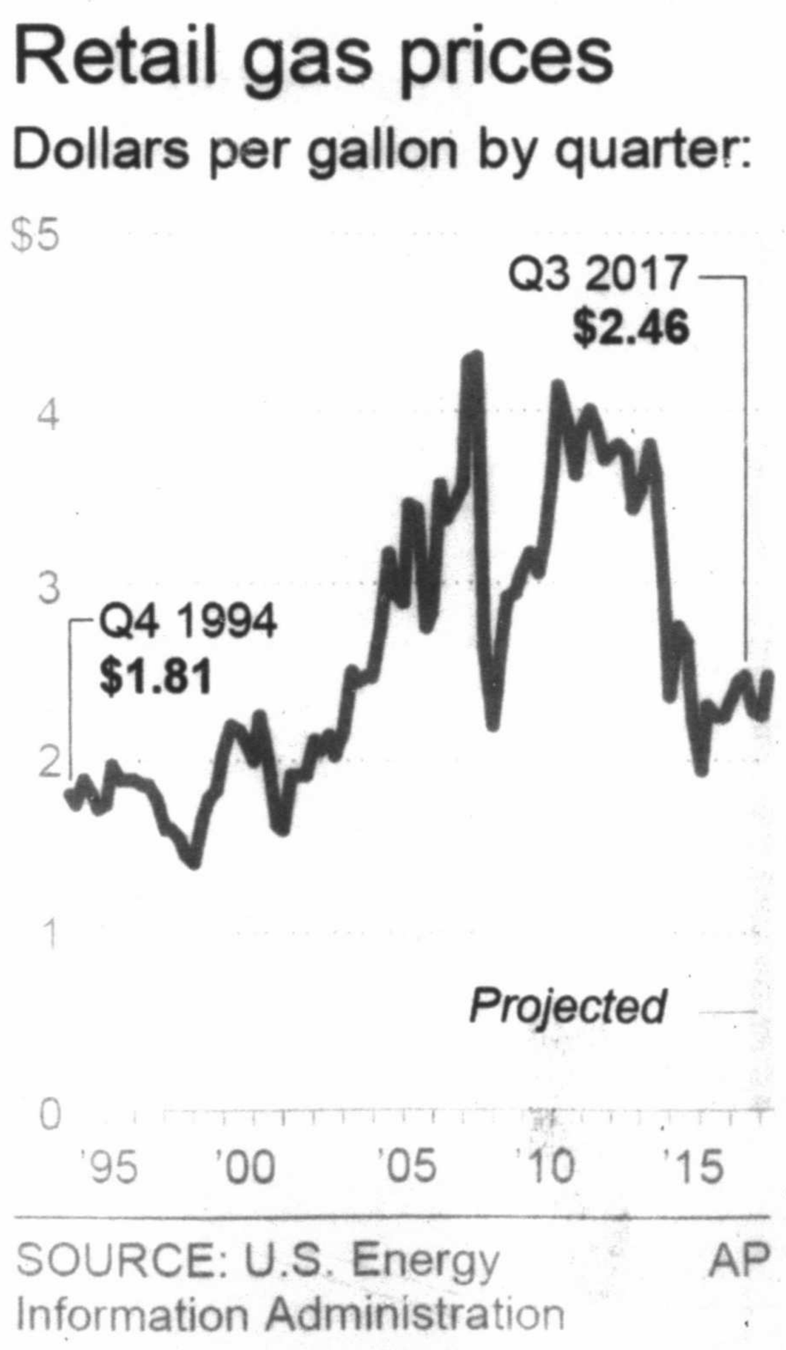
If that holds, the average U.S. household would spend about $200 more on gasoline than it did in 2016, the EIA said. But that imaginary average household would still save about $300 compared to average yearly spending on gas from 2012 to 2016.

Gas prices are now the highest they've been in about a year and a half, according to the American Automobile Association. Prices at the pump are now above $3 a gallon in some places, a barrier that is psychologically significant and keeps some people from driving as much as they would otherwise.

"Demand for gasoline likely will be flat or slightly lower than last year because of the increase in price," DeHaan said.

Diesel prices are also expected to rise to $2.70 a gallon this year from $2.34 a gallon, but that's also well below the average price of the fuel over the last five years. The U.S. now produces so much more oil than it did in years past that oil prices, and in turn gas prices, are much lower than they were a couple of years ago.

While DeHaan expects gas consumption to fall slightly, he said drivers will probably set another record for the amount of miles they drive because fuel efficiency has improved.



New Mexico snowpack survives record warm weather in March

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Forecasters say New Mexico will have a healthy spring runoff despite seeing the warmest March on record threaten the state's snowpack.

New Mexico had a return to cool, wet weather late last month, leaving heavy snowpack in the northern part of the state, The Albuquerque Journal reported.

According to the National Weather Service, the average statewide temperature for March was 51.4 degrees, which beat out the previous record set in March 2010 of 49.8 degrees.

Kerry Jones, a meteorologist with the weather service, said temperatures began to cool down after a March 23 storm hit Colorado and shifted farther south, bringing a series of storms to New Mexico.

One blizzard dumped 21 inches (53.34 centimeters) of snow on the eastern slopes of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.

"We had a great turnaround at the end of March," Jones said Monday.

Farmers and the endangered silvery minnow are expected to benefit from this year's spring runoff, which typically peaks in mid-May.

In New Mexico on Monday, snowpack in the Rio Chama Basin was 146 percent of normal and 104 percent in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.

Eastern New Mexico could be hit with severe thunderstorms on Wednesday, which may bring large hail and damaging winds, according to the weather service. Central and western New Mexico will likely get little of that rainfall.

OPEC

From 1A

countries, including Kuwait, have expressed public support for an extension.

While Riyadh is likely to support extending the curbs to end a three-year oil glut, the kingdom hasn't taken a final decision yet, the person said, asking not to be identified because the conversations aren't public. Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, will decide on an extension depending on the stance of other OPEC nations such as Iraq and Iran, as well as Russia, which isn't a member of the group but joined the output cuts, the person said.

OPEC pledged to reduce output by 1.2 million barrels a day, with Saudi Arabia taking the bulk of the cuts — and so far reducing production deeper that it agreed. Russia, Mexico, Kazakhstan and several other non-OPEC countries agreed to cut output by nearly 600,000 barrels a day. The non-OPEC group has so far delivered less than what it promised.

FUNDS

From 2A

organization's latest report.

Rep. Chris Turner of Grand Prairie, chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, said 42 Democrats voted no on Rinaldi's amendment. Rep. Sarah Davis of West University Place was the sole Republican to vote against Rinaldi's amendment. Turner said the amendment was part of the "long line of misguided, partisan, Republican attacks" on reproductive health.

"It's absolutely a bad amendment, there's no question about that," Turner said. "It's hard for me in any way to rank the offensive nature of the variety of similar provisions that Republicans have put forward in the last several years."

Elizabeth Nash, state issues director for the Guttmacher Institute, a reproductive rights advocacy group, said Rinaldi's amendment would likely curb any direct or indirect payments from going to abortion providers. She said she was unaware of other states going this far in their budgets.

"This is new," Nash said of the amendment.

But this kind of budget-wide abortion provider ban was years in the making.

Emily Horne, senior legislative associate for Texas Right to Life, said preventing any funding from going to abortion providers "is the big-picture solution," beyond previous defunding efforts the state Legislature has tried. She said she doesn't think this would make a large dent in abortion providers' pockets right away, but the amendment makes legislators' intent clearer.

"We wanted this to pass for a while," Horne said. "There have been stand-alone bills like this before but I would say that really in 2011 is when this major movement started and it started to be tempting to go toward bigger targets."

The state has succeeded in recent years with siphoning off funding streams for Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers.

Consider the bitter aftermath of 2011 cuts for family planning program funding from $111.5 million to $37.9 million for the 2012 and 2013 budget years.

Then consider how state legislators decided in 2013 to launch the Texas Women's Health Program to replace the Medicaid Women's Health Program. That allowed them to exclude abortion providers from providing services such as pregnancy tests, STD testing, contraceptive counseling and receiving reimbursements. It also led to the state missing out on federal family planning dollars.

And in 2015, Texas legislators used a budget provision to muscle out abortion providers from receiving millions of dollars in Medicaid reimbursements from the Breast and Cervical Cancer Services program. Later that year the Texas Department of State Health Services ended Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast's $600,000 contract that provided HIV prevention services.

Ivan Sekretarev

US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson steps out of a plane upon arrival Tuesday in Moscow's Vnukovo airport. Tillerson's statement Tuesday that the reign of President Bashar Assad's family "is coming to an end" suggests Washington is taking a much more aggressive approach about the Syrian leader. Taking him out of the equation without a clear transition plan would be a major gamble.

Tillerson in Moscow: Pushing on Syria where Obama failed

By Josh Lederman
Associated Press

MOSCOW — The Trump administration veered toward deeper conflict with Russia Tuesday as Secretary of State Rex Tillerson arrived in Moscow, gambling that an unpredictable new president armed with the willingness to threaten military action gives the U.S. much-needed leverage to end Syria's carnage.

Yet there were no guarantees Tillerson's arguments would prove any more successful than the Obama administration's failed effort to peel Russia away from its Syrian ally. Tillerson's mission, coming days after 59 Tomahawk missiles struck a Syrian air base, also carries serious risks: If Russia brushes off the warnings, President Donald Trump could be forced into another show of force in Syria or see his credibility wane.

"I hope that what the Russian government concludes is that they have aligned themselves with an unreliable partner in Bashar al-Assad," Tillerson said before flying to the Russian capital, referring to Syria's embattled leader.

"The reign of the Assad family is coming to an end," he confidently predicted.

But Tillerson's claim is one President Barack Obama, too, argued for years, only to see Assad outlast his own term in office. And the Trump administration's nascent Syria policy seems to be increasingly centering on the same tactic Obama unsuccessfully employed: persuading Russia, Assad's staunchest ally, to abandon him.

The parallels haven't gone unnoticed by Russian President Vladimir Putin as U.S. officials have accused his military of knowing about Assad's recent chemical weapons attack ahead of time and trying to help cover it up. Calling for a U.N. investigation, Putin held to his claim that it was actually Assad opponents who introduced chemical weapons into Syria's harrowing civil war.

"We have seen it all already," Putin said. Jabbing at U.S. credibility, the Russian leader reminded reporters about unfounded U.S. claims of Iraqi weapons of mass destruction, used to justify America's 2003 invasion.

The escalating dispute over last week's events in the Syrian town of Khan Sheikhoun has thrust Washington and Moscow into a level of tension rarely seen since the end of the Cold War. The animosity is especially striking given widespread speculation that Trump, who lavishly praised Putin during his campaign, would pursue rapprochement with Moscow.

Even on Syria, the positions appeared to be hardening. Only a week ago, top Trump officials had spoken off deprioritizing past U.S. efforts to remove Assad from office and accepting the "reality" that 18 months of Russian military intervention had secured him in power. Since last Thursday's cruise missile strike, Tillerson and other U.S. officials appear to have reverted to the past administration's rhetoric of insisting that Assad is on the way out, without outlining any strategy for making that happen.

The Trump administration's change of heart, apparently spurred in part by the president's emotional response to the images of chemical weapons victims, also is serving another purpose: defanging the perception of coziness between Trump and Moscow. As the FBI and multiple congressional committees investigate potential collusion between Russia and Trump's campaign, the president can point to his hard-line stance on Assad as fresh evidence he's willing to stand up to Putin.

Asked about Putin possibly skipping a meeting with Tillerson, White House press secretary Sean Spicer said, "There is a bit of irony that for all of these talks that have been perpetuated about back channels and direct links, that now it's they won't meet with you." At a minimum, Tillerson will meet Wednesday with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, and the two are expected to take questions from reporters.

As Tillerson landed in Moscow, senior White House officials briefed reporters on declassified U.S. intelligence they said

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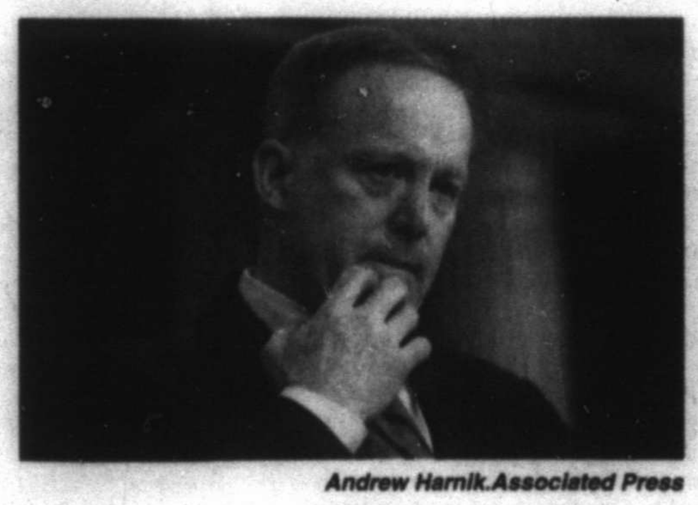
Spicer apologizes for 'insensitive' reference to Holocaust

By Ken Thomas and Jill Colvin
Associated Press



Andrew Harnik.Associated Press

White House press secretary Sean Spicer pauses while talking to the media during the daily press briefing Tuesday at the White House in Washington. Spicer discussed Syria, Trump's 2016 tax returns, the Easter Egg Roll and other topics.

WASHINGTON — White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer apologized Tuesday for making an "inappropriate and insensitive" comparison to the Holocaust in earlier comments about Syrian President Bashar Assad's use of chemical weapons — remarks that drew instant rebuke from Jewish groups and critics.

Spicer said in an interview with CNN that he was trying to make a point about Assad's use of chemical weapons and gas against his people but "mistakenly made an inappropriate and insensitive reference to the Holocaust, for which there is no comparison. And for that I apologize. It was a mistake to do that."

During the daily White House briefing, Spicer told reporters that Adolf Hitler "didn't even sink to using chemical weapons." Critics noted the remark ignored Hitler's use of gas chambers to exterminate Jews during the Holocaust.

It was the second day in a row in which Spicer, President Donald Trump's main spokesman, appeared to struggle to articulate the president's foreign policy at a critical time. The White House generated criticism at the start of the year when a statement on international Holocaust Remembrance Day did not make any reference to Jews.

In the CNN interview, Spicer said his comments did not reflect Trump's views. "My comments today did not reflect the president's, were a distraction from him and frankly were misstated, insensitive and wrong." He added, "Obviously it was my blunder."

The interview capped several attempts by the White House to clarify Spicer's statement.

During the briefing, Spicer was asked about his initial statement but delivered a garbled defense of his remarks in which he tried to differentiate between Hitler's actions and the gas attack on Syrian civilians last week. The attack in northern Syria left

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HOLY WEEK
CONFESSION SCHEDULE
Wednesday
4:30-5:30 pm
Holy Thursday
4:00-5:30 pm
Good Friday
11:00 am-12:00 pm, 3:00-4:00 pm, and 6:00-7:00 pm
Holy Saturday
9:00 am-12:00 pm

Triduum

Holy Thursday
5:30 pm
7:00 pm (Spanish)
Good Friday
Stations of the Cross at 12:00 pm
—
Good Friday Service at 4 pm & 7 pm
with
Passion Play by Youth

Good Friday in Spanish
7:00 pm (Hall)
Holy Saturday
Easter Vigil 8:30 pm
Easter Sunday
Masses at 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm (Spanish), 5:00 pm
7:00 pm (Spanish)

Dearly Beloved,

Thursday, we celebrate our Lord's institution of the Holy Eucharist and the Holy Priesthood as a memorial of His Passion & Death even before it takes place on Friday. The Preface says it most clearly: —At the last supper, as He sat at table with His apostles, He offered himself to you as the spotless lamb, the acceptable gift that gives you perfect praise, Christ has given us this memorial of his passion to bring us its saving power until the end of time. His whole life was a journey toward that Upper Room: He was born in Bethlehem, the town of bread. His first bed was a manger where animals feed. His first miracle was changing water into wine. He frequently claimed, —I myself am the living bread come down from heaven. More than once He fed thousands by miraculously multiplying bread. All left except the Twelve when He said, —Let me solemnly assure you, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood you have no life in you. He who feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has life eternal. (Jn 6:53) Obviously the problem was more than a hint of cannibalism. Usually our Lord would stop and tell a story to help explain difficult teachings. Not in this case. He even turned to the Twelve and said, —Do you want to leave me too? Simon Peter answered, —Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. (Jn 6:63) Our Lord's words were no more palatable to the Twelve than the multitude who fled. Thank heavens the Twelve trusted the words of Jesus! Yet, what a relief it must have been for the Twelve when, during their Passover meal, Jesus offered Himself as food and drink present under the appearance of bread and wine and told the Twelve to take and eat for this is my body and to take and drink for this is my blood. Then He ordained them to do the same in His memory after He returns to His Father, where what He had made present before it happened, namely, His death in expiation for sins could be made present after it happened to sinners like you and me who are living two thousand years after His redemptive sacrifice. By Baptism we became adopted children of God. Through the Eucharist we become blood brothers and sisters of God's only begotten Son thus heirs to eternal life. After the early persecutions the followers of Christ became free to publicly celebrate the Eucharist, the very center of true Christian worship, great altars were placed under great cathedral domes for magnificent Eucharistic celebrations. Special music, liturgical books and dress, and the best of art were engaged to augment Eucharistic celebrations. Preaching was added. Soon, celibacy was gradually added since Christ enters the body of the priest to make His sacrifice present the priest's body out of reverence may belong to no one else. Speaking in the first person from the body of the priest Jesus says, —This is my Body take and eat. This is my Blood take and drink. Celibacy was encouraged by Christ when He said, —Some have freely renounced sex for the sake of God's reign (Mt 19:12); as well as Paul's discernment, —The unmarried man is busy with pleasing the Lord. (1 Cor. 7:32).

Friday of Holy Week is called GOOD because Christ ransomed us from eternal death by His death on the Cross. It was the Father's plan for His beloved Son to empty out so completely as to make room for each of us and all of us from which after His Ascension into heaven we would form His new body to complete His work on earth and to bring us to the fullness of grace. Jesus showed His humanism most when He, like us would have liked to have skipped the cross: —My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass me by. Still, let it be as you would have it, not as I. We all come into the world with the certain sad sentence of death hanging over our heads. Regardless of how successful we are in developing our gifts and talents or how great our luxury we must at our physical death say goodbye to it all, as well as to everyone. Our ownership and relationships are truly temporary. A wasted life is filling up and stewing in the sadness of clinging to it all. A holy life is filling up and willingly let our Lord give it to others. To the extent we are empty when we check out we will be filled with the eternal life of God. That which we won't let go of can't be filled with eternal life. If we are not empty when we check out, it's okay as long as we don't hold on to something we wouldn't give away if confronted with a greater need than our own. As stewards, we hold everything until God presents such a need. This is not easy. Watching how Jesus emptied Himself to make room for us is the best way to learn how to empty ourselves to make room for Him. The Holy Week liturgies make present to us the Passion of Christ more than once. Be present! Learn from Him who is meek and humble of heart.

Joyfully Yours in the Risen Lord,

Monsignor James P. Bridges

OPINION

History can show Obama was Russian stooge

■ If we are comparing resumes, the former president appeared very Moscow-friendly

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

The circumstantial evidence is mounting that the Kremlin succeeded in infiltrating the U.S. government at the highest levels.

How else to explain a newly elected president looking the other way after an act of Russian aggression? Agreeing to a farcically one-sided nuclear deal? Mercilessly mocking the idea that Russia represents our foremost geopolitical foe? Accommodating the illicit nuclear ambitions of a Russian ally? Welcoming a Russian foothold in the Middle East? Refusing to provide arms to a sovereign country invaded by Russia? Diminishing our defenses and pursuing a Moscow-friendly policy of hostility to fossil fuels?

All of these items, of course, refer to things said or done by President Barack Obama. To take them in order: He reset with Russia shortly after its clash with Georgia in 2008. He concluded the New START agreement with Moscow that reduced our nuclear forces but not theirs. When candidate Mitt Romney warned about Russia in the 2012 campaign, Obama rejected him as a Cold War relic. The president then went on to forge an agreement with Russia's ally Iran to allow it to preserve its nuclear program. During the red-line fiasco, he eagerly grasped a lifeline from Russia at the price of accepting its intervention in Syria. He never budged on giving Ukraine "lethal" weapons to defend itself from Russian attack. Finally, Obama cut U.S. defense spending and cracked down on fossil fuels, a policy that Russia welcomed since its economy is dependent on high oil prices.

Put all of this together, and it's impossible to conclude anything other than that Obama was a Russian stooge, and not out of any nefarious dealings, but out of his own naivete and weakness. Obama didn't expect any rewards when he asked then-Russian President Dmitry Medvedev during a hot-mic moment at an international meeting to relay to Vladimir Putin his ability to be more "flexible" after the 2012 election; he was, to put it in terms of the current Russian election controversy, "colluding" with the Russians in the belief it was a good strategy. His kompromat was his own foolishness.

The cost of Obama's orientation toward Russia became clearer during the past two weeks. When he pulled up short from enforcing his red line, an agreement with the Russians to remove Bashar Assad's chemical weapons became the fig leaf to cover his retreat. This deal was obviously deficient, but Obama officials used clever language to give the impression that it had removed all chemical weapons from Syria. Never mind that Assad still used chlorine gas to attack his population — exploiting a grievous loophole — and that evidence piled up that Assad was cheating more broadly.

The Russians eagerly covered for Assad because he's their client. What was the Obama administration's excuse? It effectively made itself a liar for the Russians at the same time Moscow bolstered the Assad regime we said had to go, smashed the moderate opposition we were trying to create and sent a destabilizing refugee flow into Europe. This was a moral and strategic disaster.

To be sure, Donald Trump's statements about Russia during the past year and a half have often been stupid and shameful. But there was always a good chance that Russia's blatant hostility to our values and interests would make any attempted Trump detente unsustainable. With his secretary of state and U.N. ambassador hitting Russia hard over the Assad gas attack and Trump's strike challenging Russia's position, the administration looks to be adopting a hardheaded attitude without bothering with a doomed reset first.

Even if Obama eventually got tougher on Russia — imposing sanctions after the Ukraine invasion and sending contingents of U.S. troops to countries near Russia — he never entirely shed his reflex toward accommodation. No matter what conspiracy theorists might say, there's nothing to suggest anything untoward about Obama's relationship with Russia. But based on the record alone, you might have suspicions.

OPINION EXTRA

Child gender-confusion serves the left's political agenda

On Sunday, The New York Times ran a piece by Jack Turban, a research fellow at the Yale School of Medicine. Turban says that doctors should begin applying puberty blockers as early as possible to children who identify as transgender. That's because, according to him, "it has become clear that if we support these children in their transgender identities instead of trying to change them, they thrive instead of struggling with anxiety and depression."

Turban uses as his example one 14-year-old girl named Hannah who was born a boy named Jonah. Turban glows: "Hannah is using a puberty-blocking implant and getting ready to embark on the path of developing a female body by starting estrogen. Ten years ago most doctors would have called this malpractice. New data has now made it the protocol for thousands of American children."

Ten years ago, doctors weren't embracing politically correct insanity as medicine.

Turban, you see, claims that by transforming children's bodies younger, we will help them avoid societal stigma, and that it's that stigma that's responsible for the shockingly high rates of suicide and depression associated with gender dysphoria. But there's no hard data to support that notion. A study from professors at the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and the Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law, for example, found that 46 percent of transgender men and 42 percent of transgender women in the study had attempted suicide.

Is this due to discrimination? The study does show high levels of discrimination against transgender people. But it *also* shows that the suicide rate among transgender women who say people identify them as transgender regularly is 45 percent. How about those who are able to pass for the gender to which they claim membership? Their suicide rate is *still 40 percent*. How about the suicide rate among those transgender individuals who have had hormone treatment? It's 45 percent. Surgery doesn't militate against suicide either.

But Turban has an agenda. And so, he cites one study of 63 transgender children, which found that if they were allowed to "socially transition" — if people treated them as their preferred sex — then they had indistinguishable levels of anxiety and depression from that of their peers. But this study concerns children, who have not yet experienced the rigors of sex drive and sexual dynamics; it also ignores the small sample size and the fact that a reported 8 in 10 children who experience gender confusion grow out of it. But Turban's fine with maintaining gender confusion for those 8 children out of 10 in order to preserve Hannah's peace of mind — even if Hannah might have grown out of her symptoms herself, thereby lowering risk of suicide over time.

This is science with an agenda.

Adults should be free to make decisions about their sexuality and their bodies. But children should not be subjected to the whims of politically driven adults when it comes to massive bodily mutilation that impairs function for a lifetime — all before the child has experienced puberty. And society should not be obligated to obey the gender theory nonsense of the radical left, which seeks to confuse as many children as possible in the name of an anti-biological program in service to a political agenda.

— Ben Shapiro, Creators Syndicate

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Don't fight Trump with conspiracies

■ Speculation without evidence is a distraction

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Maybe we should muzzle the wag-the-dog talk.

MSNBC host Lawrence O'Donnell led off his show Friday night with an alarming report: Russian President Vladimir Putin may have told Syria's Bashar al-Assad to launch last week's chemical attack to let President Trump respond militarily — thereby boosting Trump's standing in the United States and dispelling the belief that he is too close to Putin.

"It's perfect," O'Donnell said, telling viewers "what you won't hear is proof that that scenario that I have just outlined is impossible, because ... with Donald Trump anything is possible."

I'm a fan of O'Donnell, and it is technically true that we can't prove that Putin *didn't* orchestrate the attack to boost Trump. But by that logic, we can never prove to everybody's satisfaction that there wasn't a second gunman on the grassy knoll, that Vincent Foster wasn't murdered, that there wasn't a controlled demolition inside Building 7, that former president Barack Obama didn't forge his birth certificate, or that the government isn't controlling our minds with fluoride.

But speculation without evidence is at best distraction, and at worst it allows Trump's defenders to discredit the whole story about Trump's contacts with Russia and Russia's attempts to tilt the election his way.

Certainly, Trump's behavior has shown that he's capable of anything. But we don't need to speculate. Putin did conspire to help Trump win the presidency. That's damning enough without letting allegations of a chemical-attack conspiracy cloud the whole thing in paranoia.

The chemical conspiracy, as The Washington Post's Avi Selk noted, debuted on a left-wing site called the Palmer Report. This is part of a larger phenomenon that has already taken root online, where in some quarters full-blown cases of Trump Derangement Syndrome have already broken out. Trump won the presidency and now governs by creating a parallel universe with alternative facts. There's a temptation among his opponents to respond in kind. But the way to counter Trump is to speak the truth, not to fight him with more fake news.

Trump's campaign, transition and nascent presidency have generated liberal conspiracy theories worthy of Glenn Beck and Alex Jones. Check these days with Snopes, the conspiracy-busting website, and, right there alongside the usual urban legends ("woman arrested for training squirrels to attack her ex-boyfriend," "female mortuary worker was arrested after becoming pregnant by one of the corpses she was preparing for burial"), you'll find them confronting various products of the vast left-wing conspiracy:

"Senior White House officials 'openly admitted that the chemical strike against Syria had no actual purpose.'"

"Donald Trump has vowed to reinstate the draft."

"Devin Nunes' financial wealth is invested in a wine company with 'strong ties' to Russia."

"Attorney General Jeff Sessions is to be disbarred from the Alabama State Bar Association due to a letter of complaint filed by 2,000 attorneys from across the U.S."

Rep. Trey Gowdy (R-S.C.) "ordered the exhumation of the body of Clinton associate Vince Foster."

Some have gained considerable traction, such as Google engineer Yonatan Zunger's late January post on Medium that the travel ban was "the trial balloon for a coup d'état." As BuzzFeed noted, Huffington Post contributor Alex Mohajer built a case that Trump was involved in the $11 billion sale of Russian oil giant Rosneft. One well-subscribed theory has it that Trump's early filing for re-election in 2020 was actually a conspiracy to silence his critics.

Robert Reich, the former Clinton cabinet member, has detected a "Trump plot to control American universities" in conjunction with chief strategist Steven K. Bannon and former Breitbart News provocateur Milos Yiannopoulos. And a dubious Twitter account claiming to be anti-Trump government officials, "@RoguePOTUSStaff" has amassed 850,000 followers by tweeting unsubstantiated news about the White House.

Brendan Nyhan, a Dartmouth government professor, explained in the New York Times in February why left-wing conspiracy theories appear to have gained since the election: "Political psychology research suggests that losing political control can make people more vulnerable to misinformation and conspiracy theories." How else could people have fallen for the satirical report of a British outlet alleging that Queen Elizabeth II said she can legally kill Trump with a sword if he enters Buckingham Palace?

That would indeed be newsworthy, if true. But here's something even more newsworthy: The Putin regime meddled in U.S. elections to help secure the victory of a president to whom it has had extensive ties. And that one happens to be true.

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Q&A: Why unseating Assad risks unleashing even more chaos

By Zeina Karam
Associated Press

BEIRUT — The statement by U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson that the reign of President Bashar Assad's family "is coming to an end" suggests the U.S. is taking a much more aggressive approach about the Syrian leader.

The remark Tuesday came after a U.S. airstrike in Syria and threats of more punitive action.

Any attempt to unseat Assad faces huge hurdles and risks unleashing chaos. It could also relieve the suffering of nearly 1 million Syrians living under constant siege and bombardment.

Despite six years of civil war, Assad is firmly entrenched in his seat of power, Damascus, largely thanks to powerful allies Russia and Iran who continue to prop up his government politically and militarily.

Taking him out of the equation without a clear transition plan would be a major gamble with consequences that would likely resonate far beyond the Syrian borders and raises the following questions:

SANA via AP

In this photo released by the Syrian official news agency SANA, pro-government protesters hold a portrait of President Bashar Assad and a placard that reads, "Down with everyone who cooperated and supported the American aggression," during a protest against the U.S. attack on a military airbase last week, in front the the United Nations building Tuesday in Damascus, Syria. U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson's statement Tuesday, that the reign of Assad's family "is coming to an end" suggests Washington is taking a much more aggressive approach about the Syrian leader.

WHAT IS THE U.S. POSITION ON ASSAD?

The past week has brought about an almost seismic shift in the U.S. administration's position on Syria. Only weeks earlier, U.S. officials, including President Donald Trump, were signaling a willingness to work with Russia and saying that Assad's status was not a priority for the time being.

The April 4 chemical weapons attack that killed more than 80 people in an opposition-held town in northern Syria appears to have completely altered Trump's calculus, triggering the first direct U.S. airstrike on Assad's forces in the conflict.

The Trump administration continues to offer mixed messages about its ultimate goal in Syria and whether Assad must surrender power — and when.

"It is clear to all of us that the reign of the Assad family is coming to an end," Tillerson said. "But the question of how that ends and the transition itself could be very important in our view to the durability, the stability inside of a unified Syria."

WHAT IS THE ASSAD FAMILY'S POWER BASE?

The Assad family has ruled Syria for nearly five decades. So entrenched is the dynasty that die-hard supporters label the country as "Assad's Syria." In battle zones, loyal fighters have sprayed "Assad, or we burn the country."

Despite the spectacular devastation he has presided over, Assad has managed to retain a level of support. He maintained, from the beginning, that his war is one against terrorism, and through a deft policy of divide and conquer, he has made the war a choice between him and the Islamic extremists.

Among his supporters are members of his Alawite sect, as well as other minority sects such as the Christians and Druze who fear reprisals by extremists in case they take over the country. Many in the powerful business community also support Assad and see him as a source of stability compared to other, opposition-held parts of Syria that are run by scores of rebel factions and warlords. Syria's powerful security agencies, notorious for human rights abuses, also will back Assad until the end.

WHAT ARE THE ALTERNATIVES TO ASSAD?

There is no obvious replacement. Assad's term has been an extension of the rule by his father and his father's predecessor, both of which stifled any form of dissent for decades. Following the uprising, which began in March 2011, opposition figures have either been jailed, exiled or killed. Some analysts say the only replacement could be an Alawite army general, since the presence of such a leader would serve as a guarantee to Syria's minorities.

Such a figure is not apparent for the time being. Thus, finding an alternative to Assad has bedeviled foreign policy experts for years. More recently, as Russia helped reverse his military fortunes and left him in control of most of the country's major population centers, much of the West had appeared to come to terms with the conclusion that Assad could stay on for the time being.

COULD ASSAD BE REMOVED BY FORCE?

The U.S. can take any number of measures against Assad to degrade and ultimately remove him from power. That includes bombing command and control centers, grounding his warplanes and significantly increasing weapons support for rebels fighting to topple him.

Any such action risks a igniting a confrontation with Russia and Iran. Such flagrant action may also become counterintuitive and risk a backlash from rebel factions who may not welcome U.S. bombing of Syria even though they want Assad out.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF HE WAS OUSTED?

Europeans and the previous U.S. administration have been very clear that they don't want a collapse of the regime similar to what happened elsewhere, including neighboring Iraq. The concern is that a sudden unseating of Assad would lead to a collapse of state institutions, unleashing sectarian massacres and facilitating the spread of militant groups, such as the Islamic State group, al-Qaida and the Shiite militias who have fueled violence in Iraq.

Russian officials often cite the U.S. failures in Iraq and Libya, where state institutions disintegrated following Western military intervention, to illustrate the perils of forced regime change in Syria.

SPICER

From 7A

nearly 90 people dead, and Turkey's health minister said tests show sarin gas was used.

"I think when you come to sarin gas, there was no, he (Hitler) was not using the gas on his own people the same way that Assad is doing," Spicer said. "There was clearly ... I understand your point, thank you. There was not ... He brought them into the Holocaust center I understand that."

The comparison to World War II appeared to be part of a message the administration was trying to deliver as it explains its tactics in Syria. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis noted in a separate briefing that "the intent was to stop the cycle of violence into an area that even in World War II chemical weapons were not used on battlefields."

After the briefing, Spicer emailed a statement to reporters: "In no way was I trying to lessen the horrendous nature of the Holocaust. I was trying to draw a distinction of the tactic of using airplanes to drop chemical weapons on population centers. Any attack on innocent people is reprehensible and inexcusable."

Democrats and Jewish organizations condemned the comments.

House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California said in a statement that Spicer was "downplaying the horror of the Holocaust" and should be fired. Sen. Ben Cardin, D-Md., said on Twitter, "Someone get @PressSec a refresher history course on Hitler stat (hashtag)#Icantbelieve hereallysaidthat."

The New York-based Anne Frank Center for Mutual Respect called on Trump to fire Spicer, saying he denied that Hitler gassed Jews during the Holocaust.

Rep. Lee Zeldin, a Jewish Republican from New York, said in a statement that "as far as comments being made and comparisons of various tactics and methods between now and World War II, you can make the comparison a little differently and it would be accurate, but it's important to clear up that Hitler did in fact use chemical warfare to murder innocent people."

But Matt Brooks, executive director of the Republican Jewish Coalition, said that while "using the issue of the Holocaust or Hitler is problematic on many levels," he believed Spicer had "genuinely and sincerely apologized."

"He's bent over backward to make clear those views are not his, not what he was trying to say," Brooks said in a statement, adding, "We accept that and move on."

Spicer's comments came on the first day of Passover and a day after the White House held a Seder dinner marking the emancipation of the Jewish people, a tradition started during the Obama administration.

According to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Nazis experimented with poison gas in late 1939 with the killing of mental patients, which was termed "euthanasia." Both mobile and stationary gas chambers were later used, with up to 6,000 Jews gassed each day at Auschwitz alone.

On Monday, the White House clarified remarks Spicer made from the podium that the use of barrel bombs by Assad's government might lead to further military action by the United States.

In an exchange with reporters, Spicer appeared to draw a new red line for the Trump administration when he told reporters that if a country gases a baby or it puts "a barrel bomb into innocent people, I think you will see a response from this president."

Until Monday the administration had maintained that last week's airstrikes were in response to the Syrian government's use of chemical weapons against its own citizens. A White House spokesman said later that "nothing has changed in our posture" and the president retains the option to act if it's in the national interest.

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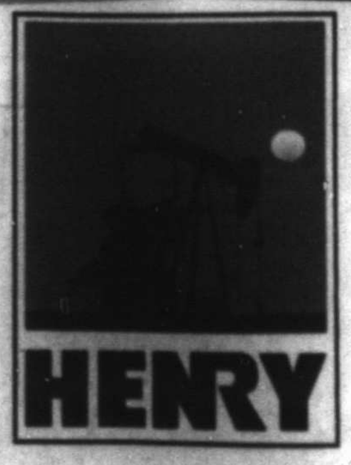

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Proverbs 10:17

"He is on the path of life who heeds instruction, But he who ignores reproof goes astray."

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disproved Russia's claim that rebels were responsible for the chemical weapons. In an accompanying four-page memo, the U.S. accused Russia of a disinformation campaign and aiding Syria in covering up the gruesome attack, which killed more than 80 people.

"Russia's allegations fit with a pattern of deflecting blame from the regime and attempting to undermine the credibility of its opponents," the report read.

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis told reporters at the Pentagon, "It is very clear who planned this attack, who authorized this attack and who orchestrated this attack."

Putin's government has been incensed by the Trump administration's public accusations, and even more so by U.S. military intervention in Syria. The retaliatory strikes, which Obama declined to approve after blaming Assad for an even deadlier chemical weapons attack in 2013, hit an air base where Russian troops were also present, although none are believed to have been killed.

Meeting allies earlier Tuesday in Italy, Tillerson delivered an ultimatum to Russia: Side either with the U.S. and its dozens of coalition partners or face the isolation of a partnership with Assad, Iran and Hezbollah.

That may hardly be punishment for the Kremlin, which dismissed many of Obama's similar warnings about Russia being sucked into a quagmire in Syria with no way out while tarnishing its international reputation.

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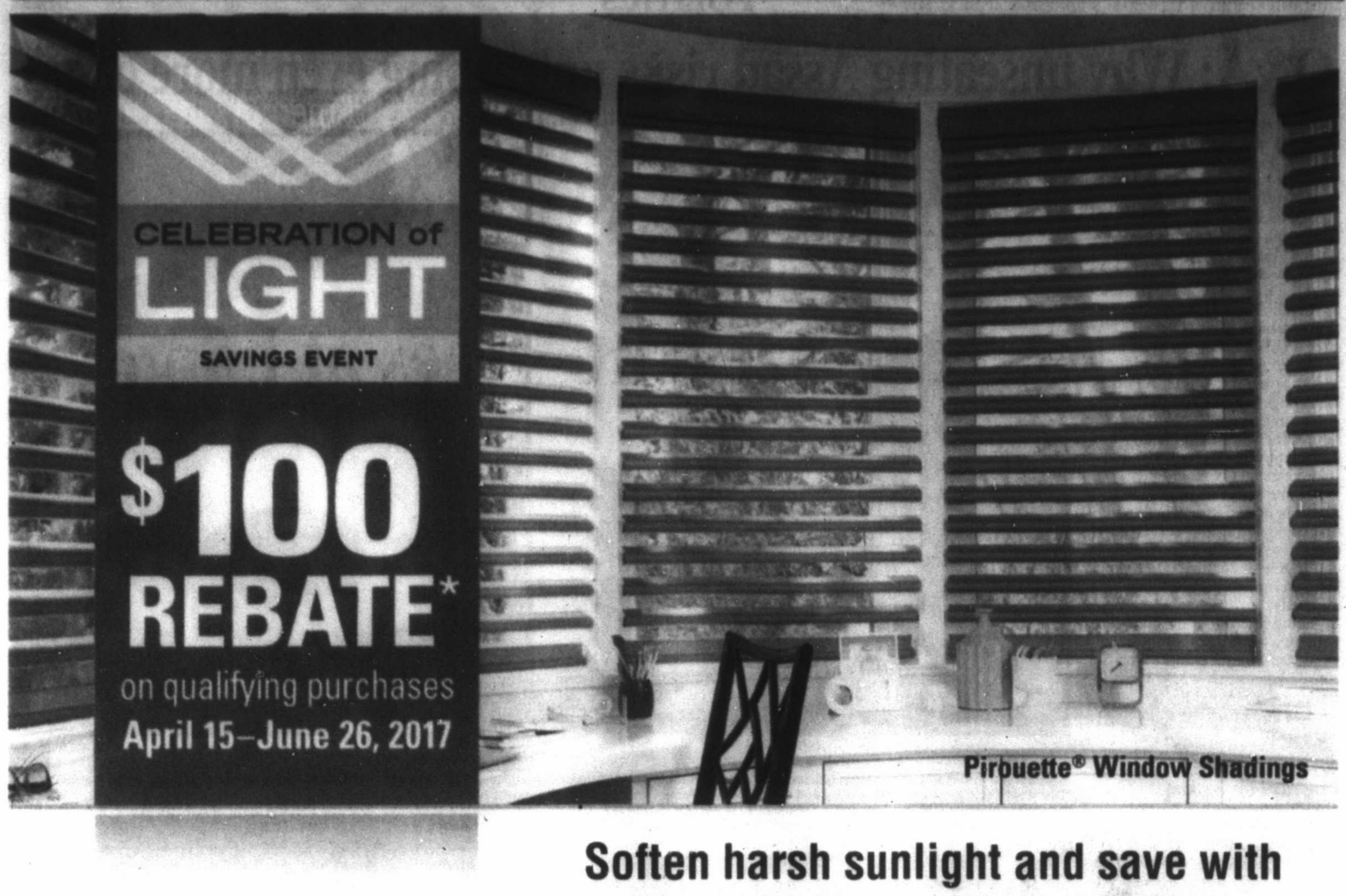

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MMH to recognize employees at banquet

By Christina Sotelo
Midland Health

Every year, Human Resources has the honor of organizing an employee service awards banquet to honor the commitment staff shows to our organization. A ceremony is held to celebrate those who have five of more years of service, in five year increments. This year's ceremony is tonight at Midland Country Club. Award recipients will enjoy a catered meal, receive their award and hear testimonials from employees who have 25 years of service or more.

It's incredibly important to highlight our employees' achievements. We want our employees to know how much we value them and give them an opportunity to celebrate with their co-workers.

Two of the employees who will be honored are Katy Longbotham and Diane Sanchez.

"I was recruited to Midland Memorial Hospital in 1981 when my fiancé was recruited to work at First City Bank. We got married and started our family. I worked on the post-surgical floor, transferred to operating room, the Outpatient Testing Center, and found my home in the Endoscopy Department. I have learned skills from many experiences as I was able to grow in my career with the various opportunities provided by transferring to different units.

"MMH has always been supportive of my career as I was given financial assistance to achieve my BSN in nursing as well as certification in SGNA (gastroenterology) and Certified Nurse Manager Leader. I am a member of TONE and AONE. The leaders, doctors and my fellow co-workers have always been a special blessing in my life. They are the finest people in Midland, and I still enjoy working with them. They are my second family.

"It has been amazing to see the technology and equipment changes to improve our patients' health care over the years. It was easy to become an owner and not a renter as we continue to improve our culture, nurse education and working environment. I am excited about our Pathway to Excellence and Magnet journey and hope we achieve this status in the near future.

"It has been an honor and a blessing to serve this community and spend my nursing career at Midland Memorial Hospital for the last 36 years."

Katy Longbotham, BSN, RN, CNML, clinical manager of Endoscopy

"I joined the hospital over 25 years ago as a new graduate RN, and I greatly appreciate the experience I have gained from this organization. I don't know that I would have gotten such an array of experience working somewhere else. The experience and the people I have worked alongside have greatly contributed and shaped the person I am today.

"I greatly appreciate the way this

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LISA FALKENBERG
Houston Chronicle

Indian doctors are a blessing, not a threat, for Americans

On my father's first trip from small-town Texas to a big-city cancer hospital here in February, I tried to see things through his eyes. I noticed the long walk from the parking garage, the somberness of the waiting area, and the foreign accents that drifted from the conversations of both patients and hospital staff.

In an exam room, a friendly woman from the Philippines came in and asked Dad if he'd like to donate two tablespoons of blood for research.

Sure, he said. She consulted paperwork, paused, looked at my father in his cowboy hat, farmer's tan and plaid shirt, and asked how he pronounced his last name.

"FAHL'-ken-berg," he told her. After a second, he added helpfully, "It's German."

A faint glimmer of "I thought so" lit her eyes.

"That is not an American-sounding name," she said playfully. We shared a much-needed chuckle.

At one time, Falkenberg was probably every bit as exotic, every bit as suspicious, as, say, Satija or Ummat. It still is in parts of East Texas.

These days, though, even those South Asian names aren't foreign in America's hospitals. They're typical.

It's estimated that about 25 percent of practicing physicians in the United States are foreign-born.

Which is partly why the plight of husband-and-wife Houston neurologists Dr. Monika Ummat and Dr. Pankaj Satija is so incomprehensible.

After more than a decade living and working legally in the United States, the West University Place residents with two American-born kids were nearly deported recently.

On Wednesday, they were given 24 hours

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BOUND FOR BOSTON

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Popcorn Leonard, owner of King & I restaurant, holds with his 3-year-old daughter Kaylee while standing with members of the West Texas Gazelles running club Monday in his restaurant. Club members from foreground to background, Aliza Bowcutt, Ina Miller, Brian Younger, and Steve Berrones, will be competing in the Boston Marathon with Leonard.

After 17 years, local runner to return to marathon

By Simone Jasper
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For years, Nopporn "Popcorn" Leonard has helped Midlanders achieve their running goals. Now, he's set his own: running in the Boston Marathon nearly two decades after he last participated in the race.

At age 56, Leonard will join four other Midland-Odessa runners Monday at the marathon. But getting to that point hasn't been easy.

Leonard, owner of King & I, said he has qualified to run in the marathon since 2000, but obligations at the Thai restaurant kept him from participating.

"It's sort of hard, but that's the way it is when you own a small business," Leonard said. "This year, I had help (at the restaurant), and my training has been good."

Leonard's schedule sometimes forces him to run in both mornings and evenings, and he typically sleeps about three to four hours each night. Though Leonard tries to log about 70 miles per week, he's made some sacrifices.

"I have skipped my runs to spend time with (my daughter)," Leonard said. "I try to put my family first. Training for Boston is expensive. I'm spending money on plane tickets and food. It's going to cost about $2,000 to $3,000."

Leonard has participated in marathons all over the country, but his last Boston

Please see **MARATHON**/3B

Bob Owen/San Antonio Express-News

Michael Lage wears a HERO Trak, a wearable health monitoring device, specifically designed to help PTSD-affected users identify, manage and reduce PTSD episodes. Texas A&M invited veteran riders in this year's UnitedHealthcare Texas Challenge.

Vets test new PTSD technology on bike ride

■ Watch records health data to be studied later

By J.p. Lawrence
San Antonio Express News

Christopher Mumma carries reminders of his past on his wrists. The former Fleet Marine Force corpsman wears a bracelet made of yak bones to remind him of fallen comrades. The avid bicyclist also wears a rainbow band marking a past hard ride.

What Mumma wore on his wrist Monday might be the future of PTSD management. A sleek black watch, reprogrammed with software created by Texas A&M University, recorded Mumma's heartbeat as it monitored PTSD symptoms.

Mumma was one of about 100 wounded veterans and supporters striking out from San Antonio on a bike tour to Houston. The ride was a therapeutic event via United Healthcare and Project Hero, which works with veterans and first responders affected by PTSD and traumatic brain injuries.

The HeroTrak black watches worn by Mumma and others were the first batch tested outside of Texas A&M's clinics.

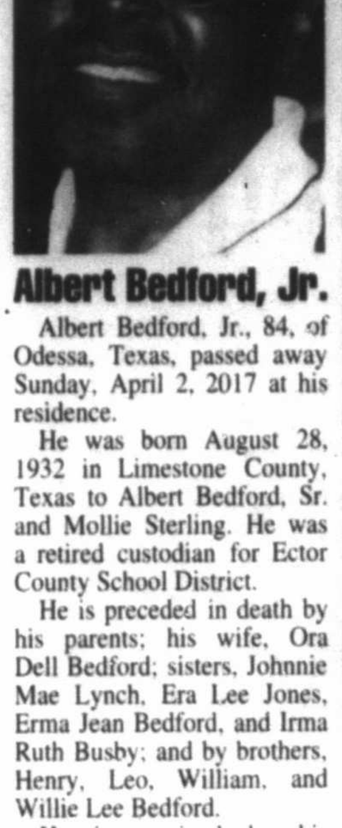
The watch, the brainchild of Farzan Sasangohar, an Aggie engineering professor, records biometric signals such as heart rate and movement. Veterans double press the face of the watch when they are having an episode. The data collected around that episode is then recorded for researchers to study later.

Please see **TEST**/4B

Take a Moment

Nothing is more important than time spent with family. It only takes one moment today to save you many precious moments tomorrow. Ensure these times are spent in good health. Schedule your mammogram today at **The Breast Center** at **432.682.XRAY(9729)**. Visit **midlandhealth.org** to learn more.

Obituaries



Albert Bedford, Jr.

Albert Bedford, Jr., 84, of Odessa, Texas, passed away Sunday, April 2, 2017 at his residence.

He was born August 28, 1932 in Limestone County, Texas to Albert Bedford, Sr. and Mollie Sterling. He was a retired custodian for Ector County School District.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Ora Dell Bedford; sisters, Johnnie Mae Lynch, Era Lee Jones, Erma Jean Bedford, and Irma Ruth Busby; and by brothers, Henry, Leo, William, and Willie Lee Bedford.

He is survived by his daughters, Sheryl Bedford Holland of Houston, Reba Cook and husband James of Richardson, Texas, and Mollie Ball and husband Michael of Midland, Texas; seven grandchildren, Shikendra Bedford, Rhea (David), Jarvis Holland (Jenny), Kenisha Taylor (Scott), Davion Robinson, Mychael Ball, Jr., and Mylyra and Mykelti Ball; six great-grandchildren, Dejhia and Kennedy Taylor, William, Leland, and Drake and Johnnie Robinson, Jr.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 14, 2017 at Mackey Chapel United Methodist Church with Pastor Karin Carlson officiating.

Services entrusted to Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

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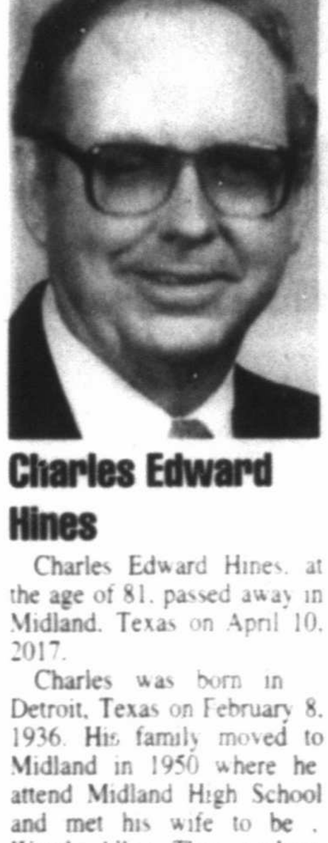

Charles Edward Hines

Charles Edward Hines, at the age of 81, passed away in Midland, Texas on April 10, 2017.

Charles was born in Detroit, Texas on February 8, 1936. His family moved to Midland in 1950 where he attend Midland High School and met his wife to be , Wanda Allen. They graduated and were married and have celebrated 60 years of marriage.

Charles served his country in the Army and was stationed in the demilitarized zone of North Korea post conflict. He was honorably discharged in 1961.

Charles is survived by his wife, Wanda Faye Hines; his three children and their spouses, Christopher and Kendra Hines, Clifton and Angela Hines, and Charlotte Hines and Shae Petty; as well as his grandchildren, Brandon Hines, Brooke Hines, Casey Jones, Shelby Jones and Brayleigh Annice Petty; and his two older sisters, Virgin McPeak and Phila Parr.

The visitation will be held at Ellis Funeral Home on Wednesday April 12, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m..

The grave side service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday April 13, 2017 at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Hospice of Midland their website is *www.hospiceofmidlandtx.org*

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

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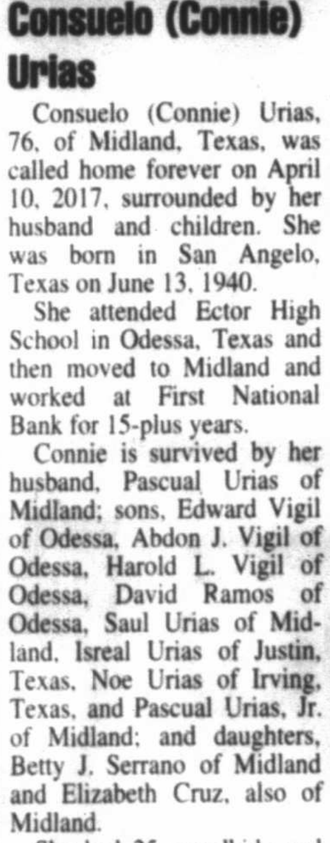

Consuelo (Connie) Urias

Consuelo (Connie) Urias, 76, of Midland, Texas, was called home forever on April 10, 2017, surrounded by her husband and children. She was born in San Angelo, Texas on June 13, 1940.

She attended Ector High School in Odessa, Texas and then moved to Midland and worked at First National Bank for 15-plus years.

Connie is survived by her husband, Pascual Urias of Midland; sons, Edward Vigil of Odessa, Abdon J. Vigil of Odessa, Harold L. Vigil of Odessa, David Ramos of Odessa, Saul Urias of Midland, Isreal Urias of Justin, Texas, Noe Urias of Irving, Texas, and Pascual Urias, Jr. of Midland; and daughters, Betty J. Serrano of Midland and Elizabeth Cruz, also of Midland.

She had 25 grandkids and 36 great-grand kids.

For everyone who knew Connieg knew of her being full of life, her BEAUTIFUL GREEN EYES, she knew no stranger, and her love for cats.

Funeral service will be held on Thursday April 13, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home Chapel, 405 N. Terrell ST. Pastor Oscar Galindo will officiate. Burial will follow at Resthaven North.

Funeral service is under the direction of Heavenly Gate Funeral Home and Chapel.

Family messages, and condolences may be emailed to *pipkin@nts-online.net* or you can visit our website at *www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com.*

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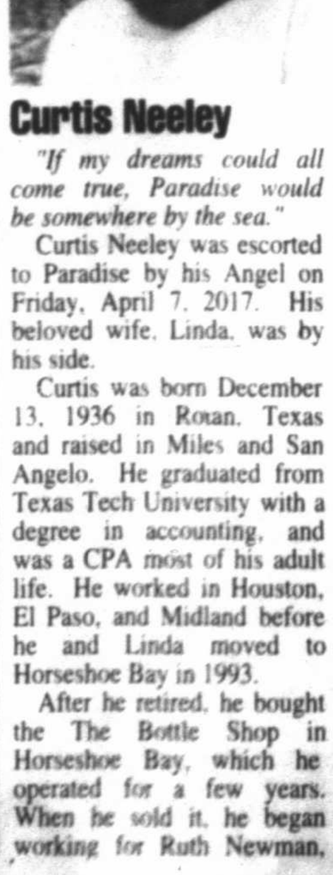


Curtis Neeley

"If my dreams could all come true, Paradise would be somewhere by the sea."

Curtis Neeley was escorted to Paradise by his Angel on Friday, April 7, 2017. His beloved wife, Linda, was by his side.

Curtis was born December 13, 1936 in Rotan, Texas and raised in Miles and San Angelo. He graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in accounting, and was a CPA most of his adult life. He worked in Houston, El Paso, and Midland before he and Linda moved to Horseshoe Bay in 1993.

After he retired, he bought the The Bottle Shop in Horseshoe Bay, which he operated for a few years. When he sold it, he began working for Ruth Newman, CPA, Horseshoe Bay.

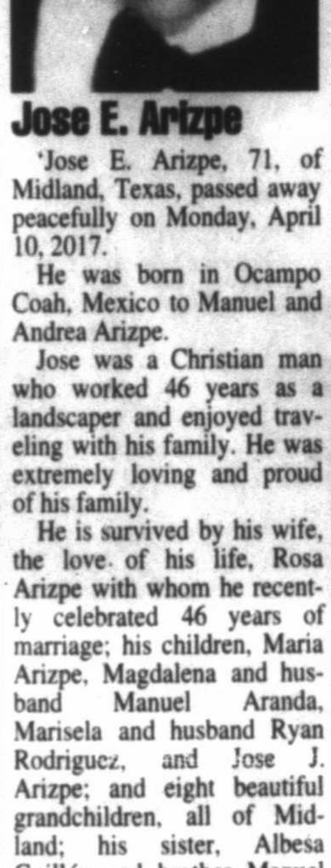
Curtis loved people and was known for his story telling skills. He loved to fish in Rockport, Texas. He loved sailing. He loved to read, and he and Linda travelled extensively.

He is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Linda Jackson Neeley; his son, David Neeley of California; his sister, Rita Adams of Dallas; brothers, Ron of Cedar Creek Lake and his wife, Melodie, Dan and his partner Barbara, and Morris of Rockportl; and by five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

There will be a private interment in Carbon, Texas at a later date.

Should you care to make a donation in Curtis' name, please consider Coastal Conservation Assoc. of Texas, CCA Texas, 6919 Portwest Dr. Suite 100, Houston, TX. 77024.

Online condolences may be made at: *www.clementswilcoxfuneralhome.com.*



Jose E. Arizpe

'Jose E. Arizpe, 71, of Midland, Texas, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 10, 2017.

He was born in Ocampo Coah, Mexico to Manuel and Andrea Arizpe.

Jose was a Christian man who worked 46 years as a landscaper and enjoyed traveling with his family. He was extremely loving and proud of his family.

He is survived by his wife, the love of his life, Rosa Arizpe with whom he recently celebrated 46 years of marriage; his children, Maria Arizpe, Magdalena and husband Manuel Aranda, Marisela and husband Ryan Rodriguez, and Jose J. Arizpe; and eight beautiful grandchildren, all of Midland; his sister, Albesa Guillén and brother Manuel Arizpe, both of Acuña Coah Mexico; and his brother, Jesus Arizpe of Midland.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home and Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at Iglesia Bautista Monte Sinai, 313 E Summit Ave with the funeral to follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Jose was an amazing husband, father, grandfather, and friend to all!

The family would like to send a special thank you to Hospice and MMH, especially the Oncology Department, for their loving care and support.

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

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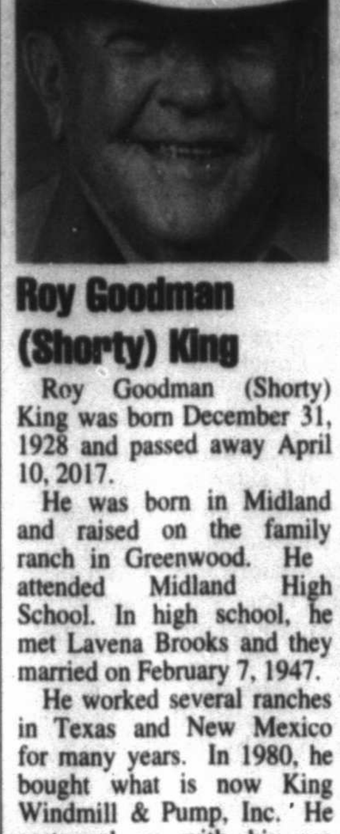
All Obituaries must be submitted by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.



Roy Goodman (Shorty) King

Roy Goodman (Shorty) King was born December 31, 1928 and passed away April 10, 2017.

He was born in Midland and raised on the family ranch in Greenwood. He attended Midland High School. In high school, he met Lavena Brooks and they married on February 7, 1947.

He worked several ranches in Texas and New Mexico for many years. In 1980, he bought what is now King Windmill & Pump, Inc. ' He partnered up with his son Wyn in 1981. The two of them worked side by side to build the business to be the success it is now.

Shorty was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years, Lavena; and by two sons, two brothers, and one sister.

He is survived by his son, Wyn King and wife Cyn of Greenwood; and by two sisters, Nonnie Wolcott of Lubbock and Barbara Johnson of Australia.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials be made to Greenwood Baptist Church.

Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, April 14, 2017 at Nalley- Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, 3800 N Big Spring.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 15, 2017 at the Greenwood Cemetery.

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

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Terri Rae (Graves) Rose

1957 - 2017

Heaven gained an angel on April 9, 2017. She was 59.

Terri was born December 26, 1957, daughter of Granville and the late Robbie Graves.

She graduated from Stanton High School in 1976 and was active in band and Sheriff's Posse for many years. She loved her life with her horses. Terri graduated from Midland College with a nursing degree and pursued her love for nursing for many years.

She married Kevin Dwayne Rose in September 1994, becoming a loving housewife and mother. She attended and was involved at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Big Spring, Texas.

Terri leaves her loving memories to be cherished by her husband, Kevin Rose; son, Cody Rose; dad, Granville Graves; brother and his spouse, Craig and Laura Graves of Stanton, Texas; sister and her husband, Leigh Ann and Kevin Maccanelli of Midland, Texas; nephew and his wife, Michael and Katarina Graves of Midland; niece, Michelle Graves of Dallas, Texas; and several uncles, aunts, cousins, family, and friends.

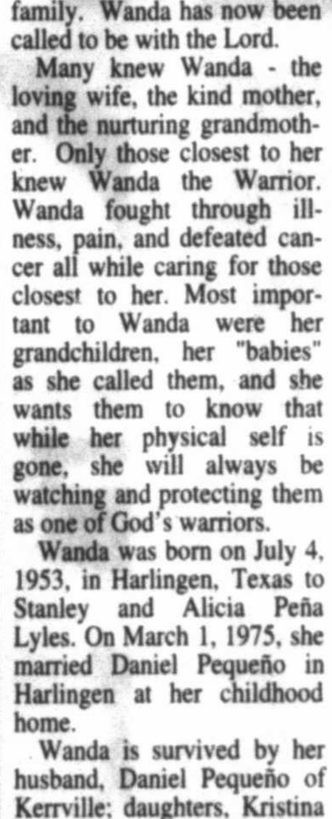
And, of course, her special fur babies, Sef, Axel, Loki, Thor, Coco, and Jack.

The family suggest memorials be made in Terri's memory to Midland Humane Coalition, PO Box 53213, Midland, Texas. 79710.

Visitation will be held April 11, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring, Texas.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel, 408 N. St. Peter, Stanton, Texas, 79782 (432)756-3708



Wanda N. Pequeño

Wanda N. Pequeño passed away on Saturday, April 8, 2017 in Kerrville doing what she loved more than anything else, selflessly serving her family. Wanda has now been called to be with the Lord.

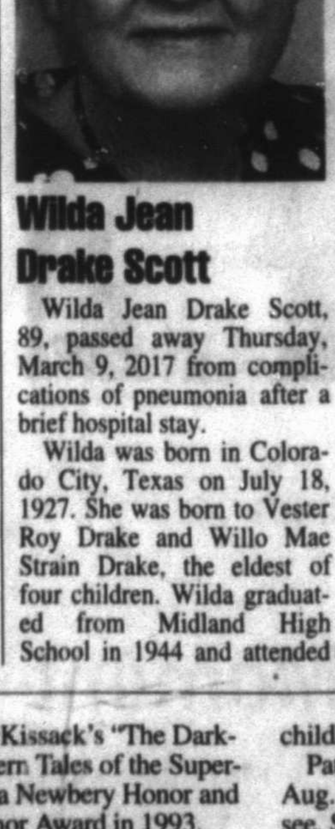
Many knew Wanda - the loving wife, the kind mother, and the nurturing grandmother. Only those closest to her knew Wanda the Warrior. Wanda fought through illness, pain, and defeated cancer all while caring for those closest to her. Most important to Wanda were her grandchildren, her "babies" as she called them, and she wants them to know that while her physical self is gone, she will always be watching and protecting them as one of God's warriors.

Wanda was born on July 4, 1953, in Harlingen, Texas to Stanley and Alicia Peña Lyles. On March 1, 1975, she married Daniel Pequeño in Harlingen at her childhood home.

Wanda is survived by her husband, Daniel Pequeño of Kerrville; daughters, Kristina M. Pequeño and husband Robert Apolinario of Cedar Park, and Alicia Pequeño and husband Damian Montes of Midland; sisters, Mary Kilbourn and husband Walter of Corpus Christie, and Rose Wright and husband Richard of Houston; brother, Stanley Lyles and wife Marilyn of Yoakum; grandchildren, Ava Pequeño, Jace D. Pequeño, and Royal Apolinario.

Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., with a funeral service to follow at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 14, 2017 at Grimes Funeral Chapels in Kerrville.

Arrangements are entrusted to Grimes Funeral Chapels of Kerrville. Condolences may be sent at *www.grimesfuneralchapels. com .*



Wilda Jean Drake Scott

Wilda Jean Drake Scott, 89, passed away Thursday, March 9, 2017 from complications of pneumonia after a brief hospital stay.

Wilda was born in Colorado City, Texas on July 18, 1927. She was born to Vester Roy Drake and Willo Mae Strain Drake, the eldest of four children. Wilda graduated from Midland High School in 1944 and attended Oklahoma Baptist University for one and a half years. She moved to Austin in 1960 and graduated from the University of Texas in 1963 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education. She received her Master's degree in Reading from Southwest Texas State University in 1973, something that she was extremely proud of because she was the only person in her family to receive a Master's degree.

Wilda met Bobby, her husband, in 1960, at the newly formed singles department of Hyde Park Baptist Church. Wilda taught with AISD, at Allison, Walnut Creek, Lucy Reed, and at Hill Elementary as one of the teachers that helped open that school where she taught both first and third grade. She retired in 1987 but continued teaching as a substitute with AISD and Hyde Park Baptist Schools. She was a proud member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Eta Tau chapter, a teaching sorority, where she cultivated many sweet friendships.

Wilda dedicated herself to service in God's work, in whatever way she was led. Because of this dedication, she active in youth work at Hyde Park for more than 38 years before she moved into Brookdale Northwest Hills.

Wilda leaves to cherish her memory her daughter, Tami Pharr and husband Brad. Her two grandchildren, Abby and Drake Pharr, were her pride and joy. She loved going on field trips with their classes, attending all their sporting events and even tailgating with them this past fall at Texas A&M University alongside many close family friends.

She is survived by one sister, Tiny Drake Alderson, and two sisters-in-law, Julia Edith Drake and Nathalie Drake Sims. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband of 41 years, Bobby Scott; parents, VR Drake and Willo Mae Strain Drake; as well as two brothers, Glenn Drake and Norman Drake; and one brother-in-law, Gene Alderson.

Wilda moved to Brookdale Northwest Hills in Austin two and a half years ago and quickly made her mark. The family would like to express deep appreciation for the care and love received by all staff from Brookdale Northwest Hills, as well as the many friends she made while at Brookdale Northwest Hills.

There was a memorial service held in her honor, Saturday, April 1, 2017 at Hyde Park Baptist Church in the chapel.

In lieu of the usual remembrances, nothing would make Wilda happier than for contributions to be made to Hyde Park High School Annual Fund in her name with the address of P.O. Box 4486, Austin TX 78765.

Death Notices

Gene Gordon

Gene Gordon, 64, of Midland, Texas, passed away Thursday, April 6, 2017.

Memorial services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, April 15, 2017 at Midland Lutheran Church.

Survivors include wife, Terri; sons, Jay Gordon and Zed Gordon; two brothers and one sister.

Virginia Ovella McPeak

Virginia Ovella McPeak, 95, of Midland, Texas, passed away Tuesday, April 11, 2017.

The family will receive guests from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, April 13, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Survivors include husband, Don McPeak; son, Jerry McPeak; daughter, Donna Harry; and one sister.

Patricia McKissack, noted author of children's books, dies

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Patricia C. McKissack, a prolific author of children's books on African-American history, folklore and stories, has died. She was 72.

McKissack, of the St. Louis suburb of Chesterfield, collapsed Friday at a restaurant where she was having dinner with the eldest of her three sons, Fredrick McKissack Jr. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported she was taken to a hospital where she was pronounced dead of cardio-respiratory arrest.

McKissack and her husband, Fredrick McKissack, published more than 100 books. Fredrick McKissack Jr. said his parents shared a "missionary zeal" to write about African-American characters "where there hadn't been any before."

Patricia McKissack's "The Dark-Thirty: Southern Tales of the Supernatural" won a Newbery Honor and the King Author Award in 1993. That year she and her husband also won a King Honor for "Sojourner Truth: Ain't I a Woman?"

Her latest book, "Let's Clap, Jump, Sing & Shout; Dance, Spin & Turn It Out!" came out in January, a collection of rhymes, songs and more from African-American childhoods.

Patricia McKissack was born on Aug. 9, 1944, in Smyrna, Tennessee. She taught English and became a children's book editor at Concordia Publishing before turning to writing, along with her husband, a civil engineer.

Funeral arrangements are pending. In addition to her three sons, McKissack is survived by a brother and a sister.

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organization has always sought to improve and excel in health care for this community as well as the desire to improve the work experience for each employee.

Sanchez

"I always thought that a person should seek a career that satisfies their deepest longings, and I can truly say that my longing to be of help, comfort and compassion to persons in need have been met here at Midland Memorial Hospital."

Diane Sanchez, RN, clinical documentation improvement

Employees who will be recognized tonight for their service to MMH

■ **Five years of service**

Heather Abney, Adriana Acero, Grace Adams, Sundae Adkins, Adriana Aleman, Joanna Alvarado, Brad Anderson, Brandy Baker, Abraham Bejil, Amber Branum, Sara Brown, Megan Casselman, Cynthia Chavez, Rhonda Clark, Sylvia Conde, Shawn Cooley, Shari Cosentino, Keira Creswell, Noe Del Bosque, Diana Delgado, Jennifer Diviche and Daina Dominguez

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■ **30 years of service**

Patricia Anderson, Linda Parrish, Dale Smith and Kim Woodard

■ **35 years of service**

Ida Gutierrez, Katy Longbotham, Jeanne Rodriguez, Vietia Romine and Terri Welborn

■ **40 years of service**

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Christina Sotelo is with Human Resources at Midland Health.

MARATHON

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race still stands out in his mind. He came to the marathon without enough food and expended energy in the first downhill miles. He had hypothermia by the end.

"I was amazed I was able to finish," Leonard said. "I knew it was cold."

When Leonard returns to Boston, he hopes to complete the marathon with a better time than he did at age 39. He also expects to have support from Midland's running community. Steve Berrones, who is running in the race, said Leonard motivated him in the past.

"He's always supportive," Berrones said. "I had quit running for a while to compete in other competitive sports. In my return to running, he was extremely excited and supportive. His positivity was good to see."

Over the years, Leonard has helped other local runners through West Texas Gazelles, a group he modeled after one in Austin. Leonard posts his running schedule on a Facebook page so members can be involved.

"They see what I'm doing," Leonard said. "If I'm running 15 miles Saturday but someone is running a 5K, maybe they can run for the first miles."

Leonard noticed the need for a group when he moved to Midland from Austin in 2004. He ran alone on Midland streets, including a route from his North Big Spring Street restaurant to the intersection of West Wadley Avenue and Loop 250.

Berrones, who often saw Leonard running across Midland, eventually accompanied him. He said the West Texas Gazelles offered a way for local runners to stay connected.

"I didn't see a whole lot of people running around," Berrones said. "We didn't have a lot of races here."

Leonard welcomes people of all skill levels to participate in West Texas Gazelles, according to Kevin Fox, one of the first to join the group.

"It was his baby and his way of helping people new to running or who needed to qualify for a race or set a new personal best," Fox said. "One of the best things about Popcorn is if someone is new to running, he won't say, 'I run. I won't work with you.'"

Leonard's support for runners extends beyond training sessions. He has a refrigerator on his front porch to store snacks and drinks for people running in his neighborhood. Others in West Texas Gazelles have followed his lead, forming a network of places to hydrate in Midland.

The restaurant owner, who has been a runner for most of his life, stopped counting his total mileage more than a decade ago. He first became interested in running while growing up on a military base in Thailand.

"The army recruits would run by my house — you know how they run with the flag," Leonard said. "I started running behind them when I was 5 or 6 years old. They started adopting me."

Lately, Leonard has participated in out-of-town races to prepare to run on hills in Boston. Though family members worry about the race after the 2013 bombing, Leonard said he anticipates the event.

"If something happens, it happens," Leonard said. "Nothing is going to stop me."

FALKENBERG

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to pack, collect their children and return to India, as the Chronicle's Lomi Kriel reported. Apparently, a common discrepancy the government made in paperwork, for which the doctors had recently been given a waiver to correct, had suddenly — under Trump-era immigration policy — become a threat to national security.

The doctors who hadn't gotten so much as a traffic ticket in this country were desperate — not just for themselves but for their patients. Satija alone said he had dozens of surgeries scheduled for the next few days, including an operation to remove hardware from a woman's spine. Satija, who helped found the Pain and Headache Centers of Texas, said he performs about 200 operations a month.

American lives at stake

Now, maybe you're someone who struggles to empathize with the plight of a law-abiding immigrant couple from India. Maybe you're even among those in the comments section unmoved by their predicament and spouting off smug responses: They were stupid not to notice the discrepancy sooner, said one. Off you go, said another. No excuses, said one more.

But can you empathize with a patient? The woman waiting to have the hardware in her spine removed, expecting the specialist she knows and trusts to do it, only to learn that he might be banished from the country by then? How about the parent whose epileptic child is expecting Dr. Ummat to show up for the next appointment?

At the airport, Kriel reported that the agent who notified the couple about their last-minute reprieve noted: "I understand that you are physicians, and a lot of lives are at stake."

Yes. Lives. American lives. At stake.

Wake up, people.

It shouldn't take an emergency like this to make Americans see the danger of the president's black-and-white enforcement of immigration law. It is snaring good people — those who don't intend to harm Americans, and now, even those who try to help Americans.

Many supporters of Trump's immigration policies revel in them. They delight in painting those affected as lazy or law-breaking. They'd rather not think of the immigrant doctors with whom Americans trust their lives, their children's lives, their parents' lives, every day.

Welcome and wanted

A privilege. That's how many in this country look at the act of leaving one's native land for the opportunity of America. And surely, it is. But we are privileged as well to have immigrants such as Satija and Ummat here. The notion that they need us more than we need them is naive.

Many countries need doctors, nurses and other healthcare workers. They come here not just for the standard of living, the freedoms and ideals, but because they feel welcome and wanted.

I pray they don't stop feeling that way.

And I pray that the next time my dad shows up for an appointment at that big cancer hospital in Houston, and he's greeted by a doctor or a nurse with an accent or a name that doesn't sound quite American — yet! — she'll smile and know we're glad she's here.

HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Health seminar planned

A free seminar on health and "financial fortitude" is planned for 10 a.m.-1 p.m. April 22 at Greater Ideal Family Life Center, 301 S. Tyler St. The free event is sponsored by Midland Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. There will be door prizes and exercise demonstrations.

For more information, call Michelle Roseberry at 599-0205.

Medication takeback planned

Midland Coalition is planning medication takeback for 10 a.m.-2 p.m. April 29 at Polo Park Estates, 2100 Castleford Road. Food will be served at the facility.

Medication must be in the original containers. Syringes, lancets, thermometers and oxygen tanks will not be accepted.

For more information, call PDAP at 685-3645 or visit pdapmidland.org.

Casa to offer diabetes classes

A lecture series on diabetes continues Monday and April 24 at Casa de Amigos, 1101 Garden Lane. Classes are 6-7:30 p.m. and are taught by doctors and registered nurses.

Topics include how diabetes affects the body, foot care, eye disease and plant-based nutrition.

Weekly support groups & hotlines

(subject to change)

■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Christian Church of Midland, 2609 Neely Ave. 694-8643.

■ Overeaters Anonymous; 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays and 3-4 p.m. Sundays; B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031.

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

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

■ PDAP meetings:

7-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays: Parents group and younger group (12-17), 1208 W. Wall St.; college group (18-26), 2503 W. Ohio Ave.; older group (27 and over), First Presbyterian Church

■ 11:30-1:30 p.m. Wednesdays: older group, 1208 W. Wall St., includes lunch

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

■ Serenity Group, 8 p.m. daily, 3101 N. "A" St., Building C; 685-3100.

■ 710 Group, 7 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 710 Ohio Ave.; 682-8162.

■ Alpha Omega, 8 p.m Tuesdays and 11 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays, 311 S. Pecos St.

■ 12-Step Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays; PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St., 553-7220.

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

■ Laundry Group, 8 p.m. daily and noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 104 N. Marshall St.

■ Xodus Group, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St., 634-7609.

■ CODA Group, 12-step program for relationships, 7 p.m. Fridays and Sundays, PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St., 599-4490.

■ La Hacienda Alumni, support group for former patients, 7 p.m. Thursdays, PDAP, 1208 W. Walf St. 553-7220.

Hope Chest

Hope Chest is a program that provides support for women during their pregnancy and after their baby is born.

Hope Chest allows mothers and mothers-to-be to earn necessities such as diapers, wipes, clothing and car seats through a point system. Points are earned by attending prenatal appointments and childbirth classes, and once the baby is born, moms continue to earn points at pediatrician visits until the child turns 2.

The program office is at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus. For more information or to enroll in the program, call 221-1150.

To make a monetary donation or donate brand new baby items to Hope Chest, call the March of Dimes office at 416-7310.

MMH payment options

Midland Memorial Hospital recognizes that our community is facing challenging financial times. Resources are tight and families are having to make important decisions about what to spend money on now and what has to wait.

Realizing health care can be expensive and the increasing deductibles make it hard to manage, the hospital has adjusted its payment procedures. We want to make sure you receive the care you need, when you need it. To find out about the new options now offered to better accommodate your payment needs, call 221-4705.

Source: Midland Memorial Hospital

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital offers a a nurse triage program "68-NURSE."

The program is designed to help people determine whether their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

The program is free and available 24 hours a day-365 days a year. Local nurses are available to help you determine the best place to receive care for your situation. 68-NURSE can help you save time and money by directing you to the most appropriate healthcare option, whether it's a neighborhood clinic, urgent care center, emergency room ... or just staying home.

Help line for long-term or disabled care

The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services has a toll-free number residents can call to obtain information on services for the disabled or long-term care.

For more information, call 855-937-2372.

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Local advocates attend Alzheimer's forum in DC

By Mary Wright McCourt

■ COMMENTARY

Advocates from across the country attended 2017 Alzheimer's Forum last month in Washington, D.C.

The Alzheimer's Association estimates there are more than 5 million people living with Alzheimer's disease and more than 15 million caregivers.

As an Alzheimer's Ambassador of West Texas, it is my honor to represent you to our elected officials. I was in D.C. along with more than 1,300 fellow advocates to appeal to our members of Congress for

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Use simple terms when talking to kids about death

ANGIE MORRIS
Centers for Children and Families

Occasionally, parents and caregivers ask how to talk to children about death. Many parents want to protect their child from this difficult topic, which is not easy to broach. When talking to your little ones, keep these points in mind.

Do not ignore or dodge their questions

Whether your child has lost a loved one or not, they may ask questions about death. Children are curious. While watching movies or television, or reading books, children will face the subject of death many times. It may be in these curious, less emotional times that you can lay the groundwork about death. This foundation can help your child cope when he or she does lose someone close to them.

Give short, simple answers

Young children cannot handle too much information at one time. It is easier to talk about death in a physical manner. For example saying, "Aunt Susie has died, and her body has stopped working. She can't walk or run, eat or sleep, and she doesn't feel any pain." This allows the child to see that death is different than being alive, and that the deceased person is not coming back.

Avoid euphemisms

"He is now sleeping." "He is resting in peace." "He is no longer with us." Children have concrete thoughts, and these phrases may be confusing to them. They will think, "when is he going to wake up?" "Where did he go and when is he coming back?" Or even worse, your child may become afraid to go to sleep or leave you because then they may die as well. Again, using short, honest lingo is best.

Express your emotions

Share your emotions and your own grief with your child. Explain how adults get sad and cry sometimes. Allow them to see that grieving is part of healing. Do not grieve in excess and frighten your child, but allow your child to see that you are sad and miss whoever passed away. Children are keen on mood changes and will feel that something is wrong if you are trying to hide your pain.

Prepare for several reactions

There is no way to tell how a child will react to death. Some children's emotions may be delayed by an inability to comprehend death. Eventually, those children will likely ask questions and become emotional. Other children will feel guilt or anger. Many children will begin to misbehave. Talk to your child and reassure them that it is not their fault and that you are there for them.

If your child is having a hard time coping with the death of a friend or loved one, seeking help from a professional may be needed.

Courtesy photo

Employees and volunteers with the West Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association — Janet Cross, from left, Michael Horder, Mary Wright McCourt, Jerri Scroggins and Ginamarie Soto — attended 2017 Alzheimer's Forum last month in Washington, D.C.

FORUM

From 3B

action on Alzheimer's.

In our state alone, there are more than 360,000 people living with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's or a related dementia. I have lost my grandfather to Alzheimer's, and my dad is currently living with this disease. Though we can't cure my loved ones, I can work toward achieving a world without Alzheimer's.

Alzheimer's deaths nearly doubled in the last 14 years, according to a 2017 report from the Alzheimer's Association. The report also reveals the cost for care for this disease has soared to $259 billion; $175 billion is borne by Medicare and Medicaid.

That's why I am urging U.S. Sens. Ted Cruz and John Cornyn and U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway to support a $414 million increase for federal Alzheimer's research funding. It is only through adequate funding and a strong implementation of the National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease, developed by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, that we will meet the goal of preventing and effectively treating Alzheimer's by 2025.

Mary Wright-McCourt is a volunteer with the West Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

TEST

From 1B

"We were motivated by veterans not getting attention when they're not in consultation," Sasangohar said. "There are 168 hours in a week. They are often only in counseling one hour, and the other 167 they are alone."

In the future, the watch will be able to record more data, which will use machine learning to understand what a person goes through before, during and after a PTSD episode. Texas A&M researchers hope to be able to establish when a PTSD episode is happening and then have the watch intervene perhaps by contacting a caregiver or asking the wearer questions.

"I figure it might not help me right now, but it could help my fellow veterans in the future," Mumma said. "I'm honored to be among the first to test it out."

Mumma served from 1987 to 1991 and now lives in Fair Oaks, California. Mumma has been riding competitively for four years, despite suffering from cystic osteosarcoma.

The number of veterans with PTSD varies, according to data from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Eleven percent to 20 percent of recent veterans have PTSD in a given year, with around 30 percent of Vietnam veterans having PTSD at some point in their lives.

When Mumma has a PTSD episode, his pulse shoots up from 70 beats per minute to 100.

Mumma said he used the watch to record an issue the night before the ride.

"Last night I had issues," Mumma said. "Good data."

Having the watch on his wrist helped him recognize what was happening and helped him focus on his breathing, Mumma said.

Jerry W. Padgett II, who served as a riverine in the Navy from 2001 to 2010, also wore the HeroTrak. He said he already has his labradoodle Bayley, who takes care of him, and in the future he might have the watch to help him, too.

Bayley can sense when Padgett is having seizures, which he suffers as a result of his injuries.

A recent investigation by the Department of Defense indicated that epilepsy incidence increased by 52 percent from 2006 to 2010, with about 8 percent of those with epilepsy having a previous diagnosis of traumatic brain injury. Studies of World War II and Korean War veterans linked epilepsy to traumatic brain injuries. One study observed 30 percent of those with a penetrating TBI developed epilepsy at some point.

Like Mumma, Padgett said he had an episode the night before the ride, which he said the watch recorded.

The watch could help clinicians get better objective data on sleep quality, as opposed to self-reported information, Sasangohar said.

Padgett settled into his recumbent bicycle as Bayley licked the side of his cheek below the rim of his helmet.

"She knows I'm about to head out for a ride," he said. He then wheeled out to the starting line and set off to hit the road on the way to Houston with his fellow wounded warriors.

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Prostate cancer tests are now OK with US panel, with caveats

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press

CHICAGO — An influential U.S. government advisory panel is dropping its opposition to routine prostate cancer screening in favor of letting men decide for themselves after talking with their doctor.

The new draft guidelines released Tuesday echo those of several leading medical groups, but they don't make the decision any easier for men: With their doctor's help, they have to decide whether to take an imperfect PSA test that has a small chance of detecting a deadly cancer and a larger chance of triggering unneeded worry and treatment with serious side effects.

"This isn't a one-size-fits-all" recommendation, said the panel's chair Dr. Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo, a San Francisco internist who already follows the advice and discusses the potential pros and cons with her patients.

Men whose greatest concern is reducing their chances of dying from cancer are sometimes willing to face the consequences and choose testing. "Other men will realize the likely benefit is small and aren't willing to risk the harms," she said.

PSA screening to detect the most common male cancer is among the most heated topics in men's health. It involves a simple blood test for elevated levels of a protein that may signal cancer but also can be caused by less serious prostate problems. It can find cancer that frequently doesn't need treatment because it's too small and slow growing to become deadly. Doctors say there's no good way to tell which early cancers might become lethal. The next step is often radiation or surgery to remove the prostate, which may result in impotence and incontinence.

The new recommendations come from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, a government-appointed volunteer panel of experts. The group says the change is based on new evidence indicating that routine PSA blood tests can slightly reduce some men's chances of dying from prostate cancer and that drastic treatment can sometimes be avoided with close monitoring when cancer is detected.

The shift shelves the panel's 2012 guidance, which prompted criticism from some urologists — specialists who treat the disease — and angered some prostate cancer patients certain that PSA screening had saved their lives.

The new advice published Tuesday closely aligns the panel with medical groups that also support shared decision-making. The biggest remaining difference is timing. The task force draft says screening conversations should begin at age 55. Other groups say start earlier, depending on family history of prostate cancer and other factors. It recommends against testing men aged 70 and older.

The panel leaves open how often men should be screened. It does not recommend earlier testing for blacks and those with a family history but says they should know their risks are higher.

Dr. Meir Stampfer, a Harvard University cancer expert, called the new advice "a more reasoned approach." He said PSA tests make sense if they do not lead to overly aggressive treatment. His research suggests that more than 1 in 5 men worldwide have undetected prostate cancer, including more than 40 million Americans, but that most will die of other causes.

The task force's 2012 advice against screening said there was little evidence that PSA screening was reducing deaths. Since then, PSA screening rates have declined by as much as 10 percent, and now fewer than one-third of U.S. men get the tests. Fewer men are being diagnosed with early-stage disease, when it is more treatable, while more are being diagnosed with more aggressive harder-to-treat cancer.

The panel says its new advice stems from long-term research indicating that for every 1,000 men offered PSA screening, one to two will avoid death from prostate cancer and three will avoid prostate cancer spreading to other organs.

Newer research also has shown benefits from "active surveillance" of men whose initial PSA tests and biopsies indicate slow-growing cancer that hasn't spread, the panel said. This approach includes repeated PSA tests and close monitoring, which can delay or even avoid the need for treatment.

The task force's recommendations influence U.S. government policy and are widely followed by primary care physicians. Medicare and many private insurers have continued to pay for the screening. The panel reviews evidence and issues advice for a variety of screenings and treatments.

"It sounds like cooler heads have prevailed," said Dr. Jim Hu, a urologist and prostate cancer specialist at New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center who called the old advice "draconian."

The draft prostate cancer recommendations, announced online in the Journal of the American Medical Association, are open for public comment on the task force website until May 8. Final guidance will come months later but the panel's guidelines typically echo its draft advice.

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

SOLUTION TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLE

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DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 They broke their 108-year World Series drought in 2016
5 Medical picture
9 Gives out
14 Lustrous gem
15 "Bloom County" reporter
16 Very small
17 Dean's list honorees
19 Pasture sound
20 Add to the pot
21 Electronic sci-fi antagonist
23 "¡Dios __!"
24 Cannes cup
25 Thiamine and riboflavin
28 FBI operative
29 Number before vier
31 Spring bloomer
32 Flip (through)
34 Son of Zeus and Hera
36 In tune
37 Two-variable marketing experiment
40 Diving bird
43 Way out yonder
44 Inscribe
48 After morays, say
50 Mined matter
52 Mexican gold
53 First novel in Willa Cather's Great Plains trilogy
55 Apartment sign
57 Go bad
58 Under the weather
59 Javier __, first Spanish actor to win an Oscar
60 "Good __!"
62 Classification suggested by the beginning of 17-, 25-, 37- and 53-Across
65 Not always helpful reply to "Who's there?"
66 Like bad fried food
67 Shed tools
68 Early fur trader
69 Ties the knot
70 Joint possession word

DOWN

1 Like beachfront property
2 Steal the spotlight from
3 Cuban dictator overthrown by Castro
4 Nasty remarks
5 Marvel Comics mutants
6 __ Tin Tin
7 PC key
8 Super Mario World dinosaur
9 Decorate elaborately
10 End of a general's URL
11 Low-fat frozen dessert
12 Many a new hire
13 "If you will"
18 Fizzled out
22 __ crossroads
25 First interracial coed college in the South
26 Tries to win
27 Canine ailment
30 Chinese zodiac animal
33 One-named Italian male model
35 "The Fault in Our __": 2014 film
38 Nickname for a 2000s tabloid item
39 Anger
40 Black Sea republic
41 Police paperwork
42 High-and-mighty sort
45 "Just like I said"
46 Climbing plant
47 Disordered yet appealing person
49 Salon application
51 Dutch town
54 Nudge
56 Weed B Gon maker
59 School restroom sign
61 Confessional rock genre
63 Fabrication
64 Not up-to-date

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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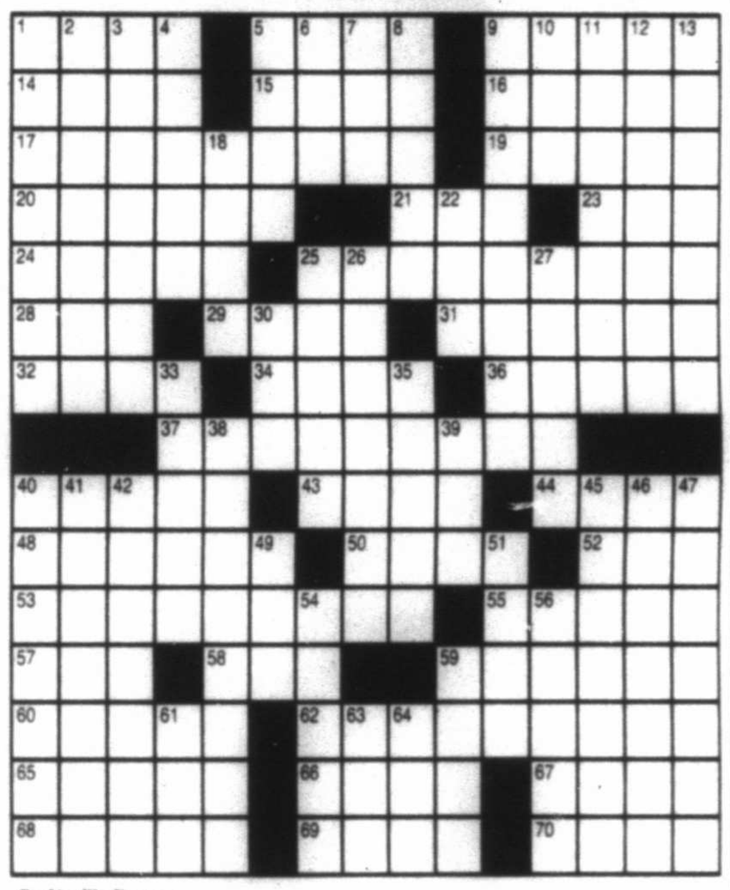

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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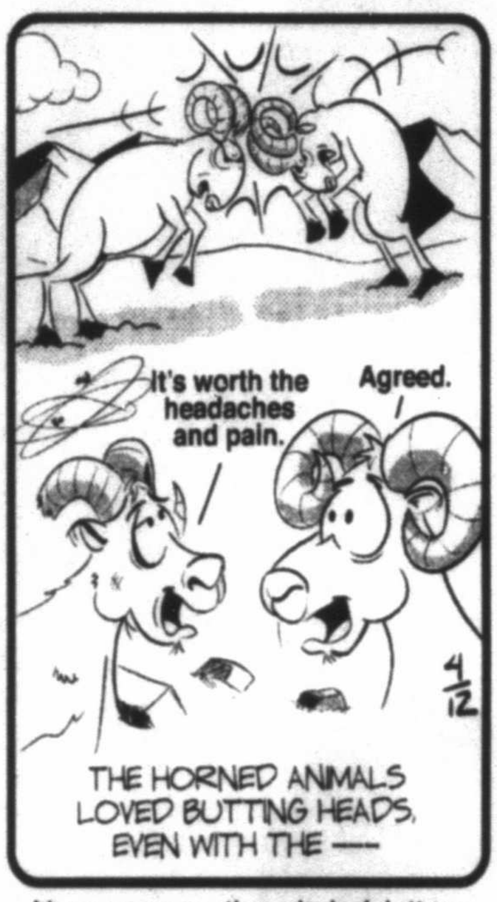

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: TREND LUNGE NEGATE RARITY
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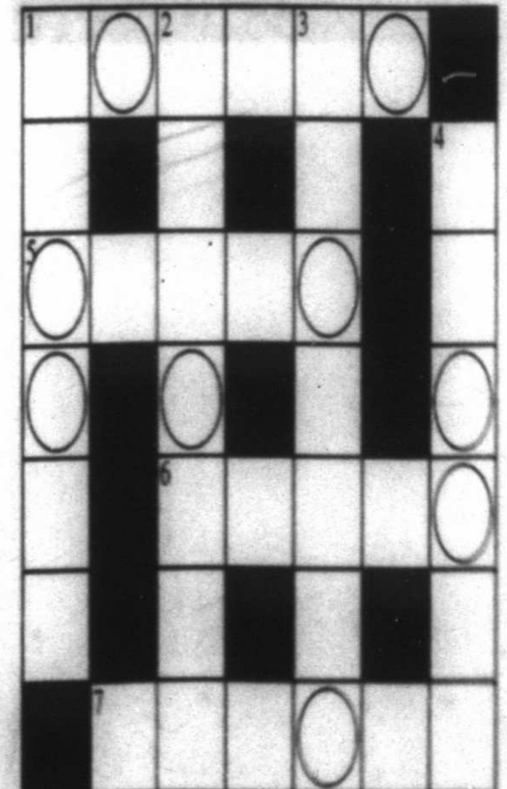

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Paltry	MISYPK
5. Complain	AGRON
6. Despise	RHBAO
7. Almost	LEANYR

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Sweet	RAYSGU
2. Set apart	TSOILEA
3. "The Pink ___"	NAREPTH
4. Somewhat	AIFLRY

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

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CLUE: This person was born in Brooklyn, New York on Nov. 19, 1933.

BONUS

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ANSWERS: IN-Stamp SA-Groan CA-Never TA-Nearly TR-Quality ZO-Shower AO-Early E-Lary King

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AWARENESS EVENT

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

A child abuse awareness event sponsored by CASA was held Tuesday at Midland College.

Children with visual impairments hunt for beeping eggs

■ Sheriff's department bomb squad partners with school to provide educational opportunity

By Shane Newell
Orange County Register

SANTA ANA, Calif.— Beep-beep, beep-beep.

As members of the Orange County Sheriff's Department bomb squad watched, more than two dozen students at Blind Children's Learning Center rushed out of their classroom on Friday to scoop up as many Easter eggs — each sounding like a fire alarm — as they could find.

The hunt for the kids, age 3 to 6, presented a unique challenge, as they were tasked with finding the eggs through a combination of sight and sound.

With help from volunteers and deputies, the children, some of whom were in wheelchairs, grabbed the eggs. Others ran around chasing their friends before paying a visit to the Easter bunny.

"To see these kids have the opportunities to enjoy being a child in a quality living environment is what's important," said Rick Edgmon, a reserve sheriff's deputy.

Edgmon said one of the better parts of his job is helping children.

"It's one of the positive aspects that we get to see," he said. "The children are our future."

Minutes before the hunt, members of the bomb squad hid 60 eggs throughout the playground, tucking them inside the jungle gym, tire swing and other spots.

The school, whose students have varying degrees of sight, has partnered with the bomb squad for the past two years.

"We want them to be kids and have fun like everybody else," said Carolyn Baker, the center's development director.

The aim of the egg hunt is educational, too, teaching students with vision impairments to use both sight and sound, Baker said.

"We want people to understand that you don't limit them and their possibilities," she said.

Students participating in the egg hunt are part of the school's Bright Vision program, which brings together children with vision impairments with others who are fully sighted, according to the school's website. The program teaches kids of all backgrounds about working together.

Blind Children's Learning Center intern Angel Sepulveda said he doesn't think of students differently based on their level of sight after working at the school.

"It kind of gives you joy," Sepulveda said, as he watched his students search for eggs.

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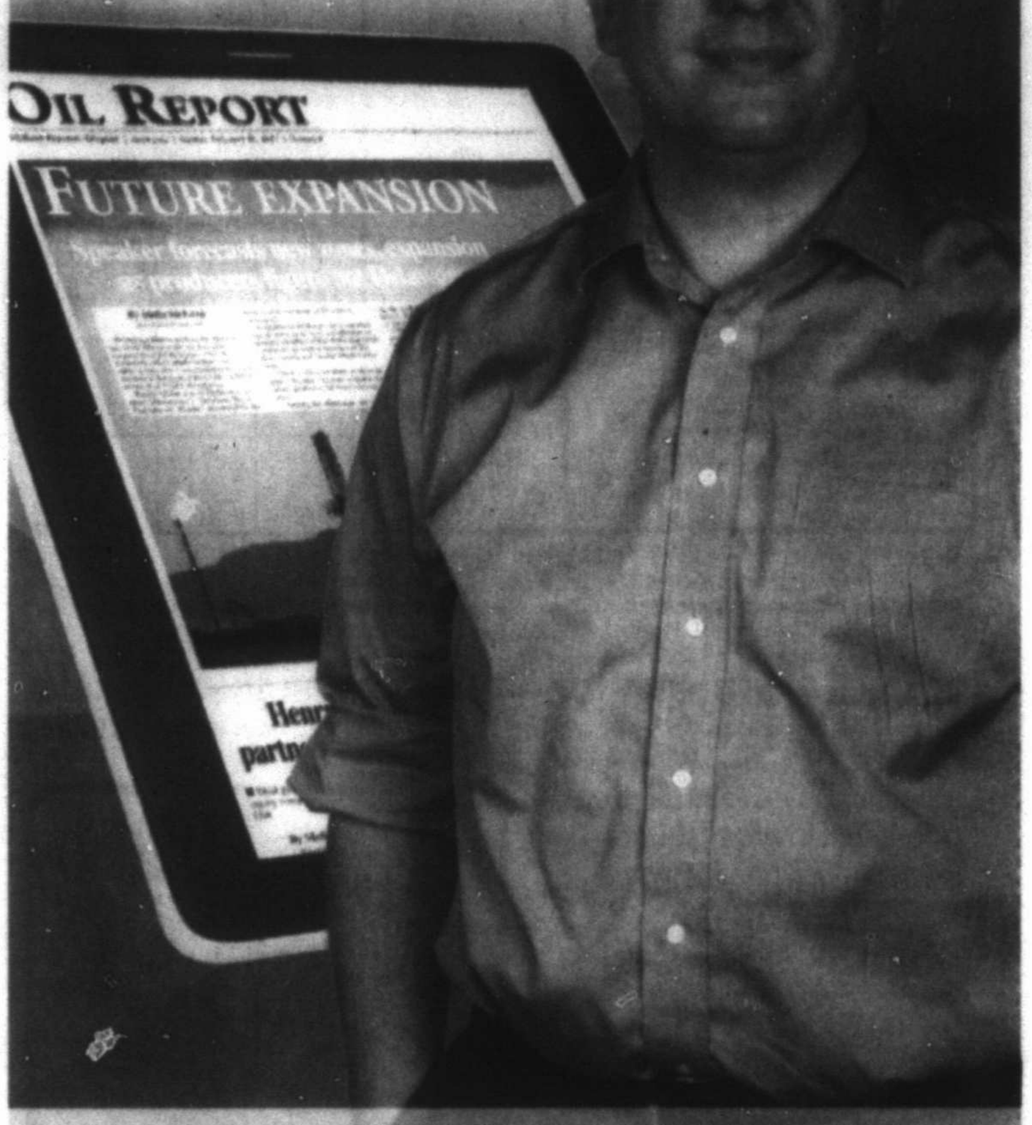

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MIDLAND HEALTH

Frenship, Brown prove too much for Lady Rebels

Overton

James

By Christopher Hadorn
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The Lee softball team was determined to not let Wolfforth Frenship freshman Hayden Brown beat it in Tuesday's District 2-6A game.

The Lady Rebels walked Brown, an LSU commit, three times.

It didn't matter for the Lady Tigers, as the rest of the lineup picked up the slack during a 14-4 run-rule victory over Lee in six innings at Gene Smith Field.

Frenship pounded out 12 hits and drew 10 walks, and put the game out of reach with a seven-run fourth inning when it sent 13 batters to the plate.

With the win, the Lady Tigers (17-10, 6-2 in 2-6A) clinched a playoff spot and stayed in first place of the District 2-6A standings after entering the day in a three-way tie with Odessa High and Midland High.

The Lady Rebels (18-9, 2-6) dropped their third-straight game, and they needed Midland High to defeat Odessa Permian late Tuesday night in order to stay alive for the district fourth and final playoff spot.

"I was pretty pleased with our offense," Lady Tigers coach Robby Dickinson said. "We got the timely hits when we needed to. You score runs when that happens."

During Frenship's seven-run fourth, Brown was walked twice on four pitches by order of Lee coach Wes Overton, where Lee catcher Baylee Leonard set up behind the left-handed batter's box and all four offerings were delivered wide of the plate.

Brown's second walk that inning occurred in a bases loaded situation after the Lady Tigers had already scored five runs in the stanza.

"I would have done the same thing Coach Overton did," Dickinson said. "I think, 'OK, she's capable of taking it out of the park.' You know four runs versus one run, so that was a smart move on his part."

Brown reached base in all five plate appearances, going 2-for-2 with two runs scored.

Frenship starting pitcher Torrey Hogan held Lee to only one hit and no runs through the first four innings.

However, the Lady Rebels showed life at the plate in the final two frames, banging seven hits and scoring one run in the fifth inning, and three runs in the sixth.

Shelby Olivas and Emily Gonzalez provided RBI singles for Lee, but the late hits happened too late. Overton couldn't explain why his Lady Rebels tend to show up in spurts, unable to sustain consistency throughout a game.

"That is the million dollar question," Overton said. "If I knew that, I could win every game I coached, but I can't answer that. I don't know."

Lady Tigers second baseman Hailee Little hit a bases-clearing triple in the first inning, staking Frenship to a 3-0 lead.

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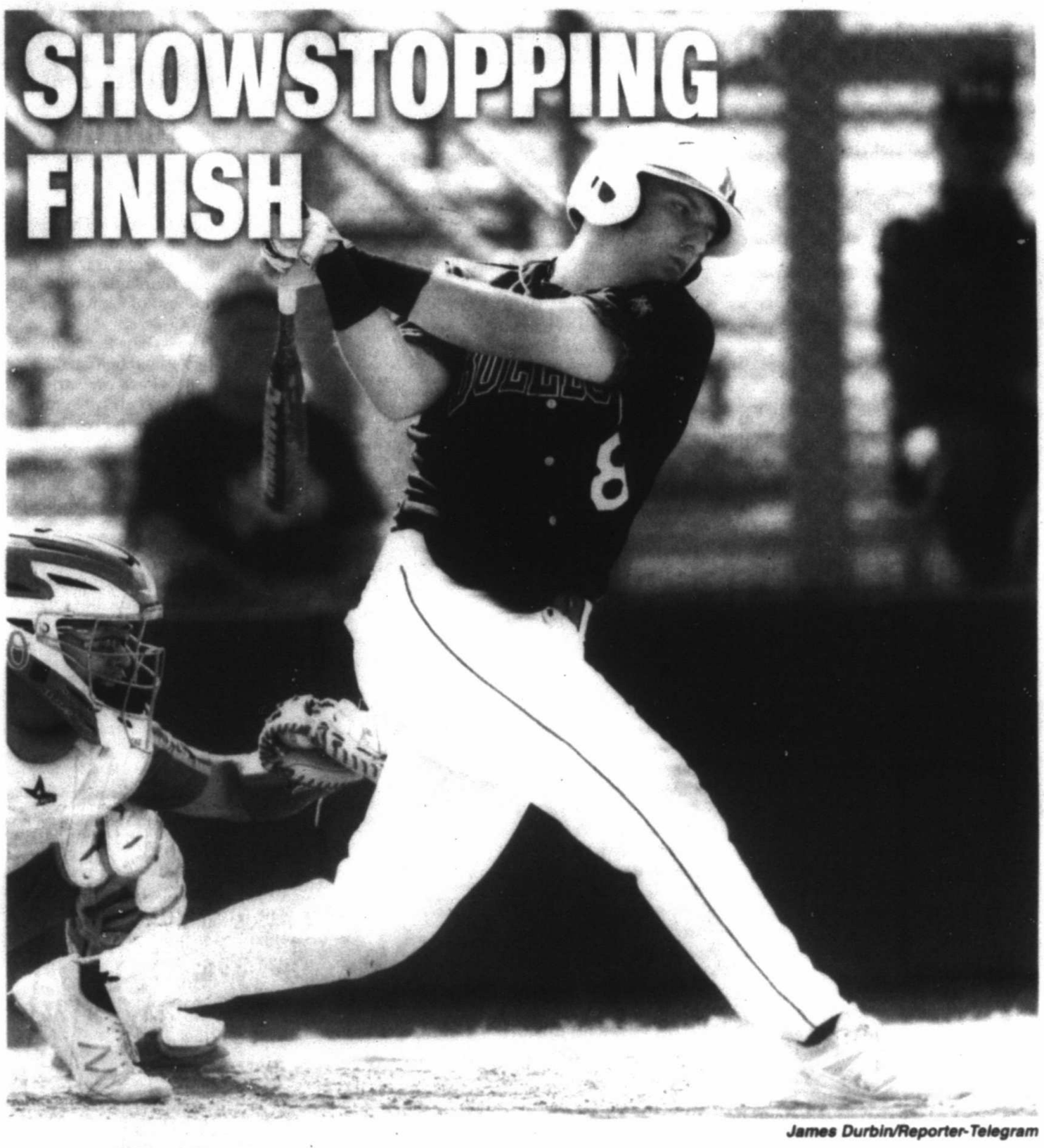

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Midland High's Sam Matchus (8) swings against Odessa High on Tuesday at Zachery Field.

Wade, MHS pull out extra-inning win over OHS

By Will Korn
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With the game tied 2-2 in the bottom of the ninth, Midland High sophomore leadoff hitter Tyler Wade didn't allow a two-out, two-strike situation to faze him against Odessa High's hard-throwing Shandon Herrera.

Instead, Wade calmly lined a rope to right center that scored courtesy runner Michael Madrid from third as the winning run in the Bulldogs' 3-2 District 2-6A victory over the Bronchos on Tuesday at Zachery Field.

To avoid piling on unnecessary pressure, Wade said he wanted to keep things simple with the game on the line.

"(I needed to) just put the ball in play and do what we do," Wade said.

With the win, the Bulldogs (13-12, 7-3 in District 2-6A) moved above .500 for the first time this season and have now reeled off four straight victories. MHS also clinched the season series over now fourth-place OHS (15-11, 5-5) and combined with Lee's 6-5 loss at Odessa Permian Tuesday, claimed sole possession of second place.

As uplifting as the Bulldogs' win was, the battle to earn the result was every bit as grueling. Bronchos' starter Josh Armendariz styimed MHS through six sparkling innings, as he allowed just one unearned run on one hit — a single by MHS starter Brooks Betcher in the second.

The Bulldogs took a 1-0 lead in the second on an RBI groundout by Chris Sims, but MHS did anything but square up Armendariz all afternoon.

MHS head coach Barry Russell, who saw Armendariz pitch for the Bronchos during last month's Tournament of Champions, knew his lineup would be challenged.

"We can say our hitting stunk but we could say their pitching was really good," Russell said. "(Armendariz) kept us really off balance and we knew he would. You don't have to throw hard in high school if you've got movement and he has movement. I told him after the game 'That was a great performance.'"

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Crosby, McDavid, players to watch in NHL playoffs

By Larry Lage
Associated Press

Sidney Crosby might be peaking as the playoffs arrive, with a shot to help the Pittsburgh Penguins become the first franchise in nearly two decades to hoist the Stanley Cup in consecutive seasons.

That's a scary thought for the rest of the NHL.

Crosby led the league with 44 goals, at least four more than anyone else, and had 89 points for his highest total in three years. He had 19 points in the postseason last year as Pittsburgh won the Stanley Cup for the second time in his career and first since 2009.

"I think Sidney is playing the best hockey of his career," Tampa Bay Lightning general manager Steve Yzerman said as the regular season wrapped up over the weekend.

The Hall of Famer has a unique perspective on Crosby. Yzerman played against Crosby during the 2005-06 season, his last season with the Detroit Red Wings and Sid The Kid's first in Pittsburgh. Yzerman picked him to play for Canada at the Olympics and Crosby led the way to gold medals in 2014 and 2010. Yzerman and the rest of the hockey world also watched Crosby take over last fall in the World Cup of Hockey to help the Canadians rally for gold.

Yzerman helped Detroit hoist the Cup in consecutive years in 1997 and 1998, the last team to pull off the feat, and he believes Crosby can help the Penguins do it if they can stay healthy, starting with their first-round matchup against Columbus that begins Wednesday night. With the Red Wings relegated to

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AP file photo

Pittsburgh Penguins' Sidney Crosby plays March 26 during an NHL game against the Philadelphia Flyers in Pittsburgh.

Romo's honorary Mav day turns spectacle for final home game

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

DALLAS — Tony Romo couldn't say no when Dirk Nowitzki asked the retiring Dallas Cowboys quarterback to join the Mavericks as an honorary teammate for a day.

Now it's turned into a scene, with dozens of media members showing up for a morning shootaround before a meaningless final Dallas home against Denver on Tuesday night, with both teams eliminated from the playoffs.

Romo's "Mav for a day" experience came exactly a week after it was announced that he was leaving the Cowboys and joining CBS as the No. 1 NFL analyst. He lost his job as the Dallas starter to Dak Prescott last season and chose TV over pursuing a starting job with another team with his 37th birthday approaching next week.

"At first, I was just feeling like I didn't deserve any of that," Romo said of his initial first reaction to the offer. "Standing here today, I feel a little embarrassed to be honest in the sense that you're lucky enough to be in position, that someone cares enough to do something to honor you."

But Romo said it was a "no-brainer" to accept the offer of a tribute from Nowitzki and Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle. He will be in uniform in his football No. 9 and go through pregame warmups and introductions. Carlisle said Monday that Romo wouldn't play.

When the shootaround was over, a member of the Mavericks staff whistled a circus theme song while walking past reporters. On the court, Romo was playing with his youngest son, Rivers.

A long line of media members followed Romo off the court, then filled the room where Carlisle does his game-day interviews.

"I had close to 600 text messages that I'm still working on," said Romo, the all-time leader in yards passing and touchdowns for the storied Cowboys franchise but lacking a Super Bowl title. "And 100-some calls and a bunch of other stuff.

"I guess it just makes you feel that you accomplished something in some ways. I feel

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Former Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo, left, plays with his son Rivers Romo after a Dallas Mavericks morning NBA shoot around in Dallas on Tuesday.

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TUESDAY'S SCORE
Springfield 2, Midland 1

THURSDAY'S GAME
Midland at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.

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Tuesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Springfield 2, Midland 1	Midland at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Springfield, 4:10 p.m.

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FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Australian Football League
West Coasts vs. Sydney, 5 a.m., FSP

College Softball
Nebraska at Iowa Game 1, 3 p.m., BTN
Nebraska at Iowa Game 2, 5:30 p.m., BTN
Florida State at Florida, 6 p.m., SEC

Golf
LPGA: LOTTE Championship, 1st Round, 6 p.m., GOLF
EPGA: Trophee Hassan II, 1st Round, 5:30 a.m., GOLF

Hockey
KHL Gagarin Cup Finals, Game 3: Metallurg MG at SKA, 11:30 a.m., ELVN

Major League Baseball
Tampa Bay at NY Yankees, Noon, MLB
LA Dodgers at Chicago Cubs, 7 p.m., MLB
Texas at LA Angels, 9 p.m., FSSW
Houston at Seattle, 9 p.m., ROOT

Men's Soccer
UEFA Champions Quarterfinal, Leg 1: FC Bayern Munich vs. Real Madrid CF, 1:30 p.m., FS1, ESPNDEP
UEFA Champions Quarterfinal, Leg 1: Atletico Madrid vs. Leicester City FC, 1:30 p.m., FS2, FXDEP
Liga MX: Queretaro FC vs. Tijuana, 6:50 p.m., UDN
Liga MX: Club America vs. Club Necaxa, 8:50 p.m., UniMas, UDN
Liga MX: CF Pachuca vs. CF Monarcas Morelia, 9 p.m., NBCU
Liga MX: Club Atlas vs. Universidad Nacional, 9:20 p.m., AZTECA
National Basketball Association
Atlanta at Indiana, 7 p.m., ESPN
Dallas at Memphis, 7 p.m., FS Go
New Orleans at Portland, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

National Hockey League
East 1st Round, Game 1: NY Rangers at Montreal, 6 p.m., NBCSN
East 1si Round, Game 1: Boston at Ottawa, 6 p.m., NHL
East 1st Round, Game 1: Columbus at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m., USA
West 1st Round, Game 1: St. Louis at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m., NBCSN
West 1st Round, Game 1: San Jose at Edmonton, 9 p.m., USA

Tennis
ATP: Grand Prix Hassan II, 5 a.m., TENNIS

RADIO

Major League Baseball
Texas at LA Angels, 9 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 106.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa)
Houston at Seattle, 9 p.m., KXCS 105.5 FM (Big Spring)

National Basketball Association
Dallas at Memphis, 7 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)
San Antonio at Utah, 8 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

MC BASEBALL

MC'S HAYWARD GETS WEEKLY HONOR

Midland College sophomore third baseman Braden Hayward was named the Western Junior College Athletic Conference Baseball Position Player of the Week for April 2-8.

Hayward hit .579 for the week with three home runs, 13 RBI and seven runs scored.

Odessa College's Connor Queen was named WJCAC Baseball Pitcher of the Week after going allowing no earned runs, two hits with five strikeouts in a win.

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

Softball
Fort Worth Christian at Midland Christian, 10 a.m.

Tennis
TAPPS 5A State Tournament, Waco

Track
District 2-6A meet, San Angelo

Track
District 4-4A meet, Andrews

Junior college

Baseball
New Mexico JC at Midland College, 6:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Placed OF Jackie Bradley Jr. on the 10-day DL. Optioned INF Deven Marrero to Pawtucket (IL). Reinstated SS Xander Bogaerts from the bereavement list and LHP Drew Pomeranz from the 10-day DL.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Claimed INF Ty Kelly off waivers from the N.Y. Mets. Transferred RHP Glenn Sparkman to the 60-day DL. Activated RHP Roberto Osuna from the 10-day DL. Optioned RHP Casey Lawrence to Buffalo (IL).

National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Agreed to terms with RHP Jason Motte on a minor league contract.
COLORADO ROCKIES — Sent RHP Jairo Diaz to Lancaster (Cal) for a rehab assignment.
MIAMI MARLINS — Sent RHP Odrisamer Despaigne to Jupiter (FSL) for a rehab assignment.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Assigned RHP Michael Blazek outright to Colorado Springs (PCL).
NEW YORK METS — Sent OF Juan Lagares to St. Lucie (FSL) for a rehab assignment.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with RHP Joe Nathan on a minor league contract.

American Association
CLEBURNE RAILROADERS — Signed C Shawn Zarraga. Released INF Gerardo Avila.
FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Released OF Matt Kranka.
KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Signed RHP Kamaiphin Lilue.
ST. PAUL SAINTS — Signed RHP Seth Rosin. Traded OF Alonzo Harris to York for a player to be named.
TEXAS AIRHOGS — Signed OF Charley Thurber.
WICHITA WINGNUTS — Signed INF Matt Chavez.
WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed 1B Shawn Pfeffner and C Conor Sullivan. Released INF Stefan Sabol.

Can-Am League
OTTAWA CHAMPIONS — Signed INF Ricky Cespedes.
TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Signed RHP Chris Murphy.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
ATLANTA HAWKS — Promoted Malik Rose to general manager of Erie (NBADL).

FOOTBALL
National Football League
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Released CB Makinton Dorleant.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Traded DE Chris Smith to Cincinnati for a conditional 2018 draft pick. Released LB Dan Skuta.

Canadian Football League
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed QB Myles Carr and WR Quintarian Davis.

HOCKEY
USA HOCKEY — Named Jeff Blashill coach of the 2017 U.S. Men's IIHF National Team.

National Hockey League
NEW YORK RANGERS — Assigned G Magnus Hellberg and F Taylor Beck to Hartford (AHL).

American Hockey League
AHL — Suspended San Jose F Zack Stortini two games and Grand Rapids D Dan Renouf one game.
BAKERSFIELD CONDORS — Signed LWs Evan Campbell and Evan Polei to amateur tryout agreements.
BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Agreed to terms with F Jeff Kubiak on an amateur tryout agreement.
MILWAUKEE ADMIRALS — Signed F Tyler Moy to an amateur tryout agreement.
SPRINGFIELD THUNDERBIRDS — Returned Fs Matt Leitner and Tony Turgeon and D Colton Saucerman to Manchester (AHL). Recalled F Rihards Bukarts from Manchester.

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MANCHESTER MONARCHS — Announced F Matt Leitner, D Colton Saucerman and D Tony Turgeon were returned to the team by Springfield (AHL). Announced LW Rihards Bukarts was recalled by Springfield.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
MLS — Suspended Orlando City M Matias Perez Garcia one game and fined him an undisclosed amount for violent conduct during an April 9 match against New York.

COLLEGE
CALIFORNIA — Named Chris Walker men's assistant basketball coach and Keith Brown director of men's basketball operations.
LOUISVILLE — Announced junior men's basketball C Mattz Strickman will transfer to Minnesota.
NEW MEXICO — Named Paul Weir men's basketball coach.
WASHINGTON — Signed football coach Chris Petersen to a contract extension through the 2023 season.

NHL GLANCE

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
Saturday, April 15
Today's games
New York at Montreal, 6 p.m.
Boston at Ottawa, 6 p.m.
Columbus at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
San Jose at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Thursday's games
Toronto at Washington, 6 p.m.
Nashville at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.
Friday, April 14
New York at Montreal, 6 p.m.
Columbus at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
St. Louis at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 15
Boston at Ottawa, 2 p.m.
Toronto at Washington, 6 p.m.
Nashville at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 16
Minnesota at St. Louis, 2 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Columbus, 5 p.m.
Montreal at New York, 6 p.m.
Edmonton at San Jose, 9 p.m.
Monday, April 17
Ottawa at Boston, 6 p.m.
Washington at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Nashville, 8:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Calgary, 9 p.m.

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Midland High's McMaryion wins two field events at district meet

From staff reports

SAN ANGELO — Midland High senior Courtney McMaryion won both the boys high jump with a mark of 6 feet, 6 inches and the long jump with a distance of 22-1.75 during the District 2-6A Track and Field Championships, Tuesday at San Angelo Stadium.

McMaryion qualified for the Districts 1-6A/2-6A Area Meet in Wolfforth on April 21, which invites the top four performers in each event from the District 2-6A meet.

In addition to McMaryion, the MHS boys received first-place finishes from senior Ryan Giddens in the pole vault (14-0) and senior Dillon Springer in the discus (155-11).

Lee senior Heavyn Burnett took home a gold medal in the girls triple jump with a first-place mark of 35-7.75.

Midland High sophomore Jenia Mitchell won the girls 3,200 meters with a time of 12 minutes, 20.34 seconds.

Lee freshman Paige Low earned a silver medal with her second-place showing in the girls discus (116-9).

Lee senior Jorrdyn Dunn finished third in the boys long jump (21-10.25) and MHS sophomore Kandus Box placed third in the girls 3,200 meters (12:33.07).

The District 2-6A meet concludes today.

District 2-6A Track and Field Championships
At San Angelo Stadium, San Angelo
Tuesday
Top 4 performers earn berths to the Districts 1-6A/2-6A Area Meet, April 21 in Wolfforth

Boys

3,200 — 1. Briggs Williams, Amarillo Tascosa, 9:33.86; 2. Wesley McPhail, Amarillo Tascosa, 9:51.63; 3. Tyler Mitford, San Angelo Central, 10:01.28; 4. Cade Michael, Midland High, 10:06.67; 5. Lorenzo Mendez, Midland High, 10:18.32; 6. Jose Ortiz, Amarillo Tascosa, 10:28.10

High jump — 1. Courtney McMaryion, Midland High, 6 feet, 6 inches; 2. Adrien Davila, Odessa Permian, 6-0; 3. Chaunce Askew, Tascosa, 6-0; 4. Carl Taylor, Lee, 6-0; 5. Adam West, San Angelo Central, 6-0; 6. (tie) Darius Manning, Midland High, 5-10; Duriel Taylor, San Angelo Central, 5-10

Long jump — 1. Courtney McMaryion, Midland High, 22-1.75; 2. Shahada Wells, Tascosa, 22-10.50; 3. Jorrdyn Dunn, Lee, 21-10.25; 4. Matthew Childress, San Angelo Central, 20-9; 5. (tie) Isaac Rodriguez, Frenship, 20-5.25; Michael Cumer, Permian, 20-5.25

Pole vault — 1. Ryan Giddens, Midland High, 14-0; 2. (tie) Jamieu Lemert, Tascosa, 13-0; Justin Yoes, San Angelo Central, 13-0; 4. Rory Maguire, Lee, 12-6; 5. Brandon Sobotka, San Angelo Central, 11-6; 6. Dawson Hays, Odessa High, 11-6

Shot put — 1. Jacob Piel, Frenship, 54-0; 2. Cameron Cross, San Angelo Central, 53-3.25; 3. Braden Robinson, Frenship, 48-6; 4. Aundra Fields, Tascosa, 47-4.25; 5. Paxton Hetting, Midland High, 46-11.50; 6. Gehrig Scott, San Angelo Central, 46-11.50

Discus — 1. Dillon Springer, Midland High, 155-11; 2. Aundra Fields, Tascosa, 150-6; 3. Baily Perez, Odessa High, 145-1; 4. Jacobi Lott, Tascosa, 143-6; 5. Mitchell Murray, Tascosa, 141-4; 6. Jacob Eugenio, Frenship, 139-8

Girls

3,200 — 1. Jenia Mitchell, Midland High, 12:20.34; 2. Macy Jurasit, Amarillo Tascosa, 12:21.80; 3. Kandus Box, Midland High, 12:33.07; 4. Victoria Ramirez, Wolfforth Frenship, 12:41.33; 5. Shelby Schmidt, Midland High, 12:51.42; 6. Mikayla Bell, Amarillo Tascosa, 13:05.75

High jump — 1. Megan Burge, San Angelo Central, 5 feet, 6 inches; 2. Akor Mayein, Permian, 5-4; 3. Maisonna Martinez, San Angelo Central, 5-2; 4. Ke'asuh Williams, Odessa Permian, 5-2; 5. Tyra Harris, Permian, 5-0; 6. Cassandra Avalt, Frenship, 5-0

Triple jump — 1. Heavyn Burnett, Lee, 35-7.75; 2. Reajiona Topez, Tascosa, 35-3.3; Abby Boyd, Tascosa, 33-2; 4. Aneesa Fletcher, Permian, 34-11; 5. Aliyah Marsh, San Angelo Central, 34-9.50; 6. Cassandra Avalt, Frenship, 34-4.50

Pole vault — 1. Sarah Tackitt, Frenship, 10-6; 2. Kaylee Kimes, Tascosa, 10-0; 3. Jazmin Diaz, San Angelo Central, 9-0; 4. Kailey Seymour, Central, 9-0; 5. Daniella Toledo, Frenship, 8-6; 6. Yesi Davila, Tascosa, 8-6

Shot put — 1. Megan Hartline, Frenship, 41-1.50; 2. Calyha Brown, Permian, 40-8.75; 3. Taylor Vuelvas, Permian, 37-2; 4. Mia Black, Permian, 36-2.75; 5. Hannah Tyson, Frenship, 35-0; 6. Grace Econmidis, San Angelo Central, 34-8.75

Discus — 1. Megan Hartline, Frenship, 122-0; 2. Paige Low, Lee, 116-9; 3. Calyha Brown, Permian, 114-2; 4. Alessandra Rendon, Tascosa, 107-1; 5. Mia Rivera, Midland High, 107-0; 6. Addison Wilson, Frenship, 106-10

MHS' Fricker shares 2-6A top midfielder honors

From staff reports

Midland High senior Claudia Fricker was named co-Midfielder of the Year in the All-District 2-6A Girls Soccer Team just released.

Fricker shared the award with Odessa High's Ashley Venegas. Four other Midland High players were named to the all-district first team in senior Ashlynn Dominguez, sophomore Raquel Houston, senior Marli Martin, and junior Kylie VonHolle.

Fricker

Lee had two players named to the first team in senior Jessy Luna and junior Gabrielle Granado.

District champion Wolfforth Frenship took the top awards as Allison Scott was named MVP, while Gery Joy was named Coach of the Year.

District 2-6A All-District Girls Soccer
MVP - Allison Scott, Sr., Wolfforth Frenship
Co-Defensive MVP - Shadey Haney, Jr., Frenship; Lyvani Ross, Fr., Odessa High
Offensive MVP - Chloe Woodard, So., Frenship
Co-Midfielder of the Year - Claudia Fricker, Sr., Midland High; Ashley Venegas, Jr., Odessa High
Goalkeeper of the Year - Janne Hamisht, Sr., Amarillo Tascosa
Newcomer of the Year - Jenafur Warren, So., Odessa Permian
Coach of the Year - Gery Joy, Frenship
Referee of the Year - Gary Stull, Midland/Odessa
Sports Writer of the Year - Will Korn, Midland Reporter-Telegram

First Team All-District
Ashlynn Dominguez, Sr., Midland High; Michaela Graf, Sr., Frenship; Grabriella Granado, Jr., Lee; Madalyn Hoel, So., Frenship; Raquel Houston, So., Midland High; Natalie Jones, So., Frenship; Hannah King, Jr., Amarillo Tascosa; Zaida Lopez, Sr., Odessa; Jessy Luna, Sr., Lee; Marli Martin, Sr., Midland High; Tobi McCoy, So., Odessa Permian; Candace Mireles, Sr., Odessa High; Victoria Ramirez, Jr., Frenship; Cameron Rodriguez, Jr., Odessa High; Hayley Simmons, Sr., Permian; Lyndsen Sterling, Sr., Permian; Kylie VonHolle, Jr., Midland High; Jalyn Kocsis, Jr., Tascosa

Second Team All-District
Mikayla Bell, So., Tascosa; Blanca Cervantez, Jr., Frenship; Aryel Garcia, So., Frenship; Brittney Gonzalez, Sr., Odessa High; Lexi Jackson, Fr., Frenship; Rylee Rae Leonard, Jr., Lee; Melanie Ramirez, So., Odessa High; Allison Robinson, So., Midland High; Destany Rodriguez, Sr., Lee; Chloe Tarabesky, Sr., Midland High; Natalie Terry, So., Permian; Lyndsey Vargas, Sr., Midland High; Samantha Vasquez, So., Frenship; Sierra Vigil, So., Odessa High; Mackenzie Woody, Jr., Permian

Honorable Mention
Maxi Armendariz, So., Permian; Yverika Gonzales, Sr., Odessa High; Chloe Marmitt, So., Tascosa; Ashlyn Morales, Fr., Lee; Hattie Renfro, Fr., Lee; Reagan Rivas, So., Midland High; Alyssa Rocha, So., Odessa High; Avery Rodriguez, Sr., Permian; Maria Rodriguez, Sr., Tascosa; Jasmine Sepeda, Sr., Frenship; Lexi Tindle, So., Midland High; Morgan Zapata, Jr., Frenship

Lee finishes 5th, MHS 10th in 2-6A tourney

From staff reports

ABILENE — The Lee boys golf team finished in fifth place at the District 2-6A Tournament held Tuesday at Diamondback Golf Course.

The Rebels finished with a two-round 668 total, 62 shots back of district champion Odessa Permian. Wolfforth Frenshp was second with a 611, San Angelo Central (619) was third and Amarillo Tascosa (648) was fourth. Midland High finished in 10th with a 725.

Central's Jensen Smith was the district medalist champion with 140 total, five shots behind Permian's Will Adams.

District 2-6A Boys Golf Tournament
at Diamondback Golf Course, Abilene
Tuesday's final round
***Region I-6A qualifier**

Team standings — 1. *Odessa Permian (302-304—606); 2. *Wolfforth Frenship I 303-308—611; 3. San Angelo Central I 310-309—619; 4. Amarillo Tascosa I 321-327—648; 5. Lee 334-334—668; 6. Wolfforth Frenship II 337-333—670; 7. Odessa Permian II 344-351—695; 8. Odessa High I 344-358—702; 9. Amarillo Tascosa II 361-362—723; 10. Midland High 359-366—725; 11. Odessa High II 399-393—791; 12. Lee II 390-424—814; 13. San Angelo Central II 392-470—862

Medalist standings — 1. *Jensen Smith, San Angelo Central I, 71-69—140; 2. Will Adams, Permian I, 73-72—145; 3. Tripp Wallace, Frenship I, 73-74—147; 4. Brian Boles, Frenship I, 75-73—148; 5. Jayden Chavez, Permian I, 76-74—150; 6. *Cooper Davidson, Tascosa I, 76-75—151; 7. Matthew Trotter, Permian I, 77-79—156; 8. Jeff Maciejewski, Central I, 78-78—156; 9. Tyler Trotter, Permian I, 76-82—158; 10. Camden Hayward, Frenship I, 78-82—160

Team results

Odessa Permian I (606) — Will Adams 73-72—145, Jayden Chavez 76-74—150, Tyler Trotter 76-82—158, Matthew Trotter 77-79—156, Brayden Weatherford 86-79—162

Wolfforth Frenship I (611) — Tripp Wallace 73-74—147, Brian Boles 75-73—148, Jayce Hargrove 77-80—157, Camden Hayward 78-82—160, Jack Still 80-81-161

San Angelo Central I (619) — Jensen Smith 71-69—140, Jeff Maciejewski 78-78—156, Nick Wisniewski 80-83—163, Flynn McNabb 81-79—160, Sergio Soto 88-91—179

Amarillo Tascosa I (648) — Cooper Davidson 76-75—151, Randall Heck 76-88—164, Kirkland King 89-95—185, Patrick Ellis 84-80—164, Noah Valdez 91-94—185

Lee (668) — Lucas Molina 83-83—166, Jared Arras 83-83—166, Cason Vitello 83-84—167, Ethan Hobbs 85-93—178, Ross Knitile 85-89—174, Nathan Lopez 88-84—172

Wolfforth Frenship II (670) — Nathan Johnson 78-87—165, Christian Zuniga 85-77—163, Ryan Hinson 86-99—185, Kade Smith 87-81—168, Lane Fischer 93-88—81

Odessa Permian II (695) — Kanen Menikowski 85-87—172, Alek Martinez 86-81—167, Zach Robinson 86-88—174, Colton Higgins 87-95—182, Jonathan Alvarez 98-103—201

Odessa High I (702) — Alex Maldonado 82-92—174, Anthony Maldonado 86-85—171, Wade Westfall 87-88—175, Bryce McKenney 89-93—182, Abel Alvarez 102-100—202

Amarillo Tascosa II (723) — Brock Buse 82-84—166, Blaine Reinert 83-87—170, Brooks Beay 95-87—182, Bracken Williams 101-113—214, Luke Prescott 121-104—225

Midland High (725) — Sebastian Cruz 87-81—168, Harrison Boudreaux 88-99-187, Carter Petty 89-93—182, Matthew Tubbs 95-93—188, Britton Boren 105-106—211

Odessa High II (791) — Rudy Sanchez 93-103—196, Dominic Herrera 98-99—187, Jacob Rodriguez 101-100—201, Hunter Gray 106-101—207, Cody Jackson 109-115—224

Lee II (814) — James Ott 95-104—199, Gabe Castaneda 105-106—211, Tyler McCormick 107-123—230, Victor Reyes 130-125—255

San Angelo Central II (862) — Enrique Levya 90-108—198, Chance Dorsey 98-160—258, Jacob Gonzales 100-101—201, Parker Sharp 104-103—207

Medalists

Frenship — Cameron Young 86-95—181; Zarin Gonzales 95-94—189

Odessa High — Brian Ramirez 102-112—214, Mario Avila 112-105—217

Midland College finishes 3rd at Southwest JC Championship

From staff reports

POTTSBORO — The Midland College golf team finished in a tie for third place at the Southwest Junior College Championship at Tanglewood Resort on Tuesday.

The Chaparrals shot 297-303-305—905 as MC and McLennan Community College finished five strokes back of first place Western Texas College and a shot back of Tyler Junior College.

MC sophomore Stefan Cronje shot a 216 total to finish in second place in the medalist standings, four shots back of Tyler's Marco Maldonado. MC freshman Michael Salazar finished in eighth place with a 223 total.

MC coach Delnor Poss said Cronje and Salazar had strong performances but the Chaps need to do better as a team.

MC next plays in the NJCAA District II Championship April 24-25 at Diamondback Golf Course in Abilene.

Southwest Junior College Championship
at Tanglewood Resort, Pottsboro

Tuesday's final round

Team standings - 1. Western Texas College 300-300-305—905; 2. Tyler Junior College 304-298-302—904; 3. (tie) Midland College 297-303-305—905; McLennan Community College 300-316-289—905; 5. (tie) New Mexico Junior College 300-310-301—911; Odessa College 305-309-297—911; 7. Ranger College 311-303-324—938; 8. Jacksonville College 333-310-321—964; 9. New Mexico Military Institute 321-317-331—969

Medalist standings - 1. Marco Maldonado, Tyler JC, 72-70-70—212; 2. Stefan Cronje, Midland College, 70-74-72—216; 3. (tie) Adam Blomme, Odessa College, 74-72-72—218; Cameron Brown, Tyler JC, 71-74-73—218; 5. Tae Ithiratchai, Western Texas College, 77-69-74—220; 6. (tie) Ben Tucker, New Mexico JC, 74-75-73—222; Van Thomas, Odessa College 73-76-73—222; 8. Michael Salazar, Midland College, 70-78-75—223; Paul Murphy, Western Texas College, 71-75-77—223; 10. (tie) Alex Isaiason, McLennan CC, 72-76-76—224; Fraser Hughes, New Mexico JC, 71-77-76—224

Midland College (905) — Stefan Cronje 70-74-72—216, Michael Salazar 70-78-75—223, Ben Murray 80-76-77—233, Hudson Ross 77-79-81—237, Coleman Houston 80?5-83—238

Midland College individual — Tommy Parker 81-79-80—240

Garden City boys win 14-A title

From staff reports

SAN ANGELO — The Garden City boys golf team won the District 14-A title on Monday by 73 strokes at Quicksand Golf Course.

The Bearkats shot 421-385—806 in the tournament to finish ahead of Sterling City (879).

Dakota Roberts finished second in the medalist standings with a 191 total, while Bearkat teammate Trent McMillan was third with a 195 total. Riley Eggemeyer, playing as an individual, also qualified for the Region II-A Tournament at Quicksand on April 24-25 after finishing in a tie for sixth place to be among the top individuals not on a qualifying team.

In the girls division, Garden City's Logan Wood won the medalist title by eight strokes after shooting 102-90—192. She will be competing in the Region II-A Tournament at San Angelo's Bentwood Country Club, also on April 24-25.

As a team, the Lady Kats finished in third place with a 970 total, 13 shots back of second place Robert Lee.

District 14-A Golf Tournament
at Quicksand Golf Course, San Angelo
Monday's final round
***Region II-A qualifier**

Boys

Team standings - 1. *Garden City 421-385—806; 2. *Sterling City 438-441—879; 3. Blackwell 462-452—914

Medalist standings - 1. Horwood, Sterling City, 94-95—189; 2. Dakota Roberts, Garden City, 99-92—191; 3. Trent McMillan, Garden City, 103-92—195; 4. Scott Miller, Garden City, 103-99—202; 4. B. Sisco, Sterling City, 105-101—206; 5. W. Sisco, Sterling City, 109-109—218; 6. (tie) Zach Burnett, Garden City, 116-103—219; *Riley Eggemeyer, Garden City, 112-107—219; 8. *Perry, Blackwell, 107-120—227; 9. Solis, Blackwell, 130-102—232; 10. Simons, Blackwell, 119-114—233

Garden City (806) - Trent McMillan 103-92—195, Scott Miller 103-99—202, Dakota Roberts 99-92—191, Zach Burnett 116-103—219, Hogan Hallmann ns-102

Girls

Team standings - 1. *Bronte 495-447—942; 2. *Robert Lee 490-467—957; 3. Garden City 508-462—970; 4. Coahoma 535-503—1,038; 5. Blackwell 555-517—1,072

Medalist standings - 1. *Logan Wood, Garden City, 102-90—192; 2. Duncan, Bronte, 105-95—200; 3. Clawson, Robert Lee, 108-104—212; 4. *S. Bratcher, Veribest, 112-110—222; 5. Ally Burnett, Garden City, 118-105—223; 6. Zimmerman, Robert Lee, 117-107—224; 7. B. Torres, Bronte, 126-111—237; 8. Taylor, Veribest, 132-117—249; 9. Grantham, Robert Lee, 123-126—249; 10. K. Torres, Bronte, 130-123-2-53

Garden City (970) - Logan Wood 102-90—192, Ally Burnett 118-105—223, Samantha Raney 137-137—274, Emily Braden 151-159—310, Allison Hallfman ns-130

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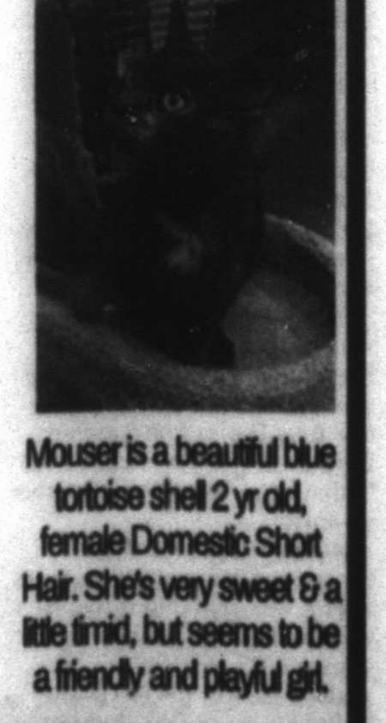


Mouser is a beautiful blue tortoise shell 2 yr old, female Domestic Short Hair. She's very sweet & a little timid, but seems to be a friendly and playful girl.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

METS 14 PHILLIES 4

PHILADELPHIA —Yoenis Cespedes hit three of New York's seven homers to back Matt Harvey, and the Mets beat the Philadelphia Phillies 14-4 Tuesday night.

Harvey (2-0) left with tightness in his left hamstring after allowing two runs and five hits and striking out six in 5 2/3 innings.

Phillies starter Clay Buchholz (0-1) also exited because of an injury, a strained right forearm. He gave up six runs and eight hits in 2 1/3 innings.

Lucas Duda hit two homers and Asdrubal Cabrera and Travis d'Arnaud also went deep for New York, which has 46 homers in its last 21 games at Citizens Bank Park.

INDIANS 2, WHITE SOX

CLEVELAND — Michael Brantley doubled home Francisco Lindor with two outs in the 10th inning as Cleveland celebrated its 2016 AL championship and then beat Chicago in its home opener.

Brantley could only watch and cheer for his teammates last October during their postseason run after undergoing two surgeries on his right shoulder. But he's healthy now, and after playing in just 11 games last season, Brantley made the most of his first home game since May 10 with his game-winning hit.

MARLINS 8, BRAVES 4

MIAMI — A gray cat went scrambling for cover in the Marlins Park outfield midway through Miami's home opener, and no wonder, given the barrage off Marcell Ozuna's bat.

Ozuna homered twice and had a career-high six RBIs to help Miami beat Atlanta.

Announced attendance was 36,519, and that didn't include a cat that ran onto the field midway through the game. It scurried along the outfield warning track, ran away from right fielder Giancarlo Stanton, crawled up the center field wall and then appeared to get stuck in the animatronic home run sculpture.

Marlins president David Samson said if Ozuna had hit a third homer, the sculpture would not have been activated for fear of harming the cat.

Dan Straily (1-1) allowed three runs, two earned, in five innings for his first victory since joining Miami.

Bartolo Colon (0-1) allowed six runs in four innings.

RED SOX 8, ORIOLES 1

BOSTON — Drew Pomeranz struck out six in his season debut, Dustin Pedroia drove in four runs and Boston beat Baltimore.

Christian Vazquez added a two-run triple in the eighth, capping off a 4-for-4 game, as the Red Sox tagged Baltimore pitchers for 15 hits and had back-to-back three-run innings in the seventh and eighth to blow the game open.

TIGERS 2, TWINS 1

DETROIT — Matthew Boyd allowed one hit in six outstanding innings and James McCann homered in the fifth to lift Detroit over Minnesota.

Boyd (1-1) took a no-hitter into the sixth before Robbie Grossman broke it up by lining a clean single to left field with two out. The Detroit left-hander struck out six and walked two before turning the game over to the bullpen. Tigers relievers have struggled so far this season, but they were able to close this game out.

Francisco Rodriguez allowed a run in the ninth but recovered for his third save in four chances. Pinch-hitter Max Kepler hit a popup with two on to end it.

Hector Santiago (1-1) allowed only three hits in 6 1/3 innings, but one of them was a two-run shot by McCann.

NATIONALS 8, CARDINALS 3

WASHINGTON — Daniel Murphy homered, doubled twice and tied career highs with five RBIs and four hits and Washington defeated St. Louis.

Matt Wieters and Jayson Werth also hit solo shots to help Washington earn a second home series victory.

Nationals left-hander Gio Gonzalez (1-0) allowed two runs — one earned — over seven innings. He allowed six hits before retiring his last 11 batters.

ROCKIES 3, PADRES 2

DENVER — Nolan Arenado hit a go-ahead homer in the seventh, Antonio Senzatela threw seven sharp innings for his first major league win and Colorado beat San Diego.

Arenado lined a fastball from reliever Miguel Diaz (1-1) to right for his third homer. Carlos Gonzalez and Charlie Blackmon also hit solo shots to help Colorado knot the three-game series with San Diego at a game apiece. The Rockies have a chance to win their third straight series to start the season, a feat only accomplished in team history by the 1995 squad.

REDS 6, PIRATES 2

PITTSBURGH — Scooter Gennett homered for the second straight night and finished with three hits, helping Cincinnati overcome the early departure of injured starter Rookie Davis to beat Pittsburgh for its sixth win in seven games.

Davis, a rookie right-hander, left in the fifth inning with a bruised right forearm after being struck by a pitch from Pittsburgh's Jameson Taillon. He worked four innings in his second major league start, allowing a run, two hits and four walks while striking out three.

Drew Storen (1-0) pitched the sixth for the win and Raisel Iglesias closed up shop for his third save. Juan Nicasio (0-1) allowed a run in the seventh for Pittsburgh.

Wuthrich homers 3 times, but Lee falls to Permian

From staff reports

ODESSA — The Lee baseball team blasted four home runs — three off the bat of John Wuthrich — but its late rally fell short in a 6-5 District 2-6A loss against Odessa Permian on Tuesday at McCanlies Field.

Wuthrich

Lee (9-14, 6-4) took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first thanks to Wuthrich's solo blast to left field. Permian then took a 3-1 lead in the third against Rebels starter Wyatt Hernandez.

Wuthrich homered again in the fifth before he later sent his third ball out of the park in the seventh with Lee trailing 6-2. Adam Becker also belted a home run in a three-run seventh for the Rebels.

Wuthrich now has 10 home runs and 39 RBI on the season to go along with a .500 batting average.

The Rebels will next host Permian (7-17-1, 2-8) at 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

ODESSA PERMIAN 6, LEE 5

Lee	100	010	3	—5	9	2
Permian	003	102	x	—6	7	0

Wyatt Hernandez, J.J. Malendez (4), John Wuthrich (6) and Chase Pederson, Peyton Hudson, Seth Higdon (7) and Taylor Sullivan. W — Hudson. L — Hernandez. 2B — Lee: Gunna Blevins; Permian: Hector Arevalo. HR — Lee: John Wuthrich 3, Adam Becker. Permian: Tyson Banks.

Records: Lee 9-14, 6-4 in District 2-6A; Permian 7-17-1, 2-8 in District 2-6A

Next: Odessa Permian at Lee, 4:30 p.m. Thursday

Trinity boys doubles fall in state quarters, semis

From staff reports

WACO — The Trinity boys doubles team of Ashwin Gurru and Porter Hankins fell in the semifinals of the TAPPS 4A Tennis Tournament at the Waco Regional Tennis Center on Tuesday.

Gurru and Hankins defeated a team from Houston Northland Richland, 6-4, 6-1, in the quarterfinals, before losing 6-0, 6-0, to team from Waco Vanguard.

Trinity's boys doubles team of Justin Hofman and Dylan Hofman lost in the quarterfinals to Sugar Land Logos Preparatory Academy, 6-3, 6-2.

As a team Trinity placed fourth, a half point back of Flower Mound Coram Deo.

In the TAPPS 3A Tournament, the MCA girls doubles team of Elleri Haest and Tracy Fu defeated a team from San Antonio Christian School at Castle Hills, 7-6, 6-3, in the quarters, but a team from Austin Academy knocked them off in the semifinals in a tight 6-7, 6-2, 12-10 victory.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	5	3	.625	—
Washington	5	3	.625	—
Miami	4	3	.571	½
Philadelphia	3	5	.375	2
Atlanta	1	6	.143	3½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Cincinnati	5	2	.714	—
Chicago	5	2	.714	—
Pittsburgh	3	3	.500	1½
Milwaukee	3	5	.375	2½
St. Louis	2	6	.250	3½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Arizona	6	2	.750	—
Colorado	6	3	.667	½
Los Angeles	4	4	.500	2
San Diego	4	5	.444	2½
San Francisco	3	5	.375	3

Scores and schedule

Tuesday's scores

Cincinnati6, Pittsburgh 2
N.Y. Mets 14, Philadelphia 4
Washington 8, St. Louis 3
Milwaukee 4, Toronto 3
Miami 8, Atlanta 4
Colorado 3, San Diego 2
Arizona at San Francisco,late

Today's games

San Diego (Perdomo 0-0) at Colorado (Freeland 1-0), 2:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Leake 0-1) at Washington (Scherzer 1-0), 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Garrett 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Nova 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Wheeler 0-1) at Philadelphia (Velasquez 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Anderson 0-0) at Toronto (Stroman 1-0), 6:07 p.m.
Atlanta (Garcia 0-1) at Miami (Koehler 0-0), 6:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (McCarthy 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Lackey 1-0), 7:05 p.m.

MLB LINESCORES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

LION 2, TWINS 1

Minnesota	000	000	001	—1	5	1
Detroit	000	020	00x	—2	4	0

Santiago, Tonkin (7) and Castro; Boyd, Greene (7), Ryan (7), Wilson (8), Rodriguez (9) and McCann. W-Boyd 1-1. L-Santiago 1-1. Sv-Rodriguez (3). HRs-Detroit, McCann.

INDIANS 2 WHITE SOX 1

Chicago	000	010	0000	—1	6	1
Cleveland	100	000	001	—2	5	0

(10 innings)

Shields, Jennings (6), Putnam (6), N.Jones (8), Robertson (9), Kahnle (10) and Soto. Carrasco, Miller (8), Allen (9), Logan (10), Shaw (10) and Gomes. W-Shaw 1-0. L-Kahnle 0-1. HRs-Chicago, Frazier. Cleveland, Lindor.

RED SOX 8 ORIOLES 1

Baltimore	000	000	100	—1	5	2
Boston	010	01033	x	—8	15	0

Bundy, O'Day (7), Drake (8) and Castillo. Pomeranz, Hembree (7), Barnes (8), Kelly (9) and Vazquez. W-Pomeranz 1-0. L-Bundy 1-1

NATIONAL LEAGUE

NATIONAL 8, CARDINALS 3

St. Louis	100	100	010	—3	7	2
Washington	002	2201	1x	—8	11	1

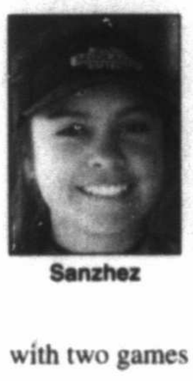
Lynn, Socolovich (8), Oh (8) and Molina. Gonzalez, Blanton (8), Treinen (9) and Wieters. W-Gonzalez 1-0. L-Lynn 0-1. HRs-St. Louis, Grichuk, Diaz. Washington, Wieters, Werth, Murphy.

MHS avenges loss to Permian, clinches playoff spot

From staff reports

ODESSA — Abbi Sanchez hit a go-ahead home run in the top of the eighth inning to propel the No. 23-ranked Midland High softball team to a 5-4 win over Odessa Permian, Tuesday at Ratliff Softball Complex.

With the extra-innings win and Lee's loss to Wolfforth Frenship, the Lady Bulldogs (21-7, 6-2) clinched a playoff spot and remained in a three-way tie for first place with Odessa High and Wolfforth Frenship with two games to play.



Sanzhez

MHS senior Deandra Allen was victorious in the circle after tossing a four-hitter to go along with seven strikeouts.

The fourth-place Lady Panthers (14-10-1, 4-4) got home runs from Abigail Pawlik and Kelsi McCall.

Shea Keithley and Ashley McClellan each led MHS with two hits, while Sanchez had a team-high two runs and two walks.

Midland High visits Lee (18-9, 2-6) at 4:30 p.m. April 18. Lee is still alive for a playoff spot after Permian's loss.

MIDLAND HIGH 5 ODESSA PERMIAN 4, 8 INNINGS

Midland	000	031	01	—5	8	4
Permian	021	001	00	—4	4	5

Deandra Allen and Natalie Gamboa. Miranda Martinez and Hannah Banker. W — Allen. L — Martinez. 2B — MHS: Shea Keithley. HR — MHS: Abbi Sanchez. PHS: Abigail Pawlik, Kelsi McCall.

Records: Midland High 21-7, 6-2 in District 2-6A. Permian 14-10-1, 4-4

Next: Midland High at Lee, 4:30 p.m. April 18

Odessa Permian at Odessa High, 7 p.m. April 18

'HOUNDSREPORT

FROM STAFF REPORTS

CARDINALS 2, ROCKHOUNDS 1

at Security Bank Ballpark

TOP HITTERS: Springfield catcher Gabriel Lino went 2-for-4 with a double, a triple and the Cardinals' only RBI of the game. ... Midland right fielder B.J. Boyd finished 2-for-4.

TOP PITCHERS: Cardinals starter Jack Flaherty pitched seven strong innings, as he allowed one earned run on four hits while striking out four in a winning decision. ... Midland's James Naile relieved Grant Holmes to start the fifth inning. He fired four inning of scoreless ball and allowed only two hits while fanning five and walking two.

HIGHLIGHTS: Springfield took a 2-0 lead in the top of the fourth on an RBI triple to right field by Lino and a wild pitch by RockHounds starter Holmes. ... Midland responded with a lone run in the bottom half, a sacrifice fly to right by Tyler Marincov.

NOTES: Midland dropped the series with Springfield and is now 3-3 on the season after losing three of its last four games. ... The RockHounds open a three-game series at Tulsa on Thursday.

THURSDAY'S PROBABLES: Midland — RHP Heath Fillmyer (0-0, 0.00); Tulsa — RHP Isaac Anderson (0-1, 4.15)

TL standings

North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield (Cardinals)	4	2	.667	—
Tulsa (Dodgers)	3	3	.500	1
Arkansas (Mariners)	2	4	.333	2
Northwest Arkansas (Royals)	1	4	.200	2½

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Corpus Christi (Astros)	4	1	.800	—
San Antonio (Padres)	4	2	.667	½
Midland (Athletics)	3	3	.500	1½
Frisco (Rangers)	2	4	.333	2½

Tuesday's scores

San Antonio 5, Arkansas 1
Tulsa 4, Frisco 1
San Antonio 6, Arkansas 3
Springfield 2, Midland 1
Northwest Arkansas12, Corpus Christi 3

CARDINALS 2, ROCKHOUNDS 1

Springfield	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Mercado cf	3	0	1	0	Boyd, f	4	0	2	0
Mesa ss	5	0	2	0	Sportman cf	4	1	1	0
Martini lf	4	0	0	0	Schrock 2b	4	0	1	0
Caldwell dh	4	0	0	0	Marrnicov, lf	3	0	0	1
Wilson 3b	4	0	0	0	Rosa 1b	3	0	0	0
Grayson 1b	4	0	1	0	Bennie dh	3	0	0	0
Drake rf	4	1	2	0	Raga c	3	0	0	0
Lino c	4	1	2	1	Martin ss	3	0	0	0
Thon 2b	4	0	1	0	Tarsovich 3b	3	0	0	0
Alvarez 2b	0	0	0	0					
Totals	**36**	**2**	**10**	**1**	**Totals**	**30**	**1**	**5**	**1**

Springfield	000	200	000	—2					
Midland	000	100	000	—1					

E — Thon (2). Holmes 1. DP — Springfield 1. Midland 2. LOB — Springfield 10. Midland 3. 2B — Lino (1). 3B — Lino 1. CS — Mercado 1. SF — Marrincov.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Springfield						
Flaherty W, 2-0	7	4	1	1	2	4
Herget S, 1	2	1	0	0	0	1
Midland						
Holmes L, 0-1	4	6	1	1	1	5
Naile	4	0	1	0	2	1
Bragg	1	0	0	0	0	0

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HSBASEBALL&SOFTBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Baseball

RANGERS WIN 11TH STRAIGHT

The Greenwood baseball got a strong start from Jared Nail and scored four runs in the fifth and sixth innings to top Fort Stockton 8-3 in District 4-4A action on Tuesday at the Greenwood High School Field.

The Rangers (17-4-1, 5-0) have now won 11 straight games dating back to March 3.

Greenwood led 1-0 after the first before Fort Stockton tied the game in the top of the second. The Rangers took the lead for good with a three-run burst in the bottom of the third.

GREENWOOD 8, FORT STOCKTON 3

Fort Stockton	010	001	1	—3	6	1
Greenwood	103	022	x	—8	10	1

Ramirez, Dominguez (5) and Garcia. Jared Nail, Stace Bell (7) and Vance Martinez. W — Nail. L — Ramirez. 2B — Fort Stockton: Renteria. 3B — Greenwood: Stace Bell.

Record: Greenwood 17-4-1, 5-0 in District 4-4A

Next: Big Spring at Greenwood, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 18

CHARGERS FALL

LUBBOCK — The Trinity baseball team fell 15-0 against Lubbock Trinity Christian on Tuesday in TAPPS Division III District I action.

No other information was reported.

UNBEATEN CLYDE RUN-RULES STANTON

STANTON — Clyde rolled to an 18-4 run-rule victory over Stanton in five innings during a District 5-3A game at Stanton High School.

Buffaloes catcher Aaron Marquez was 2-for-3 with a double and two RBI, while Stanton senior Tristan Graves cracked a double and walked twice.

Clyde improved to 22-0 and 6-0 in District 5-3A.

CLYDE 18, STANTON 4, 5 INNINGS

Clyde	483	21	—18	12	0	
Stanton	000	04	—4	4	1	

Crawford, Leverich (4), Park (5) and Morgan. Tristan Graves, Alejandro Machuca (2), George Marquez (3), Andrew Wheeler (5) and Aaron Marquez. 2B —Clyde: Baker, Riley, Park 2, Broadfoot 2; Stanton: A. Marquez, Graves.

Records: Stanton 4-11-1, 2-4 in District 5-3A, Clyde 22-0, 6-0

Next: Stanton at Jim Ned, 7 p.m. Thursday

Softball

GREENWOOD SWEPT BY FORT STOCKTON

Fort Stockton swept the District 4-4A series with Greenwood following its 12-4 victory Tuesday at Greenwood High.

Helianna Bueno and Crishna Villarreal both homered for Fort Stockton (5-1 in District 4-4A).

Junior Natalee Karcher went 2-for-4 with a double and two runs scored for the Rangerettes (13-10, 3-4), while teammate Ashton Rowoldt went 2-for-3 with a double, an RBI and a run scored.

FORT STOCKTON 12, GREENWOOD 4

Fort Stockton	300	033	2	—12	13	0
Greenwood	002	011	0	—4	9	2

Mariah Bueno and Helianna Bueno. Kyndall Dove and Payslee Sims. W — M. Bueno. L — Dove. 2B — GHS: Natalee Karcher, Ashton Rowoldt. FSHS: Raquel Bernal. HR — FSHS: H. Bueno, Crishna Villarreal.

Records: Fort Stockton 5-1 in District 4-4A, Greenwood 13-10, 3-4

Next: Greenwood at Big Spring, 5 p.m. April 18

MARTINEZ LEADS MCS TO NON-DISTRICT WIN

Clarissa Martinez was 3-for-4 with a home run, a double, three RBI and two runs scored to lead Midland Christian to an 8-3 victory over Lubbock Christian in non-district play, Tuesday at Freddie Ezell Softball Complex.

In the circle, Martinez pitched a three-hitter, while striking out 14 batters over seven innings.

MCS senior Courtney Monk had two hits and two runs, while Jayda Lucky-Paris had two RBI and two runs scored for MCS (14-16-1).

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 8 LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN 3

Lubbock Christian	001	020	0	—3	3	3
Midland Christian	030	110	x	—8	10	3

Haley Brewer, Kaytee Hayes (5) and Kelsey Hayes. Clarissa Martinez and Vivian Angelaires. W — Martinez. L — Brewer. 2B — MCS: Martinez, Courtney Scriel, Zaitha Suarez. HR — MCS: Martinez.

Record: Midland Christian 14-16-1

Next: MCS at Fort Worth Christian, 4:30 p.m. April 20

Trinity golf teams sweep district titles

From staff reports

LUBBOCK — The Trinity boys shot a 322 to win the TAPPS 4A District I title on Tuesday at The Rawls Course. The Trinity girls team shot a 397 and also won the district title.

Trinity advanced both teams to the TAPPS 4A state tournament, May 1-2 at Waco's Cottonwood Creek Golf Course.

Austin Escamilla led the Chargers and won the tournament with a 71 score, while Aspen Escamilla won the girls field with an 82.

TAPPS 4A District I Tournament
The Rawls Course, Lubbock
Tuesday's final results

Boys

Team standings — 1. Trinity 322; 2. Plainview Christian 372; 3. Lubbock Christian I 401; 4. Lubbock Trinity 437; 5. Lubbock Christian 485

Medalist standings — 1. Austin Escamilla, Trinity 71; 2. Ciro Baeza, Trinity 80; 3. Chelsea McDonald, Trinity 85; 4. Ch'-s Palacios, Trinity 86; 5. Tripp Lowe, Lubbock C =stian 87; 6. Zach Lusk, Lubbock Trinity 97

Area team results

Trinity (322): Austin Escamilla 71, Ciro Baeza 80, Chesley McDonald 85, Chris Palacios 86. Adin Watson 127

Girls

Team standings — 1. Trinity 397; 2. Plainview Christian 486; 3. Lubbock Trinity 518

Medalist standings — 1. Aspen Escamilla, Trinity 82; 2. Brooke Widner, Trinity 97; 3. Rebecca Young, Trinity 101; 4. Hailey Hooper, Plainview Christian 105; 5. Hannah Leyendecker, Plainview Christian 114; 6. Julissa Carrasco, Trinity 117

Area team results

Trinity (397) — Aspen Escamilla 82, Brooke Widner 97, Rebecca Young 101, Julissa Carrasco 117

LEE

From 1C

Frenship's Mackenzie Ramirez had three RBI as well, while teammate Keeley Etchison reached base four times and scored three times.

Alex James and Melanie Marin each led Lee with two hits.

The Lady Rebels host Midland High at 4:30 p.m. April 18.

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District 2-6A Softball Standings

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
x-Odessa High	8	2	20	6	1
x-Midland High	8	2	21	7	0
x-Wolfforth Frenship	6	2	17	10	0
Odessa Permian	4	4	14	10	1
Lee	2	6	18	9	0
Amarillo Tascosa	0	8	5	24	1

x — clinched playoff spot

Tuesday's scores

Wolfforth Frenship 14, Lee 4, 6 innings.
Odessa High 15, Amarillo Tascosa 0, 5 innings.
Midland High 5, Odessa Permian 4

WOLFFORTH FRENSHIP 14, LEE 4, 6 INNINGS

Frenship	300	704	—1412	0		
Lee	000	013	—4	8	2	

Torrey Hogan and Caroline Kerr. Melanie Mann, Emily Gonzalez (5) and Baylee Leonard. W — Hogan. L — Marin. 2B — Frenship: Hailee Little 3B — Frenship: Little. RBI — Frenship: Mackenzie Ramirez 3, Little 3, Anna Williams 2, Keeley Etchison, Hogan, Hayden Brown, Angelica Abila, Lee: Gonzalez, Alaina Marquez, Tana Gonzales, Shelby Olivas.

Records: Frenship 17-10, 6-2 in District 2-6A Lee 18-9, 2-6

Next: Midland High at Lee, 4:30 p.m. April 18

Odessa High at Wolfforth Frenship, 7 p.m. April 18

MHS

From 1C

The Bronchos' trademark scrappy play was embodied in Armendariz' outing on the mound, as well as in many of OHS' at bats as the game moved along.

OHS pinch hitter Julian Jimenez lifted a sacrifice fly to center field to tie the game at 1 in the top of the seventh, spoiling Betcher's shot at a win. Then in the eighth, the Bronchos grabbed a 2-1 lead courtesy of a fielder's choice ground-out by Gibrian Pena.

District 2-6A Baseball Standings

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Wolfforth Frenship	8	2	16	10	0
Midland High	7	3	13	12	0
Lee	6	4	9	14	0
Odessa High	5	5	18	11	0
Odessa Permian	2	8	7	17	1
Amarillo Tascosa	2	8	5	19	1

Tuesday's scores

Odessa Permian 6, Lee 5; MHS 3, Odessa High 2, 9 innings; Wolfforth Frenship 10, Amarillo Tascosa 0

Bronchos head coach Josh Hulin admired the way his team dug deep and continued compete after having to grind through three games last week.

"The guys responded again," Hulin said. "Last week was extremely tough for us and they came out and had a short-term memory, forgot about last week and focused on this game and battled. We just came up short because Midland High made the clutch plays and we didn't."

MHS reliever Jaxon Hallmark, who relieved Betcher after facing one batter in the eighth, minimized the rally and kept the Bulldogs in striking distance.

In the bottom of the ninth Sam Matchus singled to left with one out, before a two-out single by Sims, setting up Wade's game-winning hit.

Wade said he felt he had the full trust of his teammates when he stepped into the box.

"I feel like now that we've come together as a team, we're starting to trust each other in our at-bats and defensively," Wade said. "We're just pulling it out."

Added Betcher, who allowed two runs on seven hits in seven innings while striking out three and walking two: "It gives everyone a tremendous amount of energy winning a game like that. It was really exciting. I'm glad we won that one."

Wade finished 2-for-5 with the RBI to lead MHS. For OHS, Herrera went 2-for-3 with a pair of walks.

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MIDLAND HIGH 3, ODESSA HIGH 2, 9 INNINGS

OHS	000	000	110	—2	9	4
MHS	010	000	011	—3	7	1

Josh Armendariz, Shandon Herrera (7) and Andres Martinez. Brooks Betcher, Jaxon Hallmark (8) and Sam Matchus. W — Hallmark. L — Herrera. 2B — OHS: Gibrian Pena.

Records: OHS 15-11, 5-6 in District 2-6A; MHS 13-12, 7-3 in District 2-6A

Next: MHS at OHS, 4:30 p.m. Thursday

Steve Fisher retires: 'San Diego State is my legacy'

By Bernie Wilson
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Steve Fisher will always be the "Michigan man" who was promoted to head coach on the eve of the 1989 NCAA Tournament and led the Wolverines to the national title.

He coached the Fab Five.

And then he went off and did something few people thought was possible. He put San Diego State on the college basketball map.

Fisher announced his retirement from coaching Tuesday after spending 18 seasons at SDSU, which he turned from a laughingstock into a West Coast power.

Fisher, 72, said it was simply time to step away and hand over the program to his long-time assistant, Brian Dutcher.

"It was done for all the right reasons," Fisher said at a news conference. "I know that the program is in great, great hands with Brian Dutcher and it will flourish. So that makes me feel good."

The promotion is well-deserved for Dutcher, who has been with Fisher for all but one season since 1988. Dutcher was named the associate head coach-head coach in waiting in 2011.

Fisher's work at SDSU was nothing short of remarkable, and he became one of the most-beloved figures in San Diego sports history.

Hired in March 1999, Fisher inherited a program that had just gone 4-22 and had posted just one winning season in a decade and a half.

"When I came here and I was introduced at San Diego State, the first thing I talked about was where I came from," Fisher said. "And I said, 'If I'm three or five years from now talking about the Fab Five in the first paragraph, we're not doing a good job here.'"

AP file photo

San Diego State coach Steve Fisher speaks to the referee Nov. 13, 2015, in the first half of a NCAA game against Illinois State in San Diego.

In just three seasons, he had the Aztecs in the NCAA Tournament, a feat they'd accomplished only three times prior.

"San Diego State is my legacy," Fisher said. "I'm proud of every step in my journey, but I'm an Aztec."

Fisher will have a part-time role with SDSU's athletic department. As such, he'll be able to help recruit.

"To me, it's like I'm the head coach and I haven't lost my main asset," said Dutcher, whose father, Jim, was head coach at Minnesota from 1975-86. "His value's just beginning to the university."

Fisher was 386-209 at SDSU, leading the Aztecs to eight NCAA Tournament berths and five in the NIT. His 2010-11 team, with Kawhi Leonard, went a school-best 34-3 and made the school's first Sweet 16 appearance.

After Bill Frieder accepted the Arizona State job on the eve of the 1989 NCAA Tournament, Michigan athletic director Bo Schembechler angrily decreed that "a Michigan man will coach Michigan, not an Arizona State man."

Fisher was promoted to replace Frieder and coached the Wolverines to the title. The Fab Five would follow, as would two more appearances in the title game and then Fisher's firing in October 1997 because of the program's involvement with booster Ed Martin.

Fisher was 184-82 at Michigan. In 2002, as part of its self-imposed punishment for the Martin scandal, Michigan forfeited 112 regular-season and tournament victories from five seasons, plus its victory in the 1992 NCAA semifinals.

Frieder has remained close friends with Fisher. They live about a mile apart in Del Mar.

Before Fisher took over, the SDSU program "was a morgue with no interest, tons of apathy and what, 1,200, 1,500, 1,800 people at the games?" Frieder said. "I'm shocked that he did what he did. It's the eighth wonder of the world. It's unbelievable. Steve had the quality of being able to put a product out on the floor, and he put a product out on the floor year after year and that attracted the crowds and now you've got one of the top programs on the West Coast. It's just the magic of Steve Fisher. He did a tremendous, tremendous job."

Dutcher said he turned down chances to become head coach elsewhere.

"You know, I've wanted to help take over something that I helped build," he said.

"They say the hardest distance to travel in basketball is that 18 inches from the assistant coaching chair to the head coaching chair. Well, it's taken me 18 years to travel that 18 inches here," he said.

"I always think it's strange when most coaches take over programs the first thing they say is, we're going to change the culture," Dutcher said. "I'm here to say I'm going to do my best to maintain the culture of Aztec basketball. It's a culture of academic excellence. It's a culture of social responsibility, it's a culture of family first. And most importantly it's a culture of winning basketball."

Fisher is stepping down after a disappointing season. The Aztecs finished 19-14 and failed to make a postseason tournament or win 20 games for the first time in 12 seasons.

Forward Malik Pope said it "was nothing but excitement" playing for Fisher.

He said it was "eye-popping" when SDSU began recruiting him. "Fisher sticks out. You can never go wrong with Steve Fisher. That's why I was like, 'I have no choice. I have to go here.'"

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Boston	52	29	.642	—
x-Toronto	50	31	.617	2
New York	30	51	.370	22
Philadelphia	28	53	.346	24
Brooklyn	20	61	.247	32

Southeast Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Washington	49	32	.605	—
x-Atlanta	43	38	.531	6
Miami	40	41	.494	9
Charlotte	36	46	.439	13½
Orlando	28	53	.346	21

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Cleveland	51	30	.630	—
x-Milwaukee	42	39	.519	9
Indiana	41	40	.506	10
Chicago	40	41	.494	11
Detroit	37	44	.457	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-San Antonio	61	20	.753	—
x-Houston	54	27	.667	7
x-Memphis	43	38	.531	18
New Orleans	33	47	.413	27½
Dallas	32	49	.395	29

Northwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Utah	50	31	.617	—
x-Oklahoma City	47	34	.580	3
x-Portland	41	40	.506	9
Denver	39	42	.481	11
Minnesota	31	50	.383	19

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Golden State	66	15	.815	—
x-L.A. Clippers	50	31	.617	16
Sacramento	31	49	.388	34½
L.A. Lakers	25	55	.313	40½
Phoenix	24	57	.296	42

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

Scores and schedule

Tuesday's scores

Atlanta 103, Charlotte 76
Oklahoma City 100, Minnesota 96
Denver 109, Dallas 91
New Orleans at L.A. Lakers, late
Phoenix at Sacramento, late

Today's games

Atlanta at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Denver at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Boston, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Houston, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at New York, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Washington at Miami, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Utah, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Portland, 9:30 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

NBA ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NUGGETS 109 DALLAS 91

DALLAS — Gary Harris scored 20 points and the Denver Nuggets beat Dallas 109-91 on Tuesday night with the Mavericks honoring retiring Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo as a ceremonial player.

With nothing at stake in a lost season that will be the worst for Dallas (32-49) since going 20-62 in 1997-98, the Mavericks followed through with an idea hatched in part by star Dirk Nowitzki weeks ago when it was clear Romo wasn't returning to the Cowboys.

Romo was honored exactly a week after announcing he was leaving football to become the No. 1 NFL analyst at CBS.

The soon-to-be-37-year-old had the crowd on its feet in the final minute hoping he could play, but Romo wasn't on the roster or under contract.

After breaking a bone in his back last preseason, the career passing leader for the storied Cowboys franchise lost the starting job he held for 10 years to rookie Dak Prescott and decided not to play for another team.

Mason Plumlee and Malik Beasley scored 16 apiece in the first game for the Nuggets (39-42) since getting eliminated from the postseason. Nowitzki scored 21 for Dallas.

As coach Rick Carlisle put his arm around Romo while the crowd roared in the final minutes, Mark Cuban pulled Romo back to the seat he had next to the Mavericks owner.

The Mavericks let Romo go through shootaround and pregame warmups before introducing him with the starters, the only time he showed his white jersey with "Dallas" across the front with his football No. 9.

Cuban had discussed with Commissioner Adam Silver the possibility of Romo actually playing. Instead, Dallas ended up filling an available roster spot by claiming DeAndre Liggins on waivers from Cleveland.

At least a dozen of his former teammates attended, including Ezekiel Elliott, the standout rookie running back who never got to play with Romo because of the 14-year veteran's injury. The NFL rushing leader for the NFC East champs was there in Romo's No. 9 football jersey. So were plenty of fans.

Longtime friend and tight end Jason Witten had a seat in the first half behind the Dallas bench near Cowboys coach Jason Garrett and Romo's last offensive coordinator in Dallas, Scott Linehan.

Romo said it was a "no-brainer" to accept the offer of a tribute from Nowitzki, who discussed the idea with Cuban at the party to celebrate the 19-year veteran reaching 30,000 career points last month. Cuban said if the Mavericks were eliminated from the playoffs, he would do it.

On the court, Romo played with his youngest son, Rivers. A long line of media members followed Romo off the court, then filled the room where Carlisle does his game-day interviews for Romo's only chat with reporters.

HAWKS 103 HORNETS 76

ATLANTA — After a maddening, up-and-down season, the Atlanta Hawks seem to be getting hot at just the right time. Playoff time.

Dwight Howard had 19 points and 12 rebounds as the resurgent Hawks won their fourth straight game, routing the listless Charlotte Hornets 103-76 on Tuesday night to wrap up the No. 5 seed in the Eastern Conference.

The Hawks will face the Washington Wizards in the opening round of the postseason.

"We think we can beat anybody that's coming our way," guard Dennis Schroder said. "We've still got to get better, but we're heading in the right direction for sure."

A week ago, Atlanta's playoff hopes were in jeopardy after a dismal stretch that included two losses to Brooklyn, the worst team in the NBA.

Then, in a sudden turnaround that epitomized the team's inconsistent play all season, the Hawks knocked off East-leading Boston and recorded two straight stunning victories over the defending NBA champion Cleveland Cavaliers, including Sunday's comeback from a 26-point deficit .

This one was never in doubt. Charlotte played its regular-season finale already eliminated from the playoffs and without its best player, Kemba Walker.

It showed.

Atlanta raced out to a 63-44 lead by halftime, shooting 71 percent (24 of 34) over the first two quarters.

"There was a lot of good stuff at both ends of the court," Hawks coach Mike Budenholzer said, before adding a word of caution . "We've been here before. We've got to stay hungry, stay edgy. The last four or five games, it's been a simple message: compete and play together.

All 13 players scored for the Hawks, who were able to rest their starters in the second half. Paul Millsap and Ersan Ilyasova added 10 points apiece.

"We showed that we've got a bunch of guys who are ready to play," said backup point guard Jose Calderon, who was on the court for more than 17 minutes. "That gives us confidence."

Jeremy Lamb led the Hornets with 21 points, but it was a forgettable ending to a disappointing year in Charlotte.

"The season was a letdown for us," Lamb said. "We've just to learn from it."

The Hornets shut Walker down for the final two games of the regular season, officially because of left knee soreness but largely to ensure he didn't sustain a needless injury for a team already eliminated from the playoffs.

Walker finished at 23.2 points a game, the best year of his career.

Charlotte was also without another double-figure scorer, Marco Belinelli, who missed the last three games of the season with a strained left finger.

THUNDER 100 WOLVES 98

MINNEAPOLIS — Oklahoma City's MVP candidate Russell Westbrook rested, as did two of his fellow Thunder starters.

It took a little luster off the Timberwolves final home game of the season, leaving the 19,356 fans who packed into a sold out Target Center on Tuesday waiting to see what the team's brand-new logo would look like and whether the Wolves would wind down a disappointing season with a winning home record.

The verdict: The logo, unveiled at halftime, looked pretty good.

But the team's performance looked pretty familiar.

Down 22 early in the second quarter, the Wolves rallied to take a one-point lead into the fourth.

But the combination of porous defense and a striking lack of rebounding translated into the short-handed Thunder winning 100-98.

Four of the five Thunder starters scored in double figures, with Domantas Sabonis scoring 19 and Victor Oladipo scoring 20, the last two on a 21-foot jumper with 6.3 seconds left that broke a 98-all tie.

The Wolves were led by Karl-Anthony Towns' 26 points and 12 rebounds. Andrew Wiggins had 18, Gorgui Dieng had 19, including a corner shot with 44 seconds left that put the Wolves up a point.

At the other end Norris Cole hit one of two free throws with 43.4 seconds left to tie the game.

Out of a time out Towns missed, setting up Oladipo for the game-winner.

Had the Wolves held on to win, it would have been the biggest comeback of the season for the Wolves. Instead it was a fifth straight loss, one that put the Wolves home record at 20-21.

Up one entering the fourth quarter, the Wolves found themselves down five after a short Thunder run. Over the final 4-plus minutes the Wolves fought back. To within three on two Rubio free throws with 4:10 left. To within one on Towns' 3-pointer.

With 44 seconds left and the shot clock winding down, Dieng took a pass from Rubio and hit a corner shot to put the Wolves up 98-97.

It was the Wolves' last lead.

Things were pretty ugly early. The Wolves held a 10-9 lead with 7:46 left in the first quarter over the next 9-plus minutes the Thunder went on a 29-6 run, one that put them up 38-16 on Jerami Grant's basket 87 seconds into the second quarter.

It was a first quarter in which six Thunder players scored, Oklahoma City shot 52.2 percent while the Wolves made just six of 19 shots while matching a season-low with 16 first-quarter points. That Thunder lead grew to as big as 22 early in the second before the Wolves found some equilibrium. Down 18 late in the first half, the Wolves ended it on an 8-3 run, pulling within 56-43 on Gorgui Dieng's corner jumper.

That was the start of what turned out to be a quarter-long run. With Wiggins getting on track — he had eight third-quarter points and Dieng scoring nine, the Wolves pulled into a 62-62 tie on Rubio's basket, capping a 23-6 run.

Later in the quarter, with the game tied 67-67, Omri Casspi hit a wide-open 3-pointer to give the Wolves their first lead since the first quarter; Minnesota led 72-71 entering the fourth after out-scoring Oklahoma City 29-15 in the third.

PLAYERS

From 1C

watching the playoffs for the first time since 1990, Pittsburgh's 11-year postseason streak is the longest active run in the league.

Here are some other players to watch in the playoffs:

Connor Mcdavid

The 20-year-old Edmonton center had an NHL-high 100 points to trail only Crosby and Wayne Gretzky as the youngest players in league history to win the Art Ross Trophy. McDavid, the youngest captain ever in the NHL, lifted the Oilers into the playoffs for the first time since they lost in the 2006 Stanley Cup Final. Edmonton has a first-round matchup with San Jose that starts Wednesday night at home.

Auston Matthews

Toronto drafted the 19-year-old center No. 1 overall last summer, a year after McDavid was taken at the top of the draft, and surpassed high expectations. He tied for second in the NHL with 40 goals and led the Leafs into the playoffs for the first time since 2013 and for just the second time in a 12-year stretch. It won't be easy to advance against the Washington Capitals, the NHL's top-seeded team.

Patrick Kane

Chicago's superstar may have something to prove in the playoffs after being held to only one goal in a seven-game, first-round series the Blackhawks lost to St. Louis last season. Kane is coming off the second-highest scoring season of his career with 89 points going in Game 1 against Nashville on Thursday night at home. He had 23 points in the 2015 playoffs when he lifted Chicago to its third Stanley Cup in six seasons.

Shea Weber

Montreal made a bold move last summer, trading P.K. Subban to the Predators for Weber. It looks like the trade paid off for the Atlantic Division champions a year after they missed the playoffs. Weber hasn't played since April 1, sitting out to give a lower-body injury time to heal, but he was on the ice with the Canadiens on Monday and appears to be ready to face the New York Rangers at home on Wednesday night.

Brad Marchand

Marchand was one of the best players last fall when he helped the Canadians win the World Cup of Hockey. He carried his strong play over to the NHL season with 85 points for Boston, at least 24 more than he's had since making his NHL debut during the 2009-10 season. The 5-foot-9, 181-pound forward, who was suspended for the last two games for spearing, will lead the Bruins in their opening-round series Wednesday night at Ottawa.

Mikael Granlund

Like Marchand, the 5-10, 184-pound Minnesota center doesn't let the lack of size stop him. He had a breakout season with 69 points, surpassing his previous career high by 25. Granlund will no longer fly under the radar if he can help the Wild get past the Blues in their first-round series that starts Wednesday night.

John Gibson

The Pacific Division champion Anaheim Ducks hope their 23-year-old goaltender can bounce back from last year's postseason appearance that lasted just two games because he was benched during a first-round exit against Nashville. Gibson is coming off a regular season in which he set career highs with 25 wins and six shutouts.

ROMO

From 1C

like I left something out there that I always wanted to accomplish. I've got to live with that and that's part of playing sports."

Carlisle said Romo would be in the group text that sends pregame shooting times to all the players, and the plan was to include Romo in at least one team photo since his honorary day was also the team's picture day. He also has a locker.

"He has stood for all of the things that great Dallas athletes stand for," Carlisle said. "Great competitor, winner, plays hurt, the whole thing. And he's been a great supporter of the Mavericks and a good friend. We wanted to see if he would be willing to do this.

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		C	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
BROADCAST	KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Goldberg	Speechless	Modern Family	Black-ish	Designated Survivor "Party Lines" (N)		Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) News Nightline
	KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: Game Changers (N)		Borders "Cinderella and the Dragon" (N)		C.Minds: Borders "La Huesida" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) The Late Show	(:35) J.Corden
	KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	MASH "Dear Ma"	M*A*S*H "Der Tag"	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	MacGyver "Jack of Lies"		Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Perry Mason	Twilight Zone
	KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Shots Fired "Hour Four: Truth" (N)		Empire "My Naked Villainy" (N)		Fox 24 News	TMZ	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother
	KMLM	IND	11	12	12	11	11	Shepherd's Heart		Update News	Aleph Course	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Update News	In Touch With Dr. Charles Stanley		Walking
	KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	NewsWest 9 Now	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Decline and Fall"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Motherly Love"		Chicago P.D. "Don't Buy This Case"		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show	(:35) Seth Meyers
	KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Nature "Viva Puerto Rico" (N)		American Experience "The Great War" (N)				Charlie Rose (N)	Newsline	Tavis Smiley
	KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		Tierra Santa "Donde todo empezo"		Vino el amor		La piloto		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo
	KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	Agents of SHIELD		Agents of SHIELD		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Tosh.0	Access H.
PREMIUM CHANNELS	FLIX		340	575			165	(4:35) Casino Ro...		★★★★ The Descent				(:45) ★★★ Hannibal Rising ('06, Hor) Gaspard Ulliel.			★ Frankenhooker	
	HBO		300	550	14	14		Movie	Vice News	The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch & ...					Goodbye	Rock and a Hard Place		Movie
	HBO2		302	551	15	101	23	(5:20) Resident Evil		LastWeek	Crashing	(:05) UConn	(:35) Abortion: Stories			(:10) Independence Day: Resurgence		
	HBO5		304	552	16	102		(5:05) The Secret ...		Girls	VICE	Animals.	★★★ Mystic River ('03, Psy) Sean Penn.			(:50) ★★ El Cantante		
	MAX		380	557	17	120	24	(4:55) Trainwreck		★★ Stuck on You Matt Damon.				★ The 33 ('15, Doc/Dra) Antonio Banderas.			(:10) Charlie Wils...	
	MAX2		382	558	18	122		Movie	★★★ The Amityville Horror			★★ Hellboy II: The Golden Army				★★ Everest ('15, Adv) Jake Gyllenhaal.		
	PLEX				96			(5:10) Getting Eve...		★ What's the Worst That Cou...		(:40)	★ Son of the Pink Panther			(:15) ★★ Clean Slate Dana Carvey.		
	SHOW		320	565	19	140	25	(5:00) The Family		American Jihad			★★ Deja Vu ('06, Act) Denzel Washington.			(:45) Triple 9 Casey Affleck.		
	TMC		336	573	22	155	26	(5:30) ★★★ Hidalgo		Viggo Mortensen.			★ A Perfect Day ('15, Dra) Benicio del Toro.			★★★ Stander ('03, Cri) Thomas Jane.		
CABLE	A&E		27	58	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Extermi-nator (N)	Extermi-nator (N)	(:05) S. Wars	(:35) S. Wars	(:05) S. Wars	(:35) S. Wars
	AMC		40	74	23	42	51	(3:00) The Godfa...		★★ Wyatt Earp The story of the legendary sheriff-gunslinger and his attempts to clean up the West.									Movie
	BET		58	-		40		(4:00) Dear White ...		★ The Janky Promoters ('09, Cri) Mike Epps, Young Jeezy, Ice Cube.						Martin	Martin	Daily S.	Martin
	BRAVO		65	76		41		Beverly Hills		Real Housewives		Real Housewives (N)		Real Housewives		Watch (N)	Real Housewives		Atlanta
	CNBC		46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Deed Chicago (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
	CNN		43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
	DISC		50	60	31	24	42	Bush "Safe Haven"		Bush "Appliances"		Last Alaskans (N)		Bering Sea Gold (N)		Bush "Pile It On"		Bush "On the Prowl"	
	DISNEY		56	64	36	25	36	Underc.	Good Luck	StuckMid	Andi Mack		Liv/Mad	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Jessie	Jessie	Girl M.	Friends
	ESPN		32	35	48	31	30	NBA Countdown (L)		NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Indiana Pacers (L)					NBA Basketball New Orleans vs Portland (L)				
	ESPN2		34	36	49	32	31	SportsCenter		We/ Fans	We/ Fans	SportsC.	SportsC.	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
	FNC		45	48	53	23	55	The First 100 Days		The O'Reilly Factor		TuckerCarlsonTon		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		TuckerCarlsonTon	
	FOOD		64	70	27	68	54	Chopped: All Stars		Cooks vs. Cons		Cooks vs. Cons (N)		Cooks vs. Cons		Cooks vs. Cons		Cooks vs. Cons	
	FREEFORM		53	63	34	42	33	(3:30) Harry Potter...		★★★ Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2						The 700 Club		★ Bring It On Again	
	FSSW		37	38	50	45	29	Stars Insider	Double T Insider	The Beat Tex A&M	WPT Poker Poker	Legends of	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim Site: Angel Stadium -- Anaheim, Calif. (L)					
	FX		31	56	59	64	69	(4:00) Fast & Furio...		★ Transformers: Age of Extinction ('14, Act) Nicola Peltz, Mark Wahlberg.							★★★ Safe House		
	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	Buying and Selling		Property Brothers		Property Brothers		H.Hunt	House	Property Brothers		Property Brothers	
	HISTORY		71	59	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers				(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers	
	LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	48	Little Women: Dallas "Hello! Goodbye!"		Little Women "Not So Little Surprises" (N)		LW Atlanta "Escape From Atlanta" (N)		Little W. "Birthday Blow-out" (N)		(:05) Little W. Dallas "Birthday Blow-out"		Little Women "Not So Little Surprises"	
	MSNBC		47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		11thHour	Hardball	Rachel Maddow	
	NBCSN		38	43				NHLLive	NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)					NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)					Overtime
	NICK		55	-	39	34	37	Thunder	Thunder	Nicky	GShakers	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
	SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	Movie	★★ The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift					★★★ The Mummy ('99, Adv) Rachel Weisz, Brendan Fraser.					
	SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	★★★ G.I. Joe: Retaliation				The Magicians (N)		The Expanse (N)		(:05) The Magicians		(:05) The Expanse	
	TBS		25	33	44	66	41	Sein. "The Cadillac"	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal	Conan Ludacris, Ariel Winter, Future Islands		Seinfeld "The Doll"	Conan
	TCM		41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) The Cincin...		★★ Panic in the Year Zero! Ray Milland.				★★ Beach Party Frankie Avalon.				★ Guns of the Ti...	
	TELE		20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		La Doña		La Doña		El Capo		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	La Doña	
	TLC		51	61	32	38	52	600-lb "Steven and Justin's Story Part 2"		My 600-lb Life "Lupe and Ashley D." Lupe has shed over 300 lbs but still can't walk; Ashley is struck with sudden paralysis. (N)				My 600-lb Life "Lupe and Ashley D." Lupe has shed over 300 lbs but still can't walk.					
	TNT		24	34	40	26	50	Bones "The Psychic in the Soup"		Major Crimes "Shockwave Part 1"		Major Crimes (N)		Major Crimes "Shockwave Part 2"		Hawaii Five-0		Hawaii Five-0 "Ka Papahana Holo"	
	TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	MASH	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Nobodies	Lopez (N)	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
	USA		26	55	42	27	49	(5:00) American Ninja "Philadelphia Finals"		NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)						Team Ni. "Qualifying Week Three"		Team Ni. "Qualifying Week Four"	
	WGN		19	85			-	Underground "Whiteface"		Underground "Minty" (N)		(:10) Underground "Minty"		(:05) Underground "Minty"		(:15) Underground "Minty"			Breaking Free

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Masters behind him, Dustin Johnson puts short memory to work

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

Dustin Johnson was back on the stationary bike, moving forward without really going anywhere.

The good news for golf's No. 1 player is that an MRI showed only a deep bruise on the left side of his lower back. If doctors had taken images a little higher up the torso, they also might have seen a slight tear in his heart.

"One thing I never want to have to do again," Johnson said Tuesday, "is watch a major from my couch."

At least he watched. And it wasn't all bad.

He was thrilled to see Sergio Garcia overcome a two-shot deficit in the Masters and two decades of frustrations in the majors. Johnson could relate to that, having been in position to win a major four times before winning the U.S. Open last summer at Oakmont.

Good luck finding someone who can relate to Johnson's experience at the 81st Masters.

Sure, there have been times when a No. 1 player had to withdraw from a major. But not when the player was coming off three straight victories against the strongest fields of the year. Not when that player was five minutes and 20 yards from the first tee.

And never has an injury to a No. 1 player been so bizarre on so many levels.

He had finished his final nine holes of practice Wednesday before the storms rolled in. Johnson had gone to the gym and had just returned to his rented house at Augusta when it started raining and he wanted to move his car.

Wearing only socks, he slipped down the staircase, crashing onto his back and left elbow.

"It was terrible," Johnson said. "And the weirdest part is, I never walk around in socks. For some reason if I walk around barefooted, my left foot starts to hurt. That's why I always have shoes on. But I just got back from the gym and wanted to run down and move the car over. And I slipped."

Johnson said it was the worst pain he has ever felt.

"I thought I broke my back in half," he said. "I really thought my back was broken."

He still thought about playing when he left the practice range Thursday, only to realize on the putting green that he couldn't. Johnson said he was hitting his 4-iron about 200 yards in the air (it usually flies 235 yards) and he had no idea which direction the ball was going until he hit it. Over the next 15 minutes, on the cart ride to the putting green and a few more full swings between putts, reality won out.

"The more I thought about it, there was no chance," he said. "It just took a while to convince myself."

There was a small measure of relief that tests revealed only a bruise. When he flew home to Florida, he said, his lower back hurt for two days. Now it's in a confined area near the bruise. He has returned to a routine, which includes work in the gym.

"I'm not really doing much," Johnson said. "Today I started moving a little bit. Yesterday I did a little bit of chest and arms. Moving up and down, I'm fine. If I'm twisting, it's a little sore. And I'm making some swings, but I'm not hitting any balls."

As bad as the timing was, it could have been worse.

Johnson had scheduled the next three weeks off, so there will be no temptation to play before he is fully recovered. His next tournament is the Wells Fargo Championship that starts May 4, the first of three in a row.

And while it hurt to watch the Masters on TV, it felt good to see Garcia win.

"Sergio and I are friends," he said. "I was rooting for him. It was cool to see him get that first one. I know a little bit of what he's been through. He'd been close quite a few times, just like I had been close. It took him a lot longer."

People talk about how it takes time for that first major to sink in. Johnson might never grasp his unfortunate turn of events, even for someone who has dealt with his share of setbacks.

In a 2015 interview, when asked his biggest disappointment, Johnson said, "I've had a lot of (stuff) happen to be me, but I came out better on the other side."

His short memory might be one of his great assets.

US, Canada, Mexico ask FIFA for faster World Cup bid process

Associated Press

GENEVA — The North American bid to host the 2026 World Cup has asked FIFA for a decision in June 2018, two years ahead of schedule.

In a letter seen by The Associated Press, the soccer federations from the United States, Canada and Mexico asked FIFA to consider their request next month in Bahrain at its annual congress.

The proposal calls for the North American neighbors to be given a clear run without rival candidates until next year, and is item 14.1 on the congress agenda that FIFA published Tuesday.

The bid, launched in New York on Monday, is likely the only realistic option for FIFA's 211 member federations who are scheduled to choose the 2026 host in May 2020. That timetable could be fast-tracked on May 11 in Manama.

The added agenda item, written in the letter dated March 11, asks FIFA members to make a "principle decision" for the 2026 tournament to be "jointly and cooperatively organized" in North America.

If approved, FIFA could then ask the bid to show the Zurich-based administration it meets all technical and operational demands by a March 31 deadline.

That would allow time to prepare a confirmation of the 2026 hosts at the next congress in Moscow. The Russian capital hosts the annual meeting on the eve of the opening match of the 2018 World Cup.

FIFA bidding rules have made the North American bid a strong favorite to win because Europe and Asia cannot present a candidate. Those continents are blocked because they will have staged the previous two editions in Russia and Qatar.

South America and Africa can rival the U.S.-led bid, though Brazil hosted in 2014 and South Africa in 2010. It was 16 years earlier that the World Cup last came to the CONCACAF region, when the United States hosted a 1994 edition that set records for total attendance and average per game.

Argentina and Uruguay — the original World Cup host in 1930 — are focused on a centenary tournament in 2030, however.

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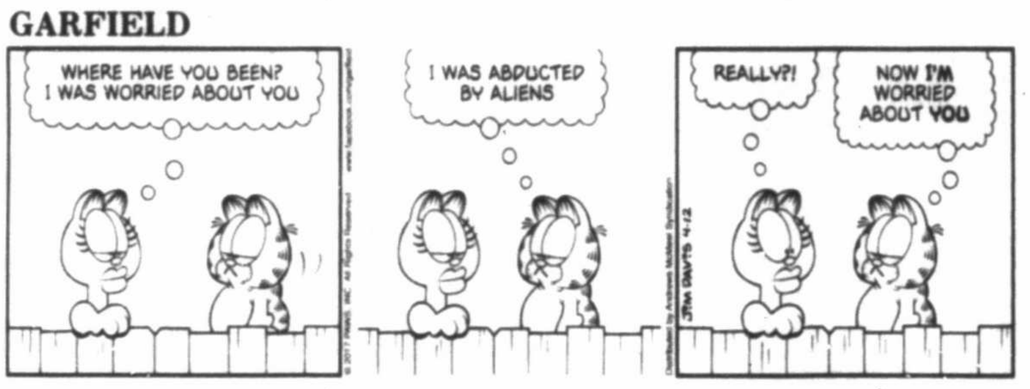

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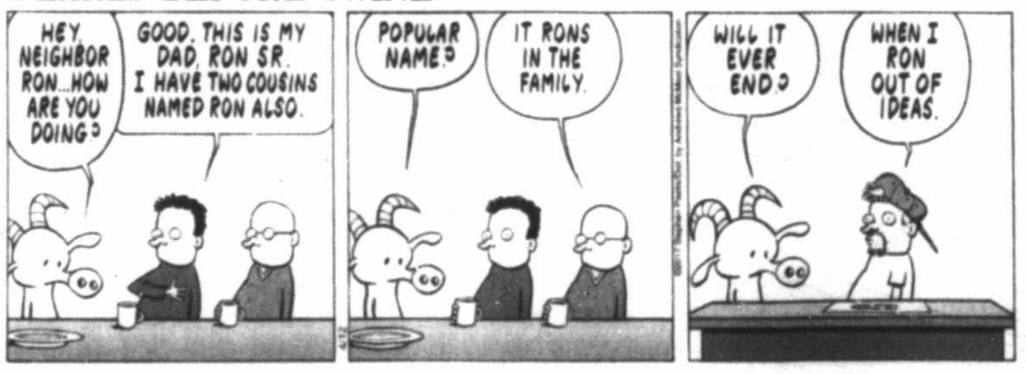

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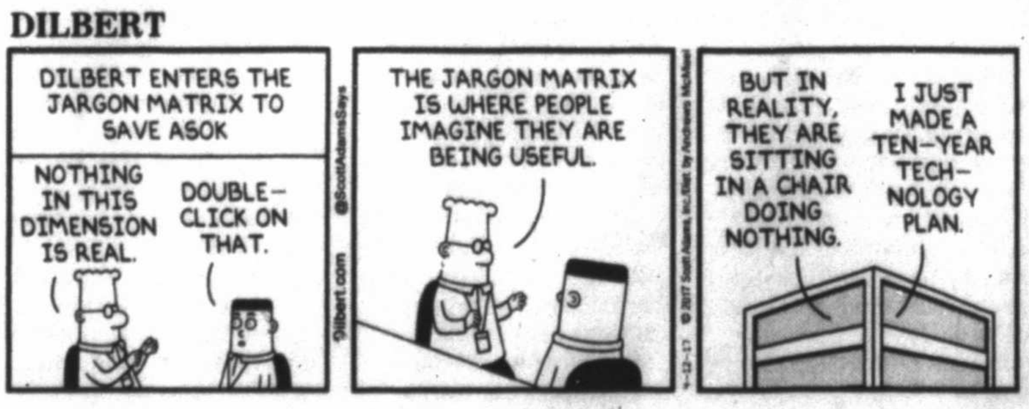

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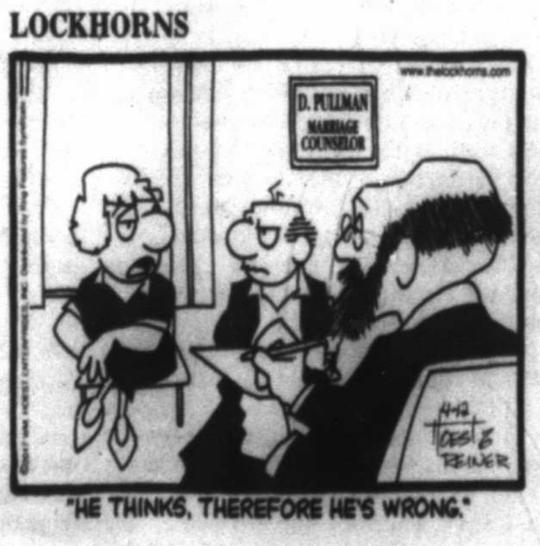
"Yoo-hoo! Cease fire! I'm with 'Real Life Cops' and I'd like to take a minute to put some makeup on you all to enhance your looks."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"HE CAN PROGRAM THE DVR, BUT HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO TIE HIS SHOES?"

LOCKHORNS

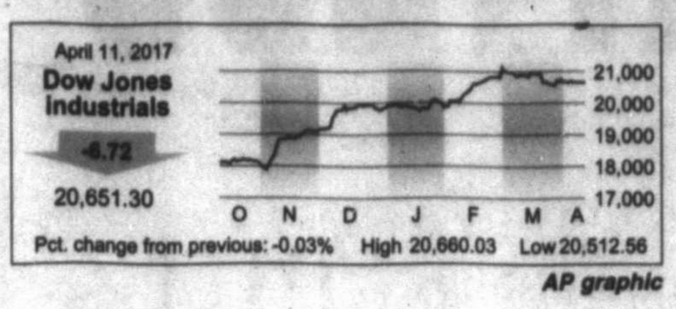


"HE THINKS, THEREFORE HE'S WRONG."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Grandma said I was growing like a weed. Is that good or bad?"

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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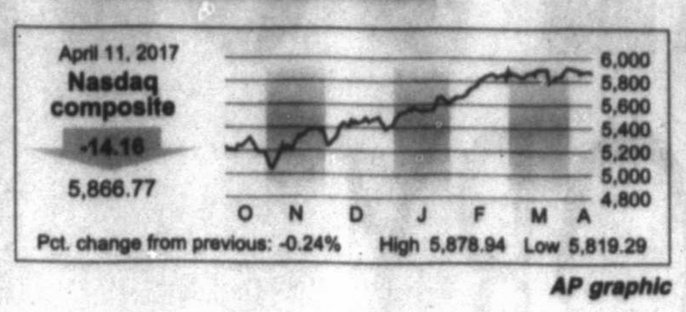

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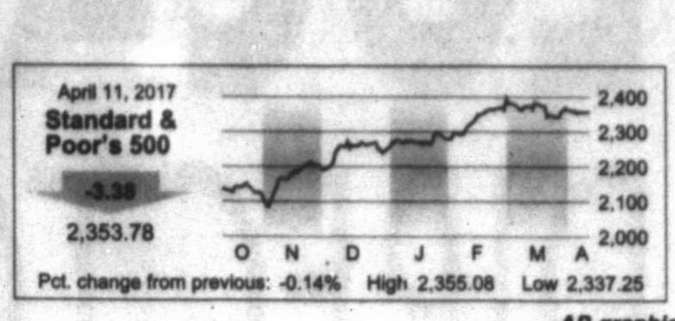

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Tuesday: $53.40
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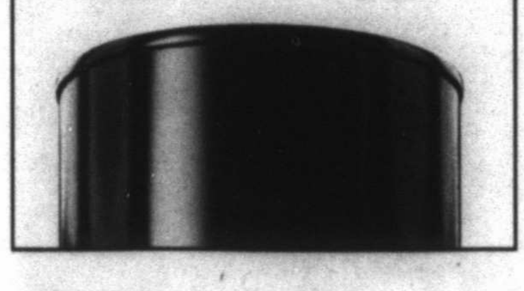

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Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BioAm	826985	22.92	-.10
B iPvSST	1689828	17.84	+.77
SPDR Fncl	830728	23.39	-.07
VanEGold	818249	24.36	+.71
S&P500ETF	7907004	235.06	-.28

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NoAtlDrl rs	2.70	+1.97	+267.3
UCP	11.35	+2.05	+22.0
SequansC	3.22	+.48	+17.5
BioAmber	2.69	+.36	+15.5
Ampco	16.85	+1.69	+11.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AtlRn pfA	21.29	-2.81	-11.7
BP Pru	21.45	-2.50	-10.4
AmTrF pf F	21.31	-2.41	-10.2
AmTrF pfD	22.50	-2.49	-10.0
AmTrF pfC	22.53	-2.37	-9.5

Diary

Advanced	1,820
Declined	1,121
Unchanged	116
Total issues	3,057
New Highs	90
New Lows	11
Volume	3,031,584,661

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	88951	3.23	+.21
TherapMD	873323	5.75	-.45
BGold g	572318	2.90	+.12
Globalstar	54139	1.69	+.03
NovaGld g	30576	4.94	+.06

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NewCondEn	2.06	+.27	+15.1
RxVrmxWk	5.58	+.46	+8.9
Talung n	7.80	+.55	+7.8
NwGold g	3.23	+.21	+7.0
IntelgSys	4.69	+.25	+5.5

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SfneEn wt	2.77	-.26	-8.6
RxVrmxrnF	30.25	-2.55	-7.8
TherapMD	5.75	-.45	-7.3
RELM	5.10	-.35	-6.4
Bellanty	6.00	-.35	-5.5

Diary

Advanced	198
Declined	141
Unchanged	28
Total issues	367
New Highs	7
New Lows	3
Volume	124,893,122

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
MicronT	380770	27.18	-.46
PwShs QQQ	3330300	131.45	-.57
Apple Inc	298116	141.63	-1.54
FrontierCm	273122	2.05	-.03
Oclaro	238791	9.00	-.12

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RetailMNot	11.50	+3.75	+48.4
AllHthC	12.75	+2.70	+26.9
Neothetics	2.09	+.28	+15.5
BroadwdE	9.02	+1.15	+14.6
MYOS	2.60	+.33	+14.5

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AmTrstFn	15.30	-3.57	-18.9
DelTaco wt	3.60	-.63	-14.9
HubGroup	40.55	-6.70	-14.2
XcelBrnds	2.45	-.40	-14.0
MTS	46.70	-7.10	-13.2

Diary

Advanced	1,561
Declined	1,218
Unchanged	257
Total issues	3,036
New Highs	64
New Lows	38
Volume	1,740,102,761

Gymboree said to prepare bankruptcy filing as massive debt payment looms

Bloomberg

Gymboree Corp., the struggling children's clothing retailer, is preparing to file for bankruptcy as it faces a June 1 interest payment on its debt, according to people with knowledge of the matter.

The Bain Capital-controlled company is seeking to reorganize its debt load and may transfer control to its lenders, including Searchlight Capital and Brigade Capital Management, said the people, who asked not to be identified because the process isn't public.

Representatives for Bain, Gymboree, Brigade and Searchlight declined to comment.

Gymboree, laboring under more than $1 billion in debt from its Bain buyout in 2010, warned last month that it's running short on cash and might not survive if it can't persuade creditors to refinance its debt. The June 1 interest payment applies to its 9.125 percent notes that are due in 2018.

The retailer, which operates about 1,300 stores, hasn't posted an annual profit since 2011, with losses totaling more than $800 million. Gymboree hired Rothschild & Co. to advise it on a potential restructuring this year, people with knowledge of the matter have said.

A Rothschild representative also declined to comment.

Retailers have been hammered by a decline in mall shopping and the rise of online competitors like Amazon.com Inc. Gymboree, which has most of its stores in malls, goes head-to-head with specialty chains such as Children's Place Inc., as well as mass merchants like Target Corp.

Gymboree has a $761 million term loan due in February 2018. The loan is trading at about 44 cents on the dollar, compared with 80 cents in late September.

Gas prices will rise once again this summer but should remain low, govt says

Associated Press

NEW YORK — You didn't think those super-low gas prices would last forever, did you?

The U.S. government says a rebound in oil prices means drivers will be paying more at the pump this summer than last year. But that will still be a bargain compared to just a few years ago.

The Energy Information Administration on Tuesday forecast that retail gas will cost an average of $2.46 a gallon from April through September, up from $2.23 a gallon over the summer of 2016.

The price of crude oil has risen about 15 percent over the last year, although at $53 a barrel, oil still costs about half as much as it did in the middle of 2014. Prices tumbled after that because of a huge supply glut.

"Motorists have gotten used to gas prices under $3 a gallon and that will continue," says Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst for the gas price tracking firm GasBuddy.

Gas prices rise over the summer as more people hit the road to take advantage of the warmer weather and school breaks. And while gas prices can vary a great deal depending on geography and other factors, the agency says it believes the average price of gas will rise to $2.39 a gallon this year, from $2.15 a gallon in 2016.

"Motorists have gotten used to gas prices under $3 a gallon and that will continue. ... Demand for gasoline likely will be flat or slightly lower than last year because of the increase in price."

Patrick DeHaan, *senior petroleum analyst for GasBuddy*

If that holds, the average U.S. household would spend about $200 more on gasoline than it did in 2016, the EIA said. But that imaginary average household would still save about $300 compared to average yearly spending on gas from 2012 to 2016.

Gas prices are now the highest they've been in about a year and a half, according to the American Automobile Association. Prices at the pump are now above $3 a gallon in some places, a barrier that is psychologically significant and keeps some people from driving as much as they would otherwise.

"Demand for gasoline likely will be flat or slightly lower than last year because of the increase in price," DeHaan said.

Diesel prices are also expected to rise to $2.70 a gallon this year from $2.34 a gallon, but that's also well below the average price of the fuel over the last five years. The U.S. now produces so much more oil than it did in years past that oil prices, and in turn gas prices, are much lower than they were a couple of years ago.

While DeHaan expects gas consumption to fall slightly, he said drivers will probably set another record for the amount of miles they drive because fuel efficiency has improved.

US stock indexes end little changed: oil prices recover

The major U.S. stock indexes barely budged Tuesday on another day of mostly light trading ahead of the Easter holiday weekend.

Technology stocks declined the most, while real estate companies notched the biggest gains. Oil prices recovered after an early slide. Bond yields fell and the price of gold rose as investors kept an eye on rising geopolitical tensions.

"Heading into the holiday weekend, people are a little bit nervous to add on to their positions," said JJ Kinahan, chief market strategist at TD Ameritrade.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 3.38 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,353.78. The Dow Jones industrial average slipped 6.72 points, or 0.03 percent, to 20,651.30. The Nasdaq composite index slid 14.15 points, or 0.2 percent, to 5,866.77.

Small-company stocks bucked the downward trend. The Russell 2000 index rose 9.86 points, or 0.7 percent, to 1,376.95. Rising stocks outnumbered declining ones on the New York Stock Exchange.

Major indexes started off in the red early Tuesday and held their course the rest of the day as traders monitored the latest headlines on North Korea and Russia-U.S. relations.

Metal prices down

Among metals, silver gained 34 cents, or 1.9 percent, to $18.25 an ounce. Copper was little changed at $2.61 a pound.

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Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $134.72 Down 0.18

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $132.00 Up 0.67

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $5.37 Up 0.01

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $105.96 Up 1.34

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.34 Up 0.01

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $3.79 Unchanged

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $28.80 Up 0.65

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $14.58 Up 0.46

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $41.76 Up 0.85

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $12.45 Up 0.39

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $18.18 Up 0.39

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	25	7.11	+.07	-30.4
AT&T Inc	1.96	16	40.31	-.07	-5.2
Abraxas	...	...	2.19	-.02	-14.8
AdvDvsEq	.92e	...	13.80	-.02	+8.6
AMD	...	...	13.10	..	+15.5
AlonUSA	.60	...	11.67	+.10	+2.5
AmTrstFn	.34	5	15.30	-3.57	-44.1
Ambev	.06e	5	5.57	-.14	+13.4
Amgen	**4.60f**	**15**	**183.11**	**+.32**	**+11.6**
Anadarko	**.20**	**...**	**62.90**	**+.01**	**-9.8**
Apache	**1.00**	**...**	**53.87**	**-.12**	**-15.1**
Apple Inc	2.28	17	141.63	-1.54	+22.3
AplldMatl	**.40**	**19**	**38.20**	**-.86**	**+18.4**
ArcelorMit	...	9	8.04	-.04	+10.1
Archrock	.48	...	13.55	+.15	+2.7
ATMOS	**1.80f**	**23**	**80.49**	**+.25**	**+8.6**
AutoData	2.28	27	102.09	-.05	-.7
BP PLC	**2.38**	**42**	**35.37**	**+.38**	**-8.4**
BakrHu	.68	...	60.87	-.84	-6.3
BcoBrad s	.43e	...	10.21	+.04	+17.4
BkofAm	.30f	18	22.92	-.10	+3.7
B iPVxST rs	...	...	17.84	+.77	-30.1
BeringsCp s	1.20	...	15.45	-.11	-.2
BarrickG	.12f	36	20.09	+.62	+25.7
BasicEnS	...	...	.45	...	...
BerkHa A	**...**	**1624000**	**1.03-1798.00**	**+1.8**	
BldHillsCp	**1.78f**	**21**	**67.66**	**+.31**	**+10.3**
BrklySq	**1.56f**	**32**	**52.98**	**-.37**	**-9.3**
BrownFA s	**...**	**28**	**46.67**	**-.33**	**+.9**
BrownFB s	**...**	**...**	**45.96**	**-.03**	**+2.5**
CVS Health	2.00f	13	78.17	+.36	-.9
CallonPet	**...**	**62**	**13.61**	**+.16**	**-11.5**
Caterpillar	3.08	30	97.10	-.04	+4.7
Celestic g	...	10	14.44	-.15	+21.9
CntryLink	2.16	10	24.90	+.03	+4.7
ChesEng	...	...	6.18	-.05	-12.0
Chevron	**4.32f**	**...**	**106.97**	**-.46**	**-7.4**
Chicos	.33	19	13.52	+.08	-6.0
Cimarex	.32	...	120.74	+1.36	-11.2
Cisco	1.16	17	32.92	-.09	+8.9
Citigroup	.04	12	59.03	-.25	-.7
ClayEng	**...**	**...**	**134.72**	**-.18**	**+13.0**
CliffsNRs	...	5	7.98	+.10	-5.1
CocaCola	**1.48f**	**26**	**42.66**	**+.03**	**+2.9**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ColgPalm	**1.80f**	**26**	**73.70**	**-.03**	**+12.6**
Comcast s	.63f	21	37.23	-.44	+7.8
ConAgra	**.90**	**21**	**40.50**	**-.07**	**+2.4**
ConchoRes	**...**	**...**	**132.00**	**+.67**	**-.5**
ConocoPhil	**1.06f**	**...**	**50.15**	**...**	**...**
CrackerB	4.60	25	157.02	-.15	-6.0
CSVelVST	...	...	64.05	-3.21	+37.0
CrstwTim	**1.07e**	**15**	**16.13**	**+.09**	**-10.2**
DCP Mid	3.12	19	38.80	-.18	+1.1
DTE	3.30f	24	103.13	-.07	+4.7
Dataram rs	...	...	1.19	-.01	-45.9
DevonE	**.24**	**...**	**42.52**	**-.54**	**-6.9**
DirDGlBr rs	...	...	25.33	-2.44	-47.6
DxGlMBr rs	...	...	13.06	-.79	-62.8
DxSCBear rs	...	...	18.24	-.45	-8.1
DrGMBll s	...	...	7.29	+.42	+30.6
DxGBull s	...	...	10.89	+.89	+42.5
Disney	**1.56f**	**20**	**113.07**	**+.64**	**+8.5**
DowChm	**1.84**	**20**	**62.49**	**-.78**	**+9.2**
DryShp rs	...	1	1.74	-.74	-98.5
EOG Resce	**.67**	**...**	**97.88**	**-.52**	**-3.2**
EnCana g	.06	...	12.06	+.04	+2.7
Endo Intl	...	6	10.76	-1.11	-34.7
Energen	.08	...	55.74	+.75	-3.3
EngyTstr	4.22	...	35.85	-.21	+.1
EnPro	**.80f**	**59**	**68.85**	**+.71**	**+2.2**
EntProdPt	1.66f	22	27.91	-.11	+3.2
Ericsson	.11e	...	6.33	-.13	+8.6
ExxonMbil	**3.00**	**37**	**82.84**	**-.29**	**-4.2**
Facebook	...	33	139.92	-1.12	+21.6
FordM	.60a	6	11.28	+.03	-7.0
FrptMcM	...	...	13.62	+.10	+3.3
FrontierCm	.42	...	2.05	-.03	-39.3
GATX	**1.68f**	**10**	**62.52**	**+.27**	**+1.5**
GabMultT	**.94e**	**...**	**8.25**	**+.06**	**+14.0**
GAInv	**1.15e**	**...**	**33.64**	**-.02**	**+7.9**
GenElec	**.96**	**25**	**30.04**	**+.03**	**-4.9**
Gerdau	.02e	...	3.18	-.06	+1.3
GtPlainEn	**1.10**	**18**	**29.33**	**+.16**	**+7.2**
HP Inc	.53f	11	17.54	+.18	+18.2
Halibrtn	.72	...	50.01	+.04	-7.5
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	37.00	-.10	+11.0
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	38.32	-.19	+10.4
iShEMkts	.84e	...	39.12	-.09	+11.7

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	62.04	+.29	+7.5
iShR2K	1.77e	...	136.90	+1.08	+1.5
Intel	**1.09f**	**16**	**35.74**	**-.06**	**-1.5**
InterDig	1.20	10	86.75	+.30	-5.0
ItauUnibH	.32e	...	12.03	-.02	+17.1
JPMorgCh	1.92	15	85.73	-.15	-.6
JohnJn	**3.20**	**19**	**134.22**	**-.12**	**+7.8**
KimbClk	**3.88f**	**22**	**132.63**	**+.71**	**+16.2**
Kinross g	...	74	3.72	+.13	+19.6
LegacyRes	.60m	...	2.35	+.02	+10.8
Lubys	**...**	**...**	**3.23**	**+.01**	**-24.5**
McDnlds	3.76	24	131.20	+1.22	+7.8
Merck	.86	17	62.58	+.03	+6.3
MerlMed	**...**	**36**	**20.75**	**+.40**	**+8.5**
MexcoEn	...	...	3.79	-.00	-24.2
MicronT	...	33	27.18	-.46	+24.0
Microsoft	1.56	29	65.48	-.05	+5.4
Nabors	.24	...	14.18	+.23	-13.5
NatGrid	**3.35e**	**...**	**64.26**	**+.41**	**+10.2**
NOlfVarco	.20	30	38.73	-.43	+3.4
NoAtlDrl rs	...	...	2.70	+1.97	-14.8
NSTFI3	**.55e**	**...**	**14.32**	**-.01**	**+1.1**
NTXQI	**.65**	**...**	**14.41**	**+.05**	**+5.0**
Nvidia	.56	37	98.12	+.35	-8.1
OcciPet	**3.04**	**...**	**64.96**	**+.84**	**-8.6**
Oclaro	...	...	9.00	-.12	+.6
OnSmond	...	27	14.60	-.50	+14.4
Oracle	.60	21	44.17	+.17	+15.3
PDC Engy	**...**	**...**	**64.78**	**+.91**	**-10.7**
Pandora	...	...	11.14	+.19	-14.6
ParTech	**...**	**22**	**7.34**	**+.02**	**+31.5**
ParkDrl	**...**	**...**	**1.70**	**-.05**	**-34.6**
PattUTI	**.08**	**...**	**25.61**	**+.07**	**-4.9**
PennaRE	**.84**	**10**	**14.81**	**+.22**	**-21.9**
Pmian	.44e	28	10.01	-.20	+29.8
Petrobras	...	...	9.73	-.16	-3.8
Pfizer	**1.28f**	**14**	**33.93**	**-.11**	**+4.5**
PioNtr	.06	...	189.95	-.39	+5.5
PlainsAAP	**2.20**	**28**	**30.77**	**-.27**	**-4.7**
PlugPowr h	...	...	2.64	+.19	+120.0
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	131.45	-.57	+10.9
Praxair	**3.15f**	**21**	**119.18**	**-.39**	**+1.7**
PrmEgy	**...**	**...**	**48.00**	**+.23**	**-11.1**
PUVixST rs	...	...	20.45	+1.70	...

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ProctGam	**2.68**	**24**	**89.80**	**+.31**	**+6.8**
Qualcom	2.12	16	55.35	-1.17	-15.1
RangeRs	.06	...	29.40	-.48	-14.4
RegionsFn	.26	16	14.17	-.05	-1.3
RexahnPh	...	...	.62	-.05	+335.2
RiteAid	...	43	4.75	+.14	-42.4
Rowan	.40	7	15.15	-.26	-19.8
RoyDShllA	3.76	61	53.71	+.29	-1.2
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	206.33	-.00	+4.5
SpdrGold	...	...	121.19	+1.73	+10.6
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	235.06	-.28	+5.2
SpdrLehHY	2.30	...	36.76	-.07	+.9
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	37.89	+.05	-8.5
SabnR	2.13e	18	38.40	+1.05	+9.2
SanderFm	**.96**	**12**	**106.79**	**+.91**	**+13.3**
Schlmbrg	2.00	69	79.65	+.94	-5.1
SeadrillLtd	...	1	.82	+.01	-75.8
SiriusXM	.01p	39	5.06	-.04	+13.7
Smucker	3.00f	16	127.77	+.08	-.2
Snapinc A n	...	...	20.70	-.27	+15.4
SwstnEngy	...	...	8.10	-.26	-25.1
SP Engy	2.04e	...	70.90	+.01	-5.9
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	23.39	-.07	+.6
SunocoLog	2.08f	25	23.92	-.20	-.4
Supvalu	...	7	4.00	+.21	-14.3
TeletEsp	**1.03e**	**...**	**11.05**	**+.08**	**+20.1**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Tesoro	2.20	12	81.85	+.92	-6.4
3M Co	4.70f	23	190.07	+.36	+6.4
Torchmark	**.60f**	**17**	**76.23**	**+.14**	**+3.3**
TriContl	**.82e**	**...**	**23.19**	**-.06**	**+5.2**
TylerTech	**...**	**49**	**154.78**	**+1.16**	**+8.4**
UBSI	**1.32**	**20**	**40.65**	**+.15**	**-12.1**
UtdContl	...	8	70.71	-.81	-3.0
US OilFd	...	...	11.17	+.03	-4.7
USSteel	.20	...	34.72	+.96	+5.2
Vale SA	.29e	...	9.15	-.09	+20.1
ValeroE	2.80f	18	65.63	+.28	-3.9
VanEGold	.12e	...	24.36	+.71	+16.4
VanE JrGld	...	...	37.50	+.72	+18.9
VerizonCm	2.31	12	48.70	+.16	-8.6
VulcanM	**1.00f**	**40**	**121.19**	**-.15**	**-3.2**
WEC Engy	2.08	21	60.64	+.09	+3.4
WalgBoots	1.50	18	82.68	+.17	-.1
WealthFntl	...	...	6.52	...	+30.7
WellsFargo	1.52	13	54.16	-.38	-1.7
WstnRefin	1.52	29	35.51	+.35	-6.2
WhiteWave	...	47	56.24	+.01	+1.2
WhitingPet	...	...	9.60	-.03	-20.1
WholeFood	.56	23	33.55	-.62	+9.1
WmsCos	1.20f	51	30.36	-.16	-2.5
XcelEngy	**1.44f**	**21**	**44.58**	**...**	**+9.5**
Xerox	**.25m**	**10**	**7.08**	**...**	**+23.1**

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21,169.11	17,063.08	Dow Jones Industrials	20,651.30	-6.72	-.03	+4.50	+16.53
9,639.33	7,029.41	Dow Jones Transportation	9,135.58	-43.12	-.47	+1.01	+17.75
723.83	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	700.34	-.18	-.03	+6.17	+5.7
11,688.45	9,918.72	NYSE Composite	11,473.62	+9.28	+.08	+3.77	+12.06
5,936.39	4,574.25	Nasdaq Composite	5,866.77	-14.16	-.24	+8.98	+20.42
2,400.98	1,991.68	S&P 500	2,353.78	-3.38	-.14	+5.13	+14.17
1,761.08	1,409.53	S&P Midcap	1,719.85	+9.48	+.55	+3.57	+19.45
25,008.97	20,583.79	Wilshire 5000	24,559.69	-.90	...	+4.84	+15.69
1,414.82	1,085.88	Russell 2000	1,376.95	+9.87	+.72	+1.46	+24.53

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Hi-Crush Partners LP has immediate openings for candidates to join our next crew! We operate a purpose built delivery solution, PropStream, that allows for the efficient, safe and cost-efficient delivery of frac sand directly to our customers at the wellsite. The process involves unloading frac sand from specially designed containers into blender hoppers via an automated conveyor system, allowing for faster loading and a significant reduction in supply chain related congestion at well sites. Hi-Crush is a leading domestic producer, supplier, and distributor of premium Northern White frac sand used to enhance recovery rates of oil and natural gas in hydraulic fracturing wells.

We are seeking **hourly forklift and equipment operators** for multiple shifts who can travel to sites in the Permian Basin, typically one to two hours from the Midland/Odessa area. Openings are available for candidates with prior experience operating forklifts, conveyors and other equipment in the oilfield and drilling services sectors:

Hourly: Unloads containers from trucks. Loads containers onto conveyor system and unloads to designated area.

Assists site crew with mobilization of conveyor systems. Monitors and controls automated conveyor belt system that conveys containers of sand to the well head for frac process. Regulates speed of conveyor system. Monitors flow and operation of system.

Monitors orders and schedules and reviews daily work plan with supervisor. Assists with inventory control at the frac site and observes operations to ensure quality control is maintained. Ensures the safe and efficient movement of trucks and forklifts at the frac site at all times. In compliance with established safety policies, ensures daily, weekly, and/or monthly safety protocols are performed and logged.

Hourly positions require 2 years of conveyor system operation or comparable experience along with prior experience operating small equipment including 36,000 lb. capacity forklifts (certification preferred.) Experience with oilfield uni-belt/ dual-belt frac conveyors desirable. Must be able to work 12-14 hour rotating shifts (two weeks on/one week off).

Salaried: We also are recruiting for **site supervisors and inventory coordinators,** both requiring prior frac site operations experience.
Hi-Crush offers competitive compensation and 100% employer paid premiums for employee medical/dental/vision/life insurance along with 401(k) and incentives.

CLERICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

Cashiers

Health Food Store is taking applications for energetic and friendly full-time cashiers. Pleasant work environment, friendly customers, caring management, generous employee discount and paid vacations. Apply in person Monday through Friday only 9am to 5pm at Natural Foods Market, 2311 W. Wadley, Midland.

ENERGY AND UTILITIES

Environmental Restoration Supervisor

PMI is looking for experienced an **Environmental Restoration Supervisor** for our Midland location, working for a major oil and gas company. We offer competitive wages and an outstanding benefit package, including health, dental, and vision. If you are interested please submit your application online at the below link or call 888-229-3837 for assistance with submitting your application. **http://tinyurl.com/kbuyfso**

Experienced Equipment Operators, Cement Supervisor

Par Five Energy Services, LLC
We offer an outstanding compensation and benefits package which include medical, dental, vision, 401K. Must be 21 years of age, have current CDL, able to pass drug screen, physical, and fit test, also able to pass a background check, and insurance requirements. For consideration please apply at: Par Five Energy Services, LLC 125 W. Missouri Midland, TX 79701

Horizontal Drill Operator

Black Gap Utilities is now hiring! Starting pay at $20 plus overtime and benefits. Must have experience drilling in rock and dirt. Some travel required, and must be willing to do other basic utility construction tasks.
Please email resume or info to blackgaputilities@gmail.com

Hydro Vac Truck Operators

PMI is looking for experienced **Hydro Vac Truck Operators** for our Midland location, working for a major oil and gas company. We offer competitive wages and an outstanding benefit package, including health, dental, and vision. If you are interested please submit your application online at the below link or call 888-229-3837 for assistance with submitting your application. **http://tinyurl.com/jvq43bh**

Natural Gas Compressor Mechanic

Natural Gas Compressor Mechanic Position open at a Natural Gas Processing Plant. Knowledge of Gas Compressors would be preferred with 2 yrs. experience in trouble shooting. . Excellent benefits. Salary DOE. Mail resume to Plant Manager, 2873 FM 829, Stanton, TX. 79782 or email vmccormack@wtggas.com

Purchasing Agent

Natural Gas Services Group has an immediate opening for a **Purchasing Agent.** Must have experience with receiving and reviewing requisitions, purchase orders, requesting quotes and communicating with vendors. This individual must be detail oriented and have intermediated to advance skill in Microsoft Excel and Word, excellent communication skills, 2 years' experience in the Inventory and purchasing field. Excellent Salary and Benefit package For more Information or to submit resume contact **Maria.Salcido@ngsgi.com** or **employment@ngsgi.com or call 432.262.2700**

Slickline Helper

Slickline Helper with established company. Prior oilfield experience preferred. Must pass drug test, physical and clean driving record. Hourly pay plus benefits. Submit resume to: preyes@produciolift.com or fill out application at Wireline Services, Inc, #14 E Industrial Loop, Midland, TX 79701

HEALTHCARE

Big Spring State Hospital

Registered Nurses, Job Posting # 348952 & 337518
Earn up to $5312.11 per month (DOE)
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Contact our Job Center for Job Descriptions or to Arrange a Campus Tour 432-268-7341 or 432-268-7296 or Complete an application online at: https://jobsheportal.hhsc.state.tx.us/ENG/default.cfm

Big Spring State Hospital 1901 North Highway 87 Big Spring, TX 79720

Front Desk

Full time position available at Permian Gastroenterology, P.A. Please fax resume to 432-697-6000, ATTN: S. Patel or bring to 4214 Andrews Hwy, Ste. 203, Midland, TX. 79703

Inpatient Registered Nurses

Fresenius Kidney Care
FKC is hiring Inpatient Registered Nurses in Lubbock and Midland. One year of nursing experience is required. We will train in dialysis. We are currently offering up to a $5,000 sign-on bonus! For more information, call 972-339-8337 or email julie.conti@fmc-na.com or apply online at jobs.fmcna.com

HEALTHCARE

Medical Associate

Excellent opportunity for a individual with strong computer skills & billing background, $15.00 per hour. Contact HR department. 800-581-8472

MANAGEMENT-EXECUTIVE

Building Manager

Large downtown church is seeking experienced Building Manager to ensure a well-maintained facility. Directing staff to maintain order and cleanliness of all areas and overseeing the maintenance of all facility infrastructure.
The ideal candidate will have 5 years experience in commercial building maintenance. Email resumes to lewdingman@firstmethodistmidland.com

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occassionally. We will train the right person.
$10.00 per hour

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday - Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

Field Representative

Well established growing oilfield service company looking for self-motivated individual for field sales and service. Individual must have current DL and oilfield experience with the ability to troubleshoot issues when necessary. This position offers a competitive salary, medical, 401k and an extensive bonus program. Work environment is friendly and fast paced with opportunity for advancement. Call 432-332-3651

Field/Shop Welder

Field/ Shop Welder, single hand contract. Must have clean driving record. Please call 432-520-3853 or 432-636-8266

Market Manager/ Butcher

Super Mercado looking for experienced Market Manager/ Butcher. Send resume to P.O. Box 582, Lamesa, TX 79331 or E-mail: supermercado248@yahoo.com

ROUSTABOUT HANDS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY

Must have valid driver's license. Apply in person at Rusty's Oilfield Service Company, 3327 Interstate 20, Stanton.

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm-4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person.
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PCC Performance Chemical Company

Performance Chemical Company is an established independent oilfield service company dedicated to providing premier services and products to Operators in the Upstream, Midstream, and Downstream markets

We're currently looking to add to PCC's talented team of chemical engineers by interviewing for a:
Senior Completions Specialist

Applicants must have at least 10-years stimulations and completions experience, some sales experience, and a bachelor's degree

Performance Chemical Company offers:
- Stable Work Environment
- Competitive Wages
- Annual Merit & Bonus Program
- Quality Training Programs
- Medical, Dental & Life Insurance
- 401(K) Retirement Plan

Please forward resume to:
Jose.Luna@perf-chem.com Phone: (432)332-3059
9105 W I-20 Midland, TX 79706
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We're currently looking to add to PCC's talented team of chemical engineers by interviewing for a:
Technical Services Manager

Applicants must have at least 20-years oil and gas industry technical services chemical experience and a bachelor's degree

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- Quality Training Programs
- Medical, Dental & Life Insurance
- 401(K) Retirement Plan

Please forward resume to:
Burl.Fuller@perf-chem.com Phone: (432)332-3059
9105 W I-20 Midland, TX 79706
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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Delivery Drivers & Treater Truck Drivers

Now Hiring - Tech Management, an oilfield chemicals & services company is currently seeking Delivery Drivers and Treater Truck Drivers for the Midland/Odessa area. Applicant must have a Class A CDL with Hazmat and Tanker endorsements. Oilfield experience is preferred. Competitive pay with benefits including: 401K, Health/ Vision/ Dental Insurance, Paid PTO and holidays, and more. Please call 432-684-4939 for more information and to receive an application.

TECH MANAGEMENT INC. OILFIELD CHEMICALS & SERVICES

RESTAURANT FOOD SERVICES

Buffalo Wild Wings Now Hiring All Positions

Management Fax Resumes to 806-783-8991.
All other positions apply in person at Buffalo Wild Wings locations
5107 W Wadley in Midland, 4241 Grandview in Odessa

RETAIL JOBS

SALES ASSOCIATE

Wood's Boots is currently hiring full and part time sales associates. If you are interested in wearing boots and jeans to work, and working with great customers, come see us at both Midland locations, 4803 Andrews Highway or 812 W. I-20. No phone calls!

SCIENCE-RESEARCH

Chemist for Oil & Gas Industry needed

IMPACTI Chemical Technologies, Inc. is seeking a Chemist for the Oil and Gas Industry. Experience is a must with a Bachelors of Chemistry as a minimum for education level is a must. Great Benefits and 401K plan. Please send resumes to PO Box 10887, Midland, TX 79702 or tbohannon@impactichemtech.com.

SCIENCE-RESEARCH

LABORATORY TECHNICIAN

IMPACT! Chemical Technologies is seeking a Laboratory Technician. Experience a Plus. Excellent pay and benefits. Please send resumes to tbohannon@impactchemtech.com or PO Box 10887, Midland, TX 79702.

SKILLED LABOR

Engineer

Sivalls, Inc in Odessa, TX. has an opening for a Process Engineer in the oil and gas industry. B.S. in engineering a requirement, Chemical Engineer is preferred. Candidate should have experience in the following:

- Designing/sizing oil and gas surface production equipment or experience operating the equipment.
- Control instrumentation
- ASME and API codes
- MS office software
- Welding processes
- Reading blueprints

Benefits include vacation, health insurance, and 401K

Please send resume to skirk@sivalls.com

SKILLED LABOR

Licensed Commercial Plumbers & Sheet Metal Mechanics/AC Duct Installers

TMI Mechanical is seeking **Licensed Commercial Plumbers & Sheet Metal Mechanics / AC Duct Installers & Experienced Helpers** for immediate employment. We offer competitive pay, paid vacations & holidays,100% employer paid medical. Must have good driving record. **Please call 432-686-0002 for interview.**

SKILLED LABOR

NOW HIRING!!!

Floore Industrial Contractors, Inc. is hiring and taking applications for the following crafts for West Texas: Journeyman Electrician, Electrician Helpers, Civil Carpenters, Civil Helpers, Pipefitters, Pipe Helpers, Pipe Welders, Rig Welders and Roustabouts. You can a submit an application online at www.flooreindustrialcontractors.com or at our office located at 1155 N. Hwy 329, Rankin, TX. 79778. Any questions, contact Tommy Robertson at 228-627-0903

SKILLED LABOR

Seeking Field Service Technicians

J & W Services and Equipment Co. are seeking field service technicians. Experience preferred. However we are willing to train. Hourly pay and overtime with benefits of group health and dental. Life insurance and 401k participation after one year of employment. After a probationary period J & W will award a hiring bonus. You can stop by 3510 E. Hwy 158 in Midland or go online to: www.jandwservices.com for application and submit to jobs@jwwellheads.com

TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

GLOBE Energy Services

$2,500 SIGN ON BONUS TO QUALIFIED CDL APPLICANTS

Now Hiring CDL Drivers
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Pump Truck Operators
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Competitive pay, Health Insurance, Vacation and Retirement Benefits available!

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Class A CDL Driver

BRONCO Hot Shot Services is currently hiring a driver. Must have Class A CDL with Hazmat and at least two years of tandem flatbed trailer experience. Clean driving record and drug test screening. Good pay and paid vacation. If interested, please call 432-250-2996.

TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

Drivers & Mechanics

Catalyst Oilfield Services is currently hiring for drivers and mechanics. Hazmat certification is required for all drivers. Please contact Roman Hernandez at (432) 894-1416.

Drivers & Mechanics

Immediate openings at Excalibur Rentals, Inc. for **Class A CDL Drivers, Utility Drivers, POJ Drivers and Mechanics in Midland, TX.** Must have a minimum of 5 yrs experience, clean driving record, and must be able to pass a drug test at any time. Send resumes to: resumes@excaliburrental.com, no phone calls please.

DRIVERS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY

Regional Ice Manufacturer Seeking FULL-TIME Route delivery Drivers for the Midland, TX. Area. Home Every Night. Class A or B CDL Required. Pre-Employment Drug Screen and Clean Driving Record a Must. Able to lift a minimum of 50 lbs. Pays hourly wage plus commission. Full Benefits Package Available. Apply online at arcticglacier.com

EZ RIDER

Seeking Positive, Professional Individuals to Join Our Team of Bus Operators!

At EZ-Rider, it is our mission to provide safe, reliable, affordable and efficient public transportation in the Midland-Odessa Metropolitan area. We are looking for positive, upbeat people to join our team of customer service oriented bus operators.

- Part time and full time positions available. Full time drivers work 3 days on/4 days off, with options to sign up to drive routes on days off.
- Pay starts out from $13.00-$13.50, with potential for increase after 90 day evaluation period.
- No experience necessary. A Class B CDL with Passenger and Air Brake Endorsement is necessary, applicants must already have a Class B CDL -OR- be able to obtain such within three weeks from the date of hire. EZ-Rider will provide all training needed to obtain your CDL.
- 7 paid holidays a year, vacation benefits, 401K and great health, dental and vision benefits after your first 60 days.
- Successful applicants must complete a police background investigation, DOT physical and pre-employment drug screen. Bus operators are also subject to random drug & alcohol testing.

Come join our team! We look forward to working with you.
Apply online at www.ez-rider.org or in person at:
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Legal and Public Notices

Midland Independent School District

Midland, Texas

Notice to Vendors

RFP # 17-015 Financial and Student Information Systems Services

The Midland Independent School District invites qualified vendors to submit a sealed proposal(s) for **RFP # 17-015 Financial and Student Information Systems Services** through the MISD electronic bid system. Proposals will be publicly opened and read in accordance with the proposal documents in the office of Rebecca Mull, Director of Procurement Services, at 615 W. Missouri Avenue, Suite 707, Midland, Texas at **2:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 3, 2017**. Request for Proposal documents may be obtained by registering as a supplier at www.midlandisd.com/domain/44. For any questions, contact MISD Procurement Services department at (432) 240-1965.

Midland Independent School District

Midland, Texas

Notice to Vendors

Bid # 17-016 Direct Delivery Food Items

The Midland Independent School District - Child Nutrition Services Department invites qualified vendors to submit a sealed bid(s) for **Bid #17-016 Direct Delivery Food Items** through the MISD electronic bid system. There will be a *Pre Bid conference at 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at the Child Nutrition Services Offices located at 801 S. Moran, Building 2, Midland, Texas.* Bids will be publicly opened and read in accordance with the bid documents at the Child Nutrition Services Offices at 801 S. Moran, Building 2, Midland, Texas at **3:00 P.M. Monday, May 15, 2017**. Bid documents may be obtained by registering as a supplier at www.midlandisd.com/domain/44. For any questions, contact MISD Procurement Services department at (432) 240-1965.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Lila Mae Dempsey, Deceased, were issued on April 4, 2017, in Cause No. P19012, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Robert Parks.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Brent A. Morgan**
Attorney at Law
415 W. Wall, Suite 1412
Midland, Texas 79701

DATED the 6th day of April, 2017.

Brent A. Morgan
Attorney for Robert Parks
State Bar No.: 24051084
415 W. Wall, Suite 1412
Midland, Texas 79701
Telephone: (432) 247-1090
Facsimile: (432) 247-1405
E-mail: themorganlawoffice@gmail.com

Legal and Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Beer and Wine Retailers Permit by Elizabeth Gonzales / Emily Benavidez dba The Yard, to be located at 10207 E. Hwy 80, Midland, TX. 79706, Midland County. Partners of said corporation are Elizabeth Gonzales, owner and Emily Benavidez, owner.

General Announcement

Mark Berryhill.com Ministering for Christ Teach the Lord's Word 1-4

Lost and Found

REWARD! Lost Red Heeler, male has docked tail. Vicinity of 1604 W. Ohio. Answers to Red Dog. 10 yrs old w/ gray in face. Call 432-556-3787

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Autos For Sale-Lease

Passenger Cars

CADILLAC 2012 SRX Premium Edition, Cadillac red, 61K miles, all service records, brand new tires. Asking $20,000. For more information Tony 432-238-4134

MAZDA 2, 2013. Excellent condition. 15,500 miles!! Call after 11:00 AM 432 296-9142 Pearl White Beautiful, fun to drive AM/FM, CD, iPod MP4,MP3 adaptable 4 door. Automatic. $6,700.

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NISSAN 2014 Altima 2.5 SV, gray extended warranty 50 k miles, 5 years, $11,000. 432-687-2113

Antique and Vintage

1941 CHEVY & 1948 Cadillac. Call if interested. Cell 432-288-0720. Price negotiable.

Pickup Trucks

2008 FORD F-150 Triton SuperCrew Cab Pickup w/ 6 ft bed, white w/ gold trim, 129,000 miles, excellent condition. Lots of options. $10,000 OBO, 432-260-7000

2014 WHITE Ford F-150 XLT 4X4 SuperCrew Cab Pickup w/ 5 1/2 ft bed, 27,000 miles. EXCELLENT condition. Tons of options $32,000 OBO, 432-260-7000.

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CHEVROLET 1500 Z71, 2005. Gold, 4-door, leather, Bose, Bedliner, Ranch Hand Grill Guard, 130k. Truck runs great and was well maintained. $10,000. Call/text 432-528-1080.

DODGE 2005 Ram 1500, 103 K miles, single cab, white, new tires & more. Good condition 1 owner. $6,000. 432-269-8680

Ford 2015 F250 Super Duty, Turbo diesel, 37K miles. $40,000. 432-687-5952

TOYOTA 2012 Tundra Crew Max, 4x4 pickup, silver, w/toolbox one owner, excellent condition. 147K barely broke in for Toyota. $21,000. Call 432-889-6073.

4WD and SUV

2014 F-350 King Ranch Dually, excellent condition, white, navigation, sunroof, loaded, factory 5th wheel, 24,000 miles. $53,000 OBO. 432-889-7889

CHEVY 2011 Tahoe LTZ, fully loaded, diamond ext, tan int, 107K miles, very good condition, . $20,000. Call Jesse 432-853-2355. Also have '98 JEEP Wrangler for sale.

Motorcycles

HARLEY 2011 Ultra Classic, two tone metallic root beer. Looks new, too many extras to mention. 26K miles, all services up to date and verifiable. Lots of spare parts & accessories. Must see, firm at $13,500. 230-4122 for Mike

HARLEY DAVIDSON 2013, Road King Classic. Two-tone red/merlot. 380 miles. Garage kept. Mint condition. Asking $15,750. 432-254-0025.

REDUCED
HARLEY DAVIDSON 2005 Road King. 13K miles. $6,500 OBO. MUST SEE! 432-697-9787 leave message

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Recreation Vehicles

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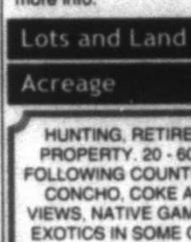

2007 CAPRI Rodeo truck camper, has shower, cook top, sink, hot water heater, water storage with water pump, propane compartment, microwave, refrigerator, & A/C. All works great & in very good condition. $4,700.00. Call 432-413-9190.

☆ 2014 ROYAL Traveler 5th wheel, 42', 3 slide outs, 2 AC's, tri axle, rollout awning, 2 bedrooms, sleeps 6, washer & dryer. Loaded. No pets, non smoking, located in Odessa. Must sell $32,500 OBO. 303-944-4160

2015 36' trailer, 2 slides, fairly new, washer & dryer, 2 A/C's, Never had pets, children or smoking. $23,000. 817-946-7675

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FIBERGLASS 2016 5th wheel 45ft, self contained, 2 BD, 5 slide outs, washer dryer, dishwasher, large refrigerator & freezer. 2 hide a bed couches. 1 in the living room, the other in the 2nd bedroom. Table & chairs, garden tub w/optional shower. 2 a/c. Winterized. Lots of living/storage space has a large living room. Very comfortable, like new. Asking $42,777 (obo) will deliver. 505-307-1954

HARLEY DAVIDSON 2011 Limited. Super low miles. $13,500. 432-770-7086

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  *4,212 ac. Maveric Creek, canyons, whitetail and mule deer and quail $825/ac
  *1,771 ac. windmill, creek, blinds and feeders, great w/ tail and mule deer, turkey, hogs, quail $850
- **Nolan County**
  *646 ac. over 1 mile **SOLD** creek, blinds, feeders, elevation change, oak $3,550/ac
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- **Howard County**
  *842 ac. canyons, blinds/feeders, great deer, cedar/mesquite, surface water, some oil/wind traffic $750/ac
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Thursday & Friday 9:00 AM - 3 PM

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Residential Rentals

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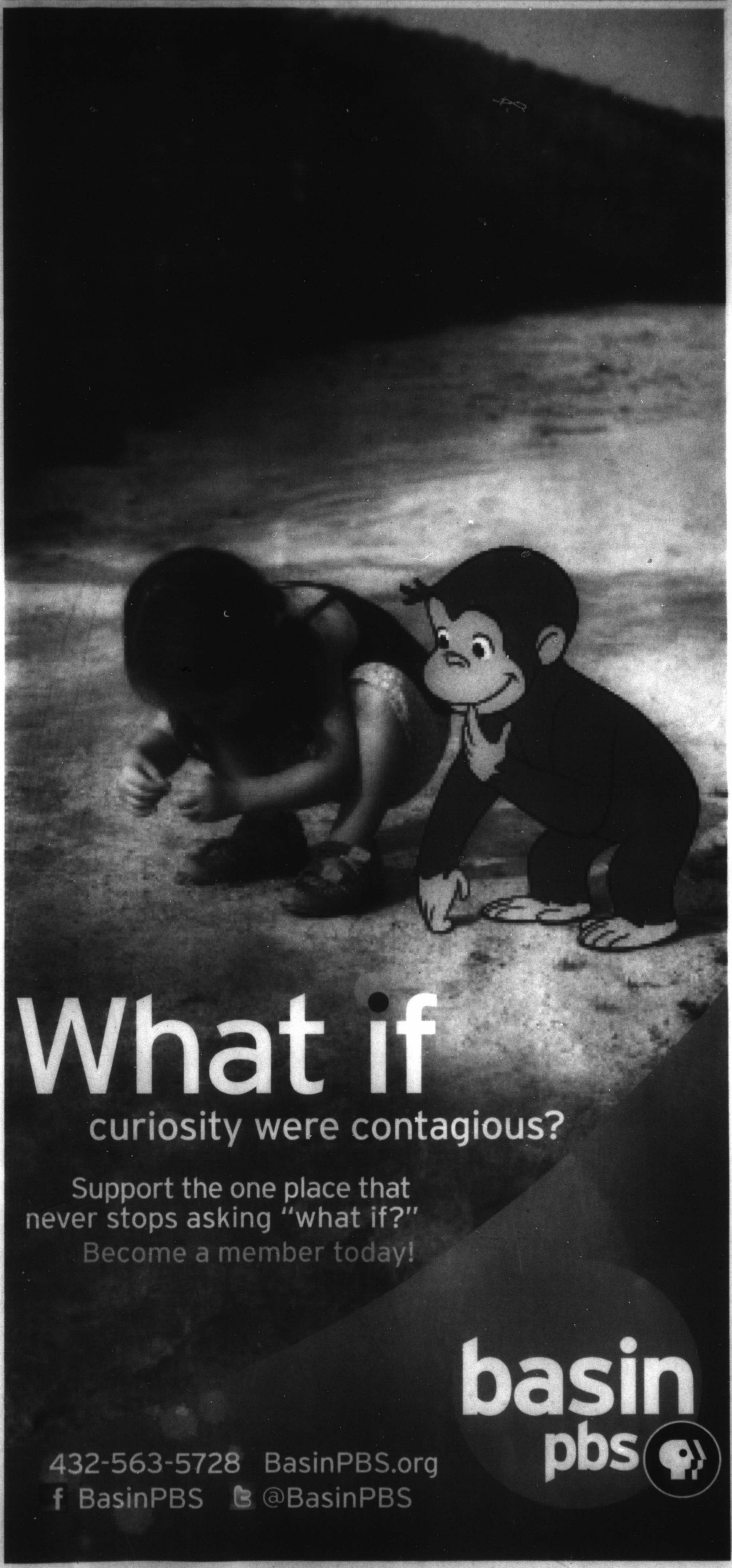
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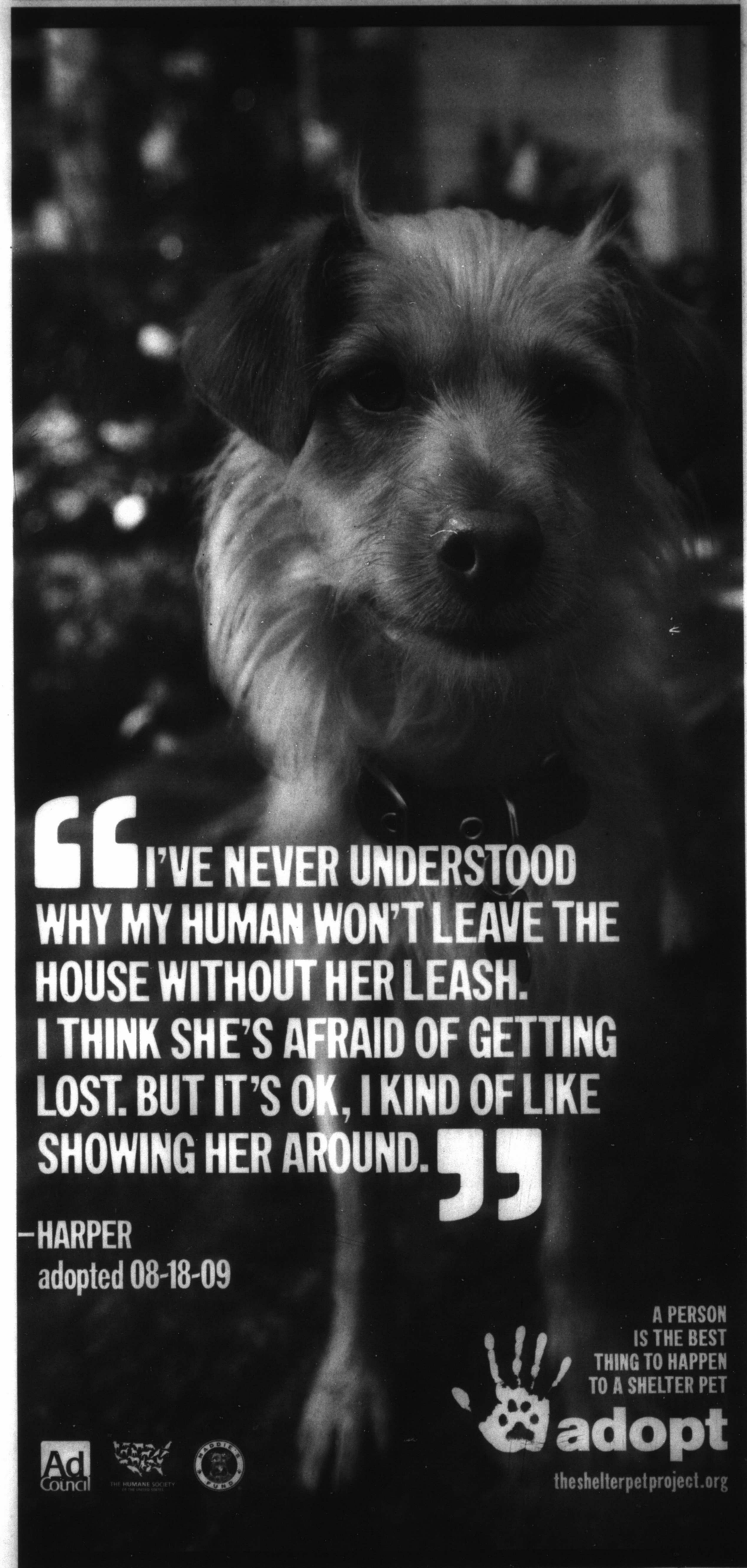
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