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The Houston driller agreed to snap up 70,000 net acres in the Permian Basin in West Texas for $1.1 billion. The transaction includes 51,500 acres in the Northern Delaware basin in New Mexico.

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FirstCapital's Burgess meets with Trump

Chairman invited to White House to discuss challenges community banks face

By Trevor Hawes
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FirstCapital Bank of Texas Chairman Ken Burgess knows the roles community banks play in the areas they serve, but post-Great Recession regulations implemented during the last presidential administration have challenged these small financial institutions. Some have gone out of business.

Burgess, chairman-elect of the American Bankers Association, and a handful of other community bank leaders from across the nation had the ear of President Donald Trump at the White House on Thursday. They talked about how broadly applied regulations have hurt their businesses and the communities they serve. Burgess spoke with the Reporter-Telegram after the session to give his perspective.

MRT: Why did President Trump bring you and other community bankers to the White House?

Burgess: He invited this group of community bankers to visit with him because, as he's stated over and over again, he's very concerned about job creation. He realizes the extreme amount of regulation put in place after the financial crisis by the Dodd-Frank Act in 2010, which affected all banks. Small community banks around the country are having to live with the same mountainous burden of regulation that the big banks do.

MRT: How bad has it been?

Burgess: We've lost about 30 percent of our banks in the last seven years. That's taking away community banks' ability to serve customers in smaller communities. About 50 percent of small business loans made in the United States are made by community banks.

(Trump) realizes how important it is to have a tailored regulatory system. Regulation should fit the size of the bank and its business model so it's not so overly burdensome and so it doesn't cause banks to have to merge or go out of business and end up losing community bank support.

MRT: Are there any regulations in particular that are affecting FirstCapital?

Burgess: A lot of the mortgage rules put in place have impacted people they were never intended to impact.

People that are retired and no longer have W-2 income might be able to write a check but can't qualify to buy a mortgage because of the way the rules are written. The rules skirt the ability to repay loans ... because they don't have enough W-2 income to support their payments with a pretty good margin of coverage. If you're retired, have a good income and have significant assets you've built up, you can't qualify for a loan.

The same thing can be said for small business owners. Most small business owners run their business and may take withdrawals out of the company but not take W-2 salary income. If they don't do that or they haven't been in business for a long enough period of time, they might be strong financially but not qualify for a

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A GREENER CLEANER



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Michelle and Dan Corrales, co-owners of Pristine Organic Cleaners, pose for a photo with employees at their newly-opened Midland location in the Red Oak Plaza near Loop 250 and Highway 191. The cleaning process at Pristine Organic Cleaners doesn't involve the use of cancer-causing chemicals and is healthier for the enviornment and customers.

NYC prosecutor-turned-cleaner brings greener method to Midland

■ Pristine Organic Cleaners opens for business today

By Trevor Hawes
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Trading a career helping crime victims in New York City for helping clothing stain victims in Midland isn't exactly what Dan Corrales ever imagined he would do, but the former prosecutor has done just that.

Corrales and his wife, Michelle, own Pristine Organic Cleaners, which opens today.

Pristine, located at 1307 N. Loop 250 W. Suite 10B in the Red Oak Plaza, offers a healthier, more environmentally friendly method of clothes cleaning, Corrales said.

"Typically, when your clothes are dry cleaned, instead of a washing machine with water, they're put in a machine that bathes them in solvent," he said. "A lot of the older dry cleaners use a chemical called perc (perchloroethylene), that the EPA has stated is a carcinogen. We don't use that."

Instead, Pristine uses a plant-based hypoallergenic detergent in specially designed machines that "wet clean" garments of all types, particularly those that would otherwise require dry cleaning, such as silks and wools.

"The equipment has to be capable of injecting the detergents at the proper time and maintain the humidity level, especially when you're drying it," he said. "If the humidity level is not controlled on silks, jackets and blazers, the fabric dries out and it's very hard to get wrinkles out and can compromise the integrity of the clothing."

It wasn't long ago that Corrales was only a clothes-cleaning customer, taking his suits in for service when he was a big city prosecutor. "I worked in the district attorney's office in Manhattan for three years and in the Brooklyn DA's office for a year. I tried my first case in the Eastern District under Loretta Lynch in the U.S. Justice Department," he said.

But what brought him into Midland's dry cleaning business? "That would be my wife," he said. "The paternal side of my family is from here. My grandmother was a councilwoman from here many years ago. My wife, who is from here, was a friend of our family, and we had never met until a few years ago. We got married and moved here during the boom thinking the grass was greener. That was 2014 toward the end.

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Craddick's texting bill has no problems in committee

■ Senate schedules hearing on its version of the measure

By Stewart Doreen
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For the fourth time, state Rep. Tom Craddick can celebrate that his bill to ban texting while driving in Texas will go to the House floor.

The House Committee on Transportation delivered a unanimous endorsement on Thursday of the bipartisan piece of legislation — marked House Bill 62. Craddick is a co-author along with state Reps. Byron Cook, Eddie Lucio, Gene Wu and Sarah Davis.

The bill will be sent to the House Calendars committee, which will consider it for placement on a House General Calendar for floor debate in the near future. Craddick expects the bill to go to the floor in the next two weeks.

He said each of the three previous bills have garnered at least 100 votes in the House, more than two-thirds of the governing body. The Senate has been a thorn in the side of Texas' dean of representatives.

In 2013, Sen. Robert Nichols, head of the Senate Transportation Committee, wouldn't allow a committee vote on Craddick's bill. It was expected to pass the Senate with little trouble.

In 2015, HB 80 passed the House with a 104-39 vote. However, its Senate sponsor, Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, could not get the 19 votes needed to bring the bill to the floor for debate. The so-called "Liberty Caucus" in the Senate had the 13 votes to shut down the bill. Those voting against bringing the bill to the floor included Midland native Van Taylor, a Republican residing in the Metroplex.

Craddick said Thursday the chair of the Senate State Affairs Committee, Joan Huffman, said she supports legislation addressing distracting driving, and it will get out of committee.

HB 62 was passed around

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WTS Posted	$41.70	▼ $1.00
Natural Gas	$2.950	▲ $0.049
Gasoline	$2.144	▲ $0.011

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Ranchers seek feed for
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Grandiloquence
[gran-dil-uh-kwuh ns]
noun
1. speech that is lofty in tone, often to the point of being pompous or bombastic.

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Jhonatan Tello expresses his concerns before two board members of the San Antonio School for Inquiry & Creativity, (SASIC), at their Preparatory Academy campus on Feb. 15. Tensions are bubbling over at SASIC, a small charter district beset by an array of complaints of corruption, mismanagement and negligence. Students and parents accuse the district of a range of offenses, including serving spoiled food to students, not providing toilet paper and soap in the bathrooms and not paying employees, among many others. State officials have ordered a San Antonio charter school to cease operations until it can resolve food-safety concerns and whether criminal background checks were conducted on employees.

State suspends operations at San Antonio charter school

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — State officials have ordered a San Antonio charter school to cease operations until it can resolve food-safety concerns and whether criminal background checks were conducted on employees.

The Texas Education Agency on Wednesday suspended operations at the San Antonio School of Inquiry and Creativity.

TEA Commissioner Mike Morath said in a letter to administrators that the school, which has four campuses, will not receive state funding while the suspension is in effect.

A hearing on the suspension is scheduled for today in Austin.

About 550 students attend the school.

Denise Fritter, president of the school's board of trustees, told the San Antonio Express-News that the TEA's concerns will be addressed.

Parents have expressed a series of concerns to the board, including that students became sick from undercooked and spoiled cafeteria food.

Panhandle ranchers work to secure feed for 10,000 cattle, horses that fled from wildfires

Associated Press

AMARILLO — State agriculture officials and ranchers are scrambling to secure feed and other supplies for about 10,000 cattle and horses that fled this week from wildfires in the Texas Panhandle.

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension said Thursday about 4,200 large bales of hay are needed to feed displaced animals over the next two weeks.

Trucks to shuttle animals from one location to another and fencing are among the needs as ranchers recover from the fires that killed four people and burned about 750 square miles in the state. Wildfires also ravaged parts of Colorado, Kansas and Oklahoma.

Jayce Winters, spokeswoman for the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, said preliminary counts indicate about 1,500 cattle were killed in the fires, but a more precise accounting could be days or weeks away.

Gov. Greg Abbott on Thursday suspended some permit requirements and transportation restrictions so supplies of hay could more quickly get to ranchers in the eight Texas Panhandle counties hit by the wildfires. His order covers transport of round hay bales and also includes waivers for shipments coming into the disaster area from other counties in the state.

The governor said in a letter to Raymond Palacios Jr., chairman of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, that he wanted to "ensure that state regulation is not an unnecessary barrier to the emergency transport of hay" to ranchers in Carson, Gray, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Potter, Roberts and Wheeler counties.

The Department of Motor Vehicles is asking shippers to contact the agency if their loads top 14 feet in height.



Michael Schumacher/The Amarillo Globe News via AP

Gray County rancher Ron Ferguson work to load cattle Tuesday that survived a yesterday's wildfires in Gray County. Ferguson said he lost between 12-14 head of cattle in the fires, several being newborn calves.

AT&T staying mum on outage that disrupted 911 service

Associated Press

The Federal Communications Commission is investigating what caused a 911 outage that affected AT&T wireless customers in multiple states on Wednesday. The Dallas-based company has revealed little about the outage, which has since been fixed.

Here's what we know:

Based on reports from law enforcement and government agencies, AT&T customers were unable to call 911 from their cellphones for a brief period Wednesday night. In many cases, police and sheriff's departments provided an alternate phone number for residents to use in case of an emergency.

The company declined to answer questions Thursday about the outage and instead issued a brief statement saying service had been restored to the affected customers.

In Arkansas, one sheriff's office shared a message it received from AT&T that blamed "a service outage that is impacting the ability to deliver AT&T Mobility wireless 911 calls in your area." The message noted there could be issues with 911 calls or certain "location information."

It's unclear how many were affected, but likely thousands. Maybe millions.

Officials in Baltimore, Houston, Washington, D.C., and other cities reported the outage, along with authorities in more than a dozen states.

Several law enforcement agencies described the outage as "nationwide," and FCC Chairman Ajit Pai said on Twitter that his agency received reports of a widespread outage. An FCC spokesman said the agency was trying to determine how many people were affected but noted the investigation had just begun.

AT&T has 147 million wireless customers in the U.S. and Mexico, according to its website.

San Angelo man gets 30 years in 2015 death of bicyclist

Associated Press

SAN ANGELO — Prosecutors say a West Texas man must serve 30 years in prison for the 2015 death of a bicyclist who was hit by a vehicle and shot.

Stephano Miguel Culbreath of San Angelo was sentenced Wednesday night, a day after being convicted of murder. Prosecutors said 47-year-old Culbreath and 24-year-old David Titus were acquaintances.

Police said Titus in July 2015 was found dead on a San Angelo street. Culbreath was arrested a few hours later driving near the scene. Police have said Culbreath seemed preoccupied with the investigation and the bumper of his SUV had marks consistent with the bicycle.

The San Angelo Standard-Times reported Culbreath took the stand and denied allegations by prosecutors that he was a drug dealer. However, Culbreath acknowledged being a methamphetamine, cocaine and marijuana

Ciudad Juarez group eyes tourism campaign

Associated Press

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — A group in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, is launching a campaign about safety in the border city in hopes of sparking more tourism.

The Las Cruces Sun-News reports that members of Love Jrz, a nonprofit, non-governmental association based in Ciudad Juarez, also are highlighting recreation and tourism opportunities.

In 2011, the city recorded 1,500 homicides widely blamed on violence between rival drug cartels. That number dropped to 269 in 2015. Ciudad Juarez has not experienced a rise in tourism concurrent with the drop in violence.

But the city saw more than 80 homicides last month, one of the highest numbers for a month in years.

The group has launched a Facebook page and is working on an interactive kiosk and mobile app. The kiosks will be placed in hotels, convention centers, and airports.

RadioShack files for 2nd bankruptcy in 2 years

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — RadioShack has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection for the second time in just over two years, putting the future of the nearly 100-year-old electronics retailer in doubt.

Once known as the place to buy batteries and obscure electronic parts, RadioShack has struggled to hang on to customers as more people shop on Amazon.com and other online retailers.

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Deported US vets in Mexico hope for return under Trump

By Maria Verza
Associated Press



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U.S. Marine Corps veteran Antonio Romo holds a picture of himself Feb. 13 taken from his days at boot camp as he poses for a portrait next to the U.S. border wall on the beach in Tijuana, Mexico. Romo is part of a group of dozens of U.S. military veterans who were deported after criminal convictions — Romo served his time in a Big Spring correctional facility — and for years have fought to be allowed to return.

TIJUANA, Mexico — After manning a machine gun on a combat helicopter as a U.S. Marine during the liberation of Kuwait, Antonio Romo came back to the United States traumatized by the death and carnage he saw.

He said he turned to alcohol and narcotics to try to quiet the nightmares, and made multiple suicide attempts. With addiction, he fell into dealing, and was arrested for selling cocaine. And after getting out of prison, Romo was deported in 2008 to Mexico, from where he had migrated to Lynwood, California, illegally at age 12.

Today, he's part of a group of dozens of U.S. military veterans, most of them former legal residents but noncitizens, who were deported after criminal convictions and who for years have tried to convince multiple administrations to let them return. They acknowledge committing serious crimes such as felony drug dealing, but argue that they did their time and being kicked out of the country amounts to being punished twice.

Now these veterans are pinning their hopes on the new administration of Donald Trump, and their cause presents a sharp conflict for two of the new president's stated priorities: Trump has promised to support the military and veterans; at the same time, he has also moved to ramp up deportations of immigrants in the United States illegally — particularly those convicted of crimes.

"President Donald Trump has said that he supports veterans, but ..." the 48-year-old Romo said, his voice trailing off. "We are Mexicans. ... I don't know."

Either congressional legislation or a presidential executive order could open the door for Romo and the others.

A White House official declined a request for an official administration comment on the issue. The person, who was not authorized to discuss the matter and spoke on condition of anonymity, said: "The current policy is reflective of those that have transcended administrations from both parties. I do not have any information regarding any changes to that."

In September, then-candidate Trump suggested he would be open to letting immigrants who serve stay in the U.S. even if they came illegally.

"I think that when you serve in the armed forces, that's a special situation, and I could see myself working that out," Trump said at NBC's Commander-in-Chief Forum. "Absolutely."

The United States has recruited foreign-born soldiers since the mid-19th century, and between 1999 and 2008, more than 70,000 of them enlisted, according to a report by the American Civil Liberties Union. Service has provided an expedited path to citizenship, with more than 109,000 veterans becoming naturalized Americans between 2001 and 2015, according to U.S. government statistics.

But that doesn't happen automatically; it's up to the veterans to follow through on the process. Some, like Romo — who was awarded a medal for the liberation of Kuwait, according to a copy of his discharge order he provided to The Associated Press — fall through the cracks. And those who commit felonies, which psychologists say are often linked to post-traumatic stress from battle, risk being kicked out of the country.

In 1996, U.S. immigration law was toughened to include around 30 deportable offenses for such cases, including robbery or drug crimes.

The Tijuana-based Deported Veterans Support House says it has documented at least 301 cases of veterans being deported to some 30 countries. More than 60 of them are Mexican.

Hector Barajas, a former paratrooper who was born in Zacatecas state, crossed illegally into the United States at age 7 and served in the Army from 1995 to 2001. He recalled the first time he was deported in 2004, after spending a year-and-a-half in prison for shooting at a vehicle, to Nogales, across the border from Arizona.

"I remember they took me to the border, opened a door and that was it," Barajas said. "You feel lost."

Unaccustomed to speaking Spanish and with no idea of how to make a living, Barajas crossed back into the States six months later. He was deported again in 2010, moved to Tijuana and founded the Support House, nicknamed "the bunker."

Many deported vets gravitate to Tijuana to be closer to relatives in Southern California, some of whom are U.S. citizens and can cross the border to visit.

Often the first door they knock on is "the bunker," a stone-facade shop decorated with American flags.

Barajas puts the veterans in touch with lawyers who help them receive pensions when possible, with psychologists who help them overcome trauma and addiction, and with job counseling programs. Above all the house is something of a support community.

Like many deported Mexicans who spent decades in the United States, some veterans struggle to find work in an unfamiliar country. Others are hired by Mexico-based call centers, prized for their fluent English. Deported veterans have died in Mexico, or been forced to watch from afar as loved ones die on the other side of the border.

Still many say they wouldn't hesitate to serve again if given the chance.

"I would enlist all over again," Romo said.

"Where do I sign up?" said Barajas.

The ACLU and some lawmakers have tried to build bipartisan support for stopping or reducing veteran deportations in the past. But others say they like the current laws just fine.

"We owe all the men and women who have fought for our nation an enormous debt of gratitude and respect. Prior military service alone, however, cannot create a blanket exemption from the laws of our country," said John Shimkus, a retired Army lieutenant colonel and Republican congressman from Illinois. "The current policy, which requires senior immigration officials to review each situation in which a green-card-holding veteran faces deportation, allows for the unique circumstances of each case to be considered."

California state Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez, a San Diego Democrat married to a Marine vet who served in Iraq, has proposed a legal fund to help deported vets apply for readmission.

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services said it does not have figures on how many deported veterans have requested naturalization and that it considers each petition individually.

Regardless of what happens, Barajas hopes to open another "bunker" to serve vets in Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso, and to lobby both Congress and the executive branch on the issue.

Romo had become a legal resident before enlisting in the military and was living in San Diego when his legal troubles began. He was sent to federal prison in Big Spring in 2001, convicted of conspiracy to distribute and sell cocaine. He said prison made him feel human again because it was there that he first got psychological help.

When he got out, a judge broke the news that he had not automatically become a citizen through his military service, but said he could apply to become one. He began working with a lawyer.

But Romo was deported five days before an appointment to settle his immigration status and deposited across the Rio Grande before dawn one day in July 2008 into Tamaulipas, a key smuggling corridor for drug cartels and one of Mexico's most violent states.

"I was scared," Romo said.

Today, from his Tijuana apartment decorated with replicas of guns, Romo can see the wall that separates him from family on the other side including his 22-year-old daughter.

Darkly, he mused that ultimately he may only go home in a coffin. The U.S. awards posthumous citizenship to combat veterans who have not been convicted of crimes that carry a possible death penalty or life sentence.

"We offered our lives in exchange for nothing," Romo said.

With their hopes on Washington, some still talk of respect for the chain of command.

"Donald Trump is the commander in chief, and we have to work with that," Barajas said. "We are soldiers."

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Things to do

- Pretend and Play for ages 3-6. 10 a.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. Every other Friday. co.midland.tx.us/lib.
- Evening Storytime at the Library. 4:30 p.m. (2-6 years), Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.
- Old Miner's Maze interactive adventure, 6-10 p.m., 4305 N. County Road 1140. oldminersmaze.com.
- Cajun and Fish Fry Night, 6 p.m., Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave. ranchlandhills.com.
- Bingo Nights, 7 p.m., American Legion, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 432-682-5511.
- Hold 'em poker tournaments, 7 p.m., The Detour.
- Spring Concert by Midland Community Band, 7 p.m., Wagner Brown Auditorium at Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield St. Free.
- Hill Country Revival, Jeremy Steding, 8 p.m., The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.
- DJ Wildman, 9 p.m., The Lift on 7th, 1401 E. Seventh St. Odessa.
- Friday Night Funnies, 10 p.m., Desert Flower Art Bar, 123 S. Main St., Big Spring. Free.
- "Agatha Christie's Murder on the Nile" at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

New movies in Midland

- At Tall City 14: "Kong: Skull Island," "La La Land Sing-along."
- At Cinergy Cinemas: "Kong: Skull Island."

Gas prices in Midland

Cheapest: $2 (Sam's Club, Tradewinds/SH 191)

Cheapest (non-membership store): $2.03 (Texaco, Briarwood/Northcrest; Sunoco, Briarwood/Midland Drive; Murphy USA, Briarwood/Midland)

Most expensive: $2.19 (multiple locations)

Most common price: $2.05, $2.15

Cheapest in West Texas: Lubbock $1.89. San Angelo $1.94. Odessa $1.96. Abilene $1.99. Midland $2)

	Midland Odessa	Texas
Thursday	$2.135	$2.099
Last week	$2.162	$2.115
Last month	$2.091	$2.088
Last year	$1.614	$1.607

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

Prices drop in Texas

COPPELL — Retail gasoline prices in Texas and nationwide are down a penny this week.

AAA Texas on Thursday reported the statewide price at the pump was an average $2.11 per gallon. Drivers across the U.S. are paying an average $2.30 per gallon.

The association survey found that San Antonio has the cheapest gasoline in Texas this week at an average $2.03 per gallon. Dallas has the most expensive gasoline this week across Texas at an average $2.15 per gallon.

AAA experts say retail gasoline prices continue to fluctuate. The national average price has remained between $2.28 and $2.32 per gallon for more than a month amid increased U.S. production to counter OPEC rebalancing efforts.

Source: Associated Press

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Daily 4 night: 8-5-3-1
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All or Nothing night: 2-3-6-8-10-13-14-19-20-22-23-24



Courtesy photo

Midlander Ken Burgess, far left, chairman of FirstCapital Bank of Texas, was among community bankers who met with President Trump on Thursday.

BURGESS

From 1A

mortgage.

MRT: What other major issues have community banks had to contend with?

Burgess: Another point we made to them is the regulations are written with a lot of subjectivity. The regulators who are in charge of administering those rules have quite a bit of leeway in how they administer those. We're asking them to consider appointing people into the regulatory jobs that are coming up here in a few months to have a more reasonable understanding of how rules impact different sized banks.

Keep the regulatory environment that needs to be there, but don't administer rules in such a way that you're wiping out the banking industry.

MRT: How has banking changed?

Burgess: We've had three new banks chartered in the U.S. since 2010 because of the regulatory environment. In the past, you would normally see between 100 and 300 new banks every year. That would stem the tide of bank mergers or failures so we wouldn't lose our banking system.

We need to look at the capital thresholds that are required to start up a new bank in communities like Midland, and smaller ones like Stanton can start a new bank if they had local people who wanted to do that.

When I put together the group and started the bank in 1998, we raised $6.5 million. We would go raise more money as it was needed because of our growth. Now, the minimum threshold is in the $30 million range. Banks in smaller communities can't raise that amount of money, and if they could, they would have to grow the bank to $300 million to $400 million in assets very quickly to be able to put that money to work and provide a return to shareholders. That's not feasible.

MRT: How do you think your comments were received?

Burgess: I thought he was extremely receptive to what we were talking about. I was very impressed with how quickly (Trump) would turn to his treasury secretary who was there and another staff member who is in charge of implementing some of these financial regulatory reforms. He would say to them, "Can we get this done with some actions or by getting the right people in place, or does it have to go through the legislature?"

While we were there, he was already talking with them about how to make significant changes that would bring quick action. I've always thought he was a person of action, and he definitely showed that at our meeting this morning.

MRT: How important are community banks?

Burgess: Extremely important. They're the ones that take deposits and redeploy that money into businesses and individuals around the city. Small businesses create the jobs in our community, and they're relying on capital by raising money themselves or borrowing capital to grow their business and grow jobs. If you don't have a good community bank with employees who understand the community and go out to get to know the customer, it's harder for those small businesses to get loans. They're not publicly traded companies. There's not a massive amount of information out there.

The bigger banks serve a big need in our economy, but they don't do as good of a job with small businesses because they can't get to know the owners and understand some of the nuances of the business that community banks can.

MRT: How is Midland's economy faring?

Burgess: We're starting to see some signs of improvement as the oil price moves back into the $50 range. As a community bank in Midland, we're seeing some strengthening in the oil sector, especially with some of the service companies that are starting to work again. We're pleased to see that and hope it eases some of the pain people have been feeling.

Like Trevor on Facebook and follow him on Twitter at @HowdyHawes.

TEXTING

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9:45 a.m. Thursday, Craddick said, and within minutes, the Senate scheduled a hearing at 9 a.m. Monday for its version of the bill.

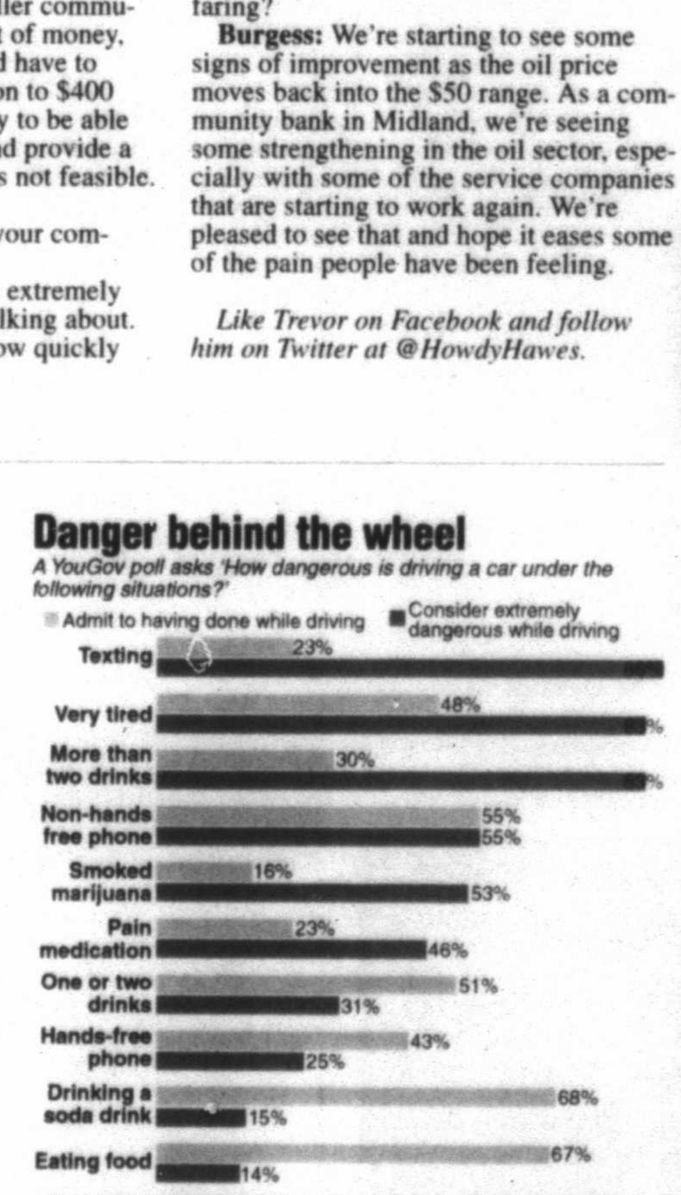
Craddick had previously told the Reporter-Telegram that state law bans cellphone use for drivers under 18; school bus drivers are prohibited from using a cellphone while driving with children on the bus; and drivers cannot use a cellphone or other handheld wireless device in an active school zone where signs are present.

This week the committee heard testimony from witnesses including Mike Myers, who lost his daughter, Elana; James Shaffer, who lost his wife, Emma and daughter, Tita; Justin Neumann from Encana who testified on their corporate policy; Beaman Floyd representing insurance companies; Robin Garza, an ER nurse; Noel Johnson a law enforcement officer with Texas Municipal Police Association; Captain Matthew May with Houston Police Department and Judge Kevin Madison of Lakeway.

About 100 witnesses (individuals, companies, associations, organizations) signed up in favor of the bill but did not testify, according to Craddick's office.

Craddick said there are four states that haven't passed texting while driving bans, and deaths are down in those states that have distracted driving laws on the books.

"But the number that gets my attention and concerns me gravely is the 482 deaths that occurred on Texas roadways in 2015 due to distracted driving," Craddick previously told the Reporter-Telegram. "I filed House Bill 62 because there should be zero deaths."



Man charged with aggravated assault against public servant

From staff reports



Ping

A Midland man was arrested Sunday after he allegedly drove a vehicle toward a police officer, according to court documents.

Jace Ping, 22, was being held Thursday on a $75,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of aggravated assault against a public servant and a $500 bond for a Class A misdemeanor charge of evading arrest.

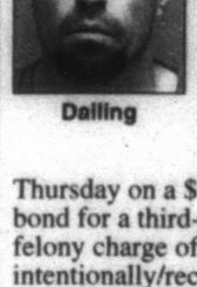
Midland police were dispatched to a business at about 4 p.m. Sunday in reference to a disturbance.

Ping was driving when he accelerated in the direction of a police officer, according to his arrest affidavit.

If convicted of the first-degree felony charge, Ping could face up to life imprisonment.

Man arrested on assault charge

From staff reports



Dailing

A Midland man was arrested Sunday after allegedly assaulting a woman, according to court documents.

Allen Manny Dailing, 35, was being held Thursday on a $30,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of assault intentionally/recklessly impeding breath/circulation with a previous conviction and a $500 bond for a Class A misdemeanor charge of unlawful restraint.

Midland police were dispatched at about 4 a.m. Sunday in reference to an open 911 call.

Dailing was at a residence when he placed a woman in a headlock, impeding her breathing, according to his arrest affidavit. He was previously convicted of family violence, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the third-degree felony charge, Dailing could face up to 10 years imprisonment.

South Korea's disgraced president booted from power by court

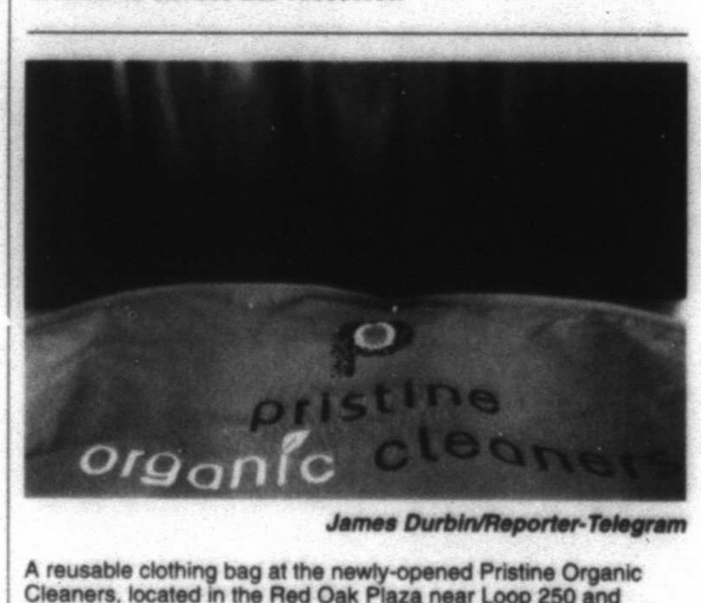
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea's Constitutional Court has ruled to formally end impeached President Park Geun-hye's rule.

Today's historic, unanimous verdict by the eight-judge panel means that Park is South Korea's first democratically elected leader to be ousted early from office since democracy came to the country in the late 1980s.

Parliament impeached Park in December after millions took to the streets calling for her resignation over an explosive political scandal involving her and her confidante.

South Korea must now hold an election within two months to choose her successor.



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

A reusable clothing bag at the newly-opened Pristine Organic Cleaners, located in the Red Oak Plaza near Loop 250 and Highway 191. The cleaning process at Pristine Organic Cleaners doesn't involve the use of cancer-causing chemicals and is healthier for the enviornment and customers.

CLEANER

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when the grass wasn't so green anymore."

Michelle Corrales grew up in the local dry cleaning industry. Her father, Larry Carrasco, has been in the business for more than three decades. He owns New Method Cleaners and Snow White Cleaners and bought Michelle the Image Cleaners facility in Odessa several years ago.

While organic cleaning is new to Midland, it's not unfamiliar to Dan Corrales. "I'm from a larger city where there are a lot more options for green cleaning, and we thought it would be appealing to provide that in the Permian Basin, where no one else offers it. We thought we could have a niche in organic cleaning."

Corrales said the trend is gaining steam because organic cleaning is safer. "It's common in a lot of metropolitan areas. In cities like San Antonio, demand is growing for it because people are looking for ways that don't involve toxic chemicals. In New York City, they forbid cleaners from using these products on the ground floor of a mixed-use building because the vapors rise through the high-rise building and affects the air quality."

"Organic" doesn't necessarily mean more expensive. Corrales said Pristine's prices are comparable to competitors. Shirts are $4 to $5, jeans and pants are $6. "People's perception is if it costs more, it's better for your clothes. I, myself, am guilty of it. I dry cleaned my suits and my Brooks Brothers shirts thinking that was better, and that was not the case."

Corrales isn't completely out of the law business. He said he practices here a bit, mostly representing landowners. The transition hasn't been easy, though, because he's now practicing in an entirely different state and demography.

Dry cleaning, however, "is a little bit lighter in tone" than representing crime victims. "It's been interesting. It's been an addition to my education. I'm learning what's endemic to this area. Not many people in New York have starched pants that can stand up by themselves."

Corrales hopes his business is successful so he can give back to the community. He would like to donate a portion of sales to MARC and Bynum School. Until then, he and his wife will be working hard to educate the public about the benefits of organic cleaning.

7 injured in ax attack at German train station

Associated Press

BERLIN — A man was arrested after injuring seven people with an ax at the main train station in Duesseldorf, Germany on Thursday in what appeared to be a random attack, police said.

Officers were alerted about an attack, prompting a large-scale police response.

"A person, probably armed with an ax, attacked people at random," police said in a statement. Seven people were injured, three of them seriously. The statement said police are investigating whether the suspect attacked passengers on a commuter train, as well.

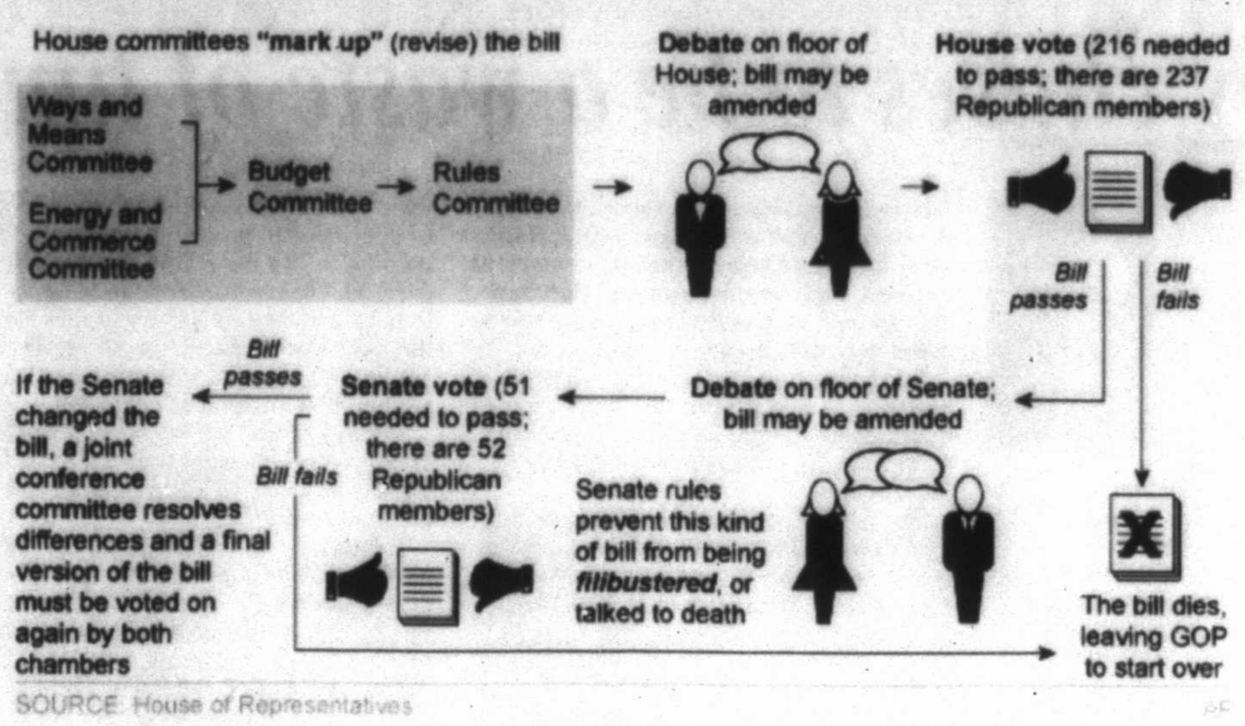
The suspected attacker was arrested after jumping off an overpass near the train station, the statement said. The 36-year-old man, described as being from "the former Yugoslavia" and living in the nearby city of Wuppertal, suffered serious injuries and was being treated in a hospital.

"The suspect appears to have had psychological problems," police said.

An ax was recovered and officers were searching the area in and around the station, which was closed for the investigation. Police withdrew an earlier report that a second person had been arrested, saying later that they were working on the assumption the man had acted alone.

Tracking the health bill's journey

The Republican bill that takes the first steps in repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act has a long path through the Capitol, starting in the House of Representatives:



SOURCE: House of Representatives

GOP leaders claim momentum as health bill clears hurdles

By Erica Werner and Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican leaders drove their long-promised legislation to dismantle Barack Obama's health care law over its first big hurdles in the House on Thursday and claimed fresh momentum despite cries of protest from right, left and center.

After grueling all-night sessions, the Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means committees both approved their portions of the bill along party-line votes. The legislation, strongly supported by President Donald Trump, would replace the tax penalties for the uninsured under Obama's Affordable Care Act with a conservative blueprint likely to cover far fewer people but, Republicans hope, increase choice.

The vote in Ways and Means came before dawn, while the Energy and Commerce meeting lasted past 27 hours as exhausted lawmakers groped for coffee refills, clean shirts and showers.

Angry Democrats protested that Republicans were acting in the dead of night to rip insurance coverage from poor Americans. But Republican leaders sounded increasingly confident that, after seven years of empty promises about undoing Obama's law, they might finally be able to overcome their own deep divisions and deliver a bill to Trump to sign.

"This is the closest we will ever get to repealing and replacing Obamacare," Speaker Paul Ryan of Wisconsin said at a press briefing where he arrived in shirt-sleeves to deliver a wonky power-point presentation on the GOP bill, part TED talk and part Schoolhouse Rock.

"The time is here. The time is now. This is the moment. And this is the closest this will ever happen."

Leaders are aiming for passage by the full House in the next couple of weeks, and from there the legislation would go to the Senate and, they hope, on to Trump's desk. The president has promised to sign it, declaring over Twitter on Thursday, "We are talking to many groups and it will end in a beautiful picture!"

Yet at the same time the president is leaving himself a political out, privately telling conservative leaders that if the whole effort fails, Democrats will ultimately shoulder the blame for the problems that remain. That's according to a participant in the meeting Wednesday who spoke only on condition of anonymity to relay the private discussion.

Democrats reject that notion, and the entire GOP effort.

"What we have seen is the Republicans' long-feared and job-killing health bill that means less coverage and more cost to American people," said House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of California. "I don't think the president really knows what he's talking about."

The GOP legislation would kill Obama's requirement that everyone buy insurance by repealing the tax fines imposed on those who don't. The bill would replace income-based subsidies Obama provided with tax credits based more on age, and insurers would charge higher premiums for customers who drop coverage for over two months.

The extra billions Washington has sent states to expand the federal-state Medicaid program would phase out, and spending on the entire program would be capped at per-patient limits. Around $600 billion in 10-year tax boosts that Obama's statute imposed on wealthy Americans and others to finance his overhaul would be repealed. Insurers could charge older customers five times more than younger ones instead of the current 3-1 limit but would still be required to include children up to age 26 in family policies, and they would be barred from imposing annual or lifetime benefit caps.

Democrats said the Republicans would yank health coverage from many of the 20 million people who gained it under Obama's statute, and drive up costs for others because the GOP tax breaks would be skimpier than existing subsidies. And they accused Republicans of hiding bad news by moving ahead without official estimates from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office on the bill's cost to taxpayers and its anticipated coverage.

And even as Republican leaders expressed confidence, enormous obstacles remained. A growing coalition of interest groups has lined up in opposition, including AARP and numerous medical professionals, from mental health providers to doctors, nurses, hospitals and more. Republican senators from politically divided states have voiced qualms about the changes to Medicaid, and opposition remains from conservative lawmakers and groups.

There were signs, though, that some of that conservative opposition could be softening amid concerted lobbying from Trump, Vice President Mike Pence and other administration officials. Trump dined Wednesday night with Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas, a skeptic of the bill, and kept up his wooing efforts Thursday, inviting two influential House conservatives to lunch at the White House.

One of them, Rep. Mark Meadows of North Carolina, who chairs the House Freedom Caucus, said afterward that there are still "major concerns that need to be addressed, but I really appreciate the president's willingness to consider issues that are important to all Americans."

The Senate loomed as perhaps the tougher challenge, as GOP Sen. Tom Cotton of Arkansas voiced new objections over Twitter. "House health care bill can't pass Senate w/o major changes. To my friends in House: pause, start over. Get it right, don't get it fast," Cotton wrote.

House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy rejected any need for change. "It's a good bill," he said. As for how to attract conservative lawmakers, he asked rhetorically, "They're going to support Obamacare?"

Ramping up pressure on GOP dissidents, a political group close to House Republican leaders said it was launching a TV ad campaign targeting 30 conservative lawmakers, mostly members of the Freedom Caucus. But in another measure of concern, the chief medical officer at Medicaid, Dr. Andrey Ostrovsky, registered his opposition over Twitter, saying he was aligning himself with medical professionals opposed to the bill "despite political messaging from others at HHS," the Health and Human Services Department.

Health tax credits

The American Health Care Act would replace the Affordable Care Act's subsidies based on income level with a tax credit based on age that phases out for individuals making more than $75,000.

Affordable Care Act

The ACA provides subsidies based on local insurance costs to people making 100-400% of the poverty level. Here's a look at national averages.

At poverty level: $3,158

Making 2x poverty level: $1,872

Proposed tax credits

Under age 30: $2,000

30-39: $2,500

40-49: $3,000

50-59: $3,500

Over age 60: $4,000

Graphic: Tribune News Service
Source: Committee on Ways and Means Majority Staff, Kaiser Family Foundation

Legal challenges to Trump's travel ban mount

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Legal challenges against President Donald Trump's revised travel ban mounted Thursday as Washington state said it would renew its request to block the executive order and a judge granted Oregon's request to join the case.

The events happened a day after Hawaii launched its own lawsuit, and Washington state Attorney General Bob Ferguson said New York state also asked to join his state's legal effort. Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey said the state is joining fellow states in challenging the revised travel ban.

Washington was the first state to sue over the original ban, which resulted in Judge James Robart in Seattle halting its implementation around the country. Ferguson said the state would ask Robart to rule that his temporary restraining order against the first ban applies to Trump's revised action.

"My message to President Trump is — not so fast," Ferguson told reporters. "After spending more than a month to fix a broken order that he rushed out the door, the President's new order reinstates several of the same provisions and has the same illegal motivations as the original."

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WikiLeaks aid on CIA software holes could be mixed blessing

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

NEW YORK — WikiLeaks has offered to help the likes of Google and Apple identify the software holes used by purported CIA hacking tools — and that puts the tech industry in a bind.

Although companies have a responsibility — not to mention financial incentive — to fix problems in their software, accepting help from WikiLeaks raises legal and ethical questions. And it's not even clear at this point exactly what kind of information WikiLeaks has to offer.

The promise

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange said Thursday that the anti-secrecy site will work with technology companies to help defend them against software vulnerabilities in everyday gadgets such as phones and TVs. In an online news conference, Assange said some companies had asked for more details about the purported CIA cyberespionage toolkit that he revealed in a massive disclosure on Tuesday.

"We have decided to work with them, to give them some exclusive access to the additional technical details we have, so that fixes can be developed and pushed out," Assange said. The digital blueprints for what he described as "cyberweapons" would be published to the world "once this material is effectively disarmed by us."

Terms for disclosure, if any, weren't immediately known. Nor was it known how much detail WikiLeaks has on specific vulnerabilities, rather than just the tools capable of exploiting them.

Legal questions

Tech companies could run into legal difficulties in accepting the offer, especially if they have government contracts or employees with security clearances.

"The unauthorized release of classified documents does not mean it's unclassified," said Stewart Baker, a former official at the Department of Homeland Security and former legal counsel for the National Security Agency. "Doing business with WikiLeaks and reviewing classified documents poses a real risk for at least their government contracting arms and their cleared employees," Baker said.

But it's tough to prosecute cases involving classified documents, said Robert Cattanach, a former U.S. Department of Justice attorney. At some point, he and other experts said, courts and the administration may consider such material as having passed into the public domain.

Trust matters

But tech companies might face a bigger problem with public perception. "They don't want to be seen as endorsing or supporting an organization with a tainted reputation and an unclear agenda," Cattanach said.

For instance, WikiLeaks published thousands of emails, some embarrassing, from breached Democratic Party computers and the account of a top aide to Hillary Clinton during the 2016 election. Those emails were stolen by hackers connected to the Russian government, an act U.S. intelligence agencies concluded was a Russian attempt to help Donald Trump win the presidency.

"You are getting in bed with someone who is ... happy to harm the interests of the United States in whatever way they can," Baker said. "That does raise concerns of an ethical sort for companies that take their nation seriously."

Joseph Lorenzo Hall, chief technologist with the civil-liberties group Center for Democracy and Technology, said companies would have to navigate with care and assume that any discussions will ultimately become public, given WikiLeaks' past and "Assange's philosophy of radical transparency."

A better path

Ideally, the CIA would have shared such vulnerabilities directly with companies, as other government agencies have long done. In such a case, companies would not only be dealing with a known entity in an above-board fashion, they might also obtain a more nuanced understanding of the problems than might be apparent in documents or lines of computer code.

And if companies could learn details about how the CIA found these vulnerabilities, they might also find additional vulnerabilities using the same technique, said Johannes Ullrich, director of the Internet Storm Center at the SANS Institute.

But there are risks as well. Should tech companies obtain the actual hacking tools, Ullrich said, they'd have to treat them with great caution. Some, for instance, might have unadvertised features that could, for instance, start extracting data as soon as they launch.

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Micah 6:8
And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Expect conspiracy chases to be a waste of time

■ There is no evidence that collusion existed between Russia and Trump, or that Obama wiretapped Trump's phones



CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

Washington Post Writers Group

When he was Ronald Reagan's secretary of state, George Shultz was once asked about the CIA's disavowal of involvement in a mysterious recent bombing in Lebanon. Replied Shultz: "If the CIA denies something, it's denied."

Has there ever been a more dry, more wry, more ironic verdict on the world of espionage? Within it, there is admission and denial, smoke and mirrors, impenetrable fog and deliberate obfuscation. Truth? Ask the next guy.

Which is why my default view of espionage is to never believe anyone because everyone is trained in deception. This is not a value judgment; it's a job description.

We learn, for example, from Tuesday's spectacular WikiLeaks dump that among the CIA's various and nefarious cybertools is the capacity to simulate intrusion by a foreign power, the equivalent of planting phony fingerprints on a smoking gun.

Who are you going to believe now? I can assure you that some enterprising Trumpite will use this revelation to claim that the whole storyline pointing to Russian interference in the U.S. election was a fabrication. And who was behind *that*? There is no end to this hall of mirrors. My rule, therefore, is: Stay away.

Hard to do with Washington caught up in one of its periodic conspiracy frenzies. Actually, two. One, anti-Donald Trump, is that he and his campaign colluded with Russian intelligence. The other, anti-Barack Obama-CIA-"deep state," is that Obama wiretapped Trump Tower to ensnare candidate Trump.

The odd thing is that, as of today, there is no evidence for either charge. That won't, of course, stop the launch of multiple all-consuming investigations.

(1) Collusion:

James Clapper, Obama's director of national intelligence, who has been deeply and publicly at odds with Trump, unequivocally states that he has seen zero evidence of any Trump campaign collusion with Russia. Nor has anyone else.

The contrary suspicion arises because it's hard to explain why Michael Flynn falsely denied discussing sanctions with the Russian ambassador and why Jeff Sessions falsely denied having any contacts at all. That suggests concealment. But there was nothing inherently inappropriate with either behavior. So why conceal?

Suspicion, nonetheless, is far short of assertion — and a fairly thin basis for a major investigation, let alone for a special prosecutor. To prosecute what exactly?

(2) Wiretap:

The other storyline is simply fantastical. Congressional Republicans have uniformly run away from Trump's Obama-wiretap accusation. Clapper denies it. FBI Director James Comey denies it. Not a single member of Trump's own administration is willing to say it's true.

Loopier still is to demand that Congress find the truth when the president could just pick up the phone and instruct the FBI, CIA and DNI to declare on the record whether this ever occurred. And if there really was an October 2016 FISA court order to wiretap Trump, the president could unilaterally declassify the information.

The bugging story is less plausible than a zombie invasion. Nevertheless, one could spin a milder — and more plausible — scenario of executive abuse. It goes like this:

The intelligence agencies are allowed to listen in on foreigners. But if any Americans are swept up in the conversation, their part of it is supposed to be redacted or concealed to protect their identity. According to The New York Times, however, the Obama administration appears to have gone out of its way to make sure that information picked up about Trump associates' contacts with Russians was as widely disseminated as possible.

Under Obama, did the agencies deliberately abuse the right to listen in on foreigners as a way to listen in, improperly, on Americans?

If they did, we will find out. But for now, all of this is mere conjuring. There is no evidence for either the collusion or the wiretap charge. We are headed down a rabbit hole. An enormous amount of heat and energy will be expended, ending — my guess — roughly where we started.

What a waste. There is a major national agenda waiting to be debated and enacted. And there is trouble beyond the cozy confines of the capital that needs to be confronted. Self-created crisis can leave us distracted, spent and unprepared when the real thing hits.

It's unquiet out there. North Korea keeps testing missiles as practice for attacking U.S. bases in Japan. Meanwhile, we are scrambling to install an antimissile shield in South Korea as early as next month. Fuses are burning. When the detonations begin, we'd better not be in the rabbit hole.

OPINION EXTRA

Trump makes it difficult to take wiretapping accusation seriously

Suppose President Donald Trump has some basis for saying that the Barack Obama administration abused its investigative powers to go after him and his associates last year. The possibility cannot be ruled out at this point. But Trump and his aides are making it hard to take the accusation seriously.

On Saturday morning, Trump tweeted that he had just learned that Obama "had my wires tapped" in Trump Tower right before the election. Neither he nor his aides offered proof. The claim has now been denied by a spokesman for the former president, by FBI Director James Comey and by former Director of National Intelligence James Clapper.

Some people greeted Trump's claim credulously. The president's cheering section believed him, of course. So did some of his most bitter foes. Former Democratic National Committee chairman Howard Dean took it as a given that Trump was right about being wiretapped, but said that it proved that a judge had "found probable cause that Trump was engaging in criminal activity."

But just because people with varying views have reasons to believe Trump doesn't mean he's right.

There was just enough in the news to buttress the story for the believers. Reports for Heat Street, the Guardian and the BBC over several months had suggested, with thin sourcing, that the FBI had sought to monitor transactions involving Trump aides. Of course, even if those reports are true, they do not establish what Trump alleged: that Obama had personally ordered the surveillance. They don't even establish that Trump himself was being surveilled, or that the surveillance took the form of wiretapping.

But they do leave open the possibility that the Obama administration conducted improper surveillance of the Trump team. Julian Sanchez, a journalist who writes about technology and the law, raises one scenario: What if the FBI was asking for the authority to monitor foreigners as a back-door way to get incriminating information on Americans working for Trump? That would have opened the door to the politically motivated use of the Obama administration's powers. The denials from Obama's spokesmen, and the other current and former government officials, do not cover this scenario.

One way or another, it's worth finding out. But Trump's tactic of flinging around wild accusations based loosely on a few news reports makes uncovering the truth harder.

Nothing Trump's own administration has said or done so far indicates that it takes his accusations seriously. And that starts at the top with the president himself. Trump explicitly accused his predecessor of misconduct on the level of "Watergate," and then moved on to tweeting about his feud with Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Trump press aide Sarah Huckabee Sanders went on ABC to say that her boss may have been onto something — which means she can't vouch for the accuracy of his assertion.

Sean Spicer, his press secretary, has taken a similar tack: Trump's claim has become a troubling report, on his telling. He then said that since oversight is continuing, the White House would have no further comment on the matter, a stance that was hard to square with Trump's decision to give it maximum publicity. Spicer didn't let an hour pass without commenting on it again.

In any other administration, this would be bizarre behavior. For this one, it's par for the course.

Again: The possibility that Trump has some legitimate grievance about the behavior of the Obama administration can't be ruled out. But there's no reason to take that possibility more seriously than Trump himself seems to be taking it.

— Ramesh Ponnuru, Bloomberg

Midland Reporter-Telegram

A Hearst newspaper



Twitter is Trump's Achilles' heel

■ The president can wreck a good week at the White House with 140 characters or less



JONAH GOLDBERG

Tribune News Service

It was just last week that Donald Trump had the finest moment of his short presidency — his address to a joint session of Congress. Even many of his harshest critics praised his speech or reluctantly conceded that it was "presidential."

The collective response from Republicans was no mere sigh of relief. It was more like the discovery that some vital biblical prophecy had been fulfilled: The Holy Pivot is here at last! Huzzah and hooray. Give the plebes extra rations of grain and wine, for today we celebrate!

We've had President Trump for a while, but this was Presidential Trump.

The obvious lesson drawn by Republican leaders was: This Trump could get serious things done. Just dialing it back to an 8 or 9 from his usual 11 or 12 (on a 10-point scale) reassures congressional allies, making it much easier for them to carry out his agenda. Acting presidential also undermines conservative critics and, more important, makes Democrats and much of the media look hysterical in their overreactions and calls for "resistance."

And since Trump's most loyal fans will celebrate anything he does, there's no need to pander to them with the greatest hits anymore.

In short, there is no downside and all manner of upside for Trump to play the part of a somewhat sober, serious, responsible president — even one with an ambitious populist-outsider agenda.

Naturally, Trump opted for Plan B.

Step 1: Destroy all hope on Twitter.

Can you imagine the dread, the slow-burning existential panic that overtakes White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus and Press Secretary Sean Spicer on Friday evenings?

After Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner — who are known to have a calming effect on the president -- head off to honor the Jewish Sabbath, Priebus and Spicer have to white-knuckle it until dawn, gripping their phones with tobacco-stained fingers as they constantly refresh Twitter. They must feel like they work for a kind of werewolf who, in the dark, still hours of the weekend, transforms into a presidency-gobbling beast.

I can almost hear the wail that slipped past Priebus' lips on Saturday morning when, just as the chirping birds provided a hopeful soundtrack for the first light of a new day, the president's tweets started pouring forth.

"Terrible! Just found out that Obama had my 'wires tapped' in Trump Tower just before the victory. Nothing found. This is McCarthyism!" And: "How low has President Obama gone to tapp my phones during the very sacred election process. This is Nixon/Watergate. Bad (or sick) guy!"

There were other tweets, about this deadly serious allegation and, of course, Arnold Schwarzenegger. The president who announced before Congress, "The time for trivial fights is behind us," wanted to make sure the American people knew that Schwarzenegger was leaving "The New Celebrity Apprentice" because of his "pathetic" ratings.

But that info came only after he accused his predecessor of committing a felony, in what would be — if proved — one of the great political scandals in American history. It now seems clear that when the president said he "just found out" about this wiretapping, he meant that he had just read about it on Breitbart.com.

There is an enormous amount we do not know, though James Comey, the head of the FBI, and James Clapper, the former director of national intelligence, say the claims are untrue. I think more investigations are in order (including of the leaks plaguing the administration).

But my point is far simpler — and more obvious. Trump is destroying his presidency one tweet at a time. On Friday morning, Trump reportedly chewed out his senior staff for letting allegations of his campaign's collusion with Russia distract from his post-speech agenda. By dawn the next morning, his tweets had made the Russia allegations a much bigger story and led to Spicer asking Congress to investigate whether his boss was onto something.

The pivot stuff was always false prophecy. Being president has a funny way of making people more presidential. And by day, Trump's White House staff can contain his worst instincts. But all bets are off when he's alone at Mar-a-Lago and the moon calls forth the beast.

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Ex-Trump adviser Carter Page at center of Russia storm

By Julie Pace
Associated Press


Page

WASHINGTON — At Moscow's New Economic School, the annual graduation ceremony often features a prominent political figure. President Barack Obama addressed graduates at the prestigious institution in 2009. The former presidents of Mexico and the Czech Republic have spoken at recent ceremonies.

Last year, the university invited Carter Page, a little-known former investment banker and foreign policy adviser to then-U.S. presidential hopeful Donald Trump. It wouldn't be the last time Page would draw unexpected — and some say outsized — attention for his relationship to Trump, his entanglements in Russia and the murky nexus between the two.

Page, who left the campaign before the election, has emerged as a key figure in the controversy surrounding Trump associates' connections to Russia. The New York Times has reported that Page is among the Trump associates whose potential contacts with Russia are being investigated by the FBI. Congressional committees probing Russia's hacking during the election and Trump campaign ties have asked Page to preserve materials related to their investigations.

For those who contend the scrutiny of Trump is overblown, Page is the sort of figure often associated with an understaffed presidential campaign that struggled to recruit policy advisers and spent little time vetting those who did join the team. But to those who believe Trump's campaign was colluding with Russia as it hacked Democratic groups, Page may be the key link between the candidate and Moscow. Page contends he's the target of a plot hatched by Trump's former rival Hillary Clinton and allies who engaged in "severe election fraud in the form of disinformation, suppression of dissent, hate crimes and other extensive abuses."

Page's appearance at the Russian university immediately raised eyebrows.

For an adviser to an American presidential hopeful speaking overseas, his message was strikingly critical of the U.S. It came as Trump's calls for warmer relations with the Kremlin were a source of criticism from Democrats and alarm from some fellow Republicans.

Washington had a "hypocritical focus on ideas such as democratization, inequality, corruption and regime change" in its dealings with Russia, Page said at the school.

Page and former Trump campaign officials say he made the trip in a personal capacity and not as a representative of the campaign. But university officials have been clear that Page's connections and insight into the Trump campaign were the draw.

"We were interested in what was going on — already then, Trump's candidacy raised eyebrows, and everyone was really curious," said Shlomo Weber, the academic director at the New Economic School, in an interview with Komsomolskaya Pravda radio station.

A newsletter announcing Page's visit read. "You are invited to a lecture by Carter Page, foreign policy adviser for Donald Trump's election campaign."

Page has said he asked for, and received, permission from the Trump campaign to appear in a personal capacity.

Page has offered contradictory answers about his contacts with Russian officials during his visit. On Thursday, he told The Associated Press he did not meet with Russian Deputy Prime Minister Arkady Dvorkovich, who also spoke at the graduation. But in September, he told The Washington Post that he did speak with Dvorkovich briefly.

Back in the U.S. a few days later, Page talked with Russia's ambassador to the U.S. at an event on the sidelines of the Republican National Convention, according to a person with knowledge of the meeting. Attorney General Jeff Sessions spoke with the Russian envoy at the same event, a conversation he failed to reveal when asked about contacts with Russians during his Senate confirmation hearings.

Page, a former Merrill Lynch investment banker who worked out of its Moscow office for three years, now runs Global Energy Capital, a firm focused on energy sectors in emerging markets. According to the company's website, he has advised on transactions for Gazprom and RAO UES, a pair of Russian entities.

In December, Page returned to Moscow, where he noted he had "the opportunity to meet with an executive from Rosneft," the Russian oil giant, according to a video clip of his remarks posted on YouTube. Rosnet's chairman, Igor Sechin, a close associate of Russian President Vladimir Putin, has been targeted by U.S. sanctions, though Page says he was not referring to Sechin in his remarks.

Some of the suspicion surrounding Page stems from the fact that no one who worked for the campaign can quite explain how he ended up on Trump's list of foreign policy advisers. Page has also sidestepped those questions, saying he doesn't want to put others "in the same damaged pot as myself."

One campaign official said Page was recruited by Sam Clovis, an Iowa Republican operative who ran the Trump campaign's policy shop and is now a senior adviser at the Agriculture Department. Clovis did not respond to messages from The Associated Press.

Trump has distanced himself from Page, saying he never met him. Those who served on the campaign's foreign policy advisory committee also said they had limited contact with Page.

"Only met him once very briefly," said George Papadopoulos, the director of the Center for International Energy and Natural Resources Law and Security in London.

But in a letter late Wednesday to the Senate Intelligence Committee, Page cast himself as a regular presence in Trump Tower, where the campaign was headquartered.

"I have frequently dined in Trump Grill, had lunch in Trump Café, had coffee meetings in the Starbucks at Trump Tower, attended events and spent many hours in campaign headquarters on the fifth floor last year," Page wrote. He also noted that his office building in New York "is literally connected to the Trump Tower building by an atrium."

Page stopped advising the campaign sometime around the end of summer, though the exact circumstances of the separation are unclear. After the campaign, Trump's lawyers sent Page at least two cease and desist letters, according to another campaign official, who like others, insisted on anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

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OPEC's Houston huddle only deepens dilemma of extending cuts

By Grant Smith, Javier Blas and Margot Habib
Bloomberg

OPEC ministers met with partners and rivals in Houston this week as they try to figure out whether to prolong production cuts. That decision only got harder.

At the CERAWeek conference in the Texas oil hub, representatives of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries huddled both with Russia, its main ally in an effort to clear a global glut, and executives from the U.S. shale industry — the group's key competitor. Yet OPEC's de-facto leader Saudi Arabia, which said in January that six months of output curbs would be enough, sounded less certain about what to do next.

The data confronting OPEC is heightening its dilemma. Implementation of the agreed production cuts has largely exceeded expectations, but U.S. crude inventories are still rising from record levels and prices are stuck in the low $50s, suggesting more work needs to be done. At the same time, U.S. drillers are already roaring back and forecasters warn further price gains would only encourage them to swell the surplus.

Those factors contributed to a 5.4 percent decline in benchmark U.S. oil futures on Wednesday, the biggest drop in a year.

"On the positive ledger, you've had core OPEC — Saudi and the Gulf states — compliance much better than we thought," Jeff Currie, head of commodities research at Goldman Sachs Group, said in a Bloomberg television interview. "On the negative ledger, particularly in the U.S., the supply response seems to be gaining momentum much faster than we thought."



AP file photo

In this Dec. 10, 2016, photo, Russian Minister of Energy Alexander Novak, left, and Khalid Al-Falih, Minister of Energy, Industry and Mineral Resources of Saudi Arabia attend a news conference after a meeting of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, OPEC, at their headquarters in Vienna, Austria. OPEC and key non-OPEC oil producers are near their target of taking 1.8 million barrels of crude a day off global markets less than two months after agreeing to do so in efforts to push up the price of crude, Russia's energy minister said Jan. 22. Novak's upbeat comments to reporters came at the end of the first meeting of a joint OPEC-non-OPEC committee set up to monitor compliance to the Dec. 10 agreement.

Oil analysts are split on whether the deal needs to be prolonged. Ed Morse, head of commodities research at Citigroup, expects a continuation in order to bring about a sufficient reduction in fuel inventories. Societe Generale SA's head of oil research, Mike Wittner, contends that OPEC will instead need to increase output in the second half of the year to meet demand.

Saudi Arabian Energy Minister Khalid Al-Falih and his Russian counterpart Alexander Novak — the principal architects of the December oil-cuts deal — made an effort to present a united front. At a hastily arranged news conference Tuesday, they insisted the cuts are working and agreed it's premature to say whether longer-lasting curbs are needed.

Al-Falih's uncertainty over the duration of the cuts marked a subtle yet significant shift for the Saudis. He said in Davos, Switzerland, in January that the deal could wind up after six months as was initially agreed. OPEC members Iraq and Angola signaled a willingness to extend the curbs to boost prices further. Producers will meet in Vienna in May to decide on the next steps.

Yet while Al-Falih noted that oil inventories aren't draining as quickly as expected and pushed for stronger compliance with the December deal, he also insisted that he wouldn't allow the cuts to serve as a booster for rivals.

"The green shoots in the U.S. are growing too fast," Al-Falih said. "Saudi Arabia will not allow itself to be used by others" nor "bear the burden of free riders."

OPEC didn't just meet with its collaborators at the Houston event: Secretary-General Mohammad Barkindo dined with about 20 U.S. shale executives from companies including Pioneer Natural Resources and Hess for an off-record discussion of the industry.

Barkindo's dining partners represent a different kind of competition, able to respond faster to price signals than traditional suppliers. The latest data and forecasts show just how much these companies are doing to thwart OPEC's efforts to clear the glut.

The International Energy Agency's executive director Fatih Birol, also speaking in Houston, warned that a "second wave" of shale is looming as OPEC's cuts revive prices just as drillers emerge more efficient and disciplined from the two-year slump. The agency doubled its estimates for supply growth outside OPEC in 2018 and said projections for U.S. shale could be boosted further.

Drilling in the U.S. has increased for 10 months, data from Baker Hughes show. That's revived the nation's crude output to the highest in a year — more than 9 million barrels a day — and pushed up crude inventories to record levels of more than 520 million, according to data from the Energy Information Administration.

A year ago, the previous Saudi oil minister Ali al-Naimi told CERAWeek that the kingdom wouldn't cut its output to make way for American supplies. While supply trends could still shift by the next OPEC meeting in May, the latest data suggest the group's policy is doing exactly that.

"Shale oil is going to make the life of some other producers very, very challenging," the IEA's Birol said.

EPA's Scott Pruitt signals pullback on US climate policy

Bloomberg

Scott Pruitt, head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, said Thursday power utilities should be able to decide how to supply electricity to the grid without government regulators picking "winners and losers."

The comments, following statements made earlier in the day Thursday during an interview on CNBC's "Squawk Box" questioning the role of human activities in climate change, signaled a decided shift away from recent U.S. efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions by pushing the power sector away from fossil fuels.

"When regulators act in such a way to displace investments that you made within two to three years after you did it, you get a lot of stranded cost," he said at the CERAWeek energy conference. "Stranded costs are being born by consumers in a way I don't think is healthy for having a pro-growth, pro-environment agenda."

Those comments come as President Donald Trump weighs whether to pull the United States from the Paris agreement on climate change, a landmark 2015 deal in which the leaders of close to 200 countries agreed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the decades to come.

Pruitt was critical of efforts by former President Barack Obama to reduce emissions and promised to recreate the EPA, focusing the agency on areas like cleaning up Superfund sites and maintaining clean drinking water supplies. And he said the agency needs to listen when state officials and industries object to its rules and regulations.

"Right now, the focal point I think as we get into the agency, one is dealing with these regulations I think are an example of regulatory overreach," Pruitt said, citing Obama's Clean Power Plan as one example.

Pruitt was not asked directly about climate change during his appearance on CERAWeek stage with host Daniel Yergin. But during his appearance on CNBC, Pruitt said, "there's tremendous disagreement about the degree of impact [by human industry], so no, I would not agree that it's a primary contributor to the global warming that we see."

A 2013 report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, a body that draws on the work of thousands of scientists from around the globe, said there was at least a 95 percent chance that "human influence has been the dominant cause of the observed warming since the mid-20th century."

The former attorney general of oil-rich Oklahoma, Pruitt has long been a climate change skeptic, repeatedly challenging in court efforts by Obama to rein in carbon emissions.

But since nominated as EPA administrator, he has taken a softer line. In his Senate confirmation hearing in January, Pruitt said, "The climate is changing, and (human activity) contributes to that in some manner."

When pressed by Sen. Bernie Sanders, the former Democratic presidential candidate from Vermont, whether he believed that humans were the primary cause, Pruitt responded, "My personal opinion is immaterial to the job."

Pruitt's comments on CNBC Thursday drew a rebuttal from former EPA administrator Gina McCarthy, who said, "Science is about empirical evidence, not beliefs."

"When it comes to climate change, the evidence is robust and overwhelmingly clear that the cost of inaction is unacceptably high. Preventing the greatest consequences of climate change is imperative to the health and well-being of all of us who call Earth home," she said in a statement. "I cannot imagine what additional information the Administrator might want from scientists for him to understand that."

Hackers drawn to energy sector's lack of sensors, controls

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Oil and gas companies, including some of the most celebrated industry names in the Houston area, are facing increasingly sophisticated hackers seeking to steal trade secrets and disrupt operations, according to a newspaper investigation.

A stretch of the Gulf Coast near Houston features one of the largest concentrations of refineries, pipelines and chemical plants in the country, and cybersecurity experts say it's an alluring target for espionage and other cyberattacks.

"There are actors that are scanning for these vulnerable systems and taking advantage of those weaknesses when they find them," said Marty Edwards, director of U.S. Homeland Security's Cyber Emergency Response Team for industrial systems.

Homeland Security, which is responsible for protecting the nation from cybercrime, received reports of some 350 incidents at energy companies from 2011 to 2015, an investigation by the Houston Chronicle has found (http://bit.ly/2lOFJgz). Over that period, the agency found nearly 900 security flaws within U.S. energy companies, more than any other industry.

Steps are being taken to thwart attacks. For instance, the Coast Guard in a joint operation with Houston police patrolled the waters southeast of Houston last year conducting sweeps for unprotected wireless signals that hackers could use to gain access to facilities. The operation was one of the first of its kind in the U.S. concentrating on cyberattacks by sea.

But the vast network of oil and gas operations makes it difficult to secure. Thousands of interconnected sensors and controls that run oil and gas facilities remain rife with weak spots.

Many companies the technology and personnel to detect hackers. Equipment was designed decades ago without security features, and efforts over the years to link computer networks to devices that monitor pressure or control valves have exposed operations to online threats.

"You could mess with a refinery or cause a vessel to explode," Richard Garcia, a former FBI agent who became a cybersecurity specialist, told the Chronicle.

Power, chemical and nuclear facilities must adhere to strict cybersecurity measures, but federal law doesn't impose such standards on the oil and gas sector. And when oil and gas companies have been infiltrated by a hacker, they're not required to report the incident.

More than 20 of the nation's largest oil companies — including Exxon Mobil Corp. and ConocoPhillips, refiner Phillips 66 and pipeline operator Kinder Morgan — declined to comment or did not respond to multiple requests for comment. The American Petroleum Institute, the national trade association for oil and gas, also declined to comment.

Charles McConnell, executive director of Rice University's Energy and Environment Initiative, said oil companies tend to rush to deploy new computer technologies that make operations more productive, but only afterward considering ways to defuse online threats.

"The pace of change of the technology we've adopted is every step of the way more and more vulnerable to cyberattack," McConnell said.

Marathon Oil buys Permian Basin land for $1.1B

Houston Chronicle

Marathon Oil Corp. has agreed to sell off its Canadian oil sands business for $2.5 billion, jettisoning an expensive segment that harvested about a tenth of its oil, the company said Thursday.

The sale to Royal Dutch Shell and Canadian Natural Resources, expected to close in mid-2017, would cut a quarter of the company's operating expenses this year.

"Historically, our interest in the Canadian oil sands has represented about a third of our company's other operating and production expenses, yet only about 12 percent of our production volumes," Marathon President and CEO Lee Tillman said in a written statement.

Separately, the Houston driller also agreed to snap up 70,000 net acres in the Permian Basin in West Texas for $1.1 billion in cash. The transaction with private company BC Operating, includes 51,500 acres in the Northern Delaware basin in New Mexico.

All told, the Texas and New Mexico land has about 5,000 feet of "oil-rich stacked pay," Tillman said, referring to the multiple subterranean layers of oil-soaked rock that have attracted drillers to the region despite high land prices. That deal is expected to close in the second quarter.

The transaction puts the value of the Permian Basin land at $13,900 per acre.

Multi-billion dollar deals in the Permian Basin

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- **October 2016** - Occidental Petroleum buys Permian Basin acreage from private sellers for $2 billion
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THIS WEEK



TODAY

ART WITH HEART

"Saints Squared" featuring the works of Sara Drescher and Brad King will be on display Fridays in March at Kamiposi. The show also supports the nonprofit Freedom 418.



SATURDAY

STRETCH IT OUT

Unitarian Universalist Church offers free weekly yoga classes. 9 a.m.



THURSDAY

READ ALONG

The Third Thursday Reading will feature the book "Hooray for St. Patrick's Day" with copies given to each child. The monthly event is part of the Laura Bush Literacy Program at the George W. Bush Childhood Home. Free but space is limited so reservations are encouraged. 4:30 p.m.



REGISTER NOW

Walk MS: Permian Basin is now taking registrants for its annual walk and fundraiser on April 1 at Midland College. Visit walkms.org to sing up.



ONLINE

See photos from this year's Bowl for Kid's Sake fundraiser hosted by Big Brothers Big Sisters Midland on mrt.com.

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Habitat Restore is in need of people who enjoy decorating and setting up displays to help set up the ReStore for maximum customer appeal. Must be at least 16 years old.

BE A MENTOR

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland is expanding its school-based program and is short of volunteers. The agency needs help since adding Houston Elementary to its program, which already serves Milam and Crockett elementaries. Mentors do not tutor but provide friendship and to be a positive role model. Visit bbbsmidland.org.

VOLUNTEER READERS

The Recording Library of West Texas needs volunteer readers to help with morning shifts. Call 432-682-2731.

A DREAM SOON WILL BE REALITY

The Way is expected to open in late this year. The campus in this rendering will be a nondenominational center for retreats and special events located in northeast Midland. *Courtesy renderings*



Construction continuing at The Way Retreat Center



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We are getting close. In about nine months, the doors to The Way Retreat Center will open, and an idea will complete a 12-year journey to reality. Midland has long needed a retreat center for Christians, a place that is close to our homes, and that is modern, beautiful and serene. The Way fits all those bills — and much more.

Our general contractor, Fehrs construction company, is working diligently to propel this dream, not only for the dreamers, but for thousands of faith-filled people in Midland and the Permian Basin.

What lies just ahead, though, is simple. We must continue our fundraising efforts, particularly in the next three weeks, as we attempt to top our goal and qualify for challenge grants from the Mabee Foundation ($1 million) and the Scharbauer Foundation ($250,000), which would put us at our final goal of $11 million. After that, our attention turns to getting ready for our opening; everything from ordering and purchasing equipment, to personnel and staffing issues to spreading the word to people who will call The Way their retreat home for a day or a weekend.

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Interfaith vigil to show solidarity with immigrants; all invited

By Simone Jasper
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Representatives from various faith groups will have the opportunity to speak about immigrants at a vigil on Saturday. People of all religious traditions are invited to hear messages expressing solidarity.

The "Interfaith Gathering in Support of Immigrants" is set for 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Shrine, 1401 Garden Lane. The event aims to unite people of different faiths to show appreciation for immigrants, according to event organizer Alfredo Chaparro.

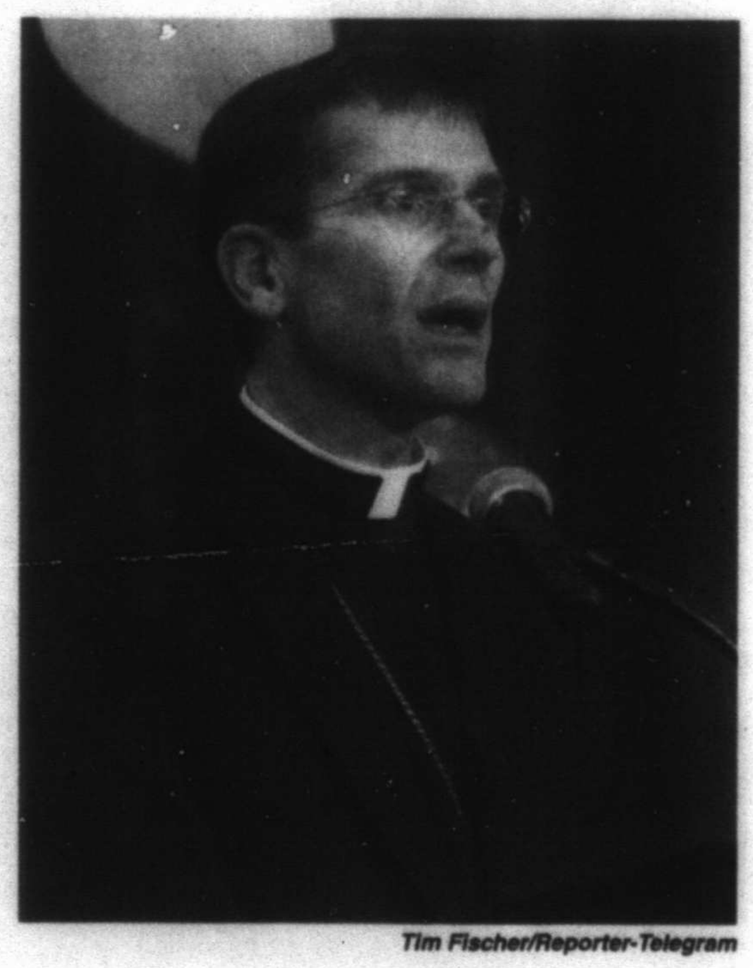
"I see both sides of arguments to this, but I believe some rhetoric right now is negative," Chaparro said. "As one individual who happens to be Catholic, I take the stance that immigrants should be treated fairly."

Though immigration has become a contentious issue in recent years, event speakers won't directly support or oppose political policies or leaders.

Bishop Michael Sis of the Catholic Diocese of San Angelo plans to deliver a message with scriptural references.

"I will be speaking from the Catholic tradition about immigrants and will be speaking positively about the role of immigrants in our nation," Sis said in a phone interview. "I will be encouraging people to have solidarity with immigrants in our nation."

The bishop will join Midland faith group representatives, including Harry Nutter, president-elect of Unitarian Universalist Church of Midland; Billy Ashley, pastor of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church; and Ahmed El Sonbaty, member of the Muslim Association of West Texas.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Bishop Michael Sis of the Catholic Diocese of San Angelo will be one of the guest speakers at Saturday's interfaith vigil in support of immigrants.

"I'm hoping those who come will come with open hearts and are willing to listen respectfully and consider their own feelings toward immigrants."

Bishop Michael Sis

Sis said speaking alongside people of other religious beliefs is an opportunity to collaborate.

"Whenever we get involved in interfaith activities, we celebrate what we have in common but agree to disagree on some things," Sis said. "The people speaking have various perspectives on different theological topics. What we have in common is the topic at hand."

Nutter also welcomes the chance to participate in the multi-faith event. He said people are called to comfort immigrants experiencing fear or uncertainty.

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Senior Link calls for volunteers during spring break

From staff reports

Senior Link Midland is in need of volunteers for the Meals On Wheels program during spring break week. Many of their regular drivers will be away during that time, which means fewer people to deliver to area homebound seniors who depend on the program.

"If you have been wanting to make a difference but not sure how, this is the perfect opportunity to get involved," said interim director Kathleen Kirwan-Haynie. "We have the best volunteers. We just need more."

Every weekday, Meals On Wheels volunteers deliver more than 500 nutritious meals while offering friendly visits and safety checks to homebound seniors in Midland.

The endeavor requires about 50 volunteers, she said.

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She said this is a good time for students to earn community service hours as well as make this a group effort for employees, friends and stay-at-home mothers.

In turn, the organization always hopes any new volunteers will continue with the program.

"The program works only because of the amazing commitment of our volunteers. They remind the elderly they are loved and never forgotten. Our seniors and their families are able to receive the peace of mind they deserve," Kirwan-Haynie said.

To become a Meals On Wheels volunteer call Senior Link Midland at 432-689-6693.

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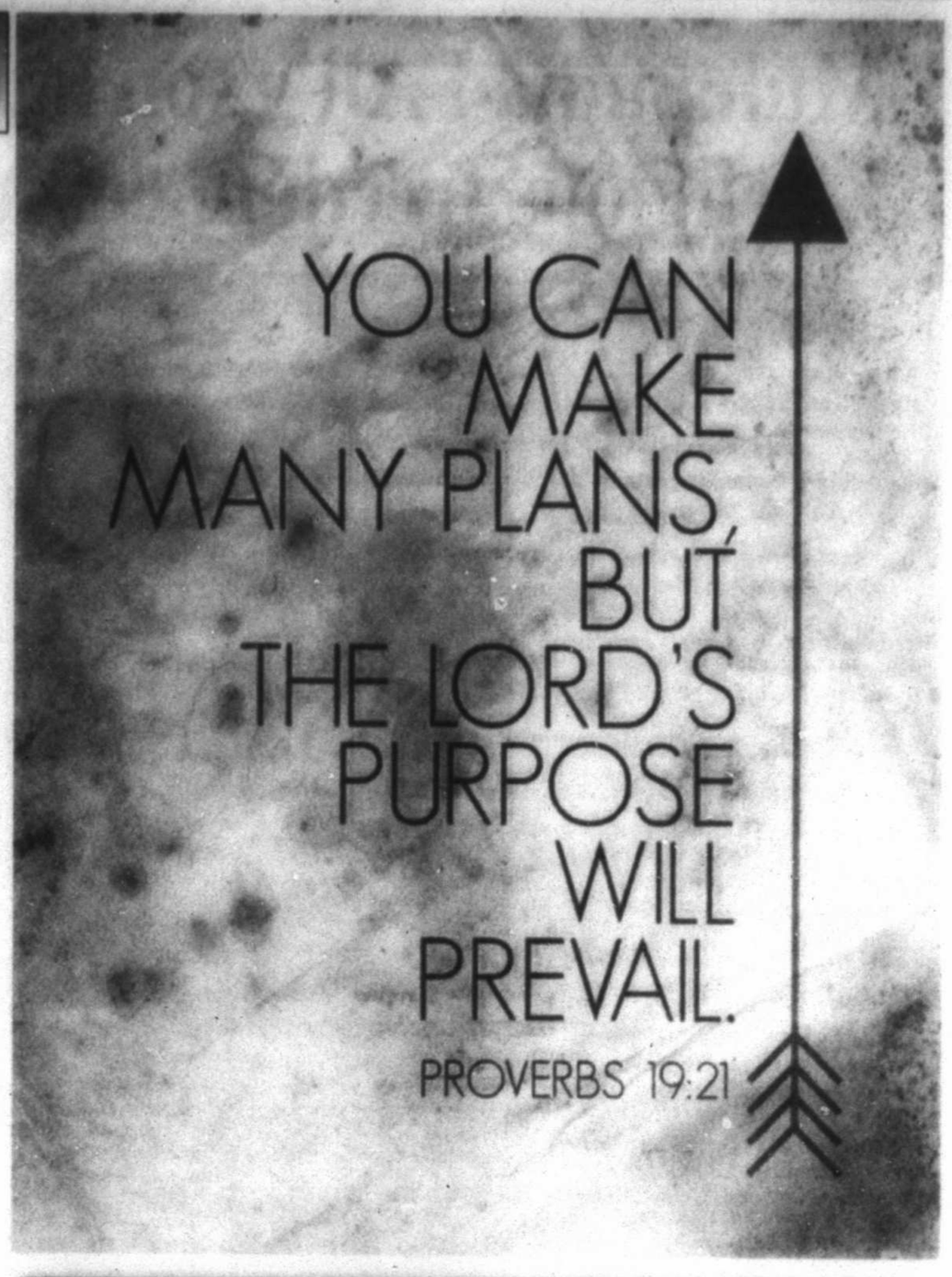
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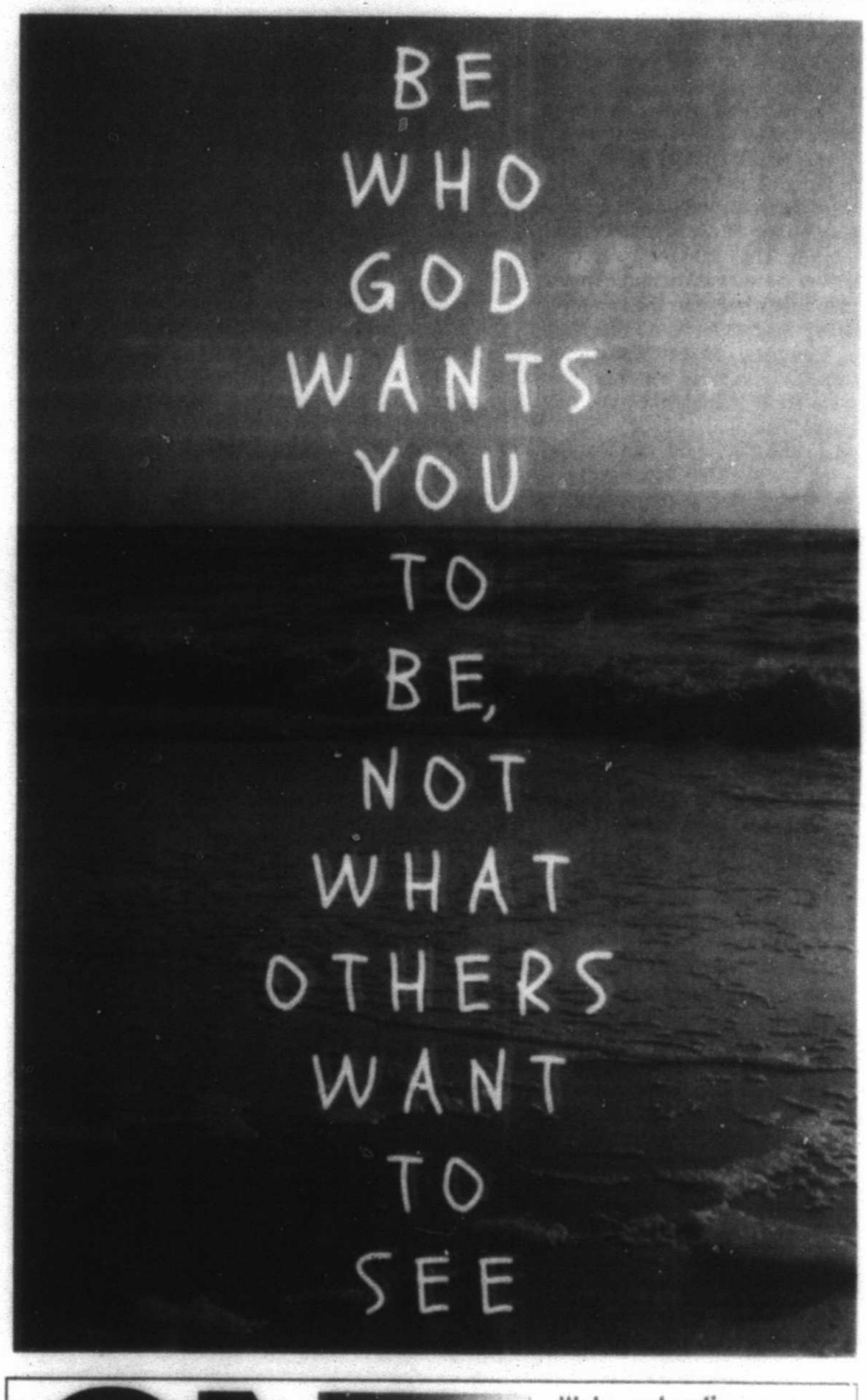
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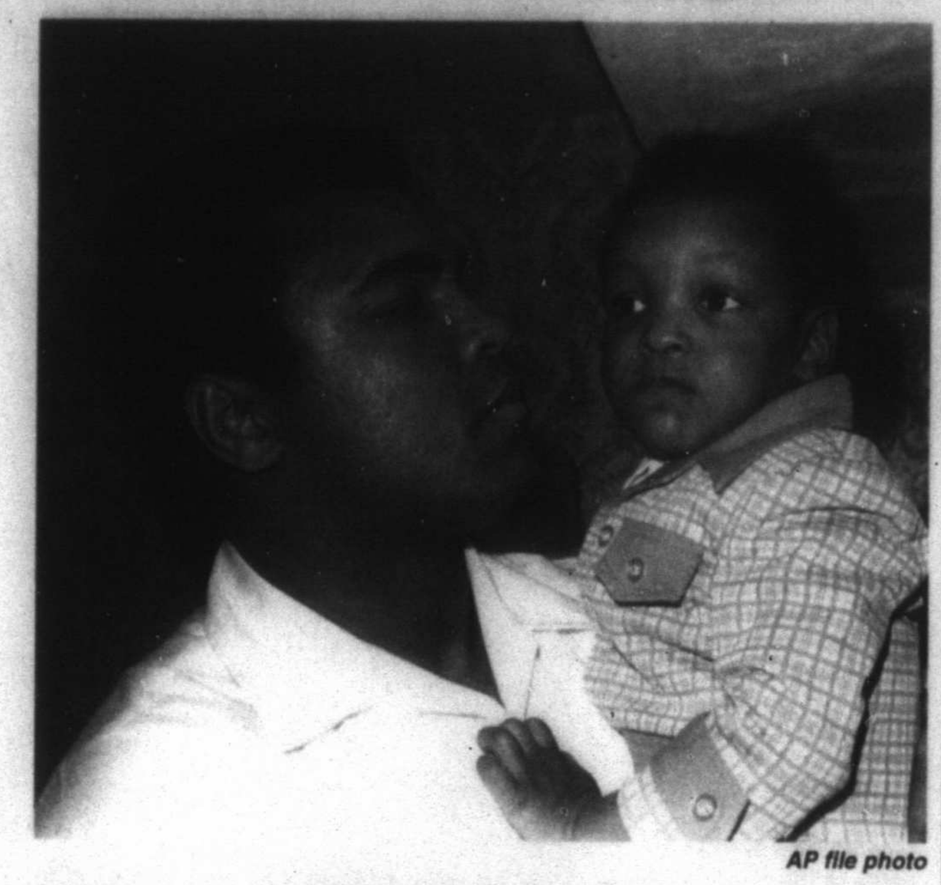


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Muhammad Ali's son launching religious freedom campaign

By Errin Haines Whack
Associated Press



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Heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali, and Little Muhammad Ali, his 2 1/2-year-old son, arrive at Miami Beach, Fla., on April 15, 1975, Muhammad Ali's son, who bears his name, is launching a campaign in support of religious freedom a month after he and his mother were detained by immigration officials at a Florida airport.

Muhammad Ali's son and ex-wife declared a "showdown" over religious freedom against President Donald Trump a month after they were detained by immigration officials in a Florida airport.

Muhammad Ali Jr. and his mother, Khalilah Camacho Ali, are headed to Washington Thursday to meet with lawmakers to discuss the issue and their experience. They are also calling for an end to Trump's travel ban and are launching a "Step Into the Ring" campaign, drawing on support of former boxing greats including Evander Holyfield, Larry Holmes and Roberto Duran. They are framing the effort directly as a fight against the president, using the hashtag #AlivsTrump.

Trump has shown admiration for Ali in the past, calling Ali a "truly great champion" when the boxer died of Parkinson's disease in June. Trump also singled out an Ali exhibit during a recent visit to the National Museum of African-American History and Culture in Washington.

The Alis were invited by Democrats to a forum organized by members of the House subcommittee on border security. The Alis will address lawmakers and push to testify at a formal hearing.

"There shouldn't be a travel ban," said Khalilah Camacho Ali. "If I don't speak up now, they're going to keep harassing us."

The mother and son, both born in the United States, were returning from a Black History Month event in Jamaica on Feb. 7 when they were detained and questioned at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. They said they were asked if they were Muslim and explained their relationship to the former heavyweight champion repeatedly.

"I'm paranoid. I'm just waiting for somebody to mess with me. That's not a good feeling when you have to travel," Khalilah Camacho Ali said when asked how the incident has affected her.

The experience left them convinced that they were targeted because they are Muslim and have Arabic names. Khalilah Camacho Ali, who was born and raised Muslim, said she has always fought for religious rights, and pushed her former husband to use his fame to do the same.

"We, as a family, have been fighting this for a very long time," she said. "We are going to continue to fight for religious justice."

A spokesman for U.S. Customs and Border Protection has said Ali Jr. was held for questioning, but not because of his name or religion.

Trump signed his first travel ban a week into his presidency. The executive order sparked confusion across the country, causing chaotic scenes at airports and prompting lawsuits.

This week, he announced a revised version that bars new visas for people from six Muslim-majority countries and temporarily shuts down America's refugee program. It also removes Iraq from the list of banned countries and removes language prioritizing religious minorities that some viewed as a way to help Christians get into the United States while excluding Muslims.

The new order is set to take effect on March 16.

Muhammad Ali, a three-time heavyweight boxing champion, also fought for civil rights. He refused to enter the military draft during the Vietnam War as a conscientious objector after converting to Islam. The decision cost him his heavyweight title and he was convicted of draft evasion.

Obituaries

Jean Berneathy

Jean Berneathy, longtime resident of Midland, Texas, passed away Saturday, March 4, 2017.

Jean was born on August 30, 1925 in Idabel, Oklahoma to Jason and Sally Buchanan. Jean lost the love of her life Carl in 2007. She was also preceded in death by her beautiful daughter, Vickie Jane, in 1970.

She is survived by her son, Joe (Beverly), and daughter, Suzy Berneathy, all of LaMarque, Texas; three grandsons, Chip Parker (Becky) of Round Rock, Texas, Jason Berneathy (Robin) of League City, Texas, and Kevin Berneathy of Kemah, Texas; and one granddaughter, Tracy Parker (Howard) of Austin, Texas.

Jean had six great-grandsons, one great-granddaughter, and one great-great-granddaughter.

Graveside services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 10, 2017 at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

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

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Joni Lu Wright

Joni Lu Wright, a longtime resident of Midland, Texas, passed away at the age of 96 on March 7, 2017.

She was born in the town of Courtney, in Martin County, on August 18, 1920 to Sam and Otie Jones.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene Ray Wright, and one son, Norman Ray Wright.

She lived in Martin County or Midland County all of her life. Joni Lu graduated from Courtney High School and later graduated from Texas Tech University in 1941. Joni Lu was a teacher in Midland for 30 years. She was married to Eugene Ray Wright for 69 years. They had three sons Norman, David, and Kenneth. Also, three daughters-in-law, five grandchildren, eight great-grand-children, and three great-great, grandchildren, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

After Ray's death in December 2009, Joni Lu moved to San Antonio to be closer to family.

Joni Lu left a legacy to her friends and family for being a very joyful woman who loved the Lord and loved to serve others. Her large family, many friends, neighbors, and church were her sources of great joy. She loved to laugh, entertain, cook for others, and always made you feel special in her home. Joni Lu truly loved living in West Texas with its wide open spaces. She and Ray attended Main Street Church of Christ and Golf Course Road Church of Christ. They often spoke of the many memorable times with their church friends.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland, Texas at 11:00 a.m., followed by a Celebration lunch at Main Street Church of Christ at 101 W Parker Ave.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Tipton Children's Home at *http://www.tiptonchildrenshome.com*.

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Death Notices

Barbara Elaine Rice

Barbara Elaine Rice, 64, of Paris, Texas, and formerly of Midland, Texas, passed away Tuesday March 7, 2017.

Barbara is survived by her mother, Marjorie Rice; and by one sister.

A visitation will be Friday, March 10, 2017 at Ellis Funeral Home from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, March 11, 2017 at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Bobby Ray Mathis

Bobby Ray Mathis, 83 of Midland, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, March 8, 2017.

There will be an intimate graveside for family only on Saturday, March 11, 2017.

Bobby is survived by his wife, Charlena Mathis, and sons, Bobby Mathis and Russell Mathis.

Ida Pearl Gibbs and Mervin Lee Gibbs, Sr.

Ida Pearl Gibbs and Mervin Lee Gibbs, Sr. passed away on March 7, 2017.

Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Friday, March 10, 2017 at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 11, 2017 at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Myra Rose Maxey

Myra Rose Maxey, 68, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, March 7, 2017.

Family and friends will gather at the graveside to celebrate her life at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 10, 2017 at Andrews North Cemetery.

The family will receive friends on Friday, March 10, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at McNett Funeral Home.

VIGIL

From 1B

"I want to share the stage with other faith groups and bring urgency to the issue," Nutter said. "I hope others will be concerned about it and see how we can overcome these problems."

Chaparro expects that at the event, people who have been uncomfortable or silent about current immigration conversations will realize they're not alone. As the child of two Mexican immigrants, Chaparró said the national tone toward immigrant families sparks concern.

"With the commentary that's shared about immigrants, I find my parents — though not undocumented — were not that different from the general undocumented population in the United States," Chaparro said. "When I see rhetoric being targeted to the immigrant population, I don't agree."

As the speakers prepare to deliver remarks at the vigil, they hope Midlanders will be receptive of their words.

"I'm hoping those who come will come with open hearts and are willing to listen respectfully and consider their own feelings toward immigrants," Sis said.

Pope open to studying ordination of married men as priests

Associated Press

BERLIN — Pope Francis says the church must study whether it's possible to ordain married men to minister in remote communities facing priest shortages.

In an interview published Thursday with Germany's Die Zeit, Francis stressed that removing the celibacy rule is not the answer to the Catholic Church's priest shortage. But he expressed an openness to studying whether so-called "viri probati" — or married men of proven faith — could be ordained.

"We must consider if viri probati is a possibility. Then we must determine what tasks they can perform, for example, in remote communities," he was quoted as saying.

The "viri probati" proposal has been around for decades, but it has drawn fresh attention under history's first Latin American pope thanks in part to his appreciation of the challenges facing the church in places like Brazil, a huge Catholic country with an acute shortage of priests.

Brazilian Cardinal Claudio Hummes, a longtime friend of Francis and former head of the Vatican's office for clergy, is reportedly pressing to allow viri probati in the Amazon, where the church counts around one priest for every 10,000 Catholics.

Francis has shown particular openness to receiving concrete proposals for ordaining married men as well as his own pastoral concern for men who have left ministry to marry.

He has maintained friendship with the Argentine widow of a friend who left the priesthood to marry, and he spent one of his Friday mercy missions last year visiting with men who had left ministry to start families. He has also said that while he favors a celibate priesthood, celibacy technically can be up for discussion since it's a discipline of the church, not a dogma.

The church allows some exceptions to the rule. Priests in the eastern rite Catholic Church are allowed to be married, as are married Anglican priests who convert to Catholicism.

In the first major interview that Francis has given a German newspaper, the pope was asked whether he experienced moments in which he doubted the existence of God. He responded: "I, too, know moments of emptiness."

But, he pointed out that periods of crisis are an opportunity to grow, saying a believer who doesn't experience that remains "infantile."

Francis also repeated his warning of the dangers of rising populism in western democracies, saying "populism is evil and ends badly as the past century showed."

In the interview, Francis also confirmed Colombia was on his travel itinerary for 2017, as well as India and Bangladesh. He ruled out Congo, which had been rumored, but mentioned Egypt as a possibility. Francis also recently said he hoped to visit South Sudan.

PROGRESS

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This first-of-its-kind facility is being built on Todd Road. As you drive south on Todd from Loop 250, look to the southeast and you will see on the highest point of land — about a quarter-mile in the distance — the progress and development our builders are making. Imagine how majestic that site will be when our chapel rises from it. If you are passionate about having this retreat center, or even if you are just a little interested, that drive down Todd Road will do wonders for your spirit. It is indeed a blessing to see progress being made on this needed addition to the city's faith community.

That is perhaps one of my favorite parts of The Way when I visit with people about the facility. It's here. It's ours. It's close. If you've ever felt the desire to go on a retreat but couldn't because you didn't want to venture too far from home or work, you'll no longer have to give that another thought. Your family and the tasks you are faced with at your job are, at best, 10 or 15 minutes away if you live in Midland. The comfort and reassurance that is present in knowing that you are near your most important responsibilities, yet in so many ways free of them during your retreat, is an overwhelming positive.



I encourage you, too, to visit YouTube and watch our full animation fly-thru video. Technology will let you see — and almost feel — what being at The Way will be like. When you visit YouTube, search "The Way Retreat Center Full Animation Fly-Thru (with text)" for the four-minute video. I think you will be impressed with what we will offer.

And visit our website — thewayrc.com — for the latest news as we go through this construction process. Our new and improved site will be launched this month.

The Way will sleep up to 80 retreatants, and our chapel will seat 200 worshipers. Our presentation room and dining hall will seat between 144 and 300 depending on seating needs and configurations of your retreat, and our prayer garden will feature a quiet area for reflection and prayer in the midst of a softly running fountain depicting the Woman at the Well. We'll provide the lowest fees possible for Christian retreatants by opening The Way for business and corporate retreats during the week.

If you would like to become a part of The Way by offering prayers or financial support, I thank you, and our dedicated board of directors thanks you. If I can answer questions or assist you in making a financial gift, call me at 432-889-6640, drop me an email, at Jimmyleepatterson@gmail.com, or visit our website for an online contribution.

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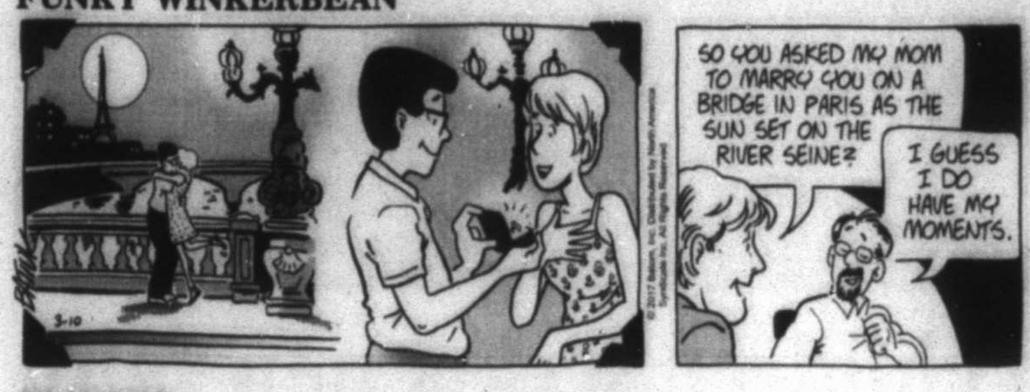
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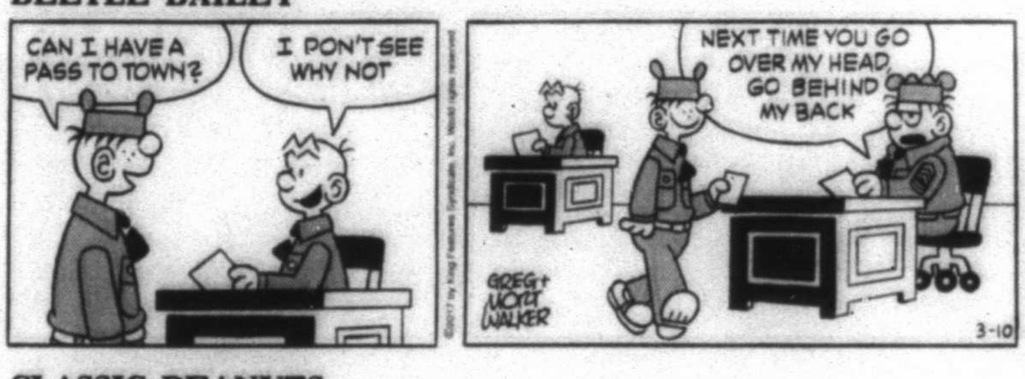
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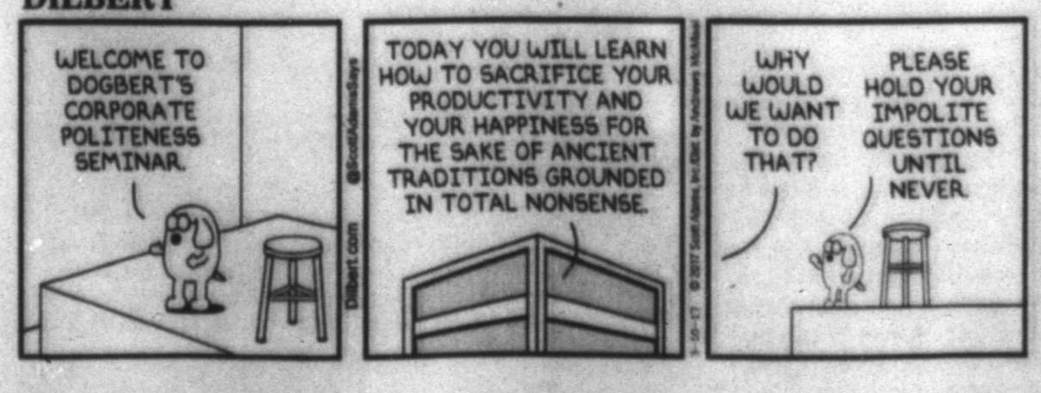
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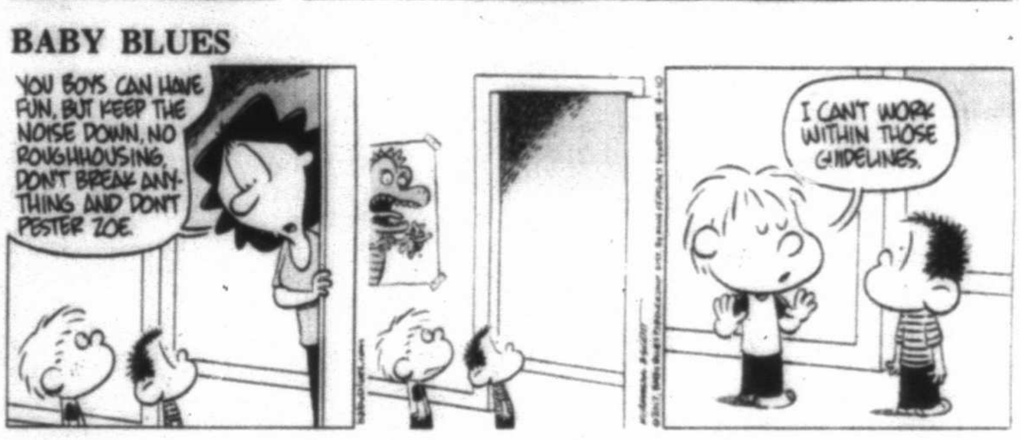
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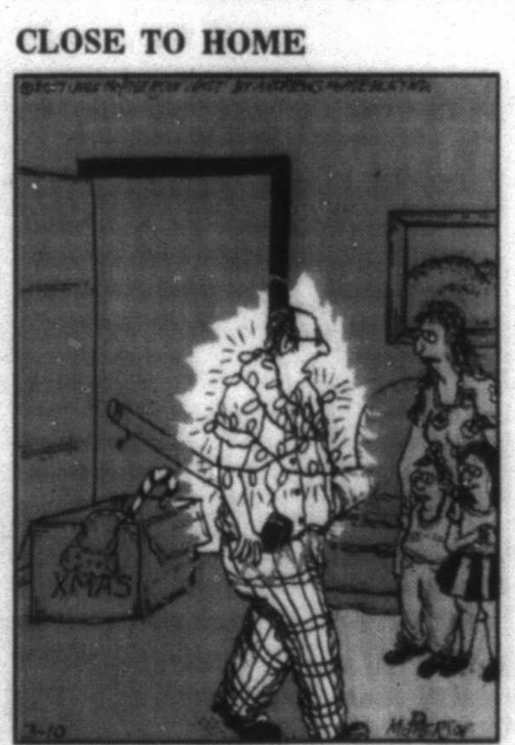
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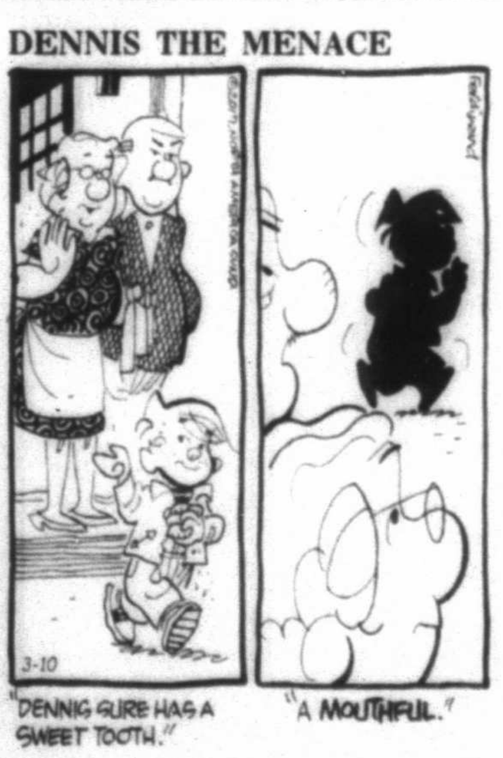


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DENNIS THE MENACE

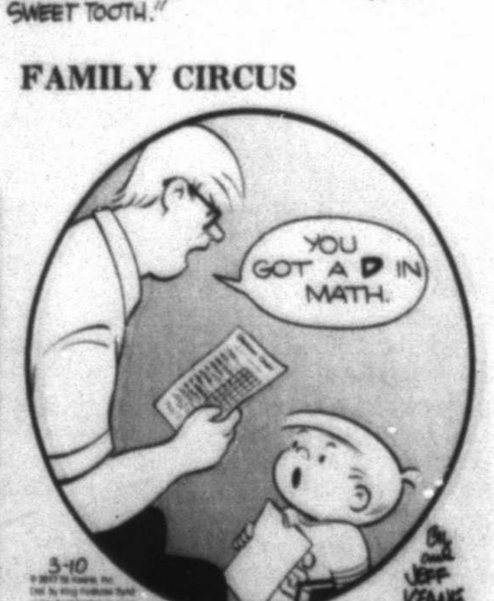


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China not amused by Dalai Lama's on John Oliver's show

By Gerry Shih
Associated Press

BEIJING — John Oliver won rave reviews for his "Last Week Tonight" interview showing the Dalai Lama in all his candor and wit. Beijing, however, was not amused.

China's foreign ministry on Tuesday said the exiled Tibetan Buddhist spiritual leader had appeared "deceptive" on the HBO show where he criticized some Chinese leaders as small minded and mocked Beijing's portrayal of him as "a demon."

The Dalai Lama's comments about the contested issue of his reincarnation "appear to be funny and humorous but they're all lies," ministry spokesman Geng Shuang told reporters at a regularly scheduled news conference. He dismissed the show that aired Sunday night in the U.S. as merely intended for entertainment purposes.

China's ruling Communist Party has long depicted the Dalai Lama as a dangerous separatist and frequently objects when he meets with global political leaders and entertainment figures, seeing those events as suggesting he is a world leader himself.

China's leadership also insists it has the authority to appoint the Dalai Lama's successor after his death. Traditional beliefs dictate that the highest figure in Tibetan Buddhism will be reincarnated in a boy who would subsequently be recognized as the new Dalai Lama by senior monks. But the current spiritual leader has said he would be happy if the title ends with his death.

During the interview conducted at the Dalai Lama's residence in India's northern hill town of Dharmsala, Oliver asked the Dalai Lama if he was worried about the Chinese authorities naming his successor. The Dalai Lama did not answer the question directly but told Oliver that Chinese hard-liners lacked common sense and "that part of the brain."

"They describe me as a demon," the Dalai Lama said, referring to Beijing's officials. "Then I immediately (say) I am a demon with horns," he said, sticking his fingers up on either side of his head to laugher from Oliver and his audience.

"Whatever they want they want to say, that's their opinion. I have no negative feelings. I just feel a laugh, like that," he added. "I practice taking others anger, suspicion, distrust and give them patience, tolerance and compassion. I practice that."

Elsewhere in the interview, a discussion of alcoholism in Mongolia led to questions about the difference between horse's and cow's milk. The Dalai Lama also said he had been good at his job, adding: "I may say, quite intelligent."

The spat over the Dalai Lama's reincarnation — and its implications about who will lead Tibetan Buddhism — is one of the biggest points of contention in the long-running feud between the exiled monk and Beijing.

The Dalai Lama, who fled to India during an abortive uprising against Chinese rule in 1959, has said he simply wants a higher degree of autonomy for Tibet under Chinese rule.

Growing serious, Oliver asked about the scores of Tibetans who have set themselves on fire in recent years to protest repressive Chinese policies, something the Dalai Lama said saddened him deeply but which he couldn't openly condemn to avoid hurting surviving family members even more.

"From Buddhist viewpoint, this is self-killing, not good, So therefore, my position is very, very difficult, so best to remain silent, quiet," he said.

China's government has accused him of encouraging the suicides as part of a campaign of violent separatism.



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How to cope when children seek a new faith

By Debbie Carlson
Chicago Tribune

"The way (parents) relate to their child is going to be different. There's a mourning process involved, and it's OK to have a little pain. That's life. People aren't going to stay the same."

Aida Vazin, religous convert

When Aida Vazin was 15, she decided her mother's Baha'i faith was not right for her.

She spent time studying Islam, her grandparents' religion, but ultimately decided organized religion wasn't for her. When it comes to spirituality and faith, she feels more comfortable with Eastern philosophies on how to live a healthy lifestyle.

What made Vazin's decision a little smoother for her is that 15-year-olds in the Baha'i faith make the choice to remain or seek another religion — but it still wasn't easy, she said.

"My mom paved the path for me to make my own choice ... but she was saddened by it, definitely," Vazin said. "After she did her mourning, she was supportive."

Vazin said her experience with her mother was vastly different from the reception Vazin's mother received from her own parents when she converted to Baha'i from Islam as a young adult after the family fled Iran during the Islamic Revolution. Vazin's grandparents viewed her mother's conversion as blasphemous.

"My grandfather stopped talking to her for a while," she said. "My grandfather told her she got involved with a cult."

Vazin, who is now a marriage and family therapist in private practice in Newport Beach, Calif., said she's experienced firsthand how these decisions can tear apart families, and she now works, in part, with families struggling with faith questions. And she said that while her grandfather was disappointed that she didn't follow Islam, she said he was happier that she didn't stay Baha'i.

For families with children who are questioning their faith, especially adolescents, it's an extremely difficult time, and there's no right way for parents to react, say several experts, but there are ways parents can communicate with their child during the process.

Rebellion is a normal part of adolescence, and in some religions, the idea of straying is understood, said Rachel Weingarten, author of "Ancient Prayer: Channeling Your Faith 365 Days a Year." She pointed to the Amish tradition of Rumspringa, which gives teens the chance to explore the outside world before deciding whether to return to the faith and community.

Harold "Bud" Horell, assistant professor of religious education at the Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education at Fordham University, in New York, said distrust of institutions in general is part of U.S. culture. That's been amplified by recent reports of sex abuse in the Catholic Church, and financial and sex scandals in some Protestant churches, he added.

This may lead some adolescents to talk about being spiritual but not wanting anything to do with organized religion, Horell said. If parents start to see their children pulling away from the family's faith, they should try to remain calm about it, which he admitted is easier said than done.

"Parents (should) approach it with the idea that 'OK, you're raising important issues. Let's talk about them.' De-escalating the anxiety is one of the most important things," Horell said.

Take the child's age into consideration, Horell said. Preteens may just be reflecting what's going on around them.

Teenagers may be exploring their identity, said Wendy O'Connor, a Los Angeles-based marriage and family therapist in private practice who works with interfaith couples. It's important to acknowledge this interest.

Parents can offer to explore this new curiosity with their child, and they can all learn about the new religion, the experts said. O'Connor said some parents fear educating themselves about a new faith may lead to separation from the family's established religion.

"A family will be much stronger if they explore together. Rather than coming from fear, it comes from an open discussion about what (the child) is looking for or what they're not getting in their current religion," O'Connor said.

Education also offers a chance for the parents to find some common ground. "Don't try to change their mind, but try to show them why you're similar instead of so different," Weingarten said.

Vazin agreed. "Putting religion and faith aside, get down to your core values. What do you want to teach your child? Can you find mutual values in the system of the religion your child is interested in with the one you have?"

Part of asking questions helps get to the root of the behavior, O'Connor and Weingarten said, as the interest in religion may mask deeper issues. Sometimes the change can be a red flag, revealing other social, academic or psychological problems.

Some teens may use their interest in another religion to provoke their parents, the experts said, but don't argue with them. Instead, parents should remember they are their child's best role model, O'Connor and Horell said.

"You need to stay in conversation with them, but if you're consistently and quietly modeling your religious commitments and values, (it) can have a tremendous impact on your kids," Horell said.

Vazin said some adolescents who explore a new faith may convert when they are older, and that will be difficult for the family.

"The way (parents) relate to their child is going to be different. There's a mourning process involved, and it's OK to have a little pain. That's life. People aren't going to stay the same," she said.

O'Connor said she had her own confusion about religious traditions growing up in a Catholic and Jewish home, but her father helped her see faith wasn't compartmentalized.

"He said, 'Faith is faith, God is God, love is love.' It's the full idea of love and support and of faith," she said.

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Davidson Opportunity Park is our dream of new opportunities

Chris & Jennifer Hightower

Imagination knows no limitations at a playground. Children run, jump and play in make-believe worlds with their friends. Parents watch with the carefree joy their children exhibit.

For us, some of our fondest memories as children took place on playgrounds. We were able to climb and run around with our friends. Playgrounds were truly magical places for us.

Today, as parents, playgrounds look different to us. Our reality now is fraught with frustrations. Our son Jackson was born with a very rare chromosomal disorder called Emanuel Syndrome that has left him unable to walk or run without the need of a walker or wheel chair.

To say our two daughters love going to parks is an understatement. They do a masterful job of always trying to include Jackson, but it has been increasingly difficult as he grows.

Jackson can go to a park but is seemingly sidelined because he is not free to interact. He has to be carried up steps or held onto while sliding to avoid injury to his fragile frame. Our community parks are great for kids, but children with disabilities (and their parents) face many challenges when it comes to a seemingly simply visit.

This year has been a year of firsts for us. We have watched Jackson recover from open-heart surgery; go to his first day of public school; be embraced by his classmates and teachers.

Parents of children with special needs often feel removed from the park experience in our community. We don't have a place to interact with others that know our struggles. We have wished for a safe place where all of our children could play together regardless of ability.

Our dream has almost become reality because of the newly proposed Chris Davidson Opportunity Park. The plans call for open areas for kids to play in and equipment that will enhance disabled children's experiences. For instance, a sensory wave climber will be incorporated into the park that will allow for front reach capability to kids using a walkers to access auditory, visual and tactile sensors. Another is an expression swing that allows a child to sit face to face while swinging with a friend or family member.

Our son can't speak so he can't tell you how amazing it would be to have a place to play freely with his family and friends. A park where all children can come together regardless of ability is key. We hope that our faith and gratitude shines though sharing our story and we hope the community we were raised in makes a real investment in our community by making this endeavor a reality.

Midland is an extremely prosperous community and we all do our part to make our city an even better place to raise our families. That is why from our family to yours we are asking all to join us in the vision and mission of building a community for all children. Please consider helping make the Chris Davidson Opportunity Park a reality by mailing your contribution payable to Bush Tennis Center (designated to Chris Davidson Opportunity Park), 5700 Briarwood Avenue, Midland, TX 79707 or online at bushtennisccenter.org.

CALENDAR

March 10-16

Today

"Saints Squared" featuring the works of Sara Drescher and Brad King will be on display Fridays in March at Kamiposi. The show also supports the nonprofit Freedom 418. 510 S. Big Spring St.

Saturday

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

"Barnabas," through April 30 at Ragtown Gospel Theater, 870 Ragtown Road, Post. $22 adults, $10 children. ragtown.com.

Monday

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

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

Wednesday

Caregiver Support group, noon-1 p.m. at Hospice Midland. hospiceofmidland.org.

Thursday

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

Book of Hebrews Bible Study in 12 sessions. 9:15 a.m. Through March 30 at First Baptist Church,2104 W. Louisiana Ave. $20. Fbc-midland.org.

Third Thursday Reading will feature the book "Hooray for St. Patrick's Day" with copies given to each child. The monthly event is part of the Laura Bush Literacy Program. Free but space is limited so reservations are encouraged. Refreshments provided. 4:30 p.m. at the George W. Bush Childhood Home, 1412 W. Ohio Ave. bushchildhoodhome.org.

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

District play starts with MISD facing Odessa schools

By Christopher Hadorn
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Over the past two seasons, Midland ISD and Odessa softball programs have accounted for seven of the eight postseason berths in district.

So it's fitting Midland and Odessa schools will clash today to kick off District 2-6A play.

Last year's district champion Midland High (13-5) hosts No. 20-ranked Odessa High (14-3-1) at 4 p.m. at Audrey Hill Softball Complex, while Lee (16-3) visits Odessa Permian (10-5-1) at the Ratliff Softball Complex at 7 p.m.

However, this year's district will have a new look as Abilene High and San Angelo Central are gone, replaced with Wolfforth Frenship (16-8-1) and Amarillo Tascosa (5-16-1).

Frenship adds to the quality of the district after it knocked out MHS in the 2016 Class 6A regional quarterfinals, reaching the regional semifinal round.

"It just added another strong team to the district," Lady Bulldogs coach Shawnda Vines said. "They didn't let us off the hook on anything. We know that we're going to have to battle. Frenship is well coached. They got great athletes. They're very good and a well-rounded team."

Here are five things to watch in District 2-6A softball:

1. Permian Basin schools are loaded with experience.

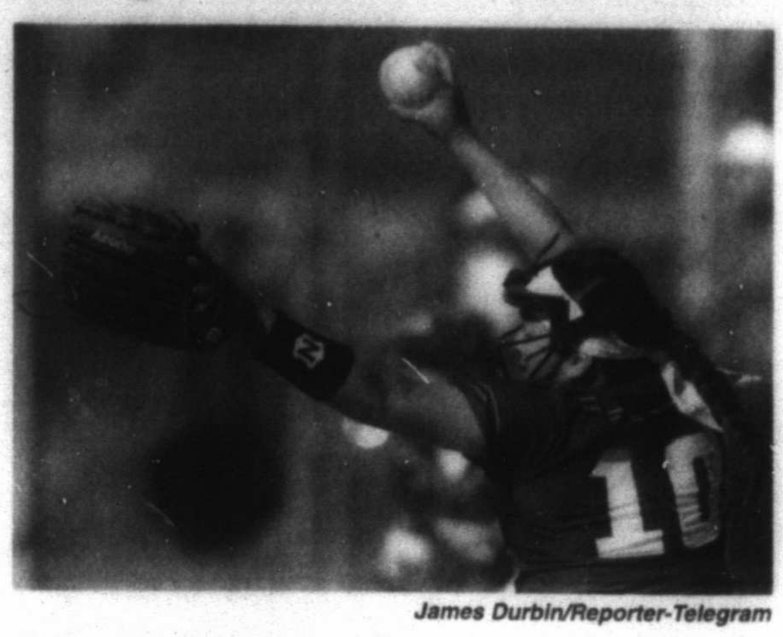
Midland High, Lee, Odessa High and Permian have the majority of their core players returning from 2016.

Case in point, 16 of 21 Permian Basin players that earned all-district superlatives or all-district first team honors from 2016 are back. Those group of returners include District 3-6A Offensive MVP Deja Luna and Defensive MVP Elva Castillo, both of Odessa High.

"We have a lot of teams that they've been young for a little awhile and now those kids have matured and they're upperclassmen now," Vines said. "They got experience under their belt. It doesn't look like any team in our district that you can just overlook. Every single team is really tough."

2. Seasoned pitching is a theme of Permian Basin teams too.

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James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Emily Gonzalez pitches against Colorado City on Feb. 25 at Freddie Ezell Softball Complex.

Catchy name, good game

Buffaloe is steady, dependable player for Rangers

By Will Korn
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Greenwood senior second baseman Kason Buffaloe said he's confident he has one of the catchiest names in the Permian Basin.

"One-hundred percent (I do)," Buffaloe joked. "It has to be at least in the top 5. There are a couple of cool names out there, but no one else has 'Buffaloe' as their last name."

But if you watch Buffaloe on the baseball field, he's anything but a flashy, attention-centered player for the Rangers. Rather, he's just a steady, versatile and reliable presence in the two-hole of the Greenwood lineup, where he's hit regularly since the start of his junior season.

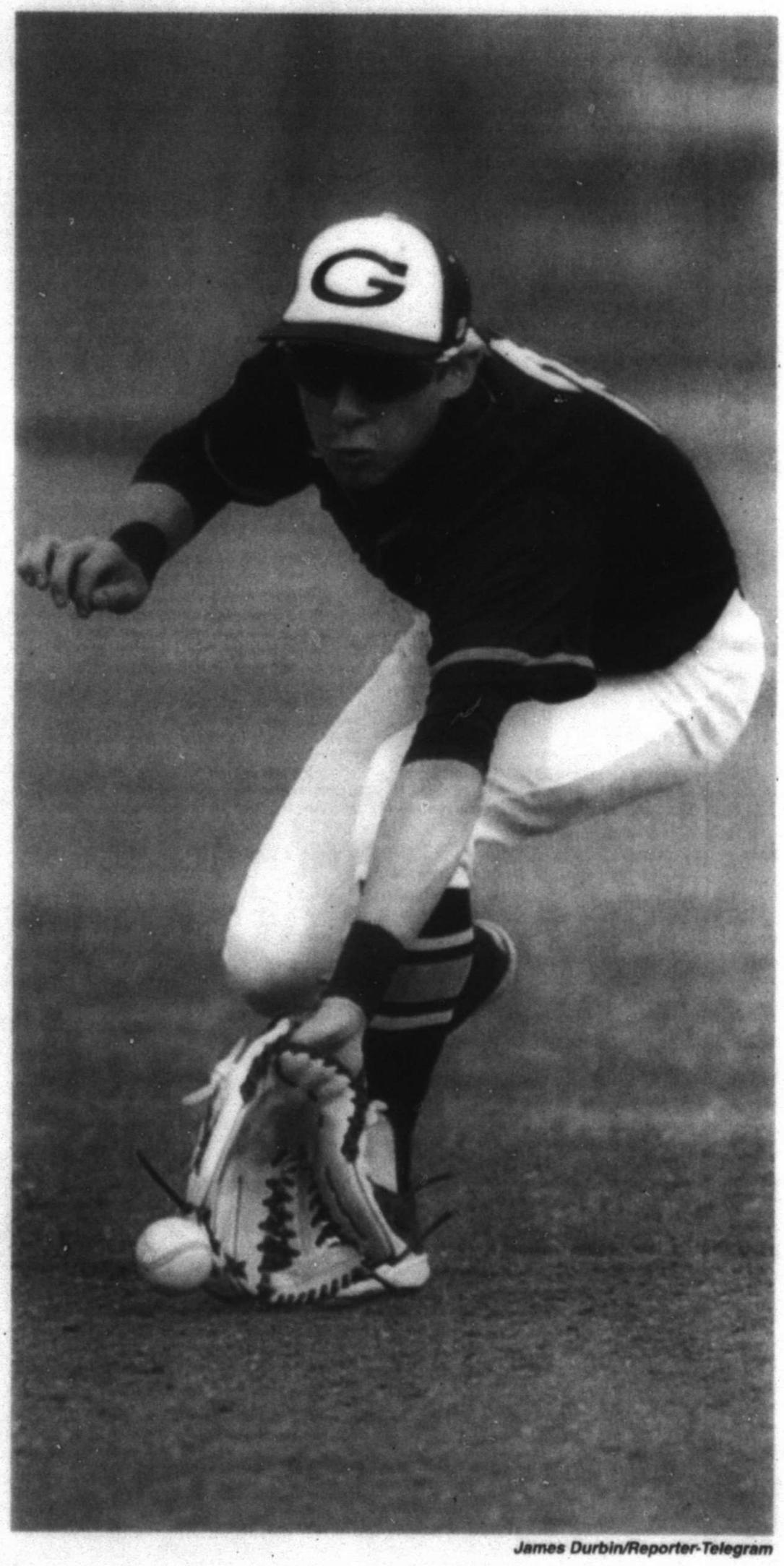
Hitting second can present a number of different offensive strategies for a lineup and Buffaloe does whatever is asked of him in any given situation.

"It's always fun to get behind (leadoff hitter) Josh (Urias) because I always know he's going to do something good," Buffaloe said. "It gives me a chance to play both sides of the game. If I want to play small ball, I can. But it also gives me the ability to hit behind Josh and move him around and put him in scoring position."

Following up the Rangers' talented Urias is a challenging task, but it is one that Buffaloe has come to embrace during his time in a varsity uniform. His willingness to sacrifice personal statistics in favor of the team don't go unnoticed. He's much less focused on a high batting average than he is on making his at-bat productive in some way for his team.

"A lot of what we ask him to do is when the leadoff guy gets on, whatever we want to do offensively, we've got confidence

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Greenwood's Kason Buffaloe goes after a hit from Slaton on Thursday at Greenwood High School.

Salcido overcomes injury to be reliable bat for MC

By Oscar LeRoy
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Midland College baseball coach David Coleman said his team's offense has spit and sputtered some over the last couple of weeks.



Salcido

Heading into the Western Junior College Athletic Conference opening series against Howard College this weekend, Coleman would love to see some more consistency out of his bats.

However, one player who has been real consistent at the plate is catcher Alex Salcido.

Despite coming off a major shoulder injury last year, the redshirt-freshman out of El Paso Americas is one of the team leaders with a .408 batting average to go with two home runs, 19 RBI, 11 runs scored and two stolen bases. Salcido is also coming off a good day at the plate against rival Odessa College on Tuesday, as he went 3-for-3 with two doubles, three RBI, two walks and a run scored in the wild 15-14 non-conference loss to the Wranglers.

"I've been feeling really good," said Salcido, who was also honored in mid-February as the NJCAA Division I Baseball Player of the Week. "I've been working really hard in practice and working in the batting cages."

Salcido has had a long way back from an injury that cost him his freshman year with the Chaparrals. Salcido suffered a torn labrum and a separated shoulder in a collision at home plate during a game against Seward County in early February of last year. He wasn't cleared to play until right before the season started.

"It's been a long process," he said. "It's been really tough but I wouldn't have been able to do it without my coaches. I'm just happy to be back playing the game again."

Coleman said Salcido is still not back to being 100 percent to what he was before the injury but said he has been steady and has thrown out potential base stealers.

"He's getting better every week," Coleman said. "Like all rehabs, there will be a little setback here and there. He's really swinging the bat well and

Please see **SALCIDO**/3C

Osweiler deal a stunner; Cutler's release no surprise

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

Everyone expected a free agency flurry when the NFL's year began on Thursday. Predicting what happened with Brock Osweiler was beyond anyone's projections.

One year after signing a four-year deal with Houston, then losing the starting job to Tom Savage late in the season before returning and winning a playoff game, Osweiler is headed to Cleveland. The Texans basically took whatever deal they could get to rid themselves of a $16 million payout to the quarterback in 2017. The Browns and Texans are also swapping fourth- and sixth-round picks in 2017, and Cleveland gets a 2018 second-rounder.

Far more predictable was Chicago releasing Jay Cutler, who had no guaranteed money left on his contract. Cutler led the Bears to the 2010 NFC championship game, but otherwise struggled in Chicago.

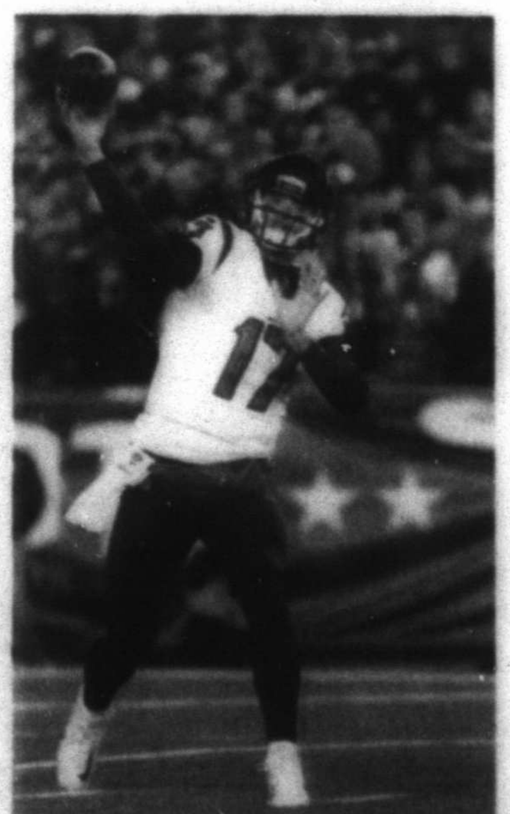
"His ability, toughness, and intelligence were on daily display at Halas Hall and Soldier Field. He had an extraordinary impact off the field, doing things for people, especially kids, without expecting or wanting any recognition," Chairman George McCaskey said. "I was and am a big fan of his."

Yet another QB soon to be on the move, the Cowboys' Tony Romo teasingly told fans in a tweeted video: "Hey everyone. I just wanted to come to tell you it's been a crazy 48 hours here. Me and my family felt the outpouring of support and love from all of you. It's been overwhelming and it doesn't go unnoticed. I want to say thank you and we have a lot of think about going forward but we'll see what happens. Until then I'm just going to keep listening to Bob Dylan."

Romo could be headed to East Texas to replace Osweiler now that the Texans have room to pay him. Whether Dallas releases its longtime quarterback or works out a trade will soon be known.

As for the Texans-Browns stunner, it's possible Cleveland, which owns the top pick in April's draft, will be moving Osweiler, too. But the Browns had plenty

Please see **OSWEILER**/4C



Associated Press

Houston Texans quarterback Brock Osweiler passes against the New England Patriots during the first half of a playoff football game Jan. 14 in Foxborough, Mass.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

COLLEGE BASEBALL
Florida A&M at Bethune-Cookman, Noon, ESPNU
UCLA at Texas, 6:30 p.m., LHN

COLLEGE SOFTBALL
Omaha at Oklahoma, 6 p.m., FCSA

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

MLB
Spring Training: NY Yankees vs. Philadelphia, Noon, MLB

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Big Ten Quarterfinal, 11 a.m., ESPN
SEC Quarterfinal, Noon, SEC
Big Ten Quarterfinal, 1 p.m., ESPN
American Quarterfinal, 1 p.m., ESPN2
SEC Quarterfinal, 2:30 p.m., SEC
ACC Semifinal, 6 p.m., ESPN
Big 12 Semifinal, 6 p.m., ESPN2
American Quarterfinal, 6 p.m., ESPNU
SEC Quarterfinal, 6 p.m., SEC
MAC Semifinal, 7 p.m., CBSSN
ACC Semifinal, 8 p.m., ESPN
Big 12 Semifinal, 8 p.m., ESPN2
American Quarterfinal, 8 p.m., ESPNU
Pac-12 Semifinal, 8 p.m., P12
SEC Quarterfinal, 8:30 p.m., SEC

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS
Legacy Fighting Alliance 6, 8 p.m., AXS

MOTORSPORTS
XFINITY: Boyd Gaming 300, Practice, 3 p.m., FS1
XFINITY: Boyd Gaming 300, Final Practice, 5 p.m., FS2

NBA
Golden State at Minnesota, 7 p.m.,- NBAtv
Brooklyn at Dallas, 8 p.m., FSSW
Washington at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m., NBAtv

NHL
Chicago at Detroit, 6:30 p.m., NHL

Tennis
ATP/WTA: BNP Paribas Open, 1 p.m., TENNIS

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
America East Championship, 3:30 p.m., ESPNU

WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC
Colombia vs. USA, 5 p.m., MLB, ESPNDEP
Venezuela vs. Puerto Rico, 8 p.m., MLB, ESPNDEP
Tokyo tiebreaker, 4 a.m., MLB, ESPNDEP

ON RADIO

NAHL HOCKEY
Odessa at Lone Star, 7:30 p.m., KFZX 102.1 FM

NBA
Brooklyn at Dallas, 8 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

BASEBALL
Lee at Brenham Tournament
Midland High at Highland Park Tournament
West Texas March Classic
Midland Christian at Abilene High Tournament
MCA at Reagan County Tournament

GIRLS SOCCER
Lee at Wolfforth Frenship, 5:30 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER
Lee at Wolfforth Frenship, 7:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL
Lee at Odessa Permian, 4 p.m.
Odessa High at Midland High, 4 p.m.
Greenwood at San Marcos Tournanament
Midland Christian at Bowie Tournament

TRACK
Midland Christian at Argyle Liberty Christian meet
West Texas Relays, Ratliff Stadium

Junior college

BASEBALL
Midland College at Howard College DH, noon

SOFTBALL
Midland College at NFCA Lead-Off Classic, Columbus, Ga.

DISTRICT 2-6A SOCCER STANDINGS

Girls

Team	W	PW	L	PL	Pts
xy-Wolfforth Frenship (16-3)	8	0	0	0	24
x-Midland High (13-3)	5	0	0	3	15
x-Odessa High (15-4-2)	5	0	0	3	15
x-Odessa Permian (9-8)	4	0	0	4	12
Lee (4-9-3)	1	1	0	6	5
Amarillo Tascosa (6-11-1)	0	0	1	7	2

W -3 points; PW - 2 points, PL - 1 point
x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched district title
All matches begin at 5:30 p.m unless otherwise noted

Today's Matches
Lee at Wolfforth Frenship; Odessa High vs. Odessa Permian

Boys

Team	W	PW	L	PL	Pts
x-Midland High (9-6-1)	7	3	0	1	18
x-Lee (9-7-1)	5	1	1	1	16
x-Odessa High (8-7-3)	4	1	2	1	16
Amarillo Tascosa (10-5-2)	2	1	0	5	8
Wolfforth Frenship (8-9-3)	1	0	3	4	6
Odessa Permian (3-12-3)	1	1	1	5	6

W -3 points; PW - 2 points, PL - 1 point
x-clinched playoff spot
All matches begin at 7:30 p.m unless otherwise noted.

Today's Matches
Lee at Wolfforth Frenship; Odessa High vs. Odessa Permian

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Optioned RHPs Jason Garcia and Parker Bridwell to Norfolk (IL).
National League
CHICAGO CUBS — Agreed to terms with RHPs Aaron Brooks, Jake Buchanan, Eddie Butler, Carl Edwards Jr., Kyle Hendricks, Pierce Johnson, Alec Mills, Felix Pena, Jose Rosario and Duane Underwood Jr.; LHPs Jack Leathersich, Mike Montgomery, Caleb Smith and Rob Zastryzny; Cs Victor Caratini, Willson Contreras and Kyle Schwarber; INFs Javier Baez, Kris Bryant, Jaimer Candelario, Tommy La Stella and Addison Russell; and OFs Albert Almora Jr., Jacob Hannemann and Matt Szczur.
COLORADO ROCKIES — Assigned RHPs Ryan Castellani and Johendi Jiminian, LHP Sam Howard, C Chris Rabago, INF Ryan McMahon and OF Rosell Herrera to minor league camp.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Optioned RHP Adrian Houser to Biloxi (SL).
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Fined New Orleans F/C DeMarcus Cousins $50,000 for directing inappropriate language towards fans. Fined Phoenix F Jared Dudley $35,000 for escalating an altercation by confronting and making contact with Washington Wizards F/C Jason Smith. Fined Washington G Brandon Jennings $35,000 for making menacing gestures on the playing court as part of the same incident.
DALLAS MAVERICKS — Signed G Manny Harris and F Jamod Uthoff to 10-day contracts.
FOOTBALL
PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME — Added Kim Metcalf-Kupres, Anthony Munoz and Amy Adams Strunk to the governing board.
National Football League
NFL — Suspended Baltimore RB Kenneth Dixon four games for violating the league's policy on performance enhancing substances.
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Agreed to terms with S Antoine Bethea on a three-year contract and C A.Q. Shipley on a two-year contract.
ATLANTA FALCONS — Agreed to terms with QB Matt Schaub and DT Courtney Upshaw on contract extensions. Agreed to terms with DL Jack Crawford, LB LaRoy Reynolds and TE Levine Toilolo. Released DE Tyson Jackson.
BALTIMORE RAVENS — Agreed to terms with NT Brandon Williams on a five-year contract.
BUFFALO BILLS — Released S Aaron Williams. Agreed to terms with FB Patrick DiMarco, G Vladimir Ducasse, PK Stephen Hauschka and Ss Micah Hyde and Jordan Poyer.
CHICAGO BEARS — Released QB Jay Cutler.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Re-signed WR Brandon LaFell to a two-year contract.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed G Joel Bitonio to a five-year contract extension. Acquired Houston Texans' 2018 second-round pick, 2017 sixth-round pick and QB Brock Osweiler for Cleveland's 2017 fourth-round compensatory pick. Claimed OL Marcus Martin off waivers from San Francisco. Agreed to terms with WR Kenny Britt, OL J.C. Tretter and OL Kevin Zeitler.
DETROIT LIONS — Re-signed DT Khyri Thornton. Released LB DeAndre Levy.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Re-signed LB Nick Perry.
HOUSTON TEXANS — Re-signed P Shane Lechler and K Nick Novak.
LOS ANGELES CHARGERS — Re-signed S Jahleel Addae and LS Mike Windt to four-year contracts and QB Kellen Clemens to a one-year contract.
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed TE Anthony Fasano. Signed S Reshad Jones to a contract extension through the 2021 season.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Acquired TE Dwayne Allen from the Indianapolis Colts for an undisclosed draft selection.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Agreed to terms with WR Torrey Smith on a three-year contract and WR Alshon Jeffery and G Chance Warmack on one-year contracts. Released DE Connor Barwin.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Re-signed TE David Johnson and QB Landry Jones to two-year contracts.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Agreed to terms with DT Chris Baker.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Agreed to terms with OL Karl Klug and LB Nate Palmer on multiyear contracts.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Fired general manager Scot McCloughan.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL — Suspended Pittsburgh Penguins F Tom Sestito for four games, without pay, for boarding Winnipeg Jets D Toby Enstrom on Wednesday.
DETROIT RED WINGS — Assigned G Jared Coreau to Grand Rapids (AHL). Removed G Jimmy Howard from injured reserve.
NEW YORK RANGERS — Recalled G Brandon Halverson from Greenville (ECHL) on a emergency basis.
COLLEGE
PACIFIC-12 CONFERENCE — Extended the contract of commissioner Larry Scott through 2022.
DELAWARE — Named Mike Shenigo women's assistant soccer coach.
TENNESSEE STATE — Announced the resignation of women's basketball coach Larry Joe Inman.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	67	38	21	8	84	185	166
Ottawa	65	37	22	6	80	175	169
Boston	67	35	26	6	76	186	175
Toronto	66	30	22	14	74	201	197
Tampa Bay	66	31	26	9	71	183	182
Florida	65	29	25	11	69	162	183
Buffalo	67	27	28	12	66	169	190
Detroit	65	25	29	11	61	161	176

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	65	44	14	7	95	212	139
Columbus	65	42	17	6	90	207	149
Pittsburgh	65	41	15	9	90	230	184
N.Y. Rangers	66	40	23	3	83	219	179
N.Y. Islanders	65	31	23	11	73	192	194
Philadelphia	66	31	27	8	70	172	197
Carolina	64	27	27	10	64	160	186
New Jersey	66	25	29	12	62	147	189

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	65	42	17	6	90	214	155
Chicago	65	42	18	5	89	198	164
Nashville	66	32	24	10	74	195	188
St. Louis	65	33	27	5	71	178	183
Winnipeg	66	30	32	6	66	204	216
Dallas	67	27	30	10	64	188	216
Colorado	65	18	44	3	39	126	215

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	65	39	19	7	85	180	152
Edmonton	66	35	23	8	78	188	174
Anaheim	66	34	22	10	78	172	168
Calgary	66	36	26	4	76	179	182
Los Angeles	65	31	28	6	68	161	164
Vancouver	66	28	30	8	64	153	188
Arizona	65	23	35	7	53	157	210

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

Scores and schedule

Thursday's Scores
Carolina 4, N.Y. Rangers 3
Toronto 4, Philadelphia 2
Tampa Bay 5, Minnesota 1
Anaheim at Chicago, late
New Jersey at Colorado, late
Montreal at Calgary, late
Ottawa at Arizona, late
N.Y. Islanders at Vancouver, late
Nashville at Los Angeles, late
Washington at San Jose, late

Today's Games
Buffalo at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Anaheim at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

ALL-DISTRICT BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

TRINITY FRESHMAN BAEZA HONORED

Trinity freshman guard Ciro Baeza has been selected as a first team honoree on the TAPPS 1-4A All-District Boys Basketball Team that was just released.

Chargers senior Benjamin Witt was also honored on the TAPPS 4A Academic All-State list.

TAPPS 1-4A ALL-DISTRICT BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM
Trinity honorees only listed
First team
Ciro Baeza, Fr.
Second team
Ben Witt, Sr.; Garrett Roaner, Jr.

FORSAN LANDS 2 ON 7-2A 1ST TEAM

Sophomore Macey Evans and junior Chasidy Grantham represented the third-place Forsan girls basketball team on the first team of the All-District 7-2A Girls Basketball Team that was recently released.

ALL-DISTRICT 7-2A GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM
Superlatives
MVP: Caitlyn Allen, Sr., Irion County
Offensive MVP: Sydney Covarrubiaz, Sr., Eldorado
Defensive MVP: Hadley Miller, Jr., Irion County
Newcomer of the Year: Skylar Brooks, Fr., Miles
Sixth-Man Award: Kayce Jackson, So., Christoval; Sam Martinez, Sr., Irion County
Coach of the Year: Jacob Conner, Irion County
First team
Macey Evans, So., Forsan; Chasidy Grantham, Jr., Forsan; Stormi Chacun, Sr., Irion County; Macy McNutt, Jr., Irion County; Codee Meador, Fr., Eldorado; Naomi Dixon, Sr., Christoval; K'Lee Lockman, Jr., Christoval; Maricela Rojas, Sr., Christoval
Second team
Jenna Evans, Jr., Forsan; Rhian Cunningham, Sr., Forsan; Mikaela Crocker, Sr., Miles; Monique Carrillo, Jr., Winters; Brandy Gail Aniope, Sr., Eldorado; Mackenzie Cramer, Sr., Irion County; Jakayla Halbrooks, Jr., Christoval; Taylor Tomlinson, Jr., Christoval
Honorable mention (Forsan players listed only)
Kendall Phillips, Sr.; Mikahaela Willard, So.

ALL-DISTRICT 2-4A TEAMS ANNOUNCED

ALL-DISTRICT 2-4A BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM
Superlatives
MVP: Reese Moore, Jr., Seminole
Offensive MVP: Jaleel Edwards, Sr., Lamesa
Defensive MVP: D'ante Thomas, Sr., Lubbock Estacado
Newcomer of the Year: Cade Barnard, Jr., Seminole
Coach of the Year: David Williams, Seminole
All-District Selections
Nick Gerber, Sr., Levelland; Jezreel Griffin, Sr., Brownfield; Ri'Taje Smith, Sr., Lubbock Estacado; Carter Larsmore, Jr., Seminole; Dre Smiley, Sr., Lamesa; Buddy Williams, Sr., Lamesa; TyQuail Maxwell, Sr., Lamesa; Donald Young, So., Lubbock Estacado; Jeff Elliott, Sr., Levelland; Cameron Gonzales, Jr., Lubbock Estacado; Carter Johnson, Jr., Seminole; Matthew DeLaRosa, Jr., Denver City; Kundall Durrett, Sr., Levelland; Jeremy Parsley, Sr., Levelland

ALL-DISTRICT 2-4A GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM
Superlatives
MVP: Paige Royal, Jr., Levelland
Offensive MVP: Arielle Adams, Jr., Denver City
Defensive MVP: Miranda Villegas, So., Levelland
Co-Newcomers of the Year: Ashlea Pool, Jr., Seminole; Mari Ruiz, So., Levelland
Coach of the Year: Clay Barnett, Levelland
First team
Kayla Jackson, Sr., Lamesa; Bamaje Mason, So., Lamesa; Havyn Perez, So., Seminole; Kynedy Rosalez, Sr., Seminole; Bocui Welps, Jr., Brownfield; Autumn Williams, Sr., Brownfield; Ty Perryman, So., Lubbock Estacado; Selliah Johnson, Jr., Lubbock Estacado; C'Kyra Simms, Fr., Lubbock Estacado; Holly Temmilne, So., Denver City; Morgan Dial, Jr., Denver City; Cassidy Esmerado, Jr., Denver City; Makayla Escue, So., Levelland; Faith Garza, Sr., Levelland

Gilliland, partner finish 6th in China

From staff reports

GUANGZHOU, China — Midland's Tarrin Gilliland and partner Delaney Schnell, of Tucson, Arizona, teamed up to finish sixth in the synchronized 10-meter with 299.10 points during the FINA Diving World Series Thursday.

China's Ren Qian and Chang Yani won the event with a score of 347.82.

The 14-year-old Gilliland and 18-year-old Schnell were competing at their first World Series meet after diving together in three FINA Grand Prix meets in 2016. Their score of 299.10 at the World Series marked their best score together; their previous best was 291.24 at the FINA Grand Prix competition in Italy in 2016.

STATE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

TIMBERVIEW 68 CCVM 48

SAN ANTONIO — Mansfield Timberview outscored Corpus Christi Veteran's Memorial 15-3 to open the third quarter and cruised to a 68-48 victory in a UIL Class 5A semifinal.

Chris Mullins scored 17 of his game-high 21 points in the second half Thursday in San Antonio as four different Wolves (31-7) scored in double digits, including Tim Johnson with 20 and Isaac Likekele with 14 plus a team-high 13 rebounds.

BROCK 46 JARRELL 43

SAN ANTONIO — Brock survived a late Jarrell rally to defeat the Cougars 46-43 in the Class 3A semifinals.

Jarrell (33-4-1) trailed 37-27 early in the fourth quarter Thursday in San Antonio but closed to 44-40 with 18.9 seconds left. The Cougars sank one free throw but missed the second and were forced to foul. Brock's Taylor Perry hit both ends of a one-and-one for a five-point Brock lead. A.J. Smith had a put back basket at the buzzer for the final Jarrell score.

MADISON 82 SANTA ROSA 44

SAN ANTONIO — Patrick Terry scored 20 points and grabbed eight rebounds as Dallas Madison overwhelmed Santa Rosa 82-44 in the Class 3A semifinals.

All five Madison (27-8) starters scored in double figures Thursday in San Antonio.

JeMichael Bowens had 19 points and 14 rebounds while Quintarius Johnson had 12 points with 16 rebounds.

Dallas Madison out-rebounded Santa Rosa 66-35.

Madison led 45-19 at halftime before Santa Rosa (34-4) opened the third quarter with an 11-1 run. After a timeout, Madison answered with a 15-0 burst that turned the game in a rout.

LIPAN 61 DIME BOX 47

SAN ANTONIO — Tate Phillips and Ty Bryant combined for 33 points and 24 rebounds to lead top-ranked Lipan past Dime Box 61-47 in a Class 1A state semifinal.

Lipan (35-3) led 40-27 after three quarters Thursday in San Antonio. Dime Box (27-9) made four 3-pointers in the fourth before Lipan put the game away with a 9-4 scoring run.

HAPPY 51 BORDEN COUNTY 27

SAN ANTONIO — Sterling White scored 16 points and grabbed 11 rebounds as Happy rolled over Gail Borden County 51-27 in the boys' Class 1 A semifinals.

White, a 6-foot-5 post player, scored nine in the first half and Happy used an 11-2 surge to lead 24-16 after two quarters in Thursday's game in San Antonio.

Trever Phillips scored 14 points for Happy (25-5), making four of his team's eight 3-pointers. Happy also held Gail Borden County (22-4) to 29 percent shooting.

NBA ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

THUNDER 102 SPURS 92

OKLAHOMA CITY — Russell Westbrook had his 31st triple-double of the season to help the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the San Antonio Spurs 102-92 on Thursday night.

Westbrook had 23 points, 13 rebounds and 13 assists to match Wilt Chamberlain's 1967-68 campaign for the second-most triple-doubles in a season.

Victor Oladipo scored 20 points, and Enes Kanter added 14 points and 10 rebounds for the Thunder. They snapped a four-game losing streak.

Kawhi Leonard scored 19 points for the Spurs. They had had won nine straight. San Antonio dropped two games behind the Golden State Warriors in the race for the best record in the NBA.

CLIPPERS 114 GRIZZLIES 98

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Austin Rivers scored 20 points, and Chris Paul added 19 points and seven assists to lead the Los Angeles Clippers to a 114-98 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies on Thursday night.

The Clippers solidified their hold on the fifth seed in the Western Conference, while Memphis continued a skid that has reached four straight.

J.J. Redick scored 15 points, Jamal Crawford and Blake Griffin had 14 apiece, and Griffin added 12 rebounds. Los Angeles benefited from 51 percent shooting.

PISTONS 106 CAVALIERS 101

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Andre Drummond had 20 points and 16 rebounds, and the Detroit Pistons scored the first 13 points of the fourth quarter before holding on for a 106-101 victory over the injury-plagued Cleveland Cavaliers on Thursday night.

LeBron James had 29 points, 13 rebounds and 10 assists but the Cavaliers have now lost three straight and five of their last seven. J.R. Smith played for Cleveland after a thumb injury had kept him out since December, but Kevin Love and Kyle Korver were out.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	41	24	.631	—
Toronto	38	26	.594	2½
New York	28	39	.400	15
Philadelphia	23	40	.365	17
Brooklyn	11	52	.175	29

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	39	24	.619	—
Atlanta	35	29	.547	4½
Miami	31	34	.477	9
Charlotte	28	36	.438	11½
Orlando	24	41	.369	16

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	42	21	.667	—
Indiana	33	31	.516	9½
Detroit	32	33	.492	11
Chicago	31	33	.484	11½
Milwaukee	30	33	.476	12

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	50	14	.781	—
Houston	44	21	.677	6½
Memphis	36	29	.554	14½
Dallas	27	38	.429	23½
New Orleans	25	40	.385	25½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	41	24	.631	—
Oklahoma City	36	28	.554	5
Denver	29	35	.453	11½
Portland	27	35	.435	12½
Minnesota	26	37	.413	14

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Golden State	52	12	.813	—
L.A. Clippers	39	26	.600	13½
Sacramento	25	39	.391	27
Phoenix	21	43	.328	31
L.A. Lakers	19	45	.297	33

x-clinched playoff spot

Scores and schedule

Thursday's Scores
Detroit 106, Cleveland 101
L.A. Clippers 114, Memphis 98
Oklahoma City 102, San Antonio 92
Golden State at Portland, late
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, late

Today's Games
Orlando at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Golden State at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Houston at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Boston at Denver, 8 p.m.
Brooklyn at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Washington at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Utah at Oklahoma City, 2 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Clippers, 2:30 p.m.
New York at Detroit, 4 p.m.
Cleveland at Orlando, 6 p.m.
New Orleans at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Miami, 7 p.m.
Golden State at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Washington at Portland, 9 p.m.
Denver at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

MLB SPRING TRAINING GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
New York	11	3	0.786
Los Angeles	9	3	0.750
Oakland	7	4	0.636
Seattle	8	5	0.615
Minnesota	6	4	0.600
Chicago	7	5	0.583
Baltimore	7	5	0.583
Kansas City	7	5	0.583
Tampa Bay	6	5	0.545
Boston	5	7	0.417
Cleveland	5	7	0.417
Houston	4	6	0.400
Toronto	3	8	0.273
Detroit	3	10	0.231
Texas	2	9	0.182

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Pittsburgh	10	3	0.769
St. Louis	9	4	0.692
New York	8	5	0.615
Milwaukee	8	5	0.615
Colorado	7	5	0.583
Philadelphia	6	6	0.500
Arizona	6	7	0.462
Los Angeles	6	7	0.462
Washington	5	8	0.455
San Diego	5	7	0.417
Chicago	4	6	0.400
Cincinnati	5	9	0.385
San Francisco	5	8	0.385
Miami	3	7	0.300
Atlanta	3	10	0.231

Scores and schedule

Thursday's Scores
Minnesota 10, Colombia 7
Houston 3, St. Louis 0
Miami 2, Washington 2
N.Y. Yankees 8, Atlanta 7
Pittsburgh 10, Tampa Bay 8
Toronto 8, Philadelphia 4
Boston 7, United States 5
Detroit 5, N.Y Mets 5
Chicago White Sox 4, Arizona 2
Oakland 12, Cincinnati 5
L.A. Angels 5, Cleveland 4
Seattle 8, Chicago Cubs 6
Venezuela 8, Texas 4
Milwaukee 8, San Diego 2
Colorado 10, Puerto Rico 2

Today's Games
St. Louis vs. Washington at West Palm Beach, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y Mets (ss) vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y Yankees vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Houston vs. N.Y Mets (ss) at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 12:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. Milwaukee (ss) at Phoenix, 2:05 p.m.
Cleveland vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
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Baltimore vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 5:05 p.m.
Colorado vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 7:05 p.m.
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Texas vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 8:05 p.m.

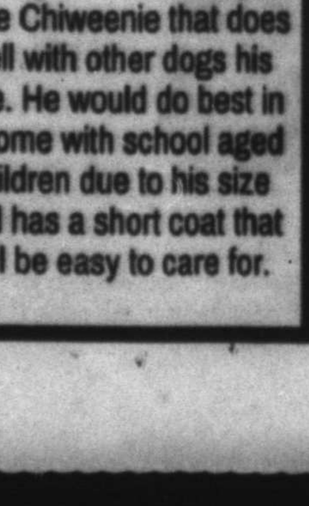
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BASEBALLANDSOFTBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Baseball

LEE DROPS TWO IN BRENHAM

BRENHAM — The Lee baseball team dropped a pair of games on Thursday in the Brenham Tournament, losing 6-3 to Katy Cinco Ranch and then 6-1 to Westmoore, Oklahoma.

Against Cinco Ranch, the Rebels took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first before Cinco Ranch eventually rallied with four runs in the top of the sixth. Lee (4-8) was held to just four hits and beset by five errors in the loss.

In the second game, Westmoore had a pair of three-run innings in the fourth and fifth and out-hit the Rebels 8-4. Gunnar Blevins took the loss on the mound for Lee, which resumes tournament play at noon today against Round Rock.

KATY CINCO RANCH 6, LEE 3

Cinco Ranch	001	104	0	—	6	8 1
Lee	200	010	0	—	3	4 5

Spencer Arighetti, Mosley (4) and Zach Brown, Wyatt Hernandez, Payton Tranum (4) and Chase Pederson. W — Mosley L — Tranum. 2B — Lee: John Wuthrich, Colby Standard, Adam Becker. HR — Cinco Ranch: Joe Kibbe.

Record: Lee 4-8

Next: Lee vs. Round Rock, Noon today at Brenahm Tournament

WESTMOORE 6, LEE 1

Lee	001	000	0	—	1	4 0
Westmoore	000	330	x	—	6	8 1

Gunnar Blevins and Colby Standard, Eric Gutierrez and Chance Westervelt. W — Gutierrez. L — Blevins. 2B — WHS: Erick Rey, Cale Francis, Eric Gutierrez, Jace Bohrofen.

Record: Lee 4-8

Next: Lee at Brenham Tournament, today

MHS LOSES TWO LATE

HIGHLAND PARK — The Midland High baseball team lost its opening two games of the Highland Park Tournament on Thursday both in the final inning, falling 5-4 to Sachse in extra innings before losing 10-9 against Prosper.

It was the fourth one-run loss for the Bulldogs in the last week.



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Slaton's Ricky Franklin loses his helmet while trying to beat a tag from Greenwood third baseman Kesmond Andrews on Thursday at Greenwood High School.

Against Sachse, Jaxon Hallmark led MHS (5-8) by going 2-for-2 with a double, a triple, an RBI, a run scored and two walks. Tyler Wade took the complete-game loss for the Bulldogs.

Versus Prosper, MHS held a 6-1 lead in the second, but couldn't hang on as Prosper plated four runs in the bottom of the seventh to take the victory. Sam Bertelson went 2-for-5 with four RBIs for the Bulldogs in the loss.

MHS will resume tournament play at 11 a.m. today against Rockwall.

SACHSE 5, MHS 4

MHS	000	210	10	—	4	5 1
Sachse	101	020	01	—	5	4 3

Tyler Wade and Sam Matchus, Lewis, Russell (7) and Green. W — Green. L — Wade. 2B — MHS: Jaxon Hallmark. Michael Hailey. 3B — MHS: Jaxon Hallmark. HR — Sachse: Renning.

PROSPER 10, MHS 9

MHS	000	120	0	—	911	4
Prosper	012	120	4	—	1013	1

W — Cocham. L — Jackson Anuszkiewicz. 2B — MHS: Jaxon Hallmark, Devin Reyes, Jackson Anuszkiewicz. Prosper: Wilson 2, Murrell, Foster. 3B — Murrell, Foster.

Record: MHS 5-8

Next: MHS vs. Rockwall, 11 a.m. today in Highland Park Tournament

HOME RUNS PROPEL STANTON PAST MCA

BIG LAKE — Trent Cox and Reed Thomas both homered to lead Stanton to a 5-0 win over Midland Classical, Thursday at the Reagan County Tournament.

Cox went 2-for-2 with two RBI, while Thomas drove in a pair as well.

Buffaloes starting pitcher Aaron Marquez tossed four shutout innings of one-hit ball, to go along with nine strikeouts.

STANTON 5, MCA 0

MCA	000	000	—	0	4	4
Stanton	300	002	—	5	3	2

W — Aaron Marquez. L — Jaxson Bayley. HR — Stanton: Trent Cox, Reed Thomas.

Records: MCA 1-3; Stanton 2-6-1

REAGAN COUNTY RUN-RULES MCA

BIG LAKE — Reagan County rolled to a 19-0 victory over Midland Classical in four innings during its host Reagan County Tournament.

MCA fell to 1-4. Complete information was not available.

Softball

GREENWOOD DRAWS TWICE, LOSES IN SAN MARCOS

SAN MARCOS — Greenwood went 0-1-2 during Thursday's opening day of the Rattler Tournament, tying Fredericksburg 1-1, losing to San Marcos 5-4 and tying Canyon Lake 3-3 in its final game.

The Rangerettes (10-6-3) resume play today. No other information was available.

NJCAA REGION V TOURNAMENT

NJCAA REGION V TOURNAMENT BRACKET
at The Tiger Pit, Wolfforth

Women

Wednesday's scores

Game 1: (N1) Collin County (20-10) 77, (W4) Western Texas College 68

Game 2: (W2) South Plains College (27-4) 61, (N3) Ranger College (17-14) 46

Game 3: (N2) McLennan CC (18-12) 61, (W3) Midland College (17-10) 44

Game 4: (W1) Odessa College (25-1) 75, (N4) Hill College (19-12) 65

Semifinals

Game 9: (N1) Collin County (20-10) vs. (W2) South Plains College (27-4), 1 p.m.

Game 10: (N2) McLennan CC (18-12) vs. (W1) Odessa College (26-1), 3 p.m.

Saturday
Championship

Semifinal winners, 2 p.m.

Men

Thursday

Game 5: (W4) Howard College (20-11) 62, (N1) McLennan CC 59

Game 6: (W2) Odessa College (24-5) 85, (N3) Collin County 76

Game 7: (W3) Western Texas College (21-9) 104, (N2) Temple College 95

Game 8: (W1) South Plains College (29-0) 100, (N4) Hill College 78

Friday
Semifinals

Game 11: (W4) Howard College (20-11) vs. (W2) Odessa College (25-5), 6 p.m.

Game 12: (W3) Western Texas College (21-9) vs. (W1) South Plains College (29-0), 8 p.m.

Saturday
Championship

Semifinals winners, 4:30 p.m.

COLLEGEROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

TCU 85 KANSAS 82

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — It didn't matter to TCU that it was playing just down the road from the Kansas campus in Lawrence, or that the Horned Frogs already had endured a taxing opening-round game in the Big 12 Tournament.

It probably mattered a great deal that the Jayhawks were missing star freshman Josh Jackson.

Regardless, the spunky underdogs from Fort Worth held on after squandering an 11-point second-half lead, and Desmond Bane's three free throws with 2.5 seconds left gave the Horned Frogs an 85-82 victory over the nation's top-ranked team in the quarterfinal round Thursday.

TCU will play No. 23 Iowa State, which topped Oklahoma State, in Friday night's semifinals.

"It took everybody. It took the whole team," said TCU coach Jamie Dixon, who has quickly turned around his alma mater in his first season. "Great win for our program, our school."

VANDERBILT 66 TEXAS A&M 41

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Vanderbilt Commodores have enough experience that a poor shooting half is no reason for panic.

Being the Southeastern Conference's best 3-point shooters helps too.

Joe Toye scored 17 of his career-high 18 points in the second half, and Vanderbilt shook off a sluggish start in beating Texas A&M 66-41 Thursday night at the Southeastern Conference Tournament.

With the win, the seventh-seeded Commodores (18-14) snapped a four-game skid in the tournament with their first victory since beating Kentucky in the 2013 quarterfinals.

WEST VIRGINIA 63 TEXAS 53

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — West Virginia's Bob Huggins sure sounds motivated by last year's runner-up finish at the Big 12 Tournament, but don't ask the often-irascible coach whether his players feel the same way.

He should at least feel confident that Jevon Carter is sufficiently motivated. The star guard poured in 21 points to give West Virginia (25-7) its only consistent offense, while the rest of his guys turned up their trademark defense to make life miserable for the Longhorns.

IOWA STATE 92 OKLAHOMA STATE 83

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Monte Morris had the ball in his hands with Iowa State's victory assured, knowing he was only an assist shy of the second triple-double in the history of the Big 12 Tournament.

The senior star held the ball until teammate Naz Mitrou-Long came over and took it so he'd get the turnover instead when the shot clock ran out.

The moment at the conclusion of the No. 23 Cyclone's 92-83 victory over Oklahoma State in the quarterfinals Thursday was evidence of two things: How selfless and mature Morris has become during his career in Ames, and how respected he is by Mitrou-Long and the rest of his teammates.

KANSAS STATE 70 BAYLOR 64

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Barry Brown had 21 points, D.J. Johnson added 13 and Kansas State topped ninth-ranked Baylor 70-64 in the Big 12 Tournament on Thursday night, clinching not only a spot in the semifinals but most likely a spot in the NCAA Tournament.

It was the second time the sixth-seeded Wildcats (20-12) have beaten the Bears (25-7) this season, giving them precisely the kind of marquee victory that the selection committee favors.

They'll get a chance for another against No. 11 West Virginia on Friday night's semifinals.

The No. 3 seed Bears got within 64-60 on Al Freeman's 3-pointer with 50 seconds to go, but they were forced to keep sending Brown to the foul line. The sophomore guard, who's been mediocre there all season, made six of eight down the stretch to seal the Wildcats' third straight win.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES

Men

TOURNAMENT
American Athletic Conference
First Round
East Carolina 80, Temple 69
Tulsa 66, Tulane 60
UConn 77, South Florida 66
Atlantic 10 Conference
Second Round
Davidson 82, La Salle 70
George Mason 82, Fordham 71, OT
George Washington 53, Saint Louis 46
St. Bonaventure 73, Umass 60
Atlantic Coast Conference
Quarterfinals
Duke 81, Louisville 77
Florida St. 74, Virginia Tech 68
North Carolina 78, Miami 53
Big 12 Conference
Quarterfinals
Iowa St. 92, Oklahoma St. 83
TCU 85, Kansas 82
West Virginia 63, Texas 53
Big East Conference
Quarterfinals
Seton Hall 82, Marquette 76
Villanova 108, St. John's 67
Xavier 62, Butler 57
Big Sky Conference
Quarterfinals
E. Washington 89, Sacramento St. 70
Idaho 81, Montana 77
North Dakota 95, Portland St. 72
Big Ten Conference
Second Round
Indiana 95, Iowa 73
Michigan 75, Illinoo 55
Michigan St. 78, Penn St. 51
Big West Conference
First Round
Cal St.-Fullerton 81, CS Northridge 68
UC Davis 66, Cal Poly 55
Conference USA
Quarterfinals
Louisiana Tech 69, UAB 57
Middle Tennessee 86, UTSA 70
UTEP 86, Rice 76
Mid-American Conference
Quarterfinals
Akron 79, E. Michigan 62
Ball St. 66, W. Michigan 63
Ohio 67, Toledo 66
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
Quarterfinals
Howard 68, Morgan St. 65
Md.-Eastern Shore 68, Hampton 66
Mountain West Conference
Quarterfinals
Fresno St. 65, New Mexico 60
Nevada 83, Utah St. 68
Pacific-12 Conference
Quarterfinals
California 78, Utah 75
Oregon 80, Arizona St. 57
Southeastern Conference
Second Round
Alabama 75, Mississippi St. 55
Georgia 59, Tennessee 57
Vanderbilt 66, Texas A&M 41
Southland Conference
Second Round
Sam Houston St. 63, Houston Baptist 59
Stephen F. Austin 75, Lamar 59
Western Athletic Conference
First Round
New Mexico St. 67, Chicago St. 53
Utah Valley 85, Seattle 53

Women

TOURNAMENT
Big South Conference
First Round
Gardner-Webb 82, Winthrop 43
Colonial Athletic Association
Quarterfinals
Drexel 68, Northeastern 50
Elon 78, Hofstra 50
James Madison 52, UNC Wilmington 27
William & Mary 59, Delaware 44
Conference USA
Quarterfinals
Middle Tennessee 61, Rice 59
W. Kentucky 78, North Texas 51
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
Quarterfinals
Florida A&M 80, Norfolk St. 73
Hampton 66, Md.-Eastern Shore 56
Missouri Valley Conference
First Round
Illinois St. 51, Indiana St. 44
Southland Conference
First Round
McNeese St. 79, Nicholls 58
Texas A&M-CC 57, Northwestern St. 36
Sun Belt Conference
Quarterfinals
Texas Arlington 65, South Alabama 53
ULM 69, Appalachian St. 53

MISD

From 1C

Each of the Permian Basin schools in district also have their No. 1 starting pitchers coming back.

That includes Castillo, Midland High and Midland College signee Deandra Allen, Permian's Miranda Martinez and Lee's Melanie Marin.

In addition to Marin, Emily Gonzalez has thrived for the Lady Rebels in pre-district play.

"Our pitching has been very, very good," Lee coach Wes Overton said. "We feel good about ourselves going into (today's opener), just like anybody else does this time of year."

3. Frenship is poised for long-term success.

The Lady Tigers have three key cogs from last year's Sweet 16 team, which includes first baseman Anna Williams, second baseman Hailee Little and outfielder Marissa Mirabal.

Despite Frenship losing two instrumental seniors, Vines believes the Lady Tigers have reloaded with younger talent.

"We saw their subvarsity last year," Vines said. "Their sub-varsity was extremely good and he has some really young players that are really good athletes. I think they're going to very stacked this year."

4. Lee shoots for a playoff berth after a one-year hiatus.

The Lady Rebels, who made the playoffs every season between 2005-2015, missed out on the postseason last year after finishing fifth in district with a 2-8 record.

District 2-6A Softball Standings

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Lee	0	0	16	3	0
Odessa High	0	0	14	3	1
Midland High	0	0	13	5	0
Odessa Permian	0	0	10	5	1
Wolfforth Frenship	0	0	10	8	0
Amarillo Tascosa	0	0	5	16	1

Today's Games

Odessa High at Midland High, 4 p.m.; Lee at Odessa Permian, 7 p.m.; Amarillo Tascosa at Wolfforth Frenship, 7 p.m.

After undergoing growing pains, Lee now boasts an experienced bunch, welcoming seven of 10 starters from 2016.

This season the Lady Rebels have enjoyed success in pre-district with an .842 winning percentage even though they haven't beaten the toughest competition.

"If you can compare schedules with everybody, there's going to be one or two teams that have a tougher schedule," Overton said. "Our main focus after coming off the season we had last year was that my girls needed confidence. Physically they just have as much talent as anybody else in this district, they just have to believe in themselves."

5. MHS is still finding its way despite strong team on paper.

Midland High has the ingredients for another fine season after it went 26-10-1, reached the Class 6A regional quarterfinals and finished the regular season with a No. 10 state ranking in 2016.

The Lady Bulldogs have eight of their 10 starters back from that team.

Last weekend Midland High went 3-2 at the McKinney Tournament, which included a 7-5 loss to Class 4A program Celina and a 6-2 defeat to Forney, the No. 3 ranked team in Class 5A.

On Tuesday, MHS squeaked by Class 4A Monahans, 4-3, in a non-district game.

"We're just trying to iron some things out," Vines said. "We're still moving kids around. We have kids that are sharing positions. There's still quite a bit that we're still working on right now."

Vines says her team faces a stiff test today with the Lady Bronchos.

"We're going to have to play the best game that we've played this season," Vines said.

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BUFFALOE

From 1C

with him in the two-hole to handle a bat," said Greenwood head coach Stephen Rodriguez. "That's what he's got to do is handle the bat, lay down the bunt if he's got to, hit and run if we've got to, get him on to steal and I feel comfortable with him being in a hole 0-2. He's going to put a good at-bat together."

In the opening weeks of this season, Buffaloe has had to assume an even greater role for the Rangers. With two of the team's top players — ace right-handed junior Dawson Merryman and senior third baseman and power threat Nick Medrano — having missed almost the entire year to this point, the rest of the Greenwood lineup has had to cover for their absences.

Buffaloe has done his part near the top of order in helping the Rangers overcome those early holes and post a 9-4-1 record in 14 games, which included a pair of wins against Slaton and Presidio on Thursday at the West Texas March Classic.

To further contrast what some might expect based on the uniqueness of his name, Rodriguez said Buffaloe is one of the team's softer-spoken players.

"He's been really steady for us," Rodriguez said. "He's a quiet leader and he'll lead by example. He does a lot that way. He's a two-year starter, he comes in and works hard every day, just does a good job for us."

Off the field, Buffaloe's life is one of simplicity. When he's not playing baseball, he works in the offseason and enjoys spending time with his family.

"It's pretty laid back," said Buffaloe, who when asked, jokingly admitted that has never seen an actual buffalo in person and added that petting one is on his bucket list. "During the offseason I try to work a little bit but besides that, it's just hang out and have fun with the family. Being a senior, I'm not going to be able to see them much after (I graduate) so getting to enjoy all the little moments (is important)."

But as the Rangers continue their strong start to the 2017 campaign, Buffaloe said building on last season's promising three-round playoff run is on everyone's minds.

"Overachieve" has been the motto of a Greenwood program that has been overlooked over the years. Buffaloe and the Rangers want to change that perception of themselves.

"No one expected us to do any good (last season)," Buffaloe said. "We're still not picked first in our district so it gives us a little bit of a chip on our shoulder and gives us something to get better with now."

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2017 West Texas March Classic
Thursday's scores
Greenwood High School Field
Odessa High JV 16, Slaton 11
OHS JV 12, Presidio 2
Greenwood 13, Slaton 1
Greenwood 5, Presidio 3
Big Spring High School Field
Midland High JV 5, Pecos 1
Alpine 7, Big Spring 5
MHS JV 7, Alpine 5
Big Spring 12, Pecos 1
Today's schedule
Greenwood High School Field
11 a.m. — Slaton vs. Presidio
Big Spring High School Field
11 a.m. — OHS JV vs. Pecos
2 p.m. — Big Spring vs. MHS JV
Christensen Stadium
7 p.m. — Greenwood vs. Alpine
Saturday's schedule
Greenwood High School Field
11 a.m. — Greenwood vs. OHS JV
2 p.m. — Alpine vs. Pecos
Big Spring High School Field
11 a.m. — Presidio vs. MHS JV
2 p.m. — Big Spring vs. Slaton

SALCIDO

From 1C

he's really catching and blocking well."

Added Salcido: "My arm is still getting stronger, physically throughout my whole body. It was a long time without playing. I've been trying to get back into the swing of things but it's been good so far."

Playing catcher can be a little tough on the body but it's a position that Salcido loves to play.

"I like how you're kind of in control of the game, you kind of set the tone for the whole team and stuff like that," he said. "You kind of take a leadership role on the field and you can see everything, see what's going on. Being an active player in the game is really fun."

Salcido also gets to work with a solid Chaps' pitching staff that's leading the WJCAC with a 4.23 ERA.

If Coleman can see more consistency out of its offense to help the pitchers even more, then the Chaps will like their chances of defending their WJCAC crown.

"I feel real confident," said Salcido about starting conference. "The team's starting to play really well. We got over some big humps that we needed get over and it's come at a good time. We've been practicing really hard and hopefully we've gotten everything cleaned up."

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2017 WJCAC Baseball Standings

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
Odessa College	0	0	14	2
NMMI	0	0	13	7
Midland College	0	0	9	5
Howard College	0	0	9	6
Western Texas	0	0	9	9
Clarendon College	0	0	6	9
New Mexico JC	0	0	5	10
Frank Phillips	0	0	3	10
El Paso CC	0	0	4	16
Luna CC	0	0	3	17

This weekend's series

Midland College vs. Howard College; Odessa College at Luna Community College; Western Texas College vs. New Mexico JC; Frank Phillips College at Clarendon College; El Paso CC at New Mexico Military Institute

The Game

MIDLAND COLLEGE VS. HOWARD COLLEGE

When/where: Doubleheaders of 7 and 9 innings at Jack Barber Field, Big Spring, noon today, at Christensen Stadium, noon Saturday

Records. Midland College 9-5, 0-0 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Howard College 9-6, 0-0

Notes & quotes: MC coach David Coleman said he wishes his team had another week to prepare for WJCAC play as the Chaparrals haven't played as well the last couple of weeks. "I don't think we're in a great frame of mind," Coleman said. "We've really struggled when the game gets uncomfortable, the pressure points of the game. Because we're not playing the game of baseball very well, the game has a tendency to expose you," Coleman said the team has been working hard to better cope with the pressure points of a game. ... Coleman said with the exception of Tuesday's 15-14 loss at Odessa College, the team's pitching has been a bright spot. ... The rotation for this weekend will be sophomore RHP Callan Johnson (2-0, 2.37 ERA) followed by sophomore RHP Brock Banger (2-1, 2.55) today. On Saturday, sophomore RHP Jonathan Nicholson (3-0, 2.48) will start the first game, while the final game's starter is to be determined on who's left out of the bullpen. ... Coleman said Howard is physical and athletic and like the Chaps, the Hawks haven't been always consistent. He said the key this series is for his team is to get big hits with runners on base.

Next: Howard College at Midland College, 4 p.m. Wednesday

Rangers' Matt Bush strives to stay sober and keep pitching

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press



AP file photo

Texas Rangers relief pitcher Matt Bush delivers to the Minnesota Twins during the eighth inning in Arlington on July 8, 2016.

SURPRISE, Ariz. — There was a feeling of normality for Matt Bush when he got on the mound for the Texas Rangers as a 30-year-old rookie last season.

"Felt like I was meant to always be there," Bush said.

Really, he was as a former No. 1 overall draft pick.

Except Bush almost threw it all away after several alcohol-related incidents that culminated with a DUI accident during spring training in Florida five years ago that seriously injured, and nearly killed, a 72-year-old man on a motorcycle. Bush spent 3 1/2 years in prison after pleading no contest in the case.

Bush is now in major league spring training for the first time, nearly 13 years after he was drafted as a shortstop by his hometown San Diego Padres. His MLB debut as a hard-throwing reliever last season came after a mid-May call-up — and he went 7-2 with a 2.48 ERA in 58 appearances for the AL West champions.

"I would have been in the major leagues and having success before if I didn't have the struggles off the field," Bush said. "What I always remember, just continue to stay sober and be a positive role model off the field, and I can continue to stay here."

The success Bush had as a rookie on one of the AL's best teams has only generated more interest in his backstory and his comeback — both in life and in baseball.

Bush is constantly asked to retell his story, and the soft-spoken pitcher repeatedly does just that.

"You know, I understand. I try to get out of myself and think about what it's really like for someone else looking in on my story," Bush said. "I try not to let it bother me, and understand that I'm grateful to be here and this was going to be the process before I ever signed."

These days, Bush tries not to make things too complicated.

Bush, who turned 31 last month, strives to stay sober each day — he says he has been since the March 2012 accident — and looks forward to coming to the ballpark to spend time with teammates and to pitch. His dad is a constant companion off the field in Arizona, and he still regularly attends Alcoholics Anonymous meetings.

On the mound last season, Bush said he always felt like he was in control.

"I never felt overmatched, I never felt like I wasn't going to get the job done. ... Last year, I was very confident and went out there with a good mindset," he said. "It's not worrying about this year of got to have a good year, got to repeat it. Just remember that I still have the same stuff."

The Padres moved Bush to the mound midway through the 2007 season after he struggled as a minor league hitter. He missed 2008 recovering from Tommy John surgery, and all of 2009 after being released from Toronto's minor league camp after trouble there during spring training. He joined Tampa Bay's organization the next year.

Rangers officials in 2015 watched Bush throw in the mid-90s in the parking lot of a Golden Corral restaurant in Florida, where he was in a work-release program for the final nine months of his prison sentence.

Bush was signed that December, pitched in two games for Texas late last spring then made 12 appearances at Double-A Frisco before going to the big leagues nearly 12 years after being drafted No. 1.

The previous longest gap for a No. 1 overall pick to make his MLB debut had been Josh Hamilton's nearly eight years. Hamilton overcame alcohol and drug issues before debuting with Cincinnati in 2007 and then going to Texas, where he became a five-time All-Star and the 2010 AL MVP.

Now Bush is going into his second major league season, which often can be a player's most difficult year.

"I don't know too much more than myself and what I'm capable of," he said. "That's all I'm really focused on, what I'm going to be doing on the mound. I can't really focus on my second season, a sophomore slump, anything like that. I'm just trying to continue to repeat what got me here."

New Rangers starter Cashner shut down for 2nd time in spring

Associated Press

SURPRISE, Ariz. — New Texas Rangers starter Andrew Cashner has been shut down from throwing for the second time this spring because of soreness in his right upper biceps.

Rangers assistant general manager Mike Daly said Thursday that Cashner had a setback when trying to ramp up his throwing again.

Cashner had resumed throwing after an MRI and exam last week by team physician Dr. Keith Meister showed nothing significant in the biceps. The right-hander then had a couple of days of light throwing without issues, but the biceps started bothering him again when the intensity increased.

Cashner, a Texas native who was a first-round draft pick out of TCU in 2008, was 5-11 with a 5.25 ERA in 28 games last season combined with San Diego and Miami.

Herman opens with a 62 to lead at Innisbrook

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

PALM HARBOR, Fla. — Jim Herman was persuaded to play the Valspar Championship by an influential acquaintance, and he made it pay off Thursday with a 9-under 62 for a two-shot lead.

No, it wasn't President Donald Trump this time.

Herman wasn't getting much out of his game — three missed cuts and a tie for 27th — when he played the Seminole Pro-Member the day after the Honda Classic. Jack Welch, the former chairman of General Electric, came along for nine holes and liked what he saw from Herman, who said he would have had a 65 that day.

"Had a really good day there, and got urged on from Jack Welch — he's a member there — to play here," Herman said. "I was looking at taking two weeks off, so I was kind of a late commit to this tournament. I guess I'm certainly glad I took his advice."

Herman putted for birdie on all but two holes, and except for a 35-foot putt from the fringe on No. 10 (his opening hole), the rest of his birdie putts were all from 15 feet or close. He only came close to bogey once, making an 8-foot par save on No. 2.

He wound up missing the course record by one shot, but still had a two-shot lead over British Open champion Henrik Stenson and Russell Henley. The first round did not finish because of a one-hour fog delay Thursday morning, though it should be back on schedule by the weekend.

Herman, of course, is most famous for his relationship with Trump.

After grinding on the mini-tours for longer than he cares to remember, he took a job as an assistant pro at Trump National in New Jersey and one day was summoned to play with the boss. Herman played great that day, and Trump encouraged him to give the PGA Tour another attempt.

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Thursday
At Innisbrook Golf Resort (Copperhead Course)
Palm Harbor, Fla.
Purse: $6.3 million
Yardage: 7,340; Par: 71 (36-35)
Partial First Round

Jim Herman	32-30—62
Russell Henley	34-30—64
Henrik Stenson	33-31—64
James Hahn	33-32—65
Seamus Power	35-31—66
Tony Finau	34-33—67
Keegan Bradley	35-32—67
Charles Howell III	35-32—67
Webb Simpson	34-33—67
David Hearn	33-35—68
Ryan Blaum	33-35—68
Adam Hadwin	35-33—68
Chad Collins	34-34—68
Hudson Swafford	33-35—68
Jason Kokrak	34-34—68
Luke List	35-33—68
Lucas Glover	36-32—68
Soren Kjeldsen	35-33—68
Jason Dufner	34-34—68
Alex Cejka	35-33—68
Wesley Bryan	35-33—68
Kyle Stanley	35-34—69
Jim Furyk	35-34—69
Kyle Reifers	34-35—69
Morgan Hoffmann	34-35—69
John Huh	36-33—69
Byeong Hun An	37-32—69
Keith Mitchell	34-35—69
Spencer Levin	37-32—69
Ryo Ishikawa	34-35—69
Stewart Cink	35-34—69
Matt Kuchar	35-34—69
Ryan Moore	35-34—69
Jonas Blixt	36-33—69
Bud Cauley	35-35—70
Blayne Barber	34-36—70
David Lingmerth	34-36—70
Patrick Reed	35-35—70
Rod Pampling	36-34—70
Charl Schwartzel	36-34—70
Brian Stuard	35-35—70
Tim Wilkinson	37-33—70
Zac Blair	36-34—70
Patton Kizzire	34-36—70
Michael Kim	35-35—70
Russell Knox	36-34—70
Nick Watney	35-35—70
Daniel Berger	36-34—70
Brett Haas	36-34—70
Chad Campbell	**37-34—71**
Willy Wilcox	36-35—71
Steve Marino	35-36—71
Brett Stegmaier	36-35—71
Peter Malnati	38-33—71
Smylie Kaufman	38-33—71
Brian Gay	36-35—71
Luke Donald	36-35—71
Ernie Els	38-33—71
Billy Hurley III	34-37—71
Robert Garrigus	36-35—71
Patrick Cantlay	34-37—71
Seung-Yul Noh	35-36—71
Graham DeLaet	35-36—71
Aaron Baddeley	36-35—71
Justin Thomas	35-36—71
Hunter Mahan	37-34—71
Gary Woodland	36-35—71
Cameron Tringale	35-36—71
Dirk Schniederjans	37-34—71
Kevin Streelman	39-32—71
Boo Weekley	37-35—72

Money is behind Las Vegas becoming NASCAR's busiest market

By Mike Cranston
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The signature event remains in Florida and most race teams call North Carolina home, but the nation's gambling mecca is about to become NASCAR's busiest market.

This week's announcement that Las Vegas Motor Speedway will host six races yearly in NASCAR's top three circuits starting in 2018 suits Daytona 500 champion Kurt Busch just fine. He's watching his hometown go through a sports boom.

"As a kid I went to a lot of UNLV basketball games, early '90s, we were the real deal. We were on a national stage," the 38-year-old Busch said Thursday during a visit back to his old school, Durango High. "Then it seemed to fizzle out for a while."

While the Runnin' Rebels have fallen on hard times in hoops, the Las Vegas sports scene has never been more crowded as the city's population grows and the city recovers from the 2008 recession.

As Busch was finishing last in a Big Wheel race against students and making a $5,000 donation to his former school, the Las Vegas Stadium Authority was meeting down the street to discuss lease details of the proposed NFL stadium that would lure the Raiders from Oakland.

There were also three college basketball conference tournaments going on, with Busch having tickets to the evening Pac-12 session. That's being played for the first time at the new T-Mobile Arena, where the NHL expansion Las Vegas Golden Knights begin play in the fall.

And Busch, in town for this weekend's NASCAR Cup race, was excited about Wednesday's announcement that the 1.5-mile oval north of the Strip will host a second Cup race beginning in 2018, during the 10-race playoff.

The addition of the two lower tier races will make Las Vegas the only NASCAR track to host two triple-header weekends each year.

"Las Vegas is a destination," said Busch, who won NASCAR's premier race at Daytona last month. "Our schedule changes. Tracks gain dates, tracks lose dates. This is nothing new. But when you talk about Las Vegas, I believe it's 90 percent of the ticket sales are from out of town. And so the tourism bureau is really the ones in charge and they do a fantastic job to advertise Las Vegas in general."

Indeed, money is driving the sports growth in town. The Raiders are in play because the state of Nevada has pledged $750 toward a $1.9 billion domed stadium. Golden Knights owner Bill Foley agreed to pay a $500 million expansion fee. Money draws numerous UFC and boxing fights to town.

And Speedway Motorsports Inc. decided to move its fall Cup and Truck Series dates from New Hampshire and an Xfinity race from Kentucky to the desert because the Las Vegas track will receive $2.5 million a year for seven years from the city's convention and visitors authority. The bureau is funded mostly through hotel taxes.

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of cap room to absorb the financial hit and load up with more draft picks.

"We're really excited to acquire a second-round draft choice in this trade," said Sashi Brown, Cleveland's executive vice president of football operations. "Draft picks are extremely important to our approach in building a championship caliber football team. We are intent on adding competition to every position on our roster and look forward to having Brock come in and compete."

Cleveland added to the offensive line guard Kevin Zeitler, late of division rival Cincinnati, and center J.C. Tretter from Green Bay. Joel Bitonio got a five-year extension — so much for the Browns' needs at guard.

Among the busiest teams were the Buccaneers and Eagles, each getting a dangerous receiver for its young passer.

Tampa Bay brought in DeSean Jackson to team with Mike Evans as targets for Jameis Winston.

Jackson is one of five players since the 1970 merger with 26 or more career touchdowns of 50-plus yards. Only Hall of Famer Jerry Rice (23) has more than Jackson's 22 touchdowns of 60-plus yards.

"DeSean is exactly the type of dynamic playmaker we have been targeting for our offense," said Buccaneers coach Dirk Koetter. "DeSean brings a veteran presence and a big-play mentality that fits in perfectly with our offensive philosophy. He is a tough-minded competitor who has the game-breaking speed and pass-catching ability that stretches the defense and creates matchup problems."

The Buccaneers also added defensive tackle Chris Baker, late of Washington.

Philadelphia got perhaps the most covered wideout available in Alshon Jeffery, who left Chicago, and also agreed to terms with Torrey Smith, who was cut by San Francisco. Carson Wentz now has two more downfield threats than he did in his rookie season.

Philly also grabbed guard Chance Warmack and released DE Connor Barwin.

Elsewhere:

■ Miami finalized a trade of guard Branden Albert to Jacksonville for tight end Julius Thomas, then added TE Anthony Fasano. The Dolphins kept outstanding safety Reshad Jones, who got a $60 million, five-year contract extension.

■ Jacksonville bolstered its defense when it agreed to terms with Houston cornerback A.J. Bouye, Arizona defensive end Calais Campbell and Dallas safety Barry Church on deals totaling more than $150 million.

The 25-year-old Bouye agreed to a five-year deal worth $67.5 million, with $26 million guaranteed. Bouye was considered the top cornerback on the market and will start opposite budding star Jalen Ramsey.

The 30-year-old Campbell had 501 tackles, eight forced fumbles and three interceptions in nine seasons with the Cardinals. He also missed just six games.

Also, they re-signed WR Bryan Walters and released DT Sen'Derrick Marks.

■ The Jets made cornerback Darrelle Revis' release official. Revis, 31, had been scheduled to make $15 million, including a $2 million roster bonus, this season. The Jets still owe him $6 million as part of the $39 million in guarantees in the five-year, $70 million deal he signed in 2015.

He's now free to sign elsewhere — but he'll have to find a team willing to bring him in despite being a shell of his former shutdown self. Revis is also facing four felony counts, including aggravated assault and other charges alleging he was in a fight with two men on Feb. 12 in Pittsburgh. A pre-trial hearing will be held on March 15.

■ Buffalo released veteran safety Aaron Williams, who's plagued by neck problems, and agreed to terms with fullback Patrick DiMarco, kicker Stephen Hauschka, safeties Micah Hyde and Jordan Poyer, and guard Vladimir Ducasse. Hyde can play anywhere in the secondary and also return punts. Hauschka was Seattle's placekicker for two Super Bowls.

■ San Francisco was as busy as anyone, agreeing to deals with receivers Pierre Garçon and Marquise Goodwin, QB Brian Hoyer, TE Logan Paulsen, kicker Robbie Gould, linebacker Malcolm Smith — the MVP of the 2014 Super Bowl — and FB Kyle Juszczyk.

■ The Panthers broke from their traditionally conservative free agency spending and gave left tackle Matt Kalil a five-year deal worth $55.5 million. It's the largest ever given out by the Panthers to an incoming free agent, and he joins his older brother Ryan Kalil, Carolina's two-time All-Pro center.

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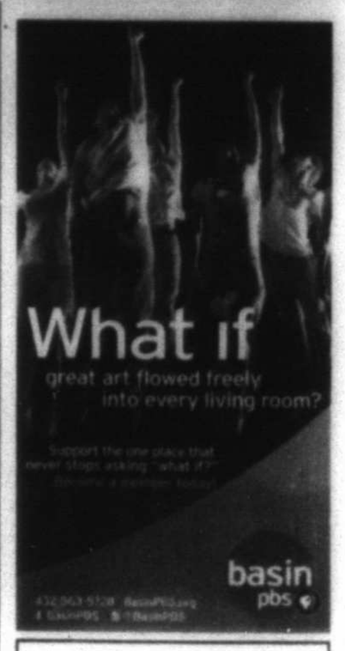
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	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Last Man St. (N)	Dr. Ken (N)	Shark Tank		20/20		Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	MacGyver "Flashlight" (N)		Hawaii Five-0 "Puka 'Ana" (N)		Blue Bloods "Shadow of a Doubt" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) Stephen Colbert		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14			5	14	M*A*S*H	MASH "As You Were"	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	MacGyver "Faith, Hope & Charity"		Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Lovers Leap"		Twilight Zone
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Rosewood "Bootopsy and Booty" (N)		Sleepy Hollow "Insatiable" (N)		Fox 24 News	TMZ	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Hidden in Sight	Zola Levitt Presents	Update News	HaYesod	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Update News	Shepherd's Heart		Dr. Brad Young
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	NewsWest 9 Now	Grimm "Blood Magic" (N)		Dateline NBC Investigative features are covered.				NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13			13	8	PBS NewsHour		Wash. Week (N)	On Story	Roy Orbison The 'Roy's Boys' present unseen and bonus footage.		Eric Clapton: Slowhand at 70 - Live at the Royal Albert Hall		Newsline		Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		Ponle Play		Vino el amor		La piloto		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA MNT	16	16			16	Last Man	Last Man	American Ninja War.		American Ninja War.		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Tosh.0	Access H.
FLIX	340	575			165	(5:00) American H...		★★★ Bobby ('06, Dra) Anthony Hopkins.				★★ Flyboys ('06, Act) Scott Hazell, James Franco.					War
HBO	300	550	14	14		Movie	Vice News	Making /(:15)	★★★ American Psycho			Bill Maher		Vice (N)	Jerrod Carmichael		Vice
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(5:15) Deadpool		Big Little Lies		Girls		★★★ Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice			(:05) Youth		
HBO5	304	552	16	102		(4:45) The English Patient		LastWeek		The Boss Melissa McCarthy.		Making		The Nice Guys ('16, Cri) Ryan Gosling.			
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:15) The Fantas...		★★ Everest ('15, Adv) Jake Gyllenhaal.				(:05) ★★ Trapped Charlize Theron.			(:55) Changing L...		
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:05) ★★ The Conjuring		Patrick Wilson.		★★ The Conjuring 2		Vera Farmiga.		(:15) ★★★ The Ring	Naomi Watts.		
PLEX			96			(5:15) Moonstruck		★★ The Company		Neve Campbell.		(:55) ★★ Music of the Heart		Meryl Streep.	Driving Lessons		
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(5:00) ★★★ Crash		Billions		Perfect in '76 (N)		Boxing Shobox: The New Generation (L)					
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:00) ★ Star Trek III...		★★★ The Original Kings of Comedy				★★ Hoodlum		Laurence Fishburne.		(:10) Internal Aff...	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	The First 48 "Stray Shot"		First 48 "The Fighter/ Final Ride"		Live PD (L) (N)						First 48 "The Fighter/ Final Ride"	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	★★★ Planet of the Apes ('68, Sci-Fi)		Charlton Heston.		★★★ Beneath the Planet of the Apes				Dead "Say Yes"		Dead	
BET	58	-		40		(5:50) ★★★ Precious ('09, Dra)		Paula Patton, Gabourey Sidibe.		Being Mary Jane		The Quad		Game		Game	
BRAVO	65	76		41		Medic.	Married to Medicine			★★ Why Did I Get Married?		Tyler Perry.		★★ Why Did I Get Married?		Tyler Perry.	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Under Boss "7-Eleven"		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Boss "Boston Market"		Boss "Busted!"		Boss "Sky Zone"	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		CNN Special		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		CNN Special	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Gold Rush		Gold Rush: Dirt (N)		Gold Rush "Finale" (SF) (N)				Gold Rush "Finale"			
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	(5:15) ★★★ Frozen		Tangled: The Series		StuckMid	Cali Style	Tangled: The Series		(:05) Jessie	Jessie	Liv/Mad	Liv/Mad
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball ACC Tournament (L)				NCAA Basketball ACC Tournament (L)					NCAA Basket. Pac-12 Tournament		
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Big 12 Tournament (L)				NCAA Basketball Big 12 Tournament Site: Sprint Center (L)				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	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners, Drive-Ins (N)		Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners, Drive-Ins	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:00) ★★ Because I Said So				★ If I Stay ('14, Dra) Mireille Enos, Chloë Grace Moretz.				The 700 Club		★ 13 Going on 30	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	UEFA Mag. (N)	SportsDay OnAir	Mavericks (N)	Mavs Pre (L)	NBA Basketball Brooklyn Nets at Dallas Mavericks Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)				Maverick-ks Live (L)	Rodeo (L) SnowM	Maverick-ks Insider	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(5:00) ★★ Madagascar...		★ Penguins of Madagascar		Tom McGrath.		★ Penguins of Madagascar		Tom McGrath.		★ The Green Hornet	
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Home I.	Home I.	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
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HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Bring It! "A Tale of Two Dollhouses"		Bring It! "Attack of the 8 Squad" (N)				The Rap Game "Dat Way" (N)		(:05) The Pop Game		Bring It! "Attack of the 8 Squad"	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				(5:00) NCAA Basketball		A-10 Tournament Site: PPG Paints Arena -- Pittsburgh, Pa. (L)						Shotgun		Mecum10	Mecum10
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Henry Danger		★★ Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles		William Fichtner.		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	FreshP.
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Jail	Jail
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) ★★ Ghost Rider				★★★ Underworld ('03, Fant)		Kate Beckinsale.		Magicians "Plan B"		The Expanse	
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Sein. "The Letter"	Seinfeld	★ Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb ('14, Adv)		Robin Williams, Ben Stiller.		★ Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb ('14, Adv)		Robin Williams, Ben Stiller.		★★ Hall Pass	Owen Wilson.
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:30) ★ Rope		★★★ Where Eagles Dare ('68, War)		Richard Burton.		(:45) ★★★ Staircase		Rex Harrison.		★ Villain	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		La fan		La Doña		El Chema		Al rojo	(:35) Boxeo		
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	The Ghost Brothers "Prospect Place"		The Ghost Brothers "Magnolia Hotel"		The Ghost Brothers "Thornhaven Manor and Magnolia Plantation: Ghostin' Edition" (N)				The Ghost Brothers "Thornhaven Manor and Magnolia Plantation: Ghostin' Edition"			
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Castle "Tone Death"		★★ Tammy (2014, Comedy)		Susan Sarandon, Sarah Baker, Melissa McCarthy.		★★★ Blended After an awful blind date, two single parents find themselves stuck together at a resort.					Someth...
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Griffith	(:35) Griffith	(:10) Griffith	(:50) Ray	(:25) Ray	"P.T. & A."	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Modern Family	Modern "Benched"	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family
WGN	19	85				Person of Interest "Guilty"		Person of Interest "Q&A"		Person of Interest "Blunt"		Person of Interest "Karma"		Met Your Mother	Mother "Benefits"	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother



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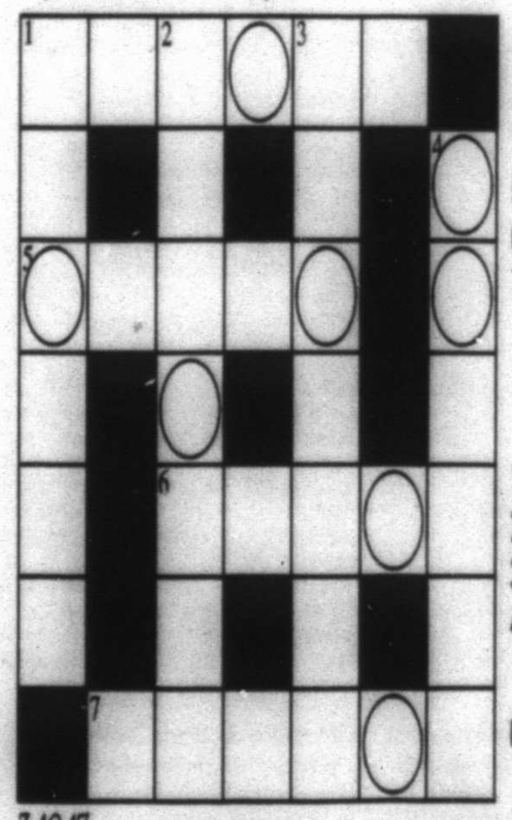
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1. ___ of Capricorn	PRCIOT
5. ___ passage	SLANA
6. Strictness	ORRIG
7. "___ Submarine"	EWOLLY

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Lincoln ___	UTENLN
2. See	BRESOEV
3. Not allowed	GILALEL
4. ___-minded	ARNWOR

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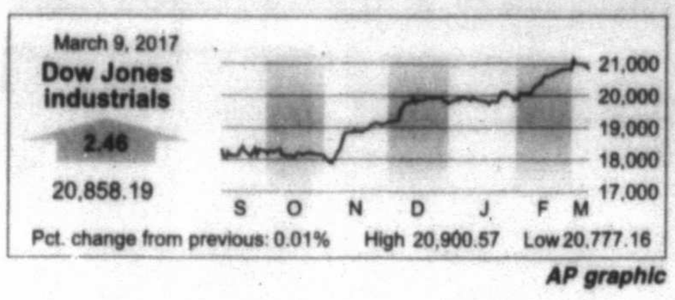
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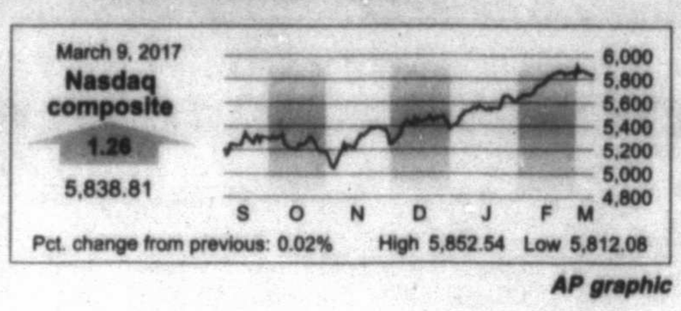
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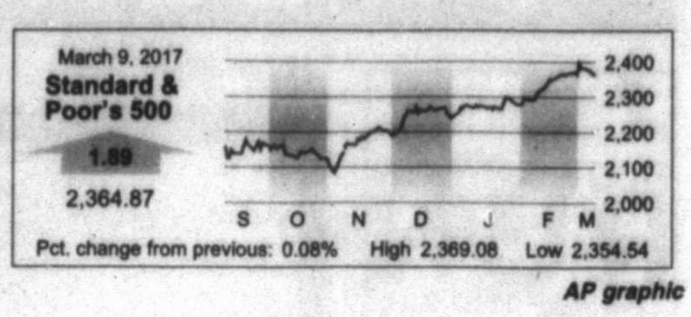
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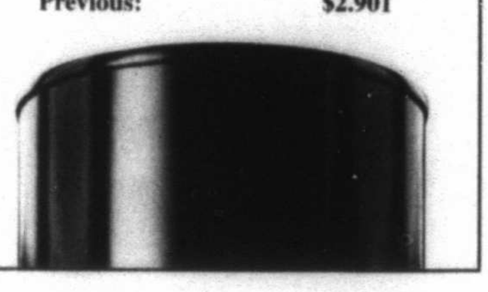
Thursday: $45.75
Previous: $46.75

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Thursday: $41.70
Previous: $42.70

NATURAL GAS

Thursday: $2.950
Previous: $2.901



NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BlackRock	778888	25.35	+.09
S&P500ETF	775762	236.86	+.30
SPDR Fncl	596902	24.81	+.09
iShEMkts	588654	37.59	-.30
DrGMBil s	536421	5.36	-.20

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
FdAgricA	69.45	+9.78	+16.4
Care.com	10.93	+1.45	+15.3
SthcrssEn	3.44	+.41	+13.5
ELF Inc n	28.42	+3.12	+12.3
PacDrill rs	2.26	+.22	+10.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TailorBr	15.84	-7.53	-32.2
FairmSant	7.30	-1.36	-15.7
HorizGbl n	14.34	-2.68	-15.7
IntlGmeT n	23.44	-4.22	-15.3
Civeo	2.98	-.36	-10.8

DIARY

Advanced	896
Declined	2,076
Unchanged	94
Total issues	3,066
New Highs	40
New Lows	111
Volume	3,610,059,809

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BarcGSOil	62375	5.52	-.09
NDynMn g	46179	1.23	-.09
GastarExp	42739	1.44	-.19
NwGold g	40731	2.69	-.08
B2gold g	40080	2.78	-.03

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Barnwell	2.35	+.25	+11.9
ImunoCll rs	2.63	+.09	+3.5
Aerocntry	10.50	+.30	+2.9
CRH Med	7.55	+.20	+2.7
Reeds	3.75	+.10	+2.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Skyline	8.62	-.82	-8.7
OncoCyte n	5.30	-.45	-7.8
WTIndRup	20.46	-1.73	-7.8
EnFuel grs	2.00	-.15	-7.0
EnviroStr	19.15	-1.35	-6.6

DIARY

Advanced	113
Declined	227
Unchanged	26
Total issues	366
New Highs	5
New Lows	16
Volume	135,400,859

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
FrontierCm	647296	2.60	+.11
OceanThrm	482505	1.89	+.79
AuriniaPh	269386	7.78	+.62
Intel	227456	35.82	+.20
MicronT	210268	25.15	-.23

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Comtech	13.78	+2.65	+23.8
Curis	3.08	+.53	+20.8
CymaBay	4.09	+.69	+20.3
MaxPoint n	5.51	+.93	+20.3
Pavmed wt	3.00	+.50	+20.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
21Vianet	5.61	-1.44	-20.4
AtlantABI n	10.02	-2.04	-16.9
ParkrVs rs	2.42	-.39	-13.9
Tellurian rs	9.87	-1.47	-13.0
Momo	30.05	-4.14	-12.1

DIARY

Advanced	1,176
Declined	1,639
Unchanged	225
Total issues	3,040
New Highs	73
New Lows	63
Volume	1,820,535,593

Canadian oil gets more Canadian as internationals pull back

Bloomberg

The future of the Canadian oil sands is looking a lot more Canadian.

Calgary-based Canadian Natural Resources said Thursday it will spend $9.4 billion, its biggest purchase ever, to buy Alberta oil fields and facilities that process the sticky bitumen from oil sands from Royal Dutch Shell and Marathon Oil.

"At the time you see some of the majors pivoting to other assets, you see Canadian companies that are doubling down on the oil sands," Kevin Birn, a director at IHS Energy in Calgary, said by phone Thursday.

The deals come as West Texas Intermediate, the benchmark U.S. crude, falls below $50 a barrel. It's also less than a month after two major U.S. producers had to remove billions of barrels of Canadian oil from their stated reserves because they had become uneconomical as prices fell. As some producers shift capital away from Northern Alberta toward lower-cost, quicker-return resources such as U.S. shale, Canadian companies without the same global reach are staying put and filling the void.

"This transformational acquisition strengthens our robustness and sustainability," Steve Laut, president of Canadian Natural, said in a conference call. "By any measure, these are world-class assets."

Canadian Natural shares rose as much as 8.8 percent and were 6.6 percent higher at C$42.05 at 11:26 a.m. Toronto time.

Shell's sale came as the Anglo-Dutch producer seeks to divest $30 billion of assets to cut its debt, which surged after the acquisition of BG Group last year. It helps the company in its strategy to pivot toward gas production from oil, boosting reserves of the cleaner-burning fuel to 60 percent from half.

Shell is getting rid of almost all its production assets in the oil sands, while holding onto the Scotford upgrader, which converts heavy oil to lighter synthetic crude.

Marathon agreed to buy 70,000 acres in the Permian basin, a shale play in Texas, for $1.1 billion cash at the same time it exited the oil sands. The company said Thursday that Canadian oil sands accounted for about a third of its expenses and only 12 percent of production.

Shell and Marathon follow Statoil ASA in selling oil sands assets. Statoil's sale was seen refocusing the company on its core assets and allowing it to stay clear of criticisms over the climate impact of oil sands. On the day Justin Trudeau was being feted at the CERAWeek by IHS Markit conference in Houston for his greening of the oil sands, one the world's biggest energy companies was pulling back.

Some international oil companies are shunning oil sands as they focus resources on natural gas and shale oil, which have "shorter-term horizons," Birn said. Oil sands projects can take years to get to production, compared with months for shale.

Meanwhile, Exxon Mobil slashed its reserves by the most in its modern history on Feb. 22, largely due to having to remove all of the oil associated with the $16 billion Kearl project in Canada. ConocoPhillips said its reserves fell to a 15-year low after removing oil-sands barrels.

Canadian Natural is acquiring the new oil sands operations at about 60 percent what it would cost to build new similar operations, something that would require an oil price of about $90 a barrel, Amir Arif, analyst at Cormark Securities, said by phone. "The acquisition prices are generally more favorable."

Canadian Natural, which has boosted its dividend and reported fourth-quarter results last month that were three times higher than analysts' estimates, has said that the economics of expanding oil production from its Horizon project are "awesome."

Amazon says it's open to pushing content through cable boxes

Bloomberg

Amazon.com Inc., the e-commerce giant that's shaking up the entertainment industry, says it's open to pursuing deals to stream content through cable operators' set-top boxes, much like Netflix has done in the U.S. and Europe.

"Amazon is definitely open to those partnerships and to be fair, we haven't done as much there as Netflix have done," Alex Green, managing director of Amazon Video, said Thursday at the Cable Congress conference in Brussels. So far, Amazon has been more focused on growing its customers and building its own devices, he said. But "we do talk to all sorts of players in the cable industry."

Amazon, which won its first Academy Awards last month for movies "Manchester by the Sea," and "The Salesman," is challenging pay-TV providers and video-game developers as the Seattle-based company expands beyond its online retail roots with growing media ambitions.

The rise of internet-based subscription services from the likes of Amazon Prime, Netflix, and Alphabet Inc.'s YouTube, have stoked analyst predictions that consumers will increasingly ditch cable and kill traditional TV.

Stocks barely move

U.S. stocks meandered Thursday as the eighth anniversary for the current bull market turned out to be a quiet one.

Large-company stocks finished mostly higher, but declines in smaller stocks across the board meant that more companies fell than rose on the New York Stock Exchange.

The market started out with small gains, then dipped in the early afternoon. Thanks to late gains for energy companies, major indexes turned higher near the end of trading.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index picked up 1.89 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,364.87 Thursday. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 2.46 points to 20,858.19. The Nasdaq composite rose 1.25 points to 5,838.81. The Russell 2000 index of small-company stocks lost 5.92 points, or 0.4 percent, to 1,360.12. More than two-thirds of the stocks on the NYSE ended lower.

The S&P 500 is up 250 percent since March 9, 2009, when it bottomed out in the depths of the financial crisis. The current bull run is the second-longest since World War II and it may have a while to go, as wages are growing and hiring appears to be on the rise.

Metal prices drop

Gold fell for the eighth day in a row. It lost $6.20 to $1,203.20 an ounce and the price of silver lost another 26 cents, or 1.5 percent, to $17.04 an ounce. Copper declined 2 cents to $2.58 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $131.55 Up 1.98

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $127.75 Up 1.14

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $6.35 Down 0.11

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $101.48 Up 1.72

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.16 Down 0.02

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $3.90 Down 0.10

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $27.65 Up 2.00

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $39.21 Up 0.62

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $10.10 Down 0.50

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $17.20 Down 0.56

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.96	16	41.94	+.17	-1.4
Abraxas	...	...	1.78	...	-30.7
AdaOvsEq	.92e	...	13.69	-.01	+7.7
AMD	...	...	13.33	+.11	+17.5
AlonUSA	.60	...	11.86	-.20	+5.2
AlpAlerMLP	1.35e	...	12.68	-.09	+.6
Ambev	.06e	5	5.37	-.03	-9.4
AMovilL	.66e	44	12.69	-.71	+1.0
Amgen	**4.60f**	**16**	**178.92**	**+1.14**	**+22.4**
Anadarko	**.20**	**...**	**61.94**	**+.54**	**-11.2**
Apache	**1.00**	**...**	**50.63**	**+1.22**	**-20.2**
Apple Inc	2.28	17	138.68	-.32	+19.7
ApidMatl	**.40**	**18**	**37.38**	**+.19**	**+15.8**
ArcelorMit		9	8.41	-.08	+15.2
Archrock	.48	...	12.35	-.10	-6.4
ATMOS	**1.80f**	**22**	**76.25**	**-.38**	**+2.8**
AuriniaPh	...	...	7.78	+.62	+270.5
AutoData	2.28	28	103.40	-.31	+.6
BP PLC	**2.40a**	**40**	**33.50**	**+.19**	**-10.4**
BakrHu	.68	...	57.40	-.31	-11.7
BkofAm	.30f	20	25.35	+.09	+14.7
B iPVxST rs	...	...	17.26	-.05	-32.3
BaringsCp s	1.20	...	15.06	+.03	-2.7
BasicEnS	...	...	45	...	...
BerkHa A	**...**	**17262866.00**	**+516.00**		**+7.7**
BkHillsCp	**1.78f**	**20**	**63.85**	**-.10**	**+4.1**
BrMySq	**1.56f**	**35**	**57.99**	**+.87**	**-.8**
BrownFA s	**...**	**29**	**47.35**	**-.62**	**+2.4**
BrownFB s	**...**	**...**	**46.21**	**-.15**	**+2.9**
CVS Health	2.00f	14	80.70	-.34	+2.3
CallonPet	**...**	**52**	**11.44**	**...**	**-25.6**
Caterpillar	3.08	28	91.39	-1.84	-1.5
Celestic g	...	10	13.47	+.08	+13.7
Cemex	.29t	...	8.64	-.03	+7.6
CntryLink	2.16	9	22.73	+.28	-4.4
ChesEng	...	...	5.13	+.19	-26.9
Chevron	**4.32f**	**...**	**110.04**	**+.43**	**-6.5**
Chicos	.33f	19	13.55	-.15	-5.8
Cimarex	.32	...	120.91	+1.45	-11.0
Cisco	1.16	17	34.07	+.05	+12.7
Citigroup	.54	13	61.55	+.44	+3.6
ClayEng	**...**	**...**	**131.55**	**+1.98**	**+10.3**
CliffsNRs	...	9	8.95	-.15	+6.4
CocaCola	**1.48f**	**26**	**42.03**	**+.04**	**+1.4**
ColgPalm	**1.56**	**26**	**73.37**	**+.21**	**+12.1**
ConAgra	**.80**	**21**	**40.57**	**+.26**	**+2.6**
ConchoRes	**...**	**...**	**127.75**	**+1.14**	**-3.7**
ConocoPhil	**1.06f**	**...**	**46.48**	**+.57**	**-7.3**
CrackerB	4.80	25	159.33	+1.31	-4.6
CSVInvNG	...	...	5.01	.31	+65.3
CSVixSh rs	...	...	4.24	.04	-55.5
CrosTim	**1.07e**	**11**	**15.26**	**-.10**	**-15.1**
DCP Mid	3.12	18	37.37	-.63	-2.6
DTE	3.30f	23	99.72	-.39	+1.2
Dataram rs	...	...	1.18	-.03	-46.4
DevonE	**.24**	**...**	**40.77**	**+.05**	**-10.7**
DrGMBil s	...	...	5.36	-.20	-3.9
DxGBull s	...	...	7.42	-.23	-2.9
Disney	**1.56f**	**20**	**111.03**	**+.19**	**+6.5**
DowChm	**1.84**	**20**	**53.54**	**+.26**	**+11.0**
DryShp rs	...	1	1.90	+.31	-93.6
EOG Resrcs	**.67**	**...**	**95.70**	**+.87**	**-5.3**
EnCana g	.06	...	10.51	-.01	-10.5
Energen	.08	...	51.21	+.21	-11.2
EngyTsfr	4.22	...	36.36	-.90	+1.5
EnPro	**.88f**	**54**	**62.80**	**-.34**	**-6.8**
ENSCO	.04	2	8.57	-.16	-11.8
EntProdPt	1.64	22	27.60	-.12	+2.1
Ericsson	.46e	...	6.59	+.21	+13.0
FairmSant	...	...	7.30	-1.36	-38.1
FordM	.60a	7	12.50	-.03	+3.1
FrptMcM	...	...	12.40	-.04	-6.0
FrontierCm	.42	...	2.60	+.11	-23.1
GATX	**1.68f**	**9**	**57.68**	**-.55**	**-8.3**
GabMultT	**.94e**	**...**	**7.90**	**-.13**	**+8.1**
GAInv	**1.15e**	**...**	**33.07**	**-.24**	**+6.1**
GenElec	**.96**	**24**	**29.66**	**-.14**	**-6.1**
Gerdau	.02e	...	3.72	-.06	+18.5
GileadSci	2.08f	7	68.39	-1.31	-4.5
GlPlainEn	**1.10**	**17**	**28.36**	**-.04**	**+3.7**
Halliburtn	**.72**	**...**	**50.89**	**-.40**	**-5.9**
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	36.32	-.49	+8.9
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	37.47	-.44	+8.0
iShEMkts	.84e	...	37.59	-.30	+7.4
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	60.54	+.23	+4.9
iShiBxHYB	5.09	...	86.33	-.23	-.3
iShR2K	1.77e	...	135.36	-.54	+.4
Imunmd			6.01	+.96	+63.8
Intel	**1.04**	**16**	**35.82**	**+.20**	**-1.2**
InterDig	1.20	10	84.80	+.85	-7.2
JPMorgCh	1.92	16	91.57	+.36	+6.1
JohnJn	**3.20**	**19**	**125.95**	**+1.85**	**+9.3**
KimbClk	**3.88f**	**22**	**132.71**	**+.36**	**+16.3**
LegacyRes	.60m	...	2.16	-.02	+1.9
Lubys	**...**	**...**	**3.30**	**-.03**	**-22.9**
MarathnO	.20	...	16.07	+1.20	-7.2
McDnlds	3.76	24	128.14	+.05	+5.3
Merck	1.88	17	65.89	+.09	+11.9
MerltMed	**...**	**38**	**29.90**	**+.15**	**+12.8**
MexcoEn	...	...	3.90	-.10	-22.0
MicronT	...	...	25.15	-.23	+14.7
Microsoft	1.56f	28	64.73	-.26	+4.2
Momo	...	...	30.05	-4.14	+63.5
Nabors	.24	...	13.23	-.24	-19.3
NatGrid	**3.35e**	**...**	**59.66**	**+.14**	**+2.3**
NOilVarco	.20	29	37.69	-.25	+.7
NobleCorp	.08	3	6.06	-.04	+2.4
NSTFI3	**.55e**	**...**	**13.92**	**-.19**	**-1.8**
NTXQI	**.65**	**...**	**13.97**	**-.03**	**+1.8**
OcciPet	**3.04**	**...**	**62.50**	**+.44**	**-12.3**
OceanTher	...	...	1.89	+.79	-10.0
PDC Engy	**...**	**...**	**64.11**	**+1.43**	**-11.7**
PerTech	**...**	**20**	**6.46**	**+.03**	**+15.8**
PerkDrl	**...**	**...**	**1.65**	**...**	**-36.5**
PattUTI	**.08**	**...**	**25.19**	**-.24**	**-6.4**
Penney	...	...	6.30	+.06	-24.2
PennaRE	**.84**	**10**	**14.76**	**-.20**	**-22.0**
Prmian	.44e	25	9.17	+.12	+18.9
Petrobras	...	...	9.26	-.10	-8.4
Pfizer	**1.28f**	**14**	**34.05**	**+.14**	**+4.8**
PioNtrl	.08	...	187.75	+3.50	+4.3
PlainsAAP	**2.20**	**29**	**31.10**	**-.87**	**-3.7**
Potash	.40	16	17.40	+.49	-3.8
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	130.84	+.10	+10.4
Praxair	**3.15f**	**21**	**116.99**	**-1.58**	**-.2**
PrmEgy	**...**	**...**	**52.00**	**...**	**-3.7**
PUVixST rs	...	...	19.49	-.17	...
PrUCrude rs	...	...	18.73	-.48	...
ProctGam	**2.68**	**24**	**90.34**	**+.20**	**+7.4**
RangeRs	.08	...	27.80	+.26	-19.1
RexahnPh	...	...	.32	+.02	+123.2
RiteAid	...	42	4.66	+.01	-43.4
Rowan	.40	7	15.69	-.55	-16.9
RoyDShllA	3.76	78	51.34	+.29	-5.6
SpdrDJIA	3.96e	...	208.67	+.06	+5.7
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	236.86	+.30	+6.0
SpdrLehHY	2.30	...	36.33	-.11	-.3
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	36.20	+.25	-12.8
STMicro	.40	45	15.21	-.38	+34.0
SabnR	1.92e	17	35.75	-.50	+1.7
SanderFm	**.96**	**10**	**92.44**	**+1.71**	**-1.9**
Schlmbrg	2.00	68	78.70	+.60	-6.3
SeadrillLtd	...	1	1.34	+.13	-60.7
SiriusXM	.01p	40	5.15	-.01	+15.7
Smucker	3.00f	17	139.69	+1.25	+9.1
SnapInc A n	...	...	22.71	-.10	-7.2
SwstnEngy	...	...	7.46	...	-31.1
Sprint	...	...	8.31	-.10	-1.3
SP Engy	2.04e	...	70.11	+.46	-6.9
SPDR Fncl	.45e	...	24.81	+.09	+6.7
SP Util	1.55e	...	50.54	-.11	+4.1
Staples	.48	1	8.49	-.47	-6.2
Starbucks s	1.00	28	55.19	-.55	-.6
SunocoLog	2.08f	25	24.37	-.57	+1.5
TailorBr	.72	32	15.84	-7.53	-38.0
TelefEsp	**1.03e**	**...**	**10.92**	**+.23**	**+18.7**
Tesoro	2.20	12	81.75	-2.01	-6.5
3M Co	4.70f	23	189.90	+.39	+6.3
Torchmark	**.60f**	**17**	**78.21**	**+.82**	**+6.0**
Transocn	...	7	11.99	-.41	-18.7
TriContl	**.82e**	**...**	**23.16**	**+.02**	**+5.0**
TylerTech	**...**	**49**	**154.34**	**+.92**	**+8.1**
USSteel	**1.32**	**22**	**43.50**	**-.20**	**-5.9**
US OilFd	...	...	10.53	-.14	-10.2
Vale SA	.29e	...	9.46	...	+24.1
Vale SA pf	.29e	...	8.98	-.04	+30.3
ValeantPh	...	4	11.57	-.31	-20.3
ValeroE	2.80f	18	66.48	-.39	-2.7
VanEGold	.12e	...	21.14	-.21	+1.1
VnEkRus	.64e	...	19.34	-.23	-8.9
VangFTSE	1.10e	...	38.33	+.16	+4.9
VulcanM	**1.00f**	**38**	**116.90**	**-2.21**	**-6.6**
WEC Engy	2.08	20	58.11	-.27	-.9
WstpBoots	1.50	18	85.31	+.15	+3.1
WsthfnInt	...	...	6.35	-.09	+27.3
WellsFargo	1.52	14	58.70	+.49	+6.5
WstnRefin	1.52	28	35.21	-.94	-7.0
WhitingPet	...	...	9.31	-.06	-22.5
WmsCos	1.20f	49	28.85	+.30	-7.4
XcelEngy	**1.44f**	**20**	**43.07**	**+.02**	**+5.8**
Xerox	**.25m**	**11**	**7.38**	**-.06**	**+28.3**

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
21,169.11	16,821.86	Dow Jones Industrials	20,858.19	+2.46	+.01	+5.54	+22.73
9,639.33	7,029.41	Dow Jones Transportation	9,208.64	-62.83	-.68	+1.82	+22.49
723.83	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	683.68	-2.07	-.30	+3.65	+5.84
11,688.45	9,826.52	NYSE Composite	11,457.85	+9.44	+.08	+3.82	+15.52
5,911.79	4,574.25	Nasdaq Composite	5,838.81	+1.26	+.02	+8.47	+25.24
2,400.98	1,969.25	S&P 500	2,364.87	+1.89	+.08	+5.63	+18.86
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TODAY: Partly sunny High: 73 Low: 54

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 77 Low: 42

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny High: 64 Low: 46

MONDAY: Sunny High: 70 Low: 44

TUESDAY: Sunny High: 72 Low: 50

WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny High: 78 Low: 52

Local forecast

The National Weather Service expects a 20 percent chance of showers today and Saturday. On Saturday, winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

The record high for March 9 is 85, set in 1954 and equaled in 1955. The record low is 17, set in 1931 and equaled in 1996. On March 9 of last year, the high was 61 and the low was 47.

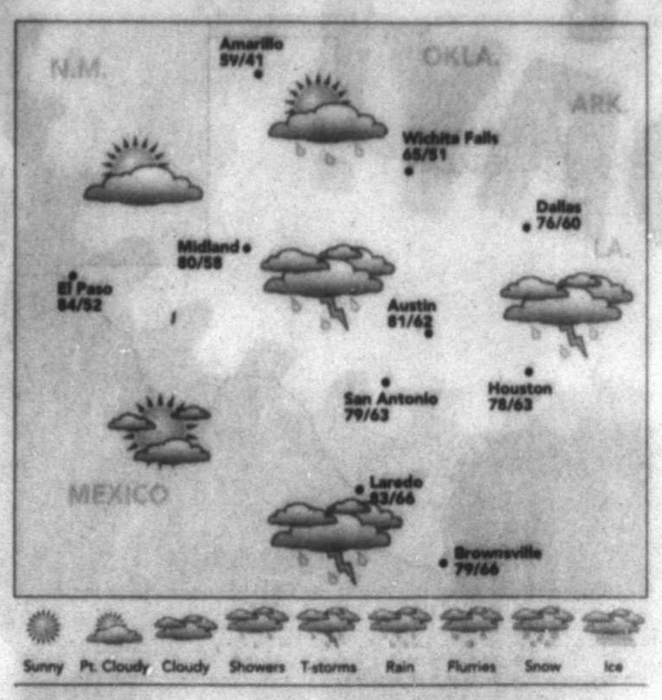
Weather brief

NEW YORK

Hurricane-force winds knock out power to 200,000

ROCHESTER — Crews scrambled Thursday to restore power to more than 200,000 customers who lost electricity service when hurricane-force winds toppled trees and utility poles across much of western New York.

Officials at three utilities said it will be days before customers in some stricken areas get their power back on, making the repair work more urgent because an approaching cold front is expected to bring snow, more high winds and temperatures plummeting into the 20s and teens.



Precipitation

Wednesday	0.00 in.
Thursday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	1.84 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.45 in.

Thursday's temperatures

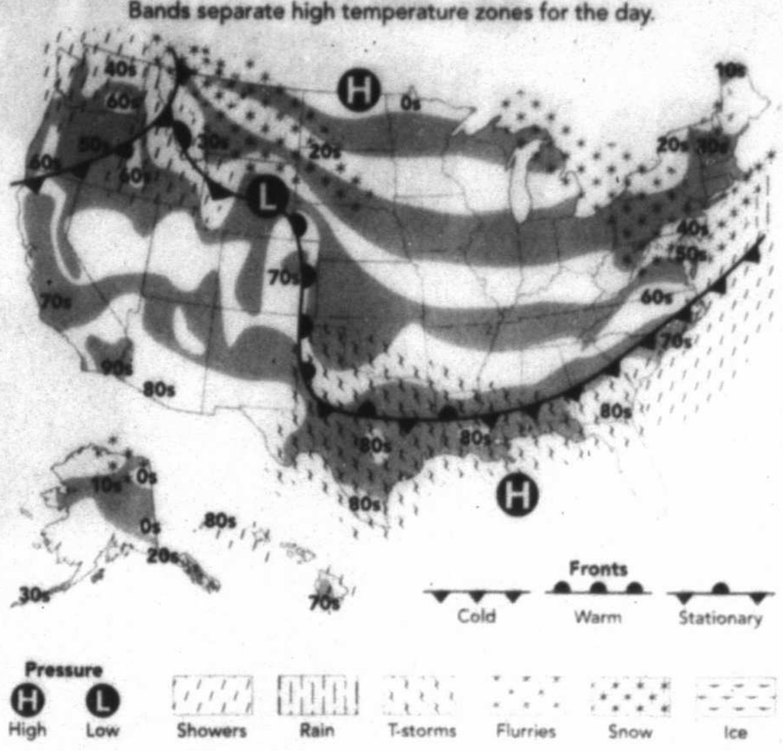
High	84
Low	61
Normal high	68
Normal low	40
Sunrise	7:05 a.m.
Sunset	6:53 p.m.

National weather

AccuWeather.com

Forecast for Friday, March 10, 2017

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



Woman's younger boyfriend hides her from his family

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'm 51 and my boyfriend is 43. We've been dating for eight months, living together for five. We met at work a few months before we started dating. We get along great and never argue, but he won't let me meet his family.

He has never been married and has no children. He sees his mom and brother sometimes for dinner and such, but because his mom doesn't have any grandchildren and I can't give her any, he said he's not ready to tell her about me. Does this make sense? — OUTSIDER IN LOUISIANA

DEAR OUTSIDER: If, after eight months of dating and living together for five, you still haven't met his family, he has no intention of introducing you — ever. Your inability to give his mother grandchildren has nothing to do with it. You are a human being, not a broodmare, and the excuse he's giving you makes no sense. Picture this scenario: "Hey, Ma, this is 'Becky' and she's fertile!" Puh-leeze!

DEAR ABBY: My sister, who is very religious, sent my gay daughter a Bible with her name engraved on it for Christmas, even though we told her — after she asked for suggestions — that a gift card would be more appropriate. We are not religious, by the way.

My wife and I feel strange about it, as if my sister is trying to tell us something like, "Your gay daughter needs religion." How should we respond to this? — BAFFLED IN THE EAST

DEAR BAFFLED: You do not have to respond. The Bible was a gift for your daughter, and the "privilege" of acknowledging it, ignoring it or regifting it is hers. What I do not recommend is allowing your sister's gift choice to become an argument about your family's values.

DEAR ABBY: I've recently rekindled an old romance with a wonderful guy. Only one thing mars our relationship. When we go out to eat, we don't carry on a conversation past occasional chitchat. The problem may be that while he's a speedy eater, I'm slow. I feel bad about not being able to talk and chew fast enough to keep up, so he finishes well before me and ends up waiting quite a while until I polish off my meal.

Can you offer any suggestions on how to come to a compromise where dinner isn't a race to the finish line, but an experience full of laughter and discussion? — SLOWER IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR SLOWER: Yes, but it may involve making the meal even longer. If there's a topic you would like to explore with him, put down your fork, swallow your food and speak up. In Europe, it's common for people to linger over their meal and communicate with each other. This practice not only fosters deeper relationships, but there are also health benefits to eating slowly. Because you're a couple, you should feel comfortable enough to ask him to slow down so your conversation can flow more easily.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Defender's nightmare

North-South vulnerable, North deals

	NORTH ♠ A 7 ♡ K Q J 6 4 ◇ K ♣ A J 8 4 3	
WEST ♠ Q 10 8 3 ♡ A 10 5 3 ◇ Void ♣ K Q 6 5 2		EAST ♠ 9 6 5 ♡ 9 8 7 2 ◇ J 9 5 2 ♣ 10 7
	SOUTH ♠ K J 4 2 ♡ Void ◇ A Q 10 8 7 6 4 3 ♣ 9	

The bidding:

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

Opening lead: King of ♣

This is an excellent slam, needing only a 2-2 or 3-1 split in trumps.

Declarer won the opening club lead with dummy's ace, ruffed a club, and led a trump to dummy's king. Had both opponents followed suit, South would have taken the ruffing finesse in hearts. This would produce an overtrick whenever East held the ace of hearts. The terrible trump split made South reconsider. He ruffed another club and played the ace, queen, and then a low trump to East. A spade shift would have defeated the contract but East led a heart, of course, hoping to beat the slam right there. South ruffed and cashed all of his remaining trumps. This was the position with one trump to go:

	NORTH ♠ A 7 ♡ K ◇ Void ♣ J 8	
WEST ♠ Q 10 8 ♡ A ◇ Void ♣ Q		EAST ♠ 9 6 5 ♡ 9 8 ◇ Void ♣ Void
	SOUTH ♠ K J 4 2 ♡ Void ◇ 3 ♣ Void	

West was in trouble on the last trump. A club discard would make dummy's clubs good and a spade discard would make declarer's spades good. He discarded the ace of hearts as dummy shed a club, but he had no good discard when South crossed to the ace of spades and cashed the king of hearts. A lovely hand.

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 Friday, March 10, 2017:

This year you open up to many different attitudes and types of people. You probably won't be as reactive as you have been in the past. Note a tendency to make fewer judgments. People in your immediate circle feel more cared about as a result. If you are single, you draw many potential suitors toward you. Be careful, as some of them will be emotionally unavailable. If you are attached, understand where your sweetie is coming from. Learn to accept his or her position, even if you don't agree with it. VIRGO can be challenging.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Your creativity soars as the weekend approaches. You'll find answers, make surprising news and willingly handle that which you normally don't want to go near. You are high energy and nearly unstoppable. Tonight: Know when to call it a night rather than stay out too late.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You might be involved with a domestic matter and need to stay on top of an emerging issue. Your energy peaks during the day, though you relax more in the afternoon. You'll make or tweak plans to make this weekend more rewarding. Tonight: Play the night away.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Make calls in the morning, even if you feel that you'd rather wait until you have more time to chat. Some of what you hear allows you to rearrange your weekend appropriately. A partner could be sassy and difficult. Be more in touch with your anger. Tonight: Invite friends over.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Deal with a financial matter immediately, before a key associate comes forward with a request. You will be more relaxed than you normally would be in a business or personal meeting. The pace of the day becomes more intense than it has been in a while. Tonight: All fun! TGIF.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Be more present in the moment. You could be surprised by what is happening around you. Focus on what is important to you. Take a stand with a friend. You know what you want and what is important to you. Others might not get how serious you are. Tonight: Out late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Zero in on a friendship and assess what is important. You might discover that you feel much better as the day goes on. It is not surprising that you feel more energized, especially since the weekend is almost here. Do not get mired in a power play. Tonight: All smiles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ The morning opens up a special opportunity. Don't let an existing matter in your life stop you from going for it. You need to go for what you want; otherwise, you'll be dissatisfied and unpleasant to be around. A partner or close associate could be quite irritated. Tonight: Vanish.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Zero in on what is happening in your immediate circle. You'll see people approaching the weekend with many different attitudes. Ask yourself why you are observing others so closely. A financial matter draws you in; handle it ASAP. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ With so many demands coming forward, you might feel a bit down. Your ability to understand someone who is carrying a lot of responsibility emerges. By pulling back and imagining what others feel like, you will understand more. Tonight: Go out for a little while.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Work with one individual at a time. You will be far more effective as a result. Don't be late for an afternoon meeting. You could have a lot on your mind and find it difficult to focus. A loved one might invite you along to enjoy a favorite pastime. Tonight: Happiest at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Others are likely to make the first move. You could get weighed down by the details of a project or conversation. Remain responsive to a key person in your life, but don't turn away from your many friends in the process. Tonight: Happiest with one person rather than a group.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You have a lot to accomplish today. You would be best served by finishing your to-dos rather than getting tied up in conversation after conversation. Express your anger and/or frustration at an evolving situation. Tonight: Let someone else make the first move.

BORN TODAY

Singer/songwriter Carrie Underwood (1983), actor Chuck Norris (1940), actress Olivia Wilde (1984)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Early Welsh
6 Subpar performance ... or not
11 School sweater letters
14 Wedding, e.g.
15 All small, say
17 As
19 Ancient communication medium
20 Modern communication medium
21 Parts to put together
22 Memphis-to-Nashville dir.
23 Washington portraitist
27 Bocelli album that includes "Bésame Mucho"
32 A's
38 __ work: menial labor
39 Venerate
40 1992 opponent of Bill and George
41 As
44 What a bump may affect
45 Sources of peeps
46 Nation with a pyramid on its currency: Abbr.
49 Title for actor Gielgud
51 Channeled, as water
55 Most trusted
60 A's
62 Real bargain
63 Quarters in the wild
64 CIA predecessor
65 __ bird
66 Not worth it, perhaps

DOWN

1 Point of imminence
2 Musician from County Donegal
3 Sagging
4 Keith of country
5 Underwater aid
6 Leg up
7 On vacation
8 Lose it
9 "The Smartest Guys in the Room" subject
10 Sighed agreement
11 1493 Lisbon arrival
12 Israeli weapons
13 Mennonites, e.g.
16 "Just a __!"
18 Heathrow : his :: Orly : à __
23 Vermin
24 Serpico, for one
25 Severe
26 River in Hades
28 Toon with a blue do
29 Trails for bloodhounds
30 Go back to zero
31 Swiss borders?
33 __ Palmas: Gran Canaria capital
34 Author LeShan
35 __ de famille
36 Otto minus cinque
37 H.S. equivalency test
42 Inform
43 Registers
47 "Never __ boy to __"
48 Dangerous biter
49 Like 48-Down
50 Unlikely to be chipper
51 Acceptable
52 They're often broken
53 Luau entertainment
54 Suffix with percent
56 "Get lost!"
57 Nobelist Wiesel
58 "Glad to help"
59 Kitchen meas.
61 Acct. entry

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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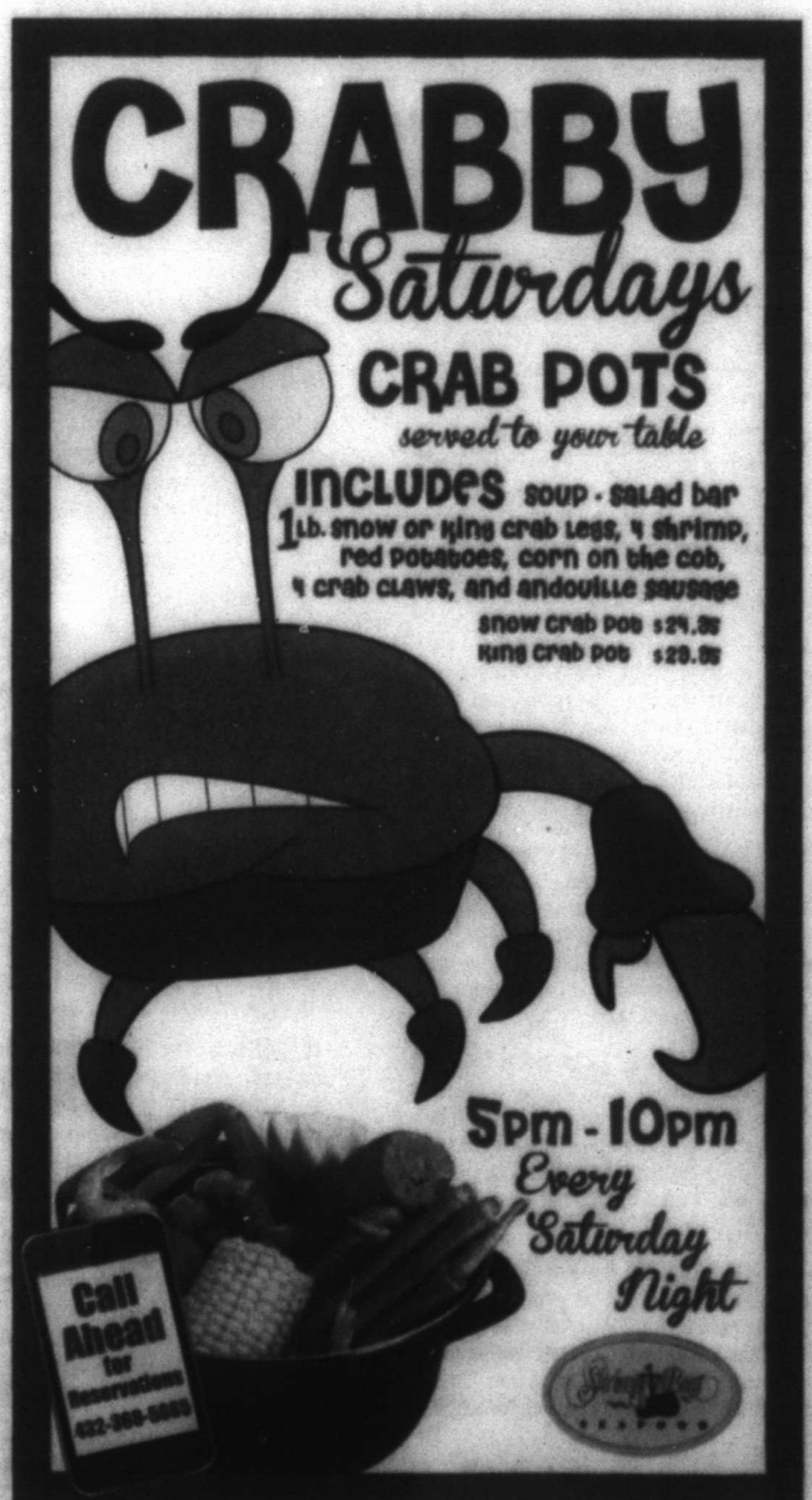
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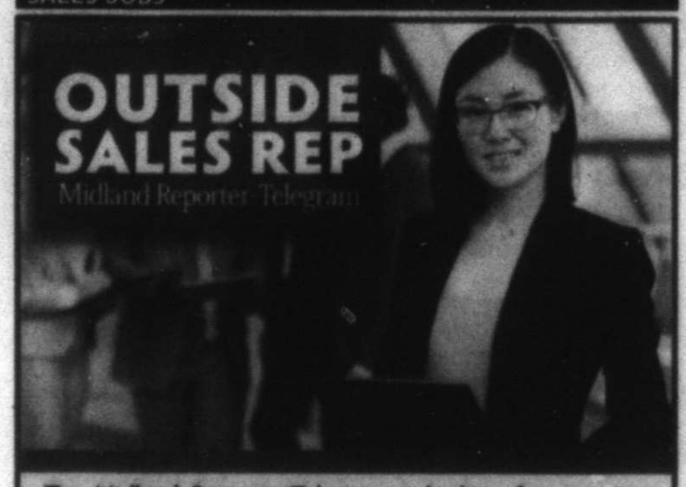
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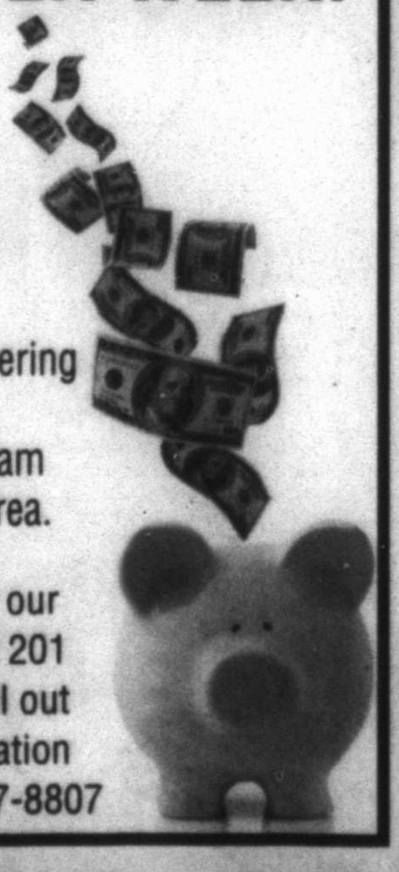
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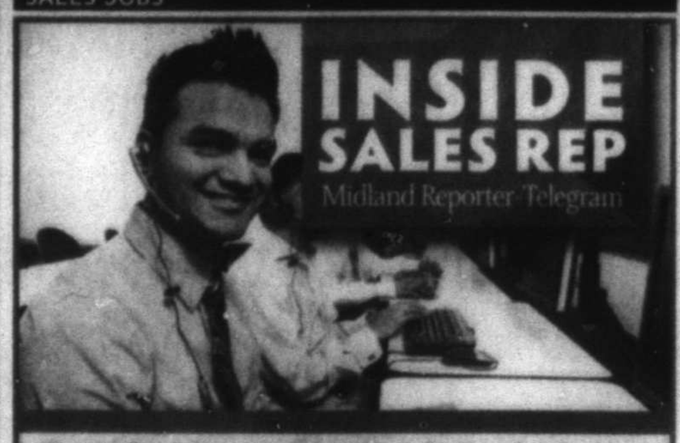
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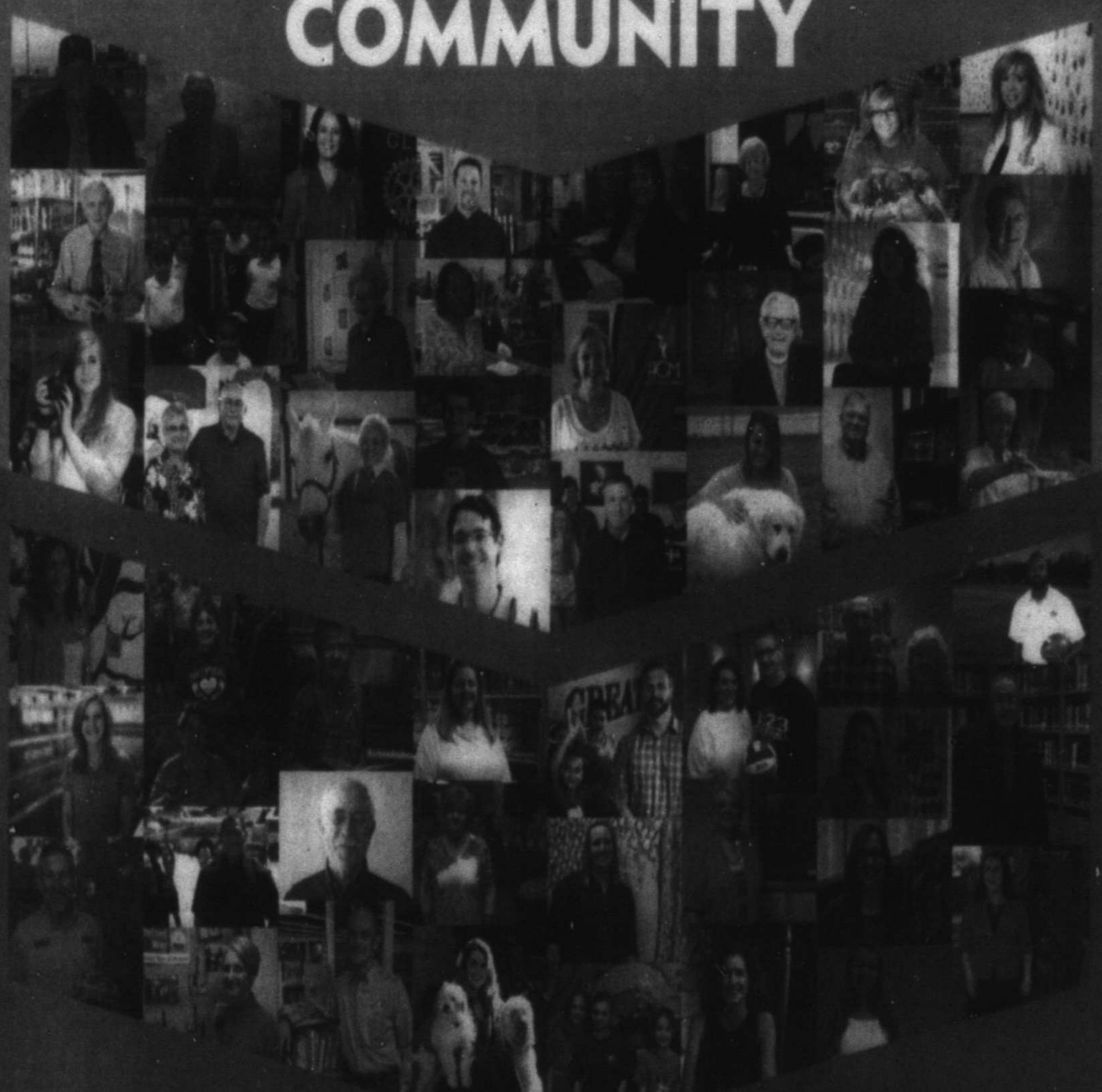
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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT

PROPOSED AIR QUALITY PERMIT NUMBER 145201

APPLICATION Targa Pipeline Mid-Continent West Tex LLC, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Air Quality Permit Number 145201, which would authorize construction of Driver 2 at the Driver Gas Plant. The applicant has provided the following driving directions: from the intersection of Interstate Highway 20 and State Highway 158 in Midland, drive 13.2 miles east on State Highway 158. Drive 12.8 miles south on Farm-to-Market Road 1379 and then drive 1.8 miles south on the lease road to the site, Midkiff, Midland County, Texas 79755. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=31.73556&lng=-101.7981&zoom=13&type=r. The facility will emit the following contaminants: carbon monoxide, hazardous air pollutants, hydrogen sulfide, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less and sulfur dioxide.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on February 3, 2017. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Midland regional office, and the Midland County Library Downtown, 301 West Missouri Avenue, Midland, Midland County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Midland regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.**

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

The executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments. If a hearing request is timely filed in Response to this Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain Air Permit, the time period for requesting a contested case hearing will be extended to thirty days after the mailing of the executive director's response to comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following the Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decisions on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues submitted by you or others during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing"; (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or an association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests which the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material air quality concerns submitted during the comment period.**

Issues such as property values, noise, traffic, safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1 800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Targa Pipeline Mid-Continent West Tex LLC, 1000 Louisiana Street Suite 4300, Houston, Texas 77002-5036 or by calling Ms. Catherine Schroder, Senior Environmental Specialist, at (405) 749-5614.

Notice Issuance Date: February 17, 2017

Legal and Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 15, 2017
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Mar 22, 2017
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

Rule 37 Case No. 0303622
Status/Permit No. 822123

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, [RRC Operator No. 642652] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 9 Blk. 39 T5S, T&P RR CO Survey, A-427, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC Field, UPTON County, being 27.1 miles NE direction from RANKIN, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512)463-6848**. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 **(512)463-6751**.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Mar 22, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below.

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name	ELWOOD (16-21)
Lease/Unit Well No.	4207H
Lease/Unit Acres	663.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	663.0
Lease Lines	470.0 F S (offlease) L, 2310.0 F W (offlease) L
Survey Lines	470.0 F S (offlease) L, 2310.0 F W (offlease) L
Wellbore Profile(s)	Horizontal
Lateral: TH1	
Penetration Point Location	
Lease Lines	470.0 F S L 2310.0 F W L
Terminus Location	
BH County: UPTON	
Section: 21	Block: 39 T5S Abstract: 433
Survey: T&P RR CO	
Lease Lines	15.0 F S L 330.0 F E L
Survey Lines	2635.0 F N L 2297.0 F W L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC. Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9766 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Monna Coleman, at (737)7042339.

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF HEARING TO PRESUME JOHN DOYLE HOLDEN DECEASED

Notice to Known and Unknown Heirs At Law and Any Persons Interested in Re: John Doyle Holden, Presumed Deceased

On June 1, 2016, Jennifer Ciravolo filed her Original Petition Pursuant to Civil Practices & Remedies Code, Chapter 133 to Establish Presumption of Death, Cause No. 2016-PR01499-1 filed in Probate Court 1 of Tarrant County, Texas. Petitioner alleges that the presumed decedent disappeared in 1982 and prays the Court hear evidence sufficient to declare John Doyle Holden deceased. All persons interested in this case are hereby given notice of these proceedings and required to appear on April 21, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Probate Court 1, Tarrant County Courthouse, 100 W. Weatherford, 2nd Floor, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas.

Legal and Public Notices

PROPOSED ANNEXATION

The City Council of the City of Midland will hold public hearings at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 28 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, to take public comment regarding the proposed annexation of the following: A 120.625-acre tract of land out of Section 38, Block 40, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas.

Generally located on the west side of Arlington Road, approximately 1800-feet south of State Highway 191.

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

CITY OF MIDLAND
Amy M. Turner, MMC
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The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, on a request by Davis Laabs for a Specific Use Permit without Term for an accessory building for living or sleeping quarters in any district, not including rental as a separate dwelling on the following property: Lot 25, Block 5, Ranchland Hills Addition, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located northeast of the intersection of Lincoln Street and Magnolia Avenue.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 2:00 P.M., March 22, 2017 to be opened at 2:00 P.M., in the Office of the City Secretary, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 17000922

For: Landfill Trash Compactor Wheels

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

Legal and Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Statements of Qualifications will be received until 4:00 PM, March 24, 2017, in the office of the Purchasing Manager, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following:

Request for Qualifications 17001728: The City of Midland is seeking to engage a professional consultant to provide system commissioning services for the Midland Convention Center Project.

The RFQ is now available. To receive a copy of the RFQ, please call 432-685-7234 or e-mail purchasing@midlandtexas.gov.

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code.

City of Midland, Texas

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF PHYLLIS MONTGOMERY GRIMLAND, DECEASED:

Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of February, 2017, Letters Testamentary were issued to Diane Grimland Glaske as Independent Executrix in proceedings in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Probate, styled "In the Matter of the Estate of Phyllis Montgomery Grimland, Deceased," being No. P-18997 in that Court, and which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present the same to Diane Grimland Glaske, 2835 West Rainmaker, Prescott, Arizona 86305, within the time prescribed by law.

DATED this 7th day of March, 2017.

Diane Grimland Glaske,
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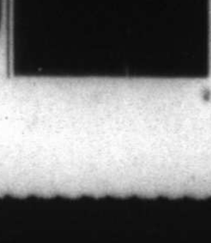
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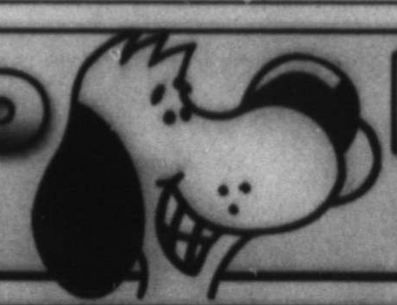
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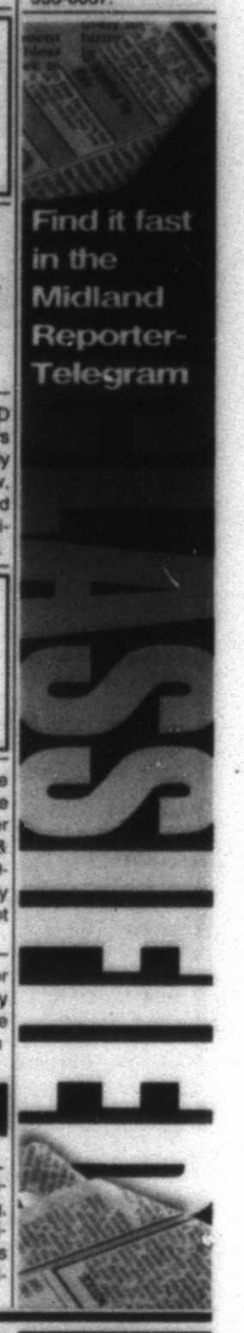
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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 23, 2017
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Mar 30, 2017
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

Rule 37 Case No. 0303739
Status/Permit No. 823176

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 37, Blk. 37 T2N, T&P RR CO Survey, A-254, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MARTIN County, being 14.4 miles NW direction from STANTON, Texas.

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THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	WOODY- HOWARD 37G
Lease/Unit Well No.	7H
Lease/Unit Acres	823.1
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0

Lease Lines	264.0 F S L	1300.0 F W L
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Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location:
Lease Lines: 264.0 F S L
1300.0 F W L

Terminus Location:
BH County: MARTIN
Section: 25 Block: 37 T2N Abstract: 248
Survey: T&P RR CO
Lease Lines: 100.0 F N L
420.0 F W L
Survey Lines: 2543.0 F S L
420.0 F W L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11300 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, CASI RENFRO at (972) 444-9001.

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO SWR 26/27 SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT

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Legal and Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 2:00 P.M., April 5, 2017 to be opened at 2:00 P.M., in the office of the City Secretary, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 17001724

For: Water Pollution Control Plant Power Supply Project consisting of bringing a new electrical service to the Midland WPCP site including a pad mounted switch and transformers for the Utilities Department. The project manual may be obtained at a non-refundable charge of $50 per electronic set ½ size $75 per hard copy set of ½ size or $100 per hard full size copy of plans and specifications by contacting HDR Engineering, Inc. at 512-912-5192 or by email: lisa.singer@hdrinc.com

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held in the basement conference room of City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas at 1:00 p.m. local time on March 21, 2017.

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas



Legal and Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on March 28, 2017, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Café Nitro LLC for a Specific Use Permit with term for the sale of all alcoholic beverages, for on-premises consumption, in a restaurant, on the following described property: on Lot 3A, Block 1, Gateway Plaza. Section 9, City and County of Midland, Texas.

(Generally located southwest of the intersection of Starboard Drive and Liberty Drive - Council District - Council District 4)

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

CITY OF MIDLAND
Amy M. Turner, MMC
City Secretary

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The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, on a request by Memorial Christian Church for a Zone Change from 1F-1, One-Family Dwelling District to LR-2, Local Retail District on the following described property: 2.66-acres of land out of Block 6, Johnson and Moran Addition, City and County of Midland, Texas

Generally located west of the intersection of Andrews Highway and West Cuthbert Avenue. (Council District 3)

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Legal and Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0303741
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 23, 2017 Status/Permit No. 823179
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Mar 30, 2017
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	WOODY- HOWARD 37I	
Lease/Unit Well No. :	9H	
Lease/Unit Acres :	823.1	
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	1.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft):	450.0	
Lease Lines :	264.0 F S L,	1307.0 F E L
Survey Lines :	2395.0 F N L,	1340.0 F W L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral : TH1

Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines : 264.0 F S L
1307.0 F E L

Terminus Location
BH County: MARTIN
Section: 25 Block: 37 T2N Abstract: 248
Survey:T&P RR CO
Lease Lines : 100.0 F N L
422.0 F E L
Survey Lines: 2543.0 F S L
2220.0 F W L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10800 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, CASI RENFRO at (972) 444-9001.

Legal and Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0303740
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 23, 2017 Status/Permit No. 823177
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Mar 30, 2017
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

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Lease/Unit Name :	WOODY- HOWARD 37H	
Lease/Unit Well No. :	8H	
Lease/Unit Acres :	823.1	
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	1.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft):	450.0	
Lease Lines :	264.0 F S L,	1320.0 F W L
Survey Lines :	2395.0 F N L,	1320.0 F W L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral : TH1

Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines : 264.0 F S L
1320.0 F W L

Terminus Location
BH County: MARTIN
Section: 25 Block: 37 T2N Abstract: 248
Survey:T&P RR CO
Lease Lines : 100.0 F N L
1320.0 F W L
Survey Lines: 2543.0 F S L
1320.0 F W L

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Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to section 59 of the Texas Property Code, NSS Management will hold a public auction in order to satisfy a landlord's lien of personal property for Texas Wide Self Storage. **3806 W. Loop 250 N., Midland, TX 79707 On Friday March 28, 2017 at 12pm.** The Auction will be held online at WWW. Storagetreasures.com Storage units are believed to contain general household items. **Auction will close on Tuesday February 28, 2017 Units to be auctioned include:** Kevin Korell The sale is open to cash buyers only. The facility has a right to place a minimum bid on each unit. All sales are final. Questions can be directed to The Property Manager.

PROPOSED ANNEXATION

The City Council of the City of Midland will hold public hearings at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, to take public comment regarding the proposed annexation of the following: A 36.36-acre tract of land out of Section 35, Block 40, T-1-S, T&P, RR Co. Survey, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the north side of Brandy Hill Road, approximately 330-feet east of State Highway 158.

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Legal and Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0303742
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 23, 2017 Status/Permit No. 823180
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Mar 30, 2017
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

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Nearest Well on Lease (ft):	450.0	
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Survey Lines :	2395.0 F N L,	1360.0 F W L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral : TH1

Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines : 264.0 F S L
1287.0 F E L

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OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0303744
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 23, 2017 Status/Permit No. 823182
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Mar 30, 2017
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
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Fax: (512) 463-6780
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THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	WOODY- HOWARD 37K	
Lease/Unit Well No. :	11H	
Lease/Unit Acres :	823.1	
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	1.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft):	450.0	
Lease Lines :	264.0 F S L,	1267.0 F E L
Survey Lines :	2395.0 F N L,	1380.0 F W L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral : TH1

Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines : 264.0 F S L
1267.0 F E L

Terminus Location
BH County: MARTIN
Section: 25 Block: 37 T2N Abstract: 248
Survey:T&P RR CO
Lease Lines : 100.0 F N L
872.0 F E L
Survey Lines: 2543.0 F S L
1770.0 F W L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10800 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, CASI RENFRO at (972) 444-9001.

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79701

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79705

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