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Behind Stefan Cronje's 6-under par performance, the Chaparrals shot a 5-under par 571 through the first two rounds of the tournament to lead New Mexico Military Institute by 23 strokes heading into today's final round.

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Noble Energy to close Clayton Williams' office

About 200 employees will be laid off starting in May; some may keep their jobs

By Mella McEwen
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Noble Energy, as part of its pending purchase of Clayton Williams Energy, is preparing to close Clayton Williams Energy's Midland office and lay off almost 200 Clayton Williams employees.

Noble, a Houston oil production company, is closing Clayton Williams' office at 6 Desta Drive by the end of the year, it said in a notice sent to the state. Layoffs will start in May. Some of the 197, especially field workers, may keep their jobs.

Noble Energy, in a statement provided to the Reporter-Telegram, said the company had filed a WARN Act notice March 6 with the Texas Workforce Commission, city of Midland and Midland County of its plans to close the office. The company said that, to support the integration of the two companies, the Midland office will remain open for a period following the close of the acquisition, expected in the second quarter of the year.

There are 123 employees in the office and 74 in the field, according to Noble. Company officials said in the statement that Clayton Williams Energy employees will have the opportunity to pursue openings elsewhere with Noble, and most of Clayton Williams' field employees are expected to remain employed at their current locations.

"The Clayton Williams Energy Midland office is being consolidated into Noble Energy's Houston headquarters to fully leverage the technical and functional expertise of our workforce," Noble officials told the Reporter-Telegram by email.

"It's sad to hear one of our local, longtime companies is closing," said Midland Mayor Jerry Morales. He told the Reporter-Telegram he is looking forward to welcoming Noble to Midland but is sad to lose a company that meant so much to the community.

Noting that he operates a restaurant — Gerardo's Bistro — in ClayDesta Center, "we've gotten attached to a lot of those employees. But it happens; it's the nature of the business," Morales said.

Noble announced in January that it was buying the Midland-based Clayton Williams in a $2.7 billion cash-and-stock deal. It was the energy industry's first major corporate acquisition of the year and the most any company had spent to buy into the Permian Basin's western half, the Delaware, since a flurry of land deals began there last year.

Noble's purchase adds about 71,000 acres to the company's portfolio, more than doubling its acreage in the Delaware.

CITIZENS SPEAK UP



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Davis Rosen speaks to the Commissioners' Court Monday about passing a resolution against having nuclear waste travel through Midland County on rail to the proposed high level nuclear waste facility in Andrews County.

Residents urge commissioners to oppose nuclear waste travel through county

■ Court also approves pet voucher program

By Simone Jasper
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Community members urged the Midland County commissioners on Monday to consider intervening against the transportation of high-level nuclear waste through the county.

Proposed federal legislation would allow interim storage facilities for spent nuclear fuel, according to a press release. Spent nuclear fuel rods from more than 62 sites could be transported on rail lines through Midland County to a site in Andrews, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report.

"It's not just one trip," said Midlander Bridget Hyde previously. "There are 40,000 metric tons. That's going to be thousands of trips."

David Rosen, a local geologist and chairman of the Midland County Democratic Party, said Monday transporting the waste to the facility would be dangerous. He urged members of the court to consider putting pressure on U.S. lawmakers to stop travel of the waste through the county.

"Despite the fact that it's 65 miles west, we can say we don't want it coming through Midland," Rosen said. "You can put the nail in the coffin of all this."

Hyde and Rosen spoke to the Midland City Council last month and said there were reasons to oppose H.R. 474, according to the previous Reporter-Telegram report. U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway of Midland supports the bill, called the Interim Consolidated Storage Act.

The county commissioners said they don't have grounds to oppose the federal proposal. They will discuss opportunities to put pressure on U.S. lawmakers, according to County Judge Mike Bradford.

"Citizens expressed they didn't want trains going through here," Bradford said. "They didn't know what jurisdiction we had. We have no jurisdiction."

In Bexar County, commissioners unanimously approved a resolution opposing shipments to the waste site, according to the previous report.

Pet vouchers

Also at Monday's meeting, the court voted unanimously to approve a resolution for a voucher program in partnership with the Midland Humane Coalition. The entities previously partnered to create a pet adoption center at PetSmart.

The court approved $50,000 in funding, to be doled out in $10,000 increments.

The program will offer county residents $70 vouchers to spay, neuter, vaccinate and microchip pets. Those veterinary services usually cost about $100 to $120, according to Kelly Wright, coalition president.

Bradford said the program will be beneficial to the county.

"We get complaints all the time, specifically from the southeastern part of the county," Bradford said. "They get hungry and scavenge for food. They need to be microchipped."

The voucher is different from the one offered through the city of Midland, which covers $70 to spay and neuter pets.

Enforcement near oil, gas sites helps drive down crime

The Daily Times

FARMINGTON, N.M. — Isolated oil and gas well sites can be enticing to criminals looking to score valuable equipment and scrap metal, but San Juan County authorities have a special program focused on solving such crimes. Authorities say they average about 175 cases a year.

Sheriff's Det. Mike Sindelar with the Rural Crimes Unit said the unit was started more than a decade ago to combat crime in the oil and gas industry.

"The Rural Crimes Initiative started in 2006 because the industry had been suffering losses for decades," Sindelar said. "The Bureau of Land Management and those in the (oil and gas) industry came together to determine what program they could create that would address the problems."

Sindelar said the framework of the program is based on a Wise County, Texas, program called "Wise Eyes," which encourages cooperation among agencies and the public to help detect, report and solve such crimes.

He said the sheriff's office saw more than 500 oilfield crimes in the program's first year, but that number has gone down due to increased enforcement. "As we began working cases, though, we started noticing that the same 25 to 30 people in the county were responsible for 95 percent of the crimes," Sindelar said. "Most of them had either worked in the oilfield or were still employed in the oilfield. As we began arresting these individuals, we saw the cases start to come down."

The county has more than 25,000 oil and gas wells, and property stolen at the sites includes batteries and solar panels. Profits made from the thefts often end up going to the drug trade, Sindelar said.

Authorities rely heavily on the public to watch for criminal activity at the well sites, which are spread out over thousands of miles in the county.

"Reporting is so important," Sindelar said. "The biggest thing is getting more eyes and ears out here so we'll have a higher ability to catch someone." Sindelar said he expects to see more crime when the oil and gas industry picks up. "The amount of crime is directly proportional to the level of activity in the oil field," he said. "But we'd be happy if (the oil and gas industry) came back, for the sake of the community."

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Joni Sledge, member of Sister Sledge, dies at 60

By Nekesa Mumbi Moody
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Joni Sledge, who with her sisters recorded the enduring dance anthem "We Are Family," has died, the band's representative said Saturday.


Sledge

She was 60.

Sledge was found dead in her home by a friend in Phoenix on Friday, the band's publicist, Biff Warren, said. A cause of death has not been determined. He said she had not been ill.

"On yesterday, numbness fell upon our family. We welcome your prayers as we weep the loss of our sister, mother, aunt, niece and cousin," read a family statement.

Sledge and her sisters Debbie, Kim and Kathy formed Sister Sledge in 1971 in Philadelphia, their hometown, but struggled for years before success came.

"The four of us had been in the music business for eight years and we were frustrated. We were saying: 'Well, maybe we should go to college and just become lawyers or something other than music, because it really is tough,'" Joni told The Guardian in an interview last year.

But then they met Bernard Edwards and Nile Rodgers of the hit group Chic, and their breakout soon came. The pair wrote and produced their album "We Are Family," and soon the women had their first major hit with disco jam "The Greatest Dancer," which became a top 10 hit in May 1979. (It would sampled years later for Will Smith's hit "Getting Jiggy Wit It.")

But their biggest hit would come a month later with the title track, an infectious dance anthem that celebrated their familial connection with the refrain. "We are family, I got all my sisters with me." While it celebrated their sisterhood, the 1979 hit so also became an anthem for female empowerment and unity. It would become their signature hit, and was nominated for a Grammy. Both the song and album sold more than one million copies.

The women also had a hit with a cover of the Mary Wells song "My Guy" in 1982, but would never duplicate the success they had in the 1970s. Still, Sister Sledge continued; while sister Kathy left the group for a solo career, the trio of sisters continued to perform and record, including a performance for Pope Francis in 2015.

Warren said they last performed together in concert in October.

Joni Sledge is survived by an adult son, her sisters and other relatives.

Obituaries



Charles Horne Priddy, Jr.

Charles Horne Priddy, Jr., 59, of Midland, Texas, passed away on March 8, 2017, in Dallas, Texas.

Charles was born in Midland on August 29, 1957 to Charles Horne Priddy, Sr., and Mary Nell Russell Priddy. Charles attended Midland High School and studied Petroleum Land Management at Texas A & M in Bryan, Texas, and at The University of Texas in Austin. Charles' first career was as a land man in Midland, Texas and Midland, Michigan.

When Charles was in his forties, he decided to turn a love of cooking into a career. He began a new life as a chef after attending the Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts in Dallas.

He had many interests and was licensed as both a multi-engine airplane pilot and a master boat Captain. Charles loved sailing and spent much of his time in Kemah, Texas, where he spent many happy hours on his 38-foot sailboat.

He is survived by his two daughters, Kristen Priddy and Joslyn Priddy, both of California.

Charles is also survived by his sister, Barbara Priddy Clark and her husband, John, of Dallas; twin brother, Walter Priddy and his wife Kim, of Dallas; stepsister, Susan Henderson Askins of Midland; and by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews, for whom he had great affection.

Charles is preceded in death by his mother, Mary Nell Priddy; father, Charles Horne Priddy, Sr.; stepmother, Beth Priddy; brother, Bob Priddy; and stepbrother, Rick Henderson.

The family is especially grateful to Yvonne Scarbrough for her help and support of Charles during his extended illness.

A private ceremony will be held at a later date.

The family requests memorials be directed to the First Presbyterian Church of Midland, Texas.



Lucia (Lucy) Gonzales Chandler

Lucia (Lucy) Gonzales Chandler, daughter, big sister, wife, mother, aunt, grandmother ("Tita,") and good friend to many, passed away March 11, 2017.

Lucy was born June 17, 1959, in Midland, Texas, to Thomas and Maria Gonzales. Except for three years living in Denver, Colorado, Midland was Lucy's home for 54 years. God gifted her with a beautiful smile, eyes, hair, complexion, height, and a very spirited (to put it mildly) personality. Woe to those that received the dressing-downs from that sharp-tongue she could use so well (in both English and Spanish…at the same time).

Being the "Big Sister" (second in command behind Mom) of several siblings nurtured Lucy's ability to exert complete dictatorial control over them (according to the survivors.) One of Lucy's favorite places to visit was that quaint little city in the desert called Las Vegas. Vegas suited Lucy's persona to a 'T.' It was lights, gambling, a 24/7 party atmosphere, great shows, music, and food. I learned never (almost never) to play cards with Lucy as her head for numbers and tolerance for risk was far superior to mine. She was also game for trying new things like white water rafting (she always insisted on being up front.) The only "scaredy-cat" times I ever saw in her were at the ocean. She didn't like what she couldn't see, so each entry was not at full speed frolic, but rather a slow, torturous, tip-toed advance to a depth sufficient to dunk herself to neck level.

Another quality Lucy had was her crusade to keep cosmetic workers employed. Her motto was never ever leave home without it. Even to go out to a hot beach required a solid hour of determined effort to make sure every eyelash was coated, eyes shadowed, liner drawn in its artistic curves, and lips colored sealed from sun, wind, rain, and any container that could not accommodate a straw.

The serious side of Lucy worked for the Rape Crisis Center for a couple of years. She had a great passion for this cause and many a long night was spent on the phone trying to give comfort to those with a battered body and soul. Finally, the never ending ordeals took a toll on her state of mind and she had to "retire."

The great love and purpose of her life were her two sons, Louis and Tony. She also welcomed two stepsons, Cory and Andy, into her life with open arms and a warm heart. However, although never losing that strong love for the boys, there is a miracle of nature called "grandchildren." With the coming of the next generation, Lucy's attention shifted from grown sons to the little people that were sprouting up around her, 10 to be exact. Strong in spirit and with the awe inspiring ability to overcome hard times and unpleasant events, Lucy is a role model that her granddaughters and grandsons should strive to emulate.

Lucy was preceded in death by her mother.

Living members of her immediate family are: her father, Thomas; husband, Stephen; sons, Tony (Melissa), and Louis; stepsons, Cory (Summer), and Andrew (Rachel); sisters, Cindy (Mike) Leon, Joann Gonzales, Brenda (Heather) Porras, Melinda (Martin) Baeza, and Michelle Bemal; brother, Thomas (Lisa) Gonzales, Jr.; grandchildren,. Angel, Mercedez, Nathaniel, Mason, Kaitlyn, Grace, Gray, John, Hadley, and Eloise; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

We will miss you so very much and are still stunned that one of God's worst afflictions came upon you at such a young age.

Thank you to all the staff at Mission Center Adult Day Services, Legacy Ranch Memory Care, and Midland Hospice for all your attention to, and compassion for, Lucy.

Flowers and plants are beautiful, but so is the face of a child or woman who is at peace and healing from violence, so in lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Midland Rape Crisis & Children Advocacy Center at P.O. Box 10081, Midland, Texas 79702, to Safe Place of Midland at *safeplacenow.com/donate.html*, or to any other local institution that offers sanctuary and protection from the brutes and bullies that live in our community. Also, a donation to the Alzheimer's Association at 4400 N Big Spring St C32, Midland, TX 79705 would be most appropriate and appreciated.

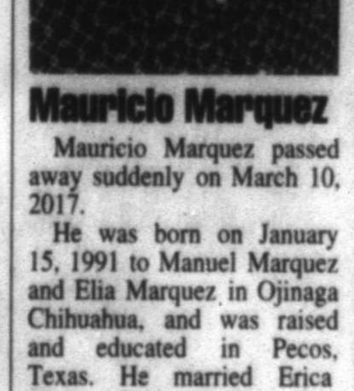
Goodbye for now my "Flaca."

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

There will be a graveside service at Serenity Memorial Gardens located at 6800 TX-349, Midland, Texas 79706 on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

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

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Mauricio Marquez

Mauricio Marquez passed away suddenly on March 10, 2017.

He was born on January 15, 1991 to Manuel Marquez and Elia Marquez in Ojinaga Chihuahua, and was raised and educated in Pecos, Texas. He married Erica Maria Muniz; together they had two beautiful daughters, Makayla Marquez and Maylani Marquez.

Mauricio was a hardworking, devoted family man. He had a great passion for racing or burning tire and customizing his trucks, known as Lownali and Beautyy. Other days you could count on him to be racing cars on Racing Rivals online or out with family and friends eating out at his favorite restaurant, Osaka.

He often spent his afternoons being home with his family and watching his favorite animated show, Dragonball-Z, in between races on his phone which you could count on him to have on-hand. He will be forever missed and never forgotten by his family and friends.

Mauricio is preceded in death by his grandmother, Julia Renteria.

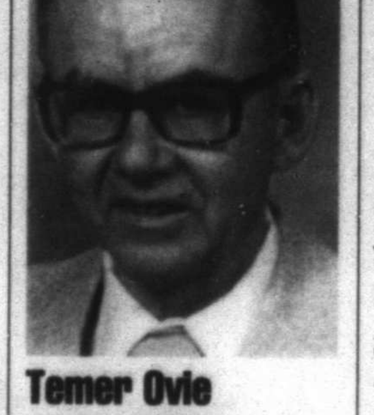
He is survived by his wife, Erica Maria Muniz; two daughters, Makayla Marquez and Maylani Marquez, all of Midland, Texas; his parents, Manuel and Elia Marquez, both of Pecos; two brothers, Dario Marquez of Odessa, Texas and Ervey Mendoza, also of Pecos; his grandparents, Dario Marquez, Sr. of Lovington, New Mexico, and Rito and Teresa Mendoza, both of Pecos; and by numerous uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Rosary will be Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home, 405 N. Terrell ST.

Funeral Mass is set for Friday, March 17, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish & Shrine. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

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

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Temer Ovie (T.O.) White

Temer Ovie (T.O.) White, 94, of Midland, Texas, passed away on March 11, 2017.

T.O. was born in Langley, Arkansas in Polk County on January 14, 1923. He married Patricia Ann Presson on June 4, 1951.

T.O., a veteran of World War II, served our country overseas in the European Theater from 1943 to 1947 under General George S. Patton. He worked at Schlumberger for 25 years and loved fishing and gardening.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia White; son, Larry White and his wife Donna; daughter, Carol Bradshaw and husband Kenneth; grandsons, Landon Bradshaw, Zane Bradshaw, and Mark Thomas; granddaughters-in-law, April Bradshaw and Sheana Thomas; and by great-grandchildren, Corbin Bradshaw and Kinsley Bradshaw.

There will be a visitation from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at Ellis Funeral Home.

A graveside service will be held at Resthaven Memorial Park on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Midland at PO Box 2621, Midland, TX 79702.

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

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Omero Lujan, Jr.

Omero Lujan, Jr. passed away suddenly on March 10, 2017 at the age of 18.

He was born on August 21, 1998 to Omero Lujan, Sr. and Erica Urias in Midland, Texas where he was raised and educated. He would have graduated Class of 2017 this coming May.

Omero was a great young man always happy, listening to music and willing to lend a helping hand, especially to his siblings Erica Muniz, Yulissa Lujan, and Carlos Lujan.

He was very hard-working and very happy to have started his new job with his brother-in-law, Mauricio Marquez. He was meticulous about cleaning his truck and his appearance that it would take him the better part of a day to get ready to go out for a date with his girlfriend Ashly Onate.

Everyone will forever remember him as a very happy young man at the prime of his life that usually had a joke on hand to make you smile. We will forever miss you and love you Dude.

Omero was preceded in death by his grandmother, Alicia Lujan.

He is survived by his parents, Omero Lujan, Sr. and Erica Urias; his brother, Carlos Omero Lujan; two sisters, Yulissa Lujan and Erica Maria Muniz; grandparents, Herminio Lujan and Carlos and Avilia Urias, all of Midland; and by numerous uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, and cousins.

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Death Notices

Caroline Halsell Holmes

Caroline Halsell Holmes, 82 of Midland, Texas, passed away on Saturday, March 11, 2017.

Memorial services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at Christ Church Anglican.

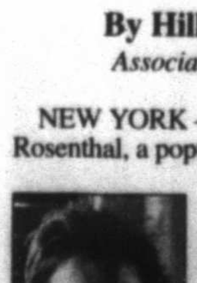
All floral arrangements should be directed to the church.

Caroline is survived by her husband, John Holmes, Sr.; and children, Barbara Holmes and John Holmes, Jr.

Amy Krouse Rosenthal, best-selling author, dead at age 51

By Hillel Italie
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Amy Krouse Rosenthal, a popular author, filmmaker and speaker who brightened lives with her wide-eyed and generous spirit — and broke hearts when she wrote of being terminally ill and leaving behind her husband Jason — died Monday at age 51.


Rosenthal

Rosenthal had been diagnosed in 2015 with ovarian cancer. Her death was confirmed to The Associated Press by her longtime literary agent, Amy Rennert, who said Rosenthal "was the most life-affirming person, and love-affirming person." Fellow author John Green tweeted: "She was a brilliant writer, and an even better friend."

A Chicago native and longtime resident, Rosenthal completed more than 30 books, including journals, memoirs and the best-selling picture stories "Uni the Unicorn" and "Duck! Rabbit!" She made short films and YouTube videos, gave TED talks and provided radio commentary for NPR, among others.

She also raised three children and had a flair for random acts of kindness, whether hanging dollar bills from a tree or leaving notes on ATM machines.

"I do what feels right to me. If it resonates or plants some seeds, great," she told Chicago magazine in 2010.

While her books were noted for their exuberant tone, she started a very different conversation early this month with a widely read "Modern Love" column she wrote for The New York Times. Rosenthal told of learning about her fatal diagnosis, and, in the form of a dating profile, offered tribute to Jason Brian Rosenthal. The essay was titled, "You May Want to Marry My Husband."

"If you're looking for a dreamy, let's-go-for-it travel companion, Jason is your man. He also has an affinity for tiny things: taster spoons, little jars, a mini-sculpture of a couple sitting on a bench, which he presented to me as a reminder of how our family began," she wrote. "Here is the kind of man Jason is: He showed up at our first pregnancy ultrasound with flowers. This is a man who, because he is always up early, surprises me every Sunday morning by making some kind of oddball smiley face out of items near the coffeepot: a spoon, a mug, a banana."

"I am wrapping this up on Valentine's Day, and the most genuine, non-vase-oriented gift I can hope for is that the right person reads this, finds Jason, and another love story begins," she added.

Rosenthal was a Tufts University graduate who worked in advertising for several years before she had what she called a "McEpiphany": She was with her kids at McDonald's when she promised herself that she would leave advertising and become a writer.

Rosenthal more than kept her word; starting in the late 1990s, she regularly published at least a book a year, and sometimes three or four. Rennert said Monday that she had completed seven more picture books before her death, including a collaboration with her daughter, Paris, called "Dear Girl."

Rosenthal loved experimenting with different media, and blending the virtual and physical worlds. One of her favorite projects began with a YouTube video, "17 Things I Made," featuring everything from books she had written to her three children to a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. At the end of the video, she welcomed fans to join her at Chicago's Millennium Park, on August 8, 2008, at 8:08 p.m. The goal was to make a "cool" 18th thing.

Hundreds turned out to "make" things — a grand entrance, a new friend, a splash, something pretty.

"I tend to believe whatever you decide to look for you will find, whatever you beckon will eventually beckon you," she said during a 2012 TED talk.

Her books were equally untraditional. "Textbook Amy Krouse Rosenthal," published in 2016, is divided into chapters named for school subjects, from "Geography" to "Language Arts." Subtitled "Not Exactly a Memoir," the book features lists, illustrations, charts, emails and text messages. In a section called "Midterm Essay," Rosenthal reflected on middle age and her youthful passion for life.

"If it is wonderful, splendid, remarkable — a view outside a window, a lit-up fountain at night, that fig-chorizo appetizer — I am compelled to seek some sort of saturation point, to listen/stare/savor on a loop, to greedily keep at it until I've absorbed, absconded with, and drained it of all its magic," she wrote.

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Rehabilitation work of the Oakwood Cemetery chapel, in the heart of downtown area of Austin has come to a halt after construction crews discovered human remains underneath it. The chapel is fenced off but access to the cemetery remains open.

Restoration of 1914 Austin chapel halted after graves found

By Elizabeth Findell
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — Archaeologists working alongside contractors reconstructing the historic chapel at Austin's Oakwood Cemetery made a grim discovery in late November: human remains buried under the building.

The Austin American-Statesman reported city officials say that they believe there might be about 25 graves underneath the chapel, which was built in 1914 on what was then the nonwhite portion of the segregated cemetery.

"My heart stopped when I heard that, in 1914, a chapel was built on top of graves," said Council Member Ora Houston, who represents the East Austin area around the cemetery. "Because I'm sure, at that point, people knew there were graves in that part of the cemetery. The lack of humanity hit me."

The discovery halted restoration of the chapel, which involved using 2012 bond funding to stabilize the structure and rehabilitate restrooms, doors and lighting. Workers have now completely removed the chapel's flooring, showing the discoloration in the ground of many grave sites. Archaeologists have identified bones, but haven't removed any from the site.

City officials are now making the discovery public and moving forward with a community meeting at 10 a.m. March 25 at Delores Duffie Recreation Center, 1182 N. Pleasant Valley Road, to determine what to do next. A likely option is to exhume the remains, which could take several months.

City officials emphasized that they are working closely with the Texas Historical Commission to determine best practices to proceed. It's unclear how long the work will put off the chapel's reconstruction, but officials said removing the chapel isn't an option.

Oakwood, Austin's oldest cemetery, was founded in 1839. Historians believe the section around the chapel was full by 1890, so the graves likely belong to post-Reconstruction-era African-Americans. If exhumed, it might be possible to tell some characteristics of the people buried, but poor records make it unlikely they will be individually identified, officials said.

"There is little information to tell us who the individuals are who were buried in this section," Houston said. "What I know in my heart is that they contributed to the formation and foundation of the community through their toil and labor."

The chapel was built as deaths in hospitals became more common and more memorial services began to occur outside homes, said Dale Flatt, founder of Save Austin's Cemeteries. It served first for memorials, then as a cemetery office. It's long been known, he said, that graves were right alongside the building.

The graves in that area of the cemetery mostly belong to African-Americans, but also include some Hispanics and any "pauper" whites who were unidentified when they died, Flatt said. Records have changed hands so many times that it's unknown exactly where people are buried, even for such prominent people as civic leader Jacob Fontaine, who is somewhere in that section of the cemetery.

Kim McKnight, the parks department coordinator who has worked on historic cemetery planning, cautioned against assuming the graves were always unmarked. They might have had wooden crosses that deteriorated or stones with markings that were worn away.

"Sadly, there are many precedents around the country where grave sites for communities of color have been disregarded," McKnight said. "We intend to move forward carefully and respectfully and, in doing so, hope to restore dignity to the grave sites discovered."

Houston couple accused of hiring hit man

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A Houston veterinarian and her boyfriend are accused of trying to hire an undercover police officer posing as a hit man to kill their former partners.

A judge on Monday set bail at $50,000 for 48-year-old Valerie Busick McDaniel, who doesn't have a criminal history. He denied bail for 39-year-old Leon Philip Jacob, who was already on bail, charged with stalking and assaulting his ex-girlfriend, when he and McDaniel were arrested Friday.

Both remained in jail Monday and face up to life in prison, if convicted. Jail and court records don't list an attorney for Jacob. McDaniel's attorney didn't immediately reply to a message seeking comment.

The couple are charged with solicitation of capital murder. Prosecutors say McDaniel wanted her ex-husband killed, while Jacob sought to have his ex-girlfriend kidnapped and later killed to prevent her from testifying against him in the assault case.

Prosecutors said that investigators with the Harris County District Attorney's Office Special Crimes Bureau first learned that Jacob was seeking to have his ex-girlfriend killed. Investigators determined that he had agreed to pay a man $10,000 to orchestrate the attack, and the man later agreed to cooperate with the authorities, prosecutors said.

The man and an undercover officer posing as a hit man met with Jacob to discuss details of the plot. During the meeting, McDaniel arrived and asked the undercover officer to kill her husband. She agreed to pay him $10,000 as part of an installment payment toward that hit.

Prosecutors said the plan was to shoot him and make it look like a carjacking.

After that meeting, prosecutors said that both would-be victims were notified of the plots against them. They agreed to cooperate with authorities and helped them stage murder and kidnap scenes that were photographed as proof the attacks were carried out.

MPD searches for suspect in aggravated assault

From staff reports



Ramos

The Midland Police Department is searching for the suspect in an aggravated assault that occurred Monday morning in the 200 block of Pecan Avenue.

Police believe that Jose Ramos, 29, stabbed a man, according to a press release from the city. The victim was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Ramos, who was last seen wearing a dark-colored shirt and black pants, is not believed to be armed at this time but is considered dangerous, according to the release.

Anyone with information should call MPD at 685-7108.

Ed Sheeran to guest star on HBO's 'Game of Thrones'

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Ed Sheeran will guest star in the upcoming season of "Game of Thrones."

The show's producers made the announcement Sunday night during a panel discussion at the South by Southwest festival in Texas.

Producer David Benioff told the audience that they've been trying to get the 26-year-old British singer a spot on the show for years to surprise Sheeran fan Maisie Williams, who plays Arya Stark on the HBO fantasy drama.

The seventh season of "Game of Thrones" premieres on HBO July 16.

Pelosi criticizes Trump in trip to South Texas

Associated Press

McALLEN — House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi says President Donald Trump's push to expand a border wall in Texas is an "immoral initiative" that must be stopped.

Pelosi during a visit Saturday to South Texas criticized White House immigration policies, including Trump's travel ban that bars new visas for people from six majority Muslim nations.

The Democrat from California made a number of stops in the McAllen area, including to centers providing social services to immigrants.

Pelosi says she took an oath to protect the U.S. Constitution and the rights it confers not only on U.S. citizens but also those who step on U.S. soil.

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

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

■ $2 Tuesdays with the same price for games, shoes, select beers and arcade card after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

Local foundation awards

SAN ANGELO — The James A. "Buddy" Davidson Charitable Foundation of Midland has awarded a grant of $1 million to Angelo State University to establish a new endowed chair position in the Department of Physical Therapy, a component of ASU's Archer College of Health and Human Services.

The grant will establish the James A. "Buddy" Davidson Chair in Physical Therapy and enable ASU to recruit a professor in physical therapy education and research to fill the endowed faculty position, according to a press release from ASU.

This is the third endowed chair at ASU funded by the Davidson Charitable Foundation and the second in the Archer College of Health and Human Services. The James A. "Buddy" Davidson Chair in Nursing Excellence was established by a $1 million grant in 2009 and is held by Wrennah Gabbert, professor of nursing and chair of the Department of Nursing.

The foundation also created the James A. "Buddy" Davidson Chair in Agricultural Science and Leadership in the College of Science and Engineering with a $1 million grant in 2010. That chair is held by James "Will" Dickison, assistant professor of agriculture science.

For more Education news, see B section in today's edition.

Davis Mountains Preserve open weekend

FORT DAVIS — The Nature Conservancy's Davis Mountains Preserve will be open to the public during a weekend later this month. Open weekend is 8 a.m. Friday through 4 p.m. Sunday.

The event is free and open to the public; donations are welcomed. Guests will be required to sign in and out at the McIvor Conservation Center.

If you go:

■ There are restrooms at the center.

■ Camp fires, firearms and disruptive technology are prohibited.

■ Visitors must take out their trash.

■ Pets are not allowed; service animals are permitted.

For more information, contact Deirdre Hisler at deirdre.hisler@tnc.org or 432-426-2390.

Today in Midland history

March 14, 1998 the Midland High boys basketball team defeated San Antonio Taft, 63-51, in Austin to capture its first Class 5A basketball title. Three Bulldogs — Kirby Lemons, Jay Christian and Charles Tatum — scored all of MHS' points during the game.

The Easter Bunny is coming

The Easter Bunny is coming to Midland Park Mall beginning March 31.

Kids can have their photo taken through April 15 and gather for breakfast on April 8.

Bunny Photo Experience is at the JCPenney Court. To make an appointment, go to simon.noerrbunny.com. The mall's Caring Bunny event for special-needs children is 10 a.m.-noon April 2.

Bunny Breakfast, sponsored by the Midland Northside Lions Club, is 7-10 a.m. April 8 at the food court. Tickets are $6.

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Today in history

In 1907, President Theodore Roosevelt signed an executive order designed to prevent Japanese laborers from immigrating to the United States as part of a "gentlemen's agreement" with Japan.

In 1923, President Warren G. Harding became the first chief executive to file an income tax return, paying a levy of $17,990 on his $75,000 salary.

In 1964, a jury in Dallas found Jack Ruby guilty of murdering Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, and sentenced him to death. (Both the conviction and death sentence were overturned, but Ruby died before he could be retried.)

In 1980, a LOT Polish Airlines jet crashed while attempting to land in Warsaw, killing all 87 people aboard, including 22 members of a U.S. amateur boxing team.

Ten years ago: The Pentagon released the transcript of a military hearing in which Khalid Sheikh Mohammed said he "was responsible for the 9/11 operation from A to Z."



J.B. Forbes/St. Louis Post-Dispatch via AP

St. Louis Prosecuting Attorney Robert McCulloch, left, speaks during a press conference on Monday at the St. Louis County Justice Center to address the latest video just released that shows Michael Brown at the Ferguson Market the night before he was shot. McCulloch was critical Monday of surveillance video from a new documentary about the Michael Brown shooting in Ferguson, Missouri, calling it a heavily-edited attempt to distort an incident that occurred several hours before Brown died in an encounter with a police officer.

Prosecutor: Film's edit of Ferguson video distorts incident

By Jim Salter
Associated Press

FERGUSON, Mo. — A prosecutor was critical Monday of store surveillance footage from a new documentary about the Michael Brown shooting in Ferguson, calling it a heavily edited attempt to distort an incident that occurred several hours before Brown died in an encounter with a police officer.

Filmmaker Jason Pollock responded by calling St. Louis County prosecutor Robert McCulloch a "master of deception" and standing by the video shown in his documentary "Stranger Fruit."

McCulloch released five surveillance videos from the early hours of Aug. 9, 2014, at Ferguson Market & Liquor that he said are unedited and tell a different story than filmmakers suggest.

The footage as it appears in the documentary "was clearly an attempt to distort this and turn it into something it isn't," McCulloch said at a news conference. He added that it was potentially dangerous, setting off a Sunday night protest of about 100 people that included reports of shots fired and the arrest of a man accused of trying to blow up a police car by putting a napkin in the gas tank and trying to light it. Henry Stokes, 44, was charged Monday with attempting to cause a catastrophe.

On Monday night, a few dozen protesters gathered peacefully outside Ferguson Market while police officers guarded the store.

Pollock said there was no deceptive editing.

"He's trying to make it seem like I did something that I didn't," Pollock said of McCulloch on Monday in a phone interview. "He's a master at deception, I'll give him that, and he tricked the world for a long time, but he can't trick us now. Because anybody who sees that video knows exactly what they see."

Brown, a black, unarmed 18-year-old, was fatally shot by a white officer, Darren Wilson, shortly after noon on Aug. 9, 2014. The shooting set off months of sometimes violent protests. Wilson was eventually cleared of wrongdoing by both a St. Louis County grand jury and the U.S. Department of Justice.

Within days of Brown's death, Ferguson police released surveillance video from Ferguson Market purporting to show Brown stealing cigarillos from the store shortly before noon. He left the store and was walking on Canfield Drive when Wilson told him to get on the sidewalk and off the street — the beginning of their fatal confrontation.

The documentary, which premiered Saturday, includes earlier and previously unseen surveillance footage showing Brown inside the store at 1:14 a.m. getting what appears to be two drinks from a cooler, then going to the counter and requesting cigarillos. The clerk puts the drinks and cigarillos in a bag.

Brown gives something to a clerk, who appears to sniff it. A second clerk also sniffs what appears to be a small bag. Brown starts to leave but then returns to the counter, talks to the clerks and leaves without the bag containing the drinks and cigarillos. Pollock said he believes the footage shows Brown trading a small amount of marijuana in exchange for the cigarillos. Pollock reasons Brown returned 10 hours later to pick up the bag of cigarillos that he simply had set aside earlier — not to steal cigarillos as police claimed.

Jay Kanzler, an attorney for Ferguson Market, said there was no bartered deal between Brown and the market workers. Kanzler said Brown offered marijuana for cigarillos, but the workers refused.

McCulloch agreed.

"It's very clear there was no transaction between Mr. Brown and the store employees," McCulloch said. "And the suggestion that he's coming back to pick up what he bartered for is just stupid."

The grainy unedited footage, which Kanzler also released, shows a clerk pulling both boxes of cigarillos from the bag after Brown leaves and putting them back on a shelf. Another worker takes the drinks back toward the cooler.

Pollock said those actions are not relevant.

"I didn't edit the exchange," Pollock said. "I decided to end my scene after Michael left the store because after that it is irrelevant what happened to the (cigarillos) and it is irrelevant what they (the clerks) did with them. The exchange is over, they had the weed, and then he decided to leave the store. He did not rob the store."

Pollock said the clerks lied because they didn't want to admit to involvement in a drug deal. But McCulloch said there was no evidence the workers did anything wrong.

The newly released footage also raised questions about how forthcoming police and prosecutors were about evidence. McCulloch said the earlier store encounter involving Brown was noted in a police report released on the night in November 2014 when he announced the grand jury had decided not to indict Wilson, who later resigned.

This is a week to test local powers

■ COMMENTARY

By Ross Ramsey
Texas Tribune

Former Gov. Rick Perry loved to talk about states as "the laboratories of democracy" — the place where ideas for the federal government should come from.

States are receivers as well as senders in this game; some of the best new ideas for zoning and urban planning, health care, criminal justice, transportation and education start with local experiments that become state and even national policy.

The laboratories can be slow. Smoking bans in public places and prohibitions on texting while driving are examples of local measures that haven't been adopted by the state, though both are under consideration again this year. In the meantime, you can still light up in a restaurant or office in many places in Texas, or try to check your email and stay in your lane while zipping down Interstate 10 at 80 miles an hour.

Even breaking the law can have local variations. Possession of a small amount of marijuana in some counties will get you a free ride to jail in the back of a police car; in others, it'll get you a citation and an order to appear in court on a specified date.

But when somebody doesn't like a local idea, the state government is where they file their appeal. And this week, that appellate process will be in full bloom.

The Texas Senate will be voting on the "bathroom bill." Much attention has been focused on that legislation's requirement that your choice of restrooms in publicly owned buildings in Texas should match the gender listed on your birth certificate. Local control is at the edge of that spotlight; the legislation would also upend local anti-discrimination measures that allow transgender Texans to use the restrooms that match their gender identities.

A Senate committee is set to talk about limits on how big property taxes can rise in cities, counties, school districts and other local governments without voter approval. The proposal — loudly protested by those local governments but also offered as a balm to voters who really, really don't like property taxes — would push any tax increase of four percent or more to the voters.

The local governments contend voters might reflexively reject tax increases — even for services and programs they have requested. The sponsors of the limits (and there is related legislation working in the Texas House) say taxes can go up as much as voters will allow and suggest the locals do a better job of explaining why they need the money.

The locals — particularly school districts — make a pretty good case that much of the increases in local taxes are to make up for declining per-student state spending on public education. Counties point to unfunded mandates from the state, suggesting their increases are driving by state rules for county criminal justice and other programs.

Bag bans are on the Legislature's agenda this week — there's an effort to undo local bans on the plastic bags that are familiar both to shoppers and to the people who clean up urban litter.

Ride-hailing regulations are on the agenda, in response to local laws in Austin and elsewhere that require drivers for those companies to pass the same background checks required of licensed cab drivers.

Short-term rentals are on the agenda, as the Legislature wades into local battles between people who want the freedom to rent out their homes and properties on a short-term basis and neighbors who want to control that sometimes noisy form of tourism.

Anti-"sanctuary" cities bills will get their first House committee hearings in the rolling argument between cities that want their police and jails to fully enforce federal immigration laws and those that want local law enforcement to leave immigration law to the feds and to concentrate on local crime. Both types of cities, by the way, would like to put in a word for state funding to help with the added load; that's another on the list of potential unfunded mandates from Austin.

The laboratory Perry talked about is busy.

Someone pointed out that last week's Senate State Affairs Committee hearing on the bathroom bill drew a huge crowd of citizens representing just about every imaginable gender description and identity. Since the proceedings lasted for the better part of 24 hours, most of those citizens probably used one of the restrooms at the Texas Capitol at least once. Some of them might have slipped outside for a cigarette.

None of them were breaking any rules.

Case against ex-Los Angeles County sheriff goes to jury

By Michael Balsamo
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Jurors began deliberating Monday in the federal corruption trial of former Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca after prosecutors accused him in closing arguments of trying to stop an FBI investigation into guards who savagely beat inmates in his jails and then lied about trying to obstruct the probe.

A defense lawyer countered that Baca thought it was the FBI that committed a crime when agents had a cellphone smuggled to an inmate informant. Attorney Nathan Hochman told jurors they heard "no evidence Sheriff Baca gave orders to obstruct the FBI."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Lizabeth Rhodes said in her closing argument that "when defendant Baca learned the FBI and a federal grand jury was investigating, he obstructed and when he learned the FBI has turned its focus on him, he lied."

She said Baca's subordinates hid an FBI informant who was in the county jail from federal agents, moved him to other detention facilities and changed his name in the Sheriff's Department computer in order to thwart the probe.

"Obstruction started from the top and went all the way down," Rhodes said.

Jurors deliberated for about an hour Monday before leaving the courthouse. They will resume Tuesday.

As he left court, Baca would only say that he is feeling well and looking forward to the verdict. If convicted, Baca, who has early stage Alzheimer's disease, could face up to 20 years in prison.

Baca, who headed the nation's largest sheriff's department for 15 years before he resigned in 2014 is accused of a 2011 conspiracy to derail the FBI probe after jail guards discovered an inmate with a contraband cellphone was acting as an FBI informant.

An undercover FBI agent had bribed a guard to give the phone to the inmate so he could stay in touch with the FBI and shoot photos and video of beatings.

Hochman said Baca thought the FBI committed a crime when agents had the cellphone smuggled to the inmate informant. He said Baca believed the inmate was being moved and having his name changed in the computer for safety reasons.

Hochman also said the former sheriff didn't willfully lie to federal authorities about the case in 2013, as prosecutors allege.

Several of Baca's former deputies testified during the trial that they believed Baca knew of their actions to hide the informant.

An FBI agent who was leading the investigation into the abuse at the jail told jurors last week that while she was investigating the case, two sheriff's sergeants went to her home and threatened to arrest her.

In his opening statements in late February, Hochman told Baca had explained what happened to the "best of his memory."

A psychiatrist has said Baca's memory could have been impaired when he told prosecutors in 2013 he was unaware of actions taken by deputies to thwart the FBI investigation, though his defense attorney was unable to present that as a defense.

Baca did not testify in his own his defense.

Florida Gov. Scott signs death penalty fix into law

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida will now require a unanimous jury recommendation before the death penalty can be imposed under a bill signed late Monday by Gov. Rick Scott, who has remained relatively quiet about the problems with the state's death penalty law in recent months.

Lawmakers rushed to get the bill passed on the fourth day of their legislative session in hopes of fixing a death penalty law that's been found unconstitutional twice since January 2016. It's been seen as a better-than-nothing option for death penalty proponents as well as opponents.

The House approved the measure 112-3 the day after the Senate unanimously passed it, a rare case of bipartisan support for a death penalty bill. Not that everyone was pleased with it. Many Republicans prefer allowing the jury to have a simple majority to condemn a convict to death, while many Democrats want to abolish the death penalty altogether.

But Republican lawmakers believe the unanimous jury bill is better than risking the death penalty's abolition, and Democrats believe it will lead to fewer executions.

Legal questions about Florida's death penalty law during the past year brought executions to a halt. The state has executed 23 prisoners under Scott, more than any other governor since capital punishment was reinstated in Florida in 1979. A 24th inmate was scheduled for lethal injection before the courts stopped the execution. Lawmakers hope confusion that left executions on hold and ongoing death cases in limbo will finally be resolved.

The U.S. Supreme Court in January 2016 declared the state's death penalty sentencing law unconstitutional because it gave too much power to judges to make the ultimate decision. It was based on a case where a judge issued a death sentence after a 7-5 jury recommendation. The Legislature responded by overhauling the law to let the death penalty be imposed by at least a 10-2 jury vote.

In October, however, the state Supreme Court voted 5-2 to strike down the new law and require unanimous jury decisions for capital punishment.

Staring down the barrel of a powerful nor'easter, region preps for snow

By Deepti Hajela
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sandwiched between days that felt like spring last week and the official start of spring next week, a "life-threatening" nor'easter is poised to bring a reminder that winter isn't over yet, with blizzard conditions and a blanket of heavy snow expected in the mid-Atlantic and Northeast.

Meteorologists were calling for snowfall totals as high as 20 inches in New York City from the storm's start late Monday through this evening. The National Weather Service warned that blizzard conditions of wind gusts over 35 mph and low visibility would extend from the Philadelphia area to Maine.

The weather service's office near Philadelphia called the storm "life-threatening" and warned people to "shelter in place." Coastal flooding was also predicted.

Travel was sure to be dismal: About 5,000 Tuesday flights were canceled as of late Monday afternoon , Amtrak canceled and modified service up and down the Northeast Corridor and motorists were urged to stay off the roads.

In New York City, the above-ground portions of the subway system were being shut down from 4 a.m. today. Connecticut Gov. Dannel P. Malloy imposed a statewide travel ban beginning at 5 a.m.

The forecast prompted early decisions to close schools today in New York City, Philadelphia, Boston and many places in between.

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio urged residents to avoid unnecessary travel and help keep the roads clear. "We're preparing for a significant storm on Tuesday, and New Yorkers should also prepare for snow and dangerous road conditions," de Blasio said.

The storm comes a week after the region saw temperatures climb into the 60s. Spring officially starts on March 20.

Bank teller Jana White said her plans for riding out the storm include "lots of hot chocolate and a couple of sappy movies." The 23-year-old Trenton, New Jersey, resident said she expects to get today off work.

"It's a reminder that winter is always ready to take shot at you, so you have to stay prepared," she said. "We've got food and snacks and drinks, so as long as the power stays on we should be in good shape."

The heaviest snowfall was expected this morning through the afternoon, with snowfall rates as high as 2 to 4 inches per hour. Coastal flood warnings were in effect from Massachusetts to Delaware.

Indiana winner of $435M Powerball jackpot chooses to remain anonymous

By Darcy Costello
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — An Indiana man who won last month's $435.3 million Powerball jackpot has chosen to remain anonymous, collecting the 10th largest lottery jackpot in U.S. history through a limited liability corporation, officials said Monday.

A lump sum of $189.1 million, after federal and state taxes are withheld, will be paid to the LLC set up on behalf of the winner, Hoosier Lottery director Sarah Taylor said at news conference.

The winner bought five tickets at a convenience store in his hometown of Lafayette on the day of the Feb. 22 drawing, said Jennifer Dzwonar, an Indianapolis public relations official who spoke on behalf of the winner.

When he realized he had won, the Purdue University graduate couldn't sleep. The most he'd ever won in the past was $100 from a scratch-off ticket.

He called his dad, who joked, "I thought you were calling to tell me you won the lottery."

The winner replied, "Maybe I did," before showing up in person at his dad's house with a copy of the ticket and his favorite spiced jellybeans.

The winner plans to give some of the money to his family to help pay for their education, Dzwonar said. He is also considering pursuing an advanced degree and buying a new car and home.

For now, he plans to remain in Indiana. He works at a Lafayette manufacturing facility and considers the city his home, though he isn't originally from there.

The $435.3 million prize, sold at a Super-Test Mini Mart, is the second-largest ever sold in Indiana.

A central Indiana couple won a Mega Millions jackpot worth $536 million last July and remained anonymous by collecting the money through an LLC.

State law allows jackpot prizes to be claimed by a limited liability corporation or legal trust, enabling winners to remain anonymous.

Indiana leads the nation in Powerball jackpot wins, with 39, according to the Hoosier Lottery. It's played in 44 states, plus Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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OPINION

Pay-to-stay is example of prison reform

■ Criminal justice system is supposed to discourage crime and rehabilitate offenders; it's not about retribution



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Often times my fellow journalists draw the wrong conclusions from their investigations, and a report on pay-to-stay jails by the Los Angeles Times is the latest example.

The story leads with how a person convicted of sexual assault was able to pay for an upgrade to their jail cell. While the judge in that case was wrong to allow such a criminal to use the pay-to-stay system, it is actually an excellent example of criminal justice reform and the potential future for private prisons.

That is, if you think the goal of incarceration should be to deter future bad behavior, not encourage it.

In California, if you are sentenced to county jail time, and the judge agrees, you have the option to shop around for where you will serve your sentence. For somewhere between $50 and $250 a night, you can choose a jail that may allow you to bring in your own linens, your private computer and guarantee that you don't have to hang out with hardened criminals.

Some criminals are even allowed to serve their time in these nice jails only on the weekends and spend weekdays working. One music producer took two years to serve 135 days.

Wait a minute, you might say, that's not fair. Rich people should have to serve time just like poor people. But that's the wrong conclusion. It goes back to the old criminal justice cliche about the difference between people we're mad at and people we are afraid of.

We need to keep the two separated and treat them differently.

Most county jails are overcrowded, and as a result, criminals are released early — even dangerous criminals, as long as they behave behind bars. These cells should be reserved for people who are violent and should be segregated from society.

There are other criminals, though, who commit nonviolent crimes, like embezzlement or fraud. And there are young people caught with small amounts of drugs.

They need to pay a price for their crimes, but locking them up with hardened criminals for weeks or months means they can't work and support their families. They are also spending their days with professional criminals, who often abuse them and turn them into hardened criminals.

Allowing someone to pay for better conditions, or to continue working as long as they spend the night in jail, keeps these nonviolent offenders in the workforce and out of danger. They still feel the weight of their crime every time they check into a jail cell, but they also remain productive members of society.

I'd never ask taxpayers to pay for nicer jails, but why not let people pay for better conditions if they can? And if the private prison industry wants to profit from getting a per diem for housing county prisoners and then make a little more by offering better conditions for a price, why not?

After all, this is a country that denies quality health care to the working poor because they can't afford it. Why is it not OK then to allow someone to pay for better treatment in jail or prison?

Too many Americans think every criminal needs to be personally broken for breaking the law. All that does is ruin lives and waste resources.

While violent criminals should be excluded, pay-to-stay jails could solve a lot of what's wrong with our criminal justice system, and offer a way for private jails to make money by offering quality services rather than cut-rate facilities.

Remember, the criminal justice system is supposed to discourage crime, rehabilitate offenders and protect the public. It's not about retribution.

GUEST VIEW

Don't wield school choice as a weapon

San Antonio Express-News

Texas House Education Chairman Dan Huberty said at a Texas Tribune event last week that Senate Bill 3 on school choice, one of Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick's top priorities, has no pathway in the Texas House this session.

In the waning days of the session, anything is possible and nothing is ever completely off the table until the Legislature adjourns, but Texans should harbor hopes that Huberty is correct.

What also shouldn't come to pass is that Huberty's public school finance bill, one of the most anticipated pieces of legislation this session, is held hostage to move the voucher legislation forward. School choice deserves to be laid to rest early — unconditionally — in the best interest of Texas schoolchildren.

As presented late last month, the controversial voucher proposal would allow for the use of public tax dollars for private and religious school tuition.

Modeled after similar programs in five states, the legislation establishes education savings accounts that parents would be allowed to tap for private K-12 tuition and education-related expenses such as tutoring, computers, textbooks and services to meet special education needs.

The Texas proposal also calls for tax credit scholarships, which would allow businesses to contribute to scholarships and use the donations as credits against their insurance premium tax.

Patrick, a former Senate Education Committee chairman, has been promoting private school choice legislation for more than a decade. It has become a polarizing issue across the state.

Opponents of the plan argue that school choice would serve to divert limited state dollars for public schools to private schools that are not accountable to the state for performance. Proponents argue that school choice allows options to parents residing in communities with failing schools.

But the real solution is fixing those schools. The state has failed miserably at adequately funding its schools and should not be siphoning off money for a new program.

Before voting to take a portion of that money and handing it to private or religious schools, state lawmakers must address the funding needs of a system the Texas Supreme declared constitutional but extremely flawed.

Threatening to hinder efforts to move school finance plans forward is a disservice to the 5.3 million children in Texas public schools.

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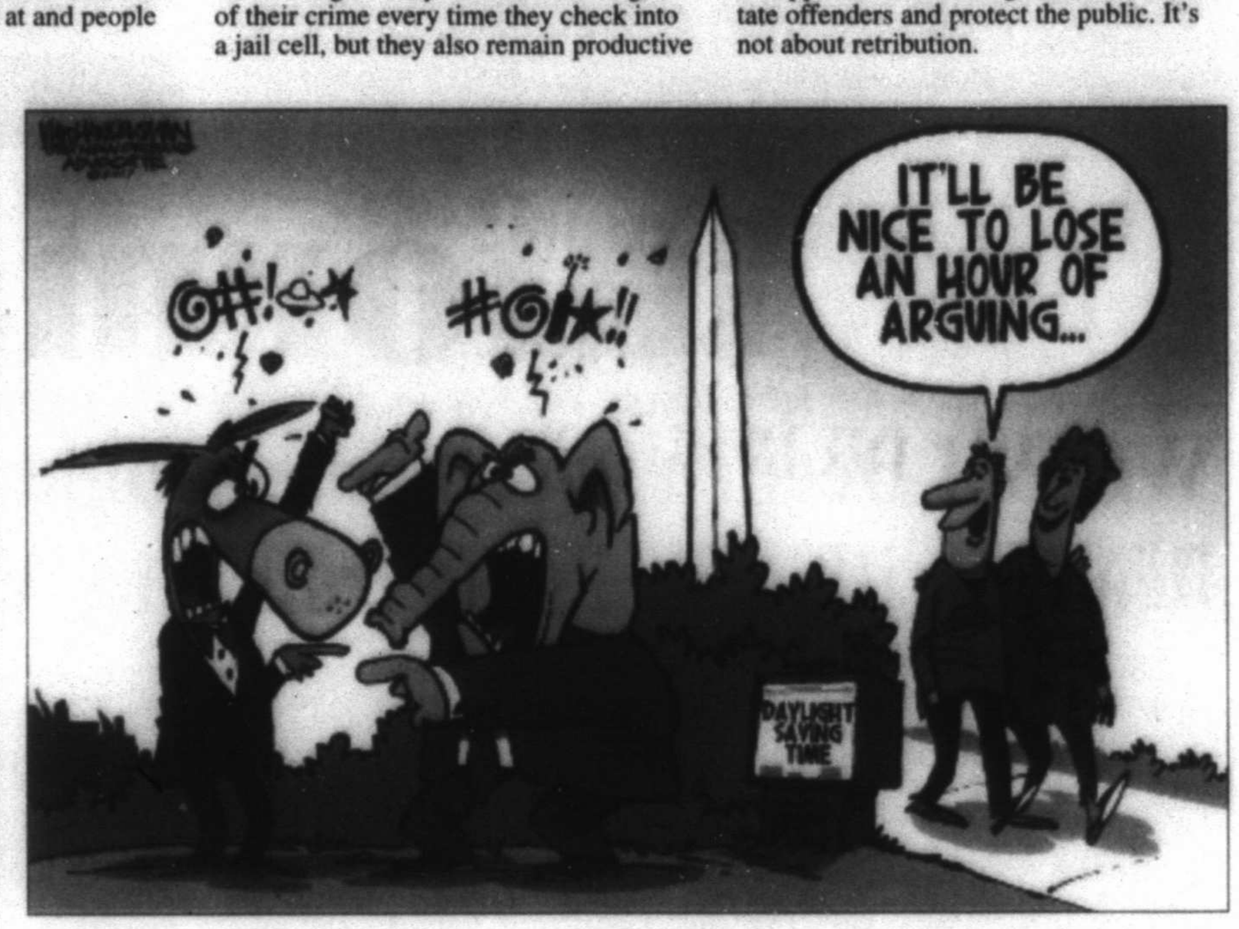
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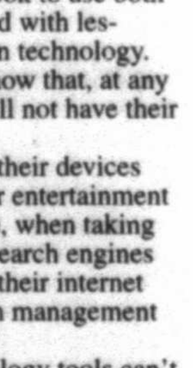
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More devices won't fix education

■ Many teachers, students don't know how to make the best use of technology



ESTHER CEPEDA
Washington Post Writers Group

Former Education Secretary Arne Duncan recently issued a plea for greater student access to high-tech tools.

"The persistent lack of access to world-class educational resources and technology in far too many communities is at the heart of this issue," Duncan wrote on the Brown Center Chalkboard, a blog of the Brookings Institution. "This inequality breeds more than just subpar test scores. It snowballs to create economic immobility, stranding people without the training necessary to earn well-paying jobs."

Ugh.

This sort of pie-in-the-sky belief that simply getting more computers in kids' hands and more app-development elective courses in schools will make the future bright is an oversimplification of a complex issue.

In the last six months as a teacher of technology classes (both software applications and Chromebook repair) and as a close observer of how teachers use digital learning devices in classrooms, I've witnessed that even when the tools are in hand, neither students nor teachers quite know how to make the best use of technology.

First, a primer on how technology tends to get rolled out: A school district decides to implement a one-device-per-student policy and then spends untold hours and millions of dollars purchasing devices, setting up systems for maintaining them, and getting them into students' hands.

Very little time, money or energy is invested in training teachers how to use these devices to create dynamic lessons that will bring a subject to life with meaningful, multimedia learning. In many cases, it is somehow assumed that teachers will just automatically know how to do this — and be able to design and implement such new teaching seamlessly on their own.

This is unfair. Even the tech-savviest teachers may not be able to consistently draw up lessons that use online resources, which vary widely in quality and sometimes require hefty paid subscriptions.

In other instances, devices are paired with "learning systems" that help students work on math or language-arts skills in a video game-like environment.

But let's be clear: Few students truly enjoy learning how to evaluate algebraic equations even when presented as not-terribly-sophisticated basketball or Space Invaders-style electronic arcade games.

In such cases, laptops, iPads or Chromebooks become 21st-century digital equivalents of old-fashioned skill-building worksheets.

Is it any wonder, then, that students are predictably bad at getting their school-issued devices to class, fully charged and ready to use for academic purposes?

Unfortunately, as with any other aspect of academic performance — i.e., completing in-class assignments, doing required reading, studying for assessments — only those boys and girls who are consistently organized and committed to doing their best can be counted on to do so.

The rest?

Well, let's just say that in my school where every student is given a Chromebook to use both in class and at home, I've struggled with lessons or assessments that depend on technology. Despite begging and cajoling, I know that, at any given time, about half the class will not have their devices with them.

In other instances, students use their devices as YouTube-enabled jukeboxes for entertainment during "boring" lessons. Or worse, when taking online assessments, students use search engines to cheat — even when they know their internet activity is monitored by classroom management software.

This isn't to suggest that technology tools can't be a force for good in schools — with the right culture and adequate training for teachers, they have the potential to take learning to new heights. But simply getting more computers into kids' hands and making more coding classes available isn't going to automatically yield more skilled STEM technologists and a stronger economy.

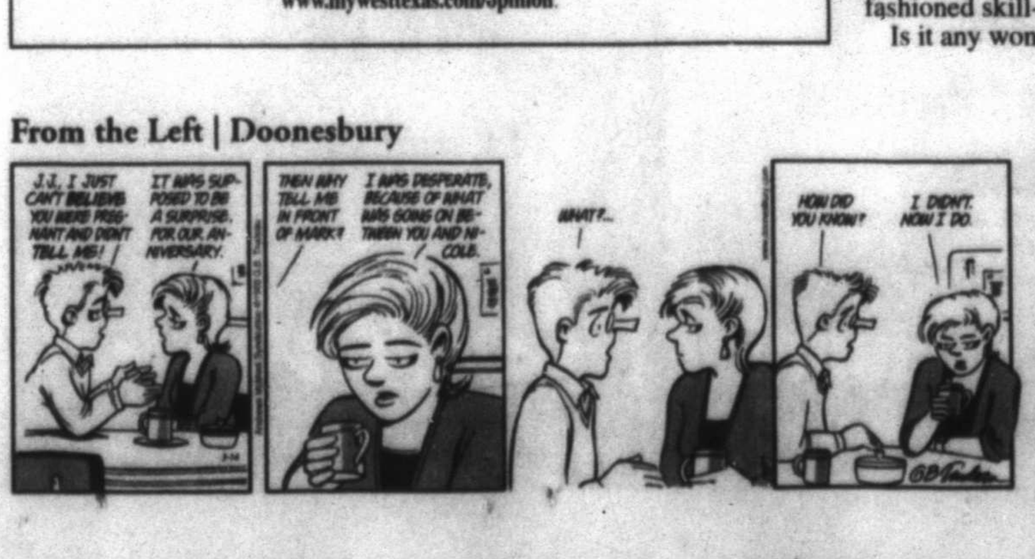
Duncan wants "policymakers to make technology education a national priority." He wants society to take "collective responsibility to help close the technology skills gap and empower our students and professionals to become the creators and problem-solvers we need to fuel the U.S. economy in today's technology-driven world."

Classroom teachers want this, too.

But in addition to sleek new Chromebooks or iPads for students, teachers need schools to provide them with high-quality training, new classroom-management strategies and top-notch resources with which to revamp lessons.

Plus — crucial to the success of any tech initiative — they need support from parents to help students care for their devices, make sure they're used for educational purposes at home and get into backpacks, charged for use during the school day.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



Justice Dept. asks for more time on wiretapping evidence

By Julie Pace and Deb Riechmann
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Facing a Monday deadline, the Justice Department asked lawmakers for more time to provide evidence backing up President Donald Trump's unproven assertion that his predecessor wiretapped his New York skyscraper during the election. The request came as the White House appeared to soften Trump's explosive allegation.

The House intelligence committee said it would give the Justice Department until March 20 to comply with the evidence request. That's the date of the committee's first open hearing on the investigation into Russia's interference in the 2016 election and possible contacts between Trump associates and Russia.

A spokesman for the committee's Republican chairman said that if the Justice Department doesn't meet the new deadline, the panel might use its subpoena power to gather information.

"If the committee does not receive a response by then, the committee will ask for this information during the March 20 hearing and may resort to a compulsory process if our questions continue to go unanswered," said Jack Langer, a spokesman for Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif.

Trump's assertions have put his administration in a bind. Current and former administration officials have been unable to provide any evidence of the Obama administration wiretapping Trump Tower, yet the president's aides have been reluctant to publicly contradict their boss.

White House spokesman Sean Spicer tried to clarify Trump's comments Monday, saying the president wasn't using the word wiretapping literally, noting that Trump had put the term in quotation marks.

"The president used the word wiretap in quotes to mean broadly surveillance and other activities," Spicer said. He also suggested Trump wasn't accusing former President Barack Obama specifically, but instead referring to the actions of the Obama administration.

Trump himself has not commented on the matter since his March 4 tweets, in which he said he had "just found out that Obama had my 'wires tapped' in Trump Tower just before the victory." He also wrote: "Is it legal for a sitting President to be 'wire tapping' a race for president?"

In two other tweets, Trump described Obama tapping his phones, but did not put the phrases in quotation marks.

The president's accusations against Obama came amid numerous political questions surrounding his associates' possible ties to Russia. The FBI is investigating Trump associates' contacts with Russia during the election, as are House and Senate intelligence committees.

The White House has asked those committees to also investigate Trump's unverified wiretapping allegations against Obama. The House committee has turned the matter back on the Trump administration, setting the Monday deadline for the Justice Department to provide evidence.

In a response Monday evening, the Justice Department said it needed extra time to "review the request in compliance with the governing legal authorities and to determine what if any responsive documents may exist."

Other congressional committees are also pushing the administration to clarify Trump's claims.

Sens. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., and Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., asked Acting Deputy Attorney General Dana Boente and FBI Director James Comey to produce the paper trail created when the Justice Department's criminal division secures warrants for wiretaps. The senators, who head the Senate Judiciary Committee's crime and terrorism subcommittee, are seeking warrant applications and court orders, which they said can be scrubbed to protect secret intelligence sources and methods.

Trump's critics have slammed the president for making the wiretapping claim on his Twitter account without evidence. Wiretapping a U.S. citizen would require special permission from a court, and Trump as president would have the ability to declassify that information.

Sen. John McCain, an influential Republican, said Sunday: "I think the president has one of two choices: either retract or to provide the information that the American people deserve."

"If his predecessor violated the law, President Obama violated the law, we have got a serious issue here, to say the least," McCain said.

Comey has privately urged the Justice Department to dispute Trump's claim but has not come forward to do so himself. James Clapper, who was Obama's director of national intelligence, has said that nothing matching Trump's claims had taken place.

White House counselor Kellyanne Conway sidestepped questions about the lack of proof Monday, saying she was "not in the job of having evidence."

"That's what investigations are for," Conway told CNN's "New Day." "The president is pleased that the House and Senate intelligence committees have agreed that this should be part of the investigation that already exists about Russia and the campaign, an investigation that apparently has gone nowhere so far."

In a weekend interview with the Bergen Record, a newspaper in her home state of New Jersey, Conway appeared to point toward the recent WikiLeaks release of nearly 8,000 documents that purportedly reveal secrets about the CIA's tools for breaking into targeted computers, cellphones and even smart TVs.

"What I can say is there are many ways to surveil each other now, unfortunately," including "microwaves that turn into cameras, et cetera," Conway said. "So we know that that is just a fact of modern life."

Few clues exist on how a Justice Gorsuch would vote on immigration

By Holbrook Mohr and Sudhin Thanawala
Associated Press

If Neil Gorsuch wins confirmation to the Supreme Court, he could cast the deciding vote on President Donald Trump's travel ban against immigrants from certain countries. But it's far from certain how he would vote.

According to an Associated Press review of Gorsuch's rulings, he has not written extensively about immigration policy during a decade on the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. And the few rulings he has been involved in do not reveal how he might decide if given the opportunity to consider an immigration ban.

Many of the cases involved people challenging their prison sentences for returning to the U.S. illegally after having been deported. He has often been deferential to immigration authorities, but has also sided with immigrants.

"His record on immigration is a mixed bag, so it's hard to predict how he would rule on any challenge to the executive order," says Melissa Crow, legal director for the American Immigration Council, which challenged Trump's original ban.

That order, which would have banned, people from seven majority Muslim counties, was put on hold last month by a federal appeals court, but Trump signed a new version March 6. That one removed Iraq from the list and eliminated a provision to give priority to religious minorities in allowing immigrants in.

The new order is to take effect Thursday, pending the outcome of legal challenges. It would not affect current visa holders but would bar new visas for people from Iran, Syria, Somalia, Sudan, Yemen and Libya. And it would temporarily shut down the U.S. refugee program.

There have been eight justices on the court since the death of Justice Antonin Scalia last year. So for now there's the possibility of a tie vote, which means the lower court ruling would stand.

If Gorsuch makes the ninth vote, which way would he go?

While his rulings on major immigration policy are limited, they do offer insight into his thinking.

In a 2013 case, he wrote, "No doubt, we can and will strike down regulations that defy Congress' statutes or the Constitution's guarantees. We do not, however, amend, revise or undo administrative regulations just because they may not be to a litigant's liking or our own."

"Unless some violation of law is involved, the business of deciding the sometimes hard, often fine and nearly always contestable questions of immigration policy belongs to the legislature and executive, not the courts."

Michael Dorf, a constitutional law professor at Cornell University, says Gorsuch's sympathy for people in religious cases, a general skepticism of executive power and a history of ruling for immigrants give some reason to think he could be sympathetic to plaintiffs challenging a ban on people from certain countries.

But, Dorf added, "At this point it's still sort of a guessing game."

Gorsuch has shown sympathy for religious freedom, notably siding with employers who objected to providing employees coverage for contraceptives. He also found it was wrong for a Wyoming prison to deny use of an existing prison sweat lodge to an inmate who wanted to use it to exercise his Native American religious beliefs. But it's not clear how those considerations would factor into a ban on people from majority Muslim countries.

In one immigration case, Gorsuch sided with a Somalian convicted of lying under oath during grand jury questioning about his asylum application, saying the immigrant should have been provided an interpreter. In another case, he was part of a decision that found the court lacked jurisdiction to consider an appeal from Mexican immigrants who argued deportation would create an undue hardship because their teenage kids were U.S. citizens.

In one of Gorsuch's most noted immigration cases, he sided with an immigrant over the application of a law requiring some people who enter the country illegally to wait 10 years outside the U.S. before they can obtain legal residency.



AP file photo

Judge Neil Gorsuch speaks in the East Room of the White House in Washington, after President Donald Trump announced Gorsuch as his nominee for the Supreme Court. During a decade on the federal appeals court in Denver, Gorsuch has raised concerns about intrusive government searches and seizures that he found to violate constitutional rights. He generally has ruled against defendants appealing their convictions and those who claim they received unfair trials. But he also has warned in writings and speeches about the danger of having too many criminal laws on the books.

In response to a Senate questionnaire that is part of the confirmation process, Gorsuch put that 2016 case at the top of a list of his most important rulings, saying it dealt with conflicting provisions in immigration law. One provision gave the attorney general power to grant residency to people who enter the country illegally, while another required the 10-year waiting period.

An appeals court had said the first provision trumped, allowing immigrants to apply to the attorney general to stay. But an immigration board said the 10-year rule took precedence. Gorsuch objected to the immigration board applying the 10-year rule for a man who applied for residency when the appeals court decision still stood.

In a concurring opinion, however, Gorsuch took aim at the longstanding Chevron doctrine, which gives deference to federal agencies' interpretations of ambiguous statutes, calling it "an elephant in the room."

He wrote that the doctrine and another ruling, often referred to as Brand X, allow "executive bureaucracies to swallow huge amounts of core judicial and legislative power and concentrate federal power in a way that seems more than a little difficult to square with the Constitution of the framers' design."

Marielena Hincapie, executive director of the National Immigration Law Center, said Gorsuch's words hold troubling portents for immigration policy, though they came in a case in which he ruled in favor of an immigrant.

"He really believes agencies should not be given the deference that decades of courts have agreed they should be given and that it should be judges themselves who are the ones that are making the decisions about how those rules should be applied," she said.

In considering Trump's original order, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the administration presented no evidence that any foreigner from the seven countries was responsible for a terrorist attack in the U.S. The court also noted allegations that the order targeted Muslims.

Kevin Johnson, dean of the UC Davis School of Law, said it's hard to predict how any judge will rule in future cases, and in addition Trump's plan has national security implications.

"When it comes to national security, courts are often deferential to the president," he said.

Lefties, techies long at odds in SF, team up against President Trump

By Nicholas Riccardi
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Before Donald Trump's election, Laurence Berland viewed political protest as a sort of curiosity. He was in a good place to see it: San Francisco's Mission District, once an immigrant enclave in the country's heartland of radicalism that is increasingly populated by people like him — successful tech workers driving up rents while enjoying a daily commute to Silicon Valley on luxury motor coaches.

Berland regarded the activism of his adopted city with a mix of empathy and bemusement, checking out Occupy Wall Street demonstrations and protests against the gentrification of his own neighborhood. But now there is less distance between him and activists on the street. On a recent day Berland stood with about 100 others — from software engineers like himself to those who work in tech company cafeterias — outside a downtown museum for a rally against President Trump.

"Everyone come closer! We're going to practice some chanting, and we're going to get to know each other," called a woman wearing a union T-shirt with a bullhorn pressed to her lips. The crowd closed in around a banner reading "Workers in Tech Say No Ban No Wall." A clipboard-carrying organizer approached Berland to ask if he wanted to join a network of grassroots activists, but Berland waved him away. He had already signed up.

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against the Vietnam War and for gay rights and, more recently, has been roiled by dissent over the technology industry's impact on economic inequality, an unlikely alliance has formed in the left's resistance against Trump. Old-school, anti-capitalist activists and new-school, free-enterprise techies are pushing aside their differences to take on a common foe.

For years, these two strands of liberal America have been at each other's throats. There've been protests against evictions of those who can't afford the Bay Area's ever-soaring rents. And think back, not so long ago, to the raucous rallies to block those fancy buses shuttling tech workers from city neighborhoods to the Silicon Valley campuses of Yahoo, Facebook, Apple and Google, where Berland once worked.

Cat Brooks, a Black Lives Matter activist in Oakland, has seen the toll the tech industry has taken on some. Her daughter's elementary school teacher just moved to a distant suburb after her rent skyrocketed, and Brooks thinks more tech money must find its way into local communities. She nevertheless welcomes the infusion of new energy to the protest arena.

"It's not about the business of we were here first," Brooks said. "We're about the business of how can we support? Division at this time is not helpful."

Such improbable partnerships scramble the historical protest model that used to pit working-class people against everyone else, said Rory McVeigh, director of the Center for the Study of Social Movements at the University of Notre Dame.

"There are new cleavages that can produce alliances that weren't possible before," McVeigh said. "When you feel all of you are being threatened but in different ways ... trade-offs are minimized. You realize at times such as that that you need allies more than ever before."

If all politics is personal, as the saying goes, the moment it got personal for the tech industry was when the Trump administration imposed its initial travel ban on immigrants and refugees from seven majority Muslim nations. The industry prides itself on its openness to immigrants, who comprise about one-quarter of the U.S. technology and science workforce and include the founders of iconic institutions.

Nearly 100 tech companies, including Google, Facebook and Uber, filed a court brief urging suspension of the ban, while Google co-founder Sergey Brin, a Russian immigrant, joined protests at San Francisco International Airport. That was followed by an unprecedented company-wide walkout at Google and now, on March 14, nationwide rallies are planned for a "Tech Stands Up" day of protest.

"People in Silicon Valley, it's really hard to get them excited about things that aren't technical," said Anita Rosen, a technology project manager who has started an activist group in the Valley suburb of Mountain View. "But everything that Trump says is the opposite of what we believe. He hates technology. He hates foreigners."

The morning after the election, Jesse Pickard convened the daily meeting at the technology firm he runs, Elevate. He could see the fear and heartbreak in the faces of his staff of 21, some of whom are legal immigrants. He tried to inspire them to fight for all the things that made them first fall in love with the United States. Then he set about doing that himself.

Pickard wondered if the door-knocking he'd done for Hillary Clinton had been the right use of his talents. "I didn't feel I was having the impact I could have if I was meaningfully using my design skills," he said.

And so Pickard launched DeBug Politics, a series of hackathons where teams of software engineers create apps to fight Trump and get more people involved in politics. Winning products include a Chrome browser extension that points viewers to news that doesn't match their ideological viewpoint, and a tool that allows people to urge followers on social media to contact elected representatives.

Pickard's company is based out of a three-story converted brewery in San Francisco's trendy South of Market district. Sitting at a picnic table on the rooftop deck, where the company chef sometimes serves employees lunch and dinner, Pickard acknowledged that tech workers generally had a protected life.

"Prior to the election ... you didn't have a lot to worry about if you got a six-figure job right out of school and got catered lunches every day," he said. "They had all these left-leaning and progressive opinions, but they didn't feel like they had to fight very much."

He's been to a couple of demonstrations — his first in years — but Pickard thinks he can make more of an impact through technology.

Ka-Ping Yee feels the same. Yee moved to the Bay Area from Canada in 1998, earned his PhD at the University of California, Berkeley, and landed a job as a software engineer in Google's philanthropic unit in 2007. Now he works at a startup to help immigrants send cash home.

Though he's rarely been to a protest, the 40-year-old Yee sees himself as a kindred spirit with his leftist neighbors. "I do sympathize with a lot of the goals and the values behind these protests," he said, "but have focused my effort on work."

Part of that work has been creating an online pledge, signed by thousands of technology workers, against building databases for any potential Muslim registries or to aid deportations of immigrants. Yee is a Canadian citizen, though he is a legal permanent resident of this country, and he's been shocked at having to think about a contingency plan should life in the U.S. become impossible.

"People whose pedigree is knocking on doors and calling representatives and waving signs are getting together with people who design apps," Yee said. "People are working with people who do really, really different things because they realize it's an emergency."

Veteran activists said they are heartened by the civil awakening among tech workers. Debra Cleaver runs VOTE.org, which tries to make absentee voting easier with online tools. She said the greatest help may be tech companies using their copious coffers to fund legal challenges or otherwise fight back. Google, for example, created a $4 million crisis fund to help those affected by Trump's travel ban.

However, Cleaver cautioned against efforts to "engineer" a way around the effects of Trump policies. "I'm sure they're all trying" to design new apps and systems to fight Trump, she said, "and they're going to find out that tech can't solve this problem."

Others aren't so sure about sharing the streets because they don't think they share the same ultimate goals.

Franki Velez, an Iraq War veteran on disability, stood outside an Oakland rental office recently with other longtime activists and renters fighting eviction. There was not a technology worker in sight, and she worried that they are missing the point anyway. They want to change, but preserve, a system that's benefited them, she said, while protesters like her want to tear the system down and start from scratch.

"They don't understand it's a colonial system that's never meant to be reformed," she said.

Still, while their approaches can be strikingly different, Velez's causes are increasingly being adopted by people not like her.

Velez's group marched to a Wells Fargo branch to hand over a demand that the bank stop investing in the Dakota Access Pipeline. Two hours later, in the comfortable Silicon Valley suburb of Campbell, biotech executive Michael Clark drew cheers after telling a gathering of anti-Trump activists that he'd closed his Wells Fargo account to protest the pipeline.

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Public charters fight uphill battle for facilities funding

By Aliyya Swaby
Texas Tribune

At work, Mark DiBella sometimes has to remind his own employees that the YES Prep charter middle and high schools scattered across greater Houston are indeed public schools.

At the Capitol, the CEO of YES Prep finds himself needing to start from zero and explain what a charter school is before he asks legislators to vote to give them extra state money.

"Honestly, I think the lack of knowledge ... hurts our efforts a ton," DiBella said. "Last session, I testified to the House Education Committee specifically related to facilities funding, and members of the House committee did not fully understand that charter schools are public schools."

Although Texans debate the merits of offering subsidies for private school tuition, charter school advocates are fighting misconceptions about their goal to expand options for families within the existing public school system — and defining their place within the school choice movement.

This session, six legislators are pushing bills to increase per-student funding for charter schools, which they say would more closely match state spending on traditional public schools. It's unlikely they will succeed, with the state struggling to stay within a tight budget, but advocates are optimistic they are setting the stage for a long-term victory.

The House Public Education Committee is considering a bill that would inject $1.6 billion into the public education system, helping both traditional public schools and charters.

Over the past decade, charter school activists have been clamoring for extra money from the state so they can build new facilities without having to dip into the money they need to operate their schools.

"This existing funding gap penalizes families who want to exercise their freedom to select the best public school to meet their child's needs," said state Sen. Donna Campbell, who appeared at a news conference this week to promote a bill she filed on charter facilities funding.

Five representatives filed a companion bill in the House, asking for $700 more per student, closing what advocates say is about half the funding gap between charters and traditional public schools.

Authorized in Texas in 1995 to test innovative approaches to public education, charters historically have more flexibility than traditional public schools, including the ability to hire teachers without certification and set their own class sizes and student-teacher ratios.

They cannot levy property taxes as traditional school districts can, and they receive most of their funding directly from the state. Texas charter schools accept students through a lottery system, are subject to strict state accountability measures and are run by nonprofit organizations.

Critics argue that charter schools receive more funding per student than the large urban districts with which they compete for students. Thomas Ratliff, former chair of the State Board of Education, said the school finance system's complicated formulas mean that many fast-growing school districts actually are not receiving needed funding for facilities.

"This was the deal charters signed up for when they opened their business. They knew what the law was and they told the Legislature, 'We can do a better job for less money,'" Ratliff said. "Now they're coming back and saying, 'Maybe not.'"

Charter advocates say the additional state money is

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EMPHASIS ON SERVICE



MRT file photo

First- through sixth-graders perform during MCT's Spring Break Fine Arts Camp on March 14, 2014, at MCT.

Pickwick Players ensure success of fine arts camp



ELISSA RUSSELL
Midland Community Theatre

Each spring break, Midland Community Theatre hosts a day fine arts camp for 90 elementary school students. The camp features rotating classes in art, music, dance, puppetry and drama and culminates in a performance for students' family and friends on our Davis Theatre stage.

As you might imagine, the preparations necessary for such a large-scale ordeal are many. But one facet of our camp helps to relieve some of that burden on the administration: The camp is run by teenagers.

MCT's Pickwick Players, an acting troupe for seventh- through 12th graders, are relatively well-known in the community for their reputation as performers. However, many people are unaware of the program's emphasis on service.

Spring Break Fine Arts Camp is undoubtedly the Pickwicks' biggest service event of the year. These hardworking teens are responsible for setting up and breaking down the camp, instructing courses, serving as group leaders for campers, facilitating snack and activity time, directing showcase performances and creating set and costume pieces -- all while ensuring that everything runs safely and smoothly. Supervisors are of course available to oversee day-to-day activities, but the overall success of the camp without a doubt is thanks to the Pickwicks' hard work.

Perhaps even more impressive than the amount of work the teens do, is their willingness to sacrifice their own spring break vacations to do it. Grayson Braziel, 17, president of the Pickwick Players, will be working his fourth Fine Arts Camp this year.

"Fine Arts Camp is one of my absolute favorite aspects of being a Pickwick. Being a part of it allows me to interact with and teach children, which is what I love to do," Braziel said. "The bond that is created between the students and the instructors is indescribable. Fine Arts Camp is one of the only exceptions where I am happy to wake up at 6 a.m. each day! It is a time that I will never take for granted."

You might say that Fine Arts Camp is a microcosm of what we strive to teach in all of our programs. Though the final product at the end of the week is the presentation for family and friends, the process in getting there is what makes the experience so memorable. The Pickwicks receive training and hands-on experience in lesson planning, delegating tasks, working with children and collaborating with their peers. Watching our older students step into leadership and teaching roles is truly inspiring. Since the Pickwicks themselves span a large age range, it is customary for older and more experienced Pickwicks to be paired with those who are new to the camp. This mentorship aspect of the program is perhaps one of the reasons for its continued success. As a theater teacher, I can attest to how difficult it can sometimes be to get a group of young children to do just about anything, let alone perform a play. But our Pickwick teachers always rise to the occasion, using their youth, energy and fresh perspectives to create a remarkable camp for these elementary students.

Bill Williams, director of the Pickwick Players, says that if he ever wanted to give someone a glimpse into the true heart of the Pickwick program, he would have them observe the teens hard at work during spring break. The work ethic and collaboration they exhibit during that week is, in his eyes, the most accurate representation of the program. Their time in class and even on stage is of course a crucial aspect to their education, but observing them caring for and leading the younger students is unparalleled.

I often muse about the importance of an arts education and the lessons that we teach our students. Though we teach theater, theater is not necessarily our end goal. We are looking to educate all of our students, regardless of age, in the importance of working with their peers and being accepting of others. The legacy of Midland Community Theatre's Education Department is not theater, but education. From age 12, Pickwicks are given various opportunities to volunteer teach, which I believe instills in them a genuine passion for children and of teaching that is unprecedented in most teens. I am eager to watch that love of service manifest itself for another fantastic Fine Arts Camp at MCT.

Elissa Russell is education assistant at Midland Community Theatre.



CHRIS HIGHTOWER
Midland ISD director of social studies

Central Office embarks on journey to change Midland ISD's culture

Midland ISD Central Office employees recently have had an opportunity to take a hard look at the current state of the district. We've scrupulously looked at data, communicated with parents and community leaders, and we also have had to do some serious internal reflection.

We understand that the public at large has not been satisfied with the current state of our school district, and many have pointed to the MISD Central Office as one of the contributing factors. There have been numerous complaints: "There are too many people working at Central Office; the staff at Central Office are too heavy handed; Central Office employees are out of touch and don't know what is happening on each individual campus."

Online

Joe Tye's work on the Twelve Core Action Values can be accessed at www.valuescoachinc.com

The work of these critics is easy. They risk very little, but enjoy a position over those who offer up their work and themselves to the community's judgment. Some like to thrive on negative criticism that incurs more views on social media. But the bitter truth critics must understand is that in the grand scheme of things, the criticism leads to generalizations that do nothing to attempt to improve the situation.

Several concerned community members decided to go beyond blaming and complaining. They dedicated themselves to be part of the solution instead of being part of the problem. Because of their efforts, a call to action was initiated. Twenty employees from Midland ISD Central Office, 11 concerned community members and several employees of Midland Memorial Hospital came together Jan 31-Feb. 1 and put forth an effort to help build a new culture for our school district.

We were all led in a "Culture of Values" training facilitated by Joe Tye, CEO of Values Inc. In this training Mr. Tye steered us through his "12 Core Action Values" and helped all of us to focus on the individual values we have. He then helped us to see how we can act as catalysts for change in our school district. By doing this, we all have had high hopes that we can find a new path to improve the culture that had settled in at MISD.

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Library to launch teen writing workshops

By Simone Jasper
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A new club at the Midland County Public Library will guide teens through the novel-writing process. The workshops, which kick off Friday, will introduce young adults to aspects of fiction writing.

Jamie Henry, youth services clerk, is facilitating "Writing is Magic." She has published four short stories and started the club to inform young people about the writing process.

"Young adult writing is such a big genre right now, no matter what subgenre it is," Henry said. "And I encourage teens to put their writing out there for others to read. It's such a positive for them."

The first monthly workshop is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Friday at the Centennial branch. Sessions will introduce various themes, including young adult genres, writing craft and industry expectations. Henry also hopes area writers will guide teens.

"I'm talking to two local authors interested in coming in to speak to kids," Henry said. "I'm hoping to get them in or have them give writing advice through videos. It's something so teens passionate about writing can get some invaluable information about publishing."

Henry created the programming to prepare teens for the National Novel Writing Month youth camp in November. During the month, club participants will write 50,000 words.

"The idea is to build a community tied together by the love of writing and have a goal they're working toward," said Edward McPherson, education and program coordinator.

The club will extend until December to allow participants to revise their novels, according to Henry. Participation is open to ages 13 to 19, and teens can register online or at the first meeting.

McPherson said the club is an opportunity to help young people express creativity while strengthening academic writing skills.

"The teen years can be tough," McPherson said. "Writing can be a wonderful outlet to young adults getting used to the world."

MAKINGTHEGRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

LUBBOCK — Two Destination Imagination teams from Carver Center won first place at the regional competition Feb. 25 at Monterey High School in Lubbock and will advance to the statewide contest in April. Three other teams won medals. The school sent eight teams to the contest, in which 106 teams competed.

In Destination Imagination, students compete in one of five areas; technical, scientific, fine arts, improvisational and structural. They are presented with challenges that have multiple learning outcomes, including budget management, presentation skills, creative and critical thinking, teamwork, risk-taking, self-directed learning, construction, engineering and project management.

Advancing to the state tournament are:

■ Fourth-grade team The Spy Monkeys (technical challenge — Show and Tech).

The team — **Karlie Gist, Carson Gonzales, Grace Medley, Kyndall Torres, Landon Williams** and **Vivian Willoughby** — received the Renaissance Award, which recognizes those who exhibit outstanding skill in the areas of engineering, design or performance.

■ Fifth-grade team The Golden Gods (Vanished! - fine arts)

Team members are **Reagen Burchfield, Macy Dalager, Hosaena Fikadu, Aliyah McClean, Neely Smith, Clara Sumner** and **Nathan Swallow**.

Two sixth-grade teams won second-place medals:

■ The Pie Guys (scientific challenge - Top Secret)

Team members are **Braden Baylor, Tyler Connel, Katelyn Braun, Sawyer Ebenstein, Gracie Nethery, Sumner Pannell** and **Brooklyn Rushton.**

■ The Twisted Gang (Vanished! — fine arts)

Team members are **Sydney Sellers, Simi Stilwell, Kryslynn McBride, Devon Becker, Justin Blaylock, Parke Swallow** and **Aryan Kumar.**

A team of fifth- and sixth-graders placed third: The Puppet Pranksters (Technical challenge - Show and Tech)

Team members are **Emory Goldapp , Madilynn Green, Sydalee Mills** and **Alexandria Boss,** sixth-graders; and **Ayden Tytanic** and **Ariel Higareda ,** fifth-graders.

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Moody

Midland High School senior **Sarah Moody** has been honored by the Midland Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Steve and Hilda Moody.

She is class secretary, member of the Student Senate, president of the National Honor Society and has seen selected for Duke University's Talent Search.

She is involved in Stonegate Fellowship's youth and children's ministries and Young Life and volunteers with Big Brothers Big Sisters and Friends of the Library bookstore.

Moody plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in biomedical sciences.

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LARAMIE, Wyo. ■ Midlanders **Jennifer Ward-Nusz** and **Sara Wheeler** have been named to the Provost's Honor Roll for the fall semester at the University of Wyoming.

To be eligible, students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.5.

CHARTERS

From 1B

important for providing parents choices within the public school system — and they say the demand for charters proves the need.

"There is a strong appetite for this type of choice — giving parents options within public education," said Christine Isett, spokesperson for the Texas Charter Schools Association.

Charter schools report more than 100,000 students are on waitlists to get into their schools in Texas, and they argue that they need facilities funding to meet the growing demand. Critics like Ratliff have questioned this number and asked for independent audits of how the waitlists are managed across the state.

Parents looking for better options than their local traditional public school don't usually care about whether a school is public or private, said Colleen Dippel, who heads Families Empowered, which helps families find schools that are right for them. Many of those families are stuck on charter school waitlists in the Houston and San Antonio regions.

"We are supportive of any program that provides parents, especially low-income parents, with more options," Dippel said. "I worry about the idea that there's good choice and bad choice. From our perspective, from a parent's view, there's just a right-fit school."

Traditional school districts, too, are looking to sell the idea that they offer school choice to families who want better options. Grand Prairie school district comprises 42 individual schools, including several magnet schools that allow enrollment from students located anywhere in the district, said Superintendent Susan Hull.

"We offer true choice so that we also have something to ensure the success of students who may not have a choice outside of their district," she said.

HIGHTOWER

From 1B

The training in "Core Values" includes many ways to empower employees and improve how we interact with the public. Almost all MISD Central Office employees have taken part in this training. Make no mistake, I am not saying this is a "magic bullet" that will solve every problem Central Office has. This is not "fixing" MISD, but it is focusing on the part each of us plays in our community. It's about doing what we can to promote positive change in the circles of our influence.

We are embarking on a journey to change our behaviors. We want to focus on solutions and how we respond to the new challenges we face. Now is the time for us to step up and embrace a new culture; it is not a time for condemnation and blame. It is a time for action. I challenge the most ardent critic of Midland ISD to step up and work with us to make a contribution that you can be proud of.

Joe Tye introduced us to a quote by Napoleon Hill," "The most successful people find that their greatest success lies just beyond the point where any normal person would have quit." This school district is not going to simply give up! We are all going to pull together and work diligently to ensure that all students get the education they deserve. Our next steps have to be to work together as a community and focus on the much -needed preparation of our children's future.

Schools use technology to improve gym classes

By David Bruce
Erie Times-News



Greg Wohlford/Erie Times-News via AP

In this Feb. 10 photo, wearing heart monitors on their wrists during gym class, James W. Parker Middle School seventh-graders jump rope, with help from Miranda Kline, left, and Haleigh Geiser, right, in Washington Township, Pa. The monitors, which look like wrist watches, keep track of each student's heart rate and calories burned.

EDINBORO, Pa. — Physical education teachers at Parker Middle School are noticing a little extra hustle from their students.

When a volleyball rolls across the gym floor during drills, several students chase after it. Sometimes they start doing jumping jacks between relay races.

"It's all about turning their wrist monitors red," said Heather Karns, a physical education teacher for the General McLane School District.

The monitors are part of a technology program the school started using about six weeks ago to help students exercise more efficiently in gym class. The monitors, which look like wrist watches, keep track of each student's heart rate and calories burned.

The use of technology is part of a growing trend in schools across the country as physical education classes evolve from rope climbing and dodge ball to teaching students sports and other physical activities in which they can participate for the rest of their lives.

"The main lesson is to be physically active for a lifetime," said Michelle Carter, senior program manager for Shape America, the Society of Health and Physical Educators.

"One of our recommendations is to engage in activities that raise students' heart rates to moderate and vigorous levels at least 50 percent of the time."

That's where the monitors come in.

When a Parker Middle School student's heart rate reaches 60 percent of his or her maximum rate, the monitor turns yellow. Once it reaches 80 percent, it turns red.

"The goal is to get every student's heart rate in the red zone for at least 20 minutes of every gym class," said Bob Santos, a Parker Middle School physical education teacher.

For middle school students, gym class begins by grabbing a monitor, sliding it over a laptop scanner and logging in to the program that records their personal data.

The monitors offer students and faculty more than a range of colors. Each student has a personalized account with her maximum heart rate and other vital information. Emails detailing the students' activity can be sent to their families.

"We can tweak each student's profile," Santos said. "We found that some of our really fit students had trouble getting their heart rates up because they were in great shape. So we lowered the rates for their moderate zones."

The General McLane School District paid about $18,000 for the Interactive Health Technology program. The Erie School District is also using technology in its gym classes, thanks to a $1.2 million federal grant for physical activity and nutrition.

The grant allowed the Erie district to install the Welnet software system at each of its 18 schools. Students in grades four through 12 have their fitness testing tracked, with report cards sent to their families.

"Every gym has heart-rate monitors, sticks with electrodes that students can hold to determine their heart rate," said Pam Wiley, the Erie district's health and physical education facilitator. "We also have monitors that project on the wall and show each student their heart rate and the phys-ed teacher can determine if each one is working hard enough."

Since the grant was awarded three years ago, Wiley and Michelle Bennett, a physical education teacher at Central Career & Technical School, have seen students improve their fitness levels.

"We're seeing improvement in cardiovascular and respiratory endurance, in muscular strength," Wiley said.

"It's allowing the students to be their own personal trainers," Bennett said.

Parker Middle School students admitted that having the wrist monitors has spurred them to work harder.

"It pushes us, it's like a challenge," said Ellen Cunningham, a 13-year-old seventh-grader. "I've gotten to the red zone, which is 180 (beats per minute). My maximum heart rate is 207."

Information from the monitors might soon be used in other classes, Karns said.

"I've been talking with the match teachers about using the phys-ed info to create math problems," Karns said.

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Reading to your kids makes life-changing impact

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One of the things I always have believed is that Texas must improve education to have a workforce that is ready to meet our future needs. It is critical for our state to produce more college and career ready students, something we are not doing now While we must improve our schools in order to achieve that, there is something each and every one of us as parents and grandparents can do to ensure future success for our children.

We all know that a child's first teacher is their parents, their first school is their parents' house and that reading is the gateway to all learning.

We now know that exposing a child to reading from birth is critical for that child's future success in school and in life. According to the national campaign Read Aloud 15 Minutes, reading aloud to a child every day for 15 minutes from birth will change the face of education in this country. I strongly agree with that statement.

Research shows that reading aloud is the single most important thing a parent can do to help their child prepare for a life of learning. Currently, more than one in three children nationally arrive to kindergarten without those lifetime learning skills. It is clear that changing that statistic could indeed change the face of education.

You would think this was already happening. We all remember reading to our kids at bedtime. The fact is, however, it is not. Only 48 percent of children are read to every day and only 15 percent of parents read to their children from birth.

Reading also brings you and your children closer together. Reading to your newborn helps cement an emotional connection. It becomes part of their routine. As they grow it helps them develop language skills and learn how to speak. It is preparing them to put sounds together for the first time to say their first words.

As a child keeps growing, continuing to read to them for at least 15 minutes a day will allow them to develop a lifelong love of reading. This is critical, because reading is the most important tool they will use for the rest of their education and adult life.

Reading for at least 15 minutes a day with your child also improves the chances that your child will stay on or above grade level. If a child is not reading on grade level by the end of the first grade, there is an 88 percent chance they will still be below grade level by the fourth grade. As you can see, if a child falls behind early, it is very difficult for that child to catch up. Reading aloud to your child for 15 minutes a day is a very small investment that pays extremely high dividends.

Reading aloud for 15 minutes every day from birth also brings dividends in other areas of education, not just reading level and language skills. If a child reads well it makes them ready to learn in all areas of education. They will find education in general less challenging, and they will be able to keep up in all areas of education easier than a child who is struggling with reading.

You may ask, is 15 minutes really long enough to help? Think of it this way, if you read for 15 minutes every day to your child from birth to age 5, that works out to 27,375 minutes. Not only does that mean your child has been exposed to reading for all that time, it means that your child has gotten to spend all that time with you, their parent. That may be the most important benefit of all, for both of you.

For more information on this initiative please visit http://readaloud.org

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GUEST VIEW

Call us old-school, but we're glad to see a cursive comeback

Dear teacher, thank you for teaching me how to write in cursive.

Yes, you read that correctly: One of the oldest human technologies — handwriting — is mounting a comeback.

Once a fixture in American classrooms, the ancient art of looping letters together began falling out of favor decades ago. It was nearly wiped out by the advent of modern technology, which made penmanship a decreasing classroom priority.

Cursive writing took another blow when most states adopted Common Core curriculum standards, which no longer required teaching it in public schools. Why? Because it takes precious time away from other subjects deemed more crucial in a world ruled by computers, laptops and smartphones.

Slowly but surely, however, penmanship is returning. Two states, Alabama and Louisiana, passed laws last year mandating that cursive writing be taught in public schools. That brings the total to at least 14 states, including Texas, that require proficiency in cursive writing.

Last fall, the nation's largest public school system, up in New York City, rekindled the teaching of cursive writing. How the Big Apple got back on the bandwagon is intriguing, a lesson in both history and perseverance.

A New York state lawmaker, Nicole Malliotakis, was dumbfounded at a teenager's inability to sign his name at a voter registration event. Instead, the 18-year-old printed his John Hancock in block letters. "That is my signature," he said. "I never learned script.'"

The Staten Island Republican took her concerns to education officials, who, wisely, charted a new course.

New York Schools Chancellor Carmen Farina dished out a handbook on teaching cursive and urged principals to use it. The manuals cite research "suggesting that fluent cursive helps students master writing tasks such as spelling and sentence construction because they don't have to think as much about forming letters."

Other research suggests learning to read and write in cursive can boost performance in other areas, too.

Yet, while researchers continue to debate cogni-

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AMC		40	74	23	42	51	★★★ Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows Robert Downey Jr..								★★★ Inception ('10, Act) Joseph Gordon-Levitt.			
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DISNEY		56	64	36	25	36	Tangled: The Series		StuckMid	GoodLuck	Liv/Mad	Liv/Mad	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Jessie	Jessie	Girl M.	Friends
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FSSW		37	38	50	45	29	(5:30) Player	Spurs Insider (N)	Stars Inside (N)	Stars Pre-game (L)	NHL Hockey Dallas Stars at Edmonton Oilers Site: Rogers Place -- Edmonton, Alta. (L)					Stars Live (L)	Rodeo (L) UFC FB	Stars Insider
FX		31	56	59	64	69	★★★ Jack Reacher ('12, Act) Rosamund Pike, Tom Cruise.											
HALLMARK		54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper (N)		H.Hunt	House (N)	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper	
HISTORY		71	59	29	50	43	Counting Cars	CountCars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars (N)		Forged In Fire (N)		(:05) Count.	(:35) Count.	(:05) Count.	(:35) Count.
LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	48	Little Women: LA "Ballroom Blitz"		Little Women: LA "Tough Crowd" (N)		Little Women: LA "Things Fall Apart" (N)		Pop Game "You've Got The Look" (N)		Little Women: LA "Things Fall Apart"		Little Women: LA "Tough Crowd"	
MSNBC		47	53		49	73	Hardball		All In With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		11thHour	Hardball	Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	43				NHL Live	NHL Hockey	Chicago Blackhawks at Montreal Canadiens (L)						(:15) NHL Overtime (L)		Poker After Dark	
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SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	Movie	★ Hercules ('14, Adv) John Hurt, Dwayne Johnson.					Adam Carolla Builds		★ Hercules ('14, Adv) Dwayne Johnson.			
SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	★★★ Zombieland Woody Harrelson.				Face Off (N)				★ Drive Angry ('11, Act) Nicolas Cage.		Face Off	
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USA		26	55	42	27	49	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	WWE Smackdown! WWE superstars do battle in long-running rivalries.				Chrisley Knows (N)	Chrisley Knows	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family
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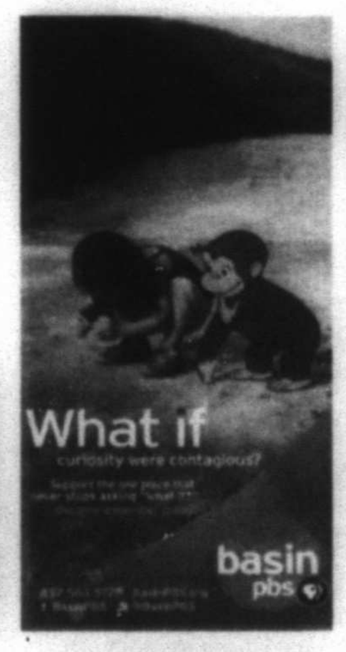
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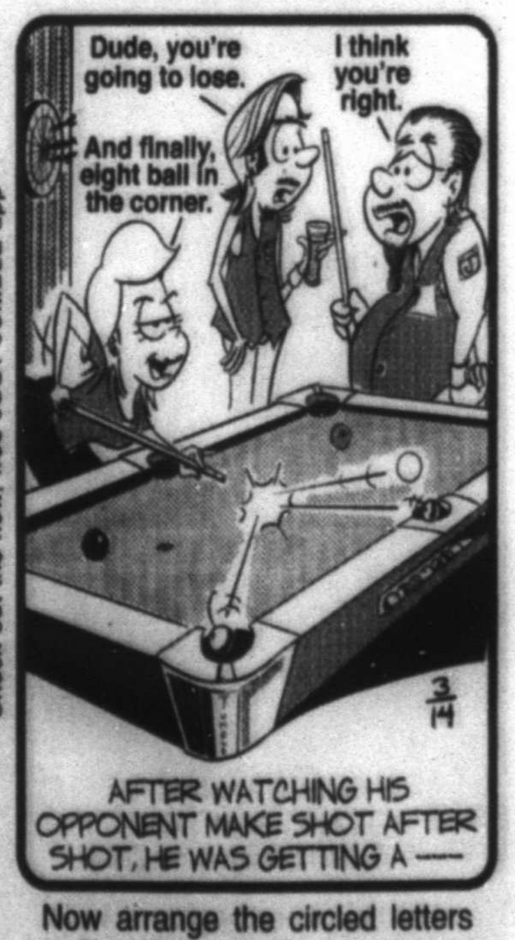
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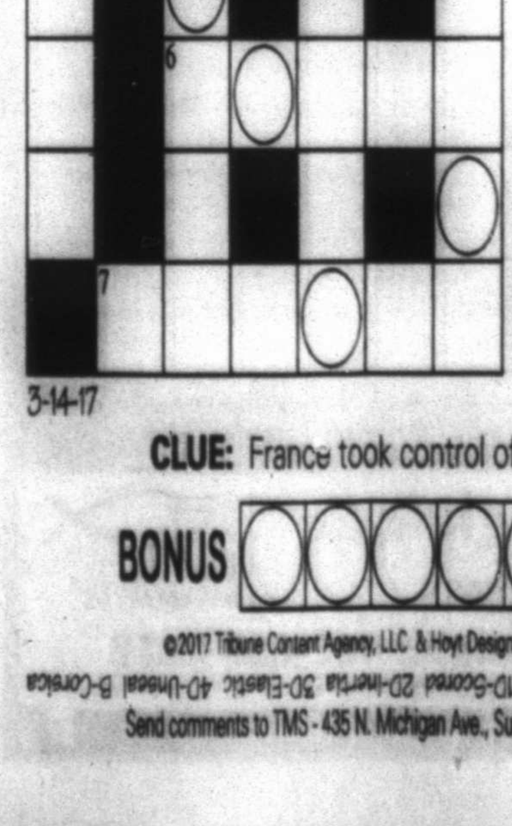
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High-tech sleep pods help students who don't get sufficient sleep

By Damien Willis
Las Cruces Sun-News

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — Students in Southern New Mexico are learning that often a short nap can save a day that isn't going right.

Two high schools in the Las Cruces Public Schools district and two in the Gadsden Independent School District are using sleep pods — EnergyPods made by MetroNaps. The high-tech pods, a reclined chair with a domed sensory-reduction bubble that closes around one's head and torso, were purchased through grants from the New Mexico Community Foundation and the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico to be used in the school-based health centers.

The pods, which vary a little from school to school, generally feature a one-touch start button which activates a relaxing sequence of music and soothing lights. Some have headphones for nappers to wear. At the end of 20 minutes, the pod begins to vibrate gently and an up-tempo beat gradually starts playing to wake the student.

Currently, LCPS and GISD are the only school districts in the nation using the pods.

The first one, purchased in 2008, was installed at Gadsden High School. Linda Summers, an associate professor in the School of Nursing at New Mexico State University, helped secure the grant after discovering the pods — which, at the time, were being used in a sleep lounge in the basement of the Empire State Building.

"Tired New Yorkers would go down there for a short nap in the middle of the day," she said.

A MULTITUDE OF USES

Summers, meanwhile, was looking for something better than cots to help students coming to school insufficiently rested. As soon as the sleep pod arrived at the school-based health center, she began learning it had other benefits.

"If they came to us and they were tired, we stuck them in there," Summers said. "If they had a headache, we stuck them in there. If a teacher had high blood pressure, we stuck him in there."

The sleep pod, which runs on a 20-minute cycle, helped all of them. Of 100 students who used it, 99 were able to return to class within 20 minutes — with tremendous increases in energy and mood, Summers said.

It even helped calm down agitated students who had been involved in fights.

In 2011, Summers secured federal funding for three more — to be installed at Chaparral High School, Onate High School and Las Cruces High School. In 2015, Summers purchased one for the School of Nursing through legislative mental health funding secured by Sen. Mary Kay Papen, D-Las Cruces.

'IT'S GREAT FOR KIDS'

Sandy Peugh, a longtime school nurse who is now the health services director for LCPS, said she first saw the benefit of the sleep pods when she was a school nurse at Las Cruces High.

"We found, as we were using them at the high school, that it was great for kids who weren't getting enough sleep at night — which teenagers don't, for a variety of reasons," Peugh said. "They were coming to school exhausted, and we'd put them in the pod. Within 20 minutes, they were coming out refreshed and focused, and they were able to stay at school, so instruction time wasn't missed."

Instead of checking out and going home, students were able to return to class and finish the school day, Peugh said.

"It really was beneficial, educationally, to put them in the pod for 20 minutes and send them back to class, rather than have them miss half a day," she said. "And it wasn't just kids who had sleep issues. It worked on kids who had anxiety — extremely gifted kids who might have test anxiety. Teachers came in, stressed out, and we'd put them in the pod."

Economy plays role in more teens not having driver licenses

By Tim Henderson
Stateline.org

WASHINGTON — At 16, Henry Stock doesn't see many reasons to get a driver's license.

He can walk to stores near his home in Hollywood, Florida. Many of his friends are fellow gamers he can talk to online. And he can use a mobile ride-sharing app to get a ride when he needs one.

So while Stock has a learner's permit, he hasn't yet made much of a dent in the 50 hours of supervised driving he needs to get a full license in Florida.

"It's more time and effort than I want to put into something that won't benefit me a lot right now," Stock said.

Other teens see things the same way. The share of high school seniors across the country who have a driver's license dropped from 85.3 percent in 1996 to a record low 71.5 percent in 2015, according to data from the University of Michigan's Monitoring the Future survey.

The drop has been sharpest in the South, where the share of high school seniors with a driver's license fell from 88.6 percent in 1996 to 71.2 percent in 2015. High school seniors are most likely to have a license in the Midwest — 80.4 percent — and least likely to have one in the Northeast — 64.8 percent.

Part of the reason is economic: fewer jobs, especially during the Great Recession, which meant teens didn't need to get to work and had less money to bankroll their rides. But even as the economy improved, the share of high school seniors with a license has generally been on the decline. That's partly a result of tough new rules imposed on young drivers and an explosion in ride-hailing and ride-sharing services.

The shift appears to be having a direct impact on safety.

Drivers 16 to 19 are among the most dangerous on the road. They are three times more likely than older drivers to be in a fatal crash. But even as that teenage population has increased from 14.9 million in 1996 to 16.9 million in 2015, the number of drivers in that age group involved in fatal crashes fell by more than half, from 6,021 to 2,898, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, an industry-funded nonprofit.

Matt Moore, a vice president at the Highway Loss Data Institute, a group affiliated with the insurance institute that analyzes insurance statistics, said so-called graduated licenses such as Florida's, which require set periods of training and restrict driving privileges at certain ages, have been most responsible for the long-term reduction in the share of teen drivers. "From a safety perspective, that's a good thing," Moore said.

But there are signs that the level of fatal accidents involving teens may not stay so low.

The number of 16- to 19-year-old drivers involved in fatal accidents crept up in 2014, from 2,584 to 2,622, and again in 2015, to 2,898, according to statistics compiled by the insurance institute — the first increase since 2002. And the Governors Highway Safety Association noted a 10 percent rise from 2014 to 2015 in the number of 15- to 20-year-old drivers who died in crashes, the first increase for that age group since 2006.

What could be behind the rise? Some traffic safety analysts say licensed teens are driving more as the economy improves and they get jobs. And, they say, more are getting licenses after they turn 18, when most states no longer require training for new drivers.

Robert Foss, director of the Center for the Study of Young Drivers at the University of North Carolina, said his state saw a sharp drop in the number of fully licensed 16- and 17-year-old drivers after graduated licensing took effect in 1997.

But when the licensing rate for teenagers continued to drop, Foss said, it was "really almost exclusively about the economy. That had a big effect on teens and their ability to drive and their need to drive."

A 2012 survey from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety found that the most common reason for teens to delay getting a license was not having a car. More than a third cited gasoline and other costs, and many, like Stock, also mentioned the ability to get around without driving.

The recession and its aftermath deprived teens of work opportunities as many older workers were laid off and started to compete for lower-level jobs. The unemployment rate for 16- to 19-year-olds was near 25 percent from 2009 to 2013.

"That means 1 in 4 teenagers who wanted a job couldn't find one," said Moore of the data institute. "The reality is if you graduated high school at the worst of the recession, you were having a hard time supporting yourself as a teen driver."

High teen unemployment coincided with some of the biggest drops in license rates for high school seniors, from 82.1 percent in 2005 to 72.1 percent in 2011, Monitoring the Future data show.

After a few states experimented with tougher graduated licensing requirements in the early 1990s, by 2006 every state had adopted some form of requirement or restriction. The requirements and restrictions vary. But most states limit driving activity seen as high risk, such as driving at night or driving unsupervised with teen passengers.

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QEP Resources offers scholarship to local HS senior

From staff reports

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CURSIVE

From 2B

tive and spill-over benefits from learning cursive, we were struck by a powerful, if plaintive, observation from Malliotakis: Students who aren't trained in cursive won't be able to readily digest many original historical documents.

"If an American student cannot read the Declaration of Independence, that is sad," Malliotakis said.

We agree, although we also acknowledge that the hand-wringing over handwriting is overwrought in one respect: Few experts doubt that cursive writing will ever vanish; it's simply too ingrained in our culture.

But what will it look like?

"When we don't teach penmanship, the result is an ugly, unaesthetic and illegible script," Steven Roger Fischer, a script expert and author of A History of Writing, once wrote in an article for Slate. "Ugliness is unimportant. Aesthetics are unimportant to many people. But illegibility defeats the purpose of writing. There must be a standard."

So let it be written. And let it be done, please ... in the classroom.

Dallas Morning News

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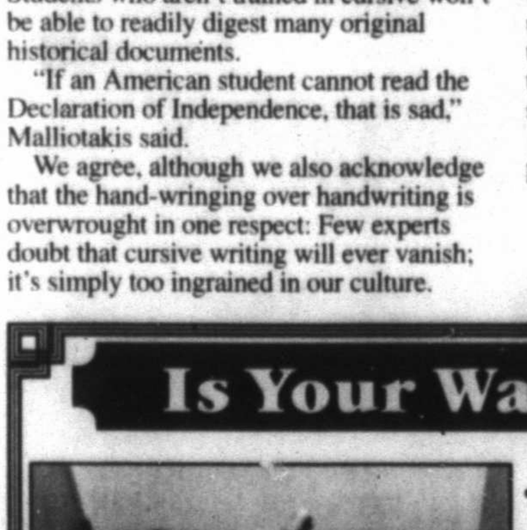


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Local forecast

The forecasted highs for the next six days are at least 10 degrees above normal, according to the National Weather Service. There isn't any precipitation in the forecast.

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Weather brief

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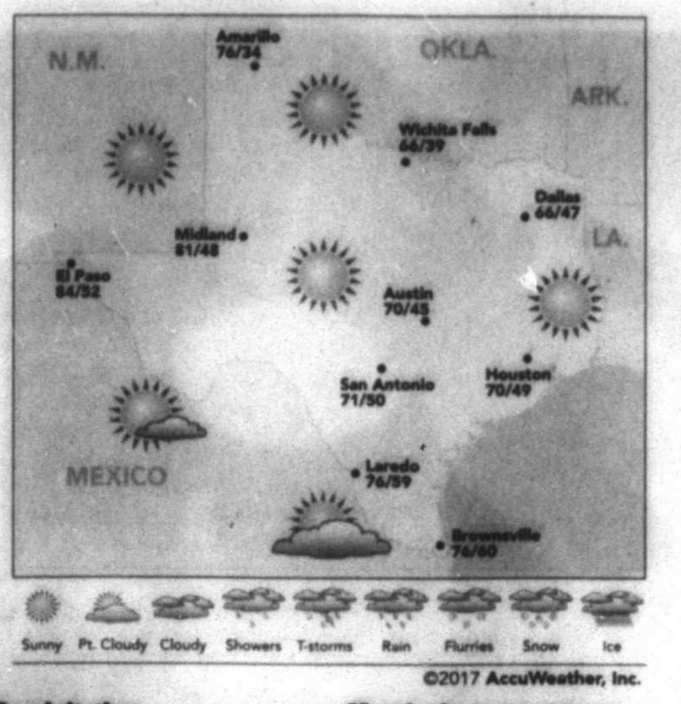
Madagascar cyclone death toll reaches 50, authorities say

Madagascar's government says the death toll from Cyclone Enawo has risen to at least 50, with 20 people missing.

The island nation's disaster management agency on Sunday said the cyclone that made landfall in the northeast on Tuesday also has driven 110,000 people from their homes. At least 183 people were injured.

Enawo brought heavy rains and winds in excess of 140 miles per hour — the equivalent of a Category 4 hurricane.

Officials say the full extent of the damage is not yet known.



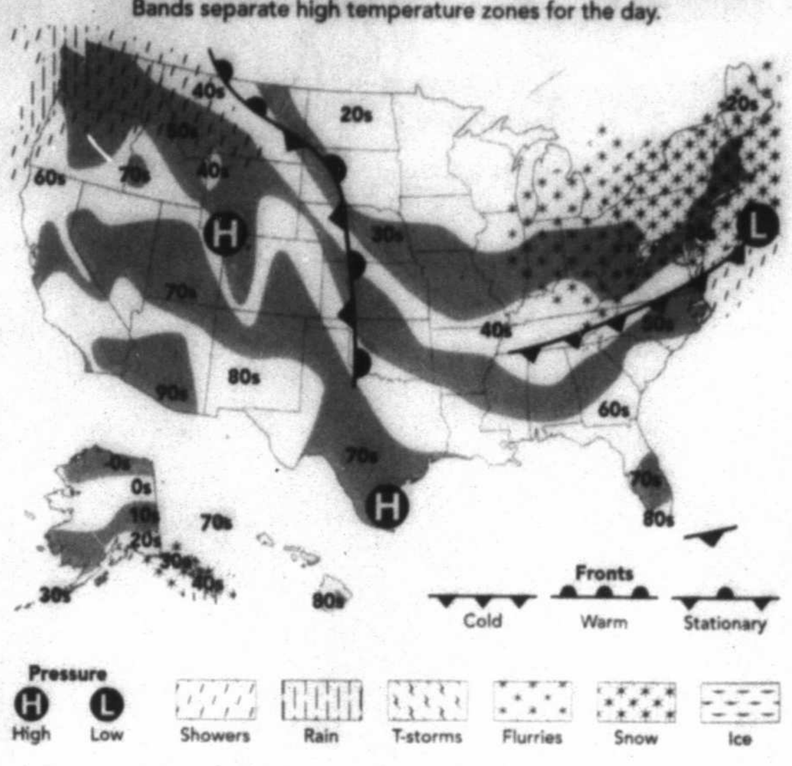
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Precipitation		Monday's temperatures	
Sunday	0.00 in.	High	66
Monday	0.00 in.	Low	44
Month total	0.01 in.	Normal high	69
Year total	1.85 in.	Normal low	40
Normal total (year to date)	1.52 in.	Sunrise	7:50 a.m.
		Sunset	5:58 p.m.

National weather AccuWeather.com

Forecast for Tuesday, March 14, 2017

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



Pressure H High L Low — Showers Rain T-storms Flurries Snow Ice

Daughter's efforts are never good enough for her 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 a 15-year-old girl, and I'm struggling with abuse. I'm mentally and physically abused by my family constantly, yet they make me out to be the abusive one. I could do amazing on a test, and they yell at me for something that happened on the last one. They're always pushing me so hard to do better that it's making me do worse.

How can I make my family see that I'm not them, and I can do good if they just give me the chance to learn from my mistakes? — STRUGGLING IN WISCONSIN

DEAR STRUGGLING: Parents always want their children to perform to their level of capacity. Because you say you are being abused physically and emotionally for your inability to live up to your family's expectations, discuss what's going on with a counselor at your school. It's possible there needs to be an intervention by someone they will listen to. Please don't wait to do it.

DEAR ABBY: My husband of three years has visits with his son every Tuesday and Thursday evening. My mother-in-law picks up her grandson, takes him to her home and makes dinner for the three of them. I work 10-hour days Monday through Friday and am not able to attend these dinners.

My question is, isn't it proper etiquette that my mother-in-law should send a plate of food home for me with my husband? She never has, and I think this is rude and inconsiderate of her. What is your opinion? — HUNGRY IN EL PASO

DEAR HUNGRY: Although brief, your letter speaks volumes about your relationship with your mother-in-law, which appears could be better. No rule of etiquette dictates that she is obligated to send a plate of her food home with her son for you. Perhaps if your relationship with her was warmer, or your husband was thoughtful enough to suggest it, she would. However, since you asked, my opinion is that rather than complain, you should pick up some take-out on your way home from work.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 22-year-old college student on the verge of graduating this May. I've been dating my boyfriend for more than five years, and I am extremely close with his family, especially his sister "Claudia" and her three children (ages 6, 3 and 6 months).

My parents are throwing me a graduation party at their home, and they don't want any guests under the age of 10. How do I tell Claudia — a dear friend — that her children won't be invited without upsetting her? (I have small cousins who won't be attending either.)

It truly is nothing personal, but I know she will probably take it personally. I don't want to cause drama, but I do want to honor my parents' wishes that no small children be present. How do I tell her? Help! — SOON-TO-BE GRADUATE

DEAR SOON-TO-BE GRADUATE: You are not hosting the party; your parents are. As the hosts, it is their privilege to decide whom to invite — or not. When Claudia is invited, your parents should explain that they prefer children under the age of 10 not be present, and soften it if necessary by explaining there are small nieces and nephews who will not be attending, as well.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Possible play

Both vulnerable. West deals

NORTH
♠ K J
♡ K 9 7 5 4
♢ 9 6
♣ A K Q 9

WEST
♠ Q 6 3
♡ A J
♢ A Q 10 4
♣ 10 8 6 5

EAST
♠ 7 4 2
♡ Q 10 8 6
♢ 8 7 5
♣ J 7 3

SOUTH
♠ A 10 9 8 5
♡ 3 2
♢ K J 3 2
♣ 4 2

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♡	DBl	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♡	Pass	3NT
All pass			

Opening lead: Eight of ♣

North considered his hand too good for a simple one-heart overcall, so he started with double. This led to a game contract with slim chances for success.

South won the opening club lead with dummy's ace and led the jack of spades, running it when East played low. West won with the queen and continued with another club to dummy's king. Declarer overtook dummy's king of spades with the ace and cashed three more spade tricks, discarding three hearts from dummy as West shed his two lowest diamonds. Next came a heart toward the king. West grabbed his ace and exited with the jack of hearts to dummy's king. South had a perfect read on the hand and cashed the queen of clubs before exiting with dummy's last club. West won this with the 10, but was forced to lead a diamond to South's king for the ninth trick.

Declarer played the hand skillfully, but West might have done better had he allowed the jack of spades to hold the second trick. South can cash two high clubs and put West on play with another club, but what will he discard from his hand? He must keep three diamonds, so he will have to part with a spade. West can cash the ace of hearts and exit with a heart. Dummy must lead a diamond at this point. West will win and exit with the queen of spades. Having discarded a spade earlier, South will have to give West two more diamond tricks. Down one!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, March 14, 2017:

This year you will be more concerned with your daily patterns and will give 100 percent effort. Still, you'll manage to keep your life exciting. You are likely to succeed in nearly everything you do. If you are single, decide what type of relationship you want. Your popularity soars after the summer. If you are attached, the two of you relate with a newfound intimacy. Work on being on the same page as your sweetie more often. LIBRA can be unusually charming.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ A power play is likely to backfire, partially because you are involved and can put the kibosh on it. You might be so surprised by someone else's actions that you could have a knee-jerk reaction. You will be taken aback by a friend's words. Tonight: Be receptive to an inquiry.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Make some choices for you. Decide to take better care of yourself. Whether this resolution means trying out a new exercise routine, scheduling a doctor's appointment and/or going on a diet, understand that you might need to revise your work schedule. Tonight: Easy works.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You have so many places to go that you might feel overwhelmed. Don't worry; this feeling will dissipate as the day goes on. You'll get much of what you want done easily. A friend's actions might shock you and give you a lot to think about. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Others could be difficult at best, and you might wonder what they are up to. Understand that you see a personal matter differently from how you have viewed it in the past. Tension builds, mainly because you see that certain decisions are necessary. Tonight: Happy at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You might feel pressured by others. You'll wonder what to do and will consider what would be best for everyone involved. Pace yourself when handling your daily responsibilities. Trust that you will come up with a suggestion once you get into a routine. Tonight: Return calls.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Your playful side emerges. Assess what needs to happen, and look for some solutions. A brainstorming session might develop from out of nowhere. Don't nix any ideas, and remain open-minded. As a result, you will be surprised by what comes up. Tonight: Go shopping.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Go for more of what you want. An opportunity that you have been waiting a long time for is likely to appear. You might be confused about how to approach this situation. Confirm that your goals are still the same before you decide to take action. Tonight: All smiles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ If you sense undercurrents, you are right. They always exists, but they might be more prominent than in the recent past. You could feel cornered at the moment. To confirm what you sense, you'll have to approach a hard-headed individual. Trust your senses. Tonight: Out late.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Pressured by a demanding financial situation, you might feel as if you need to bend too far to integrate your needs into a workable plan. Another option includes waiting several days to get feedback from a trusted friend or loved one. Tonight: Trust your instincts with a personal matter.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Be more direct in how you handle a personal situation. Honor a fast change of pace. You are able to meet any demand. Luck surrounds you because of your endurance and ability to manage. A domestic matter could be more volatile than you realize. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Apply your imagination, and try to see what it is like to walk in someone else's shoes. By speaking with those who are more knowledgeable than you, you will gain a new perspective. You'll be able to do something you previously deemed impossible. Tonight: Try out a new spot.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You might want to head in a new direction. First, speak to a trusted friend whose perspective you value. Know what is impossible and what is doable. You'll get the confirmation you need to determine which way you should go. Tonight: Choose a favorite stressbuster.

BORN TODAY

Physicist Albert Einstein (1879), actor Billy Crystal (1948), actor Michael Caine (1933)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Past due
5 Place for a safe
9 Connery and McCartney
13 "Don't rub __"
14 Geometry calculations
16 Cool one's heels
17 *Performer's exit direction
19 Award for "Game of Thrones"
20 Dangerous Amazon fish
21 "Scotch" sealers
23 See 47-Down
24 *Immediately
27 Handed out cards
29 Oakland Coliseum player
30 *High stadium tier
34 Start of a choosing rhyme
35 Step on it, quaintly
36 Form 1099 ID
37 President pro __
40 Stretchy bandage brand
41 Damage
43 *Sports bet based on total points scored
46 Vote out of office
49 Totally thrill
50 *Like most TV dramas
52 Speaks, biblically
55 Texas shrine
56 Almond or cashew
58 Luke Skywalker, for one
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64 Novelist Ferber
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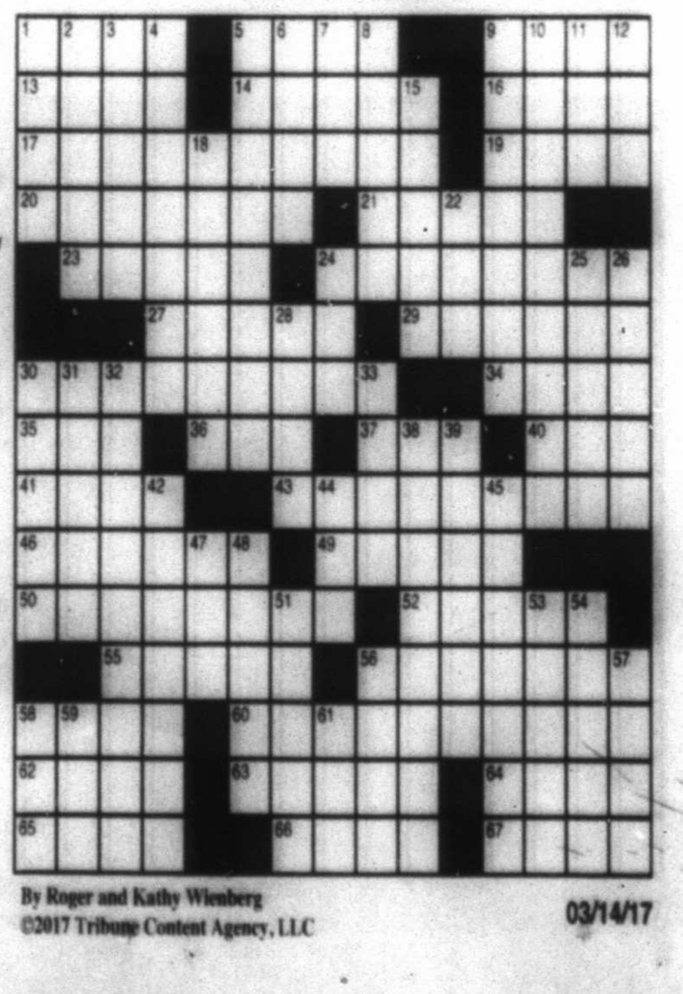
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2 Storage space accessed via the ceiling
3 Pageant accessory
4 "Prepare to duel!"
5 "Sour to the People" extreme candy brand
6 "Carmen" highlight
7 A joker might pull yours
8 Christine of "The Blacklist"
9 Honey
10 "My parents are gonna kill me!"
11 Glass edge
12 Mess of a room
15 Drummer Ringo
18 Joins
22 Free TV spot
24 Fraud watchdog org.
25 Stolen jewelry seller
26 Onion ring maker
28 Jay with jokes
30 "Yup"
31 Steinway, for one
32 Convinced
33 "Hooked on Classics" co.
38 Crossword solver's smudges
39 Change genetically
42 Small falcons
44 Really relax, with "out"
45 Reply to bad alternatives
47 With 23-Across, priced separately, on menus
48 Crypts, e.g.
51 December songs
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54 Reddish-orange dye
56 "Don't think so"
57 Red-coated cheese
58 Fast punch
59 Australian bird
61 Nemesis

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

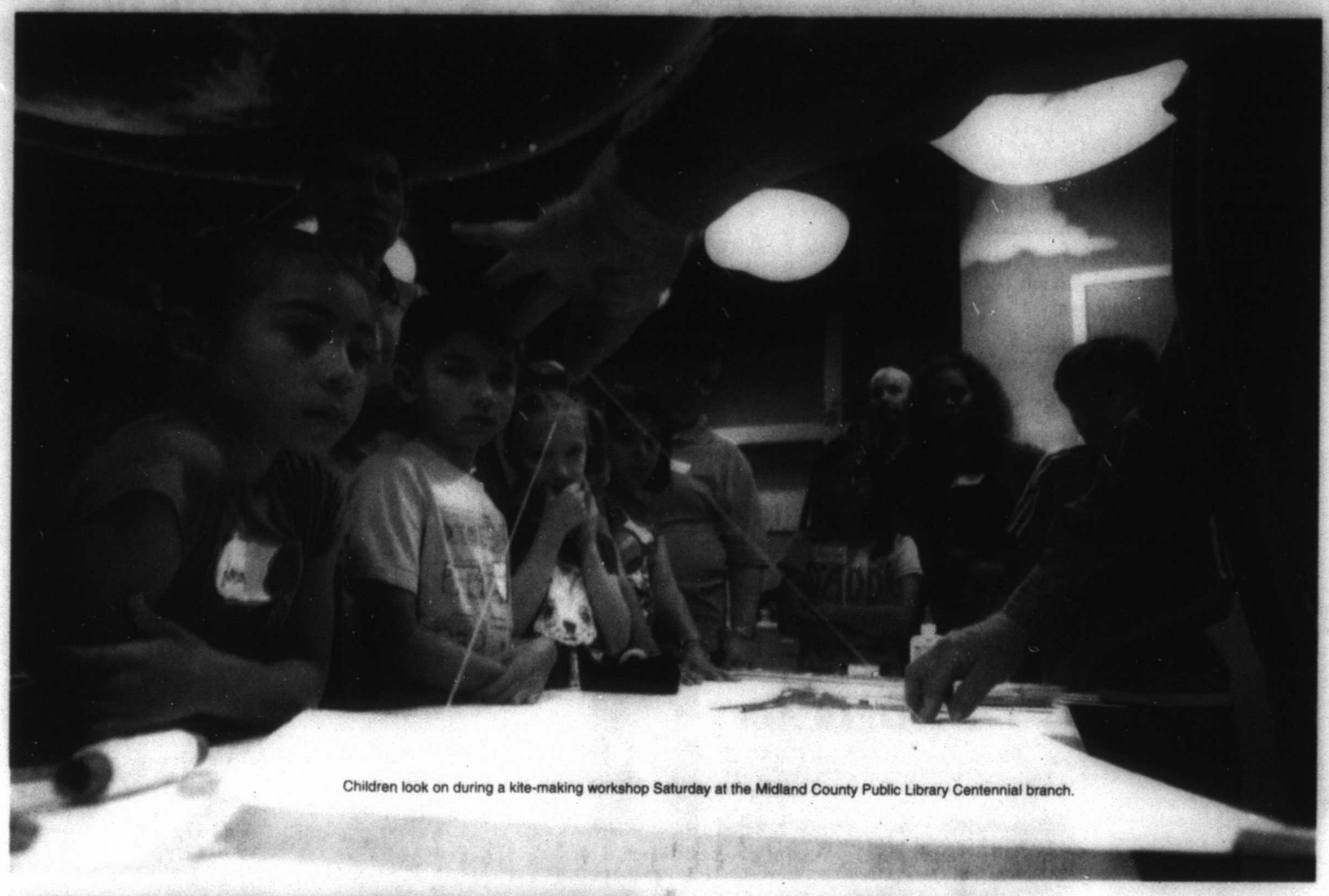
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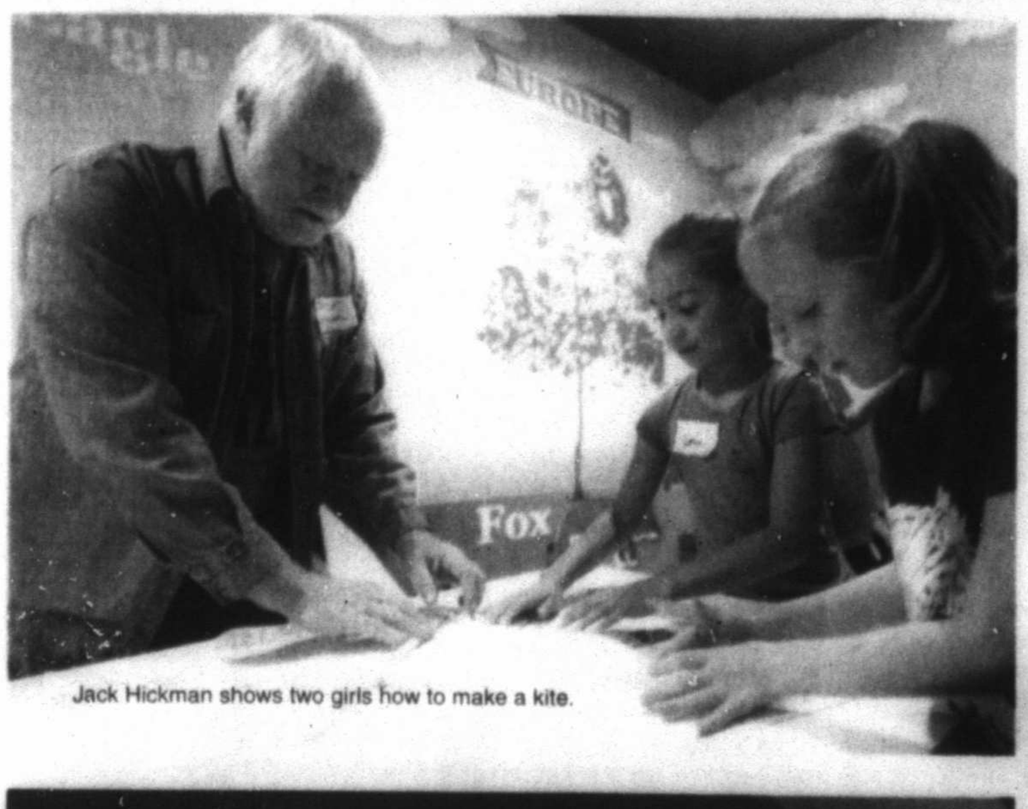
Children look on during a kite-making workshop Saturday at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

WHEN YOU LOOK UP IN THE SKY AND SEE THESE UFOS, THE TOIL WILL NOT HAVE BEEN FOR NAUGHT

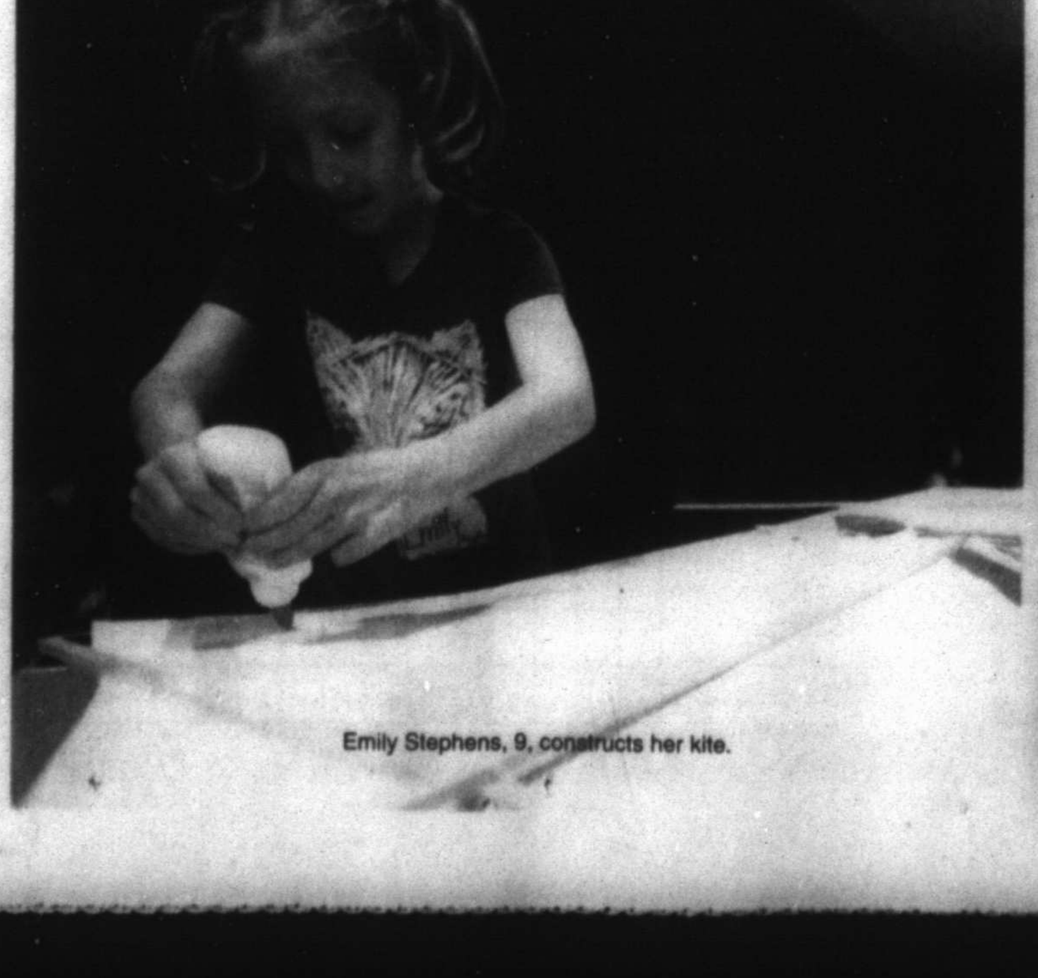
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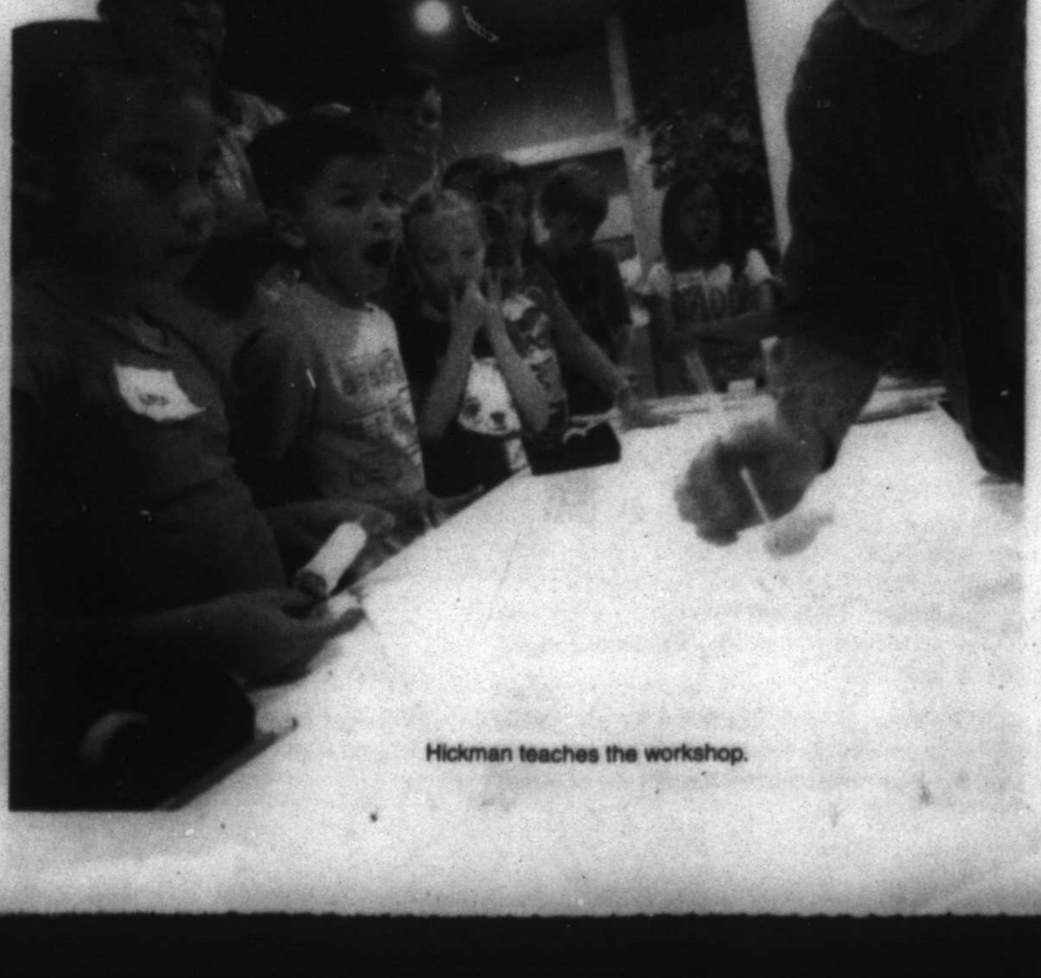
Alyssa Johnson, left, and Kaitlyn Bryant, right, build a kite.



Jack Hickman shows two girls how to make a kite.



Emily Stephens, 9, constructs her kite.



Hickman teaches the workshop.

Madness: No wagering, but fill a bracket

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press

Here's one thing millions of Americans can agree on: March Madness is fun, especially when there's a little money on the line.

So fun, in fact, that more people will fill out NCAA Tournament brackets this week than voted for either Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton in last year's presidential election.

Combining all those $10 and $20 entry fees that go along with most of the 70 million-plus office pools being filled out as we speak, Americans will put in the neighborhood of $2 billion at stake when the tournament kicks off later this week.

But though the brackets and the money spent on them have driven the tournament's popularity upward — the 2015 tournament was the most-viewed in more than two decades, while last year's took a hit because the Final Four was televised exclusively on cable — the NCAA itself does not condone gambling or filling out brackets for anything more than fun.

Adding to the outlandishness of it all — CBS, which combines with Turner Sports to pay more than $1 billion a year to televise every game of the tournament through 2032, runs one of the country's biggest bracket contests, offering players a chance to form their own private pools (for fun, of course) or to compete for prizes, including a trip to the 2018 Final Four (no purchase necessary).

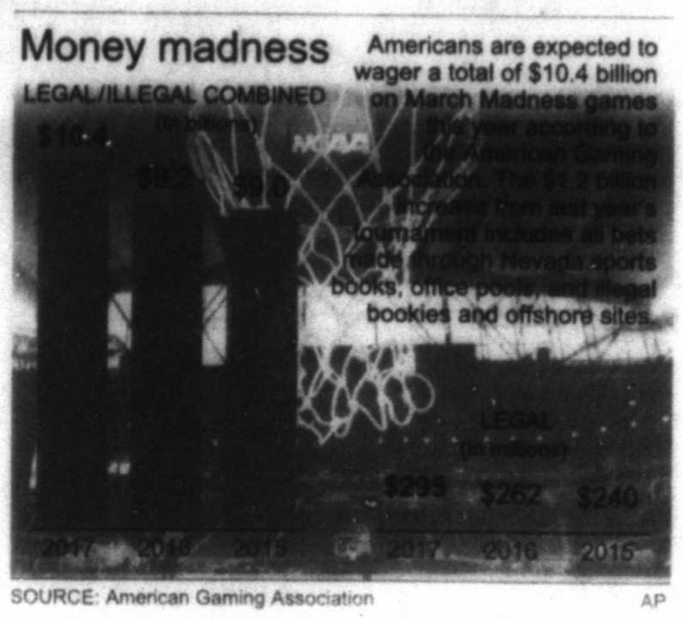
The NCAA also runs a bracket contest on its own website. But in a statement on gambling , it reminds players that while entering a bracket contest that doesn't require an entry fee is not banned by the NCAA (but may be barred by individual schools), that "we have learned that these types of pools are often the entry for youth to begin betting."

"While the bracket is an important part of the excitement around the tournament, money does not have to be involved to enjoy March Madness," NCAA director of public and media relations Stacey Osburn says.

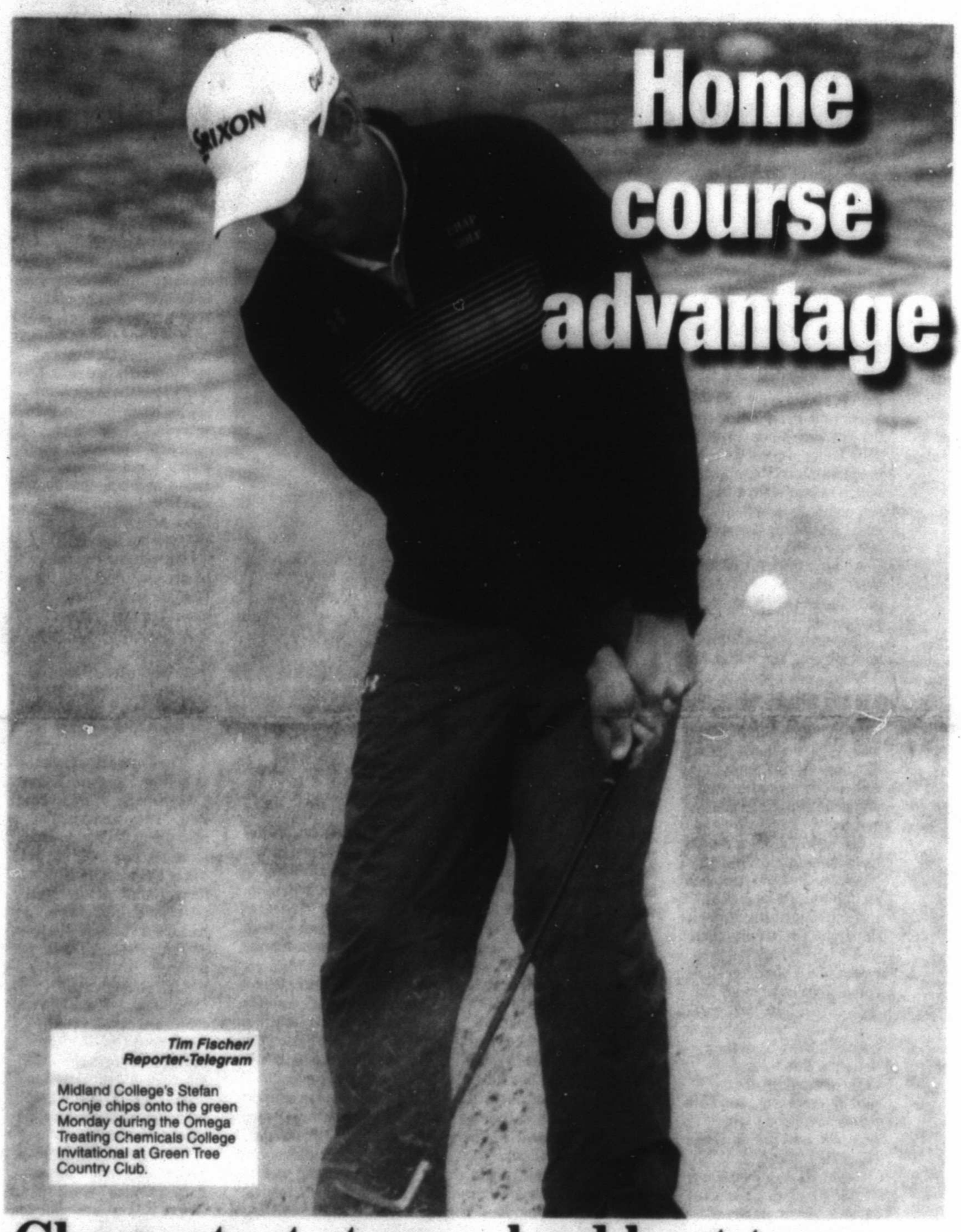
It certainly can make things more interesting, though.

The American Gaming Association estimates that, in total, around $10.4 billion will be wagered on the three-

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SOURCE: American Gaming Association AP



Tim Fischer/ Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Stefan Cronje chips onto the green Monday during the Omega Treating Chemicals College Invitational at Green Tree Country Club.

Home course advantage

Chaps start strong, lead host tourney

By Oscar LeRoy
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The Midland College golf team was hoping to take advantage of its familiarity of the Green Tree Country Club golf course during the Omega Treating Chemicals College Invitational.

The Chaparrals most certainly did during Monday's play.

Behind Stefan Cronje's 6-under par performance, the Chaparrals shot a 5-under par 571 through the first two rounds of the tournament to lead New Mexico Military Institute by 23 strokes heading into today's final round.

Three of the five Chaps in the starting lineup had an under-par round as Cronje, a sophomore, led the way with a 71-67—138 and leads the medalist standings by three strokes over fellow teammate and freshman Michael Salazar, who shot 69-72—141. Sophomore Coleman Houston is in a tie for fifth place in the individual standings after shooting a 75-71-147, while sophomore Ben Murray is in a tie for eighth after firing 73-74—147.

"I think everyone is happy on the team," Cronje said. "I think we could have done better but you can't complain if you're leading, so everything is good."

Cronje said he was hitting his irons

Please see **CHAPS**/4C

North Texas hires ex-Chaps coach McCasland

From staff and wire reports

DENTON — North Texas hired former Midland College coach Grant McCasland as its new basketball coach Monday after he won 20 games in his only season at Arkansas State.



McCasland

McCasland replaces Tony Benford, who was fired after he failed to have a winning season in five years. The Mean Green were 8-22 this season and missed the Conference USA Tournament after going 2-16 in league play.

Arkansas State won 10 games the season before McCasland became coach.

"Coach McCasland is a rising superstar in college basketball and possesses all of the qualities we desired when we began our search," North Texas athletic director Wren Baker said. "He has been successful at every step of his career. He's a proven coach and recruiter, but most importantly, he has demonstrated the ability to help young men grow and develop as people."

McCasland, a Texas native, spent the five seasons before that as an assistant at Baylor for Scott Drew. McCasland was 56-12 in two years as head coach at Midwestern State, and 143-32 in five seasons (2004-09) at Midland College with a NJCAA national championship in 2006-07.

McCasland also took the Chaparrals back to the NJCAA national championship game in 2009, finishing as runners-up with a 33-4 record.

"I am extremely excited about the opportunity to serve as the next head basketball coach at the University of North Texas," McCasland said in a statement released by North Texas. "I am honored by the confidence that both vice president and director of athletics Wren Baker and President Neal Smatresk have demonstrated as we went through this process. Their commitment and vision for men's basketball at North Texas is inspiring and I look forward to working with them to build champions and prepare leaders with the young men we have in our program.

"We are going to strive daily for excellence in every aspect of our program, do things the right way, and establish a winning culture that values relationships throughout. Our family looks forward to joining Mean Green nation and I can't wait to get started in Denton."

Arkansas State athletic director Terry Mohajir said in a statement that ASU wishes McCasland and his family the best and that a national search will begin immediately to find his replacement.

UConn, Irish, South, Baylor top seeds in NCAAs

By Doug Feinberg
Associated Press

NEW YORK — UConn's drive for five will begin at home.

Winners of 107 straight games, coach Geno Auriemma and the Huskies won't have to leave the state of Connecticut in the NCAA Tournament until the Final Four as they try for an unprecedented fifth consecutive national championship.

The top seed will open at home on Saturday against Albany and if they advance to the Bridgeport Regional would have a short drive.

"I worry sometimes about being at home. I worry about the distractions that kids have," Auriemma said. "When you are on the road you can just huddle everybody up and you can eliminate a lot of distractions. Sometimes the officials get funny against the home team in the NCAA Tournament."

Although the Huskies won't have to leave the state until potentially heading to Dallas for the national semifinals, the other No. 1 seeds aren't as lucky.

South Carolina is the top seed in Stockton, California. The Gamecocks are headed out of the Eastern time zone for the third time in four seasons. The Gamecocks' lone trip to the Final Four came when they played a regional in Greensboro in 2015.

"I don't know what more we can do," South Carolina coach Dawn Staley said. "We won our conference tournament to play closer. Two years ago, we got sent to Greensboro. Last year, we had to take the time zone flight, over two time zones. I thought it was our turn to get flipped back to the Greensboro kind of ideology. I'm not going to say it's not fair. But they got to figure out a different way."

Baylor is the No. 1 in the Oklahoma City Regional and Notre Dame is the top choice in Lexington, Kentucky.

NCAA selection committee chair Terry Gawlik defended the choice to send South Carolina out west again.

"It made the most sense for the good of the game and the student-athlete experience to go out to Stockton and have Baylor go to Oklahoma City," she said.

All four hope to get to Dallas for the Final Four on Friday, March 31. The NCAA switched the national semifinals back to a Friday-Sunday format this season for the first time since 2002. The Huskies would matchup with Baylor while South Carolina and Notre Dame would play if all four teams advance that far. The Lady Bears are hoping to make the short drive from Waco to Dallas.

That scenario may be unlikely. Last year, the Huskies were the only top team to make the Final Four as Washington, Syracuse and Oregon State all pulled off upsets to advance.

UConn, which has won a record 11 national championships, is the prohibitive favorite to win again. Unlike the past few years where it almost seemed a foregone conclusion that UConn would win the title, the Huskies weren't the favorite coming into the season with big losses to graduation.

Geno Auriemma challenged his young team with a difficult schedule that saw the Huskies play most of the other top teams in the country, including Notre Dame, South Carolina and Baylor. Still, they did show some vulnerability with a single digit win over Maryland — the No. 3 seed in their region. UConn also only beat Tulane by three points in February, giving other teams hope that the Huskies are beatable.

Maryland coach Brenda Frese wasn't thrilled at the low seed. The Terrapins were fourth in the final AP poll on Monday.

"We understand it's tournament time. I'm most surprised that being a team ranked top

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DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Boxing

Sergiy Derevyanchenko vs. Kemahl Russell, 8 p.m., FS1, FXDEP

College Baseball

Murray State at Kentucky, 6 p.m., SEC

Texas A&M at Texas, 6:30 p.m., LHN

Major League Baseball

Spring Training: Atlanta vs. Philadelphia, Noon, MLB

Spring Training: Texas vs. Arizona, 3 p.m., FSSW+

Spring Training: San Francisco vs. Cleveland, 3 p.m., MLB

Men's College Basketball

NCAA 1st Four: Mount St. Mary's vs. New Orleans, 5:30 p.m., truTV

NIT: UNC Greensboro at Syracuse, 6 p.m., ESPN

NIT: Ole Miss at Monmouth, 6 p.m., ESPN3

NIT: Valparaiso at Illinois, 6:15 p.m., ESPN2

NIT: Oakland at Clemson, 7 p.m., ESPNU

NCAA 1st Four: Kansas State vs. Wake Forest, 8 p.m., truTV

NIT: Indiana at Georgia Tech, 8 p.m., ESPN

NIT: College of Charleston at Colorado State, 8 p.m., ESPN3

NIT: Richmond at Alabama, 8:15 p.m., ESPN2

NIT: Boise State at Utah, 9 p.m., ESPNU

NIT: Cal State Bakersfield at Cal, 10:15 p.m., ESPN2

Men's College Lacrosse

Princeton at Rutgers, 6 p.m., BTN

Men's Soccer

UEFA Champions Quarterfinal, Leg 2: Leicester City FC vs. Sevilla, 2:30 p.m., FS1, FXDEP

UEFA Champions Quarterfinal, Leg 2: Juventus FC vs. FC Porto, 2:30 p.m., FS2, ESPNDEP

Copa MX: Club Santos Laguna vs. Cruz Azul FC, 7:50 p.m., UDN

Copa MX: Club Tijuana vs. CF Monarcas Morelia, 9:50 p.m., UDN

National Basketball Association

Detroit at Cleveland, 6 p.m., NBAtv

Philadelphia at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., NBAtv

National Hockey League

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

Dallas at Edmonton, 8 p.m., FSSW

Tennis

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

World Baseball Classic

Dominican Republic vs. Puerto Rico, 8 p.m., MLB, ESPNDEP

Netherlands vs. Cuba, 11 p.m., MLB, ESPNDEP

Israel vs. Japan, 5 a.m., MLB, ESPNDEP

WHAT'S ON DECK

Junior College

Golf

Omega Treating Chemical College Invitational, Green Tree CC

High School

Baseball

Lubbock Christian vs. Midland Christian, 6 p.m., Christensen Stadium

Girls Soccer

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

Boys Soccer

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

Softball

Odessa High at Lee, 4:30 p.m.
Midland High at Amarillo Tascosa, 4:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Agreed to terms with INF-OF Pedro Alvarez on a minor league contract.

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Optioned LHP Tim Cooney and RHP Perci Garner to Columbus (IL). Optioned RHP Dylan Baker to Akron (EL).

HOUSTON ASTROS — Reassigned RHPs Edson Frias, Cy Sneed and Aaron West, LHP Brian Holmes and C Garrett Stubbs to their minor league camp.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Optioned RHPs Miguel Almonte, Jake Junis and Kevin McCarthy to Omaha (PCL) and 1B-OF Samir Duenez to Northwest Arkansas (Texas).

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Optioned RHPs Paul Blackburn and Bobby Wahl, INF Yairo Munoz and OF Jaycob Brugman to Nashville (PCL).

NEW YORK YANKEES — Optioned RHPs Domingo German, Ronald Herrera and Yefry Ramirez to Trenton (ERL) and reassigned them to their minor league camp.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Optioned LHP Paul Fry and INF D.J. Peterson to Tacoma (PCL) and LHP Zac Curtis and RHP Thyago Vieira to Arkansas (Texas). Reassigned RHPs Peter Tago and Dylan Unsworth, OF Kyle Waldrop and OF Marcus Littlewood and Tyler Marlette to their minor league camp.

National League

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Optioned C Kyle Farmer and RHP Jacob Rhame to their minor league camp. Reassigned OF Henry Ramos and RHPs Josh Sborz and Ralston Cash to their minor league camp.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Optioned LHP Josh Hader and RHPs Jorge Lopez, Damien Magnifico and Taylor Williams to their minor league camp. Reassigned LHP Andrew Barbosa and RHPs Paolo Espino, Stephen Kohlscheen and Aaron Wilkerson to their minor league camp.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Optioned RHPs Clay Holmes and Nick Kingham to Indianapolis (IL). Reassigned LHP Cody Dickson, RHP Tyler Eppler, C Jin-De Jhang and INF Kevin Newman to their minor league camp.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Optioned INF Javier Guerra, LHP Keith Hessler, INF Jose Ronden and RHP Jose Ruiz to their minor league camp. Reassigned OF Nick Buss, RHP Jon Edwards, RHP Jason Jester, LHP Kyle McGrath, INF-OF Jose Pirela and LHP Brad Wieck to their minor league camp.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Optioned RHPs Jimmy Cordero and Austin Voth and INF Matt Skole to Syracuse (IL) and C raudy Read to Harrisburg (EL).

American Association

WICHITA WINGNUTS — Signed RHP James Campbell.

Can-Am League

ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Signed OF Joe Maloney.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA — Announced the resignation of chief strategic and financial officer Jason Glen Cahilly, effective June 30, 2017, and will continue to serve as a senior adviser to the commissioner. Promoted J.B. Lockhart to chief financial officer.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS — Re-signed CB Blidi Wreh-Wilson.

BUFFALO BILLS — Agreed to terms with DE Ryan Davis.

CAROLINA PANTHERS — Re-signed OL Chris Scott to a one-year contract.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Re-signed OT Eric Winston. Waived WR James Wright.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed LB Barkevious Mingo.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Signed S Daniel Sorensen to a contract extension.

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS — Released OT King Dunlap. Announced TE Asante Cleveland signed his exclusive rights tender.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Agreed to terms with QB Nick Foles on a two-year contract.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Announced QB Kirk Cousins signed his franchise tender.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Recalled F Byron Froese from Syracuse (AHL). Reassigned F Matthew Peca to Syracuse.

American Hockey League

SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Recalled F Julien Nantel and D Justin Hamonic from Colorado (ECHL).

ECHL

ELMIRA JACKALS — Claimed F Nathan Moon off waivers. Activated F Reid Seckel. Placed F Greg Betzold on waivers. Released G Keith Hamilton and F Darren McCormick from their amateur tryouts.

READING ROYALS — Announced D Maxim Lamarche was recalled to Lehigh Valley (AHL) and D Jesper Pettersson was reassigned to Lehigh Valley. Announced F Justin Danforth was loaned to Bridgeport (AHL).

COLLEGE

ILLINOIS STATE — Fired women's basketball coach Barb Smith will not return next season.

DISTRICT 2-6A BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER STANDINGS

District 2-6A Girls Soccer Standings
Overall record in parenthesis

Team	W	PW	PL	L	Pts
ry-Wolforth Frenship (17-3)	9	0	0	0	27
x-Midland High (14-3)	**6**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**18**
x-Odessa High (16-4-2)	6	0	0	3	18
x-Odessa Permian (9-9)	4	0	0	5	12
Lee (4-10-3)	**1**	**1**	**0**	**7**	**5**
Amarillo Tascosa (6-12-1)	0	0	1	8	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 games

Odessa High at Lee; Midland High at Odessa High; Wolforth Frenship at Amarillo Tascosa

End of regular season

District 2-6A Boys Soccer Standings
Overall record in parenthesis

Team	W	PW	PL	L	Pts
x-Lee (10-7-1)	**5**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**20**
x-Midland High (9-7-1)	**4**	**3**	**1**	**1**	**19**
x-Odessa High (9-7-3)	4	2	2	1	18
Amarillo Tascosa (12-5-2)	2	2	0	5	10
Odessa Permian(3-13-3)	1	1	2	5	7
Wolforth Frenship (8-9-3)	1	0	4	4	7

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 games

Odessa Permian at Lee; Midland High at Odessa High; Wolforth Frenship at Amarillo Tascosa

End of regular season

DISTRICT 2-6A SOFTBALL STANDINGS

	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Lee	1	0	17	3	0
Midland High	1	0	14	5	0
Wolforth Frenship	1	0	11	8	0
Odessa High	0	1	14	4	1
Odessa Permian	0	1	10	6	1
Amarillo Tascosa	0	1	5	17	1

Friday's scores

Midland High 3, Odessa High 0; Lee 4, Odessa Permian 2; Wolforth Frenship 15, Amarillo Tascosa 4, 6 innings

Today's games

Odessa High at Lee, 4:30 p.m.; Midland High at Amarillo Tascosa, 4:30 p.m.; Wolforth Frenship at Odessa Permian, 7 p.m.

NHL GLANCE

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	69	39	22	8	86	189	172
Ottawa	67	39	22	6	84	182	173
Boston	68	36	26	6	78	190	176
Toronto	67	31	22	14	76	204	199
Tampa Bay	68	33	26	9	75	189	186
Florida	67	29	27	11	69	165	193
Buffalo	69	28	29	12	68	177	203
Detroit	67	26	30	11	63	166	202

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	68	44	17	7	95	218	152
Pittsburgh	67	43	16	8	94	236	186
Columbus	68	44	18	6	94	219	180
N.Y. Rangers	70	44	24	2	90	220	183
N.Y. Islanders	68	32	25	11	75	203	209
Philadelphia	66	31	29	6	70	178	204
Carolina	66	28	27	11	67	170	193
New Jersey	68	25	31	12	62	163	197

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	67	43	18	6	92	223	183
Chicago	68	43	20	5	91	204	171
Nashville	68	33	24	11	77	200	182
St. Louis	67	35	27	5	75	198	189
Winnipeg	69	30	33	6	66	204	219
Dallas	68	27	31	10	64	189	221
Colorado	67	19	45	3	41	131	221

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	68	41	20	7	89	190	158
Anaheim	69	36	23	10	82	181	174
Calgary	68	38	26	4	80	187	182
Edmonton	68	35	24	9	79	191	181
Los Angeles	67	33	28	6	72	168	168
Vancouver	68	28	31	9	65	166	195
Arizona	67	24	35	8	56	164	217

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

Today's Games

Winnipeg at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Washington, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Arizona at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.
Buffalo at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

Monday's Scores

Columbus 5, Philadelphia 3
Tampa Bay 3, N.Y. Rangers 2
Carolina 6, N.Y. Islanders 4
Winnipeg at Nashville, late
Pittsburgh at Calgary, late
Colorado at Arizona, late
St. Louis at Los Angeles, late
Boston at Vancouver, late

Today's Games

Winnipeg at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Washington, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Arizona at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.
Buffalo at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

MHS qualifies 5 powerlifters for state

From staff reports

ABILENE — Five Midland High powerlifters punched their tickets to the state meet with their performances at the Boys Division I Regional Championships at Cooper High School on Saturday.

The Texas High School Powerlifting Association State Powerlifting Meet will take place March 25 at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene.

MHS senior Keoni Garcia earned the regional meet's Best Lifter Award for Heavy Platforms (181 pounds-super heavyweight) after he finished first in the 220-pound weight class with a total weight of 1,580 pounds. Garcia lifted 665 pounds in the squat, a regional meet record for the 220-pound weight class.

MHS senior Paxton Heiting garnered the Best Bench Press Award for Heavy Platforms (181 pounds-super heavyweight) after setting a region record with 460 pounds lifted in the bench in the super heavyweight class.

Heiting won the super heavyweight division with 1,635 pounds lifted.

Midland High's Josh Chandler claimed first in the 198-pound division by lifting a total of 1,435 pounds.

MHS' John Paul Estrada was recognized with the Best Bench Press Award for Light Platforms (114 pounds-165 pounds), as he set a region record with a 355-pound lift in the 165-pound bench class. Estrada finished second in the 165 division with 1,175 total pounds.

Tyler Gonzales will join Garcia, Heiting, Chandler and Estrada at state following his second-place showing with 1,315 pounds lifted in the 181-pound weight class.

Midland High compiled 37 points as a team to finish runner-up to meet champion Plainview (61 points).

Boys Division I Regional Powerlifting Championship Meet
At Cooper High School, Abilene
Saturday
Midland High results only
Total weight lifted listed by weight class

132 — 4. Javon Mathews 750
148 — 4. Aiden Brown 1,010
165 — 2. John Paul Estrada 1,175; 8. Thomas McCarty 935; Scott Pham 940
181 — 2. Tyler Gonzales 1,315
198 — 1. John Chandler 1,435; 4. Collin McCullough 1,275
220 — 1. Keoni Garcia 1,580
275 — 8. Ammar York 1,150
Super heavyweight — 1. Paxton Heiting 1,635

LOCAL SPORTS BRIEFS

FORMER LEE COACH TO BE HONORED

CORSICANA — Former Lee football coach Jim Acree will have a statue in his honor commemorating the 1963 Class 3A state championship Corsicana team that went 14-0.

The statue ceremony will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Palace Theater in Corsicana.

Acree coached the Rebels from 1970-77.

JORDAN ACES AT RHGC

Dick Jordan made a hole-on-one during Saturday's Bootlegger play at Ranchland Hills Golf Club.

Jordan aced the No. 3 hole from 150 yards and it was witnessed by Andrea Morren, Andy Brewer and Brian Clearman.

BOOTLEGGER RESULTS

2017 Bootlegger
at Ranchland Hills Golf Club
Saturday-Sunday
Gross Scores
Championship flight — 1. Aaron Kercher-Colby Karcher 63-66-129; 2. John Hopkins-Greg Avery 65-67—130; 3. Jaron Gaines-Sid Wilson 71-66—137; 4. Erick Alvarado-Adiel Alavarado 69-68-137; 5. Steven Scott-Phil Bledsoe 73-67—140; 6. Chas Gauthier-Chris Cherryhomes 71-69—140; 7. Jeff Welch-Kevin Spray 70-71—141; 8. John Chandler-Michael Chandler 76-69—145

President's Flight — 1. Raul Ochoa-Daniel Espinosa 71-66—137; 2. Boog Childers-Jerry Reese 70-67—137; 3. Travis White-Roy Kizer 67-70—137

First Flight — 1. Miguel Ruiz-Bradley Jones 65-68—133; 2. Cruz Apodaca-Jimmy Phillips 70-72—142; 3. Alex Higareda-Jesus Escobedo 73-71-144

Second Flight — 1. Dick Jordan-Andrea Morren 70-71—141; 2. Tom Joe Walkenshaw-Danny Simonds 75-75—150; 3. Sammy Fields-Loni Fields 74-77—151

Taking WBC seriously, Team USA advances to 2nd round

By Steven Wine
Associated Press

MIAMI — Andrew Miller said yes to taking part in the World Baseball Classic when many other top U.S. pitchers said no, including Clayton Kershaw, Noah Syndergaard and Justin Verlander.

As a reward for showing up, Miller gave up two home runs in an inning for the first time since 2011. That fueled a comeback by the Dominican Republic, which rallied from a five-run deficit to beat the U.S. team, delighting a raucous sellout crowd.

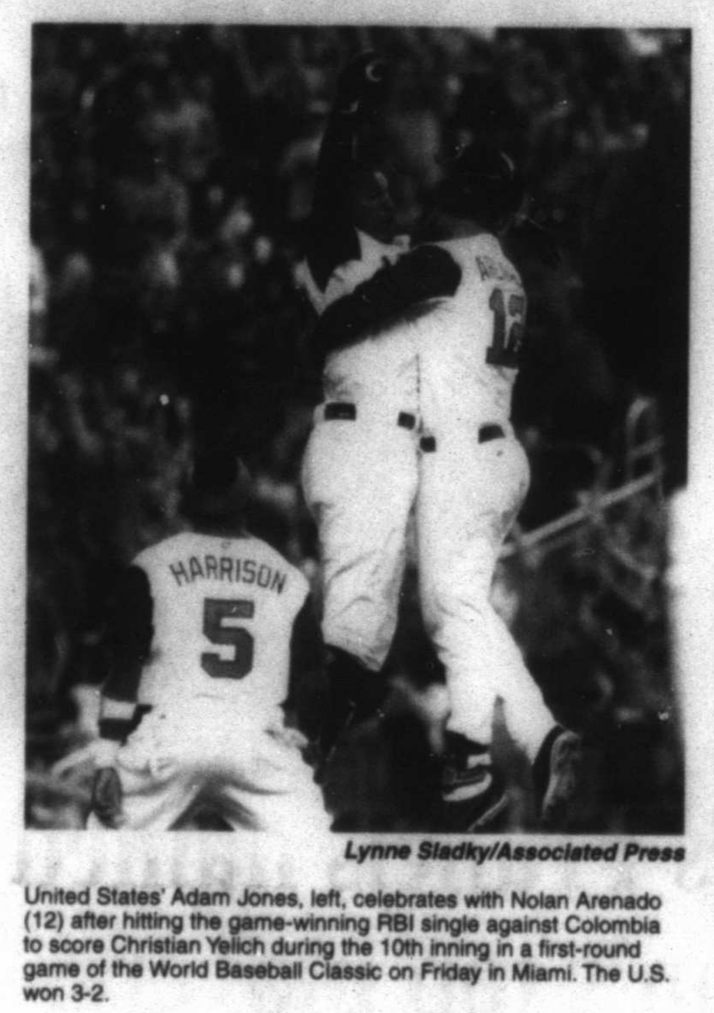
An hour after his dismal WBC debut, Miller said he didn't regret deciding to participate.

"I want to pitch in this atmosphere," the Indians' All-Star closer said. "I want to get better at pitching in games like this. I want to play on teams like this. I want to play against lineups like that. At this point in my career, this is the fun stuff you get a chance to take part in.

"Honestly, I never would have thought a couple of years ago I would have had an opportunity to make a roster like this. It's a special thing you get to participate in. I wish I had performed better, and I hope I get some chances to atone for it."

He will. The Americans bounced back from their deflating loss Saturday to the defending champion Dominicans, and both teams advanced to the second round in San Diego beginning Tuesday.

Team USA, a perennial World Baseball Classic underachiever, believes this year will be different.



Lynne Sladky/Associated Press

United States' Adam Jones, left, celebrates with Nolan Arenado (12) after hitting the game-winning RBI single against Colombia to score Christian Yelich during the 10th inning in a first-round game of the World Baseball Classic on Friday in Miami. The U.S. won 3-2.

The Americans have never reached the finals, much less won the tournament, and participation has been only so-so because of tepid support by major league teams fearful of injuries to players unaccustomed to going all-out in March.

But this year's roster might be the Americans' best yet, even without many top pitchers. Starters Danny Duffy, Chris Archer and Marcus Stroman combined for 12 2/3 scoreless innings as Team USA went 2-1 in round one. Brandon Crawford and Christian Yelich had five hits each, and Nolan Arenado and Buster Posey homered.

The Dominicans, meanwhile, went 3-0 and are 11-0 in the past two WBCs. Their comeback win over the U.S. team rocked Marlins Park, packed with spectators from the Caribbean nation.

"That's an atmosphere I've never been a part of," said Duffy, who pitched in the 2015 World Series. "It was the loudest I've ever heard any place ever."

Enthusiastic fan support by other countries is one reason Duffy, Miller and other American players are glad they're taking part.

But can the U.S. team get spectators in San Diego excited?

"If we keep playing our game and keep doing our thing, I think we're going to start drawing some crowds," Arenado said.

The Rockies All-Star made headlines back in Denver when he slid headfirst to reach first base after striking out on a wild pitch against Colombia. He laughed when asked how eager the Americans are for breakthrough WBC success.

"There's no doubt we're taking it real serious," he said. I'm diving headfirst into first. I mean, I don't know how serious I can take it other than that."

Maximum effort will be needed to get past the Dominicans, who have outscored opponents 62-24 in the past two WBCs. They batted .342 in the first round, and Manny Machado, Nelson Cruz and Sterling Marte homered in the comeback against Team USA.

"The Dominican is a top-to-bottom fearsome lineup," U.S. manager Jim Leyland said. "They have stars all over the field. We've got a lot of stars all over the field. There's a mutual respect there, I think. It wasn't like we were intimidated or embarrassed. We had our shot, and we just didn't quite get it done."

After losing to the Dominicans, Team USA recovered Sunday and eliminated Canada. The Canadians finished 0-3, but manager Ernie Whitt nonetheless joined other participants in praising the WBC.

Whitt noted the enthusiastic crowds and said he's dumbfounded" some major league players are reluctant to take part.

MLB SPRING TRAINING GLANCE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
New York	13	4	0.765
Oakland	10	5	0.667
Los Angeles	10	6	0.625
Baltimore	10	6	0.625
Minnesota	9	6	0.600
Chicago	10	7	0.588
Seattle	10	7	0.588
Kansas City	8	8	0.500
Cleveland	8	8	0.500
Tampa Bay	7	8	0.467
Boston	7	10	0.412
Houston	5	9	0.357
Toronto	5	10	0.333
Texas	4	11	0.267
Detroit	4	12	0.250

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
St. Louis	11	4	0.733
Pittsburgh	12	5	0.706
Milwaukee	10	8	0.556
Los Angeles	10	8	0.556
New York	9	9	0.500
Arizona	8	8	0.500
Colorado	8	8	0.500
Philadelphia	8	8	0.500
Washington	7	7	0.500
Chicago	6	8	0.429
Cincinnati	6	11	0.421
San Francisco	7	10	0.412
San Diego	6	10	0.375
Atlanta	6	10	0.375
Miami	3	9	0.308

Monday's Scores

Detroit 3, Washington 3, 10 innings
St. Louis 6, Houston 3
Baltimore 6, Philadelphia 4
Atlanta 7, Pittsburgh 6
Minnesota 9, Tampa Bay 4
Toronto 4, Boston 3
N.Y Mets 6, Miami 4
Chicago White Sox 9, Cleveland 5
Cincinnati 3, Oakland 1
Milwaukee 24, Seattle 3
Chicago Cubs 3, San Diego 1
Kansas City 4, Colorado 2
L.A. Dodgers 3, L.A. Angels 1
San Francisco vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., late

Today's Games

Atlanta vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y Mets vs. Houston at West Palm Beach, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y Yankees vs. Tampa Bay (ss) at Port Charlotte, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (ss) vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Colorado vs. Oakland at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
Texas vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION

UPCOMING EVENTS

3/11 9:00-12:00 Shot & Chip Clinic Dennis the Menace Park
3/13 6:00-8:00 Volunteer Orientation at MHC's Adoption Center
4/6 6:30-8:30 Microchipping at Beer Garden's Yappy Hour
6/24 3rd Annual Hot Dog Run 5K and 1K

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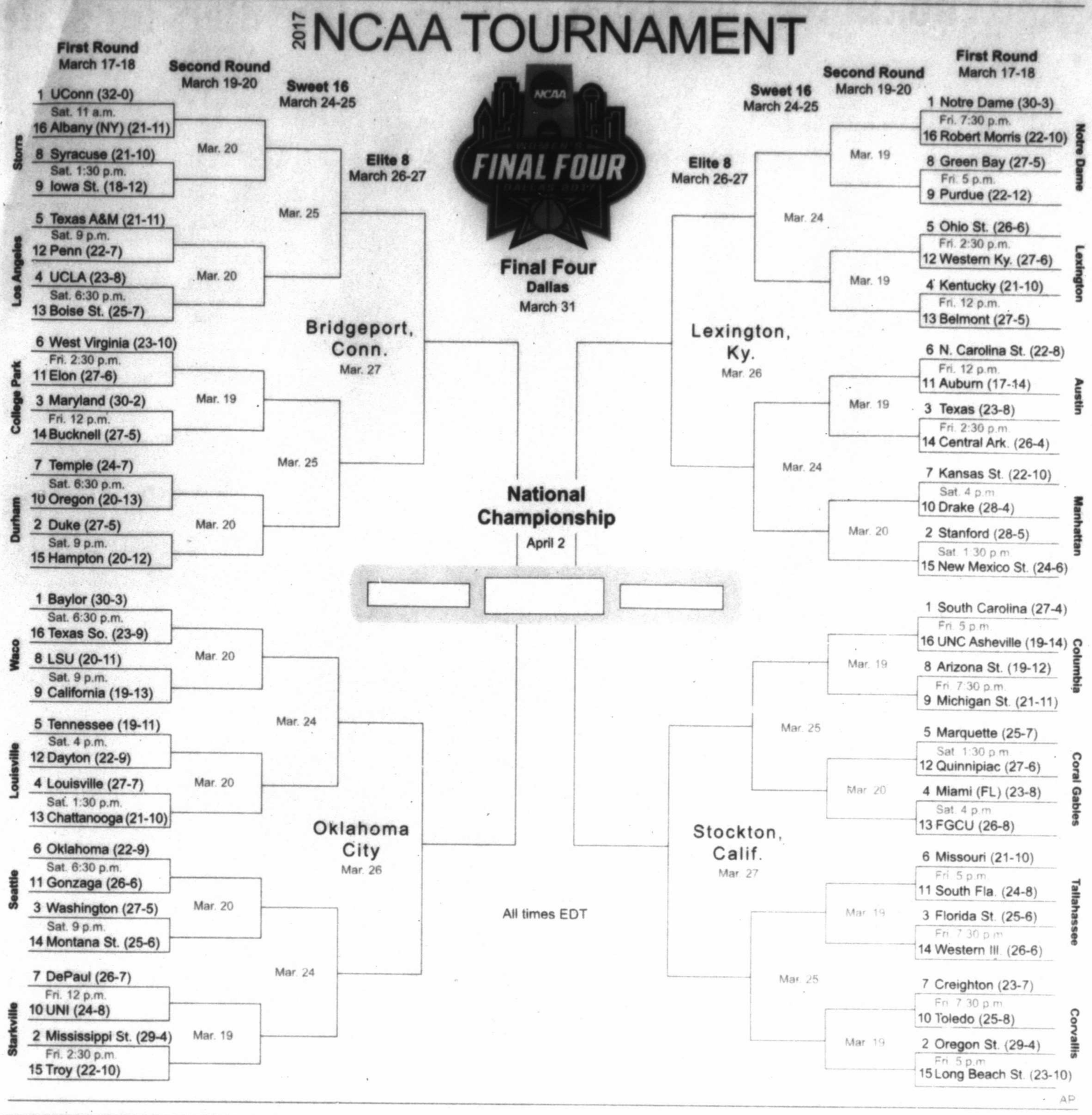
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2017 NCAA TOURNAMENT



AP

UTPB's Francis named region's top player

From staff reports

ODESSA — UT Permian Basin junior forward and former Midland College standout Daeshon Francis has been named the 2017 Division II Conference Commissioners Association South Central Region Player of the Year.

Francis helped the Falcons lead the Lone Star Conference and rank 12th nationally in scoring this season, averaging 88.3 points per game as a team while ranking 3rd overall in the LSC at 18.2 points per game. He was one of the best shooters in the league, hitting 55.9 percent of his field goals on the season and was the second best rebounder on the team, collecting 6.6 rebounds per game. Francis also led the team with 48 steals and was second on the squad with 99 assists and 22 blocks.

"I had a great support system not only with my family but with the coaching staff here, the students, the other guys on the team and the other athletes on campus, and they all wanted to see me succeed as much as I wanted to see them succeed," Francis said. "It was a show of how all the time and dedication into the sport of basketball in trying to reach a really high level pays off.

For Francis and his teammates, 2016-17 was a season of firsts for UTPB men's basketball. The Falcons finished the season 26-6 on the year and were Lone Star Conference regular season and tournament champions in their first season of competition in the league.

SEEDS

From 1C

four in the country, (we) earn a three seed," Frese said. "Thirty wins, win your conference regular season and conference tournament at this point it doesn't matter. Put your head down and given the bracket you have, it's the next opportunity."

Duke is the No. 2 seed in the region after missing the NCAAs last year for the first time since 1994.

For the second consecutive season the NCAA is having the top four teams in each region host the opening two rounds. No. 2 Stanford couldn't host because of a conflict in its facility so the Cardinal will head to seventh-seeded Kansas State.

Tennessee isn't one of those 16 teams, but the Lady Vols will be making their 36th consecutive appearance in the NCAA Tournament. They've been in the field ever year.

The Lady Vols who have shown they can beat nearly anyone in the field but also can lose to many teams too. They open up against Dayton in Louisville. The Cardinals are the four seed in the Oklahoma City Regional.

Elon and Texas Southern are the lone teams playing in their first NCAAs.

The SEC has eight teams in the field while the ACC and Pac-12 each have seven. The Missouri Valley Conference got a second team in with Northern Iowa making the field as a 10-seed. Drake won the conference's automatic bid, going unbeaten in conference play.

BETS

From 1C

week hoops extravaganza that starts Tuesday with opening-round games and ends April 1 and 3 at the Final Four in Phoenix. That's $1.2 billion more than last year. Only $295 million of that will be bet legally — mainly at sports books in Nevada.

Geoff Freeman of the AGA, which seeks to destigmatize gambling while making it legal in more parts of the country, says the NCAA's stance is "strange" and "hypocritical." "The other word is, it's dangerous," Freeman said.

The AGA, the lobbying arm for commercial and tribal casinos, believes the more regulatory eyeballs placed on the games if gambling became legal in more places, the less chance there is of point shaving and other forms of tampering, the likes of which have hit the college game hard in the past.

"I don't know that the office basketball pool should be messed with," says Bo Bernhard of the International Gaming Institute at University of Nevada, Las Vegas. "But the broader, more important issue is that there's widespread wagering on sports that goes unmonitored, unregulated, and that's where you can get in trouble."

NBA commissioner Adam Silver is among the most high-profile U.S. sports leaders acknowledging the reality that gambling is an ever-growing part of the American fabric. He says it adds to engagement and believes gambling "should be brought out of the underground."

The NFL still has a strict no-gambling policy, but gives tacit recognition to its role in the game by providing detailed injury reports. The league is strongly considering moving a team, the Raiders, to Las Vegas — an unthinkable notion for decades.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL GLANCE & POLLS

Men

AP TOP 25 POLL

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' final 2016-17 college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through March 12, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Villanova (59)	31-3	1619	2
2. Gonzaga (6)	32-1	1520	4
3. Kansas	28-4	1478	1
4. Arizona	30-4	1427	3
5. North Carolina	27-7	1278	6
6. Kentucky	29-5	1275	8
7. Duke	27-8	1250	14
8. UCLA	29-4	1207	9
9. Oregon	29-5	1194	5
10. Louisville	24-8	981	10
11. SMU	30-4	951	12
12. Baylor	25-7	877	9
13. West Virginia	26-8	842	11
14. Notre Dame	25-9	692	22
15. Purdue	25-7	652	13
16. Florida State	25-8	568	16
17. Iowa State	23-10	560	23
18. Cincinnati	29-5	520	15
19. Wichita State	30-4	436	20
20. Florida	24-8	388	17
21. Butler	23-8	359	18
22. Saint Mary's	28-4	304	19
23. Michigan	24-11	252	—
24. Virginia	22-10	238	21
25. Wisconsin	25-9	151	24

Others receiving votes: Middle Tennessee 35, Minnesota 20, Rhode Island 13, Creighton 10, Iowa 8, Oklahoma State 8, Nevada 5, Princeton 5, Vermont 4, Virginia Tech 3, Seton Hall 2, Arkansas 1, Northwestern 1, VCU 1.

USA TODAY TOP 25 POLL

The top 25 teams in the USA Today men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through March 12, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Villanova (27)	31-3	747	2
2. Gonzaga (1)	32-1	691	4
3. Kansas (2)	28-4	687	1
4. Arizona	30-4	655	3
5. Kentucky	29-5	586	6
6. UCLA	29-4	575	3
7. Duke	27-8	567	14
8. North Carolina	27-7	564	6
9. Oregon	29-5	538	5
10. Louisville	24-8	459	9
11. Baylor	25-7	400	10
12. West Virginia	26-8	390	11
13. Southern Methodist	30-4	382	15
14. Notre Dame	25-9	356	16
15. Purdue	25-7	297	12
16. Cincinnati	29-5	282	18
17. Florida	24-8	245	13
18. Florida State	25-8	219	17
19. Wichita State	30-4	198	22
20. Iowa State	23-10	185	24
21. Saint Mary's	28-4	166	18
22. Wisconsin	25-9	159	23
23. Virginia	22-10	116	21
24. Butler	23-8	104	20
25. Middle Tennessee	30-4	59	25

Others receiving votes: Michigan 58, Minnesota 14, Northwestern 13, Vermont 12, Creighton 11, Oklahoma State 9, Xavier 9, North Carolina-Wilmington 5, California 4, Maryland 4, Southern California 3, Arkansas 1, Dayton 1, South Carolina 1.

NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Glance

FIRST FOUR
At UD Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Tuesday, March 14
Mount St. Mary's (19-15) vs. New Orleans (20-11), 5:40 p.m.
Kansas State (20-13) vs. Wake Forest (19-13), 8:10 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15
N.C. Central (25-8) vs. UC Davis (22-12), 5:40 p.m.
Providence (20-12) vs. Southern Cal (24-9), 8:10 p.m.

EAST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 16
At KeyBank Center
Buffalo, N.Y.
Villanova (31-3) vs. Mount St. Mary's-New Orleans winner, 5:10 p.m.
Wisconsin (25-9) vs. Virginia Tech (22-10), 8:40 p.m.

At Amway Center
Orlando, Fla.
Virginia (22-10) vs. UNC Wilmington (29-5), 11:40 a.m.
Florida (24-8) vs. ETSU (27-7), 2:10 p.m.
Friday, March 17
At Bon Secours Wellness Arena
Greenville, S.C.
Duke (27-8) vs. Troy (22-14), 6:20 p.m.
South Carolina (22-10) vs. Marquette (19-12), 8:50 p.m.

At BOK Center
Tulsa, Okla.
Baylor (25-7) vs. New Mexico State (26-5), 11:40 a.m.
SMU (29-4) vs. Providence-Southern Cal winner, 2:10 p.m.

SOUTH REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 16
At BMO Harris Bradley Center
Milwaukee
Butler (23-8) vs. Winthrop (26-6), 12:30 p.m.
Minnesota (24-9) vs. Middle Tennessee (30-4), 3 p.m.

Friday, March 17
At Bon Secours Wellness Arena
Greenville, S.C.
Arkansas (25-9) vs. Seton Hall (21-11), 12:30 p.m.
North Carolina (27-7) vs. Texas Southern (23-11), 3 p.m.

At Bankers Life Fieldhouse
Indianapolis
Dayton (24-7) vs. Wichita State (30-4), 6:10 p.m.
Kentucky (29-5) vs. Northern Kentucky (24-10), 8:40 p.m.

At Golden 1 Center
Sacramento, Calif.
Cincinnati (29-5) vs. Kansas State-Wake Forest winner, 6:27 p.m.
UCLA (29-4) vs. Kent State (22-13), 8:57 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 16
At BMO Harris Bradley Center
Milwaukee
Purdue (25-7) vs. Vermont (29-5), 6:27 p.m.
Iowa State (23-10) vs. Nevada (28-6), 8:57 p.m.

Friday, March 17
At Bankers Life Fieldhouse
Indianapolis
Michigan (24-11) vs. Oklahoma State (20-12), 11:15 a.m.
Louisville (24-8) vs. Jacksonville State (20-14), 1:45 p.m.

At BOK Center
Tulsa, Okla.
Kansas (28-4) vs. N.C. Central-UC Davis winner, 5:50 p.m.
Miami (21-11) vs. Michigan State (19-14), 8:20 p.m.

At Golden 1 Center
Sacramento, Calif.
Oregon (29-5) vs. Iona (22-12), 1 p.m.
Creighton (25-9) vs. Rhode Island (24-9), 3:30 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 16
At KeyBank Center
Buffalo, N.Y.
Notre Dame (25-9) vs. Princeton (23-6), 11:15 a.m.
West Virginia (26-8) vs. Bucknell (26-8), 1:45 p.m.

At Amway Center
Orlando, Fla.
Maryland (24-8) vs. Xavier (21-13), 6:50 p.m.
Florida State (25-8) vs. Florida Gulf Coast (26-7), 8:20 p.m.

At Vivint Smart Home Arena
Salt Lake City
Gonzaga (32-1) vs. South Dakota State (18-16), 1 p.m.
Northwestern (23-11) vs. Vanderbilt (19-15), 3:30 p.m.
Saint Mary's (28-4) vs. VCU (26-8), 6:20 p.m.
Arizona (30-4) vs. North Dakota (22-9), 8:50 p.m.

National Invitation Tournament Glance

First Round
Tuesday, March 14
Mississippi (20-13) at Monmouth (27-6), 6 p.m.
UNC-Greensboro (25-9) at Syracuse (18-14), 6 p.m.
Valparaiso (24-8) at Illinois (18-14), 6:15 p.m.
Oakland (24-8) at Clemson (17-15), 7 p.m.
Indiana (18-15) at Georgia Tech (17-15), 8 p.m.
College of Charleston (25-9) at Colorado State (23-11), 8 p.m.
Richmond (20-12) at Alabama (19-14), 8:15 p.m.
Boise St. (19-11) at Utah (20-11), 9 p.m.
CS Bakersfield (22-9) at California (21-12), 10:15 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15
South Dakota (22-11) at Iowa (18-14), 6 p.m.
Belmont (22-8) at Georgia (19-14), 6 p.m.
Colorado (19-14) at UCF (21-11), 6 p.m.
Akron (26-8) at Houston (21-10), 6:30 p.m.
Fresno St. (20-12) at TCU (19-15), 7 p.m.
Texas-Arlington (25-8) at BYU (22-11), 8 p.m.
UC Irvine (21-14) at Illinois State (27-6), 8:30 p.m.

Second Round
March 18-20
UNC-Greensboro-Syracuse winner vs. Mississippi-Monmouth winner
Indiana-Georgia Tech winner vs. Belmont-Georgia winner
CS Bakersfield-California winner vs. College of Charleston-Colorado State winner
Texas-Arlington-BYU winner vs. Akron-Houston winner
UC Irvine-Illinois State winner vs. Colorado-UCF winner
Boise St.-Utah winner vs. Valparaiso-Illinois winner
South Dakota-Iowa winner vs. Fresno St.-TCU winner
Richmond-Alabama winner vs. Oakland-Clemson winner

Quarterfinals
March 21-22
Semifinals
At Madison Square Garden
New York
Tuesday, March 28
Semifinal, 6 p.m.
Semifinal, 8:30 p.m.
Championship
Thursday, March 29
Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.

College Basketball Invitational Glance

First Round
Wednesday, March 15
Utah Valley (15-16) at Georgia Southern (18-14), 6 p.m.
Loyola (Md.) (15-16) at George Mason (20-13), 6 p.m.
Hampton (14-16) at Coastal Carolina (16-17), 6 p.m.
Toledo (17-16) at George Washington (19-14), 6 p.m.
San Francisco (20-12) at Rice (22-11), 7 p.m.
Stony Brook (18-13) at UIC (15-18), 7 p.m.
Green Bay (18-13) at UMKC (17-16), 7:05 p.m.
Eastern Washington (22-11) at Wyoming (18-14), 8 p.m.

Quarterfinals
Monday, March 20
Loyola (Md.)-George Mason winner vs. Hampton-Coastal Carolina winner
Stony Brook-UIC winner vs. Toledo-George Washington winner
Eastern Washington-Wyoming winner vs. Green Bay-UMKC winner
San Francisco-Rice winner vs. Utah Valley-Georgia Southern winner

Semifinals
Wednesday, March 22
TBD
TBD

Championship Series
(Best-of-3)
Monday, March 27: TBD
Wednesday, March 29: TBD
Friday, March 31: TBD

Women

AP top 25 poll

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' final 2016-17 women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through March 12, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. UConn (33)	32-0	825	1
2. Notre Dame	30-3	787	3
3. South Carolina	27-4	729	4
4. Maryland	30-2	725	5
5. Baylor	30-3	719	2
6. Stanford	28-5	649	6
7. Mississippi State	29-4	519	7
8. Oregon State	29-4	593	8
9. Duke	27-5	525	9
10. Florida State	25-6	498	10
11. Ohio State	26-6	485	11
12. Washington	27-5	473	12
13. Louisville	27-7	439	13
14. Texas	23-8	408	14
15. UCLA	23-8	365	15
16. Miami	23-8	353	16
17. N.C. State	22-8	267	18
18. Kentucky	21-10	230	19
19. DePaul	26-7	193	17
20. Drake	28-4	186	20
21. Syracuse	21-10	149	21
22. West Virginia	23-10	131	—
23. Oklahoma	22-9	126	22
24. Kansas State	22-10	59	24
25. Missouri	21-10	47	25

Others receiving votes: Marquette 34, Creighton 32, Belmont 23, South Florida 14, Temple 13, Texas A&M 6, Green Bay 5, Purdue 5, Dayton 4, Tennessee 3, UALR 3, Western Kentucky 2, Arizona State 1.



Photos by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Michael Salazar watches his chip onto the green Monday during the Omega Treating Chemicals College Invitational at Green Tree Country Club.



Midland College's Coleman Houston hits out of the sand.



Midland College's Ben Murray follows his tee shot.



Midland College's Hudson Ross chips onto the green.

CHAPS

From 1C

and driver well, as well as making a lot of putts.

"I was happy," said Cronje about his play. "I played good on East (course). I was 9-under for the day, and then 3-over on North (course), so I think tomorrow I'm going to concentrate a little bit more on north and try improve my score."

Salazar said he also was hitting his irons well, plus he was putting and chipping well.

"I feel good," Salazar said. "I just need to work on my tee shots. But other than that I feel comfortable."

Longtime coach Delnor Poss said it was a good day for his team.

"I was pleased with their performance," he said. "I saw some mental mistakes that we can correct. Of course, mental mistakes result in physical mistakes. But top to bottom we played well. We only had a one person over 75 in any of the rounds that we played today. That shows a lot of consistency because the course didn't play even, it played difficult. Any time you play 36 holes and you play your last 18 holes is five strokes better than you did the first 18, that means that you're staying focused and performing well.

"Stefan Cronje stepped it up. A 5-under par 67 this afternoon is really exceptional. Michael Salazar continues to be such a solid player and I'm really proud of him. And Coleman Houston coming back with his 1-under par 71 was really impressive also."

Poss said that Murray showed a lot of courage on Monday after being in bed all weekend battling the flu.

The Chaps look to close out their third win of the spring semester when the final round tees off with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. today.

"We had some good scores," Salazar said. "Hopefully (today) we can go lower."

Follow Oscar on Twitter: @OLeRoy_MRT

Omega Treating Chemicals College Invitational at Green Tree Country Club
Par 72
Monday's scores

Team standings - 1. Midland College 288-283-571; 2. New Mexico Military Institute 298-296-594; 3. New Mexico JC 304-295-599; 4. Ranger College 305-305-610

Medalist standings - 1. Stefan Cronje, Midland, 71-67-138; 2. Michael Salazar, Midland, 69-72-141; 3. Van Thomas, Odessa College, 72-72-144; 4. Michael Garcia, New Mexico JC, 74-71-145; 5. (tie). Coleman Houston, Midland, 75-71-146; Arturo Quintero, NMMI, 74-73-146; Brandon Smith, Odessa, 74-72-146; 8. (tie) Ben Murray, Midland, 73-74-147; Paul Choi, NMMI, 76-71-147; 10. (tie) Ben Tucker, New Mexico JC, 75-73-148; Peter Choi, NMMI, 73-75-148

Team scores

Midland College (571) - Stefan Cronje 71-67-138; Ben Murray 73-74-147; Michael Salazar 69-72-141; Hudson Ross 76-73-149; Coleman Houston 75-71-146

NMMI (594) - Paul Choi 76-71-147; Peter Choi 73-75-148; Paul Montoya 76-78-154; Arturo Quintero 73-73-146; Lucas Bohannon 84-80-164

New Mexico JC (599) - Ben Tucker 75-73-148; Ryan Cox 76-75-151; Peter Johns 80-76-156; Michael Garcia 74-71-145; Fraser Hughes 879-85-164

Ranger College (610) - Jose Peroza 74-80-154; Francisco Manzanilla 82-73-155; Simon Bourell 78-74-152; Austin McKinney 80-82-162; Lenny Trota 73-78-151

Odessa College individuals - Parker Beaty 83-79-162; Austin Anderson 77-75-152; Van Thomas 72-72-144; Brandon Smith 74-72-146; Bear Bailey 76-75-151

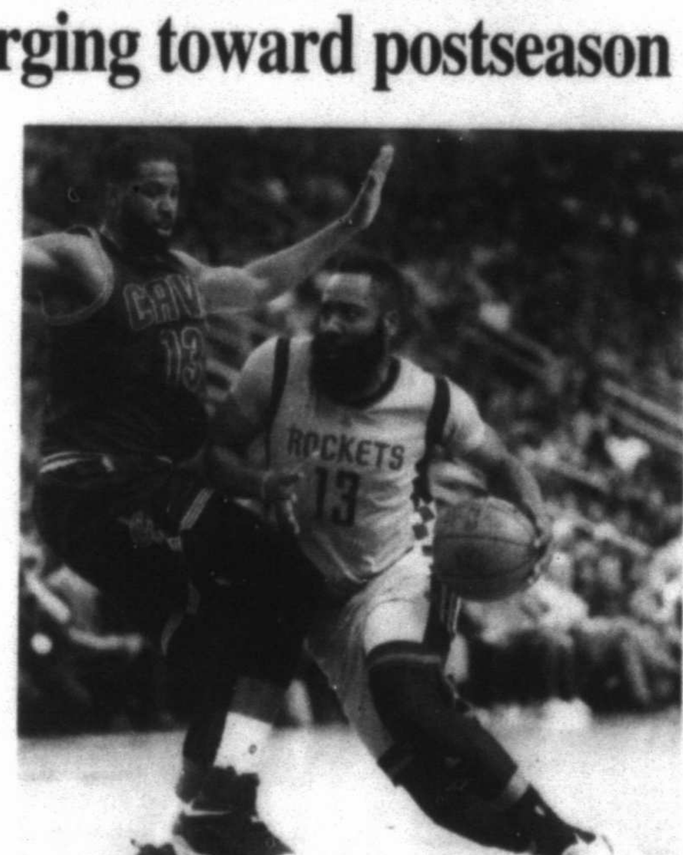
Midland College individuals - Tommy Parker 77-78-155; Michael Pineaar 80-80-160

NMJC individuals - Julian Bartucca 77-75-152; Preston Ewing 81-73-154

Ranger College individual - Ty Wright 79-79—158

Happy Harden has Houston Rockets surging toward postseason

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press



David J. Phillip/Associated Press

Houston Rockets' James Harden, right, drives toward the basket as Cleveland Cavaliers' Tristan Thompson defends during the second half of an NBA game Sunday in Houston. The Rockets won 117-112.

HOUSTON — Ask James Harden about how happy he is running coach Mike D'Antoni's offense and a smile spreads across his face before the sentence is done.

Harden has shaken off the disappointment of last season to thrive under D'Antoni and become a leading candidate for league MVP. His performance has the Houston Rockets thinking this could be the year they contend for a title.

The Rockets are third in the Western Conference with less than a month left in the regular season and on the cusp of securing their fifth straight playoff berth.

"We're all in a good place right now and we're for each other," Harden said. "So just ride this momentum into the postseason."

Harden knew all about what D'Antoni did with the Phoenix Suns teams led by Steve Nash, and couldn't wait to see how his up-tempo offense would translate in Houston. So far things have exceeded even the high expectations Harden had.

"Yeah, especially when you've got guys that are encouraging you, that are having just as much fun as you and you're all playing together," he said. "That makes it exciting."

Harden had 38 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds on Sunday night in a win over the Cleveland Cavaliers to outshine LeBron James and collect his 16th triple-double this season. His 29.1 points a game rank third in the NBA and in his first season as the team's point guard he leads the league by averaging 11.2 assists. Harden's 216 3-pointers are second in the NBA and lead a 3-point crazy team that is first in the league with 983so far this season.

Harden has had some great seasons before this one, but having the ball in his hands on every play as the point guard has taken things to another level. But he knows he must do even more for the Rockets to have a shot at their first title since they won back to back championships in 1994 and 1995.

"I can always improve," he said. "We can always improve as a team and we will."

Much is made about Harden being a good fit for D'Antoni, especially after coach Kevin McHale was fired last year after just 11 games and the Rockets were ousted from the playoffs by Golden State in the first round. But Houston's first-year coach might be even more thrilled that he has a talent like Harden to implement his offensive vision.

"The system only works if you have good players, and he's probably the best in the league," D'Antoni said. "So that makes it easy. You'd have to be an imbecile not to be able to come up with something that makes him look good."

D'Antoni has not only been impressed with Harden's play, but also with how he's embraced his role as this team's undisputed leader this season with Dwight Howard gone to Atlanta.

"He's very coachable and he took to the point guard role," D'Antoni said. "He wanted to be a point guard. Not just in name, but he does everything on and off the court that point guards need to do. It's been great."

Forsan fends off rally from Stanton

STANTON — The Forsan baseball team held off a late rally by Stanton to win 6-5 in non-district play on Monday at Stanton High School.

Trailing 6-3, Stanton (2-7-1) made the game interesting by scoring two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning before Forsan's Blaze Yeater recorded the final out for the save.

Stanton's Thomas Zarate went 3-for-4 with two runs, while teammate Trent Cox was 3-for-4 with an RBI.

The Forsan offense received a double from Austin Darden and a triple from Yeater.

Stanton opens District 5-3A play on the road against Clyde on March 21.

FORSAN 6, STANTON 5

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Stanton	001	020	2	–5 12 3

Taylor Christian, Blaze Yeater (7) and unknown catcher Aaron Marquez, Thomas Zarate (5), Alejandro Machuca and Trent Cox. W — Christian. L — Marquez. S — Yeater. 2B — Forsan: Austin Darden; Stanton: Cox, Noe Ureste. 3B — Forsan: Yeater.

Record: Stanton 2-7-1.

Next: Stanton at Clyde, 7 p.m. March 21

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	42	25	.627	—
Toronto	39	28	.582	3
New York	26	41	.388	16
Philadelphia	24	42	.364	17½
Brooklyn	12	53	.185	29

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	41	25	.621	—
Atlanta	37	30	.552	4½
Miami	32	35	.478	9½
Charlotte	29	38	.433	12½
Orlando	24	43	.358	17½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	43	22	.662	—
Indiana	34	32	.515	9½
Detroit	33	33	.500	10½
Milwaukee	32	34	.485	11½
Chicago	32	35	.478	12

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	52	14	.788	—
Houston	46	21	.687	6½
Memphis	37	30	.552	15½
Dallas	28	38	.424	24
New Orleans	26	40	.394	26

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	42	25	.627	—
Oklahoma City	37	29	.561	4½
Denver	31	35	.470	10½
Portland	29	36	.446	12
Minnesota	28	38	.424	13½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Golden State	52	14	.788	—
L.A. Clippers	40	27	.597	12½
Sacramento	25	41	.379	27
Phoenix	22	45	.328	30½
L.A. Lakers	20	46	.303	32

x-clinched playoff spot

Monday's Scores

Chicago 115, Charlotte 109
Toronto 100, Dallas 78
Memphis 113, Milwaukee 93
Minnesota 119, Washington 104
San Antonio 107, Atlanta 99
Utah 114, L.A. Clippers 108
L.A. Lakers at Denver, late
Orlando at Sacramento, late

Today's Games

Detroit at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Indiana at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.
Portland at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

NBA ROUNDUP

RAPTORS 100, MAVERICKS 78

TORONTO — DeMar DeRozan scored 25 points, Norman Powell added 19 and the Toronto Raptors beat Dallas 100-78 on Monday night, their third straight victory over the Mavericks.

Jonas Valanciunas had 14 points and 12 rebounds as the Raptors beat Dallas for the sixth time in their last eight meetings. Toronto swept the season series last year.

Harrison Barnes had 18 points and Dirk Nowitzki scored 17 for Dallas, which lost starting forward Wesley Matthews to a strained right calf. Matthews, who was averaging 14.7 points coming into the game, was removed with 1:07 to play in the first half and did not return.

The Raptors led by 13 entering the fourth quarter, then opened the period with a 10-2 run that extended the lead to 21 in the opener of the Mavericks' four-game road swing.

BULLS 115, HORNETS 109

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Nikola Mirotic scored 24 points, Rajon Rondo had a season-high 20 in his return to the starting lineup and the Chicago Bulls beat the Charlotte Hornets 115-109 on Monday night to snap a season-high, five-game losing streak.

Dwyane Wade and Jimmy Butler each had 23 points for the Bulls (32-35), who got a needed win to boost their hopes of earning the eighth playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Rondo provided the spark for the Bulls in his first start since Dec. 30. Along with hitting a season-high three 3-pointers, he had six assists and seven rebounds.

Jeremy Lamb scored 26 points filling in for Nic Batum (migraine), while Michael Kidd-Gilchrist had 22 and Kemba Walker 21 for the struggling Hornets. Marvin Williams had 13 points and tied a career high with 18 rebounds.

TIMBERWOLVES 119, WIZARDS 104

MINNEAPOLIS — Karl-Anthony Towns had 39 points and 13 rebounds, Ricky Rubio scored 22 points and broke his own franchise record with 19 assists, and the Minnesota Timberwolves beat the Washington Wizards 119-104 on Monday night.

Nemanja Bjelica added 16 points and 10 boards off the bench for the Timberwolves, who entered the game 3½ games behind Denver for the eighth seed in the Western Conference. Minnesota shot 52 percent and Rubio topped 20 points in back-to-back games for the second time in his six-year career.

John Wall scored 27 points for the Wizards, who fell 2 ½ games back of Cleveland for the top seed in the Eastern Conference. Bradley Beal added 20 points, but Washington lost for the first time in six games.

GRIZZLIES 113, BUCKS 93

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Vince Carter made all eight of his shots, including six from beyond the arc, to score a season-high 24 points and lead Memphis past Milwaukee.

The 40-year-old Carter set a season high for 3-point makes in his first start of the season. Memphis shot 52 percent for the game, including 14 of 27 from deep.

Memphis stopped a five-game skid by ending the Bucks' six-game winning streak.

Mike Conley had 20 points and 10 assists for Memphis, while Tony Allen scored 15 points. Zach Randolph finished with 14 points.

It takes a brawl for NASCAR to go mainstream

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Kyle Busch had a gash on his forehead and blood running down his nose when he promised payback to Joey Logano. The two had a brief post-race pit road brawl that can be seen on TMZ, the "Today Show" and, really, just about anywhere.

The tussle shoved NASCAR into the watercooler talk Monday alongside the NCAA Tournament, and the reason why should be a wakeup call to every stakeholder in the stagnant sport because, like it or not, Busch getting pummeled by Logano's crew is the lasting memory of the race.

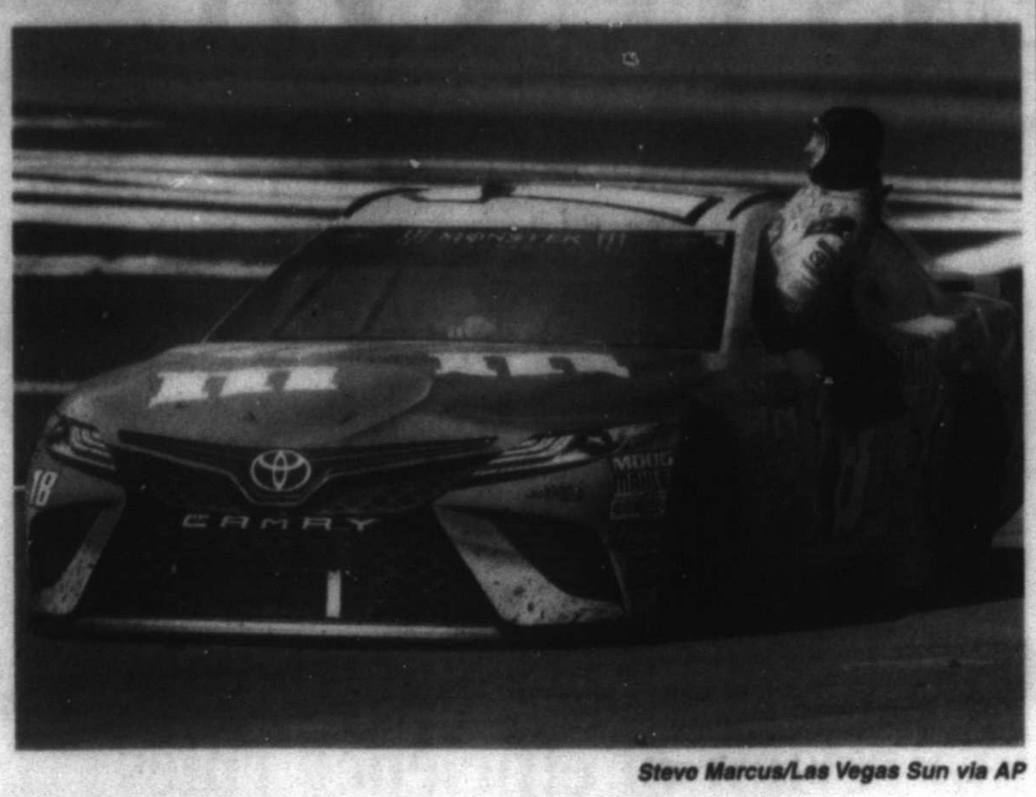
NASCAR can make any format change under the sun, try gimmicks, slick marketing or the Monster Energy Girls, but its mainstream audience wants drama. Only racing fans know that a late caution nearly cost Martin Truex Jr. the win, that Brad Keselowski lost the race because of a car part failure and that his disabled race car likely led to the Busch-Logano brouhaha.

Inside the racing bubble, all of this is both a dream come true and a nightmare.

NASCAR doesn't want to be known for brawling , and its drivers don't particularly enjoy the scrutiny and/or punishment that comes from bad behavior. But this sport is in desperate need of rivalries, and nothing gets people talking like a bloodied face after a race.

NASCAR Chairman Brian France suggested the drivers aren't likely to receive harsh penalties.

"We just shouldn't come out of our chairs over this," France said Monday on SiriusXM NASCAR Radio. "The pressure on these guys today is so difficult. So it shouldn't surprise anybody that every once in a while, somebody is going to boil over, somebody is going to think that they saw an incident in a different way and, whether it's true or not true doesn't matter, emotions are going to get the best of them. That's just part of it."



Stevo Marcus/Las Vegas Sun via AP

Kyle Busch (18) climbs out of his smoking car in pit lane at the end of the NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway on Sunday in Las Vegas.

The Busch-Logano bout Sunday at Las Vegas Motor Speedway happened in the pits.

Busch felt that Logano wrecked him as the two raced for position past Keselowski's slowed car, so he sped down pit road, leaving the bulk of his Joe Gibbs Racing crew behind, and sought out Logano. When he found his former teammate, Busch went in swinging.

Logano insists he wasn't hit, video is inconclusive, but Busch walking into a group of Team Penske employees was a recipe for disaster. It was the Penske crew members who pulled Busch away, got him to the ground and, in that scrum, bloodied his head.

Roger Penske has said his employees are there to defuse those situations — his drivers, Logano and Keselowski, have had their share of confrontations — but the only defusing came from one public relations employee who forcefully pulled Logano out of the fray. Most everyone else on the scene seemed all too eager to get their hands on Busch and that's a problem for NASCAR. These are not situations where the crew should get involved. It's for NASCAR officials to intervene, and it ultimately was a pair of NASCAR employees who pulled Busch from the pile and out of the way.

Keselowski, who was punched in the face by Jeff Gordon in a 2014 scrum of team members, noted the issue on Twitter after the race.

"Fighting in Motorsport is dumb," Keselowski tweeted. "It always turns into a pile and your own guys hit each other. At least in hockey they are good at it."

Well, the NHL is actually trying to curb fighting, but Keselowski's point is valid. Driver disputes must be policed by NASCAR, not the teams.

France seemed to think everything will be taken care of because there's precedent. Although Busch vowed to exact revenge, France believes the 2015 blowback from a long-running feud between Busch teammate Matt Kenseth and Logano will put an end to possible payback.

"There will be no retaliation," France told Sirius. "That will not be happening. That's not going to happen anyway. The drivers understand what we did a couple of years ago at Martinsville (suspending Matt Kenseth two races for wrecking Logano), that is unacceptable.

"So what happens on the track, good or for bad for one driver or another, that's where it stays, and we move on to the next event."

We'll see. This incident certainly hasn't hurt NASCAR, and a little bad blood could really liven up an otherwise slow start to the season.

Past major winners welcome at Masters, but not to play

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Already the smallest field among majors, the Masters is shrinking the field for the Par 3 Contest.

Augusta National has sent letters to its honorary invitees to inform them that the Par 3 Contest, held on the Wednesday before the opening round, will be limited to players in the field and past Masters champions.

"It's sad," former British Open champion David Duval said. "But I understand it. Maybe there's not enough spots in the Par 3."

U.S. Open, British Open and PGA Championship winners are exempt to the Masters for five years. After that, they become "honorary invitees," along with all past U.S. Amateur champions. For years, that allowed them to be treated like anyone else in the field up until the opening round Thursday.

Now, however, the club is asking that they no longer play practice rounds or use the practice facility.

Augusta National said in an email that honorary invitees still have special access to the Masters, but that the Par 3 Contest will be limited because of increased participation and interest. ESPN has televised the Par 3 Contest since 2008.

"As a person and an honorary invitee, I'm disappointed because it was my favorite day of the year," former British Open champion Ian Baker-Finch said. "I loved it. I'll still be there, though, and I'll watch like everyone else."

Baker-Finch played his final Masters in 1996 and has been coming to Augusta National every year since then, either playing in the Par 3 or even playing nine holes of a practice round with Australian players who asked him to join and share tips.

Two-time U.S. Open champion Curtis Strange rarely brings his clubs when he comes to the Masters, and he didn't mind the change in policy.

"We had our time, and now it's their time," Strange said. "I think it's extremely nice that we're invited to come back with your spouse. It's been nice for these guys who want to hit balls and play practice rounds. But times change. I think with time constraints, they want to make it for players in the field. My sense is that the Par 3 was getting a little bit crowded and taking a little bit too long, and they wanted to streamline it. I think that's fine."

The Masters pays homage to major champions more than any of the other majors by giving them special access, which includes two clubhouse badges, a $1,000 honorarium and a gift to commemorate them being there.

The Par 3 course at Augusta National was built in 1958, and Sam Snead won the first Par 3 Contest in 1960. It has been a Wednesday tradition since then, with players often suiting up their children, wives or friends in white coveralls to serve as caddies.

Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player and the late Arnold Palmer up until a few years ago used to play together. Last year, Justin Thomas and Rickie Fowler made a hole-in-one on consecutive shots. Some players have not competed out of superstition — no one has ever won the Par 3 and the Masters in the same year.

The Masters had 89 players in the field a year ago, and it has not exceeded 100 players since 1966.

It was not unusual to see past major champions or U.S. Amateur champions on the range or on the golf course during practice days. A few years ago, two-time Masters champion Ben Crenshaw was playing a practice round with Jerry Pate, a former U.S. Amateur and U.S. Open champion. Crenshaw was putting to various parts of the 16th green to get ready for the tournament. Pate also was hitting several putts, even though he last played the Masters in 1982.

Duval had four good chances to the win the Masters from 1998 through 2001, with runner-up finishes to Mark O'Meara in 1998 and to Tiger Woods in 2001. He now spends most of his time as an analyst for Golf Channel.

DeMarcus Ware announces his retirement from NFL

By Arnie Stapleton
Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — DeMarcus Ware won't be returning to the Dallas Cowboys nor the Denver Broncos as expected. The 12-year NFL veteran is instead retiring from the NFL.

Ware announced his decision Monday on Twitter.

Next to a split image of the Cowboys and Broncos, Ware wrote, "After a lot of thought and prayer, I've decided to accept the unknown and retire from my NFL career. Tempting opportunities still present themselves for me to play and I feel better than I have in years. However, long-term health of quality of life outweigh the spark and passion to play that I once had."

Ware's decision is a shocker.

Just two months ago, he scoffed at those suggesting he might have played his last NFL game after he missed the Broncos' season finale to undergo lower back surgery.

After he announced his retirement, the Broncos tweeted, "See you in Canton."

WEST TEXAS SPORTS

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Please make your submission as detailed as possible, including dates of events, deadlines, fees, age groups, etc.

To bring your item to the MRT, come to 201 E. Illinois Ave. in Midland. To mail your information, send it to Reporter-Telegram, c/o Sports Department, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

You can email it to sports@mrt.com.

Baseball

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

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

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

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 295-2436

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Edita Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4467 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed
For more info: Contact 889-6080

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

Basketball

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

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Midland Hoops 32 Basketball Skills Training
Cost: $25 per session, one to two people; $15 for groups of three or more
For more info: Contact Eddie Venzant at 254-6994 or go to midlandhoops32.com; venzanded@yahoo.com.

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Post 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

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

Reed's Super Bowl
What: Fall/winter leagues registration is currently ongoing.
For more info: Call 432-704-5385

Rock n' Bowl
When: 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturdays
Where: Reed's Super Bowl, 3920 W Wall St.
Cost: $10-25
For more info: Call Zoe Reed at 575-399-5241 or Kevin Reed at 575-441-6646

Color Pin Bowling
When: 7:30 p.m. Fridays
Where: Reed's Super Bowl
Cost: $18 for three games. Cash prizes awarded.
For more info: Call Zoe Reed at 575-399-5241 or Kevin Reed at 575-441-6646

Camps/Clinics

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

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

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

Elite Training Soccer Camp
When/where: June 12-16, Hobbs, N.M.
Fee: $150 before April 1, $200 after
For more info: eliteraningcoach@yahoo.com

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: MCH Mission Pitneas, corner of Highway 191 and Faudree Road, Odessa
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbats.com

Dodgeball

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

Flag Football

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

Football

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

Golf

2017 Jackalopes Golf Tourna.ment
When/where: Tuesday, March 28, Andrews County Golf Course, 1 p.m. shotgun start
Cost: $300 for 3-man team + $175 for an individual. Sponsorships also available
For more info: Call the Odessa Jackalopes at 432-552-7825 or stop by the Jacks office at 4201 Andrews Highway in Odessa.

Lacrosse

West Texas Lacrosse Spring 2017 Learn 2 Play Clinics & Games
What: Learn the lacrosse basics, rules and play scrimmage games.
For: Boys 3rd through 8th grades
When: 2:30-3:30 p.m. Sundays, March 19-April 23 (except April 16)
Where: Scharbauer Sports Complex-Auxiliary Turf Fields
For more info: Go to www.westtexaslacrosse.org

Martial Arts

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

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

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 466-7467 or 689-8444

Miscellaneous

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

Poker

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

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; 2-6 p.m. Sundays
Cost: $50 down; $35 a month
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Football Club
Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Reyes-Maxhum Park (north field)
For more info call: 432-697-6418

Running

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

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Pegeom Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0988

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month; first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m., Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m and are no cost to the shooter). Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jakes Claye
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422.

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 state and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Get and Tornel
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyldcatpitch@gmail.com

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Midess Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards of freestyle or backstroke
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday. Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners than advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team
What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of COM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international travel
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Competitive Swim Team
Who: Try out for COM Swim Team. tryouts available by appointment
What: Emphasizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Adult Conditioning
What: Allows adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Water Walking Class
What: Unstructured, self-paced class
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Senior Fitness Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc.
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Feller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Feller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Feller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Leaf Feller 682-2551

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area.
For more info: Call 432-210-0611 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information

Bush Tennis Center Clinics
What: Balloon Tennis 34 (ages 3-4) Redbat 58 (ages 5-8) Orange and Green Ball 910 (ages 9-10); Junior Development (6th-8th grade freshman-JV); Junior Select (varsity); WSR Adults (adult beginners); intermediate Adults 4.0-5.0 Adults (advanced adults); Also Junior Team Tennis registration now open
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com or call: 620-8180

USTA Mixed 40 and Over Mixed Doubles League Weekend
When/where: April 7-9, Bush Tennis Center
What: All players age 40 and over by the date Dec. 31, 2017 are welcomed to play. Four different competitions include levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0 and 9.0. The winning team advances to sectionals June 2-4 in San Antonio.
For more info: Visit westtexastennis.com or e-mail westtexastennis@gmail.com

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 520-9810 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

Midland College Tennis
What: Clinics, lessons, leagues, tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Call 687-4046

Midland College Tennis Club
When: A community tennis club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual Dues: Adults $65, youths $30, families $140
For more info: Call 563-1333 or email midlandtennisclub@aol.com

Midland Tennis Club Men's/Women's Singles Tournament
When: Saturday, March 25
Where: Midland College
How to register: Sign up by Thursday afternoon at the Armstrong Racquet Shop.
For more info: Call 686-4266 or e-mail midlandtennisclub@yahoo.com

Midland Women's Tennis Association
Social women's doubles tennis, all levels
When: 9 a.m. Tuesdays
Where: Midland College
For more info: Call 934-707-0622 or email malcolmtexas@gmail.com. Or go to the Midland Women's Tennis Association Facebook page

Ultimate Frisbee

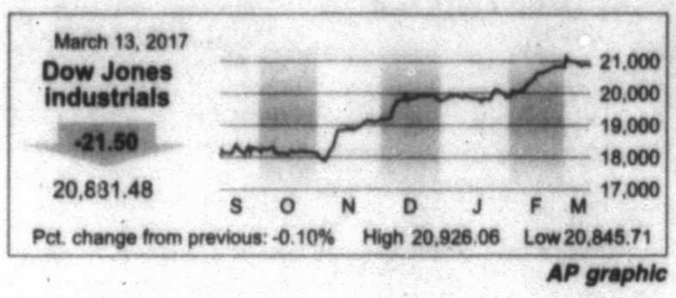
Midland Drought Ultimate Frisbee Club
What: The Club plays weekly casual pick-up games on Monday (from 7 p.m. to dark) and Saturday mornings (from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) and offer occasional opportunities for tourney travel
For ages: Males and females from the high school level to adult
For more info: Go to www.midlandultimatefrisbee.weebly.com or call Matt at 432-288-3139

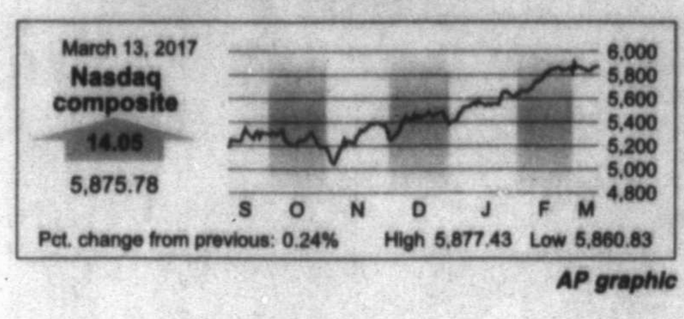
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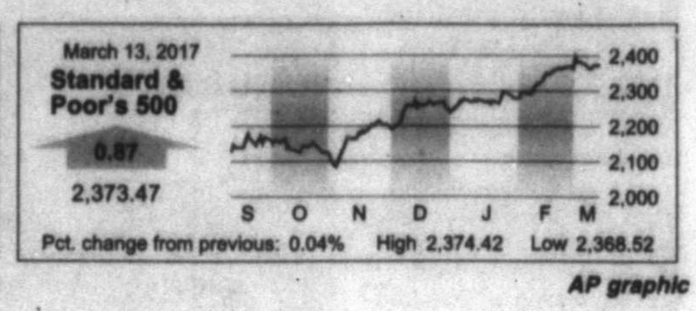
Midland Walkabout AVA Club
For: All Ages
Annual dues: $15 per family
Walks: One Saturday morning per month
When: First Monday of the month at Murray's Deli on Wadley at 6 p.m.
Who: All ages
For more info: Call 432-697-4310, email gary.peterson@mygrande.net or visit midlandwalkabout.wordpress.com/wv

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A DAY ON WALL STREET







OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Monday: $48.40
Previous: $48.49

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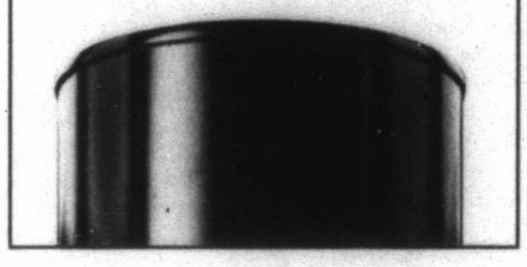
Monday: $44.75
Previous: $45.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Monday: $40.70
Previous: $40.95

NATURAL GAS

Monday: $3.043
Previous: $3.008



NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
DrGMBll s	940481	6.96	+.80
Mobileye	777501	60.62	+13.35
BkofAm	539409	25.30	-.01
VanEGold	480182	22.00	+.27
SPDR Fncl	472984	24.85	+.06

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Mobileye	60.62	+13.35	+28.2
NL Inds	7.10	+1.25	+21.4
Lee Ent	2.90	+.45	+18.4
TownsqMda	11.55	+1.42	+14.0
AMEC FW	6.65	+.75	+12.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DrGMBr rs	16.87	-2.48	-12.8
NCR Corp	43.29	-5.18	-10.7
DB AgriLg	9.72	-1.08	-10.0
PwSBMetS	18.72	-2.08	-10.0
Jupai n	8.67	-.73	-7.8

DIARY

Advanced	1,752
Declined	1,180
Unchanged	140
Total issues	3,072
New Highs	86
New Lows	52
Volume	2,985,832,525

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	111210	2.78	-.12
Protalix	101312	1.43	+.25
B2gold g	59870	3.01	+.02
CastleBr	53340	1.14	+.15
iShIndia bt	45476	30.84	+.79

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Auxilio n	5.45	+.65	+13.5
TrinityPlce	7.29	+.64	+9.6
GSE Sy	3.50	+.20	+6.1
StrPathCm	33.00	+1.90	+6.1
SandstG g	4.40	+.25	+6.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EnviroStr	17.40	-1.65	-8.7
MexcoEn	3.53	-.27	-7.1
Aerocntry	10.15	-.50	-4.7
YumaEn rs	2.10	-.10	-4.5
LGL Grp	4.78	-.22	-4.4

DIARY

Advanced	205
Declined	140
Unchanged	29
Total issues	374
New Highs	9
New Lows	17
Volume	152,866,650

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
FrontierCm	774717	2.53	.03
SiriusXM	633279	5.44	+.25
Intel	500084	35.16	-.75
AuriniaPh	332225	10.54	+2.04
Cerulean h	313411	2.49	+.97

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Cerulean h	2.49	+.97	+63.8
Aethlon rs	4.40	+1.06	+31.7
LifetimeBr	18.90	+4.45	+30.8
CSP Inc	10.59	+2.06	+24.2
AuriniaPh	10.54	+2.04	+24.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AralezPh	2.46	-1.07	-30.3
Osiris ff	3.86	-1.34	-25.8
ParkrVs rs	2.22	-.42	-15.9
Tangoe	5.10	-.79	-13.4
CrossrdS rs	2.80	-.38	-11.9

DIARY

Advanced	1,738
Declined	1,043
Unchanged	254
Total issues	3,035
New Highs	137
New Lows	56
Volume	1,709,581,662

Detroit automakers said to win Trump review of efficiency rules

Bloomberg

President Donald Trump is set to announce that his administration will begin the process of reexamining Obama-era vehicle-efficiency standards during a meeting near Detroit with carmakers that have sought to relax the requirements, according to two people familiar with the plans.

Trump's meeting with auto executives and workers during his Wednesday trip to Michigan will unveil that he will reconsider the Environmental Protection Agency's January decision that light-vehicle, greenhouse gas standards for the years 2022 through 2025 should remain intact, the people said. That decision ended an agency mid-term review of the standards more than a year ahead of an April 2018 deadline.

Trump will hold a rally in Ypsilanti, Michigan, where he is slated to announce plans to reinstate the mid-term review and resume studying whether fuel economy rules are feasible or if automakers need some relief, said the people familiar with the matter.

Auto industry executives, including General Motors Co. Chief Executive Officer Mary Barra, are expected to be there.

The industry has been asking the Trump administration to reinstate the review after the EPA under President Barack Obama issued a ruling in January that meeting the 2025 fuel-economy goals is feasible.

Automakers have been arguing for months that the standards impose high costs and don't reflect motorists' driving preferences. Trade groups representing GM, Toyota, Honda and Volkswagen on Feb. 21 formally asked EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt to revoke the Obama administration's decision to leave the 2025 standards intact.

Eighteen automakers separately petitioned President Donald Trump to reinstate the mid-term evaluation on Feb. 10.

While the review continues, the current EPA auto standards would remain in effect. But the move to reopen the evaluation hands automakers a fresh chance press for changes for the long-term goals, which aim to bring the average fuel economy for a vehicle in the U.S. to more than 50 miles per gallon from 36 today.

Actually changing the standards, enacted in 2012, would be a lengthy process, requiring a formal agency rulemaking with a public comment period.

The auto efficiency standards are part of a so-called "one national program" of aligned vehicle efficiency standards set by EPA, the Transportation Department and California's Air Resources Board.

Automakers have expressed concern about the cost and marketplace assumptions underpinning the EPA's analysis of the standards.

They agreed to the ambitious standards in 2011 in part because regulators included the mid-term evaluation to ensure the standards were appropriate based on conditions in the auto market.

"What we're looking for is to really have that review that was part of the original plan that all the automakers agreed to," GM's Barra, told reporters on Feb. 28.

Verizon sought $925M penalty for lax Yahoo security

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Verizon initially thought the biggest data breaches in internet history merited a $925 million discount on its acquisition of Yahoo's online services, nearly three times more than the two companies finally agreed upon.

Yahoo disclosed new details about its negotiations with Verizon in a regulatory filing Monday. The filing doesn't say why Verizon relented on its original demand, issued on Feb. 1. Verizon ultimately accepted Yahoo's offer to trim the sale price by $350 million instead.

The companies struck a $4.83 billion deal last July, but re-opened talks after Yahoo revealed that personal information had been stolen from more than 1 billion of its users in two separate hacking attacks in 2013 and 2014. The discount reflect concerns that people might decrease their use of Yahoo email and other digital services that Verizon is buying, reducing opportunities to show ads.

Verizon Communications is now aiming to complete the revised $4.48 billion purchase by the end of June.

After that, Yahoo's email and other digital services will become part of Verizon, which is planning to meld the operations with its AOL division in an effort to become a bigger player the growing market for digital ads.

Yahoo's most valuable parts — investments in China's e-commerce leader, Alibaba Group, and in Yahoo Japan — will be left in a new company called Altaba. That company will be run by a Yahoo board member, Thomas McInerney, instead of Yahoo CEO Marissa Mayer.

Although she hasn't divulged her plans, Mayer isn't expected to work for Verizon. If she leaves, Mayer will receive a $23 million severance package, according to Monday's filing. The amount is lower than a $44 million valuation disclosed in September because $21 million in stock options and other awards have vested in Mayer's account since then.

Wait and see: Stocks steady at beginning of jam-packed week

NEW YORK — Stocks held steady in a calm day of trading Monday, but the storm may be coming.

This upcoming week is full of events that could swing markets: The Federal Reserve may raise interest rates, more countries around the world may move to shake up the economic status quo and several high-profile updates on the U.S. economy are due.

That's all in the near future, though. Monday's calendar was decidedly light, and the Standard & Poor's 500 index flipped between modest gains and losses before closing at 2,373.47, up just 0.87 points, just 0.04 percent. It remains within 1 percent of its record, which was set earlier this month.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 21.50 points, or 0.1 percent, to 20,881.48. The Nasdaq rose 14.06 points, or 0.2 percent, to 5,875.78. Three stocks rose for every two that fell on the New York Stock Exchange.

Metal prices rise

Gold rose $1.70 to settle at $1,203.10 an ounce, silver rose 5 cents to $16.97 an ounce and copper rose 3 cents to $2.63 a pound.

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Closing Price $130.35 Up 0.63

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $128.85 Up 2.15

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $6.11 Up 0.01

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $101.25 Down 0.21

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.07 Unchanged

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $3.53 Down 0.27

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $26.25 Up 0.05

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $39.33 Up 0.15

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $10.15 Up 0.37

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $17.52 Up 0.14

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel		27	7.89	+.21	-22.7
AT&T Inc	1.96	16	42.37	+.02	.4
Abraxas			**1.65**	**-.03**	**-35.8**
AdaDvsEq	**.92e**		**13.75**	**+.04**	**+8.2**
AMD			14.28	+.37	+25.9
Alibaba		33	105.18	+1.79	+19.8
AlonUSA	.60		12.22	+.30	+7.4
Amgen	**4.60f**	**17**	**181.05**	**-.39**	**+23.8**
Anadarko	**.20**		**62.82**	**+.93**	**-9.9**
Apache	**1.00**		**50.16**	**-.07**	**-21.0**
Apple Inc	2.28	17	139.20	+.06	+20.2
ApldMatl	**.40**	**19**	**38.44**	**+.32**	**+19.1**
ArcelorMit		9	8.85	+.48	+21.2
Archrock	.48		12.25	-.10	-7.2
ATMOS	**1.80f**	**22**	**78.14**	**+.31**	**+5.4**
AuriniaPh			10.54	+2.04	+401.9
AutoData	2.28	28	104.84	+.29	+2.0
BP PLC	**2.40a**	**41**	**34.07**	**-.26**	**-8.9**
BakrHu	.68		56.68	+.40	-12.8
BkofAm	.30f	20	25.30	-.01	+14.5
B iPVxST rs			16.67	-.34	-34.7
BaringsCp s	1.20		15.08	+.04	-2.6
BasicEnS			.45		
BerkHa A			**172626990.00**	**+498.99**	**+7.7**
BkHillsCp	**1.78f**	**21**	**65.20**	**+.46**	**+6.3**
Blackstone	1.46	19	30.35	+1.41	+12.3
BrMySq	**1.56f**	**34**	**56.93**	**-1.39**	**-2.6**
BrownFA s		**29**	**47.39**	**+.02**	**+2.5**
BrownFB s			**46.23**	**-.17**	**+2.9**
CVS Health	2.00f	14	80.44	+.04	+1.9
CallonPet		**53**	**11.60**	**+.07**	**-24.5**
Caterpillar	3.08	28	92.64	+.33	-.1
Celestic g		10	13.59	+.05	+14.7
CntryLink	2.16	10	23.46	+.32	-1.3
Cerulean h			2.49	+.97	+251.7
ChesEng			5.33	+.18	-24.1
Chevron	**4.32f**		**109.35**	**-1.26**	**-7.1**
Chicos	.33f	19	13.59	-.29	-5.6
CIBER			.58	+.30	-8.2
Cimarex	.32		120.59	+1.36	-11.3
Cisco	1.16	17	34.10	-.16	+12.8
Citigroup	.64	13	61.53	+.04	+3.5
ClayEng			**130.35**	**+.83**	**+9.3**
CliffsNRs		9	9.05	+.31	+7.6

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
CocaCola	**1.48f**	**26**	**42.03**	**+.11**	**+1.4**
ColgPalm	**1.60f**	**26**	**73.90**	**-.36**	**+12.9**
ConAgra	**.80**	**22**	**41.02**	**+.11**	**+3.7**
ConchoRes			**128.85**	**+2.15**	**-2.8**
ConocoPhil	**1.08f**		**45.84**	**+.17**	**-8.6**
CrackerB	4.60	25	158.86	-2.19	-4.9
CSVInvNG			4.83	+.13	+59.4
CSVixSh rs			3.95	-.18	-58.5
CrosTim	**1.07e**	**14**	**15.10**	**-.19**	**-16.0**
DCP Mid	3.12	19	37.74	+.46	-1.7
DTE	3.30f	23	100.61	+.35	+2.1
Dataram rs			1.15	-.01	-47.7
DevonE	**.24**		**40.96**	**+.76**	**-10.3**
DrGMBr rs			16.87	-2.48	-51.9
DrGMBll s			6.96	+.80	+24.7
DxGBull s			8.33	+.32	+9.0
Disney	**1.56f**	**20**	**111.82**	**+.60**	**+7.0**
DowChm	**1.84**	**20**	**64.11**	**+.27**	**+12.0**
DryShp rs		1	1.77	-.07	-94.0
eBay s		5	32.81	-.32	+10.5
EOG Resrcs	**.67**		**94.95**	**+.16**	**-6.1**
EnCana g	.06		10.64	+.30	-9.4
Energen	.08		50.59	-.15	-12.3
EngyTsfr	4.22		36.40	+.30	+1.6
EnPro	**.88f**	**54**	**63.66**	**+.29**	**-5.5**
EntProdPt	1.64	22	27.53	-.05	+1.8
Ericsson	.46e		6.64	+.02	+13.9
ExxonMbl	**3.00**	**36**	**81.42**	**-.19**	**-9.8**
Facebook		33	139.60	+.81	+21.3
Finisar		23	26.75	-.23	-11.6
Fitbit n			5.64	-.22	-23.0
FordM	.60a	7	12.54	+.01	+3.4
FrptMcM			12.56	+.19	-4.8
FrontierCm	.42		2.53	-.03	-25.1
GATX	**1.68f**	**10**	**59.22**	**+.77**	**-3.8**
GabMultY	**.94e**		**8.07**	**+.05**	**+11.5**
GAInv	**1.15e**		**33.38**	**+.17**	**+7.1**
GenElec	**.96**	**24**	**29.86**	**-.42**	**-5.5**
GtPlainEn	**1.10**	**17**	**28.74**	**+.02**	**+5.1**
Hallibrtn	.72		50.88	-.03	-5.9
IAMGld g		72	3.60	-.06	-6.5
ICICI Bk	.16e		8.63	+.48	+15.2
iShBrazil	1.03e		37.35	+.23	+12.0
iShChinaLC	.76e		39.26	+.61	+10.2

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShEMkts	.84e		38.54	+.53	+10.1
iS Eafe	1.70e		61.37	+.32	+6.3
iShBxHYB	5.09		86.37	+.07	-.2
iShR2K	1.77e		136.28	+.32	+1.1
Innocoll			1.66	+.86	+140.6
Intel	**1.04**	**15**	**35.16**	**-.75**	**-3.1**
InterDig	1.20	10	84.00	-.30	-8.0
JohnJn	**3.20**	**19**	**126.68**	**+.47**	**+10.0**
KimbClk	**3.88f**	**22**	**133.74**	**-.16**	**+17.2**
LegacyRes	.60m		2.07		-2.4
Lubys			**3.30**	**-.04**	**-22.9**
MarathnO	.20		15.84	-.32	-8.5
MarvellTch	.24		19.27	-.12	+17.3
McDnlds	3.76	24	127.61	-.37	+4.8
Merck	1.88	17	64.15	-.98	+9.0
MerltMed		**39**	**30.45**	**+.80**	**+14.9**
MexcoEn			3.53	-.27	-29.4
MicronT			25.70	+.52	+17.2
Microsoft	1.56f	28	64.71	-.22	+4.1
Mobileye			60.62	+13.35	+59.0
NCR Corp		14	43.29	-5.18	+6.7
Nabors	.24		13.41	-.03	-18.2
NatGrid	**3.35e**		**60.16**	**+.17**	**+3.1**
NOilVarco	.20	29	38.10	+.26	+1.8
NwGold g		40	2.78	-.12	-20.6
NSTPtl	**.55e**		**13.90**		**-1.9**
NTXQI	**.55**		**13.88**	**-.07**	**+1.2**
Nvidia	.56	38	101.85	+2.73	-4.6
OceiPet	**3.04**		**62.88**	**+.28**	**-11.7**
Oracle	.60	21	42.58	-.10	+11.2
PDC Engy			**64.21**	**+.55**	**-11.5**
ParTech		**20**	**6.69**	**+.17**	**+19.8**
ParkDrl			**1.60**	**-.10**	**-38.5**
PattUTI	**.08**		**25.54**	**+.30**	**-6.1**
Penney			5.99	-.37	-27.9
PennaRE	**.84**	**10**	**14.76**	**+.19**	**-22.2**
Pmtam	.44e	25	9.05	-.03	+17.4
Petrobras			9.43	+.05	-6.7
Pfizer	**1.28f**	**14**	**34.11**		**+5.0**
PioNtrl	.08		184.41	-.31	+2.4
PlainsAAP	**2.20**	**29**	**31.48**	**+.15**	**-2.5**
PwShs QQQ1.52e			131.61	+.22	+11.1
Praxair	**3.15f**	**21**	**116.72**	**-.23**	**-.4**
PrmEgy			**52.00**		**-3.7**
PUVixST rs			18.15	-.75	

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ProctGam	**2.68**	**24**	**91.31**	**+.24**	**+8.6**
RangeRs	.08		28.08	+.57	-18.3
RexahnPh			.45	+.07	+218.2
Rowan	.40	7	15.75	+.11	-16.6
RoyDShllA	3.76	79	51.99	+.25	-4.4
SpdrDJIA	3.98e		208.94	-.21	+5.8
S&P500ETF	4.13e		237.81	+.12	+6.4
SpdrLehHY	2.30		36.39	+.06	-.2
SpdrOGEx	.73e		36.36	+.25	-12.2
SabnR	1.92e	17	36.15	+.34	+2.8
SanderFm	**.96**	**11**	**93.62**	**-.31**	**-.7**
Schlmbrg	2.00	68	78.59	-.10	-6.4
SeadrillLtd		1	1.34	+.10	-60.7
SiriusXM	.01p	42	5.44	+.25	+22.2
Smucker	3.00f	17	139.11	-.38	+8.6
SnapInc A n			21.09	-.96	-13.8
SP CnSt	1.28e		55.09	+.04	+6.5
SP Engy	2.04e		70.02	+.01	-7.0
SPDR Fncl	.46e		24.85	+.06	+6.9
SP Inds	1.12e		65.80	-.04	+5.8
SP Util	1.55e		51.11	+.15	+5.2
SunocoLog	2.08f	25	24.46	+.26	+1.8
TelefEsp	**1.03e**		**10.98**	**-.02**	**+19.3**
Tesoro	2.20	12	83.45	+1.50	-4.6
3M Co	4.70f	23	191.52	+.31	+7.3
Torchmark	**.60f**	**17**	**78.38**	**+.04**	**+8.3**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Transocn		7	12.61	+.35	-14.5
TriContfl	**.92e**		**23.24**	**+.04**	**+5.4**
TylerTech		**80**	**166.49**	**+.89**	**+9.6**
UBSI	**1.32**	**22**	**43.80**	**+.25**	**-5.3**
US NGas			7.28	-.07	-22.1
US OilFd			10.28	-.01	-12.3
USSteel	.20		35.78	+.90	+8.4
Vale SA	.29e		9.84	+.37	+29.1
Vale SA pf	.29e		9.26	+.35	+34.4
ValeantPh		4	12.11	-.13	-16.6
ValeroE	2.80f	18	67.66	+1.09	-1.0
VanEGold	.12e		22.00	+.27	+5.2
VnEkRus	.64e		19.89	+.59	-6.3
VanE JrGld			36.15	+1.46	+14.6
VulcanM	**1.00f**	**39**	**119.69**	**+.84**	**-4.4**
WEC Engy	2.08	21	59.24	+.52	+1.0
WalgBoots	1.50	18	85.81	-.02	+3.4
Weatherfrd			6.32	-.19	+26.7
WellsFargo	1.52	14	58.70	-.15	+6.5
WstnRefin	1.52	29	35.97	+.55	-5.0
WhitingPet			9.29	+.14	-22.7
WmsCos	1.20f	49	28.85	-.07	-7.4
XcelEngy	**1.44f**	**20**	**43.23**	**+.09**	**+6.2**
Xerox	**.25m**	**10**	**7.31**	**-.05**	**+27.1**
Yamana g	.02	52	2.62		-6.8

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21,169.11	16,821.86	Dow Jones Industrials	20,881.48	-21.50	-.10	+5.66	+21.20
9,639.33	7,029.41	Dow Jones Transportation	9,251.68	-38.13	-.41	+2.30	+20.30
723.83	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	691.83	+1.76	+.26	+4.85	+6.79
11,598.45	9,826.52	NYSE Composite	11,319.44	+18.68	+.16	+4.18	+14.35
5,911.79	4,574.25	Nasdaq Composite	5,875.78	+14.05	+.24	+9.15	+23.69
2,400.98	1,969.25	S&P 500	2,373.47	+.87	+.04	+6.01	+17.52
1,761.08	1,368.40	S&P Midcap	1,713.80	+2.90	+.17	+3.20	+22.22
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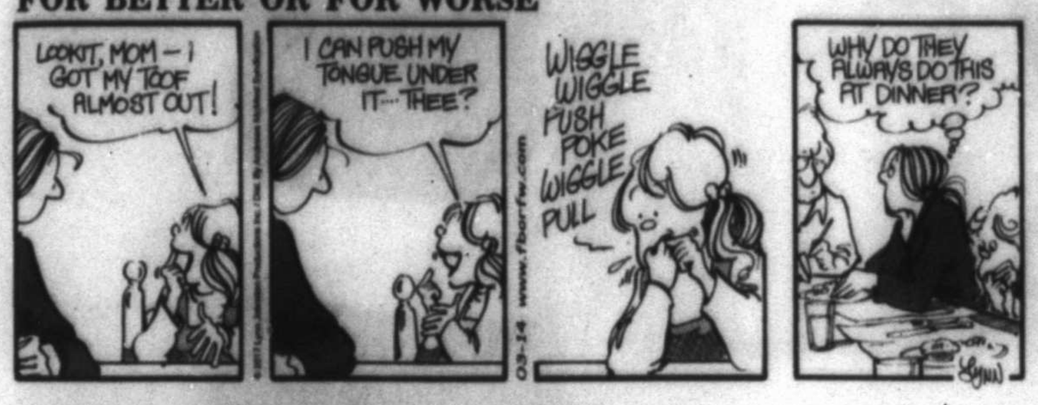
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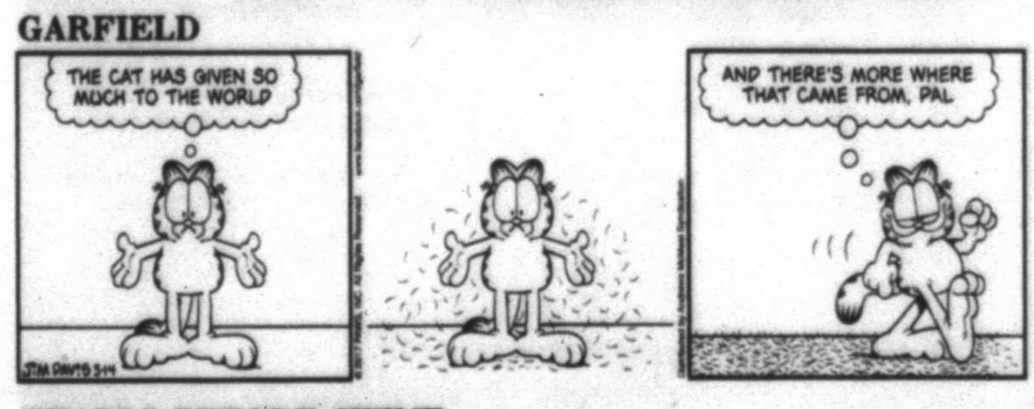
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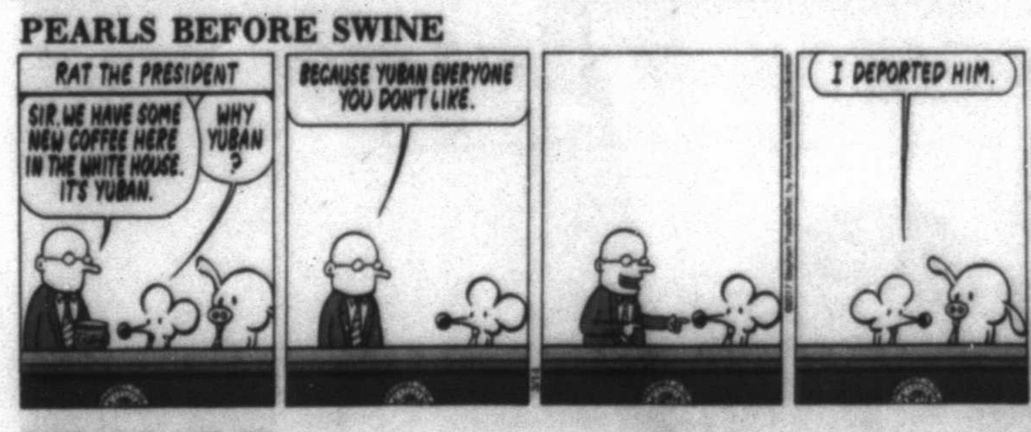
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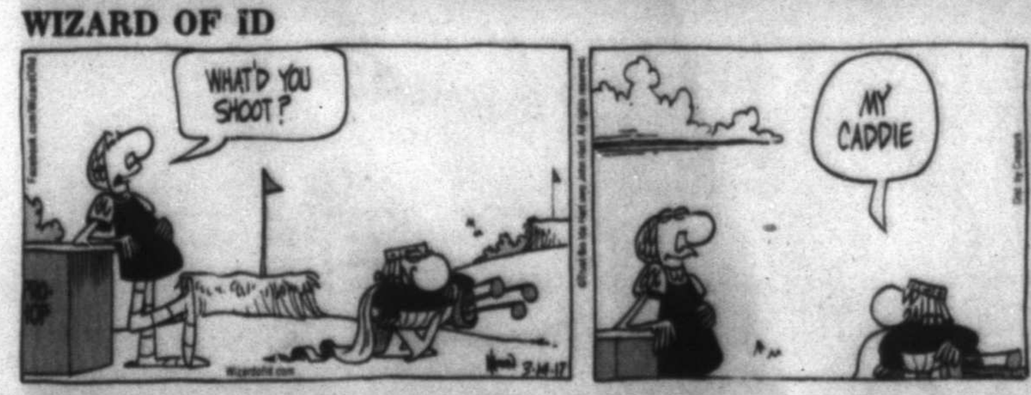
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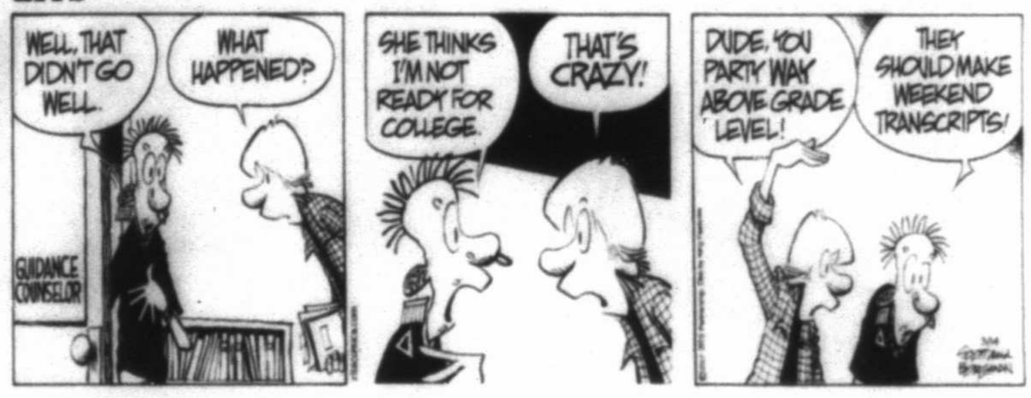
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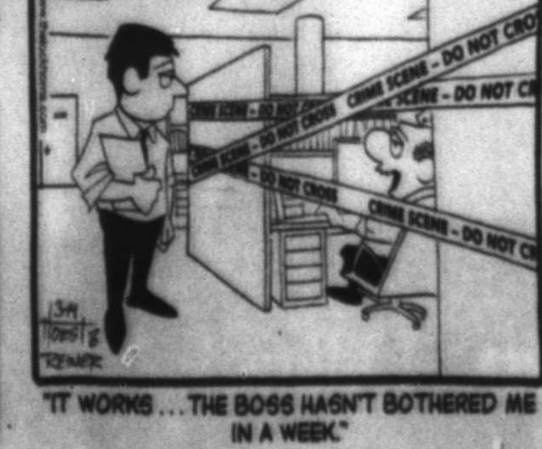
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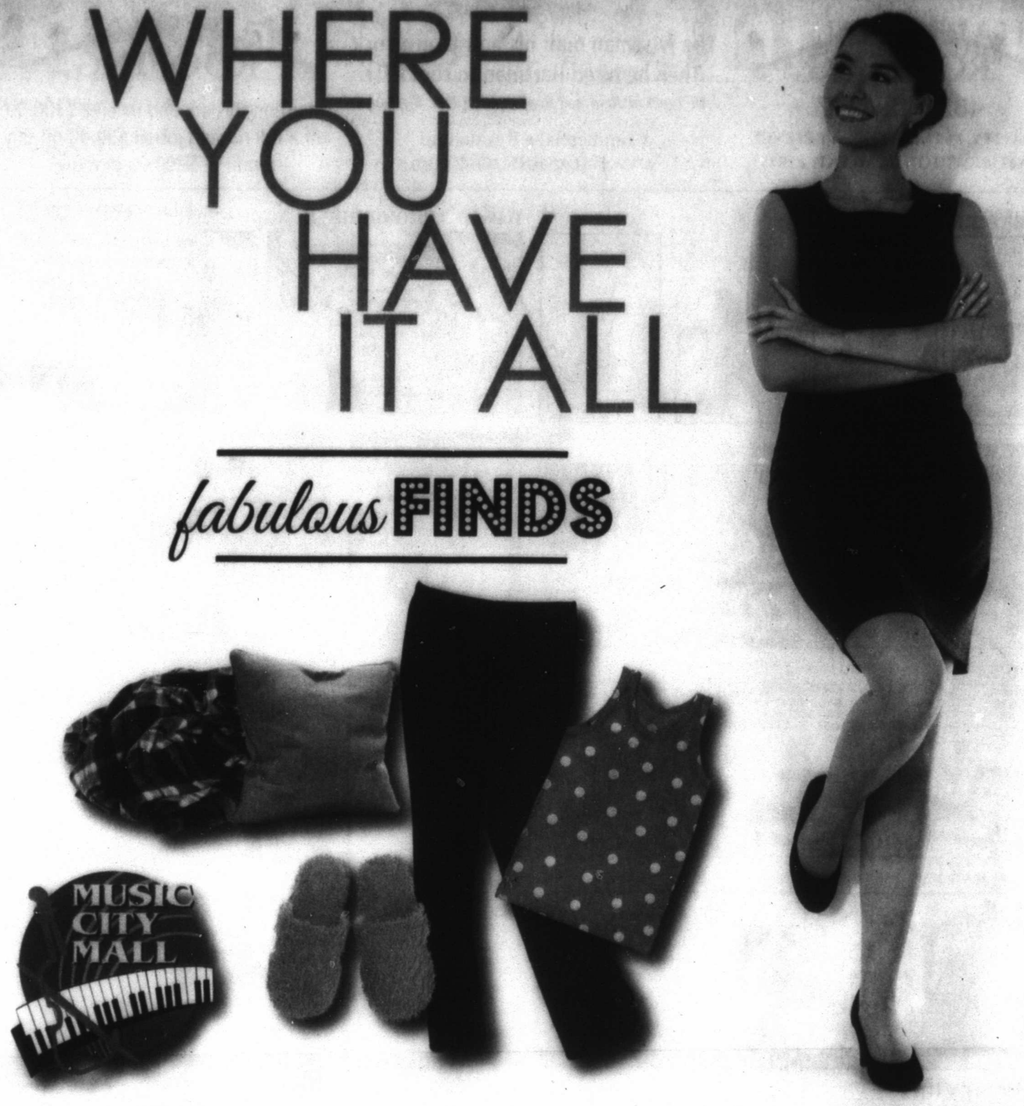
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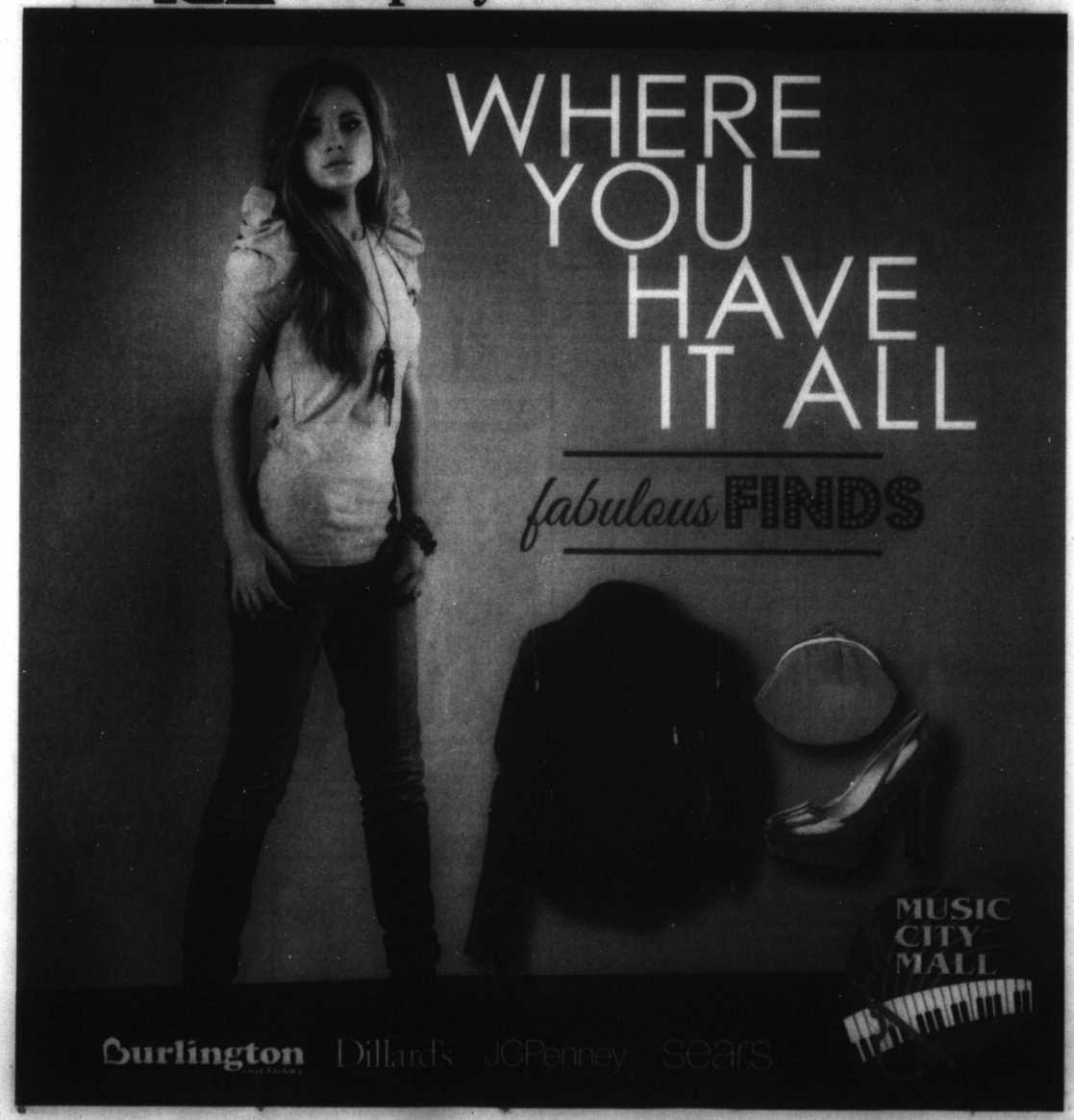
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OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm-4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person.
$10.00 per hour

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Truck Accessory Installer
Goosenecks, Toolboxes, Grill Guards, Steps. Experienced only apply. Must have own tools. 45-48 Hours weekly. Paid weekly. No crybabies or whiners. Apply in person at: Fender Truck Accessories, 901 Goode St.

ENERGY AND UTILITIES

Drivers, Service Techs, CT Tech, DOT/Safty/HSE
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ENERGY AND UTILITIES

Frac Hands
Peroxychem, LLC is NOW Hiring Frac Hands. Non CDL Frac hand with experience pumping chemicals and operating equipment on a frac location. Midland/Odessa residents ONLY. $18/hour. If interested, please email your resume to heath.meyers@peroxychem.com

PropStream

HI-CRUSH PARTNERS LP (HCLP)

Learn more about Hi-Crush at www.hicrush.com where you can apply online. Or, send your resume to careers@hicrush.com with Permian in subject line.

Hi-Crush Partners LP has immediate openings for candidates to join our next crew! We operate a purpose built delivery solution. PropStream, that allows for the efficient, safe and cost-efficient delivery of frac sand directly to our customers at the wellsite. The process involves unloading frac sand from specially designed containers into blender hoppers via an automated convey or system, allowing for faster loading and a significant reduction in supply chain related congestion at well sites. Hi-Crush is a leading domestic producer, supplier, and distributor of premium Northern White frac sand used to enhance recovery rates of oil and natural gas in hydraulic fracturing wells.

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Site Supervisor - Responsible for day-to-day frac site operations and site supervision of employees and vendors. Requires 7+ years' experience, specifically in E&P frac site operations, inventory management and logistics

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Equipment Technician - Monitors orders and schedules and reviews daily work plan with supervisor. Assists with inventory control at the frac site and observes operations to ensure quality control is maintained. Ensures the safe and efficient movement of trucks and forklifts at the frac site at all times. In compliance with established safety policies, ensures daily, weekly, and/or monthly safety protocols are performed and logged.

Hourly positions require 2 years of conveyor system operation or comparable experience along with prior experience operating small equipment including 36,000 lb. capacity forklifts (certification preferred.) Experience with oilfield uni-belt/dual-belt frac conveyors desirable. Must be able to work 12-14 hour rotating shifts (two weeks on/one week off).

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OFFICE 1519 SOUTH COUNTY ROAD, MIDLAND, TEXAS 79707

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HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resources Manager
Century Graphics has an immediate opening for a Human Resources Manager. Responsibilities will include but are not limited to: screening and interviewing candidates for employment, answering incoming calls to the HR department, preparing reports, new hire orientation, complying with HR laws and managing benefits program. The ideal candidate is able to multi-task and remain calm and professional in a fast paced role. HR experience is a must, please apply in person at 501 W Industrial Ave, Midland, TX or submit resume to jobs@centurygs.com.

MANAGEMENT-EXECUTIVE

Parts Manager
Looking for experienced Parts Manager. Experienced in Drilling rig and Gas compressor parts. Competitive wages. Call Clint or Brian @ K&K Repair. Clint's Cell (361)894-5785, Brian's Cell (361)237-6961 Office (432)614-5131

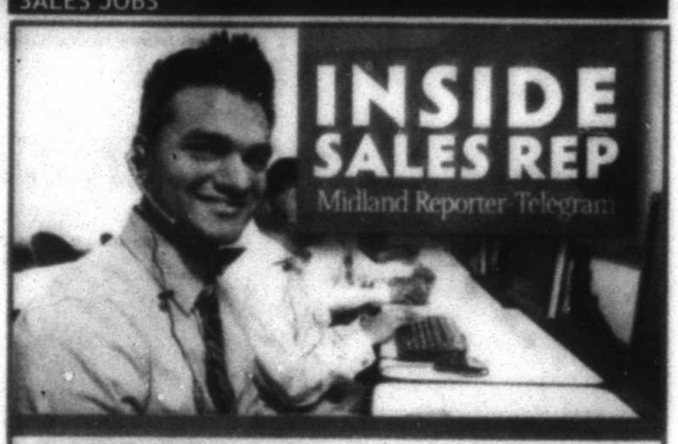
OTHER JOBS

After Rental Service & Local Delivery
Metro Equipment & Rental has opening for after rental service and local delivery position. Apply at 1100 S. Garfield. NO phone calls please!

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Assistant Cook: Prep and serve nutritional meals; cleans kitchen facilities, equipment and appliances; maintains inventory of kitchen supplies and food Part -time. Apply in person at The Salvation Army of Midland located at 300 S. Baird, or call 432-683-3614 and ask for Patty Eshom.

Lead Shelter Monitor & Assistant Cook
Lead Shelter Monitor: Accepts and processes residents staying in lodge overnight; receives and receipts fees; monitors activity of residents; maintain accurate and complete records and logs; ensures that the lodge is maintained in a neat and proper order. **Part time Assistant Cook:** Prep and serve nutritional meals, cleans kitchen facilities, equipment & appliances, maintain inventory of kitchen supplies and food. Apply in person at The Salvation Army of Midland located at 300 S. Baird, or call 432-683-3614 and ask for Patty Eshom.

SALES JOBS



The Midland Reporter-Telegram is looking for someone with excellent communication skills to provide outstanding customer service to our Classified Advertising customers. Responsibilities include answering incoming Classified calls, assisting walk-ins, making outbound sales calls for recruitment and special projects, tracking sales activity, meeting/ exceeding established monthly sales goals, and develop multi-media advertising campaigns.

Qualified candidates must be a self-starter and possess excellent communication and organizational skills, be detail oriented and assertive, excel in spelling/grammar/ punctuation, excel in time management, and possess a positive attitude.

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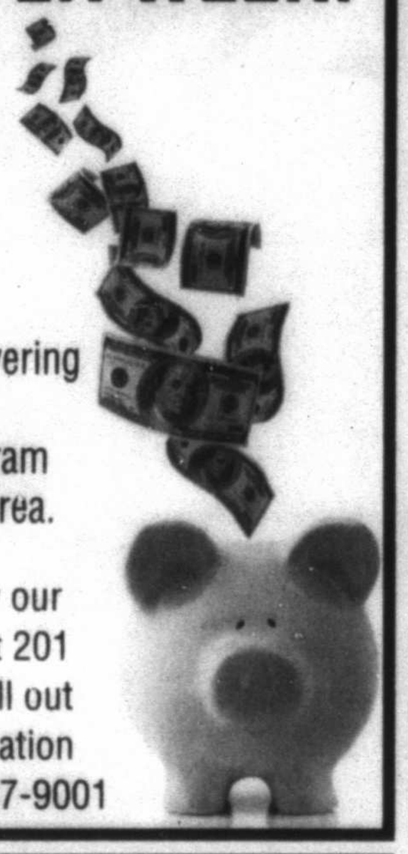
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RETAIL JOBS

SALES ASSOCIATE
Wood's Boots is currently hiring part time sales associates. No phone calls! If you are interested in wearing boots and jeans to work, and working with great customers, come see us at 4803 Andrews Highway.

SCIENCE-RESEARCH

Environmental Technician
Full-time opening for a qualified applicant with 1 to 2 years experience in collecting soil and groundwater samples, operation and maintenance of remediation systems and oversee environmental remediation contractors. Degree preferred. Good communication and computer skills required. Position requires valid diver license and mandatory drug and alcohol testing. Benefits including health insurance, 401K, competitive salary. EOE.

Send resume to:
Environmental Technician Position
Larson & Associates, Inc.
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Midland, TX 79710-0685
ATT: Human Resources Manager

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Full-time opening for a qualified applicant with bachelor or master degree in geology, hydrogeology, hydrology or related discipline and 3 to 5 years experience to join our office Midland, Texas. Position requires strong communication, computer and writing skills with goal of obtaining professional (P.G.) license. Position requires valid diver license and mandatory drug and alcohol testing. Benefits including health insurance, 401K, competitive salary. EOE

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Hydrogeologist Position
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ATT: Human Resources Manager

SKILLED LABOR

Warehouse Associate
Ferguson is currently seeking to fill an immediate need for a Warehouse Associate in our Midland, TX location. If you have familiarity and experience with warehousing, shipping and receiving, coupled with a commitment to great customer service, this is the position for you! Please send resume to: Katie.spurlock@ferguson.com. EOE/M/F/Vet/Disability

TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

CDL Drivers & Owner Operators
Local trucking company Now hiring Class A CDL Drivers & Owner Operators, clean driving record is required. Must pass a criminal background check and DOT drug test. Apply in person at 3913 FM 715, Midland, Texas 79706

TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

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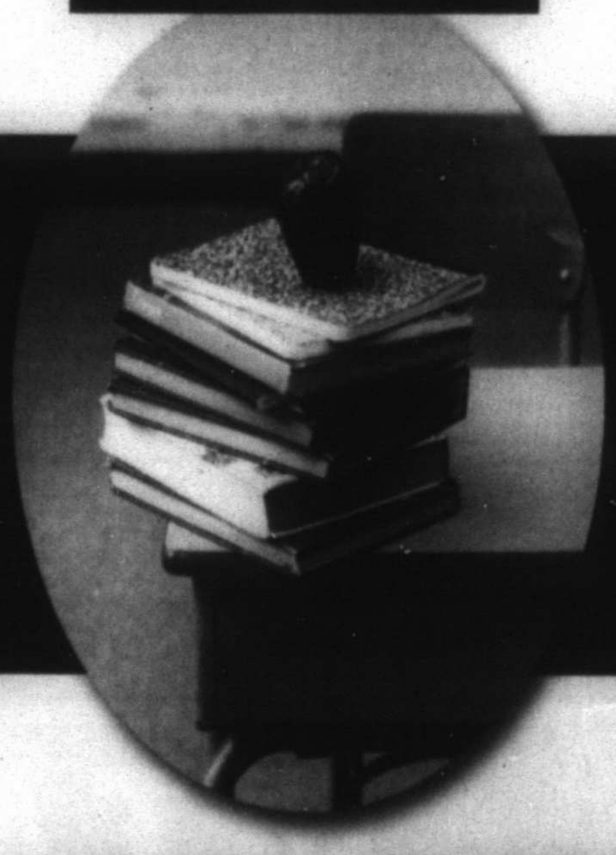
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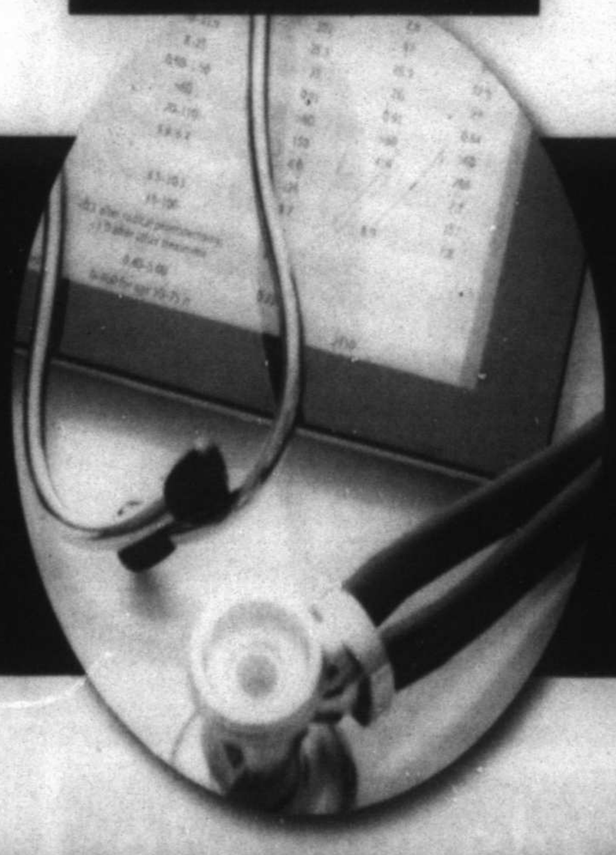
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FOUND GERMAN shorthair Pointer on North side of Midland. If its your pet please call short hair me 432-556-5748.

Lost and Found

FOUND SMALL tan male dog brown collar Dachshund mix. Vicinity Illinois St. area 432-528-4348

$100 REWARD for the return of Cowboy, a black Schneider & Dammit a brown Chihuahua Terrier mix. In the vicinity of ECR 140 & SCR 1159 on Saturday night. Please call Alan 432-238-9612 or Emma 432-257-9985

LOST BIG Siberian Husky, brown eyes, Friendly. Off Mark lane. Call 432-631-2234 or 432-238-2451

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Legal and Public Notices

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a BG Wine and Beer Retailer's Permit by Brooks /Kidd Investments LLC dba as Rooster's Icehouse, to be located at 6301 FM 307, Midland, Midland County, Texas. Owners of said corporation are Jarrel Brooks/owner and Colton Kidd/owner.

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Temporary Letters of Administration for the Estate of Loretta Lynn Jackson DeLong, Deceased, were issued to Daniel Lee DeLong on March 8, 2017 in Cause No. P19018, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Daniel Lee DeLong
c/o Brandon W. Pinson
P. O. Box 8530
Midland, Texas 79708

DATED the 13th day of March, 2017.

PINSON LAW FIRM
By: Brandon W. Pinson

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AJAX RESOURCES, LLC, OPR 000597, HAS FILED WITH THE TEXAS RAILROAD COMMISSION THE FOLLOWING:

P-17 AMENDED APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO SWR 26 AND/OR 27 TO SURFACE COMMINGLE PRODUCTION, ALLOCATE PRODUCTION, AND FOR OFF-LEASE SEPARATION, METERING AND STORAGE.

BOTH OIL AND CASINGHEAD GAS,

FROM AN OIL AND GAS LEASE OF LABORS 6,7,12, 13,14,15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25 ALL IN LEAGUE 264 KENT COUNTY SCHOOL LANDS, MARTIN COUNTY TEXAS,

WITH PRODUCTION FROM AN OIL AND GAS LEASE ON THE SOUTH 539.6 ACRES OF SECTION 10, BLOCK H.A., S.R. LANIER ORIGINAL GRANTEE, MARTIN COUNTY TEXAS,

WITH PRODUCTION FROM AN OIL AND GAS LEASE ON ALL OF SECTION 8, BLOCK HA, J. H. O'BRIEN, ORIGINAL GRANTEE, AND THE N/2 OF SECTION 9, BLOCK HA, S. R. LANIER, ORIGINAL GRANTEE, MARTIN COUNTY TEXAS.

ANY AFFECTED MINERAL INTEREST OWNERS WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED WRITTEN NOTIFICATION ARE ADVISED TO CONTACT ALEX BOLANOS OF AJAX RESOURCES, LLC, AT 713-400-3944 BY APRIL 1, 2017, 24 GREENWAY PLAZA, STE. 650, HOUSTON, TX 77046.

Autos For Sale-Lease

Passenger Cars

1968 CHEVELLE Sport coupe body. Motor, transmission and other parts. $5,000 for all. 432-238-6423.

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Recreation Vehicles

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2010 HARLEY Davidson Street Glide, Brand new 2016 motor, 96 CI, clean, race tuner stereo, cruise, new back tire. $11,500. 972-955-7419

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Miscellaneous 4-Sale

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For additional information, contact Barbara Fennell, Director of Purchasing, (432 686-4250 or bfennell@midland.edu. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all suction bids.

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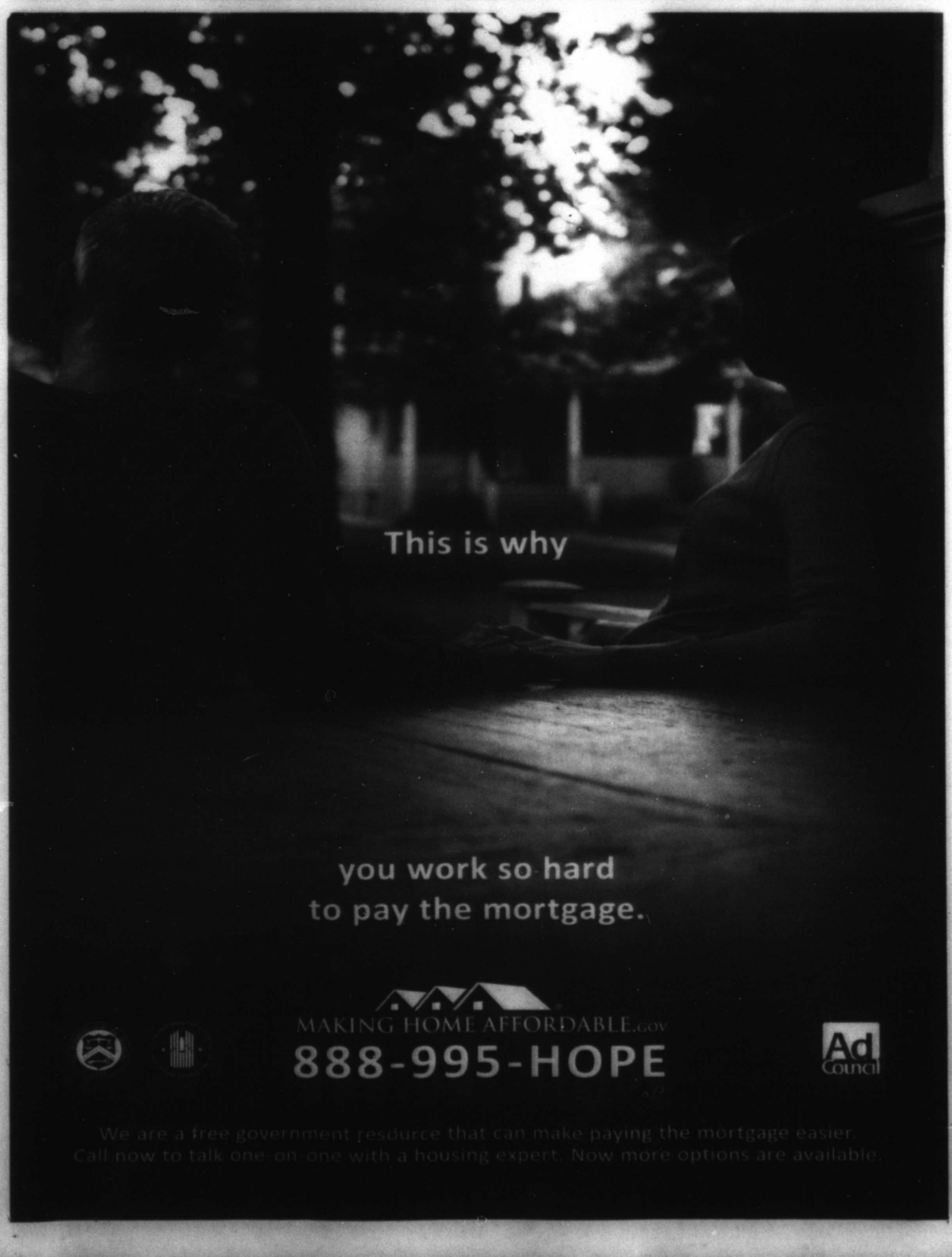
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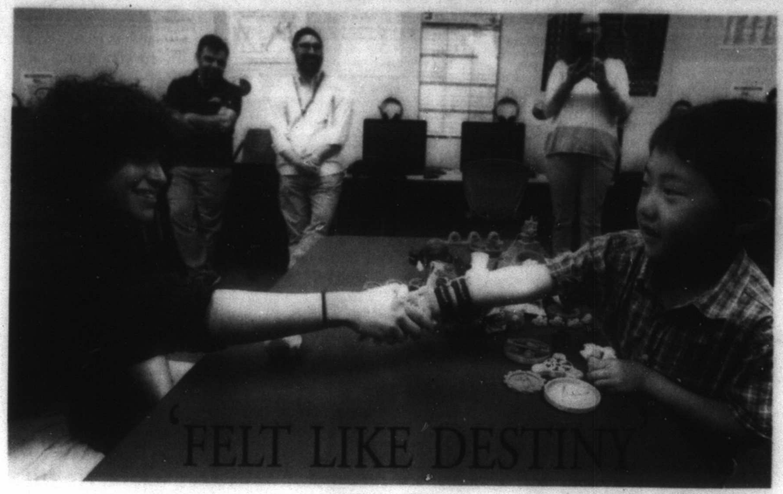
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Zack Robbins, 6, right, uses a prosthetic hand March 8 to shake hands with School of Science and Technology student Justin Cantu,16, left. Robbins was born with underdeveloped right hand and Cantu used technology created by an on-line community called e-NABLE to make the hand for Robbins with a 3D printer.

San Antonio teen's computer science project gives boy a hand

By Alia Malik
San Antonio Express-News

When Justin Cantú, 16, walked into his Advanced Placement computer science classroom Wednesday morning, he saw a little boy at a table, flexing a golden hand.

"Thank you," said Zack Robbins, 6, eating an apple while he grabbed plastic trinkets with plastic fingers. "You made my robot hand."

Cantú, a sophomore who constructed the "hand" using a 3-D printer at the School of Science and Technology, was speechless. He placed his flesh-and-blood hand in Zack's prosthetic one, and they shook.

"It was a project that I'll remember for the rest of my life," Cantú said.

For reasons doctors aren't sure of, Zack's right hand never fully developed, said his father, Lee Robbins.

With nubs for fingers, Zack, a first-grader at Wiederstein Elementary School, only could use that hand to balance things against his torso, Robbins said.

Prosthetic hands can cost $10,000, but Robbins found e-NABLE, a network of volunteers who use 3-D printers to create free prosthetics for those in need. The closest volunteer was in Houston, at a Harmony charter school with a 3-D printer. To save the Robbins family multiple trips to Houston, an employee of that school contacted Resul Aslan, the science, technology, engineering and math coordinator at San Antonio's School of Science and Technology.

Like Harmony, SST is an open-enrollment charter district, with campuses in San Antonio, Houston and Corpus Christi. The charter network offers a rigorous curriculum, including advanced placement, dual credit and career and technical education courses. SST's only secondary school in San Antonio, off Loop 410 on the Northeast Side, already had a 3-D printer in the computer science classroom.

When Soruc Murat, the computer science teacher, asked for student volunteers to work on the hand, Cantú doubted it could be done — but for personal reasons, he wanted to try. Cantú's cousin walks with a prosthetic limb after losing his leg two years ago in a shark attack.

"It kind of felt like destiny that I had the chance to do this," Cantú said.

e-NABLE gives out prosthetic hand designs created by doctors so anyone with a 3-D printer, and some skill, can manufacture the parts. Cantú and Murat measured Zack's hand and wrist to customize the design for him. Zack wanted a gold-colored hand like Anakin Skywalker in Star Wars.

Then Cantú spent several 90-minute class periods and time after school, printing and building the hand. When Cantú went home, he continued researching, figuring out how to make it smoother. The materials cost less than $50 and the project took less than a month.

"No way in the world have I ever thought that you could make a prosthetic hand so cheap and fast," Cantú said. "After my first day of working on it, I got this motivation that I just couldn't stop and I wanted to do it, so it was done."

The hand fits like a glove over Zack's palm. Fishing line runs through the fingers, which close to grip things when Zack moves his palm down.

In the classroom Wednesday morning, Zack sat before a heap of toys, including a skull, a tub of Play-Doh, three-sided dice and tiny guitar trophies. Many of the objects were also made with the 3-D printer. Zack's father showed him how to pinch the items between the thumb and fingers of his new hand.

Zack needed both hands to pick up a large spool of what looked like green wire, which he gazed at, intrigued. Abel De Leon, the school's dean of academics, explained that the green material was filament for the 3-D printer.

"That's what your hand looked like before," De Leon told Zack, who proceeded to attack the filament with a Darth Vader figurine. Zack then went behind the teacher's desk and used his prosthetic hand to pick unused hand parts out of a plastic cup. He spotted a roll of black electrical tape on the floor.

"I really want to play with this tape, really bad," Zack said, prompting De Leon to offer it to him for keeps. "Yay, I can keep this tape," Zack said, attempting to pick it up with his new hand.

"No," Robbins said. "Daddy has electrical tape. I'll show you some at home."

"I can keep it, Dad," Zack insisted.

With just one functional hand, Zack has trouble drinking milk without spilling it on his shirt, Robbins said. Zack's experience has taught his parents how many simple things require two hands. Now, Zack will be able to tie his shoes and use zippers and buttons.

"I think it's going to be a game-changer," said his mother, Jill Robbins.

Zack's right hand doesn't fit exactly under his new one; so Cantú will have to boil the palm of the prosthetic and bend it into a slightly sharper curve. Cantú estimated the adjustment would take less than a day to make.

Cantú said the prosthetic hand project was practice for a future career in the medical field or biochemical engineering.

"I've always wanted to create things for people," he said.

The School of Science and Technology plans to register with e-NABLE so students can continue to produce prosthetic hands for people who need them.

"We're just really thankful for an opportunity to be of service and proud of our kids," De Leon said.

Science standards rewrite in Louisuana wins support, with evolution tweak

By Melinda DeSlatte
Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — Louisiana's top school board is poised to rewrite the state's two-decades-old science standards for public schools, after a debate that veered into disagreements over evolution.

The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, known as BESE, gave preliminary support Tuesday to the standards, which were drawn up by a review committee packed largely with local educators.

With a 9-0 vote, a panel of nearly all BESE members agreed to the standards revisions. But support came only after language was added to remind educators about a Louisiana law that allows public school science teachers to use supplemental materials in their classrooms.

Supporters of the addition wanted the language included as a way to encourage teachers to challenge evolution in their science classrooms.

"If you really believe we should teach the controversy, why is that not included in the standards?" asked Rep. Beryl Amedee, R-Gray.

Amedee was among several speakers who wanted the standards tweaked to raise questions about evolution. Gene Mills, president of the conservative Louisiana Family Forum, said evolution is referenced 25 times in the standards, but with no mention of "opposing theories."

"Teachers, like the test, will follow the standards," Mills said.

Science teachers urged the education board to adopt the rewritten benchmarks without language challenging evolution.

"These standards are not based on biased opinions, but are supported by years and years of scientific research," said Kyle Duhon, a science teacher at Jennings High School who helped work on the standards revamp.

In response to concerns about evolutionary teaching, BESE members added a provision in the standards referencing a 2008 state law called the Louisiana Science Education Act.

The law allows public school teachers to use supplemental materials to promote "critical thinking skills" in areas like evolution and global warming. Critics call the law a back-door way to introduce creationism into science classes, which supporters of the law deny.

BESE members voted 7-2 to include information from the state law in the standards, before the committee then approved the full package without dissent. The board is expected to give final passage to the standards Wednesday.

But the transition to the new teaching benchmarks won't be immediate.

The upcoming 2017-18 year will include teacher training and field testing, according to the education department, with the standards fully phased in by the 2018-19 school year.

The classroom standards set guideposts for what students from kindergarten through 12th grade should know in basic science, physical science, physics, biology, chemistry, earth science and other scientific fields by the end of each grade.

The current standards were written in 1997. The education department says only two states, New Mexico and Wisconsin, use older science standards. The rewrite was aimed at better preparing students for jobs in STEM fields — science, technology, engineering and math.

Louisiana ranks poorly in national comparisons of science testing results.

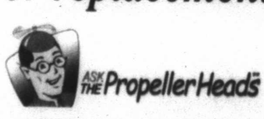
Here's a fix — or replacements — if Chrome keeps crashing

Dear PropellerHeads: Google Chrome crashes regularly on my laptop now. Is there another browser I should replace it with?

A: We've had that happen before, too, after an upgrade, and the only fix was to completely uninstall Chrome (through the control panel) and then re-install. Because the browser syncs all your bookmarks, settings and auto-complete fields to your Google account, we didn't really lose anything in the process, except time.

But if you're looking for a change anyway, check out Opera's fun "concept browser" called Neon (opera.com/neon). The look-and-feel is even more minimal than Chrome — the background window is transparent and shows your desktop wallpaper until you open a page. Bookmark icons appear as bubbles floating over the background, and a cropping tool lets you grab pictures or partial screenshots of a page to store in a built-in gallery.

The same sidebar also gives you quick access to media files from recent tabs, so if you normally keep a dedicated tab open to play music from Soundcloud or YouTube, now you can just use the built-in player to stop and start the music without leaving the page you're currently browsing. And if all the new interface features



are too much for you to handle, there's always the traditional menu options in the bottom left corner.

If you're looking for some other features missing from the mainstream browsers, try out Vivaldi (vivaldi.com); it was started a few years back by the original CEO of Opera Software (which made the aforementioned Neon). Vivaldi lets you tweak almost any imaginable setting, from the location of the tabs and address bar to the keyboard shortcuts and mouse gestures (a cool feature in older versions of Opera).

Vivaldi also has a built-in screenshot-capturing tool, and the ability to store notes and links along with each page, in case you want to remember a quote, recipe, or code snippet for later. And in recognition of the fact that most of us keep 1200 tabs open at any one time, Vivaldi lets you stack related tabs on top of one another to free up space in the tab bar, and even tile related tabs side-by-side or in a grid so you can see multiple pages at once. Now you can waste time at work twice as fast!

Before we hop off the Opera train, their current version (at opera.com) includes a built-in VPN for better privacy protection (just about every site on the web tracks something about you nowadays) and safer browsing on public networks (like in a coffee shop or airport). It also sports a built-in ad blocker – no need to install an extension for that – and a battery-saving mode, which pauses media and plugins in background tabs to give you up to an extra hour of battery life.

Another popular alternative browser is Maxthon (maxthon.com), which has been around since 2003. Their aim is to "upgrade your browser to an information assistant," which they do by building in Evernote-like features. You can grab just the parts of a page that interest you, and then make those available for later offline viewing or share them to your phone or tablet.

There's also a built-in password manager, similar to LastPass (lastpass.com), that will auto-generate secure passwords for you, in addition to remembering them so you don't have to. And a "shadow mail" feature lets you provide a fake email address to any site that requires your email during sign-up but later sends you spam.

If you do most of your browsing on a phone or tablet, try Dolphin (dolphin.com) – most of the features it has are also available in mobile Chrome or mobile Firefox, but its focus on speed has made it a stand-out in recent years.

Going back to the desktop…as much as we hate to admit it, the latest incarnation of Microsoft's browser (now Edge and no longer Internet Explorer) is pretty good. They tried to out-do Chrome in the minimalism department, but they also have good standards support now and better battery-saving features for laptops (microsoft.com/edge).

Lastly, if you want to live on the edge – I mean, as far as this sort of thing goes – you can always install the latest test versions of Chrome (search the web for "chrome canary") or Firefox (search for "firefox nightly") to get all the latest features weeks before your friends do.

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