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Ted Cruz makes his pick for vice president.

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WINNING HIT

Hunter Hargrove delivered against Abilene Christian University on Wednesday night by going 2-for-4 with a double and the game-winning RBI single in the bottom of the ninth inning for a 5-4 victory.

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MISD spends less per student than national average

Disparity is because of Robin Hood law, differing tax rates, CFO David Garcia says

By Cassie Burton
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The national average of-dollars-per-student clocked in at $11,841, according to an Education Week Research Center analysis of 2013 federal data. In a map breaking down states by school district generated by NPR using that data, only two districts in West Texas are bright red: Midland ISD and Ector County ISD.

MISD and Ector spent $7,713 and $7,208 per student, respectively. That's more than 33 percent less than the national average — which is why they are the only two West Texas districts "in the red" by NPR's measurement.

The question is, "why?" MISD has spent the past several years making cuts in order to send millions of dollars in recapture payments to the state per the Robin Hood law, which is being challenged in a lawsuit filed by MISD and 600 other school districts.

Chapter 41, or property-wealthy, schools must send money to be redistributed to Chapter 42 schools (property-poor). Despite its position as "property-wealthy," the Education Week map shows that some Chapter 42 schools often spend more per student than MISD.

The explanation comes from a combination of the Robin Hood law and differing tax rates, according to MISD chief financial officer David Garcia. All school districts have a $1.04 per $100 valuation tax; however, many passed tax ratification elections (TREs) in which voters agreed to a higher tax — up to a state-imposed maximum of $1.17 per $100 valuation.

"Some tax $1.17, and consequently, that gives them more resources," Garcia said. "So even though we're property-wealthy it doesn't mean we spend more money than a non-property wealthy district."

The Robin Hood law means that school districts from non-property wealthy areas can tax above $1.04 and keep every cent. Property-wealthy schools such as MISD must give a portion of their funds to the state, Garcia said.

Education Week's findings indicate support for MISD and the other school districts involved in the lawsuit against the state over its funding formula. In its review of each state's education funding system, Education Week gave Texas a D rating.

Initial estimates for the upcoming fiscal year's budget show MISD with a $25 million shortfall. It's not a question

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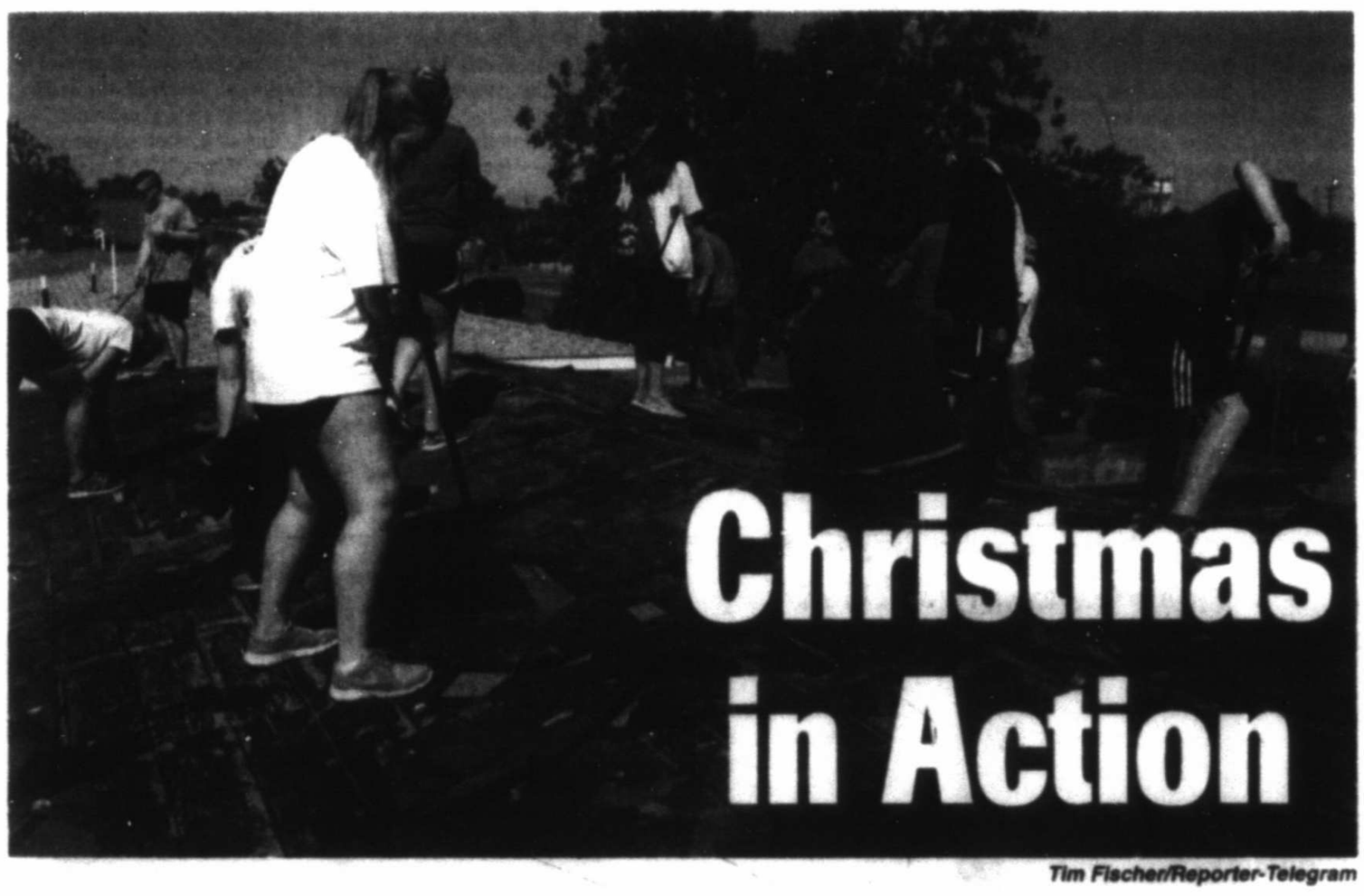

Christmas in Action

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Christian students work on replacing the roof Wednesday on a Christmas in Action house at 4311 Mercedes Drive. See more photos of the project in an upcoming edition.

PBBOR: Homes sold in March outpace previous years

■ Report indicates average price increases month over month, year over year

From staff reports

More homes were sold during the month of March, compared to the same month in previous years going back to 2012, according to statistics provided by the Permian Basin Board of Realtors.

The PBBOR reported 161 homes were sold in Midland County last month. That was an increase of 21 compared to March 2015 and slightly more than March 2012's 14.

The Board of Realtors also reported the average price of a home sold ($283,687) increased more than $18,000 compared to March 2015 and more than $11,000 compared to February of 2016. Helping to boost the month average were the

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March 2016 statistics

Total houses on market: 594
Houses sold: 161
Days on market: 58
Average sold price: $283,687
Average median sold: $235,000

Average number of houses on market in March

2012:	148
2013:	197
2014:	274
2015:	533
2016:	594

Total houses sold in March

2012:	154
2013:	156
2014:	159

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International Rescue Committee opens Midland office

■ Agency responds to refugees already living here

By Erin Stone
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The International Rescue Committee (IRC), which provides resources for international refugees fleeing violence and persecution in their home countries, opened a new office in Midland on Monday. Until then, the closest office was in Abilene, which has been supporting refugees in Midland since 2007, according to a press release.

The Burmese Chin people — fleeing from sectarian violence in Burma for their Christian faith — account for approximately 94 percent of all refugees who have settled in Midland, according to previous Reporter-Telegram reports.

"We had a number of (Chin) refugees moving to Midland on their own so we started responding by helping with the family reunification cases because we're the closest agency," Susanna Lubanga, resettlement director for the IRC office in Abilene, said in a phone interview. "In the past five years we've seen the number of refugees increase in Midland, but (there hasn't been an) agency to provide assistance or community outreach or help network in the community. So we're really coming as a response to the refugees who are already located in Midland."

Midland also has a small Iraqi refugee population, a

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International Rescue Committee

The Midland IRC office, 3106 N. Big Spring St., Suite 200, will host "Introduction to the Community" 2-4 p.m. May 3.

Office hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Appointments should be made in advance, but walk-ins will be taken 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays and 9 a.m.-noon Thursdays.

For more information, call the local office 262-0212.

Coming soon

Eric Uresti, site manager of the Midland IRC office, will be profiled in a future Faith & Philanthropy section.

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Energy prices

WTI Future	$45.33	▲ $1.29
WTI Posted	$41.75	▲ $1.25
WTS Posted	$37.20	▲ $1.25
Natural Gas	$1.995	▼ $0.037
Gasoline	$1.942	▲ $0.006

The big number
A new recipe was tested in about 140 McDonalds stores. Read more on Page 8A.

Word of the Day: Scion
Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 4A.

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Obituaries

Belay Tarango Mora

Belay Tarango Mora, 52, of Midland, passed away on Monday, April 25, 2016.

Viewing will be Wednesday, April 27, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., with a rosary starting at 7:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel.

A funeral mass is set for Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

He is survived by his two sisters, Gloria Auringer and Yolanda Parks.

Chevious Matthews

Chevious Matthews, 90, of Midland, passed away on the evening of Friday, April 22, 2016.

She could be recognized by her blue eyes, warm smile, listening ears, and positive attitude. She was born in DeLeon, Texas to Guy and Alma Smith. She grew up in Fort Worth, Texas and attended North Side High School there. After high school, Chevious worked as an assistant in the Physician's Office at the Armor Meat Plant before marrying her husband, E.W., in 1949.

In 1956, E.W., Chevious, and daughter Pamela moved to Midland for E.W.'s job in the oil business. That same year, their son, John, was born. As a mother of children in the 60s, she supported the family with wonderful meals, was a room mother at Bonham Elementary, and a Brownie and Cub Scout leader.

She delighted all with her baked goods, including chocolate sheet cake and meringue pies for church potlucks and family birthdays. Chevious was a woman of faith and that was obvious in the way she treated others.

Around 1963, she began working outside the home again for Equitable Life Insurance. This was a job she kept for 30 years.

In retirement, she participated in water aerobics, had coffee with lady friends, and sent out hundreds of birthday cards to friends and family. She and E.W. went to plays at the Community Theater and continued to be very involved at St. Luke's Methodist Church.

In 2011, E.W. passed away and Chevious went on to make new friends at Cimarron Place Assisted Living Facility in Midland.

She is preceded in death by her husband, E.W., her parents, and three older sisters.

She is survived by her daughter, Pamela Lenfestey (and husband Harold) of Midland; son, John Matthews of Austin; and brother, Walter Smith of Apache Junction, Arizona.

The family thanks Mary Gowen, the staff at Cimarron Place, Serenity Living, and Home Hospice for help with her care toward the end of her life.

The family requests that you wear bright colors to Chevious' funeral in celebration of her life.

There will be a visitation on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at St. Luke's United Methodist Church on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park with a lunch at Cimmaron Place Assisted Living, 3400 Caldera Blvd.

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

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

Earl Thomas Grayson

Earl Thomas Grayson, 63, a New Orleans native, passed away of cardiac arrest, and without suffering, on April 26, 2016 at his home in Midland, Texas. Earl had three careers: a symphony trumpet player, an optometrist, and a life-long astronomer and astro-photographer. Earl studied music and astronomy at LSU after earning a degree in Psychology at University of New Orleans. After winning the concerto competition at LSU, Earl became First Chair trumpeter for the Jackson Symphony Orchestra. He earned a doctorate of optometry at U.A. Birmingham. Because he needed a dry climate for his astronomy, he moved to Midland, and started his optometry practice of 25 years, at which he worked until the day he died.

Earl attended St. Christopher Elementary in Metairie, LA. and Rummel High School. In high school, Earl played in Soul Merchants, a rock back, for whom he did horn arrangements. After the death of a much older brother, Steve, Earl was the cherished only child of Steve and Amelia Grayson, both of New Orleans.

Earl built his own astronomical observatory at his second home in Fort Davis, Texas, where he and Frances enjoyed the mountain scenery and clear dark skies, his window to the universe. Possessed of a piercing intelligence, Earl remembered ordinary and extraordinary events of his entire lifetime by exact date. Despite distance, Earl remained in frequent contact with his childhood friends from New Orleans, and musicians and astronomers he worked with. From stardust to stardust, so Earl returns.

Earl is survived by his beloved spouse of 23 years, Frances Gonzales, and her children and their grandchildren, for whom he adored and would always have a story about his grandsons, Aldrick, Derick, Benjamin Rodriguez and Bryan Gonzales. Anybody would say that he bragged about their grandsons non-stop and he was a steady and supportive presence. He is also survived by stepson, Angelo Gonzales and wife, Roxann, and stepdaughter, Adina Rodriguez and husband, Ben.

He is preceded in death by brother, Steven Grayson; father, Steve Grayson; and mother, Amelia Grayson.

A rosary service will be held at 7:00 pm, Thursday, April 28, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland. A funeral mass will be held at 3:00 pm, Friday, April 29, 2016 at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Midland. A memorial service in New Orleans is to be announced.

The family would like to express their gratitude towards all the prayers and support of friends and family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to West Texas Astronomers.

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

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Gordon Alfred Kelly

Gordon Alfred Kelly, 75, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 27, 2016 at his home in Midland.

Gordon was born on March 26, 1941. He was raised in upstate New York. He was a proud United States Marine.

Gordon married Judy Emberton on February 27, 1976. They had just celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Gordon lived for his passion of his work, his family and his friends. He also loved to fish.

Gordon is preceded in death by his parents, Lionel A. Kelly and Sara E. Kelly (Makela); his sister, Margaret Fuller; and brother, Phillip Kelly.

He is survived by his loving wife, Judy A. Kelly; siblings, Lionel Kelly, Jimmy Kelly, Roger Kelly, and Kathleen Staples; his son, Gordon A. Kelly, II and Amy Thompson; daughter, Darral and Bob Morse; daughter, Christine and Mario Carbajal; daughter, Dalen Vaverchak and Mark Oliver; daughter, Cynthia and Darrin Bullington; son, Tommy and Carolyn Kelly; and by 19 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends and family between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 29, 2016 at Ellis Funeral Home.

Funeral services are scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2016 at Alamo Heights Baptist Church at 1:00 p.m.

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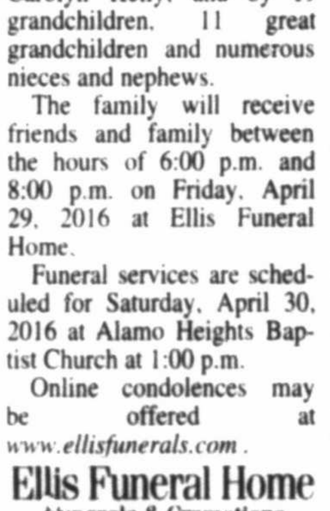

Jacqueline Ann (Jackie) Ingram

Jacqueline Ann (Jackie) Ingram, of Midland, passed away Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at the age of 89 after battling a long illness.

Jackie Ingram was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on December 12, 1926 to John Cornelius Fervoy and Venus Irene Glad Fervoy. After graduating from Marquette Catholic High School in Tulsa, she continued on to receive a BBA from Oklahoma State University. Following graduation she moved to Midland, and began work as a legal secretary for Superior Oil Company, retiring after more than 20 years as secretary to the president of the company.

During her early years in Midland, Jackie met Thomas P. Ingram and married him on September 7, 1968. They were married for 36 years, and traveled the world together, literally from the Arctic to the Antarctic and most countries in between. Many of their trips included their dear friend, Fr. Richard Houlahan, who shared their love of travel. In addition to travel, Jackie was very creative. She knitted over 50 Christmas stockings for family and friends, never making two alike, and each year she created a handmade ornament for the entire family. Other hobbies included bridge and poker, which she enjoyed with a wonderful group of lifelong friends.

Jackie shared her husband Tom's love of this community and church, and they supported numerous organizations. Dear to her heart was the Midland Memorial Foundation and the Midland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. Her service as a pink lady spanned over four decades and she was awarded a 14,000 hour pin for dedicated service. She attended and supported St. Ann's Catholic Church and was a member of the Altar Society for most of her life. Together she and Tom gave generously to build organizations in the Midland area. They were true boosters for their community and dedicated to making Midland a better place to live.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Tom, nephew John W. Wolf, and brother-in-law George L. Wolf.

Jackie is survived by her sister, Jane C. Wolf; nieces, Barbara Clarke (Steve), Audrey Wolf, and Carolyn Copeland (Terry) of Midland; Susan McGuinness (Tim) of Canyon Lake; Loretta Loykasek and Lucy Loykasek Schellbach (Craig) of Burleson; and Annie Loykasek Kellner (Fred) of Richardson; great nieces Amanda Wolf Fralin (Brian), Angela Wolf Wallace (Dustin), Sarah Erickson Ortez, and Laura Copeland; great nephews David Recknagel (Jaime), Russell Clarke (Jessica), Scott Clarke (Ashley), Christopher Copeland, and numerous great, great nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be David Recknagel, Russell Clarke, Scott Clarke, Christopher Copeland, Brian Fralin, and Dustin Wallace.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Midland Memorial Foundation, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Pkwy, Midland, TX 79701 or the charity of your choice.

Visitation will be held at 6pm Thursday, April 28, with Rosary following at 7 pm in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. The funeral mass will be held at St. Ann's Catholic Church on Friday, April 29, at 1 pm with Msgr. Larry J. Droll. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park Cemetery.

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Jackie Richard Cooper

Jackie Richard Cooper, 66, of Midland passed away on Monday, April 25, 2016. A viewing will be at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home from 5:00p.m.-9:00p.m. on Friday, April 29, 2016. A gathering will be held at 6:00p.m. at Shaunne White's home on Saturday, April 30, 2016.

Jackie was born on November 18, 1949 in Shirtz, Texas to Jessie Wright and Sonny Cooper. He was loved by many and will be greatly missed by all his friends and family.

Jackie will never know the depth of admiration and love that his many brothers and sisters hold for him. To them, he was a great protector and caregiver. At a very young age, he knew all about adult burdens and responsibilities, his were great as evidenced by old photos--always a baby on his hip and holding the hand of another. Each one of us could speak about all the wonderful things he did for us. I guess you could say he was our hero. We love him so, and we will miss him forever.

Jackie was a hard worker throughout his life. He worked at a number of trades and took pride in his reputation as a man who could be counted on for quality work. Even after his diagnosis, it was all we could do to get him to stay home and rest in between treatments, and still some days, despite our efforts, he would go along "to help."

Jackie was the father to 4 daughters and 1 son. Over the years we've experienced times of closeness and feel grateful for the special closeness over the last few months. He was happy and content when surrounded by his children, grandchildren and siblings. He looked forward to their visits and even treatment appointments where he would have time to sit with one or two of them and visit. He would say he didn't want everybody making a fuss over him. After all those years taking care of his family, he still didn't know how blessed each of us were to have the chance to take care of him.

He is survived by his children, Shaunne White and husband Shannon, Sherene Starr and husband Buck, Lee'Ayn Lesley and husband Aaron, Christi Gilliam and husband Jaime, and Cody Cooper and girlfriend Krystal Price; siblings, Alice Ann Cooper, David Alan Cooper, Marsha Lynne Cooper, Patricia Elain "Patty" Cooper, Stephen Ray Cooper, William James "Jimmy" Cooper, Charles Edwin "Charlie" Cooper, Joanne Elizabeth Looklar, and Kelly Jean Cox; 11 awesome grandchildren; 2 amazing great-grandchildren; along with several nieces, nephews, and friends.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Karla Denise Cooper, and sister, Alice Ann Cooper.

The family would like to express their gratitude towards the wonderful staff at Texas Oncology for always treating him like family. Thank you Dr. Manget and staff, Dr. Akins and staff, Nurse Julie, Nurse Roberta, and Glen and Brian in radiology.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Texas Oncology or the American Cancer Society.

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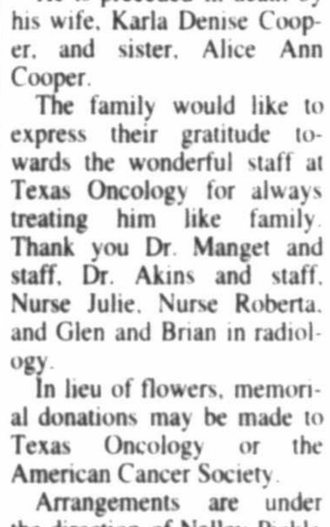

James Wendel Miller

James Wendel Miller passed away April 24, 2016 after a lengthy but valiant battle against a stroke. A memorial service will be held Thursday, April 28 at 1:00 p.m. at All Saints Anglican Church at the Genesis Center, 2800 W. Louisiana Ave in Midland, Texas.

He was born April 6, 1938 in Westbrook, Texas to Robert Wendel Miller and Ozelle Berry Miller. He attended schools in Colorado City, Texas and graduated in the class of 1956. After high school, he worked for Texas Electric before enlisting in the United States Army in 1958. After radar school in Fort Monmouth, New Jersey for nine months, he was stationed for three years at the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico where he helped track early experimental rockets that eventually led to the NASA space program.

After he was honorably discharged in 1960, he moved to Midland where he was employed by Robert Ray Geophysical as an analyst.

He was recalled to active duty in the Army in 1961 when the Berlin Wall was built and international tensions threatened to break into war. He served a year in Fort Polk, Louisiana but was never deployed.

He was honorably discharged again in 1962, and his obligation to serve was finished. Returning to Midland, he resumed working for Robert Ray Geophysical, which later became Petty-Ray Geophysical.

In 1976, he went to work for Dawson Geophysical as an analyst in their new data processing center. He was retired from Dawson in 1998.

He married Janet (Jan) Harper on August 13, 1965 and they had three children.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert; stepmother, Gladys Helms Miller; and a daughter, Janna Harrison.

He is survived by his wife, Janet; son, Craig Miller and wife Paula; daughter, Karen Reber and husband Dean; son-in-law, Tony Harrison; daughter-in-law, Julie Foster; grandchildren, Conn Rogers, Lyndsey Harry, David Foster, Catherine Reber, and James Reber; great-grandchildren, Logan and Cole Rogers; his mother, Ozelle; brother, Don Miller and wife Lanette; brother-in-law, Bob Harper; and by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Wendel was a man of faith and integrity who loved his family and his Lord and was a true prayer warrior. He was an avid student of the Bible. He also enjoyed spending time at his computer.

Before his health declined, he enjoyed traveling with Jan, especially to the mountains of Colorado. A particular highlight to them both was their trip to Israel in 1998.

His family would like to express their greatest appreciation to his doctors, nurses, physical therapists, aides, and caregivers who worked tirelessly to help him fight to overcome the effects of his stroke. We thank the staffs at Manor Park Rehab and Nurses Unlimited, as well as the Veterans' Administration in Big Spring for their assistance. In his final battle, we would like to thank the caring staff in the emergency room at Midland Memorial Hospital.

We extend our profound gratitude to his doctors and nurses at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa, who cared for him and for us with the utmost dignity and compassion. And we are grateful to Star Hospice for their compassionate care and guidance.

Memorials may be directed to All Saints Anglican Church or to the Wounded Warrior Project.

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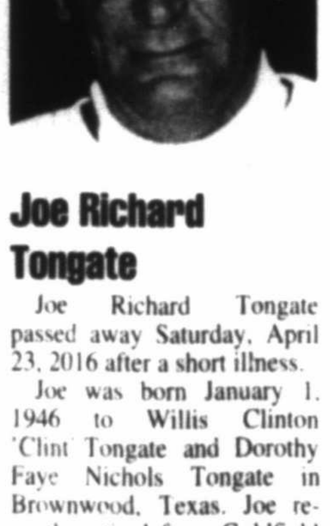

Joe Richard Tongate

Joe Richard Tongate passed away Saturday, April 23, 2016 after a short illness.

Joe was born January 1, 1946 to Willis Clinton 'Clint Tongate and Dorothy Faye Nichols Tongate in Brownwood, Texas. Joe recently retired from Goldfield Telecom as Regional Sales Manager.

He is survived by his wife Glenda of Midland, Texas; sister, Bettye Tate of Utah, and children Holly Johnson, Nichol Tate, and Paul Caudle; and by grandchildren, J.B. Friend, Amanda Friend, Cole Johnson, Noah Tate, Olivia Tate, Hunter Fason-Caudle, Ryan Evans, Paul Caudle, Jr. and Jason Caudle.

Joe graduated from Early High School in Brownwood, where he enjoyed playing baseball and football. After graduating, he discovered his lifelong passion of golf which he enjoyed playing with his Brownwood buddies and his many friends at Maumelle Country Club in Maumelle Arkansas.

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Linda Ruth Frudge

Linda Ruth Frudge, the third child of seven siblings, was born on the Thornton Ranch in Limestone County, Texas. She was a nurse's aid for over 40 years, retiring in 2012. She was a faithful member of Ideal Baptist Church. Her smile and great personality will be missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 27 years, Benard Frudge; an infant daughter, Tamica; and a brother, Jessie Williams.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her son, Kenneth Williams; her daughter, Angela Williams; 11 grandchildren, Whitney, Brittany, and Vanasa Leverette, Bernard Fruge, Megan Fruge, Ryan Leverette, Kenneth Williams, Jr., Prescila Wright, Semoya Williams, Destani Williams, and Kyevonne Williams; and one great-grandchild.

Viewing will be Friday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Thomas Chapel. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in Serenity Memorial Gardens Cemetery, under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

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Robert W. Yeargain

Robert W. Yeargain, 75, of Midland, Texas, was born on August 25, 1940 in Wichita Falls, Texas, to Harold W. and Opal Yeargain. He passed away on Thursday, April 21, 2016 in Midland, Texas.

He attended grammar school in Seminole, Texas as well as Rankin. He moved to Midland in 1955, with his parents, where he graduated from Midland High school in 1957. In 1958, he joined the Navy. After his honorable discharge in 1961, he returned to Midland where he began his employment at Drilco and was employed for almost 30 years until Drilco closed their Midland location. He then went onto miscellaneous employment at various machine shops in Midland.

In 1962, he met his wife, Betty Sue (Susie) Troutman. They married on October 4, 1962, and were happily married for fifty years, until Susie passed in 2013. They were blessed by three boys, Doug Yeargain, born in 1963, Gary Yeargain, born in 1967, and Roy Yeargain born in 1968. He enjoyed camping and fishing, especially fishing with his three sons. He was a member of Cotton Flat Baptist Church in Midland.

He is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his three sons, Doug Yeargain and his wife Melanie of Konawa, Oklahoma; Gary Yeargain and his wife Vicki of Midland, Texas, Roy Yeargain and his wife Wendy of Midland, Texas; two sisters, Nita Fancher in McAllen, Texas and Sue Ann Henderson of South Carolina; nine grandchildren; ten great grandchildren;

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at American Heritage Cemetery/ Funeral Home/Crematory Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas, 79707.

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Death Notices

Carrian Mendosta

Carrian Mendosta, 73, of Lubbock Texas, passed away on Sunday, April 21, 2016 in Midland, Texas.

Services are pending with American Heritage Cemetery/Funeral Home/Crematory, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas, 79707.

Cecil Wayne Brown

Cecil Wayne Brown, 71, of Odessa, passed away Monday, April 25, 2016.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, April 29, 2016 at Resthaven North Cemetery in Midland.

Survivors include daughter, Tracy Pinard; daughter, Missy Cranford; son, Matthew Whiteside; daughter, Kim Jenkins; two brothers; one sister.

Elizabeth Morales

Elizabeth Morales, 37, of Midland, passed away Monday, April 25, 2016.

Visitation will be held today from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., followed with a rosary at 7:00 p.m. at Heavenly Gate Chapel.

A funeral mass will be held on Friday, April 29, 2016 at 10:00 a.m at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment will follow to Serenity Memorial Gardens.

She is survived by her husband, Ladislao A Barraza; parents, Lupe and Guadalupe Ramirez; two sons, Manuel Sanchez and Geraldo; two daughters Valeria Barraza and Analee Barraza; and by two brothers and one sister.

Mary Jo Darden

Mary Jo Darden, 88, of Midland, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 27, 2016.

A memorial service will be held 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 1701 N. Main. Private burial will follow on Monday.

She is survived by her husband, Jack Darden, and by six children.

2016 wildfire season expected to be less severe

By Dan Elliott
Associated Press

DENVER — The upcoming wildfire season across the U.S. isn't expected to be as bad as last year's infernos, when a record 15,800 square miles burned, the nation's top wildland firefighting official said Wednesday.

But parts of the nation should expect a rough season after a warm, dry winter or because of long-term drought, U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell said.

Southern California, other parts of the Southwest, Alaska and Montana are all vulnerable, he said.

"So where we anticipate the severity of the fire season will not be at the same level as last year, we still expect to have some areas that will be really active," Tidwell said.

Tidwell discussed the fire outlook with The Associated Press four days before the federal government issues its wildfire outlook for the summer season. He was in Denver for a conference on forest health.

California is vulnerable because much of the state remains in a drought, despite an El Nino weather system that brought near-average snowfall to its northern mountains. Wildfires have already broken out in Alaska after a warm winter with below-average precipitation.

Slightly more than half the land scorched by wildfires last year was in Alaska, according to the National Interagency Fire Center, which coordinates firefighting nationwide. Washington and Oregon accounted for 18 percent.

The Forest Service, the nation's primary firefighting agency, spent a record $1.72 billion on firefighting last year.

The overall bill for wildfires, including prevention programs and the cost of putting crews, equipment and aircraft on fire lines, is consuming a growing share of the Forest Service budget. That has forced cuts in forestry research, campground and trail maintenance and other areas, Tidwell said.

The Obama administration has been pressing Congress to pay the cost of fighting the worst fires from natural disaster funds, rather than the Forest Service budget. Tidwell said the largest 1 or 2 percent of wildfires account for about 30 percent of the costs.

Congress has not agreed to the change, but it did approve an additional $520 million for fighting fires this season, Tidwell said.

He said climate change is making wildfires worse, heating up the air, drying out forests and extending the wildfire season by an average of 78 days since 1998. A growing number of homes at the forest's edge, which firefighters call the wildland-urban interface, also drives up costs by forcing managers to concentrate crews and equipment to protect communities, he said.

Tidwell said state and federal agencies need to thin those forests to a more natural state to prevent fires and make them easier to fight. Researchers say decades of over-aggressive firefighting have left forests dense with living and dead trees and more prone to deadly mega-fires.

With a chuckle and a smile, Tidwell defended Smokey Bear, his agency's memorable mascot, from allegations of making things worse by portraying fire as evil instead of part of the natural cycle that kept forests healthy. Smokey's original message, "Only you can prevent forest fires," has been updated to "Only you can prevent wildfires."

"Really, Smokey was just talking about those human-caused fires which actually occur at the wrong time of the year, not where the natural fire occurs," Tidwell said. Those are the fires that the Forest Service still wants to stop, he said.

"Smokey Bear gets no blame for the situation we have today," he said.

USGS records 4.1 magnitude earthquake in central Oklahoma

Associated Press

LUTHER, Okla. — The U.S. Geological Survey has recorded at 4.1 magnitude earthquake in the Oklahoma City area.

The quake struck at 10:44 a.m. Wednesday near Luther, about 30 miles north of Oklahoma City.

No injuries or damage have been reported, but the USGS website shows the earthquake was felt 135 miles away in Wichita, Kansas.

The USGS also recorded a 2.8 magnitude quake at 6:31 a.m. near Harrah, about 25 miles northeast of Oklahoma City.

The number of magnitude 3.0 or greater earthquakes in Oklahoma has risen from a few dozen in 2012 to more than 900 last year.

Scientists have linked the increase to underground disposal of waste water from oil-and-gas production. State regulators are asking oil and gas companies to reduce their wastewater disposal wells.

TODAYINMIDLAND

Correction

Midland-Odessa Area AIDS Support "is financially stable and does not plan to seek state or federal funds," Executive Director Judy Warren said Wednesday.

A story in Wednesday's edition appeared to indicate the agency was going to "close" its doors.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

A majority of MAAS' clients are not gay, Warren said, referring to data attributed to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Campus climate survey extended

As of Tuesday, only 13 percent of MISD parents participated in the Campus Climate Survey accessible from the Midland ISD website. The survey opened on April 4 and will continue through May 6.

Parents will be able to access the survey and submit their comments for another week and then the survey will be closed. MISD administrators are asking parents to complete the survey and let their voice be heard. The survey should take only about 10 minutes to complete.

The survey asks community members to share their experiences and views so district leaders can evaluate the climate of their schools to determine where they're succeeding and how they can improve. Survey questions address educational quality, academic preparation, student support, school leadership, family involvement and safety and behavior.

The survey is offered in English, Spanish and Haka-Chin. Paper surveys are available at each campus and the MISD Administration Building (615 W. Missouri Ave.) upon request for people without Internet access. The district's independent research partner, K12 Insight, is administering the survey and compiling the results. All responses are strictly confidential. The district will not be able to connect participants to their answers. K12 Insight will report only the overall survey results.

For more information about the survey, go to www.midlandisd.net. The direct link to the survey is http://bit.ly/1UAE6lq.

Source: MISD

JBS Lecture Series

JBS Distinguished Lecture Series, Election 2016 "Are You Voting for a Party, Person or Principle?" with Juan Williams, Fox News Contributor and Host of "The Five", former U.S. Rep. Allen West, executive director of the National Center for Policy and Analysis, Gilberto Hinojosa, chairman of the Texas Democratic Party, and Tom Mechler, chairman of the Texas Republican Party. 7 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Free. UTPB.edu

Things to do

■ George W. Bush Childhood Home 10th Anniversary Celebration. 6 p.m., Midland County Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. $100. bushchildhoodhome.org

■ 36 Crazyfists, Follow the Awakened. 7 p.m., Club Patron, 5850 W. University Blvd. Odessa.

■ Cody Bryan Band. 8 p.m., Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. rockinrodeomidland.com

Meeting

Hospital District
11:45 a.m.
Administation boardroom

Support groups, club meetings today

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

■ Permian Basin Chess Club, 6 p.m., University of Texas of the Permian Basin student union. Steve Dudley, 556-1920; Brian Farrell, 288-7141, pbcc.50gigs.net, odessachess@cableone.net

■ Bingo, 7-10 p.m., American Legion Post 19, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane, 682-5511.

■ Gem and Mineral Society Meeting, 7 p.m., Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. sibleynature-center.org

Career fair

Eventures Career Fairs will present a career fair 10 a.m.-3 p.m. today at Grand Texan Hotel convention center, 4300 W. Wall St.

Head Start enrollment

Community Development Institute Head Start is accepting applications for the 2016-17 school year. Parents may enroll their children or learn about Head Start by visiting Casa de Amigos, 1101 Garden Lane, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. today.

The program serves economically disadvantaged children 3 to 5, including children with special needs and severe disabilities, according to a press release.

For more information, or to make an appointment, call one of the Head Start centers: South Elementary School, 200 W. Dakota Ave., 424-8953, or Johnston Street Center, 1106 Johnston St., 704-5392.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 2-4-2
Pick 3 day: 4-6-8
Pick 3 evening: 9-0-9
Pick 3 night: 3-8-1
Daily 4 morning: 8-9-2-8
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Lotto Texas: 8-25-28-31-41-45
Powerball: 2-25-33-39-64 PB 17 Power Play 2
All or Nothing morning: 3-7-8-9-13-14-16-18-19-20-21-23
All or Nothing day: 3-5-6-8-11-12-13-15-16-19-21-22
All or Nothing evening: 1-2-4-7-9-11-13-14-16-18-21-22
All or Nothing night: 1-3-7-9-10-12-13-15-16-17-21-22
Texas Triple Chance: 3-17-21-26-32-41-46-48-50-53

Today in history

On April 28, 1996, a man armed with a semiautomatic rifle went on a rampage on the Australian island of Tasmania, killing 35 people. Martin Bryant was captured by police after a 12-hour standoff at a guest cottage. (Bryant is serving a life prison sentence.)

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CONROE

Tiger captured sent to sanctuary after theft try

A tiger captured after being spotted roaming a residential neighborhood in a Southeast Texas city has been sent to an animal sanctuary — but not before a suspected overnight bid to steal the animal from the city animal shelter.

A police spokeswoman said the young, female tiger captured April 21 by animal control officers was turned over Wednesday to the International Exotic Animal Sanctuary in Boyd.

However, police Lt. Dorcy McGinnis said someone broke into the animal shelter where the cat was being kept before daybreak Wednesday. A surveillance video showed the masked figure prowling around the shelter's large rooms, apparently searching for the tiger. McGinnis said one door the prowler didn't try was the one to the room where the tiger was kept.

FORT WORTH

Man arrested after wife's body pulled from North Texas lake

The estranged husband of a woman whose body was pulled last week from a North Texas lake has been arrested in her death.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported that 31-year-old Rodolfo Arellano was arrested on a capital murder warrant Tuesday.

Fort Worth police Sgt. Joe Loughman said investigators are still awaiting an official ruling on the cause of Elizabeth Pule Arellano's death but suspect the 28-year-old was alive when thrown from the Lake Worth bridge.

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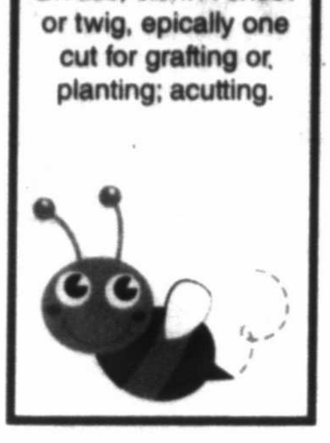

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HOMES

From 1A

11 homes bold in prices ranging from $500,000-$999,999 and the two homes priced at more than $1 million.

PBBOR statistics showed that the number of houses sold for $400,000 or more in Midland County increased from 10 in January to 14 in February to 27 in March.

The most homes sold in March was in the range of $200,000 to $249,999 (26) followed by $300,000 to $399,999 (25). The PBBOR also reported the median home price fell 1 percent (year over year) in March.

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2015:	140
2016:	161

Average days on market in March

2012:	46
2013:	42
2014:	45
2015:	45
2016:	58

Average sold price

2012:	$215,889
2013:	$242,091
2014:	$287,860
2015:	$265,094
2016:	$283,687

Median sold price

2012:	$191,000
2013:	$196,250
2014:	$225,900
2015:	$239,250
2016:	$234,400

Source: Permian Basin Board of Realtors

Other metrics in the PBBOR report included:

■ the number of active listings increased to 594,

■ the months of inventory was 2.9,

■ the average days of the market increased to 58 (the most going back to the start of 2012) and the third-straight month that DOM was more than 50 days.

MISD

From 1A

of will there be cuts, but "how much," which Garcia said is where a TRE could come in. He was "not sure" how much the rate should increase, although $1.13 would help, he said.

"It's up to the school board and superintendent when we're talking about how much we're going to cut," Garcia said. "It depends what the board of trustees is willing to support with respect to budget deficits or tax increases."

Superintendent Ryder Warren said part of the funding problem comes from MISD being in "Robin Hood" before Robin Hood was passed.

During the 2005 legislative session, all Texas public school districts fell under a "targeted revenue" school funding system that capped revenue for districts. Other taxing entities in Midland could gain revenue from taxable value growth; MISD could not because of the state law.

Warren said that when formula funding, or Robin Hood, was passed in 2011, MISD had to give tens of millions of dollars to the state as a Chapter 41 school.

"From 2005 to 2011 ... every other taxing entity here was doing really well because of the (property values) raising every year," Warren said. "The school district got none of that."

Now with an average daily attendance of more than 22,000 students, the district must stretch fewer dollars over more heads, Warren and Garcia said.

"The district is serving more kids than it has in a very long time and we still have to cut our budget," Warren said. "It's why we voted to enter the lawsuit against the state."

Cuts this year could start edging into the classroom instead of just district staff, which is why the a TRE could be possible this year, according to previous Reporter-Telegram articles.

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Man found dead in Apple conference room was employee

Associated Press

CUPERTINO, Calif. — An Apple employee was found dead in a conference room inside the company's headquarters in Cupertino on Wednesday, authorities said.

Sgt. Andrea Urena of the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office said the death of the male employee was an "isolated incident" and that no foul play is suspected.

Deputies were called about 8:35 a.m. Wednesday for a report of "a person down" at 1 Infinite Loop and found a dead man, she said.

"They determined there were no other individuals involved and they believe it was an isolated incident and that there's no was nobody else on campus or in the public at risk," Urena said.

The Santa Clara County Medical Examiner-Coroner's Office will determine how the man died, she said.

"I can't confirm any information regarding a manner or cause of death, or any weapons," Urena said.

Apple representatives did not respond to emails seeking comment.

All shaken up: Owner reunited with sentimental snow globe

By Tamara Lush
Associated Press

"It was raining when I picked it up. A good thing, because we were all crying."

Linda Modry, Michael Moores mother

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — When a man was forced to throw away a liquid-filled snow globe before going through security at a Florida airport, he was heartbroken. It had been a gift from his mother to celebrate his and his wife's adoption of a 5-year-old girl.

A couple who picked up on Michael Moore's distress retrieved the sparkling, silver orb that played the song "Greensleeves" and yelled after him as he ran for his plane to Ohio that they would get it back to him somehow.

That was in February. On Wednesday, Ivelise Amarri Hernandez personally handed the keepsake over to Moore's emotional mother, Linda Modry.

Modry, who lives in St. Petersburg, had bought the globe in January and engraved it with the message "We love you Katie. Nana and Papa." She also decorated it with photos of the couple, their new daughter, and the couple's dog, and gave it to Moore when he was visiting her.

But when her son tried to carry it with him onto the plane, security at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport told him he would have to throw it out because it was filled with liquid.

Hernandez and her boyfriend, waiting for a flight to Pittsburgh, retrieved the globe from the trash where a saddened Moore had tossed it. When they arrived back home to Florida a few days later, they posted a photo of the treasured gift on Facebook.

"We felt bad about the situation and want to find out who these people are so we can return their gift out of the kindness of our hearts," Hernandez wrote in the post.

Shared 40,000 times, the message eventually caught the attention of executives at Things Remembered, the company that made the globe. Employees at the company's Ohio headquarters and the St. Petersburg, Florida, store were able to identify Modry as the buyer and connect her with Hernandez.

On Wednesday, Modry and Hernandez met in Tampa, and the snow globe was returned.

Said Modry: "It was raining when I picked it up. A good thing, because we were all crying."

MISD: 2 students arrested after making threat

From staff reports

Two Midland ISD students were arrested Wednesday after an investigation into a threat against Alamo Junior High School, according to a press release from the district.

The alleged threat was made by two students enrolled in the Midland Alternative Program, according to the release.

No campuses were placed under lockdown, and no students were ever in any danger while the threat was being investigated by MAP staff, Midland ISD Police Department and Midland Police Department, according to the release.

"We appreciate the attention of our faculty and staff as well as the MISD Police Department and Midland Police Department," Superintendent Ryder Warren said. "Everyone worked together to investigate the situation quickly and efficiently without interruption to the campus schedule or classroom instruction."

RESCUE

From 1A

few engineers who came to work in the oil field as well as a Christian minority population that was in Midland already, Lubanga said.

The Midland IRC office anticipates that approximately 90 people — all fleeing violence and persecution and all with family members already in West Texas — will be resettled in Midland this fiscal year, according to the release. Last year, 270 refugees came to Midland, Lubanga said.

On average, those refugees will have undergone 18 to 24 months of intensive security vetting.

The IRC cases in Midland primarily will be family reunification, she said. The committee doesn't anticipate there will be many, if any, "free cases" — meaning the refugee doesn't have family in the area. The IRC provides more in-depth services to the families in such cases.

"We're just very excited to be in Midland," Lubanga said. "We're looking forward to going more in-depth with our community partners, but we're really hoping that this will also be an opportunity for Midland to use us as a resource, whether it's interpretation needs, community presentations ... to give information of who refugees are, what their culture is and why they're coming."

Alaska weighing rules to allow use of pot at licensed stores

By Becky Bohrer and Mark Thiessen
Associated Press

JUNEAU, Alaska — Some activists have a vision for Alaska's upstart marijuana industry that could have Anchorage looking more like Amsterdam in the years ahead.

Just like the city in Holland where pot can be legally purchased and smoked in shops, tourists arriving in Anchorage would be able to jump in a taxi and ask the driver about the best cannabis cafe in town. Once there, they might mingle with business executives forgoing a martini lunch in favor of a joint.

"We just know when the tourists show up, that will be one of the first questions," said David J. Straub, who owns a cultivation business on six acres of land about 50 miles north of Anchorage.

Under the legalization law, passed in 2014, Alaska is on track to become the first state in the nation to allow on-site consumption of marijuana in some businesses that will sell pot. The first retail marijuana businesses aren't expected to be licensed until September — near the end of cruise ship season and a bit too late to cash in on tourism this year.

Rules for onsite consumption still must be finalized. The Marijuana Control Board planned to consider draft rules Wednesday for how to separate consumption areas in stores. There's also a question of what would happen to the marijuana products that people buy to smoke or eat on the premises but don't finish.

During a break at the meeting, some people described their vision of the future.

"I think that we would be doing a disservice to the public if we did not have cannabis cafes," said board member Brandon Emmett of Fairbanks, who represents industry concerns on the five-member panel.

Alaska voters approved legalizing recreational use of marijuana for people 21 and older with the expectation that it would be regulated like alcohol. Emmett said that means allowing pot cafes just like bars.

"If other cities around the planet — like Amsterdam, some places in Spain and Morocco where consumption is legal — they haven't seen the sort of social ills that have been associated with alcohol," said Emmett, noting he can't speak to the will of other board members. "Here in Alaska, we'll be able to implement that policy responsibly."

The board had pot tourism in mind last year when it voted to allow for certain retail shops to let patrons partake on site. But not everyone envisions Anchorage being as wide open as Amsterdam.

Texas A&M regents don't make changes to campus carry policy

■ Board grants approval to concealed carry in classrooms, dorms

By Matthew Watkins
Texas Tribune

The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents chose to make no changes to its system's campus carry policies on Wednesday, essentially granting approval for some of the more lenient campus carry rules in the state.

That means holders of state handgun licenses will be allowed to carry concealed weapons in classrooms and dorm rooms at Texas A&M University and other A&M system schools this fall. (One small exception: Dorms operated by private companies will be allowed to ban guns if they want.) In addition, faculty members will only be allowed to ban guns in their offices if they can show a special reason to do so — and receive administrative approval.

"You can't simply say, 'I don't like guns, so I am going to ban them in my office,'" said A&M System Chancellor John Sharp.

The rules were noncontroversial among regents and didn't generate any discussion. No attempts were made to change them. State law doesn't require any kind of vote or approval from the regents unless they want to make a change.

Board Chairman Cliff Thomas acknowledged that the rules were not easy to write. The issue has drawn considerable attention among students, parents and faculty.

But he said the rules "strike an appropriate balance."

"I believe they will serve our system well going forward," Thomas said.

The carrying of concealed handguns by those holding a state license in buildings on university campuses across the state will be legal on Aug. 1, thanks to a law passed in 2015.

The law allowed universities to create some limited gun-free zones if they want, but those rules aren't allowed to have the cumulative effect of making it impossible to carry on campus.

No universities appear to be trying to ban guns in classrooms.

But some colleges, including the University of Texas at Austin, will restrict the weapons in certain dorms and faculty offices.

In addition to reviewing campus carry rules, the regents approved millions of dollars in new construction projects on the A&M campus including a $169 million engineering facility, a $28.6 million softball stadium and a $39.8 million track and field stadium.

Math scores slip, reading flat for nation's 12th-graders

By Jennifer C. Kerr
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation's high school seniors are slipping in math and failing to make progress in reading, with just one-third of the 12th graders ready for the academic challenges of college.

Scores released Wednesday from the Nation's Report Card also show a widening gap between the highest- and lowest-performing students.

Only one-quarter of 12th-graders taking the test performed proficiently or better in math. In reading, 37 percent of the students were proficient or above — meaning they had a solid grasp or better of the subject material.

The average math score on the test last year was 152, down from 153 in 2013, the last time the test was given. It marks the first drop in math in a decade. For reading, scores were flat over the same period of time, and down five points from more than two decades ago when the test was first given to students in 1992.

Education Secretary John B. King, Jr., said schools have undergone "some of the most significant changes in decades" as teachers retool their classroom practices to adapt to new and higher standards.

"We know the results of those changes will not be seen overnight, so we need to be patient — but not passive — in continuing to pursue the goal of preparing all students for success after high school," King said.

Since 2009, more than 40 states have adopted the Common Core learning standards, which outline skills students should learn and know in math and reading by the end of each grade. They emphasize critical thinking, with less of a focus on memorization.

Peggy Carr, acting commissioner of the National Center for Education Statistics, which administers the test, said the report suggests a pattern in reading scores that needs a closer look. "There is a gap, a widening of a gap of higher and lower ability students, and I think that's something we need to think about," said Carr.

Reading scores increased by two points for the highest-performing students, and were down six points for the lowest-performing seniors. Math scores saw no significant difference over two years for the highest group of test-takers, but declined for the group of students at the bottom.

Bill Bushaw, executive director of the National Assessment Governing Board, said the scores were disappointing.

"We're not making the academic progress that we need to so that there's greater preparedness for post-secondary, for work, for military participation. These numbers aren't going the way we want," Bushaw said.

The report estimates about 37 percent of students, for both reading and math, scored well enough to be considered likely to possess the knowledge and skills to be academically prepared for college-level work. That is not much different than how well-prepared seniors were in 2013.

Other findings:

■ The average math score was 152, on a 300-point scale. The average reading score was 287 on a 500-point scale.

■ No significant change was seen from 2013 in the average math score for any racial and ethnic groups. And it was the same for reading, with no real change seen from 2013 for any groups.

■ In math, the average score for English language learners was higher last year, up six points from 2013.

The National Assessment of Educational Progress is considered a national yardstick by which to measure student achievement. The math test was given last year to about 13,200 twelfth-graders in public and private schools. About 18,700 students took the reading test.

Search to begin for Michael Strahan's successor on 'Live'

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — If finding a new partner for Kelly Ripa on her daytime talk show is anything like the process that led to Michael Strahan's hiring, it won't be quick.

"Live" went through nine months and 59 guest co-hosts before former football star Strahan was chosen to replace Regis Philbin. Strahan, who started in 2012, is leaving to work full-time at "Good Morning America" and ABC announced that his last day will be on May 13.

The last time around, some of the guest hosts were just filling in, others actively trying out for the full-time job. Among Ripa's partners were Anderson Cooper, Seth Meyers, Neil Patrick Harris, Jeff Probst, Nick Lachey, Josh Groban, Alec Baldwin, Jerry Seinfeld, Jonah Hill, Sam Champion and Ripa's real-life husband, Mark Consuelos. Some of those men can be expected to be considered again.

Speculation quickly centered on CNN's Cooper, particularly after Ripa was photographed on Tuesday leaving her home while carrying a copy of the just-released book he wrote with his mother, Gloria Vanderbilt.

"These sorts of things are never by accident," said Bill Carroll, an expert in the syndication market for Katz Media.

Cooper had his own daytime talk show in 2012, taking him out of the running for Philbin's job. He filmed the show for two years while continuing his evening work as a CNN anchor.

A few weeks after Strahan was selected, Cooper learned his own show was being cancelled.

Cooper appeared with Ripa that fall on Andy Cohen's Bravo show, "Watch What Happens Live," and Cohen asked whether they felt like it was an opportunity that got away.

Cooper declined comment last week. Cohen, who has gone on speaking tours with Cooper and is a close friend, was considered another possible Strahan successor but has said he is not interested.

Officials at the show's parent Walt Disney Co. will make the decision on who replaces Strahan.

Executive Producer Michael Gelman and Ripa, who has been on the job since 2001, are expected to have input as well. The recent drama surrounding Strahan's exit — Ripa was angered by getting virtually no advance notice of the move and skipped work for several days, compelling Disney officials to apologize to her — is likely to strengthen her hand as a kingmaker, Carroll said.

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Even Plato, Aristotle could see Trump coming

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CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. —

When it comes to rhetoric, Plato was right and Aristotle — not so much.

Distilled, Aristotle thought rhetoric good for democracy, though his definition of "by the people" was closer to our Founding Fathers' intent of only certain people than to today's more-the-merrier model. Given this assumption of a narrow, educated, self-governing populace, Aristotle likely envisioned that those practicing rhetoric would be guided by accepted rules of argument and engagement, emphasizing ethos (trust and credibility), pathos (appropriate use of emotion) and logos (logical argument and facts).

Plato, who was Aristotle's mentor, thought otherwise — that rhetoric, or the art of persuasion, in the wrong hands was dangerous and likely to be abused to appeal to people's base motives. He foresaw the unethical, dishonest uses that a skilled but immoral speaker could put his persuasive powers to, with credulous people eager to believe or buy whatever he was selling.

Which brings us unavoidably to Donald Trump, as if you hadn't guessed.

We at least owe Trump thanks for bringing these two ancient philosophers out of history's woodwork and back into the conversation. Trump also has inspired reconsideration of rhetoric's rightful place in the classroom, where it was once considered an essential component of "a gentleman's" education.

One such classroom can be found at the University of Virginia Law School, where I was recently a guest lecturer. What better time to be reviewing rhetoric's ancient rules and modern applications than during a presidential election that features one of the most blazing examples of unsavory rhetoric since Clark Stanley boiled a live rattlesnake at the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago.

It turned out that "Stanley's Snake Oil" had nary a drop of reptile adipose but was instead a mixture of beef fat, red pepper and turpentine. Even if it had contained *l'huile de serpent*, the liniment would have been ineffective as a curative. Rattlesnake oil contains only a third of the vital acid found in the widely popular Chinese snake oil of the time, which was made from water snakes. Thought you'd like to know.

So, the question for today's class: Is Trump the huckster that Plato predicted would someday organize an angry mob into a proud army of anti-intellectual patriots inoculated to facts and reason?

Why, yes! But don't take my word for it. Consider instead the appraisal of UVA law professor Robert Sayler, who has co-written a book with Molly Bishop Shadel, "Tongue-Tied America," as a template for would-be high-school rhetoric teachers. Using Aristotle's aforementioned framework, Sayler divined the Greek philosopher's answer to the question: "Trump's buffoonery and unhinged chatter reduces to utter catastrophe."

Let us count the ways.

First, in the matter of ethos, or earning the trust of one's audience, Trump is as big a prevaricator as he accuses "Lyin' Ted" Cruz of being. PolitiFact gave Trump its 2015 award for the most fibs. In distrust do us part.

Second is pathos, which Sayler defines as the sparing appeal to emotions. For The Donald, another "F" Says Sayler: "Trump routinely rages, flush-faced, anger-spewing, sputtering, especially when challenged." He has spoken of people leaving his rallies "on stretchers" or deserving a "punch ... in the face," while promising to pay assailants' legal fees.

Third and last, Trump also flunks logos. Channeling Aristotle, Sayler opines that Trump's logic, common sense and factual argumentation are "a minefield of chaos." Rather than advance positive proposals, Trump spends most of his time railing against what he opposes: the Geneva Conventions, NATO, world trade, the United Nations, the president, "experts" and, of course, "the establishment."

Otherwise, he operates in a substance-free zone of narcissistic fantasy. "They love me," he insists. "I could stand in the middle of Fifth Avenue and shoot somebody and I wouldn't lose any voters."

Sayler describes several of Trump's other anti-logos traits, with amusing categories such as "The Bonkers," which covers the mogul's remark about Hillary Clinton's "disgusting" bathroom break. Under "The Frightening," Sayler points to Trump's wish to be "unpredictable," including firing off possible nuclear attacks. Trump, concludes the professor, is a world-class demagogue and blunderbuss.

It's little wonder that the "Stop Trump" movement has gained traction, leading recently to an obstructionist partnership between Cruz and John Kasich. It is also highly unlikely that Trump supporters give a hoot. Plato, Aristotle and Sayler are all elitists, aren't they? But what should be plain to everyone else is that the study of rhetoric is essential to an educated populace, lest rising generations fall prey to future demagogues and the perilous fates that await the unwitting.

OUR VIEW

Throw in the towel; Trump has won this GOP nomination

It is time for John Kasich and Ted Cruz to bow out of the Republican primary for president.

Tuesday night provided more evidence that the Republican road to Cleveland will not be contested but will be a coronation, and the delegate math that some Republicans are hoping for isn't adding up. Donald Trump is going to get the delegates he needs. He will be the Republican candidate for president.

We have been as frustrated as anyone by the Trump campaign and the wool we believe he has pulled over the eyes of the electorate. He's not a conservative, and as far as we can tell, he has no serious plans to fix what ails America — out-of-control spending, the long-term debt and national security top our list. We also worry that he not only will get trounced in the general election but will bring down the party with him and won't provide any coattails for Senate or House candidates down the ballot.

The only saving grace for our conservative readers is that Hillary Clinton will win the Democratic Party nomination, and she runs a close second in terms of not being liked. We also are not sure if the average voter can say he or she trusts Clinton more. We don't.

The fact is, the voters will have spoken. Even if by some miracle Trump doesn't reach the magic number of delegates to seal the deal on the first ballot, there's not a Republican even close to him. We are not talking about 1 and 1A as in 1976. Matter of fact, Cruz's performance in the Northeast was not only uninspiring but should disqualify him for being that Republican who can unify the party. While Trump was collecting between 50 and 60 percent on Tuesday, Cruz struggled to four last-place finishes and an average of 15.7 of the total vote in the five states. It's one thing to lose the race; it's another thing to get lapped.

We expect our readers know that Cruz lost this race when Trump schooled him on the first Tuesday in March during the primaries in the South. That was the time for a conservative to put this race out of reach. Instead, that will be known as the day Republican politics changed — and not necessarily for the better. Trump won seven of 11 primaries. Voters opted for the outsider over a conservative.

In retrospect, anyone expecting the Midwest or Northeast to reverse the course of the Republican race was fooling themselves. And to think that a hail Mary is possible in the West is desperation.

For conservatives, Tuesday represented the death knell. Cruz and Kasich can't win; they can only create chaos at the convention, splinter a potential Republican electorate in November and hand the Democratic Party a third straight White House term. Trump will become arguably the most liberal Republican nominee in recent memory and force conservatives in West Texas to make a decision: get behind the billionaire reality star or sit this one out. It has been said that some conservatives sat out the election of 2012 rather than vote for a candidate that wasn't as conservative as they would have liked.

It's hard to think a Republican like Mitt Romney being in the White House and running for re-election isn't looking a lot better these days.

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Why Sanders will back Clinton

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Eight years ago, I spent an election night in a basement gymnasium in Manhattan, watching Hillary Clinton and her campaign advisers take up residence in a parallel universe.

It was June 3, 2008, and Barack Obama had just clinched the Democratic presidential nomination, making official a victory that had seemed inevitable for months. But Terry McAuliffe, then the campaign chairman and emcee of this Clinton "victory" party, recited a list of Clinton's primary wins and introduced her as "the next president of the United States."

Clinton that night made no mention of her defeat, boasting that she won "more votes than any primary candidate in history."

Yet four days later, Clinton graciously bowed out of the race. In a concession speech at the National Building Museum in Washington, she said she and her supporters would "do all we can to help elect Barack Obama the next president of the United States." Some in the hall booed — but Clinton delivered her supporters to Obama in November.

Recalling this serene end to the bitter and extended 2008 Democratic primary battle, I'm not inclined to join in all the hand-wringing about the damage Bernie Sanders is doing to Clinton's chances in November by remaining in the race.

Tempers flared this week after a Sanders supporter, actress Rosario Dawson, mentioned Monica Lewinsky at a campaign rally. Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, D-N.Y., a Clinton supporter, demanded Sanders tell his supporters "to stop providing aid and comfort to Donald Trump and the Republican Party."

This, in turn, caused Sanders campaign manager Jeff Weaver to accuse the Clinton campaign and her supporters of using "language reserved for traitors to our country."

Why the hysteria? It doesn't matter if Sanders continues his candidacy until the last votes are cast in June. What matters is that he quits gracefully, and there should be every expectation that he will, for a simple reason: Sanders is not a fool.

Sanders showed no sign of retreat Tuesday night, even as Clinton extended her lead by winning the night's biggest prize, Pennsylvania, as well as Maryland, Delaware and Connecticut; Sanders won only Rhode Island. He gave a defiant, hour-long speech in which he said he was "taking on the most powerful political organization in America." The reference to Clinton drew boos.

Sanders sounded like an extortionist Monday night when he said Clinton, if she won the nomination, would have to earn his supporters' votes by embracing single-payer health care, free college tuition and a carbon tax — all things Clinton rejected in her (successful) campaign against Sanders. But seconds later, Sanders, prodded by the moderator, MSNBC's Chris Hayes, added a qualifier: "I will do everything in my power to make sure that no Republican gets into the White House in this election cycle."

That's the crucial part. Sanders wants to exert maximum leverage to move Clinton toward his populist policies. But he is a practical man, and he certainly doesn't wish to see a President Trump or President Cruz. This is why there's no cause for all the fuss over him remaining in the race until he is mathematically eliminated.

Elimination is coming. Even before Clinton padded her lead with Tuesday night's wins, Sanders needed to win 59 percent of remaining delegates, or 71 percent if you include superdelegates. That isn't going to happen.

Clinton loyalists worry that Clinton will suffer general-election consequences from Sanders' suggestions that she is unqualified and in Wall Street's pocket. And Trump has echoed these attacks and said he'd like Sanders "to keep going."

Still, this doesn't qualify as ugly campaigning — particularly compared with a Republican race in which candidates have called each other liars and argued about genital size. Or compare it with the Obama-Clinton standoff of 2008 — a much closer contest. At a May 31, 2008, meeting of the Democratic National Committee, the two campaigns clashed with accusations of cheating. There were hecklers, howls and foul language, and extra security had to be called in to keep order. At the time, Clinton aides, sounding much like this year's Sanders aides, were threatening that Obama "has work to do" to convince Clinton backers to go his way.

But a week later, Clinton was out, and the party was on a path to unity.

And so it will happen this time. Sanders, when he quits the race, can justifiably declare victory in moving the debate — and Clinton — in his direction on his key issues. His campaign has exceeded all expectations, and he isn't about to jeopardize his movement by handing the presidency to Trump.

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Trump goes 'presidential' in speech; Cruz picks early veep

By Julie Pace and Ken Thomas
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With the general election in his sights, Republican Donald Trump delivered a sober foreign policy address Wednesday aimed at easing fears about his temperament and readiness to be commander in chief. Rival Ted Cruz made a desperate attempt to jolt the GOP race by tapping Carly Fiorina as his running mate.

Both moves underscored Trump's commanding position in the GOP race. Though the businessman needs to keep winning primaries in order to clinch the nomination before this summer's national convention, he has breathing room to start making overtures to general election voters. All Cruz can do is throw obstacles in his path.

Cruz announced Fiorina as his vice presidential pick during a rally in Indiana, a state he must win next week in order to keep his White House hopes alive. He cast the unusual announcement as a way to give voters confidence in their choice if they vote for him.

"You deserve to know exactly where a candidate stands," he said.

Fiorina immediately went after Trump and Hillary Clinton, embracing the aggressive role of a No. 2 on the White House ticket. She cast Trump and Clinton as a pair of liberals who would do little to shake up Washington.

"They're not going to challenge the system — they are the system," Fiorina said.

Cruz and Ohio Gov. John Kasich are trying to keep Trump from securing the 1,237 delegates he needs to clinch, thereby pushing the Republican race toward a contested convention. But Trump strengthened his standing this week with a sweep of five Northeast primaries, giving him 80 percent of the delegates he needs.

Trump headed to Indiana Wednesday as well, following his address in Washington.

Before an audience of foreign policy experts in Washington, Trump outlined a doctrine that he said would put American interests first, leaving allies to fend for themselves if they don't contribute financially to back up security agreements. He vowed to send U.S. troops into combat only as a last resort, a break from years of hawkish Republican foreign policy.

"Our goal is peace and prosperity, not war and destruction," he declared in the 38-minute address that was heavy on broad statements and light on specific policy details. Unlike his rambunctious, free-wheeling rallies, Trump read prepared remarks in a measured tone off a teleprompter.

He also used the address to target Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton, his expected opponent in a general election. He assailed her handling of the deadly 2012 attack on Americans in Benghazi, Libya, and said that during her tenure as secretary of state, the U.S. had a "reckless, rudderless and aimless foreign policy."

Clinton's campaign sees foreign policy as an area ripe for a sharp general election contrast with Trump, given her years at the State Department and his lack of experience. In a campaign conference call Wednesday, Clinton supporter and former secretary of state Madeline Albright called Trump's views "incoherent."

Associated Press

Republican presidential candidate Sen. Ted Cruz, speaks during a rally at the Hoosier Gym in Knightstown, Ind., on Tuesday.

Ted Cruz, Donald Trump appeal to Indiana's die-hard basketball fans

By Scott Bauer
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Donald Trump and Ted Cruz are courting Indiana voters by appealing to the state's love of basketball.

But what should have been a slam dunk for Cruz quickly turned into a foul Tuesday night when he appeared to refer to the hoop as a "basketball ring" while recreating a scene from the famous film "Hoosiers." And Donald Trump is trying to remind Hoosiers of the real-life basketball heyday of the 1970s and 1980s, by campaigning Wednesday with Bob Knight.

Cruz's comment was ridiculed on social media, drawing comparisons to Democrat John Kerry's famous faux pas, when in 2004 he referred to the Green Bay Packers home field in football crazed-Wisconsin as "Lambert Field," instead of Lambeau.

Trump's association with Knight, who brought three national titles to Indiana, also bears some risk. Much like Trump, Knight is known for the unpredictable spout and occasional brashness, and has drawn controversy with boorish behavior that includes accusations of physical and verbal abuse.

People in Indiana either love Knight or hate him, said undecided Republican voter Russ Hammer, who attended the Cruz rally.

"I'm not sure Trump's doing the right thing there," Hammer said, standing on the floor of the gym made famous in "Hoosiers."

Knight's once-broad popularity in the state has diminished with his refusal to reconcile with Indiana University in the years since he was fired in 2000 following 29 seasons as the Hoosiers' coach. He has rebuffed invitations for a return to campus and skipped an Assembly Hall ceremony in January honoring his most famous team — the 1975-76 national championship team that is the last Division I men's team to complete a perfect season.

All of the plays catering to Indiana's love of basketball are coming as both Cruz and Trump see the state as a crucial state as they pursue different paths to winning the GOP nomination.

Cruz is looking for an Indiana victory on Tuesday to block Trump from scoring a majority of delegates before the convention this summer. Trump, coming off a sweep on Tuesday in five Northeastern states, hopes another victory in Indiana will make it nearly impossible for Cruz to play on.

And they both know the allure of basketball to the state's voters.

"We had a floodlight, and me and seven or eight buddies would play every single night until two or three in the morning," said the 52-year-old Hammer. "We'd shovel snow off to play."

This is the state where Larry Bird grew into a legend. Basketball hoops dot the landscape across the state, from suburban backyards around the biggest city Indianapolis to out of the way places like Knightstown where Cruz stopped on Tuesday. In an allusion to one of "Hoosiers" most famous scenes, Cruz had one of his aides drop a tape measure from the top of one of the baskets to show it's the same 10-feet height as all the others.

Actor Gene Hackman, who played the coach of a small town Indiana team, did the same thing in the film to calm his team down before they played in the state championship.

Cruz acknowledged his gaffe while speaking to reporters Wednesday in Indianapolis, saying "I stumbled while speaking."

"The point of that observation is the power brokers in Washington want this race to be over and the media over and over again is repeating Donald Trump's spin that the race is over," he said. Cruz joked that his campaign team wanted him to run laps for making the mistake.

As he recreated the scene Tuesday night, his supporters, who sat on wooden bleachers, and watched from the basketball court floor, roared their approval.

"There is nothing that Hoosiers cannot do," Cruz said.

Ted Cruz taps Carly Fiorina to serve as running mate

By Scott Bauer and Steve Peoples
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — In need of momentum after a five-state shutout, Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz on Wednesday tapped former technology executive Carly Fiorina — a woman he said has repeatedly "shattered glass ceilings" — to serve as his running mate.

The Texas senator announced his pick for vice president nearly three months before his party's national convention, an unusual move for an underdog candidate that reflects the increasing urgency for the fiery conservative to reverse his downward trajectory.

Cruz praised Fiorina's path from secretary to CEO and her past willingness to challenge GOP front-runner Donald Trump.

"Carly isn't intimated by bullies," he declared at an Indianapolis rally, adding, "Over and over again, Carly has shattered glass ceilings."

The 61-year-old Fiorina, a former chief executive of Hewlett-Packard, has been a prominent Cruz ally since shortly after abandoning her own presidential bid earlier in the year. She was the only woman in the Republican Party's crowded 2016 field.

"This is the fight of our time. And I believe Ted Cruz is the man to lead that fight," Fiorina said at the Wednesday announcement. "And I am prepared to stand by his side and give this everything I have, to restore the soul of our party, to defeat Donald Trump, to defeat Hillary Clinton, and to take our country back."

Fiorina's selection marked another extraordinary development in the 2016 Republican campaign, particularly for a candidate who is far from becoming his party's presumptive nominee. Cruz was soundly defeated by GOP front-runner Donald Trump in all five primaries contests on Tuesday, and he's been mathematically eliminated from winning the nomination before his party's national convention in July.

Some Cruz allies praised Fiorina's selection, but privately questioned if it would change the trajectory of the race. Trump has won 77 percent of the delegates he needs to claim the nomination, and a win next week in Indiana will keep him on a firm path to do so.

Cruz appeared with Fiorina in Indiana's capital city, having staked his candidacy on a win in the state's primary contest next Tuesday. Fiorina's California ties could also prove valuable in that state's high-stakes primary on June 7.

"Carly has incredible appeal to so many people, especially in California," said Doug De Groote, a fundraiser for Cruz based near Los Angeles. "She can really help him here."

Her first major foray into politics was in 2010, when she ran for Senate in California and lost to incumbent Sen. Barbara Boxer by 10 percentage points. She has never held elected office.

Trump called Fiorina "a nice woman," but criticized her selection as "ridiculous" and "dumb" even before it was announced.

"First of all, he shouldn't be naming anybody because he doesn't even have a chance," the New York billionaire said in a Wednesday interview on Fox News.

"Naming Carly's dumb, because Carly didn't do well. She had one good debate — not against me by the way, because I had an unblemished record of victories during debates — but she had one victory on the smaller stage and that was it," Trump said.

Throughout her presidential bid, Fiorina emphasized her meteoric rise in the business world. A Stanford University graduate, she started her career as a secretary, earned an MBA and worked her way up at AT&T to become a senior executive at the telecom leader.

She was also dogged by questions about her record at Hewlett-Packard, where she was hired as CEO in 1999. She was fired six years later, after leading a major merger with Compaq and laying off 30,000 workers.

Democrats quickly attacked the Cruz-Fiorina alliance.

"The best way to describe that ticket is mean and meaner," said Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., who beat Fiorina for Senate in 2010. "He wants to throw people out of the country and she threw thousands of jobs out of the country. Perfect match."

In an Associated Press-GfK poll conducted in December 2015, Republican voters were more likely to say they had a favorable than an unfavorable view of Fiorina by a 47 percent to 20 percent margin, with 32 percent unable to give a rating.

Among all Americans, 45 percent didn't know enough about Fiorina to rate her, while 22 percent rated her favorably and 32 percent unfavorably.

Cruz supporter Jim McAdams, who was wearing a homemade "Ted Cruz '16" shirt to the announcement event in Indianapolis, predicted the Fiorina pick would generate badly needed momentum. But the 74-year-old retired mechanical engineer conceded that Cruz is a longshot at this point.

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McDonald's tests McNuggets without artificial additives

Associated Press

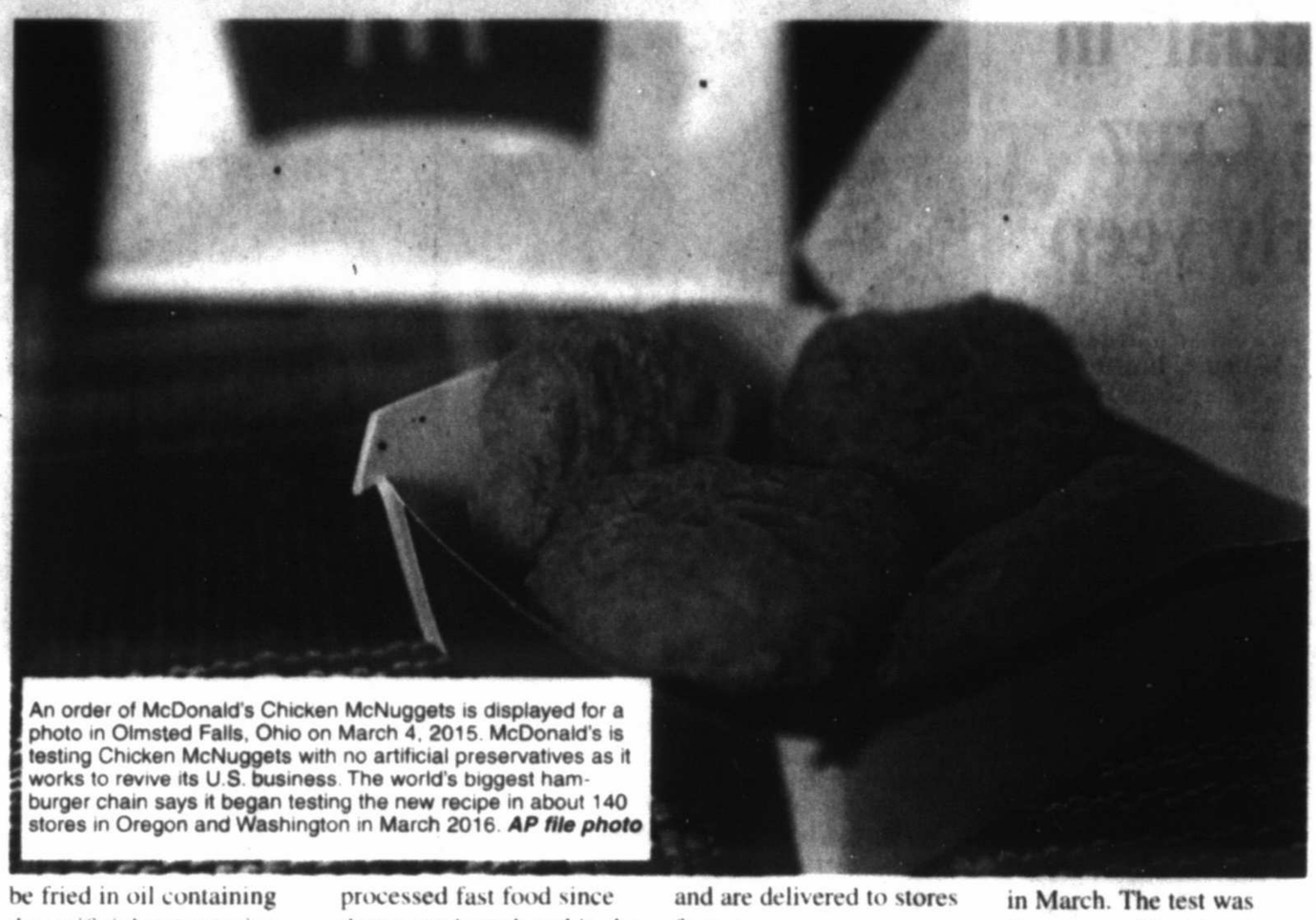
NEW YORK — Like the indestructible Twinkie, Chicken McNuggets are practically a culinary punchline, a symbol of hyper-processed fast food with a list of ingredients that reads like a chemistry exam. But now McDonald's wants to take at least some of the mystery substances out.

The world's biggest hamburger chain says it is testing a version without artificial preservatives.

It's the latest move by McDonald's to try to catch up with changing tastes and turn around its business, which has lost customers in recent years.

The new McNugget recipe is "simpler," and "parents can feel good" about it, the fast-food company said.

While McDonald's did not give full details about what is or isn't in the test recipe, it said the new McNuggets do not have sodium phosphates, widely used food additives that the company has said can keep chicken moist. Also, the McNuggets will not be fried in oil containing the artificial preservative TBHQ.



An order of McDonald's Chicken McNuggets is displayed for a photo in Olmsted Falls, Ohio on March 4, 2015. McDonald's is testing Chicken McNuggets with no artificial preservatives as it works to revive its U.S. business. The world's biggest hamburger chain says it began testing the new recipe in about 140 stores in Oregon and Washington in March 2016. *AP file photo*

Chicken McNuggets have become an often-mocked symbol of heavily processed fast food since they were introduced in the 1980s. The breaded and fried nuggets are made of ground-up chicken rather than intact chunks of meat and are delivered to stores frozen.

The company said it began testing the new recipe in about 140 stores in Oregon and Washington in March. The test was first reported by Crain's Chicago Business.

As people pay closer attention to food labels, companies across the food and drink industry have adjusted recipes to remove ingredients that may sound unappetizing.

Last year, for instance, McDonald's changed its grilled chicken recipe to replace sodium phosphates with vegetable starch and to remove maltodextrin, which was used to increase browning.

The McNugget test reflects the sensitivities of parents of young children in particular. McDonald's has long targeted families, with its Happy Meals and Ronald McDonald mascot.

McDonald's said it is getting feedback from customers with the McNugget test, and did not say when it might launch the new recipe nationally.

Last week, McDonald's said sales rose 5.4 percent at established U.S. locations during the first three months of the year. The results were boosted at least in part by higher prices and the closing of underperforming stores.

McDonald's Corp., based in Oak Brook, Illinois, has more than 14,000 locations in the U.S.

Death of Jane Doe found near Manson killings probed

By Amanda Lee Myers
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles police said Wednesday they're investigating whether a newly identified young woman found stabbed 150 times in 1969 is connected to the Manson family killings.

Investigators have interviewed Charles Manson, 81, about the woman and are now trying to track down a man known as either "John," or the name's French pronunciation, "Jean," Detective Luis Rivera said.

The Manson interview, which took place a few months ago, turned up no new information, Rivera said.

In December, police used DNA to identify the woman as 19-year-old Reet Jurvetson of Montreal. Her identity had gone unknown for 46 years, and she had become known as Jane Doe No. 59 until her sister recognized a photo of the young woman's body posted online.

People magazine was first to report that Jane Doe No. 59 had been identified as Jurvetson.

"After all these years, we are faced with hard facts," Jurvetson's sister, Anne Jurvetson, said in a statement released through police. "My little sister was savagely killed. ... I am horrified to think of how terribly frightened and alone she must have felt as she died."

Though detectives haven't found any concrete link between Jurvetson's murder and the Manson family killings, they can't rule it out either, Rivera said. He pointed out that Jurvetson was stabbed like most other victims, and that her body was found near the site of some of the Manson family killings within a three-month period.

"We don't rule anything out," Rivera said. "Everything is on the table until proven otherwise."

Jurvetson's body was found Nov. 16, 1969, by a birdwatcher in dense brush off the iconic Mulholland Drive. She didn't have identification.

Her body was about 6 miles from the site of the most notorious Manson family killings, that of pregnant actress Sharon Tate, the wife of director Roman Polanski.

Tate was killed in her home, along with four others, on Aug. 9, 1969, three months before Jurvetson's killing. All but one of the victims had been stabbed to death.

Rivera said the best lead detectives have is a man named "John," whom Jurvetson met in Toronto before flying to Los Angeles to see him the summer of 1969.

He said police hope renewed media attention on the case helps generate tips that identify "John" and lead to additional possible witnesses.

"The challenge is the fact that we have people that might know but are no longer around or have forgotten," Rivera said. "The longer you wait, the more things decay."

Anne Jurvetson, 73, said that her free-spirited and naive sister went to Los Angeles after meeting and becoming smitten with "John."

She said her sister sent her family a postcard saying she had found an apartment and was happy but that they never heard from her again after that. Her parents never reported her missing because "they thought that she was just living her life somewhere," Anne Jurvetson said.

Piret Koppel, a Montreal psychotherapist, said she and Reet Jurvetson were friends, growing up in the same small, close-knit Estonian community in Montreal.

SpaceX aims to send 'Red Dragon' capsule to Mars

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — SpaceX is shooting for Mars.

Elon Musk, the company's billionaire founder and chief executive, announced Wednesday via Twitter that he plans to send a Dragon capsule to land on the red planet as early as 2018. It would represent a big first step toward his ultimate goal of colonizing the red planet.

The Mars spacecraft will be called Red Dragon, Musk said. No astronauts will accompany Red Dragon on this first test flight. Musk said he wouldn't recommend transporting crews in Dragons beyond the moon; its internal volume is only about the size of an SUV.

California-based SpaceX already is using Dragons for space station supply runs, and the company could start flying Americans to the International Space Station by the end of next year.

Musk said the upgraded Dragon is designed to land anywhere in the solar system. The propulsive landing system was tested recently at the SpaceX plant in McGregor.

Red Dragon would be launched aboard a mightier version of the current SpaceX Falcon rocket that may make its debut at Florida's Kennedy Space Center by year's end.

Additional details on his overall Mars plan will come, Musk promised. After successfully landing a leftover Falcon booster at sea earlier this month, he said he would elaborate on his approach to establishing a city on Mars at an aerospace meeting in Mexico in September.

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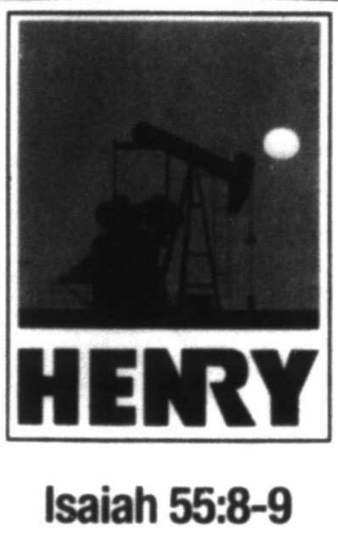
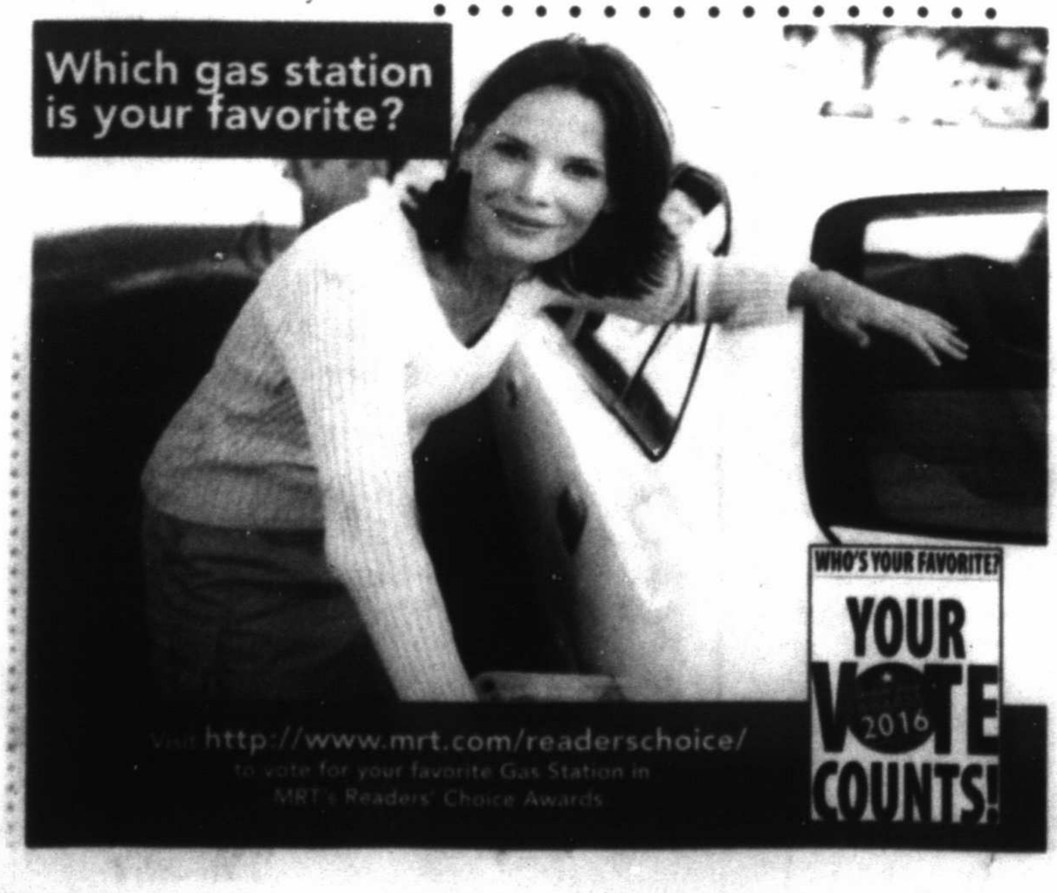


HENRY

Isaiah 55:8-9

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways," declares the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."



WEEKENDER

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

BEST BETS

TODAY

TEN YEARS STRONG The George W. Bush Childhood Home celebrates this week with its 10th Anniversary Celebration featuring cocktails, dinner, auctions and a boot raffle at the Midland County Horseshoe Pavilion. 6 p.m.

SATURDAY

ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS MCT's "La Cage aux Folles" was extended after sellout performances. Catch the classic drag musical at the Yucca for one more night. 7:30 p.m.

VOICES CARRY The Chorale of MOSC will perform "The Glory of Venic Music for Chorus and Brass" in a special concert at First Presbyterian Church. 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY

TEE OFF The Museum of the Southwest has brought back its popular Galactic Golf exhibition at the Durham Children's Museum. The indoor golf course explores planets while sinking a hole-in-one. Sundays are also free admission. 2-5 p.m.

See complete schedule of weekend events on Page 2.

MOVIES

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

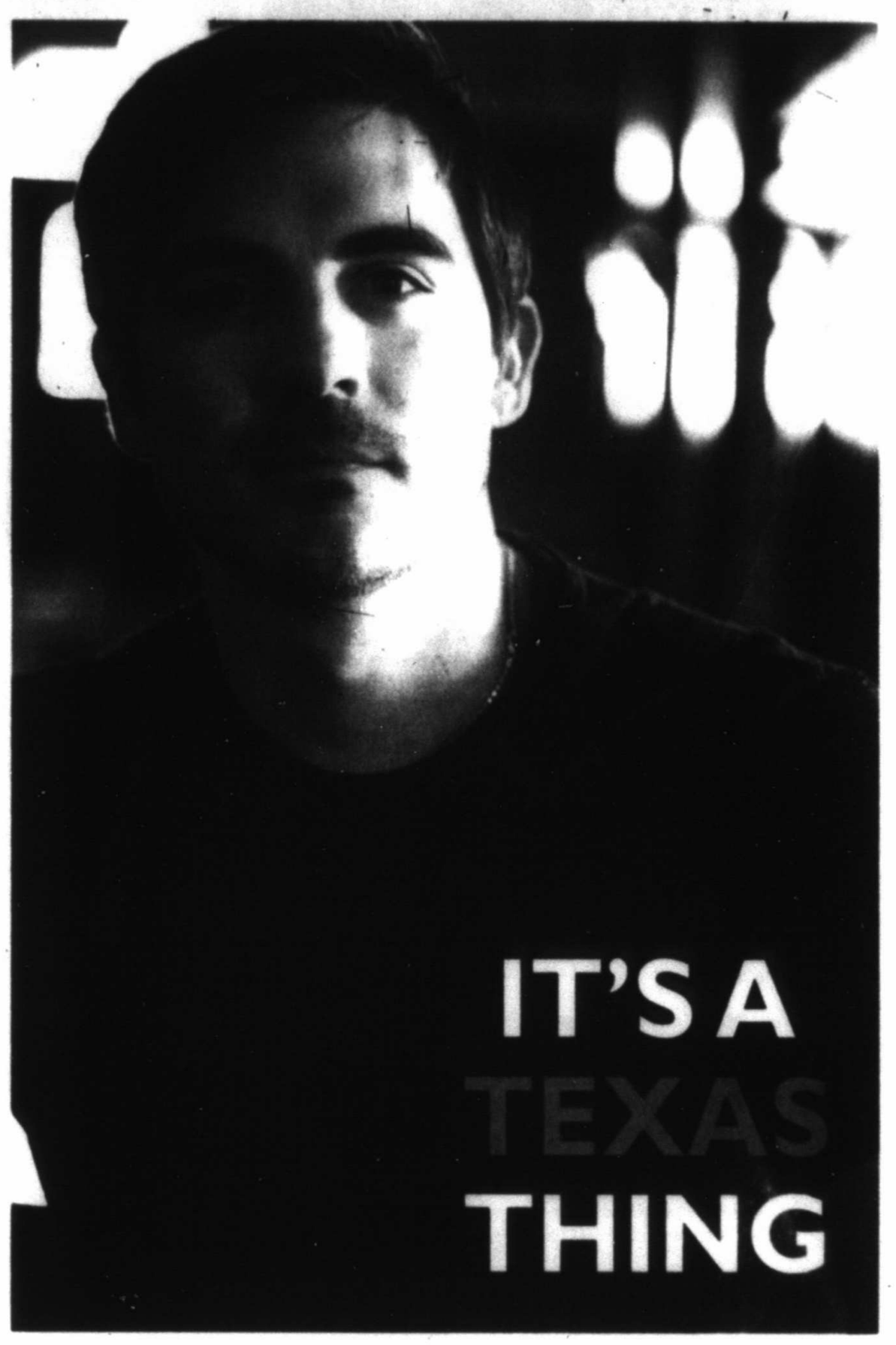
TALL CITY 14
Opening: "Keanu," "Mother's Day," "Ratchet and Clank"
Closing: "The Divergent Series: Allegiant," "God's Not Dead 2," "Miracles from Heaven"

CINERGY CINEMAS
Opening: "Keanu," "Mother's Day," "Ratchet and Clank"
Closing: "Miracles from Heaven"

STAYING IN? Find out which movies are worth watching from the comfort of your couch. **Page 4**

COMING SOON

Emmy-winning TV host and conservationist Jeff Corwin speaks Tuesday at Midland College as part of Sibley Nature Center's Distinguished Lecture series. Free but ticketed. 7 p.m.



Cody Bryan Band brings new songs to set at Rockin Rodeo

By Trent Johnson
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The Cody Bryan Band is all about sing-alongs. When the group plays shows, they want their audience chiming in on the band's lyrics. The Austin foursome returns to Midland in support of their second release, "Small Town Noise," tonight at Rockin Rodeo, and the band is anticipating their West Texas fans will join in on the singing.

The Reporter Telegram chatted with Cody Bryan, 30, about touring, his start in Austin and the future for the band.

MRT: Did you always want to play country music?

Bryan: I'd say country music is a Texas thing. When I was in high school, I would go out every Wednesday night to Hill's Cafe in Austin, and they'd have a Texas country showcase. As I went to these concerts and saw these different guys play, it was probably the biggest influence for me to enter the country world.

I will say, whenever I was younger and first started playing music, I would have never thought that I would play country music. My dad turned me onto bands like Bad Company and Lynyrd Skynyrd but that changed when I started going out to concerts and sat around playing campfire music with my friends.

MRT: Were there any big differences for this release and your first full-length album, "Wreck Me?"

Bryan: Yeah, the process of recording for the first album and second were completely different. When we recorded the first album, we had never played those songs live. Playing it live in front of a crowd changes how you look at the song, because the songs change. In that aspect, I think the second record is different because we had been playing the songs for quite a while. We had a different look going into the studio.

MRT: What do you take away from being on the road?

Bryan: We're out every weekend, pretty much. We travel Thursday, Friday and Saturday, every week. I love seeing new places and meeting people that we've never met before. It's also fun to go places where you get to see people you are familiar with, and it's fun to see people sing along to our songs. It's really cool.

I've always tried to take from real life experiences and things in my life like that. The fact that I've been on the road and have had more experience, that my views have likely changed and matured, especially with the second record. But all our music comes from real life experiences.

MRT: I know you said you didn't expect to be a country musician, but did you know you wanted to be in the industry?

Bryan: I actually wanted to be a professional bass fisherman, and when I was a kid that's what I thought I was going to do. I was all about fishing. At that point, music was still a hobby. I would sit in my room and look on the internet and learn songs. But it wasn't until my senior year of high school when I got asked to play at our senior high school pep rally, that I knew. I played in front of 500 or 600 kids. Then I played music at the prom, and I continued playing along 6th Street here in Austin.

MRT: Have you started planning for the next album?

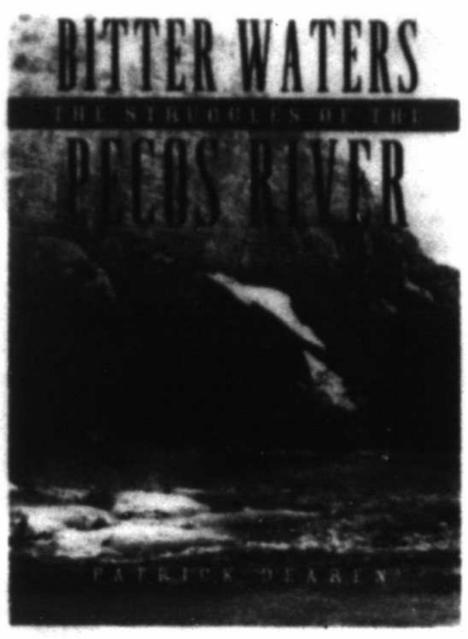
Bryan: For the second record, we started touring about seven months ago, and we hit the ground running as soon as it released. We're definitely playing new songs, and I've got a few that I'm super pumped about right now, that we'll play at Rockin Rodeo. I love getting into the recording studio, but it takes time and money. At this point, we're still trying to travel and play as many shows as possible. I'm hoping that in late October we'll get in the studio again.

MRT: What do you try to give an audience each time you play?

Bryan: I love getting the crowd worked up so they can expect high energy. I always try to interact with the crowds. , Afterward we'll definitely stick around and talk to the fans.

WANT TO GO?

Cody Bryan Band. 8 p.m. tonight at Rockin Rodeo, 4400 N Big Spring St. $6. 18 and older. rockinrodeomidland.com



Haley Library spotlights area artist, authors this weekend

By Rich Lopez
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The Haley Memorial Library will be celebrating both literary and visual arts Saturday. Fort Davis-based Wayne Batze will offer original artworks and more than 30 limited edition prints to the library. Local author Patrick Dearen will have the first public signing of his 2016 release, "Bitter Waters: The Struggles of the Pecos River." Glen Ely of Fort Worth will sign his book — also released this year — "The Texas Frontier and the Butterfield Overland Mail 1858-1861."

For Dearen, his research into the history of the Pecos River was an investigative process he began in 2009. Commissioned by the Pecos River Resolution Corp. to write an environmental history of the river, Dearen had to look back some 400 years.

"It was an undertaking. I was charged with researching and writing

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WANT TO GO?

Book signing and art event, 2-5 p.m. Saturday at Haley Memorial Library, 1805 W. Indiana Ave. haleylibrary.com

Courtesy photo

Jordan Peele, left, and Keegan-Michael Key

How Key and Peele got Keanu Reeves to voice a cat in 'Keanu'

By Amy Kaufman
Los Angeles Times

At first, he said no. No, Keanu Reeves did not want to partake in a movie about an adorable cat with his name.

Or at least that's what Reeves' representatives told the filmmakers behind "Keanu," the action-comedy starring comedians Keegan-Michael Key and Jordan Peele as buddies searching for a lost cat. But when a trailer for the film was released in February, Reeves changed his tune. His sister thought the movie looked hilarious and told the actor he should get involved.

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The FMH Foundation presents
Sibley Nature CENTER
Distinguished Lecture
Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 7 p.m.
At Midland College Allison Fine Arts Building
Jeff Corwin
Tales from the field

CALENDAR

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

ART & DANCE

Adult Paint and Sip: Fine Wine, 6:30 p.m. today at Logan's Roadhouse, 4609 W. Loop 250 N. Adults only. $30.kiddsandcanvasparties.com.

The Works of Fabian Molinar and Melody Hernandez. Fridays throughout April at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. facebook.com/kamiposi.

"Glimpses of Dreams: Art by Kayla Baker" at Midland Community Theatre through Sunday. 2000 W. Wadley Ave.

"Otra Vez" features works by Wayne Hilton. Using recycled materials, Hilton focuses his works on Mexican arts and culture. The works were commissioned specifically for the Centennial branch's public gallery space. The art will display through Saturday with a series of programming. Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us.

"Dust and Depression" features historic photographic works of the country after the Stock Market Crash of 1929. The exhibition includes works by John Collier Jr., Walker Evans, Dorothea Lange and more. Through June 6. Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. noelartmuseum.org.

The Gallery at Midland Shared Spaces Spring Art Show features new art by local artists through June 16. MSS, 3500 N. A St. midlandsharedspaces.org.

CLASSES, LECTURES AND MEETINGS

JBS Distinguished Lecture Series: Election 2016 ?" Are You Voting for a Party, Person or Principle?" with Juan Williams (Fox News contributor and host of "The Five"), former U.S. congressman and Executive Director of the National Center for Policy and Analysis Allen West, Chairman of the Texas Democratic Party Gilberto Hinojosa and Tom Mechler, chairman of the Texas Republican Party. 7 p.m. today at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Free. UTPB.edu.

Gem and Mineral Society Meeting, 7 p.m. today at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Sibley Nature Center Distinguished Lecture featuring Jeff Corwin. The Emmy-winner and environmental journalist will speak about conservation and endangered species and ecosystems. 7 p.m. May 3 at Midland College in the Allison Fine Arts Building, 3600 N. Garfield St. sibleynaturecenter.org.

EVENTS

George W. Bush Childhood Home 10th Anniversary Celebration will honor its founding board members with a dinner, cocktail hour, auction and boot raffle. 6 p.m. today at the Midland County Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. $100. bushchildhoodhome.org.

Midland Downtown Farmers Market. Weekly until Oct. 29. 8:30 a.m. Saturdays at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Girl Scouts Camp-in. Designed for Brownies and Juniors, the camp-in's theme is First Aid. Pre-registration is required. 7 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. Saturday. Friday. Call 683-4403 for more information. Petroleum Museum, 1500 W. Interstate 20. petroleummuseum.org.

BRIDGE LESSONS

Jockeys, Juleps and All That Jazz, a fundraiser benefiting Communities in Schools of the Permian Basin, 7:30 p.m. Friday at The Petroleum Club, 501 W. Wall St. $125. cispb.org.

Annual Cook Off at Livingway Foursquare Church will feature barbecue competitions, children's entertainment, silent auction, live music and a complimentary meal at the end. 10 a.m. Saturday at 415 Alta Ave. lwfcmidland.org.

Medication Take Back. The Midland Coalition asks the community to gather unused or expired medicine in the original leak-proof container to be dropped off. The goal is to keep them away from children and pets, confusion among the elderly, abuse or misuse or discarded in the sink or toilet to end up in the water supply or harm the environment. 10 a.m.-2p.m. Saturday at Polo Park Estates, 1200 Castleford Road.

Lookbook Brunch will feature a style show, vendors and brunch in time for Mother's Day and graduation gifts. Proceeds benefit Midland Need to Read Adult Literacy Program. 10:30 a.m. May 4 at Midland Country Club, 6101 N. State Highway 349. $100. Call 682-9693 or visit midlandneedtoread.org.

FAMILY FUN

Midland YMCA's Children Half Pint Triathlon for children ages 4-12. They will swim, run and bike toward the finish line and receive a t-shirt. 10 a.m. Saturday at 800 N. Big Spring St. $15 members, $25 participants. midlandymca.org.

Dia de los Ninos will feature a variety of multicultural programs, book giveways, Spanish storytime, Ballet Folklorico and live music. The event coincides with the closing of the current "Otra Vez" exhibit by El Paso artist Wayne Hilton. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Galactic Golf returns to the museum. The indoor exhibition combines a fun exploration of space amid a putt-putt golf course. Currently at Durham Children's Museum, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Building Bots classes available for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. Pre-registration required. 4 p.m. for grades K-3, 5:30 p.m. for grades 5:30 p.m. May 3 at the Petroleum Museum, 1500 W. Interstate 20. $10. petroleummuseum.org.

Old Miner's Maze interactive adventure features a maze, rock walls, mechanical bull and more. Winter hours: Fridays 5-8 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday noon to 6 p.m. 4305 N. County Rd. 1140. oldminersmaze.com.

GAMES

Bingo Nights. The American Legion Auxiliary hosts weekly play throughout the week. 7 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 4 p.m. Sundays. 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 682-5511.

Zia Park Casino Hotel and Racetrack bus trips by Midland Shuttle Services. Departs at 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays to Hobbs, New Mexico. $55 adults, $45 65 and older. RSVP by calling 260-5428. midlandshuttleservices.com.

Friday Night Magic at Hastings, 3111 W. Cuthbert Ave. Fridays at 7 p.m. Free.

Hold 'em poker tournaments, 7 p.m. Fridays at The Detour.

Senior bingo, 10 a.m. Fridays at Cimarron House.

Bridge lessons, 10 a.m. Saturdays at Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $3. permianbridgeclub.com.

Tabletop players group at Astral Castle, 10 Meta Drive. 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 1 p.m. Tuesdays; 10:30 a.m. Saturdays; 1:30 p.m. Sundays. Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. permianbridgeclub.com.

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

Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 8 p.m. Wednesdays at Torino's. challengeentertainment.com.

MUSIC

36 Crazyfists, Follow the Awakened, 7 p.m. Thursday at Club Patron, 5850 W. University Blvd. Odessa.

Cody Bryan Band. 8 p.m. Thursday at Rockin Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. rockinrodeomidland.com.

158 Breakdown, Friday and Saturday at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

Leighton Fields, 6 p.m. Friday at Saltgrass Steakhouse, 4511 Loop 250 Frontage.

Austin Meade, 7 p.m. Friday at FireWater Bar and Grill, 3113 W. Industrial Ave.

GodsWayOnline, Big Perk, Dago, Saved and more. 7 p.m. Friday at Music City Mall

Red Shahan, 8 p.m. Friday at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St. midlandlonestarbar.com.

Clay Shelburn, 9 p.m. Friday at Beer Garden, 7112 West Highway 80.

Ransom Rhodes, 9 p.m. Friday at Beer Garden, 7112 W. Highway 80.

Justin Langston, 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Cigar Frog's, 216 N. Main St.

Grupo Vida, 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Church Fellowship, 612 E. 18th St. Odessa.

Big Perk, Dago, Saved perform at Raxton-Strong Showdown powerlifting meet. 1 p.m. Saturday at Payne's Gym, 2723 N. Grandview Ave., Odessa. Free. Proceeds from the show benefit medical and travel expenses for the Strong family battling muscular dystrophy.

Kickin' It in the Country with Keeping Harvey Company. 4 p.m. Saturday at 3910 Cotton Flat Road.

MOSC: Chorale performs "The Glory of Venice Music for Chorus and Brass," 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave. $15. MOSC.org

OUTDOORS, SPORTS & FITNESS

Midland RockHounds vs. San Antonio Missions. 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Drive.

Run A K for United Way, a 5K/10K benefiting the United Way of Midland. Registration at 7:30 a.m., race at 8 a.m. Saturday at Midland High School, 906 W. Illinois Ave. $30-$40.

March for Babies by March of Dimes helps to raise awareness about premature births in Midland County. 10 a.m. Saturday. Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield Road. marchforbabies.org/team/mmh.

Midland RockHounds vs. San Antonio Missions. 2 p.m. May 1 at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Drive.

Midland RockHounds vs. San Antonio Missions. 6:30 p.m. May 2-4 at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Drive.

Adult Kickball, 4 p.m. Saturdays. Visit facebook.com/groups/Midlandkickball for more information.

Free skateboarding lessons, noon-1:30 p.m. Saturdays at RTD Skatepark. rtdskatepark.com.;

Family Nite roller skating, Sundays from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at KC's Nutty Roller, 1004 A Andrews Highway. kcsnuttyroller.com

THEATER, COMEDY & FILM

"La Cage aux Folles" is the classic drag musical that follows the colliding worlds of a club owner's son engaged to a politician's daughter. For 12 and older due to language. Presented by Midland Community Theatre. Final show is Saturday at The Yucca, 208 N. Colorado St. mctmidland.org.

Auditions: "A Little Night Music" by Permian Playhouse. The musical runs Aug. 12-21. Auditions are by appointment on Friday and Saturday. Actors must prepare 32 bars of a classical musical theatre piece or opera aria in English. For more information or to set an appointment, contact the theater at permianplay@yahoo.com. Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., Odessa. permianplayhouse.com.

COMING SOON

MAY

Fiesta West Texas will feature live music throughout its run, as well as a car show, huacha tournament and the Miss Chiquitita pageant. Bands to perform include A. B. Quintanilla Band, The Electra Kumbia, Randy Rogers Band, Flatland Cavalry, Alto mando, Rio Concho and Pesado. May 5-8 at Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway, Odessa. myfiestawesttexas.com.

Midland RockHounds vs. San Antonio Missions. 7 p.m. May 5-6 at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Drive.

VIVID: A Spectacular 3D Projection Event presented by Downtown Midland Management District. Using mapping technology, DMMD will project three-dimensional imagery on the Western United Life Building. The event will feature live performances, refreshments and merchandise for purchase. 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday. 304 W. Texas Ave. Free.

Celebration of the Arts 2016: I've Got the World on a String. The annual event will change venues this year and feature a Mother's Day Brunch. The event is free but tickets for the brunch must be purchased. May 6-8 Midland County Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. actmidland.org.

Tenth annual CASA for Kids Golf Tournament. 1:30 p.m. May 6 at Hogan Park, 3600 N. Fairgrounds Road. casawtx.org.

First Friday featuring the works of Rachel Long and Richie Pena. The monthly art show event features music, refreshments and the artists will be present to discuss their art. 6 p.m. May 6 at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. facebook.com/kamiposi.

Tracy Lawrence, 7 p.m. May 6 at Dos Amigos, 4700 Golder Ave., Odessa. $25 advance, $20 door. Dosamigos.com.

Born of Osiris, After the Burial, Upon a Burning Body, Erra, Bad Omens,, 6 p.m. May 11 at Club Patron, 5850 W. University Blvd. Odessa.

Strangetowne, Radio Birds. 9:30 p.m. May 12 at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St. midlandlonestarbar.com.

Improv at the Yucca, 8 p.m. May 6 at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N Colorado St. mctmidland.org.

"Good Morning Howard" is the 2015 McLaren Award Winner. In the comedy, a 3 a.m. call by Howard to his former co-worker turns into an out-of-control situation. May 6-28 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

Blue Cats, May 6 and 7 at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

Running for the Mission, a 5K/10K benefiting Mission Adult Day Center. Registration at 7 a.m., race at 8 a.m. May 7 at Midland High School, 906 W. Illinois Ave. $20-$35

Touch a Truck will feature different types of vehicles for children to explore and play. Limousines, buses, helicopters and more will be open to visitors. The event benefits Baking Breads Soup Kitchen. 7 a.m.-2 p.m. May 7 at Midland High School.

A Day at the Races: Inaugural Derby Day Fundraiser is a Kentucky Derby-themed celebration highlighting the Museum of the Southwest's latest exhibition of the Turner family's two Derby-winning horses with Midland ties in the newly-designed Turner Legacy Galleries. A Southern fare buffet will be served with mint juleps and lawn games available for play. 3 p.m. May 7 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. $60 per person, $110 per couple. museumsw.org.

MOSC: "Feel the Force," featuring the music of popular science fiction films. 7:30 p.m. May 7 at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $28-$48. MOSC.org.

Reckless Kelly, 8 p.m. May 7 at KD's Bar B-Q, 3109 Garden City Highway. $25. 21 and older.

Tiffany and the Lump, 9 p.m. May 7 at Beer Garden, 7112 West Highway 80.

Museum Member Opening. The museum will offer a sneak peek of the Turner Legacy Galleries and the updated mansion. 1 p.m. May 8. For information on being a member, visit the website. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Strangetowne, Radio Birds, 8 p.m. May 12 at Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

Crudefest 2016 includes Josh Abbott Band, Turnpike Troubadours, Aaron Watson and more. May 12-14 at 5209 S County Road 1270. Ticket options include three-day general admission, two-day general admission, Saturday and VIP pass and on sale now. $50-$200. crudefest.com.

Family Science Night: CSI. Refreshments provided. 6 p.m. May 12 at The Petroleum Museum, 1500 W. Interstate 20. Free. petroleummuseum.org.

MOSC: "Put a Spring in Your Step" by the Voices of the Permian Basin. 7 p.m. May 12 at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave. MOSC.org.

Jack Nelson, 9 p.m. May 13 at Beer Garden, 7112 West Highway 80.

Mister Happy, May 13 and 14 at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

Superhero Dash 5K and Community Event. People are invited to dress up as their favorite heroes and run or walk the three-mile event. Food trucks, obstacle course, contests, car show and more will be available for visitors. The event benefits Agape Counseling Center of West Texas. 9 a.m. May 14 at Crestview Baptist Church, 301 N. Loop 250. $17.50 individual, $20 teams. Dashrunclub.com

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION
B.H. Carroll Theological Institute invites you to a FREE lunch with Dr. Gene Wilkes, President and Dr. Bruce Corley, President Emeritus
11:30 AM, Wednesday, May 11
at Furrs on Midkiff
Call or text Dr. John Copeland
432-269-0151
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EVENTS & MORE

'KEANU'

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Unfortunately, the film was almost finished and was about to premiere at the South by Southwest festival in March. (It hits theaters nationwide on Friday.) But director Peter Atencio was able to figure out a way to incorporate the 51-year-old star into the film at the last minute.

Here's how it went down, according to Atencio:

Q: Were you always certain you wanted the real-life Keanu to make a cameo?

A: We were like, "Should we? Is this a good idea?" When "John Wick" came out, we were kind of like, "Oh, my God. This is crazy. There's a movie that has a very similar process that stars Keanu. ("John Wick" stars Reeves as an assassin seeking vengeance against the Russian gangsters who killed his dog.) In a way, that almost kind of deterred us. We didn't want to seem like we were making a "John Wick" parody. But the studio kept asking, "Can we get Keanu? Can we get Keanu?"

Q: But his team said no?

A: Yeah, they politely declined. Who knows if he ever even heard about the offer. But then we got a call after the trailer came out — apparently, his sister showed him the trailer and said, "Hey, you gotta see this. You're gonna love this!" He flipped out and got in touch with us directly to say "If there's anything I can do, let's make this work."

Q: How did you fit him in that close to the finish line?

A: We had a scene in the movie where Peele's character is on a drug trip, and a cat kind of leads him through his hallucinations. We wanted to expand on that anyway, so we thought he could do the voiceover for the cat in that scene.

Q: Was he at all worried you guys were mocking him?

A: He wanted to talk to me before he agreed, to make sure that wasn't the case. So, I told him about the movie and talked him through the story. His personality has just transcended life, in a lot of ways. You wouldn't have ever guessed that the guy from "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure" would turn out to be this thoughtful, kind man.

Q: OK, so he agrees — then what?

A: Well, he was in Italy making "John Wick 2," so we had him go to a recording studio in Rome. I was on Skype with him, and I spent an hour recording a bunch of dialogue. They hooked it up so that I could talk and he could hear it in his headphones. The studio (Warner Bros.) was wanting him to drop a bunch of references to his old movies. But we didn't want to make it overt or too pointed. We don't want him to do, like, his "Bill and Ted" voice and beat you over the head with it. And he had great ideas for lines. He was having fun with it. He is credited in the end credits, but those weren't ready at SXSW.

Q: Does the film ever explain why the cat is named after Keanu Reeves?

A: Not really. We didn't want it to be something where you're just kind of waiting for the big Keanu payoff, which is why it's cool that he's involved in this way — it's a subtle way of acknowledging that of course he's the direct inspiration for that name. The cat was named after him as an act of love for his movies, and especially the kind of movies that he makes. He has become an iconic movie star on a level that most people don't ever attain.

Q: Is he going to be at the premiere on Wednesday in Hollywood?

A: We extended the invitation, so we'll see if he shows up.

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LIBRARY

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about man's progressive impact from the first Europeans in the area to today," he said.

To be exact, Dearen researched 430 years of history and 926 miles of river and transcribed 160 interviews in the span of six years to put it all into a concise 241-page book by University of Oklahoma Press.

During that time, he also wrote three novels including "The Big Drift," which won the Western Writers of America's Spur Award in 2015 for best western traditional novel.

Dearen said he's had a long association with the Haley Library and gives much credit to the institution as a resource.

"They have been very supportive, and many of my books could not have been written without their library and materials," he said. "It's been my home away from home."

Beyond that, the library provided a subsidy to the University of Oklahoma Press for "Bitter Waters." Because of Haley's interest, the book was released as a hardcover.

"I was so appreciative to the Haley for that," he said.

Like Dearen, Baize has had a long association with the library. His works will not only be on display Saturday but during an extended summer showing.

"The prints are what I've done over the years, so some old and new" Baize said during a phone interview from his Fort Davis home.

As a member of the Cowboy Artists of America, his works are focused on western and cowboy life. He will also include original oil paintings in the show.

Because of the Haley, his works have caught the eye of many Midland collectors, Baize said.

"I've been blessed that people in Midland enjoy what I do," the artist said. "I have a lot of people who follow my work and there are a lot of collectors in Midland."

Ely's book is the result of 25 years of research. The book covers the ante bellum frontier of Texas. With a cast of settlers, vigilantes, Native Americans and outlaws, the book details the lawlessness of the land.

For his readers, Ely hopes they take away a clearer view of that time.

"It took people of character with all the terrible things going on. The frontier was a wild place," he said from his Fort Worth home. "I hope people come away with a good appreciation and understanding about the tensions of the time and the frontier."

Editor's note: Award-winning author Patrick Dearen is the husband of Midland Reporter-Telegram Managing Editor Mary Dearen.

Underdogs in summer movies include originality, opportunity

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hollywood's summer, which kicks off with the fittingly combative "Captain America: Civil War," will be a season of struggle: for box office, for originality and for opportunity.

More than ever, the big tent of summer moviegoing is held up by a forest of tentpoles stretching from May to August. The swelling size of the summer movie has turned the season into a game of survival. The possibility of bombing lurks as an ever-present threat, testosterone often dominates in front of and (especially) behind the camera, and few non-sequel, non-reboot films dare to compete.

Box office and stress levels run high in equal measure.

"It's a different landscape than 2002 when the first 'Bourne' movie came out," said Matt Damon, who returns to the franchise in Paul Greengrass' "Jason Bourne" (July 29). "It's like a high-stakes poker game that I don't want to be in. The swings are just so brutal. Ben (Affleck) just opened 'Batman v Superman' a few weeks ago. Everyone around him and in his life was nervous about it. You feel less a sense of exultation when they do well and more a sense of relief because the bets are so big now."

This season is particularly risk-adverse. Out of the 33 films coming from the major studios, only 12 aren't a sequel, reboot or based on an already popular property, such as a videogame or best-seller. Take comedy and horror out of the equation and you're left with just a handful of originals. One of them is Jodie Foster's "Money Monster" (May 13), a thriller about a brash financial news pundit taken hostage on the air, starring George Clooney and Julia Roberts.

Foster's film is doubly rare. She's one of only two female filmmakers helming major studio releases this summer. Though equality remains a year-round issue for the movie business, the constricted summer months can reveal Hollywood at its most retrograde.

"It's interesting to me that the studio system still sees women as a risk," said Foster, who wonders if women ultimately even want to inherit some of the kinds of films that dominate the summer. "There are movies that are part of the system we may not be that interested in embracing. I think that more women in the film business will look slightly different than it's looked in the past for men."

Paul Feig's "Ghostbusters" reboot (July 15) was met by a backlash from some corners of the Internet that took offense to a new, female-led version starring four of the funniest comedic performers around: Melissa McCarthy, Kristin Wiig, Kate McKinnon and Leslie Jones. With that lineup, Feig relishes heading into "the big guns of summer."

"To put out a movie like this in the heart of tentpole season when it's all these big movies out there, I find it very exciting because a lot of these movies are very male driven, even though they have some great female characters in them," Feig said. "But to have this be about four incredibly funny people who just happen to be women, I think that's really exciting."

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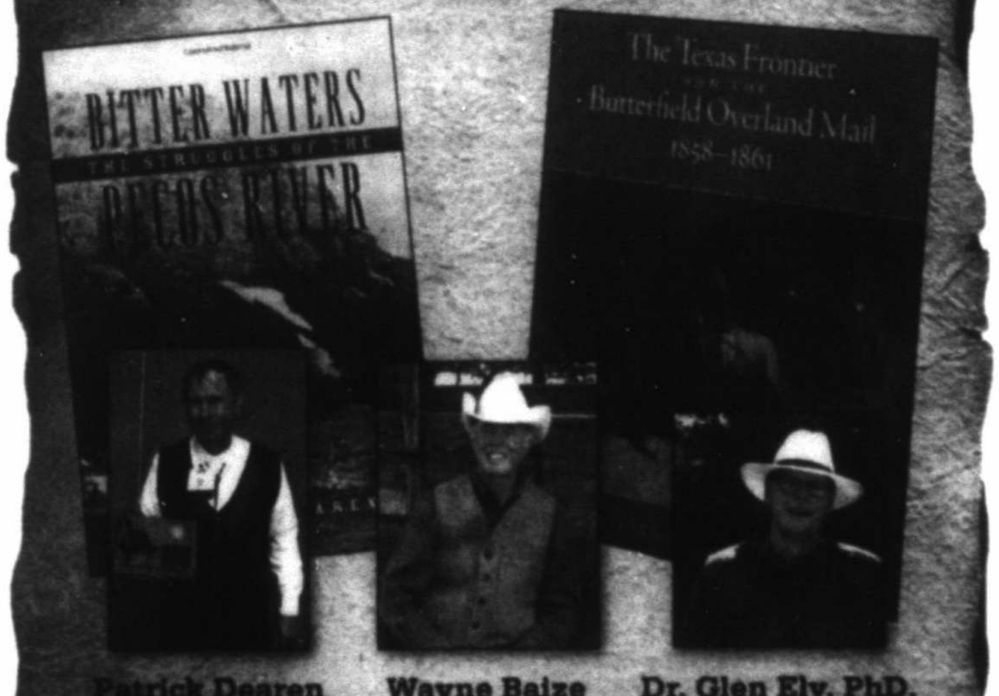

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This summer includes a number of anticipated sequels ("Finding Dory," "Star Trek Beyond," "Alice Through the Looking Glass"), the expected superhero films ("Civil War," "Suicide Squad," "X-Men: Apocalypse") and some less likely resurrections ("The Legend of Tarzan," "Ben-Hur," "Independence Day: Resurgence").

Recent history is clear: These will be among the summer's biggest hits. Last summer (the second biggest ever with nearly $4.5 billion in box office), seven of the top 10 movies were remakes, sequels or came from a comic book. Ditto for four of the top five movies so far in 2016.

Andy Samberg and his Lonely Island trio will be among the few to brave the sequel-strewn seas with something fresh: their celebrity flame-out parody "Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping" (June 3). Does he take any pride in being one of the few to push an original movie into summer?

"Um, yeah, we'll find out," said Samberg, laughing. "It's heavy duty. We were looking at the schedule and we were like: Holy crap. There's stuff that's coming out the week before and the week during us and the week after us, and they're all really big movies. (Producer Judd Apatow) and the studio felt really strongly about summer and that we had something we could put there."

One of the fathers of the summer movie season, Steven Spielberg, will also be in the mix with "The BFG" (July 1), his Roald Dahl adaptation that reteams the director with Mark Rylance. The recent Oscar-winner plays the titular giant in a motion capture performance.

"The exciting thing about 'The BFG' is the combination of Roald Dahl, who's just a superb storyteller, with Steven and (late screenwriter) Melissa Mathison," said Rylance. "It took five years to get made because, of course, initially, many studios said: 'Giants eating kids? I don't think so!' That edge of Roald Dahl, that frightening edge, I hope is still in there. There's a kind of marvelous, frightening aspect to the fantasy as there is in the Tolkien books or the Grimm fairy tales that children can handle."

Family, audiences will be especially sought after by the likes of "The Secret Life of Pets," "Ice Age: Collision Course" and "Pete's Dragon." One much smaller film, "Life, Animated" (July 8), will hope to sway moviegoers from the blockbusters while simultaneously reminding them of the power of movies.

The documentary, directed by Roger Ross Williams, is about an autistic young man, Owen Suskind, who found language through his love of Disney animated classics.

"It's rare that you create a film like this that generations can enjoy together," says Williams. "In the summer this is an alternative where families can go together and see it and hopefully be inspired and uplifted."

To be uplifted rather than pummeled at summer movie theaters would, indeed, be an almost radical change of pace.

In films, Prince sought to meld music and image into something more

By Mark Olsen
Los Angeles Times

'PURPLE RAIN'

From the Beatles and Bob Dylan to Beyonce, Prince sits within a spectrum of musicians who have deployed the tools of cinema in service of their creative expression. Where many of his albums feature the rather staggering credit "produced, arranged, composed and performed by Prince," that level of self-contained creativity simply cannot be transposed onto conventional feature filmmaking, an enterprise that demands many collaborators both in front of and behind the camera.

Yet, in his multiple forays into movies, Prince sought to create a melding of music and image as distinctive and exploratory as the rest of his work. In "Purple Rain," he willed into being what has emerged as one of the definitive movie musicals of the modern era, while in the three films he directed, "Under the Cherry Moon," "Sign o' the Times" and "Graffiti Bridge," he tried different ways to strike a balance between music and storytelling. What these pictures have most in common is their attempt to bring a viewer into a complete experience. If Prince often seemed to live within a world of his own creation, in his film work, he seemed to be inviting the rest of us to join him there.

If "Purple Rain" is the most conventional of his movies — a fictionalized origin story that conflates biography and persona akin to Elvis Presley's 1957 "Loving You" — it also is the most fully realized. In all four of his pictures, Prince puts himself across as some version of himself in a way that is distinct from the acting forays of musicians like David Bowie or Diana Ross.

Prince's character in the film — who goes only by the Kid — is a difficult and complicated musician working out his issues on the stage and often taking it out on those around him, loved ones and bandmates alike.

There was a visual component to Prince's work right from the start. His debut album, 1978's "For You," credits him with "dust cover design." His self-titled second album features a back-cover photo of the artist naked on a winged horse. That was followed by the notorious black bikini briefs on the cover of "Dirty Mind" and the shocked headlines splashed across the front of "Controversy." His 1982 double album "1999" produced breakthrough videos for the title track and "Little Red Corvette," made with a visual style evocative of neon-rimmed new wave noir.

All of this is before 1984's "Purple Rain," the film that would both make him a global superstar and firmly cement his reputation as an unknowable, enigmatic genius. Prince does not have a directing, producing or screenplay credit on the movie — Albert Magnoli is the director — and yet it feels fully his, conjuring an origin story that is loosely based on his own biography but is fully preoccupied with the making of the Prince myth.

"Purple Rain" is screening through Sunday at Century 12 Odessa, 4221 Preston Smith Road.

FILM CAPS

"Barbershop: The Next Cut" (PG-13) More than a decade later, the Southside Chicago hangout has gone co-ed in this sequel to the 2002 comedy. With Ice Cube, Cedric the Entertainer, Regina Hall. Written by Kenya Barris & Tracy Oliver. Directed by Malcolm D. Lee.

"Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" (PG-13) Ben Affleck dons the cowl to take on Henry Cavill's Man of Steel in the duo's first big-screen pairing. With Amy Adams, Jesse Eisenberg. Written by Chris Terrio and David S. Goyer. Directed by Zack Snyder.

"The Boss" (R) Melissa McCarthy stars as a high-profile businesswoman who is sent to prison for insider trading, then tries to rebuild her image. With Kristen Bell, Peter Dinklage, Kathy Bates. Written by McCarthy & Ben Falcone & Steve Mallory. Directed by Falcone.

"Criminal" (R) The memories, secrets and skills of a dead CIA operative are implanted into the brain of a death-row inmate. With Kevin Costner, Gary Oldman, Tommy Lee Jones. Written by Douglas Cook & David Weisberg. Directed by Ariel Vromen. (1:53) R.

"The Huntsman: Winter's War" (PG-13) Queen Ravenna's ice queen sister Freya returns home to avenge her sister's death. With Chris Hemsworth, Charlize Theron, Emily Blunt, Jessica Chastain. Written by Evan Spiliotopoulos and Craig Mazin. Directed by Cedric Nicolas-Troyan.

"The Jungle Book" (PG) Director Jon Favreau guides this live action and CGI version of Rudyard Kipling's tale, which follows the adventures of the raised-by-wolves boy Mowgli. With Neel Sethi and the voices of Bill Murray, Ben Kingsley, Idris Elba. Written by Justin Marks.

"Keanu" (R) The kidnapping of a beloved kitty forces two naive cousins to infiltrate a street gang. With Jordan Peele, Keegan-Michael Key, Tiffany Haddish. Written by Peele & Alex Rubens. Directed by Peter Atencio.

"London Has Fallen" (R) The funeral of the British prime minister is the target of terrorists in this sequel to the 2013 hit "Olympus Has Fallen." With Gerard Butler, Aaron Eckhart, Morgan Freeman. Written by Creighton Rothenberger & Katrin Benedikt and Christian Gudegast and Chad St. John. Directed by Babak Najafi.

"Miracles From Heaven" (PG) After an accident, a young girl with an incurable disease experiences a reversal unexplainable by medical experts. With Jennifer Garner, Martin Henderson, John Carroll Lynch. Written by Randy Brown. Directed by Patricia Riggen.

"Mother's Day" (PG-13) Another holiday-themed romantic comedy of ensemble stories from director Garry Marshall. With Julia Roberts, Jennifer Aniston, Kate Hudson. Written by Lily Hollander and Anya Kochoff Romano.

"My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2" (PG) Nia Vardalos returns in this follow-up to the highest-grossing romantic comedy of all time. With John Corbett, Lainie Kazan, Gia Carides. Written by Vardalos. Directed by Kirk Jones.

"Ratchet & Clank" (PG) A lonely lombax and a tiny robot team with the Galactic Rangers to save their world in this animated adventure. Voices of Paul Giamatti, John Goodman, Bella Thorne. Written by TJ Fixman, Kevin Munroe, Gerry Swallow. Directed by Munroe; co-directed by Jericca Cleland.

"Zootopia" (PG) Rookie cop Judy Hopps — a bunny teams with slick con-artist fox Nick Wilde to solve a mystery in Disney's 55th animated feature. Voices by Ginnifer Goodwin, Jason Bateman, Shakira. Directed by Byron Howard, Rich Moore, co-directed by Jared Bush.

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Reel & Stream

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Maggie Smith shines in story of homeless woman

PICK O' THE WEEK

"Lady in the Van" (PG-13) Really, Maggie Smith is such a joy to watch in everythibgything she does, it doesn't matter that the plot in this film falls apart in the third act. **B**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"Norm of the North" (PG) I suppose the idea was to make this the polar bear version of "Happy Feet." What we get instead is a movie so bad it almost instills a passive-aggressive desire to make sure Norm's extinction comes as quickly as possible. **F**

MORE REVIEWS

"Fifty Shades of Black" (R) The Wayans' satires have been hit-or-miss over the years but this film surpasses them all in the miss category. **F**

"Ip Man 3" (PG-13) The saga continues with what has to be the weakest effort so far. But, considering the others offerings this week, it's near the top of the heap. **B-**

"Lamb" (R) No matter where you think this story of a massively uncomfortable friendship between a 47-year-old man and an 11-year-old girl is going to go, it will fool you every time. **B**

"Misconduct" (R) When Al Pacino and Anthony Hopkins get together for a film, you expect far more than this drivel. **D**

"My Guardian Angel" (unrated) There's more than meets the eye in this creepy story .... but the young actress playing the lead was simply not given the right direction for the role to play it properly. **C**

"Rows" (unrated) After getting underway with a creepy silo scene, the film quickly descends into a jumbled mess meant to disorient the viewer as much as the characters. The greatest confusion I experienced was trying to figure out how this film got funded. **D**

"The Spoils of Babylon" (unrated) Compilation of Funny or Die series is a sweeping parody of 1980s prime-time soap operas such as "Dynasty" and "Dallas" with a huge cast of stars. Trying to figure out who's who is half the fun. **B**

"The Von Trapp Family" A Life in Song" (unrated) I believe in my former incarnation, the DVDiva once wrote that she would rather undergo a root canal than watch "The Sound of Music." This film, based on the eldest daughter's memoir, sheds a far more somber — and fascinating — light on the Austrian family. **B**

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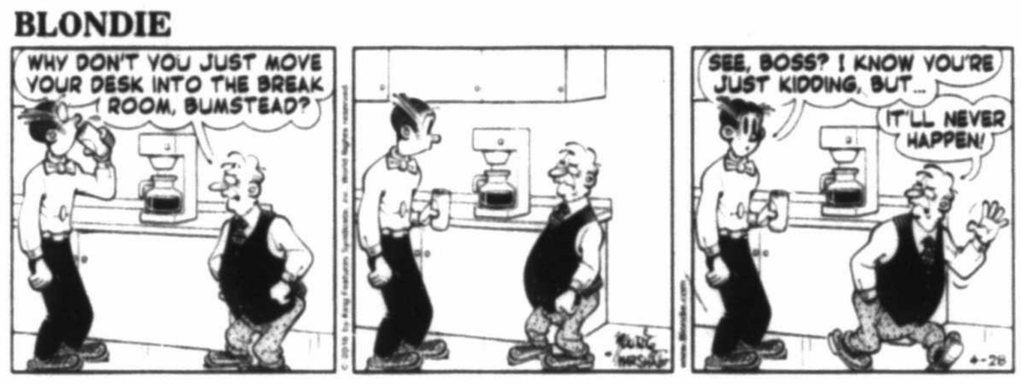

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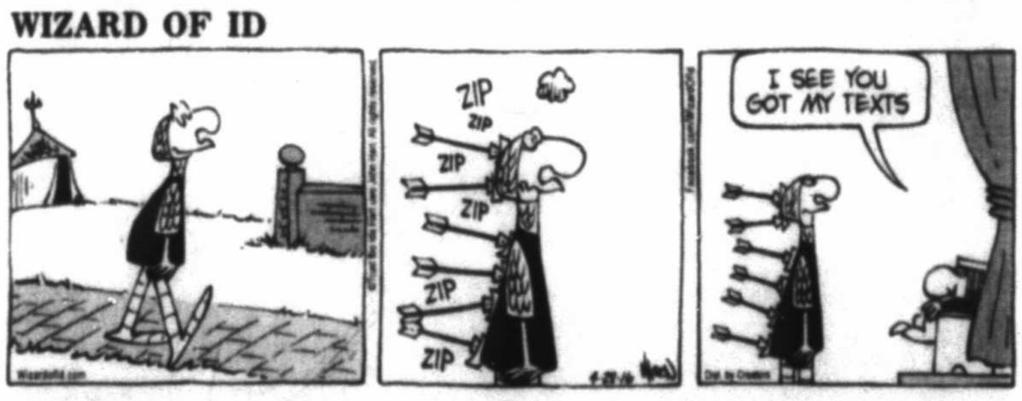

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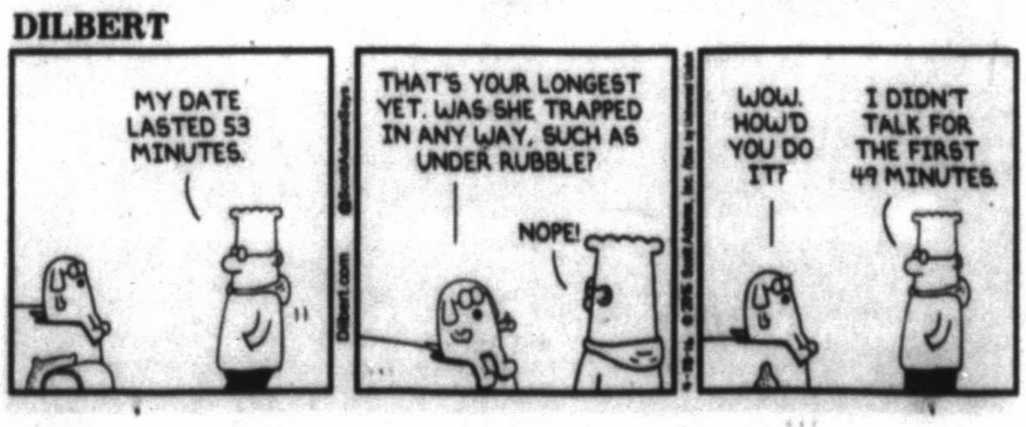

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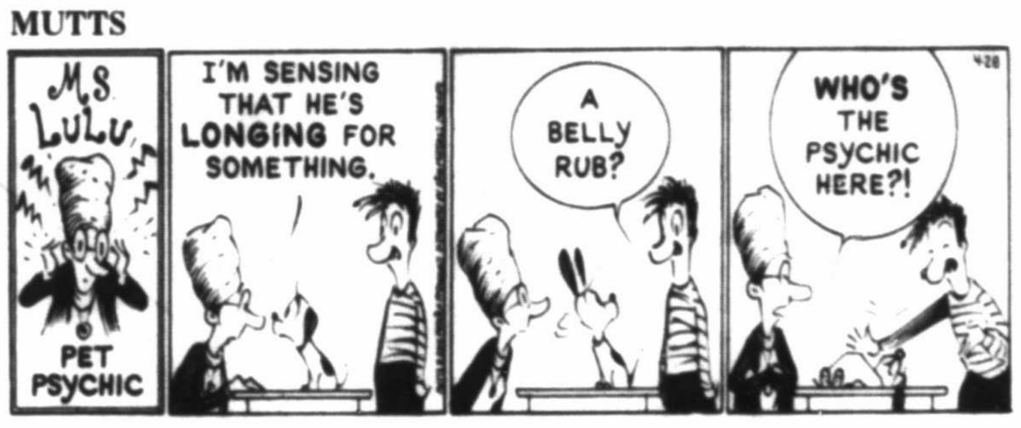

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"LORETTA AND I REALIZED WE JUST COULDN'T LIVE WITHOUT EACH OTHER... STUPID ECONOMY!"

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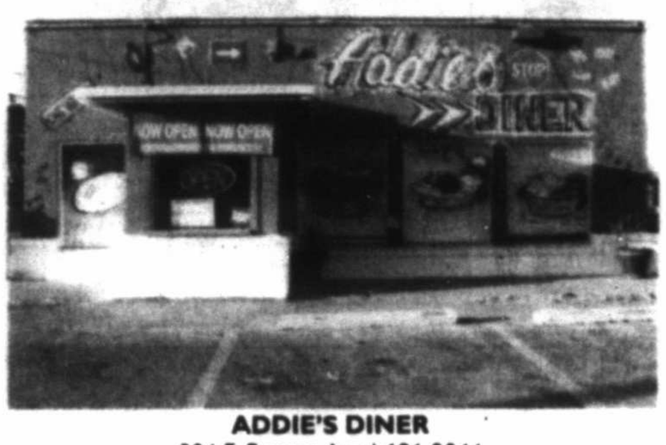

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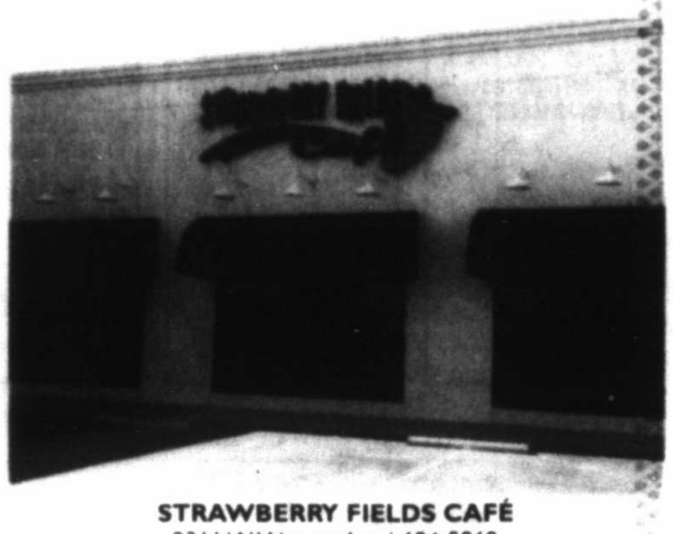

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THE RANCH HOUSE Stop by for a sandwich or pick up a whole ham or turkey for holidays. Sandwich options include chicken or tuna salad, turkey breast, peppered beef or ham, honey glazed ham, smoked brisket and barbecue. 5103 W. Wadley Ave. 699-0695 www.goldenglazedhams.com | $ | 3 spoons

STANTON DRUG AND OLD-FASHIONED SODA FOUNTAIN Drive about a half-hour away from Midland for a hamburger or sandwich at Stanton Drug Store. Get there early. The owners close shop when they run out of meat for the day. 201 N. St. Peter, St. Stanton 432-756-3731 | $ | 3 spoons

STRAWBERRY FIELDS CAFE Try the Santa Fe wrap. All organic menu with daily specials, sandwiches, wraps, smoothies. Soup and salad bar. If you can't find a table or need a quick lunch, check out the section of foods 'to go' inside the Natural Foods Market. 2311 W. Wadley Ave. 684-5869 www.naturalfoodsmkt.com | $ | 4 spoons

TATER WORLD The menu centers around this local restaurant's namesake. If you're hungry, go for the huge baked potatoes stuffed with brisket or steak. The menu has more than just potatoes. Ask around town and you'll hear Tater World has some of the best catfish in Midland. 802 S. Garfield St. 682-9111 | $ | 4 spoons

THE BAR Arguably the best burgers in town. Go during the fall or winter for the chili and cornbread. Live music and drink specials in the evenings. Try a bloody Mary with Saturday brunch. 606 W. Missouri Ave. 685-1757 www.thebarmidland.com | $$ | 4 spoons

TRIPLE THREAT SPORTS BAR & GRILL Philly cheesesteaks are the star of the menu but this sports bar also offers popcorn shrimp, chicken tenders, salads and appetizers. Smoking is permitted inside. 12 Meta Drive 683-5300 | $ | 4 spoons

WING STOP Nine wing sauce flavors range from mild to atomic. In the middle are lemon pepper, Hawaiian and garlic parmesan. 3323 N. Midland Drive, Suite 105 694-WING (9464) www.wingstop.com | $ | 4 spoons

ATHENIAN RESTAURANT
4610 N. GARFIELD ST., SUITE B
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ATHENIAN RESTAURANT The only Greek restaurant in Midland features classics like dolmades, spanakopita and gyros along with Greek-style burgers for lunch and an extensive menu of seafood, lamb, beef, chicken and vegetables for dinner. Whatever you choose, try the Greek potato salad on the side. 4610 N. Garfield St. Suite B | 247-5280 | $$ | 4 spoons

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Hargrove delivers winning hit for Red Raiders

By Oscar LeRoy
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Hunter Hargrove tends to make the most of his opportunities playing for the Texas Tech baseball team.

In making only his second start of the season, Hargrove delivered against pesky Abilene Christian University on Wednesday night by going 2-for-4 with a double and the game-winning RBI single in the bottom of the ninth inning for a 5-4 victory in front of 4,268 mostly die-hard Red Raider fans at Security Bank Ballpark.

"I couldn't have done it without my teammates getting on," said Hargrove, the junior third baseman from Mansfield. "I was grateful to get a good enough pitch, drive it into the gap and score Zach (Davis) from third."

Red Raiders	5
Wildcats	4

The game-winning hit in the last at-bat was the first of the year for the Red Raiders, and it probably came at a perfect time for a Tech team that was coming off a disappointing series loss to Texas and just before a key three-game series at TCU this weekend for possibly the Big 12 Conference title.

Texas Tech head coach Tim Tadlock and the Red Raiders couldn't have been happier for Hargrove, who has stepped up time and time again off the bench or in the few starts he's had this season.

"Hunter is a guy that's been very patient," Tadlock said. "He's a guy that hasn't been in there all the time and might be a little more excited to play than the ones that have been. Or maybe he's got a fresher mind and fresher legs ... but he's playing awfully well. It helps to have him behind those guys."

Added senior catcher Tyler Floyd: "Hunter is just a good baseball player. He can hit and he's a smart baseball player. We get excited when he gets in the game."

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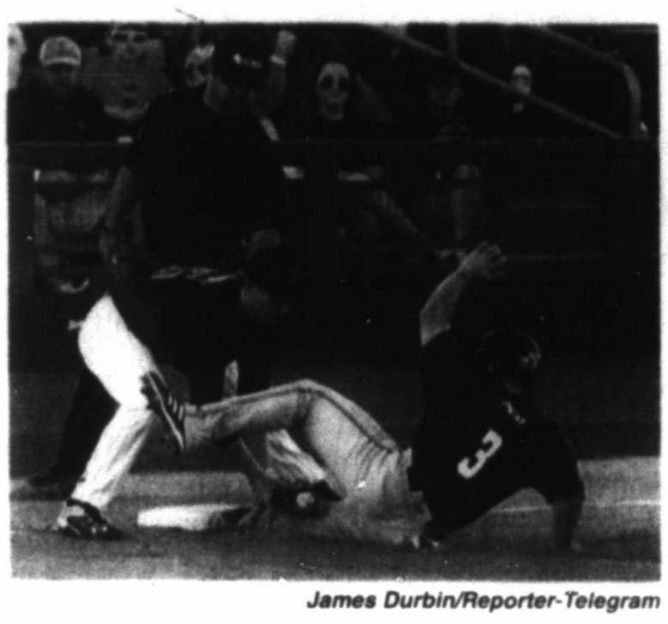

Texas Tech's Hunter Hargrove (25) tags out Abilene Christian's Alex Copeland (3) at third base Wednesday at Security Bank Ballpark.

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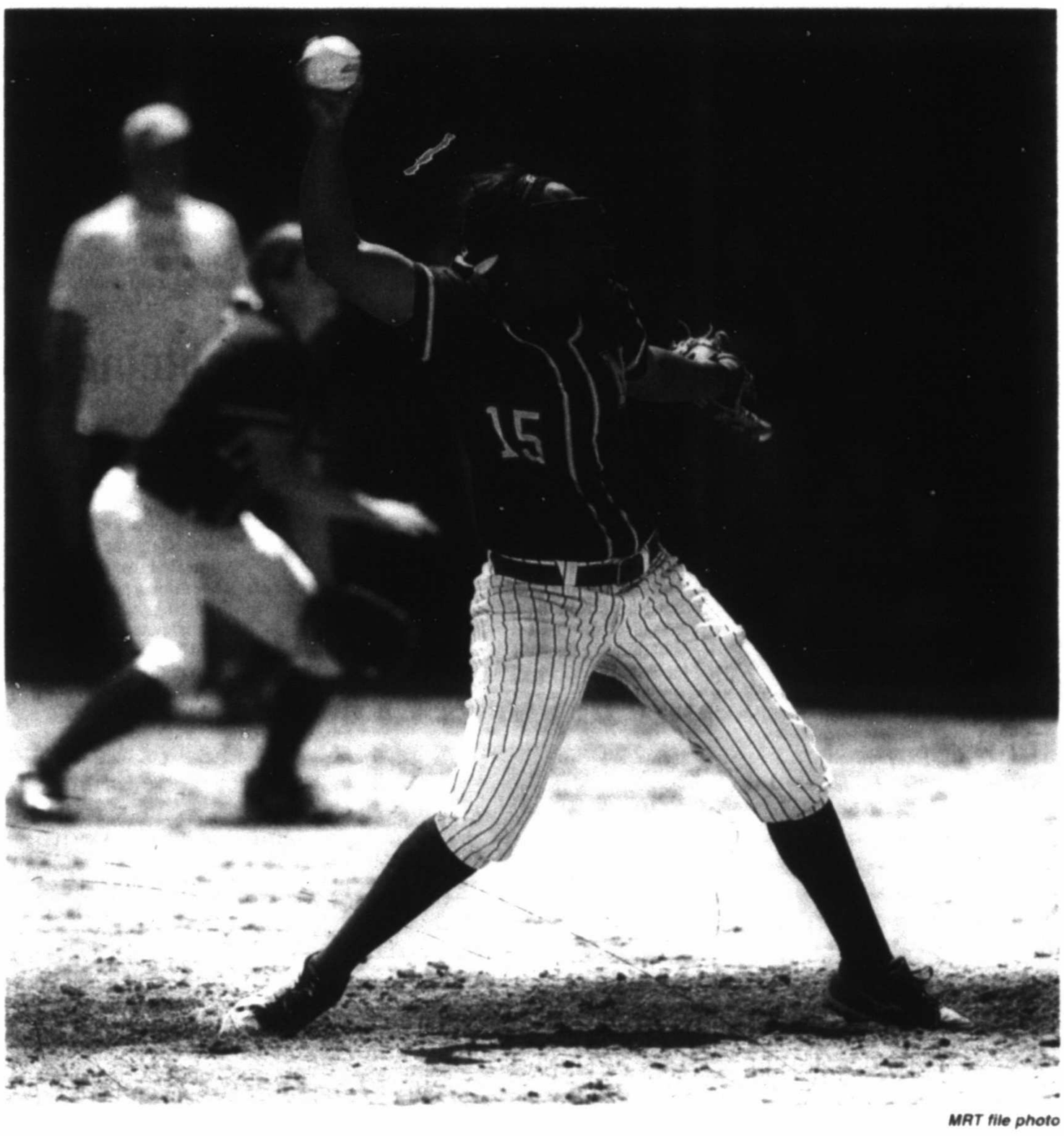
MHS READY TO ROCK



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Midland High's Deandra Allen (15) pitches against San Angelo Central on April 9 at Audrey Gill Softball Complex.

Allen helps Lady Bulldogs get on roll into playoffs

By Christopher Hadorn
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Midland High pitcher Deandra Allen got on a roll midway through district play.

Around the same time, by no coincidence, the Lady Bulldogs got on a roll too by winning seven straight district games en route to a District 3-6A championship and a No. 10 state ranking.

Allen and MHS (22-8-1) hope to stay hot as they face North Crowley (9-17-1) in a one-game bi-district playoff at 6 p.m. today at Hermleigh High School.

Allen heads into the elimination game with a 1.11 ERA during the Lady Bulldogs' seven-game winning streak in district. The junior has gone a perfect 4-0 in her last four district starts, with a microscopic 0.31 ERA, nine hits allowed, and 30 strikeouts in 22 1/3 innings.

"She's throwing the ball really well right now and we have just been real proud of her," Midland High head coach Shawnda Vines said. "She has advanced. She worked really hard this summer to kind of improve some things from last year. She kind of got thrown in the playoffs last year and did a good job for us.

"She worked real hard this summer. She just improved. We have just seen improvement as the year goes along. She is starting to finish games now, which is huge for us."

After splitting time in the circle with now Ranger College pitcher Kendra Evans in 2015, Allen knew she was going to have to carry a heavier workload this season.

"Over the summer, I would pitch more, every other day," Allen said. "I would continue to work and build my stamina up to where I can continue and keep on going in games."

Last Saturday, Allen showed her

Please see **ALLEN**/3C

After the frenzy, Stars move forward expecting that to help

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

FRISCO — Jason Spezza and the Dallas Stars believe that frenzied 15-minute finish when they barely hung on to close out their first-round series will come in handy moving forward in the playoffs.

They know the St. Louis Blues will certainly be able to charge at them like Minnesota did.

"If anything, it's a great period for us because we survived it and now get to learn from it," Spezza said Tuesday after the Stars returned from a day off. "If we'd cruised to a 4-0 win, I don't know if we'd get as much out of that game. ... But when you survive something like that, I think it can be an advantage for us now to live through a situation like that and not just talk about it. You know kind of how it feels when teams put on that kind of pressure."

Dallas, the top seed in the Western Conference, opens the second round Friday night at home against St. Louis. The Blues outlasted the Chicago Blackhawks, last year's Stanley Cup champs, in a seven-game first-round series that ended Monday night.

The Stars finished their first-round series in six games. They led 4-0 going into the third period on the road Sunday and held on to win 5-4 after the Wild came within a fraction of an inch of tying the game in the final minute.

"I think if it would have been on the other side, they would have been devastated," coach Lindy Ruff said. "But to get through it, the desperation at the end of the game, even in the last few minutes, I thought was tremendous. ... I loved our desperation. We've just got to put that desperation in the right place."

When the Stars got back together Tuesday, they watched video from that wild game.

"Well, we were relaxed because we knew we were already in the second round," Radek Faksa said. "When we were on the bench, it wasn't that much fun. ... But it was a good experience for our future."

Dallas won only once in five games in the season series against the Blues, who got three of their four wins in overtime.

The second-round series provides another playoff rematch between Ruff and Blues coach Ken Hitchcock, who was coach of the Stars in 1999 when they won their only Stanley Cup, clinching it with a triple-overtime victory in Game 6.

Please see **STARS** 2C

Goff, Wentz at ease on eve of NFL draft

By Jay Cohen
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Jared Goff lobbed a few balls to a couple of lucky kids and practiced his coverage skills. Carson Wentz grinned as he sent a line of boys and girls through a footwork drill.

It was all smiles for the quarterbacks on the eve of the NFL draft. They might not know exactly where they are going, but they know they won't have to wait very long to find out.

"Excited for whatever happens," Goff said Wednesday. "It's going to be a fun time. It's going to be a dream come true regardless."

Easy for him to say. After a pair of blockbuster trades at the top of the draft, Goff and Wentz are expected to be the first two names off the board when the first round starts at a downtown Chicago theater Thursday night. The only question is which one of them becomes the centerpiece for the NFL's return to Los Angeles with the Rams, and which one heads to Philadelphia at No. 2 for a rebuilding project with the Eagles.

"Someone talked about it last night, there's already a card with your name on it," Wentz said after joining several top prospects for a football clinic at a downtown park on Wednesday, "and I'm just excited to finally find out where that is."

The 6-foot-4 Goff started every game during his three seasons at California and set school records with 977 completions, 12,220 yards passing and 96 touchdown passes. The son of former major league catcher Jerry Goff passed for 4,719 yards and 43 touchdowns during his final season with the Bears.

The 6-5 Wentz led North Dakota State to its fifth consecutive FCS title last season. He passed for 1,651 yards and 17 touchdowns during his senior year that was shortened by a wrist injury.

"It'll be exciting to see where we both fall, and hopefully we play each other for a long time," Wentz said.

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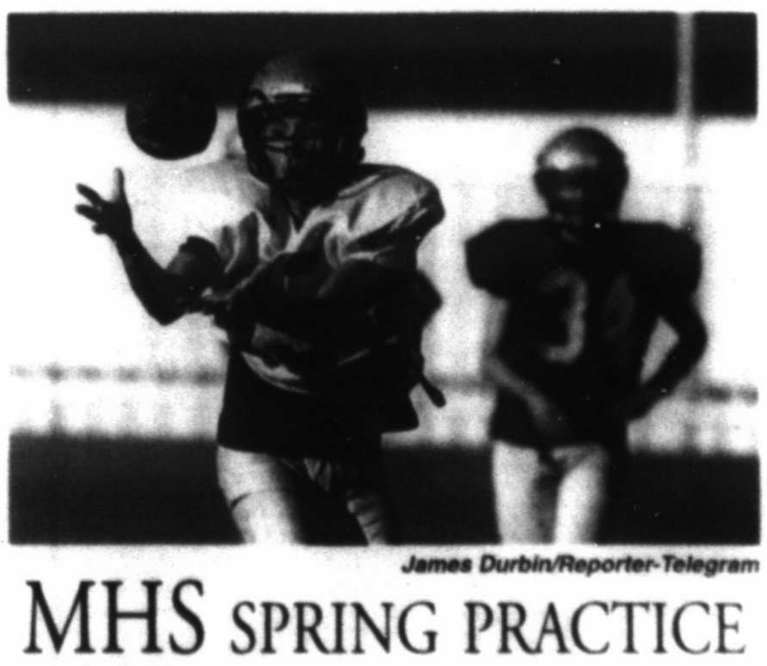

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MHS SPRING PRACTICE

Midland High's Michael Galindo catches during football practice Wednesday at Memorial Stadium.

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FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
North Melbourne vs. Western, 4:30 a.m., FS2

COLLEGE BASEBALL
LSU at Ole Miss, 6 p.m., SEC
Mississippi State at Alabama, 6:30 p.m., ESPNU
College Softball
Bethune-Cookman at Florida A&M, 3 p.m., ESPNU

GOLF
PGA: Zurich Classic of New Orleans, 1st Round, 2 p.m., GOLF

MLB
Atlanta at Boston, 6 p.m., MLB
Miami at LA Dodgers, 9 p.m., MLB

MEN'S SOCCER
UEFA Europa Semifinal, Leg 1: Villarreal CF vs, Liverpool FC, 1:40 p.m., ESPNDEP
UEFA Europa Semifinal, Leg 1: Villarreal CF vs. Liverpool FC, 2 p.m., FS1
UEFA Europa Semifinal, Leg 1: FC Shakhtar Donetsk vs. Sevilla FC, 2 p.m., FS2
Copa Libertadores: Independiente del Valle vs. River Plate, 5:30 p.m., FXDEP
Copa Libertadores: Sao Paulo vs. Deportivo Toluca FC, 7:30 p.m., FXDEP
Copa Libertadores: Club Cerro Porteno vs. Boca Juniors, 8 p.m, FSP

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Texas League: San Antonio at Frisco, 7 p.m., FSSW

NBA
Eastern Conference Quarter, Game 6: Atlanta at Boston, 7 p.m., TNT

NFL
2016 NFL Draft, Round 1, 7 p.m., ESPN, NFL

NHL
Eastern Conference Semi, Gm 1: Pittsburgh at Washington, 7 p.m., NBCSN

RUGBY
Super League: Warrington vs. Wigan, 1:30 p.m., FSP
NRL: Parramatta vs. Canterbury, 4:30 a.m., FSP

TENNIS
ATP: BNP Paribas Istanbul Open, 9:30 a.m., TENNIS
Women's College Lacrosse
ACC Tourney: Virginia Tech vs. North Carolina, 11 a.m., FSSW+
ACC Tourney: Virginia vs. Duke, 1:30 p.m., FSSW+
ACC Tourney: Boston College vs. Syracuse, 4 p.m., FSSW+
ACC Tourney: Louisville vs. Notre Dame, 6:30 p.m., FSSW+
Maryland at Penn State, 6 p.m., BTN

ON RADIO

TEXAS LEAGUE BASEBALL
Midland at Corpus Christi, 7 p.m., KCRS 650 AM, 97.5 FM

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

GOLF
Stanton's Benjamin Crocket at Class 3A State Tournament, Grey Golf Club, Austin
Garden City at Class 1A State Tournament, Lions Municipal Golf Course, Austin

SOFTBALL
Class 6A bi-district, Midland High vs. North Crowley, 6 p.m., Hermleigh

TRACK
TAPPS Regional Meet, Lancaster

LOCAL SPORTS

Spring Swing results

2016 Spring Swing at Green Tree Country Club Wednesday

First Flight
Gross — 1. Rachel , Halli Jo Richards, Tracy Youngs, Susan Roberts 61. 2. Debbie Peden, Beth Brimer, Danica Weddle, Lacy Gasser 62
Net — 1. Jamie Gortney, Kevin Burnett, Silvia Bustamante, Tammy Lawrence 47. 2. Sue Duran, Barbara Hardin, Barbara Moffitt, Donna Weathers 48

Second Flight
Gross — 1. Becky Stanaford, Joni Wright, Cheryl Werner, Tonie Batte 64. 2. Susan Ohlendburg, Melissa O'Kelly, Kelli Betts, Anita Cox 66
Net — 1. Bev Wright, Margaret Lange, Karen Wheat, Cheri Prince 45. 2. Kathy Cowan, Joy Harlan, Jennie McIlvain, Nelda Johnson 46

Third Flight
Gross — 1. Judy Colvin, Essie Collins, Connie Long, Raquel Dixon 67. 2. Joyce Lambert, Edith Lannon, Tricia Hershup, Georgia King 68
Net — 1. Lorraine Wilson, Cathy Scott, Beverly Evans, Kathy Bellis 44. 2. Theresa Gann, Ginny Smith, Nancy Bondy, Janet Carlisle 44

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Optioned RHP Miguel Gonzalez to Charlotte (IL). Recalled RHP Daniel Webb from Charlotte.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Optioned RHP Cody Anderson to Columbus (IL). Recalled LHP Kyle Crockett from Columbus.
DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned OF Tyler Collins to Toledo (IL). Activated RHP Francisco Rodriguez from the family medical emergency list.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Selected the contract of C/OF Matt McBride from Nashville (PCL). Optioned RHP Andrew Triggs to Nashville. Transferred LHP Felix Doubront from the 15- to the 60-day DL.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Recalled RHP Ryan Tepera from Buffalo (IL). Optioned LHP/RHP Pat Venditte to Buffalo.

National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Recalled RHP John Gant from Gwinnett (IL). Optioned RHP Ryan Weber to Gwinnett.
COLORADO ROCKIES — Placed LHP Jorge De La Rosa on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Eddie Butler from Albuquerque (PCL).
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Placed RHP Matt Belisle on the 15-day DL. Recalled LHP Sammy Solis from Syracuse (IL).

American Association
FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Released RHP Benji Waite.
JOPLIN BLASTERS — Signed INF Derrick Fox.
SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS — Traded C Matt M. Koch to Laredo for LHP Cody Forsythe.

Can-Am League
ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Signed LHP Jarret Martin.

Frontier League
EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Signed OF Chris Breen.
FLORENCE FREEDOM — Signed INF Brent Gillespie, RHP Zach Isler and C Garrett Vail.
GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Signed RHP Nate Carter, LHPs Jack Duffey and Corey Kimes and 2B Kyle Forsythe.
JOLIET SLAMMERS — Signed C Connor Andrus.
LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Signed RHPs Richard Cruz-Sanchez and Brett Sullivan.
RIVER CITY RASCALS — Signed RHP Jordan DePonte, 3B Turner Gill, 1B Drew Morecraft, and LHP Vin Roth.
SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS — Signed C John Murphy and INF Ino Patron.
TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS — Signed INF Jeremy Delgado and RHP Ashton Perritt.
WASHINGTON WILD THINGS — Signed LHP Jeff Conley and INF Grant Fink.
WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Signed RHP Anthony Bazzani and C Ryan Gyrion.

MOTOR SPORTS
NASCAR — Suspended Nick Sandler, crew chief for Ricky Stenhouse Jr., from Sunday's race at Talladega Superspeedway and fined him $20,000 for a technical violation found last weekend and placed him on probation for the rest of the season.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer
MLS — Suspended Houston MF Alex Monteiro de Lima and San Jose D Andres Imperiale one game each and fined them for fouls that endangered the safety of an opponent during games on April 23 and April 24. Fined Columbus F Kei Kamara for instigating and Seattle D Brad Evans for using offensive, insulting and abusive language towards an official in games on April 23. Fined San Jose MF Anibal Godoy for violating league policy regarding hands to the face, head or neck in a game on April 24. All fines were undisclosed.

COLLEGE
KENTUCKY — Named Kyra Elzy women's assistant basketball coach.
PRESBYTERIAN Named Todd Steelman women's basketball coach.
RUTGERS — Named Dan Rickard senior advisor for the men's basketball, Greg Vetrone director of men's basketball player development, Ben Asher special assistant to the men's head basketball coach and Bryan Dougher director of men's basketball operations.
SAM HOUSTON — Announced the resignation of women's tennis coach Jim Giachino.
VANDERBILT — Announced the resignation of Melanie Balcomb women's basketball coach.
WAKE FOREST — Announced graduate men's basketball G Matt Williams has transferred from Central Florida.
WOFFORD Named Jimmy Garrity women's basketball coach.

FISHING REPORT

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water stained; 66-70 degrees; 2.56' low. Black bass are good on topwaters, Texas rigged worms, spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs in 12-18 feet. Catfish are excellent on cut bait up the river.
ARROWHEAD: Water fairly clear; 65-70 degrees; 0.32' high. No reports on black bass. Crappie are slow on jigs and minnows in the shallows. Catfish are good on worms and stinkbait.
COLORADO CITY: 20.33' low. No report available.
FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water murky; 64-69 degrees; 0.83' high. Black bass are fair on chatterbaits, swimbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait.
HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 66-72 degrees; 8.96' low. Black bass are fair on shallow running crankbaits, weightless flukes and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.
NASWORTHY: 65-71 degrees; 1.19' low. Black bass are fair to good on jigs, Texas rigged lizards and weightless flukes. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and cut bait.
OAK CREEK: Water stained; 66-70 degrees; 13.3' low. Black bass are fair on drop shot rigs, spinnerbaits and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs in the shallows. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.
O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 65-71 degrees; 44.18' low. Black bass are fair on Senkos, chatterbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished shallow. Catfish are fair to good on live bait.
POSSUM KINGDOM: Water off color; 64-70 degrees; 0.23' low. Black bass are fair on medium running crankbaits, Texas rigs, drop shot rigs and split shot weighted flukes. Crappie are fair to good on chartreuse jigs and live minnows. White bass are fair to good on Road Rooster Tails. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.
SPENCE: 54.94' low. No report available.
STAMFORD: 0.45' high. No report available.
SWEETWATER: Water off color; 65-69 degrees; 25.66' low. No report available.
WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 64-69 degrees; 18.89' low. No report available.

SOUTH
AMISTAD: Water murky; 64-68 degrees; 24.50' low. Black bass are good on Rat-L-Traps, spinnerbaits, and topwaters. White bass are fair on minnows, slabs, and small crankbaits. Striped bass are fair on topwaters and large jerkbaits. Catfish are fair on cheesebait, shrimp, and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines and throwlines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

CENTRAL
BASTROP: Water clear; 63-67 degrees. Black bass are fair on green pumpkin and perch colored soft plastics. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on nightcrawlers, frozen shrimp, and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

STATEGOLFTOURNAMENTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Class 3A

STANTON'S CROCKETT TIED FOR SECOND

AUSTIN — After shooting a 74 in Wednesday's first round, Stanton boys medalist Benjamin Crockett is in a two-way tie for second at the Class 3A State Golf Championships at Grey Rock Country Club.

He is trailing leader Will Holcomb V of Crockett by two strokes.

Wednesday's first round action proved to be as competitive as ever, with the first place and tenth place golfers separated by just six strokes.

Brock and Troup are tied for the lead in the team standings after shooting a 321. Wall is three strokes behind them in third.

The tournament concludes with the final round today.

Boys Class 3A State Golf Championship at Grey Rock Country Club, Austin Wednesday's first round results
Team standings — T-1. Brock 321; Troup 321; 3. Wall 324; 4. Crockett 344; 5. Merkel 350; 6. Lago Vista 351; 7. Eastland 359; 8. Van Alstyne 365; T-9. Diana New Diana 368; Bianco 368; 11. Vanderbilt Industrial 369; 12. Brock 390
Medalist standings — 1. Will Holcomb V, Crockett, 72; T-2. Colton Hilburn, Merkel, 74; **Benjamin Crockett, Stanton, 74**; T-4. Tye Masters, Wall, 75; Jamey Scruggs, Troup, 75; Jeremy Bates, Quitman, 75; T-7. Preston McGinty, Eddy Bruceville, 76; Nikolas Keratsopoulos, Cameron Yoe, 76; T-9. Zane Brooks, Eastland, 77; Noe Garza, Bishop, 77; T-10. Gunner Graham, Wall, 78; Garrett Leek, Brock, 78; Kelton Hoster, Brock, 78; Jacob Hernandez, Lago Vista, 78

Class 1A

GARDEN CITY BOYS 4TH, DAVIS 9TH

AUSTIN — The Garden City boys golf team is positioned in fourth place after shooting a 380 in the first round of the Class 1A State Golf Championships, Wednesday at Lions Municipal Golf Course.

Garden City is 40 strokes behind first-place Happy and 18 strokes behind second-place Douglass.

Leading the Garden City boys team was Tanner Davis, who is sitting in ninth place in the medalists standings after carding an 83.

In the girls tournament, Garden City medalist Hope Halfmann shot a 98 in the first round, good for 11th place.

Briscoe Fort Elliott's Shaley Goad is in the lead after shooting a 77.

The tournament concludes today with the final round.

Boys Class 1A State Golf Championships at Lions Municipal Golf Course, Austin Wednesday's first round results
Team standings — 1. Happy 340; 2. Douglass 362; 3. Matador Motley County 373; 4. Garden City 380; 5. Wink 381; 6. McLean 382; 7. Throckmorton 387; T-8. Robert Lee 405; Blanket 405; 10. Leakey 409; 11. Chester 423; 12. Iredell 425
Medalist standings — 1. Luke Kinkade, Blanket, 75; T-2. Mitchell Downing, Happy, 77; Kaleb Brown, Sulphur Bluff, 77; 4. Keith Balthrop, Throckmorton, 80; T-5. Sterling White, Happy, 81; Toby Florence, Blanket, 81; Bailey Goins, Chester, 81; 8. Justin Hallmark, Richland Springs, 82; 9. **Tanner Davis, Garden City, 83**; 10. Caleb Inman, Miami, 84
Garden City (380) — Tanner Davis 83; Seth Miller 94; Scott Miller 101; Zach Burnett 102; Hagan Halfmann 102

Girls Class 1A State Golf Championships at Lions Municipal Golf Course, Austin Wednesday's first round results
Team standings — 1. Utopia 395; 2. Matador Motley County 416; 3. Robert Lee 418; 4. Tioga 423; 5. Briscoe Fort Elliott 435; 6. Blanket 442; 7. Paducah 450; 8. Iredell 463; 9. Wink 466; 10. Runge 481; 11. Leakey 486; 12. Bronte 487
Medalist standings — 1. Shaley Goad, Briscoe Fort Elliott, 77; 2. Skylar Mast, Richards, 79; T-3. Mikaela Loman, Utopia, 87; Kristen Cox, Utopia, 87; T-5. Kari Hughes, Tioga, 91; Marki Kinkade, Blanket, 91; Taylor Thompson, Munday, 91; 8. Skylar Freeman, White Deer, 93; 9. Leslie Mayo, Paducah, 95; T-10. Brady Clawson, Robert Lee, 97; Kelsey Keeter, Throckmorton, 97
Garden City — Hope Halfmann 98

Three Jacks players take home postseason honors

From staff reports

Three Odessa Jackalopes players have been recognized with North American Hockey League superlative awards and postseason honors.

Odessa forward Hampus Sjodahl was named the NAHL South Division's Most Valuable Player as well as the south division's Forward of the Year. He also earned a selection to the All-South Team.

Sjodahl set Odessa franchise records this season in goals (35), points (69) and plus/minus rating (plus-16). He finished the season second in the NAHL in goals.

Jackalopes defenseman Danny Kiraly was also named to the All-South Team after leading Odessa blueliners in goals (12), assists (28), points (40) and power play goals (6).

Odessa forward Jon Russell earned the south division's Academic Achievement Award. Russell, who is committed to play at Harvard, maintained a 4.0 grade point average in high school.

He had four goals and 12 assists in 41 games with Odessa this season.

STARS

From 1C

over Ruff's Buffalo Sabres. Hitchcock's Philadelphia Flyers were eliminated by Buffalo in a first-round Eastern Conference series in 2006.

Dallas was taking another day off Wednesday, getting some extra rest before what is expected to be physical series against the Blues — whose 107 points during the regular season were second-most in the Western Conference, behind the Stars' 109.

When the Stars were off Monday after getting home, left wing Patrick Sharp watched the Blues in their Game 7 against the Blackhawks, the team for which he was a Stanley Cup champion three times in six seasons before getting traded to Dallas last offseason.

Sharp thinks Dallas can be better off for the close third period Sunday.

"I think you flush out the bad, but there's a lot of positives that we can take from that game," Sharp said. "Although it might have been an ugly period for us, it was a playoff series, it was a win on the road, and if we can learn anything from it, we'll be a better team going forward."

Tavares, Prince lead Islanders past Lightning 5-3

By Fred Goodall
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Shane Prince scored twice during a three-goal first period and John Tavares had a goal and an assist in the New York Islanders' 5-3 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning on Wednesday night in Game 1 of their second-round playoff series.

Taking up where he left off in helping the Islanders advance beyond the first round for the first time in 23 years, Tavares assisted on Travis Hamonic's goal that erased an early deficit and later scored his sixth postseason goal on a blistering shot from the left circle to give New York a 4-1 lead midway through the second.

The Islanders needed overtime to get three of four victories against the Florida Panthers in the opening round. This one was never seriously in doubt after New York wiped out the 1-0 lead Tampa Bay took on Ondrel Palat's goal just over three minutes into the game.

Tampa Bay pulled to 4-3 on third-period goals by Nikita Kucherov and Valtteri Filppula before Cal Clutterbuck's empty-netter sealed the victory in the final minute.

Thomas Greiss, who won one game in overtime and two in double overtime against Florida, finished with 33 saves for the Islanders. They were outshot 28-10 over the last two periods.

NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE

SECOND ROUND
EASTERN CONFERENCE
N.Y. Islanders 1, Tampa Bay 0
Wednesday: NY Islanders 5, Tampa Bay 3
Saturday, April 30: NY Islanders at Tampa Bay, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, May 3: Tampa Bay at NY Islanders, 6 p.m.
Friday, May 6: Tampa Bay at NY Islanders, 6 p.m.
x-Sunday, May 8: NY Islanders at Tampa Bay, TBA
x-Tuesday, May 10: Tampa Bay at NY Islanders, TBA
x-Thursday, May 12: NY Islanders at Tampa Bay, TBA

Washington vs. Pittsburgh
Today: Pittsburgh at Washington, 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 30: Pittsburgh at Washington, 7 p.m.
Monday, May 2: Washington at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 4: Washington at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
x-Saturday, May 7: Pittsburgh at Washington, TBA
x-Tuesday, May 10: Washington at Pittsburgh, TBA
x-Thursday, May 12: Pittsburgh at Washington, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Dallas vs. St. Louis
Friday, April 29: St. Louis at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Sunday, May 1: St. Louis at Dallas, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, May 3: Dallas at St. Louis, 7 or 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 5: Dallas at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
x-Saturday, May 7: St. Louis at Dallas, TBA
x-Monday, May 9: Dallas at St. Louis, TBA
x-Wednesday, May 11: St. Louis at Dallas, TBA

If Anaheim wins
Anaheim vs. San Jose
Friday: San Jose at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 1: San Jose at Anaheim, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 3: Anaheim at San Jose, 9 p.m.
Thursday, May 5: Anaheim at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
x-Sunday, May 8: San Jose at Anaheim, TBA
x-Monday, May 9: Anaheim at San Jose, TBA
x-Wednesday, May 11: San Jose at Anaheim, TBA

If Nashville wins
San Jose vs. Nashville
Friday: Nashville at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 1: Nashville at San Jose, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 3: San Jose at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Thursday, May 5: San Jose at Nashville, 8 p.m.
x-Saturday, May 7: Nashville at San Jose, TBA
x-Monday, May 9: San Jose at Nashville, TBA
x-Thursday, May 12: Nashville at San Jose, TBA

Hornets stun Heat 90-88, take 3-2 series lead

Associated Press

MIAMI — Courtney Lee's 3-pointer with 25.2 seconds left put Charlotte ahead to stay, and the Hornets beat the Miami Heat 90-88 in Game 5 of their Eastern Conference first-round series Wednesday night.

The Hornets have won three straight games in the series, and will take a 3-2 lead into a potential Game 6 clincher on Friday night.

Marvin Williams led the Hornets with 17 points, while Al Jefferson and Kemba Walker each had 14 for Charlotte — which got its first road playoff win in 14 years. Jeremy Lin added 11.

Dwyane Wade scored 25 for Miami, while Luol Deng scored 15, Joe Johnson added 13 and Hassan Whiteside finished with 11 points and 12 rebounds.

NBA PLAYOFF GLANCE

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
FIRST ROUND
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Cleveland 4, Detroit 0
Sunday, April 17: Cleveland 106, Detroit 101
Wednesday, April 20: Cleveland 107, Detroit 90
Friday, April 22: Cleveland 101, Detroit 91
Sunday, April 24: Cleveland 100, Detroit 98

Toronto 3, Indiana 2
Saturday, April 16: Indiana 100, Toronto 90
Monday, April 18: Toronto 98, Indiana 87
Thursday, April 21: Toronto 101, Indiana 85
Saturday, April 23: Indiana 100, Toronto 83
Tuesday, April 26: Toronto 102, Indiana 99
Friday, April 29: Toronto at Indiana, TBA
x-Sunday, May 1: Indiana at Toronto, TBA

Charlotte 3, Miami 2
Sunday, April 17: Miami 123, Charlotte 91
Wednesday, April 20: Miami 115, Charlotte 103
Saturday, April 23: Charlotte 96, Miami 80
Monday, April 25: Charlotte 89, Miami 85
Wednesday: Charlotte 90, Miami 88
Friday, April 29: Miami at Charlotte, TBA
x-Sunday, May 1: Charlotte at Miami, TBA

Atlanta 3, Boston 2
Saturday, April 16: Atlanta 102, Boston 101
Tuesday, April 19: Atlanta 89, Boston 72
Friday, April 22: Boston 111, Atlanta 103
Sunday, April 24: Boston 104, Atlanta 95, OT
Tuesday, April 26: Atlanta 110, Boston 83
Thursday: Atlanta at Boston, 7 p.m.
x-Saturday, April 30: Boston at Atlanta, 6 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Golden State 3, Houston 1
Saturday, April 16: Golden State 104, Houston 78
Monday, April 18: Golden State 115, Houston 106
Thursday, April 21: Houston 97, Golden State 96
Sunday, April 24: Golden State 121, Houston 94
Today: Houston at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
x-Friday, April 29: Golden State at Houston, TBA
x-Sunday, May 1: Houston at Golden State, TBA

San Antonio 4, Memphis 0
Sunday, April 17: San Antonio 106, Memphis 74
Tuesday, April 19: San Antonio 94, Memphis 68
Friday, April 22: San Antonio 96, Memphis 87
Sunday, April 24: San Antonio 116, Memphis 95

Oklahoma City 4, Dallas 1
Saturday, April 16: Oklahoma City 108, Dallas 70
Monday, April 18: Dallas 85, Oklahoma City 84
Thursday, April 21: Oklahoma City 131, Dallas 102
Saturday, April 23: Oklahoma City 119, Dallas 108
Monday, April 25: Oklahoma City 118, Dallas 104

L.A. Clippers 2, Portland 2
Sunday, April 17: L.A. Clippers 115, Portland 95
Wednesday, April 20: L.A. Clippers 102, Portland 81
Saturday, April 23: Portland 96, L.A. Clippers 88
Monday, April 25: Portland 98, L.A. Clippers 84
Wednesday: Portland at L.A. Clippers, late
Friday, April 29: L.A. Clippers at Portland, TBA
x-Sunday, May 1: Portland at L.A. Clippers, TBA

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MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

RANGERS 3
YANKEES 2

ARLINGTON — Elvis Andrus had a tiebreaking RBI triple and Texas beat the New York Yankees 3-2 on Wednesday night, when former Rangers shortstop Alex Rodriguez hit his 100th homer in the stadium.

A-Rod's 690th career homer gave him triple digits in the Rangers' ballpark. He hit 86 at home for Texas from 2001-03 and has 14 more in 65 games as a visitor there — first with Seattle before his big deal with the Rangers, and after being traded to the Yankees.

WHITE SOX 4
BLUE JAYS 0

TORONTO — Dioner Navarro hit a go-ahead, two-run triple in the seventh, helping Chicago win its sixth straight.

Jose Quintana (3-1) struck out a season-high 10 in six innings for Chicago, which leads the major leagues with five shutouts and is 10 games above .500 for the first time since Sept. 25, 2012. Quintana allowed five hits and walked three.

Marco Estrada (1-2) gave up one hit through six innings but was knocked out in the seventh.

TIGERS 9
ATHLETICS 4

DETROIT — Justin Verlander (3-2) allowed three runs and five hits in 6 1/3 innings, and J.D. and Victor Martinez both homered.

Sonny Gray (3-2) lasted only two innings in the shortest start of his big league career. He gave up four runs, two hits and four walks, throwing 65 pitches. Detroit had lost seven of its previous nine, scoring more than three runs only once in the prior seven games.

Associated Press

The Texas Rangers' Jake Diekman reaches out to catch a throw to the mound in the eighth inning against the New York Yankees on Wednesday in Arlington.

ORIOLES 3
RAYS 1

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Joey Rickard hit a three-run home run and Chris Tillman (2-1) tied his career high with nine strikeouts, giving up two hits in 6 2/3 scoreless innings to beat Tampa Bay for the second time this season.

Rickard homered in the fifth against Matt Moore (1-2), who allowed three runs and three hits in seven innings with nine strikeouts. He has lost two straight starts after going unbeaten in seven in a row dating to last season.

National League

METS 5
REDS 2

NEW YORK — Neil Walker hit his ninth home run, tying for the major league lead, Matt Harvey won his second straight start and the New York Mets beat the Cincinnati Reds 5-2 Wednesday night to stretch their winning streak to six.

Walker's third-inning homer off Jon Moscot (0-2) extended the Mets' lead to 3-1 and tied the team record for home runs in April.

PHILLIES 3
NATIONALS 0

WASHINGTON — Jeremy Hellickson (2-1) allowed two hits over seven innings and struck out eight, and Jeanmar Gomez pitched a perfect ninth for his sixth save.

Gio Gonzalez (1-1) fell behind on Darin Ruf's sacrifice fly in the sixth. The Phillies made it 2-0 an inning later with an unearned run on a throwing error by third baseman Anthony Rendon.

GIANTS 13
PADRES 9

SAN FRANCISCO — Brandon Belt was a homer short of the cycle and drove in five runs, Hunter Pence drove in a pair on three hits and San Francisco completed a three-game sweep.

Jeff Samardzija (3-1) allowed a season-high five runs in 5 2/3 innings and snapped a tie with a two-run single for the Giants, who won their fifth in six games.

Interleague

RED SOX 9
BRAVES 4

BOSTON — Dustin Pedroia had a grand slam and a solo homer, and David Ortiz had three doubles to pass Red Sox greats Ted Williams and Jimmie Foxx on the career extra-base hits with 1,119 as Boston won its fourth straight.

Freddie Freeman homered end the Braves' homerless streak at 15 games, the longest since the 1946 Boston Braves went 16 in a row.

'HOUNDSREPORT

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ROCKHOUNDS 3, HOOKS 1
at Whataburger Field, Corpus Christi

TOP HITTERS: RockHounds right fielder Jaycob Brugman went 1-for-5 with an RBI and a run. ... Midland shortstop Franklin Barreto finished 2-for-5 and J.P. Sportman went 1-for-3 with two runs and a walk. ... Hooks first baseman Conrad Gregor went 1-for-2 with an RBI and a walk.

TOP PITCHERS: Midland starter Joel Seddon allowed one run on three hits over 5 2/3 innings and earned the win. ... Corpus Christi starter David Paulino yeilded four hits, while striking out seven over four innings. ... RockHounds reliever Corey Walter took over for Seddon with two outs in the sixth. He tossed 3 1/3 scoreless and hitless innings.

HIGHLIGHTS: The RockHounds took a 1-0 lead in the top of the fifth on an RBI single by Brugman. Two batters later, Healy walked on a wild pitch that scored Brugman to give Midland a 2-0 lead. ...In the bottom of the fifth, Conrad Gregor's RBI double to left cut the RockHounds' lead to 2-1. ... J.P. Sportman made it 3-1 after scoring on a throwing error in the ninth.

NOTES: Midland catcher Carson Blair has been placed on the seven-day disabled list with a left oblique injury. In 10 games played, Blair is leading the RockHounds in both batting average (.333) and on-base percentage (.450). ... RockHounds right-handed reliever Sam Bragg has also been placed on the seven-day disabled list with a right hip injury. ...Catcher Andy Paz and RHP Ben Bracewell have been called up from Single-A Advanced Stockton and were active for Wednesday's game. ... Oakland's No. 10 prospect Yairo Munoz made his Double-A debut with Midland at shortstop on Wednesday after starting the year at Single-A Advanced Stockton. He went 1-for-4 in the win. ... Midland has now won three straight games and will try for the sweep of the Hooks at 7:05 p.m. today.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland — RHP Dylan Covey; Corpus Christi — RHP Kyle Smith

TL standings

First Half

North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield (Cardinals)	11	8	.579	—
Arkansas (Angels)	8	11	.421	3
Northwest Arkansas (Royals)	7	12	.368	4
Tulsa (Dodgers)	7	12	.368	4

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Frisco (Rangers)	14	4	.778	—
Midland (Athletics)	11	8	.579	2½
Corpus Christi (Astros)	9	9	.500	5
San Antonio (Padres)	8	11	.421	6½

Wednesday's Scores
Frisco 6, San Antonio 5
Tulsa 2, Arkansas 1
Springfield 8, Northwest Arkansas 1
Midland 3, Corpus Christi 1

Today's Games
Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
San Antonio at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.
Arkansas at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Springfield, 7:10 p.m.

ROCKHOUNDS 3, HOOKS 1

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Corpus Christi	ab	r	h	bi
Barreto ss	5	0	2	0	Hernandez cf	3	0	0	0
Brugman rf	5	1	1	1	Ramsay rf	4	0	0	0
Healy dh	3	0	1	0	Fisher dh	2	0	0	0
Chapman 3b	4	0	0	0	Davis 3b	4	1	0	0
Rosa 1b	2	0	0	0	Gregor 1b	2	0	1	1
Munoz 2b	4	0	1	0	Mayfield ss	3	0	0	0
Taylor c	4	0	2	0	Vasquez lf	3	0	0	0
Sportman lf	3	1	1	0	Gonzalez c	3	0	0	0
Vertigan rf	4	0	0	0	Hyde 2b	3	0	1	0
Totals	34	3	8	1	Totals	27	1	3	1

Midland .....000 020 001 —3
Corpus Christi .....000 010 000 —1

E — Corpus Christi 1. DP — Midland 1. LOB — Midland 8, Corpus Christi 3. 2B — Sportman (3), Healy (7), Davis (3), Gregor (2). CS — Fisher (3)

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Seddon W, 1-2	5 2	3	1	1	3	1
Walter S, 1	3 1	0	0	0	0	1
Corpus Christi						
Paulino	4 0	4	0	0	1	7
Santos L, 0-1	2 0	2	2	2	1	2
Cotton	2 0	1	0	0	1	2
Freeman	1 0	1	1	0	0	0

WP — Santos 2.
T — 2:37. A — 3,744

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	12	8	600	—
Boston	12	9	571	½
Tampa Bay	10	11	476	2½
Toronto	10	13	435	3½
New York	8	11	.421	3½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	16	6	727	—
Kansas City	12	8	600	3
Detroit	10	10	500	5
Cleveland	9	9	500	5
Minnesota	7	14	333	8½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	11	9	550	—
Texas	11	10	524	½
Oakland	11	11	500	1
Los Angeles	10	11	476	1½
Houston	6	15	286	5½

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	14	6	700	—
New York	13	7	650	1
Philadelphia	11	10	524	3½
Miami	8	11	421	5½
Atlanta	4	17	190	10½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	15	5	750	—
Pittsburgh	12	9	571	3½
St. Louis	11	9	550	4
Cincinnati	9	13	409	7
Milwaukee	8	12	400	7

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	12	9	571	—
San Francisco	12	11	522	1
Arizona	11	11	500	1½
Colorado	9	11	450	2½
San Diego	7	15	318	5½

Scores and Schedules

American League
Wednesday's Scores
Chicago White Sox 4, Toronto 0
Baltimore 3, Tampa Bay 1
Boston 9, Atlanta 4
Detroit 9, Oakland 4
Texas 3, N.Y. Yankees 2
Cleveland at Minnesota, late
Kansas City at L.A. Angels, late
Houston at Seattle, late

Today's Games
Oakland at Detroit, 12:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m.
Atlanta at Boston, 6:10 p.m.

National League
Wednesday's Scores
San Francisco 13, San Diego 9
Philadelphia 3, Washington 0
Boston 9, Atlanta 4
N.Y. Mets 5, Cincinnati 2
Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs, ppd., rain
Pittsburgh at Colorado, late
St. Louis at Arizona, late
Miami at L.A. Dodgers, late

Today's Games
Milwaukee (Davies 0-2) at Chicago Cubs (Lester 2-1), 1:20 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Nicasio 2-2) at Colorado (Chatwood 2-2), 2:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Nola 1-2) at Washington (Roark 2-2), 3:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Chacin 0-1) at Boston (Buchholz 0-2), 6:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Wacha 2-0) at Arizona (R.De La Rosa 2-3), 8:40 p.m.
Miami (Fernandez 1-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 3-0), 9:10 p.m.

Texas box scores

RANGERS 3, YANKEES 2

New York	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Ellsury cf	4	0	0	0	DShlds cf	3	0	0	0
Gardnr lf	4	0	0	0	Mazara rf	3	0	0	0
Beltran rf	4	0	1	0	Beltre 3b	4	0	1	1
Texeir 1b	3	1	0	0	Dsmnd lf	4	0	1	0
ARdrgz dh	3	1	3	1	Rua dh	2	1	1	0
Hicks pr	0	0	0	0	Fielder ph-dh	1	0	0	0
BMcCn c	4	0	1	0	Odor 2b	2	1	1	0
SCastro 2b	4	0	2	1	Andrus ss	3	0	1	1
Headly 3b	3	0	0	0	Alberto 1b	3	0	0	1
Torreys ss	3	0	0	0	Holady c	2	1	0	0
Totals	32	2	7	2	Totals	27	3	5	3

New York .....010 100 000—2
Texas .....011 001 00x—3

DP—New York 1, Texas 2. LOB—New York 5, Texas 5. 2B—A Rodriguez (2). 3B—Andrus (3). HR—A Rodriguez (3). S—DeShields

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
Sabathia L 1-2	6	5	3	3	3	5
Barbato	1 2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Shreve	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Texas						
M.Perez W 1-2	6	6	2	2	2	3
Diekman H 5	2	0	0	0	0	1
Tolleson S 7-8	1	1	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Sabathia (Rua).
T—2:44. A—35,477 (48,114).

TUESDAY'S LATE BOX
MARINERS 11, ASTROS 1

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Seattle	ab	r	h	bi
Altuve 2b	2	0	0	0	Aoki cf	5	2	1	0
Springr rf	4	0	1	0	KMarte ss	5	3	3	2
Correa ss	4	0	0	0	Cano 2b	4	1	2	6
ClRsms lf	4	0	1	0	Sardins 2b	1	0	0	0
Tucker dh	3	0	0	0	Cruz rf	4	0	2	1
White 1b	4	0	1	0	Gutirrz lf	4	0	0	0
CGomz cf	4	0	0	0	KSeagr 3b	4	0	0	0
Valuen 3b	4	0	0	0	Iannett c	3	1	2	0
JCastro c	1	1	0	0	D.Lee 1b	4	2	2	0
S.Smith dh	3	2	1	1					
Totals	30	1	3	0	Totals	37	11	13	10

Houston .....000 000010— 1
Seattle .....000 14042x—11

E—Correa (3), Aoki (1). LOB—Houston 7, Seattle 4. 2B—K.Marte (3), Iannetta (1). HR—Cano (7).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Keuchel L 2-3	6	6	5	5	2	5
M.Feliz	1	4	4	3	0	3
Kratz	1	3	2	1	0	0
Seattle						
Karns W 2-1	7	2	0	0	3	6
Zych	1	1	1	0	2	1
Montgomery	1	0	0	0	0	2

WP—Kratz 2. PB—J.Castro.
T—3:02. A—13,821 (47,943).

Wednesday's linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

ORIOLES 3, RAYS 1

Baltimore .....000 030 000 —3 3 0
Tampa Bay .....000 000 001 —1 4 0

Tillman, O'Day (7), Brach (8), Britton (9) and Wieters; Moore, Webb (8), Eveland (9) and Conger. W—Tillman 2-1. L—Moore 1-2. Sv—Britton (5). HRs—Baltimore, Rickard (2).

WHITE SOX 4, BLUE JAYS 0

Chicago .....000 000 310 —4 7 0
Toronto .....000 000 000 —0 4 0

Quintana, Duke (7), N.Jones (8), Robertson (9) and Navarro; Estrada, Chavez (7), Tepera (8), Floyd (9) and Martin. W—Quintana 3-1. L—Estrada 1-2.

TIGERS 9, ATHLETICS 4

Oakland .....000 100 210 —4 8 2
Detroit .....040 103 01x —9 9 0

Gray, Dull (3), Hendriks (5), Rzepczynski (7) and Phegley; Verlander, A.Wilson (7), J.Wilson (7), VerHagen (8), F.Rodriguez (9) and B.Wilson. W—Verlander 2-2. L—Gray 3-2. HRs—Oakland, Davis (3). Detroit, Martinez (4), Martinez (3).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

GIANTS 13, PADRES 9

San Diego .....004 001 301 —9 9 1
San Francisco .....303 421 00x—13 16 0

Cashner, Kirkman (3), Perdomo (5), Hand (7), Rodney (8) and D.Norris; Samardzija, Law (6), Okert (7), Gearrin (7), Lopez (9), Broadway (9) and Brown. W—Samardzija 3-1. L—Cashner 1-2. HRs—San Diego, Rosales (2), Myers (5), Kemp (6).

PHILLIES 3, NATIONALS 0

Philadelphia .....000 001 110 —3 7 0
Washington .....000 000 000 —0 2 1

Hellickson, Neris (8), Gomez (9) and Ruiz; Gonzalez, Solis (7), Treinen (9) and Lobaton. W—Hellickson 2-1. L—Gonzalez 1-1. Sv—Gomez (6). HRs—Philadelphia, Ruiz (3).

METS 5, REDS 2

Cincinnati .....100 010 000 —2 7 3
New York .....201 002 00x —5 5 2

Moscot, Wood (6), Hayes (6), Ohlendorf (8) and Mesoraco; Harvey, Henderson (7), Robles (8), Reed (9) and Plawecki. W—Harvey 2-3. L—Moscot 0-2. Sv—Reed (1). HRs—Cincinnati, Cozart (2). New York, Walker (9).

INTERLEAGUE

RED SOX 9, BRAVES 4

Atlanta .....011 000 011 —4 6 0
Boston .....240 200 01x —9 11 1

B.Norris, Gant (2), Cervenka (7), Grilli (8) and Pierzynski; S.Wright, Layne (8), Barnes (9) and Hanigan. W—S.Wright 2-2. L—B.Norris 1-4. HRs—Atlanta, Freeman (2). Boston, Pedroia 2 (3).

Franco, Schoop, McHugh selling future earnings for cash now

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Philadelphia third baseman Maikel Franco has agreed to sell 10 percent of his future earnings for $4.35 million to a company called Fantex, which plans to sell securities to investors.

Baltimore second baseman Jonathan Schoop struck a deal to sell 10 percent of his future earnings for $4.91 million and Houston pitcher Collin McHugh struck an agreement to sell 10 percent for $3.96 million, the company said Wednesday. Fantex said the deals are contingent on the company obtaining financing to make the payments and include earnings from defined "future on- and off-field cash flows."

In addition, the company reached agreements with San Diego infielder Yangervis Solarte (11 percent for $3.15 million) and Minnesota pitcher Tyler Duffey (10 percent for $2.23 million).

Last September, Fantex agreed to pay Los Angeles Angels pitcher Andrew Heaney $3.34 million for 10 percent

RED RAIDERS

From 1C

Hargrove said he just tries to stay ready.

"Off the bench, I'm always ready to come in and get that hit," he said. "I don't let anything get to me, I don't let anything faze me, I just go in there and try to have great at-bats for the team and the results will take care of itself."

Early on, the Red Raiders (32-12) had trouble getting their offense going against Nate Cole. It's unknown if the Red Raiders were still getting over the hangover from this past weekend's series but Tadlock gave the Wildcats (13-25) plenty of credit.

"You can tell the game means a lot to them and that shows a lot about their character at this time of year," said Tadlock about ACU. "They're not in the best spot right now but they're playing the game the right way.

"At this time of year, all games are big, no matter who you're playing. You want to win to keep the momentum, or more than anything just to feel good. It makes the hour and 45-minute bus ride back home feel a lot better."

With ACU leading 3-1, the Red Raiders finally put some hits together in the fifth inning and tied the game behind RBI singles by Cory Raley and Tyler Neslony.

Hargrove put the Red Raiders in position in the eighth inning when he hit a leadoff double and then advanced to third when the left fielder bobbled the ball. Two batters later, Hargrove scored the go-ahead run when Floyd punched a single to left.

"Tyler stole my game-winning RBI from me, I guess," Floyd joked. "But I just try to keep the same approach, no matter how many guys are on base. I'm just glad it worked out."

ACU tied it at 4 in the top of the ninth thanks to a close play at first, which allowed pinch runner Chris Altimont to score from second base.

But the Red Raiders loaded the bases for Hargrove in the bottom of the ninth, and with no outs Hargrove smacked the ball to the left field wall for the game-winner.

The win gave the Red Raiders a 14-2 record at Security Bank Ballpark since 2004.

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Nate Cole, Nick Palacios (5), Zach Kornely (8), Brandon Lambright (9), Drew Hanson (9) and Alex Copeland. Erickson Lanning, Ryan Moseley (4), Robert Dugger (6), Hayden Howard (9) and Tyler Floyd. W - Howard. L - Lambright. 2B - ACU Copeland. Tech: Hunter Hargrove

ALLEN

From 1C

endurance as she threw a complete game, three-hitter in Midland High's 2-1 win over Lee.

The MHS junior has been tough to hit of late, using a deep assortment of pitches that includes a rise, a drop, a curveball, a screwball, a rise ball with screwball action and a changeup with screwball movement.

Even though Allen executes the pitches, she credits MHS catcher Natalie Gamboa for recognizing which offerings are working for her and keeping her spirits up when she surrenders a hit.

"We discuss before a game what we throw people to keep them off-balanced," Allen said. "Sometimes say they get a hit off of me, (Natalie) just calls time, then comes and talks to me and says 'hey that was a good pitch, but they just hit it. There's really nothing you can do about it.'"

It also helps that Allen and Gamboa have a friendship that dates back six years outside of softball.

Gamboa knows her as well as anybody on the Lady Bulldogs.

"(Deandra) is just a hard worker," Gamboa said. "She works hard through whatever she's battling and whenever she's in a tough situation, she just goes through it with the mindset of, I got to just get through the game and help my teammates work. Because they're working behind her, she's got to work for them too."

The good news is that Allen and Gamboa, both juniors, still have another offseason and year of eligibility to work together.

Allen has high aspirations for herself, specifying playing college softball as a goal. She even has dreams of playing on the USA Softball Team.

"I definitely have to continue working," Allen said. "I can never be satisfied off of this year. There's always a need for improvement in any of my pitches and there's always room to learn more pitches."

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The game

CLASS 6A BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFF
NO. 10 MIDLAND HIGH VS. NORTH CROWLEY

When/where: 6 p.m. today, Hermleigh High School

Records: North Crowley 9-17-1; Midland High 22-8-1

Notes and quotes: The Lady Panthers finished fourth in District 4-6A with a 7-7 record. "We do know they're fast," Midland High head coach Shawnda Vines said of North Crowley. "They get on the base paths and they're going to try to take extra bases. They're going to put pressure on your defense." ... In the tournament season, North Crowley played one District 3-6A team, Abilene High. On Feb. 28, Abilene High rolled to a 25-0 win that was called after two innings. AHS ended up finishing fourth in District 3-6A with a 4-6 mark. ... MHS leadoff hitter Brooke Ryan has been on a power-hitting tear. In her last four district games, Ryan has hit three home runs and four triples. ... Midland High has reached the postseason 11 straight seasons.

Next: Winner plays Lubbock Monterey-El Paso Eastwood winner in the area round, TBA

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

HS SOFTBALL
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Class 6A
Bi-district

Fort Worth Paschal (23-4, W4) vs. Abilene High (15-10-2, F3), Graham HS
Game 1: noon Friday; Game 2: noon Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after game 2
El Paso Montwood (15-7-1, R1) vs. Wolfforth Frenship (14-16, T2), Lee HS
Game 1: 4:30 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 10:30 a.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after game 2.
Midland High (22-8-1, W3) vs. North Crowley (9-17-1, F4), 6 p.m. Today at Hermleigh HS
Lubbock Monterey (12-17, R2) vs. El Paso Eastwood (17-8, T1), TBA
Mansfield (21-5, W8) at North Richland Hills Richland (12-17, F7), 7:30 p.m. Thurzday
Denton Guyer (24-4-1, R5) vs. Plano (T6), Prosper HS
Game 1: 7:30 pm. Thursday; Game 2: 2 p.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after game 2.
Hurst Bell (18-8-1, W7) vs. Duncanville (14-9-2, F8), 7 p.m. Thursday, Hurst Bell HS
Flower Mound (R6) vs. Keller Timber Creek (T5, 20-8), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Coppell
Lubbock Coronado (23-7, W2) vs. El Paso El Dorado (17-13, F1), Andrews HS
Game 1: 4:30 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 10:30 am. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after game 2
Odessa High (R3, 22-7-1) vs. Weatherford (14-12, T4), Abilene Christian University
Game 1: 5 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 11 a.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after game 2.
El Paso Franklin (19-9-1, W1) vs. Amarillo High (F2), Ratliff Complex, Odessa
Game 1: TBA Friday; Game 2: TBA Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after game 2.
Arlington Martin (18-12-2, R4) vs. Odessa Permian (23-8, T3)
Plano West (24-3, W6) vs. Trophy Club Byron Nelson (17-10-1, F5), Flower Mound Marcus HS
Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Thursday; Game 2: 7:30 p.m. Friday; *Game 3: 2 p.m. Saturday
Southlake Carroll (20-10, R7) vs. South Grand Prairie (12-13-3, T8)
Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Carroll; Game 2: 7 p.m. Friday at South Grand Prairie; *Game 3 2 p.m. Saturday at Haslet Eaton HS
Keller (22-5, W5) vs. Plano East (17-11, F6)
Game 1: 7 p.m. Thursday at Keller; Game 2: 7 p.m. Friday at Plano East; *Game 3: 2 p.m. Saturday at Plano East
Midlothian (14-11, R8) vs. Colleyville Heritage (12-8-1, T7)
Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Midlothian; Game 2: 7:30 p.m. Friday at Heritage; *Game 3 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Heritage

Class 4A
Bi-district

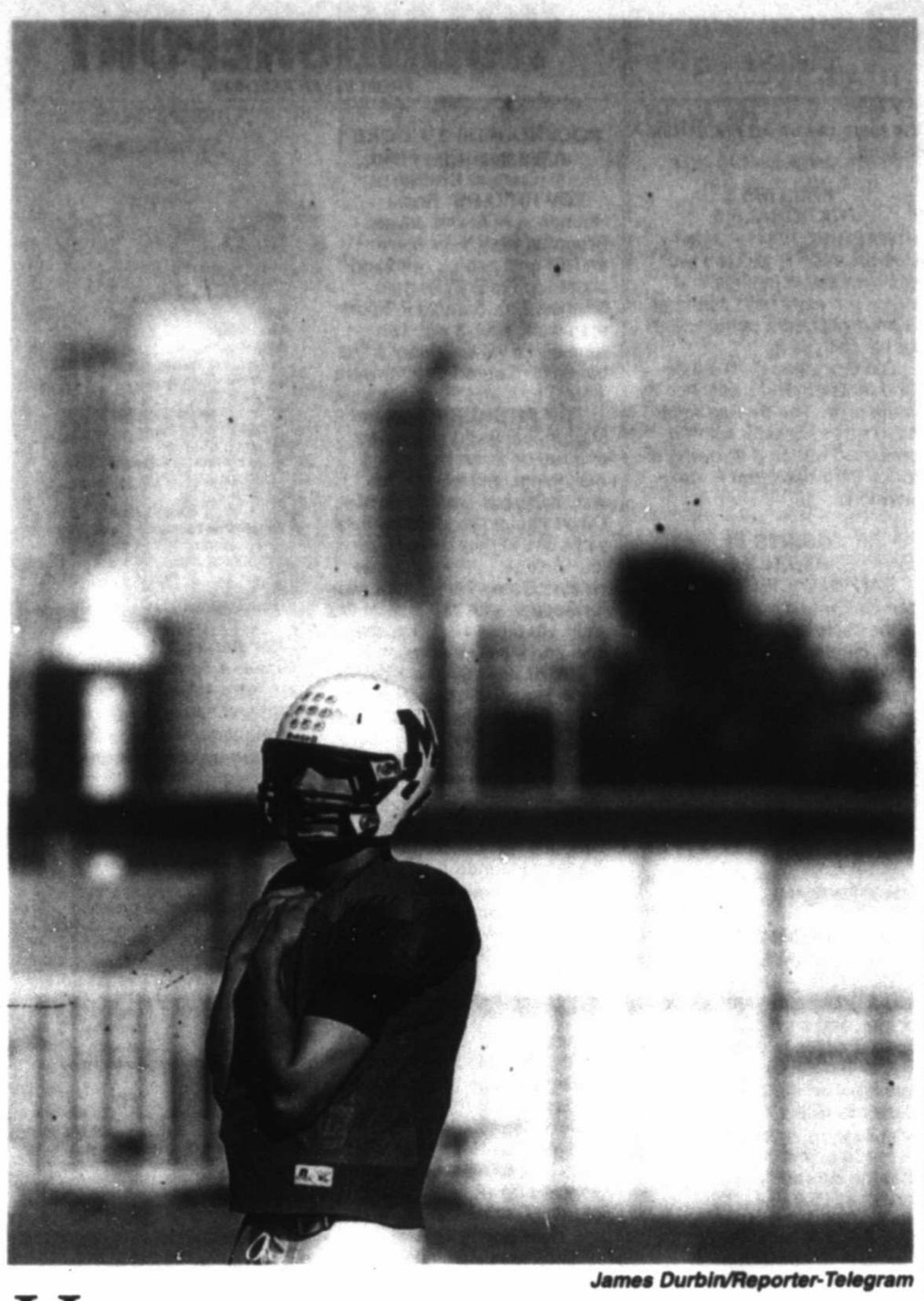
Andrews (W4) vs. San Elizario (5-16, F3), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sul Ross State, Alpine
Bushland (R1) vs. Sweetwater (14-9-3, T2), TBA
Clint (15-11, W3) vs. Monahans (21-9-2, F4), 5 p.m. Thursday, Sul Ross State, Alpine
Big Spring (R2) vs. Borger (16-7, T1), Lubbock Coronado HS
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday; Game 2: TBA Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after game 2.
Decatur (W8) vs. Midlothian Heritage (5-17, F7), TBA
Vernon (R5) vs. Abilene Wylie (11-9-1, T6)
Game 1: 8 p.m. Thursday, Graham; Game 2: 7 p.m. Friday, Snyder; *Game 3: TBA
Godley (19-6, W7) vs. River Oaks Castleberry (10-14, F8), Fort Worth Chisholm Trail HS
Game 1: 7 p.m. Wednesday; Game 2: 4 p.m. Friday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after game 2.
Brownwood (16-7-1, R6) vs. Iowa Park (11-13, T5), 4 p.m. Saturday, Abilene Christian University
Snyder (22-10, W2) vs. Dalhart (8-15, F1), 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Plainview HS
Fabens (15-12, R3) vs. Seminole (15-13, T4), Fabens HS
Game 1: TBA Friday; Game 2: TBA Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after game 2.
Pampa (W1) vs. Levelland (21-13, F2), TBA
Fort Stockton (22-9, R4) vs. Clint Mountain View (8-14-1, T3)
Stephenville (22-9, W6) vs. Wichita Falls Hirschi (5-17, F5), 6 p.m. Wednesday, Stephenville HS
Alvarado (23-8, R7) vs. Bridgeport (T8), TBA
Burkburnett (21-9, W5) vs. Mineral Wells (14-9, F6), 7 p.m. Thursday, Henrietta HS
Springtown (11-14, R8) vs. Kennedale (13-16-1, T7), Haslet Eaton HS
Game 1: 7 p.m. Thursday; Game 2: 7 p.m. Friday; *Game 3: 11 a.m. Saturday

Class 3A

Alpine (13-3) vs. Slaton (F3), TBA
Sanford-Fritch (10-12-1, R1) vs. Littlefield (3-5, T2), Hereford HS
Game 1: 6:30 p.m. Today; Game 2: noon Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after game 2
Brownfield (W3) vs. Kermit (4-9-1, F4), Hobbs, N.M
Game 1: 6 p.m. CDT Friday; Game 2: noon CDT Saturday
Muleshoe (7-15, R2) vs. Childress (7-13, T1), Hermleigh HS
Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 6 p.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after game 2.
Clyde (12-4-2, W8) vs. Brady (3-7, F7), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Abilene Christian University
Coahoma (R5) vs. Ballinger (11-14, T6), 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Coahoma
Bangs (22-4, W7) vs. Dublin (F8), 7 p.m. Thursday, Brownwood
Merkel (13-7, R6) vs. Reagan County (T5), TBA
Shallowater (25-5-1, W2) bye
Denver City (R3) vs. Crane (16-10, T4)
Game 1: 6 p.m. Thursday, Crane; Game 2: 6 p.m. Friday, Denver City; *Game 3: 3 p.m. Midland High
River Road (24-3, W1) vs. Dimmitt (F2), Amarillo Tascosa HS
Game 1: 5:30 p.m. Thursday; Game 2: noon Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after game 2.
Presidio (R4) vs. Lubbock Roosevelt (T3), TBA
Wall (19-5, W6) vs. Sonora (F5), TBA
Early (18-10, R7) vs. Cisco (14-7, T8), Abilene Christian University
Game 1: 5:30 p.m. Thursday; Game 2: 7 p.m. Friday; Game 3: 30 minutes after game 2.
Colorado City (17-3, W5) vs. San Angelo Grape Creek (8-16, F6), 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Ballinger
Breckenridge (15-11-1, R8) vs. Comanche (13-9, T7), TBA

Class 2A
Bi-district

Van Horn (W4) vs. Borden County (F3), 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Ratliff Complex, Odessa
Gruver (9-4-1, R1) vs. Lockney (T2)
Game 1: 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Stinnett West Texas; Game 2: 7 p.m. Saturday, Shallowater; *Game 3: 30 minutes after game 2
Forsan (16-8-1, W3) vs. McCamey (F4), 6 p.m. Friday, Freddie Ezell Softball Complex
Abernathy (R2) vs. Clarendon (T1)
Game 1: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Amarillo HS; Game 2: 4 p.m. or 6 p.m. Saturday, Plainview HS; *Game 3: 30 minutes after game 2.
Windthorst (W8) vs. Albany (11-11, F7), TBA
Ozona (14-7-1, R5) vs. Rotan (T6), TBA
Hawley (19-7-1, W7) vs. Seymour (17-9, F8)
Game 1: 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Hawley; Game 2: 7:30 p.m. Friday at Seymour; *Game 3: 30 minutes after game 2.
Winters (R6) vs. Eldorado (T5), TBA
Ralls (18-4, W2) vs. Memphis (F1), 7 p.m. Saturday at Lubbock Christian University
Sundown (R3) vs. Anthony (T4), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Ratliff Complex, Odessa
Stinnett West Texas (19-4, W1) vs. New Deal (F2)
Game 1: 7 p.m. Wednesday at West Texas; Game 2: 3 p.m. Saturday at New Deal; *Game 3: 30 minutes after game 2.
Marfa (R4) vs. Ira (T3), TBA
Hermleigh (W6) vs. Mason (F5), TBA
Haskell (R7) vs. Archer City (T8)
Game 1: 6 p.m. Thursday, Seymour; Game 2: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Graham; *Game 3: 30 minutes after game 2.
Junction (15-12, W5) vs. Roby (F6), 6 p.m. Wednesday, San Angelo Lake View HS
Petrolia (16-8-1, R8) vs. Stamford (T7), 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Graford



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HOPEFUL FOR THE FUTURE

Midland High prospective quarterback Suddin Sapien is photographed during practice Wednesday at Memorial Stadium.

Saints' Drew Brees: Pace of contract talks not hurting team

By Brett Martel
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Drew Brees asserts that his contract talks with the Saints haven't hampered the club's ability to acquire top free agents this offseason because he is committed to negotiating an extension that would improve the Saints' financial flexibility.

The quarterback said in an interview with the Associated Press that he was "on board" with New Orleans' recent bid to sign former Caroiina Panthers cornerback Josh Norman, who decided to play instead for Washington, signing a five-year deal with the Redskins worth up to $75 million. Brees dismissed the notion that uncertainty surrounding his own contract undermined New Orleans' ability to compete for Norman's services.

"We all understand that's not the case," Brees said. "He went to Washington as his first visit. And if you know anything about free agency, usually, that's the visit where, once you're in that office, the deal's getting done and Washington is a place where, historically, you'd say Washington's got the deepest pockets.

"From my perspective, we made a pretty strong push to try to get him and obviously I was on board 100 percent and willing to do whatever we needed to do," Brees added.

Brees spoke with the AP this week during promotional work for a Tempur-Pedic mattress designed to dissipate heat. The quarterback is appearing in a comedic series of commercials for the mattress company with Saints center Max Unger.

Brees is entering the final year of a five-year, $100 million contract he signed in 2012. The deal currently counts $30 million against New Orleans' salary cap, but an extension could spread out the salary cap figure for Brees' pay over the next several years, thus lowering this year's figure and giving the Saints more cap room.

The NFL's 2016 salary cap is $155 million per team. The Saints' current player payroll is already within a few million dollars of hitting that number with the draft coming up this week, starting with Thursday night's first round.

While Brees' negotiations with New Orleans have continued at a methodical pace, quarterbacks around the NFL have gotten raises, essentially improving Brees' market value. Although Brees is 37, his 4,870 yards passing last season ranked first in the NFL, even though he missed a game with a sprained shoulder. He also passed for 32 touchdowns in 2015, which tied for seventh league-wide and was only four behind Tom Brady's league-leading 36.

So while the Saints are coming off of consecutive 7-9 seasons, their quarterback's play has remained elite.

"Do I want to sign an extension? Yes, I do. Do the Saints feel that way? Yes. Do the fans feel that way? Yes. So we all agree on that," Brees said.

DRAFT

From 1C

Goff and Wentz share the same agency, Rep 1 Sports, and got to know each other when they trained together while preparing for the draft.

"I think our careers will kind of be linked together for forever," Goff said. "But yeah, we're friendly and competitive, just like any other quarterbacks that train together, and had a good time getting to know him."

For a long time, it looked as if quarterback was the least likely possibility for the No. 1 pick. Tennessee, which drafted Marcus Mariota in the first round a year ago, was connected to Mississippi offensive tackle Laremy Tunsil for the top spot.

Everything changed two weeks ago when the Titans traded the top selection and two other picks to Los Angeles for a package that included the Rams' first-round picks in each of the next two drafts. Then Cleveland traded the No. 2 pick to Philadelphia, and the top of the first round had a whole new look.

"It was exciting," Wentz said. "Obviously you're aware of what the teams kind of need a little bit, and my agents kind of filled me in a little bit. But it was exciting. Anytime there's movement in the draft, it's always fun."

The 6-5, 310-pound Tunsil, who helped clear the way for the Rebels' prolific rushing attack, brushed off the personal fallout from the trades like he discards would-be tacklers.

"Things happen for a reason, and whatever team I get to go to, I'll be happy with," he said.

After Goff and Wentz go in the top two spots, the real drama begins at No. 3 with the San Diego Chargers.

Tunsil, Florida State defensive back Jalen Ramsey, and Ohio State stars Joey Bosa and Ezekiel Elliott likely will be among the next group of players to head to the podium for a handshake from Commissioner Roger Goodell. Offensive tackles Ronnie Stanley of Notre Dame and Jack Conklin from Michigan State also are expected to go quickly.

And everyone thinks they are a wise selection.

"I'm versatile. I'm a jack of all trades," said Elliott, trying to buck a recent trend moving running backs down in the draft. "I have worked on my game so that I have no holes. I don't think when I get on the field that I have any weaknesses. That's just how I think. You can always get better at things, but I think there's nothing I'm bad at."

NFL DRAFT ORDER

Today-Saturday
At Chicago
First Round

1. Los Angeles (from Tennessee)
2. Philadelphia (from Cleveland)
3. San Diego
4. Dallas
5. Jacksonville
6. Baltimore
7. San Francisco
8. Cleveland (from Miami through Philadelphia)
9. Tampa Bay
10. N.Y. Giants
11. Chicago
12. New Orleans
13. Miami (from Philadelphia)
14. Oakland
15. Tennessee (from Los Angeles)
16. Detroit
17. Atlanta
18. Indianapolis
19. Buffalo
20. N.Y. Jets
21. Washington
22. Houston
23. Minnesota
24. Cincinnati
25. Pittsburgh
26. Seattle
27. Green Bay
28. Kansas City
New England (forfeited)
29. Arizona
30. Carolina
31. Denver

Can Vegas actually win a longshot bet on the Raiders?

TIM DAHLBERG
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — This is a town built on taking money from people, not giving it to them.

But when the NFL comes calling, all bets may be off.

What seemed unimaginable just a few months ago may no longer be such a stretch. Pair one of the world's richest men with a team eager to escape Oakland and, who knows, even the most hardcore NFL owners might be persuaded to give this gambling city a try.

Besides, doesn't "Las Vegas Raiders" have a certain ring to it?

There's a catch, of course. Actually a couple of them, if you consider the NFL's longtime refusal to even admit that Las Vegas exists.

This is, you might remember, a league that just a few years ago wouldn't allow the city to run ads during the Super Bowl, lest it somehow corrupt the game. The league that just last year told Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo he couldn't run a fantasy football convention in Las Vegas because holding an event at a property owned by a casino was against NFL rules.

The same hypocritical league that has tried to position itself as some sort of moral authority when it comes to sports betting, when in fact the point spread played a big role in helping make it the most popular league in the country.

But now Mark Davis wants to bring his Raiders to town, or so it seems. Rebuffed by the NFL in his attempt to move to Los Angeles and apparently not feeling any love from politicians in Oakland he has set his sights on Sin City as the new home of the silver and black.

In a town that has seen almost every scam imaginable, some might laugh at the thought of being played like a sucker in the NFL relocation game. But Davis has an ace in the hole in billionaire casino owner Sheldon Adelson, who is spearheading — make that steamrolling — a proposed $1.4 billion stadium just off the glittering Strip to host the Raiders.

Davis is expected to be at a meeting Thursday of a commission studying the stadium issue, and there are reports he will publicly commit to moving his team if the city will commit to a stadium.

That surely will get the attention of Roger Goodell and others in the NFL offices in New York.

The problem is, Adelson doesn't want to spend much of his own money — Forbes says he's worth $28.9 billion — building the stadium. A preliminary plan for the stadium calls for two-thirds of the money to be raised by tourist taxes, including some that rival hotel operators want used for an expansion of the city's convention center.

But what Adelson wants in Las Vegas he usually gets. That includes the city's daily newspaper, which he bought just before plans for the new stadium became public and which has been an unabashed cheerleader for the project.

And in a town that has seen more than its share of big ideas and failed dreams, really, what's $1.4 billion among friends?

Actually, there's a lot to like about the Raiders in Las Vegas. A rebel team for a rebel town, it's almost a perfect match, assuming the NFL can somehow overcome its betting phobia.

And with thousands of fans expected to come to town for each game, imagine how the city's airport will look on a game morning with Raider fans in their Sunday best.

Still, there remains the betting issue. Some old school NFL owners still view it as a stigma that can't be overcome, and Davis would have to get 23 other owners to agree on the move before it could be made.

But the league is playing an expanded schedule in London, where there are betting parlors on every corner. And Goodell opened the door just a bit to the possibility of Las Vegas last month, softening the league's stance by saying "ultimately each owner would have a vote on that."

The NHL doesn't seem to have such qualms and may award the city an expansion franchise for the new T-Mobile Arena on the Strip in coming weeks. NBA commissioner Adam Silver is also on record as saying sports betting is good for business as long as it is legal and well regulated.

The NFL was always going to be a longshot for Las Vegas, and still probably is. To land a team, NFL owners would have to change some deeply held mindsets, and politicians would have to take a risky gamble on public financing of the stadium.

Davis would also have to prove he's not like his carpet bagging father, who moved the Raiders to Los Angeles and back, while pocketing a $10 million deposit from the small city of Irwindale in 1989 on a failed stadium bid there.

Indeed, the obstacles would have seemed insurmountable before Adelson put the full weight of his wealth and influence behind it.

Suddenly, though, it's getting more difficult to find anyone willing to lay odds against it.

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KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Grey's Anatomy (N)		Scandal "Buckle Up" (N)		The Catch "The Benefactor" (N)		Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Couple (N)	Mom (N)	2 Broke Girls (N)	Rush Hour "Assault on Precinct 7" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) Stephen Colbert	(:35) J.Corden
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A Griffith	A Griffith	Happy Days	Laverne & Shirley	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Tragic Trophy"	Twilight Zone
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Bones "The Monster in the Closet" (N)		American Girl "Moving Camp" (N)		Fox 24 News	TMZ	2 Broke Girls	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Met Your Mother
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KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Daytripper TV	Arts in Context	National Parks "Going Home (1920-1933)" The Automobile increases traffic to the parks.				Charlie Rose (N)	World News	Tavis Smiley
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SHOW		320	565	19	140	25	Movie	(:50) Need for Speed ('14, Act) Aaron Paul.					Lies	Dice	Gigolos	Dice	Gigolos	Movie
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A&E		27	58	28	35	47	The First 48		The First 48 "In a Lonely Place"		60 Days In: Time Out "Shakedown" (N)		60 Days In (N)		(:05) The First 48 "Blood Lust"		(:05) The First 48 "In a Lonely Place"	
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BET		58	-		40		(4:00) Welcome ...		Martin	Martin	Chasing Destiny		Chasing Destiny		Martin	Martin	Wendy Williams	
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CNBC		46	52		39	72	American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed (N)		American Greed		American Greed	
CNN		43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		The Eighties (N)		The Eighties		A. Cooper 360		The Eighties	
DISC		50	60	31	24	42	Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid	
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FNC		45	48	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity			The O'Reilly Factor	The Kelly File	
FOOD		64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		BeatFlay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Chopped	
FREEFORM		53	63	34	42	33	(5:00) Save the Last Dance		Step Up Revolution ('12, Dra) Kathryn McCormic.						The 700 Club		Failure to Launch	
FSSW		37	38	50	45	29	Sport-sDay (N)	Texans Huddle (N)	MILB Baseball San Antonio Missions at Frisco RoughRiders Site: Dr. Pepper Ballpark -- Frisco, Texas (L)						Championship Spot "Girls Basketball"		Big 12 Showcase	SportsD-ay OnAir		
FX		31	56	59	64	69	Movie	Just Go With It ('11, Com) Adam Sandler.					Archer (N)	Archer	Archer	Just Go With It		
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	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	H.Hunt	House	Masters of Flip (N)		FlipFlop	FlipFlop
HISTORY		71	59	29	50	43	Pawn S.	Pawn Star	Alone (N)		Alone (N)		(:05) Amer. Pickers		Join/Die	(:35) Class	Alone: A Deeper Cut	
LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	48	Project Runway "Rebel With a Cause"		PR All Stars Social "State of the Art" (N)		Project Runway: All Stars "Prince of Prints" (N)				Project Runway: All Stars "Prince of Prints"		PR All Stars Social "State of the Art"	
MSNBC		47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	43				(5:30) Mecum Auto Auctions: Muscle Cars & More						Mecum Auto Auctions: Muscle Cars & More "Kissimmee, Fla."					
NICK		55	-	39	34	37	Thunder	Thunder	Legally Blonde Reese Witherspoon.				F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	(5:30) The Expendables 2						Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync
SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	Movie	The Mummy ('99, Adv) Brendan Fraser.							The Mummy Returns ('01, Adv) Rachel Weisz, Brendan Fraser.			
TBS		25	33	44	66	41	Sein. "The Café"	Seinfeld "The Tape"	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Conan Keegan Michael Key		Full Frontal	Conan		
TCM		41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) Bye Bye Bi...		S. Loren: TCM Fest.		Movie		(:45) Marriage Italian Style			S. Loren: TCM Fest.	Movie	
TELE		20	-	10	20		Alfombra premios		Premios Billboard Evento que honra los artistas de la industria musical.						Al rojo	Premios Billboard	Estrellas	
TLC		51	61	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life: Now "Penny and Tara"		600-lb Life "Pauline's Story" (N)		Extreme Weight Loss "Ryan" A young man weighs over 400 pounds.				Extreme Weight Loss "Michael"		600-lb Life "Pauline's Story"	
TNT		24	34	40	26	50	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)						NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)				Inside the NBA	
TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	Griffith	A. Griffith	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens		
USA		26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Honor"		WWE Smackdown! WWE superstars do battle in long-running rivalries.				Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family
WGN		19	85				Elementary "M."		Elementary "The Red Team"		Elementary "The Deductionist"		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother

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Taurasi, Catchings, Bird headline US women's Olympic team

By Doug Feinberg
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Four-time Olympians Diana Taurasi, Sue Bird and Tamika Catchings headline the U.S. women's national team roster heading to Brazil for the Rio Games this summer.

The trio will be joined by newcomers Elena Delle Donne, Brittney Griner and Breanna Stewart.

Maya Moore, Seimone Augustus, Lindsay Whalen, Angel McCoughtry, Tina Charles and Sylvia Fowles round out the American squad announced Wednesday morning.

The roster gives coach Geno Auriemma plenty of options as the U.S. goes for its sixth consecutive gold medal.

"When you look at the team there's a little bit of everything. A little bit of youth, a little bit of the middle and then there is the veterans," Auriemma told The Associated Press. "There's some size and there's lot of flexibility to handle things a lot of different ways. Everyone that's on the team is on the team for a purpose. They feel like they can do something that's unique for the team.

"The ones that won gold medals in the world championship and the Olympics, they are invaluable and yet everyone's role changes every year. Whatever role you played in 2012 didn't necessarily mean you will play that role now."

The U.S. has won 41 consecutive Olympic contests dating back to the bronze medal game in 1992. Taurasi, Bird and Catchings were all part of the gold medal teams in 2004, 2008 and 2012. Nine of the players were on the 2012 Olympic team.

The three veterans join Teresa Edwards and Lisa Leslie as the only Americans to play in at least four Olympics. Edwards played in five while Leslie was in four.

"The veterans that are going for their fourth gold medal have accomplished an awful lot. They were at one time the new kids and they are now the veterans," Auriemma said. "They are great leaders. ... Obviously it's going to come to an end at some point for those three, but not just yet."

Eight players were in New York for the announcement and Wednesday afternoon they participated in an on-court demonstration with first lady Michelle Obama as part of the 100 days out celebration in Times Square.

Bird was honored to get the Olympic call from national team director Carol Callan, informing the 35-year-old she would be a part of the team for a fourth time.

Stewart focuses on 'fun' after NASCAR fine, policy change

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Tony Stewart kept his thoughts to himself after NASCAR beefed up the penalties for using fewer than five lug nuts on each wheel during a race.

Carl Edwards and Chase Elliott both backed the move.

Last week, Stewart urged series officials to tighten up the lug nut rule that stopped being enforced last season. NASCAR can only check the lug nuts before and after races, but may call a car back to pit road during races.

Stewart's reward for his opinion was a $35,000 fine under NASCAR's behavior rules. The Sprint Cup Drivers Council raised the money to pay the fine for Stewart, but he said Wednesday that he would pay the fine and the money from the council was being donated to Autism Delaware.

On Monday, NASCAR announced it would impose mandatory fines and other penalties for teams caught short on lug nuts. And if a tire falls off during a Sprint Cup race because of "improper installation," the crew chief and other crew members would receive at least a four-race suspension.

So Stewart steered clear of any rules discussion at his home-state track. Instead, the three-time series champ who is retiring after this season got sentimental.

"I'm actually having fun up here. This is my last tire test as a driver," he told a NASCAR spokesman. "It's been kind of fun, because three of the main guys that were here when I started are here at this test — they don't always get to come to the same test together — so it's kind of nice to be working with them one last time. I don't like to go test. it's boring to me, but I've always liked any chance I got to come up to Indy and test. it's something I always want to do."

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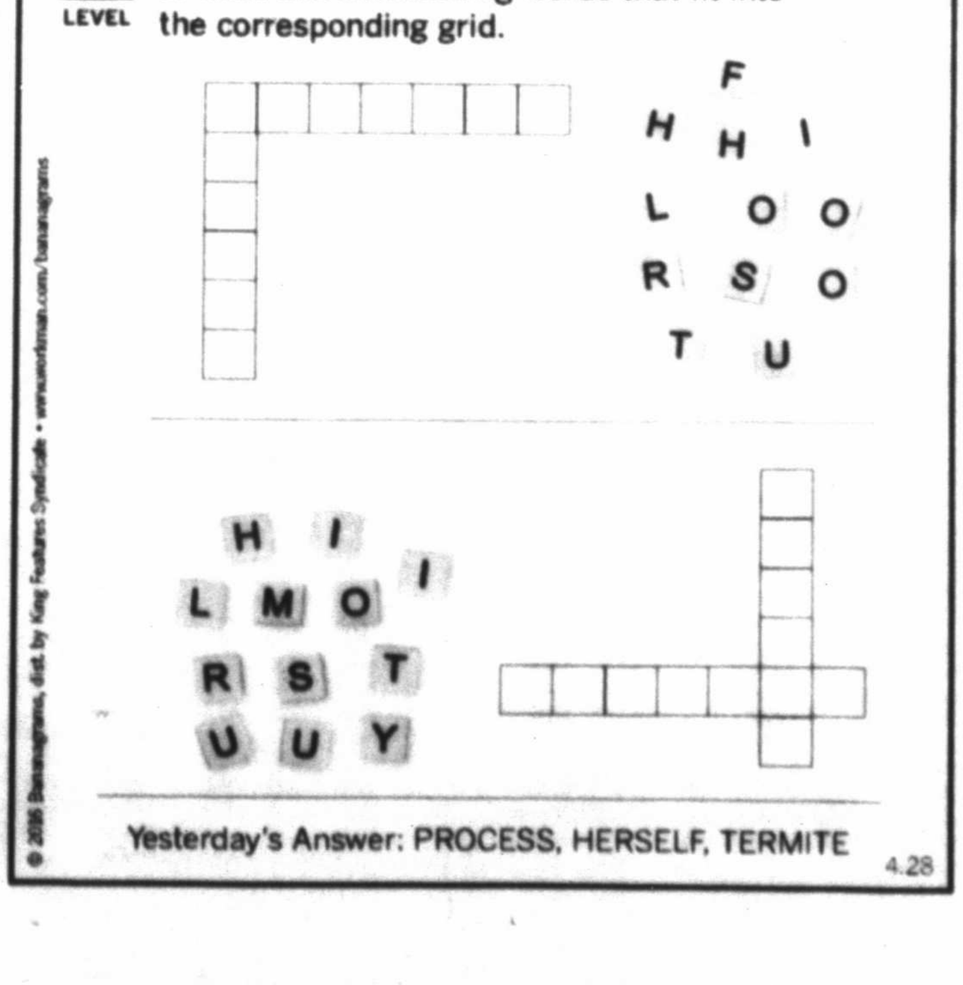

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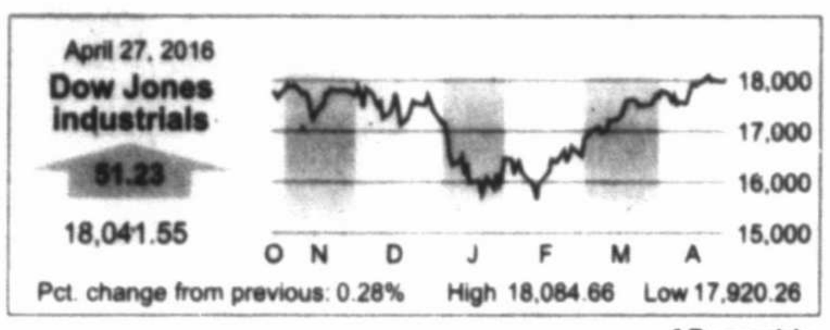

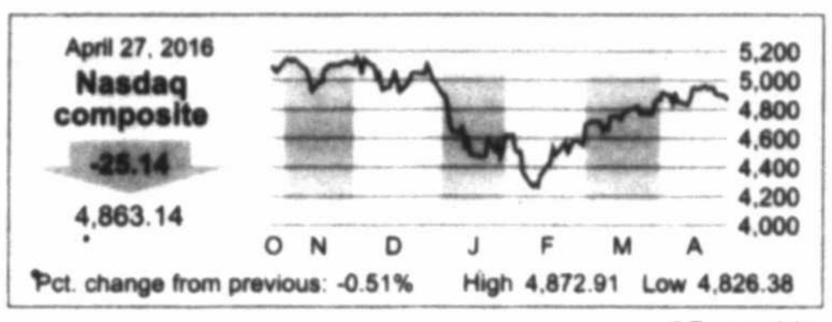

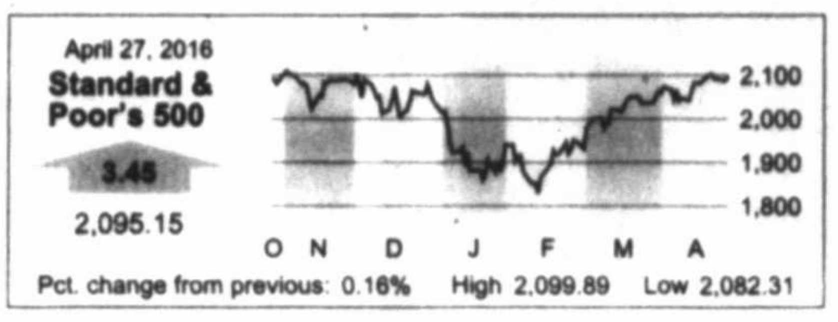

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Wednesday:	$45.33
Previous:	$44.04

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Wednesday:	$41.75
Previous:	$40.50

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Wednesday:	$37.20
Previous:	$35.95

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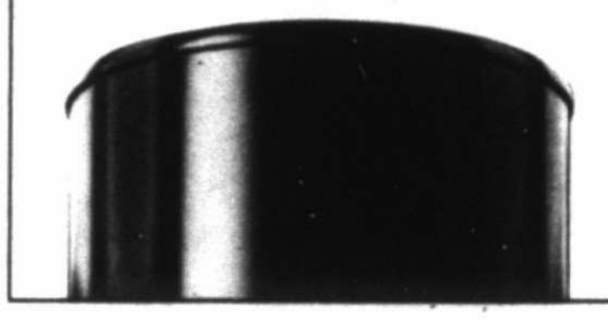
Wednesday:	$1.995
Previous:	$2.032



Fed leaves rates unchanged, signals openness to June increase

By Christopher Condon
Bloomberg

Federal Reserve policymakers signaled they're open to raising interest rates in June, nodding to improvement in global financial markets and downplaying recent weakness in the U.S. economy.

The Federal Open Market Committee omitted previous language that "global economic and financial developments continue to pose risks," instead saying officials will "closely monitor" such developments, according to a statement released Wednesday following a two-day meeting in Washington. The Fed left its benchmark interest rate unchanged.

"Labor market conditions have improved further even as growth in economic activity appears to have slowed," the FOMC said. "Growth in household spending has moderated, although households' real income has risen at a solid rate and consumer sentiment remains high."

The committee reiterated that it will probably raise rates at a "gradual" pace.

Extending a hold since raising interest rates in December from close to zero, the committee said that inflation has continued to run below the Fed's 2 percent target, and market-based measures of inflation compensation remain low.

Officials omitted an assessment of whether the risks to the outlook were balanced or not for the third straight meeting. After saying in December that risks were "balanced," policy makers removed the so-called "balance of risks" in January amid financial-market turmoil.

Minutes from the March meeting showed that "many" officials saw the global situation posing downside risks to the U.S. economy.

Esther George, president of the Kansas City Fed, dissented for the second meeting in a row, repeating her preference for a quarter-point increase instead of voting to leave the federal funds rate's target range at 0.25 percent to 0.5 percent.

Fed Chair Janet Yellen isn't scheduled to hold a post-meeting press conference.

Spurred largely by robust jobs growth, Yellen closed 2015 by leading the FOMC to its first rate rise in almost a decade and declaring her expectation for a "gradual" pace of additional hikes this year.

Stocks rise

U.S. stocks rose Wednesday after the Federal Reserve left its key interest rate unchanged, as investors expected. Energy companies climbed again as the price of oil came close to a six-month high. Technology stocks were battered following weak results from Apple and Twitter.

Stocks opened mostly lower in muted early trading, but they moved higher after the Fed released its decision on interest rates. Bond yields fell and investors bought high-dividend phone and utility companies instead.

Investors didn't expect the Fed to raise interest rates this month, and they're starting to think that interest rates won't go up in June, the Fed's next meeting, either.

"There's nothing in this to tell us when the next rate hike is going to be," Kelly said.

The Dow Jones industrial average picked up 51.23 points, or 0.3 percent, to 18,041.55. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 3.45 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,095.15. The Nasdaq composite index dropped 25.14 points, or 0.5 percent, to 4,863.14.

Metals end mixed

The price of gold rose $7 to $1,250.40 an ounce. Silver gained 18 cents, or 1 percent, to $17.29 an ounce. Copper fell 3 cents, or 1.1 percent, to $2.22 a pound.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1052600	15.02	-.07
Twitter	791575	14.86	-2.89
DirDGldBr	749980	1.87	-.07
S&P500ETF	695978	209.35	+.43
B iPVixST	670710	15.38	-.48

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
HlthSth wt	3.67	+1.63	+79.9
Willbros	3.17	+.58	+22.4
GulfMrkA	6.94	+1.20	+20.9
Barracuda	18.18	+2.63	+16.9
K12	12.10	+1.66	+15.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Twitter	14.86	-2.89	-16.3
BlockHR	20.59	-3.23	-13.6
InvRlEst	6.07	-.94	-13.4
RobtHalf	39.13	-5.47	-12.3
NavMH pfH	4.45	-.50	-10.1

DIARY

Advanced	2,143
Declined	934
Unchanged	94
Total issues	3,171
New Highs	124
New Lows	6
Volume	4,015,748,319

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BarcGSOil	37753	5.96	+.20
GlPanSilv g	33862	1.78	+.17
SynergyRs	32861	7.63	+.04
NwGold g	32493	4.55	+.07
ChenierEn	25549	39.11	+1.86

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NovaBay rs	2.43	+.36	+17.6
Gastar pfA	13.74	+1.01	+7.9
PlatGpM rs	3.26	+.23	+7.6
Gastar pfB	14.50	+.95	+7.0
RetractTc	2.55	+.15	+6.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MastchHld	7.00	-.70	-9.1
MexcoEn	2.24	-.21	-8.6
GigPeak	2.46	-.16	-6.1
SynthBiol	2.19	-.13	-5.6
Flanign	18.39	-.98	-5.0

DIARY

Advanced	215
Declined	141
Unchanged	29
Total issues	385
New Highs	6
New Lows	2
Volume	77,396,275

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Apple Inc	1076848	97.82	-6.53
CSVixSh rs	423277	3.23	-.24
Microsoft	415984	50.94	-.50
Facebook	359127	108.89	+.13
SiriusXM	296356	3.98	+.01

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Approach	2.99	+.64	+27.2
LegacyRes	3.64	+.73	+25.1
OceanRig	2.28	+.42	+22.6
FstClover	11.83	+2.11	+21.7
EV Engy	3.39	+.59	+21.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
QIWI plc	12.47	-2.07	-14.2
Sharps	4.50	-.73	-14.0
FlexionTh	10.61	-1.54	-12.7
Hailiang n	8.17	-1.13	-12.2
DynavaxT	18.53	-2.45	-11.7

DIARY

Advanced	1,476
Declined	1,299
Unchanged	174
Total issues	2,949
New Highs	85
New Lows	20
Volume	1,862,265,108

Pfizer to pay $784.6 million to resolve drug discount case

Bloomberg

Pfizer and its Wyeth unit have agreed to pay $784.6 million to resolve allegations that Wyeth overcharged the government by hiding the discounts it was giving hospitals.

The hidden discounts deprived Medicaid of "hundred of millions of dollars" in rebates from 2001 to 2006, according to a statement Wednesday from U.S. Attorney Carmen Ortiz in Boston. The government said the companies did not deny its claims. Pfizer, which acquired Wyeth in 2009, previously announced the agreement in February. The agreement covers two forms of Protonix, which is used as an antacid.

"This settlement demonstrates our unwavering commitment to hold pharmaceutical companies responsible for pursuing pricing schemes that attempt to manipulate and overcharge federal health care programs," Benjamin C. Mizer, deputy assistant attorney general at the Department of Justice, said in a separate statement.

Medicaid requires pharmaceutical companies to give discounts on drugs that are related to the best prices they give other purchasers. Drugmakers have in the past been accused of hiding or manipulating those prices to avoid or decrease the discounts they give to the program.

"We are pleased to have finalized the agreement to resolve these cases, which involve historic conduct that occurred at least 10 years ago, before we acquired Wyeth," said Pfizer General Counsel Doug Lankler in a statement.

The settlement resolves a case filed under the False Claims Act, which allows citizens to sue on behalf of the government and share in any recovery. Two whistle-blowers, Lauren Kieff and William St. John LaCorte, will share $98.1 million, according to the Justice Department.

Kieff is a former hospitals sales representative for AstraZeneca and LaCorte is a physician in New Orleans. LaCorte first filed a lawsuit in 2002 and Kieff sued in 2003, according to a settlement agreement. LaCorte claimed that Wyeth sold Protonix Oral tablets to hospitals for as low as 16 cents per tablet while not reporting that price to federal programs.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $18.99 Up 1.61

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $121.51 Up 2.55

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $5.13 Up 0.05

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $88.43 Up 1.92

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $3.64 Up 0.73

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $2.24 Down 0.21

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $22.93 Up 0.03

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $31.85 Down 0.12

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $7.29 Up 0.38

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $18.73 Up 0.34

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.92	16	38.72	+.63	+12.5
Abraxas	...	...	1.26	+.08	+18.9
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	12.87	+.01	+.3
AMD			3.73	+.07	+30.0
Alcoa	.12	31	11.31	+.65	+14.6
AlonUSA	.60	16	11.49	+.07	-22.6
Ambev	.19e		5.45	+.03	+22.2
Amgen	4.00	17	161.00	-1.85	-.8
Anadarko	.20m	...	54.78	+2.42	+12.8
Apache	1.00	...	57.54	+1.66	+29.4
Apple Inc	2.28f	11	97.82	-6.53	-7.1
ApldMatl	.40	20	21.42	+.15	+14.7
ArcelorMit			5.53	-.06	+72.0
Archrock	.75f		9.59	+.54	+27.5
ATMOS	1.68f	23	71.80	+.09	+13.9
AutoData	2.12	29	90.12	+.33	+6.4
BP PLC	2.40e	...	33.84	+.35	+8.3
BabsCCInv	1.20		17.44	-.26	+1.1
BakrHu	.68		46.94	+1.14	+1.7
BkofAm	.20	11	15.02	-.07	-10.8
B iPVixST			15.38	-.48	-23.5
BarrickG	.08	47	16.61	+.13	+125.1
BasicEnSv			2.82	+.09	+5.2
BerkHa A	...	15	221430.00	+1090.00	+11.9
BlkHillsCp	1.68f	40	59.29	+.32	+27.7
BlockHR	.80	14	20.59	-3.23	-38.2
BostonSci			21.89	+2.20	+18.7
BrMySq	1.52f	50	70.23	-.63	+2.1
BrownFA	1.36f	32	101.22	+.49	-8.1
BrownFB	1.36f	28	94.48	+1.13	-4.8
CVS Health	1.70f	21	102.70	-.15	+5.0
CalifRescs	...	...	2.41	+.23	+3.4
Caterpillar	3.08	20	78.68	+1.03	+15.8
Celestic g	...	11	10.74	-.03	-2.6
CntryLink	2.16	20	31.58	+.16	+25.5
ChesEng	...	...	7.14	+.54	+58.7
Chevron	4.28	42	103.85	+1.56	+15.4
Chicos	.32f	47	13.26	+.15	+24.3
Cimarex	.32m	...	112.57	+1.31	+25.9
Cisco	1.04f	14	28.64	+.19	+6.3
Citigroup	.20	12	47.33	+.23	-8.5
ClayEng	...	...	18.99	+1.61	-35.8
CocaCola	1.40f	25	44.68	+.15	+4.0
ColgPalm	1.56f	25	69.31	+.35	+4.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Comcast	1.10f	19	61.30	+.25	+9.1
ConAgra	1.00	26	44.88	+.53	+6.5
ConchoRes	...	...	121.51	+2.55	+30.9
ConocoPhil	1.00m	...	48.11	+.03	+3.0
ConsolEngy	.04		15.69	+1.53	+98.6
Corning	.54f	17	19.30	+.08	+5.6
CrackerB	4.40a	21	148.57	+.46	+17.1
CSVelIVST			28.81	+.79	+11.7
CSVLgCrd rs				30.78	+2.54
CSVixSh rs			3.23	-.24	-48.4
CrosTim	1.35e	10	16.51	-.10	+26.9
DCP Mid	3.12	37	33.18	+1.15	+34.5
DTE	2.92f	19	87.45	+1.38	+9.1
Dataram h			.58	-.02	-12.1
DenburyR			4.64	+.54	+129.7
DevonE	.24m	...	36.91	+2.29	+15.3
DirDGldBr			1.87	-.07	-88.7
Disney	1.42f	19	105.28	+.39	+.2
DowChm	1.84f	13	53.60	-.07	+4.1
eBay s		18	25.27	+.78	-8.0
EOG Rescs	.67	...	84.51	+1.73	+19.4
EmpDist	1.04	26	33.64	+.11	+19.8
EnCana g	.06m		7.79	+.14	+53.0
Energen	.08		44.59	+1.98	+8.8
EgyTrEq s	1.14f	12	13.29	+1.50	-3.3
EngyTsfr	4.22		34.75	+.25	+3.0
EnPro	.84f	...	60.19	+.09	+37.3
EntProdPt	1.56f	21	27.13	+.28	+6.1
Ericsson	.46e		8.27	+.04	-13.9
ExxonMbl	3.00f	23	88.46	+.83	+13.5
Facebook	...	71	108.89	+.13	+4.0
FordM	.60a	8	13.66	+.06	-3.1
FrptMcM	...	...	12.65	+1.17	+86.9
GATX	1.60	8	46.69	+.69	+9.7
GabMultT	.94e	...	7.33	+.02	-2.3
GAInv	1.15e	...	31.90	+.16	-.1
GenElec	.92	39	30.93	+.03	-.7
GtPlainEn	1.05f	23	30.98	+.26	+13.4
Groupon	...	...	4.61	...	+50.2
HalconRs rs	...	...	1.22	+.05	-3.2
Hallibrtn	.72	...	41.04	+.82	+20.6
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	29.24	+.71	+41.4
iShJapan	.13e	...	12.07	-.01	-.4

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShSilver			16.38	+.09	+24.2
iShChinaLC	.76e		34.39	+.25	-2.6
iShEMkts	.84e		34.90	+.21	+8.4
iShR2K	1.73e		114.81	+.40	+1.9
Intel	1.04	14	31.75	+.35	-7.8
InterDig	.80	18	57.60	+.19	+17.5
ItauUnibH	.45e		9.52	+.32	+46.5
JD.com			25.34	+.27	-21.5
JPMorgCh	1.76	11	64.11	+.18	-2.3
JohnJn	3.00	18	112.77	-.14	+9.8
KimbClk	3.68f	35	125.70	+1.89	-1.3
KindMorg	.50	30	18.29	+.39	+22.6
Kinross g			4.70	+.02	+158.2
LegacyRes	.60m		3.64	+.73	+108.0
Lubys	...	...	5.04	-.05	+12.8
MarathnO	.20m		14.84	+.40	+17.9
MktVGold	.12e		23.24	+.25	+69.4
McDnlds	3.56f	25	128.30	+.59	+8.6
Merck	1.84f	26	56.31	+.27	+6.6
MeritMed	...	37	19.76	-.13	+6.3
MexcoEn			2.24	-.21	-30.7
MicronT		12	11.56	+.05	-18.4
Microsoft	1.44	36	50.94	-.50	-8.2
Nabors	.24		9.83	+.48	+15.5
NatGrid	3.35e	...	71.76	+.43	+3.2
NOilVarco	1.84	12	31.70	+2.33	-5.3
NvPMI	.78a	...	14.52	+.08	+6.3
NuvPI	.82a	...	14.81	+.04	+5.0
NSTFI3	.55a	...	15.11	+.04	+3.9
NTXQI	.65	...	15.19	+.12	+5.3
OasisPet			10.40	+.51	+41.1
OcciPet	3.00	58	77.52	+1.04	+14.7
ParTech	...	...	6.49	-.01	-3.6
ParkDrl	...	...	2.99	+.01	+64.3
PattUTI	.40	...	19.09	+.55	+26.6
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Prmian	.34e	20	6.95	+.15	+37.4
PetrbrsA			5.80	+.35	+70.6
Petrobras			7.58	+.36	+76.3
Pfizer	1.20f	20	33.00	-.05	+2.2
PioNtrl	.08	80	168.72	+3.36	+34.6
PlainsAAP	2.80	16	23.48	-.26	+1.8
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	107.58	-.87	-3.8
Praxair	3.00f	22	118.45	-.97	+15.7
PrmEgy	...	...	30.00	...	-43.4

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PUVixST rs			14.28	-.96	-49.5
PrUCrude rs			11.54	+.66	-8.0
ProctGam	2.68f	26	79.89	+.34	+.6
RangeRs	.08m		41.88	+2.15	+70.2
RedRkRs n			18.70		
RegionsFn	.26f	14	9.59	+.19	-.1
Rowan	.40	25	18.63	+.78	+9.9
RoyDShllA	3.76	81	53.48	+1.14	+16.8
SpdrDJIA	3.98e		180.25	+.61	+3.6
S&P500ETF	4.13e		209.35	+.43	+2.7
SpdrOGEx	.73e		36.96	+1.09	+22.3
SpdrMetM	.49e		23.82	+.80	+59.3
SabnR	2.22e	10	32.84	+.52	+25.1
SanderFm	.88a	12	87.58	-.19	+13.0
Schlmbrg	2.00	30	80.60	+1.40	+15.6
SeadrillLtd			4.45	+.43	+31.3
SiriusXM		40	3.98	+.01	-2.2
Smucker	2.68	34	127.94	+.63	+3.7
SwstnEngy			13.66	+.70	+92.1
SP Engy	2.04e		68.63	+1.28	+13.8
SPDR Fncl	.46e		23.69	+.04	-.6
SP Util	1.55e		48.20	+.69	+11.4
SunocoLog	1.92f	42	28.37	+.02	+10.4
TeckRes g	.10m		11.29	+.44	+192.5
TelefEsp	1.03e	...	11.27	+.16	+1.9
Tesoro	2.00	6	87.21	+1.05	-17.2

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
3M Co	4.44f	21	167.76	+1.58	+11.4
Torchmark	.56f	14	58.35	+1.18	+2.3
Transocn			11.16	+.84	-9.9
TriContl	.82e	...	20.42	+.08	+2.0
21stCFoxA	.30	24	30.83	-.13	+13.5
Twitter			14.86	-2.89	-35.8
TylerTech	...	66	141.79	+.91	-18.7
UBSI	1.32	19	38.59	+.09	+4.3
US OilFd			11.14	+.33	+1.3
USSteel	.20		18.52	+.03	+132.1
Vale SA	.29e		5.59	+.35	+69.9
Vale SA pf	.29e		4.37	+.19	+71.4
ValeroE	2.40f	7	62.19	+.38	-12.0
VangEmg	1.10e		35.36	+.21	+8.1
VerizonCm	2.26	12	51.69	+1.25	+11.8
VulcanM	.80f	63	110.84	+1.63	+16.7
WEC Engy	1.98f	25	57.70	+.99	+12.5
WalgBoots	1.44	24	81.56	+.25	-4.2
Weathfintl	...	...	8.11	+.10	-3.3
WellsFargo	1.52f	12	50.93	+.01	-6.3
WstnRefin	1.52f	7	29.07	+.55	-18.4
WhitingPet			12.23	+.79	+29.6
WmsCos	2.56	...	20.00	+.61	-22.2
XcelEngy	1.36f	20	39.71	+.52	+10.6
Xerox	.31f	21	10.00	+.19	-5.9
Yahoo	...	...	36.95	-.16	+11.1

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,351.36	15,370.33	Dow Jones Industrials	18,041.55	+51.23	+.28	+3.54	+.03
8,884.24	6,403.31	Dow Jones Transportation	8,091.34	+9.87	+.12	+7.76	-7.01
672.28	539.96	Dow Jones Utilities	653.28	+9.93	+1.54	+13.06	+10.06
11,254.87	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	10,571.83	+49.25	+.47	+4.22	-5.22
5,231.94	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	4,863.14	-25.14	-.51	-2.88	-3.19
2,134.72	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,095.15	+3.45	+.16	+2.51	-.56
1,551.28	1,215.14	S&P Midcap	1,488.33	+6.17	+.42	+6.42	-1.99
22,537.15	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	21,686.16	+53.17	+.25	+2.45	-2.65
1,296.00	943.09	Russell 2000	1,154.15	+3.42	+.30	+1.61	-7.44

TODAY: Sunny	FRIDAY: Sunny	SATURDAY: Sunny	SUNDAY: Mostly sunny	MONDAY: Partly sunny	TUESDAY: Sunny
High: 91 Low: 65	High: 84 Low: 57	High: 82 Low: 55	High: 78 Low: 66	High: 70 Low: 54	High: 73 Low: 56

Local forecast

There is a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms tonight and a slight chance Sunday through Tuesday, according to the National Weather Service. Highs range from the low 90s to the lower 70s.

The record high for April 27 is 101 set in 1996. The record low is 36 set in 1946. On April 27 of last year, the high was 71 and the low was 46.

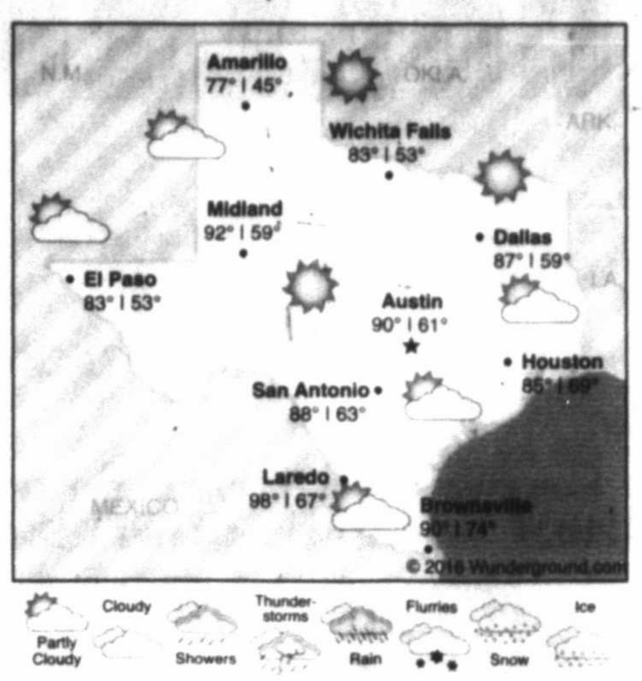
Weather brief

ARKANSAS

Storm threat shifts after day of hail, wind in central US

LITTLE ROCK — Springtime storms developed in parts of the Midwest and South on Wednesday, with forecasters warning that hail and high winds would be a bigger concern than tornadoes.

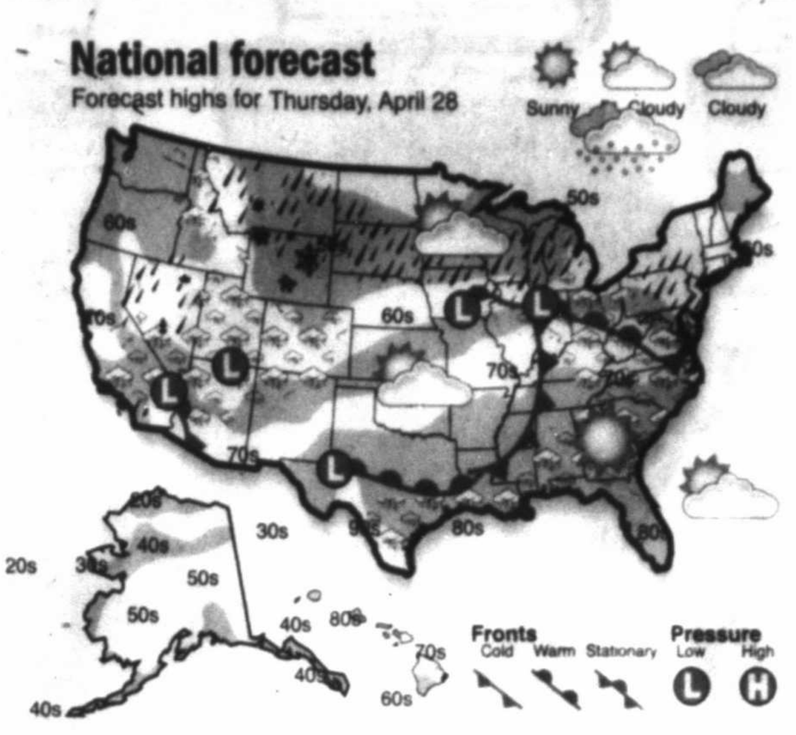
Gusts to 75 mph were expected near Louisiana's Gulf coast during a round of storms, and forecasters said 15 million people along the Mississippi River between Iowa and New Orleans had at least a slight chance to see severe weather at some point.



Precipitation		Wednesday's temperatures	
Tuesday	0.13 in.	High	84
Wednesday	0.00 in.	Low	55
Month total	1.45 in.	Normal high	83
Year total	2.27 in.	Normal low	53
Normal total (year to date)	2.45 in.	Sunrise	7:05 a.m.
		Sunset	8:27 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, April 28



Sister struggles to reconcile love for brother and her faith

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 am very excited to be proposing soon to the man I want to spend my life with. My family is excited for me — with one exception. My younger sister, whom I want to be my best woman, says she doesn't know if she will be able to participate in our wedding because she's having trouble reconciling that her faith tells her same-sex marriage is a sin. I have explained that it will be a civil ceremony with a judge instead of a religious figure and she says that this "helps," but she still doesn't know if she can be part of it.

I love my sister and I know that if she didn't love me in return, she wouldn't be struggling with this; she just wouldn't participate. She's racking her brain and her Bible trying to find a way to square her faith with her love for me and my soon-to-be fiance.

Despite this, I can't help feeling hurt that she views my relationship as a sin she can't be part of. If she decides she can't stand with me in my wedding, I don't know what to do. If she can't support my marriage, should I ask her to not come to the ceremony? — WEDDING WOES

DEAR WEDDING WOES: I don't think you should be retaliatory and tell your sister to stay away if she feels her faith doesn't permit her to be a member of your wedding party. If that's the case, she may decide on her own not to attend.

What you should do — right now — is decide whom else you would like to stand up with you on this important occasion. Choose someone who has no question about whether you are doing the right thing. I hope your special day will be a happy one and that you will allow no one to blemish it.

DEAR ABBY: I've been on and off again with this boy for about a year now, and he is socially awkward whereas I am not. He is extremely funny and loyal.

I'm 13 and I think he wants to move to the next level of our relationship, and I'm not ready for that. He talks a lot of crap about my friends, too. I feel like I need a break from him. How do I let him know how I feel without sounding rude? — TEEN IN ALBERTA, CANADA

DEAR TEEN: Be clear in your messages to him. Tell him you don't like the way he talks about your friends, and you don't want to hear him do it again. If he pushes you to do ANYthing that makes you uncomfortable, tell him NO and that he should stop immediately. It is not rude to create boundaries for yourself; in fact, it is healthy. It is more important to be forthright than to be polite.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Easy if you count

Neither vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ Q J 6 5 3
♥ 3 2
♦ A K J
♣ A K 9

WEST
♠ 8
♥ 10 9 5 4
♦ 9 6 5 4
♣ Q 10 6 5

EAST
♠ 9 7
♥ K Q J 8 7 6
♦ Q 10 2
♣ 7 2

SOUTH
♠ A K 10 4 2
♥ A
♦ 8 7 3
♣ J 8 4 3

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
2♣	2♠	4♥	5♠
Pass	6♠	All pass	

Opening lead: Ten of ♥

North's jump to five spades asked South to bid a slam if he held a second round control, or better, in the opponents' suit. A player in this position will usually cue bid the opponents' suit when he has first round control, in case partner can bid a grand slam, but South had such a minimum overcall that he decided to just bid six spades.

South won the opening heart lead in his hand perforce, drew trumps in two rounds, and then stopped to consider his next play. The normal play in the club suit is to play the ace, king, and another, hoping the suit splits 3-3 or that the queen or 10 falls. South was wary of this play with the pre-emptor on his right.

Declarer knew that East had started with six hearts and two spades. He found a clever way to take advantage of that knowledge. He cashed the ace of clubs, ruffed dummy's last heart, and led a low club, inserting dummy's nine when West played low. On this lie of the cards, that was all it took to bring home the slam, but consider what might have happened. Had the nine of clubs lost to the singleton 10, East would have been end-played, forced to yield a ruff-sluff or lead a diamond into dummy's strength. Should East have another club for a safe exit, that meant the clubs were 3-3. Finally, if it turned out that East had started with queen, 10, and two small clubs, then he could only have one diamond. South would cash the ace of diamonds to extract it, and then cross to his hand and lead a diamond to the jack, confident of success. Well played!

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 Thursday, April 28, 2016:

This year you will need to be very careful with your communications. You will note a tendency toward misunderstandings. Try not to be reactive. Also, do confirm what you say, meeting times and places. You will learn to verbalize your thoughts in different styles. If you are single, you could be quickly enamored with someone, if you are not already. If you are at the right point in life, this person could be a life-long mate. Don't push the speed of the relationship; just let it build as it needs to. If you are attached, the two of you might make a major decision about your life together. One of you could change your mind, only to return to the original decision. Try to be happy with what is. Also be careful with communication in order to avoid a needless misunderstanding. CAPRICORN knows how to yank your chain!

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Be more in tune with what you need and desire. You have the ability to get ahead and handle a personal matter. Your intuition works overtime finding solutions, especially as the unexpected runs riot through your plans. Tonight: Out late.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Keep reaching out for someone at a distance who you care a lot about. In fact, you might decide to plan a mini vacation to see this person or meet him or her halfway. Tonight: Don't overtalk a problematic situation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You might want to relate closely to a loved one or a dear friend. Once you do connect, you might receive an unanticipated jolt. Focus on the possibilities and make appropriate choices for you. Someone else has an agenda about your funds and how you spend them. Be aware of this factor, especially if someone is giving you advice. Tonight: Be a duo.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Defer to others, making sure you first get their feedback about what might be best, in their opinion. You could be jolted by some suggestions, but be grateful for all the comments. They will help you make a decision. Tonight: Say yes to an invitation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Curb any impulsiveness involving travel, in-laws or a legal matter. In fact, putting a month-long hold on any activities involving the above-mentioned areas might be perfect. You will witness some instability revolving around money and might be glad you postponed a decision. Tonight: Keep it routine if possible.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Your ruling planet does a backward jig today. You might feel as if you are having a bad-hair day. Be as clear as you can - confirm all appointments and meetings. Misunderstandings seem to just happen. Tonight: Be your playful self.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Stay close to home, recognizing that you might not feel up to snuff. Use all the diplomacy you have to prevent a problem from happening involving a partner. You don't need to be upset because of a misunderstanding. Realize a discussion could be difficult. Tonight: Make a favorite dessert!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You might decide to pull back and re-assess a situation with the help of a close relative or someone close to you. You could be stunned by what this person might think, but you'll come up with unusual ideas as a result of these discussions. Tonight: Hang out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Use caution with a significant other or important loved one. He or she might suddenly become capricious or difficult in the next few weeks. Recognize that you don't need to do anything to irritate this person's mood. Just stay in neutral. Tonight: Say yes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You beam in more of what you want and are more upbeat than many people around you. Be careful; someone could become envious of your smooth sailing, as he or she is having a horrendous time, at least in his or her opinion. Be open to a creative, fun friend. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Work with a partner or loved one. You could find a child or new friend to be unusually charming. Confusion is more than likely and could draw a most unexpected reaction. Tonight: No one has to know!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Emphasize friendship, and be a friend to a loved one who might become cranky at any given moment. You wonder how you got into the present situation, and actually you have very little to do with it. Tonight: Make plans with your friends.

BORNTODAY

Author Harper Lee (1926), Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan (1960), actress Penelope Cruz (1974)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Detergent with Oxi Booster
4 DVD precursor
7 Scout, to Tonto
12 "Face the Nation" group
15 "My mom's gonna kill me!"
17 Uncle relative?
18 Golden Globe, e.g.
19 Nail care target
21 Congressional period
22 Vocal quartet member
23 Use WhatsApp, say
24 Junior nav. officer
25 Long time follower
27 Manipulator
29 Cut
31 Roll of dough
32 Popular weekend destination for many Northern Californians
33 Deceitful
37 Remove
39 Drop (out)
41 Russian lettuce?
42 Fog machine substance
44 Average
46 Ballerina's hairdo
47 Prohibit
48 Offensive to some, for short
49 Rescue squad initials
50 ___ Fridays
53 Speak harshly
55 "Fine by me"
57 Salon piece
59 Swallowed one's pride
62 Chinese cooking staple
64 "__ were the days"
65 Not working
66 "Lone Survivor" military group
67 Speak, old-style
68 Not strict
69 One of two in Pompeii

DOWN

1 "Paradise Lost," e.g.
2 Marinara brand
3 Singer whose last name is Pig Latin for a slang word for "money"
4 Workshop gadget
5 Derby or boater
6 Huge success
7 Toyota Center team
8 Laudatory verses
9 Tighten, as laces
10 Kept quiet
11 Paradises
13 Really bad
14 Activity for some ex-presidents
16 Good buys
20 Get rid of
23 Appears unexpectedly, and a hint to this puzzle's circles
25 Knocked out
26 "Tootsie" actress
28 Co-producer of the art rock album "High Life"
30 Little, in Marseille
34 London locale that's a music industry eponym
35 "America's Got Talent" judge Heidi
36 Deep desires
38 Lust, e.g.
40 Weigh station unit
43 Praises
45 Pick out of a crowd
50 Spanish appetizers
51 Actress Scacchi
52 Birthplace of the violin
54 Peninsular capital
56 Icy Hot target
58 Supermodel Sastre
59 Longtime teammate of Derek
60 Nobel Peace Center locale
61 From Green Bay to St. Paul
63 Often rolled-over item

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

R	A	M	M	E	R		I	R	M	A		C	I	G
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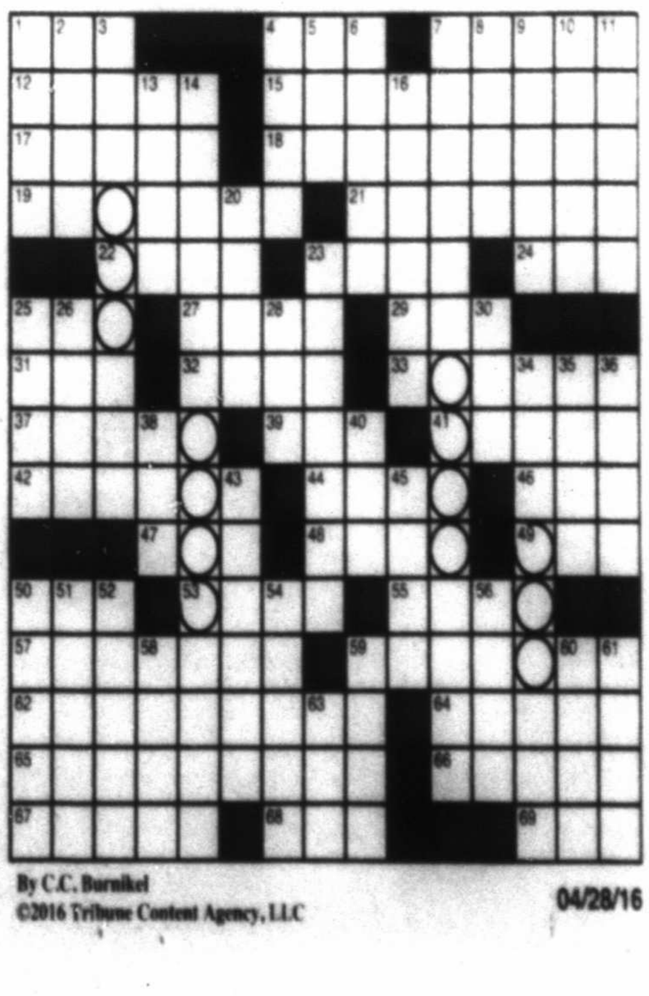

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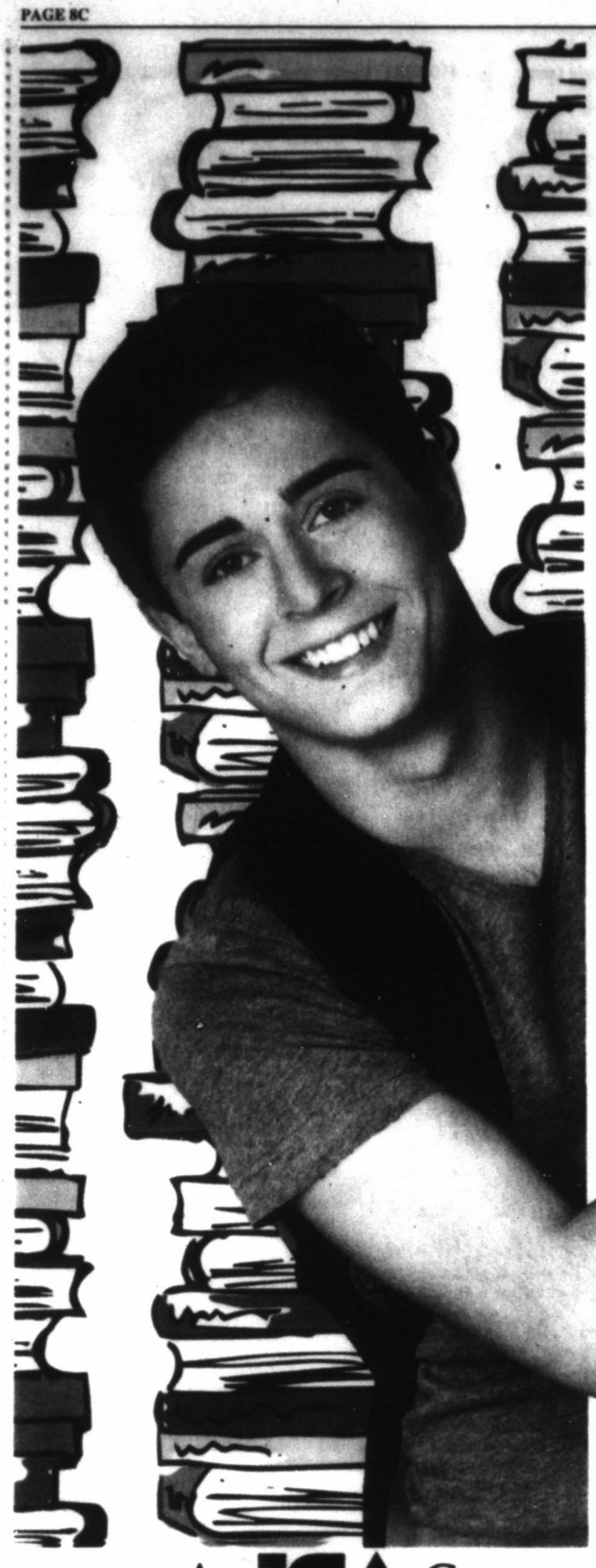

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Email resumes to: om@johndbraymd.com
Call 432-561-8183, Or come by: 606 Kent St. Midland, TX. to apply.

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We are seeking an exceptional **Director of Nursing candidate** to lead our clinical team at The Surgical Center of Midland

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Please submit resume to Dianna Malone at surgerycenter@quiknt.com

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SKILLED LABOR

Landscape / Maintenance Help Needed

Starting Pay $12 per hour. Must pass Drug & Background Screening. Apply in person at: **Hunter's Ridge Apartments, 4201 Andrews Hwy, Midland, TX 79703**

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South Environmental Services is hiring experienced dozer and blade operators. Must have clean driving records.
Please apply at 2400 S. Loop 250 W. Midland Texas 79703

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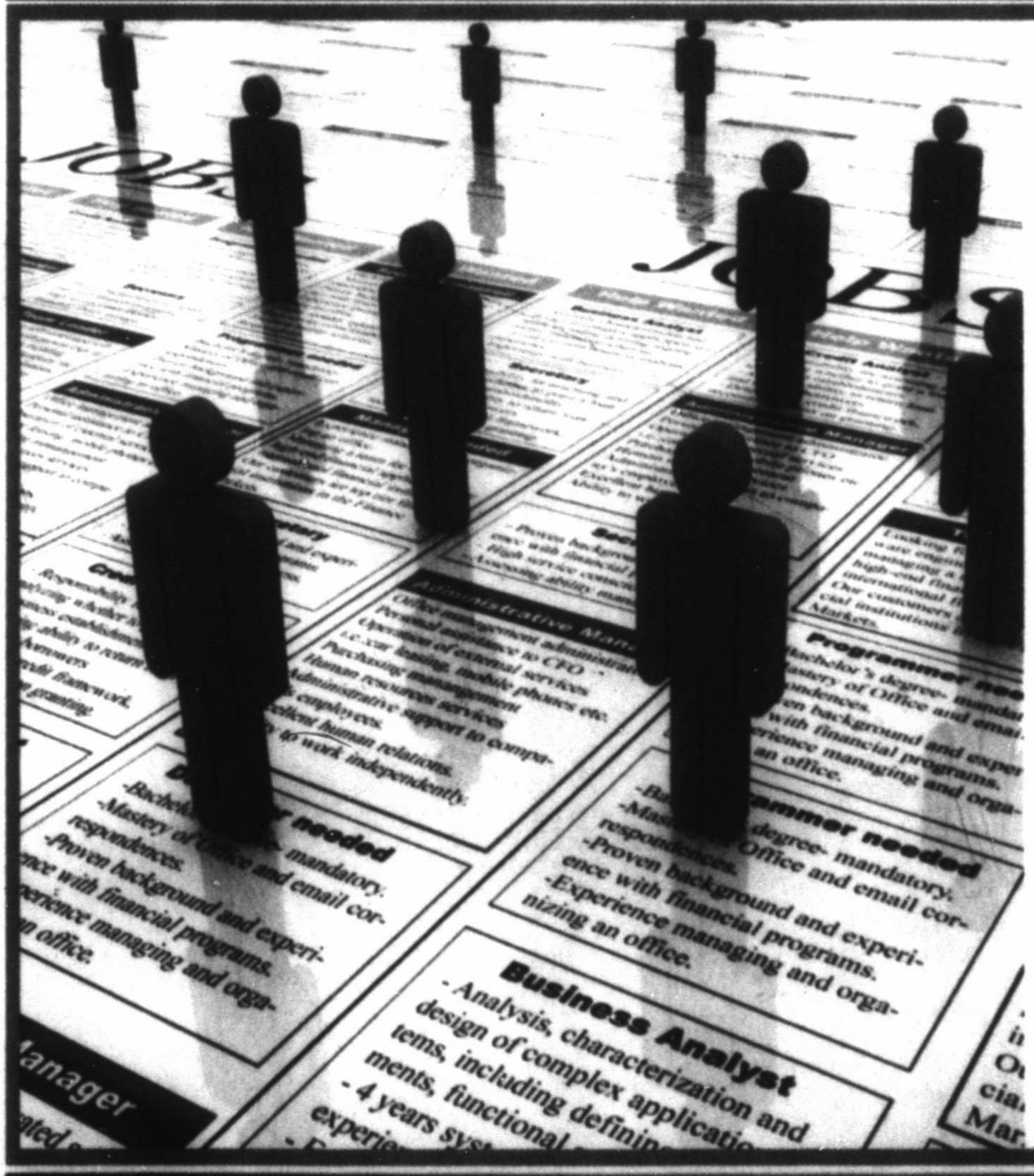

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ORDINANCE 9556

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING CHAPTER ONE, TITLE XI, OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY PERMITTING LOT 3, LESS THE EAST 45.84 FEET, LOTS 4-8, 11, AND THE WEST 8.8 FEET OF LOT 12, BLOCK 6, BARBERDALE ADDITION, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR AN OFFICE CENTER, IN PART, LR-2, LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT, IN PART, AND 1F-2, ONE-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT, IN PART, TO BE USED AS AN LR-3, LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT (GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTHEAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF WEST WADLEY AVENUE AND NORTH BIG SPRING STREET); CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland

Amy M. Turner
City Secretary

Legal & Public Notices

ORDINANCE NO. 9552

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING USE CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS A 4,116-SQUARE FOOT PORTION OF LOT 27A, BLOCK 46, SKYLINE TERRACE WEST, SECTION 8, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 250 FEET EAST OF NORTH MIDLAND DRIVE, AND APPROXIMATELY 170 FEET NORTH OF RALEIGH COURT), WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED LR-2, LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT, BY PERMITTING SAID PROPERTY TO BE USED UNDER A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT WITH TERM FOR THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN A RESTAURANT FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; MAKING SAID PERMIT SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED HEREIN; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

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ORDINANCE NO. 9553

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING USE CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS LOT 13A, BLOCK 28, WYDEWOOD ESTATES, SECTION 27, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF WEST WADLEY AVENUE, APPROXIMATELY 240 FEET EAST OF SUNBURST DRIVE), WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR A SHOPPING CENTER, BY PERMITTING SAID PROPERTY TO BE USED UNDER A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT WITH TERM FOR THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN A RESTAURANT FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; MAKING SAID PERMIT SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED HEREIN; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

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Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE of property to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale is Tuesday - May 3, 2016 11:30am at 3420 Thomason Drive - Midland, TX. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash; immediate removal is required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale. Property includes the contents of the following delinquent tenants: Benjamin Adams, Household Goods; Leamon Grant West, Household Goods; Floyd Carrell "Steve", Household Goods; Daniel Parra, Household Goods; Tim Jones, Household Goods; Raymond P. Bryant, Household Goods; Bobby Hodges, Household Goods; Merlin McCalister, Household Goods; Curtis Sparks, Household Goods. Property from the above listed delinquent tenants will be sold as individual units. For further information, contact Affordable Self Storage at 432-694-4444.

ORDINANCE 9554

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING CHAPTER ONE, TITLE XI, OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY PERMITTING LOT 7, BLOCK 17, SKYLINE TERRACE, UNIT 7, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR A SHOPPING CENTER, TO BE USED AS AN AMENDED PLANNED DISTRICT (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF WEST LOOP 250 NORTH, APPROXIMATELY 220 FEET WEST OF NORTH MIDKIFF ROAD), CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

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ORDINANCE NO. 9551

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING CHAPTER ONE, TITLE XI, OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY PERMITTING LOT 6A, BLOCK 2, AMARON ADDITION, SECTION 6, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR A SHOPPING CENTER, TO BE USED AS AN AMENDED PLANNED DISTRICT (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF RANKIN HIGHWAY, APPROXIMATELY 280 FEET SOUTH OF WOLCOTT AVENUE), CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

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Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR
EXCEPTION TO SWR 26/27 SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that Diamondback E&P LLC (RRC P-5 # 217012) has filed with the Texas Railroad Commission the following P-17 Application for the Exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to surface commingle production from oil and gas leases: ST W wells 4103LS, 4304LS, 4305LS, 4306LS, 4308LS, 4309LS, 4310LS, 4301H, 4301LS, 4302H, 4302LS, 4303H, 4304H, 4305H, 4306H, 4307H, 4307LS (RRC Lease #41340); ST wells 4103H, 4104H, 4104LS, 4105H, 4105LS, 4106H, 4106LS, 4405LS, 4406LS (RRC Lease #39560); ST-ST S B 4405H (RRC Lease #47212); ST-ST S C 4406H (RRC Lease #46988); and ST-ST S D 4404LS. All wells are in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field in Midland County, Texas. This application is for off lease storage, common separation, common storage and casinghead gas metering by allocation by well test. Production will be allocated by W-10 Tests. Any royalty or working interest owners or offset operators who have not received written notification, please consider this your Notice of Application. If you have objections to the issuance of this permit, you may submit a letter to P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, PO Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Railroad Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days following the date of last publication.

General Announcements

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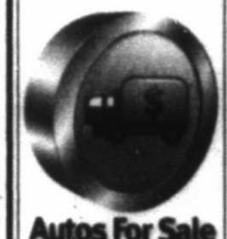

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79701

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FRIDAY & Saturday. 1115 Porterfield Rd. 7am-2pm. Furniture, baby items, home & kitchen items, clothing, accessories, and much more!

79707

4516 Fairgate Dr., Saturday ONLY, 9am-? NO EARLY BIRDS! Tons of baby clothes 0-12 months, car seats, furniture including king bed and couch, toys, games, kitchen items and much, much more!

5457 JUNIPER Court (Green Tree South) 8am-? Kitchen items, kids toys & books, boys clothing sizes 6 to 10 years old, mens, & womens clothing, decorative items, towels & bathroom decor, tools & outdoor items, kids & adult golf clubs & other items, some furniture, & lots of misc.

GARAGE AND ESTATE SALE! 2107 Hughes. Friday & Saturday from 9 am - 2 pm. Couch, dinette suite, washer & dryer, refrigerator, lawn equipment, tools, miscellaneous, wheel chair, walkers, electric lift chair, various medical equipment.

Area Sales

5806 PEDERNALES Drive Friday & Saturday 7am-noon. Lots of clothes, toys & miscellaneous.

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THURSDAY & FRIDAY 9AM-3PM
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This wonderful home is PACKED with beautiful antique, collectible, and useable items, including...2011 Nissan Versa, costume jewelry, sterling silver, Waterford, silver plate, cut crystal, American Fostoria, Lennox "Fairmount" china, pewter, original artwork, mud men, Kachina dolls, area rugs & runners, oriental items, German pottery, Blackamore, books/records (LP's & 45's), sewing items, vintage clothes, minks, Magnavox Reel to Reel, knives, Fisher piano, sofas, side chairs, bamboo furniture, office furniture, twin bed, king bed, fridges, washer, antique chests, dining table/8 chairs, antique tables, chairs/ottomans, writing desk, vintage game table, bakers rack, buffet, kitchen hutch, patio furniture. Too much to list.

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Legal & Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Request for Proposals will be received until 2:00 PM local time, May 12, 2016, in the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following:

RFP 16003135: Request for Proposals for Metropolitan Area Network Service.

To receive a copy of the RFP, please contact the City of Midland Purchasing Office at 432-685-7234 or email us at purchasing@midlandtexas.gov. Proposals must be submitted no later than 05/12/16 at 2:00 PM local time to the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code

City of Midland, Texas

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3 BEDROOMS, 2 bath. 301 South Dewberry. No pets, no smoking. $1250/mo. $1250 deposit. 702-281-2284.

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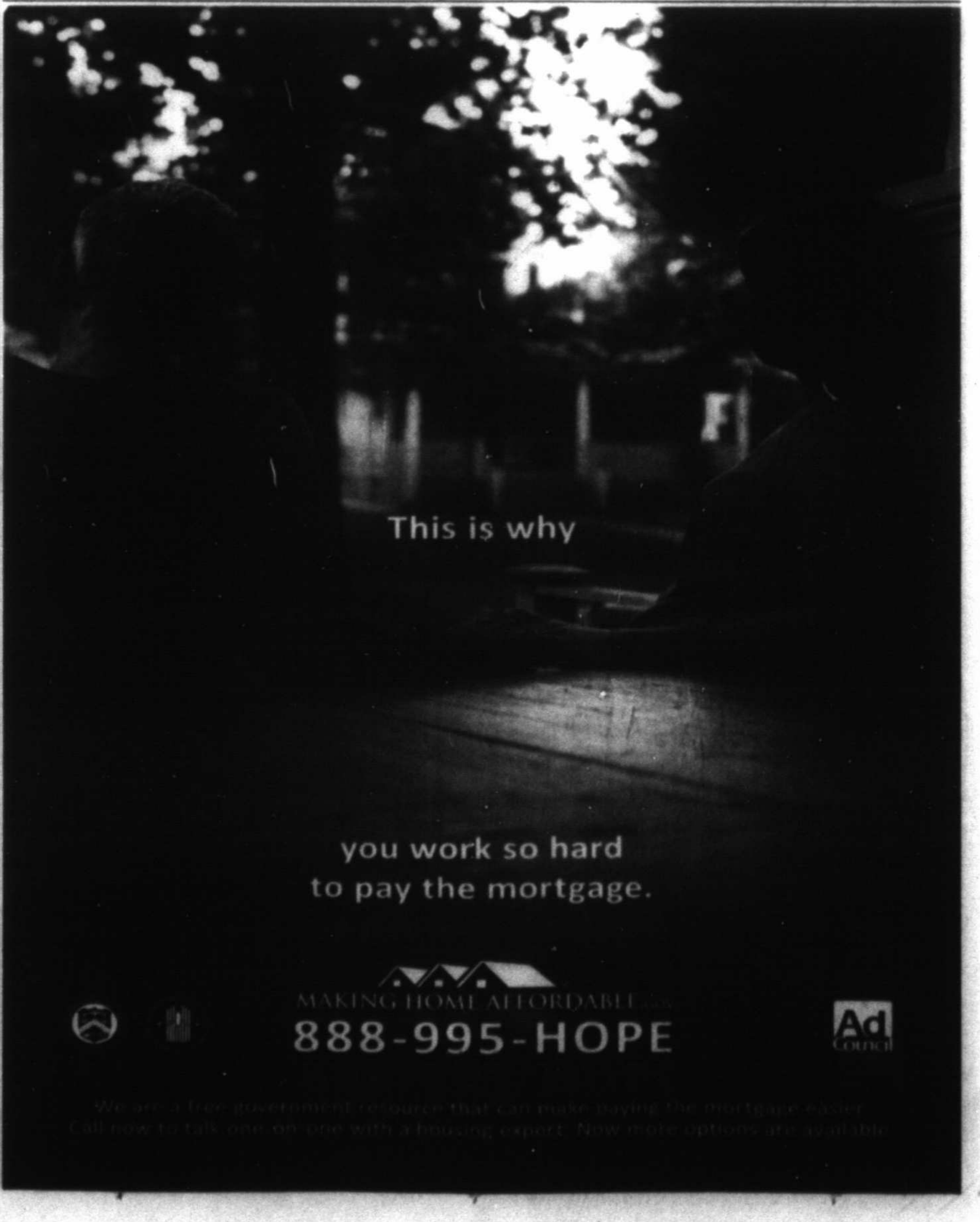

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Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Peace on the Playground

Bullying makes playgrounds, schools and even neighborhoods feel unsafe for some children. This week, in honor of Martin Luther King's message of peace, *Kid Scoop* looks at ways children can help themselves and others be safe on the playground.

Find the Bully

You can't tell a bully by his or her looks. You can tell who is a bully by the way he or she acts. Here are some of the things a bully might do:

- Hit, kick or push to hurt people.
- Call others bad names, tease or scare people.
- Say mean things about someone.
- Grab someone else's stuff.
- Leave a kid out of a game on purpose.
- Threaten another kid.

What else have you seen bullies do?

Standards Link: Health: Make decisions about feelings and safety issues that support mental and emotional health.

Bully Clues:

The bully is not wearing a hat. The bully isn't wearing a striped shirt. The bully is not wearing glasses. Which kid is the bully?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.

A World of Bullies

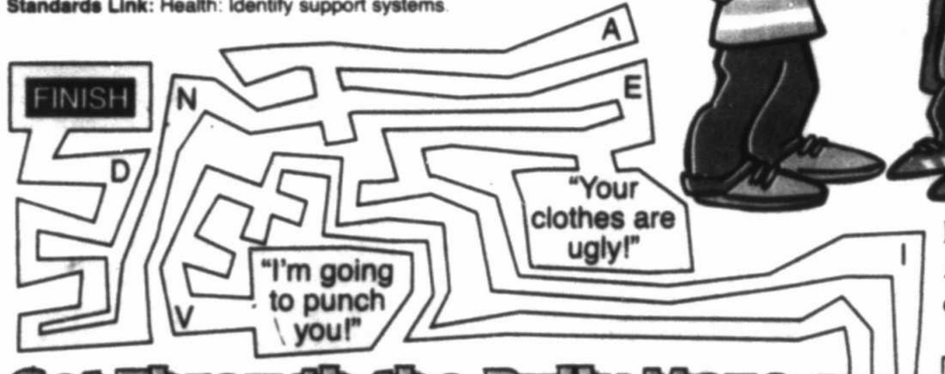
Bullying is a problem in schools all around the world. Kid Scoop found information from anti-bullying programs in Scotland, Australia and Canada as well as the United States.

Standards Link: Health: Identify support systems.

Action Plan

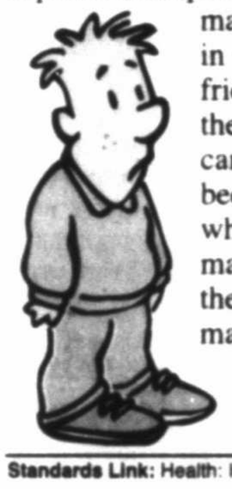
Bullying hurts. It hurts a lot. Bullying can make kids feel sick. It can make them not want to go to school. And no one likes to watch other kids getting picked on. No one likes a bully.

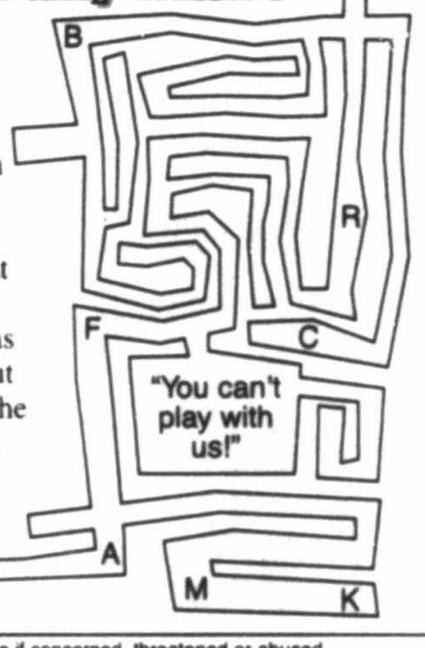
Stan is the shortest boy in the fourth grade. Greg, the tallest boy, picks on him every day. Abby and Eric are tired of watching this. What could Stan do or say? What could Eric do or say? What could Abby do or say? What does everyone want Greg to do?



Get Through the Bully Maze

Many, many children are bullied everyday. These children can feel lost in a maze made up of bad feelings – sad, stressed, embarrassed, nervous, depressed, helpless. These feelings can make it hard to do well in school and to make friends. Experts say that there is something that can help a child who has been bullied. To find out what that is, complete the maze. The letters along the correct path of the maze spell the answer!





Standards Link: Health: Identify ways to seek assistance if concerned, threatened or abused.

Who Can Help You?

Make a list of people you can talk to if you are being bullied. Cut the list out and keep it with you.

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Extra! Extra!

Anti-Bully Armor

When you feel good about yourself, you're less likely to be hurt by what others say. Take a little time to build up your anti-bully armor. What is anti-bully armor? Feeling good about yourself! Look through the newspaper for words and pictures that show something that is good about you. Glue these onto a sheet of paper titled: **What's good about ME!** Post it where you can see it everyday.

Standards Link: Health: Develop and use effective coping strategies.

How to Deal with Bullies

- **Pretend not to hear.** Instead listen to your own [illegible] and tell yourself, "That's their problem, not [illegible]" and "I'm OK just the way I am."
- **Find a safe [illegible] to talk to.** Make a list of people you could talk to about being bullied or about [illegible] you have seen others being bullied.
- **Be a buddy.** Kids who are alone are more likely to be bullied. Make a plan to walk with a [illegible] wherever you think you might meet a bully.
- **Don't bully back.** Getting angry and [illegible] back sometimes is just what the bully wants. It's dangerous too, because someone could get hurt.

A bully scribbled over some of the words in our list of tips! Find the missing word or words in each tip.

fighting
friend
mine
person
times
thoughts

Standards Link: Health: Develop protective factors that help foster resiliency.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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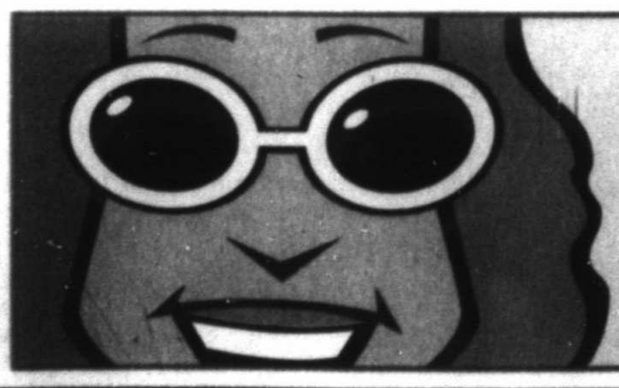
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognizing identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Bullies in the News

Look through the newspaper for an article that portrays a person or a group of people who are hurting other people. Could this also be called bullying? Identify who in the article you think is the bully and who is being bullied.

Standards Link: Health: Recognize and respond appropriately to situations involving destructive behaviors.



Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?

ANSWER: Because her class was so bright!

Weekly Writing Corner

Kids Help Kids

Students describe how they handle a disagreement and provide ideas to solve disagreements.

There's a boy in another class who is always picking a fight. Everyone knows that he is a troublemaker. I try to avoid him when I can. I go to a different part of the playground and I don't stand next to him in the lunch line.

Jake, 3rd grade

I argue with my little sister a lot. I love her but she's three years younger than me and she can be spoiled. She likes to take my things and I really don't like that. I try to be nice to her but if we really can't get on, I go get my mom and she usually makes everything right.

Rebecca, 5th grade

At my school, if someone behaves badly, they have to sit in the bench through the whole time of recess. Kids need to learn to respect each other and not to pick fights.It's no fun to sit out recess.

Gloria, 4th grade

Sometimes I have a disagreement with my friends. My friends are not always nice to me. When I get home from school, I tell my mom and she gives me a hug. I stay away from my friends for a while but after a day or two days, I forget about the problem and we play together again.

Casey, 3rd grade

My advice to kids who are having a disagreement is to try to have some respect for each other. They should listen to the other person and then state their point of view without being mean or rude. If you respect the other person, you can usually come up with a solution.

Vicky, 7th grade

If someone if being mean to me, I go and sit somewhere quiet and I stay away from that person.

Josh, 4th grade

I always tell a yard duty person if someone is being mean. They make the kids stop and sometimes they send them to the principal.

Rachel, 4th grade

If you're having an argument over something, then it might be an idea to take turns or do something like flip a coin to decide who should go first or who gets to decide what to do. Or you can ask a yard duty to make the choice for you. It may not seem fair but that way you get on with the game and soon forget why you disagreed.

Stephen, 5th grade

At my house there are three brothers and we all like to play video games. Usually the first one home got to choose but that was always Greg and it wasn't fair and there were lots of arguments. My Mom came up with an idea. She drew out a plan so that we each had different days and different times. In the end it all worked out and we don't argue about that.

T.J. 5th grade

Write On!

Why I Read the Newspaper

Why do you like to read the newspaper? Which parts of the newspaper do you like the best?

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