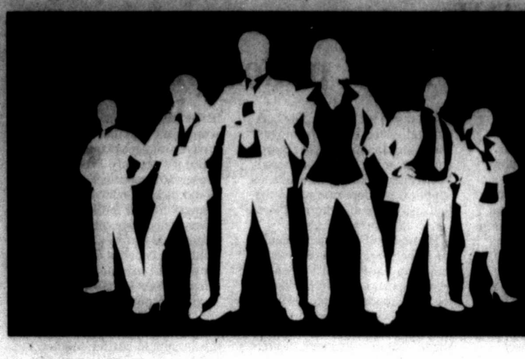


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State Republicans look to repeal tuition law

Sen. Campbell calls law 'bad policy that awards illegal immigration in perpetuity'

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Republican-controlled Legislature began a push Monday to repeal Texas' 14-year-old law that gives the children of some people living in the United States illegally in-state tuition at public universities. Conservatives vowed to move quickly, while Democrats and Hispanic groups promised a long, bitter fight.

More than 100 people, many college students who wore ceremonial graduation caps, waited hours to defend the so-called Texas Dream Act of 2001 before a Senate subcommittee on border security. Their voices are unlikely to help, as the repeal is expected to eventually advance to a full committee.

Tea party-backed Sen. Donna Campbell is sponsoring one of the major bills seeking a repeal, arguing the law acts as a magnet for encouraging families from Mexico and Central America to cross into Texas illegally — even though state higher education officials say there's no evidence that actually occurs.

"It's just bad policy that awards illegal immigration in perpetuity," said Campbell of New Braunfels, who added that offering in-state tuition and other grants has cost Texas $31 million.

The original law was approved nearly unanimously, designed to make attending college easier for thousands of Texas high school students who were children when they slipped across the Texas-Mexico border with their families. It was signed by Republican then-Gov. Rick Perry, whose support remained so strong that he suggested while running for president in 2012 that conservatives who oppose such measures don't have hearts. At least 15 other states later enacted similar laws.

Many of Texas' top Republicans have since embraced hard-line immigration policies. Perry's successor, Gov. Greg Abbott, has called the Dream Act flawed and pledged to sign a repeal should it reach his desk.

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PERRY ON THE TRAIL?



Former Gov. Rick Perry, a potential GOP candidate in next year's presidential election, made another visit to early-voting South Carolina on Monday, this time speaking to The Citadel Republican Society at the state military college in Charleston. As Perry flirts with seeking a second bid for the nation's highest office, we have some advice: Don't run. **Read Our View on Page 6A.**

Gun store employee shot with 'personal' weapon, still hospitalized

By Rye Druzin
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An S&K Arms employee who suffered a gunshot wound Saturday night had been working at the gun store for a few weeks and was shot by a personal weapon, the owners of S&K Arms told the Reporter-Telegram.

Charles Browning, who is a part-time employee at S&K, and a co-worker were in the store Saturday night when Browning was shot. S&K Arms co-owner Kane Kolisek told the Reporter-Telegram that he did not know what had happened and was waiting on the results of the police investigation.

"It happened on our premises, unfortunately, but we don't know what happened or why," he said.

In a statement released by Beau Browning — who said that he spoke on behalf of the Browning family — said that Charles Browning is undergoing treatment by medical professionals and that the family would not release further information.

Kolisek and assistant manager Danny Anderson confirmed that weapons from

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MDC OKs Santa Rita Hotel agreement

■ Entity to fund Centennial Plaza improvements, lease land to developers

By Joseph Basco
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Before the City Council votes on the master development agreement with downtown Santa Rita Hotel developers on April 14, the Midland Development Corp. board of directors had its own formal approval of the contract on Monday.

MDC, the sales-tax-funded entity that incentivizes development in Midland, will contribute $3.5 million for infrastructure improvements that include streets, water and sewer utilities, electric utilities, gas utilities, drainage, site improvements and telecommunications and Internet improvements, according to the agreement. MDC will not reimburse the developers the $3.5 million until 75 percent of the project is complete.

Brent Hilliard, MDC board member, said MDC will make a separate agreement with developers that will better define what the infrastructure improvements will be.

"When you look downtown and look at the facilities that are there, the aging infrastructure, MDC believes that some of that needs to be replaced," Hilliard said. "For example, a sidewalk may need to be ripped up and replaced. The courthouse had certain power requirements, and those new requirements are going to be different."

MDC also will buy the former Midland County Courthouse land from the city of Midland for $2.2 million after the courthouse is demolished. MDC will lease the land to hotel developers and eventually sell the land to them after the hotel is constructed. The lease rate will be $1 per year and the sale to developers will be $1, according to the master development agreement.

Land ownership is will be transferred to MDC because it has the ability to directly sell the land to developers, whereas the city does not have that ability, as previously reported.

But the city and MDC put mechanisms in place to ensure an on-time schedule. If developers do not have the certificate of occupancy for the hotel by April

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Housing development inches toward initial plat

By Rye Druzin
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The Planning and Zoning Commission on Monday approved a preliminary plat for Betenbough Homes' Lone Star Trails housing development, nearly two months after a new residential replat was approved.

The development had come in front of the commission in February for a new residential replat because of the incorrect placement on a survey of an underground pipeline, according to a past Reporter-Telegram article. The preliminary plat brings into line the housing development with the revised position of the pipeline and an increase in the right-of-way in the northwestern corner of the plat.

Betenbough's development has been to the commission at least four times, according to Midland Planning Division Manager Bob Baronti, who said Monday's trip to the commission was made because the addition of right-of-way and the survey error on the pipeline.

Commissioner Josh Sparks questioned whether there would be any adjustments

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Texas, California water-use rules, philosophies differ

By Brandon Mulder
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Last week, California Gov. Jerry Brown signed an executive order that addresses the state's worsening drought condition. The executive order mandates a 25 percent overall reduction in water usage across the state.

Texas and California both continue to contend with severe drought, but will the state follow California's example in implementing statewide limit on water use?

A statewide mandate in Texas would be an unlikely solution in a conservative state that champions local control, according to state climatologist John Nielsen-Gammon.

"Texas doesn't really work at the state level for water management. Water restrictions are put in place at the local water supplier level," Nielsen-Gammon said. "There may need to be certain things done with respect to the state law, such as changing how groundwater supplies can be managed or changing the way in which water priority is determined, but the specific management decisions will take place at the local level."

California leads the nation in number of people affected by drought conditions, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. Abnormally dry to exceptionally dry conditions extend beyond every corner of the state and impact more than 37 million Californians. Drought conditions in Texas extend into 56 percent of the state and impact more than 9 million Texans.

Brown's executive order will essentially send California into a water conservation posture. Water suppliers will be forced to cut potable water supplies to residential, commercial, industrial and institutional properties. The agricultural sector, by far the biggest water user in the state, is exempt from the order. The state's water board also will direct urban water suppliers to adopt rate structures that encourage and promote water conservation.

Homes, golf courses, cemeteries and college campuses will no longer have the lush green aesthetic that has long emblemized the state; roadside medians will no longer be watered; and the state is already replacing 50 million square feet of lawns with drought tolerant landscapes, the executive order read.

"The idea of your nice little green grass getting lots of water every day, that's going to be a thing of the past," Brown said in a statement last week.

State agencies have also created rebate programs paying residents to replace inefficient household appliances and water-intensive lawns with xeriscape — a landscaping method that utilizes native drought-tolerant plants.

But it's not only Texas' more conservative political climate that would make a statewide water restriction order unlikely. Texas's water systems are much more fragmented and local, whereas California depends on rain or snow on the mountain ranges to provide water for most of the state, Nielsen-Gammon said, "so that's a very different situation."

Long-term predictions forecast the drought to last for another 20 to 30 years, according to the Office of the State Climatologist, but a similar executive act is probably not in the cards for Texas.

"It is very difficult to change water law because there are so many people invested in the status quo," Nielsen-Gammon said.

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STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

DALLAS

Big retailers pull Blue Bell products linked to Oklahoma plant

Some of the largest retailers in the country have decided to pull from their shelves Blue Bell Ice Cream made at an Oklahoma production plant that the company has temporarily closed.

Wal-Mart spokesman Brian Nick said Monday that the giant retailer along with Sam's Club have pulled products made at the plant in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Wal-Mart and Sam's Club continue to sell Blue Bell products made at other plants.

Grocery store chain Kroger has taken the same step.

The dairy company based in Brenham last month issued a recall after ice cream contaminated with listeriosis was linked to three deaths at a Kansas hospital.

The foodborne illness was tracked to a production line in Brenham and later to a second line in Broken Arrow.

SAN ANTONIO

Man gets 5 years in prison for embezzling almost $2 million

A man has been sentenced to just over five years in prison after admitting in federal court in San Antonio to spending most of the almost $2 million embezzled from his employer on strippers, luxury vehicles and gambling.

Prosecutors say 41-year-old Michael Dennehy was sentenced Monday to five years and three months in prison. He was also ordered to pay restitution of about $1.9 million to his employer.

He pleaded guilty Dec. 17 to a single count of bank fraud, admitting he forged numerous company checks over six years. Court records show he wrote checks to himself and deposited them in his personal banking accounts. He also wrote company checks to pay his credit card bill.

FORT HOOD

Report: Hundreds of firearm violations at Texas Army post

Over a 10-year period there have been more than 230 instances of soldiers violating Army regulations by bringing an unregistered firearm on to a Central Texas post.

The Killeen Daily Herald reported that an open-records request revealed the violations occurred from 2004 to 2014. There were 45 reports of unregistered weapons last year, the highest number over that 10-year timeframe.

Army regulations stipulate than any service member and their family living on a post must register all personal firearms. The rules do not apply to those living off-post.

An Army report in January recommended changes to personal firearms policy, including that soldiers be required to register any privately owned firearm irrespective of whether a soldier lives in public or private housing.

DALLAS

Southwest Airlines CEO gets 24 percent boost in compensation

Southwest Airlines Co. earned a record profit last year and the CEO benefited with a 24 percent increase in compensation, to $5 million.

Southwest detailed 2014 compensation for Chairman and CEO Gary Kelly in a regulatory filing Monday.

The bulk of Kelly's compensation came in stock awards, which the Dallas-based airline valued at $3 million when they were issued, up from $2.25 million in 2013. Kelly was paid a salary of $675,000 — unchanged from the previous two years — a bonus of $224,775 and incentive pay of $904,770.

Kelly also got $174,793 in other compensation including company contributions to retirement and profit-sharing plans, and $23,561 in above-market earnings on deferred compensation.

Southwest is the fourth-biggest U.S. airline company by passenger traffic. Last year it earned record net income of $1.14 billion on rising traffic and average fares and falling jet fuel costs.

Shareholders profited as the company's stock soared 125 percent last year, the largest increase among the nine biggest U.S. airline companies.

Kelly, 60, became CEO in 2004 and added the chairman's title in 2008 after co-founder Herb Kelleher's retirement. Kelly oversaw the 2011 acquisition of AirTran Airways, which boosted Southwest's size by about one-fourth and led to international flying by the previously all-domestic airline.

Southwest carries more passengers within the U.S. than any airline, although American, United and Delta are larger when international traffic is included. The other three have not yet detailed 2014 executive compensation in regulatory filings.

The Associated Press calculates executive compensation by including salary, bonuses, perks, above-market interest that the company pays on deferred compensation, and the estimated value of stock and stock options awarded during the year. It does not include changes in the present value of pension benefits, so the AP total can differ slightly from the total reported by companies to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

FORT WORTH

Jury awards man nearly $34M in skylight lawsuit

A Tarrant County jury has awarded a man almost $34 million for injuries he sustained after falling through a skylight while working on a roof.

Attorneys representing 31-year-old Steven Landers had sought a $15 million judgment against skylight manufacturer Wasco Products, but jurors awarded Landers $33.8 million on Thursday.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported 31-year-old Steven Landers' broken right leg eventually was amputated from the 2010 fall. His back, some ribs and his left arm were broken. One of his lungs was punctured.

The newspaper said Wasco's attorneys couldn't be reached for comment Friday. A message seeking comment from the company was left early Monday.

HOUSTON

Alabama man on Texas death row loses Supreme Court appeal

The U.S. Supreme Court has refused an appeal from Alabama man on Texas death row for the drug-related slayings of four people in Houston nearly 23 years ago.

Attorneys for 44-year-old Arthur Brown went to the high court after lower federal courts rejected arguments Brown should be provided $7,500 to pay for a mitigation specialist to help with his clemency petition. The specialist estimated the investigation would cost $20,000.

The justices, without comment, refused Monday to review his case.

Evidence showed Brown, from Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and known as "Squirt," was part of a ring shuttling drugs between Texas and Alabama.

Six people were shot in June 1992, four fatally, in what was seen as an attempt to eliminate a Houston couple as middlemen in the drug deals.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MDC

From 1A

30, 2019, then the lease will increase to $7,500 per month with a 3 percent increase every year, according to the agreement.

The city and MDC also will require more deadlines. Developers have to submit conceptual design documents by June 30, 50 percent of design development drawings by Oct. 31, 50 percent of construction drawings by Jan. 31, 2016, and 90 percent of the construction drawings by April 30, 2016.

Developers will have to get financing for the project by Sept. 30, 2016, and construction is set to begin by Oct. 31, 2016.

Construction is expected to be completed by Aug. 31, 2018, and costs have to be equal to or greater than $70 million, according to the agreement.

Lastly, developers are required to make a $250,000 deposit, as previously reported. The deposit is forfeited if the agreement becomes terminated.

The city of Midland and Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1 are also making public contributions to the project, as previously reported. The city will be spending up to $4.1 million on Centennial Plaza — referred to as Centennial Park in the agreement — for improvements that match the design of Santa Rita Hotel and are waiving $750,000 worth of construction fees such as street closure fees and building permit fees. And TIRZ is funding the demolition of the courthouse for $1.4 million.

In total, the public incentives are in the $9.75 million range, $11.95 million if the upfront MDC courthouse expense is considered. Of the $11.95 million total, $5.7 million is from MDC.

Santa Rita Hotel, an upscale hotel with 120 boutique hotel rooms, will also feature office space, retail space, 7,000 square feet of event and meeting space, a fitness center, restaurant and whiskey bar, and a 5,000-square-foot gourmet food market. It is being developed by a consortium of local financiers and developers in the hospitality industry, including Bond Partners and Overland Partners.

"I think (Santa Rita Hotel) is going to make a big difference downtown," Hilliard said. "When you look at the park, knowing that it's going to be built and maintained in the proper way that's going to be used by citizens."

The agreement will go into effect April 15 after City Council votes on it. Before that, the city will hold a third public meeting about the project. It's scheduled for 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at the City Hall basement.

PLAT

From 1A

because of the misplaced pipeline on the survey. Baronti assured him that no lots were changed — just some of the streets — and called it a "cosmetic change."

The commission also approved a zone change north of the Scharbauer Sports Complex for an expansion of a medical office at the corner of Tradewinds and Deauville boulevards. The new building would be two stories tall and have 52,000 square feet of medical space. The site currently houses the Texas Surgical Center, and it was not clear if that building would be incorporated into the new medical office.

SHOT

From 1A

the store were not involved in the shooting. When asked if it was normal for employees at the store — located in the 4400 block of North Midland Drive — to stay past the 7 p.m. closing time, co-owner James Gripp said the store has had a backlog of stock and that it was not unusual for employees to stay late.

Kolisek said Browning had been recognized as the "Employee of the Month" in March.

On Sunday, the city said the man arrived at Midland Memorial Hospital in critical condition.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ Storytime for 2-6 years, 10:30 a.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

■ Bob Wayne and the Outlaw Carnies Date Night Taco, 9 p.m.; Blue Max. 561-8190.

Community calendar

■ Midland County Republican Women will meet Wednesday at Midland Country Club. Author Jimmy Patterson will speak about his recently published book, "A History of Character: The Story of Midland, Texas."

Lunch will be served beginning 11:15 a.m. Tickets are $20 in advance and $25 at the door. To RSVP, call 520-3500 or email: mcrwomen@aol.com. For more information, visit www.mcrw.us.

■ Midland ISD is planning a free health fair 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Midland College's Chaparral Center. More than 25 vendors will be participating in the event.

The first 100 people to arrive will receive a free T-shirt. For more information, call 240-1580.

■ Bustin' for Badges, a clay shoot tournament to benefit local law enforcement, is planned for April 30-May 1 at Windwalker Farms, 2551 County Road 2801 in Stanton. Funds raised will be used for bulletproof vests and training equipment for officers.

For more information or to register, go to www.bustinforbadges.org/. The deadline to register is April 24.

Support groups, club meetings today

■ Midland Optimist Club, Abuelo's; 685-7486.

■ The Helping Hand Metastatic Cancer Support Group, noon, Texas Tech Physicians of the Permian Basin Clinic, Room 210B. Lunch will be served. To RSVP , call Amber Chavez at 620-1023.

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

■ Parent Quest, for parents of special needs children, meets 6-8 p.m., First Christian Church. For more information, contact Malissa Roach, SHARE program coordinator, at 349-1069.

■ Midland Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church (Koinonoa Room); Judith Craig, 683-3648.

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

■ Permian Basin Dance Club, 7:30 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church; cost is $5 for members, $6 for non-members; 520-4343.

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

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

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LWV to hold pre-K forum

The Midland League of Women Voters is hosting a forum on early childhood education 7 p.m. April 20 at the Scharbauer Student Center at Midland College. The event is free and open to the public.

Panelists are Della Frye, director of early childhood education for Midland ISD; Emma Galindo, MISD Head Start; and Angie Morris, registered play therapist with Centers for Children and Families.

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Today in history

On April 7, 1945, during World War II, American planes intercepted, and effectively destroyed a Japanese fleet, which included the battleship Yamato, that was headed to Okinawa on a suicide mission.

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MPD: Man arrested for possession of cocaine

A 29-year-old Midland man was arrested Saturday after an illegal substance was discovered during a routine traffic stop, according to court documents.

Joseph Joe Lozano was held Monday on a $35,349 bond for the state felony charge of possession of a controlled substance and several misdemeanor charges.


Lozano

A police officer found a man — later identified as Lozano — sitting in his pickup at a central Midland apartment complex at about 3 a.m. Saturday.

When asked about the smell of alcohol on his breath and any illegal items in the vehicle, Lozano said that he had had several drinks and that there was alcohol in the pickup, according to his arrest affidavit.

The officer arrested Lozano after determining he had three local warrants for unrelated charges and later found a beer bottle in the middle console, according to the affidavit.

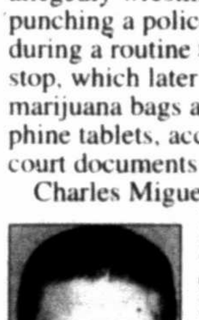
Inside the beer bottle was a $1 bill with a white powdery substance that tested positive for cocaine, the affidavit states.

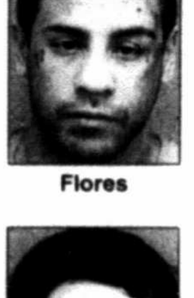
If convicted of the state felony charge of possession of a controlled substance, Lozano faces up to two years in prison.

MPD: Odessa man puts up fight during traffic stop

An Odessa man was arrested Saturday after allegedly wrestling and punching a police officer during a routine traffic stop, which later turned up marijuana bags and morphine tablets, according to court documents.

Charles Miguel Flores, 24, was held Monday on a $136,000 bond for the third-degree felony charge of assaulting a public servant, third-degree felony charge of possession of a controlled substance, second-degree felony charge of violating probation and several misdemeanor charges.


Flores


Lujan

A passenger in the vehicle, 22-year-old Odessan Beatrice Lujan, was also arrested Saturday on a third-degree possession of a controlled substance charge and misdemeanor drug charge. Lujan was being held Monday on $25,500 bond.

A Midland police officer stopped Flores and Lujan's vehicle at about 9 p.m. Saturday on South Midkiff Road because of non-functioning license plate lights.

The driver, Flores, refused to identify himself and refused to place his hands behind his back for a pat down after stepping out of the vehicle, according to his arrest affidavit.

Flores later ran and attempted a double-legged takedown on the officer who pursued him, according to the affidavit. The officer avoided being taken down and took Flores to the ground, but Flores somersaulted onto his back and punched the officer — who was on top — several times in the face, the affidavit states.

The officer punched him back, gained his compliance and placed him in handcuffs, according to his affidavit. On the street where Flores was taken into custody, police found a clear glass jar that contained what was determined to be marijuana, according to the affidavit.

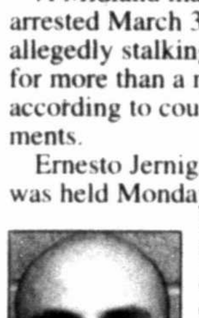
Lujan, who exited the vehicle and was "screaming hysterically" during the fight, was handcuffed, according to the court documents. Police allegedly found plastic bags containing marijuana and a plastic bag with eight blue pills — later identified as morphine — in her purse.

If convicted, Flores faces up to 40 years in prison for the felony charges. Lujan faces up to 10 years in prison for her felony charges if found guilty.

MPD: Man stalks woman for more than a month

A Midland man was arrested March 31 after allegedly stalking a woman for more than a month, according to court documents.

Ernesto Jernigan, 39, was held Monday on a $50,000 bond for a third-degree felony stalking charge, according to the Midland County Sheriff's Office.


Jernigan

The woman said she had not been in contact with Jernigan for more than two years when he began contacting her through Facebook, sending her messages in which he professed his love for her, according to the affidavit.

The woman was returning home Feb. 7 when Jernigan allegedly accosted her, professing his love for her and asking her to follow him to a white van. The woman went to her apartment and told a friend, who is a Midland County sheriff's deputy, about what happened.

The deputy confronted Jernigan, who continued to try to woo the woman and made statements that he wanted her to bear his children, according to the affidavit.

Jernigan was contacted on Feb. 13 by a Midland Police Department detective, who told him to stop making contact with the woman, according to the affidavit. Jernigan allegedly hung up the phone after saying, "I know what you're saying, but I don't take directions from you. Appreciate it."

On March 10, Jernigan was leaving the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch as the woman was entering. He allegedly followed her inside the library and through the aisles while she called for help. Law enforcement was called, but it did not appear that Jernigan was arrested.

The woman and a friend were at the North Midland Drive Wal-Mart on March 30 when the woman saw Jernigan standing nearby and staring at them. The woman finished her transaction and quickly left.

If convicted of the third-degree felony, Jernigan faces between two and 10 years in prison.

Man allegedly fights with officer

A 24 year-old Midland man was arrested Sunday after engaging in an altercation with a police officer, according to court documents.

Phillip Smith was held Monday on a $25,000 bond for the third-degree felony charge of assault of a public servant, according to the arrest affidavit.


Smith

Officers were dispatched Sunday night to a residence on Cunningham Drive in reference to a loud party.

While talking to the neighbor who made the complaint, officers observed a man — later identified as Smith — walking from the party in an aggressive manner. He passed the neighbor's vehicle and hit it with his hand. When officers confronted Smith, he cursed at the officer and asked him if we wanted to fight, according to the affidavit.

Officers identified themselves to Smith as he continued to act threateningly, at which point an officer grabbed Smith and took him to the ground, according to the affidavit. Smith held his hand around the officer's throat and clenched down while reaching for the officer's belt. The officer then hit Smith several times in the face to gain control, according to the affidavit.

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

Man allegedly throws meth out of window

A Midland man was arrested after evading arrest and throwing a bag of meth out of his car, according to court documents.

Brett Cunningham, 21, was charged with second-degree felony possession of a controlled substance between four and 200 grams, tampering with evidence with intent to impair, and a third-degree felony charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle. He was being held Monday on a $45,000 bond, according to the Midland County Sheriff's Office.


Cunningham

At about 1 a.m. Wednesday, Midland police officers noticed a SUV driving southbound on Midland Drive with its headlights off, according to the arrest affidavit. The officers turned their lights on, but the car did not pull over. During the pursuit, the driver — later identified as Cunningham — allegedly dropped a clear bag out of the window. The bag's contents were determined to be 5.4 grams of methamphetamine.

The vehicle eventually stopped in the 4300 block of Bedford Avenue, and all three occupants were taken into custody. When officers asked Cunningham what he threw out the window, he allegedly said "something" and that "it was a battery package." He also allegedly claimed that "if my passenger wasn't pregnant, we would have gone to Stanton."

When Cunningham was taken into custody, officers found another 1.8 grams of methamphetamine on him, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the two second-degree felonies and the third-degree felony, Cunningham faces between 22 and 50 years in prison.

REPEAL

From 1A

Supporters of the law counter that it fosters productive, tax-paying state residents who'll help grow the state's economy.

"These kids are not a threat to us; they are our future," El Paso Democratic Sen. Jose Rodriguez said.

He said he was offended by Republican Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick referring the bill to a border security panel, where it may face an easier road to passage than if had gone to committees on higher education or immigration policy. Patrick has called for securing the Texas-Mexico border at all costs.

Campbell's bill would take effect in the 2016-17 school year.

When supporters raised humanitarian objections, Campbell replied: "If we're looking at just compassion, what about the children in other states of the United States that would love to come to Texas, ours being the best state in the United States, and go to college here but are charged out-of-state tuition?"

The law only applies to students who have attended Texas schools for three years and graduate from a state high school — which is about 1 percent of college students, according to Sen. Sylvia Garcia, D-Houston.

"We should never be a state that punishes children for the actions of their parents," she said.

Roman Catholic advocacy groups have joined the Texas Association of Business in defending the law, saying the state already has an undereducated workforce and needs more, not fewer, college graduates.

Activist Loren Campos said Monday he crossed the border at age 11 and used the Dream Act to graduate from the University of Texas before earning a master's in engineering at the University of Houston. Now, he's part of a major renovation project at the Houston airport.

"This law opened the doors to what I thought was an impossible dream," the 26-year-old said. "We have not received a free ticket into college. This is an earned opportunity."

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Texas lawmakers want to close 'bypass' for teen abortions

By Eva Ruth Moravec
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas, like many other conservative states, has strived to make it difficult for women to have abortions. Recent state laws have forced dozens of clinics to close and left some regions without a place for women to go.

But Texas has one option that makes abortions relatively accessible, which between 300 and 500 pregnant teenagers use every year. Instead of seeking parental consent to terminate a pregnancy, girls younger than 18 can ask a court for approval under legal conditions less stringent than in many other states.

About 20 percent of the abortions performed on minors in Texas in 2013 came through this court process, about double the proportion elsewhere.

Soon, though, the so-called "judicial bypass" might become less accommodating.

Lawmakers are now targeting the teenage cases as part of their latest legislative assault on abortion. New bills introduced in the current session would make it harder for girls to prove they shouldn't have to seek parental permission and more difficult for courts to give approval.

Most teenagers who become pregnant talk to their parents if they want an abortion.

In some cases, though, doing so may be difficult or dangerous, according to groups that work with pregnant teens. Examples include when a teen's father is in prison and her mother dead, when a teen has been abused and fears her pregnancy would prompt more violence, or when the teenager is homeless or neglected by her parents.

Under state law, a young woman can apply for legal approval at a courthouse. She has to prove to a judge that she is mature enough to make the decision, telling her parents would lead to physical, sexual or emotional abuse or that consulting them would otherwise not be in her best interest.

Girls whose parents refuse permission can also use the bypass process.

The procedure was established in 1999 to help Texas' parental consent law comply with Supreme Court rulings mandating that parents couldn't have an absolute veto over a daughter's decision to end a pregnancy.

But the rules drafted for the Texas process wound up being less onerous than those in many of the other 37 states with similar laws.

The teens can apply in any county, rather than just their home county, and if a judge does not rule on a case within two days, the girl's application is deemed granted. The percentage approved isn't known because courts aren't required to report statistics on abortion cases.

The new legislation would limit applications to a girl's home county require more substantial proof of her maturity and fear of abuse.

"We're not trying to get rid of judicial bypass, but it should only be used in limited circumstances, in very exceptional circumstances," said Fort Worth Republican Rep. Matt Krause, the sponsor of one measure.

Another proposal by Republican Rep. Ron Simmons would require public disclosure of judges who grant judicial bypass applications. The judges should "be held accountable by the electorate," Simmons said in an email. At least some of the new restrictions are expected to be approved by the Republican-controlled Legislature.

Susan Hays, a lawyer and founding board member of Jane's Due Process, a nonprofit that works with pregnant teens, said she usually encourages young women to talk to their parents rather than go around them.

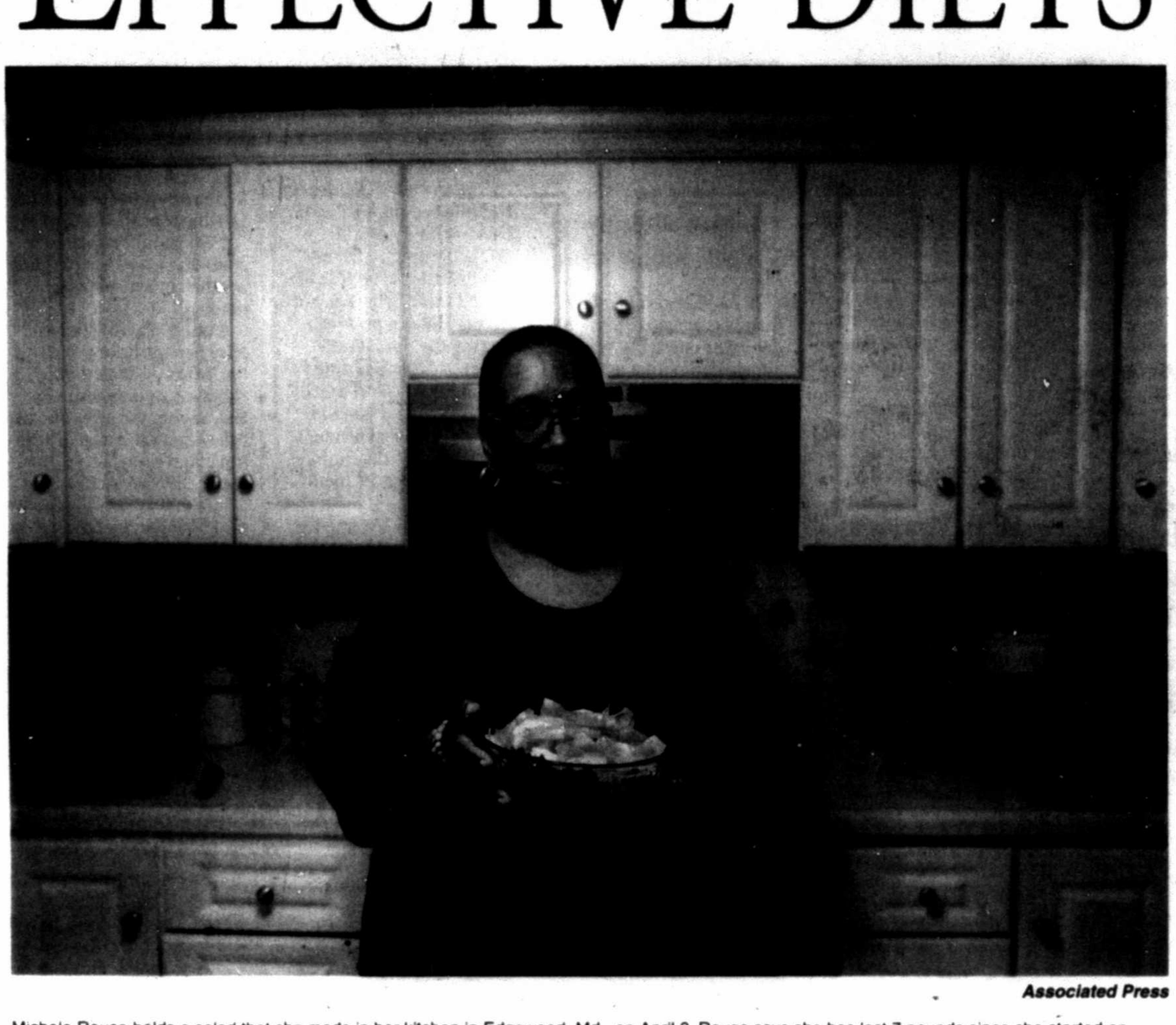
But she said she understands why some don't. She described one young client who was living with her grandparents and taking care of younger siblings after her father had beaten and injured her.

She describes the girls typically as "Type A overachievers who want something better."

El Paso Lawyer Karen Pelletier said none of the 10 judicial bypass cases she's handled has been frivolous.

"They've been dealt a very sobering event in their lives, when they become pregnant," Pelletier said.

EFFECTIVE DIETS



Associated Press

Michele Rouse holds a salad that she made in her kitchen in Edgewood, Md., on April 3. Rouse says she has lost 7 pounds since she started on Weight Watchers a month ago and has already seen a drop in her elevated blood pressure. Weight Watchers and Jenny Craig scored the best marks for effectiveness in a review of research on commercial diet programs, but many other plans just haven't been studied enough to evaluate long-term results.

Weight Watchers, Jenny Craig get best marks in review of diet programs

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Trying to slim down? Weight Watchers and Jenny Craig scored the best marks for effectiveness in a review of research on commercial diet programs, but many other plans just haven't been studied enough to evaluate long-term results.

The two plans are among the most popular and had the best evidence that dieters could lose meaningful amounts of weight and keep it off for at least a year, the review authors said.

Pooling results from several studies, the researchers found that Weight Watchers dieters lost an average of at least 8 pounds and kept it off for at least 12 months versus about 15 pounds for those using the Jenny Craig plan.

Most participants remained overweight, with weight loss of between 3 percent and 5 percent of their initial weight — but that's a range that doctors typically recommend to achieve healthful benefits including lower blood pressure and cholesterol levels.

"It's a really important first step to reach," even if it doesn't meet patients' expectations, said study author Dr. Kimberly Gudzune, an internist and researcher at Johns Hopkins University's medical school.

The study was published Monday in Annals of Internal Medicine.

The research review included 39 rigorous studies involving 11 popular diet programs that include support or counseling services and involve fees for products or services. Most studies compared the programs with standard diet information or behavioral counseling patients get from health care providers; long-term results for Weight Watchers and Jenny Craig were mostly better than the comparisons.

The researchers didn't attempt to make head-to-head comparisons of different diet plans. They note that the Affordable Care Act makes obesity screening and counseling more accessible to many Americans, and that with two-thirds of U.S. adults overweight or obese, it's important for doctors to know which diet plans work.

Diet companies had no role in the research, Gudzune said.

Weight Watchers and Jenny Craig include behavioral counseling, coaching or social support — important for long-term weight-loss success, according to an Annals editorial.

Weight Watchers costs about $43 monthly, which includes costs for attending online or in-person support groups or coaching sessions. Participants can buy the company's low-calorie products or buy their own food, but each item is assigned points and dieters aim not to exceed a daily point limit.

Jenny Craig provides pre-made meals and costs about almost $600 monthly.

Michele Rouse, an administrative coordinator at Johns Hopkins' medical school who used to work for Gudzune, says she has lost 7 pounds since starting on Weight Watchers a month ago and has already seen a drop in her elevated blood pressure. Rouse said she didn't know much about the new study and picked Weight Watchers because she'd had success with it years ago.

It's too soon to tell if the program will help her reach her 70-pound weight loss goal, but Rouse said it's a sensible plan that's more like a lifestyle change than a harsh diet.

"You're not starving yourself," said Rouse, 49.

Study says breast cancer overtreatment costs nation $4B a year

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sharpening a medical debate about the costs and benefits of cancer screening, a new report estimates that the U.S. spends $4 billion a year on unnecessary medical costs because of mammograms that generate false alarms and on treatment of certain breast tumors unlikely to cause problems.

The study published Monday in the journal Health Affairs breaks the cost down as follows: $2.8 billion resulting from false-positive mammograms and another $1.2 billion attributed to breast cancer overdiagnosis. That's the treatment of tumors that grow slowly or not at all and are unlikely to develop into life-threatening disease during a woman's lifetime.

The cost estimates cover women ages 40-59.

Breast cancer is the second most common cause of death from cancer among American women, claiming nearly 41,000 lives a year. Annual mammograms starting at age 40 have long been considered standard for preventive care, because cancer is easier to treat if detected early. But recently there's been disagreement about regular screening for women in their 40s. It parallels the medical debate about the pros and cons of prostate cancer screening for men.

Study authors Mei-Sing Ong and Kenneth Mandl said their findings indicate that the cost of breast cancer overtreatment appears to be much higher than previously estimated. Their $4 billion figure is the midpoint of a range that depends upon assumptions about the rates of false-positive mammograms and breast cancer overdiagnosis.

Ong is a research fellow at Boston Children's Hospital, and Mandl is a professor at Harvard Medical School.

Apart from the financial cost of screening tests and treatment, false positives and overdiagnosis expose women to risks from additional medical procedures and psychological distress. It's not uncommon for mammograms to turn up some apparent abnormality that has to be resolved with more imaging tests or a biopsy.

"We're hoping that the financial cost of this problem will help cast into greater relief the human cost," said co-author Mandl. "The two messages together are powerful. The fact that this is not only a problem, but a very costly problem, we hope will accelerate the attempts to try to fix the screening practices."

But another expert defended those practices, and called the study one-sided.

"There was no attempt to balance the costs with the benefits," said Richard Wender, who heads prevention, detection and patient-support efforts at the American Cancer Society. "I strongly feel that every study that looks at the downsides of any screening test has to be balanced with the benefits."

The American Cancer Society recommends yearly mammograms for women starting at age 40, while a government advisory group — the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force— recommends that regular screen begin later, at age 50. The study found that women ages 40-49 were more likely to have a false-positive mammogram, compared to women in their 50s.

Study: Brain scans may identify concussion-related disease

By Malcolm Ritter
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A brain-scanning technique might one day help identify people with a disease linked to concussions in football and other sports, an illness now diagnosed only after death, a small study suggests.

Scans of 14 retired football players at risk for the condition, called CTE, revealed deposits of abnormal protein in a pattern resembling that found at autopsy in the disease.

CTE stands for chronic traumatic encephalopathy. It causes progressive brain degeneration in athletes and others who've had repeated concussions and other blows to the head.

No cure is known. But the brain-scanning approach raises the possibility of detecting the disease early on, when the chances would be greatest for success of experimental treatments, study authors said.

It might also shed light on the disease and help athletes with decisions on retirement, said a study author, Dr. Julian Bailes, co-director of the NorthShore Neurological Institute in Evanston, Illinois.

He and others present the results in a paper released Monday by the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Dr. Joseph Maroon of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, who was not involved in the study, called the results "a major step forward in detecting CTE prior to death."

Like the authors, he said the results set the stage for bigger studies to investigate the technique's usefulness.

The study of 14 retired professional football players included one with dementia, one without obvious symptoms and 12 with a mental functioning deficit called mild cognitive impairment. All had a history of repeated concussions and other blows to the head.

For the study, they were injected with a substance that binds to deposits of an abnormal protein found in CTE and makes them visible on a PET scan. The resulting PET images differed from results with 28 healthy people and 24 people with Alzheimer's disease, a condition that can resemble CTE in its symptoms.

Maroon said the technique could offer a more definitive answer if scientists can find a binding substance that hones in more specifically on the abnormal protein.

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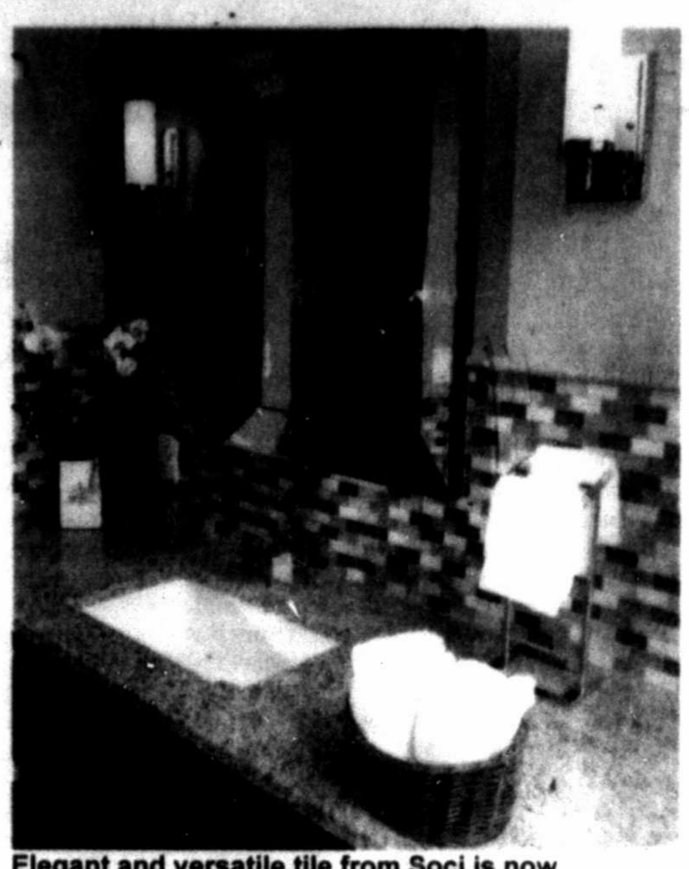
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We've said it before, we'll say it again: Hispanics show poorly at the polls.

According to a new analysis by Latino Decisions, a Hispanic political research organization, the 2014 midterm elections — when Republicans took control of the Senate — saw generally low voter turnout. But among Latino registered voters, it was even lower.

For instance, the research notes that Hispanic voter turnout in Florida was only 36.5 percent compared with 50.5 percent overall voter turnout statewide.

"In 2014, there was a significant decline in Latino turnout in Florida," wrote Matt A. Barreto, the co-founder of the polling and research firm, in a summary. "In fact, if Latino turnout rate had been equivalent to the statewide average — as it was in 2010 — an additional 276,000 Latino votes would have been cast. Given the Florida governor's election was decided by just 64,000 votes, those additional 276,000 Latino votes could have proved critical."

Of course, Hispanics weren't the only ones who stayed home for the 2014 midterms. Estimates by the United States Election Project pegged national eligible voter turnout at about 37 percent, the lowest level for a midterm since 1942.

And, at any rate, the analysts don't blame the Republican tide solely on low voter turnout. The New York Times' "The Upshot" columnist Nate Cohn noted that "There is no question that turnout among core Democratic groups was lower in 2014 than it was in 2012 or even 2010. Many Democrats would have won if turnout had resembled a presidential election year. But Democrats also lost in states where turnout surpassed 2010, according to an Upshot analysis of preliminary returns and voter turnout data."

But still using the Florida example, in a contest where so many issues of special importance to Hispanics were at play — candidates' positions on climate change, minimum-wage proposals, Cuba policy and in-state tuition for unlawfully present immigrants — in such a close race, you'd think that eligible Latino voters would be clamoring to get to the polls.

Low Hispanic voter turnout is not a total mystery, however. In addition to the general sense of futility, disgust with political pandering, and frustration with a process that seems to turn on big money that keeps many other citizens from registering to vote or getting to the polls, Hispanics have their culture to overcome.

Maria Teresa Kumar, the president and CEO of Voto Latino, a nonpartisan organization that promotes Hispanic political participation, recently told the Latin Post that while African-Americans and whites have a history of voting, participation and facing exclusion, Latinos don't have a habit to propel them. Because most of the country's Latinos are first-generation American, with a median age of 27, Kumar said, they may be the first in the family to participate at the polls.

Kumar noted that many first-generation U.S. Latinos might live in a house or attend school where no one talks about politics and they probably have to work twice as hard to be politically engaged — or simply believe "Well, politics just isn't for me."

Anyone who works closely with young adults knows that the biggest determinant of their civic participation is whether the parents are politically involved — either by simply talking about issues, politics or elections or by participating in other activities like attending meetings or actually voting.

Time, and the steady work of civic-minded advocacy organizations such as Voto Latino, will continue to ingrain the importance of voting into Hispanic community members. Pair that with the continued increase of Hispanic adults who are both graduates of American schooling and children of such grads and you have sunnier days to come in terms of Hispanic civic engagement.

For now, though, it's all about the candidates.

Barreto put it beautifully: "Rather than blame Latino voters — Why was your turnout so low? Don't you care who wins? — we should think about how well the candidates for office in 2014 did or did not make their case to Latino voters. Few Americans will rush to the polling booth if they don't think the candidates care about their community or issues important to them. Or if they don't see much differentiation between the two options."

This is a valuable message for all candidates: Hispanics, like any other voters, want serious consideration, without attacks or pandering. It's not too much to ask, and the payoff will be well worth it.

OUR VIEW

Why would Rick Perry run for president again?

Please, Rick Perry, don't run for president. The former Texas governor is making more rounds articulating his vision for America. Monday he was in South Carolina, speaking at The Citadel, a military college.

Perry, according to the Texas Tribune, delivered a "sweeping indictment of President Obama's foreign policy and a presentation of his own proposals to reassert American influence abroad."

Perry hasn't decided whether he will run in 2016. His 2012 campaign was textbook on how to snatch defeat from the jaws of a possible primary victory. He went from possible front-runner to political punchline in the time it took him to count to three. We are not sure what has changed since 2012, except — according to reports — Perry is healthier and better prepared for a run for the highest office.

We would argue the field is stronger, and there is no place for a Perry candidacy. He's not the favorite of establishment Republicans (former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush), Libertarians (Sen. Rand Paul), isn't the most popular state leader (current Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker), not a favorite of social conservatives (Sen. Ted Cruz), not the best from the private sector (former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina) and not a dynamic Hispanic from a swing state (Sen. Marco Rubio). We will even go so far to say he's not even close to being the most popular from Texas (Cruz is, according to a Texas Tribune/University of Texas poll taken in October). We just don't get where Perry fits in.

When we look at Perry, we see a politician who thinks he has something to prove. Perhaps that would be OK if you are running for state office. In 2010, people expected him to move out of the way and let former U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison run for governor. But Perry wanted to show he was the stronger politician, and he did exactly that, in taking apart Hutchison.

This, however, is different. This is a race for a party's nomination and a field the quality of which dwarfs the 2012 GOP lineup. And Perry is coming off one of the great debate miscues in recent memory. What's the third federal agency he would cut if elected? The Department of Energy. How do you represent the great state of Texas and forget the DOE? A national electorate isn't likely to forget his "oops" moment. There certainly are other candidates for the highest office who will remember.

In the end, if Perry runs, we hope he is serious. We hope his candidacy is one that promotes what he brings to office and not one that destroys the rest of the Republican field and the conservative brand. This is a strong GOP field, and the process deserves serious candidates, not a guy who didn't know when to call it quits.

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Obama continues verbal gymnastics

■ In the age of anti-Christian pogrom, the least we can do is speak up forcefully about the plight of threatened Christians



RICH LOWRY
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We live in the era of the anti-Christian pogrom. The slaughter at Garissa University College in Kenya that killed nearly 150 people last week was the latest example of the bloodlust.

Usually, such mass-casualty attacks are indiscriminate, but the killers of the Somali-based al-Shabab terror group sought to be exacting during their all-day assault on the largely Christian university.

A student told The Associated Press, "If you were a Christian, you were shot on the spot."

Another who escaped through a window said, "The attackers were just in the next room. I heard them ask people whether they were Christian or Muslim, then I heard gunshots and screams."

One witness described his best friend begging for his life, pretending to be a Muslim; when he couldn't recite a Muslim prayer, he was shot to death.

Another recalls seeing three girls praying for help: "The mistake they made was to say, 'Jesus, please save us,' because that is when they were immediately shot."

Al-Shabab condemned the university, just 90 miles from Kenya's porous border with Somalia, as being part of an alleged plan to spread Christianity and infidelity. An al-Shabab spokesman told Reuters that the group spared Muslims (although, according to reports, the killers fired randomly at times).

The administration's reaction to this atrocity carried out by Islamic zealots for avowedly religious reasons was typically shorn of any specific reference to what had happened, or why. The administration reverted to its core strength of tightly scripted euphemism.

In his statement, President Barack Obama said that "innocent men and women were brazenly and brutally massacred." True enough, but he couldn't bring himself to say *who* had been shot by *whom*. He vowed to stand with the Kenyan government and people "in their efforts to bring communities together," the closest he dared step to the unmistakable religious dimension of the murders.

Secretary of State John Kerry urged steadfastness in the fight against "violent extremism," the administration's term of art for Muslim extremism.

President Obama can't restrain his anger over Bibi Netanyahu saying that Arab voters are turning out in droves prior to the Israeli election, but if coldblooded killers gun down Christians for their faith, he turns to careful verbal gymnastics.

As a matter of sheer intellectual honesty, we should be forthright about the religious hatred that motivates attacks on Christians. One of the Garissa gunmen was a law-school graduate and son of a Kenyan government official, who presumably wasn't driven into the arms of al-Shabab by blighted economic prospects.

If the administration worries about playing into the Islamist narrative of the Western "crusaders," the 11th century wants its foreign policy back. In country after country, Christian communities are embattled and vulnerable, and obviously in no condition to crusade for anything. They don't want to take back Jerusalem; they want to survive.

At Garissa, it was the typical depressing story of insufficient protection from the government, either out of indifference or incompetence or both. Warnings of a coming attack on a university had been ignored. Students had protested the lack of security back in November, and did get a fence, although not the protection they felt they needed. An elite police unit didn't respond to the attack on the university until hours after it had begun.

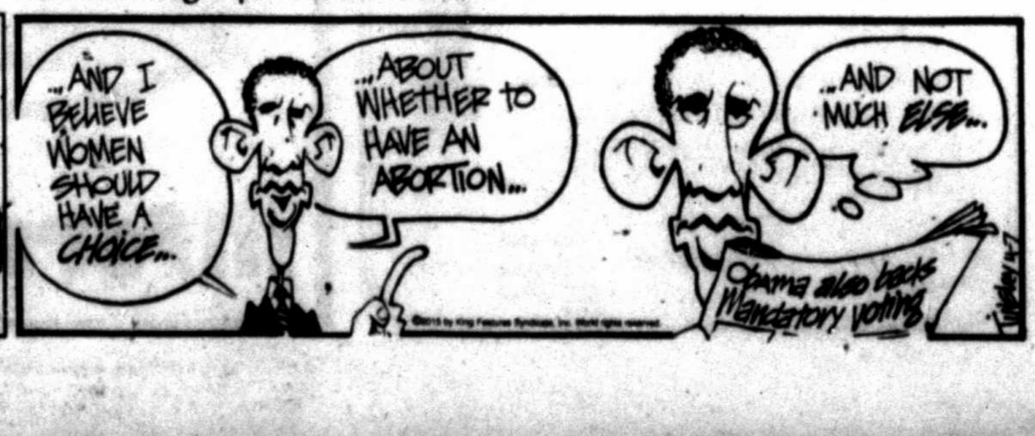
The least we can do is to speak up forcefully about the plight of threatened Christians and urge governments to do more to protect them. It is one of the scandals of our time that the president of Egypt has been a more courageous voice on this than the president of the United States.

There will be more Garissa-like attacks to come, demonstrating with heartbreaking starkness the disparity in martyrdom between radical Islam and Christianity. The "martyrs" of militant Islam strap on suicide vests and commit hellish acts of mass murder; Christianity's martyrs die as innocents, often with a prayer on their lips.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



Rand Paul and 2016: A message of change, delivered deadpan

By Philip Elliott
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Change? For sure. Hope? Maybe not so much.

That's Rand Paul's approach to winning the White House when the original hope-and-change candidate, Barack Obama, vacates it in early 2017.

Ready to enter the chase for the Republican presidential nomination today, the first-term Kentucky senator has designs on changing how members of his party go about getting elected to the White House and how they govern once they get there.

He will do so with an approach to politics that is often downbeat and usually dour, which just might work in a nation deeply frustrated with Washington.

Since his election to Congress, and in the lead-up to his entry into the presidential race, Paul has favored blunt takes on America's woes instead of the sunny earnestness that helped fuel Obama's rise to popularity in 2007 and 2008.

Consider Paul's response this year to Obama's State of the Union address, a speech filled by presidents of all parties with bullish predictions for the nation's future. Paul's message that night was downright sullen.

"I wish I had better news for you, but all is not well in America," Paul said. Much of the country, he said, "still suffers."

Paul is set to declare his candidacy during a speech in his home state of Kentucky today. As his campaign committee put it in a video beforehand: "On April 7, one leader will stand up to defeat the Washington machine and unleash the American dream."

Expect Paul to outline a vision for America that doesn't fit any of the traditional Republican molds.

He would alter the scale and mandate of the federal government in more radical ways than other members of the GOP. And he bucks party ideology in standing against government surveillance, for deep cuts in military spending and in questioning the wisdom of harsh sentences for drug offenders who cost government billions to imprison.

Those libertarian impulses resonate with people on the left as well as the right, though they can be hard for many mainstream Republicans to swallow. Sen. John McCain, the Arizona Republican who was his party's 2008 presidential nominee, called Paul and others "wacko birds" of the Senate when they unsuccessfully tried to block the nomination of John Brennan as CIA chief in a dispute over the use of drones.



AP file photo

On March 20, Sen., Rand Paul, R-Ky. speaks in Manchester, N.H. Ready to enter the Republican chase for the party's presidential nomination this week, the first-term Kentucky senator has designs on changing how Republicans go about getting elected to the White House and how they govern once there. Paul will do so with an approach to politics that is often downbeat and usually dour, which just might work in a nation deeply frustrated with Washington.

POLITICSBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON

Obama: Nuclear deal can't hinge on Iran's Israel stance

President Barack Obama says it would be "a fundamental misjudgment" to condition a nuclear deal with Iran on the country changing its hostile stance toward Israel.

Obama says he's trying to stop Iran from developing nuclear weapons "precisely because we can't bank on the nature of the regime changing."

Israeli officials oppose the framework agreement reached last week between U.S.-led international negotiators and Iran. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says Iran has vowed to annihilate his country, and no deal should be struck until Iran recognizes Israel's right to exist.

Obama indicated that's unrealistic — likening it to Iran suddenly transforming itself into Germany or Sweden.

In an interview Monday with NPR News, Obama said that would be saying there's no deal unless the Iranian government completely changes its nature.

NEW JERSEY

Christie plans town hall events in NH

NEWARK — New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie is taking his signature town hall events on the road.

The potential Republican presidential contender will hold a "Tell it like it is" town hall meeting in Londonderry, N.H., April 15, and is expected to do another two days later, in Nashua, as part of a series of events in the early voting state.

He'll have "an honest and direct conversation about why America needs real leadership," said Samantha Smith, speaking for his political action committee.

The visits will mark Christie's first extended swing this year in New Hampshire, where his blunt style might play well. Christie appears to be having trouble gaining traction with the public and donors in the early stages of the party's 2016 contest with many likely rivals.

WASHINGTON

2 top White House advisers are expecting babies

WASHINGTON — Jen Psaki thought the offer to be President Barack Obama's communications director wouldn't last long.

She figured White House chief of staff Denis McDonough hadn't heard she's expecting a baby girl in July. "My immediate instinct in my head was to tell him I'm pregnant and this will be the end of this. He'll tell me good luck and be very kind about it and I'll be on my merry way," said Psaki, who was serving as chief spokeswoman at the State Department.

Instead McDonough — and later Obama himself — assured Psaki they would accommodate her needs as a new mom amid the West Wing's nonstop demands. She started in the post Wednesday and is one of two pregnant women serving as assistant to the president — a first for such a top level adviser in Obama's presidency and practically unheard of under previous presidents.

Rahm Emanuel, Obama's first chief of staff and now Chicago mayor, once remarked that every White House says they'll be family-friendly, but it's never really a good workplace for any family except the president's.

Yet Obama has pushed family-friendly policies like childcare, flexibility and paid leave, including instituting 12 weeks paid maternity leave for his own staff. But until now, he hasn't put it into practice in a very prominent way with few mothers of young children on his own senior team.

"All workplaces are adapting and that includes the White House," said Obama legislative director Katie Beirne Fallon. She is scheduled to give birth to identical twin boys in May, just as her husband, Brian, plans to start as press secretary for Hillary Rodham Clinton's impending presidential campaign in New York.

Fallon said she made it clear when she took her job that they were trying to start a family. She said everyone has been accommodating — from cooks at the mess hall where her lunch orders have included a baked potato topped with tuna fish and frozen yogurt with Raisin Bran, all the way up to the president.

"He's constantly checking in on me," she said, urging her not to miss doctor's appointments and to put her health first. "Don't let us get in the way of that," she said he's told her. Fallon and Psaki both say they envision working more flexible hours so they can put their babies to bed.

Press secretary Josh Earnest — one of several new fathers in the West Wing — said he tries to get home once a week before his baby is asleep. Obama tries to make it to dinner every night with his wife and daughters.

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Police test bullet casings quicker to solve gun crime

By Sadie Gurman
Associated Press

DENVER — Detectives in Denver were on the hunt for an increasingly brazen shooter.

A burglar fired through a woman's dining room window when she threatened to call police. Ten minutes later and a mile away, someone broke into another home and shot a Bernese mountain dog.

Officers scooped up the bullet casings and wondered where he would strike next.

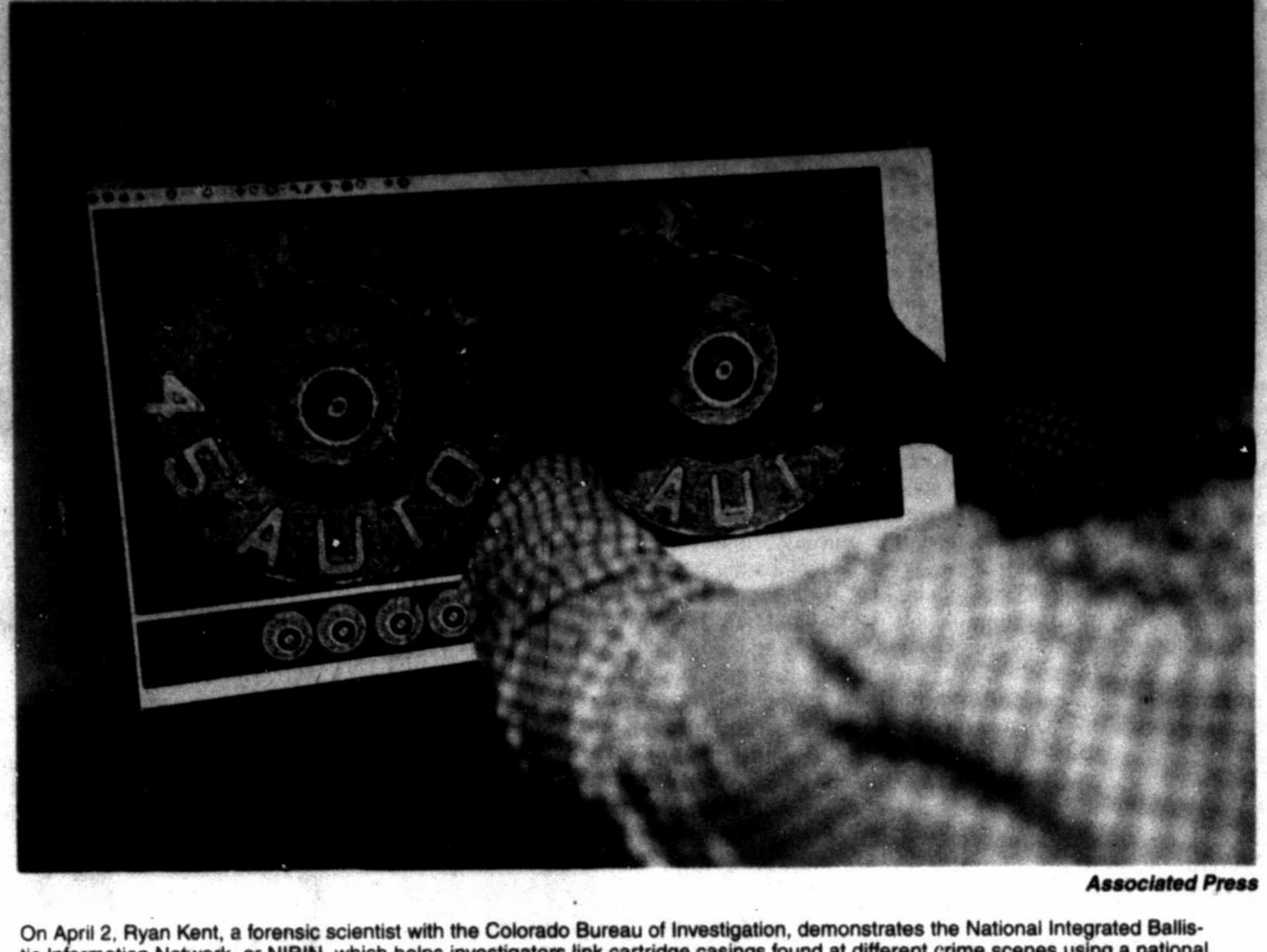
Their break came when a witness said he was fired upon in a street fight two days later. Police gathered six more casings that were quickly entered into a national ballistics database and matched all three crimes. The evidence helped put Anthony Dennis in jail and keep him there.

In many U.S. police departments, that evidence might have been shelved in an overworked crime lab, where analysts would only run it through the database to prepare a case for trial.

But authorities in Denver are leading a national trend to put ballistics evidence into the hands of investigators much more quickly — before leads dry up and suspects disappear.

"Police are beginning to understand that if you don't quickly respond and address gun violence, it can spread over space, and it can escalate much like a measles outbreak," said Daniel Webster, director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research, which is studying whether these efforts create sustained reductions in gun violence.

Matched shell casings have helped lead to at least 35 arrests in more than 50 shootings in the two years since Denver began operating its Crime Gun Intelligence Center.



Associated Press

On April 2, Ryan Kent, a forensic scientist with the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, demonstrates the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network, or NIBIN, which helps investigators link cartridge casings found at different crime scenes using a national database, in Lakewood, Colo. Cartridge casings once languished for years in crime labs, but under new programs adopted in Colorado Springs, Denver, Chicago, Milwaukee, New Orleans and elsewhere, cartridge casings are searched through the database within just days after a crime, regardless of whether there's a court case, allowing investigators to find links faster and deliver that information to detectives on the street.

At least 13 other suspects were charged with federal gun crimes, and five more had their parole revoked, according to the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

The goal is to stop "active shooters," people who "have already proven they have no qualms about pulling the trigger multiple times," said Jeff Russell, supervisory special agent in the Denver ATF office. "The urgency is there to stop that person before they commit the next shooting."

In Denver, Chicago, Milwaukee, New Orleans and other cities, shell casings are now loaded into the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network within days of a crime. A machine takes images of the unique, microscopic markings at the base of each bullet casing. Computer software then produces potential matches, and detectives and ATF agents study the linked cases for other similarities, such as suspect or vehicle descriptions.

"You've got to be timely," said Greggory LaBerge, who directs the Denver Police crime lab. "If even a week or two goes by, you may lose the advantage of having those connections."

Russell and LaBerge agreed to move two ATF investigators into Denver's crime lab to enter recovered shells into the database, using $150,000 in ATF equipment. Baltimore, Seattle, Los Angeles and other cities are now developing similar programs.

Agencies using the national database have entered nearly 2.4 million cartridge cases recovered from crime scenes, producing more than 67,000 "hits" as of February.

But there are as many as 400 million guns in circulation in the United States, and by law, the federal database was constrained from the start to include only ballistics evidence that comes from crimes. By law, test-fired shells of newly manufactured guns cannot be entered before they are sold.

Still, with every new entry of a shell left behind by a criminal, the database becomes more robust. And when officers gather shell casings from shooting scenes as often as they can, they increase the likelihood of finding matches that provide clues to a shooter's identity.

"It's like the computer you have at home. If you feed it a little, it will do a little work for you. If you don't feed it at all, it's not going to do any work for you," said Pete Gagliardi, a former ATF agent who is now senior vice president of Forensic Technology Inc., a private company that studies ballistics evidence.

Unlike with DNA or fingerprints that link people to crimes, this system catalogues the distinct characteristics of a firearm, not the person who used it. And the software only suggests potential hits, leaving it to analysts to verify any matches.

Denver's early results are mixed, but promising, said Webster. The homicide rate dropped for at least five months in places where police made arrests as a result of the program, he said, although he wouldn't provide details, since the study hasn't been published.

Even so, it can take some convincing to put crime lab ballistics machines at the service of detectives, said George Lauder, a resident agent in charge of the ATF in Milwaukee. But soon after that city started using the technology in the immediate aftermath of shootings, investigators discovered a pattern of armed robberies based on their locations and times, he said.

"We've been successful in homicides where we've been able to identify a lead within 45 minutes," said Lauder's partner, Alex Kopeck. "In the past, it could have taken us months and sometimes never to identify these leads."

New Orleans authorities credit ballistics analysis by their Multi-Agency Gang Unit for helping them solve a 2013 gang-related shooting at a Mother's Day parade that wounded 19 people, said Phillip Durham, special agent in charge of the New Orleans ATF office.

"Our murder rate is the lowest it has been in 30 years," he said. "Most of the credit is going to the MAG Unit. We're targeting the shooters."

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

KENTUCKY

Canadians make 2,000-mile trip for KFC

CORBIN — Two thousand miles might seem like a long way to go for fried chicken.

Two men from Canada who took their sons on a journey to the original home of Kentucky Fried Chicken say it's a trip they'll never forget.

The Times-Tribune reported this was the third trip to the Harland Sanders Cafe and Museum for Brian Lutfy, one of the fathers who piled the four sons into a van for the 34-hour pilgrimage from Montreal, Quebec. His tales of earlier visits inspired the trip.

The friends left on Thursday, traveling to Colonel Sanders' birthplace and burial place before arriving at the Corbin restaurant Saturday afternoon.

For three of the sons, it was the first time they had tasted KFC.

And 10-year-old Jesse Janna said it was "delicious!"

NEVADA

Glider crashes in downtown Reno, pilot parachutes to safety

RENO — Police say high winds sheared the wings off a glider while it was flying over downtown Reno on Sunday afternoon, but the pilot parachuted to safety.

Police said the pilot left Sunday morning from the Minden-Tahoe Airport, about 40 miles south of Reno, and was returning there when the accident occurred about 2:30 p.m.

The pilot escaped with minor injuries, and was released after treatment at the scene.

The National Weather Service reported winds of about 35 mph at the time.

Police said the glider's fuselage landed in a parking lot next to the Easy 8 Motel and one of the wings landed just under a mile away at Dick Taylor Memorial Park. Police were searching for the other wing.

Easy 8 manager Raj Patel said he went outside after hearing a loud noise and saw the pilot land on the nearby roof of the multi-story parking garage of Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center.

The pilot's name wasn't immediately released.

SAN DIEGO

Officials: Sea lion pulls man with fish into bay

Officials say a 62-year-old man holding a fish he caught on a boat in a San Diego bay was pulled overboard by a sea lion.

San Diego lifeguards tell the Los Angeles Times that the man was posing for a photo when the sea lion, apparently attempting to get the fish, bit on the man's arm instead and pulled him to the bottom of the 20 feet of water in Mission Bay until he was let go and rose to the surface.

San Diego Fire-Rescue spokesman Capt. Joe Amador said in a report by U-T San Diego that the animal lunged over a railing on the boat and latched onto his hand and the fish around 4 p.m.

He said the man had cuts on his hands and feet and was taken to a hospital in an ambulance.

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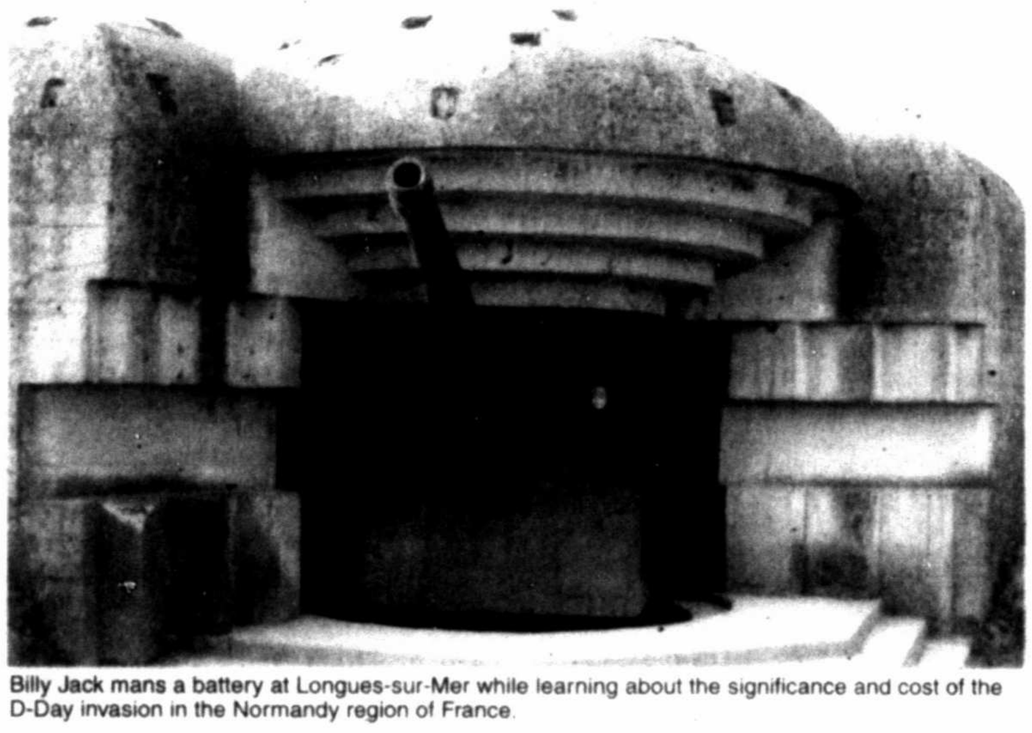
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At the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin with Billy Jack, Spencer and Lauren McCool.



Billy Jack mans a battery at Longues-sur-Mer while learning about the significance and cost of the D-Day invasion in the Normandy region of France.



Wade McCool and Lauren on day trip from a cruise in Ephesus, Turkey.

Midlander offers advice for travel abroad with kids

By B. Wade McCool
Special to the Reporter-Telegram

In 2009, nursing a torn knee following an accident in Munich, I limped across Germany with two children and my very pregnant wife in tow. I could have seriously questioned my commitment to family travel then; however, I would not trade my experiences for anything. Through the years, our family has stood at the tombs of the czars in St. Petersburg, Russia, and haggled with shopkeepers in Istanbul, very often with young children sleeping on our shoulders. Not only is international travel with children possible, it is extraordinarily rewarding for all involved. We are often asked how we vacation with our children. While there are many tips and tricks, the following represent several of our key tactics.

■ **Think cruise vacation.** Cruises are invaluable to overseas travel as a family, offering several distinct advantages. Belongings stay in one cabin while the family visits multiple destinations. Cruise line child care options also turn a family trip into a family vacation, allowing everyone a bit of time apart. And, with dining options near the cabin, family meals become a simple affair; breakfasts can be delivered to your room to get a quick start on the day.

■ **Use the Internet to set expectations.** Websites like YouTube help to get the kids on board, quite literally. Previewing vacation experiences in advance helps to desensitize children to the novelty of travel. Before a long haul flight, I open YouTube and find a video of boarding, take off and landing. Visiting the Eiffel Tower? There is a video on what is involved. The point is to make the new experiences of travel familiar. When the engines of the 787 wind-up for take-off, our children know exactly what to expect because they have seen it before.

■ **Don't expect perfection.** Little minds do not always mesh with adult timing. Our mornings often revolve around sightseeing on a loose schedule, reserving afternoons for laid-back activities, such as hitting the beach, when our kids' stamina starts to fail. Also, look for activities your children will enjoy, whether the cheesy magic show on a cruise or a full costume folk dinner, and

Please see **TRAVEL/2B**



Michelene McCool with Billy Jack, Spencer and Lauren atop the Acropolis in Athens, Greece.

Locavore finds ways to thrive in Midland



AMANDA BYROM
Executive Director of Keep Midland Beautiful

I must admit when my husband and I decided to move back to Midland after living in Austin for some time, I was very nervous about the lifestyle changes I was sure would lie ahead. You see, I was what some out here in Midland might call a "tree-hugger." Whether you think of that term endearingly, indifferently or otherwise, may I just say that being "green" does not necessarily mean being anti-oil, anti-corporation or anti-freedom. Nor does it mean chaining oneself to a tree (although here in Midland we may want to do whatever we can to preserve our urban forest) It is possible to care for the environment and also care about the ideals of liberty, democracy and personal responsibility. In fact, all of environmentalism relies on that latter principle — personal responsibility. But more on that in a moment.

When we moved back to Midland, I was saddened that I would not be able to eat at restaurants with daily changing menus that relied on the natural bounty of the seasons, serving whatever prizes were available from the garden that morning. I lamented that wouldn't have my choice of three farmer's markets to visit every Saturday, from which I could pluck various juicy treasures while shaking the hands that grew them. I started to grow weary that I would not have the option to visit local artisans for unique and handmade clothing, jewelry and household items. I found it downright disheartening that

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Weekend activities include events in Lubbock, Plainview

From staff reports

The National Ranching Heritage Center (NRHC) in Lubbock will host the 45th annual Ranch Day this weekend. The event, planned for 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, attracts more than 4,000 visitors every year.

Ranch Day features "hands-on science and history demonstrations, as well as a 20-foot Comanche teepee on the front lawn, music, dancing and an old-fashioned 'Snake Oil Magic Show' in the 6666 Barn," according to a press release.

Demonstrations will be provided by the Texas Tech Equestrian Center ranch horse team — which will also offer horse rides — and rope maker Greg Davis.

Among the 150 volunteers are organizations from Tech and the community that will oversee science stations and activities. Participants can learn how to wash clothes on a washboard, construct simple machines, make ropes and churn butter. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be available at two chuck wagons set up in the park.

Participants in the "Ranch Hand Experience" will receive work cards they can have

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Photo courtesy of National Ranching Heritage Center

One of more than 150 volunteers at the 45th annual Ranch Day at the National Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock, Lewis Neely will show visitors a 1917 blacksmith shop.

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stamped after completing activities. Stamped cards can be turned in for "cowboy pay" to be spent at the Waggoner Commissary.

Ranch Day is a free event hosted by the NRHC, which is supported by the Ranching Heritage Association and Texas Tech University. For more information, go to www.nrhc.ttu.edu.

Elsewhere in West Texas, Plainview is hosting its 2nd Friday Downtown this weekend with more than 18 vendors selling clothing, decorations and more beginning at 10 a.m. Friday. After the sidewalk sale, local musician Steve Burress and his band will play at Fair Theatre. The show starts at 7 p.m. and tickets — $10 in advance, $12.50 at the door — are available at Artisan Jewelers, Grumpy's Grill and Eyewear Outlet. For more information, email mbrown@plainviewtx.org.

Midlanders who choose to stay in town this weekend will have no shortage of things to do. Highlights from the weekend's calendar include the Turn Up the Love Tour on Thursday at CAF. The Bellamy Brothers on Friday at La Hacienda Event Center and the newest production from The Maverick Players starting Friday.

Saturday's schedule includes Run a K for United Way, Rock 'N' Stroll for Epilepsy, spring plant sale at Sibley Nature Center, Family Tree Day and International Tabletop Day at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, CAF's annual Hops & Props, MARC's Big Boys' Toys with Vince Gill, and concerts by Midland Odessa Symphony and Chorale and Midland High School Orchestra. Check out Thursday's Weekender for more on what to do this weekend.

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my beloved greenbelts and weekend lake trips would be a thing of the past. How would I be green without anything green, I wondered.

Then I realized living locally and caring for the natural resources we are blessed with has nothing to do with where you are; it has everything to do with who you are. Even though I didn't have as many options as I once had to go local, I began to discover all the wonderful things Midland did have to appease a locavore. I was elated when I discovered Midland had a Downtown Farmers' Market, and although it didn't have the variety I was used to, it helped me fulfill my desire to participate with and support local farmers and artisans. Then I found Porter's Community Farm, a local Community Shared Agriculture (CSA) farm just south of town. Our membership gets us fresh produce nearly year-round as we pick up boxes delivered into town during the spring and summer months, and go out to pick our own produce during the fall and winter months. I am pleasantly surprised at the variety we have received over the four years we have been members, and each year just gets better and better as the land is worked and the CSA grows. Yes, things do grow in Midland! Just take a look at Bill and Debbie Rutter's house, as displayed at Keep Midland Beautiful's Trio of Gardens tour last year. Talk about variety! There are now restaurants that serve farm-to-table produce and meats in their dishes, such as the Garlic Press and Taste @ 508. More stores, such as Artizen, carry locally made art and products. Susie's South 40 sells candy made right here in Midland (Locavore SCORE). And a new local art gallery, Kamiposi, will have a quarterly market where local artisans can share their arts, crafts and other goods with the community.

No, Midland will not be what Austin was when I was there. Heck, Austin is not what Austin was when I was there! But that won't stop me from exploring new opportunities for our community to come together to support local farmers, artisans and the people who want to promote a local way of life. It is possible in Midland to have live locally, though the presentation of it may differ from other places. We can't control that, but we can control how we as a community embrace localism and the bounty we are given. I encourage you to try it for yourself. Or better yet, make your own goods, green your own space (water-wisely, of course), or grow your own food. There's nothing more local than that.

Getting back to the personal responsibility bit: environmentalism is not an ugly word. Environmentalists advocate for the preservation, restoration or improvement of the natural environment, and ultimately it comes down to individual responsibility to make it happen. We must all do our part to make sure we have the resources we need for the future, for the preservation of human life on this planet. The fact of the matter is we all have to have clean air to breath and clean water to drink, or human life will not prevail. The environment is not a tree-hugger issue, it's a human issue. And when it comes down to it, local living means fresher, healthier food and supporting our local economy — who can't get behind that? I hope you will join me in exploring Midland's local culture, and you might just find there is more to our town than you thought.

Amanda Byrom is executive director of Keep Midland Beautiful.

Obituaries



Don Looney

Don Looney, prominent Fort Worth citizen, and legendary football player, peacefully passed away Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015 at home. He was 98 years old.

His funeral will be at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2015, at the Greenwood Chapel in Fort Worth. Don will be entombed in Greenwood Mausoleum, as it was always his wish to play cards again with his old and dear friend, Ralph Lowe.

Memorial donations may be made to the Texas Masonic Retirement Center of Arlington, Texas, The Shriner's Hospital for Children, or to a charity of one's choice.

Honorary pallbearers are F.H. (Buzz) Mills, Dr. Bill Kalchoff, James Justiss, Harry McClain, Jim Adams, and Ryland Howard.

Don was born September 2, 1916, on the family farm in East Texas and came to Fort Worth to attend TCU in 1936. He distinguished himself as a great athlete from an early age, leaving home at the age of 15 to play football for Sulpher Springs High School, where he was named All-State.

Following high school, he accepted a scholarship from Texas Christian University. He played ball under Coach Dutch Meyer and is the last known surviver of the legendary 1938 TCU National Championship Team. He was voted Most Valuable Player by his teammates and was Co-Captain of the football team.

After college, he joined his teammate "Davey O'Brien playing professional football for the Philadelphia Eagles, where he set records that hold to this day. He was named #1 NFL Receiver of 1940. In 1941 and 1942, he played for the Pittsburgh Steelers. During World War II, he was ordered to Randolph Field by General Hap Arnold and played intercollegiate football with the Randolph Ramblers.

After the war, at NFL Commissioner Bert Bell's invitation, he became an NFL Official. He brought several of his Fort Worth friends in as officials, including Bruce Alford and the legendary "Purple Lawman," Sheriff Lon Evans. He continued in this hobby until 1963 when his son, Joe Don Looney, went into the pros. Don and Joe Don were among only a few father and son NFL players. At his death this week, Don Looney was the oldest living NFL football player.

Don was in the oil business in Midland and Fort Worth, where he was President of Ralph Lowe Drilling Company and later was an executive with Mary Ralph Lowe's Maralo Oil in Houston, Texas. He was also associated with the Justiss-Mears Oil Company of Houston, Texas. Mr. Looney, along with partners Buzz Mills and Jack Russell, was active in West Texas oil activities and he was the major stockholder in the Bank of Jena, Louisiana, partnering with Jim Justiss and Tom Hunt.

Don was a 65 year member of the Julian Field Masonic Lodge, a Shriner, a member of the Royal Order of the Jester, and a lifelong Republican from the Free State of Winston County, the only Alabama county that did not secede from the Union.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George Washington and Mary Ellen Penn Looney; his son, Joe Don Looney; his brothers, Howard Looney and Bill Looney; and sister, Hazel Dodd.

He is survived by a granddaughter, Tara Casimano; and four great grandchildren, Nicole, Thomas Don, Margaret, and Sarah Casimano; several nieces and nephews; and his many, many friends.

He was blessed with a loving team of caretakers, Amber Felker Seely, Vincent Jankowski, Stephanie Johnson, Crystal Crank, and Candace Meyer.



Nancy Fay Franks

Nancy Fay Franks, 73, of Midland, went home April 4, 2015. The family will be accepting guests at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Memorial services will be held at Golf Course Road Church of Christ on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 3:00 p.m., with Tim Baugh officiating.

Nancy was born on February 7, 1942 in Humble, Texas to Leach Bob Roberts and Rosa Estelle Daylong Roberts. Nancy's favorite activities were reading, crafting and spending time with people she loved.

She was proud mother to Sherron, Shirley Elizabeth, Jeff, Johnny, and Greg; as well as a multitude of grandchildren and great grandchildren. She is survived by siblings, Wanda Bishop, Jerry Roberts, Glenda Frantz, Royce Roberts, and Ronnie Roberts.

She is preceded in death by husband, Dennis; and child, Johnny.

The family would like to express their gratitude toward Nancy's adoptive family at Golf Course Road Church of Christ, Midland, TX. They have been unfailingly kind and supportive.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Friends of the Library and Rays of Hope.

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

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Thomas Guy Smith

On April 6, 2015 Thomas Guy Smith went to be with the Lord in Heaven at the age of 79. He was born on November 9, 1935 in Tipton Oklahoma.

He is preceded in death by the love of his life of 49 years, Peggy Joan Rand Smith; and his son, Randall Lamar Smith.

Shortly after his birth, his family relocated to Dallas, Texas, and then moved to Richardson, Texas, where he grew up and attended Richardson High School and graduated in 1953. He met Peggy Joan Rand in Groesbeck Texas in October of 1955, while attending Texas A&M University. He obtained a degree in Petroleum Engineering in 1957. Texas A&M University was a huge part of his life all the way to his death. His favorite phrase was always "Gig Em Aggies." He remained an alumni and donor for the rest of his life.

Thomas and Peggy fell in love and were married on March 28, 1956. They spent 49 happy years together and had two amazing sons. They relocated to Midland, Texas in 1978. In 1980, he founded Mechanical Equipment, INC. In the years prior to starting Mechanical Equipment INC., he worked for Gardener-Denver and White-Superior as an Engineer /Salesman/Sales Manager.

Thomas poured his heart and soul into his company. He had his priorities and his affairs in order. He always told others, "be sure to plan ahead you never know what might happen." He always treated his employees fairly, saying "family first, business second." When things went wrong for his employees, he always took good care of them. He was an old school business man and he believed in quality over quantity.

When it came to his family, he taught them life lessons such as, "you have to work for what you have." It was very important for him to teach his sons and grandchildren if you have to work for what you have, you will appreciate things more. He knew the true value of a dollar. Thomas grew up during the The Great Depression.

His brother was an architect and designed the house they lived in. When his grandchildren would visit him, he would get out pictures of that old house and tell the story of struggles they went through growing up. Thomas always gave great advice to his family. He told them the secrets of life and the wonders of the universe. He had a rough exterior but a heart of gold. Thomas also spent a great part of his life traveling. He took his family on trips to places such as Lahitas, Mount Rushmore, and Yellow Stone National Park. His grandchildren will remember these trips and times they spent with granddaddy for the rest of their lives.

He is survived by his son, Robert (Bobby) Craig Smith of Midland, Texas; his grandchildren, Charles Smith and his wife Summer Smith of Odessa, Melissa Smith of Midland, Michael Smith and his fiancé Jennifer Wycuff of Jerrel, Texas, and Dolores Russworn of Jerrel. He had eight great grandchildren that loved him dearly. Thomas is also survived by many other close friends, family members, and the employees of MEI.

A sincere Thank You to the staff at Parks Methodist Villiage for the care that they gave to granddaddy and the family during this devastating time.

Visitation will be Friday, April 10, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Groesbeck Funeral Home. The funeral service will be Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at the chapel at Groesbeck Funeral Home, followed by interment at Faulkenbery Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Don Rand, Doug Rand, Ricky Rand, Keith. Rand, Glenn Long, and Kevin Fikes.

Honorary pallbearers will be Charley Smith, Michael Smith, Robert Smith, Clayton Smith, Tristan Smith, and Michael Smith, Jr.

Funeral Services are under the direction of Groesbeck Funeral Home in Groesbeck Texas.

Death Notices

Cruz Gutierrez Palma

Cruz Gutierrez Palma, 93, passed away Friday, April 3, 2015.

A rosary will be held tonight at 7:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Funeral mass is set for Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

She is survived by her son, Julian Lopez; and her daughters, Mary Helen Reynero, Judy Ochoa, and Micaela Barrera.

Darrell Royce Watkins, Jr.

Darrell Royce Watkins, Jr. died Saturday, April 4, 2015. Survivors include father, Darrell Watkins; his mom, Janette Watkins; wife, Sue; son, Andy Watkins; daughter, Emily Watkins; and one brother and two sisters.

Services for Royce Watkins will be held Friday, April 10, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Fannin Terrace Baptist Church in Midland. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Visitation will take place Thursday, April 9, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland.

Mildred Orva Smead

Mildred Orva Smead, 91, died on Thursday, April 2, 2015.

Visitation will be held at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

Naomi Rains Orman

Naomi Rains Orman, 56, of Midland, passed away Saturday, April 4, 2015.

Naomi had five children, Rebecca Russell, Brian Bertolino, Christin Geikaunmah, Jennifer Rains, and Joel Robinson.

Travel

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understand that kids will just not get some things. Recently back from France, we spent two days with our 8-year-old exploring the D-Day beaches and drop zones in Normandy. After painstaking accounts of the invasion and hours walking the American landing sector, our son's final question driving off was, "Is this where a battle happened?"

Don't over pack children's supplies. The mantra of a family abroad is to "Pack light and smart." The inhabitants of your destination will be happy sell you the same things you have at home. We take supplies to get through the flight, plus a day, and buy everything else upon arrival. Long ago, strollers, bibs, baby food and diapers for the entire trip were the norm. On our last 12-day trip to Russia, we supplied five family members with two backpacks and a collapsible stroller. Next time, we won't even bring the stroller. Packing smarter means a lighter load. Pack what you can easily carry, and resupply along the way.



Courtesy photo

Billy Jack, Spencer and Lauren McCool on a day excursion at the Coliseum in Rome

For us, travel with children is not about details. While our oldest might not be able to define the parameters of the Normandy Campaign, he understands that it happened. We value that awareness because our children know there is a world beyond the borders of our daily life. Be it right, wrong, good or bad, it is there and the experience being a part of it presents an entirely different perspective we see daily in our family daily.

B. Wade McCool is a land manager at Apache Corp. who recently moved to Midland with his family.

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KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "No Good Deed" (N)		NCIS: New Orleans "The Insider" (N)		P. of Interest "Search and Destroy" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman	(:35) J.Corden
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KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Twice Born: Stories (N)		Inside the Court of Henry VIII (N)		Frontline "The Poultry Threat" (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		Tavis Smiley (N)	Tavis Smiley
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MAX		380	71	17	120	24	Movie	(:45)	What Lies Beneath Michelle Pfeiffer.				The Conjuring Patrick Wilson.				(:55) Pleasure or ...	
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PLEX				96			(4:50) At First Sight		Lone Rider				The Rat Race			(:20) Papa's Delicate Condition		
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	(:15) Swingers	Vince Vaughn.	Shameless				Ask Me Anything			(:45) Shameless		Movie
TMC		336	67	22	155	26	(5:25) Honey, I Shr...		Last Vegas ('13, Com) Robert De Niro.				Catch Hell Ryan Phillippe.			(:40) Cold in July		
A&E		27	32	28	35	47	Married at First Sight "The Weddings"		Married at First Sight		Married/ First Sight "Honeymoons" (N)		Surviving M. "Dennis and Tamar" (N)		Surviving Marriage "Cleburn and April"		Married at First Sight	
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	(4:00) Van Helsing		The Day After Tomorrow Dennis Quaid.						The Day After Tomorrow Dennis Quaid.			
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BRAVO		65	63		41		Beverly Hills				Beverly Hills (N)		Real Housewives (N)		Newlyweds (N)		Watch (N) Beverly Hills	Wives
CNBC		46	45		39	72	Rich	Super Rich	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Rich (N)	Rich	Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		CNN Special		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		CNN Special	
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		"Season 10 Revealed" (N)		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch	
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	Jessie	Geek Charming Sarah Hyland.			ToyStory	Austin	Dog Blog	I Didn't	Jessie	A.N.T.	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
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FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	Ella Enchanted	Anne Hathaway.			Romy & Michele's High School Reunion				The 700 Club		Boy MW	Boy MW
FNC		45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The Kelly File				Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped	
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	Insider (N)	Stars Insider (N)	Championship Spot. "Boys' Basketball"		TMS Race Preview	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Oakland Athletics Site: O.co Coliseum Oakland, Calif. (L)					
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HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	The Waltons		Waltons "The Hero"		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	H.Hunter	House	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop
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LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	Dance Moms "Abby's Trash, Cathy's Treasure"		Dance Moms (N)		Dance Moms (N)		Little Women: NY (N)		Dance Moms (N)		Dance Moms	
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball						All in With C. Hayes		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes	Rachel Maddow
NBCSN		38	39				NASCAR	NHL Live! (L)			NHL Hockey Minnesota Wild at Chicago Blackhawks (L)				Overtime	EPL Soccer		
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	MakePop	Sam & Cat	F.House	F.House	F.House	Loves Ray	Younger	Loves Ray	G. Lopez	(:35) Lopez	(:10) Lopez	(:50) Lopez
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Jail	Jail
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	Face Off		Face Off		Face Off (N)		Haunting Aust (N)		Face Off		Haunting: Australia	
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinf. "The Cartoon"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Family "Pilot"	Big Bang Theory	Conan Ricky Gervais, Elizabeth Warren		Family "Pilot"	Conan
TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(5:00)	Mildred Pier...	James Stewart: A Wonder...				(:45) The Spencer Tracy Legacy			Fonda on	Fonda	Hepburn
TELE		20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Avenida Brasil				Dueños del paraiso		Al rojo	(:35) Titular	Tierra de reyes	
TLC		51	33	32	38	52	19 Kids and Counting: Wedding" (N)		Recount "Jessa's		19 Kids & Count (N)	19 Kids & Count (N)	Johnstons (N)	Johnstons (N)	19 Kids & Count	19 Kids & Count	7 Little Johnstons	7 Little Johnstons
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Veritas"		NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs at Oklahoma City Thunder.Site: Chesapeake Energy Arena (L)						NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Los Angeles Clippers Site: Staples Center -- Los Angeles, Calif. (L)			
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Home Videos		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Younger	Younger	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens
USA		26	30	42	27	49	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Sirens (N)	Modern Family	Modern "The Kiss"	Modern Family	Sirens "No Love"	Sirens
WGN		19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		John Q (2002, Drama) Gabriela Oltean, Kimberly Elise, Denzel Washington.						Outlaw Country "The Reckoning" (N)		Outlaw Country "The Reckoning"	

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Retired radio man recalls run-ins with big names in country music

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Big Spring storyteller



Jim Bush recently retired from his job as chaplain at an assisted living facility for adults at Carlsbad, just north of San Angelo. He says he's not sure if he is kin to the Bush presidents.

"If I am related to Uncle George, he was born on the side of the family whose children were born with silver spoons in their mouths. I've always had my foot in my mouth," he said.

His great-grandparents had 18 children. Sixteen of them were boys.

"I know my grandfather and two of his brothers. That means there are 13 branches of the Bush family in Texas that I know absolutely nothing about."

Years ago, he worked as a part-time disc jockey at a radio station in Clayton, New Mexico.

"That's as far northeast in New Mexico as you can go. Step across one state line and you're in Colorado and cross another and you're in Texas. And there's a little bit in there where you can step across into Oklahoma.

"The station was KLMX, Crossroads Country for northeastern New Mexico. Occasionally, I would feature a country western group on my show. This one particular night, I was featuring the group Alabama when they just happened to be driving through in their bus from a concert in Denver on their way to a concert in Amarillo. That group of musicians heard me playing their songs and found out where the station was. They stopped in, and I got to interview the whole band live on the air," he said.

Jim was a single father with a teenage daughter. He was a schoolteacher during the day, but that wouldn't pay all the bills. So, occasionally, he worked as a night clerk at a Clayton motel.

"George Strait owned a ranch near Eagles Nest, New Mexico, and he had been visiting that ranch. He was on his way back home when it started to snow in Clayton. When it snows in Clayton, New Mexico, there's nothing to stop the wind. We've had white-out conditions many times. Anyway, the doorbell rang, and I went to answer it. There was George Strait. He looked at me and said 'if I stay here tonight, are you going to call all your friends?' I said, who are you? He kinda grinned and said 'you know who I am.' I said 'Mr. Strait, I would not call anybody and tell them that you are here.' So he rented one entire wing of rooms at the motel and stayed there that night. He would come through and stay with us quite often when he was going home from the ranch. Somehow, he heard about my radio career, and when he was doing a concert in Amarillo, he asked if I could come and introduce him, which I did. It was quite an exciting thing for me to get to share the stage with George Strait," he said.

I told Jim, who is nearly bald, that both those incidents with well-known performers were quite unusual and wonderful for him. He replied, "I would trade them for hair."

When Tumbleweed Smith is not out chasing Texas stories he's at home in Big Spring with his wife Susan. Contact him at ts@tumbleweedsmith.com.

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For each word or phrase below, rearrange the letters to spell two new words that are things found in most homes. For example: THE DRAIN WRECK can be rearranged to spell KITCHEN and DRAWER.

CAPABLE MINT
C _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

CATTLE POWER
C _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

STOP TOE LUNGE
O _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

FOOLS DARE WHY
D _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Yesterday's Answer: UNUSED, MATURE, BUNDLE, RUSHED

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'Canned hunting' methods threaten ethical standards of Texas hunters



JENNY SANDERS
Texans for Saving Our Hunting Heritage

A disturbing trend in Texas and across the nation is drawing attention from hunters and non-hunters alike — raising deer in captivity, much like livestock, and then releasing them to be hunted as little as 10 days later. Extreme animal husbandry practices such as repeated forced semen collection, artificial insemination, bottle raising and often cavalier use of drugs to create abnormally large antlers are common in this industry, but have no place in wildlife management. Shooting a deer 10 days after it was released from a lifetime of these practices is not hunting.

Throughout history, hunters have held themselves to superior ethical standards and have sought to halt practices that violate those standards. Texas hunters should work to promote the values and tradition of sustainable, fair-chase hunting while exposing practices that threaten the future of the sport. While many believe ethical deer breeding can be used as a tool to enhance wildlife populations, reform is needed in the industry to protect human health, animal welfare and our precious hunting heritage.

Rep. Kyle Kacal, R-College Station, took a step toward that much-needed reform on March 13 by filing HB 2471, which would require pen-raised deer only be released from captivity in the spring, when climatological and physiological factors are most conducive to a smooth transition to the wild. This move would also alleviate many ethical concerns regarding "canned hunting" of pen-raised animals.

Hunting is a deeply personal sport, and the means by which a hunter bags his quarry should be determined by that hunter's personal ethical compass. However, when the actions of a small group of individuals put the greater hunting community at risk, we must be willing to draw ethical boundaries. Hunting largely occurs on private land in Texas, and wildlife populations and rural economies have thrived under this scenario. But wildlife, including white-tailed deer, remain public trust resources, managed by the state (Texas Parks & Wildlife Department) for the benefit of the people. It is, therefore, the prerogative of the people to speak up when certain practices are identified that threaten the future of this public-private partnership that provides the basis for hunting and wildlife management in our state.

These practices could expose hunters and their families to residual pharmaceuticals in venison, facilitate the spread of disease to wild deer and lend themselves to the perception of put-and-take-hunting.

There are 4 million wild deer in Texas, attracting more than 1 million hunters, and generating more than $2 billion for the state's economy, and hundreds of thousands of dollars for wildlife conservation. Alternately, there are just more than 1,200 deer breeders in Texas, a cottage industry that, left unchecked, threatens the greater hunting community, wildlife populations and habitats.

It is time for hunters to take a stand against practices that damage our image with the non-hunting public. Hunting is part of the fabric of Texas. It is about camaraderie, family values, conservation and tradition. Texans for Saving Our Hunting Heritage calls on Texans and Texas hunters to unite in opposition to these practices that threaten the perception and future of our sport. Contact Kacal at kyle.kacal@house.state.tx.us or 512-463-0412.

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Easter lily will probably bloom 1 or 2 years if planted

Dear Neil: Can I plant my Easter lily into the yard this spring? Will it bloom again?

Answer: Most true lilies aren't too thrilled with the Texas growing conditions. Easter lilies included. If you'll plant it into a well-prepared perennial bed (afternoon shade and morning sun would be ideal), it will probably establish and bloom again for one or two years. It will be a bit later than Easter, however.

Dear Neil: What is the best way to divide my iris bed? The plants are so crowded that they hardly bloom any more.

Answer: You can move iris at almost any season, but late September is the best time. Carefully dig out all of the plants and their rhizomes. Break them apart into individual fans, and work with the strongest ones. Unless you're trying to increase their numbers, you can discard or give away half or more of the weaker plants. Rework the soil, incorporating several inches of new organic matter, preferably a blend of sphagnum peat moss, well rotted manure, finely ground pine bark mulch and compost. If you're working up a clay soil, include a 1-inch layer of expanded shale with the organic matter. Rototill it all together to a depth of 10 to 12 inches. As you replant your iris, be sure they're getting morning sun and perhaps a little bit of shade in the afternoon. Space the fans 16 to 20 inches apart to allow them adequate room to regrow.

Dear Neil: I have a place in my garden that had tulips when we moved here 15 years ago. They have bloomed faithfully every spring since. Now I'm trying to develop some other gardens and I'm finding out that tulips are high-maintenance plants. Any suggestions?

Answer: There are a few tulips that will establish and naturalize in Texas gardens. Most of the really dependable ones are species types (not large hybrids), and for the most part they are smaller flowering, shorter plants. You'll find them from the better online bulb suppliers and a few of Texas' really good local independent retail garden centers. Fall is, of course, the time to buy and plant them.

Dear Neil: I have five tomato plants growing in large nursery pots (I believe, 10-gallon size). They are only 12 inches tall, but they're already blooming. Should I pick off the first fruit to let the plants get taller?

Answer: That would be a noble effort, but it's probably not necessary. By the time those fruits begin to form and develop, the plants will be much taller, certainly strong enough to sustain them.

Dear Neil: I applied a broadleaved weedkiller to the white clover in my lawn, but it doesn't seem to be getting rid of it. What might I have done wrong, or is it difficult to control?

Answer: It could be either, or a little of both. White clover is more difficult to eliminate with the 2,4-D broadleaved weedkillers than bur clover and other non-grassy weeds. However, it's important that you spray as much new growth as you can. Don't mow for several days before or after you treat. Spray at a time when there is no wind, and when there will be no rain or irrigation for 24 to 48 hours. I prefer to use a pump sprayer instead of a hose-end type because of the pump type's finer droplets. They coat the leaves more uniformly and are less likely to run off. It takes the herbicide 10 to 15 days to eliminate the weeds, so patience is also a virtue.

Dear Neil: I saw rhubarb in a nursery last weekend, and I'm wondering how well it will do here? I grew up in Ohio, and it was a nice part of our garden each spring.

Answer: Texas is just too warm for rhubarb. You will almost never see a plant survive its first summer. You need to buy it at the grocery and use your space, your hope and your energy for something more rewarding.

Dear Neil: I have a Chinese pistachio tree that is leaning. It's not very old, but it was here when we moved in. Can I stake it and get it to grow vertically. It looks odd in our landscape.

Answer: The only way you can correct a tree that is growing out-of-plumb is to dig and reset it during the dormant season (winter). Staking or cabling it into a vertical position will only work as long as the support is in place. As soon as you release the support, whether it's one or 10 years from now, the tree will go back to its original angle.

RE-LEAF BY DEBBIE FROST

Take advantage of the vertical spaces in your landscape by growing vines. Vines can provide shade, screening and accenting, not to mention leafy green color.

Vines can be planted on structures in front of south or west facing windows, on arbors or pergolas to give quick shade while waiting for slower growing trees to get established. Annual vines will grow in weeks to provide cooling shade while perennial vines grow slower, but still much faster than trees. Use vines for screening an ugly storage building or plain fence. A structure for vines can be positioned in front of a service area or any other area needing to be blocked. And vines can be used for accenting a doorway, garden gate passage or some other feature. A vine can become a feature itself especially when grown on a trellis, obelisk or a simple post.

Research your vine selection before planting so the right vine can be planted in the right place. Vines can be woody, herbaceous perennials or annuals. Vines climb by twining stems, areal roots, clasping leafstalks, tendrils and suction disc-like structures. A few vines have no means to climb so they have a sprawling or scrambling-like growth like climbing roses or bougainvillea.

Some vines can be quite destructive either with their clinging method or sheer size. Some vines become so large and heavy with age, that they can pull down a delicate or rickety structure. Training and annual pruning can keep woody vines from getting too big and becoming a problem. Care should be taken to build or plant vines to climb on appropriate structures. Trumpet vine (Campsis radicans) has many good qualities, but it is the classic example of an invasive vine. Here are some great vines to consider.

- Cross vine (Bignonia capreolata) is an excellent landscape vine. It is evergreen, has a showy spring bloom and is well adapted. There is a cultivar called "Tangerine Beauty" that is showy and easy to find.
- Butterfly vine (Mascagnia macroptera) also known as orchid vine, is somewhat winter tender, but is usually root hardy with growth emerging from the roots in mid-spring. Butterfly vine blooms in late summer with clusters of small yellow flowers followed by the most amazing light green seed pods that look like butterflies.
- Sweet autumn clematis, wisteria, coral honeysuckle, climbing pinkie rose and many others are good choices.

Warm-season annuals can be planted from seed right now.

- Purple hyacinth bean vine (Lablab purpurea) is an amazing vine that has several attractive features, like vigorous growth, purple stems, pearly lavender blooms and rich purple seed pods. This vine would be a good choice for quick shade in a sunny area.
- Cypress vine (Ipomoea quamoclit) and cardinal vine (Ipomoea sloteri) are very similar, they both have finely divided ferny leaves and bright red, flared, tubular flowers. These are easy to grow, attract hummingbirds and need full to half-day sun.

There are many annual vines that do well in our West Texas neighborhood. Bring re-leaf into your landscape by growing vertically with well developed vines.

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Master Gardeners prepare for annual plant sale

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Can you feel it? Do you have the fever? After what has seemed like a very long and cold winter, many West Texans have spring fever. As I write this today, the mesquites and pecans are starting to bud out. These are sure signs spring has arrived, at least according to a lot of old timers. It is time to plant.

But what should you plant? I'm glad you asked. Look no further than the Permian Basin Master Gardeners 2015 plant sale. This year, the annual fundraiser will be held 9 a.m.-2 p.m. April 18th at the Horseshoe.

All the plants available at the sale are selected for their proven success in West Texas. Most are drought tolerant and easy to care for. There will be plants for shady spots and sunny spots in your landscape.

The inventory will include a wide variety of herbs such as basil, mint, oregano, sage and thyme. Customers will be able to choose from a variety of Earth-Kind roses, geraniums, vines and a selection of shrubs such as Turk's cap and bird of paradise among others. Some trees suitable for this area will also be available, as well as groundcovers, ferns, annuals and grasses for your landscape. Many perennials will be offered with varieties of coreopsis, lantana, autumn sage, sedum, daisies and many more.

One nice thing about the Permian Basin Master Gardener plant sale is access to locally trained Master Gardeners at the "Ask a Master Gardener" booth. There will also be Master Gardeners stationed throughout the sale to help customers make wise plant selections.

Master Gardeners are trained volunteers of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension who share their love of plants and gardening knowledge with others.

The Permian Basin Master Gardener volunteer program started in 1990. To become a Master Gardener, volunteers commit to 72 hours of classroom instruction and offer 60 hours of volunteer time in the community.

To maintain their certification, Master Gardeners complete 12 continuing education credits and 30 hours of volunteerism annually. Many Master Gardeners choose to increase their horticulture knowledge by attending specialist training in specific areas such as roses, rain water harvesting or composting.

Texas Master Gardeners is a statewide volunteer program of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service that brings horticulture educational opportunities to the public. Some of our annual programs include the Earth-Kind Home Landscape School; Kids, Kows and More agricultural literacy for youth; and the Junior Master Gardener program. The Master Gardeners also have a booth at the Midland Downtown Farmers Market.

The Permian Basin Master Gardeners are very active in the community and maintain many gardens, including the water wise garden at the CAF Museum, the compost garden at the Odessa Time Machine and the Ellen Noel Art Museum Sculptor Garden.

Scratch your spring fever itch by visiting us April 18 at the Permian Basin Master Gardener Plant Sale. To learn more about the plant sale contact the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office at 686-4700. All proceeds from the plant sale support the educational programs of the Permian Basin Master Gardeners and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

Permian Basin Master Gardener Patty Springer contributed to this column.

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TODAY: Sunny High: 90 Low: 65

WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny High: 90 Low: 57

THURSDAY: Sunny High: 81 Low: 52

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 75 Low: 50

SATURDAY: Partly sunny High: 109 Low: 62

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny High: 82 Low: 58

Local forecast

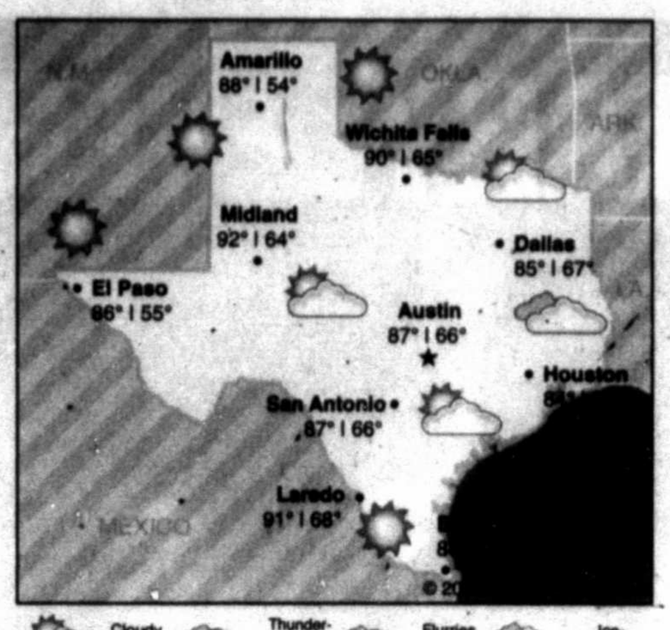
Today's forecast calls for sunny skies with a high around 90 and tonight's forecast is for partly cloudy skies and a low of 65. Wednesday's forecast is mostly sunny skies and a high of 90 and partly cloudy skies, a low of 57 and a 20 percent chance of showers.

The high on Monday reached 85, while the low dropped to 60. The record high for April 6 is 99 set in 1972. The record low is 25 set in 1994 and 1936.

Weather why

Q: They say something called a 'mammatus cloud' is one of the strangest looking of all clouds. What is it?

It is true that mammatus — which is Latin for udder or breast — clouds are some of the most unusual clouds to be seen, said Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "They are common in the Midwest, but also in other places that have a lot of severe weather because they are almost always associated with thunderstorms," he explained. "They are most often seen when a thunderstorm is either approaching an area or has already passed through. So they do not mean a tornado is approaching, but they can last for an hour or longer."



Precipitation

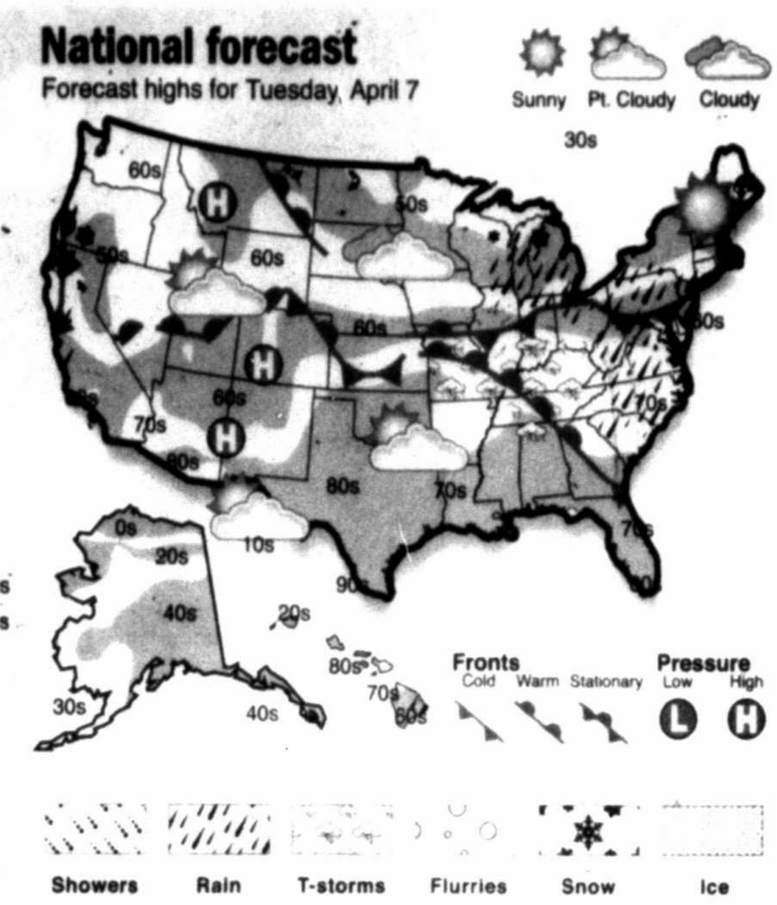
Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	4.34 in.
Normal total (year to date)	2.00 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	85
Low	60
Normal high	76
Normal low	46
Sunrise	7:30 a.m.
Sunset	8:12 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, April 7



Man who doesn't want kids should look for another woman

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: When I turned 25, after considering it for years, I went to my doctor and told him I wanted to become sterile. I got a vasectomy two months later. I haven't had any regrets, and now at 27, I'm still firmly convinced that I don't want children — ever.

I started dating a woman a year ago, "Anita," who told me that if she never had kids, she could live with it. I felt lucky to have found someone who would be OK with no kids.

I have had a few issues with Anita. When she gets upset from time to time, she says that if she stays with me, she will never have kids. I know she cares for me deeply, but I also believe she feels conflicted about giving up the chance to be a mother.

Do you think it's fair for me to pursue this relationship and hope that eventually she'll come to terms with not having children with me? Or should I end the relationship so she can find someone who shares her desire to become a parent? I worry that if I end it, it may take years before I find someone who shares my wish to never be a parent. — NO KIDS IN COLORADO

DEAR NO KIDS: You have been upfront with Anita. She understands that you do not want children, and that you have taken steps to ensure it won't happen. She's correct that if she stays with you, she will never have any.

For both your sakes, the two of you need to talk this through once and for all, because if Anita is ambivalent about forgoing motherhood, she does need to find another life partner. And you need to let her do that.

DEAR ABBY: It happened to me again yesterday. After I had been waiting patiently at the counter of a large department store, another woman came up and stood beside me. The clerk walked over and immediately began to ring up the other woman's purchase. I said, "I was here first!" Both the clerk and the woman apologized, but because the sale had already begun, the salesclerk completed it and I was left waiting.

I am angry about it. I feel stores should have a queue where you get in line in order, or clerks should be instructed to ask, "Who was here first?" I don't want to believe I was passed over because the other woman looked more prosperous than I do, but she was buying a very expensive handbag, while I was purchasing socks that were on clearance. How should that be handled in the future? — SHOPPER IN KENTUCKY

DEAR SHOPPER: If you have a complaint about service, it should be addressed to the store manager. A well-trained retail salesperson would have asked which of you was there first. The amount you were spending should have made no difference.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I travel with another couple. I furnish the vehicle and do all the driving. How should we share the expenses? — EASY RIDER IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

DEAR EASY RIDER: The other couple should pay for half the gas and their own meals and lodging.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

More bad luck

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ K Q 10 4 3
♥ 10 4
♦ 10 9 4
♣ A 6 4

WEST
♠ 9 8 7 6 2
♥ A K 5
♦ Q 8 7
♣ 10 7

EAST
♠ Void
♥ Q 9 8 2
♦ K J 6 5 2
♣ 8 5 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A J 5
♥ J 7 6 3
♦ A 3
♣ K Q J 9

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	All pass		

*Transfer to spades

Opening lead: Ace of ♥

Another Saturday night duplicate saw Hard Luck Louie arrive in the normal contract. Three no-trump would have been easier on this deal, but it was normal to play in the eight-card major suit fit.

West continued with the king of hearts at trick two, then another heart. This was good defense. Louie ruffed this routinely, but he came to grief when the trumps turned out to be splitting 5-0. He had a trump loser to go with a certain diamond loser and drifted one down. "Horrid luck, as usual," said Louie. "A 5-0 break is only a 4 percent chance. I wish I had passed three no-trump."

Lucky Larry also played this deal in four spades against the same defense. He stopped to think before ruffing the third round of hearts in dummy. The chance of a 5-0 split in trumps was remote, but why risk it? He had an inevitable diamond loser anyway, so why not lose it right now. On the third heart, Larry discarded a diamond from dummy, losing the trick to East's queen.

The defense could do nothing from this point. Even if East returned a fourth heart for West to ruff, dummy would just over-ruff, nullifying the 5-0 split. Larry had 10 tricks with five spades, four clubs and a diamond. Well done!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, April 7, 2015:

This year you have a lot of energy, and you enjoy relating to others more than ever. Financial matters are high priority. You even might be inspired to take a workshop to improve your investment skills. Know that you don't need to indulge loved ones with gifts; you can show your caring through other types of gestures. If you are single, you could meet someone quite special in the next six months. You will know without question when you meet this person. If you are attached, both of you will want more time to yourselves. Consider scheduling some weekends away together. SAGITTARIUS will encourage you to take more risks.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You might feel awkward discussing a financial matter, especially with a key associate. Perhaps your ideas for investments and lifestyle adjustments could be very different. Postpone the talk until later, when both of you are more relaxed. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You might need to defer to someone else in order to go after what you want. You could be very excited about an upcoming get-together with a loved one. Understand that containing your good mood might be close to impossible. Tonight: Say "yes" to an unusual offer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ If you need to close the door in order to accomplish what is needed, do so. You like to socialize a little too much, and self-imposed distance might be necessary at times. A loved one or dear friend seeks you out, as he or she wants your company! Tonight: Make it early.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You have an amazingly childlike side that tends to emerge when dealing with authority figures. You might want to rebel, but resist the urge. Look at the situation through adult eyes. Focus on getting what you want. Tonight: Act as if there were no tomorrow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Sometimes opting to stay home instead of joining others or going to work is a smart move. You also might have to handle a matter involving a potential trip. You will feel better once you do, though it could cause you to rearrange your schedule. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You will say what is on your mind. Be careful, as the receiver of your words is likely to misinterpret what you say. This person could turn your statement into what he or she wants to hear. Take a stand if you feel that the interpretation poses a problem. Tonight: Out and about.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Your possessive side emerges, which could cause some discomfort for a close friend. Be aware that you won't be able to satisfy this need to take control. Build your self-image, and be less uptight. Listen well when someone discusses a money matter. Tonight: Go to extremes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You could be the source of your own problems because of your need to be right. You might note someone's discomfort at your response to justify this behavior. Communicate your needs in a less rigid way. Tonight: Use your imagination when making plans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Be prepared to let your feelings flow, and don't hold back. Whether you choose to share them is a separate issue. You might see changes occur in a most unexpected way. A child or loved one could be the driving force here. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You might be focused on a project that you are determined to have play out a certain way. Be more forthright with your intentions. You might discover that there are many routes to the same point. Trust yourself to make the correct choice. Tonight: Follow a friend's lead.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Take charge of a situation, as you will know what to do. You could discover a piece of information that forces you to rethink a judgment. Don't pull yourself too far away from a loved one; this person appreciates your presence more than you know. Tonight: On top of your game.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Your imagination allows you to distance yourself in order find a viable solution. You could be in a difficult situation without being able to control what is happening. Detach, and you will be OK. Try to understand how each person involved feels. Tonight: Make it your choice.

BORN TODAY

Actor Russell Crowe (1964), actor Jackie Chan (1954), film director Francis Ford Coppola (1939)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Peru's ___ Picchu
6 Angle iron
10 Highest point
14 Kindle download
15 SeaWorld performer
16 Ellington's "Take ___ Train"
17 Older name for a passenger bus
19 Glass darkener
20 Responded in court
21 Cape NNW of Cod
22 Saguaros, e.g.
23 Covered up
24 Wedding gown follower
27 Place in quarantine
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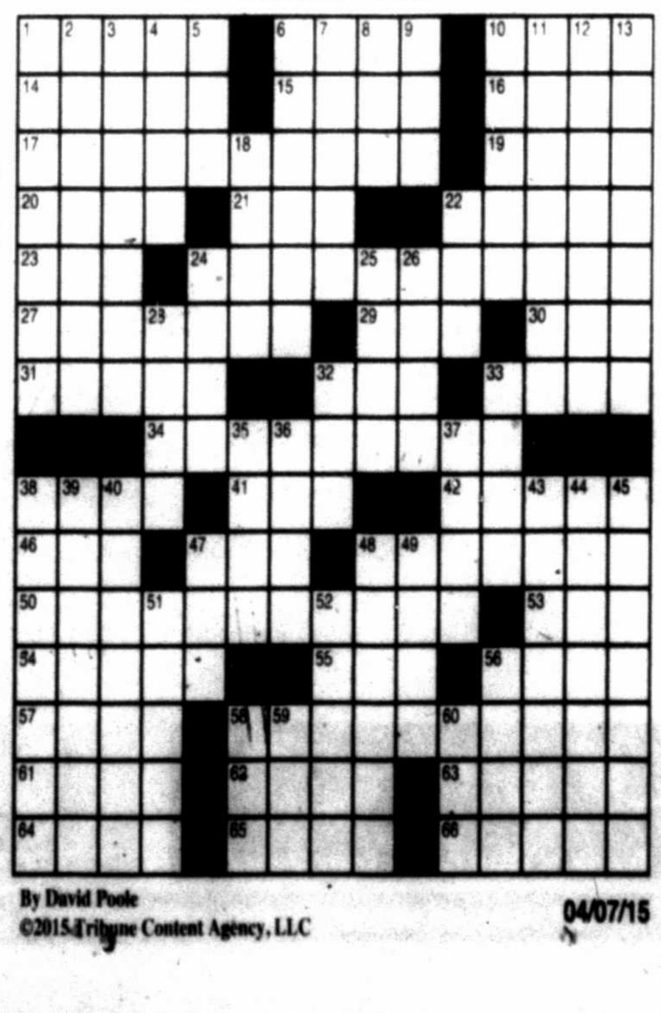
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SOUNDBITES

Reviews of recent releases

WATERS
"What's Real"



Former Port O'Brien frontman Van Pierszalowski left the alt-rock outfit in 2011 and promptly formed Waters, hoping to gel with a fresh band and begin anew. They came out strong with "Out in the Light" that year.

Now, Waters' sophomore release, "What's Real," is where the going gets good. Real good.

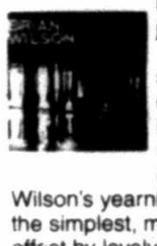
Waters bristles with energy throughout the album, with Pierszalowski poetically questioning his inner drive on the powerful "Rebel Yell" and singing about new friends and turning a positive corner on "The Avenue." He also works himself into a fine frenzy on the lead track, "Got to My Head."

Pierszalowski's written and brought to life a near-perfect blend of big power pop with "What's Real." There's enough straight-ahead guitar for rock purists to admire, yet it's laced with melodic hooks to make the songs linger, thankfully, in the mind.

"What's Real" showcases a strong up-and-coming band at top form. Waters deserves every clap it's about to get.

Ron Harris/AP

BRIAN WILSON
"No Pier Pressure"



Brian Wilson's "No Pier Pressure" offers ample reason to celebrate the extended solo career that has followed his Beach Boys' journey.

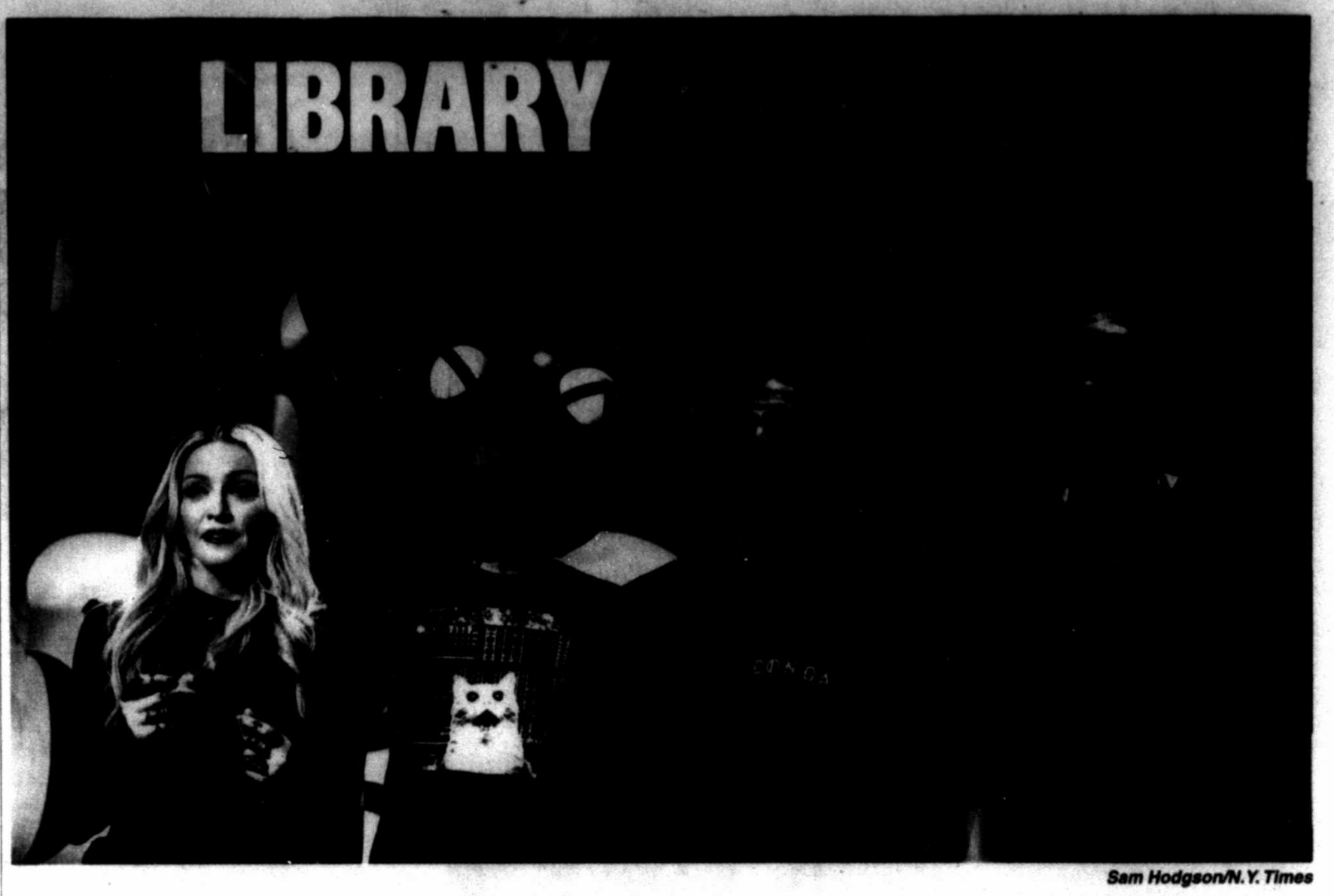
His 11th solo studio offering opens with "This Beautiful Day," a short track that captures all of Wilson's yearning and desire in the simplest, most direct way, offset by lovely harmonies and some fine trumpet work. It's less than two minutes long, but it sums up so much about his talent and timeless appeal.

Of course, the entire CD — which features country singer Kacey Musgraves and fun. lead singer Nate Ruess, among others — does not reach that level, and some of the new compositions sound tepid in places. Wilson, at times, seems to be striving for a breezy, carefree sound that, after five decades, no longer sounds fresh. But even the weaker songs bear his unmistakable stamp: complex vocal mixes that can never, ever be taken for granted, and a distinctive flair for arranging. He has come a long way from "Surfer Girl" — there is more air and space in these songs, less percussion, more of a sense of time stretching calmly, endlessly ahead.

The addition of trumpeter Mark Isham brings new textures and pleasure to a number of songs, particularly the instrumental "Half Moon Bay," with its languid pace and lovely mix.

The days of hit singles are long past, but "The Right Time" with former bandmate (and cousin) Al Jardine and David Marks shows Wilson can still come up with seductive three-minute tracks that would sound fabulous on a car radio. The same applies to the evocative "Sail Away" with Jardine and another former Beach Boy, Blondie Chaplin.

Gregory Katz/AP



Sam Hodgson/N.Y. Times

Madonna, Deadmau5, Kanye West and Jay Z at the announcement of the Tidal music service, in New York on March 30. Jay Z unveiled his plans for Tidal, a subscription streaming service that he said will be majority-owned by artists themselves.

Music industry goes all-in on streaming future

By Randall Roberts
Los Angeles Times

The buzzwords were many, issued from the stage throughout last week's curiously memorable and well-covered media event announcing the new Tidal music-streaming service: notions of revolution, of changing the status quo and upending the system.

As rhetoric regarding the "future of music" rang from the podium, a billion-dollar club of Tidal stakeholders — artists including Beyonce and husband Jay Z, Jack White, Nicki Minaj, Kanye West, Rihanna and Madonna — stood side by side onstage in New York. Flanked by Daft Punk members in their robot costumes and Deadmau5 donning a giant mouse head, singer Alicia Keys stated with furrow-browed gravitas that with the launch of Tidal, we were witnessing "a moment that will forever change the course of music history."

After a little more idealism, they all signed a document as though they were leading the Second Continental Congress.

Purchased by Jay Z with minority owners including three major labels (Sony Music Entertainment, Universal Music Group and Warner Music Group) and undisclosed others, Tidal was born as a Swedish high-fidelity streaming company called Aspiro. The rebranding puts it as the newest player in a field occupied by competitors including the market leader Spotify, which has 15 million subscribers and 60 million users.

Along with the soon-to-be unveiled reboot of the Apple-owned Beats Music, which will be integrated into iTunes, Microsoft's XBox Music, Google Music, perennial underdogs Rdio and Rhapsody and YouTube's forthcoming Music Key streaming service, it's a crowded marketplace. That's especially true considering most music content can be heard for free through YouTube.

On a broad scale, however, Keys and Jay Z had a point. This year, the industry is going all-in on a so-called streaming future of music consumption. Just as the major labels abandoned vinyl and cassettes for compact discs and were forced to adapt to MP3 files, they're now committed to the no-muss, no-fuss cloud.

What's less publicized is that they're doing so through deals that leverage their valuable library of music licenses for equity stake in the companies. The three majors own approximately 20 percent of Spotify. If Google were to buy the service for $10 billion, for example, the labels would earn $2 billion. The musicians making the content, however, would be entitled to nothing.

All these services offer a nearly identical product and seek the same goal: to convince a generation of music fans that has never paid for music and whose ears are used to densely compressed music files that they're insulting both the artist and the art. Tidal's declared aim: to deliver high-quality sound, exclusive music, inventive playlists and editorial content to music fans. On Saturday, for example, Beyonce debuted an exclusive video that captures her behind a grand piano singing a beautiful ballad. It was shot with a hand-held camera by Jay Z.

Such exclusives underscore a more crucial goal: Tidal must convince at least a fraction of the 97 percent of consumers who don't pay for a streaming service that subscribing to a premium $20-a-month platform (or $10 basic plan) is the ethically responsible thing to do.

But if the online backlash is to be believed, somebody's doing it wrong — but not the fans. A Twitter user who goes by @spursfan1975 captured the essence of the fan response: "Tidal — a business venture to help rich musicians get even richer. Cue a rise in music piracy instead!!!" By the weekend, the backlash was represented by the trending #TidalforNoOne hashtag. Next time Jay Z, Arcade Fire's Win Butler and Regine Chassagne and Jason Aldean pitch something for the good of starving artists, they probably shouldn't do it while in a mansion holding Champagne flutes and toasting their gold-leafed good fortune.

Compared with the fraction of a penny that the content providers (also known as rights holders, or "musicians") earn per spin, the divide is apparent. According to Spotify Artists, a website that explains the company's payment system, the most recently calculated average "per-stream" payout to rights holders was between $0.006 and $0.0084.

That's not much, which is one reason why Taylor Swift pulled her music from Spotify and penned an op-ed in the Wall Street Journal at the end of 2014. "Music is art, and art is important and rare. Important, rare things are valuable. Valuable things should be paid for," she wrote.

Directing her ire at Spotify's free service, which includes short commercial breaks, she added, "It's my opinion that music should not be free, and my prediction is that individual artists and their labels will someday decide what an album's price point is." Swift's absence on Tidal's stage was notable. Her catalog is, however, present on the service, which itself amounts to tacit approval.

Despite her music's presence, though, Jay Z's declaration of significance is outlandish. It's also unsupportable. Tidal, which boasts only 500,000-plus subscribers, is hardly yet worth paying for, even if the sound quality is indeed remarkable. In fact, the quality is strikingly good, filled with a depth and sonic range as close to compact-disc quality as I've ever heard from a stream.

The reason: Tidal streams rich, CD-quality sound through a lossless audio format. On the right system, the difference is obvious. Still, it's hard to fathom anyone other than wealthiest 1 percent — or those of us with expense accounts to pay for such luxuries — buying in.

As such, Tidal isn't a revolution in anything other than artistic chutzpuh. The service has a feel of a shiny new Planet Hollywood on the first weekend of operation. Or as another Twitter critic described the service as it is now, "Tidal is just a Spotify copy for rich people." It offers a similar volume of choices but does so with an interface that's less intuitive than either Spotify or Beats.

Today's releases



Brian Wilson 'No Pier Pressure'



Cassandra Wilson 'Come Forth By Day'



Lord Huron 'Strange Tales'



Todd Rundgren 'Global'



Ray Wylie Hubbard 'The Ruffner's Milestone'

LIVEWIRE

MIDLAND/ODESSA/ BIG SPRING/ANDREWS

APRIL

7 **Goodtimers** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
7 **Bob Wayne and the Outlaw Carnies** @ Blue Max
7 **M.O.P. aka Henry Z** @ Mr. Gatti's (Odesa)
7 **Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons** @ Ector County Coliseum
7 **The Ghost Inside, Gideon, The Aracia Strain, In Hearts Wake** @ Far West Event Center
8 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
9 **Rodney Parker & 50 Peso Reward** @ Rockin Rodeo
9 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ West Texas Dance Club
9 **Tedeshii, A Life Set Apart, Moriah Peters, V.Rose, Spec, Jefferson Bethke, Mattie Montgomery, Joel Smallbone** @ CAF
9 **Justin Langston** @ Basin Burger House
10 **Forgotten Road** @ Detour
10 **Granger Smith and his alter ego, Earl Dibbles Jr.** @ Graham Central Station
10 **Aaron Einhouse** @ Lone Star Bar
10 **Incite, Better Left Unsaid, Spades and Blades** @ Blue Max
10 **Andrew Peterson** @ ArtiZen
10 **Bellamy Brothers, Bo Phillips Band** @ La Hacienda
10 **Gary Nix & West Texas** @ Your Place
10 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Midland Senior Center
10 **Matthew Marcus McDaniel** @ 10 Sports Bar
10-11 **Remedy** @ The Bar
11 **Back Row Sinners** @ Your Place
11 **Los Temerarios, BXS** @ La Hacienda
11 **Mark McKinney, Chris Brazeal Band** @ Hops & Props
11 **David Segovia and Chrome Molly** @ Riley's
11 **Johnny Rogers** @ Ector Theatre
11 **Vince Gill** @ Horeshoe Pavillion
11 **Callahan Divide** @ Sugar's Bar
11 **Folk Family Revival** @ Basin Burger House
12 **Artillery, Striker, VX36, Potential Threat, Dalhmers Realm** @ Blue Max
12 **Goodtimers** @ Music City Mall
12 **"Mamma Mia!"** @ Wagner Noel
14 **Showdown** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
14 **Big Perk, M.O.P. aka Henry Z** @ Chick Fol-A
14 **La Fin Absolute du Monde** @ Kamiposi
15 **Justin Langston** @ Basin Burger House
16 **Crobot, Convoy** @ Blue Max
16 **Staid Cleaves** @ ArtiZen
16 **Johnny & Susie** @ West Texas Dance Club
16 **Dokken, Jack Russell's Great White** @ La Hacienda
16 **Tessy Lou and the Shotgun Stars** @ Basin Burger House
16 **Chris Brazeal Band** @ Rockin Rodeo
17 **Flashback** @ Detour
17 **TJ Broscoff** @ Lone Star Bar
17 **Barb Wire Dolls** @ Blue Max
17 **Mister Happy** @ Ranchland Hills
17-18 **Dirty Glass** @ Hot Shots
17-18 **Bobby Champion and the New Revolution Band** @ Your Place
17-18 **Electric Gypsies** @ The Bar
18 **Big Daddy Weave, Jason Gray, Citizen Way, Lauren Daigle** @ First Baptist Church of Odessa
18 **3 OG's** @ Basin Burger House
19 **Jeremy and Rachel Chupp Ministries** @ Calvary Baptist (Odessa)
19 **Pullman Standard** @ Riley's
20 **Showdown** @ Andrews Senior Center
21 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Permain Basin Dance Club
21 **Heavy Grinder** @ Blue Max
22 **Matthew Curry, Don Felder, Doobie Brothers** @ Wagner Noel
22 **Doyle, Ghetto Justice** @ Blue Max
22 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
23 **Troy Cartwright** @ Basin Burger House
23 **Justin Langston** @ Bottoms Up
23 **Goodtimers** @ West Texas Dance Club
23 **Josh Grider** @ Rockin Rodeo
24 **Who'z Drivin'** @ Your Place
24 **La Trope F** @ Graham Central Station

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19 **Lady Antebellum, Hunter Hayes, Sam Hunt** @ United Supermarket Arena

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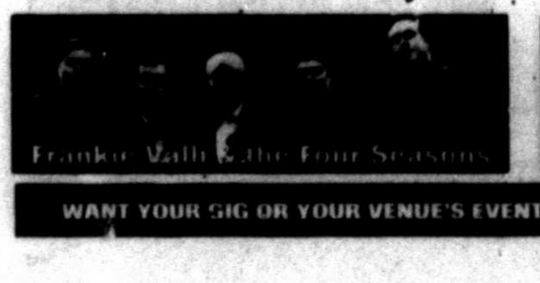
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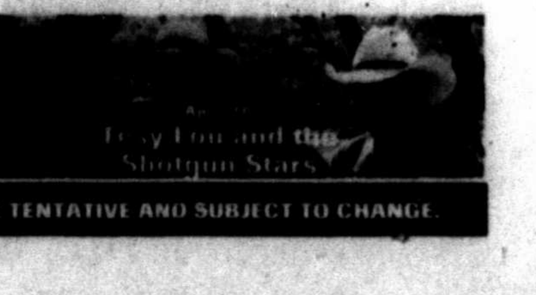
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9 **Dick Dale** @ Gas Monkey Bar & Grill
9 **X** @ Trees
10 **Marcia Ball, Shelley King** @ The Kessler Theater
10 **Michael Schenker, Gundriver** @ Trees
10 **Rick Springfield** @ Texan Theater
10 **Y&T** @ Gas Monkey Bar & Grill









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Duke rallies to top Wisconsin for NCAA national title

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press

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INDIANAPOLIS — Call them freshmen. Please, do not call them kids.

Led by Tyus Jones and Jahlil Okafor, Duke's talented group of youngsters outscored Wisconsin by 14 points over the final 13 minutes Monday night to grit out a 68-63 victory for the program's fifth national title.

Okafor, the likely first pick in the NBA draft if he decides to leave, got outplayed by Badgers center Frank Kaminsky but came through like a veteran when the pressure was highest. He made two straight buckets over Kaminsky, sandwiched between a pair of 3-pointers from Jones, to help the Blue Devils (35-4) turn a one-time nine-point deficit into an eight-point lead with 1:22 left.

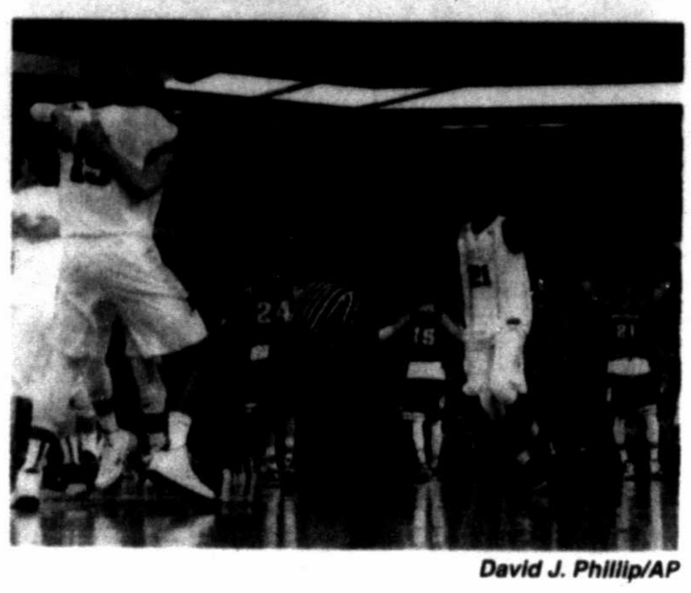
A furious Wisconsin rally ensued, but it came up short. Then, it was Okafor on the bottom of a rowdy, raucous dog pile — a scene very reminiscent of the last time the Final Four was Indianapolis, back in 2010 when Duke edged out Butler in another scintillating final. The Blue Devils also took one here in 1991 — the Grant Hill, Christian Laettner squad.

"They showed such grit tonight," said coach Mike Krzyzewski, whose five titles put him alone in second place on the all-time list behind John Wooden. "Our bench was spectacular, and like we said about two months ago, eight is enough. Eight is enough."

Among the eight players who share all the playing time are Okafor, Jones and another freshman, Justise Winslow. They all might playing at an NBA arena near you next year.

But Grayson Allen? The most unheralded of Krzyzewski's first-year players, who averages four points a game, stepped up with Okafor on the bench for much of the second half in foul trouble. Allen, the slam-dunk champion at the high school McDonald's All-American contest last year, scored 16 points and kept Duke in it when Okafor was on the bench with his third and fourth fouls and Wisconsin (36-4) looked like it was

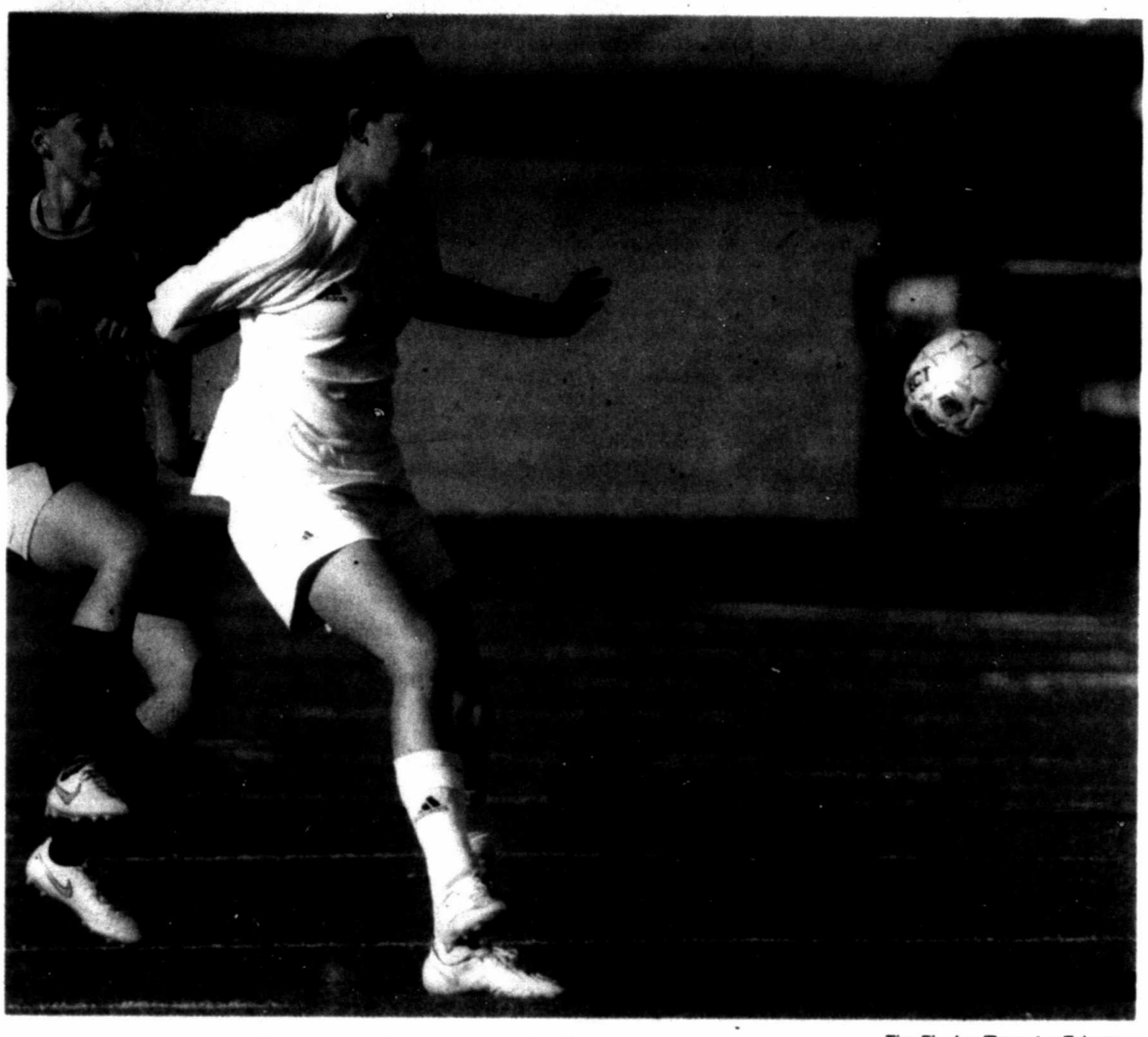
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David J. Phillip/AP

Duke players celebrate after winning the NCAA national championship over Wisconsin on Monday in Indianapolis.

'I love every part of it'



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Sarah Krisa, right, chases after the ball during a March 10 match at Grande Communications Stadium. The Lady Bulldogs play in the regional quarterfinals today against Arlington Martin.

Passionate Krisa leads MHS into regional quarters

By Oscar LeRoy
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It's easy to understand why this year's Midland High girls soccer team has enjoyed so much success this year.

Not only do the Lady Bulldogs have the talent, but they also have a passion for the game they've been playing since they were young girls. Senior midfielder Sarah Krisa is no different.

"I think the passion is what drives not only me but everyone," Krisa said. "We all love to play out here."

Krisa said that passion for the sport of soccer has also been with her for a very long time.

"I love it so much," said Krisa about the sport. "I love everything about it and just playing it. I love every part of it, the good and the bad. I've been playing it ever since I've been little and I had older siblings I grew up playing with."

The game

CLASS 6A REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS
MIDLAND HIGH VS. ARLINGTON MARTIN

When: Noon today
Location: Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

That passion and that desire to succeed has led MHS (18-4-1) to the Class 6A regional quarterfinal round of the playoffs where it will face Arlington Martin (18-4-2) at noon today at Abilene's Shotwell Stadium. The winner of the match will advance to the regional tournament this weekend at Grande Communications Stadium.

Krisa was on varsity as a freshman the last time the Lady Bulldogs went three rounds deep in the playoffs, and she would love nothing more than to break that personal mark.

"I want to keep going all the way as far as we can and it would be awesome if we would got the chance to host the tournament," she said.

MHS coach Meagan Lasley said Krisa has also been a key to the Lady Bulldogs' success this season. Lasley said not only is Krisa a great player but a great leader on and off the field.

"She helps control the entire game and she's been a huge part of our success," said Lasley of Krisa. "She's a very technical player, so she helps control the backside. She's going to be tremendously missed as a player and as a leader."

Krisa said she takes pride in being a captain and just tries to lead by example.

"This is a great group of girls and it's a fun team to play alongside with," she said. "I'm just going to do my part (today). I just do what I can to play my

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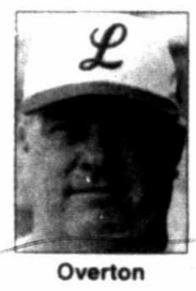
Lee, MHS play big games against ECISD foes

By Christopher Hadorn
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At the halfway point, it's evident that Midland ISD and Ector County ISD schools are the class of District 3-6A softball.

Today the second half kicks off with a bang as Odessa schools clash with Midland teams and district positioning is at stake in both games.

Undefeated Odessa Permian (5-0) hosts Lee at 6:30 p.m. and Odessa High visits Midland High at 4:30 p.m.



Overton



Gonzales

Midland High, Lee and Odessa High all sit in a three-way tie for second place at 3-2, two games ahead of fifth-place San Angelo Central (1-4).

"It says a lot of good things about softball in the area," Lee head coach Wes Overton said. "That's the way it has been the last couple years. I have seen it on the other side when Abilene High was the team to beat for years and years."

The Permian-Lee showdown pits the best two programs at preventing runs. Permian has allowed the fewest runs with 11, while the Lady Rebels rank second with 14 runs against. Ever since allowing three runs to Permian in the first inning in the first game, Lee has been stingy, surrendering just 11 runs in its last 34 innings of play.

However, the Lady Panthers bring another dimension to the diamond with the ability to score, as their 36 runs are second in district.

"They have a good combination. They have two good starting pitchers and they have a lot of power in their lineup," said Overton, whose Lady Rebels have won three straight after a 0-2 start. "When you play half of our games in their short ballpark, home runs come simple. We are playing over there too, hopefully we can put the ball in play and help ourselves too."

Lee is coming off its best offensive showing when it compiled 10 hits, a team-high in district, during Thursday's 6-3 road win versus San Angelo Central.

Meanwhile, Midland High has shown the ability to be the most potent team in district at times. The Lady

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Keuchel sharp as Astros beat Kluber, Indians

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

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Indians	0

HOUSTON — When the Houston Astros didn't have a hit with two outs in the sixth inning against Cy Young Award winner Corey Kluber, new manager A.J. Hinch wasn't concerned.

Jose Altuve was coming up to bat.

"I think he's going to get a hit every time," Hinch said of last year's AL batting champion.

Hinch was right to be confident. Altuve ended the no-hit bid with a single and later scored to back a combined three-hitter by Dallas Keuchel and two relievers in Houston's 2-0 win over the Cleveland Indians.

George Springer and Jake Marisnick each drove in a run for the Astros. Making his first opening-day start, Keuchel (1-0) allowed three hits and struck out four in seven innings.

"I think the city of Houston has waited a long time for a winner and we're trying to get back there," Keuchel said. "Granted it's only one game, but we have the guys to succeed and I think we're going to show some people that this year."

Tony Sipp threw a perfect eighth and new closer Luke Gregerson worked a 1-2-3 ninth for the save.

Altuve's soft single that broke up the no-hitter dropped in front of Michael Bourn in center field.

"I made a pretty good pitch, but he's got good hands and good bat control, and he dumped one in there," Kluber said.

Altuve stole second and scored on a single by Springer, who was thrown out trying to stretch it to a double.

"He starts everything," Springer said of Altuve. "He always does."

Springer was playing for the first time since July 19, after a quadriceps injury cut short a promising rookie season in which he hit 20 homers in 78 games.

Kluber (1-0) yielded three hits and two runs with seven strikeouts in 7 1/3 innings a day after agreeing to a five-year, $38.5 million contract.

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Karen Warren/Houston Chronicle

Houston starting pitcher Dallas Keuchel throws during the second inning Monday's game against Cleveland at Minute Maid Center in Houston. Keuchel got the win in the Astros' 2-0 win.

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WHAT'S ON TV

COLLEGE BASEBALL

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Utah Valley at BYU, 7 p.m., BYUtv

Wichita State at Texas, 7 p.m., LHN

UC Santa Barbara at USC, 8 p.m., P12

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Texas A&M-Corpus Christi at Texas, 4:30 p.m., LHN

Game 1, Ohio State at Penn State, 4:30 p.m., BTN

USC at South Carolina, 6 p.m., SEC

Game 2, Ohio State at Penn State, 7 p.m., BTN

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Atlanta at Miami, 6 p.m., MLB

Texas at Oakland, 9 p.m., FSSW

San Diego at LA Dodgers, 9 p.m., MLB

MEN'S SOCCER

La Liga: Atletico Madrid vs. Real Sociedad, 12:50 p.m., beIN2

Aleman Pokal Quarterfinal: Borussia Dortmund vs. TSG 1899 Hoffenheim, 1:15 p.m., ESPNDEP

English Premier: Queens Park Rangers vs. Aston Villa, 1:40 p.m., NBCSN

Scottish Premiership: Motherwell vs. St. Mirren, 1:40 p.m., FOXSOCP

Coppa Italia: ACF Fiorentina vs. Juventus, 1:40 p.m., beIN

Portuguese Cup: Sporting Braga vs. Rio Ave, 2:15 p.m., GolTV

La Liga: Levante vs. Sevilla, 2:45 p.m., beIN2

Copa Libertadores: Club Guarani vs. Racing Club, 6 p.m., FOXDEP

Copa MX Semifinal: Puebla vs. Monterrey, 7:45 p.m., GALA, ESPNDEP

CONCACAF Champions Semifinal, 2nd Leg: LD Alajuelense vs. Montreal Impact 9 p.m., FS2/UDN

NBA

San Antunio at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m., TNT

LA Lakers at LA Clippers, 9:30 p.m., TNT

NBA D-LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

East Semifinals, Game 1: Maine at Fort Wayne 6 p.m., ESPNU

West Semifinals, Game 1: Austin at Bakersfield, 8:30 p.m., ESPNU

NHL

Minnesota at Chicago, 7:30 p.m., NBCSN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

D1 Championship: South Carolina/ Notre Dame vs. Maryland/ Connecticut, 7:30 p.m., ESPN

WHAT'S ON RADIO

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Texas at Oakland, 9 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Abilene High at Lee, 4:30 p.m.

Midland High at Odessa Permian, 4:30 p.m.

Greenwood at Fort Stockton, 7 p.m.

Trinity at Abilene Christian, 4 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Lee at Odessa Permian, 6:30 p.m.

Odessa High at Midland High, 4:30 p.m.

Greenwood at Fort Stockton, 5:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER

Class 6A regional quarterfinals, Midland High vs. Arlington Martin, noon, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

HS BASEBALL

DISTRICT 3-6A STANDINGS

	District		Overall		
Team	W	L	W	L	T
San Angelo Central	2	0	11	6	2
Odessa High	2	0	7	8	0
Abilene High	1	1	9	5	0
Lee	1	1	9	6	1
Midland High	0	2	14	4	0
Odessa Permian	0	2	7	14	0

Thursday's Scores

San Angelo Central 13, Midland High 7

Odessa High 7, Lee 6

Abilene High 7, Odessa Permian 2

Today's Game Games

Midland High at Odessa Permian

Abilene High at Lee

Odessa High at San Angelo Central

All games at 4:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

COLLEGIATE BASEBALL POLL

Rank Team	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Texas A&M	30-2	495	1
2. Vanderbilt	27-6	490	3
3. UCLA	23-6	490	4
4. LSU	27-5	489	2
5. Louisville	24-7	487	7
6. TCU	23-6	485	2
7. Florida State	25-8	483	8
8. Arizona State	21-8	480	9
9. Oklahoma State	22-9	479	11
10. Southern Cal	25-6	477	15
11. Miami	24-9	474	16
12. UC Santa Barbara	23-7	470	17
13. UCF	23-10	467	10
14. California	21-9	463	12
15. Iowa	21-7	461	24
16. Missouri	22-11	458	29
17. Florida	24-9	456	18
18. Illinois	24-6-1	454	25
19. Nevada	26-6	451	26
20. Oregon State	22-9	448	18
21. Maryland	22-7	445	—
22. Rice	22-12	444	—
23. UC Irvine	18-10	442	—
24. Arizona	22-9	439	13
25. Houston	21-11	437	14
26. South Carolina	21-11	435	22
27. Nebraska	23-10	433	19
28. Coastal Carolina	23-8	430	30
29. Missouri State	20-8	429	—
30. College of Charleston	21-7	426	—

BASEBALL AMERICA TOP 25

Rank Team	Record	Prv
1. Vanderbilt	27-6	1
2. Texas A&M	30-2	2
3. LSU	27-5	3
4. TCU	23-6	5
5. Louisville	24-7	7
6. Southern Cal	25-6	8
7. UCLA	23-6	9
8. Florida State	25-8	10
9. Arizona State	21-8	11
10. Florida	24-9	4
11. Miami	24-9	12
12. UCF	23-10	6
13. UC Santa Barbara	23-7	15
14. Rice	22-12	14
15. Oklahoma State	22-9	17
16. Dallas Baptist	24-5	13
17. Illinois	24-6	24
18. Coastal Carolina	23-8	23
19. Maryland	22-7	—
20. Missouri	22-11	—
21. FAU	26-6	—
22. Virginia	19-11	16
23. California	21-9	21
24. Missouri State	20-8	—
25. Iowa	21-7	—

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Designated RHP Ryan Webb for assignment. Selected the contract of C Ryan Lavarnway from Norfolk (IL).

BOSTON RED SOX — Agreed to terms with RHP Rick Porcello on a four-year contract from 2016-19.

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Agreed to terms with RHP Braden Haggens and LHP Scott Diamond on minor league contracts.

TEXAS RANGERS — Optioned LHP Alex Claudio and RHP Jon Edwards to Round Rock (PCL). Agreed to terms with LHP Wandy Rodriguez on a minor league contract and assigned him to Round Rock.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Optioned LHPs Vidal Nuno and Robbie Ray to Reno (PCL), and RHP Enrique Burgos to Mobile (SL). Traded OF Victor Reyes to Atlanta for a 2015 competitive balance round B draft pick.

ATLANTA BRAVES — Placed LHP Josh Outman on the 60-day DL. Recalled RHP Brandon Cunniff from Gwinnett (IL). Designated OF Carlos Quentin for assignment.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Loaned RHP Juan Ramon Nonega to Acereros del Norte (Mexico).

NEW YORK METS — Placed OF Cesar Puello on the 15-day DL, retroactive to April 3. Transferred LHP Josh Edgin to the 60-day DL. Selected the contract of RHP Buddy Carlyle from Las Vegas (PCL).

American Association

FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Signed RHP Steven Thompson.

GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Signed OF Zachary Zdanowicz.

LAREDO LEMURS — Signed LHP Luis Poltorena.

SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Signed RHP Shawn Blackwell.

ST. PAUL SAINTS — Signed RHP Alan Oaks. Released OF Chad Mozingo.

Atlantic League

LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Signed RHPs Mark Rogers and Amalio Diaz and LHP Carmine Giardina.

Can-Am League

NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Signed INF Matt Wessinger.

OTTAWA CHAMPIONS — Signed INF Roberto C. Ramirez.

QUEBEC CAPITALES — Signed INF Tyler Young.

ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Signed RHP 1B Charlie Law.

SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Signed RHP Tony Amezcua.

Frontier League

GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Signed LHP Kerry Kelley to a contract extension. Signed RHP David Murillo.

FRONTIER GREYS — Signed RHP Ariel Hernandez.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS — Signed RHP Adam Lopez.

TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS — Signed C Shane Rowland.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

BROOKLYN NETS — Signed F Earl Clark to a multiyear contract.

UTAH JAZZ — Recalled F Grant Jerrett from Idaho (NBADL).

WASHINGTON WIZARDS — Signed G Will Bynum for the remainder of the season.

Women's National Basketball Association

NEW YORK LIBERTY — Re-signed F Swin Cash.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed WR Denarius Moore.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed LS Kevin McDermott.

Canadian Football League

TORONTO ARGONAUTS — Signed DB Jacob Lacey.

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed WR Kashif Montgomery and DB Gabe Lynn.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

DETROIT RED WINGS — Reassigned RW Zach Nastasiuk from Owen Sound (OHL) to Grand Rapids (AHL). Recalled RW Landon Ferraro from Grand Rapids.

SAN JOSE SHARKS — Recalled F Bryan Lerg from Worcester (AHL). Assigned F Chris Crane from Worcester to Allen (CHL).

American Hockey League

NORFOLK ADMIRALS — Returned F Alex MacMillan to Utah (ECHL).

OKLAHOMA CITY BARONS — Recalled G Ty Rimmer from Bakersfield (ECHL).

RICHMOND ARMERICANS — Returned G Pat Nagle to Fort Wayne (ECHL).

ECHL

ECHL — Suspended Allen F Vincent Arseneau one game and Greenville F Paul Rodrigues two games.

COLORADO EAGLES — Loaned G Jacob DeSerres to Adirondack (AHL).

ELMIRA JACKALS — Loaned D Steven Shamanski to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL) and F Taylor Stiefbhen to Adirondack (AHL).

FLORIDA EVERBLADES — Released G Andy Iles and F Mark McGowan.

FORT WAYNE KOMETS — Released G Jorian Saalfrank as emergency backup.

SOUTH CAROLINA STINGRAYS — Loaned G Keegan Asmundson to Hershey (AHL).

TULSA OILERS — Released G Ian Kesenich as emergency backup.

WHEELING NAILERS — Claimed D Sean Erickson off waivers from Rapid City.

MOTORSPORTS

INDYCAR — Penalized Chevrolet 220 points for a non-minor engine repair following last week's race in St. Petersburg, Fla.

SOCCER

National Women's Soccer League

CHICAGO RED STARS — Signed Fs Ann Gilliland, Danielle Colaprico and Sofia Huerta.

TENNIS

USTA — Named Martin Blackman general manager of player development.

COLLEGE

ALABAMA — Named Avery Johnson men's basketball coach.

FLORIDA STATE — Announced men's basketball G Dayshawn Watkins will transfer at the end of the academic year.

HAMLINE — Named Natalie Darwitz women's hockey coach.

MINNESOTA — Announced C Amanda Zahui B. will enter the WNBA draft.

NEW MEXICO — Named Missy Strasburgh and Karley Nelson women's assistant soccer coach and Brad Keller director of women's soccer operations.

POST (CONN.) — Added men's and women's ice hockey programs to begin play in the 2015-16 academic year.

SIU EDWARDSVILLE — Named Jon Harris men's basketball coach.

UCLA — Announced F Kevon Looney will enter the NBA draft.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Friday

At Moscow, Dorin Lebedev vs. Youri Kalenga, 12, for Lebedev's WBA cruiserweight title; Edward Troyanovsky vs. Ali Shakhnazaryan, 12, for the vacant IBO super lightweight title; Dmitry Kudryashov vs. Francisco Palacios, 12, for Kudryashov's WBA International cruiserweight title; Rahim Chakhkiev vs. Valery Brudov, 10, cruiserweights; Manuel Charr vs. Johann Duhaupas, 10, heavyweights.

At Buenos Aires, Argentina, Ola Afabio vs. Victor Emilio Ramirez, 12, for vacant IBF interim cruiserweight title.

Saturday

At San Juan (PPV), Orlando Salido vs. Rocky Martinez, 12, for Salido's WBO junior lightweight title; Jose Gonzalez vs. Sharif Bogere, 10, lightweights; McWilliams Arroyo vs. Ismael Gamboa, 10, flyweights.

At Barclays Center, Brooklyn, N.Y. (NBC), Danny Garcia vs. Lamont Peterson, 12, welterweights; Andy Lee vs. Peter Quillin, 12, for Lee's WBO middleweight title; Felix Diaz vs. Gabriel Bracero, 10, welterweights; Victor Postol vs. Jose Guinoco, 10, super lightweights; Ernot Spence, Jr. vs. Samuelo Vargas, 10, welterweights.

HS softball honors

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Natalee Kershaw Pr., Greenwood — With her team trailing 6-7, Karcher hit a go-ahead, two-run double in the top of the seventh inning, lifting the Rangerettes to a 9-8 win over Monahans on Thursday.

HONOR ROLL

Kendra Evans, Sr., Midland High — Evans hurled a three-out shutout as the Lady Bulldogs rolled to a 10-0 win over Abilene High in 10 innings on Thursday.

Darby O'Grady, Jr., Lee — O'Grady picked up her third consecutive win after limiting San Angelo Central to only four hits during the Lady Rebels' 6-3 victory on Tuesday.

Jadan Shoults, Sr., Greenwood — Shoults was 2-for-4 with two doubles, two RBI and two runs scored during the Rangerettes' 9-8 victory at Monahans on Thursday.

Brittany Baggett, Sr., Midland High — Baggett went 2-for-3 with two runs scored, two steals and a walk as MHS clobbered Abilene High, 10-0, in five innings on Thursday.

Compiled by Christopher Hadorn

NOTEBOOK

From 1C

Bulldogs' run-differential of plus-24 only trails Permian (plus-25) in district.

MHS leads District 3-6A with 40 runs scored and has kept runs off the scoreboard with only 16 allowed.

The Lady Bulldogs' offense has won by run-rule twice, which included a 10-0 victory in five innings over Abilene High on Thursday.

"I think we're really coming together," MHS shortstop Madison Gonzales said. "We're definitely ready more than ever just to come out and really take on the second half of district."

Despite its potency, the Midland High offense has disappeared at times, which included a scoreless stretch of six innings in its first game against Odessa High.

District 3-6A softball

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Odessa Permian	5	0	14	3
Midland High	3	2	18	5
Odessa High	3	2	12	5
Lee	3	2	8	7
San Angelo Central	1	4	7	13
Abilene High	0	5	7	8

Saturday's Scores

Lee 6, San Angelo Central 3

Midland High 10, Abilene High 0 (5 innings)

Odessa Permian 9, Odessa High 3

Today's games

Odessa High at Midland High, 4:30 p.m.

Abilene High at San Angelo Central, 4:30 p.m.

Lee at Odessa Permian, 6:30 p.m.

"We try to score as many as we can, but we know there's teams in our district that won't allow that, so we try to put the ball in play," Lady Bulldogs center fielder Brittany Baggett said.

Thankfully when the MHS' bats go cold, starting pitcher Kendra Evans has emerged as a shutdown hurler of late, surrendering just seven hits in her last 11 innings.

GREENWOOD DIGS ITS WAY OUT OF A HOLE

With a 0-2 start, Greenwood did not start off its District 4-4A campaign on the right footing.

The Rangerettes have fired back with three straight wins and now sit in a second-place tie with Seminole at 3-2.

Today Greenwood has a chance to make waves when it visits undefeated Fort Stockton (5-0) at 5 p.m. In the first meeting, both teams were tied 7-7 through four innings, but Fort Stockton separated in the late innings to win, 18-10, amongst rainy and wet conditions.

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From 1C

best and work as hard as I possibly can, and hopefully the other girls can take after that and try to work their hardest."

So far that formula has succeeded as the Lady Bulldogs are having one of those seasons to remember as they have gone from winning the District 3-6A title to going three rounds deep in the playoffs. Krisa admits this season has been everything she could have hoped for and more.

"I knew we would do really well," she said. "I had high expectations but I didn't have a specific goal in mind. This surpassed my expectations and I think we can keep going. Our work ethic and how well we've worked together has gotten us this far, and if we're going to keep going we have to work even harder and continue working together."

Of course, getting the opportunity to play the sport and continue to play with her high school teammates can only add fuel to Krisa's passion to succeed.

"Going three rounds deep means a lot to me as a senior," said Krisa, who will play soccer next season at Hardin-Simmons University. "It just feels great to represent the school. We've put in a lot of hard work into this season, so it feels great to go deep in the playoffs.

"I feel great (about today's game). I think we're prepared, I think we have a good game plan and I think we're ready."

With Krisa's help and leadership, the Lady Bulldogs should be ready to face their next challenge in Arlington Martin.

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CLASS 6A REGIONAL QUARTERFINAL
MIDLAND HIGH VS. ARLINGTON MARTIN
When/where: noon today, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene
Records: Midland High 18-4-2; Arlington Martin 18-4-2
Last game: Midland High 1, Amarillo High 0; Arlington Martin 2, Wolfforth Frenship 0
Notes & quotes: Midland High advanced with a victory over Amarillo High on Thursday as Kylie VonHolle had the only goal in the second half. ... MHS coach Meagan Lasley said it was good for her team to have the weekend off to re-energize and get ready for today's match. ... Lasley said Martin is a great team that's technical, very strong and very talented. "We have the personnel as well, so it's going to be a great matchup," she said. Lasley added that it's going to be critical to deny Martin the ball and for her Lady Bulldogs to worry more about what they can control.
Next: Winner faces Coppell/McKinney Boyd winner in a Class 6A regional semifinal, 4 p.m. Friday, Grande Communications Stadium

HSGOLFROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ANDREWS DOMINATES TOURNEY; PATE QUALIFIES

ANDREWS — Both Andrews girls golf teams dominated the District 4-4A Championships as they took to the top two spots at Andrews County Golf Course on Monday.

Andrews Black finished with a 908 three-round total to take the district title, while Andrews Gold was second with a 1,057 total. Seminole A was third with a 1,061 total.

Greenwood's Ryan Pate is heading back to regional tournament as she was the highest individual finisher not on a qualifying team. Pate shot 82-75-79—236 to finish in fourth place in the individual standings.

Monahans' Gabi Cano will join Pate and the Andrews teams at the Region I-4A championships after finishing in fifth place with a 242 total.

Andrews Black was led by Kalli Jennings (209), Hailey Burgen (223) and Libby Walinder (232), who finished first, second and third, respectively in the individual standings.

DISTRICT 4-4A CHAMPIONSHIPS
GIRLS
Round 1: March 23, Reeves County Golf Course, Pecos
Round 2: March 31, Gaines County Golf Course, Andrews
Round 3: Monday, Andrews County Golf Course
(x-qualified for Region I-4A Championships)

Team standings — 1. Andrews Black 303-297-308—908. 2. Andrews Gold 353-346-358—1,057. 3. Seminole A 351-339-371—1,061. 4. Monahans A 360-350-381—1,091. 5. Greenwood A 375-360-381—1,096. 6. Pecos A 395-382-388—1,165. 7. Seminole B 407-389-412—1,208. 8. Fort Stockton A 429-393-433—1,225. 9. Monahans B 398-404-425—1,227. 9. Greenwood B 520-478-467—1,465.

Medalist standings — 1. Kalli Jennings, Andrews Black, 69-75—70—209. 2. Hailey Burgen Andrews Black, 74-72-77—223. 3. Libby Walinder, Andrews Black, 80-75-77—232. 4. x-Ryan Pate, Greenwood A, 82-75-79—236. 5. x-Gabi Cano, Monahans A, 78-76-88—242. 6. Lexi Lopez, Andrews Black, 82-80-84—246. 7. Madee McAllister, Andrews Black, 80-86-84—250. 8. Rachel Huffman, Andrews, 86-79-88—253. 9. Lauren Franco, Seminole A, 82-81-92—255. 10. Janet Froese, Seminole A, 81-83-94—258.

Team-by-team results

Andrews Black (303-297-308—908)

Kalli Jennings 69-70-70—209; Hailey Burgen 74-72-77—223; Libby Walinder 80-75-77—232; Lexi Lopez 82-80-84—246; Madee McAllister 80-86-84—250.

Andrews Gold (353-346-358—1,057)

Katelynn Sawtt 89-80-89—258; Mikala Haynie 87-86-92—265; Savannah Pinson 89-85-89—263; Kristini McDonald 88-95-88—271; Kinee McAllister 92-96-96—284.

Seminole A (351-339-371—1,061)

Lauren Franco 82-81-80—255; Janet Froese 81-83-94—258; Ellen Wiebe 81-83-101—276; Alyssa Garcia 87-81-89—277; Haylee Everitt 95-94-96—285.

Monahans A (360-350-381—1,091)

Gabi Cano 78-76-88—242; Sydney Lewis 84-93-97—274; Jordan Strickland 94-87-96—277; Sommer Hummel 94-94-100—388; Amanda Brandenburg 104-95-105—305.

Greenwood A (373-360-381—1,116)

Ryan Pate 82-75-79—236; Haley Wood 91-91-97—279; Erin Roye 96-100-101—297; Marina Candelaria 106-94-104—304; Jordan Shoults 108-111-122—341.

Pecos A (395-382-388—1,065); Abishag Porras 88-96-91—280; Valerie Matta 96-93-96—280; Jessica Alaniz 109-91-96—300; Natalia Romo 102-102-105—305; Monica Flores 115-122-106—343.

Seminole B (407-389-412—1,208); Lacy Jackson 103-92-105—300; Aryssa Nichols 106-91-109—306; Juliana Klassen 105-99-95—299; Mallorie Duncan 103-108-103—314; Kayla Guthierrez 109-107-116—332.

Fort Stockton A (429-393-433—1,225)

Lexie Luera 86-90-92—268; Suzy Mellus 104-85-123—320; Kendall Lopez 103-102-109—314; Rebecca Rodriguez 121-108-114—343; Nia Lopez 119-111-118—348.

Monahans B (398-404-425—1,227); Arylin Mena 97-104-105—306; Caitlyne Bolin 102-100-109—311; Ramsie Gilliam 108-96-104—308; McKylie Irons 105-104-107—316; Allyson McDaniel 133-127-127-387.

Greenwood B (520-478-467—1,465); Regan Wood 151-125-109—338; Crosby Cobb 112-117-114—347; Kyleigh Kitto 123-110-126—386; Rachel Barner 134-126-118—394.

Individual medalists

Andrews — Rachel Huffman 86-79-88—253; Meg Lopez 86-87-90—263; Bailey McCarver 85-95-93—273

Fort Stockton — Kimberly Leyva 125-137-132—394; Elizabeth Garrison 140-139-108—387

Pecos — Calleigh Hinojos 125-103-117—345; Esmeralda Cano 112-NS

Seminole — Jordan Allen 127-111-108—346

Reighna Cornett 122-118-134—374

STANTON TEAMS QUALIFY FOR REGIONALS

BIG SPRING — The Stanton High boys golf team qualified for the regional tournament following its second-place finish at the District 5-3A Golf Championships at Comanche Trail Golf Course on Monday.

Stanton shot a two-round team total of 694 to punch its ticket to the Region I-3A Golf Championships at Shady Oaks Country Club in Baird on April 13-14.

Sonora won the tournament with a team score of 667.

Stanton's Ben Crockett was the individual runner-up after shooting 81-79—160.

Sonora's Hunter Hughes, the district champion, won convincingly with an 11 stroke lead over Crockett.

Logan Franklin, of Coahoma, shot a 184 to earn one of two regional berths granted to top individuals not on qualifying teams. Franklin finished ninth overall.

The Stanton girls recorded a second-place mark of 966 in the ladies tournament, qualifying the Lady Buffaloes for the Region I-3A tournament in Baird on April 15-16.

The first round of the District 5-3A tournament was previously held at Bentwood Country Club in San Angelo.

District 5-3A Golf Championships
Round 1: Bentwood CC, San Angelo
Round 2: Comanche Trail GC, Big Spring, Monday
(x-qualified for the Region I-3A Championships)
Boys
Team standings

1. x-Sonora No. 1 332-336—667. 2. x-Stanton No. 1 361-333—694. 3. Sonora No. 2 383-388—771. 4. Coahoma No. 1 432-387—823. 5. Colorado City 489-432—921. 6. Coahoma No. 2 508-446—954. 7. Stanton No. 2 516-500—1016.

Top 10 individuals

1. Hunter Hughes, Sonora No. 1, 74-75—149. 2. Ben Crockett, Stanton No. 1, 81-79—160. 3. Josh Galindo, Sonora No. 1, 82-82—164. 4. Gabe Rollert, Sonora No. 1, 82-89—171. 5. Nathan Garrington, Stanton No. 1, 99-78—177. 6. K.J. Glasgie, Stanton No. 1, 91-87—178. 7. Kyle Inman, Stanton No. 1, 90-89—179. 8. Isaiah Lira, Sonora No. 1, 94-89—183. 9. x-Logan Franklin, Coahoma No. 1, 98-86—184. 10. x-Johnathan Martinez, Sonora No. 2, 86-96—186.

Team results

Sonora No. 1 (332-336—667): Hunter Hughes 74-75—149; Josh Galindo 82-82—164; Gabe Rollert 82-89—171; Isaiah Lira 94-89—183; Dylan Vaughn 97-103—200

Stanton No. 1 (361-333—694): Ben Crockett 81-79—160; Nathan Garlington 99-78—177; K.J. Glasgie 91-87—178; Kyle Inman 90-89—179; Blake Snellgrove 101-97—198

Sonora No. 2 (383-388—771): Johnathan Martinez 88-98—186; Caleb Ritchey 95-96—191; Ryan Martinez 103-88—191; Ronald Pinonce 97-109—206; Ryker Marshall 109-106—215

Coahoma No. 1 (432-387—823): Logan Franklin 98-86—184; Mason Moore 109-87—196; John Porras 106-93—199; Tyler McNall 123-121—223; Cameron Crabtree 128-DNP

Colorado City (439-432—921): Johnathan Rankin 111-104—215; Kutter Russell 114-112—226; Conner Hickson 125-113—238; Calvin Spencer 139-103—242

Coahoma No. 2 (508-446—954): Rueben Campos 141-103—244; Ashton Johnson 129-116—245; Aaron Ferguson 135-126—261; David Davis 157-144—301

Stanton No. 2 (516-500—1016): Tanner Tuxton 91-117—208; Logan Daily 133-122—255; Trystyn Sanchez 133-132—267; Josh Quaid 157-129—286

Other medalists

Reagan County: Aaron Armendarez 109-108—217; Evan Conner 128-114—242; Mason Baggett100-DNP

Coahoma: Caleb Daniels DNP-114

Girls
Team standings

1. x-Sonora 365-355—720. 2. x-Stanton 502-464—966

Top 10 individuals

1. Darby Ramsdell, Sonora, 81-87—168. 2. Kylie Reimer, Sonora, 93-83—176. 3. Holly Sparks, Sonora, 88-89—177. 4. Kali Mendez, Sonora, 104-96—200. 5. Elyssa Prieto, Sonora, 103-101—204. 6. Kayli Inman, Stanton, 115-105. 7. x-Felicia Farley, Sonora medalist, 116-106—222. 8. Skyler Church, Stanton, 118-107—225. 9. x-Marisol Capuchin, Sonora medalist, 129-111—240. 10. Delaney Ramsdell, Sonora medalist, 129-113—242.

Team results

Sonora (81-87—365): Darby Ramsdell 81-87—168; Kylie Reimer 93-83—176; Holly Sparks 88-89—177; Kali Mendez 104-96—200; Elyssa Prieto 103-101—204

Stanton (502-464—966): Kayli Inman 115-105—220; Skyler Church 118-107—225; Amber Peterson 131-128—259

Other medalists

Sonora: Felicia Farley 116-106—222; Marisol Capuchin 129-111—240; Delaney Ramsdell 129-113—242

Coahoma: Sydni Sparks 138-114—252; Tara Robinson DNP-139; Lauren Simer 145-DNP

Stanton: Desiree Khongrai 138-124—262; Kaityln Patrick 140-137—277; Skylee Karg 150-132—282; Destiny Khongrai 150-148—298

Colorado City: Kelsey Russell 151-135—286

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Women's Final Four
At Tampa, Fla.
National Semifinals
Sunday
Notre Dame 86, South Carolina 65
UConn 81, Maryland 58
National Championship
Today
Notre Dame (36-2) vs. UConn, 7:30 p.m.

TAMPA, Fla. — The women's basketball championship game will have a familiar feel to it with UConn and Notre Dame playing for a title for the second straight year.

Unlike last season's game when much of the conversation building up to the matchup of undefeated teams was about the frosty relationship between Geno Auriemma and Muffet McGraw. This year there is much friendlier attitude between the coaches and their teams, despite the rivals once again meeting on the game's biggest stage.

A win for the Huskies tonight would be a third straight title for UConn and 10th overall for Auriemma. That would tie him with UCLA men's coach John Wooden for the most all-time in college basketball.

Auriemma has a perfect record with the title on the line, winning all nine of UConn's trips to the national championship.

"This isn't something that's going to last forever," he said. "Not going to win every single championship game that we're in. If we're in some more, but up to this point, it's something that's really hard to explain. And I'm just incredibly grateful."

UConn junior Breanna Stewart has been the key two the last two titles.

The two-time AP Player of the Year saves her best games for the brightest lights. She has won outstanding player of the Final Four as a freshman and sophomore and had another great game in the semifinal win over Maryland.

She stated when she came to UConn that her goal was to win four championships. She's one victory away from being three-quarters of the way there. Only the Huskies from 2002-04 and Tennessee from 1996-98 have won three straight titles.

UConn beat Tennessee in 2003 and 2004 which was the only other time in the history of the NCAA Tournament that there was a repeat title game.

McGraw has her team back in the title game for the fourth time in five seasons. Unlike Auriemma, she's only won one title with the Irish back in 2001.

"I think being here is a great achievement for us," McGraw said. "I think probably because we did one that maybe I don't feel that sort of pressure (to win another). But I want to win this for this team. I want to win for this team so that they can have that feeling looking up in the rafters and seeing another banner."

The Irish lost two All-Americans from last season's team and weren't expected to make it to the title game when the season began.

"I think when we started the season and looked at what we lost last year and were wondering where all the offense is going to come from, to say that we've come a long way, I think it's a little bit of an understatement," McGraw said. "I'm just proud of where we've gotten to and how this team has just been resilient and continued to pursue their goals this year."

Notre Dame needed a putback by unlikely star Madison Cable with 16 seconds left and a defensive stand on the other to even advance to the championship game and face UConn.

Unlike last season when these two women's basketball powerhouses didn't play until the championship game which UConn won by 21 points, they met in December in South Bend, Indiana. The Huskies came away with an 18-point victory in that game.

Notre Dame was missing freshman Brianna Turner, who was nursing a shoulder injury. She's made a major impact since missing those three games.

"She's our leading rebounder and one of our top three scorers," McGraw said. "So I think she makes a difference in our team at the defensive end, with her rebounding her presence of shot blocking and the way she can run the floor. I think that we are a much better team with her on the floor."

Calipari, Haywood top HOF selections

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — As Kentucky coach John Calipari started to leave the Naismith Hall of Fame interview room Monday, he took one last question.

"Coach, what do you think of the four-year rule?" Spencer Haywood shouted.

"You screwed it up for us," Calipari answered.

Now the man who paved the way for underclassmen to enter the NBA draft and the coach who has thrived with today's top one-and-done players will be forever linked: Calipari and Haywood are among this year's 11-person class, with induction ceremonies at the hall to be held Sept. 10-12 in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Other selections were former WNBA star Lisa Leslie, four-time NBA defensive player of the year Dikembe Mutombo, Louie Dampier who made seven All-Star teams in the ABA after starring at Kentucky, Jo Jo White, the former Kansas star who won two titles with the Celtics, former Boston coach Tom Heinsohn, longtime referee Dick Bavetta, former college coach, television commentator George Raveling, Australian coach and player Lindsay Gaze and John Isaacs, a star pro player before the NBA was formed and will be inducted posthumously as the representative of the early African-American pioneers committee.

Then there is Haywood, whose NBA career included 14,592 points, 7,038 rebounds and a league title in 1980 with the Lakers. But his legacy goes far beyond that.

A standout at the University of Detroit, Haywood decided to turn pro after his sophomore year, but NBA rules at that point required players to wait four years after high school. He headed to Denver in the ABA, where he was the MVP, and then joined the Seattle SuperSonics despite the NBA's rule. The subsequent court fight went all the way to the Supreme Court, which ruled against the league in a decision that cleared the way for underclassmen — and one-and-dones — to play in the NBA.

Calipari didn't need a refresher course about how Haywood — or Kentucky — helped him reach the Hall of Fame.

He led Massachusetts and Memphis to Final Fours before landing with the Wildcats. There, thanks to a plethora of NBA prospects who have left school early, Calipari has taken Kentucky to four Final Fours in the past five years, won the 2012 national championship.

Without his young stars, or his ties to Big Blue Nation, Calipari might not have made it.



Chris Steppig/AP

Duke's Justise Winslow, center, goes up for a shot between Wisconsin's Frank Kaminsky, left, and Duje Dukan, right, during the first half of national championship game Monday in Indianapolis.

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about to run away.

"It was fun to watch my teammates do what they do," Okafor said. "They have my back the entire season, and it was no different tonight."

This was a savvy, calm, collected comeback against the team that wrote the book on that all season. Wisconsin kept its cool two nights earlier in an upset over undefeated Kentucky and looked to be pulling away early in the second half of this one.

Then, suddenly, Duke looked like veterans and Wisconsin looked like kids.

Kaminsky outscored Okafor 21-10 but struggled to get a good look down the stretch. On Okafor's first late bucket, Kaminsky tried to wrap an arm around him, but Okafor just powered his way through it for the bucket and the foul. He missed the free throw, but a different point had been made.

Nigel Hayes had 13 points and Sam Dekker, the key guy down the stretch against Kentucky, had a very quiet 12 for the Badgers, who were trying to bring their first title back to Madison since 1941.

Instead, it's Duke taking another one home to the Cameron Crazies.

This was not a dominant, wire-to-wire effort the likes of which some of the Duke title teams have enjoyed in seasons past.

Kentucky and its quest for perfection stole all the headlines this season. So, playing in relative shadows down on Tobacco Road was this group, which actually might have more one-and-dones than John Calipari says goodbye to in the Bluegrass State this year. Calipari was in the building, by the way — honored for his induction into the Naismith Hall of Fame. He got booed heavily.

But in the end, it was all confetti and cheers. And it's not Calipari's team, but Krzyzewski's, that will end up in the history books.

Previous NCAA champions

2015 — Duke 68, Wisconsin 63
2014 — UConn 60, Kentucky 54
2013 — Louisville 82, Michigan 76
2012 — Kentucky 67, Kansas 59
2011 — UConn 53, Butler 41
2010 — Duke 61, Butler 59
2009 — North Carolina 89, Michigan State 72
2008 — Kansas 75, Memphis 68, OT
2007 — Florida 84, Ohio State 75
2006 — Florida 73, UCLA 57
2005 — North Carolina 75, Illinois 70
2004 — UConn 82, Georgia Tech 73
2003 — Syracuse 81, Kansas 78
2002 — Maryland 64, Indiana 52
2001 — Duke 82, Arizona 72
2000 — Michigan State 89, Florida 76
1999 — UConn 77, Duke 74
1998 — Kentucky 78, Utah 69
1997 — Arizona 84, Kentucky 79, OT
1996 — Kentucky 76, Syracuse 67
1995 — UCLA 89, Arkansas 78
1994 — Arkansas 76, Duke 72
1993 — North Carolina 77, Michigan 71
1992 — Duke 71, Michigan 51
1991 — Duke 72, Kansas 65
1990 — UNLV 103, Duke 73
1989 — Michigan 80, Seton Hall 79, OT
1988 — Kansas 83, Oklahoma 79
1987 — Indiana 74, Syracuse 73
1986 — Louisville 72, Duke 69
1985 — Villanova 66, Georgetown 64
1984 — Georgetown 84, Houston 75
1983 — N.C. State 54, Houston 52
1982 — North Carolina 63, Georgetown 62
1981 — Indiana 63, North Carolina 50
1980 — Louisville 59, UCLA 54
1979 — Michigan State 75, Indiana State 64
1978 — Kentucky 94, Duke 88
1977 — Marquette 67, North Carolina 59
1976 — Indiana 86, Michigan 68
1975 — UCLA 92, Kentucky 85
1974 — N.C. State 76, Marquette 64
1973 — UCLA 87, Memphis State 66
1972 — UCLA 81, Florida State 76
1971 — UCLA 68, Villanova 62
1970 — UCLA 80, Jacksonville 69
1969 — UCLA 92, Purdue 72
1968 — UCLA 78, North Carolina 55
1967 — UCLA 79, Dayton 64
1966 — Texas Western 72, Kentucky 65
1965 — UCLA 91, Michigan 80
1964 — UCLA 98, Duke 83
1963 — Loyola of Chicago 60, Cincinnati 58, OT
1962 — Cincinnati 71, Ohio State 59
1961 — Cincinnati 70, Ohio State 65, OT
1960 — Ohio State 75, California 55
1959 — California 71, West Virginia 70
1958 — Kentucky 84, Seattle 72
1957 — North Carolina 54, Kansas 53, 3OT
1956 — San Francisco 83, Iowa 71
1955 — San Francisco 77, La Salle 63
1954 — La Salle 92, Bradley 76
1953 — Indiana 69, Kansas 68
1952 — Kansas 80, St. John's 63
1951 — Kentucky 68, Kansas State 58
1950 — CCNY 71, Bradley 68
1949 — Kentucky 46, Oklahoma A&M 36
1948 — Kentucky 58, Baylor 42
1947 — Holy Cross 58, Oklahoma 47
1946 — Oklahoma A&M 43, North Carolina 40
1945 — Oklahoma A&M 49, NYU 45
1944 — Utah 42, Dartmouth 40, OT
1943 — Wyoming 46, Georgetown 34
1942 — Stanford 53, Dartmouth 38
1941 — Wisconsin 39, Washington State 34
1940 — Indiana 60, Kansas 42
1939 — Oregon 46, Ohio State 34

Jones picks up for pal, leads Duke to title

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — When Jahlil Okafor went down with foul trouble, his buddy, Tyus Jones, was there to pick up Duke.

Jones, the star Duke freshman who can get a little overlooked in the long shadows fellow rookies Okafor and Justise Winslow, rose to the biggest occasion on Monday night as the Blue Devils beat Wisconsin, 68-63, to win the NCAA championship.

Jones scored 23 points, including a straight on 3 with 4:08 that gave Duke the lead for good, and was named the Final Four's Most Outstanding Player.

"My teammates and the coaching staff, they've given me confidence," Jones said as sprays of confetti covered the stage. "They believed in me and trusted in me all year. There wasn't a moment they doubted me."

Jones and Okafor came to Duke as a package deal of sorts. Jones, the slick 6-foot-1 guard from Minnesota and Okafor, the 6-11 stud from Chicago, became friends while playing for USA Basketball.

10-run inning leads Hawks past Chaparrals

From staff reports

Howard College used a 10-run second inning to beat Midland College, 20-12, in a non-conference game at Christensen Stadium on Monday night.

Howard outhit Midland, 21-14, as the Chaparrals were led by Christian Whigham, Chris Thibideau and Cody Bower with three hits each. Bower had a double and home run. Thibideau and Josh Narvaiz also homered for MC. Yahir Gurrola added two hits for MC.

Huskies	81
Terrapins	58

Midland College will host Western Texas College in another non-conference game at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

HOWARD COLLEGE 20, MIDLAND COLLEGE 12

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McKeehan, Quezada (4), Maley (8), Pennington (9) and McCarvel, Ryan Minnix, Sebastian Palacios (2), Zach Murphy (9), Bryce Kidwell (6), Ramon Salazar (8), Cade Davis (9), Jason Conway (9) and Tony Beam. W — Quezada. L — Minnix, 2B — HC: Holcombe, McCarvel, Paparella; MC: Gilbert, Cody Bower, 3B — HC: Edwards, Dehart; HR — MC: Josh Narvaiz, Chris Thibideau, Bower.

Record: Midland College 19-16

Next: Western Texas College at Midland College, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday

Kawhi Leonard makes case for Defensive Player of the Year

By Jon Krawczynski
Associated Press

Kawhi Leonard just might swoop in and steal the NBA's Defensive Player of the Year award.

The soft-spoken San Antonio forward has played in only 59 games this season because of injuries, but he is healthy at the right time to help the Spurs surge up the Western Conference ladder as the playoffs approach.

The Spurs have won seven straight and Leonard is leading the way with some truly dominant defense. He had seven steals in a victory over the Golden State Warriors on Sunday night and has at least four swipes in seven of the last 15 games.

"He is really playing confidently, but he hasn't forgotten to predicate his game on the defense and on the boards," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "It kind of fuels him offensively. Our guys know how to give him his room. We are learning it better and better."

Leonard missed 17 of 19 games from Dec. 10 to Jan. 14, and the defending champions struggled to find the groove that made them so devastating in last year's run to their fifth title. Leonard has given them their mojo back, giving them another staunch perimeter defender alongside Danny Green and pushed himself into the postseason award conversation.

Golden State's Draymond Green had been considered the front-runner for the award for much of the season, with the Clippers' DeAndre Jordan and the Grizzlies' Marc Gasol among the others getting consideration.

But the man known as "The Claw" for his huge hands — the one who won MVP honors in the NBA Finals last year — is staking a pretty strong claim as the season draws to a close.

"I was just trying to come out here and make it carry over to the playoffs," said Leonard, who will be a restricted free agent this summer. "I'm trying to compete every game and help my team win."

NBA ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NETS 106
TRAIL BLAZERS 96

NEW YORK — Brook Lopez dominated twin brother Robin and the short-handed Portland frontcourt with 32 points and nine rebounds, and the Brooklyn Nets beat the Trail Blazers 106-96 on Monday night in the only game on the NBA schedule.

The Trail Blazers left LaMarcus Aldridge and others home for the makeup of a game postponed by weather on Jan. 26 and couldn't stop Brook Lopez, who shot 15 for 25 from the field.

Deron Williams added 24 points and 10 assists for the Nets, who strengthened their hold on seventh place in the Eastern Conference by winning for the ninth time in 11 games. Thaddeus Young scored 20 points.

Damian Lillard scored 36 points for the Trail Blazers, who had won two in a row. Meyers Leonard had 17 points and 15 rebounds, while Robin Lopez had just eight points and seven boards.

NBA STANDINGS & BOX

STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Toronto	45	32	.584	—
Brooklyn	36	41	.468	9
Boston	35	42	.455	10
Philadelphia	18	60	.231	27 1/2
New York	15	62	.195	30
Southeast Division				
x-Atlanta	57	19	.750	—
x-Washington	44	33	.571	13 1/2
Miami	34	43	.442	23 1/2
Charlotte	33	43	.434	24
Orlando	24	53	.312	33 1/2
Central Division				
x-Cleveland	50	27	.649	—
x-Chicago	46	31	.597	4
Milwaukee	38	39	.494	12
Indiana	34	43	.442	16
Detroit	32	47	.390	20

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Houston	53	24	.688	—
x-Memphis	52	25	.675	1
x-San Antonio	51	26	.662	2
Dallas	46	31	.597	7
New Orleans	41	36	.539	11 1/2
Northwest Division				
y-Portland	50	27	.649	—
Oklahoma City	42	35	.545	8
Utah	35	42	.455	15
Denver	28	49	.364	22
Minnesota	16	60	.211	33 1/2
Pacific Division				
y-Golden State	63	14	.818	—
x-L.A. Clippers	50	26	.667	13 1/2
Phoenix	39	38	.506	24
Sacramento	29	50	.367	36 1/2
L.A. Lakers	20	56	.263	42 1/2

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched Pacific Division
z-clinched conference

Monday's Score
Brooklyn 106, Portland 96

Today's Games
Phoenix at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Golden State at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

MONDAY'S BOX

NETS 106, TRAIL BLAZERS 96

PORTLAND (96): McCollum 6-12 2-3 15, Leonard 8-13 0-0 17, R.Lopez 4-11 0-0 8, Lillard 7-14 26 2-2 36, Aldrac 4-11 0-0 10, Freeland 1-4 0-0 2, Lee 0-2 0-0 0, Crabbe 1-4 3-4 6, Blake 0-3 0-0 0, Frazier 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 39-87 7-9 96.

BROOKLYN (106): Johnson 1-10 4-6 6, Young 9-18 2-2 20, B.Lopez 15-25 2-4 32, Williams 8-18 4-4 24, Brown 0-4 2-2 2, Clark 0-0 0-0 0, Bogdanovic 6-13 2-2 15, Plumlee 1-2 2-2 4, Morris 0-0 0-0 0, Jack 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 41-91 18-23 106.

Portland	25	13	26	32 — 96
Brooklyn	22	32	23	29 — 106

3-Point Goals—Portland 11-26 (Lillard 6-11, Aldrac 2-5, McCollum 1-2, Crabbe 1-2, Leonard 1-3, Lee 0-1, Blake 0-2), Brooklyn 6-14 (Williams 4-5, Jack 1-1, Bogdanovic 1-4, Brown 0-1, Johnson 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Portland 52 (Leonard 15), Brooklyn 53 (B.Lopez 9). Assists—Portland 17 (Blake, Leonard 4), Brooklyn 25 (Williams 10). Total Fouls—Portland 21, Brooklyn 11. Technicals—Portland defensive three second, A—17,416 (17,732).

NHL STANDINGS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Montreal	80	48	22	10	106	213	180
x-Tampa Bay	80	48	24	8	104	265	206
Boston	79	41	25	13	95	209	201
Detroit	79	41	25	13	95	227	215
Ottawa	79	40	26	13	93	228	211
Florida	80	38	29	13	89	199	219
Toronto	80	30	43	7	67	208	253
Buffalo	80	23	49	8	54	159	268
Metropolitan Division							
y-N.Y.Rangers	79	51	21	7	109	244	185
x-Washington	80	44	25	11	99	232	199
N.Y. Islanders	79	46	27	6	98	241	219
Pittsburgh	79	42	26	11	95	215	203
Columbus	79	39	35	5	83	205	244
Philadelphia	79	32	29	18	82	209	224
New Jersey	79	32	34	13	77	174	205
Carolina	79	29	39	11	69	183	220

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-St. Louis	79	49	23	7	105	242	197
x-Nashville	79	47	22	10	104	227	197
x-Chicago	79	48	25	6	102	235	182
Minnesota	79	44	27	8	96	223	194
Winnipeg	79	41	26	12	94	224	208
Dallas	79	38	31	10	86	248	258
Colorado	79	36	31	12	84	212	223
Pacific Division							
y-Anaheim	80	50	23	7	107	234	221
Vancouver	79	45	29	5	95	229	216
Calgary	79	43	29	7	93	234	208
Los Angeles	79	39	25	14	92	212	196
San Jose	79	39	31	9	87	223	222
Edmonton	79	23	43	13	59	188	272
Arizona	79	20	47	8	56	167	262

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

Monday's Scores
Buffalo 4, Carolina 3
N.Y. Rangers 4, Columbus 3, OT
Winnipeg 2, Minnesota 0
Los Angeles at Vancouver, late
Dallas at San Jose, late

Today's Games
N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Carolina at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Nashville at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Arizona at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.



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Major league parks beef up security

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Baseball fans are taking their first swings at the sport's new security guidelines.

Forget shelling out cash for $30 tickets, $9 beers and $16 parking charges. Major League Baseball fans have more reason to empty their pockets, only this time of keys, mobile phones — and whatever loose change might be left — before a day at the ballpark.

MLB morphed into the TSA when it told its 30 teams they had to implement security screening in time for opening day. All fans are expected to walk through metal detectors at all entrance gates, no exceptions.

Ohio Republican Sen. Rob Portman was one of thousands who trudged through the metal detector at Cincinnati like any common fan.

At Philadelphia's Citizens Bank Park, fans breezed through when gates opened about 2 1/2 hours before first pitch and then made their way through the detectors without a hitch as first pitch neared.

"It's easy, but I feel like I'm at the airport," said 19-year-old Phillies fan J.P. Collins. "It's a hassle, but not that bad. It's better than the Eagles. You get patted down."

Collins dumped his phone and wallet into a screening bowl just the same as any airline traveler would before passing through a security checkpoint. Citizens Bank Park was among a handful of stadiums that ran a successful metal detector pilot program last season.

This season, it's every stadium, every gate.

"We try to follow best practices from Homeland Security," commissioner Rob Manfred said at Nationals Park before attending Washington's game against the visiting New York Mets. "We always feel that the safety of our fans ought to come first. And our experience with the screenings, given that we've been doing it some places for over a year now, is that fans adjust to the new procedures and generally find them not to be burdensome."

In the wake of the Boston Marathon bombings, baseball beefed security that was never much more than window dressing at most stadiums. Fans are not required to remove shoes or belts; fans will be required to remove cell phones, cameras and keys before passing through the metal detectors.

"We were one of the last sports to come to this," Milwaukee Brewers owner Mark Attanasio said before the season opener with the Colorado Rockies. "We're so focused on baseball being a family sport, a feel good sport. In some regard, not having some of the hooliganism that you see in other sports, we were probably the last major sport to address these things. The answer is if you didn't make changes and you have an incident anywhere, you'd surely regret that."

Any fans unable to utilize a walk-through metal detector or who opt not to use one have the option of being checked with a hand-held metal detector or receive a physical patdown.

The Colorado Rockies were just one team that created express lanes for fans without carry-in items.

New York Yankees fans approved of the new measures with just slightly less enthusiasm than an Alex Rodriguez plate appearance.

"A little bit shorter than expected, given all the hype about it," fan Adam Prestin said at Yankee Stadium. "For the most part I thought it was smooth. The lines forming around the lines are a little messy since there's a lot of people coming in at once. Overall, 5 minutes isn't too bad."

Even when the lines stretched past the Robin Roberts and Mike Schmidt statues outside the Philadelphia gates, fans were orderly and moved ahead without incident. Hey, unlike at Wrigley Field, at least the lines were shorter for bathrooms inside the stadium.

While there was a general wave of optimism on opening day like there always is for the home team, some fans wondered where leagues draw the line at invading personal space.

"What's it actually preventing," Phillies fan Jeff Young asked. "It's a solution in search of a problem. If somebody wants to do something, they'll figure out a way to do it. It just inconveniences roughly 2 million people a year for the sake of what? To me, it seems like a show."

Woods arrives, and the guessing game begins at Masters

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Tiger Woods arrived later than usual Monday for a Masters that is different from all the others he has played.

No one was sure what to expect from him.

Woods offered a quick glimpse that it could be just about anything. He hooked his tee shot so far left that it nearly went into the ninth fairway. And then he hit a shot to about 6 feet and rolled in the putt for birdie.

More relevant than any of his shots — including his chipping, which looked fine — was the atmosphere.

The first official day of practice at Augusta National was filled with warmth and optimism for the first major of the year. Rory McIlroy, No. 1 in the world and going for a career Grand Slam, played 18 holes with British Amateur champion Bradley Neil. Steve Stricker is playing for the first time all year. Jason Day took four hours on the back nine alone, letting groups through so he could chip and putt, the key to winning a green jacket.

And then Woods arrived.

Fans ran to the side of the practice area when his cart pulled up, with one man holding a digital camera high above his head for a picture. Fittingly, Woods headed straight for the chipping area and went through two bags of balls before heading to the first tee with Mark O'Meara.

Woods is playing for the first time since Feb. 5. He was off nearly five months when he returned at the Masters in 2010 following the scandal in his personal life, but he was No. 1 in the world back then. His last competition was a victory in the Australian Masters.

Now he is No. 111. In his last tournament this year, he walked off the course at Torrey Pines after 11 holes. Before that, he shot 82 and missed the cut in the Phoenix Open. In both events, he played 47 holes and hit chips that either didn't reach the green from 5 yards away or went some 25 yards over the green.

That's when he stepped away, saying his game was not acceptable and he would not return until it was.

The real test comes Thursday, when the shots count. What he showed Monday certainly looked acceptable, and it was a treat for the fans who normally would be headed home after a long day at Augusta. The first hole was packed when Woods and O'Meara teed off at 4:20 p.m., and more than 2,000 kept following him. Dozens of fans raced over from the second fairway to the fourth tee to get a good spot.

Remember, you're not supposed run at Augusta National.

"I hope he's happy. I hope he's fine," U.S. Open champion Martin Kaymer said. "I hope he will play well this week. But what would bother me a lot is all the speculation. You don't have a choice. You will read about it somewhere. You will hear about it because you socialize with people. So mentally, it must be quite exhausting, and we know how important the mental part is in golf."

"So it's difficult, and some things I don't find very fair," he said. "You should just let him be. Let him play golf, what he likes to do."

The last image of Woods was the best player of his generation at his worst, especially with the chipping. That led to rampant speculation — some coaches, including former swing coach Hank Haney, said he had the yips. He was said to be practicing hard at home in Florida. When he showed up at Augusta National last week to practice, one report said he shot 74. Another said he was playing better than ever at home.

The fans who stuck around the Masters got to see for themselves, at least in practice. The real show starts Thursday, and everyone is curious.

"We're all waiting with baited breath what Tiger is bringing," three-time champion Nick Faldo said. "He's got to believe he's got a bit more game than that. This is not the place. These are the toughest chipping areas, but off perfect lies, anywhere in the world. ... It's all nerve. That's what the Masters is. It's nerve. It's the most nerve-wracking golf course."

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

MARINERS 4
ANGELS 1

SEATTLE — Felix Hernandez struck out 10 and allowed only two hits over seven innings, and Seth Smith had three extra-base hits and two RBI in his Seattle debut against Los Angeles.

Hernandez (1-0) improved to 6-0 in opening-day starts, only two of them at home. He lifted the Mariners to their ninth straight win on opening day.

Mike Trout homered in the first inning and Erick Aybar singled leading off the fifth. That was all the Angels could do against Hernandez.

Acquired in an offseason trade with San Diego, Smith doubled twice and lined a two-out RBI triple. All three hits came off Jered Weaver (0-1).

Dustin Ackley added a solo home run and Robinson Cano had an RBI single. Carson Smith struck out Trout with two runners on to end the eighth, and Fernando Rodney closed for a save.

BLUE JAYS 6
YANKEES 1

NEW YORK — Edwin Encarnacion hit a two-run homer off Masahiro Tanaka, and Toronto beat New York in Alex Rodriguez's return to the major leagues.

Without retired Derek Jeter in the lineup, an opening-day crowd at Yankee Stadium reserved its biggest cheers for Rodriguez in his first game back from a year-long drug suspension. Batting seventh, his lowest spot in a regular-season game since 1996, A-Rod singled, walked and lined out.

Drew Hutchison, at 24 the youngest opening-day starter in Blue Jays history, held the Yankees hitless until Brian McCann singled with two outs in the fourth.

Hutchison (1-0) allowed three hits, including Brett Gardner's homer.

Ex-Yankee Russell Martin hit a two-run single in a five-run third against Tanaka (0-1). Devon Travis homered later for his first career hit.

TIGERS 4
TWINS 0

DETROIT — David Price left no doubt about his worthiness as Detroit's opening day starter, coming within one out of a shutout against Minnesota.

Price (1-0) retired his first 13 batters and allowed five hits before being pulled with two on in the ninth. Joe Nathan struck out Torii Hunter for the save, although Hunter argued to plate umpire Joe West that he checked his swing.

The Twins lost in their first game under new manager Paul Molitor.

J.D. Martinez and Alex Avila homered off Phil Hughes (0-1), and Yoenis Cespedes tripled and scored in his Detroit debut. Cespedes also reached above the wall in left to catch Kurt Suzuki's drive in the third.

ORIOLES 6
RAYS 2

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Chris Tillman pitched into the seventh inning and Baltimore hit three homers while spoiling Tampa Bay's debut under rookie manager Kevin Cash.

Tillman (1-0) allowed one run and four hits in 6 2-3 innings. He was working on a shutout in his second career opening day start before Evan Longoria led off the seventh with a home run.

Alejandro De Aza, Steve Pearce and Ryan Flaherty connected for the defending AL East champions, and Travis Snider had three hits in his Baltimore debut.

Snider also drove in two runs and threw a runner out at the plate from right field.

Chris Archer (0-1) gave up four runs and six hits over 5 2-3 innings.

ROYALS 10
WHITE SOX 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Yordano Ventura pitched six solid innings before leaving with a thumb cramp, and Alex Rios hit a three-run homer in his Kansas City debut against Chicago.

Ventura (1-0) was replaced by Kelvin Herrera in the seventh after crumpling to the ground following a strike to Adam LaRoche. Ventura will be evaluated later this week, but Royals trainers said it is not believed to be serious.

Rios, who had three hits, homered in a five-run seventh with Kendrys Morales and Alex Gordon aboard. Gordon stroked a two-run single in the inning.

Jose Abreu homered Chicago. Jeff Samardzija (0-1) yielded five runs and six hits in six-plus innings in his White Sox debut.

Interleague

RED SOX 8
PHILLIES 0

PHILADELPHIA — Boston newcomer Hanley Ramirez and Dustin Pedroia each hit two home runs, Clay Buchholz threw three-hit ball over seven innings and the Red Sox beat Philadelphia in an interleague opener.

Buchholz (1-0) gave the Red Sox reason to believe they don't need to trade for any ace — namely Cole Hamels (0-1). The right-hander struck out nine and pitched like the guy who went 12-1 in 2013.

Ramirez made quite an impression in his first game since the free agent signed an $88 million, four-year contract. He hit a solo homer in the fifth and a grand slam off Jake Diekman in the ninth.

Hamels gave up five hits in five innings, striking out six. He allowed four homers for the second time in his career.

Mookie Betts also homered for Boston.

National League

DODGERS 6
PADRES 3

LOS ANGELES — New addition Jimmy Rollins hit a tiebreaking, three-run homer in the eighth inning, rallying the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 6-3 victory over the re-tooled San Diego Padres-in the season opener Monday.

Rollins took a curtain call for his drive off Shawn Kelley (0-1). Rollins and Howie Kendrick joined the team in the offseason to improve the Dodgers' infield defense, but their offensive prowess delivered the victory.

Kendrick's RBI double with two outs in the seventh tied it at 3. Rollins went 2 for 4.

Reigning NL MVP and Cy Young Award winner Clayton Kershaw struck out nine, but the team with baseball's highest payroll of $270 million trailed twice before Kendrick and Rollins baled them out.

METS 3
NATIONALS 1

WASHINGTON — Max Scherzer took a no-hitter into the sixth inning of his Washington debut but was unable to overcome two costly errors by shortstop Ian Desmond that aided New York.

Bartolo Colon pitched six clean innings for the Mets, giving up only Bryce Harper's third opening-day homer. Lucas Duda hit a two-run single with two outs in the sixth, putting New York ahead with its first hit of the year.

At 41, Colon (1-0) was the oldest opening-day starter in Mets history — and in the majors since 2006. He struck out eight and allowed only three hits.

Scherzer (0-1), making the first start of his $210 million contract, retired 17 in a row during one stretch and gave up four hits in 7 2-3 innings. All three runs off him were unearned.

ROCKIES 10
BREWERS 0

MILWAUKEE — Kyle Kendrick pitched seven sharp innings and also got two hits as Colorado trounced Milwaukee.

Corey Dickerson and Nolan Arenado each homered and drove in four runs. Troy Tulowitzki doubled twice, singled and scored three times. There were eight extra-base hits in the game, all by the Rockies.

BRAVES 2
MARLINS 1

MIAMI — Two Atlanta relievers combined to escape a bases-loaded, none-out jam in the seventh inning, and new closer Jason Grilli pitched a perfect ninth to help the Braves beat Miami.

Little went right for the home team. The sellout crowd's mood briefly turned sour in the second inning when the game was halted for 16 minutes because of rain — a first at 3-year-old Marlins Park, which has a retractable roof.

REDS 5
PIRATES 2

CINCINNATI — Todd Frazier hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning to rally Cincinnati past Pittsburgh.

Billy Hamilton and Joey Votto singled before Frazier connected against Tony Watson (0-1), snapping a 2-all tie.

MONDAY'S STANDINGS, BOXES AND LINESCORES

STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	1	0	1.000	—
Boston	1	0	1.000	—
Toronto	1	0	1.000	—
New York	0	1	.000	1
Tampa Bay	0	1	.000	1

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	1	0	1.000	—
Kansas City	1	0	1.000	—
Chicago	0	1	.000	1
Cleveland	0	1	.000	1
Minnesota	0	1	.000	1

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	1	0	1.000	—
Seattle	1	0	1.000	—
Oakland	0	0	.000	1/2
Texas	0	0	.000	1/2
Los Angeles	0	1	.000	1

Monday's Scores

Toronto 6, N.Y. Yankees 1
Detroit 4, Minnesota 0
Boston 8, Philadelphia 0
Baltimore 6, Tampa Bay 2
Kansas City 10, Chicago White Sox 1
Seattle 4, L.A. Angels 1
Houston 2, Cleveland 0
Texas at Oakland, late

Today's Games

Baltimore (Chen 0-0) at Tampa Bay (Karns 0-0), 6:10 p.m.
Texas (Lewis 0-0) at Oakland (Hahn 0-0), 9:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Wilson 0-0) at Seattle (Paxton 0-0), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	1	0	1.000	—
New York	1	0	1.000	—
Miami	0	1	.000	1
Philadelphia	0	1	.000	1
Washington	0	1	.000	1

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	1	0	1.000	—
St. Louis	1	0	1.000	—
Chicago	0	1	.000	1
Milwaukee	0	1	.000	1
Pittsburgh	0	1	.000	1

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	1	0	1.000	—
Los Angeles	1	0	1.000	—
Arizona	0	0	.000	1/2
San Francisco	0	0	.000	1/2
San Diego	0	1	.000	1

Monday's Scores

Colorado 10, Milwaukee 0
Boston 8, Philadelphia 0
N.Y. Mets 3, Washington 1
Atlanta 2, Miami 1
Cincinnati 5, Pittsburgh 2
L.A. Dodgers 6, San Diego 3
San Francisco at Arizona, late

Today's Games

Atlanta (Wood 0-0) at Miami (Latos 0-0), 6:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Lynn 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Lyles 0-0) at Milwaukee (Garza 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Peavy 0-0) at Arizona (De La Rosa 0-0), 8:40 p.m.
San Diego (T.Ross 0-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Greinke 0-0), 9:10 p.m.

MONDAY'S TEXAS SOX ASTROS 2, INDIANS 0

Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi
Bourn cf	4	0	0	0
Kipnis 2b	4	0	0	0
Brantley lf	4	0	0	0
C.Santana 1b	3	0	1	0
Y.Gomes c	4	0	1	0
Moss rf	2	0	0	0
Raburn dh	3	0	0	0
Chisenhall 3b	2	0	1	0
J.Ramirez ss	3	0	0	0
Totals	29	0	3	0

Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Altuve 2b	4	1	1	0
Springer rf	3	0	1	1
Valbuena 3b	3	0	1	0
Gattis dh	3	0	0	0
Carter 1b	3	0	0	0
J.Castro c	3	0	0	0
Lowrie ss	2	1	0	0
Col.Rasmus lf	2	0	1	0
Martinrick cf	2	0	0	1
Totals	25	2	3	2

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Houston ..... 000 001 01x — 2

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Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Kluber L,0-1	7 1-3	3	2	2	2	7
Atchison	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Houston						
Keuchel W,1-0	7	3	0	0	3	4
Sipp H, 1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Gregerson S,1-1	1	0	0	0	0	0

T—2:30. A—43,753 (41,574).

MONDAY'S LINESCORES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BLUE JAYS 6, YANKEES 1

Toronto ..... 005 000 100 — 6 5 0
New York ..... 000 001 000 — 1 3 1

Hutchison, Loup (7), M.Castro (8) and R.Martin; Tanaka, Ch.Martin (5), Shreve (6), D.Carpenter (7), J.Wilson (9), Rogers (9) and B.McCann. W—Hutchison 1-0. L—Tanaka 0-1. HRs—Toronto, Encarnacion (1). Travis (1). New York, Gardner (1).

TIGERS 4, TWINS 0

Minnesota ..... 000 000 000 — 0 5 0
Detroit ..... 030 001 00x — 4 10 0

Phughes, Graham (7) and K.Suzuki; Price, Nathan (9) and Avila. W—Price 1-0. L—P.Hughes 0-1. Sv—Nathan (1). HRs—Detroit, J.Martinez (1), Avila (1).

ORIOLES 6, RAYS 2

Baltimore ..... 100 021 011 — 6 8 0
Tampa Bay ..... 000 000 110 — 2 8 1

Tillman, O'Day (7), Brach (8), Tom.Hunter (8), Britton (9) and Joseph; Archer, Geltz (6), Frien (6), Balfour (8), Balfour (8), Yates (9) and Rivera. W—Tillman 1-0. L—Archer 0-1. HRs—Baltimore, De Aza (1), Pearce (1), Flaherty (1). Tampa Bay, Longoria (1).

ROYALS 10, WHITE SOX 1

Chicago ..... 000 000 100 — 1 5 0
Kansas City ..... 012 010 51x — 10 13 0

Samardzija, Da.Jennings (7), Drabek (7) and Flowers, Soto; Ventura, K.Herrera (7), W.Davis (8), Madson (9) and S.Perez. W—Ventura 1-0. L—Samardzija 0-1. HRs—Chicago, Abreu (1). Kansas City, Moustakas (1), Rios (1).

MARINERS 4, ANGELS 1

Los Angeles ..... 100 000 000 — 1 4 0
Seattle ..... 000 001 03x — 4 10 0

Weaver, C.Ramos (7), Salas (8) and Iannetta; F.Hernandez, Rzepczyk (8), Furbush (8), C.Smith (8), Rodney (9) and Zunino. W—F.Hernandez 1-0. L—Weaver 0-1. Sv—Rodney (1). HRs—Los Angeles, Trout (1). Seattle, Ackley (1).

INTERLEAGUE

RED SOX 8, PHILLIES 0

Boston ..... 101 020 004 — 8 9 1
Philadelphia ..... 000 000 000 — 0 3 0

Buchholz, Tazawa (8), Layne (9) and Hanigan; Hamels, L.Garcia (6), J.Gomez (7), De Fratus (8), Diekman (9), C.Jimenez (9) and Ruiz. W—Buchholz 1-0. L—Hamels 0-1. HRs—Boston, Pedroia 2 (2), Betts (1). H.Ramirez 2 (2).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ROCKIES 10, BREWERS 0

Colorado ..... 402 400 000 — 10 16 0
Milwaukee ..... 000 000 000 — 0 8 3

K.Kendrick, Betancourt (8), Friedrich (9) and Hundley; Lohse, Blazek (4), Cotts (6), W.Smith (6), Jeffress (9) and Lucroy. Maldonado. W—K.Kendrick 1-0. L—Lohse 0-1. HRs—Colorado, Dickerson (1), Arenado (1).

METS 3, NATIONALS 1

New York ..... 000 002 100 — 3 5 1
Washington ..... 000 100 000 — 1 3 2

B.Colon, C.Torres (7), Familia (8), Blevins (9), Carlyle (9) and d'Arnaud; Scherzer, Cedeno (8), Barnett (9), Thornton (9) and W.Ramos. W—B.Colon 1-0. L—Scherzer 0-1. Sv—Carlyle (1). HRs—Washington, Harper (1).

DODGERS 6, PADRES 3

San Diego ..... 100 020 000 — 3 7 1
Los Angeles ..... 000 200 13x — 6 9 0

Shields, Vincent (7), Garces (7), Kelley (7) and De.Norris; Kershaw, Y.Garcia (7), Jo.Peralta (8), Hatcher (9) and Ellis. W—Jo.Peralta 1-0. L—Kelley 0-1. Sv—Hatcher (1). HRs—Los Angeles, A.Gonzalez (1), Rollins (1).

BRAVES 2, MARLINS 1

Atlanta ..... 100 001 000 — 2 8 0
Miami ..... 001 000 000 — 1 8 0

Teheran, Avilan (7), J.Johnson (7), Grilli (9) and Bethancourt; H.Alvarez, Dunn (8), A.Ramos (9) and Saltalamacchia. W—Teheran 1-0. L—H.Alvarez 0-1. Sv—Grilli (1).

REDS 5, PIRATES 2

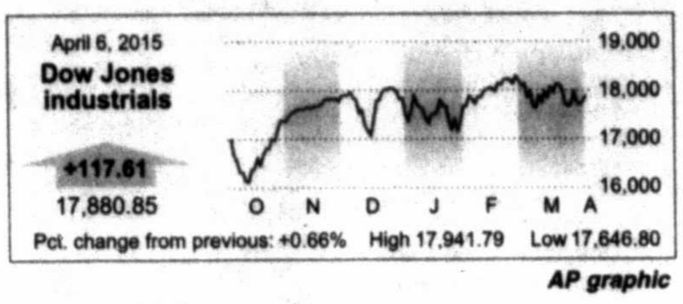
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Liriano, Watson (8) and Cervelli; Cueto, Gregg (8), M.Parra (8), Diaz (8), Chapman (9) and Mesoraco. W—Diaz 1-0. L—Watson 0-1. Sv—Chapman (1). HRs—Pittsburgh, McCutchen (1). Cincinnati, Bruce (1), Frazier (1).

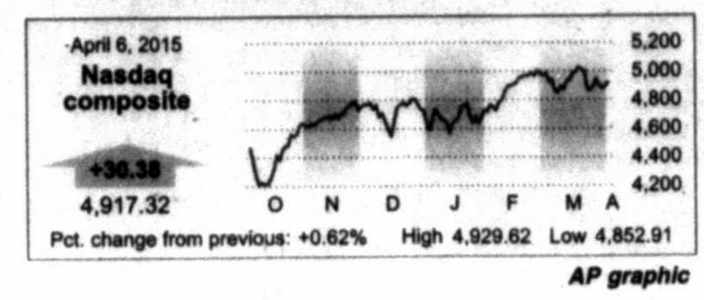


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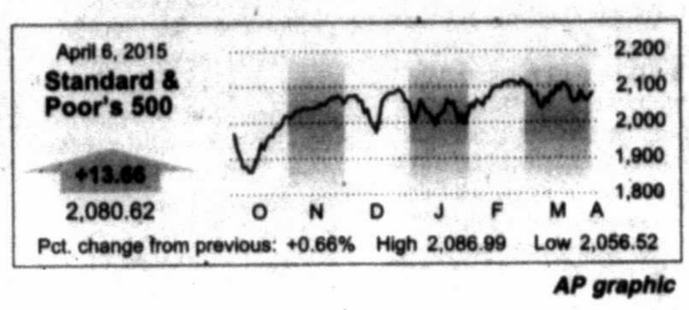
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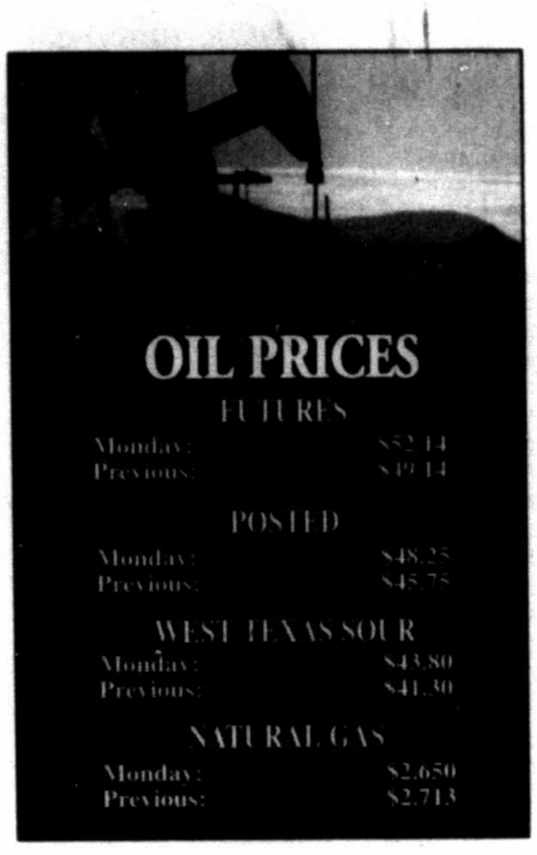
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State posts details of $225M Exxon settlement on website

By Michael Catalini
Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — Details of New Jersey's proposed $225 million settlement with Exxon Mobil over pollution around refineries in Linden and Bayonne were posted online Monday, starting the clock on a legal process that will stretch into June and giving vocal opponents an opportunity to persuade a judge to kill the deal.

Details of the proposed deal struck last month between the attorney general and the Texas-based oil company were published on the Department of Environmental Protection's website.

Here's what you need to know about the four-page proposal:

How it works

The Department of Environmental Protection said the public has 60 days to comment and then it will decide whether to approve the agreement, which it is expected to do.

Then, Judge Michael Hogan will issue a ruling on the offer. If he does not sign off, he may decide what the damage award should be, though it is common with agreements such as the one between the state and Exxon to be approved by the judge.

Commenting on the settlement gives the commenter standing to pursue an appeal.

The deal's details

In addition to the Linden and Bayonne sites, the proposed settlement would resolve pollution claims at 16 service station sites across the state. It also proposes resolving claims at all services stations in New Jersey where, the department says in a news release, there was little or no damage and where there was no evidence of MTBE, a chemical compound used a gasoline additive. The department said litigating over these sites would cost taxpayers more than their expected value.

The $225 million proposal would be the second-largest natural resource settlement against a corporate defendant in the country's history and the largest in state history, the department said in a statement. Only the Exxon-Valdez payout was larger.

"We have vigorously litigated this case for the good of the environment and for the people of New Jersey," DEP Commissioner Bob Martin said in a statement. "On top of the historic payout for this natural resources damages settlement, there is no cap on what ExxonMobil must spend to complete the remediation work. ExxonMobil is also obligated to remediate all of the other, though far less contaminated, sites included in the proposed agreement."

Politically volatile

News of the proposed settlement has become a political lightning rod because a report in the court documents had estimated that the state might recover up to $8.9 billion. Leaks of the deal appeared in the press before the attorney general discussed the details, and the Democrat-led Legislature criticized Republican Gov. Chris Christie's administration for accepting pennies on the dollar.

Christie has publicly emphasized that Exxon Mobil must still clean the site.

"Under this settlement, ExxonMobil's obligation to remediate the refinery sites — exclusively at its cost, which will be substantial — is reaffirmed," acting Attorney General John Hoffman said in a statement.

It's unclear how much cleanup will cost under DEP supervision, Spitler said.

Budget battle

If the deal goes forward, the settlement money would not be available until the start of the fiscal year — July 1 — at the earliest, Hoffman said last month.

How that money is disbursed has also become the subject of a fierce debate. Under current law and as Christie proposed in his 2016 budget, the first $50 million of money recovered from natural resources settlements would go toward site cleanup and the rest would go toward the general fund. The Democratic-controlled Legislature has sent Christie a bill that would require half of the money from settlements of more than $50 million to be spent on cleanup. Christie has until May to decide if he'll veto the bill.

Indexes up

Expectations that the Federal Reserve will be slow to raise interest rates following a weak jobs report last week helped send the stock market up on Monday.

The stock market was closed Friday when the Labor Department reported that employers added just 126,000 workers to their payrolls in March, the smallest increase since December 2013. It was another sign of weaker economic growth in the winter months and added more pressure on the Federal Reserve to put off raising rates from near zero. Historically low rates have helped stocks soar over the past six years.

David Lefkowitz, senior equity strategist at UBS, said calming words from William Dudley, president of the Fed's New York branch, gave investors encouragement. In a speech Monday, Dudley pointed to the recent shaky economic news and said he expects the Fed's rate increases would be "shallow."

"If Fed officials think the economy is not strong enough, they're not going to do anything to jeopardize the economic recovery," Lefkowitz said. "With inflation low and well-contained the Fed can be patient. There's nothing forcing their hand."

"Had the market been open on Friday, we would have probably had a triple-digit decline in the Dow," said Hank Smith, chief investment officer at Harverford Trust. "The fact that we had a weekend to digest put it in perspective."

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	9511167	207.83	+1.40
CSVLgCrde	874220	2.80	+ .35
IntlGame	577761	17.68	- .09
iShEMkts	513862	41.77	+ .53
BkofAm	498807	15.51	- .03

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SevSevE n	4.66	+ .84	+22.0
ComstkRs	4.38	+ .66	+17.7
XuedaEd	3.14	+ .44	+16.3
SeabGld g	6.60	+ .86	+15.0
SwftEng	2.63	+ .32	+13.9

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CSVInvCrd	97.50	-17.51	-15.2
DrGMBear	8.96	- 1.48	-14.2
DrDGldBr	14.81	- 1.82	-10.9
PSCrudeDS	90.49	- 11.11	-10.9
PrUShCrde	71.25	- 8.15	-10.3

Diary

Advanced	2,242
Declined	880
Unchanged	108
Total issues	3,230
New Highs	148
New Lows	11
Volume	3,209,000,813

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BarrGSOil	75255	11.04	- .53
Globalstar	28098	3.19	- .11
NwGold g	26647	3.77	- .12
NovaGld g	23833	3.42	+ .29
GranTrra g	23785	2.84	- .11

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Inuvo	2.46	+ .55	+28.8
Tufutfi	4.93	+ .82	+20.0
AltsrcAst	232.33	+20.33	+9.6
ActniumP	2.80	+ .24	+9.4
NovaGld g	3.42	+ .29	+9.3

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Aerocntry	12.13	- 1.04	- 7.9
CorMed wt	5.21	.38	- 6.8
AdmPisc	65.64	- 4.36	- 6.2
TellmstE	5.63	.37	- 6.2
InfoSystem	2.80	.18	- 6.0

Diary

Advanced	232
Declined	169
Unchanged	27
Total issues	428
New Highs	8
New Lows	4
Volume	97,231,964

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Windstrm	589689	8.06	- .14
Microsoft	388084	41.55	- 1.26
Apple Inc s	363094	127.35	+ 2.03
HudsCity	362006	9.77	- .12
ApldMatl	315983	22.16	- .11

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Voltari h	4.43	+ 1.80	+68.4
UnQure	33.61	+ 10.75	+47.0
RSA Prop	34.74	+ 5.74	+19.8
PrmEx h rs	4.68	+ .74	+18.8
VitaePh n	14.70	+ 2.02	+15.9

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Resonant n	4.41	- 2.98	- 40.3
GtBasSci n	3.60	- .57	- 13.7
DicernaPh	18.43	- 2.86	- 13.4
Nathans s	51.17	- 7.40	- 12.6
AtheroBcsh	21.55	- 3.05	- 12.4

Diary

Advanced	1,499
Declined	1,260
Unchanged	127
Total issues	2,886
New Highs	92
New Lows	27
Volume	1,637,543,129

Safety board weighs in on oil train tank cars

Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — U.S. safety officials say tank cars carrying oil or ethanol by rail urgently need to be retrofitted to make them more fire-resistant after a spate of explosive accidents in recent months.

The National Transportation Safety Board issued a series of recommendations Monday calling for tank cars to be fitted with protective systems better able to withstand fire than the bare steel construction now widely in use.

The board also said a decade-long retrofit timeline suggested by the tank car industry was too long to wait.

The industry in 2011 voluntarily adopted rules requiring sturdier tank cars for hauling flammable liquids such as oil and ethanol. But cars built to the new standard split open in at least four accidents during the past year.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $53.34 Up 2.62

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $121.16 Up 1.81

Dawson Operating (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.66 Up 0.04

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $79.47 Up 0.59

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $10.75 Up 0.47

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.53 Down 0.03

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $21.04 Up 0.43

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $27.56 Up 1.00

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $11.20 Up 0.39

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $18.84 Up 0.25

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.88	28	33.33	+ .20	+ .8
Abraxas	...	6	3.54	+ .19	+20.4
AdamsEx	1.18e	...	13.97	+ .05	+2.1
Alcoa	.12	70	13.36	+ .22	-15.4
Alibaba n			81.82	- .46	-21.3
AlonUSA	.40a	30	16.41	- .28	+29.5
Ambev	.24e		6.19	+ .15	+ .3
AmAirlines	.40	12	48.08	- 1.10	-10.3
Amgen	**3.16**	**23**	**155.28**	**-.60**	**-2.5**
Anadarko	**1.08**	**...**	**85.86**	**+1.31**	**+4.1**
Apache	**1.00**	**...**	**64.84**	**+3.40**	**+3.5**
Apple Inc s	1.88	17	127.35	+ 2.03	+ 15.4
ApldMatl	**.40**	**23**	**22.16**	**-.11**	**-11.1**
ATMOS	**1.56**	**19**	**56.41**	**+.46**	**+1.2**
AutoData	1.96	29	86.25	+ .33	+ 3.5
BP PLC	**2.40**	**33**	**40.13**	**+.48**	**+5.3**
BabsCOInv	1.20		15.64	+ .07	- 1.6
BakrHu	.68	16	65.66	+ 1.90	+17.1
BkofAm	.20	44	15.51	- .03	-13.3
B /PVixST			24.53	- .53	-22.2
BarrickG	.20	66	12.61	+ .73	+17.3
BasicEnSv			8.31	+ .46	+18.5
BerkHa A	**...**	**172**	**165,275.00**	**-225.00**	**-4.3**
BlkHillsCp	**1.62f**	**18**	**52.70**	**+.99**	**-.6**
BrMySq	**1.46**	**53**	**63.00**	**-.23**	**+6.7**
BrownFA	**1.26**	**29**	**92.26**	**+.54**	**+5.1**
BrownFB	**1.26**	**29**	**92.23**	**+1.15**	**+5.0**
CNO Fincl	.24	13	17.81	+ .02	+3.4
CVS Health	1.40	26	103.43	+ .72	+7.4
Cameron		12	46.48	+ 1.14	- 6.9
Caterpillar	2.80	14	81.49	+ 1.25	- 11.0
Celestic g	...	13	11.63	+ .46	- .9
Cemex	.52t	...	10.13	+ .40	- .6
CntryLink	2.16	26	35.38	- .05	-10.6
ChesEng	.35	8	15.15	+ .56	-22.6
Chevron	**4.28**	**11**	**106.92**	**+1.64**	**-4.7**
Chicos	.31f	...	17.72	+ .01	+9.3
Cirrlarex	.64	22	123.21	+4.56	+16.2
Cisco	.84f	16	27.22	+ .09	- 1.5
Citigroup	.04	23	51.62	- .24	-4.6
ClayEng	**...**	**15**	**53.34,**	**+2.62**	**-16.4**
CocaCola	**1.32f**	**26**	**41.17**	**+.49**	**-2.5**
ColgPalm	**1.52f**	**30**	**69.95**	**+.52**	**+1.1**
ConAgra	**1.00**	**...**	**36.04**	**+.22**	**+4.9**
ConchoRes	**...**	**25**	**121.16**	**+1.81**	**+21.5**
ConocoPhil	**2.92**	**12**	**65.39**	**+2.21**	**-5.3**
CrackerB	4.00	24	150.45	- 1.20	+ 6.9
CSVLgNGs			2.27	- .16	-43.0
CSVLgCrde			2.80	+ .35	-42.7
CSVrkShrt			1.57	- .06	-43.1
CrosTim	**2.52e**	**7**	**19.44**	**+.37**	**+12.2**
CytonTher			1.32	+ .16	+169.9
DCP Mid	3.12f	14	37.49	+ .52	- 17.5
DTE	2.76	16	83.38	+ 1.30	- 3.5
Dataram h			2.10	.02	+23.5
DeltaAir	.36	17	41.76	- .49	- 15.1
DenburyR	.25	4	8.79	+ .95	+ 8.1
DevonE	**.96**	**16**	**63.41**	**+.86**	**+3.6**
DxGldBull			11.71	+ 1.16	+ 4.9
Disney	**1.15f**	**23**	**106.53**	**-.37**	**+12.1**
DiDimmett	.84		30.92	+ .60	+ 8.9
McDnlds	3.40	20	96.28	+ .45	+ 2.8
Merck	1.80	14	57.18	+ .08	+ 7
MeritMed	**...**	**36**	**19.20**	**+.01**	**+10.8**
MexcoEn			5.53	- .03	+ 1.8
MicronT		8	27.43	+ .71	- 21.7
Microsoft	1.24	17	41.55	+ 1.26	- 10.6
,Nabors	.24	12	14.87	+ .80	+14.6
NatGrid	**3.48e**	**...**	**65.91**	**+.48**	**-6.7**
NOilVarco	1.84	9	52.70	+ 1.69	- 19.6
NickleCp	.51e	...	7.80	+ .15	- .8
NvMAd	**.79a**	**...**	**13.70**	**+.04**	**+.3**
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Penney		...	9.29	+ .19	+ 43.4
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PetrbrsA	.85e	...	6.86	+ .06	- 9.5
Petrobras	.46e	...	6.80	+ .04	- 6.8
Pfizer	**1.12f**	**24**	**34.48**	**+.10**	**+10.7**
PioNrl	.08	27	173.58	+ 2.84	+ 16.6
PlainsAAP	**2.70f**	**22**	**49.65**	**+.89**	**-3.3**
PwShs QQQ	1.49e	...	105.98	+ .86	+ 2.6
Praxair	**2.86f**	**22**	**122.26**	**-.01**	**-5.6**
PrmEgy	**...**	**6**	**53.50**	**...**	**-26.5**
PrUltQQQ			13.81	- .60	- 45.1
PrUltCrude			8.06	+ .71	- 22.3
ProctGam	**2.57**	**25**	**83.04**	**+.61**	**-8.8**
Qualcom	1.92f	14	67.76	- .21	- 8.8
RangeRs	.16	22	54.67	+ .90	+ 2.3
RltyInco	2.27f	50	50.56	- 1.49	+ 6.0
RegionsFn	.20	12	9.55	- .03	- 9.6
RiteAid		27	8.84	+ .05	+ 17.6
Rowan	.40		19.28	+ 1.21	- 17.3
RoyDShllA	3.76	12	61.50	+ 1.17	- 8.1
SpdrDJIA	3.55e	...	178.59	+ 1.26	+ 4
S&P500ETF	3.94e	...	207.83	+ 1.40	+ 1.1
SabnR	4.12e	10	40.16	+ .30	+ 12.2
SanderFm	**.88e**	**6**	**79.89**	**-3.90**	**-5.2**
SandRdge	**...**	**4**	**2.02**	**+.20**	**+11.0**
Schlmbrg	2.00f	21	85.91	+ 1.52	+ 6
SeadrillLtd		1	10.32	+ .66	- 13.6
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3M Co	4.10f	22	165.48	+ 2.68	+ 7
Torchmrk s	**.54f**	**13**	**55.17**	**+.06**	**+1.8**
Transocn	3.00	...	16.51	+ 1.52	- 9.9
TriConti	**.78e**	**...**	**21.74**	**+.09**	**+1.5**
Twitter		...	50.84	+ .42	+ 41.7
TylerTech	**...**	**70**	**123.18**	**+1.02**	**+12.6**
UBWV	**1.28**	**19**	**37.26**	**-.31**	**-.5**
US OilFd			18.43	+ .87	- 9.5
Vale SA	.60e	...	5.82	+ .06	- 28.9
ValeroE	1.60f	9	59.53	- .27	+ 20.3
VerizonCm	2.20	21	49.63	+ .16	+ 6.1
Voltari h			4.43	+ 1.80	+571.2
VulcanM	**.40f**	**52**	**84.47**	**+.16**	**+28.5**
WalgBoots	1.35	41	88.01	+ 2.04	+ 15.5
WstnRefin	1.20	9	46.50	+ .18	+ 23.1
WhitingPet	...	9	34.79	+ 1.98	+ 5.4
WmsCos	2.32f	76	50.30	...	+ 11.9
Windstrm	1.00	...	8.06	+ .14	- 2.2
XcelEnRgy	**1.28f**	**17**	**35.06**	**+.29**	**-2.4**
Xerox	**.28f**	**15**	**12.95**	**+.18**	**-6.6**

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18,288.63	15,855.12	Dow Jones Industrials	17,880.85	+117.61	+.66	+.32	+10.06
9,310.22	7,346.24	Dow Jones Transportation	8,586.47	-38.84	-.45	-6.27	+14.71
657.17	519.56	Dow Jones Utilities	597.62	+7.75	+1.31	-3.31	+12.83
11,142.56	9,886.08	NYSE Composite	11,033.12	+79.96	+.73	+1.79	+6.01
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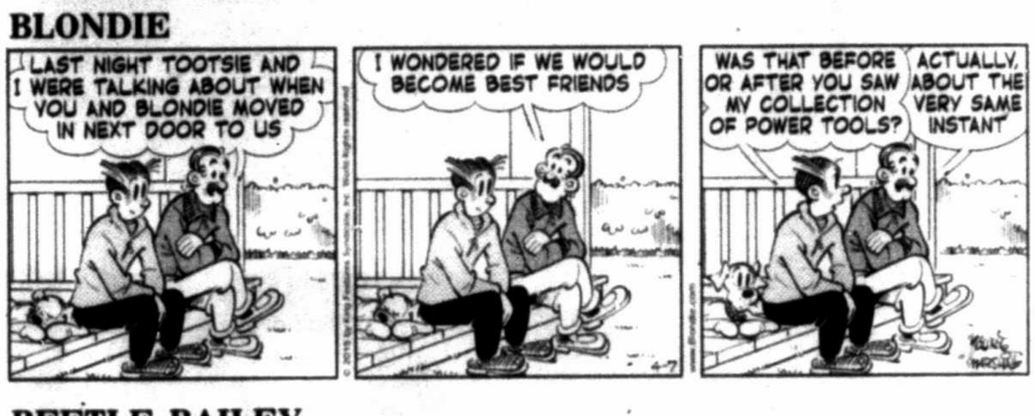
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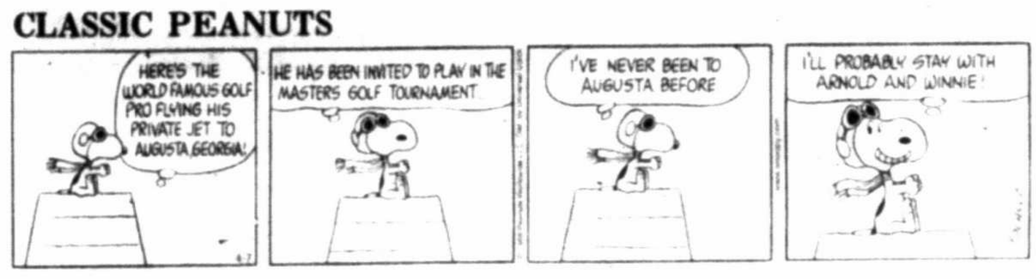
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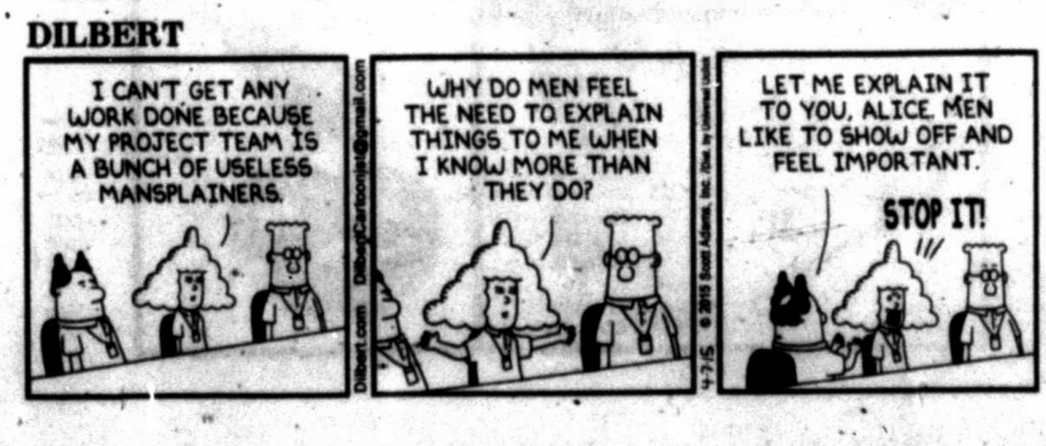
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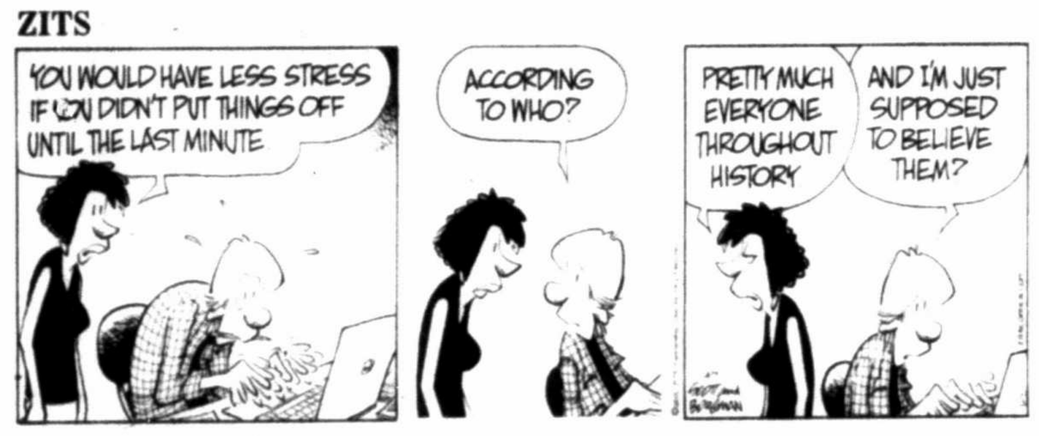
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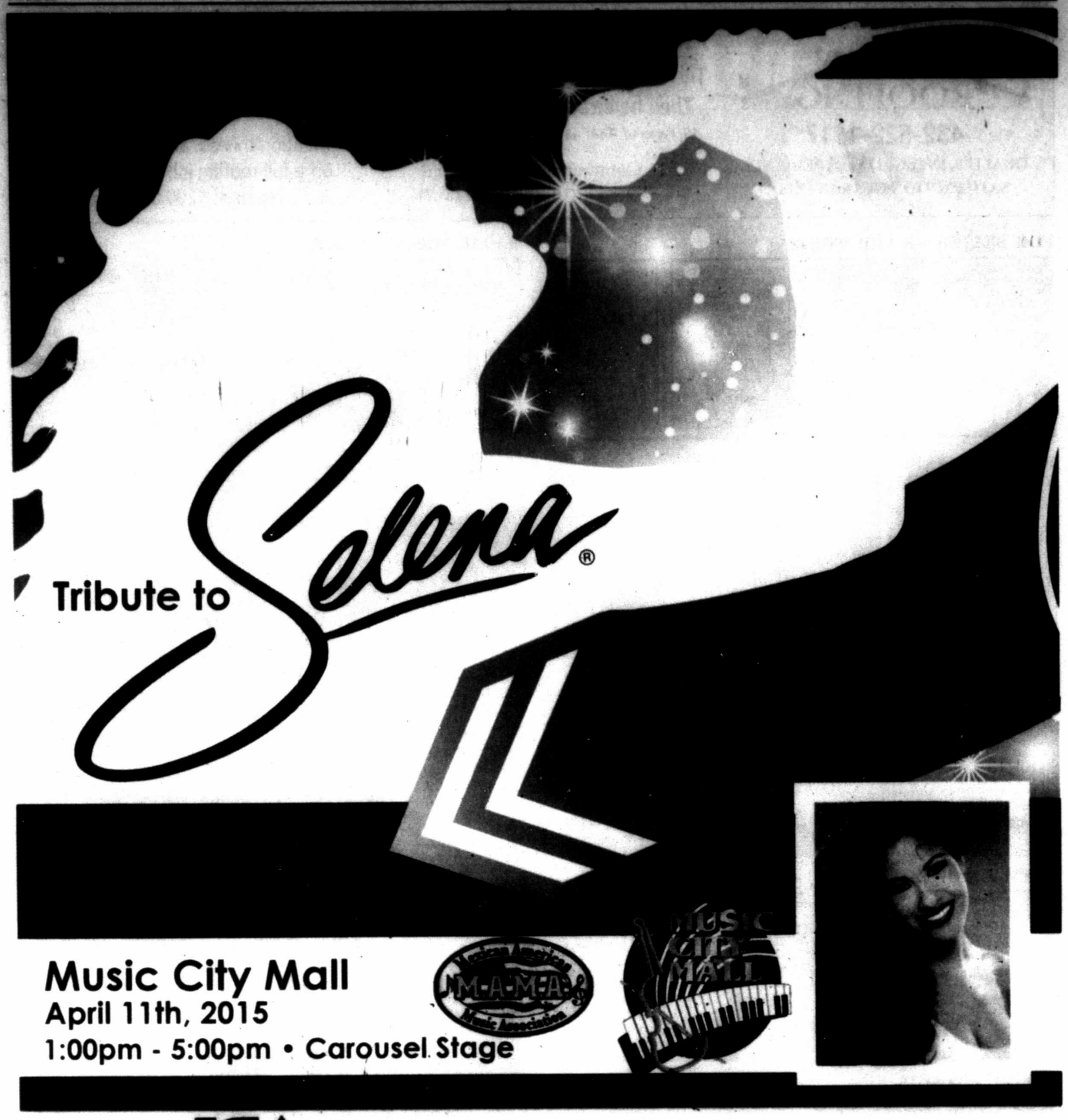


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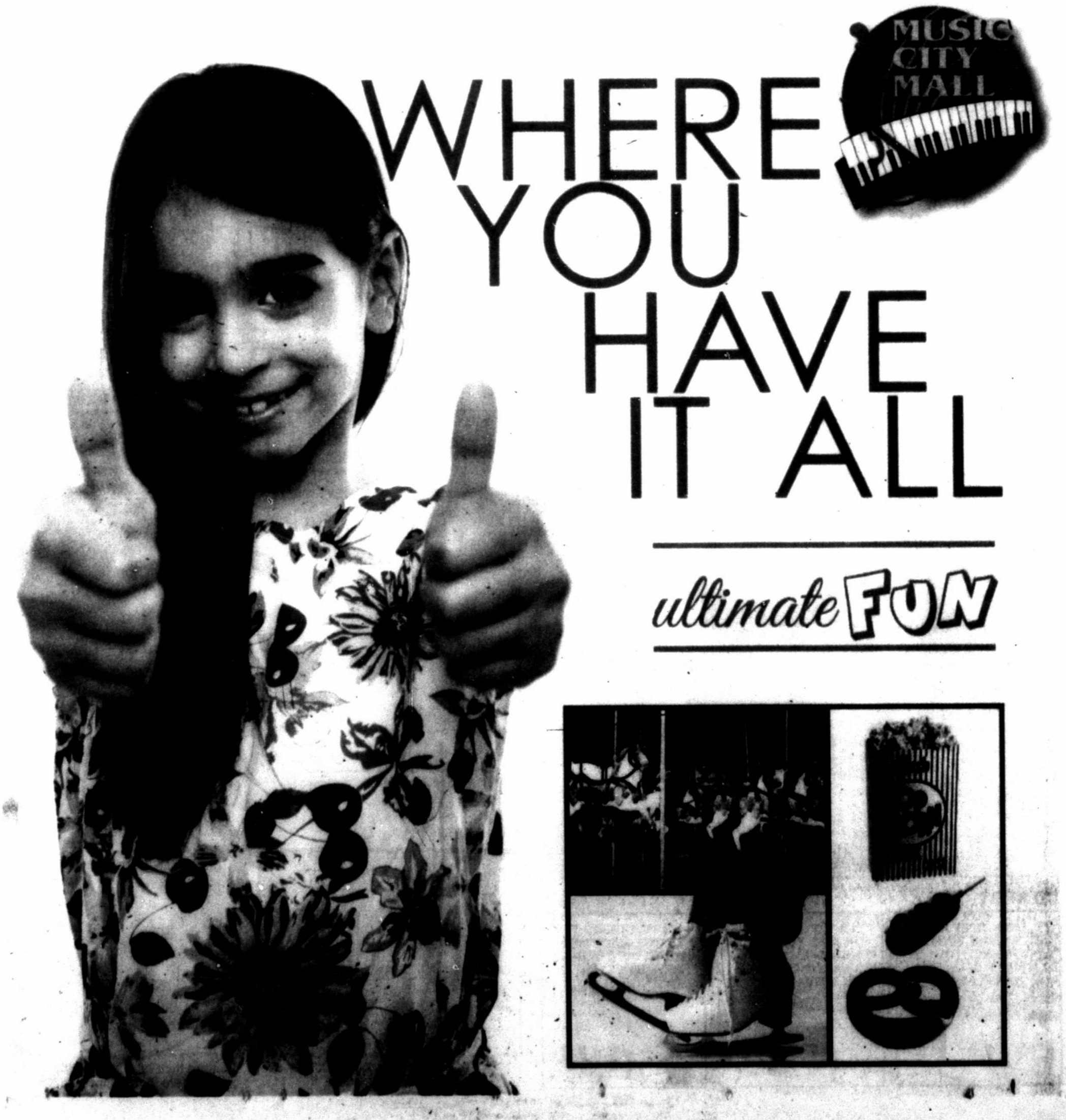
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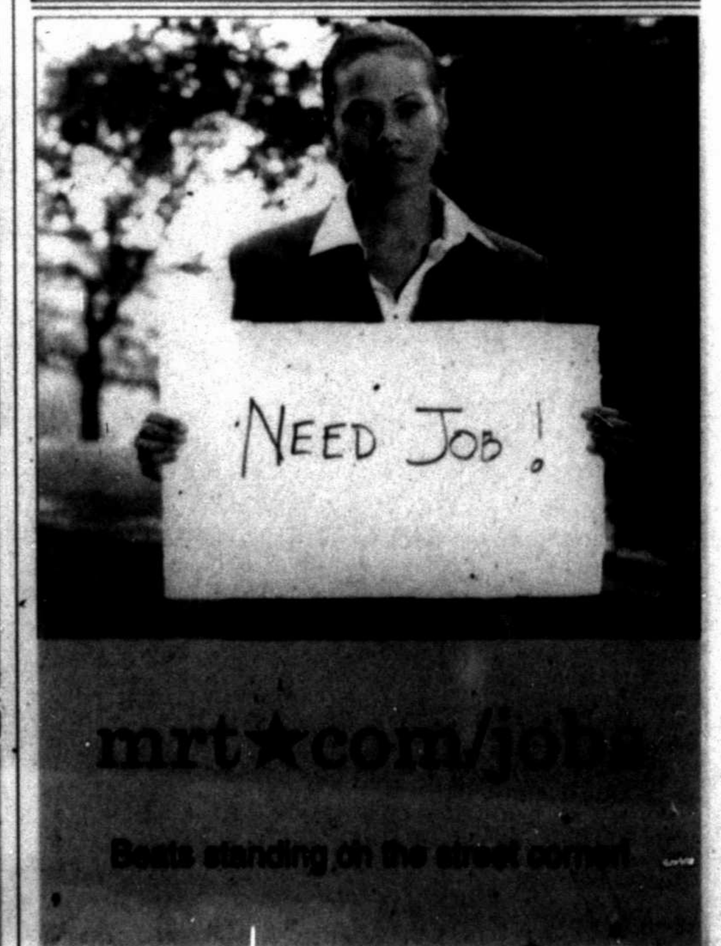
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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR QUALITY STANDARD PERMIT REGISTRATION

PROPOSED AIR QUALITY REGISTRATION NO. 131259

APPLICATION RHC MidCon, LP, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration No. 131259, which would authorize construction of a Concrete Batch Plant located at 3118 NCR 1108, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79706. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice.
For exact location, refer to application.
http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=32.059722&lng=-101.955833&zoom=13&type=r The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, road dust, and particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on March 23, 2015. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Midland regional office, and the Midland County Public Library, 301 West Missouri Avenue, Midland, Midland County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Midland regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to consider in the permit process.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

The executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments. If a hearing request is timely filed in Response to this Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain Air Permit, the time period for requesting a contested case hearing will be extended to thirty days after the mailing of the executive director's response to comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following the Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If any comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on a mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. To request a hearing, a person must actually reside in a permanent residence within 440 yards of the proposed plant. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and Registration Number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing, and the interests which the group or association seek to protect, must also be identified. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from RHC MidCon, LP, 5401 Woodmere Drive, Bakersfield,California, 93313-2777 or by calling Mr. Michael B. Hagan, Consultant, Etech Environmental Safety and Solutions, Inc. at (432) 563-2200.

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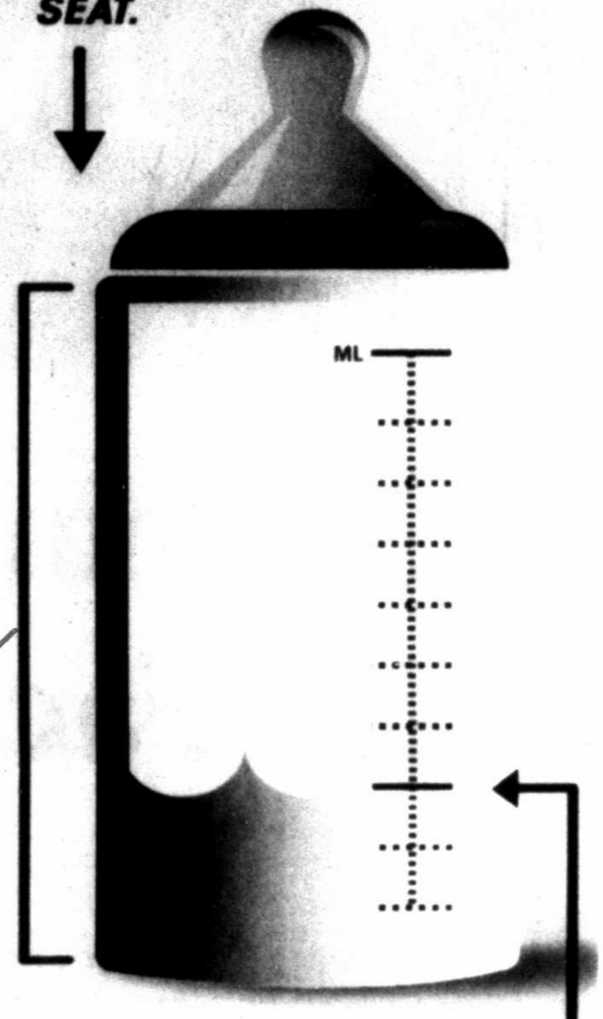
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This handout photo provided by Carnegie Mellon University, taken in March, shows an exoskeleton boot on a person walking in a park in Pittsburgh. Engineers at Carnegie Mellon University have developed an exoskeleton boot that makes it easier to walk, burning less calories. When engineers tested the invention they did so by having people wear a pair of the devices, not one.

Engineers create boot-like device to make walking easier

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Engineers have come up with a motor-free device to make walking more efficient and easier — something scientists once thought couldn't be done.

The prototype exoskeleton boot runs from just below the knee to the ankle, and when you strap on a pair, you can reduce the energy it takes to walk by 7 percent. That means you won't burn as many calories.

It's wearable robotics without a motor or a power source. The one-pound device relies instead on a spring to store energy and release it with each step, and a clutch that engages the spring at the proper moment.

The device is a little too bulky to fit under pants legs or socks.

"It doesn't look too bad. Looks kind of flashy," said Carnegie Mellon University engineering professor Steven Collins, lead author of a study published Wednesday in the journal Nature. "When you first put them on, it feels a little bit odd, then after a few minutes you don't really notice it very much."

With an obese nation, making exercise burn fewer calories may not seem like the best idea, but it's not as crazy as it sounds, Collins said.

Studies show that when walking or biking becomes harder, people do it less. So maybe if it becomes easier, people will do it more and burn more calories in the long run, Collins said.

This sort of hydraulic cast could also boost the development of other exoskeleton devices — perhaps for the hips — to help disabled people walk better, Collins and other engineering professors said. The key innovation was coming up with the clutch, Collins said.

He said he has no plans to manufacture or market this particular device but will talk to others who want to do so.

This was more of an engineering challenge than a plan to create the next hot product, Collins said. For a long time, researchers had figured that evolution had already provided humans with the most efficient means of moving. So the question was: Can scientists improve on nature without using motors to cheat?

"Most studies show that human walking is incredibly efficient, so finding a way to make it better is incredibly interesting," said biomechanical engineering professor Andy Ruina at Cornell University, who wasn't part of the study.

Ruina and other outside engineers praised the new device.

"It's totally cool," Ruina said in a telephone interview, while walking and a little out of breath. "I wish I had those."

Turn off the blue lights before bed

By Kate Galbraith
New York Times News Service

Most evenings, before watching late-night comedy or reading emails on his phone, Matt Nicoletti puts on a pair of orange-colored glasses that he bought for $8 off the Internet.

"My girlfriend thinks I look ridiculous in them," he said. But Nicoletti, a 30-year-old hospitality consultant in Denver, insists that the glasses, which can block certain wavelengths of light emitted by electronic screens, make it easier to sleep.

Studies have shown that such light, especially from the blue part of the spectrum, inhibits the body's production of melatonin, a hormone that helps people fall asleep. Options are growing for blocking blue light, though experts caution that few have been adequately tested for effectiveness and the best solution remains avoiding brightly lit electronics at night.

A Swiss study of 13 teenage boys, published in August in The Journal of Adolescent Health, showed that when the boys donned orange-tinted glasses, also known as blue blockers and shown to prevent melatonin suppression, in the evening for a week, they felt "significantly more sleepy" than when they wore clear glasses. The boys looked at their screens, as teenagers tend to do, for at least a few hours on average before going to bed, and were monitored in the lab.

Older adults may be less affected by blue light, experts say, because the yellowing of the lens and other changes in the aging eye filter out increasing amounts of blue light. But blue light remains a problem for most people, and an earlier study of 20 adults ages 18 to 68 found that those who wore amber-tinted glasses for three hours before bed improved their sleep quality considerably relative to a control group that wore yellow-tinted lenses, which blocked only ultraviolet light.

Devices such as smartphones and tablets are often illuminated by light-emitting diodes, or LEDs, that tend to emit more blue light than incandescent products. Televisions with LED backlighting are another source of blue light, though because they are typically viewed from much farther away than small screens like phones, they may have less of an effect, said Debra Skene, a professor of neuroendocrinology at the University of Surrey in England.

LEDs are also increasingly popular as room lights, but "warm white" bulbs, with less blue, tend to be a better choice than "cool white" for nighttime use. The lighting company Philips also makes a bulb, called Hue, that can change the intensity of its component colors via an app, and GE last month announced a reduced-blue LED bulb, meant to be used before bedtime.

"Conceptually, anything that will decrease that blue light exposure at night will be helpful," said Christopher Colwell, a neuroscientist at the University of California, Los Angeles. "I know some gamers who swear by those orange-tinted goggles."

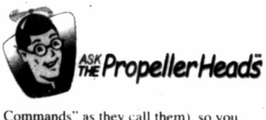
But orange glasses are not a panacea, Skene said. The intensity of light, in addition to color, can affect sleep, she said, and not all brands of orange-tinted glasses have undergone enough independent testing for their ability to aid sleep.

Screens that are not backlit, such as some e-book readers, are preferable to typical brightly lit screens, Skene said.

Nicoletti says that the orange glasses he wears, an industrial-safety brand called Uvex, do make some colors, notably blues and greens, harder to distinguish. He also uses applications designed to alter the blue light impact of his devices depending on the time of day: an app called f.lux for his computer and Twilight for his mobile phone.

Other ideas are proliferating. An Ohio company called LowBlueLights.com, for example, offers filters said to block blue light by covering the screens of electronic devices like the iPhone or iPad. Other company products include "low blue" LED lights and orange eyewear.

What's the best browser? Depends on who you ask



Dear PropellerHeads: I've used Google Chrome as my browser for the last three years but lately it's been crashing or slowing down my computer. Is there a better browser I should use?

A: Asking us which browser is best is like asking the editors of Car and Driver which car is best. The answer is, "It depends." ... On how you browse, what you browse, personal preferences, and lots of other things. But one thing we can all agree on: Yes, the latest version of Google Chrome has more bugs than a Volkswagen dealership.

There is a new kid on the browser block that you might want to check out. Vivaldi (vivaldi.com) is still in "technical preview" mode, but we've found it to be crash-free so far. The man behind Vivaldi is Jon von Tetzchner, former CEO of Opera.

Opera itself is an under-appreciated browser that pioneered many features we're all used to now, like tabbed browsing (instead of having a separate window for each page) and speed dial (screenshots of bookmarked pages for easy navigation). See opera.com to try that browser instead.

Vivaldi is aimed at "power users" — and since you're writing to us, we know you fit that bill perfectly. It puts an emphasis on keyboard shortcuts (or "Quick Commands" as they call them), so you can browse the web without lifting your hands from the keyboard. Most browsers have such shortcuts, but Vivaldi lets you customize yours to fit your workflow.

Another feature of Vivaldi is "Notes" which lets you keep notes associated with a page right in the browser. For example, if you bookmark a recipe and want to add a note like "used half the sugar and it still tasted great," then that note will show up in the browser window as a reminder for you the next time you visit that page. You can also attach screenshots using the Notes feature.

Speed Dial is there too, and you can have Speed Dial groups — one for news, one for games, one for social media, etc.

Our favorite feature here is the Tab Stacks. We regularly have dozens of tabs open at a time, and this lets you hide multiple tabs behind a single main tab. For example, you might have five tabs open for planning an upcoming trip and four other tabs open for researching a column on new browsers. With Tab Stacks, you can group the five trip-planning tabs behind a single tab, and then do the same for four other tabs. To see them all at once again, just click "Expand Tab Stack" in the popup menu.

The main thing lacking in Vivaldi right now is browser extensions. If you're used to expanding Firefox with plugins or Chrome with extensions, you will miss those in Vivaldi, although they will be included in a future release.

If you plan on upgrading to Windows 10 later this year, you might consider waiting for Microsoft's upcoming Internet Explorer replacement, currently code-named Project Spartan (bit.ly/1IJSw9w).

Spartan (which might be renamed before release) lets you annotate web pages (similar to Vivaldi's Notes) and integrates Microsoft's Cortana (Siri-like assistant) service. It also has a "reading mode" that strips away ads and other clutter and reformats the page to make for distraction-free reading. Apple introduced this feature in Safari years ago and browser extensions like Readability (readability.com) bring this to other browsers too.

The feature we're most excited about in Spartan? It's not Internet Explorer! Microsoft's IE browser has been around long enough to collect thousands (millions?) of bugs over the years, and any time we create websites for our clients, we run into about 300 of these bugs. It will be a long time before no one uses IE anymore, but that day — whenever it arrives — will be truly glorious. Scrumtrulescent, even.

Not a fan of the bleeding edge? Firefox is still a great browser (getfirefox.com) with a recently streamlined user interface and the ability to sync settings and bookmarks across devices (their mobile browser is particularly good).

And if you're not quite ready to give up on Chrome, try disabling or uninstalling some of the third-party extensions you have installed, especially any ad-blocking software. In many cases, it's misbehaving extensions that are eating up your system memory and causing crashes and slow-downs. Sometimes you can find alternative extensions that serve the same purpose but don't cause Chrome to crash. They're worth a look if you're not ready to switch browsers.

Oh, and the best car for running down deer at night is the 1989 Pontiac Grand Am. I learned that the hard way driving home from college one night. See? It depends!

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