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THAT LIZARD AGAIN

The Texas comptroller has terminated an oil and gas industry-funded organization responsible for overseeing the protection of a rare dunes sagebrush lizard in West Texas.

Coming Sunday

Midland unemployment inches up to 4 percent

Figures released on Friday are preliminary, spokeswoman says

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Midland continues to shed jobs as low oil prices and the resulting downturn in activity hammer area businesses.

The Texas Workforce Commission said Friday the unemployment rate for the Midland metropolitan statistical area (MSA) rose to 4 percent in February from 3.9 percent in January and 3 percent last February. Midland, Odessa and San Angelo were the only three MSAs to report slight rises in unemployment from January to February. Odessa's rate rose to 5.6 percent from 5.4 percent in January and 3.7 percent last February.

Lisa Givens, spokeswoman for the commission, said that Friday's numbers are preliminary.

"Last month's job count was revised upward quite a bit, so these numbers may, at first blush, look bad but then you find out the count was actually better."

She also pointed to the Permian Basin Workforce Development Area — which encompasses Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Howard, Loving, Martin, Midland, Pecos, Reeves, Terrell, Upton, Ward and Winkler counties — which uses quarterly census figures that are considered more reliable. For the most recent quarter available, which ended in September, the WDA showed a loss of 10,821 jobs since the same quarter of 2014; 6,907 of these jobs were in the natural resources and mining sector.

Please see **UNEMPLOYMENT**/4A

KEEPING UP THE CLIMB



Daniel Acker/Bloomberg

The silhouette of pumpjacks is seen on the site of an oil well outside Williston, North Dakota, on Feb. 11, 2015. A plunge in global energy prices that has put some North Dakota oil rigs in a deep freeze has yet to chill the state's hiring climate.

North Dakota still sees growth despite oil industry downturn

Associated Press

MINOT, N.D. — North Dakota continues to have some of the fastest-growing areas in the nation, despite the downturn in the oil industry, according to new U.S. Census Bureau estimates.

In 2015, Williston continued to be the fastest-growing micropolitan area in the country, with a nearly 9.9 percent growth rate. The estimate counted 3,165 new residents for the Williams County city, placing it in second behind Bozeman, Montana, which earned 3,463 new residents.

Minot and Dickinson were fifth and sixth in the nation, respectively, in numerical population growth, the Minot Daily News reported. Minot's micropolitan area, which consists of Ward, Renville and McHenry counties, saw an increase of 1,745 residents, while Dickinson got 1,664 new residents.

"I am not terribly surprised. It's really much more of the same pattern we have seen in the past," said Kevin Iverson, state census director with the North Dakota Commerce Department in Bismarck.

The falling cost of housing because of the lessening of pressure from the oil industry might encourage some people who came to North Dakota for oil jobs might be encouraged to stay and take other available jobs, according to Iverson.

"As the price of housing is coming down, I suspect we are gaining some in-migration out of that, but it's really tough to tell right now," he said.

North Dakota swept the top four spots for fastest-growing counties in the U.S., led by 16.65 percent growth in McKenzie County, which had an estimated population of 12,826 residents. Williams County was second with 9.85 percent, Mountrail third at 5.97 percent and Stark fourth at 5.46 percent.

Cass County in the east saw growth of 2.5 percent.

Overall, the state's census estimates show a continued pattern of growth in the west and in urban areas, with some decline in rural areas.

Midland County idles 1 rig this week

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Midland County's rig count has fallen four consecutive weeks.

On Thursday, oilfield services company Baker Hughes reported the nation's most-active county idled one rig, bringing Midland County to 25 rigs.

More inside

The week in oil: Streak of price gains continues — barely.

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This week's rig counts were released a day early because of the Good Friday holiday.

The Permian Basin fell five rigs this week to 147. For areas active in the Permian, there was one rig in District 7B, unchanged; 21 in District 7C, down three; 101 in District 8, down three; 11 in District 8A, unchanged; and 13 in New Mexico, up one. The Texas total was 134, down six.

The Permian had four counties in double-digits: Midland, Reeves (19), Loving (18) and Upton (15).

Lynn County saw new activity with one rig this week.

At this time last year, the Permian had 290 rigs.

Texas and New Mexico

Texas is approaching fewer than 200 rigs, but it's not there yet. This week, eight rigs were idled in the Lone Star State, leaving a total of 209 rigs statewide.

The Eagle Ford was down four rigs to 41 this week, a distant departure from its 137 rigs a year ago.

The Haynesville and Granite Wash were unchanged at 14 and eight rigs, respectively. The Barnett rose to six after two rigs were put online.

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Did you know? To fight terror on subways, **dogs might be best** as opposed to other high-tech solutions. More on Page 4A.

The big number "Batman v Superman" earned **$27.7 million** from its preview screenings, according to estimates. Page 5A

Word of the Day: bromide Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 3A.

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Defense Secretary Ash Carter, left, accompanied by Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Joseph Dunford, speaks during a news conference at the Pentagon on Friday, where he announced U.S. forces killed a senior Islamic State leader, among several key members of the militant group eliminated this week.

US moving to increase troops in Iraq; IS leader killed

By Lolita C. Baldor and Robert Burns
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagn said Friday it was moving to increase the number of American troops in Iraq amid new strikes this week that killed the Islamic State's finance minister and other senior leaders. Still, top U.S. defense officials say the deaths won't "break the back" of the extremist group, which is in a fierce fight for an ancient city in Syria and claimed responsibility for bombing a soccer stadium in Iraq.

Defense Secretary Ash Carter said the U.S. progress in eliminating members of the IS "cabinet" was hampering its ability to conduct and inspire attacks against the West. The announcement came as the battle to retake the Syrian city of Palmyra entered its third day and Iraqi forces continued their march to recapture Mosul. A suicide bombing in a soccer stadium south of Baghdad, killing nearly 30 people, underscored the difficult fight ahead.

Gen. Joseph Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told Pentagon reporters that recommendations on ways to increase U.S. support for Iraq's ground fight against IS will be discussed with President Barack Obama soon.

"The secretary and I both believe that there will be an increase in U.S. forces in Iraq in coming weeks, but that decision hasn't been made," Dunford said. He did not say how big that increase might be.

He and Carter said accelerating the campaign against the Islamic State will include more assistance like the artillery fire and targeting help that U.S. Marines provided earlier this week to Iraqi forces advancing on Mosul. But they said American forces remain well behind the front lines.

"I think there's a lot of reasons for us to be optimistic about the next several months," Dunford said. "But by no means would I say that we're about to break the back of ISIL or that the fight is over."

Using an acronym for the militant group, Carter said the U.S. is "systematically eliminating ISIL's cabinet," killing several key members in strikes this week.

Carter would not provide details about the strikes, but a senior U.S. official said the group's financial minister was killed along with two associates in a U.S. raid in Syria. The official was not authorized to discuss the operations so spoke on condition of anonymity.

Carter said the finance minister, who is known by several names, including Abdul-Rahman Mustafa al-Qaduli and Haji Imam, was a "well-known terrorist" who had a hand in terrorist plots outside of Iraq and Syria.

He said al-Qaduli has been associated with IS dating back to its earliest iteration as al-Qaida in Iraq. He said he had worked under Abu Musab al-Zarqawi as a liaison for operations in Pakistan and was "responsible for some external affairs and plots." Carter said he was not aware of any link between al-Qaduli and this week's terrorist attacks in Brussels.

In a separate operation, a U.S. airstrike in Mosul killed another top IS leader, the official said. Carter identified the man as Abu Sarah and said he was one of the leaders charged with paying militant fighters in northern Iraq.

The successful attacks are part of a string of recent strikes targeting the leadership of the group, which has lost territory in both Iraq and Syria. Earlier this month the Pentagon said it killed Omar al-Shishani, described as the Islamic State's "minister of war," in an airstrike in Syria. In November, the Pentagon said an airstrike in Libya killed Abu Nabil, another top IS leader.

Earlier this week, U.S. military officials confirmed the creation of a Marine outpost, dubbed Fire Base Bell, in Iraq. U.S. Marines operating from the small base provided targeting assistance and artillery fire to support Iraqi troops retaking several villages in the initial stages of their march to Mosul. It's the first such base established by the U.S. since it returned forces to Iraq in 2014.

Carter has also said the U.S. is looking at a number of options to "accelerate" the fight against IS. Those options have not yet officially been submitted to the White House for approval. They could include sending additional U.S. forces to Iraq, using Apache helicopters for combat missions, deploying more U.S. special operations forces or using American military advisers in Iraqi units closer to the front lines.

In Iraq on Friday, IS claimed responsibility after a suicide bomber blew himself up during a match in the small soccer stadium in the city of Iskanderiyah, 30 miles from Baghdad. The attack killed at least 29 people and wounded 60, security officials said.

In Syria, government forces recaptured a Mamluk-era citadel in Palmyra from IS, Syrian state media and monitoring groups said. Syrian and Russian warplanes struck at least 56 targets inside IS-held areas of the city and pro-government militias supported the army's advance, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a Britain-based monitoring group.

Palmyra has been controlled by the extremist group since May, and the militants have destroyed some of its best known Roman-era archaeological relics. Recapturing it would be a significant victory for Syrian government troops, who have been supported by Russian airstrikes in their advances.

Government forces also cut the road between Palmyra and another IS bastion, the town of Qaryatayn, weakening the group's hold over its two central Syrian outposts.



Associated Press

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry participates in wreath-laying with a firefighter at Brussels Airport in Brussels, Belgium. Kerry is in Brussels to pay respect to victims of terrorist attacks that left a number dead earlier this week.

2 Americans confirmed dead in Brussels attacks; Kerry visits

BRUSSELS — At least two Americans have been confirmed killed in the Brussels attacks, the State Department said Friday, as top U.S. diplomat John Kerry visited the stricken city to express condolences and defended Belgium's counterterrorism efforts against "carping" by critics.

Speaking after meeting Belgian Prime Minister Charles Michel, Kerry said the "United States is praying and grieving with you for the loved ones of those cruelly taken from us, including Americans, and for the many who were injured in these despicable attacks."

Kerry did not offer specific details, but the State Department later confirmed that the families of two Americans had been informed of their deaths in the attacks Tuesday. Spokeswoman Elizabeth Trudeau said the names were being withheld out of privacy considerations. The bombings killed 31 people and wounded 270.

Visiting the Belgian capital on a hastily arranged stop, Kerry said all governments must consistently improve their strategies to fight terrorism, but maintained that Belgium had made significant improvements over the past year despite failing to stop Tuesday's attacks. He noted that Belgium had actively sought additional assistance and that 10 or 11 FBI agents are now in Brussels helping with the investigation.

Kerry later laid a wreath for victims of the attacks at the airport in Brussels.

Turkey announced this week that it had warned Belgium last year that one of the Brussels attackers, Ibrahim El Bakraoui, had been flagged as a "foreign terrorist fighter." The attacks have laid bare intelligence shortcomings that have prompted European authorities to call for quicker and more efficient cooperation.

"People are jumping to conclusions," Kerry said of critics. "I think they are looking for things that just sometimes are very difficult to analyze in the immediate aftermath of something."

"I don't know what all the circumstances were, I don't know if some events or evidence or opportunities were missed specifically," he told reporters at the residence of the U.S. ambassador to Belgium. "That will come over a period of time, But I think all this carping four days later is a little bit frantic and inappropriate."

Failings in Belgium's record of coordinating intelligence, investigating suspects and controlling its borders have been long known. Mayors in the greater Brussels area complained last year that even when alerted to the presence of suspected radicals in their municipalities, they lacked the power to do anything about it.

After the bombings, Raffaello Pantucci, director of international security studies at the Royal United Services Institute in London, called it "depressingly predictable" that a major attack would occur in Brussels because of "the perfect union" of homegrown, hardened Muslim radicals who possess the tools of terrorism and a law enforcement structure that isn't up to meeting the threat.

French Finance Minister Michel Sapin accused Belgian officials of "a kind of naivete" in ignoring the spread of radical Islam among the country's 650,000-member Muslim population.

Kerry said that prior to the recent attacks, the U.S. and other countries had already scheduled a number of meetings with Belgium about specific improvements they could make to their laws, intelligence collection and attempts to blunt the radicalization of youth in particular.

He said the reason the Islamic State group "is resorting to actions outside the Middle East is that its fantasy of a caliphate is collapsing before their eyes; its territory is shrinking. Its leaders are decimated. Its revenue sources are dwindling, and its fighters are fleeing."

Michel thanked Kerry for his visit, calling it a powerful message of solidarity. "It is very important for us today to receive your support," he said. He offered condolences for the American victims and vowed to step up counterterrorism cooperation with the U.S. and others.

Both said the fight against the Islamic State will be relentless.

"We will not be deterred," Kerry said. "We will come back with greater resolve - with greater strength - and we will not rest until we have eliminated your nihilistic beliefs and cowardice from the face of the Earth."

Kerry landed earlier Friday at the still-closed Brussels airport for his brief visit from Moscow, where he said the attacks underscored the urgency of unity in the fight against the Islamic State.

By Matthew Lee
Associated Press

WORD OF THE DAY
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bromide
[broh-mahyd] noun.
1. a platitude or trite saying. 2. a. a salt of hydrobromic acid consisting of two elements, one of which is bromine, as sodium bromide, NaBr. B. a compound containing bromine, as methyl bromide.



Associated Press

Smoke is seen near Medicine Lodge, Kan., as grass fire continues to burn Thursday. A fire that started Tuesday in Oklahoma has now burnt near 400,000 acres in Kansas and Oklahoma.

Kansas Forest Service: Wildfire is largest in state

Associated Press

MEDICINE LODGE, Kan. — Though some progress has been made to contain it, the persistent wildfire that spread north from rural Oklahoma into a sparsely populated section of Kansas is the largest one in Kansas history, officials said Friday.

At least 620 square miles of land in Oklahoma and southern Kansas have been scorched in the fire, which started Tuesday. It destroyed at least one home in Kansas, but no serious injuries have been reported.

The wildfire is the "largest in Kansas history and one of the largest in U.S. history," the Kansas Forest Service said in a release Friday, the same day authorities sent a plane up to update how much land had burned. Officials also are looking at the damage in Barber County to determine if it meets the threshold for a Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster declaration, which would provide public assistance for damaged public infrastructure.

Gov. Sam Brownback said Thursday that the fire was largely contained in Kansas except in Barber County, which is southwest of Wichita along the border with Oklahoma. The strong winds that initially fueled it died down Thursday, and though gusts of up to 30 mph were expected Friday, the winds don't appear to be "hurting yet," said Ben Bauman, spokesman for the Kansas Adjutant General's Office.

"Things really appear to be going pretty well so far today," he said.

Earlier in the week, smoke was reportedly detected as far away as St. Louis, hundreds of miles to the northeast.

Crews worked overnight to successfully save a home in Barber County, where the blaze has burned at least 426 square miles, Darcy Golliher, a spokeswoman for the Kansas Incident Management Team, said Friday. She said crews were hopeful that the blaze would be under control by the weekend, although it was just 15 percent contained Friday.

"The big concern today is the winds coming out of the south," she said. "That is what we are working on."

In neighboring Comanche County, the fire was mostly contained, although crews were monitoring for flare-ups, said John Lehman, the Kansas county's emergency management coordinator. He said the concern was that sparks from still-burning trees and cedars in canyons in the area's Gyp Hills would blow up and ignite flames on the ridges.

"Up on top they feel like they have it," he said. "It's looking a lot better."

A separate grass fire that hit near the Kansas town of Burrton, which is about 30 miles northwest of Wichita, burned about 22 square miles before it was controlled Thursday. One home was destroyed and several head of livestock were killed.

In Oklahoma, officials planned to conduct damage assessments Friday to determine how many buildings have been lost in the blaze, said Michelle Finch-Walker, a spokeswoman for the state's Forestry Services.

"Due to the extraordinary fire-fighting efforts yesterday and a little help from Mother Nature, we didn't see any fire growth," she said.

Meanwhile, the Kansas Livestock Association halted a call for hay donations for Kansas ranchers affected by the fire after many came in, KLA spokesman Todd Domer said Friday. The KLA's farmers' cooperatives in two Kansas communities are also collecting cash donations for to help repair tens of thousands of miles of burned fencing.

Prestigious lab cited again for animal deaths

By David Warren
Associated Press

DALLAS — A prestigious laboratory in Texas already under federal investigation after inspectors determined it didn't do enough to prevent the suffering of primates is facing more scrutiny after animals in another study were found dead.

In the latest probe, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service cited the Galveston National Laboratory last month for problems including improper data collection regarding animal observations and failure to promptly notify an attending veterinarian of an animal's death. This came after federal inspectors learned that 19 guinea pigs died during a study at the lab, one of the nation's leading research facilities seeking vaccines for some of the most lethal diseases.

"The institution has taken appropriate corrective actions to prevent recurrence," the National Institutes of Health said Friday in a written statement.

Findings in a USDA inspector's report echo concerns included in the federal investigation that the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases launched last year. A preliminary report issued last year in that probe found test animals weren't properly observed. If left unobserved, the animals can suffer from the effects of diseases like anthrax and Ebola before being euthanized.

"This problem is not limited to one project or even to one species," Michael Budkie, executive director of Ohio-based Stop Animal Exploitation Now, said Friday. "Basically what this is showing is that the problems are systemic."

But officials at the University of Texas Medical Branch, where the lab is located, deny any far-reaching problems and say the welfare of animals there is a primary concern.

"We deal with some of the most dangerous diseases on the planet," said Toby Boenig, UTMB vice president and chief compliance officer. "It's our intention to intervene before the animal dies from the disease."

Studies at the lab are often conducted to determine how effective a vaccine may be against a pathogen, lab administrators say. A series of protocols are used to maintain strict controls on a study.

Some studies may evaluate a vaccine against the late stages of a disease in an animal. Others may determine the effect on another species when a vaccine is introduced earlier.

"When you get to a certain stage of a disease, at what point can you still use a vaccine and save lives?" asked Dave Niesel, UTMB chief research officer.

Niesel mentioned the Liberian man who in 2014 was discharged from a Dallas hospital because staff didn't realize he had been stricken with Ebola. Treatment was delayed and the man grew sicker as the disease spread through his body, Niesel said. "So one of the key questions the world wants to know is where along the progression can lives still be saved?" he said.

The preliminary report from the federal investigation of the Galveston lab found a variety of procedural errors with the primate study conducted at the facility. The lab had a contract with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases to develop a strain of the Marburg virus that could be used on Macaque monkeys to find a cure. Eight monkeys were found dead in their cages in 2014; four others were euthanized.

Body found on Mexican beach is missing Texan, 18

Associated Press

BROWNSVILLE — A body found on a Mexican beach has been identified as a San Antonio-area teenager who went missing during spring break on South Padre Island.

Cameron County Parks Police Chief Horacio Zamora tells the San Antonio Express-News that Justin Kirby Walker's parents went to Matamoros, Mexico, on Thursday and identified their 18-year-old son.

His body was discovered on Wednesday.

Zamora says Walker, from Fair Oaks Ranch, was last seen March 19 leaving a music event on South Padre Island.

The cause and manner of his death remain under investigation. Zamora said Friday it's possible he could have fallen from a jetty into the Gulf of Mexico.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ Midland Downtown Farmers Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W Missouri Ave. midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com.

■ Bunny Photo Experience at Midland Park Mall, 4511 N. Midkiff Road. Simon.com.

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

■ Tabletop players group, 2:30 p.m., Astral Castle, 10 Metz Drive.

■ Geoffrey Andrews, 7 p.m., Golf Course Road Church of Christ. gcrcc.org.

■ Blue Water Highway Band, 8 p.m., Fire Water Bar and Grill, 3113 W. Industrial Ave.

■ Reed Brothers, 8 p.m., Dos Amigos, 4700 N. Golder Ave., Odessa.dosamigoscantina.com.

■ K Camp, Tory Lanez, 9 p.m., Hacienda Event Center, 12600 SH 191. $40. Haciendamidland.com.

■ Callahan Divide, Eddie and the EAT, Noel Olivas and The Benders, 10 p.m., Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St. thelonestarbar.com.

■ Chrome Molly at Your Place, 3704 W. Wall St.

■ "Harriet the Spy" by the Pickwick Players at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

Big Bend park event

Big Bend National Park will host Centennial Showcase 10 a.m.-2 p.m. today at Rio Grande Village campground. The event will highlight work activities performed by national park employees. There will be a free lunch (hamburgers, hot dogs and barbecue) and souvenirs.

Other activities are planned at Fort Davis National Historic Site and McDonald Observatory. Centennial Showcase is one in a series of events planned to mark the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service.

Source: Big Bend National Park

Women's hall of fame nominees sought

The Texas Governor's Commission for Women is accepting nominations for the Texas Women's Hall of Fame. Nominations are open to any native or current resident of Texas, living or deceased, who have made significant contributions that have benefited the state, according to a press release from the governor's office.

The hall of fame includes former first ladies, astronauts, entrepreneurs and Olympic athletes.

Deadline to submit nominations is April 29. To download an application form, go to gov.texas.gov.

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Large 30-cubic yard open top containers

■ Midland Citizens Collection Station — 4100 Smith Road, 685-7278 — has recycling containers for cardboard, aluminum, paper and No. 1 and No. 2 plastics.

■ Midland College (Chaparral Center) — 3200 N. Garfield Road — Cardboard, paper, aluminum and No. 1 and 2 plastics

■ Security Bank Ballpark west side — 5514 Champions Drive — Cardboard, No. 1 and 2 plastics

■ H-E-B — 3325 W. Wadley Ave. — No. 1 and 2 plastics and cardboard

■ Super Mercado — 2208 N. Big Spring St. — Cardboard

There are also 3-cubic yard containers at most of the local elementary schools where you can recycle cardboard, paper and aluminum.

All recyclables can be taken to Butts Recycling Monday through Saturday. Butts Recycling is located at 26 West Industrial Loop.

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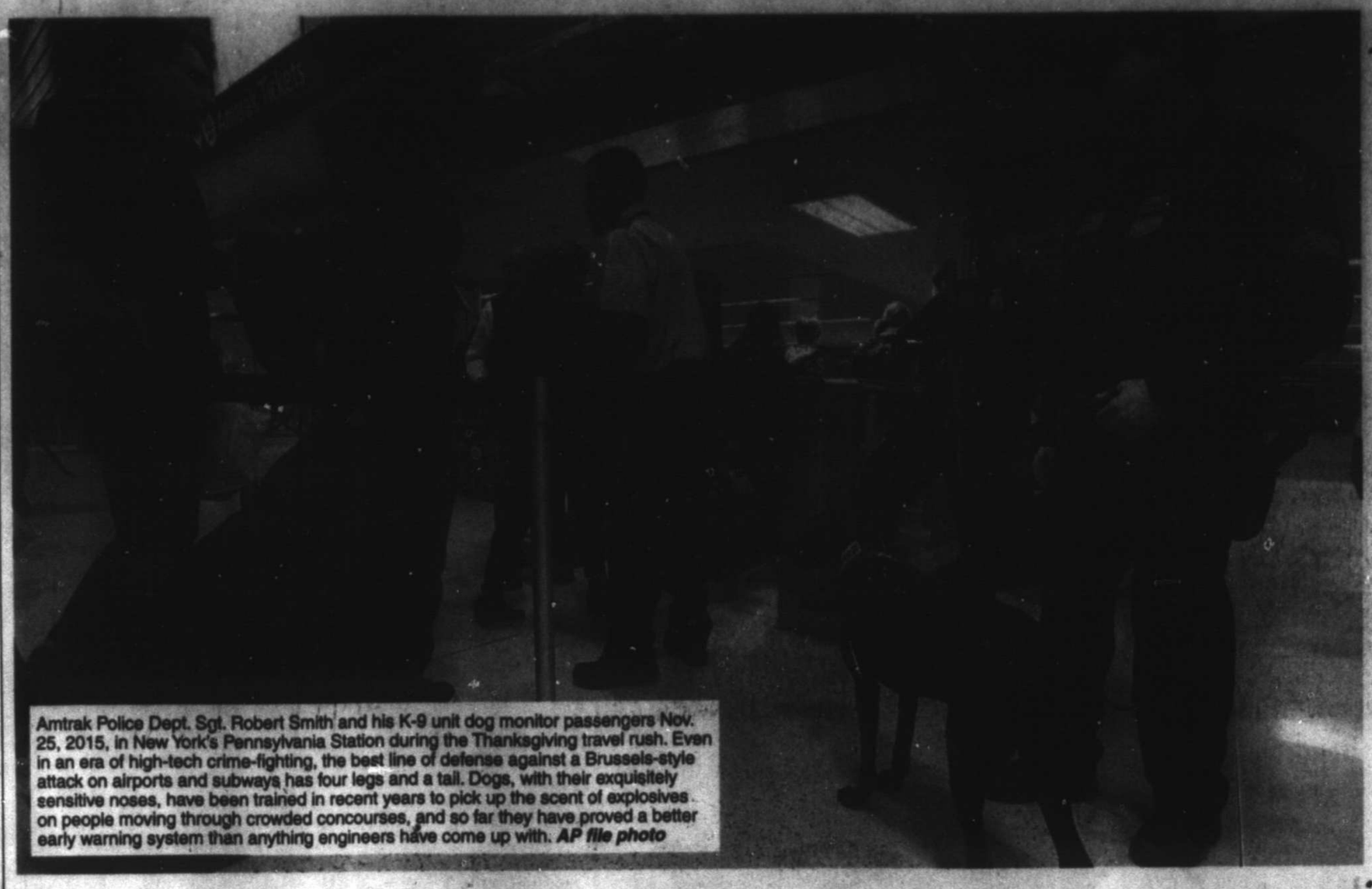
SHARE walk

Managing Editor Mary Dearen is participating in the 2016 Autism SHARE Walk, set for April 23 at Grande Communications Stadium. Her donation will include change she finds during her daily neighborhood walks. And she donated $5 for each of the 24 points the Denver Broncos scored in Super Bowl 50.

Anyone who would like to contribute to the cause may contact Dearen at mdearen@mrt.com or 687-8852. You also may make a contribution at her walk fundraising page. Google "2016 Autism SHARE Walk" and type in Mary Dearen under participant.

Lottery

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Pick 3 evening: 9-3-6
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Daily 4 night: 8-4-6-5
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Triple Chance: 7-12-14-15-20-21-27-42-46-51
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All or Nothing evening: 2-9-10-11-12-16-17-20-21-22-23-24
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Amtrak Police Dept. Sgt. Robert Smith and his K-9 unit dog monitor passengers Nov. 25, 2015, in New York's Pennsylvania Station during the Thanksgiving travel rush. Even in an era of high-tech crime-fighting, the best line of defense against a Brussels-style attack on airports and subways has four legs and a tail. Dogs, with their exquisitely sensitive noses, have been trained in recent years to pick up the scent of explosives on people moving through crowded concourses, and so far they have proved a better early warning system than anything engineers have come up with. *AP file photo*

Dogs may be the best line of defense against subway attacks

By Colleen Long
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Even in an era of high-tech crime-fighting, the best line of defense against a Brussels-style attack on airports and subways has four legs and a tail.

Dogs, with their exquisitely sensitive noses, have been trained in recent years to pick up the scent of explosives on people moving through crowded concourses, and so far they have proved a better early warning system than anything engineers have come up with.

"They outperform both men and machines," said James Waters, chief of the New York City Police Department's counterterrorism unit, which just this week graduated its latest squad of dogs capable of following the vapor from explosives such as the terrorist bomb-making material of the moment, TATP.

But experts say there are not enough of these "vapor wake" dogs to go around. Only about 130 have gotten the patented training nationwide since its development about a decade ago. And only one dog is in Europe, according to the chief trainer.

For security reasons, NYPD won't say how many of these dogs it has to cover the nation's largest subway system, with more than 400 stations and millions of riders.

New York's department already has 36,000 officers, employs counterterrorism analysts, created specialized counterterror units and uses a highly sophisticated computer system linked to surveillance footage that can spot a bag sitting for too long. It also has 100 other dogs, including traditional bomb-sniffers and drug dogs.

But the threat is changing — Islamic State extremists are using small devices in crowded areas, as seen in the airport and subway attacks in Belgium that left 31 people dead.

The NYPD's newly graduated class of eight "vapor wake" dogs underwent 15 months of training to sniff out explosive particles in the heat plume left by humans as they walk through a crowd, then follow the scent to the source. They're different from traditional bomb-sniffing dogs trained to smell a stationary object.

A dog has 200 million olfactory sensors in its nose. By contrast, the human nose has 5 million. Even though dogs get tired and distracted, no technology can match one, officials say.

One that may come close is under development at the University of Rhode Island, where professor Otto Gregory created an electronic sensor designed to continuously monitor an area, unlike a quick swab of a hand or luggage, for vapors from explosives. The sensor hasn't been deployed in any real-world scenarios yet. But one advantage is that it doesn't need training or breaks, as dogs do.

"Think of it as an electronic dog's nose that would run 24/7," said Gregory, a chemical engineering professor.

Other animals with sophisticated olfactory ability could theoretically be used, including elephants and even rats. But the canine's special social relationship with humans makes it uniquely suitable.

Dog trainers generally say Labrador retrievers are best because they are social and not aggressive. Spaniels, German pointers and other breeds are also used.

"They have an incredible capability for the detection of hazardous chemicals. But even the canine, we look at it as a technology, and over the years the instrumentation has advanced, the proactive nature of dogs has advanced and is still advancing," said Paul Waggoner of Auburn University's veterinary school, which pioneered the vapor wake training.

Because of the rising threat of suicide bombings, demand for the dogs has outstripped supply. Since January, there have been orders for 36 more, said Paul Hammond of AMK9, the security firm that works with Auburn to train the animals.

They cost about $49,000 each and are licensed for a year, after which they are retrained to account for terrorists' changing tactics.

Hammond said the demand isn't just from law enforcement agencies but from major sports teams and theme parks looking for a way to search large crowds safely.

"The threat is changing, and these animals are really at the forefront of detection," he said.

UNEMPLOYMENT

From 1A

The Workforce Solutions Permian Basin offices headed by Chief Executive Officer Willie Taylor are reporting an increase in those filing first-time unemployment claims, Givens said.

"But he tells me they're placing people who are transferring their skills from the oil fields to other areas like trucking, automotive repair, administrative work," she said.

A glance at the commission's Work In Texas job-matching web site shows about 500 job postings in the Permian Basin, she said.

Midland lost 400 jobs from January to February, with 800 lost in the mining, logging and construction sectors that include the oil and gas industry. Those 800 lost jobs were mitigated by a 200-job gain in the government sector and 100-job gains each in the Trade, Transportation and Utilities and the Education and Health Services sectors.

For the 12 months from February 2015 to February 2016, Midland has lost 5,200 jobs, for a 5.4 percent loss rate. Mining, logging and construction shed 3,200 jobs, followed by the trade, transportation and utilities sector with a 1,000-job loss and professional and business sector with a 700-job loss.

CR 90 Manufacturing — which was founded about seven years ago to offer the oil and gas industry welding and fabrication services, building drilling and production equipment — has experienced a significant downturn, said Jeff Dennis, owner and managing partner.

"2015 was the worst year we've had since I started the business," he said.

Dennis was speaking by phone from Seminole, where he had gone to rebuild pits for a client. Normally, he said he stays close to the shop but now is happy to drive 70 miles one way for a job.

At the height of the boom, he said he had nine months of work. Finding help was a challenge to expansion for the company, he said.

"Especially since I'm a small company with not a lot to offer compared to the bigger guys. I offered the same wages but couldn't afford to offer benefits like insurance," he said.

"At the height of the boom, I employed five, and now I have one contract worker, one part-time worker and myself," he said. "We've made adjustments, doing things we're not used to doing, like driving to Seminole. We've also cut our rates."

He's finding work such as rebuilding old pits for drilling companies and operators, and seems happy to do so.

"I feel blessed," he said. "There's not anyone out here who doesn't know someone who's lost their job."

Hitting a round number, whether it's age 50 or 4 percent unemployment can have a psychological impact.

"However, I would not expect much from this one. First, 4 percent is universally regarded as full employment, and, two, energy market forces are dominating decision-making at this point," said economist Ray Perryman, by email.

He predicted the area will continue to see job losses, particularly in the oil and gas industry, for the next few months until crude and natural gas prices strengthen a bit more.

Statewide, the unemployment inched down to 4.4 percent from 4.5 percent in January as the state added 2,100 nonfarm jobs, expanding seasonally adjusted employment for 11 consecutive months. The state has added 170,900 new jobs in the last year.

Amarillo reported the lowest unemployment rate at 2.9 percent, while the highest was reported by McAllen-Edinburg-Mission at 7.5 percent.

By the numbers

Midland unemployment

January 2016	3.5 percent
January 2015	2.8 percent
February 2016	4 percent
February 2015	3 percent

Preliminary numbers for February with January numbers in parentheses:

Amarillo	2.9 (3.0)
Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos	3.1 (3.2)
College Station-Bryan	3.3 (3.5)
Lubbock	3.3 (3.3)
San Antonio-New Braunfels	3.5 (3.7)
Dallas-Plano-Irving	3.6 (3.7)
Abilene	3.7 (3.8)
Sherman-Denison	3.7 (3.8)
Waco	3.8 (3.9)
Fort Worth-Arlington	3.9 (4.0)
Midland	4.0 (3.9)
Tyler	4.1 (4.3)
Killeen-Temple	4.2 (4.4)
San Angelo	4.3 (4.1)
Wichita Falls	4.3 (4.5)
Victoria 4.4	(4.4)
Texarkana	4.5 (4.7)
El Paso	4.7 (4.9)
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land	4.7 (4.8)
Laredo	4.7 (4.8)
Longview	5.2 (5.3)
Corpus Christi	5.3 (5.5)
Odessa	5.6 (5.4)
Beaumont-Port Arthur	6.2 (6.7)
Brownsville-Harlingen	6.8 (7.1)
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	7.5 (8.1)

Denver student withdraws her art after police criticism

By Donna Bryson
Associated Press

DENVER — It's a provocative image, for sure, and Denver's police unions complained when they saw the student's artwork honored in the school system's annual best-of-city show: It depicts an officer wearing a KKK hood and pointing a gun at a black child, who has his hands up while wearing a white hoodie. In the background, a version of the American flag is ripped open to reveal a Confederate banner.

The Denver school district's communications chief, Nancy Mitchell, said the girl immediately asked to take her painting out of the award show when she shared the criticism with her.

"She's passionate about her art, but didn't want to make trouble," Mitchell said.

Trouble followed nonetheless — even though authorities insisted that the girl was not pressured to remove her work — as her act of apparent self-censorship brought much more attention to the controversy.

To hear her out, Denver's mayor, police chief and school superintendent arranged a private meeting Friday with the 10th grader and her mother and father, who were provided with a Spanish-language translator for the encounter in the principal's office of her arts-magnet school. They emerged insisting that the teenager has not been pressured to withdraw her work, but neither have they named her, saying she did not want to speak publicly.

"We just had a conversation with this very mature, steady, confident, beautiful, articulate young lady," Mayor Michael Hancock said.

New York artist Michael D'Antuono, whose work inspired the Denver student's prize-winner, worries that she might have felt bullied.

"She should have been praised and encouraged for sparking critical thought," said D'Antuono, who painted "A Tale of Two Hoodies" to protest racism after the fatal shooting of black teenager Trayvon Martin by a neighborhood watch volunteer. He said in a telephone interview Friday that he has received sharp criticism and even death threats, which can feel overwhelming even to adults.

It's not censorship if the student willingly withdrew her work, said Frank LoMonte, a lawyer who directs the Washington-based Student Press Law Center, which educates students about the First Amendment. But LoMonte worries that young people in Denver may become less willing to talk about their fear of police.

"However well-founded or not that fear may be, it's real, it exists, and it's something the community should be discussing," LoMonte said.

According to a statement from the school district and the city, the student's assignment was to take inspiration from historic works and place them in the context of contemporary issues. She chose the Spanish master Francisco de Goya's "The Third of May 1808," a 19th-century statement against tyranny that shows a firing squad executing a group of captured rebels; and D'Antuono's painting, which is similar to hers, but shows the young boy offering candy to the gun-wielding officer.

Other pieces in the art show, displayed in the light-filled lobby of a government building where Denverites pay parking tickets, included works inspired by Georgia O'Keeffe and sketches of dancers that nod to Matisse. Denver's Police Protective Association singled out the "Two Hoodies" image, saying it "perpetuates hate and dissension between the police and our citizens."



Warner Bros. Pictures via AP

This image released by Warner Bros. Pictures shows Ben Affleck, left, and Henry Cavill in a scene from, "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice."

'Batman v Superman' strong-arms opening box office sales

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Studio estimates say "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" has earned an impressive $27.7 million from its preview screenings.

Warner Bros. released estimates Friday saying the haul from the Thursday night showings includes $3.6 million from IMAX screens.

The film stars Ben Affleck and Henry Cavill as the dueling superheroes and cost a reported $250 million to produce. Analysts predict it could earn around $150 million this weekend despite largely negative reviews.

The $27.7 million debut is a record-breaker for the Easter weekend slot. "Furious 7" previously held that title with its $15.8 million launch last year.

But it's still a far cry from the biggest Thursday night opening ever. That distinction goes to "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," which brought in $57 million on a Thursday night in December.

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Sage grouse gather on the prairie Feb. 9, 2015, near Pinedale, Wyo. Concerns over a bird ranging across the American West continue to delay federal oil and gas lease sales five months after officials said they'd found a way to balance drilling and conservation. The Interior Department said it will defer the sale of almost 60,000 acres of leases in Montana as it works on policies to protect the habitat of greater sage grouse. That work is expected to take several more months. *AP file photo*

Federal oil, gas leases stall over bird concerns in US West

By Matthew Brown
Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — Concerns over a bird that ranges across the American West continue to delay federal oil and gas lease sales, five months after Interior Secretary Sally Jewell proclaimed the Obama administration had found a way to balance drilling and conservation.

The Interior Department announced this week it will defer the sale of almost 60,000 acres of leases that were nominated by companies in eastern Montana as it works on new policies for greater sage grouse.

More than 8 million acres of leases previously were deferred in Colorado, Utah, Nevada, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming. It remains unclear when those will be freed up for sales or removed from consideration.

Jewell said in September that Endangered Species Act protections were not needed for the grouse, a chicken-sized bird that inhabits sage brush ecosystems spread across 11 Western states. Populations declined significantly over the past several decades.

Officials said the decision to forgo protections avoided the need for draconian restrictions on drilling, livestock grazing and other activities that help drive the region's economy.

It followed a sweeping overhaul of federal public land management plans to limit drilling near grouse breeding areas and allowing oil and gas exploration to proceed elsewhere.

But the U.S. Bureau of Land Management still is crafting policies to put those plans into effect, agency spokesman Al Nash said. Completion of that work is several months away, he said.

Montana Petroleum Association executive director Alan Olson said the lease deferrals represent "more excuses not to allow development on public lands."

"When the plans were adopted, I thought that was all supposed to be addressed," he said.

Nash said the BLM was moving forward with plans to sell leases on as many as 93 parcels totaling almost 20,100 acres during an Oct. 18 auction. The parcels are outside sage brush habitat, but had been deferred until the land management plans were completed.

"Each respective plan talks at great length about the need for us to address concerns about the habitat," Nash said. "But the guidance we're going to get goes into detail on how we move forward."

The week in oil: Streak of price gains continues — barely

By Trevor Hawes
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West Texas Intermediate futures for April closed Monday on a positive note, but May as the new near-month contract saw a persistent slide.

In a holiday-shortened week, WTI futures for May closed Thursday at $39.46 a barrel, down 33 cents (0.83 percent) on the day but up 2 cents (0.05 percent) since March 18, extending the end-of-week positive-settlement streak to six.

In 57 days of trading, futures have settled positive 25 days. The price has closed above $30 45 times, spending two nonconsecutive days in the $40 range.

Tuesday, the day May became the new near-month contract, marked a year-high $41.45 a barrel. The year low of $26.21 was reached Feb. 11.

The Plains All American posted price for WTI fetched $36 a barrel Thursday, down 25 cents (0.69 percent) on the day and unchanged from March 19. West Texas sour posted saw a similar scenario. It closed at $31.40 on Thursday, down 25 cents (0.79 percent) on the day and was unchanged from the March 18 posted price.

Tuesday saw new year-highs for WTI and West Texas sour posted prices. WTI was $37.75; sour was $33.15.

WTI and West Texas sour posted have been positive 25 days, negative 30 days and unchanged two days. WTI has been $30 or above 23 days, while sour has met that mark 10 days.

In other futures trading Thursday, June contracts were $40.63 a barrel, down 24 cents; July was $41.41, down 22 cents; and August was $41.98, down 24 cents.

The nearest month in the $50 range was November 2021 at $50.01.

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RIG COUNT

From 1A

Texas had two rigs offshore, unchanged. There weren't any rigs in operation in inland waters.

New Mexico added one rig this week, lifting its statewide total to 14.

A year ago this week, Texas had 462 rigs and New Mexico had 51.

United States

Nationwide, oil rigs fell but natural gas rigs gained.

The number of rigs exploring for oil fell 15 to 372, while those searching for natural gas rose three to 92.

In total, there were 464 rigs in the U.S., down 12. The offshore and inland waters rig counts each rose one to 28 and four, respectively. Twenty-seven rigs were operating in the Gulf of Mexico. The number of rigs operating on land fell 14 to 432.

By drilling trajectory, there were 53 vertical rigs, down five; 359 horizontal rigs, down 10; and 52 directional rigs, up three.

The U.S. had 1,048 rigs a year ago this week.

Most active

The top counties by number of active rigs in the Permian Basin this week were Midland, Reeves, Loving, Upton, Glasscock (7) and Martin (7).

The top basins nationwide were the Permian; the Eagle Ford; the Cana Woodford and Williston with 31 each; and the Marcellus with 30.

The top states were Texas; Oklahoma (63); Louisiana (51); North Dakota 31; and Pennsylvania (18).

Canada and North America

Canada idled 14 rigs this week, leaving 55 nationwide. There were 44 natural gas rigs, down 14. The number of oil rigs fell one to 11. Canada had 120 rigs a year ago this week.

The total number of rigs in the North America region fell 26 to 519. At this time last year, there were 1,168 rigs in North America.

By the numbers

The following are Permian Basin rig counts by county for the week ending March 24, with changes in parentheses:

District 7B

Stonewall	1
Total	1

District 7C

Irion	1
Reagan	5 (-2)
Upton	15 (-1)
Total	21 (-3)

District 8

Andrews	5
Culberson	5
Glasscock	7 (+2)
Howard	6
Loving	18 (-1)
Martin	7 (-2)
Midland	25 (-1)
Pecos	2
Reeves	19 (-2)
Sterling	1
Ward	4 (+2)
Winkler	2
Total	101 (-3)

District 8A

Borden	1
Cochran	1
Crosby	1
Hockley	1 (-1)
Lynn	1 (+1)
Scurry	2
Yoakum	4
Total	11

New Mexico

Eddy	7 (+1)
Lea	6
Total	13 (+1)

More energy news

Don't miss the Oil Report in Sunday's Reporter-Telegram. This week's big six stories:

- The Energy Information Administration says Permian output will fall next month.
- Stricter regulations are planned despite a fall in methane emissions.
- The EIA projects well costs will fall through 2018.
- Drillers can't replace lost output as $100 oil inheritance has been spent.
- U.S. oil exports are going around the world.
- The Houston Chronicle's Chris Tomlinson weighs in on the threat of bankruptcies in the oil industry.

Also on Sunday, the Reporter-Telegram sits down with Diamondback Energy Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Michael Hollis to talk about the strength of his company's stock, pending redetermination, if the U.S. should be the world's swing producer and an inter-office bet that has gone unpaid.

For more energy news, visit mrt.com/business/oil. For more information about this week's rig counts, visit the Baker Hughes website at baker-hughes.com.

ENERGYBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW MEXICO

Companies pay oil workers $1.5M in back wages, damages

HOBBS — Oilfield companies doing business in New Mexico and West Texas have paid workers $1.5 million in back wages and damages following a federal investigation.

The U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division announced Thursday that Nova Mud Inc., Nova Hardbandings LLC and Nova Sand LLC violated overtime and record-keeping provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

The companies paid employees fixed semi-monthly salaries without regard to the number of hours they actually worked. Federal officials say that resulted in overtime violations when the employees worked more than 40 hours a work.

The companies signed an agreement with the department requiring them to take proactive measures to ensure workers are paid accordingly in the future. One measure calls for setting up an anonymous complaint system for employees.

NEW MEXICO

State reviews water injection wells for damages

SANTA FE — New Mexico's state land commissioner is ordering a broad examination of easements for injection wells used by the oil and natural gas industry to dispose of waste saltwater, in response to environmental damage at a site in the southeast of the state.

State regulators blame Midland, Texas-based Siana Operating for spills of oily water at an injection well site 20 miles southwest of Eunice, New Mexico. They have been waiting for a remediation plan from the company to fix the damage and remove old equipment. Photographs taken by the land office showed an unlined pool of water, oil on the ground and traces of liquid on the ground nearby.

Public Lands Commissioner Aubrey Dunn has instructed his agency's district managers to look at each of about 60 saltwater disposal easements on state trust land for possible damages. Administrative reviews of leases also are planned. The site visits and reviews could take months to complete, agency spokeswoman Emily Strickler said.

Wastewater from drilling operations is typically delivered by truck to disposal sites like Siana's, where most oil is skimmed off before water is injected deep underground.

State regulators accuse Siana of trespassing and damaging the site outside Eunice after it stopped making lease payments years ago. Siana owes $113,000 in unpaid royalties for water disposal and unpaid annual rental fees, according to a March 18 notice from the State Land Office.

"This revenue is owed to the beneficiaries of the state land trust, and thus, cannot be waived," regulators wrote to Siana.

Trust lands in New Mexico extend across 9 million acres, with further subsurface land rights. Proceeds from leases pay for the Land Office budget and replenish multibillion-dollar funds used for public schools, universities, hospitals and other public institutions.

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Trump risks turning off women with Cruz attacks

By Thomas Beaumont and Jill Colvin
Associated Press

OSHKOSH, Wisconsin — Donald Trump's latest rude comments about Ted Cruz's wife are raising new alarms among Republicans about the party front-runner's ability to win over women, especially in a potential fall presidential match-up with Hillary Clinton.

Trump is under fire for jabs at Heidi Cruz, as the rivals engage in an increasingly bitter, personal battle for the GOP presidential nomination. Hostilities reached a new high Friday when Cruz accused Trump and "his henchmen" of stoking false rumors that he'd cheated on his wife.

"We don't want a president who traffics in sleaze and slime," the Texas senator told reporters in Wisconsin. "We don't want a president who seems to have a real issue with strong women."

Trump's history of sexist comments, from his "Apprentice" television program to racy interviews with radio host Howard Stern, have long been seen by Republicans as a potential vulnerability, especially in a general election match-up with Clinton, who would be the country's first female president.

The issue took off in the first GOP debate when Fox News' Megyn Kelly asked Trump about calling women "fat pig," "dog" and other names. Her question sparked a continuing quarrel between Trump and the network.

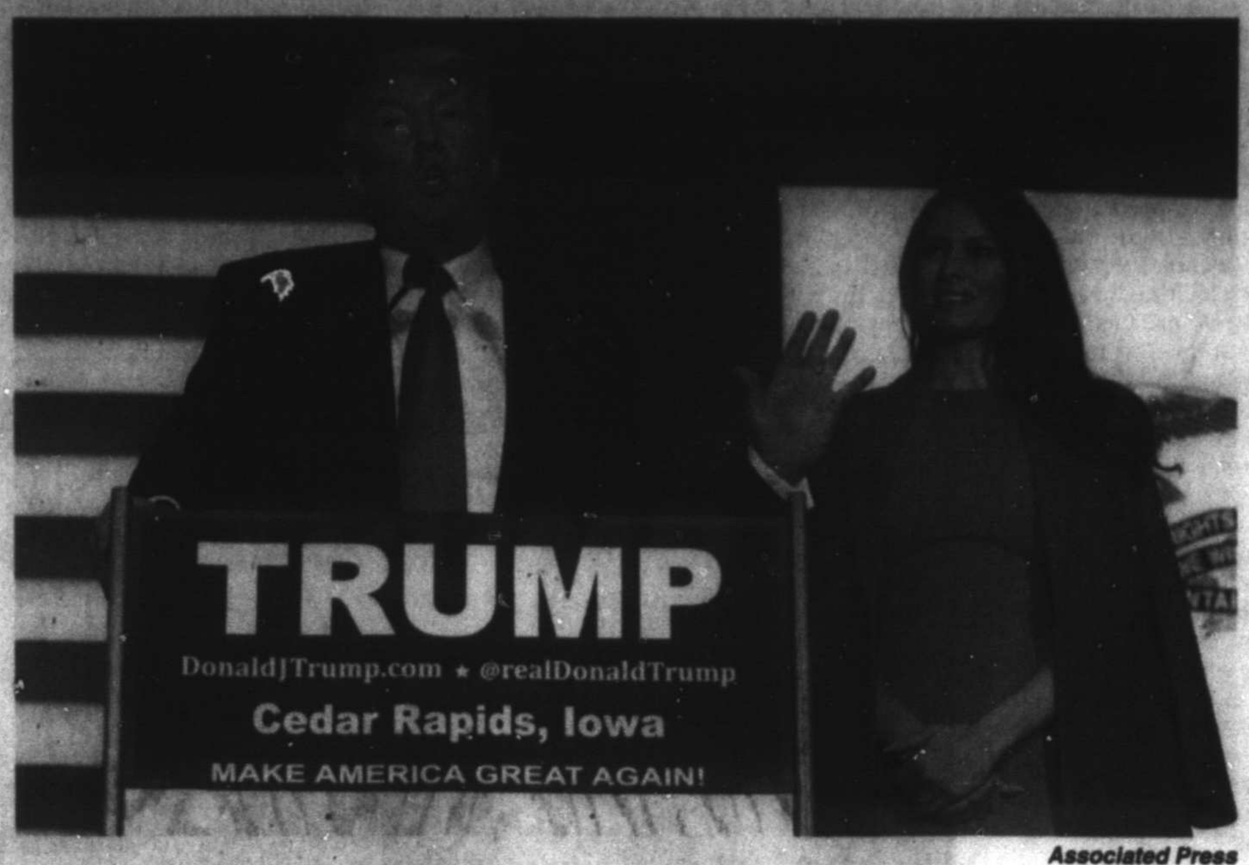
Trump also faced a backlash after he was quoted in a "Rolling Stone" profile insulting businesswoman Carly Fiorina, who endorsed Cruz after she dropped out of the 2016 Republican race.

"Look at that face!" Trump was quoted saying. "Would anyone vote for that? Can you imagine that, the face of our next president?!"

The issue reignited Wednesday after an anti-Trump super PAC released an ad featuring a risqué photo of his wife, Melania, a former model, taken in a GQ photo shoot.

"Meet Melania Trump. Your Next First Lady. Or, you could support Ted Cruz on Tuesday," it read. Trump responded by falsely accusing Cruz of running the ad and warning, "Be careful, Lyin' Ted, or I will spill the beans on your wife!" Cruz's wife is a former Goldman Sachs investment manager and White House aide, who served as economic policy adviser to President George W. Bush.

On Wednesday night, Trump escalated things when he retweeted side-by-side images of Cruz's wife, with an unflattering grimace, and Melania in a gauzy, glamorous pose. "No need to 'spill the beans'" read the caption. "The images are worth a thousand words."



Associated Press

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, accompanied by his wife, Melania Trump, speaks during a campaign event Feb. 1 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Ted Cruz accused Trump of stoking false rumors about his personal life on Friday charging that the billionaire businessman and GOP front-runner is trafficking in "sleaze" and "slime."

At an event Thursday in Wisconsin, Cruz responded by calling Trump "a sniveling coward" who has a problem with women — particularly "strong women."

Cruz continued to dig in Friday, painting Trump's comments as part of a larger pattern of misogyny.

"He's directed these attacks at Megyn Kelly. He's directed these attacks at Carly Fiorina. He's directed these attacks at Columba Bush, Jeb Bush's wife," he said.

Though Trump continues to outdistance Cruz in the delegates that will decide the GOP nomination, recent polls have shown the billionaire's favorability on the decline, particularly among women.

In a recent NBC/Wall Street Journal poll, 70 percent of women had a negative opinion of Trump. Nearly three quarters of women overall, and 39 percent of Republican women, had an unfavorable view of him in a recent CNN poll.

"He already had a gender gap prior to all this," said Republican pollster David Winston. "The potential for that to be bigger now looms on the horizon."

Katie Packer, a former top aide to 2012 GOP nominee Mitt Romney, and the founder of the anti-Trump Our Principles PAC, said all this spells trouble for the general election.

Packer, whose group was behind a recent ad that features women of various ages reading comments Trump has made about women, said Clinton remains vulnerable among many women.

However, she said, "If he loses women by 10 points more than Mitt Romney, it's not a question of whether or not he loses, it's a matter of who does he sweep out with him."

Indeed, Trump's latest tweeting struck a sour chord with some female suburban voters considered the key to victory in battleground states such as Colorado

"He makes all kinds of derogatory statements against women, and I just don't like to hear that," said Ilse Lucas, 70, a retired teacher's aide who doesn't consider herself a Democrat or Republican. Shopping in a suburb west of Denver, Lucas said Trump's comments could drive independent voters like her to Clinton.

Cruz, meanwhile, worked to send a distinctly different signal Friday on a campaign trip ahead of Wisconsin's April 5 primary.

At an Oshkosh manufacturing plant, Cruz was introduced by his wife, who praised him as her "best friend and partner." After the introduction, he gave her a long hug as the audience cheered.

"In the last few days, Donald Trump has taken to attacking Heidi," Cruz told the group, sparking boos that echoed through the warehouse.

"I'll tell you something," Cruz said. "I think Heidi is the most beautiful, brilliant, amazing, fantastic, loving mom, an incredible wife and she's my best friend in the whole world and I love you with all of my heart."

It was a message that, for some voters, couldn't cover up the nasty fight between the two candidates.

"I don't know what to say except that I'm disappointed in both of them," said Jennifer Churchfield, a 52-year-old Republican from a suburb south of Denver. "The conversation needs to be about the economy, jobs, education, foreign policy. You know, things that matter.

"This is a non-debate," she added. "What are they doing?"

Michigan's lament: As Congress bickers, Flint suffers

By Matthew Daly
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It's been two years since problems began with the drinking water in Flint, Michigan, and nearly six months since officials declared a public health emergency there.

Yet a bipartisan congressional effort to aid the predominantly African-American city north of Detroit is idling in the Senate — stalled by the objections of a Republican senator from Utah.

Rep. Dan Kildee, a Michigan Democrat who represents Flint, says his hometown is struggling while Congress bickers.

"This is not an abstraction. This is 100,000 kids and adults all suffering every single day and it's pretty frustrating," Kildee said in an interview.

"We will not give up, that's for sure," Kildee said, vowing that congressional Republicans "are not going to run out the clock on Flint, Michigan."

In fact, support for Flint is bipartisan. Michigan's congressional delegation has unanimously pushed for Flint aid, and Republican Gov. Rick Snyder urged Congress to pass the bipartisan Senate bill "immediately" at an otherwise contentious congressional hearing last week.

Michigan Democratic Sens. Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters reached agreement with key Republicans last month on a $220 million package to fix and replace lead-contaminated pipes in Flint and other cities.

But the bill remains on hold after Republican Sen. Mike Lee of Utah objected in late February. Michigan has a budget surplus and does not need federal money to fix the problem, Lee said.

Stabenow's frustration has been evident. In an impassioned speech on the Senate floor, she said that as a mother and grandmother, she "can't imagine the fear and horror" Flint families feel as they are forced — month after month — to use bottled water to drink and bathe.

Senator's comments on court nominee stir up conservatives

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Republican senator's remarks expressing support for Senate consideration of President Barack Obama's Supreme Court pick have angered conservatives and underscored the passion the issue stirs in GOP and Democratic activists.

The comments by Kansas Sen. Jerry Moran put him at odds with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and other GOP leaders, who have said the chamber won't hold hearings or a vote on the nominee. Only a handful of Senate Republicans have diverged from that stance.

Moran's statements prompted a leader of one conservative group to warn that her organization was preparing an advertising campaign "to remind Senator Moran that he represents the people of Kansas and neither President Obama nor the Democratic Party." Others didn't rule out that the comments might prompt a conservative to challenge Moran in the state's GOP primary.

Obama nominated federal judge Merrick Garland for the Supreme Court vacancy on March 16.

The fuss over Moran's comments came as the White House announced that Garland will have his first courtesy meeting next week with a Republican senator, Mark Kirk of Illinois.

Kirk faces a difficult re-election in November in Democratic-leaning Illinois. Until Moran's remarks, Kirk was the only GOP senator to call for a Senate vote on Obama's pick and one of two — with Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine — to favor Senate Judiciary Committee hearings.

Moran, former head of the Senate GOP's campaign organization, faces re-election this fall in a deeply conservative state that has not elected a Democrat to the Senate since the 1930s. While he is so far unopposed in the Aug. 2 Republican Senate primary, the filing deadline for candidates who might run against him is not until June 1.

According to the Dodge City Daily Globe, Moran said Monday at the Dodge City Rotary Club, "I think we have the responsibility to have a hearing, to have the conversation and to make a determination on the merit."

The Garden City Telegram reported that on the same day, Moran told a small gathering in Cimarron, Kansas, that there should be a hearing and said, "I would rather have you (constituents) complaining to me that I voted wrong on nominating somebody than saying I'm not doing my job."

Moran said it was extremely unlikely he'd back the nominee and expressed doubt that McConnell would let the Senate process proceed, according to both reports.

A Moran spokeswoman said Friday that the lawmaker was not reachable for comment, but released a written statement in which he did not retreat from his earlier remarks.

"I believe I have a duty to ask tough questions and demand answers. I am certain a thorough investigation would expose Judge Garland's record and judicial philosophy, and disqualify him in the eyes of Kansans and Americans," Moran said.

Carrie Severino, chief counsel of the conservative Judicial Crisis Network, said "caving into" Obama was not serving Kansans and said her group was preparing a "robust" television and digital ad campaign aimed at Moran.

David Christensen, lobbying for the anti-abortion Family Research Council, said Moran had earned a perfect score in the group's rating of lawmakers' votes last year and said, "Now we have this extremely important Supreme Court debate, and now is not the time for him to go wobbly."

Asked if the episode might encourage a conservative challenge to Moran, Christensen said, "I think this definitely raises concerns among conservatives." Asked the same question, spokesman Dan Holler of Heritage Action for America said, "This is certainly a point of frustration."

Dr. Milton Wolf, whose tea party-backed campaign nearly captured the GOP nomination in 2014 from long-time incumbent Sen. Pat Roberts, tweeted this week, "How much of a coward is @JerryMoran?"

McConnell spokesman Donald Stewart declined to comment on Moran's remarks.

The White House said Garland, who met with five Democratic senators last week, will meet with Kirk on Tuesday. He will also meet with four additional Democrats next week, the White House said.

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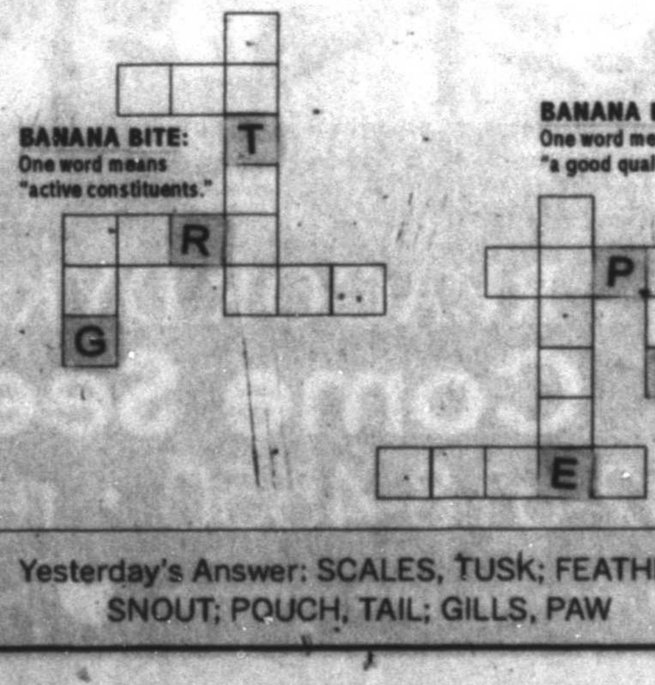
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Security privileges, lapses helped flight attendant escape

By Amanda Lee Myers
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Within hours of ditching 70 pounds of cocaine at a security checkpoint and bolting barefoot out of the main Los Angeles airport, an off-duty flight attendant was flying across the country after clearing security at the same airport, law enforcement officials said Friday.

Marsha Gay Reynolds, 31, did not do anything out of the ordinary to get back on a plane, officials said, describing how she used an airline badge with her real name to board another flight the next morning at one of the nation's busiest airports.

Communication lapses, bureaucratic protocols and special security privileges afforded airline workers all contributed to Reynolds' remaining out of the grasp of law enforcement until she surrendered four days later at Kennedy Airport in New York.

"This is a security breakdown. That could have easily been an explosive device and a terrorist running from the checkpoint. And we wouldn't have known until it went boom," said Marshall McClain, president of the union representing LAX airport police officers.

Reynolds' escape was another embarrassing error for the airport, which sought to enhance security after a gunman opened fire in a terminal in 2013 and killed a Transportation Security Administration agent.

Reynolds was off duty when she arrived March 18 at an LAX checkpoint, wearing jeans and a black suit jacket and carrying her "known crew member" badge, according to an FBI affidavit filed in support of the charge against Reynolds.

When Reynolds was chosen for a random security screening, TSA officers reported that she became nervous and made a phone call in a foreign language before she dropped her bags, kicked off her heels, ran down an upward-moving escalator and out of the airport, the affidavit said.

Airport police soon found 11 packages of cocaine wrapped in green cellophane inside one of the bags Reynolds left behind, the affidavit said. The drugs had an estimated street value of up to $3 million.

The badges allow airline workers to get through security faster to reduce lines and allow the TSA to focus on travelers they know less about. To obtain the badges, airline workers must submit to a background check that includes fingerprinting.

Crew members do not have to be wearing uniforms or have a boarding pass when using the badges. But they are still subject to random screenings.

The fact that Reynolds was able to fly so soon after her mad dash through the airport did not particularly surprise aviation expert Jeff Price because the system is designed to catch terrorists, not criminals.

The involvement of the crew member badge "might cause the TSA to look at this program a little more closely, to see if this is going to be a problem from a terrorist perspective," Price said.

McClain agreed that the case raises long-held fears about the "insider" threat of a terrorist gaining special access to airports and planes using the crew member program or becoming radicalized after obtaining such access.

"It's like giving someone the keys to your house, and you just made their job really easy," said Price, who has written a textbook on airport security and trains airport workers across the country.

The TSA has said that full screening of all employees would cost too much. Instead, the agency has urged airports to increase random screenings of workers and to keep background checks up to date.

No bulletin for Reynolds' arrest was immediately issued. The TSA would not have flagged her name because she did not pose a terrorist threat, according to an airport security official with knowledge of the investigation.

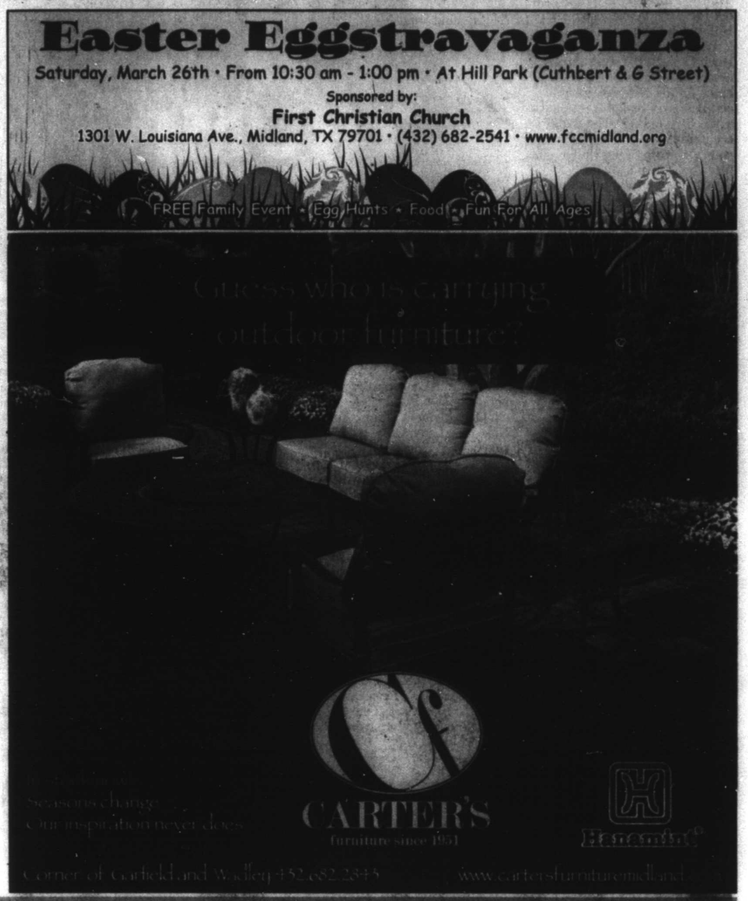
The Drug Enforcement Agency did not learn about the drugs until at least five hours after Reynolds fled and did not know her name until well after she had boarded a flight to New York, according to a federal law enforcement official with knowledge of the investigation.

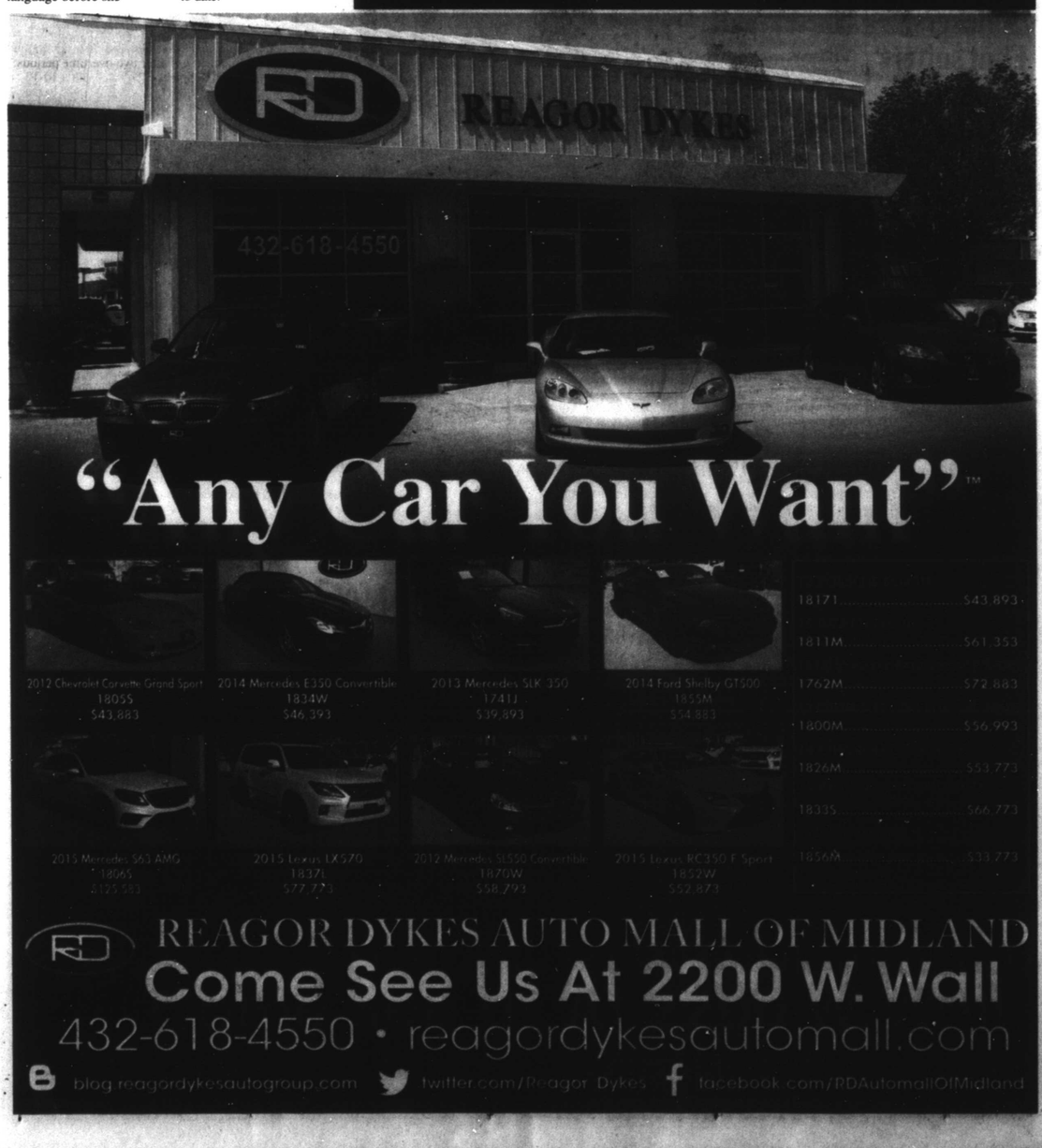
Both officials spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly about details of the case.

TSA spokesman Mike England said in a statement that the agency "immediately notified and began working with local law enforcement to identify the individual."

"Following events such as this, we conduct a full review of our procedures to determine how best to improve upon an already strong security foundation," he said.

The TSA did not verify Reynolds' name until at least Saturday because no one at the airport is allowed to access the database that had scanned her crew member badge at the airport, both the airport security and federal officials said.





MHS boys blank Lamar, advance to area



Cereceres



Vasquez

By Will Korn
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ABILENE — The Midland High boys soccer team wasn't about to sit back and defend with a 2-0 halftime lead against Arlington Lamar on Friday.

That just isn't in the nature of an aggressive offensive club such as MHS.

Instead, the Bulldogs forced the issue and continued to attack en route to a 3-0 victory over the Vikings in a Class 6A bi-district playoff match at Shotwell Stadium. Senior forward Homero Vasquez scored two goals and added an assist in the win. Midfielder Alex VonHolle registered a goal and an assist in support.

"I'll tell you this, with the players that we have, it doesn't do us any good to sit back," said MHS head coach Warren Cottle. "If we keep (up) pressure, it keeps the other team from shooting and that's what we look at doing."

Cottle added that shifting into a defensive game could have been disastrous for his team, especially with the windy conditions that favored Lamar (11-11-1) in the second half.

"If we sit back with the wind like it is, that will allow them (Lamar) to come in," Cottle said. "Now they become dangerous on their free kicks and their throw-ins and they're an exceptional team at that."

With the win, MHS (17-6-0) advanced to the area round where it will face El Paso Socorro — 2-1 winners against Wolfforth Frenship — next Friday. The time and location of that match have not yet been determined.

Vasquez tallied what turned out to be the game-winning goal in the fourth minute of the game on an assist from VonHolle.

Eleven minutes later, the Bulldogs' dynamic duo swapped roles. VonHolle scored with his left foot on a low shot from 10 yards out, courtesy of an assist from Vasquez.

In the second half, MHS remained aggressive and generated several more quality scoring chances. On two occasions, a Bulldogs player was taken down inside the 18-yard box but no call was awarded either time.

As the match entered the final stages, MHS goalkeeper Pedro Cereceres — making his first playoff appearance in net for the Bulldogs - was tested with several on-target Lamar shots. But he rose to the task and delivered a collection of key saves to help preserve the shutout.

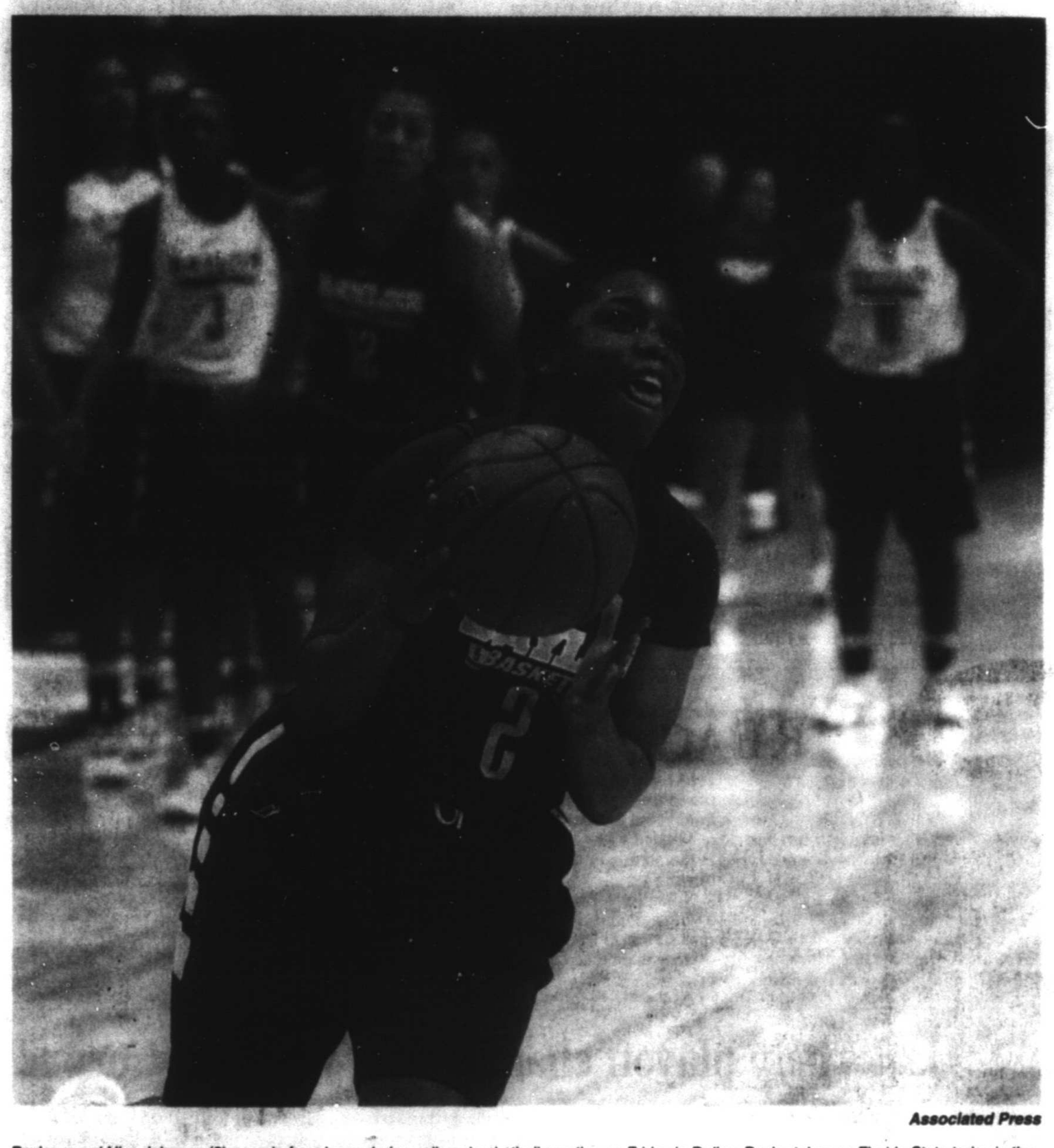
"It was a great game," Cereceres said. "I was kind of nervous at first but once we got the lead, my goal was to just stop every shot. My defense was with me."

Cottle said he was impressed with Cereceres' showing in a true playoff atmosphere.

"He was very mature," Cottle said. "(He is) a great little player. You can't say enough about Pedro and

Please see BOYS/6B

Ready for Florida State



Associated Press

Baylor guard Niya Johnson (2) goes in for a layup during college basketball practice on Friday in Dallas. Baylor takes on Florida State today in the regional semifinals of the women's NCAA Tournament.

Baylor women in usual place; Seminoles stepping up

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

DALLAS — Being in back-to-back Sweet 16s is a new experience for Florida State. Baylor has been there, done that in the women's NCAA Tournament — now for the eighth year in a row.

"To be a top 10 program, you have to be able to go to back-to-back Sweet 16s," said Seminoles coach Sue Semrau, who is in her 19th season. "So this is a big step for us in our growth and we hope to continue."

For the Big 12 champion Lady Bears (35-1), getting to the second weekend of the NCAA Tournament has become the norm under coach Kim Mulkey. They have won 22 games in a row this season, and only once in the past six years failed to win their Sweet 16 game.

That is the challenge Florida State (25-7) faces Saturday in the Dallas Mavericks' home arena only about 100 miles from the Baylor campus. Less than a week after winning at Texas A&M to advance, the ACC Seminoles are back in Texas where the Final Four will be played next year.

At least there is some experience on this stage for Florida State after making it to the Elite Eight last March.

"It's not overwhelming," Semrau said Friday. "It's not something that is like 'Wow! Here for the first time,' or haven't been her for a while."

Baylor players all season have worn "Eight is Not Enough" bracelets after losing to Notre Dame in regional finals the past two years. They opened this year's NCAA tournament with 30-point wins over Idaho and Auburn.

The team has been strengthened by the addition of former Duke transfer Alexis Jones and two talented freshman posts to the postseason-experienced 1-2 punch of Nina Davis and Niya Johnson.

When asked if her team is playing its best ball of the season, Mulkey was quick with her answer.

"Yes," she said, before being asked to elaborate. "After the Oklahoma State loss the first game of conference, I saw a team that got better and better and better.

Please see BAYLOR/3B

MHS falls to Lamar on PKs in classic match

By Will Korn
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ABILENE — The Midland High girls soccer team couldn't have played any harder than it did on a cool, windy Friday afternoon at Shotwell Stadium.

The Lady Bulldogs battled furiously through 80 minutes of regulation and 20 minutes of overtime.



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MHS overcame three different deficits, most notably a daunting 3-1 deficit with just under 12 minutes left in regulation.

But in the end, the Lady Bulldogs' season came to an end with a 3-2 defeat in penalty kicks against Arlington Lamar in a Class 6A bi-district match. The match was tied, 3-3 after regulation and then 4-4 after two overtime periods.

MHS finished the year with a 10-12 mark. Lamar (18-5-3) advanced to the area round, where it will face El Paso Franklin.

Though the match's result didn't end in the Lady Bulldogs' favor, few if any spectators were left unimpressed with the way MHS carried onward in the face of an afternoon full of adversity.

"What a game," said Lamar head coach Kay Giocondo. "This is the first time all season we've had a team that's been able to keep coming back on us. It was a great game by both teams. Both teams left it all out there on the field and they (MHS) ought to be really proud of the season that they had and the way that they finished strong."

MHS head coach Meagan Lasley is well aware of her team's sparkling work ethic. But the Lady Bulldogs took things to an even higher level on Friday.

"It just shows how much the girls wanted it and how much heart we have," she said. "It's unfortunate that we lost in PKs, because us losing doesn't show how hard we worked, how badly we wanted it. I'm extremely proud of my girls for the heart they showed throughout this entire game."

It was an exciting start to the match, as both sides produced several near scoring chances. MHS almost took a 1-0 lead in the 13th minute on a breakaway, but Lamar keeper Julie Torres made two diving stops running full speed toward the ball.

Lamar drew first blood in the 17th minute on a goal by Natalia Quintana. After a scramble in front of the MHS net, the Lady Bulldog players got caught watching the ball and Quintana capitalized for a 1-0 Lamar lead.

In the 31st minute, Raquel Houston scored the equalizer from about 15 yards out on an assist from goalkeeper Allison Robinson. The two sides entered halftime knotted at 1-1.

Please see GIRLS/6B

UCLA and Texas play in Bridgeport's 'other' semifinal

By Pat Eaton-Robb
Associated Press

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — Texas and UCLA bring two rising programs into their NCAA regional semifinal Saturday.

The second-seeded Longhorns (30-4) are in the Sweet 16 for the second consecutive year. The Bruins (26-8) have the nation's second-longest postseason winning streak after winning the WNIT a year ago.

Texas has been steadily improving in the four years Karen Aston has been coach. After missing the NCAA Tournament in her first season, the Longhorns won a first-round game in 2014 and last year made it to the Sweet 16 before losing to eventual national champion UConn, 105-54.

"Each year they have learned a little bit more about what it takes to compete at the highest level," Aston said. "And now, we have four seniors that absolutely know the day-to-day work that it takes."

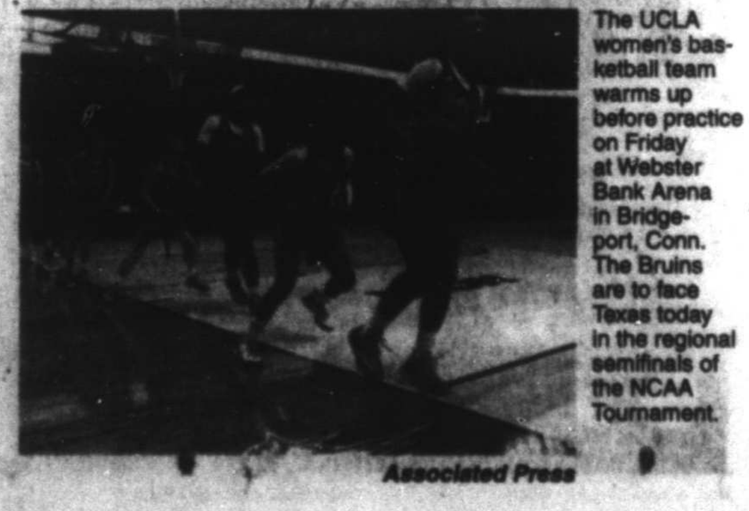
The Longhorns are hoping to make it at least a round further this season, where another game with the top-seeded Huskies is possible. But first, they must get by UCLA.

The Bruins have won 10 of their last 12 games and are riding an eight-game postseason winning streak, second only to UConn's 20-games.

Coach Cori Close said last year's run to the WNIT championship prepared her team well for this season's NCAA Tournament.

"It gave us confidence about winning in tough environments and circumstances," she said. "I think it taught us, 'What does it take?' And

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Associated Press

The UCLA women's basketball team warms up before practice on Friday at Webster Bank Arena in Bridgeport, Conn. The Bruins are to face Texas today in the regional semifinals of the NCAA Tournament.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Western vs. Freemantle; 9 p.m., FS2

BOXING

Sullivan Barrera vs. Andre Ward, 9:45 p.m., HBO

COLLEGE BASEBALL

South Carolina at Ole Miss, 2 p.m., SEC

TCU at Texas, 2:30 p.m., FS1

Penn State at Illinois, 3 p.m., BTN

Vanderbilt at Missouri, 5 p.m., SEC

Oregon at Washington, 5 p.m., P12, P12 OR, P12 WA

Tennessee at Alabama, 8 p.m., SEC

COLLEGE LACROSSE

Syracuse at Duke, 11 a.m., ESPNU

Georgetown at Marquette, Noon, FS1

North Carolina at Maryland, 1 p.m., ESPNU

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Florida at LSU, 11 a.m., ESPN2

Kentucky at Arkansas, Noon, SEC

UMKC at Oklahoma, 2:30 p.m., FSSW+, FCSC

Washington at UCLA, 2:30 p.m., P12, P12 LA, P12 WA

Utah at Arizona, 2:30 p.m., P12 AZ, P12 Mtn

California at Oregon State, 2:30 p.m., P12 BAY, P12 OR

Texas at Baylor, 8 p.m., ESPN2

COLLEGE WATER POLO

Arizona State at Stanford, 1 p.m., P12, P12 AZ, P12 BAY

GOLF

WGC-Dell Match Play, Round of 16, 9 a.m., GOLF

WGC-Dell Match Play, Quarterfinals, 1 p.m., NBC

LPGA: Kia Classic, 3rd Round, 5 p.m., GOLF

Hockey

KHL West Final, Gm 3: SKA vs. CSKA, 9 a.m., OWSPN

MLB

Boston vs. Baltimore, Noon, MLB

San Francisco vs. Chic. Cubs, 3 p.m., MLB

Tampa Bay vs. Houston, 8 p.m., UDN

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NCAA D2 Championship: Lincoln Memorial vs. Augustana (SD), 2 p.m., CBS

NCAA: Oklahoma vs. Oregon, 5 p.m., CBS

NCAA: Villanova vs. Kansas, 7:30 p.m., CBS

MEN'S COLLEGE HOCKEY

RIT vs. Quinnipiac, 3 p.m., ESPNU

North Dakota/Northeastern winner vs. Michigan/Notre Dame winner, 5 p.m., ESPN2

Boston U vs. Denver, 5:30 p.m., ESPNU

Providence/Minnesota-Duluth winner vs. Boston College/Harvard winner, 8 p.m., ESPNU

MEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Loyola-Chicago at Penn State, 6 p.m., BTN

MEN'S SOCCER

AFCON Qualifier: Cameroon vs. South Africa, 9:30 a.m., beIN

Friendly: Russia vs. Lithuania, 10:50 a.m., ESPNDEP

AFCON Qualifier: Cape Verde vs. Morocco, Noon, beIN, beIN2

Brazil: Ferroviara vs. Oeste, 2 p.m., GolTV

Friendly: Germany vs. England, 2:30 p.m., ESPN2, ESPNDEP

Friendly: Club America vs. Tigres UANL, 3:30 p.m., UDN

Ascenso MX: Coras vs. Atletico San Luis, 6 p.m., GolTV

Ascenso MX: Cafetaleros vs. Juarez, 8 p.m., GolTV

MLS: Vancouver Whitecaps FC vs. Houston Dynamo, 9 p.m., ROOT

Liga MX: CF Monarcas Morelia vs. Jaguares de Chiapas, 9:20 p.m., AZTECA

NBA

San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m., FSSW+, FSSWSA

NHL

Dallas at San Jose, 3 p.m., FSSW

NY Rangers at Montreal, 6 p.m., NHL

RUGBY

NRL: Penrith at St. George, 12 a.m., FS2

TENNIS

ATP/WTA: Miami Open, 10 a.m., TENNIS

TRACK AND FIELD

Ohio State, Florida, Texas at USC, 5:30 p.m., P12, P12 LA

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NCAA: Mississippi State vs. Connecticut, 10:30 a.m., ESPN

NCAA: UCLA vs. Texas, 12:30 pm., ESPN

NCAA: Florida State vs. Baylor, 3 p.m., ESPN

NCAA: DePaul vs. Oregon State, 5 p.m., ESPN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

UTSA at Texas, 6 p.m., LHN

ON RADIO

NAHL HOCKEY

Odessa at Corpus Christi, 7 p.m., KFZX 102.1 FM

WHAT'S ON DECK

Junior college

BASEBALL

Midland College at Luna CC, noon

SOFTBALL

MC at Western Texas College, 1 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF BASEBALL — Suspended Cincinnati minor league RHP Jose Veras (DSL) 72 games following a positive test for metabolites of Stanozolol and free agent minor league RHP Tanner Kiest 50 games after a second positive test for a drug of abuse, both violations of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Optioned INF Jesus Aguilar to Columbus (IL).

HOUSTON ASTROS — Optioned LHP Kevin Chapman and RHP Jandel Gustave to Fresno (PCL). Granted LHP Neal Cotts his unconditional release.

TEXAS RANGERS — Optioned RHP Chi Chi Gonzalez to Round Rock (PCL). Assigned RHP Nick Tepesch and 1B/C Brett Nicholas to minor league camp.

National League

CHICAGO CUBS — Assigned RHPs Brandon Gomes, Jean Machi and Ryan Williams; INFs Jesus Guzman and Kris Negron; and OFs Albert Almora, John Andreoli, Matt Murton and Juan Perez to their minor league camp.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Optioned RHP David Hale to Albuquerque (PCL). Optioned RHP David Hale to their minor league camp. Reassigned RHP Nelson Gonzalez, RHP Brock Huntzinger, C Ryan Casteel, OF Kyle Parker and OF Michael Tauchman to their minor league camp.

NEW YORK METS — Reassigned INFs Danny Muno, T.J. Rivera and Ty Kelly and OF Roger Bernadina to their minor league camp. Released RHP Buddy Carlyle.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Signed manager Pete Mackanin to a two-year contract.

American Association

FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Signed OF Brian Humphries.

JOPLIN BLASTERS — Released C Mason Morioka and RHP Alex Koronis.

KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Signed RHP Johnny Shuttlesworth.

LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Signed LHP Bennett Parry.

SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS — Signed INF Nate Samson, RHP Eddie Cody and RHP Jacob Newberry.

SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Signed RHP Shawn Blackwell. Released OF Cody Bishop and C Grant Nelson.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

DENVER NUGGETS — Signed F Axel Toupane to a multi-year contract.

NEW ORLEANS PELICANS — Signed F Jordan Hamilton to a 10-day contract.

HOCKEY

National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS — Agreed to terms with LB Courtney Upshaw.

CHICAGO BEARS — Agreed to terms with S Chris Prosinski on a one-year contract.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Re-signed DT Brandon Thompson.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Matched Chicago's offer for TE Josh Hill. Signed LB Craig Robertson to a three-year contract.

NEW YORK JETS — Signed CB Darryl Morris to a one-year contract.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Agreed to terms with LB Steven Johnson to a one-year contract.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Agreed to terms with S Rashad Johnson on a one-year contract.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NHL — Fined Anaheim D Josh Manson $2,486.66 for inappropriate gesture aimed at Toronto F Nazem Kadri during a March 24 game.

CAROLINA HURRICANES — Recalled F Patrick Brown from Charlotte (AHL).

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Activated F Marcus Kruger from injured reserve.

DALLAS STARS — Signed D Niklas Hansson to a three-year entry-level contract.

DETROIT RED WINGS — Reassigned G Jake Paterson to Toledo (ECHL) from Grand Rapids (AHL). Reassigned D Vili Saarijarvi to Grand Rapids from Flint (OHL).

COLLEGE

GEORGIA TECH — Fired men's basketball coach Brian Gregory.

STANFORD — Named Jerod Haase men's basketball coach.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic Division							
Tampa Bay	74	43	26	5	91	209	177
Florida	74	41	24	9	91	211	182
Boston	75	39	28	8	86	219	206
Detroit	74	37	26	11	85	190	199
Ottawa	75	34	33	8	76	214	230
Montreal	75	34	35	6	74	199	216
Buffalo	74	30	34	10	70	176	200
Toronto	73	27	35	11	65	180	214
Metropolitan Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
z-Washington	73	53	15	5	111	232	170
N.Y. Rangers	74	42	24	8	92	212	194
Pittsburgh	73	40	25	8	88	204	182
N.Y. Islanders	73	39	25	9	87	204	189
Philadelphia	75	36	24	13	85	192	195
New Jersey	75	36	31	8	80	169	190
Carolina	74	32	28	14	78	180	200
Columbus	74	32	36	6	70	193	228
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
z-Dallas	75	44	22	9	97	243	216
St. Louis	75	46	22	7	99	199	185
Chicago	74	42	25	7	91	205	185
Nashville	74	39	23	13	91	205	189
Minnesota	75	36	28	11	83	202	189
Colorado	74	36	32	4	80	200	208
Winnipeg	74	31	37	6	68	190	217
Pacific Division							
x-Los Angeles	74	44	25	5	93	200	171
x-Anaheim	73	40	23	10	90	190	174
San Jose	74	41	27	6	88	217	192
Arizona	74	33	34	7	73	195	220
Calgary	74	31	37	6	68	204	254
Vancouver	74	27	34	13	67	169	214
Edmonton	77	30	40	7	67	189	226

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

Scores and schedule

Friday's Scores

Washington 1, New Jersey 0, OT
Tampa Bay 7, N.Y. Islanders 4
St. Louis 4, Vancouver 0

Today's Games

Winnipeg at Buffalo, Noon
Pittsburgh at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Colorado, 2 p.m.
Dallas at San Jose, 3 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Montreal, 6 p.m.
Anaheim at Ottawa, 6 p.m.
Florida at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
St. Louis at Washington, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Columbus at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Arizona, 9 p.m.
Edmonton at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.

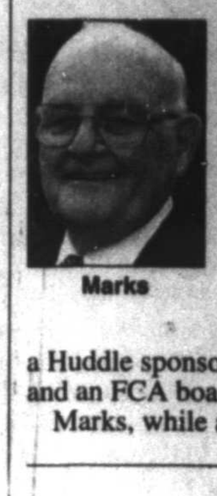
COLLEGE BASEBALL SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Texas Tech 6, Oklahoma 1
Texas 2, TCU 0
Dallas Baptist 5, Baylor 3
West Virginia 1, Kansas 0
Rice 3, Old Dominion 1
Southern Mississippi 11, UTSA 2
UT Arlington 9, Incarnate Word 3
South Alabama 7, Texas State 2
McNeese State 5, Abilene Christian 0
Sam Houston State 12, Nicholls State 8
Stephen F. Austin 4, Northwestern State 1
Southeastern Louisiana 4, Texas A&M-Corpus Chris 1 0
Lamar 5, New Orleans 1
Central Arkansas 8, Houston Baptist 7

Midland's Marks to be inducted into FCA's Hall of Champions

From staff reports



Marks

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes will induct Midland's Ken Marks into the 2015-16 class of the organization's Hall of Champions, 7 p.m. May 2, at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center.

Marks has served the Permian Basin FCA for decades as a Huddle sponsor at Lee High School and an FCA board member.

Marks, while a member of the Midland ISD School Board, started the FCA Huddle at Lee in the 1980s after a request by then Rebels football coach and future Texas Tech head coach Spike Dykes.

Since that time, Marks and his wife Mary Lea have hosted countless FCA meetings in their home, have taken athletes to FCA Camp at Estes Park, and have raised support for scholarships for local athletes.

In addition to his FCA duties, Marks also serves as a team chaplain for the Midland RockHounds.

Marks will be joined by fellow inductees, Jake Bostrom, Wayne Gordon, Anne Graham Lotz and Bobby Jones in the 2015-16 class.

Each inductee will be honored with their photo and biography at the Hall of Champions at the FCA's National Support Center in Kansas City, Missouri.

Since established in 1991, there have been 91 honorees that have been inducted into the Hall of Champions, which has included the likes of Tom Landry, Roger Staubach, John Wooden, Bobby Bowden, Tony Dungy, Branch Rickey, Mike Singletary and Bob Lilly.

For ticket requests and more information on Marks' induction event at Wagner Noel, please visit permianbasinfca.org/impactawards.

MCSOFTBALLCAPSULE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MIDLAND COLLEGE VS. WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE

When/where: Doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m. today, Snyder; doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m. Monday, Midland College softball field

Records: Midland College 23-7, 3-1 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference

Last WJCAC series: Midland College 3, El Paso Community College 1; Western Texas College 2, Clarendon College 2

Notes & quotes: The four-game series is starting a day later than originally scheduled thanks to Friday's postponement of a doubleheader at Midland College because of expected high winds. ... MC took three out of four games against El Paso CC last weekend but the Lady Chaparrals are still dealing with a few injuries, most notably to SS Cassie Siataga (hamstring) and C Robi Kami (back), as both are questionable this weekend. "We might have a few girls playing out of position, so we need to get them ready," MC coach Tommy Ramos said. "Western Texas is going to be competitive and we're expecting another good series. We're still a little beat up so we've got to keep our focus on our execution offensively and keep things simple defensively, and we'll do fine."

Next: Midland College at Howard College (DH), 1 p.m. Friday

2016 WJCAC Softball Standings

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	W	L	T
Howard College	4	0	23	9	0
Odessa College	2	0	21	14	0
Midland College	3	1	23	7	0
Clarendon College	2	2	17	13	0
Western Texas	2	2	13	19	0
El Paso CC	1	2	15	19	1
Luna CC	0	2	8	13	0
Frank Phillips	0	4	9	19	0

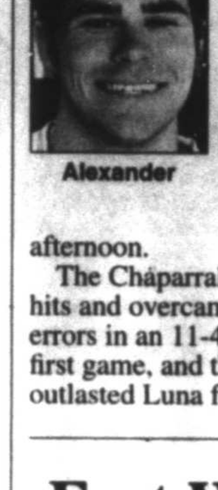
This weekend's WJCAC series

Midland College vs. Western Texas College; Odessa College vs. Howard College; Clarendon College at Luna Community College; Frank Phillips College at El Paso Community College

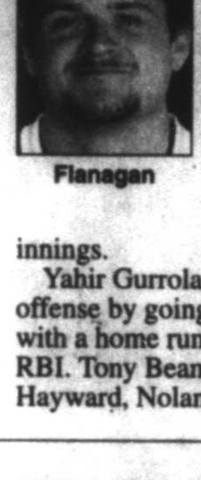
Chaps ride bats to twin-bill sweep of Luna CC

From staff reports

LAS VEGAS, N.M. — The Midland College baseball team swept Luna Community College in a Western Junior College Athletic Conference doubleheader on Friday afternoon.



Alexander



Flanagan

The Chaparrals got 14 hits and overcame five errors in an 11-4 win in the first game, and then MC outlasted Luna for a 13-9 win in the second game as the teams combined for 32 hits.

Tucker Davidson got a complete-game win in the opening game as he allowed four runs (two earned) on six hits with seven strikeouts and two walks in seven innings.

Yahir Gurrola led MC's offense by going 3-for-4 with a home run and two RBI. Tony Beam, Braden Hayward, Nolan Rattai and Connor Flanagan each added two hits, while Hill Alexander, Flanagan and Nick Russell also homered.

MC (14-11, 7-2 in WJCAC) had a four-run fifth and four-run eighth in the win in the second game.

The Chaps also had 15 hits, led by Dally Burney, who was 2-for-6 with three RBI and three runs scored. Alexander had two hits, a home run and two RBI, Flanagan had two hits and hit his second home run of the day, while Russell added two hits and two RBI.

Brady Moxham picked up the win, and Jesse Borden returned from an injury to get the save.

The teams play another doubleheader today beginning at 1 p.m. (CDT).

Game 1

MIDLAND COLLEGE 11, LUNA CC 4

Midland	0	1	3	0	0	2	—11	14	0
Luna CC	0	0	0	2	0	1	x	—4	6	5

Tucker Davidson and Tony Beam. Valentin, Vialpando (5) and Navarro. W — Davidson. L — Valentin. 2B — MC: Braden Hayward; Luna: Navarro. HR — MC: Hill Alexander, Yahir Gurrola, Connor Flanagan, Nick Russell; Luna: Acevedo.

Game 2

MIDLAND COLLEGE 13, LUNA CC 9

Midland	1	1	0	0	1	4	0	1	5	13	2
Luna CC	1	1	0	2	0	1	—6	1	7	9	3

Brady Moxham, Collan Johnson (7), Jesse Borden (9) and Dally Burney, Ortiz, Peters-Valdez (5), Moline (8), Marquez (9) and Owens. W — Moxham. L — Ortiz. S — Borden. 2B — MC: Conor Gesell; Luna: Kasukai, Lopez, Volcic. HR — Alexander, Flanagan.

Records: Midland College 14-11, 7-2 in WJCAC; Luna CC 8-20, 5-7

Next: Midland College at Luna CC (DH), 1 p.m. (CDT) today

Fort Worth Christian beats MCS in nine innings

From staff reports

FORT WORTH — One day after being no-hit, Fort Worth Christian bounced back to defeat Midland Christian, 7-6 in a nine-inning affair in TAPPS 1-4A play on Friday.

Tied 5-5, the Mustangs (14-9-1, 3-1 in TAPPS 1-4A) scored the go-ahead run in the top of the ninth inning, but the Cardinal responded with two runs in the bottom of the frame to win.

Nolen Hester went 3-for-5 with a double and two runs scored to lead a MCS offense that racked up 12 hits.

Hunter Robertson and Cooper Jauz each had two hits and two RBI for Midland Christian.

MCS senior Grant Little doubled, scored, and walked twice one day after hurling an 11-strikeout no-hitter.

The Mustangs allowed four unearned runs, plagued by five errors.

FORT WORTH CHRISTIAN 7, MCS 6, 9 INNINGS

MCS	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	1	—6	12	5
FWC	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	2	—7	10	2

Anderson Needham, Nolen Hester (6) and Zac Tilton. Derek Vega, Jacob Hasty (6), Michael Burgess (9). W — Burgess. L — Hester. 2B — MCS: Grant Little, Hester, Cooper Jauz; 2B: Fort Worth Christian: Clayton Cooper

Record: MCS 14-9-1, 3-1 in TAPPS 1-4A

Next: MCS at Flower Mound Coram Deo, TBA, Friday, April 1

Jacks help playoff chances with win over Corpus

From staff reports

CORPUS CHRISTI — Noah Poindexter and Jon Russell each scored in the first period to push the Odessa Jackalopes to a crucial 3-1 victory over the Corpus Christi IceRays, Friday at AmericanBank Center. The two points evens both clubs at 52 points with Odessa (24-27-4) holding the tiebreaker for the final playoff spot because of the additional win.

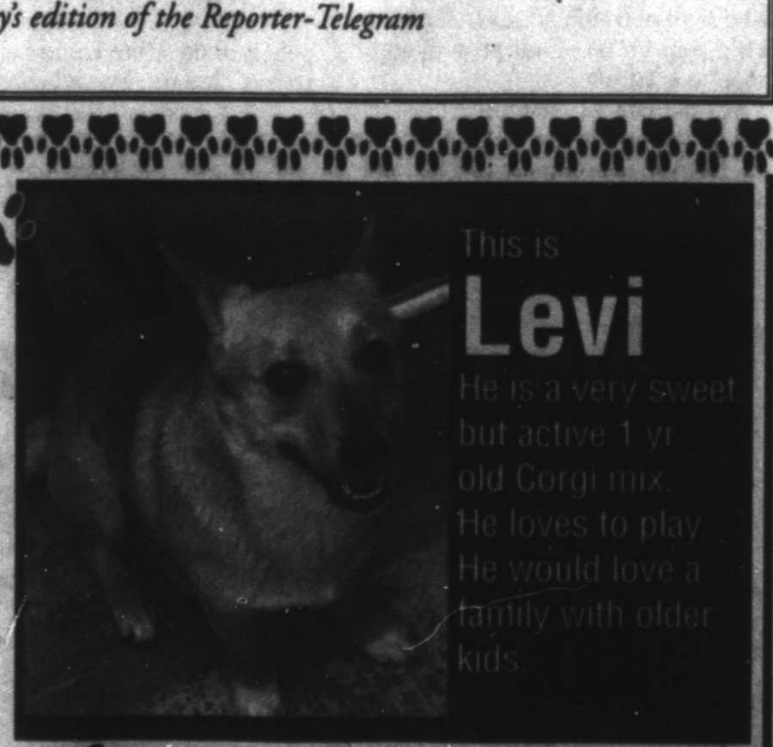
The Jacks took the opening period lead when Poindexter jammed home his first career NAHL goal at 5:14, after Brandon Tucker's initial shot was stopped by Corpus Christi goalie Dryden McKay. Russell added to the Odessa lead by sneaking behind the Rays defense and beating McKay on a nifty break away move to make it 2-0 at 15:28.

In the second, Odessa went on the power play three times but failed to extend its lead. Each team put 13 shots on net in the second frame but couldn't score.

The IceRays (23-26-6) made it interesting when Brendan Miller snuck home his team's first of the game at 7:22 of the third. But, the Jacks ruined Corpus Christi's comeback hopes when Derek Brown buried the empty netter at 19:07. McKay (13-12-2) suffered the loss, stopping 41 of 43 shots faced.

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Oklahoma's Kruger, Oregon's Altman test bond in Elite Eight

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Lon Kruger and Dana Altman are headed to Scotland in July for the latest golfing adventure in their three-decade-long friendship.

"We're still doing that, I guess, regardless of what happens tomorrow," Kruger said with a wry smile Friday.

Indeed, the coaches first have a date in Orange County on Saturday, and it won't be quite as much fun for either of them.

Altman's top-seeded Oregon Ducks (31-6) are facing Kruger's second-seeded Oklahoma Sooners (28-7) in the West Region final for a spot in the Final Four.

Kruger and Altman hoped they would never have to coach against each other, and they had managed to avoid it throughout their parallel careers. But with two powerhouse teams heading into a landmark game for both programs, this coaching collision is unavoidable.

"When the pairings came out a couple weeks ago, I talked to Coach," Altman said Friday. "We just said at that time that if we're fortunate to get to this point, at least one of us is going to go to the Final Four."

Their friendship came out of a calculated acquisition by Kruger in 1986 when he hired Altman to join his staff at Kansas State. Kruger wanted Altman's youthful energy and smarts — but he really wanted Mitch Richmond and a handful of Altman's other players on the nation's top-ranked junior college team in Missouri.

Their three years together led to three NCAA Tournament berths and the start of an enduring bond.

"We've got a handful of coaches that are best friends, and certainly Dana is one of them," Kruger said.

Kruger reached the 1994 Final Four with Florida, but hasn't been back since. Altman has never reached the Final Four in a quarter-century in charge of four programs.

The West finale is both a test and a celebration of their careers. The coaches have built remarkably similar teams, with both relying on deep, balanced rosters of athletic players surrounding an elite scorer: Oklahoma's Buddy Hield and Oregon's Dillon Brooks.

"Both clubs prefer the (high) pace," Kruger said. "They prefer the tempo. We certainly are better when we're able to go. I think they are, too."

Some more things to consider in these schools' first meeting in 75 years:

UP ON OREGON: Saturday is a historic time for the Ducks, who won the Pac-12 regular-season and tournament titles to earn the first No. 1 seed in school history. The Ducks have rolled into the regional final with a school-record 31 wins, but they realize they can't reach their first Final Four since 1939 in a building likely to be packed by their West Coast fan base.

UP ON OKLAHOMA: The Sooners' core four of Hield, Ryan Spangler, Jordan Woodard and Isaiah Cousins will start its 104th consecutive game together, along with 36 straight starts by Khadeem Lattin. OU is after its first Final Four trip since 2002. "We ride and fight all together, so I think ending on a good note would be special for us," Hield said.

STOPPING HIELD: The Oklahoma starters' collective experience and togetherness is remarkable in the modern game. The Ducks are appropriately impressed, but they're also determined to defend the perimeter against Hield and his teammates, who have the second-best 3-point shooting percentage in the nation (.426). "We haven't seen a team like this with a core group that's been there for all four years, and we've never seen a player who shoots the ball like Buddy Hield," Brooks said. "We're really going to have to run them off the line and not let them get easy baskets."

JUICY HISTORY: These schools actually met in the first NCAA Tournament back in 1939, when Oregon beat Oklahoma in the West Region final in a game played on Treasure Island in the middle of San Francisco Bay. Oregon went on to win the national title. The schools met again in the 1940-41 season, and they haven't met since then.

MITCH'S FOOTPRINTS: Richmond led the two coaches' Wildcats to the Elite Eight, and Altman landed his first Division I head coaching job a year later at Marshall. A year after that, Altman replaced Kruger at K-State when Kruger left for Florida. Richmond's son, Phil, is a walk-on at Oregon. Mitch Richmond attended Thursday's games to watch both of his former coaches. "I owe so much of my career to Coach Kruger, but I probably owe more to Mitch," Altman said.

Beattie leads MCA postseason honors

From staff reports

Midland Classical Academy senior point guard Alissa Beattie was recognized on the TAPPS 3A All-State girls basketball first team that was recently released.

In addition to her all-state honors, Beattie was named to the TAPPS 1-3A All-District first team and to the TAPPS 3A All-State Academic team.

Beattie was joined on the All-TAPPS 1-3A first team by MCA sophomore guard/foward Makenna Beattie and freshman center Lizabelle Russell. Makenna Beattie also garnered all-state honorable mention recognition.

Sophomore point guard Rebecca Young was Trinity's lone representative on the TAPPS 1-3A All-District first team.

The TAPPS 1-3A All-District boys basketball first team included MCA senior guards Heath Gladson, Blake Gladson and Garrett Sparks, and Trinity senior center/power forward Peter Rodenko.

Heath Gladson was named to the TAPPS 3A All-State second team, while Blake Gladson and Sparks were honorable mention selections to the all-state squad.

Girls
TAPPS 3A All-State
1st team
Alisse Beattie, Sr., Midland Classical
Honorable Mention
Makenna Beattie, So., Midland Classical
TAPPS 1-3A All-District
First team
Midland Classical — G Alisse Beattie, Sr.; G Makenna Beattie, So.; C Lizabelle Russell, Fr.
Trinity — PG Rebecca Young, So.
Second team
Midland Classical — G Ellen Haest, Jr.; F Morgen Jones, Sr.
Trinity — G Reagan Long, So.
Honorable Mention
Midland Classical — F Hilary Sunderland, So.; G Delaina Griffin, Jr.; F Kristen Johnson, Sr.
TAPPS 3A Academic All-State
Midland Classical — Alissa Beattie; Ellen Haest; Morgen Jones

Boys
TAPPS 3A All-State
2nd team
Heath Gladson, Sr., Midland Classical
Honorable Mention
Blake Gladson, Sr., Midland Classical; Garrett Sparks, Sr., Midland Classical
TAPPS 1-3A All-District
1st team
Midland Classical — G Heath Gladson, Sr.; G Blake Gladson, Sr.; G Garrett Sparks, Sr.
Trinity — PF/C Peter Rodenko, Sr.
2nd team
Midland Classical — PF/C Marshall McCray, Sr.
Trinity — PG Vincent Baiano, Sr.
TAPPS 3A Academic All-State
Midland Classical — Heath Gladson; Blake Gladson; Garrett Sparks; Marshall McCray
Trinity — Peter Rodenko

TOURNAMENTROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NOTRE DAME 61
KENTUCKY 58

PHILADELPHIA — Demetrius Jackson stripped the ball and scored the go-ahead layup with 14.7 seconds left and Notre Dame advanced to the brink of its first Final Four in 38 years with a 61-58 win over Wisconsin on Friday night in the East Region semifinal of the NCAA Tournament.

Jackson sealed the win with a pair of free throws to send the Irish (24-11) into a regional final for the second straight season.

Notre Dame lost to Kentucky a year ago. This year, the Irish will get a shot at top-seeded North Carolina or Indiana on Sunday.

Vitto Brown's 3-pointer with 26 seconds left put the Badgers (22-13) up 58-53 and kept Wisconsin's shot at a third straight Final Four alive.

But the Irish shook off a miserable shooting game down the stretch and have their first Final Four since 1978 in sight.

V.J. Beachem scored 19 points, Zach Auguste had 13 points and 12 rebounds and Jackson scored 16 points.

VIRGINIA 84
IOWA STATE 71

CHICAGO — Anthony Gill finished with a season-high 23 points, Mike Tobey came off the bench to score 18, and top-seeded Virginia beat Iowa State 84-71 in the Midwest Region semifinals on Friday night.

The Cavaliers (29-7) withstood a second-half push by the fourth-seeded Cyclones (23-12) after grabbing a big lead in the early going and advanced to their first regional final since 1995.

Virginia will face Syracuse or Gonzaga on Sunday. A win would send the Cavaliers to their first Final Four since 1984, when coach Tony Bennett was a teenager.

Georges Niang had another big game for Iowa State, finishing with 30 points after scoring 28 against both Iona and Arkansas-Little Rock in the first two rounds. But an up-and-down first season under coach Steve Prohm ended on a disappointing note.

BAYLOR

From 1B

... I've never walked off a court where I thought our team didn't improve this year. That's hard sometimes to say."

Some things to watch when fifth-seeded Florida State and top seed Baylor play in the Dallas Regional:

A LOT ALIKE: Baylor and Florida State routinely score in the 70s and grab more than 40 rebounds. They shoot well, get a few steals and have big players who can run the floor. "They score like we do in many positions," Mulkey said. "I think it will be a very entertaining game offensively, and I hope that our defense is just a tad better than them."

Semrau said what sets Baylor apart is its passing. "They can pick you apart if you make mistakes, and certainly that is something very special in the game of basketball, much less women's basketball," she said.

CONFIDENT 'NOLES: Florida State senior Adut Bulgak said she has never seen a lack of confidence in her team, especially when drawing off the success of last season. "It's been a building process with everything," said junior guard Leticia Romero, the former Kansas State transfer. "I think we've reached that point where we have come together."

LAST TIME: The only previous meeting was three years ago — a second-round NCAA game Baylor won 85-47 at home with All-Americans Brittney Griner and Odyssey Sims. The Lady Bears then lost to Louisville.

SEMIFINAL

From 1B

that feeling of winning six games in a row and it sort of follows a similar path to the NCAA Tournament in terms of those rhythms.

UCLA also played one of the nation's toughest schedules this season, going 14-4 in the Pac-12, which had four teams make it past the second round.

"Playing in the No. 1 RPI conference, the Pac-12, with so many great players and great teams, just being able to play against them and battle against them, it's just helped us through this whole run," guard Jordin Canada said.

Other tidbits from Saturday's game between Texas and UCLA:

FAMILIAR FOE: Texas beat UCLA last season, 75-65 in Los Angeles. But Canada doesn't believe that contest can be used as a measuring stick for Saturday's matchup.

"We were very young and inexperienced — 10 players that never played together last year," she said. "So now we have better chemistry and we have been playing really well this season."

FORMER TEAMMATES: UCLA's Jordin Canada and Texas center Imani Boyette played together for two seasons at Windward High School in Los Angeles. Canada says they haven't spoken since, but she believes knowing Boyette's game will help the Bruins on Saturday.

"Obviously, everybody makes mistakes, so it's just being able to take advantage of those moments," she said.

Boyette also played on travel teams as a youngster with UCLA's Kacy Swain and against the Bruin's Kari Korver.

"It's going to be fun, because you grow up playing against each other," she said.

ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM: Top-ranked UConn, which hasn't lost an NCAA Tournament game since falling to Notre Dame in the 2012 national semifinals is on the other side of the region's bracket.

Aston said her players believed their body of work this season should have kept them out of UConn's region.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SPURS 110
GRIZZLIES 104

SAN ANTONIO — LaMarcus Aldridge had 32 points and 12 rebounds and the San Antonio Spurs defeated the similarly short-handed Memphis Grizzlies 110-104 on Friday night to match the best home start in league history with their 37th in a row.

San Antonio's streak tied the season-opening mark set by the Chicago Bulls in 1995-96 during their record 72-victory season. The Spurs have won 46 consecutive regular-season games at home, dating to March 2015.

The Spurs won Friday despite Kawhi Leonard missing the game with a bruised right quadriceps and Danny Green, Boris Diaw and Patty Mills all sitting out for rest. The Grizzlies were without injured starters Marc Gasol, Zach Randolph, Mike Conley and three others.

Kevin Martin had a season-high 13 points with the Spurs in his first start since signing with San Antonio on March 9.

JaMychal Green had 20 points to lead Memphis, which has lost two straight.

ROCKETS 112
RAPTORS 109

HOUSTON — James Harden had his third triple-double this season with 32 points, 13 assists and 11 rebounds to help the Houston Rockets snap a three-game skid with a 112-109 win over the Toronto Raptors on Friday night.

Houston squandered a double-digit lead early but opened the fourth quarter with a big run to take control.

Patrick Patterson scored five quick points to get Toronto within 110-107 with 10.1 seconds remaining, but Trevor Ariza made two free throws after that to secure the win.

It's Toronto's second straight loss overall and its ninth loss in a row in Houston, where the Raptors haven't won since 2007.

In the last few minutes, Toronto stars DeMar DeRozan and Kyle Lowry both get ejected for arguing with the officials.

HEAT 108
MAGIC 97

MIAMI — Hassan Whiteside isn't starting. He's finishing, though, and that's far more important to the Miami Heat these days.

The imperiling free agent center was brilliant off the bench again, scoring 26 points, grabbing 12 rebounds and blocking five shots to lead the Heat past the Orlando Magic 108-97 on Friday night. He shot 10 for 15, even after missing his last four shots.

Goran Dragic scored 22 points and handed out eight assists for Miami, which is 14-1 in its last 15 games against the Magic and remained in the No. 5 spot in the Eastern Conference playoff chase. Rookie Josh Richardson scored 14 points, Amare Stoudemire had 13, Dwyane Wade finished with 11 and Luol Deng had a 10-point, 13-rebound night for the Heat.

In his last 18 games, all off the bench, Whiteside is averaging 18 points and 13.7 rebounds on 60.5 percent shooting — with 16 double-doubles in that span as well.

HAWKS 101
BUCKS 90

ATLANTA — Jeff Teague scored 12 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter and the Atlanta Hawks overcame poor 3-point shooting to beat the Milwaukee Bucks 101-90 on Friday night.

Paul Millsap had 14 points and 13 rebounds and Al Horford also had 14 points to keep the Hawks' late-season surge going. They have won seven of eight and 10 of 12 to move to third place in the Eastern Conference.

The Hawks (43-30) are a season-high 13 games over .500 and got there despite making only 5 of 32 3-pointers.

Jabari Parker led Milwaukee with 19 points. John Henson had 17 points and 10 rebounds.

Atlanta dodged Milwaukee's attempt for a sweep of the season series. The Bucks won the first two games against the Hawks in overtime, including a double-overtime win in Atlanta on Feb. 20.

With Dennis Schroder on the bench with five fouls, Teague had three straight baskets, including two three-point plays, midway through the final period. The second basket and free throw pushed the lead to 90-81.

TIMBERWOLVES 132
WIZARDS 129, 2OT

WASHINGTON — Karl-Anthony Towns scored 27 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, and the Minnesota Timberwolves dealt a blow to the Washington Wizards' playoff hopes with a 132-129 double-overtime victory Friday night.

Zach LaVine added 25 points, and Gorgui Dieng scored 18 while helping the Timberwolves to comebacks at the end of regulation and the second overtime.

Bradley Beal scored 26 points as the 10th-place Wizards fell 3 1/2 games behind Detroit for the Eastern Conference's eighth and final playoff spot.

John Wall had 22 points and a season-high tying 16 assists, and Marcin Gortat had 19 points and 14 rebounds for Washington.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL GLANCE

NCAA Schedules

MEN
EAST REGIONAL
At Wells Fargo Center
Philadelphia
Regional Semifinals
Today's Games
Notre Dame 61, Wisconsin 58
North Carolina (30-6) vs. Indiana (27-7), late
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 27
Semifinal winners
SOUTH REGIONAL
At KFC YUM! Center
Louisville, Ky.
Regional Semifinals
Thursday's Scores
Villanova 92, Miami 69
Kansas 79, Maryland 63
Regional Championship
Today's Game
Villanova (32-5) vs. Kansas (33-4), 7:49 p.m.
MIDWEST REGIONAL
At The United Center
Chicago
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 25
Virginia 84, Iowa State 71
Syracuse 60, Gonzaga 60
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 27
Virginia (29-7) vs. Syracuse-Gonzaga winner, TBA
WEST REGIONAL
At The Honda Center
Anaheim, Calif.
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 24
Oklahoma 77, Texas A&M 63
Oregon 82, Duke 69
Regional Championship
Saturday
Oklahoma (28-7) vs. Oregon (31-6), 5:09 p.m.

WOMEN
BRIDGEPORT REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At Bridgeport, Conn.
Today's Games
UConn (34-0) vs. Mississippi State (28-7), 10:30 a.m.
UCLA (29-6) vs. Tulsa (30-4), 1 p.m.
Regional Championship
Monday, March 28
Semifinal winners, TBA
DALLAS REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At Dallas
Today's Games
Baylor (35-1) vs. Florida State (25-7), 3 p.m.
DePaul (27-6) vs. Oregon State (30-4), 5:30 p.m.
Regional Championship
Monday, March 28
Semifinal winners, TBA
SIOUX FALLS REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At Sioux Falls, S.D.
Friday's Scores
Syracuse 90, South Carolina 72
Ohio State (26-7) vs. Tennessee (21-13), late
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 27
Semifinal winners, TBA
LEXINGTON REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At Lexington, Ky.
Friday's Scores
Washington 85, Kentucky 72
Notre Dame (33-1) vs. Stanford (26-7), late
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 27
Semifinal winners, TBA

MIT
Wednesday's Scores
George Washington 82, Florida 77
San Diego State 72, Georgia Tech 58
Semifinals
At Madison Square Garden
New York
Tuesday, March 29
Valparaiso (29-6) vs. BYU (26-10), 6 p.m.
George Washington (26-10) vs. San Diego State (28-9), 8:30 p.m.
Championship
Thursday, March 31
Semifinal winners, 6 p.m.

WNIT
Quarterfinals
Sunday's Game
Saint Louis-Western Kentucky winner at South Dakota (29-6), 7 p.m.
Monday, March 28
Hofstra (25-6) at Florida Gulf Coast (31-5), 6 p.m.
Temple (23-11) at Michigan (20-13), 6 p.m.
Oregon (23-10) at UTEP (29-4), 8 p.m.

NCAA Division II
MEN
Thursday's Scores
Lincoln Memorial 103, West Liberty 100
Augustana (S.D.) 74, Western Oregon 55
Championship
Saturday, March 26
Lincoln Memorial vs. Augustana (S.D.), 2 p.m.
WOMEN
Semifinals
Wednesday's Scores
Lubbock Christian 67, Bentley 57
Alaska Anchorage 67, Grand Valley State 47
Championship
At Indianapolis
Monday, April 4
Lubbock Christian vs. Alaska Anchorage, 2 p.m.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Toronto	48	23	.676	—
Boston	42	30	.583	6½
New York	30	42	.417	19
Brooklyn	20	51	.282	28
Philadelphia	9	63	.125	39½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	43	30	.589	—
Miami	42	30	.583	½
Charlotte	41	31	.569	1½
Washington	35	37	.486	7½
Orlando	29	43	.403	13½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Cleveland	51	21	.708	—
Indiana	38	33	.535	12½
Detroit	38	34	.528	13
Chicago	38	35	.507	14½
Milwaukee	30	43	.411	21½

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-San Antonio	61	11	.847	—
Memphis	41	32	.562	20½
Houston	38	37	.493	25½
Dallas	35	36	.493	25½
Nca Orleans	28	45	.389	34½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Oklahoma City	50	22	.694	—
Portland	37	36	.507	13½
Utah	35	37	.486	15
Denver	30	42	.417	20
Minnesota	24	48	.333	26

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Golden State	64	7	.901	—
L.A. Clippers	44	27	.620	20
Sacramento	27	44	.380	37
Phoenix	20	51	.282	44
L.A. Lakers	15	56	.211	49

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Scores and schedule

Friday's Scores
Minnesota 132, Washington 129,2OT
Detroit 112, Charlotte 105
Houston 112, Toronto 109
Miami 108, Orlando 97
Atlanta 101, Milwaukee 90
San Antonio 110, Memphis 104
Phoenix at Sacramento, late
Dallas at Golden State, late
Denver at L.A. Lakers, late
Today's Games
Indiana at Brooklyn, 5 p.m.
Toronto at New Orleans, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Cleveland at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Utah at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Philadelphia at Portland, 9 p.m.



Associated Press

Colombia's Juan Quintero celebrates after scoring from the penalty spot against the United States during a U-23 first leg soccer match qualifier for the 2016 Rio Olympics at the Roberto Melendez Stadium in Barranquilla, Colombia, on Friday.

US ties Colombia 1-1 on Gil goal in Olympic playoff 1st leg

Associated Press

Luis Gil scored in the fifth minute, and the United States held on for a 1-1 tie against Colombia at Barranquilla on Friday in the opener of a two-leg playoff for the final berth in this year's men's Olympic soccer tournament.

In the matchup of under-23 teams, Colombia had 76 percent possession in the first half but didn't break through until Juan Quintero tied it with a penalty kick in the 68th.

The second leg of the total-goals series is Tuesday at Frisco. The U.S. is in danger of failing to qualify for consecutive Olympics for the first time since 1960-68; it was forced into the playoff by losing to Honduras last October in the semifinal round of regional qualifying in North and Central America and the Caribbean.

Ethan Horvath, the starting American goalkeeper, was replaced by Cropper in the 45th minute, about eight minutes after Horvath cleared the ball with a header just outside the penalty area and collided with Andres Renteria. Cropper was down for an extended period, remained in the game for a short stretch, then came out.

It was 91 degrees with 60 percent humidly when the game kicked off in late afternoon, and the Americans wore predominantly black uniforms in the heat.

Gil took a pass from Will Trapp and played the ball to Mario Rodriguez, who dribbled to the end line. Rodriguez muscled off Davinson Sanchez and cut the ball back to Gil, who scored with a right-footed shot from just past the penalty area.

Colombia pinned the U.S. in its own half for much of the game, and the Americans threatened primarily with counterattacks. Jordan Morris, playing with the under-23s rather than joining the national team for Friday's World Cup qualifier at Guatemala, hit the crossbar with a long-range attempt in the 64th minute.

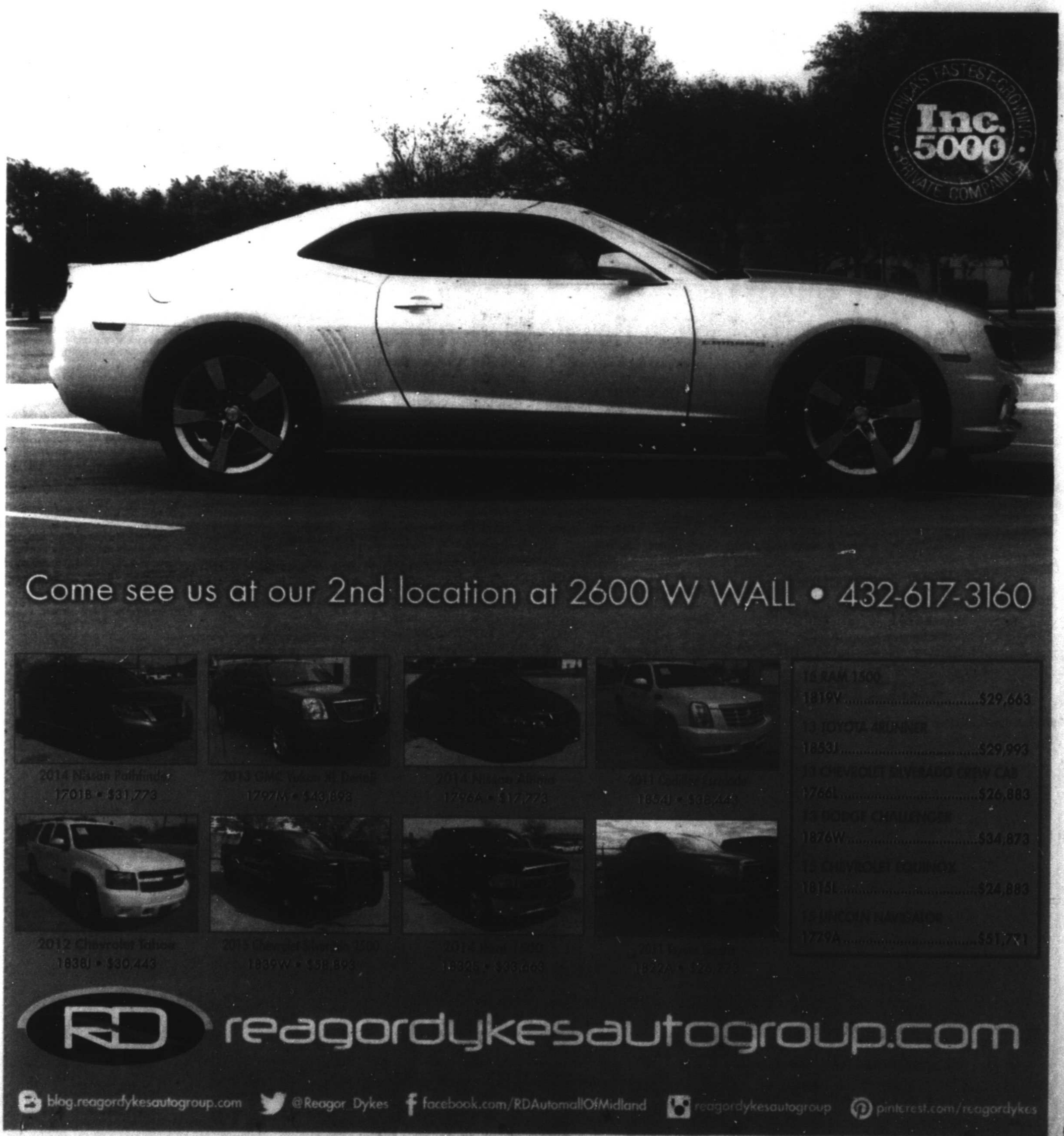
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McIlroy, Day advance in different manners at Match Play

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press



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Jason Day, of Australia, watches his tee shot on the third hole during round-robin play against Paul Casey at the Dell Match Play Championship golf tournament at Austin County Club on Friday in Austin.

AUSTIN — Rory McIlroy had to go 20 holes. Jason Day only played six. Both advanced Friday to the round of 16 in the Dell Match Play that is loaded with Americans and a Texan who feels right at home.

Jordan Spieth got off to another quick start and sailed into the round of 16 with a 3-and-2 victory over Justin Thomas. The No. 1 player in the world also is the top crowd pleaser at Austin Country Club, where he used to qualify for matches during his brief time wearing the burnt orange of the Texas Longhorns.

The rest of the so-called "Big Three" joined him, even if Day and McIlroy reached the knockout stage in a different manner.

Day was all square in his match when Paul Casey withdrew because of a stomach illness that has been bothering him the last two days. Day was likely to advance, anyway, but the short day at least allowed him extra rest for his back and for the weekend ahead.

Day has played only 31 holes in three days.

"If I can make it all the way through Sunday, that means I'm playing 72 holes on the weekend, which is a lot of golf," Day said.

McIlroy was in one of the four winner-take-all matches between undefeated players in their groups, and it was struggle from the start against Kevin Na. McIlroy, the defending champion, didn't take the lead until the 15th hole, gave it right back and both missed birdie putt on 18 to halve their match.

It ended on No. 2, the second extra hole, when Na hooked his tee shot into a hazard and McIlroy holed a 6-foot putt for the win. He now has 10 straight matches dating to his victory last year at Harding Park in San Francisco.

"I was dying after 10 holes, but I knew I'd played the back nine well," McIlroy said. "It is a sign of relief. It's nice to get to the weekend."

What felt like a marathon over three days now turns into a two-day race to the finish, with two sessions on Saturday and Sunday of single elimination. The round of 16 features 11 Americans, the most since there were 12 out of 16 in 2002.

Phil Mickelson also had a short day and was headed home. Patrick Reed holed out for an eagle on No. 10 to go 7 up, and Mickelson did well to get to the 14th hole before Reed closed him out, 5 and 4. Reed has never trailed in any match all week.

McIlroy, Dustin Johnson, Chris Kirk and Byeong-Hun An all had to go extra holes.

Kirk and Branden Grace had an easy time winning their matches to finish 2-1 in their group. In a peculiar decision this year, players had to wait until everyone was on the course before the playoff. They were the first match and had to wait nearly three hours to start the playoff. It didn't last long, as Grace went from a fairway bunker, over the green, and made bogey.

An, who won the BMW PGA Championship at Wentworth last year, lost a chance to win his group when Rickie Fowler birdied the last hole to halve the match. That sent An into a playoff with Scott Piercy, who won the 18th hole to beat Jason Dufner. An hit his approach to 4 feet on the first playoff hole to advance.

Johnson beat Jimmy Walker for the second straight year, then had to birdie the opening hole to win a playoff over Kiradech Aphibarnrat of Thailand.

Motoring right along was Zach Johnson, who has been the most dominant player this week in Austin. Johnson finally played the last three holes — but only for practice. He had an easy time against Shane Lowry, who was eliminated regardless of the outcome, and beat him, 4 and 3.

Johnson has played only 42 holes in three matches, all ending at the 15th or earlier.

"My scorecard, or whatever you want to call it, speaks for itself," Johnson said. "With the exception of the first hole yesterday, I've never been down in a match. I'm not going to take this for granted. It's not going to be easy no matter who my opponent is tomorrow and the rest of the weekend, hopefully. But I'm seeing my shots, my execution is there. I think I'm picking out good targets and I've obviously putting pretty well."

MATCH PLAY RESULTS

At Austin Country Club
Austin
Yardage: 7,703. Par: 71
Third round
Friday
(Seedings in parentheses)

Branden Grace (11), South Africa, def. Russell Knox (32), Scotland, 5 and 4.
Chris Kirk (54), United States, def. David Lingmerth (38), 3 and 2.
Bill Haas (30), United States, def. Adam Scott (6), Australia, 1 up.
Thomas Pieters (55), Belgium, def. Chris Wood (41), England, 3 and 2.
Zach Johnson (14), United States, def. Shane Lowry (24), Ireland, 4 and 3.
Martin Kaymer (44), Germany, def. Marcus Fraser (60), Australia, 4 and 3.
Rory McIlroy (3), Northern Ireland, halved with Kevin Na (26), United States.
Thorbjorn Olesen (64), Denmark, def. Smylie Kaufman (46), United States, 2 and 1.
Danny Willett (10), England, def. Brooks Koepka (18), United States, 4 and 3.
Jaco Van Zyl (50), South Africa, def. Billy Horschel (40), United States, 2 and 1.
Matt Kuchar (28), United States, def. Justin Rose (7), England, 3 and 2.
Anirban Lahiri (48), India, def. Fabian Gomez (57), Argentina, 4 and 2.
Brandt Snedeker (15), United States, def. Charl Schwartzel (19), South Africa, 5 and 3.
Charley Hoffman (56), United States, def. Danny Lee (54), New Zealand, 4 and 2.
Jason Day (2), Australia, def. Paul Casey (23), England, 6 holes (retired).
Thongchai Jaidee (36), Thailand, halved with Graeme McDowell (62), Northern Ireland.
Hideki Matsuyama (12), Japan, def. Kevin Kisner (20), United States, 3 and 2.
Soren Kjeldsen (43), Denmark, halved with. Rafa Cabrera-Bello (52), Spain.
Rickie Fowler (5) halved with Byeong-Hun An (27), South Korea.
Scott Piercy (47), United States, def. Jason Dufner (58), United States, 1 up.
Sergio Garcia (13), Spain, def. Marc Leishman (25), Australia, 5 and 4.
Ryan Moore (45), United States, def. Lee Westwood (59), England, 3 and 1.
J.B. Holmes (21), United States, def. Bubba Watson (4), United States, 1 up.
Patton Kizzire (63), United States, def. Emiliano Grillo (33), Argentina, 2 up.
Patrick Reed (9), United States, def. Phil Mickelson (17), United States, 5 and 4.
Matthew Fitzpatrick (42), England, def. Daniel Berger (53), United States, (forfeit)
Dustin Johnson (8), United States, def. Jimmy Walker (22), United States, 2 and 1.
Kiradech Aphibarnrat (37), Thailand, def. Robert Streb (49), United States, 1 up.
Louis Oosthuizen (16), South Africa, def. Andy Sullivan (29), England, 4 and 2.
Bernd Wiesberger (35), Austria, halved with Matt Jones (61), Australia.
Jordan Spieth (1), United States, def. Justin Thomas (31), United States, 3 and 2.
Jamie Donaldson (51), Wales, vs. Victor Dubuisson (39), France, 1 up.

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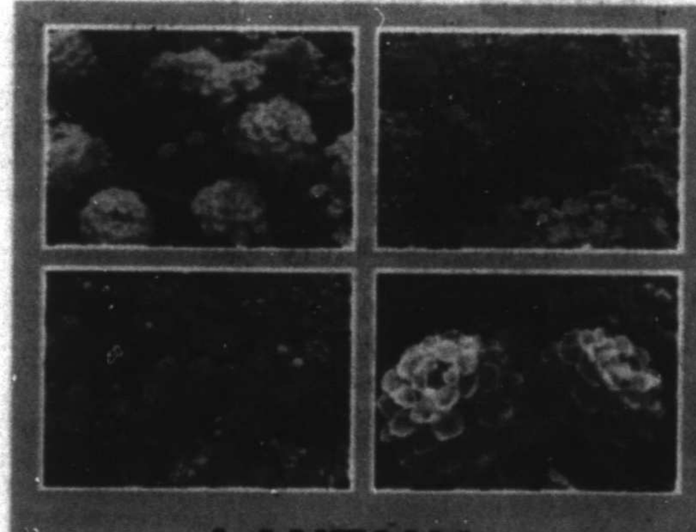
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After a step forward on concussions, NFL steps back

JIM LITKE
Associated Press

Few things better sum up the NFL's self-serving past efforts on concussion research than a scene from the movie "Thank You for Smoking."

Tobacco industry spokesman Nick Naylor — played by actor Aaron Eckhart — is talking to a class of kids when one says:

"My mommy says smoking kills."

"Oh, is your mommy a doctor?" Naylor asks.

"No," the child replies.

"A scientific researcher of some kind?"

"No."

"Well, then," Naylor concludes, "she's hardly a credible expert, is she?"

Just when you thought the NFL was done playing those kind of games — voila! — along comes yet another.

Last week, it took a big step forward when Jeff Miller, the league's senior vice president for health and safety, finally acknowledged during a congressional round-table that the league believes there is a link between concussions and CTE, something scientists have believed for years.

But this week the NFL took a big step back, getting into a debate with the New York Times over concussion research stretching back two decades that the newspaper's investigation concluded was "far more flawed than previously known." After watching the back-and-forth, you can't help feel that if the NFL was as diligent about the original research as it has been in pushing back, this would never have been a problem in the first place.

The newspaper reported this week that the same committee formed by the NFL to look at concussions in the wake of several high-profile retirements two decades ago used erroneous methods to calculate concussion rates, then published those in research papers and "stood by" those papers for the past 13 years. Specifically, the committee omitted more than 100 diagnosed concussions during the reporting period 1996-2001, including some suffered by its biggest stars like quarterbacks Troy Aikman and Steve Young, the newspaper said.

"If somebody made a human error or somebody assumed the data was absolutely correct and didn't question it, well, we screwed up," Dr. Joseph Waeckerle told the Times.

Waeckerle also said he was unaware of the omissions. But, he added, "If we found it wasn't accurate and still used it, that's not a screw-up; that's a lie."

Ignoring the old adage about "Never pick a fight with someone who buys ink by the barrel," the NFL's response consumed almost as much space as the Times story.

The league's statement Thursday ran over 1,000 words, slammed the newspaper for "ignoring" more than 50 pages of information it provided "demonstrating the facts," and zeroed in on six specific complaints. What apparently chafed the NFL's PR machine most was the newspaper noting that, "Some retired players have likened the NFL's handling of its health crisis to that of the tobacco industry ... "

In all, five of the NFL's six complaints dealt with what the Times characterized as "a long relationship between two businesses with little in common beyond the health risks associated with their products. ... Still, the records show that the two businesses shared lobbyists, lawyers and consultants. Personal correspondence underscored their friendships, including dinner invitations and a request for lobbying advice."

An NFL lawyer told the newspaper in a letter that "it had no connection to the tobacco industry."

Read the Times story here and the NFL statement here and decide for yourself.

Those who've tracked the NFL's past assertions on concussion-related issues may find some of its current arguments hard to swallow. A personal favorite is the league's contention that it hired Dorothy C. Mitchell, who wound up providing legal oversight to the concussion committee that issued the research papers, without any knowledge of her work on behalf of Big Tobacco.

It's possible, to be sure. Mitchell previously was an associate at the law firm Covington & Burling, which did plenty of work for the NFL. She'd also handled employment disputes for the league before moving over to the concussion committee.

What sounds implausible though, considering that Mitchell's defense of the Tobacco Institute, the industry trade group, was a highlight in her legal career up to that point, was the NFL saying that those who hired and supervised her knew none of that "until they learned of this proposed story."

Case closed.



AP file photo

In 2007, American League's Alex Rodriguez, right, talks with the Barry Bonds during the All-Star Home Run Baseball Derby in San Francisco.

A-Rod now 75 home runs from matching Bonds' career record

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Alex Rodriguez plants his right foot in the batter's box, takes a swing, steps in and taps the plate. His name is announced, and fans respond with 7 seconds of applause.

After two years as a scoundrel, he's once again a star in the minds of many New York Yankees fans.

One year after his return from a drug suspension, A-Rod is approaching the home run marks of Babe Ruth, Hank Aaron and Barry Bonds. He hit 33 last year, his most since 2010, and enters this season with 687, just 75 from matching Bonds' record.

"I know he gets there in three years," Yankees great Reggie Jackson said. "I think it would be shocking if he got there in two."

A-Rod says he plans to retire after the 2017 season. But he also says he could change his mind. Surpassing Bonds could be too alluring.

Last spring, Rodriguez's name was absent from items in the Yankees' gift shops as the team prepared to fight over a $6 million marketing payment triggered by his 660th home run — matching Willie Mays' total. This March, blue Rodriguez batting practice jerseys that cost $129.95 sold out at Steinbrenner Field, and team doesn't appear to anticipate a dispute if A-Rod reaches the next payment level for matching Ruth at 714.

Rodriguez turns 41 this July and in the post-steroids era already is at an age where feet and bats slow, where balls that once soared over walls are caught on the warning track. His hairline has started to recede and he keeps his locks trimmed, limiting hints of gray to a minimum.

As much as he tries to concentrate on the next game, the next at-bat and the next pitch, the big picture infiltrates his thoughts, like water starting to trickle through cracks in a dam.

"There are things you just can't help to think about. Obviously, they're there. They're big numbers," he said. "But the goal for me this year is exactly what it was last year: come out, work really hard, be in good shape, better be productive in the middle of the lineup and try to help us win games. And whatever the numbers add up to, they add up to."

History suggests he might fall short of Bonds' 762.

Bonds holds the record for most home runs after turning 40 with 79 — Rodriguez already has 10 since the big birthday last July 27. The mark for most in a season who already was 40 on opening day is 29, shared by Ted Williams and Raul Ibanez.

"Of course, I'm sure it's in his head," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "You hope that it doesn't weigh heavily, and that he's able just to go out and relax and play."

Rest and relaxation.

Shifted from third base to designated hitter, Rodriguez spent just 11 innings in the field last season. He played in 151 games, his highest total since 2007. Before the suspension, he had gone on the disabled list six times in six years for a string of ailments that included operations on both hips, one knee surgery, a strained calf and a broken hand.

Still, Rodriguez tailed off in the last two months of the season, like a leaf shriveling in the summer heat and falling to ground at the first hint of autumn cool. After homering off the Texas Rangers' Matt Harrison for his sixth birthday homer, he ended his first night as a 40-year-old with a .276 batting average, 24 homers and 59 RBIs. A-Rod hit .208 with nine homers and 27 RBIs the rest of the season.

"I think it's easier this year, just because we both kind of know the rigors of his job and what he needs," Girardi said. "When he gets out of his legs, you know it's maybe a time to give him one day off or two days off."

Rodriguez got to heal while sitting out the 2014 season, an enforced absence inflicted by then-Commissioner Bud Selig for violations of baseball's drug agreement and labor contract. When A-Rod returned last spring training, he went out of his way to act humbly and speak contritely, offering milquetoast responses that sounded as if refined in focus groups to remove any trace of ego or controversy.

He became an elder statesman on a middling Yankees team that limped into the playoffs and was eliminated by Houston in the AL wild-card game. Young players seeking advice gravitated to him in the clubhouse, inquiring in both English and Spanish.

Rodriguez was affable as a guest analyst on Fox during last year's playoffs. But whether on television or not, A-Rod won't say whether he thinks Aaron's 755 or Bonds' 762 are within reach. When he responds to questions, Rodriguez delays before starting his reply, as if to filter out many of his thoughts.

A popular Nadal tries again at Miami Open

Associated Press

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Rafael Nadal says his return to the Miami Open brings back mostly good memories, even though he's 0-4 in finals.

Nadal enters the event for the 11th time Saturday, when he plays his opening match against Damir Dzumhur. The 14-time Grand Slam champion is seeded only fifth and hasn't claimed a title since August. But he has won 35 matches at Key Biscayne and is liable to hang around until next weekend, which would delight South Florida's many Spanish-speaking fans.

"I think I played well in my career here, no?" Nadal said Thursday. "It's a positive tournament for me. Only negative thing is I finally never win it. But the feeling, the atmosphere here is great. I enjoy being here. The fans here are amazing with me, so just enjoy."

Another fan favorite, Roger Federer, was forced to postpone his return from knee surgery because of a stomach virus. Federer was scheduled to play Friday for the first time in nearly two months, but he withdrew shortly before the match because of the illness.

"I feel bad for the tournament and the fans, as I have rarely ever had to withdraw at such short notice," Federer said in a statement. "I have not felt great for a few days, and unfortunately it got worse in the last 24 hours."

Federer has been sidelined since undergoing arthroscopic surgery Feb. 3 for torn cartilage in his left knee.

"It's obvious that a tournament with Roger is always better," Nadal said. "It's good that it's a stomach problem and at the same time it is not the knee, so it's not a big deal. But it's obvious that it's terrible news for the tournament."

Federer's return will now likely be on clay next month at Monte Carlo. He was replaced in the Key Biscayne draw by lucky loser Horacio Zeballos, who defeated Juan Martin del Potro 6-4, 6-4.

GIRLS

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Then in the second half, Lamar took control.

The Lady Vikings scored on the third of three consecutive corner kicks in the 49th minute and then extended their lead to 3-1 on a breakaway goal by Jordan Michie just four minutes later.

All season, Lamar has been a dangerous quick-strike offense with plenty of firepower, as it scored 52 goals in its 14 district 4-6A matches. Michie said her team's decisive and accurate passing was the key to pulling ahead against MHS.

"It definitely played a role," Michie, a freshman, said. "We connected our passes really well and we had talked about that before the game. We talked about working well as a team. We've been working on it a lot in practice and we showed it out on the field today."

But the Lady Bulldogs refused to fold so easily with their season at stake.

In the 68th minute, Adrienne Almodova sliced Lamar's lead in half, as she nailed a free kick into the wind from 25 yards out. And then in a last gasp for the Lady Bulldogs, Claudia Fricker chipped in the tying goal in the 79th minute — assisted by Houston —to send the match to overtime.

There was even more drama in the second overtime period. After Lamar grabbed a 4-3 lead on another goal by Michie, Houston tallied her second goal of the match on a header courtesy of a bouncing throw-in from Hayden Burdsal with two minutes left in the period.

Michie said the way the Lady Bulldogs continued to fight back was an extremely frustrating feeling for her and her team. She said they just couldn't put MHS away.

"It was so frustrating," said Michie, who scored two goals in the win. "They really wanted it. We both really wanted it. It was really obvious how badly both teams wanted it. We both came out to play."

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his aggressiveness and the maturity that he's had over the year. He brings a great excitement to the team and stability to the team. (I) Can't say enough about Pedro."

Vasquez eventually scored the dagger goal in the 74th minute to send MHS into the area round.

Vasquez said after last season's disappointing defeat against El Paso Eastwood in the area round, it's a nice feeling for he and his teammates to take a strong step forward in this year's playoffs.

"It's something that will really get the guys fired up and ready for the next game."

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MLB SPRING TRAINING GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Toronto	15	4	.789
Houston	14	8	.636
Los Angeles	13	8	.619
Detroit	14	9	.609
Texas	14	10	.583
Minnesota	13	10	.565
Chicago	12	10	.545
Cleveland	11	11	.500
Seattle	12	12	.500
Tampa Bay	10	10	.500
Oakland	10	11	.476
Boston	11	13	.458
New York	9	12	.429
Kansas City	11	16	.407
Baltimore	7	14	.333

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Arizona	20	4	.833
Washington	15	4	.789
Philadelphia	14	7	.667
Colorado	11	9	.550
Milwaukee	12	10	.545
Los Angeles	10	10	.500
St. Louis	8	11	.421
Miami	8	12	.400
San Francisco	10	15	.400
Cincinnati	9	15	.375
New York	7	13	.350
Chicago	8	15	.348
San Diego	7	14	.333
Pittsburgh	7	15	.318
Atlanta	6	16	.273

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Scores and schedule

Friday's Scores

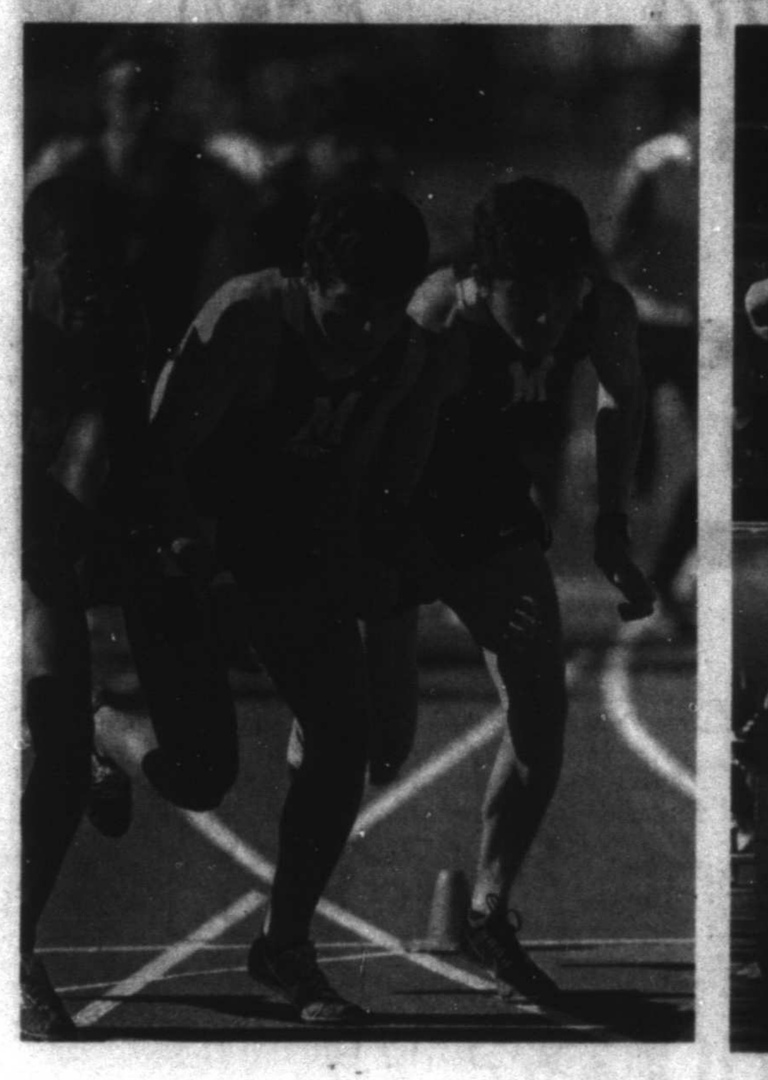
Baltimore 11, N.Y. Yankees 10, 10 innings
Atlanta (ss) 1, Houston 1, tie, 7 innings
Minnesota 6, Tampa Bay 1
Atlanta (ss) vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., ccd., Rain
N.Y. Mets 8, St. Louis 5, 5th
San Francisco (ss) 8, Kansas City 5
Colorado 7, Cincinnati 6
L.A. Angels 11, Oakland 3
Milwaukee 5, Chicago Cubs 4
Arizona 7, Cleveland 5
Seattle 5, Chicago White Sox 4, 10 innings
Boston 6, Pittsburgh 3
Philadelphia 4, Toronto 4, tie
Washington vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., ccd., rain
San Diego vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., late
San Francisco (ss) vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., late

Today's Games

Detroit vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (ss) vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Washington vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Boston vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 12:07 p.m.
Cincinnati (ss) vs. Chicago White Sox (ss) at Glendale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Cincinnati (ss) at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Arizona vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
Oakland vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (ss) vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
Texas vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
San Diego (ss) vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay vs. Pittsburgh (ss) at Bradenton, Fla., 5:05 p.m.
Miami vs. Houston (ss) at Kissimmee, Fla., 5:05 p.m.
Houston (ss) vs. San Diego (ss) at Mesa City, 6:00 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (ss) vs. L.A. Dodgers (ss) at Glendale, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.

BIG DAY FOR TRACK ATHLETES







CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Lee's Dustin Hunt competes in the 110-meter hurdles during the Tall City Invitational track and field meet on Thursday at Memorial Stadium. Midland High's Jack Youngblood competes with Lee's Denim Rogers in the 110-meter hurdles. Midland High 800 meter runners from left, Jaylen Tryon, Cade Michael, and Bryce Hoppel take off from the start

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TALL CITY INVITATIONAL RESULTS

Tall City Invitational Track Meet
At Memorial Stadium
Thursday
Boys
Division I

Team standings: 1. Midland High 155; 2. Odessa Permian 110; 3. Lee 71; 4. Abilene Cooper 58.50; 5. Lubbock Coronado 54; 6. Odessa High 40; 7. Lubbock Monterey 32; 8. Plainview 29; 9. San Angelo Central 23.50; 10. Lubbock Cooper 22; 11. Wolfforth Frenship 18; 12. Lubbock High 7

100 - 1. McLane Mannix, MHS, 11.13; 2. Noah Marquez, MHS, 11.16; 3. Toddrick Robinson, Permian, 11.21; 4. Jax Welch, Permian, 11.29; 5. Dexter Nebolt, Permian, 11.34; 6. Adrayll Burnett, Lee, 11.44

200 - 1. Kobe Robinson, Permian 22.61; 2. Isaiah Terrell, Lee, 22.74; 3. Shadricke Taylor, Lubbock Monterey, 22.84; 4. Jaime Garza, Permian, 23.28; 5. Kobis McCallister, MHS, 23.64; 6. Trent Ward, Lubbock Monterey, 23.84

800 - 1. Bryce Hoppel, MHS, 1.53.79; 2. Gregory Nelson, Permian, 1.56.88; 3. Jr. Bejarando, Odessa High, 1.59.02; 4. Sergio Lara, Plainview, 2.01.2; 5. Jacob Brookfield, Lubbock High, 2.03.44; 6. Timothy Wimberly, Odessa High, 2.03.64

1,600 - 1. Bryce Hoppel, MHS, 4.26.67; 2. Chad Schmidt, MHS, 4.32.09; 3. Jr. Bejarano, Odessa High, 4.33.62; 4. Ruben Guerra, MHS, 4.35.91; 5. Sergio Lara, Plainview, 4.35.84; 6. K.C. Hart, Lubbock Cooper, 4.40.81

3,200 - 1. Chad Schmidt, MHS, 10.07.5; 2. Ruben Guerra, MHS, 10.10.3; 3. Aaron Romero, Odessa High, 10.13.0; 4. Cade Michael, MHS, 10.17.3; 5. K.C. Hart, Lubbock Cooper, 10.22.9; 6. Cristian Esquivel, SA Central, 10.31.4

110 hurdles - 1. Aaron Anderson, Abilene Cooper, 14.55; 2. Jack Youngblood, MHS, 15.33; 3. John Pesina, Odessa High, 15.39; 4. John David Hesdrick, Lubbock Cooper, 15.67; 5. Christopher Meachem, Lubbock High, 15.69; 6. Jordan Lacy, Lubbock Monterey, 15.70

300 hurdles - 1. Aaron Anderson, Abilene Cooper, 38.94; 2. Denim Rogers, Lee, 39.35; 3. Jordan Lacy, Lubbock Monterey, 40.87; 4. Brenson Smith, Lubbock Cvanolleb, 41.05; 5. Christopher Meachem, Lubbock High, 41.15; 6. Damien Hernandez, Odessa High, 41.47

400 relay - 1. Permian 42.30; 2. MHS (Kobis McCallister, McLane Mannix, Jaiden Bowers, Noarl Marquez) 42.66; 3. Lee (Conner Friet, Isaiah Terrell, Adreyll Burnett, Isaiah Harvey) 43.00; 4. Frenship 43.10; 5. Lubbock Monterey 43.11; 6. Lubbock Cooper 43.51

800 relay - 1. Odessa Permian 1.29.10; 2. MHS (Kobis McCallister, McLane Mannix, Noah Marquez, Julsion Bowers) 1.29.38; 3. Lee (Conner Friet, Denim Rogers, Avery Akbar, Isaiah Terrell) 1.30.17; 4. Lubbock Monterey 1.31.23; 5. Lubbock Coronado 1.31.36; 6. Lubbock Cooper 1.32.40

1,600 relay - 1. MHS (Jayten Tryon, Julsion Bowers, Cade Michael, Bryce Hoppel) 3.26.85; 2. Abilene Cooper 3.31.93; 3. San Angelo Central 3.31.98; 4. Odessa High 3.33.84; 5. Plainview 3.35.28; 6. Odessa Permian 3.37.54

High jump - 1. Tyvahi Hopse, Abilene Cooper, 6-4; 2. Dorrin Rogers, Lee, 6-4; 3. Jordan Lacy, Lubbock Monterey, 6-2; 4. Bryson Doherty, Plainview, 6-2; 5. Andrew Binnacher, Lubbock Cooper, 6-0; 6. Collin McDaniel, SA Central, 6-0

Long jump - 1. Dexter Nebolt, Permian, 21-6.2; Dorrin Rogers, Lee, 20-8.50; 3. Tyvahi Hopse, Abilene Cooper, 20-6.75; 4. Garret Jenkins, Lubbock Cooper, 20-6.50; 5. Josh Moore, Lubbock Cooper, 20-5.50; 6. Jaden Castles, SA Central, 19-4

Triple jump - 1. Dexter Nebolt, Permian, 49-0.25; 2. Ronald Avest, Frenship, 48-4; 3. Jarrod Compton, Lubbock Coronado, 45-6.50; 4. Ethan Thomas, Lubbock Coronado, 45-3.5; Michael Houston, Lubbock Coronado, 45-3; 6. Kersheen Whitaker, Permian, 41-3

Pole vault - 1. Raja Pelote, Lubbock Coronado, 14-6; 2. Hayden Hensley, Lubbock Coronado, 14-0; 3. Albert Gaedes, MHS, 13-0; 4. Ryan Giddens, MHS, 13-0; 5. Michael Shubert, Abilene Cooper, 12-6; 6. Beau Lasseter, SA Central, 12-6

Discus - 1. Jesus Chivirias, Permian, 152-0; 2. Michael Marsh, Lee, 149-7; 3. Chase Reed, Lubbock Coronado, 149-1; 4. Ray Ramirez, Permian, 145-6; 5. Dillon Springer, MHS, 145-5; 6. Tyus Johnson, Lubbock High, 141-11

Shot put - 1. Elmore Stricklen, Lubbock Coronado, 48-7.50; 2. Cameron Cross, SA Central, 48-5; 3. Michael Marsh, Lee, 46-2; 4. Jesus Chivirias, Permian, 46-1; 5. Alexander Zavala, Lubbock Cooper, 47-0; 6. Payton Helling, MHS, 46-0

Division II

Team standings: 1. Big Spring 190; 2. Abilene Wylie 153; 3. Andrews 105; 4. Sweetwater 85; 5. Snyder 55; 6. Lubbock Estacado 49

100 - 1. Zachery Deere, Snyder, 11.12; 2. Jonathon Gonzalez, Big Spring, 11.28; 3. Andrew Mabonso, Sweetwater, 11.42; 4. Jeremy Ayers, Abilene Wylie, 11.44; 5. Alec Espinoza, Big Spring, 11.84; 6. Noah York-Lang, Abilene Wylie, 11.70

200 - 1. Cody Calhoun, Abilene Wylie, 23.72; 2. Alec Espinoza, Big Spring, 24.04; 3. Aaron Martinez, Big Spring, 24.21; 4. Michael Green, Sweetwater, 24.23; 5. Adrian Gallegos, Andrews, 24.36; 6. Brandon Diaz, Snyder, 24.37

800 - 1. Ian Gonzales, Big Spring, 1.57.7; 2. Evan Reyes, Abilene Wylie, 2.00.7; 3. Jeremy Cervantes, Big Spring, 2.00.9; 4. Lorenzo Jones, Big Spring, 2.03.5; 5. Oliver Morales, Lubbock Estacado, 2.05.7; 6. Gustavo Vega, Andrews, 2.08.3

1,600 - 1. Jeremy Cervantes, Big Spring, 4.44.49; 2. Alvaro Hernandez, Andrews, 4.47.03; 3. Cooper Miller, Big Spring, 4.47.17; 4. Eric Stinson, Big Spring, 4.52.15; 5. Gustavo Vega, Andrews, 4.54.48; 6. Toby Kirk, Andrews, 5.05.26

3,200 - 1. Alvaro Hernandez, Andrews, 10.16.6; 2. Jackson Pinnow, Trinity, 10.17.1; 3. Cooper Miller, Big Spring, 10.20.0; 4. Eric Stinson, Big Spring, 10.47.1; 5. Toby Kirk, Andrews, 11.04.9; 6. Jon Michael Hernandez, Abilene Wylie, 11.25.8

300 hurdles - 1. Kyle Kelley, Andrews, 41.80; 2. Jeremiah Rushin, Big Spring, 41.91; 3. Anthony Torres, Snyder, 42.31; 4. Kyler Christian, Abilene Wylie, 42.45; 5. Beau Nemitz, Andrews, 42.57; 6. Daniel Luna, Big Spring, 42.80

400 relay - 1. Big Spring (Daniel Luna, Jonathan Gonzalez, Alec Espinoza, Leon Mathews) 43.60; 2. Abilene Wylie 43.61; 3. Lubbock Estacado 43.86; 4. Sweetwater 44.47; 5. Andrews (Adrian Gallegos, Oscar Bueno, Michael Jimenez, Keegan Thompson) 44.96; 6. Snyder 45.28

800 relay - 1. Big Spring (Rone Vils, Jeremiah Rushin, Daniel Luna, Leon Mathews) 1.30.38; 2. Lubbock Estacado 1.32.28; 3. Sweetwater 1.32.96; 4. Abilene Wylie 1.33.26; 5. Andrews (Michael Jimenez, Kyle Kelley, Adrian Gallegos, Keegan Thompson) 1.33.30; 6. Snyder 1.33.33

1,600 relay - 1. Big Spring (Aaron Martinez, Leon Mathews, Lorenzo Jones, Ian Gonzales) 3.24.72; 2. Andrews (Cris Gonzalez, Marcus Hernandez, Beau Nemitt, Mario Garcia) 3.36.13; 3. Abilene Wylie 3.36.13; 4. Snyder 3.42.77; 5. Sweetwater 3.52.05

Long jump - 1. Kyler Christian, Abilene Wylie, 21-0; 2. Xzavier White, Lubbock Estacado, 20-1.25; 3. Isaac Jackson, Lubbock Estacado, 20-1.25; 4. Deshaun Williams, Sweetwater, 20-0.75; 5. Lorenzo Jones, Big Spring, 19-11.50; 6. Kyle Kelley, Andrews, 19-10.50

High jump - 1. Deshaun Williams, Sweetwater, 6-0; 2. Chase Williams, Big Spring, 6-0; 3. Michael Green, Sweetwater, 5-10; 4. Jacoybe Bracy, Lubbock Estacado, 5-8; 5. Hayden Kaidi, Abilene Wylie, 5-8; 6. Kyler Christian, Abilene Wylie, 5-8

Triple jump - 1. Kyle Kelley, Andrews, 41-4.50; 2. Jeremiah Rushin, Big Spring, 41-2.75; 3. Keegan Thompson, Andrews, 40-11.50; 4. Lorenzo Jones, Big Spring, 40-5.0; 5. Josiah Light, Abilene Wylie, 39-11.25; 6. Toney Kelley, Andrews, 39-0.50

Pole vault - 1. Colton House, Abilene Wylie, 15-3; 2. Kebron Wills, Snyder, 13-6; 3. Justin Lanham, Abilene Wylie 11-6; 4. Cooper Miller, Big Spring, 10-6

Shot put - 1. Braden Darrow, Abilene Wylie, 51-5.25; 2. Jake Taylor, Abilene Wylie, 46-6.50; 3. Kade Parmalli, Abilene Wylie, 46-0.75; 4. Sebastian Lopez, Andrews, 46-0; 5. Nathan Schneider, Big Spring, 44-7.25; 6. Ethan Axam, Andrews, 44-0

Discus - 1. Braden Darrow, Abilene Wylie, 141-0.2; Jake Taylor, Abilene Wylie, 130-5; 3. Esteban Lopez, Andrews, 137-3; 4. Jack Clinton, Abilene Wylie, 131-5; 5. Jacob Mechler, Andrews, 130-1; 6. Gabriel Salazar, Sweetwater, 125-0

Division III

Team standings: 1. Wolfforth Frenship JV 99.50; 2. San Angelo Central JV 91; 3. Garden City 86; 4. Lee JV 80; 5. Big Spring JV 46.50; 6. Odessa High JV 45; 7. MHS JV 42; 8. Trinity 36; 9. Abilene Cooper JV 16; 10. Lubbock Coronado JV 23; 11. Lubbock Cooper JV 18; 12. Andrews JV 14; 13. Abilene Wylie JV 11; 14. Odessa Permian JV 8; 15. Snyder JV 2

100 - 1. DJ Molina, Big Spring, 11.76; 2. Caleb Caldwell, Big Spring, 11.89; 3. Tim Gates, MHS, 11.91; 4. Fred Hall, Frenship, 11.91; 5. Adrian Saenz, Andrews, 11.97; 6. Brandon Banks, Lubbock Coronado, 11.98

200 - 1. Gabriel Infante, MHS, 23.81; 2. Julio Gibarti, Frenship, 23.91; 3. Chris Thompson, Odessa High, 24.07; 4. Sean Ferris, SA Angelo Central, 24.31; 5. Noah Virgil, Lubbock Cooper, 24.40; 6. Damian Fuentes, MHS, 24.45

400 - 1. Jackson Pinnow, Trinity, 52.48; 2. Joey Ramirez, Frenship, 53.17; 3. Jose Salas, Odessa High, 54.70; 4. Adam Hinojos, MHS, 54.86; 5.Yonel Marquez, Odessa High, 55.28; 6. Kyle Carby, MHS, 55.30

800 - 1. Preston Ramsey, Trinity, 2.04.01; 2. Chance Zbranek, Lee, 2.07.2; 3. Kaea Martinez, SA Central, 2.08.8; 4. Antonio Ortegon, SA Central, 2.10.0; 5. Sebastian Hernandez, Permian, 2.13.5; 6. Benito Hernandez, Odessa High, 2.10.7

1,600 - 1. Chase Ziemann, Lee, 4.51.40; 2. Kaleb Martinez, SA Central, 4.51.49; 3. Luke Martinez, SA Central, 4.57.73; 4. Tanner Buchanan, Lee, 4.59.34; 5. Mason Cunningham, Pecos, 5.00.51; 6. Alan Cassino, SA Central, 5.02.78

3,200 - 1. Conner Ellis, AbileneWylie, 10.58.4; 2. Luis Martinez, SA Central, 10.58.4; 3. Juan Lugo, Big Spring, 11.01.8; 4. Alan Castano, SA Central, 11.15.5; 5. Manuel Marquez, Big Spring, 11.27.5; 6. Chance Williams, Big Spring, 11.33.3

110 hurdles - 1. Willy Kimani, Lubbock Cooper, 16.80; 2. Raphael Njoroge, Frenship, 17.22; 3. Cody Wood, Permian, 17.39; 4. Dustin Hunt, Lee, 17.41; 5. Timothy Gabel, Snyder, 17.66; 6. Bailey Hicks, Abilene Wylie, 18.09

300 hurdles - 1. Alex Perales, Odessa High, 43.75; 2. Mitchell Duquette, Abilene Cooper, 43.94; 3. Dedrick Howard, SA Central, 44.02; 4. John Ibanez, Big Spring, 45.11; 5. Dustin Hunt, Lee, 45.29; 6. Willy Kimani, Lubbock Cooper, 45.30

400 relay - 1. Garden City (Riley Eggemeyer, Tanner Davis, Isaiah Enriquez, Isaac Enriquez) 44.57; 2. Frenship 44.92; 3. Abilene Cooper 45.49; 4. SA Central 45.72; 5. Big Spring 45.76; 6. Odessa High 45.89

1,600 relay - 1. Garden City 3.35.59; 2. Trinity 3.38.59; 3. Odessa High 3.41.72; 4. San Angelo Central 3.42.02; 5. MHS 3.45.58; 6. Frenship 3.45.92

High jump - 1. Daniel Taylor, SA Central, 6-0; 2. Trey Jacobs, Lee, 5-10; 3. Octavion McCaskill, Lubbock Coronado, 5-10; 4. Tanner Davis, Garden City, 5-8; 5. Jeremiah Cooley, Big Spring, 5-8; 6. Jose Gabaldon, Andrews, 5-8

Long jump - 1. Ruben Luna, Lee, 19-10; 2. Makari Mynatt, Abilene Cooper, 18-6.50; 3. Kaiegbom Mthecoby, Andrews, 18-7; 4. Riley Eggemeyer, Garden City, 18-6.50; 5. Domiono Cole, Big Spring, 18-2; 6. Braden Robinson, Frenship, 17-5.50

Pole vault - 1. Michael Franco, SA Central, 11-0; 2. Raren Wilson, Big Spring, 10-0; 3. Dawson Hayes, Odessa High, 9-6; 4. Joey Ramirez, Frenship, 9-6; 5. Tanner Eggeling, Frenship, 9-6; 6. Kheyer Mthecoby, Andrews, 9-0

Shot put - 1. Hugo Almazan, Garden City, 44-4; 2. Jaugai Pols, Lee, 41-5; 3. Jaylon Thomas, Lubbock Coronado, 41-3; 4. (tie) Braden Robinson, Frenship, 40-6; Peyton Beckenham, MHS, 40-5; 6. Elijah Boyd, Lubbock Cooper, 40-3

Discus - 1. Miguel Garcia, Lubbock Coronado, 125-3; 2. Lucas Flores, Frenship, 119-8; 3. Jacob Eugenis, Frenship, 117-4; 4. Nacho Rubio, Lee, 118-10; 5. Hugo Almazan, Garden City, 113-8; 6. Abraham Ortega, Frenship, 126-r

Girls

Division I

Team standings: 1. Wolfforth Frenship 116; 2. Odessa Permian 91; 3. Midland High 86; 4. San Angelo Central 83; 5. Lubbock Cooper 70; 6. Lee 61; 7. Plainview 53; 8. Lubbock Monterey 30; 9. Abilene Cooper 16; 10. Odessa High 14

100 - 1. Kaisha Roberts, Plainview, 12.40; 2. Danielle Leake, Frenship, 12.58; 3. Hunjir Little, SA Central, 13.20; 4. Alessa Belemjian, Lee, 13.24; 5. Chelsea Hunter, Lubbock Monterey, 13.38; 6. Makenna Martinez, SA Central, 13.53

200 - 1. Danielle Leake, Frenship, 25.76; 2. Kaisha Roberts, Plainview, 26.77; 3. Jasmine Graham, Permian, 26.81; 4. Ashlynn Dominguez, MHS, 26.87; 5. Jasmine McCollister, MHS, 27.22; 6. Niyah Kuhlmann, SA Central, 27.29

400 - 1. Bailey Kinney, SA Central, 1.01.33; 2. Keaton Pridgar, MHS, 1.03.34; 3. Lauryn Truesdale, Lubbock Cooper, 1.03.95; 4. Holly Wilson, Lubbock Cooper, 1.04.37; 5. Da'Necia Black, Odessa Permian, 1.04.41; 6. Mackenzie White, Midland High, 1.05.36

800 - 1. Bailey Kinney, SA Central, 2.24.79; 2. Kristan Rincon, Plainview, 2.29.59; 3. Jenia Mitchell, MHS, 2.30.79; 4. Audrey Meeks, Lubbock Monterey, 2.35.26; 5. Breana Figueroa, Plainview, 2.35.39; 6. Kristin Casillo, Frenship, 2.35.84

1,600 - 1. Jenia Mitchell, MHS, 5.09.26; 2. Kandice Box, MHS, 5.09.85; 3. Rachel Westerman, Frenship, 5.23.12; 4. Morgan Walker, SA Central, 5.45.54; 5. Skyler Sera, Lubbock Cooper, 5.48.54; 6. Kristan Rincon, Plainview, 5.51.32

3,000 - 1. Kandice Box, MHS, 12.14.3; 2. Mellennie Herrera, Permian, 12.35.9; 3. Rebekah Moseley, Lubbock Cooper, 12.38.0; 4. Rachel Westerman, Frenship, 12.39.9; 5. Tiffany Cox, Abilene Cooper, 12.40.0; 6. Ana Marie Juarez, Permian, 13.11.2

100 hurdles - 1. Marissa Minabel, Frenship, 16.27; 2. Lauryn Truesdale, MHS, 16.84; 3. Kaylee Wilson, Lubbock Cooper, 16.89; 4. Jordan Collins, Lee, 17.30; 5. Lillina Dafer, SA Central, 17.91; 6. Ashley Rackow, Lee, 17.49

300 hurdles - 1. Kristian Ruiz, Lee, 47.06; 2. Jocelyn Garrett, Abilene Cooper, 47.89; 3. Marissa Minabel, Frenship, 47.97; 4. Rhianna Jones, Permian, 48.07; 5. Cheyenne Rinehart, Lee, 48.80; 6. Bailey Cridlee, MHS, 49.04

400 relay - 1. Frenship 48.27; 2. MHS (Sionni Lee, Bailey Crouse, Jasmine McCollister, Ashlynn Dominguez) 48.96; 3. Permian 50.49; 4. Plainview 50.93; 5. Lubbock Monterey 50.97; 6. Abilene Cooper 51.24

800 relay - 1. Lee (Alessa Belemjian, Chelsea Adams, Hillary Johnson, Kristian Ruiz) 1.45.65; 2. Permian 1.46.08; 3. MHS (Kiersten Frazier, Sionni Lee, Jasmine McCollister, Ashlynn Dominguez) 1.46.84; 4. Lubbock Cooper 1.47.46; 5. Odessa High 1.49.26; 6. Plainview 1.51.05

1,600 relay - 1. SA Central 4.09.96; 2. Lubbock Cooper 4.13.65; 3. Plainview 4.18.12; 4. Odessa High 4.20.86; 5. Wolfforth Frenship 4.23.49; 6. Odessa Permian 4.23.58

Long jump - 1. Danielle Leake, Frenship, 17-9.50; 2. Hollis Windham, Lubbock Cooper, 17-1.50; 3. Alaysha Green, Lee, 16-5.50; 4. Kirsten Yancey, SA Central, 16-4.25; 5. Celah Harvey, Abilene Cooper, 15-10.50; 6. Margaret Gaydon, Frenship, 15-9.50

High jump - 1. Alor Mayein, Permian, 5-6; 2. Hollie Windham, Lubbock Cooper, 5-6; 3. Cassandra Awatt, Frenship, 5-4; 4. (tie) Makenna Martinez, SA Central, 5-2; Kaylee Wilson, Lubbock Cooper, 5-2; 6. Kristian Ruiz, Lee, 5-0

Triple jump - 1. Alor Mayein, Permian, 34-6.25; 2. Cassandra Awatt, Frenship, 34-3; 3. Ireland Atwood, Lee, 33-1; 4. Kaineja Walton, Odessa High, 32-3.50; 5. Ashley Rackow, Lee, 32-3.25; 6. Alaysha Green, Lee, 30-6.50

Pole vault - 1. Sarah Gallaher, SA Central, 9-6; 2. Sarah Tackitt, Frenship, 9-0; 3.Tiffany Sanders, Lubbock Cooper, 9-0; 4. Ally Arnold, SA Central, 8-6; 5. Bailey Kretschmer, Frenship, 8-6; 6. Natalia Aguirre, Odessa High, 8-0

Shot put - 1. Megan Hartline, Frenship, 29-4.25; 2. Braylyn Dollar, Monterey, 36-4.50; 3. Caleyha Brown, Permian, 33-3.75; 4. Dakota Langston, Lee, 33-0.75; 5. Hannah Tyson, Frenship, 33-0.50; 6. Hattie Green, Odessa High, 32-8.50

Discus - 1. Braylyn Dollar, Lubbock Monterey, 128-5; 2. Taylor Vuekes, Permian, 118-11; 3 Caleyha Brown, Permian, 117-10; 4. Mya Davis, Plainview, 111-0; 5. Ty-Tiana Roberts, Lubbock Monterey, 107-0; 6. Azayuh Rowell, Lubbock Cooper, 97-9

Division II

Team standings: 1. Big Spring 175; 2. Andrews 165; 3 Abilene Wylie 157; 4. Lubbock Estacado 66; 5. Snyder 16

100 - 1. Kaitlyn Mathews, Big Spring, 12.79; 2. Rachel McCalister, Big Spring, 13.35; 3. Za'Kaya Nelome, Lubbock Estacado, 13.42; 4. Meaghan Wood, Andrews, 13.44; 5. Madison Latham, Abilene Wylie, 13.45; 6. Hailey Crawford, Big Spring, 13.58

200 - 1. Kaitlyn Mathews, Big Spring, 25.87; 2. Leigha Puckett, Abilene Wylie, 26.18; 3. Lindsey Brooks, Big Spring, 26.22; 4. Bailey Ann Tolver, Big Spring, 26.69; 5. Za'Kaya Nelome, Lubbock Estacado, 26.77; 6. Madison Latham, Abilene Wylie, 26.80

400 - 1. Kaitlyn Mathews, Big Spring, 58.01; 2. Ron'Daiysha Love, Lubbock Estacado, 1.01.32; 3. Brianna Douglas, Abilene Wylie, 1.02.10; 4. Samantha Solis, Big Spring, 1.02.96; 5. Anissa Ramsey, Big Spring, 1.04.36; 6. Hannah Haynes, Andrews, 1.04.52

800 - 1. Samantha Solis, Big Spring, 2.31.10; 2. Katie Narrell, Andrews, 2.35.15; 3. Bethanie Giles, Andrews, 2.47.45; 4. Shannon Beels, Abilene Wylie, 2.48.57; 5. Hannah Alcobrooks, Big Spring, 2.50.46; 6. Analisa Blount, Big Spring, 2.50.88

1,600 - 1. Hanna Sanchez, AbileneWylie, 5.21.22; 2. Katie Narrell, Andrews, 5.48.92; 3. Haiven Rushing, Big Spring, 5.52.90; 4. Catherine Lopez, Andrews, 5.54.5; 5. Hannah Travis, Andrews, 6.02.24; 6. Chloe Bustamante, Big Spring, 6.13.75

3,200 - 1. Hanna Sanchez, Abilene Wylie, 11.34.6; 2. Catherine Lopez, Andrews, 12.37.3; 3. Haiven Rushing, Big Spring, 12.58.2; 4. Hannah Travis, Andrews, 12.58.5; 5. Chloe Bustamante, Big Spring, 13.12.2; 6. Tamara Levens, Abilene Wylie 13.57.3

100 hurdles - J. Keeley Latham, Abilene Wylie, 15.81; 2. Raeanna Johnson, Andrews, 17.57; 3. Rebekah Pearson, Big Spring, 17.81; 4. Madison Thompson, Andrews, 18.51; 5. Delieh Guzman, Big Spring, 18.54; 6. Cat Stowers, Abilene Wylie, 18.72

300 hurdles - 1. Keeley Latham, Abilene Wylie, 47.67; 2. Kylie Thornton, Abilene Wylie, 50.30; 3. Sarah Ives, Andrews, 51.16; 4. Cat Stowers, Abilene Wylie, 51.85; 5. Raeanna Johnson, Andrews, 53.86; 6. Rebekah Pearson, Big Spring, 55.66

400 relay - 1. Lubbock Estacado 50.80; 2. Big Spring (Rachel McCalister, Hayley Crawford, JeanVanessa Kelley Mathews) 51.20; 3. Abilene Wylie 51.60; 4. Snyder 52.22; 5. Andrews (Shyla Rios, Tiffanie Lujan, Madison Thompson, Meaghan Wood) 52.31

800 relay - 1. Abilene Wylie 1.47.95; 2. Big Spring (Rachel McCalister, Diamonique Mayes, Hayley Crawford, Kelley Mathews) 1.49.70; 3. Lubbock Estacado 1.52.66; 4. Snyder 1.53.13; 5. Andrews (Tiffanie Lujan, Alyssa Lujan, Shyla Rios, Meaghan Wood) 1.53.25

1,600 relay - 1. Big Spring (Anissa Ramey, Samantha Solis, Diamonique Mayes, Kaitlyn Mathews) 4.10.20; 2. Wylie 4.21.39; 3. Andrews (Sarah Ives, Kelly Narrell, Bethanie Giles, Hannah Haynes) 4.51.19

High jumps: 1. Madison Garcia, Abilene Wylie, 5-0; 2. Myranda Swearingin, Andrews, 4-10; 3. Elizabeth Bean, Andrews, 4-10

Long jump - 1. Sarah Ives, Andrews, 17-11; 2. Jangeraike Hardnick, Lubbock Estacado, 16-5.75; 3. Kelley Mathews, Big Spring, 15-4.50 4. Raeanna Johnson, Anurews, 15-2.50; 5. Madison Latham, Abilene Wylie, 15-2; 6. Aundrea Holman, Lubbock Estacado, 14-9.75

Triple jump - 1. Sarah Ives, Andrews, 35-5; 2. Kaitlyn Mathews, Big Spring, 33-5.75; 3. Janyaneke Hardnick, Lubbock Estacado, 33-0.25; 4. Raeanna Johnson, Andrews, 32-9.75; 5. Ka'Jael Childress, Lubbock Estacado, 32-1.25; 6. Madison Latham, Abilene Wylie, 30-8.25

Pole vault - 1. Suzie Orson, Andrews,-8-6; 2. Kylee Kirk, Abilene Wylie, 8-0

Shot put - 1. Faith Ragland, Andrews, 32-3; 2. Melanie Morin, Andrews, 31-2; 3. Kella Yanez, Big Spring, 28-5; 4 Kiana Davis, Lubbock Estacado, 27-8.25; 5. Deandra Lujan, Andrews, 27-6; 6. Danielle Conner, Big Spring, 26-4.50

Discus - 1. Carlie Roberts, Big Spring, 111-7; 2. Madison Young, Abilene Wylie, 97-3; 3. Deandra Lujan, Andrews, 96-2; 4. Kella Yanez, Big Spring, 89-5; 5. Alexa Vasquez, Andrews, 86-1; 6. Grace Taylor, Abilene Wylie, 83-11

Division III

Team results: 1. Lee JV 135.45; 2. San Angelo Central JV 110; 3. MHS JV 108.85; 4. Frenship JV 67.25; 5. Ilen Garden City 46; Permian JV 46; 7. Odessa High JV 27.85; 8. Lubbock Cooper JV 21.60; 9. (tie) Abilene Wylie JV 18; Big Spring JV 18; 11. Abilene Cooper JV 12; 12. Trinity 8; 13. Andrews JV 1

100 - 1. Tatum Willingham, Abilene Wylie, 13.51; 2. Anne Ryan, Lee, 13.74; 3. Claudia Flores, Frenship, 13.77; 4. Wendy Alvarez Lopez, SA Central, 13.79; 5. Jazmin Oakley, Permian, 13.87; 6. Tyson Washington, Abilene Cooper, 14.00

200 - 1. Kasia Wilson, Lee, 27.84; 2. Brianna Greenwood, SA Central, 28.81; 3. Natalie Elizondo, Lee, 28.91; 4. Raven Haverstock, MHS, 29.96; 5. Madison Fields, SA Central, 29.08; 6. Emilie Goltz, Lubbock Cooper, 29.08

400 - 1. Kasia Wilson, Lee, 1.05.07; 2. D'Oshlane Fitts, MHS, 1.05.33; 3. Caitlin Bela, MHS, 1.06.13; 4 Koshyaunna Atchison, MHS, 1.06.19; 5. Heavyn Villa, Odessa High, 1.06.32; 6. Kadee Martinez, SA Central, 1.06.42

800 - 1. Kenzie Schaefer, Garden City, 2.31.6; 2. Shannon Smith, MHS, 2.35.7; 3. Rachel Clanton, MHS, 2.36.1; 4. Abby Smith, SA Central, 2.39.70; 5. Hannah Flores, SA Central, 2.41.1; 6. Dolores Leal, Odessa High, 2.41.8

1,600 - 1. Rachel Clanton, MHS, 5.54.42; 2. Abby Smith, SA Central, 5.59.04; 3. Shannon Smith, MHS, 6.11.00; 4. Shelby Schmidt, MHS, 6.13.1; 5. Olivia Dabbert, SA Central, 6.15.1; 6. Emily Vasquez, Andrews, 6.16.3

3,200 - 1. Shelby Schmidt, MHS, 13.13.7; 2. Kelsey Houghton, Odessa High, 13.28.4; 3. DeWoody Taylor, Trinity, 13.30.3; 4. Ravae Garcia, SA Central, 13.36.4; 5. Rylan Lewis, Lubbock Cooper, 13.36.8; 6. Marisol Reyes, MHS, 13.39.6

100 hurdles - 1. Elizabeth Boss, Lee, 17.38; 2. Shanice Woods, MHS, 17.47; 3. Bethany Broussard, Frenship, 17.49; 4. Madison LaBrantz, Abilene Wylie, 17.54; 5. Spotts Audrey, Trinity, 17.87; 6. Mackenzie Holt, SA Central, 17.99

300 hurdles - 1. Elizabeth Boss, Lee, 49.33; 2. Lily Porras, Lee, 51.70; 3 Mackenzie Holt, SA Central, 52.00; 4 Madison LaBrantz, Abilene Wylie, 52.97; 5. Tory Stewart, Lee, 53.28; 6. Sylvia Carrillo, MHS, 53.86

400 relay - 1. Lee 52.66; 2. SA Central 52.88; 3. Permian 53.34; 4. Frenship 53.44; 5. Abilene Cooper 53.94; 6. Odessa High 53.95

800 relay - 1. Lee 1.52.67; 2. SA Central 1.53.16; 3. Frenship 1.54.39; 4. Big Spring 1.55.28; 5. Odessa High 1.55.28; 6. Permian 1.55.37

1,600 relay - 1. Garden City (Lyndee Walker, Kortney Hoffman, Rachel Botello, Kenzie Schaefer) 4.23.58; 2. MHS 4.23.85; 3. SA Central 4.30.21; 4. Lee 4.33.99; 5. Frenship 4.35.02; 6. Odessa High 4.36.25

Long jump - 1. Maximiliana Armendariz, Permian 14-10.25; 2. Itatya Saenz, Odessa High, 14-1; 3. Sylvia Carrillo, MHS, 13-9.75; 4. Lily Porras, Lee, 13-8.75; 5. Emilie Goltz, Lubbock Cooper, 13-8.50; 6. Kathleen O'Grady, Lee, 13-7.50

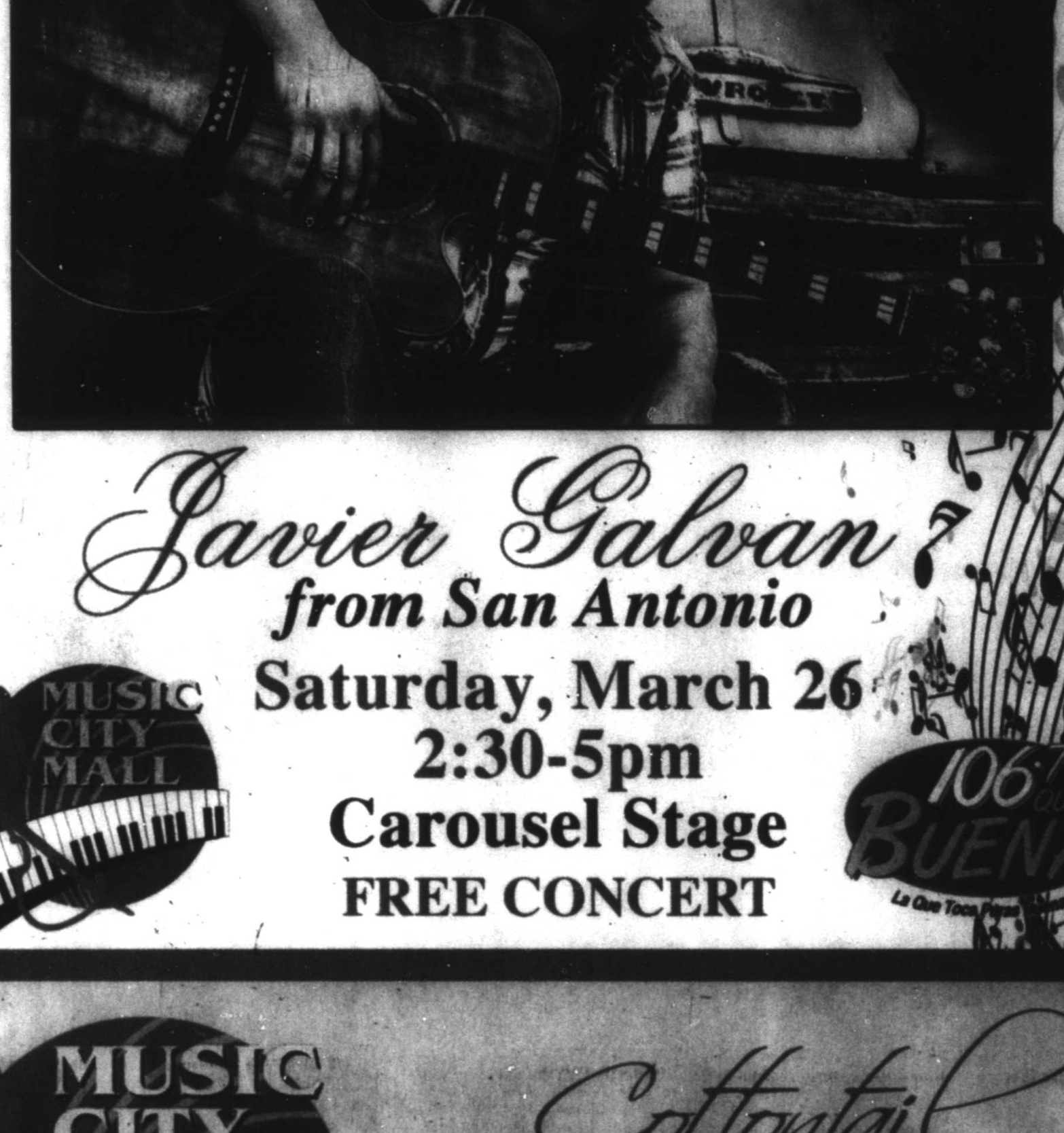
Triple jump - 1. Sydney Wiggins, MHS, 31-7; 2. Brooklyn Lepard, Lubbock Cooper, 30-4.50; 3. Addison Wilson, Frenship, 30-5.75; 4. Lyndee Walker, Garden City, 30-5.25; 5. Maximiliana Armendariz, Permian, 30-2.75; 6. Kathleen O'Grady, Lee, 29-8.50

High jump - 1. Ajanique Wells, Big Spring, 4-10; 2. Emilie Goltz, Lubbock Cooper, 4-8; 3. Elizabeth Kuhn, Lee, 4-8; 4. Haleigh Elliott, Frenship, 4-8; 5. Alex Torres, SA Central, 4-8; 6. (tie) Merrick Beach, MHS, 4-6; Lilly Porras, Lee, 4-6; Madison Brunelle, Frenship, 4-6; Arin Ruiz, Odessa High, 4-6

Pole vault - 1. Peyton Hastings, Garden City, 8-0; 2. Jasmin Diaz, SA Central, 8-0; 3. Grace Wilson, SA Central, 8-0; 4. Brianna Greenwood, SA Central, 8-0; 5. Carrie Burney, MHS, 7-0; 6. Haven Whipple, Lee, 7-0

Shot put - 1. Bonny Mora, Frenship, 31-1; 2. Cecile Lopez, Permian, 30-8.50; 3. Chenelle Powell, Lee, 30-1; 4. Essence Glover, Lee, 29-11.75; 5. Amber Arcidiacono, Garden City, 28-10.6; Aeya Walker, Abilene Cooper, 28-6.75

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LEISURE ON THE HIGH SEAS



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This undated file photo provided by Carnival Corp. shows the 710-passenger Adonia ship. Starting in May 2016, Carnival Corp. plans to offer trips from Miami to Cuba, the company announced July 7, 2015. The trips will be through its new brand, fathom, which focuses on trips where passengers sail to a destination in order to volunteer there. The week-long cruises will be aboard the Adonia, which had previously been part of the company's United Kingdom brand, P&O Cruises.

Book 2016 cruises now to get deals and perks

By Chabeli Herrera
Miami Herald

MIAMI — Cruise lines are getting closer to perfecting the formula of what vacationers want: Take one part all-inclusive resort, add one part multi-destination stress-free vacation, float it at sea and you've got a trip consumers will be eager to book.

That's the thinking this year, as cruise lines refocus their Black Friday-esque "Wave" season and inject their early-year promotions with extras such as drink packages and free Internet, instead of the price discounts of years past.

These "value-added" deals increase the perceived value of the cost of the cruise. For those who purchase a better cabin, for example, some cruise lines are including a choice of packages, such as free shore excursions, credit for specialty dining or onboard credit. They create a worry-free experience that vacationers are buying in droves this year, travel agents say.

"They are offering something that is a value for the consumer, draws in business for them and continues to make them profitable," Santisteban said. "Everybody is winning here."

In the past, discounts were more nominal, with offers for reduced deposits, for example, but not the "slew of deals" offered now, Santisteban said.

Take a drink package on Norwegian Cruise Line: The unlimited beverage package — soft drinks, beers, spirits, cocktails and wine — costs $69 per cruiser per day. For a couple on a seven-night cruise, that is about $1,140 with tip, in addition to their cruise fare. But under Norwegian's "Free At Sea" promotion, travelers can choose to include a beverage package with the cost of a studio, inside, ocean view or balcony cabin. For about $1,900, that same couple can purchase their inside stateroom and their drink packages on an April western Caribbean cruise.

"Our absolute goal is to present a proposition to the customer where they are super excited about the product so that the last question they ask is, 'How much is it?'" said Andrew Stuart, president and chief operating officer of Doral, Fla.-based Norwegian Cruise Line.

The approach has proven successful for Norwegian, which reported that bookings were "in a very good position" going into 2016, Stuart said.

A customized experience, specifically, seems to be the value consumers are most attracted to, said Michelle Fee, president and CEO of home-based travel-agent network Cruise Planners-American Express Travel.

While value-added packages are not new this year — one of Miami-based Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.'s premium cruise lines, Celebrity Cruises, jump-started the concept in 2012 — it's caught on with more fervor than ever before.

"It changed the industry, and it took the industry a little while, seven to 12 months, and a year later, you certainly saw that we started to see (an industry) shift to this," said Dondra Ritzenthaler, senior vice president of sales and support for Celebrity Cruises.

Now, almost every line has a value-added package, Ritzenthaler said. The strategy has translated to dollars for Celebrity, whose Wave season this year is off to a "very positive" start, she said.

The deals extend to river cruising as well, where Los Angeles-based luxury line Crystal Cruises has experienced booking success. Crystal, which is debuting its river cruises this summer, offered savings on ocean or yacht cruises when vacationers booked a river cruise by Feb. 29.

The luxury line has achieved 90 percent of its revenue goal for the year thanks to a combination of Wave season promotions and other deals, said President and CEO Edie Rodriguez.

Part of that success is creating a greater incentive for travelers to book early, Rodriguez said.

Typically, cruise lines book nearly 40 percent of the year's reservations during Wave season — the first three months of the year. But some lines have offered their best sales starting in December — generally a low sales month because of the holidays — to entice consumers to plan their vacations early.

"We are seeing a substantial increase in cruise sales in December over the past two years," Santisteban said. "Some cruise lines offer in December and very early January things they are not going to offer again this year," such as value-added packages with more than one perk for interior cabins.

Value-added deals have fueled earlier bookings, giving cruise lines more security that they won't sail later in the year with empty cabins.

For lines, the results are stacking up. In December, Carnival Corp. announced it is already 50 percent booked on 2016 cruises — most in the first and second quarters of the year. Across its 10 brands, the company is "well ahead" of last year for the first three quarters of 2016 — and at higher prices.

Royal Caribbean also reported a "solid" Wave season during its fourth-quarter earnings report this month.

For the first half of Wave season, it offered a combination low price/value deal — book one traveler, get the second traveler's fare half off plus onboard credit. The deal is the line's most successful promotion. The company offers the promotion during Wave season when consumers are looking to book with added flexibility, said Vicki Freed, senior vice president of sales at Royal Caribbean International.

The deal was so good that 59-year-old Mike Vidal booked his first vacation in a decade.

Vidal reserved a southern Caribbean April cruise for this year with his wife, Lyse, during last year's Wave season when Royal Caribbean had a similar buy one/get one half off offer.

Vidal, who booked in February last year, benefited from Royal Caribbean's move away from last-minute deals. The Miami-based company finalized that move this month when it announced it would end flash sales 30 days prior to sail date, further incentivizing consumers to book early.

During a recent call with analysts, Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. Chairman and CEO Richard Fain said last-minute deals "cheapen" the company's brand and upset loyal customers who book cruises ahead of time.

And many do book early. According to a survey conducted at the end of 2015 by the Cruise Lines International Association, a cruise marketing group, travel agents say "passengers are booking further ahead than in the past, with the strongest growth seen in pre-booking nine to 12 months ahead."

The report's conclusion? "New ships, especially larger ships with all-inclusive pricing, seem to be having a positive impact on the demand for cruising."

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What to do about lounge chair hogs on cruise ships?

By Ellen Creager
Detroit Free Press

SOMEWHERE IN THE CARIBBEAN — Wandering the crowded pool deck of the Norwegian Escape one afternoon, I ask if a lounge chair with a folded towel on it is available.

"Their stuff has been left here for two hours, and they never came back," one woman says. Then a man pipes up, "That is my brother's chair." And then another woman says, "Isn't that the rudest thing?" And the first woman says to me, "Why don't you just take the chair?" And then the man says, "I'm not the cruise ship police. But that's my brother's chair."

I walk away. But it does get you wondering. Where are the cruise ship chair police when you need them? Do they even have cruise ship chair police?

On Norwegian Escape, as on many cruise ships, guidelines mention a 60-minute rule. If a lounge chair is empty for 60 minutes, staff can remove the towels and belongings so someone else can use it.

I saw no indication that this ever happened on the ship. In fact, I've never seen it happen on any ship.

Instead, chair hogs increasingly rule on cruises.

Here's how it works: A chair hog is a cruise passenger who, bright and early each morning, runs out of his room, plops his towel, shoes and paperback book on one, two or 10 lounge chairs on the pool deck, and returns to his cabin to sleep or hang around or eat breakfast and generally just take his time until he feels like getting some sun.

He may not return to the pool deck for hours.

But he has staked his claim, and God forbid that any other passenger try to use the chairs.

I am sure there is a doctoral dissertation in here somewhere about negative group behavior amid scarcity, but what I saw happen as a result was that by day three of the cruise, every passenger realized that lounge chairs were at a premium. A kind of musical chairs mentality got going: quick, reserve your spot early or you and your family won't get one all day.

Selfish behavior led to more selfish behavior.

Meanwhile, the nice, thoughtful people got no chairs at all.

From my completely unscientific observation, roughly 50 percent of lounge chairs on sun decks and near pools were empty of sun bathers but covered by towels or belongings for the better part of each day. Some enterprising passengers made do with two uncomfortable straight-back chairs, one to sit in, one for the feet.

Some people wandered around, hopelessly looking for a single empty chair and not finding it.

I'm not sure what the answer is. Does anyone know?

"They should have a weight sensor on chairs," my daughter suggested. "If a chair has not had the weight of a person on it for an hour, the light should turn green."

Great idea.

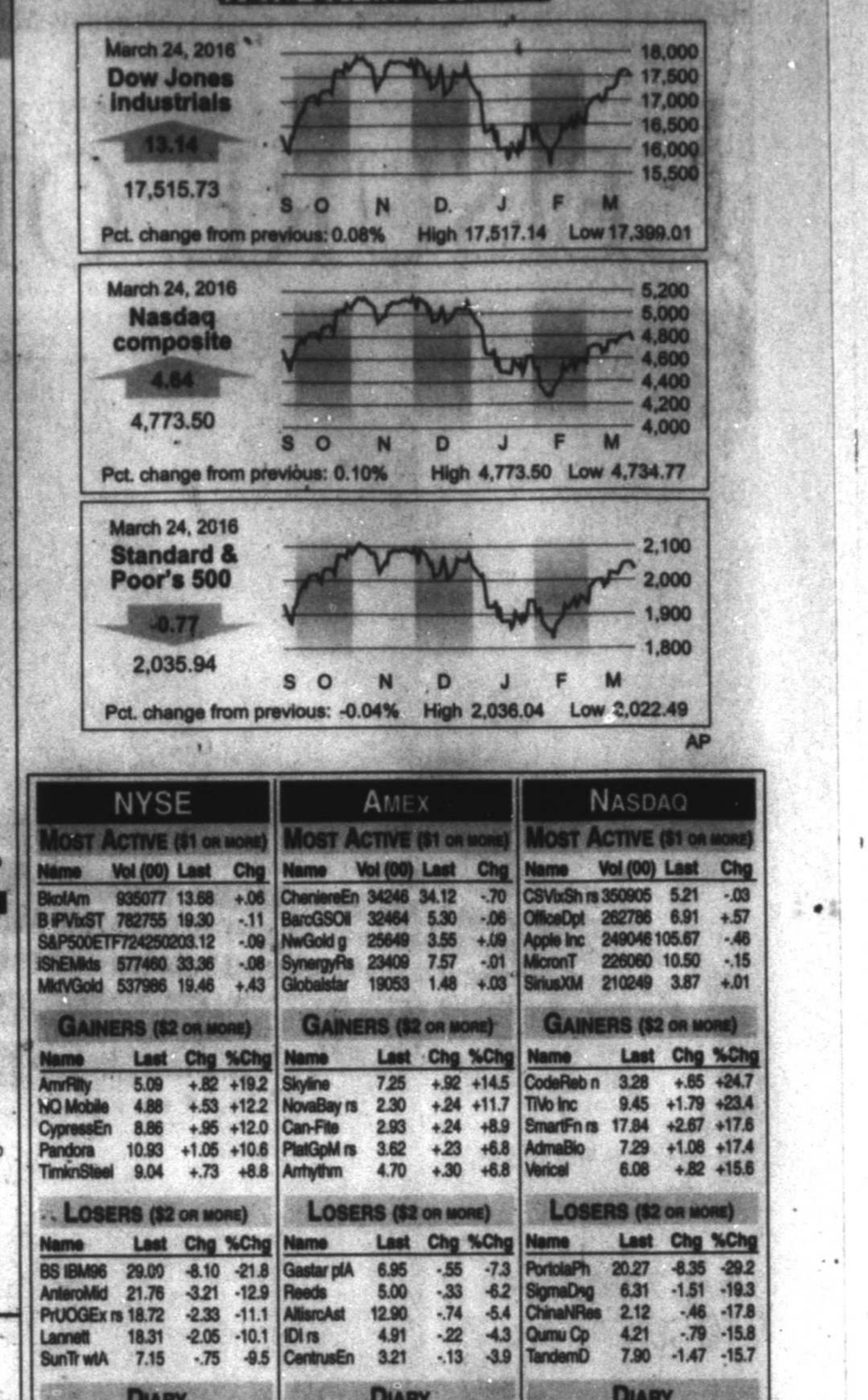
If not that, cruise ships could hire a squad of peppy lounge chair police to clear away miscellaneous towels, shoes, paperback books and suntan lotion left too long unattended.

Or maybe the captain should install the plank. He can tell chair hogs to walk that way, yes, climb right up there and walk straight ahead for the very, very best spot.

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Name	Div	Last	Chg
A-B-C			
AES Corp	.44f	11.97	+.27
AK Steel		3.28	+.11
AT&T Inc	1.88	38.86	-.34
AbbottLab	1.16	40.12	-.03
AbbVie	1.68	59.45	+.21
Accenture	2.80	114.30	+1.40
ActivBliz	.32	12.47	-.01
Aecom		29.4	1.13
AesCap		37.51	-.56
Aetna		112	0.57
Aflac	1.2	67.2	+.20
Agilent	.76	39.2	-1.99
AirProd	3.8	141.27	+.02
AlcoaUSA	.60	10.80	+.20
AlphaNatR	0.80	1.47	-.03
Altria	2.28	60.8	+.53
Amazon		615	+5.67
Ameren		47.7	+.26
AmAirlines		43.7	+.16
AmElPw		59.7	+.05
AmExpress		61.7	+.19
AmIntlGrp		52.9	-.48
AmerTower		98.1	+.73
AmerWtr		59.4	+.10
Ameriprise	2.80	95.7	+1.10
Amgen		150	-.27
Anadarko		43.3	+.08
Apache		47.1	+.14
ApolloGlbM		13.05	+.20
Apple Inc	2.08	105.67	+.47
ArchCoal		1.66	+.03
ArcelorMit		4.26	+.09
ArchCoal		1.66	+.03
AssuredGty	.68	23.2	+.07
AstraZen	1.82	31.2	+.24
AtlasCopAll		10.42	-.30
Avnet	.16	8.09	-.02
Avon		4.28	-.10
BB&T Cp	1.04	39.45	-.45
BHP BillLt	2.48	25.64	-.12
BP PLC	2.40	30.42	+.22
BakrHu	.68	44.66	-.28
BallCorp	.76	62.7	+.27
BcoBrad s	.44	7.08	-.11
BcoSantSA		4.44	-.04
BkofAm	.04	13.68	+.06
BkNYMel	.68	39.9	+.06
Baxter	.96	37.9	+.09
BerkH A		210K	
BerkH B	1.40	11	-.85
BestBuy	1.00	32.2	+.06
BigLots	1.68	50.2	-.59
BioMedR	1.48	59.2	+.04
BlackHR	.80	26.61	-.38
Blackstone	1.92	30.1	+.06
Boeing	4.30	112.7	+.74
BostBeer		158	-1.18
BostProp	1.76	128	-.58
BostSci		15.05	+.07
BrMySq	1.84	64.26	+.28
BrownFB	1.36	102.5	+.06
Brunswick	1.16	46.1	+.26
CBRE Grp		28.04	+.45
CBS B		50.64	+.06
CF Ind s	1.20	31.94	+.03
CIT Grp		34.1	+.22
CVS Health	1.70	101.43	+.69
CabotOil		20.92	+.38
CalatlaSF		31.54	+.02
CallonPet		6.36	+.20
Calpine		14.5	+.07
Cameron		53.7	+.19
CampSp		46.83	+.39
CdnNRy g	1.52	56.4	+.19
CapOne	1.40	70.2	+.39
CardnlHlth	1.52	80.2	+.39
Carnival	1.20	47.2	+.01
Caterpillar	3.08	75.29	+1.61
Celgene g		103.2	+.39
Cemex		8.74	+.07
CenterPnt	1.00	22.2	+.04
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ChesEng		4.25	+.12
Chevron	4.28	94.85	+1.26
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CliffNatR		20	46.58
CloroxCo	3.08	125	129.19
CocaCola	1.40f	26	45.58
ColgPalm	1.56f	25	69.91
ColPpln n	.52f		25.04
ConAgra	1.04	24	44.07
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ConocoPhil	1.00	24	48.04
CrackerB	4.40a	21	150.29
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Energen	.68		33.97
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EnergyTsfr	4.22f		28.90
EnPro	.84f		57.96
EnrgTrsf	2.62	22	83.96
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HostHotels	.80f	16	19.2
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Invesco	.96f	15	34.2
IronMtn	1.80	20	34.2
JPMorgCh	1.76	10	59.48
JacobsEng			46.2
JohnJn	3.00	18	108.31
JnprNtwk	.24		24.2
KBHome	.25		13.2
KCSouth	.80	20	93.2
KeyEnergy			1.2
KimbClk	3.68f	38	133.55
KindMorg	.50m	27	18.09
Kinross g			3.02
LSI Ind	.92	9	9.2
LVSands	2.04	27	50.2
LeggMason	1.00	15	34.2
LennarA	.40	12	46.2
LibtyGlobA			36.82
LibtyGlobC			35.91
LibtyIntA			24.74
LifeTech			89.2
LillyEli	1.88		77.2
LimnEn			41.2
LincNat	.20		60.89
LockhdM	5.04	17	226.2
Loews	.50	15	41.2
LoneStarNG			1.2
LyonBas A	3.20	15	57.2
M&T Bk	3.20	15	119.2
MBIA			6.2
MGM Rsrts			20.2
Macerich	2.80	15	73.2
Macys	1.52	15	58.2
MagHRes			5.2
MarathnO	.20		10.23
MarkWest	2.56	77	75.35
MarshM	1.20	24	59.2
MartMM	1.80	20	179.2
MasseyEn	.60	15	34.2
McDrmls			3.2
McDnlds	3.56f	25	123.29
McKsn	1.84f	25	52.07
MeritMed		33	17.57
MexcoEn			2.7
MicronT		6	10.5
Microsoft	1.44	35	54.21
MorgStan	.60	9	24.93
NCR Corp	.24		28.2
NRG	3.35e		70.43
NiSource	1.84	12	31.15
NvMdAd	.79e		14.25
NvPhil	.78e		14.14
NvRy	.82e		14.45
NSTFI3	.55e		14.83
NTXOI	.65		14.86
OcciPet	3.00	52	68.51
OfficeDpt			6.91
Pandora			10.93
PerTech			40.54
ParkDrl			2.14
PattUTI	.40		16.93
PayPal n			38.92
PennaRE	.84		20.76
Pmrian	.35e	14	5.57
Petrobras		5	5.40
Pfizer	1.20f	18	30.08
PlcNtrl	.08	66	139.19
PlainsAAP	2.80	15	21.77
PortlePh			20.27
PwrSha QQQ1	.52e		107.26
Praxair	3.00f	21	111.74
PrmEgy		17	36.50
PUVixST rs			23.33
PrUCrude rs			9.58
ProctGam	2.65	27	82.89
PrUltSP rs	.08m		30.72
RiteAid		37	8.07
Rowan	.40	21	15.58
RoyDShlA	3.76	73	48.28
SpdrDJIA	3.98e		174.94
SP500ETF	4.13e		203.12
SpdrOGEx	.79e		29.78
SabnR	2.50e	10	30.38
SanderFm	.88e	12	87.48
Schlmbrg	2.00	22	72.58
SiriusXM		39	3.87
Smucker	2.68	35	128.71
SP Engy	2.04e		61.84
SPDR Fncl	.46e		22.31
SP Util	1.55e		48.91
Staples	.68	1	10.76
SunEdison			1.21
SunocoLog	1.92f	36	23.90
TeletfEsp	1.03e		10.87
Tesoro	2.00	7	92.49
3M Co	4.44f	21	164.46
TiVo Inc			9.45
Torchmark	.56f	13	54.33
TriContl	.92e		19.66
Twitter			15.91
TylerTech		57	121.89
UBS	1.32	18	36.13
US OilFd			10.06
USSteel	.20		15.78
Vale SA	.29e		4.04
Vale SA pf	.29e		3.05
ValeantPh			31.09
ValeroE	2.40f	7	65.84
VangEmg	1.10e		33.81
VerizonCm	2.26	12	53.56
VulcanM	.80f	60	105.17
WEC Engy	1.98f	25	58.89
WalgBoots	1.44	25	82.33
WellsFargo	1.50	12	48.90
WstnRefin	1.52f	7	29.98
WhitingPet			7.54
WmsCos	2.56	77	15.35
XcelEngy	1.36f	21	41.23
Xerox	.31f	22	10.83
Yahoo			34.88

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	935077	13.68	+.06
B PlVisST	782755	19.30	-.11
SAP500ETF	724250	203.12	-.09
iShEMkts	577460	33.36	-.08
MktVGold	537986	19.46	+.43

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AmrRlty	5.09	+.82	+19.2
MD Mobile	4.88	+.53	+12.2
CypressEn	8.86	+.95	+12.0
Pandora	10.93	+1.05	+10.6
TimknStel	9.04	+.73	+8.8

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BS IBM46	29.00	-8.10	-21.8
AnteroMid	21.76	-3.21	-12.9
PrUOGEx rs	18.72	-2.33	-11.1
Lannett	18.31	-2.05	-10.1
SunTr wtA	7.15	-.75	-9.5

Diary

Advanced	1,562
Declined	1,497
Unchanged	109
Total issues	3,167
New Highs	61
New Lows	19
Volume	3,316,747,218

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
ChanlewsEn	34246	34.12	-.70
BancGSOil	32464	5.30	-.06
NwGold g	25649	3.55	+.09
SynergyRs	23409	7.57	-.01
Globalstar	19053	1.48	+.03

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Skyline	7.25	+.92	+14.5
NovaBay rs	2.30	+.24	+11.7
Can-Fite	2.93	+.24	+8.9
PlatGpMt rs	3.62	+.23	+6.8
Amtrthm	4.70	+.30	+6.8

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GaslarplA	6.95	-.55	-7.3
Reeds	5.00	-.33	-6.2
AllisrcAst	12.90	-.74	-5.4
IDI rs	4.91	-.22	-4.3
CentrusEn	3.21	-.13	-3.9

Diary

Advanced	143
Declined	197
Unchanged	30
Total issues	370
New Highs	10
New Lows	1
Volume	59,381,855

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CSVixSh rs	350905	5.21	-.03
OfficeDpt	282786	6.91	+.57
Apple Inc	249048	105.67	-.46
MicronT	226060	10.50	-.15
SiriusXM	210249	3.87	+.01

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CodeRsch n	3.28	+.55	+24.7
TiVo Inc	9.45	+1.79	+23.4
SmartFn rs	17.84	+2.67	+17.5
AdmaBio	7.39	+1.08	+17.4
Vericel	6.08	+.82	+15.6

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PortolaPh	20.27	-8.35	-29.2
SigmaDrg	6.31	-1.51	-19.3
ChinaWRes	2.12	-.46	-17.8
Qumu Cp	4.21	-.79	-15.8
TandemD	7.90	-1.47	-15.7

Diary

Advanced	1,494
Declined	1,263
Unchanged	177
Total issues	2,934
New Highs	29
New Lows	54
Volume	1,533,541,882

INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	% Chg	Net % Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,351.36	15,370.33	Dow Jones Industrials	17,515.73	+13.14	+.08	+.52		-.92
9,176.20	6,403.31	Dow Jones Transportation	7,926.02	-30.76	-.39	+5.56		-8.66
664.58	539.96	Dow Jones Utilities	660.20	+1.37	+.21	+14.26		+14.46
11,254.87	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	10,096.60	-13.08	-.13	-.56		-7.17
5,231.94	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	4,773.51	+4.65	+.10	+4.57		-1.85
2,134.72	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,035.94	-.77	-.04	-.39		-.98
1,551.28	1,215.14	S&P Midcap	1,413.86	+1.74	+.12	+1.09		-5.86
22,537.15	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	20,914.77	-.17		-1.20		-3.99
1,296.00	943.09	Russell 2000	1,079.54	+3.85	+.36	-4.96		-12.37

PERMIAN BASIN STOCKS

How stocks of local interest fared

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.92f	17	38.88	+.34	+13.0	InterDig	.80	16	53.56	+.01	+9.2
Abraxas			1.02		-3.8	ItauUnibH	.45e		8.35	-.09	+28.5
AdaOvsEq	.92a		12.47	-.05	-2.8	JPMorgCh	1.76	10	59.48	-.48	-9.3
Alcoa	.12	17	9.57	+.25	-3.0	JohnJn	3.00	18	108.31	-.19	+5.4
AlonUSA	.60	15	10.60	+.20	-28.6	KimbClk	3.68f	38	133.55	+.43	+4.9
Ambev	.19e		5.12	+.01	+14.8	KindMorg	.50m	27	18.09	+.34	+21.2
Amgen	4.00	16	149.24	+.48	-8.1	Kinross g			3.02	+.06	+65.9
Anadarko	.20m		46.2	-.02	-4.8	LegacyRes	.60m		9	+.03	+33.3
Apache	1.00		48.85	+.99	+9.8	Libtyp			4.98	+.09	+11.4
Apple Inc	2.08	11	105.67	-.46	+.4	MarathnO	.20m		10.29	+.10	-18.3
ApldMatl	.40	18	20.15	-.13	+7.9	MktVGold	.12e		19.46	+.43	+41.8
ArcelorMit			4.26	+.09	+32.5	MktVRus	.54e		16.27	+.06	+11.1
Archrock	.75f		6.90	+.21	-6.2	McDnlds	3.56f	25	123.29	-.90	+4.4
ATMOS	1.56f	22	72.38	+.54	+14.8	Merck	1.84f	25	53.07	-.01	-.5
BP PLC	2.40a		30.42	+.22	-2.7	MeritMed		33	17.57	+.06	-5.5
BabsCCInv	1.20		17.10	-.04	-.9	MexcoEn			2.70	+.05	-16.4
Baker Hu	.68		44.68	-.28	-3.2	MicronT		6	10.50	-.15	-25.8
BcoBrad s	.44e		7.08	-.11	+47.2	Microsoft	1.44	35	54.21	+.24	-2.3
BkofAm	.20	10	13.68	+.06	+18.5	MorgStan	.60	9	24.93	-.34	-21.6
B PlVisST			19.30	-.11	-4.0	NCR Corp	.24		28.2		+2.1
BarrickG	.08	47	13.56	+.29	+83.7	NRG	3.35e		70.43	+.53	+1.3
BasicEnSv			2.73	+.06	+1.9	NatGrid	3.35e		70.43	+.53	+1.3
Baxalta n	.28		40.00	-.06	+2.5	NiSource	1.84	12	31.15	-.23	-7.0
BerkHa A			210103	-940.00	+5.4	NvMdAd	.79e		14.25	+.02	+2.9
BlkHillsSp	1.58f	40	59.62	+.58	+27.1	NvPhil	.78e		14.14	+.01	+3.5
BrMyRg	1.52f	45	62.52	+.18	-8.1	NvRy	.82e		14.45	-.01	+1.8
BrownFA	1.36f	33	104.23	+.06	-5.3	NSTFI3	.55e		14.83		+2.0
BrownFB	1.36f	29	96.50	-.12	-2.8	NTXOI	.65		14.86	+.04	+3.0
CVS Health	1.70f	21	101.43	+.69	+3.7	OcciPet	3.00	52	68.51	+.22	+1.3
CallResrcs			1.24	-.06	+97.6	OfficeDpt			6.91	+.57	+22.5
Camerco	.56	18	66.00	-.22	+4.4	Pandora			10.93	+1.09	-18.5
Caterpillar	3.08	15	75.29	+1.61	+10.8	PerTech			40.54	+.42	+16.3
Celestic g		13	10.76	+.04	-2.4	ParkDrl			2.14	+.11	+17.6
CntryLink	2.16	20	31.16	+.14	+23.8	PattUTI	.40		16.93	+.02	+12.3
ChesEng			4.25	+.12	-5.6	PayPal n			38.92	-1.60	+7.5
Chevron	4.28	39	94.85	+1.26	+6.4	PennaRE	.84		20.76	-.04	-5.1
Chicos	.32f	44	12.33	-.02	+15.6	Pmrian	.35e	14	5.57	-.02	+18.0
Cimarex	.32m		95.62	+1.15	+7.0	Petrobras		5	5.40	+.04	+25.6
Cisco	1.04f	14	27.96	+.13	+3.8	Pfizer	1.20f	18	30.08	-.11	-8.8
Citigroup	.20	10	41.94	+.43	-19.0	PlcNtrl	.08	66	139.19	+2.42	+11.0
CleanEng			4.25	+.12	-5.6	PlainsAAP	2.80	15	21.77	-1.34	-5.8
CliffNatR		20	46.58	+.12	-8.1	PortlePh			20.27	-8.35	-60.6
CloroxCo	3.08	125	129.19	+1.41	+4.9	PwrSha QQQ1	.52e		107.26	+.03	+4.1
CocaCola	1.40f	26	45.58	+.12	-8.1	Praxair	3.00f	21	111.74	-1.06	+9.1
ColgPalm	1.56f	25	69.91	+.11	+4.9	PrmEgy		17	36.50	+.47	-31.1
ColPpln n	.52f		25.04	+.02	+25.2	PUVixST rs			23.33	-.25	-17.7
ConAgra	1.04	24	44.07	+.76	+4.5	PrUCrude rs			9.58	-.12	-23.0
ConchoRes			103.61	+2.07	+11.6	ProctGam	2.65	27	82.89	+.07	+4.4
ConocoPhil	1.00	24	48.04	+.19	+14.2	PrUltSP rs	.08m		30.72	+.46	+24.8
CrackerB	4.40a	21	150.29	+.07	+18.5	RiteAid		37	8.07	+.07	+2.9
CSVelVST			23.69	+.10	-8.2	Rowan	.40	21	15.58	+.17	-8.1
CSVixSh rs			5.21	-.03	-16.8	RoyDShlA	3.76	73	48.28	+.58	+5.4
CrosTim	1.45e	10	15.14	-.69	+18.4	SpdrDJIA	3.98e		174.94	+.13	+5.5
CrownCstle	3.12	29	92.51	-.10	+7.5	SP500ETF	4.13e		203.12	-.09	-.4
CubeSmart	1.24	28	29.61	-.10	+7.5	SpdrOGEx	.79e		29.78	+.37	-1.5
CullenFr	2.92f	20	89.46	+.07	+11.8	SabnR	2.50e	10	30.38	-1.12	+15.7
Cummins	3.40	13	112.66	+.39	+4.2	SanderFm	.88e	12	87.48	-.83	+12.8
CypSemi	.68		9.69	+.11	+9.2	Schlmbrg	2.00	22	72.58	-.38	+4.1
DCP Mid	3.12	29	28.51	-.10	+7.5	SiriusXM		39	3.87	+.01	-4.9
DTE	2.92f	20	89.46	+.07	+11.8	Smucker	2.68	35	128.71	-.06	+4.4
Dataram h			.69	-.04	+4.8	SP Engy	2.04e		61.84	+.30	+2.5
DenburyR			2.27	+.06	+12.4	SPDR Fncl	.46e		22.31	-.14	-5.4
DevonE	.24m		26.47	+.71	-17.3	SP Util	1.55e		48.91	+.13	+13.0
DirDGldBr			3.59	-.25	-78.3	Staples	.68	1	10.76	+.71	+13.6
Disney	1.42f	18	97.22	+.39	+7.7	SunEdison			1.21	.06	-78.2
DowChm	1.84f	12	51.32	+.14	-.3	SunocoLog	1.92f	36	23.90	-.33	-7.0
eBay s		16	24.33	+.16	-11.5	TeletfEsp	1.03e		10.87	-.08	-1.7
EOG Resrc	.67		74.30	-.04	+5.0	Tesoro	2.00	7	92.49	+1.87	-12.2
EmpDist	1.04	26	33.36	+.40	+18.9	3M Co	4.44f	21	164.46	+.19	+9.2
EnCana g	.08m		5.94	+.10	+16.7	TiVo Inc			9.45	+1.79	+9.5
Energen	.68		33.97	+1.04	-17.1	Torchmark	.56f	13	54.33	+.17	-5.1
EgyTrEq s	1.14f	6	7.00	-.15	-49.1	TriContl	.92e		19.66	-.09	-1.8
EnergyTsfr	4.22f		28.90	-.13	-14.3	Twitter			15.91	-.10	-31.2
EnPro	.84f		57.96	+1.20	+32.2	TylerTech		57	121.89	+.34	-30.2
EnrgTrsf	2.62	22	83.96	+.23	+7.7	UBS	1.32	18	36.13		-2.3
Facebook		74	113.05	+.51	+8.0	US OilFd			10.06	-.05	-8.5
FordM	.60a	7	13.06	-.20	-7.3	USSteel	.20		15.78	+.94	+97.7
FrptMcM			10.11	+.36	+49.3	Vale SA	.29e		4.04	+.20	+22.8
GATX	1.48f	9	47.58	+.19	+10.5	Vale SA pf	.29e		3.05	+.23	+19.5
GabelliET	.94e		7.14	-.04	-4.8	ValeantPh			31.09	-2.34	-69.4
GAInv	1.15e		30.65	-.10	-4.0	ValeroE	2.40f	7	65.84	+.84	-6.9
GenElec	.92		31.11	+.04	-.1	VangEmg	1.10e		33.81	+.05	+3.4
Gerdau	.07e		1.59	+.02	+32.5	VerizonCm	2.26	12	53.56	+.65	+15.9
GlbalSdSol	1.72	8	91.32	+1.24	-9.8	VulcanM	.80f	60	105.17	+.51	+10.7
GlbalSdSol rs			1.72	-.09	-79.1	WEC Engy	1.98f	25	58.89	+.06	+14.8
GlbPlatnEn	1.08f	23	31.70	+.35	+16.1	WalgBoots	1.44	25	82.33	-.01	-3.3
HalconRs rs			1.09	+.02	-13.5	WellsFargo	1.50	12	48.90	-.04	-10.0
Halliburtn	.72		36.22	+.19	+3.5	WstnRefin	1.52f	7	29.98	+.48	-15.8
HlthSouth	1.00a		25.68	+.01	+24.2	WhitingPet			7.54	+.36	-20.1
HelixEnSol			11.35	-.07	-6.4	WmsCos	2.56	77	15.35	-.91	-40.3
HelmPayne	1.76		73.96	+.23	-7.2	XcelEngy	1.36f	21	41.23	+.11	+14.8
HessCorp	1.60		53.74	+.23	-4.9	Xerox	.31f	22	10.83	+.07		
HewlettP	.64		33.36	+.06	+4.4	Yahoo			34.88	+.06	+4.8	

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AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Name	Div	Last	Chg
AbdAsPac	.42	4.85	-.06
AcadiaPF		2.02	-.03
AlexcoR g		1.01	-.00
ArmcoMtls		.36	
AskanaG g		2.11	-.07
AvinoSG g		.95	-.01
BBgold g		1.59	+.04
Baron g		3	
BP Cmdty		21.69	-.10
BarcGSOil		5.30	-.06
BlueArbRsh		11.16	-.26
BrkfAtl I.43e		113.35	-.25
Can-Fite		2.93	+.24
Cel-Sci		.54	-.02
CFCda g	.01	11.59	
CentraGn		3.21	-.13
ChinaHerb		34.12	-.76
ChenEnLPt.76		27.95	-.22
ChenEnHld.06		17.15	-.28
ChinaPrtn		.20	+.02
CtyGldGp1.20		9.28	-.05
Contango		41.15	-.64
CoricheInR		6.89	+.09
CorMedix		2.38	+.02
CrSuisHiInc		2.75	-.02
CrSuiHY	.29	3.23	-.01
DakotaPrns		.10	-.00
DenisnM g		.51	-.00
EV LtdDurI.22		19.05	-.13
Electrnpd		3.77	-.07
ElephTalk		.22	-.02
EnFuel grs		2.25	+.05
FstShPrp	.76	10.06	-.04
GamGldNR		5.41	-.03
GastarExp		1.09	+.02
GenMoly		1.48	+.03
Globalstar		1.48	+.03
GoldResrc.02m		2.30	+.05
GtPanMtls g		.07	
GoldenMar		.43	-.01
GoldStr g		.45	+.02
GranTris g		2.53	+.01
GtPanSilv g		.36	
Hemisphrx		.13	-.00
Hoopertn		.14	-.01
Ideanomics		.26	-.02
ImmunoCll		.30	-.01
ImpOil g	.56	32.98	+.31
IndiaGlobl	.72	13.45	
InfuSystm		1.57	-.03
Inuvo		1.74	-.05
InvMcMu2.76		12.21	-.13
JRJR Hlbr		1.29	-.04
Klondex g		2.70	-.07
LadThalFn		2.35	+.05
LadThalRt		.03	-.00
LucasE rs		3.09	-.06

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	WIBA.	House	GMA Saturday		Wild C.	Ocean M.	S.Rescue	Wildlife D	RockPark	Explore	Family	Mr. Box
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS This Morning Saturday (N)		LuckyDog	Dr. Chris	Innovate	Inspect	Chicken	Changers	Bucket	Paid		
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Pufnstuf	Land Lost	Green	Green	History	History	Hunters	Wagon Train			The Big Valley	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Consumr	Consumer	Aqua Kid	Animals	WIBA.	Outdoors	Weekend	Marketplace			Mazda	Raceweek
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Light of Southwest		Joshua	Creation	Enarson	S. Baras	News	WhatCost	Camino	Israel	Z. Levitt	HaYesod
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Famil.	Mercury	Saturday Today (N)			LazyTown	Floogals	Nina's	Ruff-Ruff	Astro	Clangers	A.Sking
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	D.Tiger	Clifford	Curious George		Jet Go!	Sesame	Sesame	Caillou	SciGirls	Cook's	J. Child	Lidia
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Mercury	Nacional	Pocoyo	Amigos	Mickey	Mickey	Handy	Handy	Mercury	Mercury	Sabadazo	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		JTV	JTV Direct	Into Wild	J. Hanna	Dog Tales	Pets.TV	Dragon	Awesome	Whadd	News	Paid	Paid
FLIX	340	575		165		(5:30) Honey, I Shr...	(6:00)	Adventures in Babysitting					Wicked Park	Josh Hartnett.		The War	
HBO	300	590	14	14		Movie	The Muppets Christmas Carol		Sesame	Sesame			The Iron Giant		Real Sports	Movie	
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	First Look 2016	All the Pretty Horses					(:15) Bill Maher		(:15) Everything Is Copy		(:40) American Sniper	
HBOS	304	552	16	102		Movie	(:50) Calvary ('14, Dra) Brendan Gleeson.						Kingsman: The Secret Service		(:40)	Entourage Adrian Grenier.	
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	Movie	(:50) X-Men Hugh Jackman.					(:35)	Insidious: Chapter 3		(:15)	John Wick Keanu Reeves.	
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:10) Baby Boy ('01, Dra) Tyrese Gibson.						(:25)	Enemy at the Gates Jude Law.		(:40)	The Transporter	
PLEX			96			Movie	Chaplin ('92, Bio) Robert Downey Jr.:						In Cold Blood		(:35)	In Cold Blood	
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	Movie	The Giver Brenton Thwaites.					(:15)	King Kong (2005, Action) Naomi Watts, Jack Black, Adrien Brody.			Zodiac	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	The One I Wrote for You						(:15)	The Aviator ('04, Bio) Cate Blanchett, Leonardo DiCaprio.			Around the Wo...	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Tiny House Nation	Tiny House Nation	Shore Flip			You Do?		You Do? (N)			Wahlbrg	Wahlbrg
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman
BET	58	-		40		(5:00) BET Inspiration	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin
BRAVO	65	76		41		Vanderpump Rules		Watch		Beverly Hills		Beverly Hills		Beverly Hills		Beverly Hills	Below
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	New Day Saturday		New Day Saturday		Smerconish		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Mickey's Great ...		M.Mouse	The Lion	Darlings	Jessie	Bunk'd	S.Middle	Backstag	Liv/Mad	Friends	Whenever
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter				SportsCenter		SportsCenter		NCAA Basketball	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	BASS Fishing Bassmaster Classic				NFL Live		H.S. Cheerleading		Cheerl'd	Cheerl'd	NCAA Softball (L)	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	(5:00) Fox & Friends Saturday						Bull Bear	Cavuto	Forbes	Cash In	Property	Journal E.
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Best	Brunch	Daphne	Heart	Rules	Pioneer	Pioneer	Southern	The Kitchen (N)		Cooking	Giada
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	Nanny McPhee Emma Thompson.											
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	NCAA Softball				Outdoor	UEFAMag.	Paid	Paid	?CUBball	Big 12	Sherri Coale Story	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	Buffy "Flooded"		Buffy "Life Serial"		Anger M.	Anger M.	2½Men	2½Men	2½Men	2½Men	Ghost Rider: Spi...	
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Lucy	I Love Lucy	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	For Better or for Worse		Kim Fields.	
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Love/List "Tall Tale"		Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Homes	House
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Secrets of Christianity		Crucifixion				The Real Face of Jesus?				Jesus: 40 Days	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Atlanta Plastic		Her Infidelity	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Weekends-Alex Witt		Up				Special Coverage	The Place for Politics			Weekends-Alex Witt	
NBCSN	38	43				(5:00) Match of Week		Match of the Week				Match of the Week				Super High Roller	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Sponge	Sponge	ALVINNN	ALVINNN	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Dino (N)	ALVINNN
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Paid Program		National Treasure ('04, Adv) Diane Kruger, Nicolas Cage.				National Treas...	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) Paid Program				Lady in the Water ('06, Fant) Paul Giamatti.				Oz the Great and Powerful		James Franco.	
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	F.House	Full House	F.House		Life as We Know It ('10, Com) Katherine Heigl.				Hitch ('05, Com)		Will Smith.	
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	Kisses for Breakfast		MGM Par.		The Lone Wolf Meets ...			Master Minds			Anne of the Tho...	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Baggs	Baggs	Noodle	Noodle	LazyTown	LazyTown	Pagado	Pagado	SOS: Salva mi casa	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Boss "Rocket Fizz"		Boss "Forman Mills"	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Law & Order "Panic"		Law&Order "Entitled"		Law & Order		Law&O. "Trade This"		Law & Order		Daredevil	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Inst.Mom	Inst.Mom	Inst.Mom	Inst.Mom	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Paid Program		Paid Program		Chrisley	Chrisley	NCIS "Gut Check"		NCIS "Devil's Triad"		NCIS	
WGN	19	85				Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Home Videos 1/2		Home Videos 2/2		Home Videos		Home Videos	

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	G	S	R	C	W	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3-	2	Y. Icons	Comics	World XGames (N)		30 for 30 "The '85 Bears" (N)				Paid	Paid	Paid	News
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Fishing Summit Cup		Sports Spectacular		NCAA Basketball Division II Tournament (L)				Road Final	Four	NCAA Basketball	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Gunsmoke		Bonanza		Rawhide		Wanted	Wanted	Rifleman	Rifleman	Superman	Batman
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	The Switch	Jason Bateman.			Paid	Outdoors	Paid	Paid	Modern	Modern	2½Men	2½Men
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	News	Walking	Restore	S. Baras	Light of Southwest		Light of Southwest		Zion	On Wings	WhatCost	Audra
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	(11:30) USSA A.Skiing		PGA Golf Match Play Championship Site: Austin Austin Country Club -- Austin, Texas (L)								W.America	News
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Chef's	Old House	House	HomeT.	Woodsh'p	Motor.	Landscap	Travel	Heroes	Parks	News.	InnerV.
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	(11:00) Sabadazo		Rosa Guadalupe		Lanzate		Vigilia Pascual				Mi jefe	Noticiero
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Flipside	Access Hollywood	Homeown.	Hazelton	O.House	Homes	NameG.	Fam.Feud	The Good Wife			Rizzoli
FLIX	340	575		165		(11:00) The Was...	(:05)	The Dick Tracy Warren Beatty.					The Program ('93, Spo) James Caan.			Mindhunters	
HBO	300	590	14	14		(11:30) My Big Fat...	1stLook	(:25)	Fresh Perfect 2			(:20)	Evolution David Duchovny.		(:05)	Max	
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(10:45) American ...	Vinyl	"Pilot"				Vinyl		Vinyl		Vinyl "The Racket"	
HBOS	304	552	16	102		Movie	Unbroken ('14, Bio) Jack O'Connell.					(:50)	Ebola: Doctor's	BodyTeam	(:55)	Ebola	Kissing Jessica Stein
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	Banshee "Pilot"		Banshee	Banshee "The Rave"	Banshee		(:45)	Banshee		(:45)	Banshee	"Wicks" Banshee
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:10)	Jackie Brown ('97, Dra) Samuel L. Jackson, Pam Grier.							(:55)	Black Knight	(:35)	Neighbors
PLEX			96			(:10)	Attila Gerard Butler.							(:20)	Mask ('85, Bio) Sam Elliott, Eric Stoltz, Cher.	Movie	
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(11:30)	Zodiac Jake Gyllenhaal.					(:15)	Clouds of Sils Maria ('14, Dra) Juliette Binoche.			Spring Broke ('15, Doc)	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(11:00) Around th...		The Talented Mr. Ripley ('99, Susp) Matt Damon.						Garm Wars: The Last Druid		(:05)	The Aviator
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Wahlbrg	Wahlbrg	Donnie	Donnie	60 Days In				60 Days "Cell Shock"		60 Days "Fight Face"	The First 48
AMC	40	74	22	42	51	Rifleman	Rifleman			Open Range ('03, West) Kevin Costner, Robert Duvall.						Jurassic Park ('93, Sci-Fi) Sam Neill.	
BET	58	-		40		Martin	Martin			Hustle and Flow ('05, Dra) Terrence Howard.						I Can Do Bad All by Myself Tyler Perry.	
BRAVO	65	76		41		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives P.		Housewives P.		Housewives P.		Housewives P.		Housewives P.	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		Smerconish	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Girl M.	Girl World	Girl M.	Austin	Austin	Underc.	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Jessie	Liv/Mad	Movie	
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	(11:00) NCAA Basketb.		NCAA	NCAA Basketball Division I Tournament (L)			NCAA Basketball Division I Tournament (L)				NCAA	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	(11:00) NCAA Softball		30 for 30 "Elway to Marino"		FIFA Soccer	International Friendly England vs. Germany (L)			NCAA Hockey			
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	(11:30) Journal Edit.		America's News HQ	America's News HQ			America's News HQ		The Five		America's News HQ	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	All-Star Aca "Science"		Chopped		Cooks vs. Cons		Chopped		Chopped		Diners	Diners
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	Movie	Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs					(:40)	101 Dalmatians Rod Taylor.		(:05)	Up	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	(11:00) SherriCoale		Snowboard U.S. Open		Spotlight	Pre-game	NHL Hockey	Dallas Stars at San Jose Sharks (L)				Stars Live
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(11:00) Ghost Ride...		The Amazing Spider-Man ('12, Act) Andrew Garfield.								Captain America: The First Avenger	
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Home	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	(11:00) Jesus: 40 Days		The Bible 'in the Beginning' Exodus						The Bible "Homeland/ Kingdom"			The Bible
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(11:00) Her Infidelity		The Girl He Met Online Yvonne Zima.						The Murder Pact Alexa Pena Vega.		I Killed My BFF	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	(11:00) Alex Witt		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera	
NBCSN	38	43				Super High Roller		Super High Roller		Super High Roller		Rivals	FINA Water Polo		USSA Alpine Skiing		Boxing
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	ALVINNN	ALVINNN	ALVINNN	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	ALVINNN	ALVINNN	Thunder	School
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	(11:00) National Treasure: Book of Secrets				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Jail	Cops	Cops
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	Movie	The Scorpion King 2: Rise of a Warrior						The Scorpion King 3: Battle for Redemption			Movie	
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	The Break Up Vince Vaughn.				Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Girls	Girls	BigBang	BigBang
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(11:00) Anne of the Thousan...		(:45)	The Slipper and the Rose					(:15)	Doctor Dolittle Rex Harrison.		
TELE	20	-	10	20		Un niño llamado Jesús ('07, Drama)								Noticiero	Videos	La Reina Del Sur	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Extreme Weight Loss "Jarvez"				Extreme Weight Loss "Michael"				Extreme Weight Loss "Ashley"			
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(11:00) Daredevil		Spider-Man ('02, Act) Tobey Maguire.						Batman Begins Christian Bale.			
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba
USA	26	55	42	27	49	NCIS "Crescent City"		NCIS "Crescent City"		NCIS "Alleged"				NCIS		NCIS "Choke Hold"	
WGN	19	85				Home Videos		Elementary		Elementary				Elementary		Elementary "Bella"	BlueB. "Bad Blood"

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Operation Smile		The Ten Commandments The story of Moses, the son of slaves, who was destined to lead his people out of Egypt.				(:45)	Local 2 News	(:15)	Extra Weekend
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	(5:00) NCAA Basketball Tournament Site: KFC Yum Center (L)		Division I	NCAA Basketball Division I Tournament Regional Final Site: Honda Center -- Anaheim, Calif. (L)					CBS 7 News		(:35)	Elementary	(:35) P. of Interest
KWWT CW	5	14			5	14	Incred. Hulk "Of Guilt, Models and Murder"		Wonder Woman		Star Trek "The Alternative Factor"			The Invisible Man ('33, Sci-Fi) Gloria Stuart, William Harrigan, Claude Rains.			Lost in Space "Space Creature"	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Rosewood "Policies and Ponies"			Lucifer "Favorite Son"		Blue Bloods		Party (N)	Cooper Barrett	YMZ
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	HaYesod	Israel Inspired	House	Update	Light of the Southwest			Light of the Southwest		Lars Enarson	Biblical Israel	Jean-Claude Van	Del Camino
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	Country Reporter	Dateline NBC Featuring quality investigative features and stories.					Saturday Night Live		Saturday Night Live		
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	History Detectives		Song of the Mountains		Woodsongs			The Kate "Rita Wilson"		Austin City "Sam Smith/ Future Islands"	Bluegrass Under ?	Sun Studio
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		Crónicas de Sabado					Sal y pimienta		Durmiend o mi Jefe	Noticiero Univision	Estrellados
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Rizzoli	Castle		Scandal		Mike&M.	Anger M.	Mike&M.		Office	Comedy. TV	Closer
FLIX	340	575		165		(5:00) Mindhunters		Species ('95, Sci-Fi) Ben Kingsley.					Species II			(:35)	Species III
HBO	300	590	14	14		(5:00) Max		Vacation Ed Helms.				(:40)	Boxing WCB Site: Oracle Arena (L)			Legacy	Sports
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	Vinyl		Vinyl					Magic Mike XXL Channing Tatum.		LastWeek	Bill Maher	Movie
HBOS	304	552	16	102		(:10) Win Win ('11, Com) Paul Giamatti.							Kingsman: The Secret Service		(:15)	Unbroken Jack O'Connell.	
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(:20) Banshee		(:10) Banshee		Banshee			Horrible Bosses 2		(:50)	Erotic Vampire of Bev...	
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:10) Never Let Me Go Keira Knightley.							Lucy Scarlett Johansson.			Edge of Tomorrow Tom Cruise.	Movie
PLEX			96			(5:25) Crocodile D...		(:20) All Dogs Go to Heaven						(:50)	My Girl 2 Anna Chlumsky.	(:35)	Armed and Dangerous
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	Shame. Paradise Lost		Billions						(:35)	Steve-O: Guilty	Billions	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:00) The Aviator								(:10)	The Atticus Institute	The Gimmes	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	First 48 "Kiss of Death"		The First 48		The First 48 (N)				The First 48		HorrorHouse	The First 48
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(5:00) Jurassic Park										Jurassic Park	Sam Neill.
BET	58	-		40		Kelly and Cortina (13) Mary J. Blige.										Now, Chi, Now	Hayden Panettiere.
BRAVO	65	76		41		Housewives Atlanta		Married to Medicine								Below Deck	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Boss "White Castle"		Boss "Subway"		Undercover Boss			Undercover Boss		Boss "White Castle"		Boss "Subway"
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	CNN Newsroom		Finding Jesus		Finding Jesus			America's Choice		America's Choice		America's Choice
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch			Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	(5:30) Toy Story ...				Toy Story 2			(:40) Lab Rats: Bionic		StarWars	Liv/Mad	Jessie
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball Division I Tournament (L)				NBA Coast to Coast (L)					SportsCenter		SportsCenter
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	(5:00) NCAA Hockey		SportsC.		NCAA Softball Texas at Baylor (L)					SEC Storied		30Shorts 30Shorts
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	FOX Report Sa.Sarduy				Justice Judge Jeanine			Greg Gutfeld Show		The Kelly File		Justice Judge Jeanine
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped			Chopped		Chopped		Chopped
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:00)	Frozen ('13, Ani) Kristen Bell.										Movie
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Championship Spot.		Player	Player	O'Brien	H.S. Basketball			Snowboarding U.S. Open			
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(5:00) Captain Am...		The Avengers ('12, Act) Robert Downey Jr.						Gravity ('13, Thri) Sandra Bullock.		Mike&M.	Mike&M.
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Peter's Handbook ('10) Melissa Joan...				Apostle for Love ('15, Rom) Taylor Cole.				G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	House	House	Property Brothers		Property Brothers				Renovation		LogCabin LogCabin	Property Brothers
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	(5:00) The Bible		The Bible "Division/ Betrayal"						The Bible "Passion"			The Bible
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(5:00) I Killed My...		The Perfect Daughter Trinity Smith.						The Perfect Girlfriend Adrienne Frantz.			The Perfect Da...
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Lockup				Lockup			Lockup
NBCSN	38	43				(5:30) Boxing Premier Champions				Boxing Classics '15 Premier Champions				Boxing Classics '15 Premier Champions			
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	H.Danger	H.Danger	H.Danger	School	Bella	GShakers	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	National Treasure ('04, Adv) Diane Kruger, Nicolas Cage.			
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) The Scorpion King 4: Quest for Fire								The Scorpion King 2: Rise of a Warrior			
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	Frontal Fibeca		The Break Up	
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:30) Doctor Dolittle								(:15)	Stagecoach John Wayne.		
TELE	20	-	10	20		(5:00) La Reina Del Sur		Que noche con Angelica y Raul						La Biblia		Titulares	Videos Decisiones extremas
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Untold "Restored"		Untold "Dr. Bikini"		Untold "Baby 911"				The E.R. (N)		The E.R.	Untold "Baby 911"
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(5:00) Batman Be...		The Dark Knight Rises ('12, Act) Christian Bale, Anne Hathaway.									Spider-Man
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	NCIS "The Searchers"		NCIS "Grounded"		NCIS "Cadence"				NCIS "No Good Deed"		NCIS "Gut Check"	
WGN	19	85				Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods				Outsiders "Trust"			The Bodyguard Whitney Houston.

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High: 83 Low: 44	High: 88 Low: 45	High: 77 Low: 56	High: 83 Low: 57	High: 80 Low: 50	High: 78 Low: 49

Local forecast

On Easter Sunday, the expected high temperature will be 68 degrees, according to the National Weather Service. Otherwise, highs for the next week will be in the upper 70s and lower 80s.

The record high for March 25 is 90 set in 1938. The record low is 23 set in 1955. On March 25 of last year, the high was 84 and the low was 51.

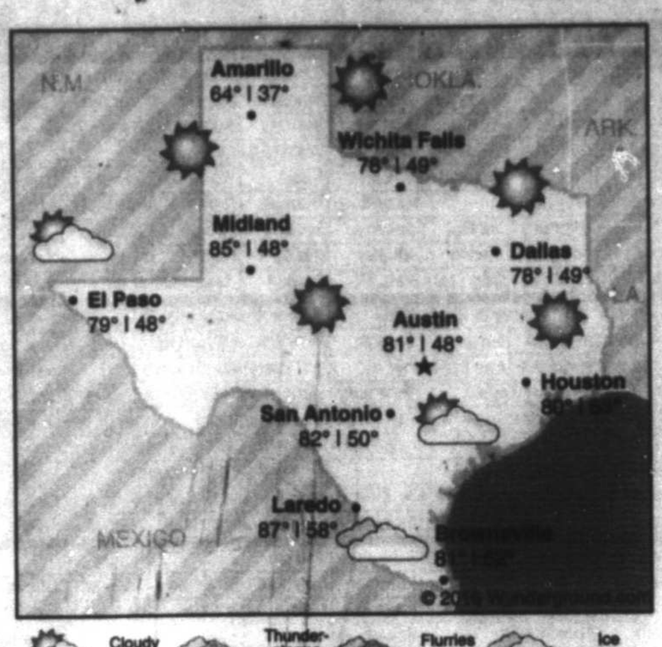
Climate brief

Study: Juneau Ice Field to shrink if warming continues

A Rhode Island-size ice field in the mountains behind Alaska's capital could disappear by 2200 if climate-warming trends continue, according to a University of Alaska Fairbanks study.

The study published this week by the Journal of Glaciology predicts 60 percent of the ice in the Juneau Ice Field could be gone by 2099.

The Juneau Ice Field is the source for a major Alaska tourist attraction, the Mendenhall Glacier, visited last year by 450,000 people at a U.S. Forest Service center. By 2099, the study authors said, the glacier's ice will be harder to find.



Precipitation

Friday	0.00 in.
Thursday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.34 in.
Year total	0.82 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.75 in.

Friday's temperatures

High	81
Low	41
Normal high	73
Normal low	43
Sunrise	7:44 a.m.
Sunset	8:05 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Saturday, March 26



Couple planning for future disagrees on fiscal policy

DEAR ABBY



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

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating my boyfriend for two years. He is applying to graduate school, while I am applying to medical school. He's wonderful and we talk often about marriage and our future. Both of us have student loan debt, which we are aggressively working to pay down.

My problem is, he thinks nothing of planning long, extravagant vacations for us. I make twice what he does, but I prefer saving for the obvious debt in my future and taking shorter, less-expensive vacations. He relies on his "strategic financial planning" to compensate for his "I want it all, and I want it now" personality.

When I express my hesitancy to go on these long trips based on my personal finances, he offers to pay for everything, which makes me feel like a cheapskate, since I could technically pay for us both easily. Am I unreasonable in saying I'm uncomfortable with either of us spending thousands of dollars that would be better spent setting up our future together? — VACATION SCROOGE

DEAR SCROOGE: Oh, how I wish you had revealed more information about your boyfriend's "strategic financial planning" because I'm sure many people would be very interested. However, if he's investing in the stock market, he should know that it's like an elevator — investments not only can go up, but they also can come down, and there are no guarantees regarding investment results.

Before this relationship goes further, I urge you and your boyfriend to seek not only couples counseling but also financial counseling.

DEAR ABBY: I'm having a problem with my boyfriend's friend "Chuck." Chuck constantly does things like open a door on me (which has left bruises), run into me "by accident" (which caused me to trip) or "accidentally" push me into the water. My boyfriend already knows I have strong reservations about his friend's character, and it upsets him because Chuck is a childhood friend.

I don't like to bring it up as often as these incidents occur, but I'm worried that one day I'll finally lose my temper and be accused of making a big deal out of nothing when it's obviously something. How can I make Chuck stop before something happens? — UNCOMFORTABLE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE: Has it occurred to you that Chuck may be jealous of the time you and his friend spend together and may be punishing you because he feels you have taken his friend away from him? I suggest this because that's the way he has been acting — literally trying to "push" you out of the picture. I see nothing wrong with telling your boyfriend about everything Chuck has "accidentally" done to you, and then letting him deal with his friend's insecurities.

To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby — Keepers Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price.

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With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q J 6 5 ♡ 3 ◇ A J 10 5 ♣ K J 10 2

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1◇	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♡	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

Q 2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A ♡ A 10 5 4 ◇ A 6 ♣ Q J 10 8 6 5

With the opponents passing, you open one club and partner responds one spade. What rebid would you choose?

Q 3 — East West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A J 9 8 ♡ J 10 4 ◇ A Q 8 ♣ 9 8 4

As dealer, what call would you make?

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K 7 5 4 ♡ A J 8 6 ◇ 10 ♣ K Q 8 5

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass

What call would you make?

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1 She played Madeleine in "Bel Ami" (2012)
4 Get really excited
8 Mug shot result?
14 __ data
15 "The Diana Chronicles" author Brown
16 Rooks, e.g.
17 Social follower?
18 Levitate
20 Fashionable
22 "Enough, José!"
23 Shout after a muleta manipulation
24 Hard-to-hit pitch
26 __ fail
28 Carrier of many old couples
30 Historic Buddhist temple
33 You can count on them
35 Response acknowledging familiarity
38 Couple getting away together?
41 Beyond reproach
42 Lemony spice used in Middle Eastern cuisine
43 Question of time
46 Half a drink
47 Not out
50 2000s Showtime series, with "The"
52 "Star Trek" initialism
54 In a big way
57 Party where lomi salmon may be served
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63 1970 Kinks hit
64 Stand in a barrel
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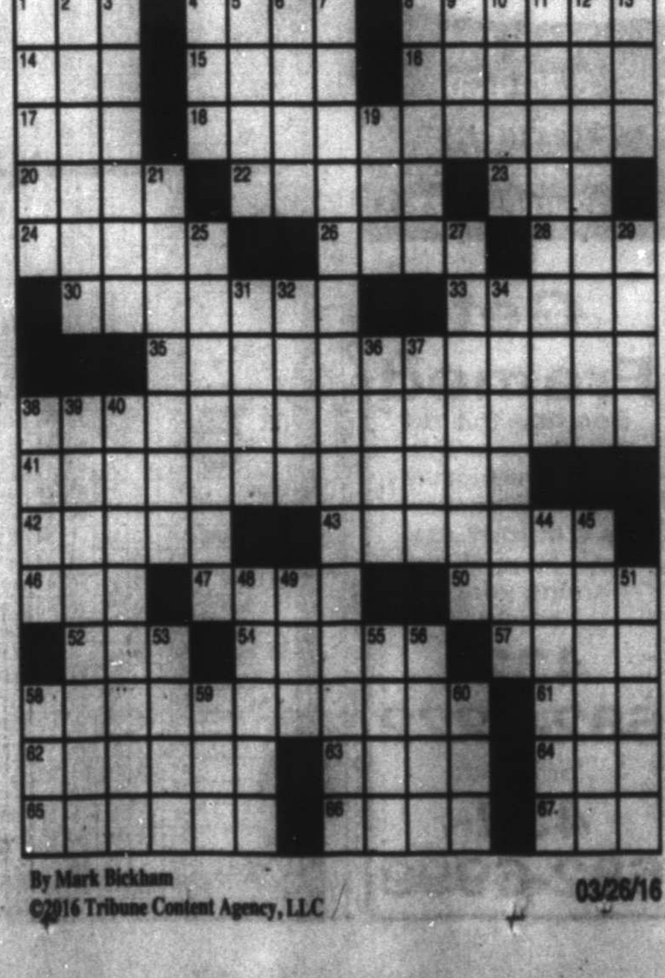
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1 "Spenser: For Hire" actor
2 He's no Johnny One Note
3 Barely clear of the bottom
4 Co. with a bouquet in its logo
5 Bank security
6 Scoop
7 Loan document
8 Iranian language
9 Clark's "Mogambo" co-star
10 It helps you avoid seeing spots
11 Boxer who retired undefeated
12 Building security device
13 Humanities dept.
19 Clothing giant
21 Starbucks latte order
25 Courvoisier and Hennessy
27 Taunt
29 Surfer's option
31 Garlic relative
32 "Just doing my job"
34 Nocturnal bird
36 City name that looks like an oxymoron
37 Over
38 "Hey!"
39 "__ Hunger Force": Adult Swim cartoon
40 Ponder
44 Milky Way component
45 Farm
48 Profundity metaphor
49 Provider of answers, briefly
51 Had
53 Provider of answers
55 Some summer births
56 Kennel noise
58 "Talkin' Cars of Business" rock gp.
59 Bills left behind, perhaps
60 Indian bread

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, March 26, 2016:

This year you often make an effort to get past issues through one-on-one relating. Detachment will be a goal that you pursue in order to make your life work better. Learn to go with the flow, and accept that changes will occur; you can't stop progress from happening. If you are single, allow yourself to get to know a suitor better before getting too involved. You most likely will be drawn to a relaxed person. If you are attached, you and your sweetie enjoy each other much more when it is just the two of you. Follow your instincts regarding what you can do to please your significant other. SCORPIO understands you very well.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You'll discover how assertive a loved one can be. You won't mind the direction this person is pushing you toward. Be a little less assertive, and you will enjoy the process even more. Just go with the moment, and don't worry so much. Tonight: Tap into your intuition.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ What others offer as suggestions might seem enticing, yet could be a little off the wall. You'll decide to join in, as you're able to imagine how exciting those adventures will be. Don't delude yourself about someone's reactions to your efforts. Tonight: Add some naughtiness.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You have a lot to get done, and quickly at that. Your ability to get past a problem emerges when too many invitations tempt you. Prioritize, yet recognize the need to let go. You come from a caring place. Others will understand if you can't make it. Tonight: Invite a friend over.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Allow more caring and playfulness in. You even might feel as if you are a kid again. Letting your inner child out to rejoice and enjoy the moment will be more important than you realize. Tonight: Only with someone you love, out doing something you love.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Stay close to home and relax. You might want to get your place ready to do some entertaining. You'll want to invite over a friend or two to keep you company. Your sweetie or a dear loved one will share a wonderful suggestion for what you can do. Tonight: Order in.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by all the ground you must cover. You are more than capable of doing it — you just have to make a point of diving right in. Recognize someone else's great idea or project for what it is. Go along with the concept. Tonight: Visit with friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Curb a tendency to go overboard. Some of you might try too hard to please someone else. Weigh the long-term ramifications of your present actions. Your imagination might help you to see what the possible outcomes are. Tonight: Treat a favorite person to dinner and drinks.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You are fiery and full of ideas. A friend or loved one could change his or her tune, and might retract an invitation. Do not stand on ceremony, if you can help it. Playing a control game right now could disrupt a potentially happy moment. Tonight: Just be yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You might feel as if you need to liven up your plans. Be honest with yourself, and know that you have pushed yourself very hard as of late. You might need some time off from your hectic social schedule. Play it low-key and close to home. Tonight: In the whirlwind of living.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You will want to reach out to a loved one or a dear friend who lives at a distance, as you rarely get to see this person. The two of you often get involved in what-if situations and share some fun gossip. Don't you think it is time for a visit? Tonight: Only what makes you happy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Pressure from an older person could become overwhelming. As a result, you might find it difficult to even visit with him or her. A dear friend or relative will pitch in and make the situation a lot easier. Let this person know how appreciative you are. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Keep reaching out to a loved one at a distance. You could be so out of sorts that you hardly know what to say or do next. Take your leave, and head home to take a nap. Choose to follow a different path if it will help you to chill out. Tonight: Enjoy every moment.

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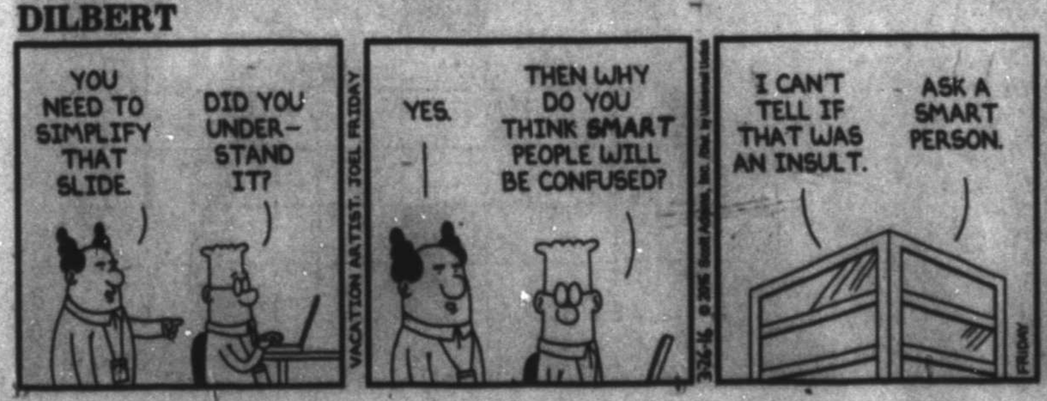
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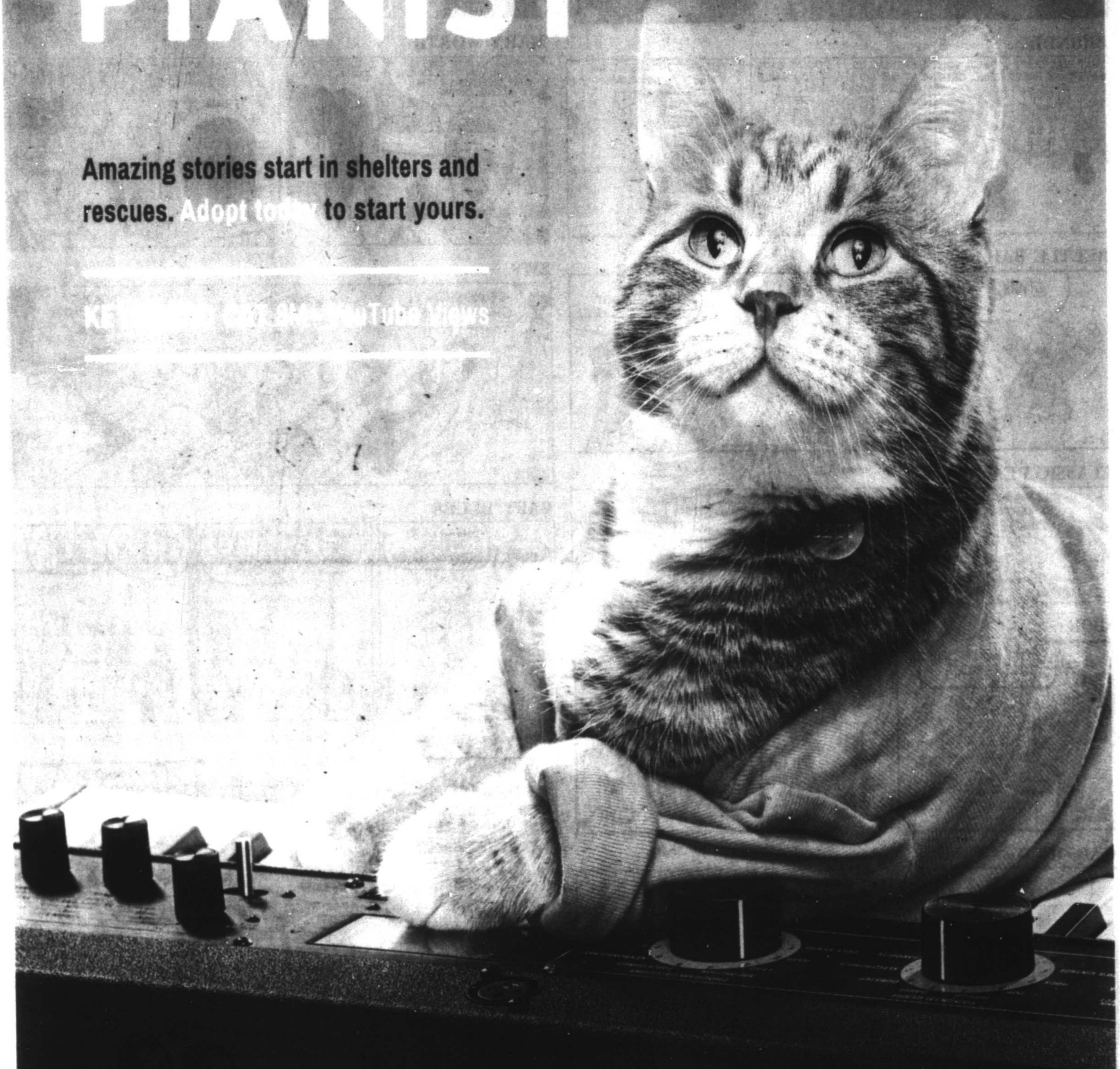


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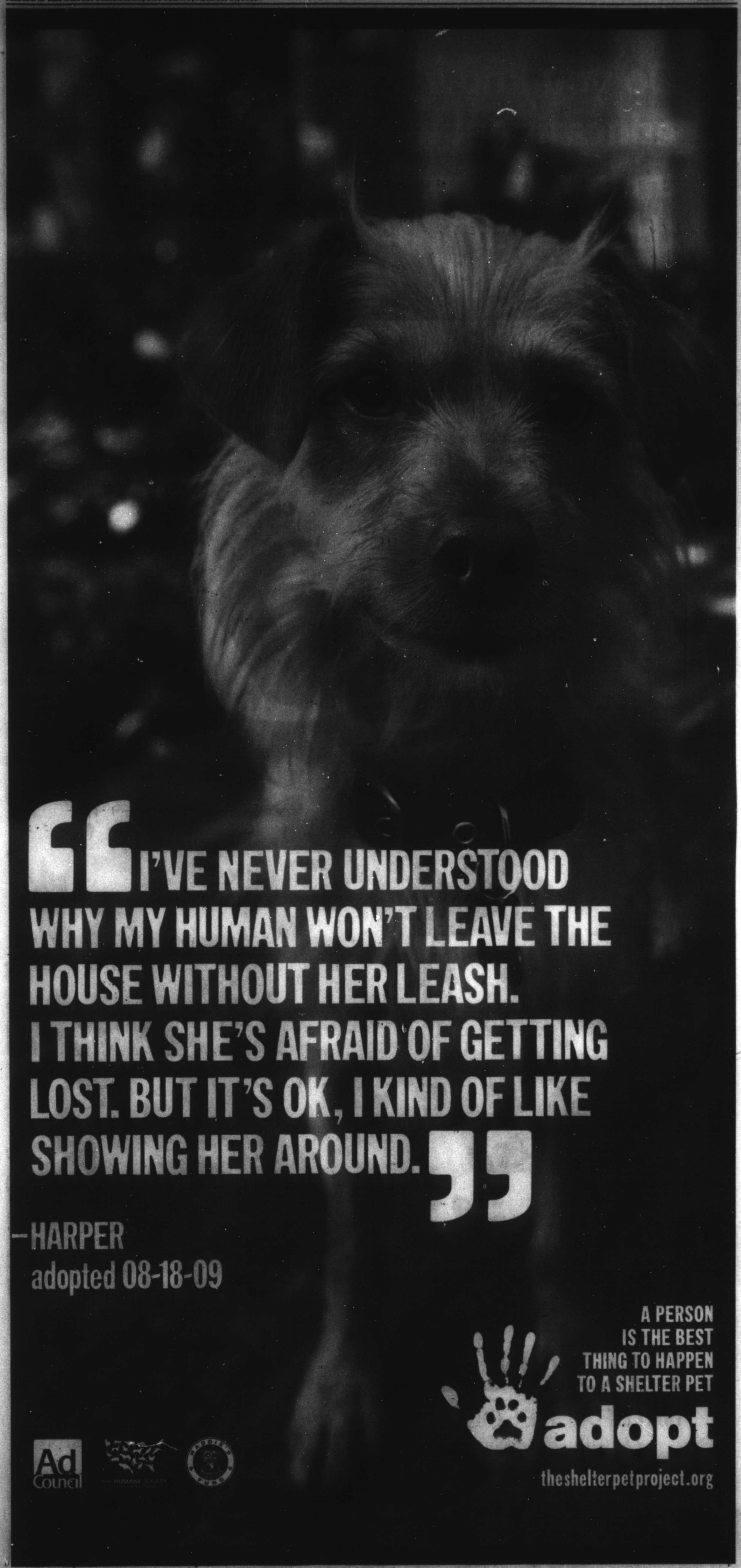
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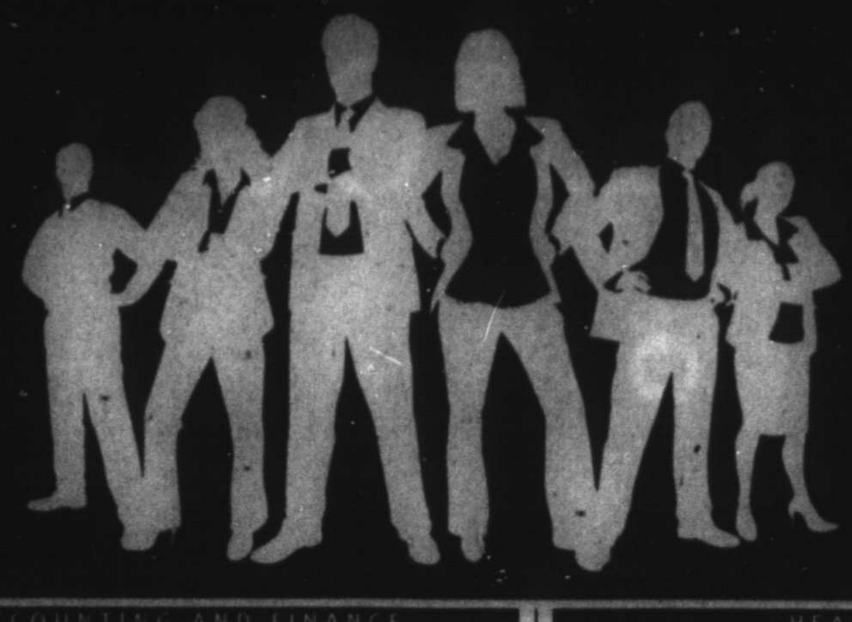
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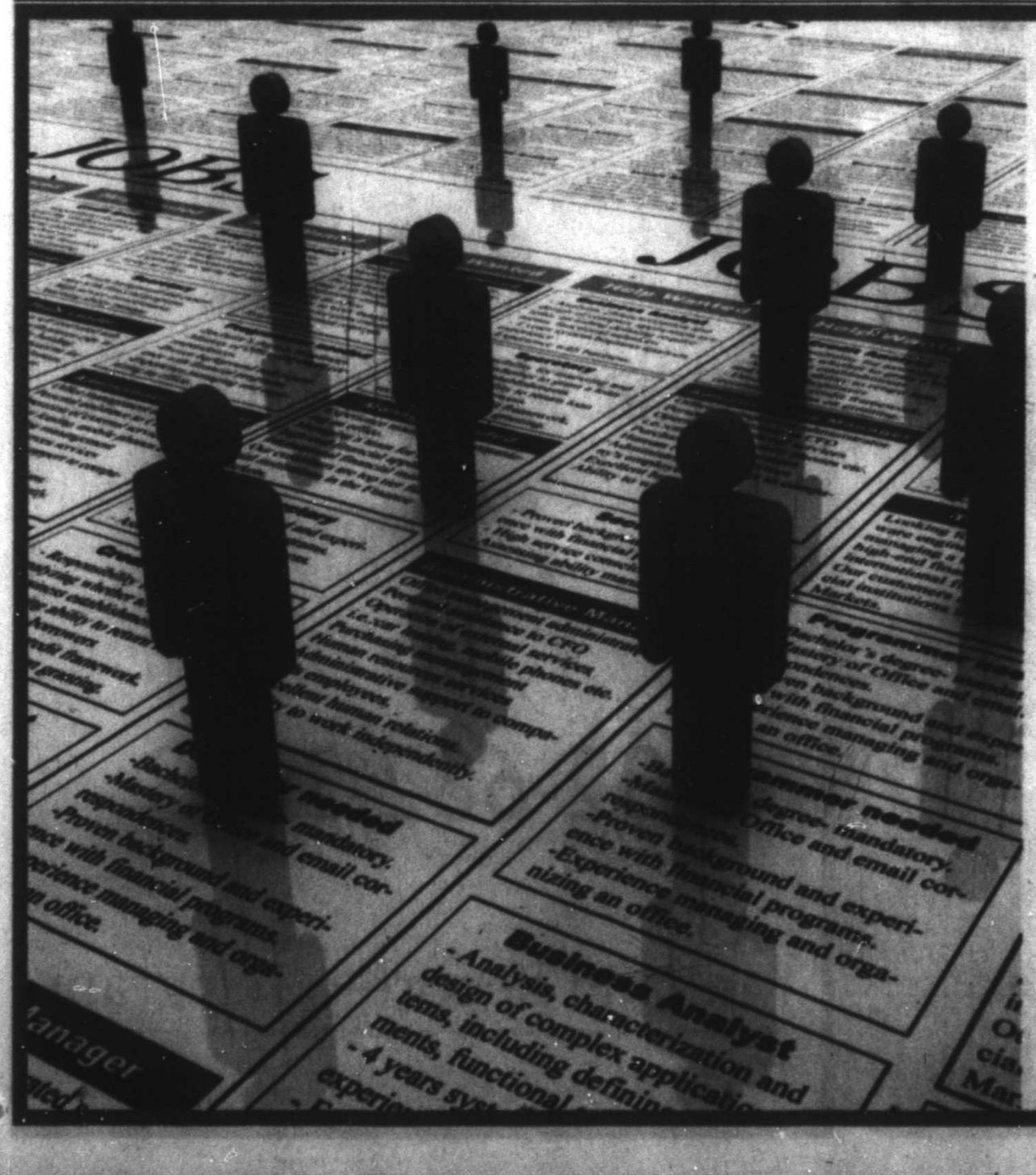
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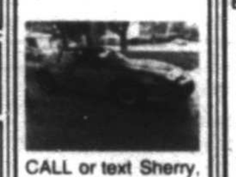
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79701

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3619 Baumann Saturday 10am-? 3 Family garage sale furniture, clothes, misc.

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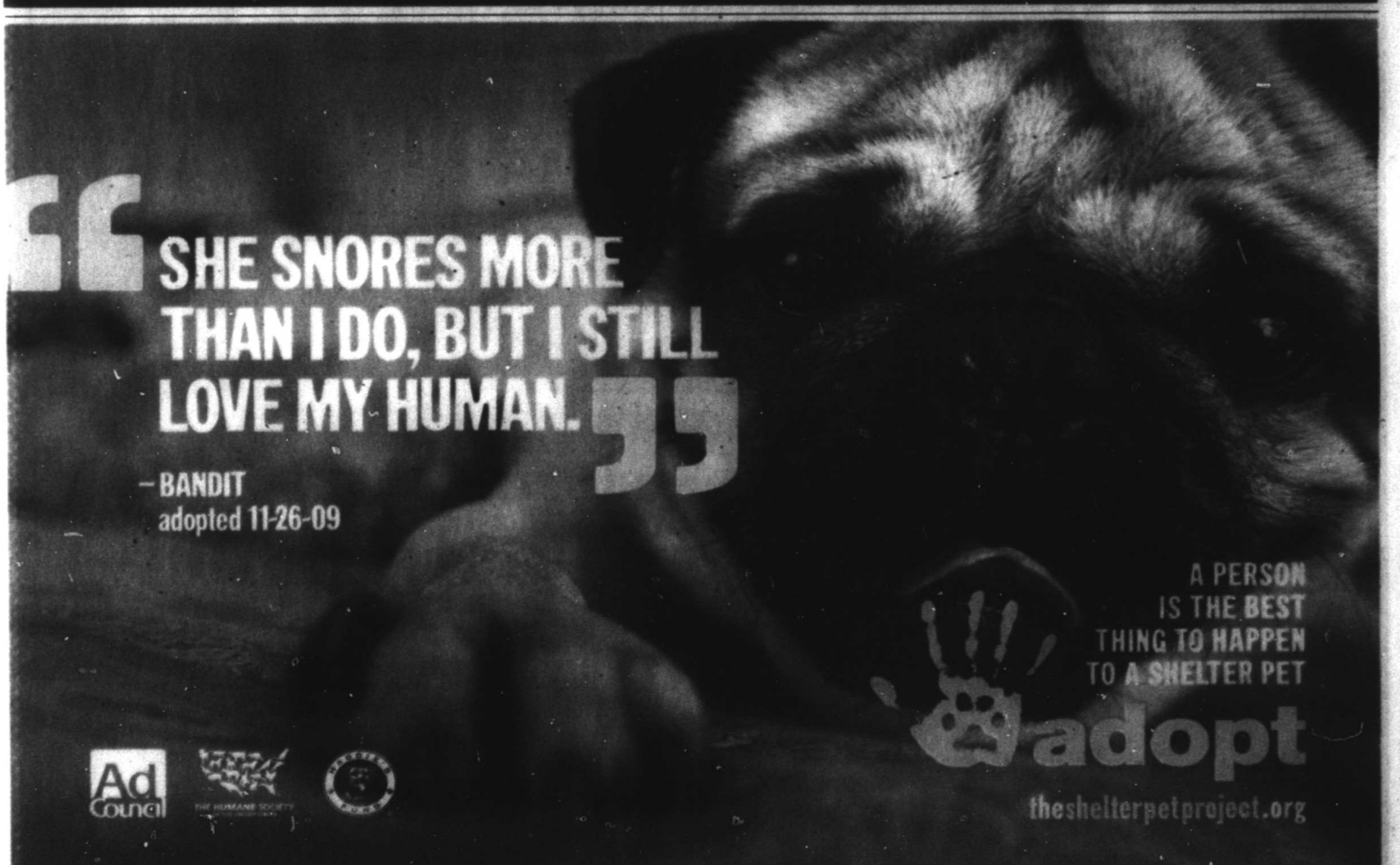
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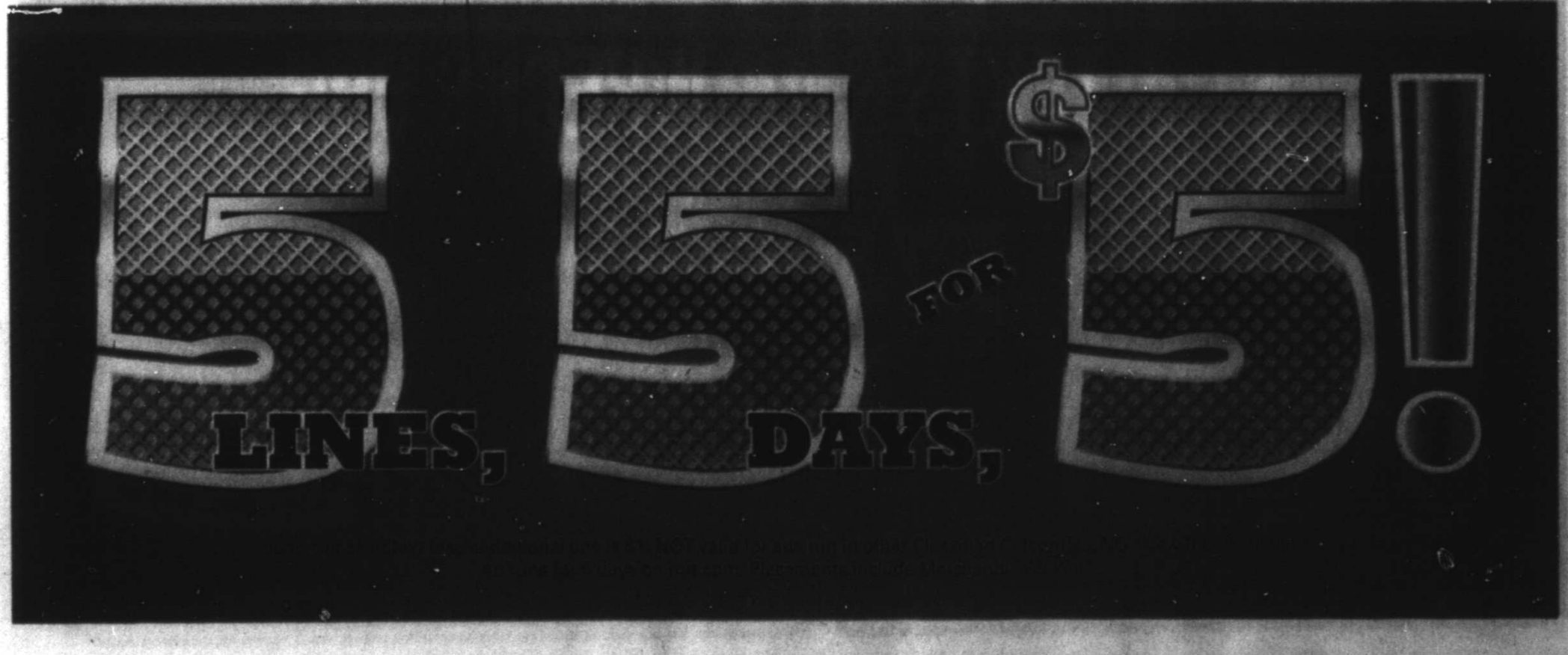
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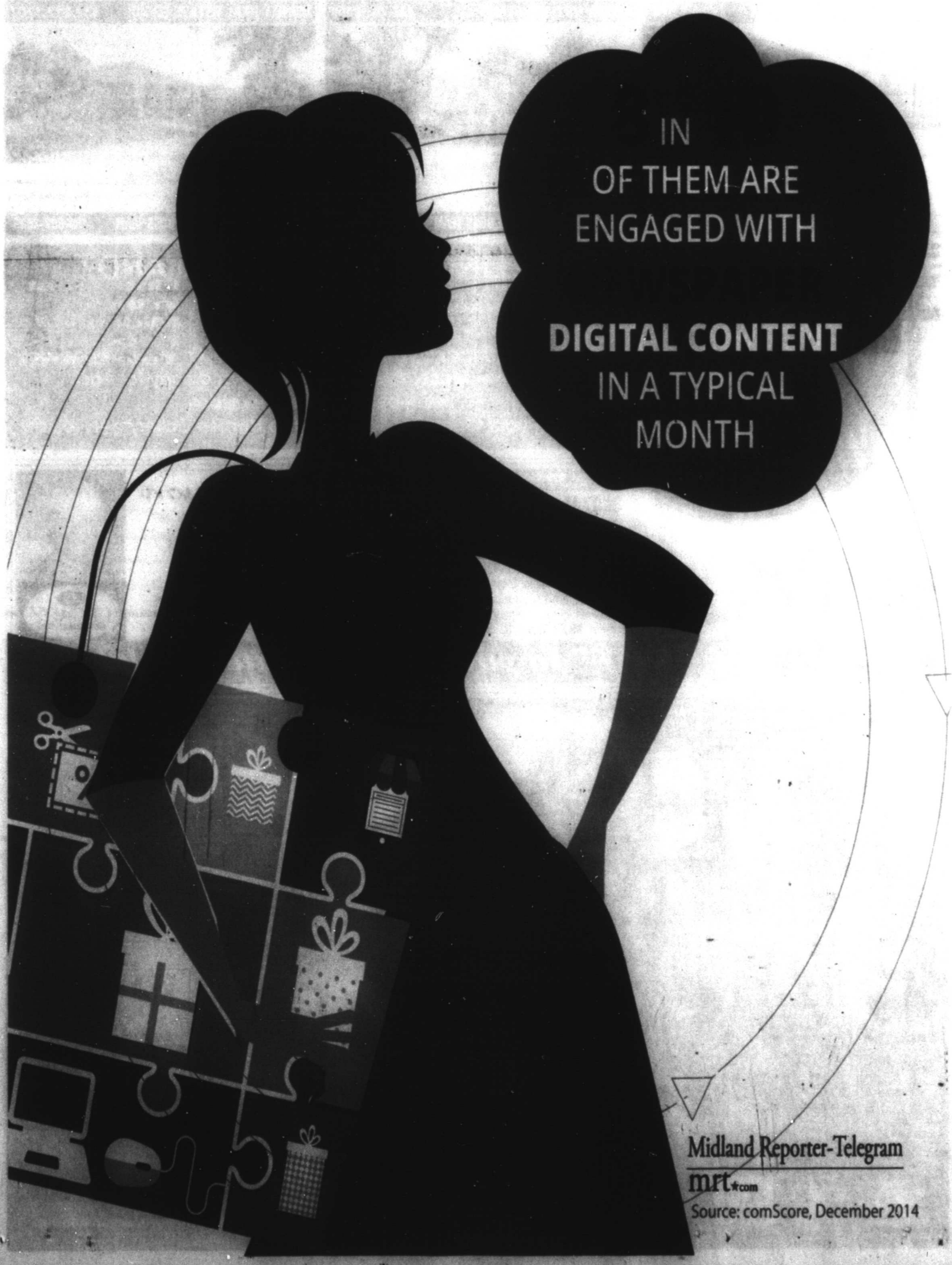
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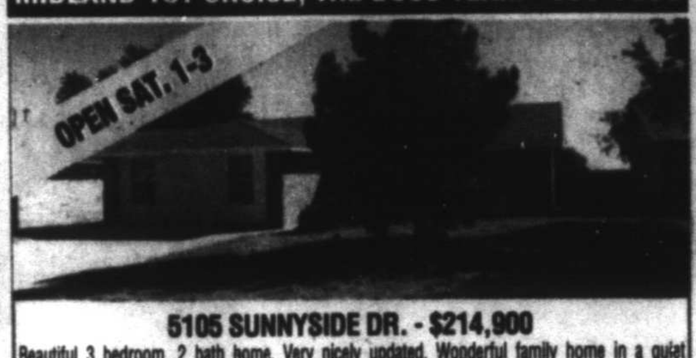
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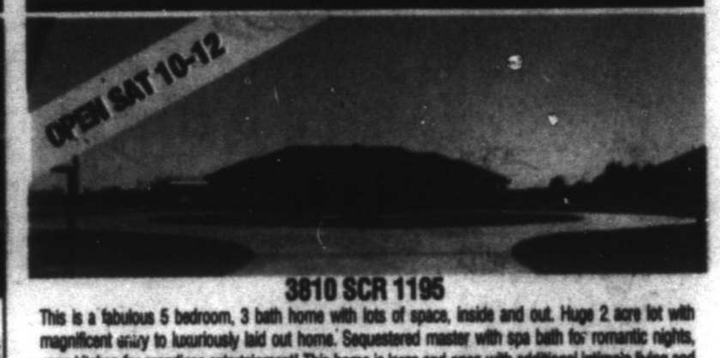
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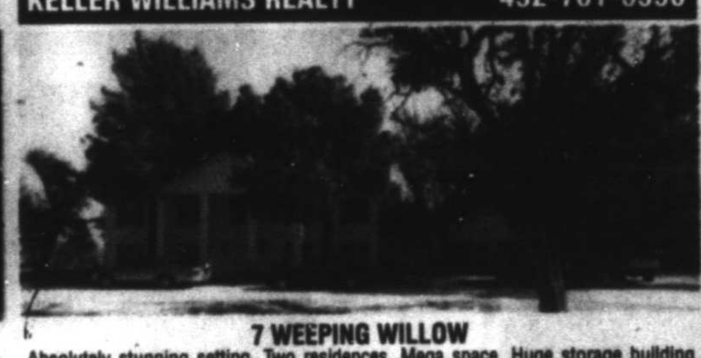
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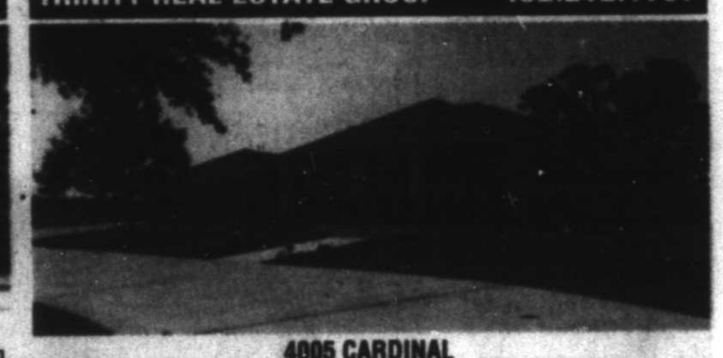
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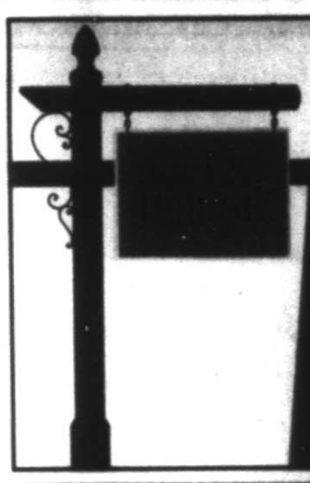
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