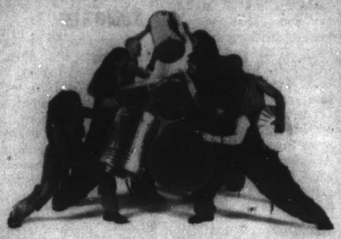
MIDLAND REPORTER-TELEGRAM

THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2016 mrt★com *235,000 readers in print and online monthly*

TAKE A BITE

The FBI-Apple case is over, but there may be more in the horizon.

Page 3A



BROADWAY IN BASIN

Read an interview with John Angeles, leader of the group "Stomp," which brings its percussion-based performance art to Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center tonight.

Inside

Midland students' use of Ogle leads to arrest

MISD technicians monitor app after concerned parent contacts officials

By Erin Stone
estone@mrt.com

Local schools released a joint statement this afternoon asking parents to check their children's phones after a social media app called Ogle caused alarm and eventually resulted in a student being arrested Wednesday at Midland High School.

The app acts like a "school-wide forum" — as it is described on the developer's website — in which students can post photos, videos, questions and comments completely anonymously. On the iTunes store, the app states users must be at least 17 to download it. However, Ogle does not ask for any age verification when downloaded.

MISD heard of Ogle earlier this week from a concerned parent, said Jeff Horner, executive director of Secondary Education for MISD. School technicians had been monitoring the app throughout the week, during which comments were mostly "typical teenager banter," according to the press release from Midland ISD, Greenwood ISD, Midland Christian School, Trinity School, Midland Classical Academy, Richard Milburn Academy, Bynum School and Grace Lutheran School.

However, on Wednesday, the comments escalated to an alarmingly vulgar and threatening level, Horner said in a phone interview.

"As we were watching, quite literally today it went from being a few comments to as viral as any social media thing I've experienced in the school district," Horner said. "The postings went viral in a very short time. They started out putting a name of a kid, talking about him or her, and it just got to be more and more vulgar, then just making really mean cyberbullying-type comments that we began investigating."

One student eventually made a threat toward the school. Though no MISD officials were able to confirm the nature of the threat in detail, the Reporter-Telegram received a Facebook message from an MISD parent with screenshots from her daughter alleging that a student had threatened to kill himself after "shooting up" the school.

MISD technicians acted quickly, identified the student who made the threat, and arrested him, said Horner.

"Because we got him so quick we didn't have to go into lockdown," Horner said. "But it was on there long enough that parents were afraid, kids saw it."

The post had more than 1,000 comments at one point, Horner said.

"Midland High had the largest number of postings and caused the most amount of concern," he said. "But this app exists and targets all of our local schools, public and private alike. The pornographic material on there, the meanness about specific students, is appalling. Just the nature of being able to post those appalling things is what got everybody's attention in the first place."

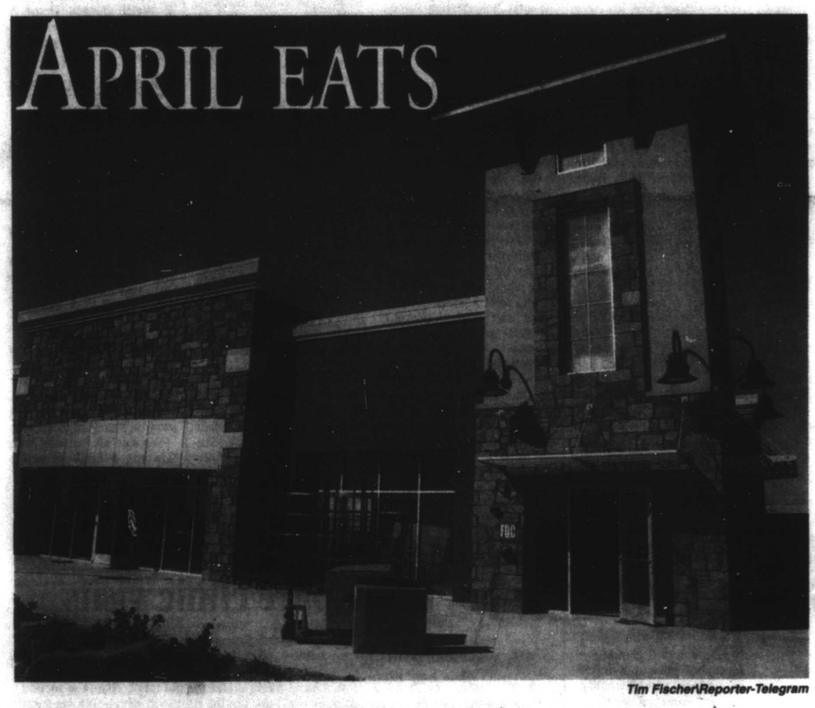
Private schools such as Midland Christian and Trinity told the Reporter-Telegram that they had also had students targeted on the app.

Ogle is similar to apps such as Yik-yak, Kik, Whisper, SnapChat, Vine, Kik and Streetchat, but it is somewhat different in that it allows users to post pictures anonymously and to an audience of users that they have not had to "friend."

"Anybody can post to any one of those schools," Horner said. "You can be in

Please see **APP**/4A

APRIL EATS



Tim Fischer\Reporter-Telegram

Construction continues Tuesday for the Potbelly restaurant in the new Red Oak Plaza next to the new H-E-B on Loop 250.

Potbelly Sandwich Shop opening planned for mid-April

■ Restaurant to feature live music, locally themed decor

By Trent Johnson
tsjohnson@mrt.com

Midland will welcome another sandwich shop to its catalogue of eateries when Potbelly Sandwich Shop opens next month near the new H-E-B on Loop 250. Co-owned by Houstonians Dora and Kase Braun and Sonja Gutierrez, the shop will focus on delivering with a cafe feel designed to replicate the Midland culture.

"I think people will respond to us," said Gutierrez, who is also the manager. "Obviously, there are other sandwich shops, but we're different. Everything is fresh, and there are tons of choices to go along with our soups, salads and cookies, that are made fresh everyday."

More info:

Potbelly Sandwich Shop
1401 N. Loop 250 West
Suite 1
www.potbelly.com

Along with the expansive menu, the restaurant, which is scheduled to open in mid-April, will also feature live music from local artists during lunch and dinner hours, and memorabilia and pictures representing the community.

"We're going to work really hard to be a neighborhood shop," Gutierrez said. "We're going to hold some live auditions. The music helps keep a good vibe in the restaurant."

After experiencing the restaurant as a consumer, Gutierrez and the Brauns knew it was an atmosphere they felt would fit well in the Midland business sector.

"We first learned about Potbelly when we moved to Houston, and before we knew it we started going there for lunch at least once a week. We loved it," Dora Braun said in a press release. "After doing some research, we decided to go for it and open our own. We're looking forward to delivering quality customer service and bringing a great lunch experience to Midland."

Potbelly joins the other sandwich-centric shops that have opened in the past couple of years, including Jimmy John's, Which Wich, Jersey Mike's and Firehouse Subs. Even with these other options revolving the base of bread, meat and cheese, Gutierrez is confident Potbelly will stand out among the crowd.

"I mean there are a little bit of nerves, but I'm not too worried," Gutierrez said. "You just have to work hard and hope you're successful. I like the food, and I thought it was something that we would be proud serving. I want to get started here, and we want the restaurant to be a part of the community."

Potbelly Sandwich Shop first opened in Chicago in 1977. The company owns more than 300 shops nationwide, and there are 30-plus franchise shops in the U.S. and abroad.

Engineers who learn a little business do themselves a favor

■ COMMENTARY

By Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

The layoffs keep coming for oil workers, and companies are cutting to the bone.

The oil and natural gas extraction sector has contracted 18 percent since January 2015 as companies have shed 15,700 jobs across the country, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Add in supporting businesses, and the layoffs total more than 100,000.

Those numbers will only worsen as the Baker Hughes North American rig count sets record lows. In Texas, the number of rigs operating fell by eight to 207 last week, which is 77 percent below its 2014 peak.

Companies are figuring out how to produce more oil and natural gas with fewer rigs, but the link between rigs and jobs remains strong. Every time a rig shuts down, 28 people lose their jobs immediately, and 171 more jobs are eliminated in the long run as a consequence, according to one Rice University study.

"Industrywide hiring is bottoming at levels needed to offset regular attrition," Joseph Triepke, managing director of Oil Pro, said in his analysis of the data. While initial layoffs focused on rig workers, layoffs in 2016 will focus more on middle and senior managers as the industry adjusts to less ambitious drilling plans, he added.

In Texas, the economy is more diverse than ever, so the job losses are only flattening growth, not sending the state into recession.

That doesn't help the men and women who have spent the last four years preparing for careers in an industry that looked unstoppable when they started college, particularly petroleum engineers. Job listings for these specialists who design drilling strategies and supervise rigs are down 84 percent since January 2013 on the world's top job search site, Indeed.com.

"When things are booming, enrollment

Please see **FAVOR**/4A

Weather
Sunny
70/42
Get your complete forecast on 7C

Energy prices

WTI Futures	$36.37	▲ $0.04
WTI Posted	$34.75	-- $0.00
WTS Posted	$30.15	-- $0.00
Natural Gas	$1.996	▲ $0.015
Gasoline	$1.892	▼ $0.004

The big number
Midland drivers spend
$616 per year
on their vehicle insurance premium. Page 4A

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

Brought to you daily by: Jimmy John's

Vol. 88, No. 20
Daily $1, Sunday $2

Index Business 6C | Classified 2D | Comics 1D | Dear Abby 7C | Lottery 4A | Obituaries 2A | Puzzles 7C | Sports 1C | TV 5B

Obituaries

Calvin Jerry Hewett

Calvin Jerry Hewett, of Midland, Texas, died on Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016, at Baptist Saint Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo after a short illness.

Born November 23, 1941 in Big Spring to Roxie and C.V. Hewett, Jerry was raised in Big Spring. He lived in Midland most of his adult life and was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity. Spending most of his career in the oil industry, he was in tubular product sales.

Jerry is survived by his daughter, Jeri Wedel, her husband Paul and their daughter Jordan of San Antonio; his son Kirk Nichols, his wife Carissa and their children Ashton, Spencer, and Mattie of Amarillo; stepsons Mike Hubbard, his wife Michelle and their children Olivia, Jacob, Avery, and Austin of Plano, and Mark Hubbard, his wife Allison and their children Miles, Zoe, and Mary Grace of Dallas.

Survivors also include Jerry's sister, Jeanette Hewett Floyd and her husband, Butch; brothers Don Hewett and his wife, Donna, and Vernon Hewett; and by numerous nieces and nephews.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Betty Hewett Mathis.

A graveside service will be held at 1:00 p.m. in Big Spring on Saturday, April 2, 2016 at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family has requested that memorials be made to Coronado Elementary School, c/o Library Fund, 3210 Wimberly, Amarillo, Texas 79109.

One of Jerry's greatest pleasures in his later life was reading with his youngest granddaughter, Mattie.

To place online condolences for the family, please visit *www.legacy.com*.

mywesttexas.com

Questions about death notices or online Guest Books?

Email: obits@mrt.com

Howard Clayton Boatright

Howard Clayton Boatright, 88 of Odessa, Texas, left this life on March, 29, 2016.

Visitation will be on Friday, April 1, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Interment will be on Saturday, April 2, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Belvedere Cemetery in San Angelo, Texas, with Pastor David Johnson officiating.

Howard was born on January 5, 1928 in Gouldbusk, Texas to Walter and Amanda Boatright. The Boatright family moved to Dublin, Texas shortly after he was born where he attended Dublin Schools and worked on his family farm. He attended Tarleton University for two years where he met Geraldine Gibbs. They were married in San Angelo, Texas in 1949 and were blessed with two sons and two daughters.

Mr. Boatright began supporting his family on a dairy farm and later moved to Odessa, Texas and went to work for Welex, beginning his career in the oil fields of West Texas. He later worked for Frontier Oil Company until he opened his own well-plugging company, El Toro Perforators.

He then owned and operated Howard Boatright Co., a well-servicing/plugging business for many years. He was one of the pioneers in well-plugging in West Texas and was attributed to plugging close to 3000 wells. Mr. Boatright was active in the oil/well-plugging business as a consultant until the age of 85.

Mr. Boatright had a love of Odessa and West Texas and great respect for its rough, rugged terrain and the toughness and grit of the oil industry and its people. He saw great fluctuations and change over the 30 years he worked in the well-plugging business.

He was a voracious reader, especially regarding the Civil War and World War II eras. He struggled his whole life with dyslexia but learned through determination the love of reading later in life.

Howard and Geraldine were members of First Baptist Church of Midland.

Survivors include his wife, Geraldine Gibbs Boatright of Odessa; son and daughter-in-law, David Boatright and Debbie Boatright of Odessa; son and daughter-in-law, Mark Boatright and Suzie Boatright of Asheville, North Carolina; daughter and son-in-law, Delia Boatright Metcalfe and Keith Metcalfe of Atlanta, Georgia; as well as granddaughters, Mackenzie Metcalfe and Callie Boatright; and grandsons Sterling Boatright, Chance Boatright, and Spencer Metcalfe.

He is also survived by three great-grandchildren; his brother, Jack Boatright of Dublin, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by their beloved daughter, Lisa Boatright, at the age of four.

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

LaDean Warren

LaDean Warren 71, of Midland, passed away on Tuesday March 29, 2016 in Midland.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate her life at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 1, 2016 at McNett Funeral Home Chapel, with Reverend Jerry Berry, officiating. Interment will follow in the Andrews Old Cemetery under the personal care of McNett Funeral Home in Andrews.

Please celebrate the life of LaDean by visiting *www.mcnettfuneralhome.com*

LaDean was born on July 3, 1944 in Andrews to Robert W. and Myrtle Pace Hitch. She grew up in Andrews and graduated from Andrews High School 1962. LaDean worked for Hulen Jewelry in Andrews for several years. She moved to Midland from Andrews in 1992.

LaDean married Jerry Warren on June 17, 2000 in Midland. She loved interior decorating, going to antique sales, and collecting jewelry. LaDean enjoyed traveling to Ruidoso, Marble Falls, and traveling to see the bluebonnets in bloom. She loved working in her yard and taking care of the flowers. One of her most memorable trips was a cruise.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Harland and Nelson Hitch; and by a sister, Geneva Haley.

LaDean is survived by her husband, Jerry of Midland; two sons, Mike and wife Marietta Williams of Marble Falls, Texas, and Jodi and wife Judy Warren of Lubbock, Texas; one daughter, Lisa and husband Brian O'Leary of Ava, Missouri; one brother, Donnell and wife Bonnie Hitch of Andrews, Texas; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and by a number of nieces and nephews.

McNett FUNERAL HOME

Paula Jean Roush-Gray

Paula Jean Roush-Gray, of Midland Texas, entered into eternal peace on March 26, 2016 in Midland, Texas.

A remembrance of life memorial will be held at Church In The Wind on Friday, April 1, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Terry Ohlmann at 2612 W. Front Street, Midland, Texas 79701.

Paula Young was born in Monahans, Texas, on July 19, 1948 and was raised by Mr. and Mrs. Pflieger. She went to Odessa High School and graduated in 1967. She went on to earn a nursing degree from Odessa College. Paula worked as an emergency room nurse for 18 years at Odessa Medical Center where she retired. Paula was presently working as a wound care nurse at Midland Memorial Hospital.

She was a caregiver, a mother, a wife, a best friend, and a grandmother. Paula's heart was full of joy when she was riding or working with horses. Her passion for horses led her to barrel racing, where she won several championship buckles. Paula made her mark in life and touched many people along the way.

Paula is survived by her beloved husband, Dale Gray of Odessa; sister, Debbie Geers of Odessa; son, Cody Roush of Gardendale; daughter, Mandy Larremore; son-in-law, Jim Larremore; and by two grandchildren, Bailey and Cole of Alpine Texas.

Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery & Funeral Home, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas, 79707.

Sadie Lee

Sadie Lee, 59 of Midland, died March 28, 2016. She was born in Rankin, Texas, September 3, 1956, to Doris Burnery and Robert Myers.

Survivors include: sons, Charles Scott, III and Monica Rubio, and Clifton Scott and Tara Carroll: daughter, Letra Scott and Bashir Jordan: sisters, Margaret Lanes, Ruby Givens, Bobby Williams and Glenda Walker: grandchildren, Quaylond Scott, Rakia Scott, Tajh Johnson, Bashir Jordan, Demysha Jordan, Andre Scott and Kiara Scott.

Funeral services, Friday April 1, 2016, 2:00P.M. at Jackie Warren Funeral Home, 702 S. Terrell, Midland, Texas 79701.

DyLan Jai Harris

Dylan Jai Harris was born December 28, 2015, in Odessa, Texas, to Patrick Dewon Harris and She'obony Ikee Lee.

She departed this life March 29, 2016. Her great-grandfather preceded her in death. She leaves to cherish her memory, two great-grandmothers, Janet C. King and Phyllis J. Lee; grandfathers, Patrick Dixon of Midland, and Bobby J. Lee of Dallas: grandmother, Amanda K. Douglas of Dallas and Janette A. Harris of Midland: five aunts, Shea Tiera Robinson, Bryann D. Lee of Dallas, Bobbi I. Lee of Houston, Laquisha Lee and Serrah Lee of Midland: one uncle, Unique E. Lee of Midland: one great uncle and four great aunts, other great great aunts and cousins.

Graveside service Friday, April 1, 2016, at 11:00A.M, Serenity Memorial Gardens, 6800 TX 349, Midland, Texas, under the direction of Jackie Warren Funeral Home, 702 S. Terrell, Midland, Texas. 432-683-8229

Linda Jane Gray

Linda Jane Gray was born May 25, 1941 in Los Angeles, California to Richard and Dorothy Goodwin. She passed away peacefully March 27, 2016 after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease at Manor Park's Younger Center, Midland, Texas.

Linda briefly worked for GTE right out of high school and was soon married. She was a housewife for most her life. She loved motherhood and doted on all of her children.

After her children were grown, Linda went to college at the age of 50 to become a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor. Upon completion of her licensing, she gained employment through Permian Basin Community Center. She enjoyed her profession very much. Linda was a very compassionate person. She loved helping people and was crazy about animals.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a son, Mark Alan Moore.

She is survived by her son, Mike Moore and wife Kasey of Midland; daughter, Stacy Gray and boyfriend Silver Rayos of Midland; and grandchildren, Megan and Max Moore, Alyssa Gray, and Troy, Margaret and Sarah Rayos.

A celebration of life will be held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, April 3, 2016 at Manor Park in the chapel of the Wallace Building.

We are thankful to the entire staff at Manor Park/Younger Center for the loving care that Linda received during her journey, as well as Star Hospice for keeping her comfortable in her final days.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Manor Park's Younger Center, 2208 N. Loop 250 W, Midland, Texas 79707; Star Hospice, 620 N. Grant Ave., Suite 100, Odessa, Texas 79761; and The Humane Society of the United States, *www.humanesociety.org*.

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

Death Notices

Estrella Flores

Estrella Flores, of Midland, Texas, was born and passed away on March 26, 2016 in Midland, Texas.

She is survived by her parents, Nestor Flores Berrientos and Maria Elena Paz De Flores.

Services are pending at this time with American Heritage Cemetery & Funeral Home, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas, 79707.

Mary Spurlen McCord

Mary Spurlen McCord, 100, of Midland, passed away on March 30, 2016.

Services are pending with Edwards Funeral Home in Eastland, Texas.

Native American 'code talker' Gilbert Horn Sr dies at 92

Associated Press

GREAT FALLS, Mont. — Gilbert Horn Sr., a Native American code talker who returned from World War II to spend decades serving the Fort Belknap Assiniboine Tribe as a judge and council member, has died of natural causes. He was 92.

Horn died Sunday at Northern Montana Care Center in Havre, Kirkwood Funeral Home said. His memorial service was scheduled Wednesday.

Horn was born on the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation in 1923. He joined the U.S. National Guard at age 15 as a way to escape the poverty of the reservation. He enlisted in the Army at 17 after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor.

Horn was initially trained as a sharpshooter and later received some training in communications and encryption and joined other Indians who used their native languages to send coded messages during World War II. The work of the code talkers remained classified until 1968.

Horn volunteered for service as a member of Merrill's Marauders, a special operations unit of 2,750 men whose mission was to cut Japanese communications and supply lines in the Burmese jungle, the Great Falls Tribune reported.

"It was a fighting unit, ready for action any time," Horn told the Tribune during an interview for a story published in January 2014. "I wanted to go see the war. I didn't want to be in Montana all my life. I wanted to see what's across that big waters called the oceans."

The unit made an 800-mile trek over the Himalaya Mountains into the jungle with only the weapons and supplies they could carry on the 720 mules and horses they brought with them. The Marauders fought through monsoon season. Troops suffered from malaria, dysentery and typhus. Horn was wounded four times.

"There was no support. We didn't have any artillery. They just kept on knocking us down, whittling us down," he said in 2014. "It is hard to believe what we had to go through."

Horn — one of 1,200 soldiers who survived the Marauders' campaign — was awarded a Purple Heart. Each soldier also received a Bronze Star.

Despite his military heroics, when Horn returned to the reservation in June 1945, he said he was "treated like dirt."

Veterans were supposed to be given preferential treatment when applying for certain jobs and qualify for low-interest federal housing loans, but he said that almost never happened.

He worked on his grandparents' farm and received schooling in business management, psychology and legal work.

Horn served on the Assiniboine Treaty Committee for 68 years. He was a member of the Fort Belknap Community Council for 19 years and was a tribal judge for eight years, during which time he wrote the first regulations for the tribe's juvenile court. He was a member of the health board that lobbied for a new clinic and also helped get the Head Start program established on the reservation. One of its buildings was named after Horn, whose Indian name is "Shunk Ta Oba Kni," or "Returns With Prisoner Horse."

In 2013, he received an honorary doctorate in humanitarian services from Montana State University-Northern. In May 2014, he was named the chief of the Fort Belknap Assiniboine Tribe, the first tribal chief in more than 125 years.

Horn is survived by 10 of his 11 children, 37 grandchildren, 71 great-grandchildren and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

FDA: Women can take abortion pill later; pare clinic visits

By Sean Murphy
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Women will be able to take the so-called abortion pill later in a pregnancy and with fewer doctor visits under a new federal label for the drug that undermines several state laws aimed at restricting medical abortions.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) notified the manufacturer of the drug Mifeprex in a letter on Tuesday that the drug is safe and effective for terminating a pregnancy in accordance with the new label. Also known as mifepristone or the abortion pill, the drug manufactured by Danco Laboratories is used in combination with another drug, misoprostol, to end a pregnancy.

While abortion providers in most states already are using the protocol outlined in the new label, laws in effect in Ohio, North Dakota and Texas prohibited "off-label" uses of the drug and mandated abortion providers adhere to the older protocol approved in 2000. Similar laws in Arkansas and Oklahoma have been on hold pending legal challenges, while a county judge in Arizona ruled in October that state's law was unconstitutional.

Under the new label, a smaller dose of mifepristone can be used up to 70 days after the beginning of the last menstrual period instead of the 49-day limit in effect under the old label. Also, the second drug in the protocol, which follows a day or two later, can be taken by a woman at home and not be required to be administered at a clinic, reducing the number of office visits a woman must make.

"The FDA's approval of a label reflecting a more updated, evidence-based protocol for medication abortion has the potential to expand women's options for safely ending a pregnancy in the earliest weeks," said Nancy Northup, the president and CEO of the Center for Reproductive Rights. "This label change underscores just how medically unnecessary and politically motivated restrictions on medication abortion in states like Texas and Oklahoma truly are, and demonstrates the lengths politicians will go to single out reproductive health care to restrict women's rights."

Abortion rights supporters say they expect providers in Ohio, North Dakota and Texas to begin administering the drugs in accordance with the new label within the next few days.

Chris France, executive director of Preterm, Ohio's largest abortion provider, said: "We will be implementing the new protocol today."

Fun Facts Sponsored by
FRANKLIN FOLIAGE
LANDSCAPING
"Serving West Texas Since 1981"
Time to Trim the Trees!
Mention this ad for Free Haul and Dump!
685-3521
www.franklinfoliage.com
The hammerthrow is illegal as a high school sport in all states except Rhode Island.
Coca-Cola would be green if coloring weren't added to it.

WORD OF THE DAY
brought to you daily by
JumBurrito
haplography
[hap-log-*ruh*-fee]
noun.
1. The accidental omission of a letter or letter group that should be repeated in writing.

Midland Reporter-Telegram
AT YOUR SERVICE
ISSN 0890-5932
A Hearst Newspaper
Published each morning by the Hearst, Midland Reporter-Telegram Division, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701. Periodicals postage paid at Midland, TX 79711. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to the Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

MAIN SWITCHBOARD
432-682-5311

PUBLISHER
Jeffrey Shabram 687-8880
jshabram@mrt.com

NEWSROOM
EDITOR
Stewart Doreen 687-8856
sdoreen@mrt.com
MANAGING EDITOR
Mary Dearen 687-8852
mdearen@mrt.com
ASSISTANT MANAGING EDITOR — BUSINESS & OIL
Trevor Hawes 687-8854
thawes@mrt.com
NEWS EDITOR
John Tee 687-8862
jtee@mrt.com
SPORTS EDITOR
Oscar LeRoy 687-8809
oleroy@mrt.com
OIL EDITOR
Mella McEwen 687-8860
mmcewen@mrt.com
PHOTO EDITOR
Tim Fischer 687-8833
tfischer@mrt.com
FEATURES EDITOR
Rich Lopez 687-8859
jrlopez@mrt.com

CIRCULATION
CUSTOMER SERVICE
688-2700
DIRECTOR
Sharon Heckler 687-8829
sheckler@mrt.com

ADVERTISING
DIRECTOR
Jeri Houston 687-8894
jhouston@mrt.com

RETAIL ADS
682-5311, ext. 4

CLASSIFIED ADS
682-6222 / 682-6999 (fax)
mrtclassified@mrt.com

PRODUCTION
DIRECTOR
John Maddox 687-8844
jmaddox@mrt.com

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
How do I submit an announcement for a wedding or engagement?
weddings@mrt.com
How can I submit an obituary? obits@mrt.com
How can I handle a billing problem?
Circulation: 688-2700
Advertising: 687-8845

CUSTOMER SERVICE HOURS
Monday-Friday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday & holidays: 7 a.m.-10 a.m.
Call us at 432-688-6700 if your newspaper has not arrived by delivery time (6 a.m. Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. on weekends and holidays). For Midland city area requests received before 10 a.m., we can offer same or next day redelivery. Outside the city delivery area, we will apply a credit to your account or redeliver the next day.
Please note: The publisher reserves the right to modify the cost of individual editions and/or subscriptions at any time.

HOME DELIVERY
All subscriptions payable in advance
7 day replica edition only ...$1.15 per week
Daily/Sunday lite edition ...$5.75 per week
Wed/Thursday lite edition ...$4.75 per week
Sunday only lite edition ...$4.60 per week

Mail rates — Texas
Daily/Sunday ...$5.77 per week
Sunday only ...$4.62 per week

Mail rates — Other U.S.A.
Daily/Sunday ...$9.23 per week
Sunday only ...$4.62 per week

Overseas mail and other subscription rates furnished upon request.

NOTICE: All subscriptions include delivery of six Premium issues delivered throughout the year, including Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. They will be charged at the published Sunday/only rate. For each Premium issue, your account balance will be charged at the billing period when the Premium issue is delivered. This will result in an adjustment to the length of your billing period.

Prices are subject to change. The Midland Reporter-Telegram continues to make a concerted effort to keep the cost of subscriptions at a minimum for our readers. When a price change or frequency change occurs, each subscriber's expiration date will be adjusted based on the credit balance on their account.

AP file photo

Demonstrators Peter Brockmann, of Northborough, Mass., left, and Chris Gladney, of Boston, right, display iPads with messages on their screens outside an Apple store in Boston on Feb. 26. The FBI's victory in breaking into a San Bernardino killer's iPhone without Apple's help merely prolonged a battle over how far the government can go to examine private messages, photos and other files.

Resolution in FBI-Apple case prolongs larger legal battle

By Brandon Bailey
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The FBI's victory in breaking into a San Bernardino killer's iPhone without Apple's help merely prolongs a battle over how far the government can go to examine private messages, photos and other files.

"There's a clash of values and interests that I think will continue," said Ed Black, head of Computer and Communications Industry Association, a trade group whose members include Google, Facebook and Microsoft.

Federal prosecutors have appealed a court ruling that said Apple doesn't have to help them extract data from another iPhone in a New York drug case. Speaking in general, the Justice Department said it will continue seeking digital evidence, "either with cooperation from relevant parties or through the court system when cooperation fails."

After finding its own way to access files on the San Bernardino iPhone, the Justice Department said it no longer needs a court order to force Apple to remove safeguards against guessing that iPhone's passcode. That means Magistrate Sheri Pym won't be ruling on whether a centuries-old law, known as the All Writs Act, provided legal authority for compelling Apple's assistance.

Some in the tech industry worry that authorities will now try to pursue a smaller company — one without the financial and legal resources that Apple had — to win a favorable legal precedent that authorities could then use to pressure other firms — including heavyweights like Apple.

"When you're a company of five people, you don't have a general counsel's office. You have a card table that everyone sits and codes at," said Morgan Reed, executive director of a tech industry group known as ACT, which represents software application developers.

Although the Justice Department repeatedly insisted that its request for Apple's help applied only to the San Bernardino iPhone, Apple said having to rewrite its iPhone software would make all phones less secure and open the door to more demands from government authorities, both in the United States and other countries.

Tech companies say they turn over the customer data they have, when faced with a legal court order. But many companies are increasingly using encryption and other safeguards that put at least some customer data out of their reach. Companies say they're determined to protect customers' privacy against unwarranted intrusion.

On the flip side, today's popular smartphones contain a wealth of information about their users — who they talk to, where they travel, what they view online — which authorities can use to prosecute suspects, unravel plots and identify accomplices.

"Every case is now a cyber investigation," said Ed McAndrew, a former federal cybercrimes prosecutor now in private practice. "You're going to have electronic devices and technology and online storage in virtually every case."

State and federal authorities in several jurisdictions have confirmed they would like to get access to encrypted smartphones seized in a variety of criminal investigations. In at least a dozen pending cases, the government has cited the same All Writs Act as legal authority to compel Apple's cooperation.

The FBI might be able to apply the same forensic technique it used with the San Bernardino iPhone, but it's not clear if that will work with newer iPhones that have added security features, said Jonathan Zdziarski, an independent computer forensics expert. The San Bernardino iPhone was a 5C model, which largely had 2012 hardware, although it had a recent version of the iPhone software.

Meanwhile, the government's authority under the All Writs Act remains in dispute. Any decision in the pending New York case will likely be appealed again, said Fred Cate, a law professor and fellow at the Indiana University Center for Applied Cybersecurity Research. "There's no question that will be up in the air until the Supreme Court rules on it," he added.

In the San Bernardino case, most of Apple's biggest competitors — including Google, Facebook and Microsoft — filed court briefs on Apple's behalf. Representatives from those companies didn't respond to requests for comment this week. But Black, the trade group head, said companies recognize the importance access to information is to law enforcement and national security.

But he said many in the tech industry believe authorities went too far by trying to force Apple to write software that would override the security features of its own products.

Members of Congress have discussed legislation on both ends of the spectrum — either to require tech companies' cooperation or to limit law enforcement authority to compel companies' help. The latest case could spur Congress to act, though Black and others don't believe that likely given legislative gridlock on other issues.

That means these battles are likely to recur in court instead.

In a statement this week, the Justice Department said, "It remains a priority for the government to ensure that law enforcement can obtain crucial digital information to protect national security and public safety."

Apple responded by saying it will assist law enforcement in at least some ways as it has in the past. But the company added, "we will continue to increase the security of our products as the threats and attacks on our data become more frequent and more sophisticated."

FURNITURELAND
Fine Home Furnishings
Nobody Beats Our Price
432-580-8482
2030 Andrews Hwy - Odessa

It's tax time. Which software should you use? Our guide:

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

NEW YORK — As though paying taxes isn't annoying enough, prices and plans for tax software keep changing.

What was best for you last year isn't necessarily so now.

Software makers will try to hook you in with free options, then get you to upgrade along the way.

Here are some tips for navigating tax software:

Should you use a tax professional?

It's easy to pay someone to prepare your taxes, but doing it yourself has benefits.

It's often cheaper, and you may get a better sense of how to legally reduce your tax burden next year. Professionals can offer guidance, but you may learn more by figuring it out yourself.

All major tax software will guide you with questions, much like an interview, to help you find savings: Do you have kids? Did you make charitable contributions?

Many will also retrieve your records electronically, so that you don't have to enter numbers yourself and potentially make mistakes — though this is where you might be asked to upgrade.

Even small businesses and self-employed individuals with complicated returns can use software. Some higher-end packages include help lines with humans on the other end.

Desktop or online?

You can download software to your computer or use an online program. Online programs are usually cheaper, though households filing multiple returns can share a download.

Through mobile apps, online software also has some features that make it easier on filers, like the ability to import data from your W-2 form by taking a picture of it.

Can you file for free?

TurboTax , TaxAct and H&R Block have charts to compare their free and paid plans. Those comparison sites also have tools that guide you to a plan based on factors like whether you've sold stocks. Keep in mind that their recommended plans typically aren't free.

Even if you choose a free plan, paying a fee might be unavoidable.

"Free" federal-tax software often comes with a filing fee. Don't expect to print the return and mail it in to avoid the fee, as you might be restricted from doing so without paying. Even when you see free e-filing, check to see if the state return is included — it's usually not. If you moved last year, you might also have to pay for a second state.

TaxAct offers a completely free online option for both federal and state — but if you have itemized deductions or income from stocks, you're booted up. TurboTax offers the completely free deal until Thursday only, after which it charges for state taxes. H&R Block charges for state, but offers itemized deductions in its free plan for federal taxes.

Resist any offers to upgrade until you really have to, as it can be tough to drop back down later. Don't use your credit card to pay taxes or your refund to pay for tax software, as fees typically apply.

Is it safe?

It might seem unnerving to have your financial data sitting on some remote server, but using downloaded software, with data kept on your PC, isn't as safe as it might sound. Companies whose reputations depend on data security are probably better than you are at keeping machines secure, says Neill Feather, president of security company SiteLock.

But Feather says there's no such thing as 100 percent security, and hackers are going to find these companies to be richer targets than your lonely PC.

That's where additional safeguards come in.

When you sign into TurboTax or TaxAct, a special code is sent to your email address.

Hackers who get your tax password still wouldn't have that code in your email inbox. (Don't use the same password for your email.)

H&R Block gives you security questions, such as where your first job was, but someone could guess that from your Facebook profile.

When setting up the security questions, add some numbers or memorable phrase to the answers to make them difficult to guess.

There have been cases of identity thieves filing taxes on your behalf and claiming the refund.

Your best recourse is to file early before the thieves can.

Looking For Former Public Housing Residents

If you are one of the following people that moved out of a Housing Authority of the City of El Paso, TX (HACEP) public housing community undergoing a RAD transition between January 1, 2015 and April 8, 2015, you may be entitled to additional relocation payments as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development:

JUANA CASTILLO	CRISTINA SOLIZ
JENNIFER SANCHEZ	FRANCISCO CERVANTES
MARIA LOPEZ	LINA LOZANO
HERIBERTO PACHECO	MARIA LUISA LOPEZ
LUNA HERNANDEZ	MARCOS TORRES
JESSICA RODRIGUEZ	ESTELA MORALES DE LUNA ROSANNA
FERNANDO DIAZ	

Please contact HACEP as soon as possible by either calling the RAD Relocation Team at 915-849-3888, emailing RADRelocation@hacep.org or stopping by HACEP's central office at 5300 E. Paisano Drive, El Paso, TX 79905, to see if you are eligible for an additional relocation payment.

Love where you live.
The Village at Manor Park
2208 North Loop 250 West Midland, TX
432.689.9898 www.manorparkinc.org

We want to make you a loan
$40 - $1,340 Today!
Noble Finance
432-683-7613
30 Minute Service.

Spring clean your kitchen with new countertops from...
Accent Granite & Marble
Showroom & Indoor Slab Gallery
Monday-Friday 9AM-5PM • Saturday 9AM-12PM
4309 SCR 1290 (Coors Road) • Odessa, TX 79765
(432) 563-8004 • accentgranitemidland.com
Locally Owned & Operated

alldredge
IT IS TIME TO DEEP ROOT FEED YOUR TREES!
3300 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD — (432) 682-4500

TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ Supper Event: French Cuisine, 7 p.m., Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Road. $100. Hightfoods.com.

■ Bleu Edmondson Band, 8 p.m., The Patio at Hacienda Event Center, 12600 State Highway 191. $10. haciendamidland.com.

■ Zack Walther, Luke Robinson, 9 p.m., Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. $8. rockinrodeomidland.com.

For more information on this weekend's entertainment calendar, check out The Weekender in today's Reporter-Telegram.

Meeting

Hospital District
11:45 a.m.
Administation boardroom

Club meetings, support groups today

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

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

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

Comniunity Calendar

■ Midland Police Department officials will be available to answer questions from District 3 residents at a community meeting with council member Sharla Hotchkiss. The meeting is 6:30-8 p.m. today at Bowie Elementary School library, 805 Elk Road.

Officials will give a presentation regarding crime statistics in nearby neighborhoods and discuss services offered by the police department. Residents will be able to ask questions and approach police after the presentation to voice specific concerns.

MPD sergeant to retire

The Midland Police Department will host a retirement party at 3 p.m. today for Sgt. David Scardino. It will be at the third-floor classroom of MPD, 601 N. Loraine St.

Scardino began his career with the department in 1982. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2003 and has served the department in a variety of capacities including field training supervisor, community service supervisor and firearms instructor. He also is a member of the MPD Honor Guard. Scardino has received numerous commendations, including the Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year award, City of Midland Management award and the Medal of Service award.

County 'phone tree'

Midland County administration on Tuesday rolled out a new phone number for a "three-punch max" phone-tree. The new line was created to allow county residents to be able to make one to three selections from a main list and reach a live person typically by the third punch, according to county officials.

The new line, 432-742-7777, has nine options to choose, such as county clerk's office, municipal court and District Attorney's Office. The options were chosen based on what departments callers requested when they called the county judge's office. The tree was tested for two months before implementation, according to Judge Mike Bradford.

A 10th option allows callers to pick from the rest of the county's departments that are less often requested.

This date in Texas

On March 31, 1995, Mexican-American singer Selena Quintanilla-Perez, 23, was shot to death in Corpus Christi by the founder of her fan club, Yolanda Saldivar. Saldivar was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison.

Source: Associated Press

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 8-2-5
Pick 3 day: 3-5-1
Pick 3 evening: 7-5-1
Pick 3 night: 1-3-3
Daily 4 morning: 0-4-1-9
Daily 4 day: 7-6-3-0
Daily 4 evening: 6-3-7-3
Daily 4 night: 1-5-9-2
Cash Five: 9-15-17-33-36
Lotto Texas: 5-14-16-17-39-46
Powerball: 24-44-53-55-63 PB: 19
Power Play: 2
All or Nothing morning: 3-4-5-6-7-9-12-13-14-18-19-22
All or Nothing day: 4-5-6-9-10-11-14-16-19-21-22-23
All or Nothing evening: 1-2-6-8-10-14-16-17-18-19-22-23
All or Nothing night: 2-3-6-10-12-15-16-17-20-21-23-24
Texas Triple Chance: 2-3-7-9-10-11-26-30-39-48

Today in history

Today is Thursday, March 31, the 91st day of 2016. There are 275 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On March 31, 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson stunned the country by announcing during a televised address that he would not seek re-election.

On this date:

In 1889, French engineer Gustave Eiffel unfurled the French tricolor from atop the Eiffel Tower, officially marking its completion.

In 1943, "Oklahoma!," the first musical play by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, opened on Broadway.

In 1976, the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that Karen Ann Quinlan, a young woman in a persistent vegetative state, could be disconnected from her respirator. (Quinlan, who remained unconscious, died in 1985.)

Midland car insurance below state average

From staff reports

Most people are aware that certain companies can save 15 percent or more on car insurance. A recent study shows that drivers can also save depending on where they live — such as Midland, where drivers spend 9 percent less a year than the state average.

Finance site ValuePenguin.com analyzed car insurance in 293 Texas cities to compare rates using the same plan for a 30-year-old single male driver.

The plan was the same: bodily injury of $50,000 per person/$100,000 per accident and $50,000 per accident in property damage.

"We decided upon a 30-year-old to best reflect the Texas median age, and single to keep the factors simple," said Frankie Kuo, author of the study, in an email.

Midland ranked at 93 on the list, with drivers spending $616 per year on their vehicle insurance premium. It was 9 percent less than the state average of $677. Big Spring followed at No. 94 with $617 per year, while Andrews ranked higher at $611 per year, Crane and Stanton at $599 and Monahans at $580.

Odessa ranked 152 on the list at $675 a year, or $2 less than the state average.

Kuo said that the main benefit of the study was to raise awareness of how auto insurance rates are based on different factors, with location or company making a major difference. For the Midland driver in the study, the difference between the most expensive and cheapest insurance provider was $879, Kuo said.

"This seems depressing ... but it also means there must be many opportunities to lower your rates," Kuo said.

"One of our best recommendations for consumers is to shop around. Always compare at least three different insurance companies."

No charges for 2 Minneapolis officers in fatal shooting

By Amy Forliti and Steve Karnowski
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Two white police officers involved in the fatal shooting of a black man last fall will not face criminal charges, a prosecutor announced Wednesday in a decision that drew outrage from community members who said the move showed the legal system is rigged against African-Americans.

Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman said his decision not to charge the officers in the death of 24-year-old Jamar Clark was based on forensic evidence that showed Clark was not handcuffed, as claimed by some people who said they saw the shooting, and had attempted to grab an officer's weapon, which made them fear for their lives and justified use of deadly force.

Clark ignored warnings to take his hands off Mark Ringgenberg's gun before he was shot and told Ringgenberg and officer Dustin Schwarze: "I'm ready to die," the prosecutor said.

Freeman painstakingly described his decision, starting with police reports and witnesses. Community members who attended the presentation said the prosecutor relied too heavily on police accounts and disregarded what others said they saw.

"This is a fairy tale. None of this happened," said Mel Reeves, an organizer for a group called Twin Cities Coalition 4 Justice 4 Jamar Clark. "It's not justice. It sends us a clear message that the police are above the law."

Police union head Bob Kroll said the public should accept the results of the investigation. He appealed for calm.

"Hostility is going to get all of us nowhere," Kroll said.

Protesters, who demonstrated peacefully across the city after the announcement, had demanded that the case not go to a grand jury, which operates in secret. Freeman decided the issue on his own.

Police encountered Clark early on Nov. 15 after paramedics called for help from a scene where they were attempting to treat Clark's girlfriend after she was assaulted. The paramedics said Clark, the assault suspect, was interfering with their work, and they feared for their safety, Freeman said.

When police arrived, Clark kept putting his hands in his pockets and refused orders to show his hands. Officers tried to handcuff Clark but couldn't. The handcuffs were later dropped, Freeman said.

Ringgenberg then took Clark to the ground and ended up on top of Clark, who was lying on his back. Ringgenberg's back was to Clark's stomach, Freeman said.

The officer felt his gun shift from his hip to the small of his back and reached back and felt Clark's hand on his weapon, Freeman said.

Ringgenberg said, "He's got my gun," Freeman said. Schwarze said he put his gun to the edge of Clark's mouth and warned him to let go or he would shoot. At that point, Clark looked directly at Schwarze and said he was ready to die.

Schwarze said the only thing he could do to save everyone in the area was to pull the trigger.

The shooting happened 61 seconds after police first approached, Freeman said.

Clark's blood-alcohol level was .09 percent, just above the legal limit to drive in Minnesota. His blood also contained THC, the active compound in marijuana.

Freeman called the handcuff question a key issue in the case and went into particular detail. Twenty civilian witnesses gave different versions of whether Clark was handcuffed. Of the 12 who said he was handcuffed, their stories differed and did not match the forensic evidence, Freeman said.

The prosecutor said he does not believe those witnesses were lying, explaining that it's not uncommon for people to have contradictory statements when observing chaotic situations from different vantage points.

Forensic evidence showed Clark had no bruising on his wrists consistent with being handcuffed, and his DNA was not found on the inside of the handcuffs, which were on the ground, Freeman said.

In addition, Clark's DNA was found on Ringgenberg's belt and on the grip of his gun.

"Clark simply could not have been handcuffed when he attempted to seize the gun while they were on the ground," Freeman said.

Freeman, who decided earlier this month against taking the case to a grand jury, faced tough questioning from the public at his hourlong presentation, including a woman who called his account "propaganda."

Investigators had video of Clark's shooting from several sources, but said early on that it did not provide a full picture of what happened. Freeman released the video publicly on Wednesday.

Public skepticism over grand juries, which do their work in secret, grew after police officers were not indicted in the high-profile deaths of blacks in other cities, including the fatal 2014 shootings of 12-year-old Tamir Rice in Cleveland and 18-year-old Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, as well as the 2014 chokehold death of 43-year-old Eric Garner in New York.

Mica Grimm, an organizer with Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, predicted Freeman would not be re-elected.

"We will not stand for this injustice anymore. We will not come down to the government center and be lied to our faces anymore. If we cannot find justice here, we will find it in the streets."

Activists rallied Wednesday at the site of Clark's shooting in north Minneapolis and at a park on the southeast side of downtown. The two groups then converged at the Hennepin County Government Center.

FAVOR

From 1A

goes up and we have a bust right when those folks are graduating," Anthony Bahr, one of the co-founders of the Wild-Horse Resources family of Houston-based oil and gas exploration and production companies.

Newly minted engineers need to set themselves apart as the oil bust bottoms out. Learning a little about the business side of the house is one way to stand out.

Bahr and his business partner Jay Graham studied petroleum engineering at Texas A&M, with Bahr graduating in 1991 and Graham in 1992. This month they gave $12 million to create the Petroleum Ventures Program that will give undergraduates a chance to earn a certificate showing they also understand the business side of the industry.

Knowing how to judge a project's economic potential by considering commodity prices and financial markets is a growing part of a young petroleum engineer's duties, Graham said.

"Cost structures, efficiencies — all of that stuff — you're not just tasked with being an engineer understanding fluid flow and thermodynamics, you are tasked with being a businessperson," he said. "If they aren't familiar with the markets, you're going to be getting bad recommendations and bad projects."

Bahr said when he graduated, young engineers went to work for major corporations where all they worried about was getting the most from the reservoir. But with hydraulic fracturing and more nimble wells, a new graduate is likely to find himself or herself at a smaller company having to learn additional skills fast, including how to pitch to private equity groups.

The goal is not to turn engineers into business people, but to give them the vocabulary and basic knowledge to fit into the changing oil and gas landscape, Bahr explained. Graham said he also wanted to repay the debt they owe to Professor Billy "Pete" Huddleston, who taught them business skills when they started their company in 2007. They hope to pass on those lessons through the new certificate program at A&M that will require engineering and business students to take courses and work together on projects at a new Petroleum Business Impact Lab beginning this fall.

Graham said recent graduates are learning that the industry's cyclical nature can and will take a toll. If you got into it for quick money, he recommends you find work in another field.

"It has to be an industry you love, and it has to be an industry where you set yourself up for cyclical changes," he said.

Prices will rise again, but how many jobs the next cycle will create is unknown. New rigs are more automated than ever, with operators pushing joysticks instead of iron. Engineers who know a little business can differentiate themselves during the down cycles. Midcareer workers should keep up with technology to stay relevant.

Arkansas AG seeks to block protections for gays and lesbians

By Andrew DeMillo
Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Arkansas' Republican attorney general asked the state Supreme Court on Wednesday to decide whether a city's ban on discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity conflicts with a state law aimed at blocking local protections for gays and lesbians.

Attorney General Leslie Rutledge is appealing a ruling by Washington County Circuit Judge Doug Martin this month backing Fayetteville's anti-discrimination ordinance. Martin ruled that the ordinance, which was ratified by voters last year, doesn't run afoul of a state measure barring cities and counties from prohibiting discrimination on a basis not contained in state law.

Arkansas' civil rights law doesn't include sexual orientation or gender identity.

But Martin noted that other state laws, including an anti-bullying measure, include protections for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

"I disagreed with the lower court's decision," Rutledge said in a statement. "Given my duty to fully defend state law, I am seeking to appeal the ruling to the Arkansas Supreme Court."

Fayetteville City Attorney Kit Williams said he wasn't surprised by Rutledge's decision to appeal the ruling.

"(Fayetteville voters) chose equality against discrimination and I'm going to do everything I can to defend the ordinance that was passed," he said.

Martin's March 1 decision didn't address whether the state law was unconstitutional.

His decision was the first court victory for opponents of the state's ban on local protections for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

Republican Gov. Asa Hutchinson allowed the restriction on the local ordinances to become law without his signature, citing concerns about it infringing on local government control.

Rutledge's appeal comes as North Carolina faces widespread criticism for a similar law recently approved preventing local governments from approving LGBT protections at restaurants, hotels and stores.

APP

From 1A

Midland and post to a school in California or vice versa. It's so scary because anybody can post. It doesn't have to be a kid."

Ogle can be downloaded for free to iPhone, iPad and iPod touch. Users can post thoughts, photos and videos that all users who have selected the same campus can comment on anonymously.

Midland Freshman, Midland Senior, Lee Freshman, Lee Senior, Midland Christian, Early College High School, Trinity School, Richard Milburn Academy, Midland Classical and Greenwood High School are all listed campuses in the app. If a campus is not listed, users can request the campus to be listed.

Ogle is not only a problem for Midland, but has also caused serious issues around the country. Police arrested a 15-year-old student and two adult alumni of an Anaheim, California, high school last week for allegedly posting anonymous threats against the school, according to the website for Southern California Public Radio.

Horner emphasized that schools can only do so much in curbing this kind of hurtful and potentially violent behavior.

"We really need parents to talk to their kids," Horner said. "There's no value of this app. If parents can talk to their teens and remove it from their phones, that would be a huge help. Kids can choose to delete it and move on."

Unfortunately, Horner doesn't expect this problem to end overnight.

"I quite honestly do think it'll be a problem for a long time," he said. "We're used to dealing with issues on Facebook and Twitter; we deal with social media quite often. This one caught our attention, but there are lots of apps out there. For example Whisper ... all it takes is one vindictive or mean-spirited comment to cause harm to somebody."

Though much of the activity on the app that the Reporter-Telegram could see appears relatively harmless, albeit mostly unkind, the pictures and comments that amount to cyberbullying or sexual harassment, or conversations about buying and selling drugs can quickly become serious criminal issues.

"I know (MISD) police department is working with other entities, and we are expanding every avenue we can to find out who would be posting such things," Horner said.

The hope is that a community effort of parents, students, law enforcement and school district personnel coming together can keep students safe from the unnecessary pain and embarrassment or even jail time and suicide that immature social media use can lead to.

"I would ask parents to understand what their kids are doing on the phone, what apps they have and what these apps allow them to do," said MISD superintendent Ryder Warren. "If it's catering to kids and offering a safe anonymous platform to do this kind of stuff, that's a dangerous thing. So parents and caregivers really need to dive into those phones. Not only that, but really talk to your kids about these apps.

"We're gonna continue to monitor and that's one thing we promise parents and caregivers: If there's any kind of issue all the way up to cyberbullying or threats being made, we're gonna pursue it and we're going to make decisions based on what we feel is warranted," Warren said.

Students and parents are asked to report harassment to their school administrators and include as much information as possible — i.e. screenshots of the offending material. They also ask students or parents use the "report" function on the app to report directly to the company.

Medical community is fighting a new germ: celebrities

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

"Celebrities have had an out-of-proportion impact on the public's understanding of vaccine risk. ... I don't want to overplay it; most people vaccinate. It's not like hordes of people are listening to Jenny McCarthy and saying, 'Forget the American Association of Pediatrics, I'm going with the former Playboy Bunny.'"

Arthur L. Caplan, head of the Division of Medical Ethics at New York University

NEW YORK — When celebrity and science collide, harmful side effects may occur.

The latest case happened last weekend when the Tribeca Film Festival pulled a documentary from its program by a discredited former doctor whose research into the connection between vaccines and autism has been debunked. After festival co-founder Robert De Niro initially defended the film's inclusion, Tribeca — facing an uproar from doctors and experts — pulled it.

The film, "Vaxxed: From Cover-Up to Catastrophe," is directed by Andrew Wakefield, a former British gastroenterologist who was stripped of his medical license in 2010. The British medical journal BMJ called Wakefield's study connecting autism and vaccines — which was retracted by the Lancet, a medical journal — an "elaborate fraud."

Scientific research has consistently found the MMR vaccine (given to children for measles, mumps and rubella) to be safe and have no link to autism. Cases of measles, however, have increased in recent years, largely infecting unvaccinated people.

De Niro acknowledged he personally chose to program the film at the festival, something he had never previously done. "My intent in screening this film was to provide an opportunity for conversation around an issue that is deeply personal to me and my family," said De Niro, who, with his wife, Grace Hightower De Niro, has an 18-year-old son with autism.

No one would question that the issue is personal to De Niro. But the Tribeca Film Festival, which opens its 15th edition on April 13, is an extremely public event. When news of the documentary's scheduled screening spread, disease experts were distressed that the festival would lend its megaphone to a film by a disgraced doctor. Michael Specter, the New Yorker staff writer and medical expert, called it "a disgrace" for the festival, and compared Wakefield's film to "Leni Riefenstahl making a movie about the Third Reich."

The episode is only the latest instance of the medical community being forced to combat the influence of a celebrity promoting questionable science. It has particularly bedeviled questions over vaccinations, beginning with the anti-vaccination advocacy of TV personality Jenny McCarthy.

"Celebrities have had an out-of-proportion impact on the public's understanding of vaccine risk," says Arthur L. Caplan, head of the Division of Medical Ethics at New York University. "I don't want to overplay it; most people vaccinate. It's not like hordes of people are listening to Jenny McCarthy and saying, 'Forget the American Association of Pediatrics, I'm going with the former Playboy Bunny.'"

Jim Carrey and Rob Schneider have also spoken out against vaccines, as have some politicians. In a GOP debate last year, Donald Trump, while saying he supported them, added a story about a 2-year-old boy developing autism following vaccination.

Wakefield has vowed to press on with his film. He called the Tribeca Film Festival reversal "another example of the power of corporate interests censoring free speech, art, and truth."

Steven Silberman, author of "NeuroTribes: The Legacy of Autism and the Future of Neurodiversity," believes the claims of anti-vaccination campaigners are rooted in a misunderstanding of autism history. Autism isn't a historical aberration, he says, but has long been part of humanity — just less diagnosed.

"I have tremendous respect for Robert De Niro and tremendous compassion for his interest in prompting a conversation about his son's condition," says Silberman. "The problem is that if we're arguing about vaccines, we're having the wrong conversation. We should be talking about how we should give people like Robert De Niro's son a better future, one in which they can live more independently, have access to the support and resources they need, and have a chance to make a living."

Increasingly, doctors are fighting to seize the spotlight for health and medicine issues from celebrities, whose public platforms have far more reach than medical journals. Celebrities are also sought out to be spokespeople for new drugs, blurring their role. Since Milton Berle stumped in the 1950s for an antidepressant called Miltown, they've been prominent endorsers, from Jack Nicklaus for high blood pressure to Brooke Shields for thin eyelashes to Sally Field for osteoporosis.

Their influence can be considerable, sometimes for good. After Katie Couric's live on-air colonoscopy on the "Today" show in 2000, researchers recorded a nationwide increase in colonoscopies of more than 20 percent.

But often, the health advice of celebrities — well-meaning as it may be — could come with its own Surgeon General warning.

Reality star Kristin Cavallari (who has also spoken out against vaccines) recently caused a stir when she provided a homemade goat's milk baby formula recipe to People Magazine. The magazine listed it online under the section "Great Ideas" before removing it. (The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends breast feeding for an infant's first six months, and warns against the dangers of homemade formulas.)

"It's part of the general impact celebrities are having on health," said Caplan. "Gwyneth Paltrow is certainly emitting an unceasing stream of hot air about many health practices, from colonics to who knows what. It's a constant battle to try to correct misperceptions."

That battle, though, can come at a cost.

"As long as we're talking about Andrew Wakefield and 'Vaxxed,'" said Silberman, "we're not talking about giving autistic people and their families happier, healthier and safer lives."

DON'T MISS

midland MAGAZINE

COMING

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

IN MIDLAND REPORTER-TELEGRAM HOME DELIVERY EDITIONS.

CALL 432-687-8865 TO SUBSCRIBE.

THE DIRT ON GARDENING!

JOIN US EACH WEEK FOR SEMINARS ON TIMELY TOPICS ABOUT LAWN, GARDEN TREES, PATIO AND HOME

JOIN OUR EXPERTS THIS WEEK !

TOPIC: VEGETABLE GARDENING IN WEST TEXAS
FARMER MATT HANSON
11:00 AM IN THE GREENHOUSE

TOPIC: HOW TO HAVE A LUSH GREEN LAWN WITH MIDLAND WATER RESTRICTIONS.
RUSSELL JOHNSON HORTICULTURIST AND TEXAS CERTIFIED NURSERY PROFESSIONAL
2:00 PM IN THE GREENHOUSE

PETUNIAS, VINCA AND IMPATIENS
PERFECT COLOR FOR POTS, BEDS AND HANGING BASKETS
4" POT
REG. 1.69
SALE 88¢

PETUNIA BASKETS
BEAUTIFUL BLOOMS READY FOR PATIOS, DECKS AND BEDS
12" BASKET
REG. 24.99
SALE $16.88

PLUMBAGO
THIS IS A GREAT PLANT FOR PART SUN. BEAUTIFUL BLUE BLOOMS ALL SUMMER LONG!
3 GALLON
REG. 24.99
SALE $12.88

MORE COLOR
BOUGAINVILLA
THESE ARE READY TO PLANT. USE IN BASKETS OR LARGE LANDSCAPE AREAS.
3 GALLON
REG. 29.99
SALE $16.88

TREES
READY TO PLANT
BUR OAK
SINGLE TRUNK OAKS ARE WEST TEXAS HARDY!
#15 GAL.
REG. 139.99
SALE $87.88
#30 GAL.
REG. 269.99
SALE $139.99

GERBERA DAISY
NOW IN BLOOM
QT POT
REG. 4.99
SALE $2.88

TOMATOES, HERBS, PEPPERS
NOW IN STOCK!!

CANDLES, DIFFUSERS AND BODY CARE
NOW TAKE 20% OFF!!

FINE OUTDOOR LIVING
Furniture For Pool, Patio, Deck And Home. Stop By AND See Our Quality And Selection

Like us on facebook at www.facebook.com/AlldredgeGardensTX and keep up with timely tips and various services and specials.

ASCA ALCA

alldredge
3300 Fairgrounds Rd.
Midland - (432) 682-4500
Monday-Saturday - 9 AM-6 PM — Sunday 12:00 PM

Candidates need to be proactive on globalization

■ Denying that the robots are coming isn't being honest

KATHLEEN PARKER
Washington Post Writers Group

So what are we to do?

This is a familiar question to opinion writers. Translation: You've told us what's wrong with everything — and we agree. But, what's the action plan?

Ah. The action plan. I hoped you'd never ask.

A reader recently wrote three of us Washington Post columnists along these lines: "I feel your frustration and fear," she wrote, "but what are we to do to counter the insanity besides exercise our right to vote, express our opinions and make monetary contributions?"

Excellent question. Would that someone could answer it.

In such times, I turn to my personal wizard, Van Wishard, whom I've introduced in a previous column. A retired trend analyst, Wishard can't stop his fertile mind from examining the problems of our age. To all questions, his answer is "globalization." Nothing can be fixed or stopped, he says, until we come to terms with globalization as a profound psychological issue, not just a matter of economics or immigration patterns.

In one of his highly distilled observations, he wonders (but isn't predicting) whether this may be our last election for a while. To Americans who already feel disenfranchised and voiceless, their votes virtually meaningless as political parties seek to override their votes, this idea won't much surprise them. Rather, they likely have already begun to feel resigned to a country no longer their own and a world that's out of control.

Wishard's thesis hinges on his further observation that the military and Silicon Valley may be the only institutions left that are capable of governing. Might a marriage of military order and advanced technology be in our future? Silicon's masters of the future are furiously working to create post-human robots that promise to make better decisions — albeit lacking in empathy, at least for the time being — than their human bosses.

Already, it's difficult to find a human to help you in a brick-and-mortar store, soon to be obsolete except as sensory museums for the elderly and curious. What whimsy awaits? The drone that brings you Starbucks coffee and a bagel?

Such futuristic developments are upon us. The dehumanization to come, via designer genes and surrogate spouses who bring fantasies to life, won't leave much for humans to do other than cause mischief. Perhaps the rise of the Islamic State and other death-dealing savages are the counterforces to lengthening lives absent meaning — the dark armies of Thanatos, the death drive that Sigmund Freud recognized as an instinct equal to survival. In the midst of such overwhelming, existential change, the pace of our daily lives will continue to increase as our world continues to shrink. Fear and anxiety are natural reactions, yet no one in the political realm acknowledges this.

Understandably, few want to have a fireside reality chat. First, it isn't the bright and hopeful message upon which political campaigns are built. A Donald Trump would rather promise to stuff globalization back into the bottle than talk seriously about how America adapts.

We'd rather be distracted by such quandaries as where a transsexual empties his or her bladder. Here's an action plan for you: If you're a transsexual woman or a man, use the restroom that corresponds to your chosen sex. Your privates are no one's business. There, that was easy.

The rest is not so simple, which is why Trump is so popular. He makes things seem simple by offering slogans as solutions and by essentially denying globalization. This isn't only dishonest; it's offensive.

Globalization today has become a force unto itself — an expanding, assimilating organ nourished by diverse cultures, symbiotic systems and a rapidly converging collective psyche. There's no separating one from the whole.

And there's no turning back. Any presidential candidate who isn't talking about globalization proactively, realistically and, yes, optimistically isn't shooting straight. Worse, he or she doesn't get it.

Action plan? My robot and I will get back to you.

Meanwhile, Wishard finds hope in young people, who, notwithstanding the fashionable rise of socialism, travel abroad, speak more than one language, have made friends across cultures through social media and accept international integration as the new normal.

Perhaps it will take a younger candidate to one day lead the country into this new-ish century, assuming a robot doesn't beat him or her to it. But for now, the right candidate would do well to explain to people why they're uneasy and convince them that the human race, not just this country, is on the verge of awesomeness (for real) — and walk them through an unavoidable adventure.

GUEST VIEW

Stage 1 water restrictions are the right place for Lubbock to begin

Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

The year of 2016 began with most of Lubbock's third-largest snowfall in history still spread on the ground throughout the city. The 11 inches of late-December snow crowned one of the wettest years Lubbock has ever had.

After so much precipitation in 2015, it was easy to hope for another year of abundant rainfall. But when it comes to weather, we should expect the unexpected in Lubbock, and so far we are getting the opposite of that hope.

At the beginning of the last week of March, the city had received 0.59 inches of precipitation for 2016. The normal amount for that point in the year is 2.26 inches — almost four times as much as we have gotten.

Friday is the day Lubbock will begin its water conservation measures for the year, and the city's plan to continue its Stage 1 water restrictions of recent years is the correct place to begin conservation this year.

Just because there's been a dry start to 2016, it doesn't mean Lubbock is headed for a drought year. Stage 1 is sufficient for now.

Stage 1 of the drought contingency plan has been an easy one for most Lubbock residents to live with, and it has helped encourage significant conservation.

It allows for two days a week for watering yards, with a maximum of 1.5 inches of water per week allowed.

Watering isn't allowed during the hottest part of the day, between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., when evaporation would be highest.

And hand-watering is allowed any day at any time. So is the use of soaker hoses and drip systems.

Stage 2 water restrictions, which allow watering only once a week, haven't been used since 2014, and we hope they won't be needed anytime soon.

Aubrey Spear, director of water utilities, told A-J Media last year Lubbock's peak water usage was 70 million to 80 million gallons on summer days about 10 years earlier. Stage 1 restrictions were first implemented in 2006, and that began a much wiser use of water.

Spear said last year the highest usage in the summer of 2014 was 50 million gallons a day. Granted, that summer included about four months of Stage 2 restrictions, but it illustrates the success of the city's water conservation efforts.

Most of Lubbock's water supply comes from the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority's Roberts County well field and the city's Bailey County well field. Lake Meredith and Lake Alan Henry, which are at higher-than-usual levels, also supply water to the city.

According to waterdatafortexas.org, Lake Alan Henry is 92.8 percent full, and Lake Meredith is 26.4 percent full — which is the most water Meredith has had in nearly a decade.

The weather can change rapidly, whether it's from good to bad or bad to good. The lack of precipitation so far this year doesn't mean we won't have an average year of rainfall or even a higher-than-average year.

If worse comes to worst, and it turns out to be a severe drought year, it will be possible at any point in the year to re-evaluate and institute Stage 2 restrictions if circumstances warrant them.

In the meantime, we can make do with Stage 1 restrictions, use water as wisely as possible and hope we have a rainy summer.

Distributed by Tribune Content Agency

Rain in Midland
Precipitation this year: 0.82 of an inch
Normal through March 30: 1.83 inches

EDITORIAL BOARD
Jeff Shabram, Publisher
Stewart Doreen, Editor
Mary Dearen, Managing Editor
Trevor Hawes, Asst. Managing Editor

TO OUR READERS
Opinions, columns, letters and cartoons reflect the author's or artist's views and not necessarily the view of the Reporter-Telegram.

Meet the Latinos for Trump

■ There are 1 in 5 who likely would vote for the GOP frontrunner

RUBEN NAVARRETTE
Washington Post Writers Group

For Latino conservatives, Donald Trump is the Republican of last resort.

When this bizarre presidential election season began, most center-right Latinos favored either Jeb Bush or Marco Rubio — both of whom are moderates on immigration. The majority of Latino voters care most about the same issues that other Americans care about: jobs, education, health care, terrorism and the economy. But immigration does serve a useful purpose. It helps Latinos better understand which candidates have their back and which ones want to stick a knife in it.

In the beginning, a small subset of Latino voters leaned toward Ted Cruz. They did so despite Cruz's fire-breathing opposition to what he glibly calls "amnesty" for the undocumented, his simplistic solutions to a complicated problem, and his lack of understanding about why people migrate and will keep migrating as long as there are jobs to be had on this side of the border.

Now, with the growing likelihood that Trump will enter the Republican National Convention in Cleveland with the most delegates and thus be the clear favorite to win the nomination, some Latino conservatives are learning to stop fuming and tolerate The Donald.

Ultimately, if Trump is the GOP's presidential nominee, I predict he'll earn about 20 percent of the Latino vote in November. That would be a low mark historically, logging in at 1 point shy of where Bob Dole was in terms of Latino support in 1996. And given that Latinos represent a significant presence in 10 states — including the battleground states of Colorado, Nevada and Florida — such a poor performance by Trump would all but ensure defeat.

Still, 20 percent ain't nothing. Which may be why former Mexican President Vicente Fox asked incredulously during a recent interview: Exactly who are these people?

It's not that complicated. The concept of "Latinos for Trump" begins to make sense once you realize that the estimated 10 million to 13 million Latinos who are expected to cast ballots in November aren't monolithic or one-dimensional. Latinos are like the Irish and Italians: while some define themselves by ethnicity, others see themselves simply as Americans.

Here are 10 character traits shared by many Latinos for Trump:

■ Along with a majority of Americans, they don't trust Hillary Clinton or find her anywhere as likable or relatable as the last President Clinton.

■ They have been marinating for years in the same juices as other Americans, and so they are just as likely to be seduced by someone like Trump who speaks plainly and eschews political correctness.

■ Like other Trump supporters, they are sick and tired of politics as usual and the typical politician who filters what he or she says in order to be popular and doesn't stand for anything.

■ Many have military backgrounds and recognize the high price of freedom. Having lost family members on the battlefield, they are looking for a strong hand in foreign affairs. And they think Trump has it.

■ They are willing to overlook the candidate's boorish behavior, unworkable policies, outrageous statements and high negatives in order to shake up the political system.

■ Some actually agree with Trump's ideas, even the far-fetched ones such as building a wall along the entire U.S.-Mexico border or imposing a moratorium on Muslims entering the United States.

■ When Trump scares up votes by portraying Mexican immigrants as violent criminals, they don't take offense because they assume he's not talking about them.

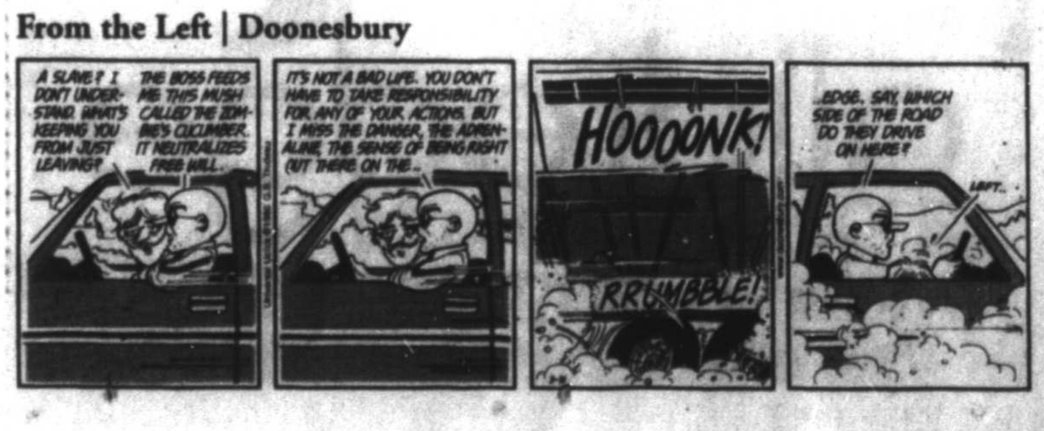
■ They like Trump's independent and off-the-cuff style, and find it refreshing and reassuring that he doesn't accept campaign contributions from wealthy donors who are looking for something in return.

■ They make their personal decisions about whom to vote for, in the privacy of the voting booth, independent of what liberal-leaning Hispanic organizations and self-appointed leaders tell them to do.

■ While they realize that Trump has clumsily charged through the immigration debate like the proverbial bull in a china shop, and they recognize that he scapegoats immigrants, it doesn't bother them as much as you might imagine because they themselves are ambivalent about immigration in general and illegal immigration in particular.

Hey, what can I say? While Latinos represent a lot of what's right about America, when it comes to politics, some of them get it wrong.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Prison sentences for 61 drug offenders shortened by Obama

By Josh Lederman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama commuted the prison sentences of 61 drug offenders on Wednesday including more than a third serving life sentences, working to give new energy to calls for overhauling the U.S. criminal justice system.

All of the inmates are serving time for drug possession, intent to sell or related crimes. Most are nonviolent offenders, although a few were also charged with firearms violations. Obama's commutation shortens their sentences, with most of the inmates set to be released on July 28.

Obama, in a letter to the inmates receiving commutations, said the presidential power to grand commutations and pardons "embodies the basic belief in our democracy that people deserve a second chance."

One of the inmates, Jesse Webster of Chicago, is serving a life term for intent to sell cocaine and filing false tax returns. Another, Byron McDade of Bowie, Maryland, got 27 years for cocaine-related charges as well. In both cases, judges in the cases later said publicly it was too harsh, though sentencing guidelines often prevent judges from being more lenient. Webster and McDade will both be released later this year.

Most are nonviolent offenders, although a few also faced firearms charges. Nabar Criam of Brooklyn, New York, was sentenced to 15 years for possession of crack cocaine with intent to distribute, but received an additional charge for having a gun on hand during a drug trafficking crime.

The latest tranche of commutations brings to 248 the total number of inmates whose sentences Obama has commuted — more than the past six presidents combined, the White House said. The pace of commutations and the rarer use of pardons are expected to increase as the end of Obama's presidency nears.

"Throughout the remainder of his time in office, the president is committed to continuing to issue more grants of clemency as well as to strengthening rehabilitation programs," said Neil Eggleston, the White House counsel, in a blog post.

Associated Press

President Barack Obama meets with people who were formerly incarcerated and have previously received commutations on Wednesday at Busboys and Poets restaurant in northwest Washington. From left are Serena Nunn, Ramona Brant, the president and Phillip Emmert.

He added that clemency is a tool of last resort that can help specific people, but doesn't address the broader need for a "more fair and just" system and "fix decades of overly punitive sentencing policies."

In a bid to call further attention to the issue, Obama met for lunch Wednesday with people whose sentences were previously commuted to hear about the challenges of reentering society. One of the former inmates, Kemba Smith, was seven months pregnant when she turned herself in on crack cocaine charges, and she served more than 6 years before former President Bill Clinton granted clemency in 2000. She went on to study social work and become an advocate, the White House said.

"Their stories are extraordinary," Obama said after dining at a Washington eatery. "We're all imperfect. We all make mistakes."

Though there's wide bipartisan support for a criminal justice overhaul, what had looked like a promising legislative opportunity in Obama's final year has recently lost steam. As with Obama's other priorities, the din of the chaotic presidential campaign has increasingly made cooperation among Republicans and Democrats in Congress this year a non-starter.

Last month, a group of Senate Republicans declared their opposition to the legislation Obama and some conservatives had been pushing, dealing a major blow to prospects of getting it done this year. A key Senate committee had already approved the bipartisan bill, which would let judges hand out lesser sentences more lenient than the federal mandatory minimums and eliminate mandatory life sentences for drug offenders caught three times. House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., said the overhaul is doable but doesn't have to get done in 2016.

Obama has long called for getting rid of strict sentences for drug offenses, arguing they lead to excessive punishment and sky-high incarceration rates. With Obama's support, the Justice Department in recent years has directed prosecutors to rein in the use of harsh mandatory minimums.

North Carolina bathroom law could be decided in Virginia

By Larry O'Dell
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — The fate of North Carolina's new law aimed at restricting restroom use by transgender people could be determined in Virginia, where a school board has ordered a teenager to stay out of the boys' room.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond could rule any day now in the case of Gavin Grimm, who was born female but identifies as male. Grimm says he has to take a "walk of shame" to use a restroom at Gloucester High School.

Whatever the judges decide, the impact will be far more sweeping than what Grimm envisioned when he challenged the policy last year.

"I did not set out to make waves — I set out to use the bathroom," Grimm said.

North Carolina's bathroom bill was unveiled, debated and signed into law in a single day last week, two months after the appeals court in Richmond heard arguments in Grimm's case. But two workers and a transgender student at the University of North Carolina are making similar arguments as they seek a federal injunction preventing enforcement of the new law.

Among other things, the law directs public schools, public universities and government agencies to designate bathrooms and locker rooms for use only by people based on their biological sex, and said transgender people can only use bathrooms matching their gender identity if they've had their birth certificates changed, which in North Carolina usually requires sexual reassignment surgery.

The law has prompted a national backlash. Businesses and politicians have announced boycotts of North Carolina, and legal challenges ensure that the wedge issue will dominate the Republican governor's re-election campaign against his Democratic challenger.

Advocates on all sides will closely read the ruling, since U.S. District Judge Thomas Schroeder in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, an appointee of President George W. Bush, will have to adhere to any precedents set by the appellate court, said Joshua Block, the American Civil Liberties Union lawyer representing Grimm.

"One way or another, what happens in Gavin's case is likely going to set the rules of the road for how the North Carolina case proceeds," Block said.

Grimm alleges that school board policy requiring him to use girls' restrooms or a single-occupancy unisex bathroom available to all students violates Title IX of the U.S. Education Amendments of 1972, the federal law prohibiting sex discrimination in public schools. He also said the policy denies him equal protection rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution.

The North Carolina suit raises similar claims, alleging that transgender people who haven't received a sex-change operation and changed their birth certificate can't access their preferred restrooms, and are therefore treated unequally from non-transgender people.

Since Grimm's trial judge has yet to decide constitutional issues, the appellate ruling will focus on the Title IX question and "won't provide guidance about the constitutionality of the North Carolina law," said Kevin Walsh, a University of Richmond expert in constitutional law.

The U.S. Justice Department filed a "statement of interest" in Grimm's case in July declaring that failure to allow transgender students to use restrooms that correspond with their gender identities amounts to sex discrimination under Title IX. In North Carolina, gay rights advocates warned that the new law puts billions of dollars in federal educational funding at risk.

North Carolina's law also bars local governments from making their own restroom ordinances, providing other protections from discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, or requiring businesses to pay higher wages or paid sick leave, raising authority questions that aren't at issue in the Virginia case.

War on women? GOP silent as Trump sounds off on abortion

By Steve Peoples and Scott Bauer
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Frustrated Republicans grappled with new fears about Donald Trump's impact on their party Wednesday, as the billionaire businessman's campaign rivals targeted his punitive plan for fighting abortion and extraordinary defense of his campaign manager who police say assaulted a female reporter.

Concern rippled through Republican circles nationwide, yet few dared criticize the GOP front-runner directly when pressed, leery of confronting the man who may well lead their election ticket in November.

Their silence underscored the deep worries plaguing the party's leaders — particularly its most prominent women — who are growing increasingly concerned that a Trump presidential nomination could not only cost the 2016 election but also tarnish the party brand for a generation of women and young people.

"A nominee who cannot speak to women cannot win," said New Hampshire party chairwoman Jennifer Horn, though declining to rebuke Trump by name.

Trump added to his challenge when asked to explain his prescription to fight abortion, a subject that remains highly controversial decades after the Supreme Court legalized it.

He told MSNBC during the taping of a town hall-style event in Wisconsin that abortions should be banned and, if they are, women who get them should receive "some form of punishment." That sparked an immediate backlash from both sides of the debate, and Trump's campaign quickly backtracked, releasing a statement that sought to take back his words. It said that only those who perform abortions would be "held legally responsible, not the woman."

"The woman is a victim in this case as is the life in her womb," the new Trump statement said.

The abortion comments came as Trump questioned the findings of Jupiter, Florida, police, who charged his closest political adviser, Corey Lewandowski, with misdemeanor battery on Tuesday after examining surveillance video of an incident, in which a reporter said she was grabbed and shoved. The police report said the woman's arm revealed "bruising from what appeared to be several finger marks indicating a grabbing-type injury."

The Republican front-runner suggested his campaign manager was simply trying to protect him from Michelle Fields, a reporter for Breitbart News at the time, who was trying to ask him a question after a March 8 campaign appearance.

As Trump assailed Fields from a television studio, Republican rival Ted Cruz surrounded himself with women as he courted Wisconsin voters ahead of the state's high-stakes primary next Tuesday. Cruz leads the state by 9 points among likely voters, according to a Marquette University Law School poll released Wednesday.

Cruz campaigned in Madison with his wife, mother, two daughters and even their nanny in what he called a "celebration of women."

"We're here because we love our families," Cruz declared, declining to repeat his harsh criticism of Trump from the day before. "Women are not a special interest. Women are a majority of the United State of America. And every issue is a women's issue."

Women favored President Barrack Obama by 11 points over GOP nominee Mitt Romney in 2012, a divide highlighted in the Republican National Committee's post-election study. "Our inability to win their votes is losing us elections," the report's authors wrote.

Yet Trump is poised to fare worse among women than Romney in a general election, according to recent polls that put his negative ratings nearing or even eclipsing 70 percent among women.

The RNC recommended that prominent female elected leaders be featured to promote the Republican brand, listing several including South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley.

Haley's office said she was "unavailable for comment" on Wednesday, among other female Republican officeholders who didn't respond to AP requests for comment. They included Sens. Susan Collins of Maine and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Reps. Kristi Noem of North Dakota and Mia Love of Utah.

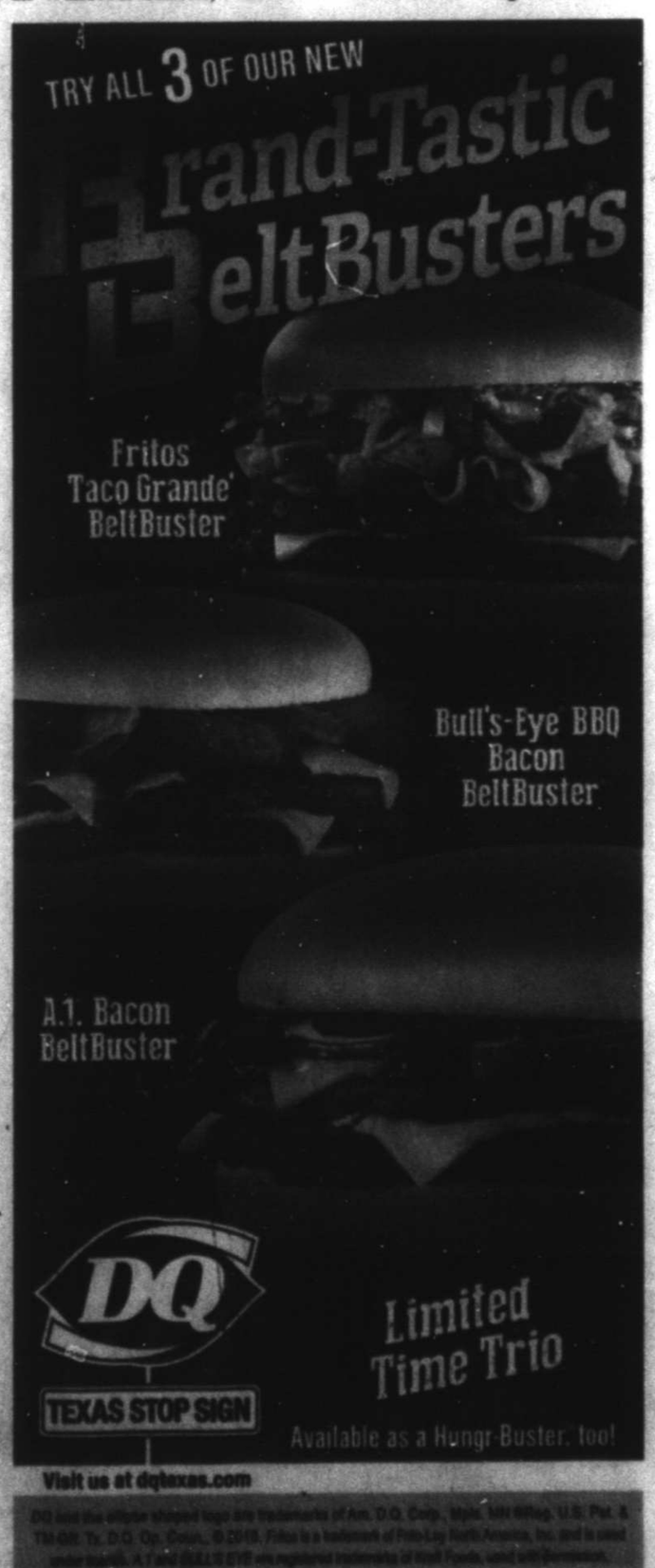
Liz Johnson, communications director for Sen. Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire, who is in a tough re-election fight, issued this statement: "As a longtime prosecutor, Kelly believes Mr. Trump should leave this case to the criminal justice system, instead of wrongly trying it in the media."

The Trump campaign was in discussion with the Republican National Committee about arranging a meeting with Chairman Reince Priebus on Thursday.

Trump is the undisputed GOP front-runner in the nomination fight, but should he lose Wisconsin, his foes would have a realistic chance of denying him the delegate majority he needs to claim the nomination before the July convention. In such a scenario, Republican delegates would select their presidential nominee in what would likely be a messy televised gathering.

Leading Democrat Hillary Clinton, meanwhile, attacked Trump's rhetoric on women and minorities as she campaigned in New York.

DAILY PROMISE
BROUGHT TO YOU BY
HENRY
1 Corinthians 10:13
God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength.



Trump backtracks on question of punishing women for abortion

By Todd Richmond and Jill Colvin
Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Republican presidential front-runner Donald Trump said Wednesday that women who get an abortion should receive "some form of punishment" if it is ever outlawed, drawing swift condemnation from activists on both sides of the divisive social issue.

Within hours, Trump's campaign sought to take back his comments in two separate statements, ultimately saying the billionaire businessman believes abortion providers — and not their patients — should be the ones punished.

Trump's original remarks about abortion came in a heated exchange with MSNBC host Chris Matthews at the Wednesday afternoon taping of a town hall in Green Bay, Wisconsin, scheduled to air that night. Matthews asked Trump whether he believes abortion should be outlawed.

After an extended back-and-forth, Trump said, "you have to ban" abortion and "there has to be some form of punishment" for women who violate such a restriction.

Pressed by Matthews on the nature of that punishment, Trump responded, "I haven't determined what the punishment should be."

Trump also suggested that should abortion ever be barred, women could continue to receive abortions at "illegal places."

"You know you'll go back to a position like where they had where people perhaps will go to illegal places," he said.

Trump's remarks were assailed by abortion-rights supporters, but they also unsettled anti-abortion activists who said the comments clash with efforts to show empathy with women contemplating whether to have the procedure.

"We have never advocated, in any context, for the punishment of women who undergo abortion," Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the national anti-abortion group Susan B. Anthony List, said in a statement.

"As a convert to the pro-life movement, Mr. Trump sees the reality of the horror of abortion — the destruction of an innocent human life," Dannenfelser said. "But let us be clear: punishment is solely for the abortionist who profits off of the destruction of one life and the grave wounding of another."

The March for Life, which organizes anti-abortion events each January in Washington, said on Twitter: "No pro-lifer would ever want to punish a woman who has chosen abortion. This is against the very nature of what we are about."

Asked to clarify his position, Trump's campaign initially issued a statement saying he believes the issue should rest with state governments.

But as the condemnation from all sides mounted, Trump's campaign issued a second statement that rejected his idea that a woman should face repercussions for undergoing an illegal abortion.

"If Congress were to pass legislation making abortion illegal and the federal courts upheld this legislation, or any state were permitted to ban abortion under state and federal law, the doctor or any other person performing this illegal act upon a woman would be held legally responsible, not the woman," Trump said. "The woman is a victim in this case as is the life in her womb."

The comments come just days before Wisconsin's primary, where preference polls show Trump trailing rival Ted Cruz. Trump's path to the nomination would narrow considerably if he were to lose the state.

On Tuesday, police in Florida charged Trump's campaign manager was misdemeanor battery, accusing him of assaulting a female reporter. Both incidents renewed concerns among Republicans about whether Trump can appeal successfully to women voters in the general election.

Trump has often said he's opposed to abortions, with three exceptions: rape, incest and when the life of the mother is at risk. But that was not always his stance. Trump used to describe himself as in favor of abortion rights, but said his position has evolved over the years, like Reagan's.

"Not only is this an unhinged position far from where the American people are, but it is sure to endanger women were he to become president," said Ilyse Hogue, the president of NARAL Pro-Choice America. "The worldview Donald Trump promotes is one where women should be shamed and blamed for their decisions."

Hillary Clinton, the leading Democratic candidate, also weighed in via Twitter: "Just when you thought it couldn't get worse. Horrific and telling."

WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE?

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

READERS' CHOICE AWARDS 2016 MRT

Cast your Vote on mrt.com starting Friday, April 1st!

MRT MEDIA GROUP

mrt.com

Midland Reporter-Telegram

The future won't wait.

Join us for an informational meeting about the academic performance of our Midland public schools and how we can make changes for the better.

Meeting Dates and Locations:

Free dinner provided for the first 100 guests.

Monday, April 4
6-7:30 pm
Stonegate Fellowship
6000 W. Wadley Ave.
Midland

Thursday, April 7
6-7:30 pm
First Presbyterian Church
800 W. Texas Ave.
Midland

Tuesday, April 12
Presentation in Spanish Only
6-7:30 pm
Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland
1311 E. Wadley
(Inside Hogan Park)

Thursday, April 14
6-7:30 pm
Greater Ideal Family Life Center
301 S. Tyler Street
Midland

For more information visit
www.educatemidland.org or Email: info@educatemidland.org

Educate Midland

A Community Collaboration with MISD and Educate Texas.

WEEKENDER

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

BEST BETS

TODAY

ELECTRIC BLEU The Bleu Edmondson Band will play its country music fans into the sunset tonight at the Patio at Hacienda Event Center. Doors open at 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

TREASURE TROVE Wall St. Antiques brings back the Treasure Hunters Expo at the Horseshoe Pavilion. Shop vintage and pre-owned items all day Saturday but get a sneak peek during the preview night party on Friday at 5 p.m.

ART POP First Friday reception will open Kamiposi's newest art show featuring the bold and modern pieces of area artists Fabian Molinar and Melody Hernandez. The reception will also have refreshments, food and music. 6 p.m.

SATURDAY

NEW DAY After extensive renovations, the Petroleum Museum will debut its grand opening of new exhibits with discounted admission all day Saturday. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

See complete schedule of weekend events on Page 2.

MOVIES

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

TALL CITY 14
Opening: "God's Not Dead 2," "I Saw the Light."
Closing: "The Bronze," "Risen"

CINERGY CINEMAS
Opening: "God's Not Dead 2."

BIG SKY DRIVE-IN
Closing: "Kung Fu Panda 3"

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

COMING SOON

Latin pop star and music legend Ana Gabriel brings her extensive catalog of hit songs to Hacienda Event Center on April 8.

RHYTHM NATION

Relearning basics helped musician become 'Stomp' lead

By Rich Lopez
jrlopez@mrt.com

After his eight-year career with "Stomp," John Angeles still has butterflies in his stomach before a show. The Fort Worth native and Texas Christian University alum chalks it up to his longtime love affair with the show after seeing a performance in Dallas when he was 12. He knew then that "Stomp" would one day be in his future.

Angeles

"The first thing I remembered was the double broom solo and then thinking 'I have to be in this show,'" he said via phone from Florida.

At 35, he's now the show's principle lead.

"Stomp" is being presented tonight at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center as part of the Broadway in the Basin series.

Angeles pursued percussion to prepare himself for his eventual auditions — he had two before joining the cast in 2007. But, despite his musical background, "Stomp" was a different animal.

"It has its own language and you communicate differently," he said. "I had to relearn a lot of things and strip down to learn new techniques with different materials like metal and wood and plastic. It was quite a struggle to play and perform."

As his role grew, so did his range. "Stomp" didn't require him to just be a percussive performer. He also had to be an actor and dancer to some extent.

"The skill set is different and a whole new challenge, but fortunately I'm able to interpret much of it because of my background," he said.

Being in the show has had a surprising effect on his personal life. With the veracity and precision of the show, Angeles has undergone a confidence boost, as well as an ability to make decisions fast.

Angeles said he owes that all to the show.

"Because I have to make decisions onstage quick, that has really stuck with me everywhere. I can make a choice and commit to it, even if it is the wrong choice. I do make mistakes but I also have a good support system both onstage and off," Angeles said.

Just before this interview, part of that support system just got a bit closer to Angeles. He had just proposed to his girlfriend of almost three years. And with only a month left on the "Stomp" tour, he's excited to head home to New York City and begin planning his future beyond trash can lids and plastic paint buckets.

"This is definitely the next chapter, but we're not planning a long engagement. We're looking at this fall," he said, with added excitement.

IF YOU GO

"Stomp," 7:30 p.m. today at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $40.50-$88. broadwayinthebasin.com.

Heat Index: Top things to do this weekend

By Rich Lopez
jrlopez@mrt.com

No April fooling here. The month kicks off with a strong start this weekend. The big trick is fitting everything into your datebook.

Culinary experience at Hight Foods today

Chef Chip Hight and the Hight Foods staff will host a special French dinner inspired by his recent culinary tour of France. He brings that experience to Midland with a menu of truffle soup, lobster salad, lamb chops with Robuchon mashed potatoes, a cheese course and Chocolate Fantasies. All you have to bring is your favorite wine or beer.

Reservations are required, so you might be cutting it close. Call 288-2020 or email chip@hightfoods.com for reservations. If you miss out, there's always his latest addition of Sunday brunch at 10 a.m.

7 p.m. at Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Road. $100. $10 corking fee. Hightfoods.com.

"Harriet the Spy" $3 tickets tonight only

For half the price of a matinee movie or a venti Frappuccino at Starbucks, why not opt for a night of theater? For a special Thursday night showing, Midland Community Theater is offering $3 tickets for one day only to see "Harriet the Spy," the latest show by the Pickwick Players. The show follows the adventures of Harriet and her notebook and her ambition to be a sleuth while surviving sixth grade. The show will continue its run at regular ticket prices through Sunday.

7:30 p.m. Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

TEXAS TECH SCRIMMAGE

Pat Green at Dos Amigos on Friday

Under new management with a whole new look, Dos Amigos reopens with a bang. The iconic Odessa venue has grown into a multi-purpose hangout with a restaurant, eight bars, private rooms for parties and a bigger stage, which is perfect for Texas country superstar Pat Green, who will help celebrate the reopening of the popular West Texas spot.

7 p.m. at 4700 N. Golder Ave., Odessa. $25. dosamigos.com.

Texas Tech football scrimmage at Grande Stadium on Saturday

Football fans can rejoice. A taste of the game comes to town when Texas Tech returns for its open scrimmage at the Grande Communications Stadium. With free admission, the game could host quite the crowd, so get there early for good seats. Last year, more than 7,000 people showed for the annual scrimmage. Steak 42, Eskimo Hut and Signature Stag team with Texas spirits companies for a tailgate event from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

1 p.m. at 801 N Loop 250 W. texastech.com/sports.

Food Truck Sunday at Cuthbert Mansion

What started out with a handful of trucks last spring has grown into a major food event. On Sunday, 15 trucks and vendors are slated to serve up their goods into the night.

The food trucks won't be the only four-wheel action to check out. Classic cars and hot rods will be on display throughout the event. Please, don't spill your burger into one of these vehicles.

4-9 p.m. at 3207 W Cuthbert Ave.

Lawrence Toppman
Charlotte Observer

'I Saw the Light' is not all of Hank Williams, but a lot of him

When Hank Williams died in 1953, slumping unseen in the back seat of a car en route to a New Year's Day concert in Ohio, he might have been the most decrepit 29-year-old in America. Alcohol and painkillers, aggravated by arduous touring and recording, had left the greatest country singer in the world weary, emaciated, feeble and depressed. His last charting single had been "I'll Never Get Out of This World Alive," and his broken body supplied the proof.

"I Saw the Light," the new film biography of the Alabama-born troubadour, does a solid job of explaining who he was, how he fell — if not always how he felt — and what the country music universe looked like 70 years ago. It goes a country mile beyond "Your Cheatin' Heart," the 1964 biopic that starred a stunningly miscast George Hamilton, though

Please see **TOPPMAN**/Page 3

2016 SHRINERS WEEKEND
April 1-2
Games start at 7:05pm
TICKETS: WestTexasTix.com • Jackalopes Office
Endless Horizons • 432-552-7825

CALENDAR

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

ART & DANCE

Stomp, 7:30 p.m. today at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $40.50-$88. broadwayinthebasin.com.

First Friday: The Works of Fabian Molinar and Melody Hernandez. The opening reception will feature music, refreshments and the artists to discuss their works. 6 p.m. Friday at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. facebook.com/kamiposi.

Dance Party. The night begins with cha-cha lessons followed by a night of couples dancing. Casual to cocktail attire encouraged and wine is welcome. 7 p.m. Friday at Elegance Ballroom, 4610 N. Garfield St. Free. RSVP at victoria@victoriaprintz.com.

58th annual Odessa Art Association Juried Art Exhibition. The art will be on display through Saturday at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. noelartmuseum.org.

"FABRICation" features works by seven artists who incorporate a textile sensibility in their art through fabric. Through April 8. McCormick Gallery at Midland College. midland.edu.

2016 Student Art Exhibition: Storytellers. The annual art show features works by area students representing elementary through high school in a variety of media. Through April 10. Durham Children's Museum, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Otra Vez" featuring works by Wayne Hilton. Using recycled materials, Hilton focuses his works on Mexican arts and culture. The works were commissioned specifically for the Centennial branch's public gallery space. The art will display through April 30 with a series of programming. MCPL Centennial, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us.

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

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

CLASSES, LECTURES & MEETINGS

"Food is Medicine: A Wellness Event introducing Plant-based Nutrition" is an all-day event featuring speakers, classes and discussion on the wellness initiative in the Permian Basin. 7:30 a.m. Saturday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $20. wagnernoel.org.

Sibley Camera Club meets at 9 a.m. Saturday at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. sibleynaturecenter.org.

EVENTS

Supper Event: French Cuisine. Explore the flavors and concepts Chef Chip found on his culinary trip to France. Wine and beers are welcome with a $10 corking fee. Reservations required. Menu: truffle soup, lobster salad, lamb chops with Robuchon mashed potatoes, chocolate fantasies and a cheese course. 7 p.m. today at Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Drive. $100. Hightfoods.com.

Wall St. Antiques Treasure Hunters Expo will feature vintage, pre-owned items including jewelry, collectibles, furniture and more from local dealers and retailers. 5 p.m. Friday preview night, 9 a.m. Saturday Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. $15 Friday. Wallstantiquesmidland.com.

Petroleum Museum grand opening of new exhibits. 10 a.m. Saturday at 1500 I-20 W. Discounted admission Saturday only. Pbpetro.org.

Great American Cleanup/Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off annual event and volunteer appreciation picnic. 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Hogan Park, 1201 E. Wadley Ave. keepmidlandbeautiful.org.

Miss Sunburst Texas pageant and beautiful baby contest. The pageant is open to boys and girls from infant to 3 years and girls 4-27. The pageant is a preliminary to the Sunburst State Finals in Houston. 1 p.m. Sunday at Midland Park Mall 4511 N. Midkiff Road. sunburstbeauty.com.

Food Truck Sunday at the Mansion will feature 15 local food vendors as well as a display of classic cars and hot rods. 4-9 p.m. Sunday at Cuthbert Mansion, 3207 W. Cuthbert Ave.

Boutique Bonanza will feature more than 20 vendors along with a cash bar. The Green Tree Social Organization is hosting the event. 3 p.m. Wednesday at Green Tree Country Club, 4900 Green Tree Blvd. Free.

Midland Downtown Farmers Market. The market goes weekly for its new season until Oct. 29. Live music by Sara Rachel. 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Family Free-For-All Gets Tricky! Enjoy family-friendly science and art activities based on a theme and free dome shows. 10 a.m. Saturday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. free. museumsw.org.

Building Bots, Tuesday at the Petroleum Museum, 1500 W. Interstate 20. $10 classes available for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. Pre-registration required. pbpetro.org.

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

GAMES

Bingo Nights. The American Legion Auxiliary hosts weekly play throughout the week. 7 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 4 p.m. Sundays. 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 432-682-5511.

Zia Park Casino Hotel and Racetrack bus trips by Midland Shuttle Services. Departs at 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays to Hobbs, New Mexico. $55 adults, $45 65 and older. RSVP by calling 432-260-5428. midlandshuttleservices.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MUSIC

Zack Walther, Luke Robinson, 9 p.m. today at Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. $8. rockinrodemidland.com.

Bleu Edmondson Band, 8 p.m. today at The Patio at Hacienda Event Center, 12600 SH 191. $10. haciendamidland.com.

Sean Franks, 8 p.m. Friday at Fire Water Bar and Grill, 3113 West Industrial Ave.

Tejano Vibes with Elida Reina, Ruben Ramos, Gary Hobbs, Ram Herrera. Friday at Hacienda Event Center, 12600 SH 191. $25. haciendamidland.com.

Pat Green, Friday at Dos Amigos, 4706 N. Golder Ave., Odessa. dosamigoscantina.com.

The Browders, 7 p.m. Friday at Calvary Assembly, 508 S. Johnson Drive. thebrowders.com.

No Dry Country, 9 p.m. Friday at Lone Star Bar,

Bo Phillips Band, Chris Wayne Band 9 p.m. Friday at Beer Garden, 7112 West Highway 80.

Matthew Frantz, Darrin Kobetich, Friday at The Garage, 1110 N. Main St., Fort Stockton. 7 p.m. $5. thegaragetx.com.

Jimmy and the Johnsons, Friday and Saturday at Your Place, 3704 W. Wall St.

Vocal Trash, 11 a.m. Saturday at Noel Heritage Plaza, Odessa.

Mark McKinney, 8 p.m. Saturday at Fire Water Bar and Grill, 3113 West Industrial Ave.

Leighton Fields, 8 p.m. Saturday at Cigar Frogs, 216 N. Main St.

Jerry Hart and Flatland, 9 p.m. Saturday at Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

MOSC: Lone Star Brass performs "Odessa - From Russia to Texas." 3 p.m. Sunday at the Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $15. MOSC.org.

Godswayonline, Big Perk, Saved, Dago and more. 5 p.m. Saturday at Comedy at the Park, 1015 N. West County Road, Odessa. $5.

Stringfever, 7 p.m. Tuesday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $11-$35. liveonstage-pb.com.

OUTDOORS, SPORTS & FITNESS

Energy City Half Marathon 5K/10K and Kids Run, 7:30 a.m. Saturday at Fasken Oil and Ranch Building at The Vineyard Office Park, 6010 Holiday Hill Road. energycityhalf.com.

Walk for Wishes WTX. One-mile fun walk and 5k is a family-friendly community event that raises funds to help grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions in West Texas. The event also features live music, food and a Kids' Zone. Registration at 7 a.m., run at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Parks Legado Town Center, 7421 State Highway 191, Odessa. Walkforwisheswtx.org.

Texas Tech Spring Football. Texas Tech Athletics will make its annual trip to Midland for an open scrimmage. Gates at noon. Scrimmage at 1 p.m. Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium, 5514 Champions Drive. Free.

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

Baseball: Texas Tech vs. Abilene Christian, 6:30 p.m. April 5 at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Drive. $8.

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

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

THEATER, COMEDY & FILM

SciFriday Film Series: "Mars Attacks." (PG-13) This year's theme is So Bad, They're Good. Screenings include snack bar for all ages, beer and wine for adults and general seating. Seats are first come first served. Parents should note film ratings. Doors at 7 p.m. Friday at Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Madama Butterfly" presented by The Metropolitan Opera: Live in HD. 11:55 a.m. Saturday and 6:30 p.m. April 6 at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 W. Loop 250 N. $25.17. fathomevents.com.

"Harriet the Spy" by the Pickwick Players. The Players bring Louise Fitzhugh's literary classic to life. Closes Sunday. Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

COMING SOON

APRIL

"Bring It to the Table" screening with Emmy-nominated director Julie Winokur. The film discusses politics and is aimed at engaging and empowering students in civic action. Presented by the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute and UTPB. 6:30 p.m. April 7 at Dunagan Library, 4901 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Shepperdinstitute.com.

Bravo Broadway Backstage Party hosted by MOSC Symphony Young Professionals. Get a sneak peek at the upcoming MOSC show with drinks in the green room and a seat backstage as the orchestra rehearses for its next show. 6:30 p.m. April 8 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. FM 1788. Free but reservations required. MOSC.org.

Ese, Dirty Dave, Moving Forward and The Bogans, 7 p.m. April 7 at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. facebook.com/kamiposi.

LeAnn Rimes, 8 p.m. April 7 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $34-$62. Wagnernoel.com.

Red, HOT and Wild Adult Comedy Improv Show, 8 p.m. April 7 at MCM Elegante Odessa, 5200 E. University Blvd., Odessa. $20. Westtexastalent.com.

Odessa Jackalopes vs. Amarillo, 7:05 p.m. April 8-9 at Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway in Odessa. Tickets $9-$23. Nahlodessa.pointstreaksites.com.

"The Red Velvet Cake War" by the Maverick Players. April 8-24 at VFW Hall, 409 Veterans Airpark Lane. $10-$15. Maverickplayers.org.

"Glowena" is a children's musical written and composed by local West Texas Ronald Bennett. April 8-16 at Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., Odessa. permianplayhouse.com.

Ana Gabriel, 8 p.m., April 8 at Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. haciendamidland.com.

Shane Rogers Band, 9 p.m. April 8 at Detour Bar, 1708 Rankin Highway.

Tim Kreitz Band, 9 p.m. April 8 and 9 at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

Wicked West, 9 p.m. April 8 and 9 at Your Place, 3704 W. Wall St.

Walk with a Doc, sponsored by the Texas Medical Association, is a one-mile walk around Midland College to raise awareness of obesity and related diseases. Prior to the walk Dr. Manoher Gurra will give a brief lecture. 9 a.m. April 9 at Midland College Fine Arts Building, 3600 N. Garfield St.

Books in the Basin 2016 will feature authors Lev Grossman, Judd Winick, Alfredo Corchado, The Fabulous Beekman Boys and Sandra Brown along with guests the Writer's League of Texas and the return of Literary Death Match. April 9 and 10 at Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd., Odessa. Booksinthebasin.com.

Water Wise Plants and Design class hosted by Permian Basin Master Gardeners and led by Texas Tech's Chris Casanova. 10 a.m. April 9 at West Texas Food Bank, 411 S. Pagewood Ave., Odessa. $20. Westtexasgardening.org.

Kamiposi Spring Market 2016 will feature arts, crafts, food and live entertainment. 1 p.m. April 9 at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. facebook.com/kamiposi.

8th annual Hops and Props 2016 by CAF High Sky Wing will feature music by Ransom Rhodes and the Matt Kimbrow Band, vintage airplanes, food and beer tasting. 7 p.m. April 9. CAF Main Hangar, 9600 Wright Drive. $40 advance, $50 door. $20 designated driver tickets available. 21 and older only. highskywing.org.

MOSC: "Bravo Broadway" 7:30 p.m. April 9 at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $28-$48. MOSC.org.

Silver Spur Gun and Blade Show. April 9 and 10 at Midland Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. Silverspurtradeshows.com.

Books in the Basin: Brunch with the Beekmans. With food by the Odessa College Culinary Arts Department, the Beekmans will close Books in the Basin with this brunch event and discuss their brand, "The Amazing Race" win and more. Book signing to follow. 10:30 a.m. April 10 at Odessa College Culinary Arts Dining, 201 W. University Blvd., Odessa. $35 per person, $60 couple. Call 432-335-6648 for reservations. booksinthebasin.com.

Midland Beekeeper Association Meeting at 6 p.m. April 12 at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. sibleynaturecenter.org.

LIVE
Presents
"Stringfever"
"A band that exudes charisma and warmth coupled with humor in a truly original show...."
Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 7:00 pm
Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
Single Tickets Available for $35 At Wagner Noel
For more info Call 432-789-1249 or Visit us at www.liveonstage-pb.com
Like us on Facebook

Live tonight at The Wine Rack 6:30pm-9:30pm
"24 Years Selling the Permian Basin"
"Staying In Tune With Your Real Estate Needs"
MIDLAND 1ST CHOICE REAL ESTATE
Ernesto Calderon
(432) 413-4347
e.c@grandecom.net
Midland 1st Choice The Doss Team
3219 Cuthbert Blvd.
Midland, TX 79707

ON SCREEN

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

"Deadpool" (R) Ryan Reynolds stars as the former Special Forces operative-turned unconventional antihero in the Marvel Comics adaptation. With Ryan Reynolds, Morena Baccarin, Ed Skrein. Written by Rhett Reese & Paul Wernick. Directed by Tim Miller.

"Gods of Egypt" (PG-13) To save his true love, mortal hero Bek teams with god Horus to battle Set, the god of darkness, who illegitimately occupies the throne of Egypt. With Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Brenton Thwaites, Chadwick Boseman. Written by Matt Sazama & Burk Sharpless. Directed by Alex Proyas.

"I Saw the Light" (R) Tom Hiddleston stars as the tormented country legend Hank Williams, a lending singer-songwriter of the 1940s and '50s. With Elizabeth Olsen, Cherry Jones. Written and directed by Marc Abraham.

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

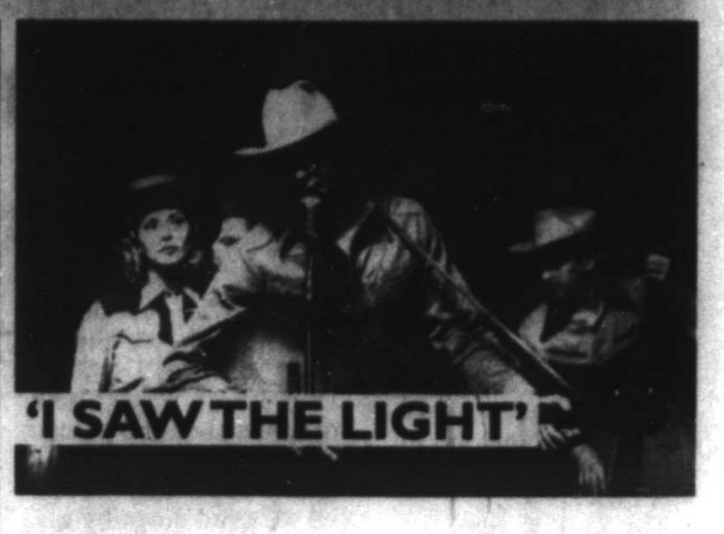
"Miracles From Heaven" (PG) After an accident, a young girl with an incurable disease experiences a reversal unexplainable by medical experts. With Jennifer Garner, Martin Henderson, John Carroll Lynch. Written by Randy Brown. Directed by Patricia Riggen.

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

"10 Cloverfield Lane" (R) A woman wakes up to find herself imprisoned in a cellar, unsure whether to believe her captor who claims the outside world has been rendered uninhabitable. With John Goodman, Mary Elizabeth Winstead, John Gallagher Jr. Directed by Dan Trachtenberg.

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

Distributed by Tribune Content Agency



'I SAW THE LIGHT'

TOPPMAN

From Page 1

it doesn't get as far as it might.

Writer-director Marc Abraham adapted "Hank Williams: The Biography," a 2004 book by Colin Escott, George Merritt and William MacEwen. The film tracks Williams from his marriage day in 1944 — he wed Audrey Sheppard in a Texaco station in Andalusia, Ala. — to the announcement from the stage that he would never give that last concert in Ohio.

Williams created an alter ego, Luke the Drifter, to record songs that his record company didn't think were commercial. In a way, that's who we see in this narrative: The singer-songwriter, played with complete commitment by Tom Hiddleston, drifts in and out of marriages and affairs, honky-tonk clubs and radio stations, recording sessions and Grand Ol' Opry performances, drunken stupors and apologetic reconciliations with Audrey (Elizabeth Olsen) and his management.

Other than playing for the Opry, an achievement he doesn't seem to relish, when he gets there, we never know what drives him. He fritters away his bank account and lets down fans, but success and failure seem to affect him only slightly.

This is no fault of the quietly expressive Hiddleston. The British actor, best known as Loki in the "Thor" and "Avengers" series, disappears into the character's skinny body and twangy voice.

He sings well, too, capturing Williams' rhythms and even yodeling in "Lovesick Blues." What he doesn't get is the thing Hank Williams Jr. couldn't get when he sang for Hamilton in "Your Cheatin' Heart": the rawness, soul-deep loneliness and unanswerable needs that came from growing up uneducated and poor in Depression-era Alabama.

The best thing about this movie may be that it drives people to seek out the original. If you don't know Hank's greatness yet, you will soon be singing "I Saw the Light" with him and about him.

'I Saw the Light'
3 out of 4 stars
Cast: Tom Hiddleston, Elizabeth Olsen.
Writer-Director: Marc Abraham.
Length: 123 minutes.
Rating: R (some language and brief sexuality/nudity).

Distributed by Tribune Content Agency

'THE HATEFUL EIGHT'

'Hateful Eight' is a remarkable ride

Reeled & Stream

By Nancy Adamson | nadamson@mrt.com

PICK O' THE WEEK

"The Hateful Eight" (R) Neo-western from Quentin Tarantino is almost three hours long and was filmed in Ultra Panavision, which means there will be large bars at the top and bottom of the screen during playback. So, is he trying to alienate his audience? Not one bit, although my backside is grateful we didn't go to the theater to sit through the film. Otherwise, Ennio Morricone's Oscar-winning score, Robert Richardson's stunning, Oscar-nominated cinematography and a sizzling cast — obviously having a blast with the script — make remarkable contributions to this magnificent film. I also would like to note the casting of 50-something-year-old Jennifer Jason Leigh. She and Tarantino are friends, but he could have cast some teenage ingénue in the part, as many directors would have. Instead, audiences got a veteran actress who stole the show, resulting in her first Oscar nomination. Bravo. **A**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"The Plastic Cup Boyz" (R) The mundane routines by three members of Kevin Hart's entourage who open his standup shows reveal why they have not followed him into stardom. **D**

MORE REVIEWS

"Concussion" (PG-13) Just hearing the facts can be clinical and dull. Seeing it played out in a biopic of the doctor who made the link between football and chronic traumatic encephalopathy is startling and heartbreaking. So if the footage of former NFL star Junior Seau in his prime doesn't bring a tear to your eye, you might not have a heart. **A-**

"Daddy's Home" (PG-13) Once again, Will Ferrell plays the lovable, naive loser. Once again, it totally works. **B**

"The Letters" (PG) It almost feels sacrilegious to make a biopic out of the correspondence of an immensely private servant of God, Mother Teresa. On the other hand, this is the most touching film about a devout Catholic since 1943's "The Song of Bernadette." **B-**

"Monster High: The Great Scarier Reef" (unrated) Disappointing installment in the franchise is creatively animated but the story is lackluster. **C+**

"Roboshark" (unrated) In the realm of super-stupid but fun shark tales from the folks at SyFy, this film has a couple of laughs but it's not among the network's best efforts, if you're willing to call anything produced there an effort. **C-**

"Survival" (not rated) Trying to integrate military strategy, espionage and corporate greed into a zombie movie is not a good idea. **D**

"Zoombies" (TV-14) Trying to integrate common zoo animals — and call them endangered — into a zombie movie also is not a good idea. **D**

MIDLAND COMMUNITY THEATRE
Harriet the Spy
Presented by The Pickwick Players in Davis Theatre I
CoProduced by PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES
Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 7:30 PM
Friday, April 1, 2016 at 7:30 PM
Saturday, April 2, 2016 at 7:30 PM
Sunday, April 3, 2016 at 2:00 PM
Tickets on sale NOW! 570-4111
www.MCTMidland.org

THE GEORGE W. BUSH Childhood Home
A PRESIDENTIAL SITE
10 AM-5 PM Tues-Sat, 2-5 PM Sun (Tours given until 4:30)
1412 W. Ohio, Midland TX
432-685-1112
www.bushchildhoodhome.org
fan us on facebook. & twitter
Come celebrate our 10th Anniversary
Sunday, April 10, 2016
From 2-4:30 PM
FREE
> Tours of the historic home
> George W. lapel pins
> Refreshments
> Books for kids
Check out the Gift Shop for great specials on regular and one of a kind items – up to 60% off !

ON SCREEN

'Batman v Superman' expected to dominate at box office

By Ryan Faughnder
Los Angeles Times

Warner Bros. Entertainment's DC Comics film strategy faces another important test as "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" enters its second weekend at the box office.

The Zack Snyder-directed action movie, starring Ben Affleck and Henry Cavill, is expected to again dominate the competition at cinemas after a strong $166 million opening.

Hollywood is waiting to see how far the movie's tickets sales will drop. Analysts expect the epic superhero battle will generate $60 million to $65 million in box-office revenue from the U.S. and Canada this Friday through Sunday. That would represent a decline of roughly 60 percent or more from its debut.

Major franchise films tend to post steep drops in their second weekends, partly because most hardcore fans flock to theaters when movies first debut.

Last year's hit "Furious 7" and 2012's "The Dark Knight Rises" both dropped about 60 percent week-to-week. "Batman v Superman" could be weighed down by a less-than-stellar audience response, indicated by its average "B" grade from exit polling firm CinemaScore.

Warner Bros. is counting on continued robust overseas sales. The movie has grossed a global total of $435 million so far, with $181 million of that coming from the U.S. and Canada market. "Batman v Superman" cost $250 million to make and is intended to set the stage for a series of future movies based on DC Comics characters to compete with Disney's Marvel Studios. Upcoming DC films include "Suicide Squad," "Wonder Woman," "Justice League" and "Aquaman."

Nothing else at the box office is expected to give the caped crusaders much of a fight.

"God's Not Dead 2," the sequel to the 2014 indie Christian hit from Pure Flix Entertainment, is estimated to gross $8 million to $12 million in domestic ticket sales, according to people who have reviewed pre-release audience surveys. That would be a solid result for the low-budget picture and provide further evidence of the market for faith-based movies.

The original "God's Not Dead" opened with $9 million and ended up with $60.7 million in sales — a profitable result for a picture that cost just $2 million to make.

The horror spoof "Meet the Blacks" is getting a mid-level release this weekend targeting African American moviegoers. The low-budget parody of "The Purge," starring Mike Epps and directed by Deon Taylor, is expected to take in $5 million or less from its debut in about 1,000 theaters.

In limited release, the well-reviewed Warner Bros. science fiction tale "Midnight Special" will try to expand its audience after earning $374,000 from five theaters. Paramount Pictures is releasing the Richard Linklater film "Everybody Wants Some!!," a follow-up to his 1993 classic "Dazed and Confused," while Sony Pictures Classics is launching Don Cheadle's Miles Davis biopic "Miles Ahead."

Distributed by Tribune Content Agency

LOG ON TO MRT★COM

alldredge and Cafe
market
LOCAL & HOMEMADE PRODUCTS
AT THE Gardens

SATURDAY APRIL 2ND
9am - 2pm
baked goods | arts & crafts | live music
beer & wine bar outside and full bar inside
lunch being served in the cafe
"fun for the whole family"
3300 North Fairgrounds Rd., Midland, Texas
Alldredge 432.682.4500 | Café 432.687.1478

DEPENDABLE. STIHL

FS 38 TRIMMER $129.99
★★★1 OVERALL
A lightweight, value-priced trimmer with many reliable design features

BG 50 BLOWER $139.99
★★★★1 OVERALL
The lightest gasoline-powered handheld blower in the STIHL lineup

MS 170 CHAIN SAW $179.99 16" BAR[1]
★★★★1 OVERALL
Lightweight with just the right amount of power — perfect for residential cutting, firewood or storm clean up

Check out these ratings and reviews on the product pages at STIHLdealers.com. Prices are BME-SRP. At participating dealers while supplies last. [1]The actual listed guide bar length can vary from the effective length based upon which powerhead it is installed. © 2016 BME STIHL

Two Locations To Better Serve You!
12808 W I-20 E
Odessa, TX
432-563-5780
Metro Equipment & Rental Co Inc.
4319 W. Illinois Ave.
Midland, TX
432-689-6944
www.metroeq.net 800-282-2296
Are you ready for a STIHL?
STIHLdealers.com

Coming Soon!
Big Boys TOYS
April 16th
2016
Midland County Horseshoe Arena & Pavilion
Join us for an Evening a with Legendary Country Star!
Martina McBride
Call NOW to reserve a table in advance!
432.695.9901 or email msalz@marctexas.org
All Proceeds to benefit:
MARC
2701 North A Street, Midland, TX 79701 ◆ 432.695.9901, fax 432.695.9909
www.marctexas.org

DINING

Mama's Italian Village Restaurante
True Authentic Italian Cuisine
432-684-6595

basin pbs
WISH US A #HappyBDayBasinPBS
Facebook.com/BasinPBS
OR Twitter @BasinPBS

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland Texas
Big Brothers Big Sisters
714 W. Louisiana Ave
Midland, Texas 79701
432-687-0195

52 FACES OF COMMUNITY

To nominate a Face of Community, please visit mrt.com/52Faces

THURSDAY PRIME TIME — MARCH 31, 2016

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3 3 4 3 2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Grey's A. "When It Hurts So Bad" (N)		Scandal (N)		The Catch "The Reel Killer" (N)		Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7 7 7 7 7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Life in Pieces (N)	Life in Pieces (N)	2 Broke Girls (N)	Rush Hour "Pilot" (P) (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) Stephen Colbert		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5 14 - 5 14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Happy Days	Laverne & Shirley	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Perry Mason		Twilight Zone
KPEJ FOX	8 5 5 8 3	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	American Idol "Top 3 Perform" The final three finalists are chosen. (N)				Fox 24 News	TMZ	2 Broke Girls	Modern Family	Two and Half Men	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11 12 12 11 11	Larry Scarson	Zola Levitt Presents	Update News	HaYesod	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Joshua Caleb	Wings of Truth	Faith for Families	Biblical Israel
KWES NBC	9 9 9 9 9	News; West 9	News;West 9 Now	Apocalypse "End of Days" (N)		The Blacklist		Shades of Blue "One Last Lie" (SF) (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13 13 - 13 8	PBS NewsHour		Dayton Piper TV	Arts in "La Junta"	Irish Rebellion "Insurrection"		Irish "When Myth and History Rhyme"		Charlie Rose (N)		World News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4 4 - 4 16	Un camino hacia el destino		Sueño de amor		Pasion y poder		El Hotel de los Secretos		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA MNT	16 16 - 16	Fam.Feud	Fam. Feud	The Mentalist		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.		Anger M.	Office	Access H.	
FLIX	340 535 - 165 51	(5:30) ★★ Bad Santa (03, Comedy) Billy Bob Thornton. A drunk, a shrunk the kids ...						(:35) ★ Adventures in Babysitting			★ Tapeheads John Cusack.		
HBO	300 504 14 14 -	(5:45) ★ San Andreas (15, Action) Dwayne Johnson. Sports ...				★ Vacation Ed Helms.			1stLook	Together	Girls	Only the Dead	
HBO2	302 504 15 101 23	(5:30) ★ The Judge (14, Drama) Robert Downey Jr. The battle of the Fir...				★ Taken 3 (14, Act) Liam Neeson.				Taxicab Confessions	Animals.	★ Focus	
HBO5	304 554 16 102 -	(5:45) ★★ Steve and Maya (12, Drama) Vice				★★ Kiss the Girls Ashley Judd.				★★★ Pitch Perfect 2 Anna Kendrick.			
MAX	309 557 17 120 24	(5:00) ★ Paddington (14, Comedy) Sally Hawkins.				★★ The Cell ('00, Psy) Jennifer Lopez.				Banshee	(:50) Banshee		Movie
SHO	302 588 18 122 -	(5:45) ★★ Jupiter Ascending (15, Sci-Fi) Mila Kunis.				★★ Deception			(:50) ★★ The Invasion Nicole Kidman.				Movie
TMC	96 -	(5:25) ★ The Choice (16, Romance) Teresa Palmer.				★ Crocodile Dundee II Paul Hogan.		(:55) ★ Brewster's Millions			(:40) Merlin		
TNT	570 569 19 140 25	(:15) ★ The Forger (14, Crime) John Travolta.				Billions		Shameless		Gigolos	Penn &...	Gigolos	Billions
TBS	336 570 22 155 26	(5:40) ★★★ W. (08, Bio) Elizabeth Banks.				★★★ The Aviator ('04, Bio) Cate Blanchett, Leonardo DiCaprio.					★ The Talented ...		
A&E	27 58 28 35 47	The First 48		The First 48 "M.I.A."		The First 48 "The Ties That Bind" (N)		60 Days in "Friends Without Benefits" (N)		The First 48 "The Rookie/ Cornered"		The First 48 "M.I.A."	
AMC	40 74 23 42 51	(4:00) ★ The Lost ...		★★★ U.S. Marshals ('98, Act) Tommy Lee Jones, Wesley Snipes.						★★★ Live Free or Die Hard Bruce Willis.			
BET	58 - - 40 -	(5:00) ★ Sister Code Amber Rose.		★★ Something New ('06, Com) Sanaa Lathan.						Martin	Martin	Martin	Wendy
BRAVO	65 76 - 41 -	(5:00) ★ Miss Congeniality Sandra Bullock.		Actors Studio (N)		Real Housewives		★ Miss Congeniality Sandra Bullock.				★★ Mr. Deeds	
CNBC	46 52 - 39 72	Rich	Super Rich	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		American Greed (N)		American Greed		American Greed	
CNN	43 50 51 30 56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		The Eighties "Raised on Television" (P) (N)				A. Cooper 360		The Eighties	
DISC	50 60 31 24 42	Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud				Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud	
DISNEY	56 64 36 25 36	Friends	Austin/Ally	Liv/Mad	Bunk'd	S.Middle	Backstag	Liv/Mad	Underc.	Friends	Bunk'd	Jessie	Jessie
ESPN	32 35 48 31 30	NCAA Basketball NIT Tournament (L)				NCAA Basketball				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34 36 49 32 31	Tennis Miami Open Site: Tennis Center at Crandon Park -- Key Biscayne, Fla. (L)								Baseball Tonight (L)		NBA	J & J (N)
FNC	45 48 53 23 55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD	64 70 27 68 54	Chopped		Chopped		Cooks vs. Cons (N)		BeatFlay	Best Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Cooks vs. Cons	
FREEFORM	53 63 34 42 39	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	★★ Monster-in-Law Jennifer Lopez.				The 700 Club		★ Along Come Polly	
FSSW	37 38 50 45 29	Insider	SportsDay OnAir (N)	Stars Pre-game (N)	NHL Hockey Arizona Coyotes at Dallas Stars Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)					Stars Live (L)	Rangers Insider	The Beat Tex A&M	SportsDay OnAir
FX	31 56 59 64 69	(5:00) ★★ R.I.P.D. (13, Action) Jeff Bridges.		★ Ride Along (14, Action) Ice Cube.						Archer (N)	Baskets	Archer	★★ R.I.P.D. Ryan Reynolds.
HALLMARK	54 71 58 - 34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	62 69 26 48 44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	H.Hunt	House	Masters of Flip (N)		FlipFlop	FlipFlop
HISTORY	71 59 29 50 43	Pawn S.	Pawn Star	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Vikings		Vikings (N)		Join,Die	(:35) Class	Pawn S.	Pawn S.
LIFETIME	28 30 25 28 48	"Project Runway "Going for Baroque"		PR All Stars Social "Bait and Stitch" (N)		Runway "Once Upon a Runway" (N)		★ Bad Sister (2015, Thriller) Devon Bostick, Alyshia Ochse, Ryan Newman.				PR All Stars Social "Bait and Stitch"	
MSNBC	47 53 - 49 73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38 43 - - -	(5:00) Curling		ISU Figure Skating World Championship.						Curling Night in America			
NICK	55 - 39 34 37	Nicky "Go Hollywood"		★★ AV (06, Comedy) Sarah Jessica...				F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends		Friends
SPIKE	30 - 55 53 58	(5:00) ★ Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stran...		Lip Sync Battle		Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync		Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync
SYFY	66 82 41 57 67	(5:30) ★ The Scorpi...		★★ The Lone Ranger (13, Act) Armie Hammer, Johnny Depp.						★ The Scorpion King 4: Quest for Power			
TBS	25 33 46 66 41	Seinfeld "The Fire"	Seinf. "The Raincoats"	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Conan Ben Affleck, Henry Cavill		2 Broke Girls	Conan
TCM	41 75 24 63 66	(5:30) ★ Love Me or ...		★★ The Moon is Blue				★★★ Baby Doll ('56, Dra) Karl Malden.				(:15) ★ L'amore	
TELE	20 - 10 20 -	Caso cerrado		Quien es quien?		Eva, La Trailera		El señor de los cielos		Al rojo	Titulares	Gran Hermano	
TLC	51 61 32 38 52	My 600-lb Life (SP) (N)		To Be Announced		Extreme Weight Loss "Meredith" Meredith hopes to lose weight to gain confidence.				My 600-lb Life		To Be Announced	
TNT	24 34 40 26 50	NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Houston Rockets Site: Toyota Center -- Houston, Texas (L)						NBA Basketball Los Angeles Clippers at Oklahoma City Thunder Site: Chesapeake Energy Arena (L)				Inside the NBA	
TVLAND	49 - 35 54 35	Griffith	A. Griffith	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26 55 42 27 49	NCIS: Los Angeles "Rage"		WWE Smackdown! WWE superstars do battle in long-running rivalries.				★★★★ Skyfall ('12, Act) Helen McCrory, Daniel Craig, James Bond ... Bond with another mission involving his friend connection to M.					
WGN	19 85 - - -	Elementary "A Controlled Descent"		Elementary "Pilot"		Elementary "While You Were Sleeping"		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother

CASA Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children
CASA of West Texas
1611 W Texas Ave.
Midland, TX 79701
(432) 683-1114

MARC Empowering Lives
Offering opportunities for children and adults with disabilities
2701 North A Street
Midland, TX
432.695.9901

Midland Habitat for Humanity ReSTORE
Call for donation pick-up.
Come shop our store.
Open to the public.
Tues.-Sat.
8:30-4:30.
Phone :
432-682-9606 or
432-686-8877.

STOP DWI
BEYOND THE LEGAL LIMIT OR TEXTING WHILE DRIVING?
Lives are shattered and you could lose it all!
Call us today
432-687-1355
YOU CAN HELP!
Your donation is tax deductible.
PO Box 10228
Midland, TX 79702

MIDLAND NEED TO READ
ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM
Enhancing the lives of Midland County adults through literacy
Info@midlandneedtoread.org
432-682-9693
1709 W. Wall St.
Midland, Texas 79701

THE SALVATION ARMY
DOING THE MOST GOOD
The Salvation Army
300 S Baird St.
Midland, TX 79701
432-683-3614
www.salvationarmymidland.org

SENIOR LINK MIDLAND
Older Adults & Baby Boomers Volunteer here to meet your needs
Call Today
432-689-6693
Seniorlinkmidland.org

SENIOR LINK MIDLAND
Meals on Wheels
What are you doing on your lunch hour? Volunteers needed High School and up
432-689-6693
Seniorlinkmidland.org

BLUE RIBBON RUN 1K/5K
THE RACE TO END CHILD ABUSE
APRIL 16, 2016
REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!
MIDLANDCHILDWELFARE.COM
midland county child welfare board

ITALIAN & PIZZA

DINO'S PIZZA Hand-tossed pizza with all the toppings and other Italian favorites including calzones. 4322 Andrews Hwy, Ste B | 699-7175 | $$ | 4 spoons

LUCIANO'S Take a break from shopping for pizza, pasta, calzones or cheesecake. Luciano's serves Italian food in the Midland Park Mall food court. Try the calzone with pepperoni, ham, mozarella and ricotta cheeses or go for a piece of stuffed gourmet pizza. 4511 N. Midkiff Road | 689-2244 | $ | 4 spoons

LUIGI'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT Eat by candlelight at tables covered in red and white checkered table clothes in the heart of downtown Midland. Go for the pizza snack and the anti-pasta salad. 111 N. Big Spring St. 683-6363 | $ | 5 spoons

MANNY'S ITALIAN RISTORANTE Traditional Italian food — pasta, chicken, veal, seafood. Try the fettucini di flavia with shrimp, prosciutto, broccoli and artichokes in a creamy vodka sauce. 3211 W. Wadley Ave. 684-6595 www.mannysitalianvillage.com| $$ | 5 spoons

MD PIZZA FACTORY Locally owned pizzeria with unique toppings and combinations like chicken teriyaki and Genoa pesto chicken. Lunch specials, senior and teacher discounts. 4706 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 13 682-4440 | $ | 3 spoons

MI PIACI ITALIAN Traditional Italian food restaurant in Odessa. The garlic bread and dipping sauces make it worth the drive from Midland. 2607 N. Grandview Ave., Odessa 432-362-8060 | $$ | 4 spoons

PALIO'S Stop by during the lunch hour for a personal pizza, pasta or calzone plus a salad and drink for around $10. You'll have money left over for a cannoli or cheesecake. 2900 W. Loop 250 N. 699-1388 www.paliospizzacafe.com | $ | 4 spoons

PAPA JOHN'S PIZZA Now with two locations in Midland, this popular chain offers several specialty pizzas, including Cheesy Chicken Cordon Bleu, Mediterranean Veggie and Hawaiian BBQ Chicken that you can order for carryout or delivery by phone or online. Make sure you add some extra yummy garlic butter dipping sauce. 4408 West Loop 250 N, 694-7272 and 1901 Rankin Highway, Suite 110, 684-4884 www.papajohns.com | $$ | 3 spoons

PAPA MURPHY'S TAKE 'N' BAKE PIZZA Order a pizza with whatever toppings you like. Papa Murphy's puts it together and you take it home and bake it. It's almost like home-cooking. 4416 Briarwood Ave., Suite 113 699-7272 www.papamurphys.com | $ | 4 spoons

PIZZERIA VENTI Small pizzeria also serves salads, soups, pasta and timpanini. Top a slice of pizza with sliced sausage and peppers or artichokes and tomatoes. 3303 N. Midkiff Road. No. 135 689-7220 www.pizzeriaventi.com | $ | 4 spoons

TORINO'S Comination pizza joint and sports bar. Go for other game-time snacks like wings, cheese sticks or fried mushrooms. 3303 N. Midkiff #110 218-6943 | $ | 4 spoons

VENEZIA RESTAURANT Fine dining in a beautiful atmosphere. Sit on the patio if there's room and enjoy a glass of wine, veal piccata and something from the impressive dessert table. 2101 W. Wadley Ave. #20 www.veneziarestaurant.info | $$$ | 4 spoons

ZUCCHI'S ITALIAN RISTORANTE Well-known Odessa restaurant with unique atmosphere and distinctive menu. Try the baked Aarvarti in phyllo dough with raspberry sauce for an appetizer. It's like nothing else in West Texas. 1541 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa 550-7443 | $$ | 4 spoons

BANANAGRAMS!

LEVEL

Rearrange the letters of each word below and place them in the blanks so that, together with the two letters that have already been placed, they form a new word.

T O T E
R _ _ _ _ N

P S A R
C _ _ _ _ T

A G E D
B _ _ _ _ R

Yesterday's Answer: (L.A.) CONFIDENTIAL, (WITNESS FOR THE) PROSECUTION, MEMENTO

3.31

© 2016 Bananagrams, dist. by King Features Syndicate • www.mrtnow.com/bananagrams

DINING

WEEKENDER PUBLISHES A PORTION OF THE RESTAURANT GUIDE EACH WEEK. ENTREE PRICE RANGE IS BASED ON THE AVERAGE ENTREE PRICE ON THE MENU:
$ = $1-10, $$ = $10-20 AND $$$ = $20 OR MORE. RESTAURANTS ARE GIVEN A GENERAL RATING BASED ON QUALITY OF FOOD, SERVICE, CLEANLINESS, ATMOSPHERE AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE. 1 SPOON = POOR, 2 SPOONS = AVERAGE, 3 SPOONS = ABOVE AVERAGE, 4 SPOONS = GOOD AND 5 SPOONS = EXCELLENT.

ASIAN

BUSHIDO JAPANESE STEAK HOUSE AND SUSHI BAR Watch chefs roll sushi and cook at Teppan Yaki grills or sit at the bar and watch the game. Extensive sushi menu. Grill combos with chicken, steak, seafood. More of a casual atmosphere than other Teppan Yaki restaurants. 4416 Briarwood Ave. 689-7900 | $$ | 4 spoons

CHINESE KITCHEN Eat-in or take-out Chinese food. Choose combination meals with one, two or three choices. 4200 W. Illinois Ave. 694-3922 | $ | 3 spoons

GENGHIS GRILL With a buffet that consists of countless raw ingredients to pile into a bowl and hand over for a chef to cook, the food at Genghis Grill is as good as you can make it. If you're knowledgeable in what spices complement what meats, veggies and sauces — or if you're just lucky — count on a great meal. For the not-so-confident, the restaurant offers recipe cards to guide your selections. 4517 Midkiff Road 520-5426 www.genghisgrill.com | $$ | 3 spoons

GRAND BUFFET Extensive "all-you-can-eat" Asian buffet includes hodgepodge of options including Chinese dishes, salads, seafood, Jell-o, fried okra, sushi and a Mongolian grill station. 2510 W. Louisiana Ave. 688-8881 | $ | 2 spoons

THE GREAT WALL Chinese takeout restaurant offers large portions from extensive menu. Try the General Tso's chicken with sesame shrimp and add an order of egg rolls or spring rolls. 2215 N. Midland Drive 694-5555 | $ | 3 spoons

HUNAN GARDEN Chinese Restaurant Try the daily lunch buffet with about 10 options like sweet and sour chicken, cashew chicken and beef with snow peas. 4410 N. Midkiff Road, Building A., Space 1. 697-9818 | $ | 3 spoons

KING & I Authentic Thai food served at in the heart of Midland. Try the basil fried rice or Popcorn's special with angel hair pasta, green onions, white onions, tomatoes, broccoli, garlic and jalapenos. There's a reason the lunch crowd is often standing-room-only at the original location near downtown. It's worth the wait. 801 N. Big Spring St. | $ | 4 spoons

KUO'S CHINESE RESTAURANT Friendly service and a relaxed atmosphere. Try the cashew chicken or Mongolian steak with a fried cream cheese wonton. 3303 N. Midkiff Rd., Suite 152 697-8888 | $ | 4 spoons

MOON GARDEN Try one of the lunch specials like broccoli with garlic sauce or kung pao shrimp. The Chinese restaurant is housed in what used to be a Red Lobster — just in case you were wondering about the nautical decor. 2319 W. Loop 250 N. 570-1165 or 685-3012 | $ | 2 spoons

OSAKA JAPANESE STEAKHOUSE AND SEAFOOD Try steak, chicken or seafood grilled at Teppan Yaki tables or sushi with fresh seafood. Locations in Midland and Odessa. 1207 Tradewinds Blvd. 617-7252 www.my-osaka.com | $$ | 4 spoons.

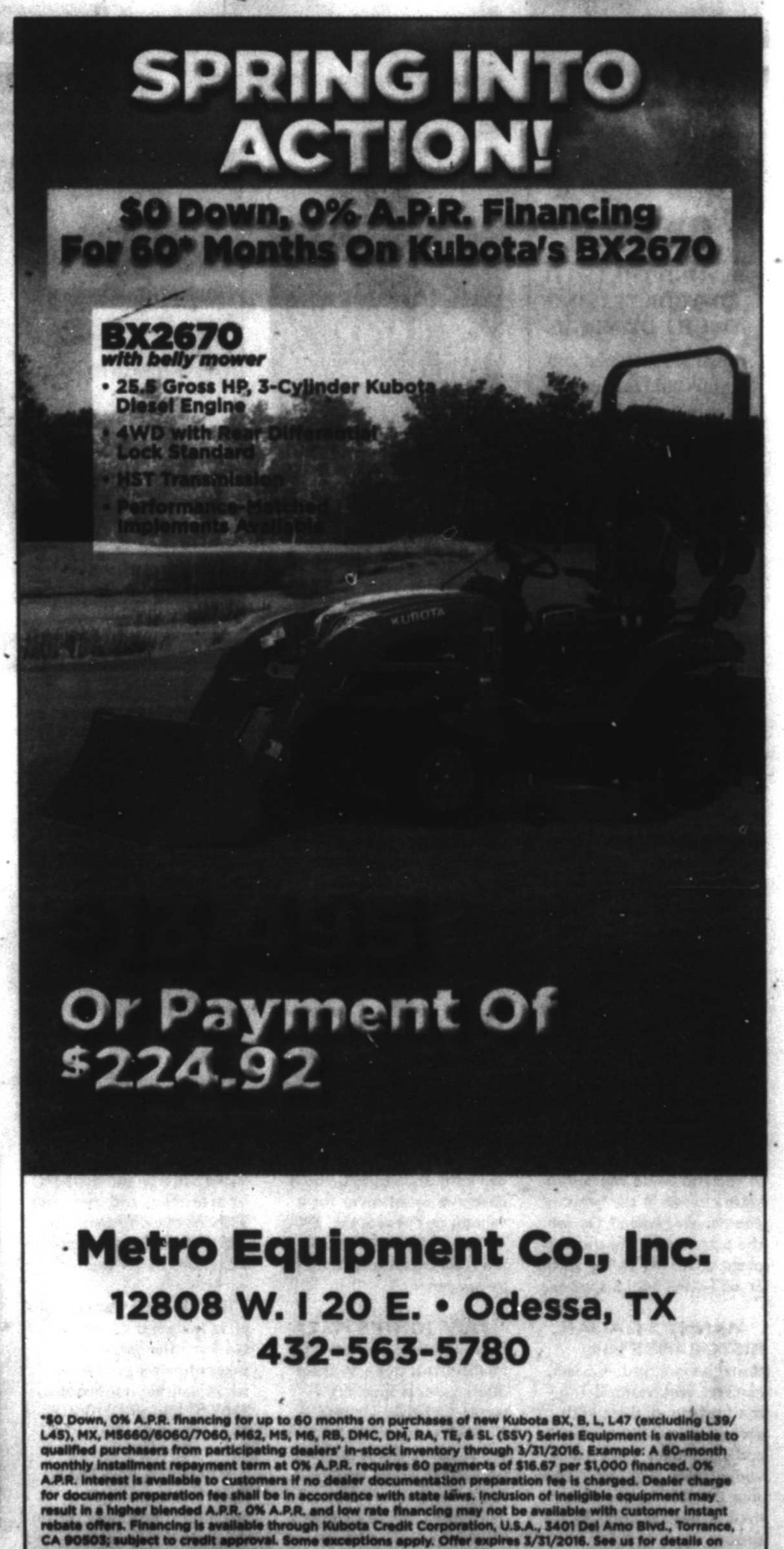
SHOGUN RESTAURANT Japanese steak house that's been serving Midlanders for more than 20 years. Watch your food being cooked on the Teppan Yaki tables after you enjoy cucumber and shrimp salad and soup. Lunch prices are very reasonable, be prepared to splurge for dinner. 4610 N. Garfield St. 570-8888 | $$ | 4 spoons

TASTE OF CHINA SUPER BUFFET All-you-can-eat buffet or order from menu. Senior citizen discount and children 3 and younger eat free. 4400 N. Big Spring St., #53. 684-5288 | $ | 2 spoons

THAI HOUSE Strip-center kitchen offering classic Thai and Chinese dishes in a modest, straightforward setting. 9 Meta Dr. 687-3373 | $ | 2 spoons

IS YOUR RESTAURANT LISTED?

If you would like your restaurant listed in the Weekender's Restaurant Guide, submit information to Rich Lopez, Features Editor. Email: jrlopez@mrt.com; Phone: 432-687-8859



Sager in high spirits as he works Wizards-Warriors

By Janie McCauley
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Craig Sager has a blood clot behind his right ear that is affecting his hearing, and that's just another annoyance he is accepting as he continues to work NBA games for Turner Sports with fervor despite his leukemia no longer being in remission.

Dealing with the clot, which Sager compared to swimmer's ear that won't subside, could cause him to bleed to death given his blood levels, he said.

Sager's spirits are undeterred by the latest challenge in his cancer fight, even if it meant a redeye flight after Tuesday's Wizards-Warriors game to get to a doctor's appointment in Houston on Wednesday morning before another game today. His new reality includes twice-weekly blood work and regular transfusions, the latest done Monday in Atlanta before he flew West.

"Nice to be here, that's for sure," said Sager, who stood up and saluted Steve Kerr as the Warriors coach discussed the one-of-a-kind broadcaster before the game. "I always get here over three hours before tip. It's fun."

Sager waved when he received a standing ovation and cheers from one large section of Oracle Arena as he walked along the baseline during a fourth-quarter timeout.

For the occasion of covering the defending NBA champions, Sager purchased a new outfit — wearing a "Golden Gate Bridge" orange sport coat and shirt with a bright tie that lists its 15 colors on the back. His special Nike sneakers say "Mr. Fancy" inside the tongue of the left shoe and "Suits" on the right one.

"Excited to see him," Kerr said. "Thinking a lot about Sager and his family, and there he is. ... Fired up you're working the game, Sags."

Oh, and for anyone wondering how he's holding up emotionally, Sager said defiantly: "I think my demise has been prematurely reported. I think I'm going to kick this and make medical history and I really believe that."

The 64-year-old is set to work today in Houston, where he receives his chemotherapy treatments — eight days of chemo coming soon starting the final week of the regular season and into the first week of the playoffs.

"I got a bag of platelets and a

Please see SAGER/3C

AP file photo

Craig Sager acknowledges the crowd during a timeout of a game between the Chicago Bulls and the Oklahoma City Thunder in Chicago on March 5, 2015.

LIVING OUT A DREAM

Associated Press

Oklahoma guard Buddy Hield celebrates after scoring during the second half of a game against Oregon in the regional finals of the NCAA Tournament on Saturday in Anaheim, Calif.

Hield's Final Four payoff for senior return

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Buddy Hield's results have usually caught up with his imagination.

This season has surpassed even his wildest dreams as Oklahoma heads to the Final Four this week.

The senior guard considered leaving for the NBA last year, but returned to school to improve his game and has been nearly unstoppable this season. He's second in the nation in scoring and averaging 29.3 points in the NCAA Tournament heading into the national semifinal Saturday night against Villanova.

Hield said when he came back to Oklahoma, he knew he had to average at least 17 points.

"Maybe 19, 20 points," he said. "To average 25 on a nightly basis is kind of tough to do. Everybody's coming at you, and you've still got to put up huge numbers. It's a blessing."

Oklahoma's run to the Final Four reassured Hield that he made the right decision. The Sooners are rolling and the Bahamas native is a projected lottery pick after being considered a late first-round or early second-round pick a year ago.

"I can't be more happy than this," he said.

Oklahoma assistant coach Chris Crutchfield said Hield has improved because he put in the time.

"He's been special because he's worked harder," Crutchfield said. "His drive has been way more than anybody else I've coached."

Hield shoots 46.5 percent and leads the nation with 4.1 3-pointers per game. He has been at his best in key moments. He scored 46 points at Kansas and made seven of his eight 3-pointers in the second half on his way to 32 points against LSU. Hield hit a game-winning

Please see HIELD/3C

Jose Reyes' domestic abuse case to be dropped

By Jennifer Sinco Kelleher
Associated Press

HONOLULU — Maui prosecutors are moving to dismiss a domestic abuse charge against suspended Colorado Rockies shortstop Jose Reyes because his wife isn't cooperating.

Reyes

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Kerry Glen said she expects to file documents Wednesday to drop the case. Reyes' wife won't talk to prosecutors or return to Maui, she said.

"The complaining witness, Mr. Reyes' wife, is what we call an uncooperative witness," Glen said. "At this point, I have no other avenue for prosecution."

Reyes was scheduled to go to trial April 4. He pleaded not guilty to abusing a family or household member. David Sereno, his Maui defense attorney, couldn't immediately be reached for comment.

The former New York Mets shortstop was arrested Oct. 31 at the Wailea Four Seasons Resort. According to a recording of a 911 call released by police, a hotel security guard reported the woman had injuries to her leg and scratches on her neck.

Reyes was released after posting $1,000 bail and was ordered to stay away from his wife for three days.

Reyes' wife rebuffed requests for cooperation through a Maui attorney she hired, Glen said.

Glen will ask for the case to be dropped without prejudice, meaning she'll have about two years from the date of the alleged offense to refile charges if Reyes' wife eventually cooperates.

"For misdemeanor offenses, we cannot force an uncooperative witness to come back," Glen said.

Reyes was placed on paid leave under Major League Baseball's new domestic violence policy pending completion of the criminal proceedings.

The MLB and the players' association agreed to the policy in August following a series of high-profile domestic violence cases involving NFL players. Reyes was the first player affected by it.

The MLB declined to comment on prosecutors' intent to drop the charge against him but said in a statement Reyes "remains on administrative leave until the commissioner completes his investigation and imposes any discipline."

Houston: Last step for Spieth before defending Masters crown

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Jordan Spieth is so excited about returning to Augusta National next week to defend his Masters championship that just thinking about it makes him feel like doing pushups.

First things first. Spieth believes a strong showing in the Shell Houston Open, which starts Thursday, could have a significant impact on how well he plays in this season's first major championship. It certainly did last year.

Spieth

"A win here would obviously be the goal, to get as much momentum as possible," he said. "I drew a lot on this week last year. It certainly kept the momentum alive (and led to) coming out on top."

Spieth had a playoff victory and a runner-up finish before Houston a year ago, then took the 54-hole lead here last spring before losing in a three-way playoff, in which he secured a spot by sinking a nearly 12-foot putt on the final hole, calling it "a nice putt to have hit going into a major."

Although he didn't win — J. B. Holmes prevailed over Spieth and Johnson Wagner — he took plenty of confidence with him to Georgia. The end result there was a record-tying 18-under-par 270 and an easy four-stroke victory. At 21, Spieth became the youngest start-to-finish leader since Walter Hagen in 1914, and the first four-day front-runner in Augusta since Raymond Floyd in 1976. He also broke the Masters record for birdies, and at one point was the first player to reach 19 under-par.

That success carried over to the U.S. Open, which he also won to get halfway to golf's Grand Slam.

But that was last year. Spieth was quick to remind everyone at a news conference Wednesday. While looking forward to hosting the Champion's Dinner on Tuesday in Augusta, where he'll serve Texas barbeque, he said, "I won't be celebrating whatsoever. The week is solely about the 2016 Masters to me."

He knows defending his title will be a tall order with a deep field of contenders who have been playing better than Spieth has in recent weeks. The Texan hasn't won a tournament this season since January and lost his world No. 1 ranking to Jason Day when Day won the Match Play in Austin after Spieth was knocked out in the round of 16.

Day, who isn't playing at Houston, will be coming off back-to-back PGA Tour titles, giving him six wins since July 2015, when he tees off at the Masters. Spieth said of Day's taking over the top spot, "He certainly deserves that position right now. It's really incredible what Jason can do when he finds his confidence in his game."

Besides Spieth, who's now ranked second, five others among the top 11 in the world are in the Houston field: Rickie Fowler (5), Henrik Stenson (7), Patrick Reed (10) and Louis Oosthuizen (11). The tournament's last five champions are entered, too, including Phil Mickelson, whose victory here in 2011 is among his 42 career PGA Tour titles.

Mickelson is one of five former Masters champions who will play the 7,441-yard, par-72 course that features both lakes and wetlands and has been set up in many ways to replicate conditions at Augusta National. Of the 144 players in the Houston field, at least 33 are going on to the Masters.

And a 34th could join them with a victory Sunday. Wagner in 2008 and Matt Jones in 2014 qualified in the last opportunity by winning Houston.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Collingwood vs. Richmond, 3:30 a.m., FS2

BOYS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL
LA Lumiere (NJ) vs. St. Benedict's (NJ), 11 a.m., ESPNU
Wasatch (UT) vs. Oak Hill Academy (VA), 1 p.m., ESPNU
Providence Day (NC) vs. Montverde (FL), 3 p.m., ESPNU
Miller Grove (GA) vs. Findlay Prep (NV), 5 p.m., ESPNU
State Farm Slam Dunk & 3-Point Championship, 8 p.m., ESPN

COLLEGE BASEBALL
Alabama at Georgia, 6 p.m., SEC
South Carolina at Vanderbilt, 7 p.m., ESPNU
Arizona State at Washington State, 9 p.m., P12, P12 AZ, P12 WA

FIGURE SKATING
World Figure Skating Championships: Ladies Short, 3 p.m., NBCSN
World Figure Skating Championships: Free Dance, 7 p.m., NBCSN

GOLF
LPGA: ANA Inspiration, 1st Round, 11 a.m., GOLF
PGA: Shell Houston Open, 1st Round, 3 p.m., GOLF

GYMNASTICS
Baylor at Oregon, 9 p.m., P12 OR

HOCKEY
KHL East Final, Gm 5: Metallurg MG vs. Salavat Ylaev, 9 a.m., OWSPN

MLB
St. Louis vs. NY Yankees, Noon, MLB
Milwaukee vs. Houston, 7 p.m., ROOT

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
NIT Championship: Valparaiso vs. George Washington, 6 p.m., ESPN

NBA
Chicago at Houston, 6 p.m., TNT
LA Clippers at Oklahoma City, 8:30 p.m., TNT

NHL
Nashville at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m., NHL
Arizona at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW

RUGBY
NRL: Brisbane at Gold Coast, 4 a.m., FSP

TENNIS
ATP: Men's Quarterfinals; WTA: Women's Semifinal 1, Noon, ESPN2
ATP: Men's Quarterfinals; WTA: Women's Semifinal 2, 6 p.m., ESPN2

TRACK AND FIELD
Texas Relays, 4:30 p.m., LHN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE LACROSSE
Northwestern at Maryland, 5 p.m., BTN

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

BASEBALL
Odessa High at Lee, 4:30 p.m.
Odessa Permian at MHS, 4:30 p.m.

HS BASEBALL

LEE, MHS BASEBALL GAMES RESCHEDULED

Due to inclement weather expected on Friday, the Lee and Midland High baseball teams have rescheduled their weekend series against Odessa High and Odessa Permian, respectively.

No. 17 Lee will now host OHS at 4:30 p.m. today at Ernie Johnson Field and will resume the two-game set at noon Saturday at Pressly Field in Odessa.

MHS will host Permian at 4:30 p.m. today at Zachery Field and will then play the Panthers again at noon Saturday at McCanlies Field in Odessa.

LOCAL SPORTS

PB Ladies Playday Results

Permian Basin Ladies Playday
at Green Tree Country Club
Wednesday's results

First Flight
1st Gross — Paula Bettis 77, Midland CC
2nd Gross — Lacy Gasser 79, Midland CC
1st Net — Kathy Cowan 63, Green Tree CC
2nd Net — Debbie Peden 66, Odessa CC
Low Putts — Trina Albright 27, Green Tree CC

Second Flight
1st Gross — Rose Aguilar 86, Ratliff Ranch GC
2nd Gross — Dorothy Moring 90, Ranchland Hills GC
1st Net — Holly Cannon 65, Green Tree CC
2nd Net — Bobbie Bowling 67, Hogan Park GC
Low Putts — Donna Winborn 32, Ranchland Hills GC

Third Flight
1st Gross — Lydia Thomson 89, Hogan Park GC
2nd Gross — Karen McDonald 98, Green Tree CC
1st Net — Mary Jane Belden 63, Hogan Park GC
2nd Net — Elsa Garcia 70, Ratliff Ranch GC
Low Putts — Catalina Loving 33, Ratliff Ranch GC

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Released RHP Miguel Gonzalez. Reassigned C Audry Perez to their minor league camp.
BOSTON RED SOX — Optioned LHP Roenis Elias to Pawtucket (IL).
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Selected the contract of INF Jimmy Rollins from Charlotte (IL). Optioned RHP Scott Carroll to Charlotte. Assigned RHP Jacob Turner outright to Charlotte.
DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned LHP Matt Boyd to Toledo (IL). Agreed to terms with RHP Bobby Parnell on a minor league contract.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Released OF Travis Snider from a minor league contract.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Optioned RHPs Nick Goody and Branden Pinder and LHP Tyler Olson to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).
SEATTLE MARINERS — Acquired RHP Nick Vincent from San Diego for a player to be named. Optioned RHP Mayckel Guaspe to Tacoma (PCL).
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Optioned RHP Matt Andriese and 3B Richie Shaffer to Durham (IL). Released C Rene Rivera.
TEXAS RANGERS — Assigned C Michael McKenry and INF Ike Davis to their minor league camp.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Optioned RHP Pat Venditte and OF Darrell Ceciliani to Buffalo (IL).

National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Optioned RHP Mike Foltynewicz to Gwinnett (IL). Reassigned Cs Ryan Lavarnway and Blake Lalli to minor their league camp.
CHICAGO CUBS — Agreed to terms with 2B Munenori Kawasaki, OF Shane Victorino and LHP Manny Parra on minor league contracts.
CINCINNATI REDS — Optioned OF Tyler Holt to Louisville (IL). Reassigned RHP Drew Hayes, RHP Ryan Mattheus, RHP JC Ramirez and RHP Pedro Villarreal to their minor league camp. Announced Rule 5 LHP Chris O'Grady cleared waivers and was offered back to the Los Angeles Angels.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Reassigned IF/OF Elian Herrera, RHP Brandon Beachy and OF Rico Noel to minor league camp.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Placed RHP Zack Jones, LHP Sean Nolin and OF Rymer Liriano on the 15-day DL.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Agreed to terms with RHP Edward Mujica on a minor league contract.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with RHPs Bronson Arroyo and Burke Badenhop on minor league contracts.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
SACRAMENTO KINGS — Signed general manager and vice president of basketball operations Vlade Divac to a multiyear contract.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS — Signed OT Jordan Mills.
CHICAGO BEARS — Signed OL Manny Ramirez to a one-year contract.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed LB Karlos Dansby.
DALLAS COWBOYS — Signed C Joe Looney to a two-year contract.
DETROIT LIONS — Signed OL Geoff Schwartz.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed TE Mike McFarland. Waived OT Pierce Burton.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed DB E.J. Biggers.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL — Suspended Vancouver F Jake Virtanen two games for interference against San Jose D Roman Polak during a March 29 game.
ARIZONA COYOTES — Signed D Kyle Wood to a three-year entry-level contract. Recalled F Eric Selleck from Springfield (AHL).
CALGARY FLAMES — Signed C Mark Jankowski to an entry-level contract.
CAROLINA HURRICANES — Reassigned F Brody Sutter to Charlotte (AHL). Recalled F Sergey Tolchinsky from Charlotte.
NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Recalled D Stefan Elliott from Milwaukee (AHL).
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Assigned G Scott Wedgewood to Albany (AHL). Activated G Cory Schneider off injured reserve.

COLLEGE
ALABAMA — Announced G Justin Coleman and F Michael Kessens are leaving the basketball program.
ARKANSAS — Announced men's freshman basketball G Jimmy Whitt will transfer following the spring semester.
CINCINNATI — Named Mike Gillhamer as secondary coach.
IOWA — Granted F Brandon Hutton a release from his basketball scholarship..
KANSAS — Announced junior F Brannen Greene will enter the NBA Draft.
KENNESAW STATE — Named Agnus Berenato women's basketball coach.
MANHATTAN — Named Marianne Reilly director of intercollegiate athletics.
NEW MEXICO — Named Mike Bradbury women's basketball coach.
PROVIDENCE — Signed men's basketball coach Ed Cooley to a long-term contract extension.
SAN FRANCISCO — Named Kyle Smith men's basketball coach.
SOUTH CAROLINA — Announced women's sophomore basketball G Kaydra Duckett is transferring.
ST. LOUIS — Named Travis Ford men's basketball coach.
ST. NORBERT — Named Drew Vanderlin defensive coordinator/linebackers coach. Named D.J. Bland cornerbacks intern coach, Ryan Bright quarterbacks intern coach, Mitch Chester defensive line intern coach, Joe Gerber tight ends intern and Nick Pesik wide receivers intern coach.
WISCONSIN — Announced the resignation of men's assistant basketball coach Gary Close. Named Tony Granato men's ice hockey coach and Don Granato and Mark Osiecki men's associate head ice hockey coaches. Named Jonathan Tsipis women's basketball coach.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	76	44	27	5	93	214	182
Florida	76	42	25	9	93	218	189
Boston	77	40	29	8	88	223	209
Detroit	77	38	28	11	87	186	212
Ottawa	77	35	33	9	79	219	235
Montreal	77	35	36	6	76	205	224
Buffalo	77	31	35	11	73	185	210
Toronto	76	28	37	11	67	186	222

Metropolitan Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
z-Washington	76	54	16	6	114	237	177
N.Y. Rangers	76	43	24	9	95	219	199
Pittsburgh	76	43	25	8	94	219	190
N.Y. Islanders	75	41	25	9	91	210	183
Philadelphia	76	38	25	13	89	196	200
New Jersey	77	37	32	8	82	173	194
Carolina	77	33	28	16	82	187	208
Columbus	76	30	38	8	68	195	237

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Dallas	77	46	22	9	101	252	220
x-St. Louis	77	46	22	9	101	206	186
x-Chicago	77	44	26	7	95	213	192
Nashville	77	39	25	13	91	215	199
Minnesota	77	38	28	11	87	210	190
Colorado	77	39	34	4	82	205	218
Winnipeg	77	31	39	7	69	195	225

Pacific Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Los Angeles	76	45	26	5	95	208	180
x-Anaheim	75	42	23	10	94	196	178
x-San Jose	77	43	28	6	92	228	199
Arizona	76	34	35	7	75	199	226
Calgary	76	32	38	6	70	210	240
Vancouver	76	27	36	13	67	172	221
Edmonton	79	30	42	7	67	184	234

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

Scores and schedule

Wednesday's Scores
Philadelphia 2, Washington 1, SO
Ottawa 2, Winnipeg 1
Calgary at Anaheim, late

Today's Games
Toronto at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Columbus at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Nashville at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Montreal at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Arizona at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.
Vancouver at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

Falcons to hold spring game at Ratliff

From staff reports

The UT-Permian Basin football team will hold its first ever spring football game at 6 p.m. Friday, April 8 at Odessa's Ratliff Stadium.

The Falcons will take to the turf at Ratliff Stadium for the first time in a four-quarter game between two teams with 15-minute running clock quarters.

Only the west side of the stadium will be used for seating. Seating is first come, first served.

Tailgating will be allowed beginning at noon in the west parking lot. Entrance may be made through Ratliff's north gate. Alcohol will not be allowed as Ratliff is an Ector County facility.

Jumpers will be available for kids from 4-6 p.m. near the west entrance to the stadium.

The game will conclude the team's first month-long spring practice session. All the action is free and open to the public.

MCS boys win TAPPS 1-4A tourney, girls 2nd

From staff reports

ABILENE — The Midland Christian boys tennis team took home the TAPPS District 1-4A tennis title, while the MCS girls finished second at the TAPPS 1-4A tennis tournament on Wednesday.

The MCS boys finished with 12 points, two points ahead of Lubbock Trinity. The girls had 15 points and were just one point behind Grapevine Faith.

Girls singles player Ashley Hedrick lost in the championship to Fort Worth Southwest Christian's Kirstin Sibley, 6-4, 6-1.

The MCS boys doubles team of Ryan Adams and Johnathan Cheatham lost to a team from Lubbock Trinity in the title match, 6-4, 5-7, 6-1.

The girls doubles team of Kamryn Hendley and Morgan Stubbs also fell in the championship to a team from Lubbock Trinity, 6-3, 6-3.

Both doubles teams along with Hedrick and boys singles player Garrett Bushman qualified for the TAPPS 4A state tournament April 11-12 in Waco.

District 1-4A Tennis Tournament
at Rose Park Tennis Center, Wednesday
Midland Christian results

Boys team standings — 1. Midland Christian 12 points; 2. (tie) Lubbock Trinity 10; and Flower Mound Coram Deo 10; 4 (tie) Fort Worth Christian 7; and Fort Worth Southwest Christian 7

Girls team standings — 1. Grapevine Faith 16 points; 2. Midland Christian 15; 3. (tie) Arlington Parrigin Christian 10; and Fort Worth Southwest Christian 10

Boys Singles
Garrett Bushman- 3rd place Defeated Cole Stokes from FWC 6-0, 7-6(5). Bushman qualified for state tournament

Girls Singles
Ashley Hedrick- 2nd place Lost to Kirstin Sibley Southwest Christian 6-4, 6-1. Hedrick qualified for state tournament
Kyle Vaughan- 5th place, state alternate. Lost to Madeline Payne Grapevine Faith 6-3, 6-2

Boys Doubles
Ryan Adams-Johnathan Cheatham 2nd place. Lost to Dixit Bull-David Hoefs Lubbock Trinity 6-4, 5-7, 6-1 Adams-Cheatham qualified for the State Tournament

Girls Doubles
Kamryn Hendley-Morgan Stubbs 2nd Place. Lost to Anna Bradley-Reagan Boren Lubbock Trinity 6-3, 6-3 Hendley-Stubbs qualified for state tournament

Andrews 7 shots behind Monahans after 2nd round

From staff reports

SEMINOLE — After shooting a 311 on Wednesday, the Andrews No. 1 boys golf team trails leader Monahans by seven strokes with a 623 total after the second round of the District 4-4A boys tournament at Gaines County Golf Course.

Greenwood's top team is in sixth with a 754 total after carding a 391 in Wednesday's second round.

After two rounds, Andrews' Tanner Stokes (76-71—147) is third place in the individual standings, just two strokes behind leader J.T. Pittman of Monahans.

Mustangs teammate Landon Mack (76-75—151) is four shots behind Stokes in fourth. Andrews' Hayden Rochelle (79-82—161) is in a two-way tie for 10th place.

Greenwood's Colby Karcher (76-79—-155) is in a two-way tie for sixth place and is the only Ranger player currently in the top 10.

The tournament's third and final round will commence at 10 a.m. Monday in Andrews. The tournament's top two teams, as well as the top two individual players from non qualifying teams will advance to the Region I-4A tournament on April 11-12 at Shadow Hills Golf Course in Lubbock.

District 4-4A Boys Golf Tournament
Gaines County Golf Course, Seminole
Second of three rounds

Team Standings
1. Monahans A, 303-313—616; 2. Andrews A, 312-311—623; 3. Seminole A, 313-317—630; 4. Monahans B, 334-329—663; 5. Andrews B, 355-361—716; 6. Greenwood A, 363-391—754; 7. Fort Stockton A, 405-364—769; 8. Pecos A, 390-402—792; 9. Fort Stockton B, 419-417—836; 10. Seminole B, 165-165—NS.

Top 10 Individuals
1. JT Pittman, Monahans A, 71-74—145; 2. Aaron Robledo, Seminole A, 71-75—146; 3. Tanner Stokes, Andrews A, 76-71—147; 4. Landon Mack, Andrews A, 76-75—151; 5. Joey Kirk, Monahans A, 73-80—153; T-6. Branson Moore, Seminole A, 77-79—155; Colby Karcher, Greenwood A, 76-79—155; 8. Blaine Hallin, Monahans A, 79-77—156; 9. Gabriel Rangel, Monahans, 71-86—157; T-10. Hayden Rochell, Andrews A, 79-82—161, and Luke Wimmer, Seminole A, 82-79—161.

Team Results
Monahans A (303-313—616): JT Pittman 71-74—145, Blaine Hallin 79-77—156, Joey Kirk 73-80—153, Cameron Eddings 86-82—168, Dante Griner 80-84—164.
Andrews A (312-311—623): Landon Mack 76-75—151, Hayden Rochell 79-82—161, Luke Cooley 81-83—164, Tanner Stokes 76-71—147, Ausdin Vasquez 82-84—166.
Seminole A (313-317—630): Luke Wimmer 82-79—161, Aaron Robledo 71-75—146, Branson Moore 77-78—155, Justin Rempel 83-85—168, Caleb Kildow 86-91—189.
Monahans B (334-329—663): Logan Smith 88-81—167, Trevor Doepp 82-85—167, Braden Nelms 84-86—170, Nick Camero 85-82—167, Brent Bailey 83-81—164.
Andrews B (355-361—716): Nick Salcido 87-90—187, Kade Moore 79-85—164, Jacob Youngblood 92-102—194, Michael Thatcher 89-93—182, Landon Payne 95-93—188.
Greenwood A (363-391—754): Colby Karcher 76-79—155, Cade Bracey 93-103—196, Garrett Turner 99-100—199, Kelley Cooper 95-109—204, Sloan Stephens 116-125—241.
Fort Stockton A (405-364—769): Jordan Domingquez 92-88—180, Billy Vasquez 109-93—202, Zach Alvarez 101-96—197, Chris Barriga 103-99—202, Tyler Perkins 109-87—196.
Pecos A (390-402—792): Kaleb Valenzuela 88-96—184, Magdaleno Mendoza 93-88—181, Ryan Herrera 118-125—243, Caleb Hoyt 113-113—226, Alex Lobstein 117-105—222.
Fort Stockton B (419-417—836): Nathan Barragan 105-102—207, Andrew Serrano 112-103—215, Ivan Pena 104-113—217, Jeremiah Hughes 101-113—214, Victor Valdez NS-89—NS.
Seminole B (165-165—NS): Briley Cardozza 100-92—192, Dwight Prosse 94-91—185, Ben Davis 122-115—237.

Other Medalists
Monahans: Ryan Hedges 87-84—171, Michael Smith 79-95—174, Gabriel Rangel 71-86—157.
Greenwood: Zach Robbins 129-129—257, Brady Austin 149-117—266.
Andrews: Jay Tom Garcia 116-103—219.

Chaps get 15 hits in 12-7 win over visiting NMJC

From staff reports

The Midland College baseball team jumped out to an 8-1 lead in the bottom of the second inning and held on for a 12-7 win against visiting New Mexico Junior College, Wednesday at Christensen Stadium.

MC pounded out 15 hits in the victory and didn't commit an error.

Connor Beck led the way for MC (17-11, 10-2 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference) by going 4-for-5 with a double, a triple, five RBI and two runs scored. Nolan Rattai finished 3-for-3 with two RBI, two walks and three runs scored for the Chaps. Yahir Gurrola went 2-for-5 with a pair of scored runs.

Trailing 1-0, MC exploded for eight runs in the bottom of the second and then added two runs in both the fourth and fifth innings.

Behind 12-5, NMJC (20-11, 10-2 in WJCAC) mounted a late rally, scoring two runs in the top of the ninth, but it fell short.

Brock Freeman got the start for MC and allowed four runs on five hits over 3 2/3 innings, while striking out two and walking two.

Callan Johnson, who came on to relieve Ramon Salazar in the fifth, earned the win for the Chaps. He struck out three and walked three over 1 1/3 innings of work.

MIDLAND COLLEGE 12, NEW MEXICO JC 7
NMJC ..... 010 310 002 —7 10 1
Midland ..... 080 220 000—12 18 0

Victor Perez4, Ahaon Cazill (5), Joseph Spirka (4), No. 16 (7), Larry Leths (8) and . Brock Freeman, Ramon Salazar (4), Callan Johnson (3), Gilbert Sanchez (7), Shane Browning (8), Jesse Borden (9) and Daily Burney. W — Johnson. L — Perez4. 2B — NMJC: Luis Pintor, Kody Russell. MC: Hill Alexander, Daily Burner, Connor Beck 2. 3B — MC: Connor Beck. HR — NMJC: Angel DeJesus, Jesse Becton.

Records: Midland 17-11, 10-2 in WJCAC, 20-11, 10-2 in WJCAC

Next: Midland College at Western Texas College (DH), noon, Friday

Dodgers' Corey Seager among rookies to watch

Associated Press

When it comes to the next generation of baseball stars, another wave of shortstops is forming on the horizon. A couple of tough lefties are coming, too.

Check out these major league rookies in 2016, beginning with a pair of prospects with postseason experience:

■ SS Corey Seager, Los Angeles Dodgers: The sweet-swinging North Carolina native is one of the favorites for NL Rookie of the Year after an impressive debut in the final month of last season. Seager hit .337 with four homers and 17 RBIs in 27 games with Los Angeles, and then went 3 for 16 in the Dodgers' division series loss to the New York Mets.

■ LHP Steven Matz, New York Mets: The second-round pick in the 2009 draft brought his electric stuff to the majors last year and went 4-0 with a 2.27 ERA in six starts, returning from a partially torn muscle in his upper back to help New York win the NL East for the first time since 2006.

■ LHP Blake Snell, Tampa Bay Rays: The Seattle native rocketed through the minors last year, going 15-4 with a sparkling 1.41 ERA in 25 games over three levels.

■ SS Trea Turner, Washington Nationals: The 22-year-old Turner came over from San Diego last June, completing a three-team deal from December 2014 that moved Wil Myers from the Rays to the Padres. The Nationals think he needs some work on his defense and leadership skills, but he hit .322 with 29 steals over three minor league stops last year.

MLB SPRING TRAINING GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Toronto	17	6	.739
Los Angeles	15	8	.652
Minnesota	18	10	.643
Houston	17	10	.630
Detroit	16	11	.593
Texas	17	13	.567
Cleveland	15	12	.556
Chicago	15	13	.536
Tampa Bay	12	11	.522
Seattle	15	14	.517
New York	13	13	.500
Kansas City	14	19	.424
Oakland	11	15	.423
Boston	12	17	.414
Baltimore	10	15	.400

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Washington	18	4	.818
Arizona	22	7	.759
Philadelphia	15	10	.600
Colorado	14	12	.538
Cincinnati	15	15	.500
Milwaukee	13	13	.500
Los Angeles	13	14	.481
Miami	10	13	.435
St. Louis	10	13	.435
Chicago	10	17	.370
San Francisco	11	19	.367
San Diego	7	19	.345
New York	7	16	.304
Pittsburgh	7	20	.259
Atlanta	6	19	.240

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

Scores and schedule

Wednesday's Scores
Washington 12, N.Y. Mets 1
Minnesota 4, Toronto 3
Tampa Bay 4, Boston (ss) 3
St. Louis 3, Miami 0
Pittsburgh 4, Boston (ss) 4, tie
Philadelphia 8, Houston 4
N.Y. Yankees 2, Atlanta 0
Texas 5, Kansas City 1
Arizona 12, Oakland 9
San Diego 7, Seattle 5
Cleveland 4, L.A. Dodgers 3
Cincinnati 6, Chicago White Sox 3
Chicago Cubs 10, Colorado (ss) 0
Milwaukee 5, Colorado (ss) 4
Detroit 2, Baltimore 1

Today's Games
Boston vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (ss) vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. N.Y. Yankees (ss) at Tampa, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Atlanta vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 2:05 p.m.
Arizona vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 2:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Chicago Cubs at Las Vegas, 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at Houston, 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.
Oakland at San Francisco, 9:15 p.m.

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION
"Change The Path Of A Pet's Life"
4206 W. Loop 250
Midland, TX 79707
432-520-3134 ext. 7
Please visit us at www.midlandhumane.org and 'Like' us on FaceBook
KC is a 1 year old grey tabby who lost his eye when he was younger to an infection. He is shy but very loving.
Please contact the Midland Humane Coalition (Located inside Petsmart)
For more information 432.520.3134
Sponsored by: Brown's Permian Electric

Associated Press

Members of the Duquesne basketball team celebrate as they hear their first-ever berth in the NCAA women's college basketball tournament on March 14 in Pittsburgh. Duquesne is to play Seton Hall in their first NCAA tournament invitation.

Duquesne, Buffalo among first-timers in NCAA women's tourney

By Will Graves
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — In a flash, anxiety became joy. Belief morphed into reality. The slow steady rise from obscurity to respectability validated in an instant. The free T-shirts that read "Duquesne's Going Dancing" transformed from wishful thinking to truth in advertising.

Welcome to the madness, Dukes. You too, Central Arkansas, Buffalo, Jacksonville and Iona. The NCAA women's basketball tournament isn't just for the blue bloods anymore.

All five programs will make their NCAA debuts this weekend after earning their first-ever tournament berths, a watershed moment for schools who have spent the last three decades relegated to watching the madness play out on TV without them.

Of the five, only Duquesne was forced to sweat out the selection show. The other four earned automatic bids after capturing their respective conference tournaments, including the Bulls' buzzer-beating upset of Central Michigan in the MAC final.

In a way, that was just fine by the Dukes. Three years ago, then-coach Suzie McConnell-Serio organized a watch party only to see the names of 64 schools pasted onto the screen: none of them Duquesne. Yet coach Dan Burt didn't hesitate to tempt fate again after the Dukes (27-5) lost the Atlantic 10 final to George Washington. He crunched the numbers and told his players to rest easy.

"You just couldn't leave us out," Burt said.

And the NCAA didn't, though the Dukes admitted to a few anxious moments as the matchups for the first three regions went by without them.

Until suddenly, she didn't. When Duquesne popped up as the ninth seed in the Bridgeport Regional, the girls in the blue-and-red sweatsuits exploded from their seats, taking giddy selfies before gathering to shout "family." Getting to learn about eighth-seeded Seton Hall — and a potential second-round matchup with defending national champion Connecticut — could wait.

Monday night was about the final steps in a journey that began in 1974 with a 5-8 record and a schedule that included a 92-31 loss to eventual crosstown rival Pittsburgh's junior varsity team. Over 40 years and 1,000 games later, the Dukes were finally dancing. The fact they had to wait out the show made it that much sweeter.

"I can't explain it," said senior guard Deva'Nyar Workman. "I wanted to cry. I think I did cry."

Hard to blame her. Duquesne watched McConnell-Serio build the Dukes to the edge of the tournament only to bolt for Pitt three years ago. That left Burt to put the final pieces together, something he's done with a United Nations-approach to roster building. Six Dukes are foreign-born players, including junior Amadea Szamosi.

The Hungarian forward started getting recruited by Burt when she was 15. She was well aware the Dukes had never been dancing before. And while she had offers from more established schools, she felt a pull to the program situated on bluff with no NCAA pedigree that she couldn't quite explain.

While the Dukes' rise was steady — they'd won at least 20 games every year since 2009 — Buffalo's rise has been more erratic. The Bulls (20-13) watched the men's program reach the NCAAs under former coach Bobby Hurley but never really came close until this spring, when they put together an improbable run as an eighth-seed in the MAC tourney, knocking off the Mustangs when Stephanie Reid — who is from Australia banked in a shot at horn.

TEXASNBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MAVERICKS 91 KNICKS 89

DALLAS — J.J. Barea scored 26 points and made the go-ahead layup with 49.9 seconds left as the Dallas Mavericks rallied in the fourth quarter to beat the New York Knicks 91-89 on Wednesday night.

The Mavericks tied the Houston Rockets for eighth place in the Western Conference.

Barea's basket put Dallas ahead 90-89 after the Mavericks trailed by seven points with 8 minutes left.

Carmelo Anthony scored 31 points for New York and Derrick Williams added 15 in his third start of the season with Kristaps Porzingis out with a shoulder injury.

Anthony lost the ball out of bounds with the Knicks trailing by one. Raymond Felton made one free throw with 8.7 seconds left and the Knicks' Langston Galloway missed a long 3-point attempt on the final possession.

SPURS 100 PELICANS 92

SAN ANTONIO — Manu Ginobili scored 20 points and the San Antonio Spurs beat the injury-depleted New Orleans Pelicans 100-92 on Wednesday night for their NBA-record 38th straight home victory to open a season.

San Antonio topped the 37-0 start by the Chicago Bulls during their record 72-victory season in 1995-96. Golden State (67-7) has an existing 36-game home winning streak to open the season, giving the Warriors a chance to end up with the record.

San Antonio's Kawhi Leonard had 16 points in his return from a three-game absence, showing no discomfort after bruising his right quadriceps on March 23. The 6-foot-7 forward hit three long jumpers to open the game, including his only 3-pointer in five attempts.

Alexis Ajinca had 18 points for New Orleans, which was without nine players due to injury. Jordan Hamilton added 14 points in his first start in his third game with the team.

Leonard also had a pair of assists to Danny Green in the first 6 minutes of the first quarter. The first came on a fast-break layup after Leonard corralled a turnover and the second came after he spun into the lane and tossed out a pass to Green for a 3-pointer.

Green finished with 16 points, going 4 for 6 on 3-pointers on a hot-shooting night behind the arc for San Antonio.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Toronto	50	24	.676	—
Boston	43	31	.581	7
New York	30	46	.395	21
Brooklyn	21	53	.284	29
Philadelphia	9	66	.120	41½
Southeast Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Atlanta	45	31	.592	—
Miami	43	30	.589	½
Charlotte	43	31	.581	1
Washington	36	38	.486	8
Orlando	31	43	.419	13
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Cleveland	52	22	.703	—
Detroit	40	36	.533	12½
Indiana	39	35	.527	13
Chicago	37	37	.500	15
Milwaukee	31	44	.413	21½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-San Antonio	63	12	.840	—
Memphis	41	34	.547	22
Houston	37	38	.493	26
Dallas	37	38	.493	26
New Orleans	27	47	.365	35½
Northwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Oklahoma City	52	23	.693	—
Portland	39	36	.520	13
Utah	37	37	.500	14½
Denver	32	44	.421	20½
Minnesota	25	50	.333	27
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Golden State	67	7	.905	—
x-L.A. Clippers	47	27	.635	20
Sacramento	29	45	.392	38
Phoenix	20	55	.267	47½
L.A. Lakers	15	59	.203	52

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Scores and schedule

Wednesday's Scores

Toronto 105, Atlanta 97
L.A. Clippers 99, Minnesota 79
Milwaukee 105, Phoenix 94
Denver 109, Memphis 105
San Antonio 100, New Orleans 92
Dallas 91, New York 89
Golden State at Utah, late
Washington at Sacramento, late
Miami at L.A. Lakers, late

Today's Games

Chicago at Houston, 6 p.m.
Brooklyn at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Orlando at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Denver at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Oklahoma City, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at Portland, 9 p.m.

SAGER

From 1C

blood transfusion. It kind of pumped me up, got me going," Sager said of Monday's trip to the hospital. "It's like having an old car. You've got to put gas in it. If it's leaking oil, you've got to put oil in it every day, too."

If all goes well during Wednesday's checkup, Sager figures he won't have to go back until Friday for more blood work.

"Obviously not good but it's keeping me going. I have no choice," he said.

Sager said there's "no doubt about it" that he'll work through the playoffs. He hopes to be assigned to San Antonio in the first round so he can go back and forth to Houston.

"He's a battler. He's going to fight this tooth and nail, that's who he is and that's who he's got to stay," said Wizards coach Randy Wittman, who as a player in Atlanta met Sager and later had a business with him.

Sager also is taking on some duties as a spokesman for leukemia awareness. Whatever he can do to help in a cause that needs more attention, he said.

Warriors assistant Jarron Collins found Sager with a hug outside Kerr's office, and injured Golden State big man Festus Ezeli wrapped his arm around Sager courtside. Sager chatted up reigning MVP Stephen Curry, of course.

Afterward in their postgame interview, Curry said: "Seeing you and doing what you're doing, we've got no excuses. You're an inspiration for us to keep doing what we're doing, keep fighting."

He misses his daily runs, especially along the water in San Francisco. His tender feet and energy levels make it difficult. Sager did get some golf in last weekend with his kids, and "took their money, played pretty well, I was very happy. I'm not hitting it as far but I'm still playing pretty good."

HIELD

From 1C

3-pointer against Texas and scored 39 in the Big 12 Tournament against Iowa State.

In the tournament, he's scored big against VCU and Oregon. A repeat against Villanova could lift his team to the title game Monday against the winner between North Carolina and Syracuse.

"A lot of times you talk about guys, especially good players, who have 'it,'" Crutchfield said. "You can't put a tag on it."

Hield was mostly a slasher as a freshman, when he started about half the games. He worked on his shot mechanics and became more of a spot-up shooter as a sophomore. Oklahoma coach Lon Kruger said Hield also was persistent with the mental game.

"After every practice — and it sounds like I'm exaggerating, but no, it was after every practice — 'Coach, what do I need to work on? What do I need to do?'" Kruger said.

Hield learned to better balance his shooting and attacking during the second half of his junior year and was named Big 12 Player of the Year. That's when he thought it might be time to head to the NBA. After listening to evaluators, he stayed.

"I know I needed to improve, but I wanted to go so badly," he said. "I was just caught up in the moment, and I saw friends going, and I thought, 'OK, it's your turn, too.' But I had to be patient."

He improved his dribble in traffic, became a stronger finisher at the rim, improved his movement away from the ball and learned to create more space when closely covered.

"A lot of times, young people go in the gym and do the things they're most comfortable doing," Kruger said. "Players that keep getting better are going to the gym and working on things that they're less comfortable doing."

Hield also improved his shot. He was named conference player of the year again and has continued to elevate his game as defenses tried to find new ways to slow him down.

Kruger said his game has even changed in the last month, saying Hield Is separating more from defenders without the ball by changing pace and direction.

"He's got a good feel for what he needs to do to get open," Kruger said.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL GLANCE

NCAA

MEN
EAST REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Tuesday, March 29
North Carolina 88, Notre Dame 74
SOUTH REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 26
Villanova 64, Kansas 59
MIDWEST REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 27
Syracuse 68, Virginia 62
WEST REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 26
Oklahoma 85, Oregon 68
FINAL FOUR
At NRG Stadium
Houston
National Semifinals
Saturday, April 2
Villanova (30-5) vs. Oklahoma (29-7), 6:09 p.m.
North Carolina (32-6) vs. Syracuse (29-10), 7:49 p.m.
National Championship
Monday, April 4
Semifinal winners
WOMEN
BRIDGEPORT REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Monday, March 28
UConn 86, Texas 65
DALLAS REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Monday, March 28
Oregon State 60, Baylor 57
SIOUX FALLS REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 27
Syracuse 88, Tennessee 67
LEXINGTON REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 27
Washington 65, Stanford 76
FINAL FOUR
At Indianapolis
National Semifinals
Sunday, April 3
UConn vs. Oregon State, 5 or 7:30 p.m.
Washington (28-10) vs. Syracuse (29-7), 5 or 7:30 p.m.
National Championship
Tuesday, April 5
Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m.

NIT

Semifinals
At Madison Square Garden
New York
Tuesday's Scores
Valparaiso 72, BYU 75
George Washington 65, San Diego State 49
Championship
Today's Game
Valparaiso (30-8) vs. George Washington (27-10), 6 p.m.

WNIT

Monday's Scores
Florida Gulf Coast 61, Hofstra 46
Michigan 77, Temple 76
Oregon 71, UTEP 67
Semifinals
Semifinals
Wednesday's Score
Oregon (24-10) at South Dakota (30-6)
Today's Game
Michigan (21-13) at Florida Gulf Coast (32-5), 7 p.m.
Championship
Saturday, April 2
Semifinal winners, 2 p.m.

NCAA Division II

WOMEN
Championship
At Indianapolis
Monday, April 4
Lubbock Christian vs. Alaska Anchorage, 2 p.m.

SPARTAN
CONSULTING & SAFETY

Contact us for NCCCO training and testing!

Spartan Consulting & Safety LLC

11410 West County Road 30
Midland, TX 79707
Office 432-803-5386

VILLANOVA

New Construction

Remodel

Stevens Construction
Since 1997

BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES

Larry Stevens
432- 967-1613

Callie Stevens
432-967-1059

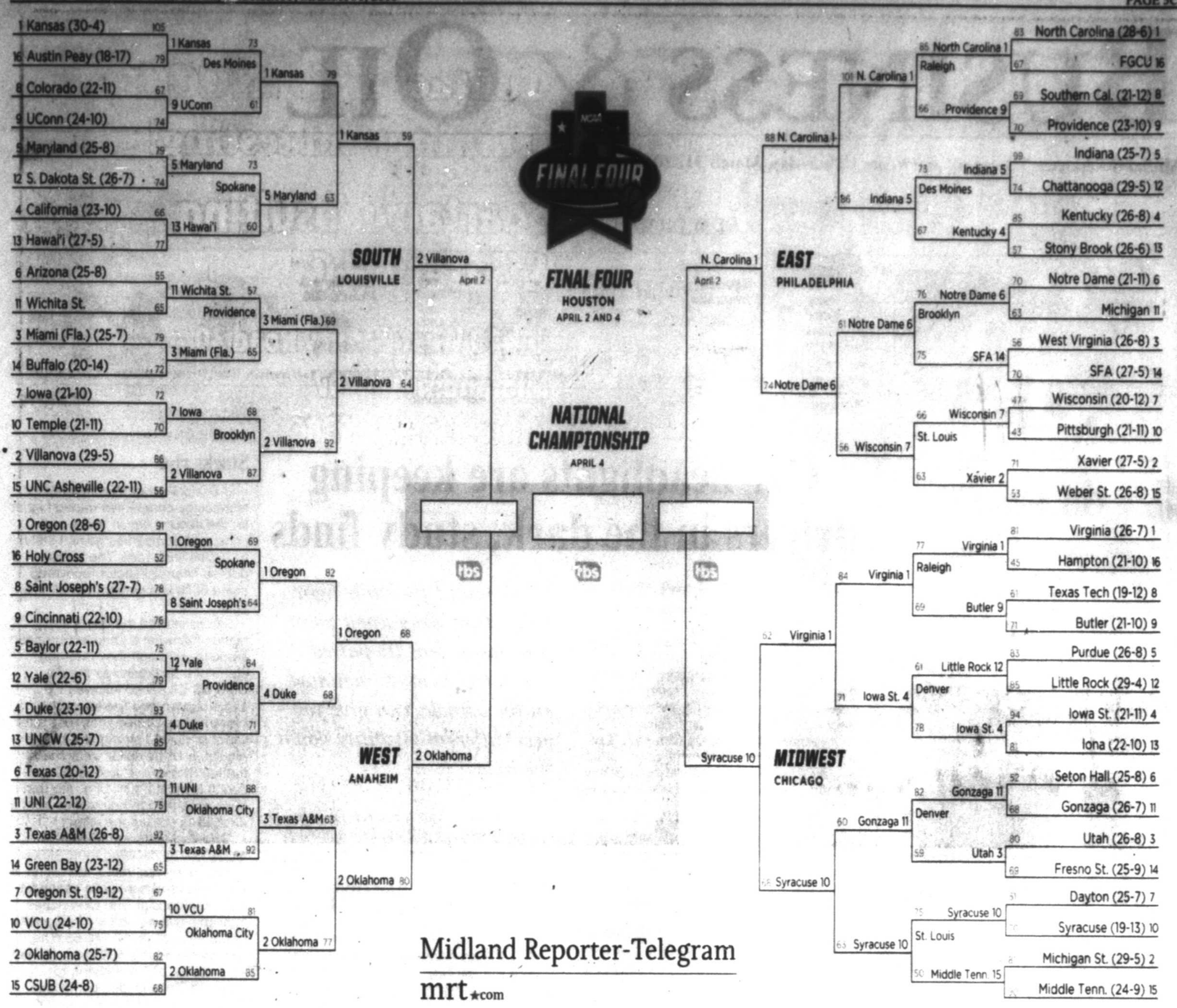
NORTH CAROLINA

ORDERING PIZZA MADE EASY

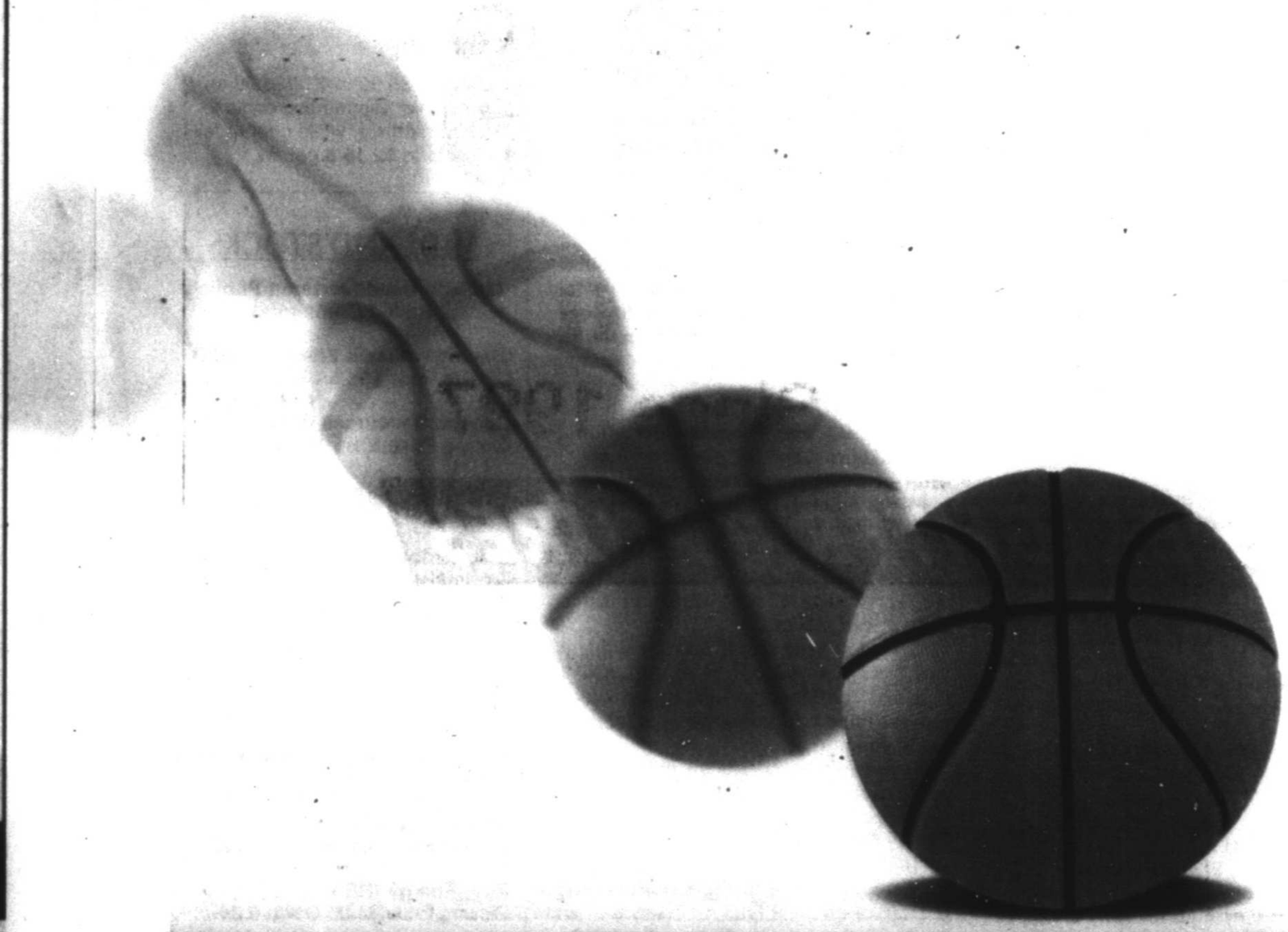
ORDER ONLINE @PAPAJOHNS.COM TODAY!

NOW OPEN AT
1801 RANKIN HWY.
432-684-4884
www.papajohns.com

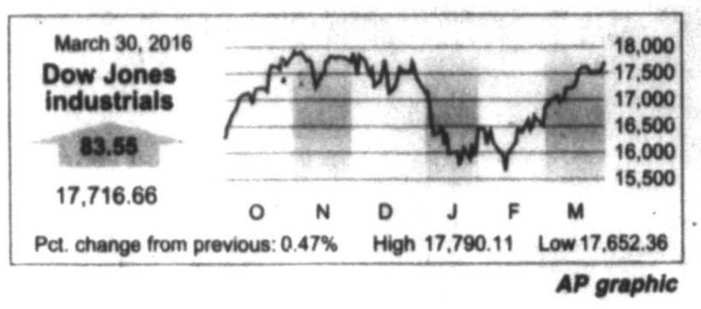
OKLAHOMA



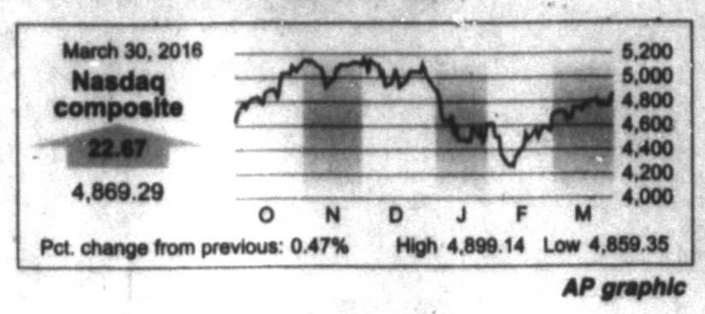
Midland Reporter-Telegram
mrt.com



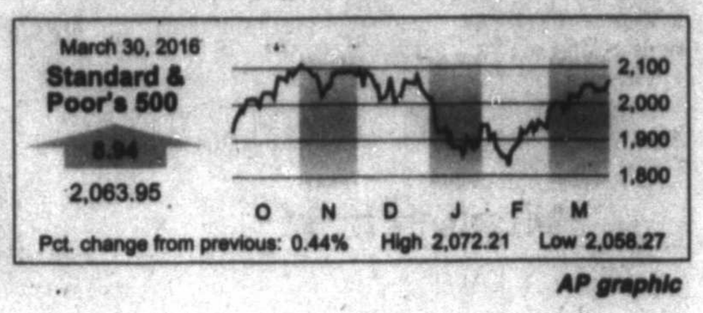
A DAY ON WALL STREET



AP graphic



AP graphic



AP graphic

OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Wednesday: $38.32
Previous: $38.28

POSTED

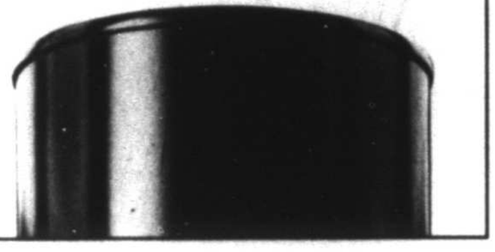
Wednesday: $34.75
Previous: $34.75

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Wednesday: $30.15
Previous: $30.15

NATURAL GAS

Wednesday: $1.996
Previous: $1.903



NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	827494	13.48	+.06
S&P500ETF	771202	206.02	+.90
B iPVixST	724606	17.51	-.44
DirDGldBr	565977	3.11	+.10
MktVGold	555599	20.23	-.31

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Yirendai n	11.85	+1.86	+18.6
Jupai n	9.90	+1.18	+13.5
InterOil g	32.79	+3.25	+11.0
Tronox	6.63	+.58	+9.6
WstnAllB	33.92	+2.92	+9.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
VinceHldg	5.82	-.94	-13.9
OpkoHlth	9.90	-1.17	-10.6
BPNickel	10.26	-1.14	-10.0
GoLuhs rs	8.16	-.83	-9.2
EP Energy	4.70	-.44	-8.6

DIARY

Advanced	1,921
Declined	1,134
Unchanged	123
Total issues	3,178
New Highs	222
New Lows	4
Volume	3,508,705,418

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CentrusEn	36457	4.55	+1.23
NwGold g	33774	3.88	+.05
B2gold g	24336	1.72	-.02
Globalstar	19860	1.45	-.03
iShIndia bt	19595	27.01	+.23

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CentrusEn	4.55	+1.23	+37.0
AdcareHlt	2.48	+.30	+13.8
YumaE pfA	3.37	+.36	+11.9
Salco	8.83	+.82	+10.3
XtantMed	2.70	+.25	+10.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SnchzPP rs	11.00	-2.00	-15.4
MexcoEn	2.35	-.22	-8.6
OncoCyte n	4.73	-.32	-6.3
NanoVinc	2.59	.16	-5.8
RingEngy	4.96	-.24	-4.6

DIARY

Advanced	217
Declined	136
Unchanged	31
Total issues	384
New Highs	11
New Lows	5
Volume	70,606,417

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Apple Inc	444587	109.56	+1.88
Zynga	330222	2.26	+.03
Facebook	326171	114.70	-1.44
MicronT	319923	10.48	+.03
CSVixSh rs	306835	4.35	-.25

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DragonW rs	3.39	+.95	+38.9
Staff360 rs	3.38	+.82	+31.9
CarverBcp	5.15	+.75	+17.0
ArgosTher	7.89	+1.10	+16.2
K2u4 Grp	14.96	+1.90	+14.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CheckCap n	2.61	-.38	-12.6
AptoseB g	2.71	-.38	-12.2
Aveos n	25.55	-3.09	-10.8
StellarB rs	4.81	-.48	-9.1
AElarm g rs	3.18	-.31	-8.9

DIARY

Advanced	1,727
Declined	1,067
Unchanged	174
Total issues	2,968
New Highs	86
New Lows	26
Volume	1,661,135,039

Car headlights are keeping drivers in the dark, study finds

By Joan Lowy
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Are your car's headlights keeping you in the dark?

The beams on most cars aren't doing a good job of helping drivers see down a dark road at night, according to rating of more than 30 midsized car models.

Only one model, the top trim level Toyota Prius V, earned a grade of good. Of the rest, about one-third were rated acceptable, one-third were marginal and one-third were poor.

The difference between the top- and bottom-rated models for a driver's ability to see down a dark road was substantial, according to the study released Wednesday by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, an industry-funded organization that evaluates automotive safety.

The LED headlights in the Prius V tested were able to illuminate a straight roadway sufficiently to see a pedestrian, bicyclist or obstacle up to 387 feet ahead. At that distance, the vehicle could be traveling up to 70 mph and still have time to stop.

But halogen headlights in the BMW 3 series, the worst-rated models, were able to illuminate only 128 feet ahead. At that distance, the vehicle couldn't be traveling at more than 35 mph and still have time to stop, according to the study.

That's important because of the more than 32,000 traffic deaths last year, about one-half occurred at night or during dawn and dusk when visibility is lower.

The reason for the big performance gap is that there's a lot more to how well headlights help drivers see than merely the brightness of the bulb or even what type of bulb is used, said David Zuby, the institute's executive vice president and chief researcher.

"We found the same light bulb, depending upon what reflector or lens it's paired with and how it's mounted on the vehicle, can give you very different visibility down the road," he said.

It gets more complicated.

Consumers cannot buy a more expensive model or add an expensive technology package and necessarily expect to get better headlights, the report said.

The halogen headlights in the economically priced base model four-door Honda Accord, for example, earned an acceptable rating while halogen and LED headlights in two pricier Mercedes-Benz models were rated poor.

Zuby said with no reliable clues such as the price of the car or the type of light, it's hard for consumers to figure out which vehicles will provide the safest visibility. He recommended car buyers check the institute's ratings at http://www.iihs.org.

The report comes as halogen lamps are being replaced by high-intensity discharge (HID) and LED lamps in many vehicles. Headlights that swivel with the car's steering to help see around curves are also becoming more widespread. While these changes can have advantages, they do not guarantee good performance, the report said.

> *"We found the same light bulb, depending upon what reflector or lens it's paired with, and how it's mounted on the vehicle, can give you very different visibility down the road."*
>
> David Zuby, *Insurance Institute for Highway Safety executive vice presidents and chief researcher*

Researchers tested the headlights after dark at the institute's test track in Ruckersville, Virginia. A special device measured the light from both low beams and high beams as the vehicles were driven on five different approaches: traveling straight, a sharp left curve, a sharp right curve, a gradual left curve and a gradual right curve. Researchers also evaluated headlights for excessive glare.

They were surprised to find how much headlights varied from the base model to higher trim or accessory packages, Zuby said.

Eighty-two different headlight systems were available for the 31 2016 models assessed in the study. To get the top-rated headlights in the Prius V, consumers would have to purchase the advanced technology package, which is only available in the top trim level. Standard halogen lights without high-beam assist in less expensive Prius V trim levels received a poor rating.

High-beam assist automatically adjusts the headlamp range for the distance of vehicles ahead or oncoming traffic.

Toyota officials declined to comment.

BMW said in a statement that the company was disappointed by the ratings, but remains confident that its headlight systems are "very effective" for a variety of differently priced models.

Mercedes-Benz said in statement that it was "greatly surprised" by the test, and remains "confident our lighting systems provide important safety benefits for real world conditions."

Government standards for judging the performance of headlights "are essentially unchanged" since they were set back in the 1960s, Zuby said.

"In the standard, they are measuring the light coming out of the light source — right in front of the light bulb, in essence — and not looking at how the light is projected down the road, which is what our tests do," he said.

Stocks rise

U.S. stocks rose Wednesday as technology companies traded higher for the second day in a row and consumer companies gained steam as cruise lines rose. The beleaguered financial sector recovered some of its losses from earlier this year.

Stocks started the day sharply higher, following a jump in European markets, although they returned some of those gains as the day wore on. Oil prices followed the same pattern and finished a few cents higher. Cruise lines rose after Carnival posted strong first-quarter results, and the dollar weakened further. Stocks are up about 7 percent this month, part of a rally that has canceled out their losses from a disastrous start to the year.

"The Fed really cured a lot of global ills" by deciding to go slower in raising interest rates, said John Cannally, chief economic strategist for LPL Financial. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 83.55 points, or 0.5 percent, to 17,716.66. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 8.94 points, or 0.4 percent, to 2,063.95. The Nasdaq composite index added 22.67 points, or 0.5 percent, to 4,869.29.

Metals slip

Gold fell $8.90 to $1,226.90 an ounce. Silver slipped two cents to $15.21 an ounce, while copper fell two cents to $2.19 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $8.25 Up 0.13

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $101.95 Down 1.54

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.66 Down 0.06

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $79.03 Up 1.87

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $0.91 Up 0.09

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $2.35 Down 0.22

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $21.68 Down 0.08

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $28.64 Down 0.22

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $4.96 Down 0.24

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $15.55 Down 0.31

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.92	17	39.37	-.08	+14.4
Abraxas	...	...	1.02	+.04	-3.8
AcadiaPh	...	...	26.01	+2.20	-27.0
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	12.65	+.08	-1.4
AMD	...	...	2.86	...	-.3
Alcoa	.12	17	9.68	-.04	-1.9
AlonUSA	.60	14	10.00	-.16	-32.6
Ambev	.19e	...	5.24	-.03	+17.5
Amgen	4.00	16	149.48	-.01	-7.9
Anadarko	.20m	...	46.39	+.16	-4.5
Apache	1.00	...	49.64	+.08	+8.4
Apple Inc	2.08	12	109.56	+1.88	+4.1
ApldMatl	.40	19	21.04	+.45	+12.7
ArcelorMit	...	...	4.43	+.07	+37.8
Archrock	.75f	...	7.55	+.34	+.4
ATMOS	1.68f	24	74.05	-.28	+17.5
AutoData	2.12	28	89.15	-.28	+5.2
BP PLC	2.40e	...	30.93	+.58	-1.1
BabcCClnv	1.20	...	17.01	-.06	-1.4
BakrHu	.68	...	43.37	+.85	-6.0
BcoBrad s	.44e	...	7.76	+.11	+61.3
BkofAm	.20	10	13.48	+.06	-19.9
B iPVixST	...	...	17.51	-.44	-12.9
BarrickG	.08	47	13.74	-.31	+86.2
BasicEnSv	...	...	2.67	-.03	-.4
BerkHe A	...	152	140035.03	+1235.01	+8.2
BlkHillsCp	1.68f	41	60.76	+.13	+30.9
BrMySq	1.52f	45	63.44	-.37	-7.8
BrownFA	1.36f	33	105.74	+.12	-4.0
BrownFB	1.36f	30	98.53	+.05	-.8
CVS Health	1.70f	22	104.05	+1.58	+6.4
CallResrcs	...	...	1.05	...	-54.9
Cameron	...	18	67.68	+1.11	+7.1
Caterpillar	3.08	15	76.51	+.50	+12.6
Celestic g	...	13	10.91	+.02	-1.1
CntryLink	2.16	20	31.87	+.28	+26.7
ChesEng	...	...	4.01	-.03	-10.9
Chevron	4.28	39	95.25	-.07	+5.9
Chicos	.32f	46	12.94	+.05	+21.3
Cimarex	.32m	...	96.56	-.19	+8.0
Cisco	1.04f	14	28.46	+.36	+5.6
Citigroup	.20	10	41.88	+.16	-19.1
ClayEng	...	...	8.25	+.13	-72.1
CocaCola	1.40f	26	40.58	+.10	+8.4

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ColgPalm	1.56f	26	70.72	+.21	+6.2
ColuPipln n	.52f	...	25.13	+.07	+25.6
ConAgra	1.00	24	44.95	+.51	+8.6
ConchoRes	...	...	101.95	-1.54	+9.8
ConocoPhil	1.00m	...	40.08	+.46	-14.2
CrackerB	4.40a	21	153.35	-.53	+20.9
CSVelIVST	...	...	26.06	+.66	+1.1
CSVLgCrd rs	...	...	..	21.47	-.49
...					
CSVixSh rs	...	...	4.35	-.25	-30.5
CrosTim	1.45e	9	14.91	+.02	+14.6
DCP Mid	3.12	30	27.39	+.78	+11.0
DTE	2.92f	20	90.72	-.15	+13.1
Dataram h	...	...	.72	-.01	+8.5
DevonE	.24m	...	28.20	+.11	-18.1
DirDGldBr	...	...	3.11	+.10	-61.2
Disney	1.42f	18	98.91	+.75	-6.9
DowChm	1.84f	13	51.49	+.36	...
EOG Resc	.67	...	73.66	-1.79	+4.1
EmpDist	1.04	26	33.31	-.37	+18.7
Energen	.06	...	34.71	+.24	-15.3
EgyTrEq s	1.14f	6	6.84	+.02	-50.2
EngyTsfr	4.22f	...	31.12	+1.35	-7.7
EnPro	.84f	...	58.14	-.42	+32.6
EntProdPt	1.56f	19	24.38	+.07	-4.7
Ericsson	.43e	...	10.05	+.31	+4.6
ExxonMbl	2.92	22	84.52	-.01	+8.4
Facebook	...	75	114.70	-1.44	+9.6
Fitbit n	...	15	13.40	-.61	-54.7
FordM	.60a	8	13.35	+.15	-5.3
FrptMcM	...	...	10.29	+.15	+52.0
FrontierCm	.42	...	5.63	+.16	+20.6
GATX	1.60f	9	47.66	+.36	+12.0
GabMultT	.94e	...	7.38	+.11	-1.6
GAInv	1.15e	...	31.11	+.24	-2.8
GenElec	.92	...	31.83	+.36	+2.2
Gerdau	.07e	...	1.82	+.16	+51.7
GtBasSci rs	...	...	.16	-.01	-82.8
GtPlainEn	1.00f	24	32.26	+.01	+18.1
HaloonRs rs	...	...	1.03	-.01	-18.3
Hallibrtn	.72	...	36.02	+1.00	+5.8
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	26.86	+.12	+29.9
iShJapan	.13e	...	11.60	-.04	-4.3
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	33.84	+.50	-4.1

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShEMkts	.84e	...	34.28	+.35	+6.5
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	57.73	+.43	-1.7
iShR2K	1.73e	...	110.32	+.01	-2.0
Intel	1.04	14	32.71	+.33	-5.1
InterDig	.80	17	54.93	+.39	+12.0
ItauUnibH	.45e	...	6.80	+.07	+35.4
JohnJn	3.00	18	108.99	-.16	+6.1
KimbClk	3.68f	39	136.71	+.72	+6.6
KindMorg	.50m	27	17.86	+.21	+19.7
Kinross g	...	...	3.44	+.08	+89.0
LegacyRes	.60m	...	.91	+.09	-48.0
Lubys	...	...	4.94	+.06	+10.5
MarathnO	.20m	...	10.53	+.13	-16.4
MktVGold	.12e	...	20.23	-.31	+47.4
McDnlds	3.56f	25	125.83	+1.86	+6.5
Merck	1.84f	25	53.22	-.10	+.8
MeritMed	...	34	18.38	+.01	-1.1
MetLife	1.50	11	44.73	+2.27	-7.2
MexcoEn	...	...	2.35	-.22	-27.3
MicronT	...	6	10.48	+.03	-26.0
Microsoft	1.44	35	55.05	+.34	-.3
Nabors	.24	...	9.09	+.16	+6.8
NetGrid	3.35e	...	71.94	+.04	+3.5
NOilVarco	1.84	12	31.10	-.22	-7.1
Netflix s	...	...	102.19	-1.94	-10.7
NobleCorp	.60m	42	10.03	-.51	-4.9
NvMAd	.79e	...	14.34	+.05	+3.5
NvPfII	.76e	...	14.09	-.03	+2.9
NuvPI	.82e	...	14.45	+.03	+2.5
NSTFI3	.55e	...	14.82	-.05	+1.9
NTXQI	.55	...	14.89	+.03	+3.2
OcciPet	3.00	52	68.80	+.67	+1.5
Pandora	...	...	9.50	-.14	-29.2
PerTech	...	...	5.75	-.01	-14.6
ParkDri	...	...	2.12	+.01	+16.5
PattUTI	.40	...	17.20	+.22	+14.1
PennaRE	.84	...	21.71	+.15	-.7
Prmian	.35e	17	6.06	+.16	+19.8
PetbrasA	...	...	4.61	...	+35.6
Petrobras	...	...	5.86	+.03	+36.3
Pfizer	1.20f	18	30.07	+.02	-6.8
PlcNtrl	.08	67	140.41	+.57	+12.0
PlainsAAP	2.80	14	29.83	+.37	-11.2
PwShs QQQ1.52e		...	109.36	+.53	-2.2
Prasair	3.00f	21	115.00	+2.54	+12.3

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PrmEgy	...	16	33.39	...	-37.0
PUVixST rs	...	...	19.11	-1.00	-32.6
PrUCrude rs	...	...	8.95	-.14	-28.5
ProctGam	2.65	27	82.68	-.12	+4.1
RangeRs	.08m	...	32.36	-.79	+31.5
RegionsFn	.24	12	7.90	...	-17.7
RiteAid	...	37	8.11	-.03	+3.4
Rowan	.40	21	15.55	+.24	-8.3
RoyDShllA	3.76	74	49.09	+1.03	+7.2
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	176.89	+.82	+1.7
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	206.02	+.90	+1.1
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	29.89	-.04	-1.1
SabnR	2.50e	9	29.50	+.29	+12.3
SanderFm	.88e	13	90.33	+.44	+16.5
Schlmbrg	2.00	22	74.41	+1.41	+6.7
SiriusXM	...	40	3.96	+.03	-2.7
Smucker	2.68	35	130.18	+.20	+5.5
Sprint	...	...	3.45	+.03	-4.7
SP Engy	2.04e	...	61.92	+.12	+2.7
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	22.55	+.13	-5.4
SP Util	1.55e	...	49.33	+.12	+14.0
SunEdison	...	...	.59	+.02	-88.5
SunocoLog	1.92f	37	24.70	+.48	-3.9
TeleflEsp	1.03e	...	11.36	+.20	+2.8
Tesoro	2.00	6	86.47	-3.25	-17.9
3M Co	4.44f	22	166.75	+2.36	+10.7

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Torchmark	.56f	13	54.80	+.55	-3.9
Transocn	...	...	8.89	+.01	-28.2
TriContl	.52e	...	20.03	+.15	...
Twitter	...	...	16.36	+.39	-29.3
TylerTech	...	61	130.73	+.57	-25.0
UBSI	1.32	19	37.01	+.26	+.1
US NGas	...	...	6.76	+.04	-22.0
US OilFd	...	...	9.73	-.07	-11.5
USSteel	.20	...	16.46	+.34	+106.3
Vale SA	.29e	...	4.24	+.12	+28.9
ValeanPh	...	...	27.07	-1.91	-73.4
ValeroE	2.40f	7	63.98	-1.30	-9.5
VerizonCm	2.26	12	54.04	-.01	+16.9
VulcanM	.80f	60	105.49	-.44	+11.1
WEC Engy	1.98f	25	59.81	+.02	+16.2
WPX Engy	...	...	6.68	+.03	+16.4
WalgBoots	1.44	26	83.63	+.81	-1.8
WellsFargo	1.50	12	48.65	+.60	-10.5
WstnRefin	1.52f	7	28.55	-1.09	-19.8
WhitingPet	...	...	7.99	+.20	-18.9
WmsCos	2.56	78	15.98	-.04	-39.1
XcelEngy	1.38f	21	41.86	+.10	+15.7
Xerox	.31f	23	10.83	...	+1.9
Yahoo	...	...	38.56	+.24	+9.9
Yamana g	.06	...	3.06	-.04	+64.5
Zynga	...	...	2.26	+.03	-15.7

Can't find your favorite stocks or mutual funds listed?
Send your favorite to sdoreen@mrt.com or mmcewen@mrt.com.
We will regularly update the Permian Basin stocks list.

INDEXES

52-Week High	Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,351.36	15,370.33	Dow Jones Industrials	17,716.66	+83.55	+.47	+1.67	+.10
8,953.18	6,403.31	Dow Jones Transportation	7,985.19	+13.58	+.17	+6.06	-8.15
667.17	539.96	Dow Jones Utilities	665.32	-1.85	-.25	+15.14	+13.15
11,254.37	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	10,236.95	+46.54	+.46	+.92	-6.01
5,231.94	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	4,869.29	+22.67	+.47	-2.76	-.22
2,134.72	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,063.95	+8.94	+.44	+.88	+.21
1,551.28	1,215.14	S&P Midcap	1,443.58	+.14	+.01	+3.22	-4.95
22,537.15	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	21,238.05	+85.98	+.41	+.33	-2.89
1,296.00	943.09	Russell 2000	1,110.44	+1.38	+.12	-2.24	-11.29

TODAY: Sunny	FRIDAY: Mostly cloudy	SATURDAY: Sunny	SUNDAY: Sunny	MONDAY: Sunny	TUESDAY: Sunny
High: 76 Low: 42	High: 59 Low: 36	High: 67 Low: 42	High: 77 Low: 48	High: 84 Low: 52	High: 83 Low: 55

Local forecast

The National Weather Service is calling for a 30 percent chance of rain and wind gusts as high as 35 mph on Friday.

The record high for March 30 is 94 set in 1946. The record low is 17 set in 1987. On March 30 of last year, the high was 80 and the low was 50.

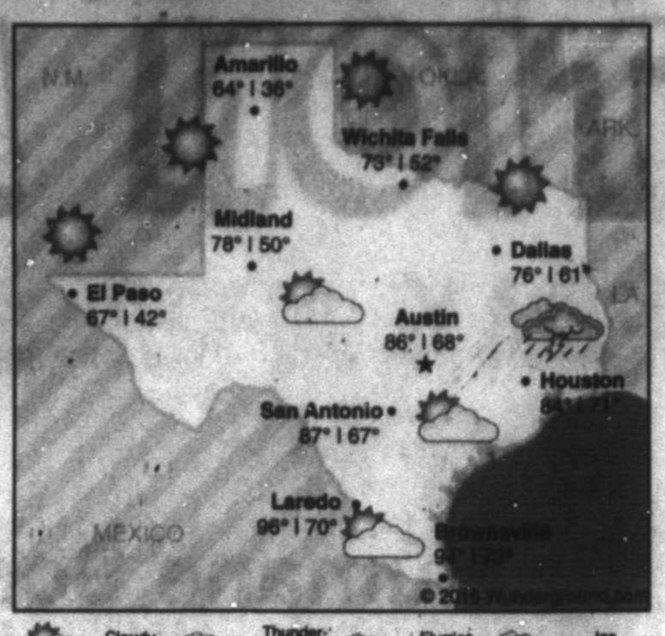
Weather brief

CALIFORNIA

Average snowpack could prolong water conservation

ECHO SUMMIT — A nearly average spring snowpack in the Sierra Nevada will likely prolong tough water conservation measures in drought-stricken California — although the restrictions could be loosened in some areas after an El Nino storm system drenched the northern half of the state this winter, officials said Wednesday.

"The message is still very strong: Conservation measures are still going to be important," Frank Gehrke, chief of the California Cooperative Snow Survey Program, said after he trudged through the snow to manually measure the snowpack at nearly 95 percent of normal.



Partly Cloudy · Cloudy · Showers · Thunder-storms · Rain · Flurries · Snow · Ice

Precipitation	
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.34 in.
Year total	0.82 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.85 in.

Wednesday's temperatures	
High	84
Low	63
Normal high	74
Normal low	44
Sunrise	7:38 a.m.
Sunset	8:08 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, March 31

Ending dog's suffering is difficult discussion for wife

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: How do I talk to my husband about putting his dog "Sunny" to sleep? My husband is the most loving, caring, generous person I have ever met, and I don't know how to tell him it's time to let his best friend go.

Sunny is 15 1/2 years old and can barely walk because of bad hips. The poor thing can see only shadows and is almost completely deaf. He has been like this for the last two years and is deteriorating steadily.

I'm trying to be understanding and supportive. I bought reusable diapers when Sunny could no longer control his bowels and bladder. I carry him outside multiple times a day and hold him up so he can urinate without the diaper. I wash him regularly after he soils himself. It is very sad. I keep hoping he will pass on in his sleep so my husband won't have to make the call, but he is still clinging to life.

It is difficult to bring this up with my husband because he knows I'm frustrated with constantly cleaning up pee and poop and washing bedding after there has been an accident. I don't want him to think I want him to put the dog to sleep just because it is difficult. It's just TIME.

Sunny's quality of life is zero. The only thing he can do is eat and sleep. Is that enough? Am I wrong? What should I say to my husband to put the poor animal out of his misery? — IT'S TIME, IN RENO

DEAR IT'S TIME: Your husband is doing his best friend no favor by letting him linger this way. What's going on now isn't fair to Sunny or to you. You might point out that dogs were put on this earth to run and play and enjoy their lives, something that Sunny hasn't been able to do for a long time.

Suggest he contact Sunny's veterinarian and talk to him/her about his beloved dog's condition, because I'm pretty sure the vet will agree with me. Then be prepared, because your husband may be so bonded with Sunny that he will need grief counseling after his dog is no more.

DEAR READERS: A group of distinguished psychiatrists, the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry (GAP), needs help from some of you. They need feedback from gay, bisexual or transgender people, many of whom have experienced conflicts with their faith because of who they are attracted to or their gender identity. Many, while attempting "conversion" treatment, experienced great emotional distress, but never considered consulting a mental health professional because they had been discouraged from doing so by their faith community. Knowing the struggles you have experienced could benefit individuals who need help and haven't gotten it. Your input is important. It will give GAP psychiatrists a broader representation of people than they could get from any other source.

Thank you in advance for taking part in this important study.

The Internet address to send your comments is mary.barber@omh.ny.gov. For those who don't have email access, GAP's mailing address is: P.O. Box 570218, Dallas, TX 75357-0218. In the past, readers have been generous in "telling it like it is," and I hope you will continue because your experiences are important. Your participation may help to effect positive changes in the treatment of patients. — LOVE, ABBY

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Care needed

East-West vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ A 10 4
♡ 6 4 2
◊ K 3
♣ A K J 6 3

WEST
♠ J 9 7 6
♡ Q J 5 3
◊ J 9
♣ Q 9 4

EAST
♠ 2
♡ A K 10 9 7
◊ A 10 7 6 5
♣ 8 7

SOUTH
♠ K Q 8 5 3
♡ 8
◊ Q 8 4 2
♣ 10 5 2

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1NT	2♡	2♠	4♡
4♠	All pass		

Opening lead: Queen of ♡

Swedish great P.O. Sundelin was South in today's deal. He foresaw a problem, took pains to solve it, and found himself in an unusual end position.

The queen of hearts lead held the first trick and West shifted to the jack of diamonds, which ran around to declarer's queen. Sundelin led a club to dummy's jack and was off to a good start when that held. Should both trumps and clubs be splitting 3-2, there were 11 top tricks at this point, but there would be problems if one of those suits broke poorly.

Catering to this possibility, Sundelin led the king of diamonds from the table. East won and led a club to dummy's king. Sundelin cashed the ace of spades and led a spade to his king, noting the bad trump split. A club was led to the ace, followed by a heart ruff, leaving this position:

NORTH
♠ 10
♡ 6
◊ Void
♣ 6 3

WEST
♠ J 9
♡ J 5
◊ Void
♣ Void

EAST
♠ Void
♡ A 10
◊ 10 7
♣ Void

SOUTH
♠ Q 8
♡ Void
◊ 8 4
♣ Void

South led a low diamond, and West could not prevent dummy from gaining the lead in order to discard declarer's last diamond on a good club. A lovely end position!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, March 31, 2016:

This year you could make some unusual friends who expose you to a unique philosophy about living. Your lifestyle, and even some of your priorities, might transform and benefit from the experience in ways that you never knew were possible. Your enthusiasm and willingness to learn how to communicate in different ways point to an exciting period. If you are single, you could meet someone who is assertive and quick-witted. Hopefully, the two of you will meet on a mental level; otherwise, boredom could set in. If you are attached, your spontaneity and willingness to let go of heavy issues adds to the caring between you and your sweetie. CAPRICORN can be controlling, but also can be wise.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Anything can happen when you give in to spontaneity. Others will find you to be exciting. Your willingness to detach yet still find a solution makes you a winner. Stay focused, as you could be accident-prone. Tonight: Play a game online and meet new people.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Take an overview of the situation. New options might appear. If you're feeling a vague sense of irritation, dig deep for answers as to why. It might have nothing to do with what you thought was bothering you. Tonight: Someone is likely to surprise you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ A friend's idea could inspire you to reach for a goal in a unique way. Try it — what do you have to lose? You'll feel revitalized as a result. A friend's thoughts will help you to solve a domestic problem. This issue needs some attention. Tonight: Respond to someone's fun idea.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Continue to defer to others. You might not believe what comes out of someone's mouth! In a few hours, you could decide that this person is more rational than you had originally thought. A friend is likely to be expressive. Tonight: Embrace the unexpected; you can't control everything.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You might not feel up to snuff in the morning. You'll feel better as the day goes on. Taking an overview of a hassle could lead to some very interesting and exciting discoveries. Consider how to increase your income. A controlling associate has several ideas. Tonight: Early bedtime.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ A sudden discovery could change your perspective. Your positive attitude adds to your creativity. A loved one will try unsuccessfully to manipulate you. This person will learn through your resistance that he or she cannot control you. Tonight: Observe, then decide.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Do you believe in love at first sight? You might after today. Love seems to be in the air. You might want to help someone less fortunate than yourself. It could be difficult to keep up with a friend's quick and/or convoluted thinking. Tonight: Be careful with a family member.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ A close associate could have a brilliant idea. Give it time to sink in; you just might run with it. A discussion with a friend generates even more positive vibes. A neighbor or sibling could throw a temper tantrum; handle this diplomatically. Tonight: A cozy chat over dinner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ A project gets a sudden boost today. Your expertise and ideas frequently help others, and they seek you out as a result. A personal matter could encourage some moping, but not for long. Walk out the door and get a breath of fresh air. Tonight: Say "no" to frivolous spending.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You could receive some excellent financial or tax advice from an older, more knowledgeable individual. Be grateful. This person might seem somewhat eccentric at times, as though he or she seems to live in another world. Tonight: As you like it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You might spend much of the day dealing with a personal matter. Nevertheless, a loved one could inspire you to take a risk, but only if he or she knows what is going on. A dear friend will present an adventuresome idea. Are you going to say "no"? Tonight: Make it early.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ A risk could become complicated. Stay financially independent right now, but listen to what others have to say. Remember that you are your own person, responsible only for yourself. Follow your intuition, and have an important talk with a loved one. Tonight: Hang with a friend.

BORN TODAY

Former U.S. Rep. Barney Frank (1940), singer Anita Carter (1933), actor Ewan McGregor (1971)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Library recess
7 Brief amt. of time
11 Karaoke need, briefly
14 Slanted
15 With 34-Across, concert band instrument
16 Big fuss
17 Parody involving molten rock?
19 Sneaky job
20 APA member?: Abbr.
21 Med. test
22 Eight-time co-star of Joan Crawford
24 Teeth: Pref.
27 Note
28 Wind god's whaling weapon?
33 Crybaby
34 See 15-Across
35 Arctic flier
36 Stalling-for-time syllables
37 Honor earned by 27 Super Bowl QBs
39 Light lead-in
41 Scoreboard fig.
42 Director Preminger
44 It borders It.
46 Sparkling wit
48 Blubbering Belgian?
51 8th-century Japanese capital
52 Runs while standing
53 Try a new color on
55 June portrayer in "Henry & June"
56 Repeat, but more softly each time
60 First name in shipping
61 Hollywood harlequin?
65 Java
66 Eclectic quarterly digest
67 Hard to read, maybe
68 Animal in some fables
69 He says to Cordelia, "Thy truth, then, be thy dower"
70 Cerebral __

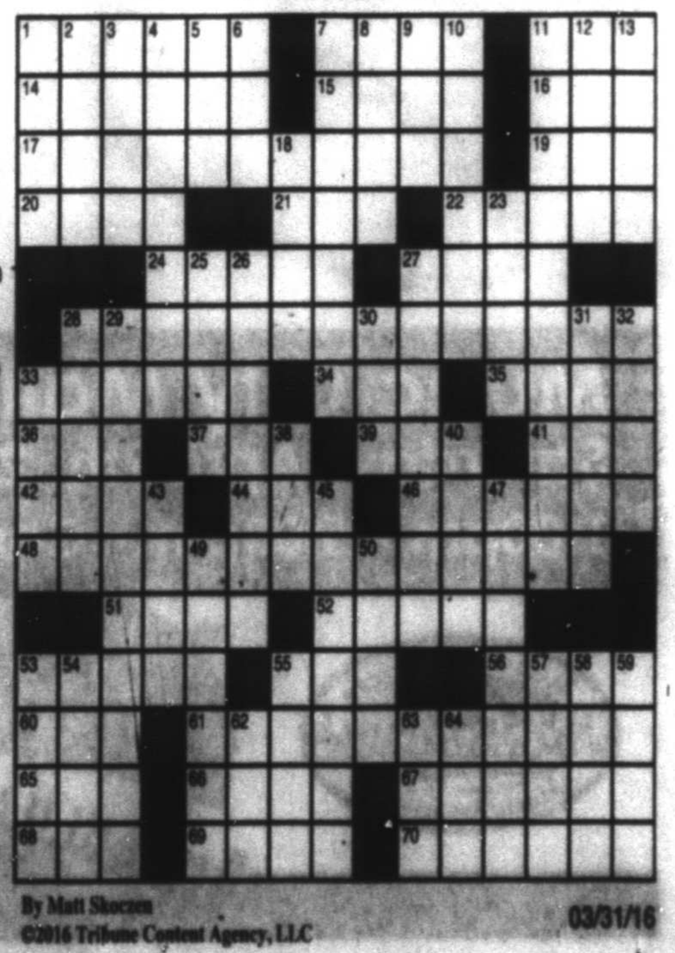
DOWN

1 __ breve
2 Pastures
3 Home team at Cleveland's "The Q"
4 Uninterrupted
5 Mph
6 Former PBS host LeShan
7 Place setting items
8 Tough march
9 1940s stage for Ike
10 __ eel
11 Apple with a Force Touch trackpad
12 Fan club focus
13 Lane-closing sight
18 Physical leader?
23 Gear on stage
25 Kind of tchr.
26 Buddhist state
27 Klinger's first name on "M*A*S*H"
28 Vital supply line
29 Where to find Java
30 Magic show prop
31 __ the cold
32 Democratic donkey drawer
33 Litter cry
38 Wrinkly little dog
40 __ Royale, Michigan
43 Skin care brand
45 Pool party?
47 Be the subject of, as a painting
49 Furious
50 Not much at all
53 Indian noble
54 Love deity
55 Forearm bone
57 Egyptian Christian
58 "The thing with feathers / That perches in the soul": Dickinson
59 Cameo stone
62 Suburban trailer?
63 The Trojans of the Pac-12
64 "Alice" spinoff

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

P	A	T		I	O	T	A	S		C	O	P	S	E
A	P	R		B	A	R	B	Q		A	T	R	I	A
Y	O	U	B	E	T	Y	O	U	R	B	O	O	T	S
C	L	E	R	G	Y			A	U	S		B	E	E
A	L	D	A			B	M	W	S		C	A	M	I
S	O	U	N	D	S	L	I	K	E	A	P	L	A	N
H	I	P		R	I	T	Z			G	U	L	P	
			D	U	B	S		O	N	E	S			
	R	O	A	M			A	V	O	N		S	A	S
S	U	I	T	S	M	E	J	U	S	T	F	I	N	E
A	N	N	E		E	X	A	M			A	L	T	A
Y	A	K		A	M	A			B	A	I	L	E	D
I	T	I	S	O	E	C	I	D	E	D	L	Y	S	O
D	A	N	T	E		T	B	I	R	D		M	U	G
O	B	G	Y	N		A	M	E	N	S		E	P	S

xwordeditor@aol.com 03/31/16



By Matt Skoczen
©2016 Tribune Content Agency, LLC 03/31/16

PUPPY ADOPTION DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 2
2-6PM

Puppies from the Humane Society of Odessa will be available for adoption.

MUSIC CITY MALL

4101 E. 42nd
Odessa
Across from Fuddrucker's inside entrance

432-381-5503
odessahumanesociety.org

An ICA Company • For employment opportunities log on to: www.icajobs.net

Featuring: Folclórico Dancers Las Aguilas de Oro, Karisma Torres, Cecilia Valenzuela, Izabelle Barrera, Adolfo Hernandez, Michael Richard, Cande Flores

Tribute to Selena®

Music City Mall
Saturday, April 9th, 2016
1:00pm - 5:00pm • Carousel Stage

Special Guest: Egypt Dixon

TODAY'S COMICS SPONSORED BY

HARTMAN ROOFING INC.
432-522-1117
QUALITY, INTEGRITY, EXPERIENCE
SATISFACTION GUARANTEED!!!

The wiseman built his house on a rock
Then he hired Hartman to roof it!!!
All Types of Roof and Roof repair • Free Estimates
Commercial • Residential
www.HartmanRoofing.com

HARTMAN ROOFING INC.
Mention this ad. and receive $300.00 off a full roofing job or $50.00 off any repair of $200.00 or more

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

FUNKY WINKERBEAN

LUANN

BLONDIE

MARY WORTH

BEETLE BAILEY

ZITS

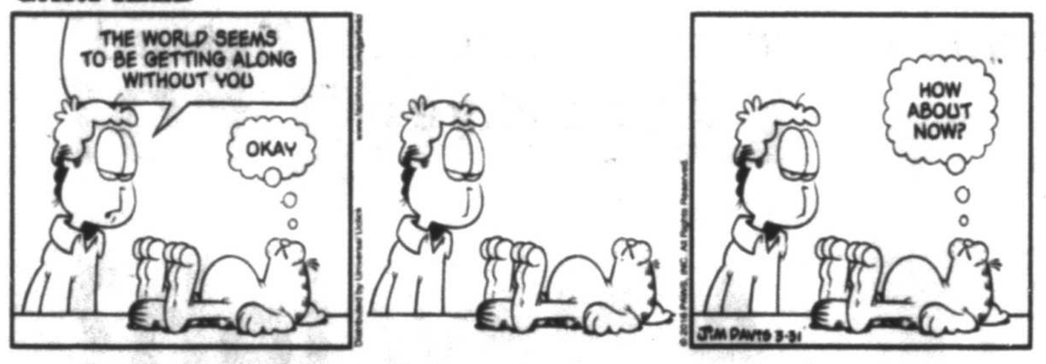
CLASSIC PEANUTS

BABY BLUES

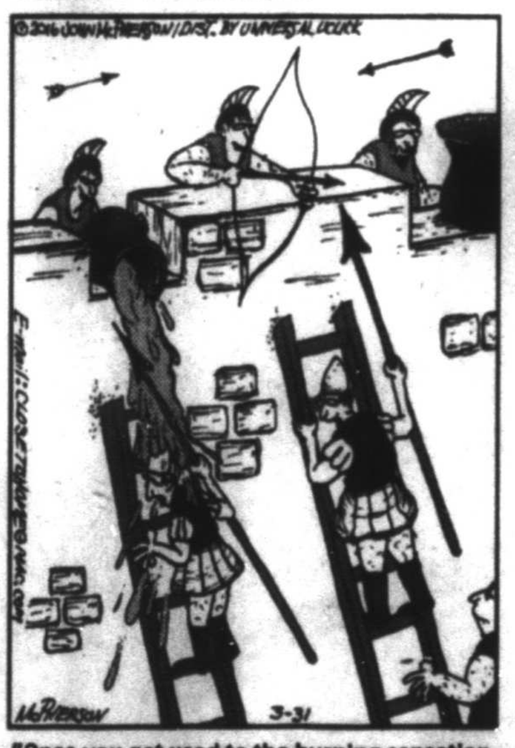
SHOE

MUTTS

GARFIELD



CLOSE TO HOME

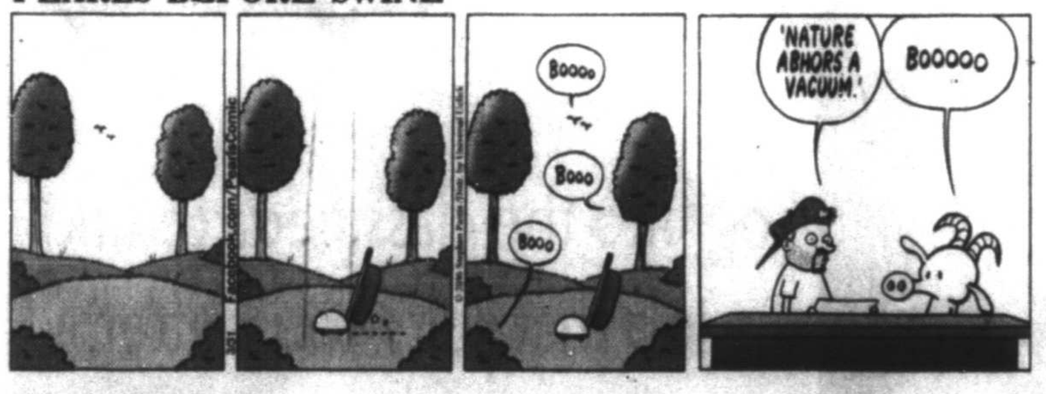


"Once you get used to the burning sensation, you'll find the oil is really good for your skin."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"YOU KNOW IT WOULD BE CHEAPER IF YOU'D JUST BUY ME A LOLLIPOP AND SKIP THE HAIRCUT."

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE



WIZARD OF ID

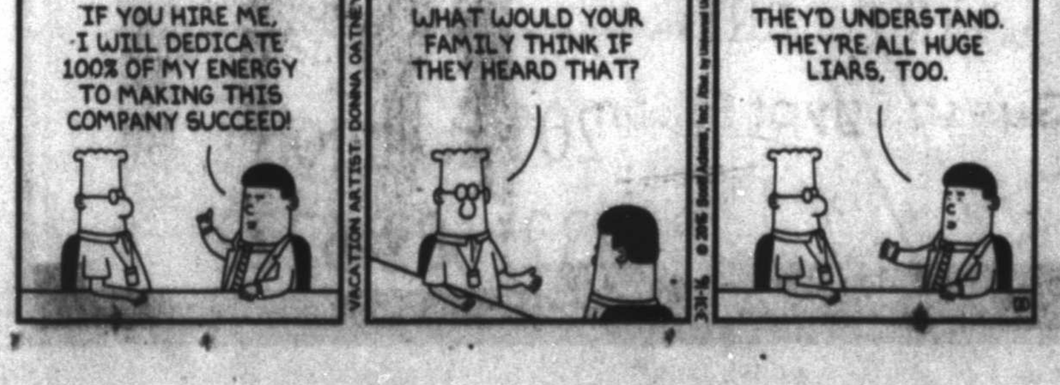
LOCKHORNS

"WHAT PART OF 'YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND' DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?"

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Did you know that in dog years I'm a grown-up?"

DILBERT



mrt★com/jobs

Employment ads by:

432.682.6999

432.682.6222

mrtclassifieds@mrt.com

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Administrative Assistant

Administrative Assistant needed full time. Send resume to: Morrow Renewables, 10818 W. County Road 72, Midland, TX. 79707

Oil & Gas General Accounting Position

The position is for a stable independent operator. 5-7 years minimum experience. Basic familiarity with JIB's & investment statements. Good Excel skills required. Integra software a plus. Salary commensurate with experience. Benefits include medical, dental, vision insurance & 401(k). Send resume & salary requirements via email to jtalbott@jmcrlp.com.

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Medical Office Manager

Fast paced allergy pulmonary office needs full time office manager. Requirements for the Office Manager include: 4 year college graduate or experience as a medical office manager. Have vigorous enthusiastic & positive attitude, be able to multi task, problem solve, and complete projects in a professional timely manner.

- Be an honorable, trustworthy, dependable person
- Be the leader, teacher, & mentor of a team of 12 plus staff
- Lead by mature consistent, wise, dependable example
- Have a can do, will do attitude
- Is adaptable, medicine is undergoing rapid major changes
- A person who can stay fully focused on their job while at work & is efficient with time

Some of the benefits offered: Above average salary production bonus, excellent health insurance, vacation and holiday pay. And a 401 plan.

Call: 432-561-8183, Or come by: 606 Kent St. Midland 79701 to Apply

CONSTRUCTION & FACILITIES

Tierra Drywall

Steel framers. drywall hangers and acoustic ceiling installers.
Journeyman and apprentice.
Tierra Drywall 1100 N Loop 250 W
Please apply in person between 7 and 9am

HEALTHCARE

Available Positions

Desert Gardens Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
3203 Sage Street
Midland, TX 79705

Desert Gardens located in Midland, Texas is currently seeking staff to fill the following Positions:

- **Medical Records (LVN or RN)**

Full Benefits

Available Positions

Desert Gardens Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
3203 Sage Street
Midland, TX 79705

Desert Gardens located in Midland, Texas is currently seeking staff to fill the following Positions:

- **RN $2,000 sign on bonus**
- **LVN $1,500 sign on bonus**

New Shift Differential Rate
Full benefits

Extended Care Services Director

Full time with great benefits, great working environment with quality staff. BSN/RN preferred. Two years experience as a Registered Nurse in a clinical care setting preferred; home health experience preferred. Management experience preferred. Compact or Current Texas Sate License as a Registered Nurse required. APPLY TODAY ONLINE! www.seminolehospitaldistrict.com

Receptionist

A medical office is looking for a reliable & honest person as a receptionist with experience in the medical field. Apply with a resume and recommendation letters to P O Box 8710, Midland, TX 79708.

OTHER JOBS

Control Technician

Natural Gas Services Group is seeking a Control Technician. This individual must be able to program, install and trouble shoot FW Murphy, Allen Bradley and GE. This position requires 3 years' experience as a Control Technician or a related field. Compression experience preferred, but will train. For more information or to submit resume contact employment@ngsgi.com or call 432-262-2700

Maintenance Positions

Full time Maintenance needed. Physical/ Drug Screen & background check done. Apply in person at Villa Chateau Apartments, 1603 N. Midkiff Rd., Midland, TX. 79701. No Phone Calls Please.

Outside Sales Rep

Midland Reporter-Telegram

The Midland Reporter-Telegram is looking for someone with excellent communication skills to provide outstanding customer service to our Retail Advertising customers. Responsibilities include prospecting new clients, working closely with new and existing clients to develop multi-media advertising campaigns that provide outstanding results, tracking sales activity, and meeting/exceeding established monthly sales goals.

Qualified candidates must be a self-starter and possess excellent communication and organizational skills, be detail oriented and assertive, excel in spelling/grammar/punctuation, excel in time management, and possess a positive attitude.

We are willing to train and offer a competitive compensation and benefits package, guaranteed commission for three months, a cell phone allowance and the opportunity to advance your career in an exciting, progressive and innovative organization in one of the fastest growing markets in Texas.

If you want to join a **GREAT TEAM** and are ready to **SUCCEED**, please send a resume to:

Jeri Houston, Director of Advertising, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701 or **jhouston@mrt.com**. No phone calls please.

REAL ESTATE

Leasing Agent

Experienced in Commercial properties. Call 432-362-2067 ask for Don.

SKILLED LABOR

CNC Machinist

JA OILFIELD MFG., IS LOOKING FOR AN EXPERIENCED CNC MACHINIST.
WE OFFER COMPETITIVE PAY & BENEFITS INCLUDING:
• Paid Health/Dental Insurance • Matching 401 (k) Plan
• Paid Life & Disability • Sign On Bonus (Length of service requirements apply) • Paid Vacations & Holidays.
QUALIFIED APPLICANTS MAY APPLY IN PERSON AT:
14579 HOLLYHOCK AVE., GARDENDALE, TX. 79758

Equipment & Pump Down Operators

O-Tex Pumping is now hiring experienced Cement Equipment Operators and Pump Down Operators. Great benefits with matching 401K. Must have valid CDL and be able to pass a pre-employment drug screen. Apply in person at 2601 E. I-20. EOE

Field Mechanics

Basin Engine & Pump

Mechanics needed for Industrial Oilfield Shop. Must be experienced working on centrifugal & positive displacement pumps. Furnish your own tools. Uniforms provided. Benefits package includes vacation, health insurance and retirement match savings. Salary depends on experience. Please submit resume by fax to 432-570-1115 or email toTodd@basinengine.com. Applications can be filled out at 1914 S. County Rd. 1083, Midland, TX 79706

Industrial Skilled Positions

Floore Industrial Contractors, Inc. are taking applications for the following crafts for West & South Texas. Journeyman Electrician, Electrician helpers, Civil Carpenters, Civil helpers, Pipefitters, Pipe helpers, Pipe Welders, Rig Welders and Roustabouts. You can send a resume to ficsouthtexas@gmail.co or call 830-879-4511

SALES JOBS

Outside Sales Rep

Midland Reporter-Telegram

The Midland Reporter-Telegram is looking for someone with excellent communication skills to provide outstanding customer service to our Retail Advertising customers. Responsibilities include prospecting new clients, working closely with new and existing clients to develop multi-media advertising campaigns that provide outstanding results, tracking sales activity, and meeting/exceeding established monthly sales goals.

Qualified candidates must be a self-starter and possess excellent communication and organizational skills, be detail oriented and assertive, excel in spelling/grammar/punctuation, excel in time management, and possess a positive attitude.

We are willing to train and offer a competitive compensation and benefits package, guaranteed commission for three months, a cell phone allowance and the opportunity to advance your career in an exciting, progressive and innovative organization in one of the fastest growing markets in Texas.

If you want to join a **GREAT TEAM** and are ready to **SUCCEED**, please send a resume to:

Jeri Houston, Director of Advertising, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701 or **jhouston@mrt.com**. No phone calls please.

SKILLED LABOR

Landscape / Maintenance Help Needed

Starting Pay $12 per hour. Must pass Drug & Background Screening. Apply in person at: **Hunter's Ridge Apartments, 4201 Andrews Hwy, Midland, TX 79703**

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

Local Driver needed to transport railroad crews

Local company is looking for drivers to transport railroad crews up to a 200 mile radius from **Midland, TX.** Must live within 20 miles of **Midland,** be 21 years or older, valid driver's license, and a pre-employment drug screen is required. A company vehicle is provided, paid training, and benefits. Compensation is $12.00 per hour. Call Keith at (913)426-4083 or apply online at **www.renzenberger.com**.

Trident Water Services

Now Hiring Oilfield Positions for Water Transfer *Must have valid Driver's License and pass drug test. *Incentives offered for CDL Drivers. *Must be willing to work out of town for extended periods of time.
To Apply: tridentwater.com or 817-441-2610

Winch/Vac Drivers

Purity Oilfield Services, LLC. (EOE) is now hiring Class A CDL drivers with winch and/or vac truck experience. Competitive pay and excellent benefits. Please contact 432-699-8600 for more information, submit a resume at mkiker@purityoilfieldservices.com, or stop by in person to apply at 11109 West CR 46, Midland, TX 79707.

Let Classifieds Work for You! Call

432-682-6222

Looking For A New Job?

Log into the classifieds to find a job that suits you better.

Listings are updated daily.

Midland Reporter-Telegram
mrt★com
201 E. Illinois
(432) 682-6222

mrt classifieds

432.682.6999 432.682.6222 mrtclassifieds@mrt.com

Events and Notices

General Announcements

Mark Berryhill.com Ministering for Christ Teach the Lord's Word 1-4

Lost & Found

FOUND MALE pomerania with long hair. Found near Lee High district on 3/22/15. 432-699-6150 or 432-694-6905.

Lost & Found

REWARD SMALL ORANGE Tabby cat with crossed eyes. Lost in the vicinity of Lee High School. 432-697-2033 or 432-529-6249.

ATTN: READERS

In addition to the laws of the nation, state and local communities, we urge readers to exercise common sense when responding to any offer involving money, personal information, or travel. Please contact Crime Stoppers at 684-1200. Unknown offers or gifts sent by mail should be reported to local postal authorities.

Work Wanted

Reputable trucking and land clearing company looking for work! Cheap rates - Insured and bonded - Hotshot, Heavy Haul - Land clearing, Dozer work - Call for a quote 432-254-4538

Legal & Public Notices

PUBLIC LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that OXY USA Inc., Operator Number 630591, PO Box 4294, Houston, TX 77210 has filed with the Texas Railroad Commission an Application for Exception to SWR 26/SWR 27 (P-17) in order to commingle the May lease located in Section 11, and the May 1102, May 1105 and May 1108 leases in Sections 11, 14 and 23, all in Block 33, T-1S, T & P RR Co Survey, Howard County. Any affected royalty or working interest owner that needs additional information, please call Austin Danford at (713)985-6925.

Legal & Public Notices

Midland Independent School District

Procurement Services Department

Midland, Texas

Notice to Vendors

The Midland Independent School District invites qualified vendors to submit a sealed proposal for RFP #06-005 Professional Turf and Landscape Services through the MISD electronic bid system. Proposals will be publicly opened and read in the office of Rebecca Mull, Director of Procurement Services, at 615 W. Missouri Avenue, Suite 707-C, Midland, Texas at 10:00 AM C.S.T. on April 14, 2016. Request for Proposal documents may be obtained by registering as a supplier at www.midlandisd.com/domain/44. For any questions, contact MISD Procurement Services department at (432) 240-1960.

Legal & Public Notices

Midland Independent School District

Procurement Services Department

Midland, Texas

Notice to Vendors

The Midland Independent School District invites qualified vendors to submit a sealed proposal for RFP #06-004 Beverage and Snack Vending Machine Services through the MISD electronic bid system. Proposals will be publicly opened and read in the office of Rebecca Mull, Director of Procurement Services, at 615 W. Missouri Avenue, Suite 707-C, Midland, Texas at 2:00 PM C.S.T. on April 14, 2016. Request for Proposal documents may be obtained by registering as a supplier at www.midlandisd.com/domain/44. For any questions, contact MISD Procurement Services department at (432) 240-1960.

Autos For Sale or Lease

Passenger Cars

BMW 2004, 4 door, black/tan, 116,000. Good condition, garage kept. $7,400. 432-694-2508.

CADILLAC EXT 2007. 67,800 miles. $24,900.

FIREBIRD GTA Transam 1989. 91,800 miles, $6,750.

CALL or text Sherry, 432-251-9306.

CHEVROLET, 2013 Camaro SSII. 6.2L, 14K miles, 6 speed, standard shift, with leather interior. $27,500. 432-559-4311.

CORVETTE, 2016 Stingray, coupe, W-Z51, 3LT, new, loaded. $72,000 OBO. 682-561-4903.

Will buy wrecked & unwanted cars, trucks & RVs. 432-685-4078

Pickup Trucks

CHEVROLET 1/2 ton pickup, 2004. For sale by owner. $4,200. See at 1501 W. Illinois. Phone 432-557-3366.

GMC 3/4 ton, 2007. With tool box. $7,900. 432-349-7576.

4WD & SUV

2008 GMC Yukon 4x4, 106,000 miles, leather, loaded. $18,500. 432-413-3144.

GMC YUKON XL Denali, 2014 black. Black leather interior, heated/cooled seats, fully loaded. Excellent condition. 36K miles. $44,900. 432-528-7938.

Specialty Vehicles

TWO 1999 Juguar XK8. Conv. V8, automatic. CD changer. New tires. One red with tan leather, one white with tan leather. Contact Burt, work 699-0604/ cell 405-823-2624.

Motorcycles

2013 NIGHT Rod Special. 3,600 miles. Fast and clean. $12,000. Odessa 575-420-6414

Watercraft

(1991) BASS BOAT Champion 184 Twin console and electronics with 150 horsepower Evinrude engine. Call 553-3067.

Recreational Vehicles

HARLEY Street Glide, 2014. 2000 miles. $15,000. 432-967-0054. See at 603 N. B, Midland TX.

Travel Supreme Express 1998 5th wheel trailer, 3 slides, lots of room, includes fifth wheel hitch. 432-683-2675, 2412 W. Shandon, Midland.

YAMAHA 2009 Rhino YXR66SW 108 hours on unit. Yellow, have special tires & wheels, and a hot kit. $6,500. 432-557-2229.

Merchandise

Appliances

WHIRLPOOL GAS range, over the stove microwave, dishwasher all white and in excellent condition. Call 432-559-3591

Furniture

I BUY used furniture, partial or estate. Call 432-438-5911

Sporting Goods

CSR TROPHY BASS Leases. Family, friends, and fishing. A CSR Tradition. Trophy bass leases available. Annual membership $1500. Only a handful of openings are left, call now 817.907.9240. trophybasscsr.com.

Animals & Pets

Pets

FREE TO A GOOD HOME, MARLEY, 9MO OLD, FEMALE, BLONDE LAB. 432-214-3233.

Classified CAN 682-6222

Real Estate Rentals & Sales

Residential Rentals

Apartments for Rent Furnished

2901 W ILLINOIS, 1600sft 2BD/2BA Remodeled Executive Patio apartment with garage. $1,250 monthly. Call 432-631-8100 or 432-266-1212

SMALL 1 Bedroom, downstairs, single person or couple. $550 month bills paid. $100 deposit. 432-296-2023

Apartments for Rent Unfurnished

1, 2, 3, and 4 bedroom apartments for rent at the Stanton Housing Authority located at 408 E Carpenter St in Stantón TX. Rent range $361.00 to $618.00. Income limits apply. Call 432-756-2812 for more information.

4409 CROCKETT 2bed/1bath. $800 mo, $800 dep. 432-978-2074.

DUPLEX FOR LEASE. 3101 A Mark Lane 2bed/2bath/2car garage/ fireplace. $1,425 mo. $1,000 deposit. No Pets. 432-557-5557.

DUPLEX FOR LEASE. 3304 B Moss Court. 3bed, 2 bath 2 car garage, fireplace Appx 1600 sf. $1550 per month, $1000 deposit 432-557-5557.

LOWEST RENT! Spacious 1 - 2 - 3 Bedroom Apartments. 432-687-4514.

SPECIAL ★ Come to quiet, owner in residence, Whispering Oaks. We have very nice 1 & 2 bedroom apartments available for good quality tenants at exceptionally special low rates. Some have garages, all have covered parking, paid water and basic cable. Please call 432-694-4001 ★

Townhouse/ Condo for Rent Unfurnished

FOR SALE Large 1 bed. condominium. Fairmont Condominiums. $65,000. Basin Realty 432-352-2252

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

	6			1				
		8			6	4		2
7						9		
4			6					
1			4	3	5			8
			1					3
		4						
6		1	3			7		
				9			3	

Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

SOLUTION TO WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE

6	3	8	2	4	7	5	9	1
2	9	7	5	8	1	4	6	3
5	4	1	9	3	6	7	8	2
3	8	5	7	6	2	9	1	4
7	6	4	1	9	8	2	3	5
1	2	9	4	5	3	8	7	6
4	7	2	3	1	9	6	5	8
9	1	6	8	2	5	3	4	7
8	5	3	6	7	4	1	2	9

3/31/16

© 2016 The Mepham Group. Distributed by Tribune Content Agency. All rights reserved.

To advertise in Classified

Contact our Classified Department at 432-682-6222

email mrtclassifieds@mrt.com

fax 432-682-3793

Midland Reporter-Telegram

mrt★com

GARAGE SALES

CALL 682 6222 TODAY!

Estate Sales

2806 Castlefordt, Midland 79705
Friday & Saturday April 1st & 2nd - 9am-3pm

Furniture: Drexel queen size bedroom suite (dresser with mirror, headboard, bed, 2 nightstands); Mahogany buffet; armoire; occasional chairs and tables; sofa; chair and ottoman; entertainment center; stools; glass top and chrome dining table with 4 chairs and 2 stools.

Kitchen: Kenmore washer and dryer; Frigidaire refrigerator; Kenmore refrigerator; pots and pans; glassware; silver plate and sterling silver items; 4 large sets of china.

Miscellaneous: Singer sewing machine and cabinet; exercise bicycle; Sony TV; several floral arrangements; wall clock; Dooney Burke and other designer purses; high end women's clothing and shoes; jewelry; figurines and other décor; linens; Sentry combination floor safe; Christmas decorations; patio décor.

Sale by Linda L. Biden

Estate Sales

Estate Sale
5105 Blue Haven
Thurs & Fri 9-2 | Sat 9- 12

Lane cedar chest, 2 electric recliners, oak washstand. oak mirror, oak dresser w/mirror, dresser & mirror, spindle bookshelf, curio cabinet, roll top desk, kitchen table, wood rocker, 2 cane chairs, GE refrigerator, Kenmore washer & dryer, kitchen appliances, pots & pans, Bose docks, coffee table, end tables, lamps, TV's, Kenmore sewing machine, stereos, filing cabinets, entertainment center, vacuums, iron bed, armoire, nightstand, seasonal, linens, smoker, chiminea, patio table & chairs, double glider, Adarondak chairs, lawn mowers, tiller, edger, weedeaters, spreader, canning jars, ladders, birdbaths, table saw, router & table, cut off saw, grinder, Bushwaker, hand tools, yard tools, Underwood typewriter, house and garage full.

Services by Wall St. Antiques
View full details at EstateSales.NET:
https://www.EstateSales.NET/TX/Midland/79703/1147092

ESTATE SALE BY JOSEPH & TEAM
3211 W. WADLEY #13 (MIDLAND)
THURSDAY & FRIDAY 8AM-3PM
SATURDAY 9AM-12PM

2 complete households in this sale, items include...carnival glass, Wedgwood, large teacup collection, crystal, Waterford, perfume bottles, Fenton, Polish dishes, Depression glass, Corning ware, Pyrex, pottery, linens, sewing items, vintage kitchen, books/records/CD's/DVD's, lamps, artwork, Sony Beta camera/recorder, Fisher stereo system, sewing machines, fridge, filing cabinet, jewelry chest, sofa's, side chairs, curio, antique sofas, coffee tables, drop-leaf tables, kitchen hutch, rd. oak table/chairs, china cabinet, cherry table/chairs, antique china cabinet/secretary, side tables, antique writing desks, chest of drawers, shelving, rockers, server, antique armoire, book shelves, iron queen bed/dresser & mirror/night stand, brass twin beds, king bed, and the usual household misc.

For pictures go to...
http://www.estatesales.net/TX/Midland/79705/1146630

THOMAS RENAISSANCE SALES
1607 W. Louisiana (Midland)
Friday & Saturday 9AM - 6PM

Beautiful original paintings and high end furniture! Items include...ORIGINAL paintings from Don Sahli and Barnes, Indian prints and artifacts, Theodore Alexander furniture, mirrors, lamps, Jonathan Charles chairs, 2 Pearson premium velvet sofas, Handmade mesquite table & chairs, Sherrill leather chair/ottoman, leather recliner, Thomasville bed, chest and dining table, Howard Miller grandfather clock, Beautiful rugs, 3 small marble patio tables, several statues, Ralph Lauren glasses, Fiesta dishes, etc.

If you like high end furnishings you will not want to miss this sale!
Cash & Credit Cards Accepted

Estate Sales

ESTATE SALE
by Lamar Coats
2406 Idlewide
Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm
Friday 9:00am-1:00pm
Saturday. 9:00am-12:00pm

House full, love seat, Contemporary dining table with chairs, small curio cabinet, stereo, flat screen television, office furniture, great office supplies, office equipment, king bed, gentlemens armoire, chest of drawers, dresser, end tables, garage full of great kitchen items, pots and pans, table top appliances, washer and dryer, 2 refrigerators, freezer, lawn mower, yard tools, old Christmas, dog collection, costume jewelry, Star Wars figures & more
To see photo's go to estatesales.net

Yard & Garage Sales

Area Sales

MISS CAYCE'S BLOW OUT SALE
THURS-SAT 10-6
90% OFF!
Trees, wreaths, ribbon, ornaments, gifts, Santa's, angels, nativities, florals, Halloween, fall, and soooooo much more!
1012 Andrews Hwy
(behind Westlake Ace Hardware)

Yard & Garage Sales

79703

GARAGE SALE/ESTATE Sale!!
Everything must go! Furniture, appliances big & small, house hold items, dishes, pot & pans, men's clothing, office supplies & lg desk, electronics, tools, metal lathe, metal band saw, wood table saw, air and water pressure, and more!
April 1,2 & 3, 4602 Cuthbert, Midland, TX.

Yard & Garage Sales

79703

3124 MARIANA Ave. In house moving sale! Fri & Sat starting at 9am-? Very reasonably priced. Curio cabinet, odds & eds furniture, desk, dresser, drop leaf dining room table, kitchen items, home decor, crystal, movies, linens, 5 disk CD player stereo, VCR's, & TV stand, violin. Cash only!

79703

4204 HARLOWE Drive Friday & Saturday 8am-5pm. Children & adult colthing & shoes all sizes, mends Western shirts, womens scrubbs size 2X, household items, & lots of miscellaneous items.

4311 HARLOWE Friday, Saturday & Sunday 8am-dark. **Huge Sale!** Something for everyone.

Let "Sure Sell" Work For You! Call 432-682-6222

Yard & Garage Sales

79705

HUGE SALE
3004 Bluebird
Friday & Saturday 8am- 3pm
Rain or Shine - Inside Barn
Thousands of items
Sofas, chairs, tables, bedroom set, rugs, awesome Christmas items, lamps, entertainment center, desk, antique sewing machine and cabinet, big screen TV's, bar stools, computers and electronics items, baby bassinet, weight set, exercise bike, golf clubs and bags, designer clothing, purse, shoes, decor items, linens, Cedar chest, patio set, smoker and over a thousand more items.
Cash Only!! No Early Birds!!
Park in field next door.

79705

3200 LANTANA Lane. Saturday. April 2nd, 7:30am-noon only. All items! No children.

79706

3414 WCR 116 Friday & Saturday 9am-3pm. Trailer hitch, gazebo, recliner, desks, bedroom set, mantle clock, sewing machines, portable A/C.

79707

3302 FLEDSPAR Ln. Midland, Massive CAF Colonel's Ladies Fund Raising Garage Sale. Friday & Saturday 8am-3pm. Office & Home furnishings, holiday items, books, exercise equipment, household items, clothes and more

Yard & Garage Sales

79707

4203 GLENEAGLES Dr (in the alley, Don't block driveway. Thursday & Friday 8:30am-6pm, Saturday 9am-1pm. Cargo trailer, exercise bike, roll-top desk, recliners, patio chairs, some tools, twin sheets & blankets, king comforters, miscellaneous household items.

4206 DOWNING Ave. Fri. & Sat. 8:00 - 2:00. Treadmill, exer. bike, computer desk TV, patio table and chairs. Lots of misc home items. Cash only.

WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE?

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

READERS' CHOICE AWARDS 2016 MRT

Cast your Vote on mrt.com starting Friday, April 1st!

MRT MEDIA GROUP

mrt.com Midland Reporter-Telegram

The Bottom Line

76 percent of adults have read a daily newspaper in the past five days.

Source: Scarborough Research, 2005

Midland Reporter-Telegram
mrt.com

201 EAST ILLINOIS AVENUE
MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701
432-682-5311

Who's Who For Service

What a GREAT place to advertise your business!

Call 682-6222 for details.

Accounting & Financial

APPLIANCE REPAIR
REPAIR SERVICES and Parts for Refrigerators, Freezers, Stoves, Washers & Dryers.
Free Service Call with Repair. Free Removal.
Full Warranty, Very Affordable Prices.
M&M Appliances
1007 N Midkiff, Midland Call 432-570-8278

Cleaning Services

Home Cleaning

A Experienced, Honest, dependable housekeeper has openings for weekly or biweekly cleanings. References available. Call 432-638-6679

INDEPENDENT PERSON cleans houses. 10 yrs Experience, Free Estimates. Call or Text 432-234-0418 or 432-234-0423

LOOKING TO clean houses. References call 432-425-1704

PROFESSIONAL HOUSE CLEANER. Excellent references, trustworthy, & honest, hard worker. Reasonable rates. Call Nefta 432-559-0809.

RESIDENTIAL/MAKE READY/NEW construction. All cleaning supplies provided. 25 years experience. Call Shelly 432-599-3001

Office Cleaning

RND Cleaning Services
Offices and Daycares, Strip and wax floors.
432-269-0437.

Window Cleaning

PROFESSIONAL WINDOW cleaning service. Free estimates. 432-230-8893

WINDOWS PLUS + Serving Midlanders since 1994. Residential, Commercial. 432-682-9322.

Computer Services

Repair & Replacement

A+ COMPUTER Tutor! Overcome Your Fear of Computers! ✓Your PLACE at Your PACE. ★Call Karen 432-553-2468 (leave msg).

Hauling

HAULING & Cleanouts Home, storage, or office. 432-889-1316

Home Services & Home Improvement

Brick, Block & Stone

ADVANCED BRICK DOCTOR, brick & mortar repair, All types of new construction specializing in block and brick fence. Steve Rickey. 432-553-2859.

Fax Your Classified Ad in Today! 682-6999

Home Services & Home Improvement

Brick, Block & Stone

BRICK, BLOCK & Stone Work. 45 years experience. References. Max 432-599-0151

Cabinetry & Finishing

CUSTOM KITCHEN Cabinets, Formica Countertops, Beveled Edges. References. Work Guaranteed. Free Estimates. Call Luis, 432-664-0224.

Concrete

ALEMAN Stamp Concrete Plain or Decorative concrete for slabs, driveways, patios, pool decks, etc. For Estimates, call Ed (432) 631-0211

CABALLERO MASONRY. Brick/block/stone, stucco, driveways, sidewalks, wood fences. Insurance. Bonded. Residential & Commercial. Free estimates. 432-631-8781

FOR ALL your concrete needs, driveways, sidewalks, new slabs house or garage additions. Call Danny @ 432-894-0702

JH STAR, We do all types of concrete for over 35 years. Sidewalks, patios, driveways, brickwork, & stamped concrete. 631-1091, 250-3301.

JS Concrete

Slabs,curbs,driveways, patios, Stamp concrete. Free Estimates. Bonded & Insured. Juan Sanchez, owner. 432-413-0924

QUALITY CONCRETE & METAL BUILDINGS
Work of all types. Driveways, patios, sidewalks, house/metal buildings, foundations. Call 432-816-6839 / 432-263-5272.

Contractors & Builders

CRC Interior and Exterior. Remodeling, painting; fencing & fabrication. Clayton R. Cross. 432-770-6595. FREE ESTIMATES.

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

Home Services & Home Improvement

Electrical

ALL YOUR electrical needs met. Call G&S Electric. 32 Years experience. 432-685-0659. Tecl # 22541

Fences

ABC FENCE, Native Midlander building professionally since 1979. Small jobs, repairs welcome. Gates are my specialty. Lonnie 432-638-7950

CABALLERO MASONRY. Brick/block/stone, stucco, driveways, sidewalks, wood fences Insurance. Bonded. Residential & Commercial. Free estimates. 432-631-8781

STABILITY FENCING & Construction. Repair or rebuild wood, sheet metal, cinder block, brick, rod iron. For any size job call 978-9990.

Heating & Air Conditioning

At your service actionairplumbing.com (432) 620-8900

ELLIS & Sons Plumbing & Air Conditioning Sales & Service. Service all brands. 683-2679. TACLB005482.

Painting & Wallpaper

24 HR Handyman. For any type of job, big or small. Repair or rebuild, flat rate, 432-978-9990.

24 HR Painting. Painting can't fix everything but it sure does look better. 432-978-9990.

DOUBLE TT PAINTING
Interior and Exterior Texture, tape & bed Low prices, work gauateed. 432-288-7849 or 352-4633.

Exterior Specials
Bill Temple Painting Int/Ext Free Estimates, A+ BBB 432-349-1563

FEMALE PAINTER: Interior/exterior, residential/commercial very professional, takes pride in her work, very dependable & affordable. FREE Estimates. 432-250-4643

Home Services & Home Improvement

Painting & Wallpaper

HENRY'S PAINTING Exterior/Interior, 35yrs exp. Free estimates. Senior Discount. Call 684-8135 / 234-4603

K & J Painting - Midlands Readers' Choice Gold Winner! Interior & exterior painting, drywall repair, tile. Top Quality Work. Free estimates. Kevin Ison, 432-563-3178 or 432-349-6110

LOW BID PAINTING Serving Midland since 1995 Interior/Exterior 432-664-0918

Plumbing

At your service actionairplumbing.com (432) 620-8900

QUIROZ COMPANY Licensed septic installation. Free estimates. References. Doing business in Midland for over 50 years. Matt @ 631-2475.

Septic Installation actionairplumbing.com 432-620-8900

★ SUPERIOR ★ PLUMBING Call us on all your plumbing repairs, new construction, and remodels. M39721. For superior service at reasonable rates. Please call 432-687-5905.

Remodeling & Repair

MARQUEZ REMODELING 25 years experience. 432-934-8054

RICK'S REMODELING 432-813-0835

Landscape & Tree Maintenance

Lawn & Garden

A & D LAWN SERVICES
Business & Residential Trimming, yard cleanup, mowing & maintenance. Very professional. Dependable service. 432-853-8897

AFFORDABLE TREE shrub pruning, removal, sprinkler repairs. Licensed & Insured. Call Kut-Rite 561-8802, 638-6163.

A & G Services. Mowing, edging, tree trimming, shrub removal, planting, mulch, flower beds, clean gutters. All seasons. Free estimates. 432-599-4240.

Fax Your Classified Ad in Today! 682-6999

Home Services & Home Improvement

Remodeling & Repair

Pro Contractors OF MIDLAND

Roofing and Custom Construction

PERGOLA 12' X 12' STARTING AT $7,999

NEW CONSTRUCTION GARAGE STARTING AT $39,000

- All Roofs Metal, Wood & Composite shingle
- Outdoor Kitchens & Patios
- Additions & Remodels
- Full-Service Remodels
- Fencing & Masonry Work
- Flooring Engineered Hardwood, Tile & Carpet
- Custom Kitchens & Bathrooms

Insured and Bonded. References Available

Commercial / Residential
Major Credit Cards Accepted
For Free Estimates, Call 432-557-4261
www.procontractorsmidland.com

Pro Contractors of Midland

Landscape & Tree Maintenance

Lawn & Garden

Arbor Max Solutions
Professional Landscape & Tree Care. Call for Nut Reduction App.
Taylor Maxwell
Degreed Horticulturist
Certified Arborist
TX3606A
432-528-1737

DA LANDSCAPING accepting new accounts. Mow grass, trim shrubs, trim trees, sprinkler repair, and all kinds of clean out. Call 432-210-3130. Will work 24-7!

DURAN'S TREE SERVICE
Dirt work, leveling, sod/seed installation, flower beds/plant installation, Will travel. 432-238-6770
24 Years experience

DURANS TREE Service. Tree removal specialist. Minor/Major trimming, stump removal, flower beds cleaned, hedges trimmed. Will travel. 432-238-6770
24 years experience.

LEYVA LAWN CARE
Trees & lawns. Professional & efficient. 432-250-9470

Hauling

3C SERVICES
C&C SERVICES, LLC
Specializing in all forms of DIRT and CONCRETE construction.
Cody Wall - Managing Partner - 325-234-8991
Charles Carroll - Managing Partner - 432-816-1011
Doug Butz - Concrete Foreman - 325-574-3435

Landscape & Tree Maintenance

Lawn & Garden

GENERAL YARD SERVICE & HAUL OFF
432-853-8897

M & M Landscape 22 years experience. Grass sodding, Xeriscaping, tree & shrub removal. Native Midlander 432-230-3372.

MURPHY'S LAWN CARE
Mowing, edging, trimming, Hedge/ shrub trimming, clean-ups. Bill or Maryann. (432)687-2131

OASIS LAWNCARE
Affordable pricing Free estimates 432-230-1989

WILL TRIM, prune or uproot just about any tree, very reasonable prices. Call Norman 432-296-1424.

QUIROZ COMPANY Trees for sale, includes installation fee. Tree's under warranty for free replacement. References. Doing business in Midland for over 50 years. Felix @ 631-6734 or Matt @ 631-2475.

RAINBOW LANDSCAPING
We do it all! Mowing, edging, beds, flower pot, junk hauling. Free estimates, 20+ years experience, friendly service. Call Bryan at 432-301-5827

RAUL'S LAWN Services. Lawnmowing, edging, shrub & tree trimming. Free estimates. Reasonable. Call Raul @ 432-254-6384

STRACENER IRRIGATION
Sprinkler Systems Repairs & Installations License #4933 Call (432) 561-9525

TWO GUYS MOWING
Mowing, edging, trimming, hedge trimming & small clean ups. We aim to please. Call Terry 432-557-2229.

VILLA'S YARD Service Free Est., Reasonable Rates. Mowing, flower beds, tree trimming & removal. 432-349-3893 Lord Is My Shepherd, I Shall Not Want. Psalm 23:1

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

Home Services & Home Improvement

Concrete

RUDY'S HOME IMPROVEMENT
Repair & remodeling, commercial and residential. All types of concrete work, concrete staining & stamping, brick, block, rock, stone tile, brick mortar repair, etc. Drywall, texture, and painting, interior & exterior. REASONABLE RATES quality work, free estimates, bonded Contractor Rudy 212-1122.

Landscape & Tree Maintenance

Lawn & Garden

MOX'S TREE SERVICE
HONEST, DEPENDABLE, and professional. No job too big or too small. Senior discount. Every customer becomes a reference! Call John Hardin Mocksfield: 432-230-0041

Miscellaneous Services

We buy homes in any area in any condition.
Call the Scott Williams Team of Realtors
432-689-7770.

Personal Services

MANNY'S MOBILE OPTICAL SERVICES
Board Certified Optician
Eyeglass Repairs, Eyeglass Frames, Safety Glasses, All Rx's Filled
432-222-1624

Moving & Storage

432.214.0048 BROTHERS Moving & Storage
Serving Midland, Odessa & Surrounding Areas

Miscellaneous Services

WATER TREATMENT
Culligan of West Texas
Residential & Commercial
FREE WATER ANALYSIS
563-2690

BLUE'S SPRINKLER System. Installs and repairs. Backflow assembly tester. Lic 8285 432-889-8963, 684-6977.

Moving & Storage

HONEST, DEPENDABLE Movers at affordable prices Residential & commercial. Free on site estimates. No hidden fees. One call does it all. 432-553-6396

J & K LOADING AND PACKING SERVICES. 432-553-2416.

Musical Instrument Tuning & Repair

EXPERT PIANO Tuning and Repairs. Please Call Michael Sherrod At 432-694-3161 For An Appointment.

Personal Services

IRMA'S UPHOLSTERY & DRAPERY. 20 yrs exp. 432-352-4633.

Personal Services

PROVIDING ERRAND /household chore assistance for anyone/ elderly. Call Shelly 432-599-3001.

What's Read!
Classifieds are.
Studies show that more readers turn to Classifieds everyday than almost any other section of the newspaper.
Call Classifieds Today!
432-682-6222

Residential Rentals

Houses for Rent Unfurnished

1411 W. Michigan 3 bedroom, 1 bath, new paint, new carpet, washer & dryer connections, fenced yard, $1,300 month. 432-634-6445

3 BED 2 bath home for lease newly updated. $1,750 month, $1,750 deposit. 4709 Laura, Midland. Call 432-528-7364

405 PLAYER COURT. Downsizing? Just as nice only smaller. Single Family home, 3 br, 2 ba, double garage, NS, no outside pets. $1750 + deposit. Credit reports plus credit scores & proof of income required. 432-528-8350.

4BD, 2BA, south side. Close to Wal-Mart. $1,450/mo, $1250/dep 432-413-3489.

LOCATION 3209 WHITNEY. 3BR/2BA/3CAR. Low maintenence, shop, fenced, No Smoking/ No Pets $1800/mo. $1000 dep. 682-0602.

Rooms for Rent

1 BED, all bills paid, fully furnished, cable. Restaurants and Easy Rider stops close by. $190 a week. 432-689-6886.

FURNISHED ROOM for Rent. Private entrance, use of kitchen, WIFI, cable. See to appreciate. 683-2614.

Residential Sales

Condos/ Townhouses

For sale 2 bedroom, Fairmont Condominiums. $59,000 Basin Realty 432-352-2252

Residential Sales

Homes for Sale

[illegible] daycare. $179,750. UP Group (432) 889-2934

Residential Sales

Homes for Sale

3527 GULF, 3BD/2BA, Remodeled, fireplace, 2000+ sf. Large backyard. $219,000. Call 432-631-8100 or 432-266-1212

3608 SINCLAIR 2939sf. 4BD/3BA., fireplace. Water well, Remodeled. $249,000 Call 432-631-8100 or 432-266-1212

4721 SHADYLANE. 3 bedroom, 1.75 bath, brick, metal roof, tile block fence. Call 432-559-8851.

6503 DRIFTWOOD Huge 4/3.5 overlooking lake on Green Tree golf course! Granite, new paint, carpet & tile! $399,500. UP Group 432-684-7788

Let "Sure Sell" Work For You! Call 432-682-6222

BUILDER WANTING to build 3 bdrm, 2 bth house on S. Mineola St. for $189,000. Will owner finance for applicant at 10 % interest with $15,000 down. Easy and flexible on monthly mortgage payments. Builder will work with applicant regardless of credit history. Please call (432) 682-5157 and ask for Bill, for more info.

Lots & Land

Ranches

RANCH FOR SALE
4,212 Acres near Snyder, Tx. Water, 3 houses, great hunting. Owner Financing $795/ Acre (432) 664-7764

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

Lots & Land

Ranches

EXOTIC GAME RANCH. A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO OWN A PORTION OF AN 800 ACRE HIGH FENCED GAME RANCH. PARCELS FROM 30-54 ACRES LOCATED IN EDWARDS COUNTY. STOCKED WITH EXOTICS AND SUPER EXOTICS. CALL OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION. 800-876-9720 ranchenterprisesltd.com

Homes for Sale

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

ALL real estate advertising herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to indicate any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, age, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or intention to make any such preferences, limitations of discrimination.

We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate, which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on equal opportunity basis.

To file a complaint, contact www.hud.gov or 1800-669-9777

Commercial

Commercial Building For Lease
13,500sq/ft
Fenced/Paved Yard
Midland, Texas
$8,500/month
432-664-7764

COMMERCIAL YARD FOR LEASE
5 ACRES, FENCED
2 AC CALICHED
ELECTRIC GATE
$2200/MONTH
JUST EAST OF MIDLAND
432-664-7764

FOR LEASE /Build to Suit
Commercial shop with 5 acre yard East of Midland.
432-664-7764
432-934-7777

"MAN CAVE"
New storage on 1788. 1500-4500 square ft starting at $650 RV's/cars/industrial ask for Don 352-2067.

MISSION SQUARE retail/ office space available. Big Spring-Loop 250 location. Great rates. Local management. 432-682-2422 or 432-967-1059.

NOW LEASING
• Office/Warehouses •
• Small Office Suites •
• Fenced Yards
Various locations.
Call 432-661-4057

EUNICE, NEW Mexico, 1319 Texas Street. 15' x 30' building, 2 corner lots, paved, 1/2 bath. Last used as Beauty Shop. $40,000. Call 575-942-8262

NEW CONSTRUCTION
5/10/20/50 acres +/- yard with 5,000 or 10,000 sq. ft. building with Bridge Crane/ wash bays. Ask for Don. 563-1610 or 352-2067.

OFFICE FOR Lease. 3 to 5 rooms at 1501 W. Illinois. All bills paid. Call 432-557-3366.

OFFICE SPACE for Lease. 242 Spring Park Drive Ste. A, Midland. (432) 557-6509.

In A Hurry? E-Mail Your Ad Today! It's Quick & Easy mrtclassified@avt.com

Commercial

COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR LEASE
2815 W. Industrial Ave.
Office Area includes reception area, 5 offices, 2 restrooms and break area
Shop area includes 1restroom with 2 overhead doors. Gross building area approx 4000 sq ft. Fenced Yard.
Call 683-5276 ext 305 leave a message.

Commercial

READY-RANCH
WWW.READY-RANCH.COM
VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.READY-RANCH.COM
• Reagan County
*11,102 ac. ft. of Water, 4 houses, paralyzing arena, 800 ft. min., creek, lakes, Whitetail deer, mule deer and quail $790/ac
*4,212 ac. Maverick Creek, canyons, whitetail and mule deer and quail $625/ac
*1,771 ac. windmill, creek, blinds and feeders, great w-tail and mule deer, turkey, hogs, quail $800/ac
• Nolan County
*640 ac. over 1 mile SOLD d creek, blinds, feeders, deer/turkey, quail $3,500/ac
*565 ac. Perry Creek, New Living/Shop, 200 acres cultivated for cotton, hardwoods, wildlife $1,000/ac
• Howard County
*642 ac. canyons, creek/feeders, good deer, cedar/hardwoods, excellent water, power, cellular coverage $700/ac
*159 ac. tx. canyons SOLD ocks, cedar/hardwoods, good deer, blinds, feeders $1,000/ac
• Martin County
*123 ac. Sulphur Springs SOLD deer and whitetail, hogs, hardwoods, water, power $1,150/ac
(432) 664-7764 or (432) 934-7777
No Realtors - Buy Direct!!
Deal with Landowners that know the Country!!
Owner Financing Avail.

Modular & Mobile Homes

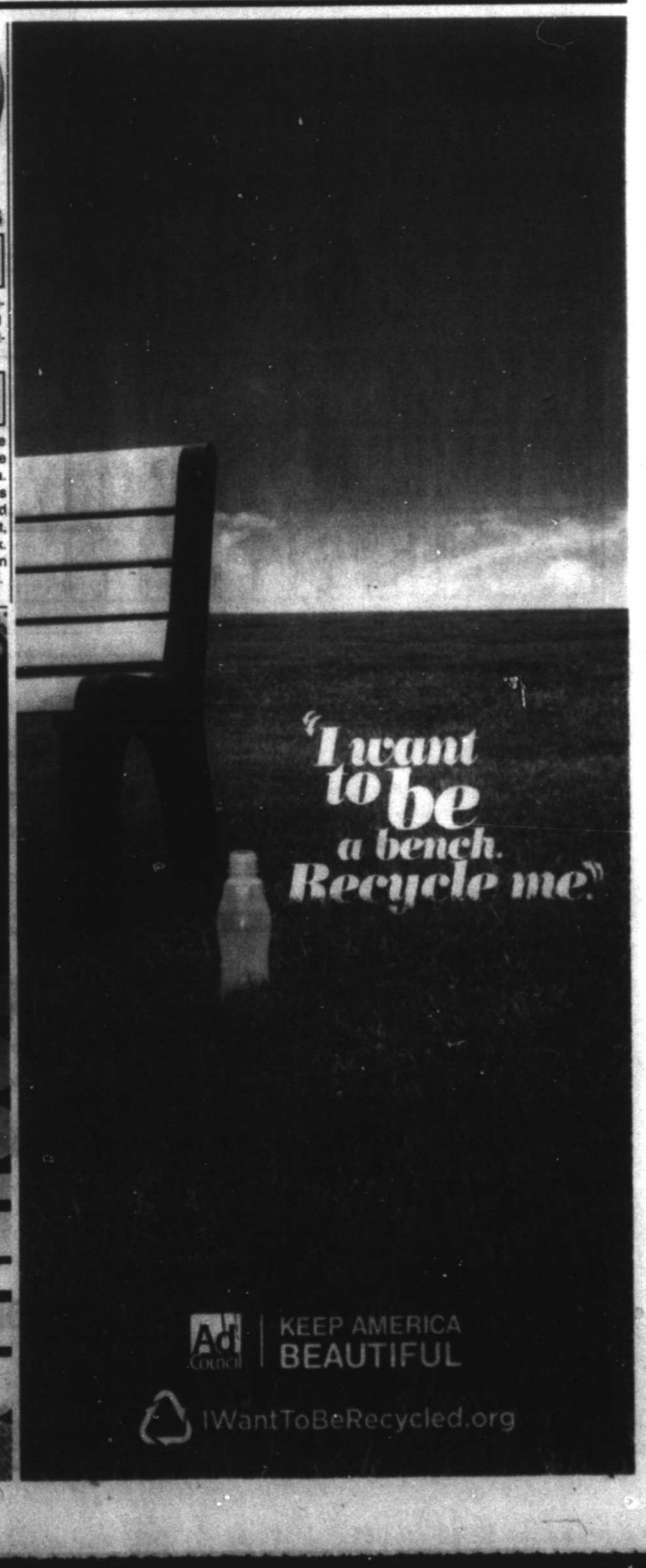
Mobile Homes for Rent

RVs and RV Spaces. All bills included. Call 432-770-7054 or 432-238-8048.

Mobile Homes for Sale

2011 CLAYTON Home Singlewide Mobile Home 16x80 3Bd/2Ba. Updated appliances and blinds, new wood flooring, 2 car carport, covered porch & deck. Currently on Lot, can be moved. $42,500. 432-250-8003.

Find it fast in the Midland Reporter-Telegram



Kid Scoop .com
THE SWEEP WINNING POINT & ONLINE FAMILY TERRITORY
Find Kid Scoop on Facebook
© 2016 by Vicki Willing, Editor Jeff Schinkel, Graphics Vol. 92, No. 16

WHAT DOES SPRING BRING?

BABY BIRDS

Spring is here! Birds are one of the most common signs of spring's arrival. In early spring they begin building nests, laying eggs and hatching the next generation.

Q: What should you do if you find a baby bird? Should you help it?

Replace the missing words.

SHELTER HELP EXPERT RAISE FUN WORRY ILLEGAL

A: The simple answer is NO. As much _____ as it would be to raise a baby bird of your own, it's best to let the young bird's parents _____ the little peeper. In fact, it's actually _____ for you to do so, and you could get a fine from your local wildlife management agency!

Since you can't raise a baby bird on your own, what should you do? Here are a few ideas:

- Call a local wildlife _____ to help. They may take the bird and raise it properly.
- **With your parent's** _____, put the bird back in its nest. (The old belief that mother birds won't accept a baby covered with a human's scent is false!)
- If the bird is in an exposed area, coax it to move someplace that offers _____, such as under a bush. Some birds, including killdeer and some waterfowl, actually lay their eggs on the ground, so don't _____ about them!

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple, written directions.

What do baby birds eat?

The main goal of every baby bird is to eat, eat and eat some more. Since they are growing, they need lots of protein to build new muscles and grow flight feathers. Some parent birds are known to bring food hundreds of times each day to the nest – something you definitely don't have time to do. That's why you need to leave feeding baby birds to their parents!

When is lunch?

Bird Menu

Different kinds of birds eat different kinds of food. Do the math to find out what each kind of bird eats.

19 Bald Eagle

17 Hummingbird

16 American Goldfinch

18 Northern Cardinal

11 + 5 = seeds
11 + 7 = insects and spiders
29 - 10 = fish, small animals
31 - 11 = earthworms
21 - 4 = flower nectar, bug slurry

20 American Robin

Special thanks to Perky-Pet® for their help with this page! Visit them at www.birdfeeders.com

Get a Free Hummingbird Feeder Kit from Perky-Pet®

Perky-Pet®, the world's top manufacturer of bird feeders, wants to help you celebrate spring by providing 10 lucky Kid Scoop readers with a free **Perky-Pet® Hummingbird Feeder Kit**, which includes a feeder, nectar packet, feeding guide and more! To enter to win, send a postcard with your name and address to:

Perky-Pet® Feeder Contest
c/o Kid Scoop
P.O. Box 1802
Sonoma, CA 95476

No purchase necessary. Entry must be received no later than 5/5/16. Void where prohibited.

Which hungry baby bird will catch the worm?

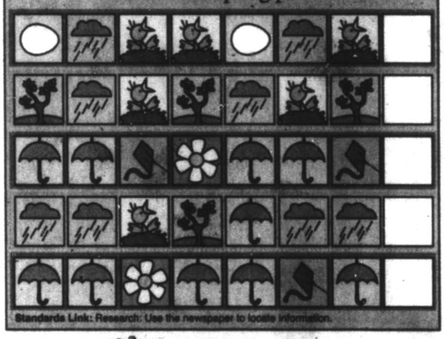
Extra! Extra! Signs of Spring

Look through the newspaper for pictures, words and illustrations that show it is Spring. Cut these out and make a poster all about Spring!

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Draw what comes next in each row to continue the spring pattern.



Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

GENERATION
WILDLIFE
HATCHING
EXPOSED
ADVICE
SPRING
EXPERT
GROUND
BIRDS
NESTS
RAISE
ALONE
LOTS
LAY
OWN

N	O	I	T	A	R	E	N	E	G
H	T	R	E	P	X	E	Y	G	L
A	I	T	B	T	C	A	A	N	L
T	E	E	F	I	L	D	L	I	W
C	S	E	V	O	R	O	P	R	E
H	I	D	N	E	E	D	T	P	O
I	A	E	N	E	S	T	S	S	W
N	R	D	E	S	O	P	X	E	N
G	R	O	U	N	D	P	E	R	R

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Stages of Life

Look through the newspaper to show animals and/or things in different stages of their lives. For example, you might find pictures of a seed, a young plant and an older plant. Try to find at least two pictures showing two stages.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Weekly Writing Corner

Signs of Spring

When I go for a walk, there are signs of spring. Here are a few: 1. the plants begin to grow. 2. There are more people in the park. 3. The weather warms up. 4. More birds come out. These are 4 signs of spring I notice when I go for a walk.

Aidan Montes,
4th grade, St Ann's

What I think signs of spring are when outdoor sports start. And when kids play outside more too. And when kids start wearing short more often.

Jameson Allen,
4th grade, St Ann's

When I go for a walk, I see other kids playing outside. I also see people inside pools, at the park, and in their cars with sunglasses. I see roses and tulips too. I see cars everywhere, I mean everywhere! I think people are sad when spring is over. Do you like spring?

Jaxon Rusch,
4th grade, St Ann's

When I go for a walk, the signs of spring I notice are different colors. And it's warm and cool outside. It's the perfect weather to go outside and have a good time with your family and friends. Another reason I love spring is because of everything that begins to bloom and is usually when baby animals are born. It is such a beautiful time of the year and my favorite season.

Maloree Holt,
4th grade, St Ann's

When I go for a walk in a park or around the house, I know when spring is coming. Trees and flowers are blooming. It gets hotter and warmer. Other thing I notice is people get ice cream and wear shorts, or short sleeve shirts. One last thing I notice that it is almost spring break!

Malaya Garcia,
4th grade, St Ann's

When I go for a walk the signs of spring I notice is when I see flowers start to grow. I also see trees grow and sprout new leaves and when I see baby birds and new nests. That's when I notice spring is coming.

Makenzie Seidel,
4th grade, St Ann's

When I'm walking in the park, I see signs of spring. The 1st sign of spring is a cardinal bird. The 2nd sign is lots of flowers. The 3rd sign is happy people. Those very nice signs I see when it's spring.

Morgan Callendar,
4th grade, St Ann's

Write On!

Memorial Day

What will you remember most about this past school year? Share your thoughts with other *Kid Scoop* readers.

Deadline: April 24
Published: Week of May 22
Send your story to:

Newspaper In Education
201 E. Illinois
Midland, TX 79701
ijdiaz@mrt.com
Please include your school and grade.

Chevron
OXY Permian
ATMOS energy
YARBOROUGH INVESTMENTS, L.P.
i'm lovin' it®
Thanks For Your Support Of The Midland Reporter-Telegram's Newspaper In Education Program.