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Producers seek to rally with mid-April summit

By Wael Mahdi, Mohammed Aly Sergie and Grant Smith
Bloomberg

Oil producers from OPEC and outside the group are finalizing a plan to discuss freezing output at a meeting in Qatar in mid-April, the latest move in a campaign by financially stricken crude exporters to shift the dynamics of an over-supplied market.

Qatar's oil minister said that countries would meet in the nation's capital Doha on April 17, without providing details of who would attend. While the participation of Iran is seen as critical for the deal to be effective, the meeting may go ahead without the Persian Gulf nation, according to two delegates who asked not to be identified because the talks are private.

Prices have rallied more than 30 percent since a mid-February proposal by Saudi Arabia, Russia, Venezuela and Qatar to cap oil output and reduce a worldwide surplus that had seen prices slump to 12-year low in January. The summit in April would seek commitments from a wider range of producers both within and outside the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Kuwait was the first other OPEC member to confirm it would attend, according to an emailed statement from its oil minister. Russian Energy Minister Alexander Novak, speaking to reporters in Moscow, said that 15 countries have confirmed they'll participate and that Iran is willing to join in.

April 17 is the latest and firmest date in a series of suggested times for follow-up talks on the freeze. Nigerian Petroleum Minister Emmanuel Kachikwu said on March 3 that those talks would be held in Russia on March 20. The next day, Russian Energy Minister Novak told state television channel Rossiya 24 that a meeting could take place between March 20 and April 1 in Russia, Doha or Vienna.

The proposed freeze "put a floor under oil prices," Qatari Oil Minister Mohammad Al-Sada said in an emailed statement on Wednesday. "To date, around 15 OPEC and non-OPEC producers, accounting for about 73 percent of global oil output, are supporting this initiative."

Oil rallied after the Qatari statement, gaining as much as 3.5 percent to $40.11 a barrel in London.

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Courtesy photos

Facebook page provides home for memories

By Stewart Doreen
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Independent petroleum landman and native Midlander Doug Heck knows this community as well as most.

He can appreciate what is truly Midland — whether he sees it in a picture taken about the time he was born here in 1959 or pictures taken when he graduated from Lee High School (1977) or when his children graduated from high school.

And for that reason, it seems entirely appropriate that Heck created a Facebook page dedicated to all things Midland, specifically "Old Midland," which happens to be the name of the page. It satisfies his "major interests" today (history, photography and computers) and creates a venue for his "fascination with how effective crowdsourcing can be given modern technology."

To that point, 8,600 people are members of "Old Midland," giving life to pictures that once were destined to stay boxed in someone's attic or inside a photo album in a cabinet drawer not opened since the Reagan administration.

Heck is a veteran of community journalism using digital media. A former project, the weblog (or blog) "Jessica's Well" was the preeminent news blog for years, providing a forum for city business and economic development issues in our community. His journalism with Jessica's Well was impactful enough that community leaders referenced what they were seeing on his site, and the Well's reporting even was the reason that community leaders avoided a $20 million economic development deal.

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Check "Old Midland" on Facebook to see Midland's past and present for yourself: www.facebook.com/groups/oldmidland.

Credit union takes opportunity to branch out, educate

By Trevor Hawes
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MyCommunity Federal Credit Union officially cut the ribbon Wednesday on its sixth branch in the Midland-Odessa area. And while expansion might seem like old hat, especially in a city known for its many financial institutions, opening MyCommunity's latest location was anything but routine.

The longtime Midland-headquartered credit union's newest branch is different for several reasons. Aside from the layout, which includes many modern concepts used in banking, its location is a MyCommunity first: inside a retailer — and a prime retailer, at that.

The deal

On Feb. 26, H-E-B opened its much-anticipated second location in Midland on Andrews Highway and Loop 250, and with it began the credit union's latest experiments in placement and design.

Putting financial institutions inside retailers isn't new.

"Supermarket branching has been around since the late 1980s," said Pat Clemens, Financial Supermarkets Inc. senior vice president and senior consultant. FSI has partnered with retailers and financial institutions for more than 30 years. The Cornelia, Georgia-based company works "with all the major players" around the county — such as Wal-Mart, Albertsons, Safeway and H-E-B.

Retailers often build locations with the intention of having a financial institution inside anchor the store in order to drive traffic, Clemens said. FSI unites retailers with financial institutions.

"We work with H-E-B, and they allow us to market on their behalf, and then, of course, they have their own internal marketing, as well," Clemens said Wednesday just after two comically large pairs of scissors cut a ceremonial ribbon for MyCommunity's new branch. "But that's basically how all of the retailers work, not just H-E-B. They use our services because we have a huge client base of financial institutions."

Clemens said retailers use FSI because it's difficult for them to get out and evaluate financial institutions in every community where the retailer wants to build.

"That's what we bring to the table," she said. "We let them know what their options are and generate interest."

H-E-B was interested in MyCommunity.

"When (FSI) called us, they said, 'We've heard good things about you; we know you're financially strong and have a good reputation. Would you be interested?'" MyCommunity President and

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WTI Posted	$34.75	▲ $1.75
WTS Posted	$30.15	▲ $1.75
Natural Gas	$1.886	▲ $0.017
Gasoline	$1.831	▲ $0.012

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Judge Walter David Counts III is one of five nominees for judicial vacancies in Texas, according to a press release. Page 4A

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Obituaries

A. Glen Barker

A. Glen Barker, 75, departed this life on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 in Bowie, Texas.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at the First Baptist Church of Montague, Texas. Burial will be at 3:00 p.m. following the service at Megargel Cemetery in Megargel, Texas.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 18, 2016 at the White Family Funeral Home.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the White Family Funeral Home of Bowie.

Glen was born January 5, 1941 just outside Hollis, Oklahoma to Claude and Lydia Smith Barker. He professed his belief in Jesus Christ at a young age. Glen graduated from Megargel High School in 1961 and Midwestern State University in May 1969 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He worked in long-term care for the State of Texas for 30 years until his retirement in 1993.

Subsequently he worked as a nursing home administrator until his final retirement in 2009.

He married Carolyn Ann LaMar in August 1962. They remained married until her death in 2004. In 2009, Glen moved to Bowie to be near his family. There he met and fell in love with Gerry Burch and the two were married in October 2012.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Claude and Lydia Barker; wife, Carolyn Barker; brothers, Larry Barker, Leon Barker, and Clarence Barker; and sister-in-law, Sonnie Barker.

Glen is survived by his wife, Gerry Barker of Bowie; son, Duane "Stewart" Barker and wife Carolyn of Norcross, Geogia; daughter, Rebecca "Becky" Etrella of Abilene, Texas; grandchildren, Amanda Adams Miller of Leesville, Louisiana, Erica Barker of Norcross, Hannah Barker of Norcross, Zane Estrella of Abilene, and Cayla Estrella of Abilene; step-daughters, Sharon Kerby of Austin and Rhonda King of Lewisville; step-grandchildren, Kelsey Whitesell and husband Drew, and Cody Gobin; one step-great-grandchild on the way; baby sister, Edith Lavon Foster and husband Bobby of Bowie; sister-in-law, Clem Barker Roper and husband John of Bowie; his beloved nieces and nephews; and he was a father figure to many young men and women and Grampy to their children.

He is also survived by his beloved companion, Hollis.



Anne Swendig

Anne Swendig, 83, of Midland, passed away on Friday, March 11, 2016.

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 19, 2016 at Grace Presbyterian Church in Midland.

Anne was born on June 19, 1932 in Groton, Massachusetts to Trescott Abele and Margaret Dahlen Abele. Anne was a Registered Nurse and came to West Texas with her husband, John, a Petroleum Engineer to whom she was married for 53 years.

She worked as a labor and delivery nurse at Midland Memorial Hospital. She "retired" and was instrumental in creating the Community Children's Clinic which opened in 1983. She served as volunteer director until the oil turn down and then worked as paid director and co-director until she retired again in 2002.

She was a devoted mother serving as a Cub Scout and Girl Scout leader and a tireless COM MOM (even after her children left for college). She attended countless sporting events for her children and her grandchildren.

She was involved in her church as an elder and in its ministry with Saint Andrews Children's Mission. She supported her community as a Meals on Wheels driver up until the time of her passing.

She loved her family, West Texas, the Texas Aggies, and played a vicious game of croquet.

She is survived by sons, John Swendig and wife Pam, and Brad Swendig and wife Julie; daughter, Susan Wisenbaker and husband Robert; grandchildren, Brett Swendig and wife Jessie, Kylee Swendig, Brad Jeffcoat and wife Gretchen, Sara Huffstetler, Shelly Swendig, Ashley Swendig, and Alex Swendig; and by great-grandson Ben Huffstetler.

She is preceded in death by her husband, John H. Swendig; and by her parents, Trescott and Margaret Abele.

The family would like to express their gratitude toward Muriel Saunders, Pastor Cheryl Homsher, and all of the members of Grace Presbyterian Church for their support and friendship. They would also like to thank the nurses and nurse's aides of Midland Memorial Hospital 7th floor for their loving care.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Community Children's Clinic, P.O. Box 3328, Midland, TX 79702

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Ina Earlene Jeffreys Fisher

Ina Earlene Jeffreys Fisher, 89, of Andrews, passed away on March 14, 2016 at her home in Andrews after a long courageous battle with cancer.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate her life and legacy at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2016 at First Baptist Church of Andrews with Pastor Brant O'Connor and retired Reverend H. A. Hanks officiating. Interment will follow in the original Andrews County Cemetery under the personal care of McNett Funeral Home in Andrews.

Earlene was born on October 2, 1926, in Runnels County, Texas, and was the only child of Tom and Ina Jeffreys. She grew up in Ector County, where her mother worked at the Post Office in Odessa and her father was employed by Phillips Petroleum Company and raised cattle, traded horses, and auctioneered on the side.

Following her graduation from Odessa High School in 1944, Earlene attended Texas Tech University and helped her parents move to Andrews during the beginning years of its oil boom where they opened a clothing store, beauty shop, and became pioneers in the West Texas restaurant business with the opening of their first restaurant, the "Jeffreys Café."

Like many of her ranching ancestors dating back to the initial settlers in Texas known as the "Old Three Hundred," Earlene loved horses and became a successful rodeo performer as a teenager and young adult. During the height of the "Western Era" in American entertainment and the years of World War II, she became a sought after "sponsor girl" representing several prominent ranches and counties in rodeos through the state of Texas.

Known for her outstanding beauty, personality, character, and horsemanship, she was selected in 1945 by Madison Square Garden promoter Everett Colburn to join an elite group of four young Texas women known as the "Texas Glamour Girls." This group promoted and participated in rodeos produced by Gene Autry and traveled by train across the country, performing alongside Roy Rogers in venues which included Madison Square Garden and Boston Garden.

When the tour ended, Earlene was confronted with the choice of returning to West Texas and making her future there or pursuing a career in California where the movie industry was actively seeking talent to appear in the growing number of Western movies. Several of her friends turned west to California and others went on to Europe as western entertainers, but, despite the appealing lure of Hollywood, when she got off the train in Ft. Worth, Earlene's heart pulled her home to her West Texas roots, and that was a pivotal decision she never regretted.

Shortly after her arrival back in West Texas, she was hired by the Andrews County School District to be the assistant to the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Thomas Hamilton, and, on June 13, 1946, she married the love of her life, rancher and professional roper, Marvin McKinley Fisher, Jr.

Throughout their 55 years of marriage, Earlene was his faithful partner and helped him work and manage the Fisher family's "-F Ranch", which was founded in Andrews County in 1908 by Marvin's father and mother, West Texas pioneers, Marvin McKinley Fisher, Sr. and Nola Grigg Fisher.

Earlene and Marvin had two children, Marvin Dan Fisher, born in 1951, and Nola Jan Fisher, born in 1953, and they encouraged and actively supported all their activities. They also assumed leadership positions in the community and were instrumental in the establishment of multiple organizations and facilities which have benefitted Andrews County and West Texas for many years.

Earlene always put the welfare of her family before her own personal pursuits, and following the graduation of her children from high school, at the age of 45, Earlene made the decision to return to college to fulfill her lifelong goal of obtaining a college degree and becoming a school teacher.

Her pursuit of higher education led her to take classes at Odessa College, Midland College, Texas Tech University, Sul Ross University, and The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, where she became the second student to enroll. She always said that she would have been the first to register at the new university if she had not been "cut off at the pass" by a young man from Midland.

Due to her love of learning and steadfast determination, she was able to graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree and Teaching Certification from The University of Texas Permian Basin in 1974, and later earned her Master's Degree in Education from Sul Ross University and her Language and Learning Disabilities certification as well.

At the age of 50, she realized her dream of becoming a school teacher and became one of the oldest first-time teachers ever hired by the Andrews Independent School District. She spent years teaching and loved every minute working with children with special needs.

During this period of time, she also earned her real estate agent and broker's licenses, as well as her life insurance agent and broker's licenses.

In 1989, Earlene retired from teaching and embarked on a new career in business, which included working with her relative Richard Raney, to invent and develop an award winning patent for the Fluorescent Light X-Ray Shield. She also designed the Slim Neck Exercise Collar and was selected as an honored member of the Who's Who of American Inventors for exemplary design in 1991.

Following the death of her husband in 2001, Earlene directed her focus toward pursuits which allowed her to work closely with her children and grandchildren. She and her family began purchasing and marketing mineral properties in various counties throughout the state of Texas, and she also acquired additional ranch properties which included the Bullhead Ranch in Andrews County, which expands in to New Mexico, and the J+ Ranch in Coleman County and in Runnels County. She continued to be actively involved with these ventures until the time of her death.

Earlene's love of the Lord and her unshakable faith was the foundation of her existence throughout her life. She was a long-time member of First Baptist Church of Andrews and actively involved with the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews for many years, an organization which benefitted immensely from her dedication and funding of the construction of multiple bomb shelters in Israel, as well as other important national humanitarian projects.

Earlene was also a consistent supporter of cowboy ministries. For 20 years, she and her husband hosted an annual "Cowboy Christmas" at their home on the "-F Ranch." It was a highly anticipated event attended by hundreds of fellow ranchers, cowboys, political, and community leaders throughout the country and resulted in many people accepting Christ.

Earlene's philanthropic spirit extended to various organizations benefitting the community and protecting Western heritage, including the preservation of the Shafter Lake Townsite and Cemetery and preservation of the J. S. Means Ranch House.

In 2007, she began co-sponsoring the M. M. Fisher, Jr. Memorial Steer Roping event, which honors her late husband and annually brings the country's top-rated PRCA steer ropers to Andrews. The day she passed away, this prestigious nationally recognized roping event was won by her grandson, Vin Fisher.

Earlene was also an active member in various organizations, including the Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames, Bridge Club, Garden Club, Texas Cattle Rancher's Association, National Association of Royalty Owners, and a founding member of the Andrews Country Club.

These are only a few of Earlene's lifetime accomplishments and contributions. Earlene personified the word "lady," and was courageous, resilient, and made a tremendous impact on all those who had the privilege of knowing her.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, and granddaughter, Ashley Lilene Marshall.

She is survived by son, Dan Fisher and wife Dr. Pamela Fisher of Andrews; daughter, Jan Fisher Greaves of Knoxville, Tennessee and Andrews; seven grandchildren, McKinley Morgan and husband Brent of Midland, Vin Fisher and wife Candace of Andrews, Travis Greaves and wife Holly of Washington, D.C., J. Tom Fisher of Andrews, Amber Barhorst and husband Dr. Clayton of Birmingham, Alabama, Jackson Greaves of Knoxville, and Shelby Greaves of Knoxville; and by eight great-grandchildren, Jett Fisher, Marshall Morgan, Danlee Fisher, Lyla Morgan, Mack Fisher, Desmond Morgan, Jay Barhorst, and Fisher Greaves.

Earlene loved flowers; however, the family asks that any person wishing to honor her in another way to please make donations to any of the following: First Baptist Church of Andrews (209 E Broadway Street, Andrews, Texas 79714); M.M. Fisher, Jr. Memorial Scholarship (P.O. Box 1923, Andrews, Texas 79714); or the National Cowgirl Museum's Ina Earlene Jeffreys Fisher Memorial Fund in Support of Education. Please include the memorial fund in the memo and make checks payable to: National Cowgirl Museum, 1720 Gendy Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76107.



Judge Dan Dane

Judge Dan Dane, 71, of Midland, passed away on Monday March 14, 2016. Memorial services will be held at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, March 17, 2016.

Judge Dane was born on July 28, 1944 in El Paso, Texas to Gene and Ruth Dane. He grew up in Deming, New Mexico where he was a drum major for the marching band, but also played in a dance band and with a small group of friends.

His extraordinary ethics were exemplified early on as he peddled doughnuts from his father's bakery to help support the family. This led him to earn his undergraduate degree in Economics from the University of New Mexico, followed by his Juris Doctorate from the University of Arkansas. Shortly afterward, he reported for military duty with the United States Army, having been drafted as a JAG officer in the Vietnam War. He served in this role through the fall of Saigon, barely escaping harm.

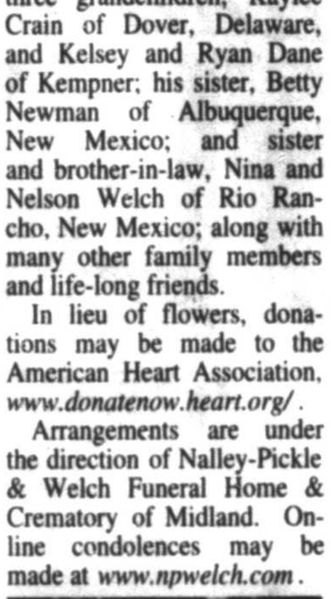
Upon his return, Judge Dane began a successful private law practice in Forrest City, Arkansas. In the mid-1980s, he was elected Prosecuting Attorney for the 1st Congressional District of Arkansas. He then worked for the FDIC, and while fulfilling that role received his appointment as a Federal Judge from Janet Reno. He served in this capacity until the time of his death.

Judge Dane loved and played music throughout his life, often entertaining gatherings with his ever present harmonica. He was a published author and enjoyed being outdoors. He was an active member of Redeemer Christian Fellowship and diligent in his service to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Amy, of Midland; son and daughter-in-law, Gene and Kelley Dane of Kempner, Texas; daughter and son-in-law, Natalia and Joseph Stankus of Williamsburg, Virginia; and son, Brandon Dane of Ft. Myers, Florida; three grandchildren, Kaylee Crain of Dover, Delaware, and Kelsey and Ryan Dane of Kempner; his sister, Betty Newman of Albuquerque, New Mexico; and sister and brother-in-law, Nina and Nelson Welch of Rio Rancho, New Mexico; along with many other family members and life-long friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association, *www.donatenow.heart.org/*.

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Malcolm Marion O'Bannon

Malcolm Marion O'Bannon passed away on Monday, March 14, 2016 after a lengthy illness. He was born August 3, 1939 in Big Spring, Texas to Malcolm and Freddy O'Bannon of Garden City, Texas, now deceased.

Malcolm retired from Bethlehem Glass and Mirror. He enjoyed retirement at Polo Park Assisted Living since 2014 where he made many good friends. His favorite pastimes were hunting and gun collecting and he was a gun club member. He was an avid reader of history and the American West with a great memory and gift of storytelling. He enjoyed sharing his stories with friends at Green's Café and Polo Park Retirement Center and with his family.

He is survived by his sister, Wilma O'Bannon Cunningham of Midland, Texas; nieces, Elaine Webb Booth of Montevallo, Alabama and Gloria Webb Elmore and husband Joe of Texarkana, Texas; nephew, Jerry Webb of Tolar, Texas; numerous grand and great nieces and nephews; and by many cousins and friends.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, March 17, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, March 18, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

The family would like to thank Midland Memorial Hospital employees and Hospice of Midland.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts to a charity of your choice is appreciated.

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Martha Julia Dolan "Curly"

Martha Julia Dolan "Curly", our beautiful loving mother, went peacefully to eternal rest on March 13, 2016.

She was born in Arcadia, Florida on June 28, 1918 to John and Lina Christ. Martha came to West Texas in 1940 after she married Wayne Dolan in Wauchula, Florida. She was a founding charter member of The First Presbyterian Church of Big Lake, where she was a pianist for 55 years. She was also a member of the Ladies Study Club, a Past Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star, and she was awarded "Citizen of The Year" for all her civic duties. Curly loved to pass her time with the following hobbies; gardening, embroidery, making ceramic dolls, and traveling with the Trail Blazers. She retired after 25 years as a bookkeeper of West Texas Utilities in Big Lake, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 41 years, Wayne Dolan; her parents; five brothers and sisters; her daughter, Olivia Lois Dolan; and granddaughter, Angie Dolan Gryder.

She is survived by her six children, Martha Yarbro of San Angelo, Waynette Dolan of Cibolo, Texas, John and Susan Dolan of Spring Branch, Mike and Kathy Dolan of Mertzon, Sue Davidson of Liberty Hill, Bill and Sue Dolan of Midland; and a special friend, Jan Baldwin, of Cibolo, Texas.

She is also survived by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The graveside service will be 1:00 p.m., Friday, March 18, 2016 at Glen Rest Cemetery in Big Lake with Reverend Dr. Roger Sidener officiating.

The family wishes to thank the following organizations for caring for our mother in her final days; Shannon Medical Center, Meadow Creek Nursing Center, and San Angelo Home Health Care.

In lieu of flowers, the following memorials can be made to Methodist Assistance at the First United Methodist Church in San Angelo, Texas or a charity of your choice.

Family and friends are invited to share condolences and sign the online register book at *www.harper-funeralhome.com* or in person at the funeral home.



Rene Guillermo Flores

Rene Guillermo Flores went home to be with his Heavenly Father on Thursday, March 10, 2016 from a sudden illness. He passed away at University Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas.

He was born on June 3, 1970 in CD. Camargo, Chihuahua, Mexico to Guillermo and Maria Teresa Flores. He was raised and educated in Camargo. He later moved to Kansas and Texas.

Rene met and later married Marisa in CD Camargo, Chihuahua on January 30, 2005. He was currently working with Eastern Oil Co. in Midland.

Rene enjoyed raising his roosters but mostly spending time with his loving wife, children and friends.

He is survived by his loving wife, Marisa Montes

Obituaries

Flores of Midland; two sons, Guillermo Enrique Flores and Jesus Rene Flores, both of North Dakota; two daughters, Fernanda Flores and Renata Flores, both of Midland; step-daughter, Delia Montes, also of Midland; his parents, Guillermo Flores and Maria Teresa Flores; his brother, Fernando Flores; and his sister, Emma Ester Flores, all of Camargo, Chihuahua Mexico.

He is also survived by two grandchildren, Alvaro Julian Aguilar and Daleysa Pulido, both of Midland; and by numerous uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Rosary was held on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held in Mexico.

Arrangements were made with Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to *pipkin@nts-online.net* or you can visit our website at *www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com*.

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Sharon A. Johnson

Sharon A. Johnson, 72, was received by her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on March 15, 2016 after a very courageous battle with cancer.

She was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on February 7, 1944 to Oscar and Clara (Braun.) At age three, the family moved to Chicago where she was raised. Sharon graduated from Taft High School in January of 1962. In 1966, Sharon graduated from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology.

During her senior year she met her husband-to-be, Terry S. Johnson. Sharon worked as an office manager at Fel-Pro in Evanston, Illinois from 1966-1968.

Sharon and Terry married on August 10, 1968. While her husband served as Lutheran minister in Iowa, she was a very supportive wife and a fantastic mother of her son Chris and daughter Charla.

Sharon was very innovative. She started her own business, a resale emporium in 1985. She also preserved the family pictures of her children as they grew by displaying them like a mural in the home and designed many other projects.

Sharon worked for Mohawk Manufacturing in Niles, Illinois from 1986-2004. Sharon moved to Midland with her husband in 2004 where she worked for Builders and Homeowners until her illness in 2014.

Sharon is survived by her husband, Terry; her son, Christopher Johnson (Dr. Premila Singh); and her daughter, Charla Johnson Treanor (Kevin.) She left behind her five well-loved grandchildren; Owen, Katie, Mia, Sophia, and Chase.

We thank God for her life as the pilot, navigator, motivator, and exemplar to her family. She was a humble Christian with a silent strong faith.

Burial will be in Strawberry Point, Iowa with her husband after he joins her in the blessedness of Heaven and God's presence.

Thank you to Hope Lutheran Church in Midland for your love and support. A special thanks to Hospice Midland, Visiting Angels, and lifelong friend, Carolyn Gimlich, for being with her in her life's journey.

Memorial donations may be made to the Johnson family, to be used at their discretion please.

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Genevieve Ann Kaiser

Genevieve Ann Smith Kaiser, 91, of Midland, passed away Saturday, March 12.

She was born March 31, 1924 to the late Gray Smith and Ruth Stinnett Smith in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Genevieve graduated high school in May, 1941. She then attended Oklahoma A&M (now OSU.)

She married Carl J. Kaiser July 25, 1942 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cathedral in Oklahoma City. After Carl returned from World War II, they resided in Oklahoma City until 1955. They then moved to Denver, Colorado, where they lived briefly before moving to Fort Worth, Texas in 1956, and then to Midland in January, 1957.

With the exception of two years spent in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Genevieve raised her family and made her home in Midland until her departure. She began a career in banking in 1969 and retired in 1987. She was an active member of PTA in Oklahoma City schools. She was also a member of Altrusa (Women Service Club) in Midland. She loved her children and grandchildren and she will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl J. Kaiser; her son, Keith E. Kaiser; her sister, Evelyn Sooter; and her parents, Gray Smith and Ruth Stinnett Smith.

She is survived by two sons, Terry N. Kaiser of Fayetteville, North Carolina and Scott J. Kaiser of Midland; two daughters, Vicky L. Green of Ft. Collins and Ridgway, Colorado and Kim M. Etheridge of Kemah, Texas; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one niece; and by one sister, Betty J. Wallace of San Andreas, California.

Cremation services are under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

Family messages and condolences may be emailed to *pipkin@nts-online.net* or you can visit our website at *www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com*.

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Death Notices

Dennis Allen Powell

Dennis Allen Powell, 60, of Muskogee, Oklahoma and Midland, Texas passed away Saturday, March 12, 2016.

Dennis is survived by his mother, Thelma Powell; two sisters; and by his daughter, Amber Spicer.

A memorial service is planned for a later date.

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

Mary Knox

Mary Knox, 83, of Midland, passed away on Sunday, March 13, 2016.

There will be a funeral service held at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

Merced Tabarez Marin

In our Heavenly Kingdom and in the loving arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is to be found a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and dear friend, Merced Tabarez Marin.

Mrs. Marin, 88, of Odessa, Texas, passed away Tuesday March 15, 2016.

She is survived by her husband, Vicente Marin; sons, Saul Marin and Jose Alfredo Marin; daughters, Rosaelia Gonzalez, Delma Jacquez, and Adelina Marin; and by one brother.

Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2016 at Hubbard Kelly Funeral Home Chapel with interment to follow at Ector County Cemetery Los Angeles Section.

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1. confusion; turmoil; jumble.
2. a confused hand-to-hand fight or struggle among several people.



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A little research uncovers Irish ancestors



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When I was in fifth grade, my teacher was talking about upcoming assignments and mentioned that one would be due "on the holiday, of course."

"Which holiday?" I remember asking.

My teacher called me by my full name and exclaimed, "Your ancestors would turn over in their grave!"

She was talking about my Irish heritage and the holiday in question was, of course, St. Patrick's Day. A little background: My teacher began her career at the same school where my grandma had been teaching for several years. Neither my grandma nor her seven sisters were shy about their Irish heritage and they were the type of colorful characters who people tend to remember.

I always think of that memory when St. Patrick's Day rolls around and, while I've celebrated it enough times in enough different ways to now remember the day, I must admit I was quite in the dark about just how Irish I was.

That's where ancestry.com comes in. Until 11:59 p.m. today, people can search ancestry.com's Irish records for free and also receive a discount on its ancestryDNA kit. My interest was piqued by a co-worker who ordered the DNA kit. I signed up for the 14-day free trial and went to work.

I became a woman possessed. A quick call to my dad with an explanation of the situation yielded the names back to my great-grandparents with a ballpark area of birth and death days. A similar call to my mom's mom (the teaching grandma) gave me the final tools.

Within a few hours, I had tracked down my dad's side clear back to the early 1700s in Delaware. My dad's mom was clearly descended from German immigrants. I haven't ascertained just when the first Burton came over on the boat, so we're just mutts at this point.

As for Irish? Well, while the 1700s Burtons remain a mystery, further down the line they married women with Irish ancestry down the line. My mom's side yielded a different story that sounds suspiciously like "Erin Go Bragh."

The lucky thing about the human race is that we tend to use the same names over and over again within families. As such, it wasn't necessarily hard to find family members — just figure out the line of succession. The coolest moment of this experiment was when I found a family photo of my great-great-grandfather that someone else posted on their family tree — a descendant of one of my great-great-grandfather's several siblings — and I recognized it because one of my great-aunts has a copy of the same photo. The best part: you can see the resemblance between him and his grandchildren.

To borrow an Irish pun, I finally struck gold: a birth date in Ireland and a death date in my home county. As such, it looks like my maternal grandma's great-grandparents were both born in Ireland about 145 years ago; they died in Illinois.

Just in time for St. Patrick's Day, I'm pleased that I can look at family traditions with more than just childhood fondness: wearing green, the Irish whiskey, the O'Hara tattoo on my cousin's arm, the resilient marks on so many of our faces that scream "Irish." It also reminds me of just where I get it from: My remaining grandma, now retired from teaching, was as excited as I am.

I recommend taking ancestry up on their offer of free Irish records, or taking a jab at their two-week free trial — just make sure you cancel before the trial is up if you don't want it longer. Maybe you'll find that mythical Native American grandmother that my paternal grandma swore we had down the line.

Michelle Obama tells SXSW crowd she won't run for president

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN— Michelle Obama showed off her vocal chops at the South by Southwest Music Festival but drew a round of disappointed sighs when she told the crowd she has no plans to run for president.

The first lady made her debut at the Austin showcase of buzzworthy bands and technology on Wednesday, sitting with Grammy winners Queen Latifah and Missy Elliott to talk about girls' education and empowerment.

But Mrs. Obama broke into song when reflecting on seven years in the White House. She said "time is almost up" before softly singing some of the Boyz II Men hit "It's So Hard to Say Goodbye to Yesterday."

Mrs. Obama says she'll most miss interacting with people as first lady — but says she has no presidential aspirations of her own.

"No, no. Not going to do it," she told the packed convention center crowd in liberal Austin.

She mentioned her teenage daughters, Malia and Sasha, as two of the main reasons.

"The daughters of a president. Just think about it. Come on, young people. Not so easy," Mrs. Obama said. "They've handled it with grace and with poise, but enough is enough."

President Barack Obama opened the festival last week with a talk about civic engagement, becoming the first sitting president to attend SXSW in the festival's 30-year history. He weighed in on Apple's legal fight against the federal government over encryption, and told a crowd of tech enthusiasts that Republican lawmakers in Texas aren't interested in making voting easier.

Mrs. Obama steered clear of hot-button topics. She instead promoted her "Let Girls Learn" initiative, which encourages world leaders to provide education opportunities to an estimated 62 million girls globally who do not attend school.

She also says she won't disappear from public view or slow down once she leaves the White House next year.

"Sometimes there's much more you can do outside the White House without the constraints, the lights and the cameras, and the partisanship," Mrs. Obama said. "There's a potential that my voice can be heard by many people who can't hear me now because I'm Michelle Obama, the first lady. I want to be able to impact as many people as possible in an unbiased way to try to keep reaching people. I think I can do that just as well by not being president of the United States."

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Today is St. Patrick's Day

Every year on March 17, the Irish and the Irish-at-heart across the globe observe St. Patrick's Day. What began as a religious feast day for the patron saint of Ireland has become an international festival celebrating Irish culture with parades, dancing, special foods and a whole lot of green.

Source: History.com

Things to do

■ MOSC: Lone Star Brass performs a Brown Bag Concert in the ClayDesta Atrium. 11:45 a.m., ClayDesta, 6 Desta Drive. Free.

■ Third Thursday Reading Program, 4:30 p.m., George W. Bush Childhood Home, 1412 W Ohio Ave. Will feature "A Tale for Easter." The free children's reading event will offer free copies of the book to those in attendance. 432-685-1112. bushchildhoodhome.org.

■ Adult Class: Knife Skills, 7 p.m., Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Drive. Wine and beers are welcome with a $10 corking fee. Dinner included. 7 p.m. $60. Hightfoods.com.

■ An Evening with Bill Nye, The Science Guy as presented by the Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series, 7:30 p.m., Chaparral Center at Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield St. Free. midland.edu.

■ Erin Express Party Bus bar crawl by Midland Shuttle Services, 7 p.m. MSS will chauffeur registered guests to Tilted Kilt, Beer Garden, Proof and The Bar. Guests will be shuttled from and to their house. 21 and over only. $89 per person. To register, call 432-695-6282 or visit midlandshuttleservices.com.

■ Party on the Patio with Phil Hamilton and Noel Olivas, 8 p.m., Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. Haciendamidland.com.

■ Aaron Einhouse, 9 p.m., Rookin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. rockinrodeomidland.com.

For more information on events this weekend, check out the Weekender in today's Reporter-Telegram.

Support groups, club meetings today

■ New Beginnings cancer support group, 8:30 a.m., Texas Oncology - Allison Cancer Center, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Suite 100. 218-8714, fatima@giftsofhopemidland.org.

■ Diabetes Support Group for Spanish Speakers, 2-3 p.m., Casa de Amigos; sponsored by Midland Memorial Hospital; 221-3286.

■ 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.

■ Diabetes support group meets 6:30-7:30 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch; sponsored by Midland Memorial Hospital; 221-3286.

■ Permian Basin Needle Arts Chapter of The Embroiderers' Guild of America, 7 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church, 3000 W. Golf Course Road. Paula Millhollon, 770-3156.

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

■ Oops Alley Clowns of West Texas, 520-3512.

Bunny Breakfast

The 23rd annual Bunny Breakfast hosted by the Midland Northside Lions Club is 7-10 a.m. Saturday at Midland Park Mall. Tickets are $6 each for sausage biscuit, scrambled eggs, potatoes, fruit, coffee, milk and juice. Door prizes will be given away and there will be a DJ, juggler and mascots in attendance.

Tickets are available at Abacus Computers at ClayDesta Center, Dillard's Customer Service and Liberty Tax Service.

SHARE your change

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

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

Lottery

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Pick 3 day: 7-6-1
Pick 3 evening: 8-0-5
Pick 3 night: 4-1-2
Daily 4 morning: 5-2-1-9
Daily 4 day: 5-8-0-5
Daily 4 evening: 6-9-7-0
Daily 4 night: 5-7-9-0
Cash Five: 14-18-19-26-35
Lotto Texas: 2-6-9-22-39-53
Powerball: 10-12-13-46-50 PB: 21 Power Play: 3
Triple Chance: 1- 14- 17- 23- 30- 32- 35- 42- 44- 53
All or Nothing morning: 1-3-4-8-9-10-15-17-18-20-21-24
All or Nothing day: 1-2-5-8-9-10-11-14-18-19-20-22
All or Nothing evening: 4-9-10-11-13-14-15-16-19-21-22-24
All or Nothing night: 1-2-3-8-10-11-12-13-14-17-21-24

Today in history

Today is Thursday, March 17, the 77th day of 2016. There are 289 days left in the year. This is St. Patrick's Day.

On this date:

In 1912, the Camp Fire Girls organization was incorporated in Washington, D.C., two years to the day after it was founded in Thetford, Vermont. (The group is now known as Camp Fire USA.)

LOCATION

From 1A

CEO Donna Neal said at the credit union's headquarters Tuesday. "We said yes."

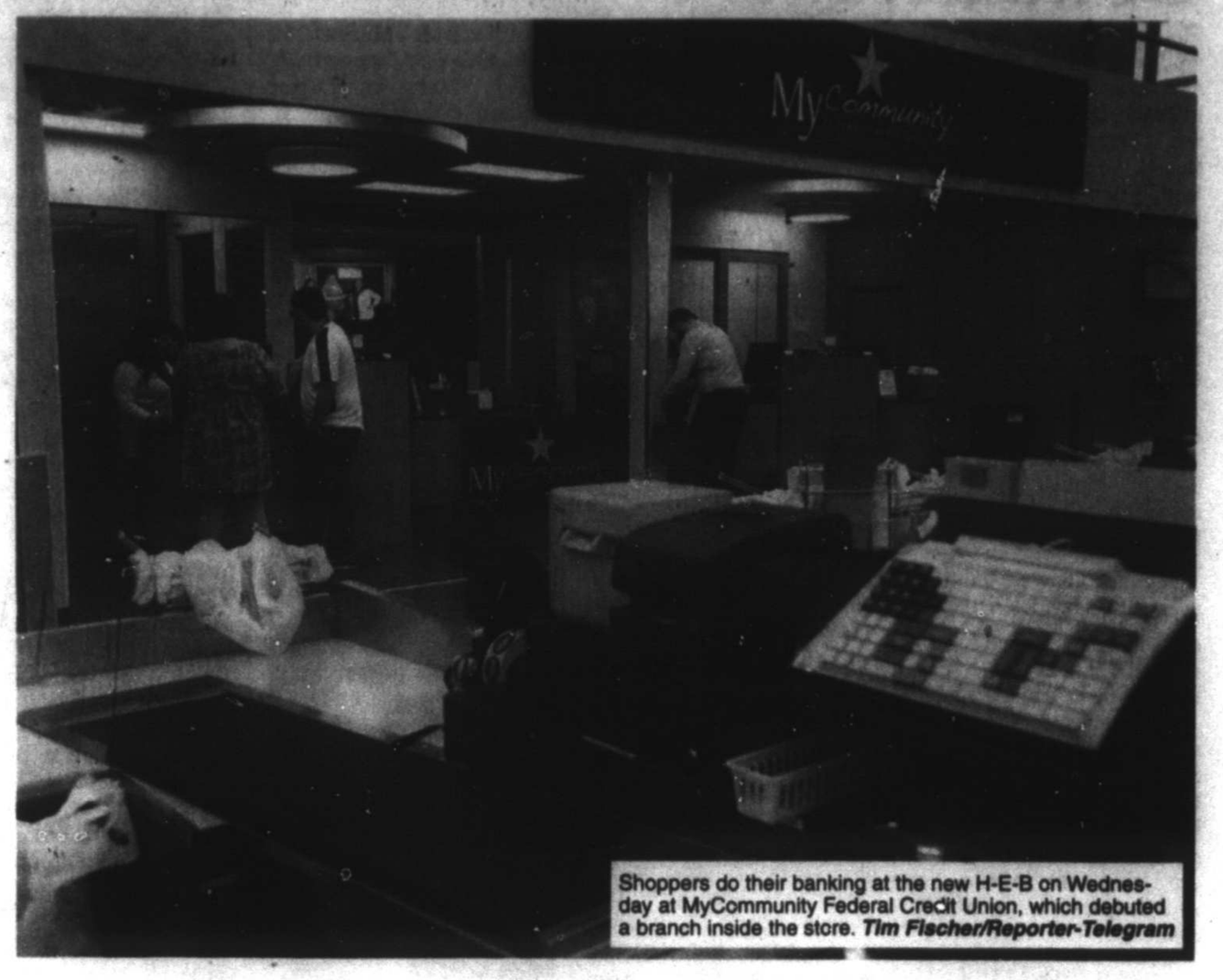
After filling out paperwork, writing a letter of intent and visiting with FSI face-to-face, MyCommunity was in the running. But there was competition, and the credit union wasn't the first financial institution to be offered a spot in the new H-E-B.

"Interestingly enough, I got the call that said, 'Wow, I'm so sorry, Donna, but they have another partner in one of their other grocery stores, and they always like to allow those people to have first choice, and this person has come forward and said they want to be in this store, and I am so sorry,'" Neal said.

However, the downturn in oil prices that has challenged the local economy might have worked in MyCommunity's favor.

The economy "started taking a little bit," Neal said, and FSI contacted MyCommunity to say H-E-B's partner had pulled out, and the Texas-favorite grocery chain extended its offer to allow the credit union to open a branch.

"I respected that if you're a quality partner, H-E-B is going to give you the first opportunity in any future opportunities as opposed to bringing a new partner in," she said. "So, I liked the fact that if we get in there and prove to be a good partner that we will have some future opportunities."



Shoppers do their banking at the new H-E-B on Wednesday at MyCommunity Federal Credit Union, which debuted a branch inside the store. *Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram*

Banking done differently

The new branch is unlike any other that MyCommunity has. It's the credit union's first foray into locations inside a retailer and the design implements trends becoming popular in the banking industry.

For starters, tall counters have been replaced with low pods, where teller and client can stand shoulder-to-shoulder.

"Rather than have an interaction over the counters, it's on the sides of the tables, and the screens swivel," Neal said. "So, when (tellers) do a transaction with (members), they're standing next to them as opposed to across the desk from them. ... It's like having a more intimate, personal conversation."

The pod concept is a hot trend in banking.

"More and more financial institutions are getting away from the standard teller line," said Clemens, who noted that FSI not only connects retailers with financial institutions, but also designs and constructs the branches. "There are two pods set up (at the H-E-B branch), and that creates more of a concierge atmosphere."

Another trend in place at MyCommunity's new branch are stations where clients can use the Internet for online banking.

"Those welcome customers in to do a variety of things, either with the associates here or independently — and that's key," Clemens said. "As you get more into mobile banking, getting access to the technology inside the branches is getting more and more crucial because people will stop in to look at their account."

Clemens said the Internet stations allow clients to embrace the technology that financial institutions offer.

Teaching clients how to use Internet-based products and services is critical, Neal said.

"As time goes on, there are those that believe — and I'm one of them — that there's not going to be as much of a need for brick-and-mortar because mobile banking is what's important. ... Aside from getting cash, there isn't anything you can't do at home."

This includes remote deposit capture, where checks can be photographed and deposited by use of a smartphone app.

"I really thought, 'OK, not that many people get checks anymore; this is just kind of a fun thing to have,' but people want it," Neal said. "I didn't think it was really going to get used a lot, but boy was I wrong. It is crazy how much money comes through remote deposit capture."

While that figure is as secure as a bank safe, its heavy use is just one of many ways people make use financial institutions' services differently these days.

There still will be instances, however, that a customer will need to visit a branch.

"Now, depending how sophisticated the transaction is, you'll want to come in," Neal said. "If you have brokerage services, you'll want to come in and sit down with your broker and talk about your investments. Or, if it's a mortgage, a lot of people want to come in and do that in person.

"But, if you're getting a car loan, you're getting a credit card, you're opening an account, you're ordering checks, you're transferring money, you're putting a stop-payment, you're doing a wire transfer — any of those things, you can do them from home."

This is where the Internet stations come in. MyCommunity has them available for convenience but also to educate its members about the many tasks they can do on their own. Neal, however, doesn't see MyCommunity's branches slowing down any time soon.

She recognizes a distinct neighborly and friendly culture in Midland and that "people in West Texas want that personal touch."

"Here in West Texas, a lot of people come into the branch because they want that personal interaction," she said.

And many already have taken advantage of MyCommunity's convenient new location.

"We have seen a lot of accounts," Neal said. "At the end of (February) when H-E-B opened ... we opened a lot of new accounts, took IRA deposits, made several debit cards, took a loan application. They did a little bit of everything."

The new branch's employees are experienced and were moved from other branches.

"It's a full-service branch with a high-level staff," Neal said. "They have the ability to do a loan, deposit (or) take a loan application."

And while they can't, per H-E-B policy, open an account or talk interest rates in the shopping area, you might very well interact with them in the aisles through games, contests and other incentives to get you back to the branch.

Whether it's an impromptu cart race or a celebration of Oreo Cookie Day, new ways of attracting members complements new ways of banking at the new branch, and MyCommunity sees the H-E-B partnership as an exciting step forward.

Like Trevor on Facebook and follow him on Twitter at @HowdyHawes

MEMORIES

From 1A

And Heck has put his stamp on "Old Midland," mixing the old and new because the site also provides a place for Heck to display his best work above ground with video taken from his drone. His "Dronesweeps" provide a different point of view of that location a newcomer has driven by hundreds of times and also jogs the memories of those who are long-timers. Because sometimes the more Midland changes, the more Midland stays the same.

The following is information and a Q&A with Doug Heck, creator of the "Old Midland" Facebook page.

■ **Occupation:** Independent petroleum landman

■ **Years living in Midland:** Born (1959) and raised here. Only gone for college and a brief internship in Washington, D.C. (1982)

■ **Education in Midland:** Fannin Elementary, Goddard, Austin Freshman, Lee High School Class of 1977

Reporter-Telegram: Why did you come up with the idea of the "Old Midland" Facebook page and what were your expectations for it?

Heck: It was a natural combination of several of my major interests (history, photography and computers) and my fascination with how effective crowdsourcing can be given modern technology. The original idea is/was this: Everyone has family photographs hidden away in drawers or closets or garages ... many, many of which show a piece of Midland history. Take that photo of your Uncle Ted that you have looked at so many times you don't even see it anymore. What is in the background? Say, isn't that the original Agnes' Cafe in the background? That is what we are looking for.

OK, so we have identified the resource. Now, how do we share that piece of photographic history with others? In this case, Facebook turned out to be the answer. A dedicated website could be used, but that takes a lot more resources and time (and money) to administer. Having this on Facebook removes all of those hassles.

As much as we have posted on the "Old Midland" page already, I have to believe that we have barely even touched what is still out there. You have to figure that every family that even owned a camera has their own photo of the 1968 flood. But how many has anyone seen other than their own and what was in the paper? Now, they can be shared with everyone.

MRT: With more than 8,600 members, have your expectations changed?

Heck: My expectations for the site itself haven't changed, but I have been pleasantly surprised by several things. Mainly, people connecting/reconnecting with each other in the comments sections. My favorite is in the comments section of the "Dronesweep" footage taken at Fairview Cemetery. I apologized up front for the footage because I could see where some could think it a bit disrespectful to fly a drone there (even though I was the only person there at the time). It was a huge hit, especially with people who had family buried there. And in the string of comments, there was one lady thanking me for the footage and saying that her mother was buried there and that she had not been able to get back to visit her for years. Just a few comments down from hers, a guy asks her where her mother is buried ... so he can take her flowers when he goes. How cool is that?

Links worth looking at

■ Fairview Cemetery Dronesweep: https://www.facebook.com/groups/oldmidland/permalink/883637895022605

■ "Snow Day" from The Wemple Collection: https://www.facebook.com/groups/oldmidland/permalink/909453672441027

MRT: What are people who haven't been to your Facebook group missing?

Heck: Two things get missed in this case. 1) They miss out on a lot of very interesting photos (and other media) concerning old Midland. 2) Depending on what they have in their closets and shoeboxes, we all miss out on their photographs.

MRT: Has there been a post to "Old Midland" that even caught you by surprise regarding Midland's past.

Heck: I've not seen anything that has surprised me, really. It is more like being delighted by getting something that I just knew had to be out there somewhere. Like the home movies from the 1930s and 1940s from the Wemple family. The "Wemple Collection" we call it. My favorite is "Snow Day."

MRT: You have experience making an impact in the community with digital projects. Your previous weblog really set a new standard for community participation in government. What do expect will be the future of community journalism with social-media hubs like Facebook and other sites?

Heck: I wish I had such foresight. I think it is good that it is easier to get opinions and/or information distributed widely with greatly diminished costs. And, sure, the Internet is blind to the quality of the information that gets published. But in the end it is better for people to have everything and let them sort it out themselves than to create an arbitrary (or non-arbitrary but slanted) screen on the information available. Blogs are a great tool for the masses ... whether they be focused on local politics or German Shepherds. But writing stuff worth reading takes time and sometimes a toll. Ten years was enough.

Magistrate Walter Counts nominated for judicial post

From staff reports

Judge Walter David Counts III of Midland is one of five nominees for judicial vacancies in Texas, according to a press release from U.S. Sen. John Cornyn's office.

Counts has been nominated for the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas. He would succeed Judge Robert Junell, who is retiring. Counts currently is U.S. magistrate for the district.

"Texans deserve the best and brightest legal minds on the bench, and I was proud to recommend each of these well-qualified individuals to the White House," Cornyn said in a statement. "Our judicial system necessitates fair, impartial, and independent jurists, and each of these nominees fit the bill."

The nominees were recommended to the White House after being screened by the bipartisan Federal Judicial Evaluation Committee, according to the release. Cornyn and Sen. Ted Cruz established the panel of attorneys to help identify the most qualified candidates to fill judicial vacancies. The committee reviews applications, interviews candidates and makes recommendations to the senators.

The other nominees are Judge E. Scott Frost, James Wesley Hendrix and Judge Irma Carrillo Ramirez, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas; and Karen Gren Scholer, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas.

SUMMIT

From 1A

There are reasons to be doubtful that the planned freeze can radically alter an oil market that's fallen victim to a global fight for market share, causing stockpiles to rise to a record: Most significantly, Iran is seeking to increase production after the end of economic sanctions and has said it won't participate in any accord until its output has recovered.

Iran boosted output by 187,800 barrels a day to 3.13 million a day in February, the biggest monthly gain since 1997, OPEC said in a report on Monday.

Brazil will also add more than 100,000 barrels of supply this year and has shown little interest in taking part.

"We will now see if OPEC and Russia are able to freeze the bears in the oil market," said Olivier Jakob, managing director at consultants Petromatrix GmbH. "The significance of the agreement is that it could remove the perception that OPEC is fighting for market share."

Other forces have driven prices higher in recent weeks. Outages from Iraq and Nigeria have disrupted more than 800,000 barrels a day of supply and tightened the Brent market, according to Citigroup Inc. And falling drilling activity in the U.S. shale industry has seen analysts raise forecasts for declines in North American production.

One key question is how fast shale production could come back if OPEC and some non-OPEC producers succeed in driving prices higher.

Judge says government must act on gas lease on sacred land

By Matthew Brown
Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — A federal judge accused the Obama administration Wednesday of trying to "run the clock out" on a pending decision on an oil and gas lease near Glacier National Park that's been held up for several decades.

U.S. District Judge Richard Leon gave the Interior Department 24 hours to act on the matter. The 6,200-acre lease is in Montana's Badger-Two Medicine area, considered sacred by the Blackfoot tribes of the U.S. and Canada.

The Interior Department said in November it intends to cancel the lease, but it has yet to follow through. Lease owner Solenex LLC of Baton Rouge, Louisiana wants to drill for gas on the site and says its 1982 lease remains valid.

The company sued in 2013 to challenge a longstanding suspension of the lease.

Leon has repeatedly expressed frustration in recent months over the government's handling of the case.

On Wednesday, he accused Justice Department attorney Ruth Storey of acting "silly" when she suggested the latest delay was out of deference to the court, according to a transcript of a Wednesday hearing in federal court in Washington D.C.

"It's pretty clear what's been going on at the government. They're running the clock out," Leon said. "They want to get through this administration....obviously the time has come for a court, some federal court somewhere to say enough's enough."

Leon, who was nominated to the federal bench by former President George W. Bush, is perhaps best known for challenging the government's National Security Agency phone records collection program.

He rejected a request from Storey to give the government more time to act.

Justice Department spokesman Wyn Hornbuckle declined comment following Wednesday's hearing.

The Solenex lease is on the site of the creation story for the Blackfoot tribes of southern Canada and the Blackfeet Nation of Montana. It's located just west of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation within the Lewis and Clark National Forest.

Dozens more oil and gas leases were originally sold in the area. Over the years, most were retired or surrendered by their owners. But 18 remain, most of them held by Devon Energy of Oklahoma, according to federal officials.

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack recommended canceling all the leases in an Oct. 30 letter to Interior Secretary Sally Jewell.

Oil is in spotlight, but natural gas woes may be bigger deal

■ COMMENTARY

By Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

Oil may be bouncing back from punishing prices, but its sibling natural gas is still sliding, tempering hopes that the energy sector could be on the mend.

Oil prices get most of the attention because they help determine what consumers pay for gasoline, but natural gas is arguably wreaking greater havoc, hurting drillers, liquefied natural gas exporters, electric utilities and even renewable energy companies.

Natural gas prices are down 32 percent from this time last year, while West Texas Intermediate oil is down 18 percent. Natural gas prices peaked at $15 for a million British thermal units in 2005, but this week they are about $1.80 on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

That's hurting Houston's energy companies and the oil field services providers that work for them. Natural gas is an important part of the income from most oil wells, while pure natural gas wells are a staple of the Barnett Shale in North Texas and the Eagle Ford play in South Texas.

Like oil, horizontally drilled wells and hydraulically fractured shale flooded the market with an oversupply of gas. But unlike oil, the natural gas glut shows no sign of easing.

Natural gas producers have made remarkable progress in bringing down the cost of wells in recent years. Domestic production is 2.4 percent higher than last year even though the number of operating natural gas rigs has dropped to the lowest level since Baker Hughes started keeping track in 1944.

Making matters worse, a warm winter killed demand for natural gas heating, and the U.S. has 2,479 billion cubic feet in storage, which is 58 percent higher than last year and 42 percent above the five-year average.

Electricity generators are trying to take advantage by closing expensive old coal-fired plants and replacing them with cleaner, more efficient natural gas turbines. Natural gas will generate 33 percent of the nation's electricity this year, exceeding coal's portion for the first time, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Texas generators in particular are shutting down coal-fired generation in favor of natural gas, at least until demand for electricity picks up again this summer, according to Houston-based energy investment banker Tudor Pickering, Holt & Co.

Petrochemical companies are building refineries to soak up some of the cheap gas, investing more than $50 billion along the Houston Ship Channel. But they will use only a small slice of the raw natural gas, primarily ethane and associated liquids.

None of those changes, however, seem to make a difference. Electricity demand in the U.S. dropped 1.1 percent in 2015, the fifth drop in the last eight years, according to the EIA. Greater energy efficiency and a slowing rate of economic growth are the key reasons Americans require less power.

As a result, Moody's Investors Service expects U.S. natural gas prices to average $2.25 in 2016, $2.50 in 2017 and $2.75 in 2018. The only way it breaks $3, the level that the industry says is necessary to be profitable, is if the U.S. becomes a major exporter of liquefied natural gas.

While the first shipment of U.S. LNG left Cheniere Energy's plant at Sabine Pass two weeks ago, the global market is facing a massive oversupply. Multi-billion-dollar projects planned five years ago, when prices were still high, are coming online across the Middle East and Asia.

Cooling natural gas into a liquid for export adds about $5 to the price, and transportation can add another $1. The spot price for LNG in Asia last week was $5.34, according to Platts, the main provider of energy market data.

China's economic slowdown and Japan's decision to restart nuclear power plants were the main reasons for the slump in demand, and the collapse in prices. Asian natural gas contracts are also frequently tied to the price of oil, which has led many traders to move more contracted gas onto the market.

These low prices hurt the entire energy industry.

Exploration and production companies that borrowed money to drill the wells don't have the revenue they expected to pay back the loans. Banks that lend to these companies are re-evaluating lines of credit for producers, which are based on the value of the natural gas still in the ground. A credit squeeze is coming.

Low natural gas prices hurt electricity generators because their profits are based on margins above the fuel price. When gas prices are low, so are their profits.

In deregulated electricity markets, like Texas, owners of hydroelectric dams, wind farms and solar arrays also suffer because natural gas is the marginal fuel cost. Low natural gas prices make those sources of electricity less competitive.

Natural gas promoters are scouring the land for new demand, including using compressed natural gas to power vehicles. But such proposals are suspect and will take decades to implement. The only reliable source of new demand comes from shutting down coal plants and replacing them with natural gas, which is something Texans should cheer.

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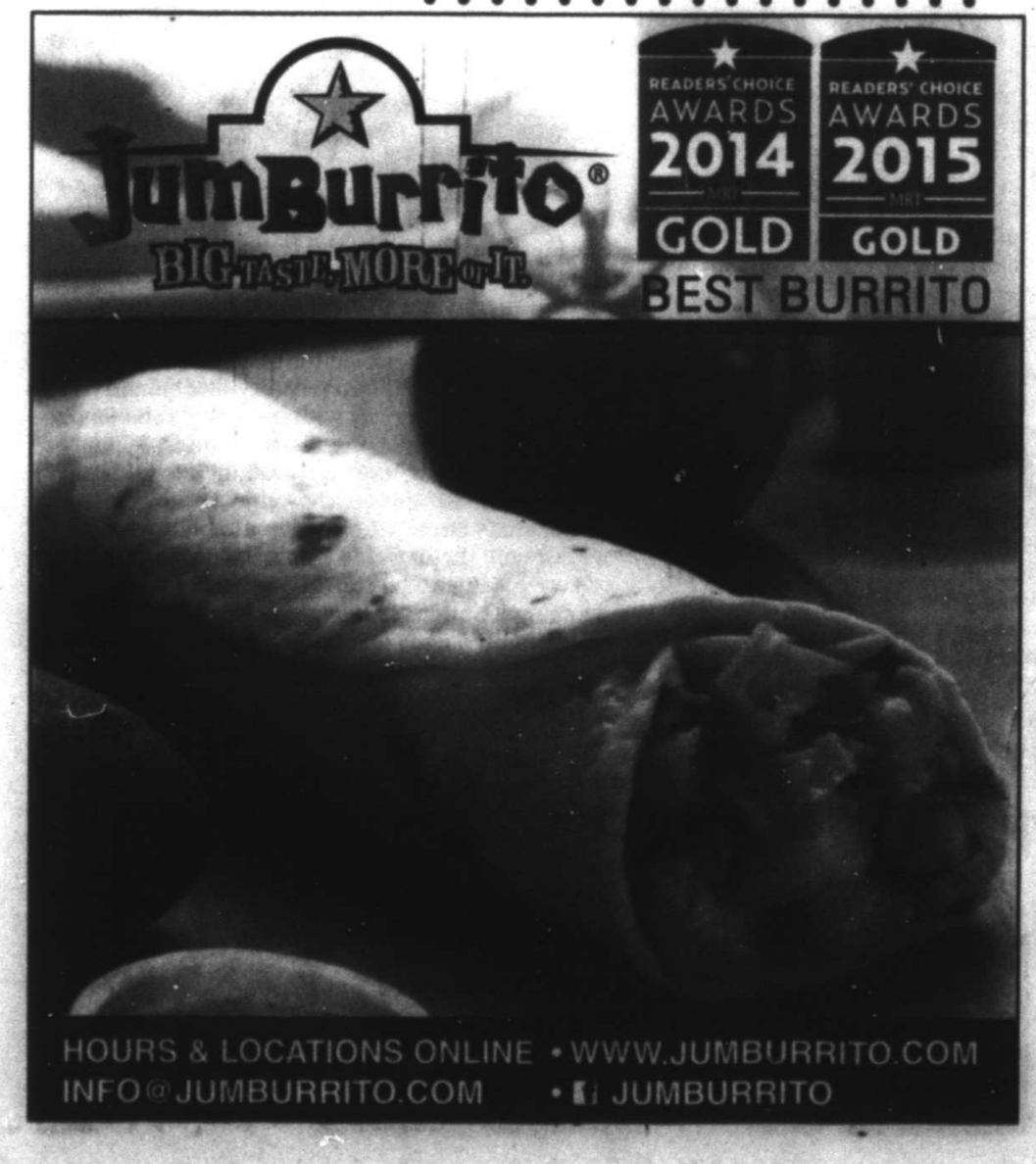
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OPINION

Donald Trump rides shotgun on anger express

■ The frontrunner is taking the easy way to the nomination by tapping into the anger of an electorate and letting the clicks follow



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Donald Trump, victim of the shutting down of free speech, after he had to cancel a Chicago rally over security concerns. Or should we say: Donald Trump, PR genius who garnered even more breathless headlines over the weekend than anyone could have expected?

Either way, all the people biting their knuckles about the coming waves of Trump-induced violence need to regain some perspective and look in the mirror for a sure-fire solution.

Let's start with the news coverage that followed the cancellation of Trump's Chicago speech:

"Donald Trump's Heated Words Were Destined to Stir Violence, Opponents Say," "The Chicago Anti-Trump Protest Was Only the Beginning" and, the most sensational of all, Talking Points Memo's "Someone Will Die." There was the poor-Donald-was-muzzled angle, too, with several variations on "Free Speech Trumped in Chicago."

Oh, the humanity!

It's incredible that anyone could possibly take this supposed turning point in the Trump campaign — the one that singlehandedly reinforces Trump's angered working-class whites' sense of marginalization by liberal America and the media — as anything other than the reality TV show setup it so clearly is.

We're really supposed to believe that Trump planned a speech on a college campus on the south side of Chicago where the student population is nearly 50 percent nonwhite without expecting to incite protesters and supporters into shutting the whole thing down? (The Chicago Police Department denied having recommended to Trump that the rally be halted, putting the dramatic cancellation solely on the candidate.)

You know what would have happened if Trump had picked a more neutral venue for his stump speech? Not much.

In fact, there wasn't nearly as much coverage of Trump's speech in Central Illinois, delivered last Sunday, during which he said, "Your taxes are through the roof, your companies are leaving you. You have nothing going."

Ouch, this is 100 percent true. But the fact that the Midwest has been hollowed out by a manufacturing base that has fled the country isn't nearly as easy to turn into national news outlet click bait.

By canceling the Friday night speech, Trump won a weekend's worth of news coverage, social media chatter, angst-filled think pieces and first-hand-accounts of the incident.

Trump got to claim that he was, effectively, shouted down by an unruly mob, his acolytes got to complain that the left deprived them of their right to assemble, and his detractors got to act as though roving bands of Trump supporters are going to be emboldened into acts of mass white-on-minority violence.

And you know what? People are eating it up. With the Super Bowl and the Oscars in the rearview mirror, we've reverted to our regularly scheduled national pastime: pique and social-media-fueled outrage.

New York Times columnist Ross Douthat put it succinctly a few weeks ago: "The reality TV element in Trump's campaign is a kind of fun-house-mirror version of the celebrity-saturated Obama effort in 2008. Presidential politics has long had an escalating celebrity component, a cultish side that's grown ever-more-conspicuous with time."

What else might we have expected of a candidate who is a professional entertainer and a page-view-driven media that thrives on a society that seems to care more about spectacle than substance?

It's effortless to tweet your dislike of a politician or even head down to a local campaign stop to see what all the commotion is about. It's far more time-intensive to canvass a neighborhood on behalf of a candidate, volunteer for a phone bank or train to be an election judge and then drag yourself out of bed to set up a polling place at 5 in the morning on Election Day.

Anger is easy. Those who are really committed to ensuring their vision for the best next president aren't getting distracted by the updated-by-the-second rage machine that is the Internet; they're spending their weekends registering people to vote, helping people get their driver's licenses or practice for an upcoming U.S. citizenship test.

Donald Trump is a spectacle that feeds his fans' love and his detractors' hatred but we need not buy into his carefully constructed carnival of anger. Trump is only one part of a media-propelled outrage apparatus that is making money from sowing fear among people who might otherwise just engage in meaningful, face-to-face conversations.

Why not give that a try?

OUR VIEW

Left-of-center Trump still will have work to do come November

So how many Republicans in Midland are excited about a likely general election between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump? We mean, besides the 18 percent to 25 percent of the Midland County electorate that will vote for the Democrat.

In our view, a Trump vs. Clinton battle will not be between liberal vs. conservative but left of center vs. progressive. It's just that the candidate left of center on most issues (and has been for most of his life) wants to build a really huge wall along the border and says Mexico will pay for it.

So for all those conservatives who said they held their nose voting for Mitt Romney, how's he looking now?

Based on the limited things Donald Trump has said on the campaign trail, we know there is no plan to fix entitlements, picking Supreme Court justices will be a crapshoot, and the nation's debt may or may not go down.

For all of you wanting to stick it to Planned Parenthood, you're going to have to wait. Trump appears not to have it in him.

He really has not provided a military strategy, other than expecting others to pay for our interventions. He also won't identify the type of people he will surround himself with when it comes to making decisions. We are curious if a Trump administration will become about American isolationism.

We also know he will likely throw the First Amendment to the curb if someone has the audacity to write or say something bad about him in the newspaper, on talk radio or on cable news.

This leads to the million-dollar question: "Will conservatives back Trump." Will they back a man, who's not a religious conservative or social conservative? Right now, we say it's 50/50, and it will depend on Trump.

Ultimately, people want something to vote for. That drives turnout. Voting for someone because he or she isn't someone else will only get you so far. Just ask Walter Mondale, Bob Dole, John Kerry, John McCain and Mitt Romney. So what will Trump do to provide that enthusiasm for the general election?

The answer may be a simple one: that he can win.

The best line of the Super Tuesday III talking heads came from Chuck Todd of "Meet the Press" fame. He said the decision of conservatives to cast a ballot for Trump will depend on his standing in 12 to 15 battleground states. How does Trump compare to Clinton in states such as Ohio, Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, Indiana, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Missouri, Colorado, Nevada and New Mexico? If Trump shows a path to victory, then conservatives vote for him and take their chances. They at least can think — although they won't say very loud — they voted for a winner. Otherwise, conservatives and mainstream Republicans, who Trump has worked so hard to denigrate, look the other way and pick up the pieces in reshaping the Republican Party.

Those who back Trump have proved a lot of people — including those on this Editorial Board — wrong in talking the talk and then walking the walk. There are a lot of people with serious egg on their faces. But now that you and your billionaire/celebrity candidate are riding high toward Cleveland, remember: Trump doesn't win without regular Republicans and conservatives casting a ballot.

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We're all to blame for Trump

■ No one across the political spectrum is without fault and now we are paying the consequences



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Last Friday, my heart sank as I stared in disbelief at images on television of a political rally in Chicago that nearly devolved into a riot.

As someone who was in his crib at the time of the 1968 Democratic National Convention, I'd never seen anything like it before. And, with any luck, I'll never see anything like it again.

But who are we kidding? If Donald Trump is elected president, a once outlandish scenario that seems more plausible with every passing day, this could be the new normal. And if he is not elected, there might be even more unrest — by Trump supporters.

It's time to be honest about the consequences of having a leading presidential candidate tell impressionable supporters — as Trump did a few weeks ago at a rally in Iowa — that if they happen to see someone in the audience about to hurl a tomato, they should "knock the crap out of them" and that he would "pay for the legal fees" of anyone who got arrested.

As police in Chicago descended on the scene and the shoving matches between Trump supporters and anti-Trump protesters spilled out of the arena and into the streets, it felt like our entire political system had changed for the worse.

It also felt as if something precious had been taken from me. I couldn't shake the feeling that Trump had — with his boorishness and hateful rhetoric — somehow hijacked my country.

Incidentally, for the record, this country is more mine than his. My family has been here much longer, and it has paid its dues. When Trump's mother came from Scotland and his paternal grandparents arrived from Germany, my ancestors were already here. Both my parents, three grandparents, and four great-grandparents were born in the United States.

And despite what Trump says about Mexican immigrants, as far as I know, there isn't one criminal in my family tree. Imagine the odds.

Back in the Windy City, it seemed as if half the crowd was itching to mix it up with the other half. All that kindling, just waiting for a spark to set it ablaze. And all it took was an announcement over the loudspeaker that the event had been canceled, and that Trump would not appear.

The madness was a microcosm of what's wrong with Washington and, for that matter, much of the country.

Both sides come to such protests having surrounded themselves only with voices they agree with, and having tuned out opposing perspectives. They're so eager to express their concerns that neither is interested in listening to what the other is saying. Each tribe is so convinced that it is morally superior to the other that it feels comfortable portraying its opponents as morally deficient. Each camp sees the same set of circumstances in radically different ways; for the left, it was Trump's hateful rhetoric that fired up his supporters but, for the right, this was about an attempt by protesters to stamp out speech they disagreed with. Finally, there is no empathy; that is, no one seems able to tolerate, let alone, identify with the concerns and viewpoint of the opposing camp.

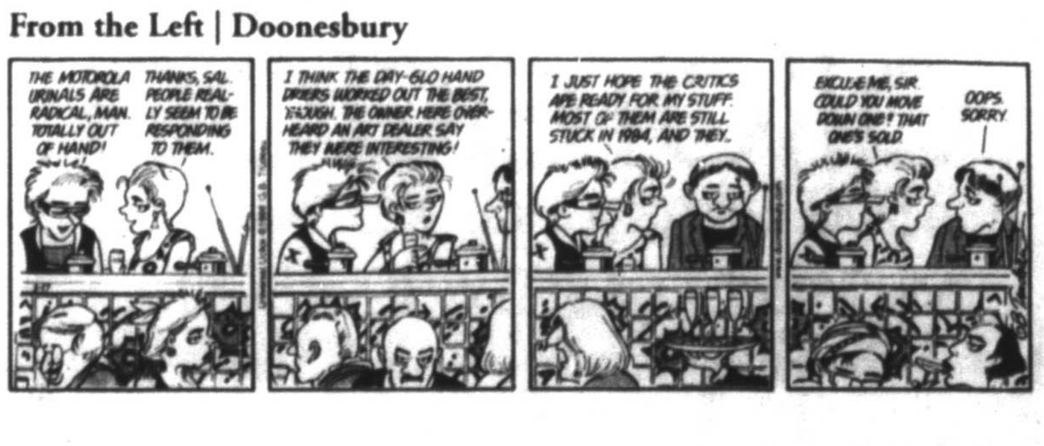
Americans have to learn to disagree — even passionately — without descending into chaos. What occurred in Chicago is an example of what can happen when we don't pull that off.

In the aftermath of the unrest, the media are focused on the wrong thing. They ask who is responsible for the violence.

We all are. Every American contributed to this debacle. Because we helped Trump get this far by dismissing him and cheering him and voting for him and making excuses for his outrageous statements. Because we didn't take him seriously, and we swallowed the outrageous claim by House Speaker Paul Ryan that the Republican Party was an innocent bystander, as if it didn't have a history of scaring up votes by exploiting fear — over immigration, or affirmative action, or same-sex marriage, or other hot-button issues. And because when Trump veered into territory that should have ended his campaign, as with his initial reluctance to denounce white supremacist David Duke and the Ku Klux Klan, we were too quick to let him off the hook and change the subject.

The crazy uncle who spouts off about what's wrong with the world from his barstool is now the provocateur who starts barroom brawls. And people get hurt. Sure they do. After all, when you cuddle with bullies and thugs, you wind up with bruises and black eyes.

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Obama taps Merrick Garland as Supreme Court nominee

By Anita Kumar and Mike Doyle
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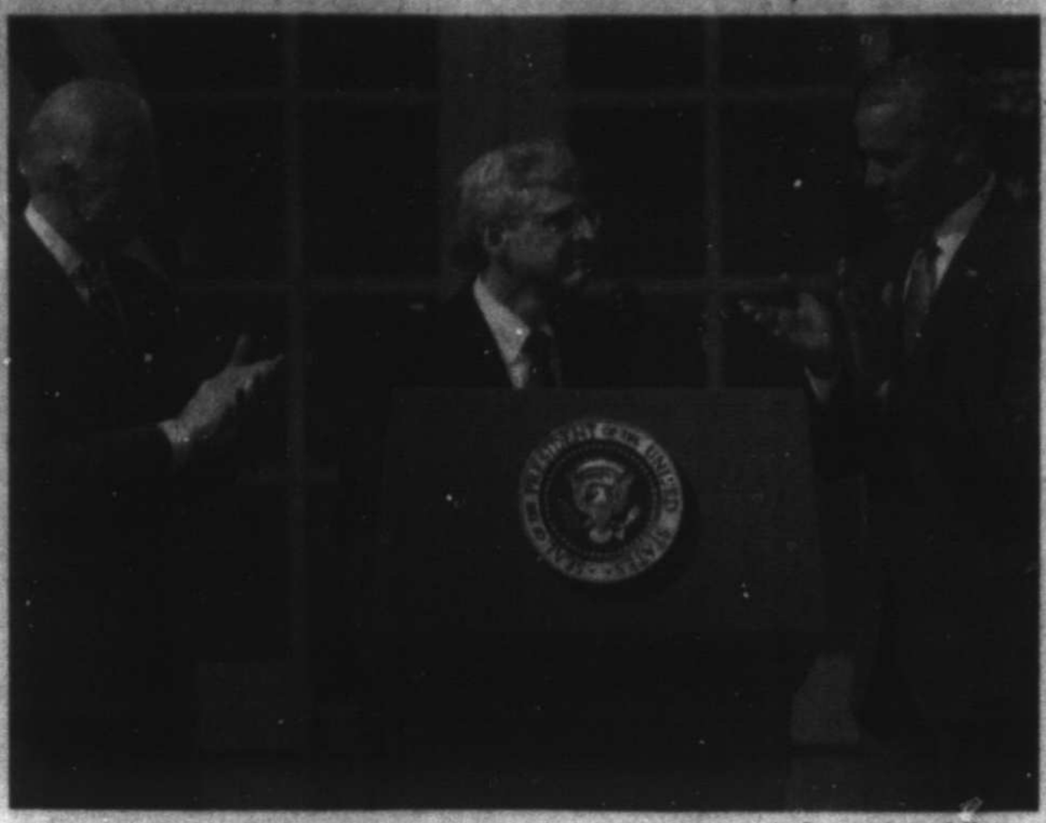
WASHINGTON -- President Barack Obama on Wednesday nominated Merrick B. Garland to serve on the Supreme Court, choosing a widely respected appeals court judge in hopes his choice will be considered by the Republican-led Senate.

The longtime Washington lawyer and judge was a finalist for the first two Supreme Court vacancies filled by Obama.

The 63-year-old graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School has served on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit since 1997. He was confirmed to the post with some Republican support on a 76-23 vote.

"Over my seven years as president, in all my conversations with senators from both parties in which I asked their views on qualified Supreme Court nominees," Obama said in a Rose Garden announcement with Garland at his side, "the one name that has come up repeatedly from Republicans and Democrats alike is Merrick Garland."

Now the chief judge of the appellate court, Garland is a former Justice Department official considered a centrist, especially



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Federal appeals court judge Merrick Garland, stands with President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden as he is introduced as Obama's nominee for the Supreme Court during an announcement in the Rose Garden of the White House, in Washington onWednesday.

on law enforcement issues.

"He was always there to remind us to do what was right and just," said attorney Beth Wilkinson, who prosecuted the Oklahoma City bombers under Garland's supervision in the 1990s. "It wasn't just words for him, he always figured out how to vigorously prosecute the case, honor the victims and give each defendant a fair trial."

Any Supreme Court nomination has already been whistled dead by key Senate Republicans, including Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky and the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa.

Republicans control the judiciary panel with an 11-9 majority, and its members include some of Obama's most strident critics, such as Texas senator and presidential contender Ted Cruz. The hard-right conservatives will limit the GOP leadership's maneuvering room.

Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, who breached his party's orthodoxy to vote for Obama's first two Supreme Court nominees, Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor, has been among the few GOP members to suggest possible compromise.

"I voted for Sotomayor and Kagan not because I would have picked them, but because I thought the president of the United States deserves the right to pick judges of their philosophy, and that goes with winning the White House," Graham told his judiciary committee colleagues last week.

Still, Graham's relative open-mindedness seems the exception to most Republicans' determination to block Obama, promising a battle of both wills and tactics that will play out through the November election, and possibly beyond.

In particular, Obama's supporters and opponents alike will be targeting potentially vulnerable Republican senators who are running for re-election in swing states, including Wisconsin, Ohio, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania.

The conservative Judicial Crisis Network, for one, has already begun what it says will be a "seven-figure television, radio and digital advertising campaign," urging senators to delay. The group's chief counsel, Carrie Severino, said the ads will encourage "senators who would be targeted by Democrats."

From the other side, epitomizing the kind of targeted public lobbying that will explode in coming months, the Center for American Progress Action Fund this week organized a media event effectively spotlighting Pennsylvania's Republican Sen. Pat Toomey, who is running for re-election.

While the Senate Republican leaders seem to have locked themselves in place, some more fluid scenarios could develop after the November election. If the Republican candidate wins, of course, Obama's nomination dies on the vine.

But if the Democratic nominee wins, especially if that presidential victory is accompanied by a Democratic swell in Senate races, GOP lawmakers could, in theory, calculate that they're better off letting Obama's pick through in a lame-duck session than awaiting a new choice next year.

Trump: Time to rally around me, or expect voter riots

By Julie Pace and Steve Peoples
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After yet another round of convincing victories for Donald Trump, Republican leaders spent Wednesday wavering between grudging acceptance and deep denial about the businessman's likely ascent to the GOP presidential nomination. An emboldened Trump warned that if the party tried to block him, "You'd have riots."

With at least three more states in his win column, Trump is now the only candidate with a path to clinching the Republican nomination before the party's convention in July. But he still must do better in upcoming contests to get the necessary 1,237 delegates, leaving some opponents with a sliver of hope he can still be stopped.

"I still think it's a very realistic chance that nobody's going to have a majority of the delegates," said Henry Barbour, a senior Republican National Committee member who worked on Marco Rubio's delegate strategy until the Florida senator exited the race Tuesday.

Barbour said Trump "doesn't deserve to be president," but also said he could ultimately support the billionaire if he "can convince me that he's presidential material."

Trump cautioned that his supporters would revolt if he falls just short in the delegate count and loses in a rules fight.

"If you just disenfranchise these people, I think you would have problems like you've never seen before," Trump said on CNN's "New Day."

Despite the deep concerns about Trump within the Republican Party, there was little tangible action Wednesday that indicated a way to stop the real estate mogul's march toward the general election.

There was no rush among party leaders or donors to coalesce around Ted Cruz, the only candidate in the race with even a long-shot chance of overtaking Trump in the delegate count. A small group of conservatives moved forward with plans to meet Thursday to discuss the prospect of rallying behind a third-party option, but no candidate had been identified to lead that effort.

The three best-financed efforts to stop Trump abruptly ceased advertising after Tuesday's elections. The outside groups American Future Fund, Our Principles and Club for Growth have no Trump attack ads planned for Arizona or in any states beyond.

Former House Speaker John Boehner floated his successor, Paul Ryan, as the nominee in the event of a convention fight. But Ryan quickly took himself out of the mix, saying through a spokeswoman that he would "not accept a nomination and believes our nominee should be someone who ran this year."

Meanwhile, Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton set her sights on a November showdown with Trump. Her sweep of Tuesday's five primary contests was a harsh blow to rival Bernie Sanders, giving Clinton what her campaign manager described as an "insurmountable lead" in the delegate count.

"We are confident that for the first time in our nation's history, the Democratic Party will nominate a woman as their presidential nominee," Robby Mook wrote in a memo to supporters.

Clinton has at least 1,599 delegates to Sanders' 844. It takes 2,383 to win the Democratic nomination.

Trump urged Republicans to view the party's nominating contest with the same sense of clarity. During a round of calls to morning television shows, he said some of the same Republican senators who publicly criticize him have called him privately to say they want to "become involved" in his campaign eventually. He also picked up an endorsement Wednesday from Florida Gov. Rick Scott.

Trump also effectively killed the next GOP debate scheduled for Monday in Utah, saying "we've had enough debates." After Ohio Gov. John Kasich said he wouldn't debate without Trump on stage, host Fox News scrapped the event.

Trump has won 47 percent of the Republican delegates awarded so far, according to the Associated Press delegate count. He needs to win 54 percent of the remaining delegates to clinch the nomination by the time the primary season ends on June 7.

Just a handful of states will vote between now and mid-April, a reprieve for opponents.

"We've got four weeks to identify what the most effective path is," said Tim Miller, a former Jeb Bush aide who now works for an anti-Trump super PAC.

Former Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, who is supporting Kasich, said there were "calls going back and forth between the Kasich-Rubio campaign" about the possibility of a joint ticket, though he said those conversations were preliminary.

Any scenarios that end with blocking Trump could leave the party in chaos. But some Republicans suggested that given the party's current state, the chaos couldn't get much worse.

"The divisions are already there," said John Jordan, a California-based donor who was leading a pro-Rubio super PAC. "There's already open warfare on TV. A couple thousand people in a food fight in Cleveland pales in comparison."

GOP DEBATE CANCELLED

A Republican presidential debate scheduled in Salt Lake City was canceled Wednesday after front-runner Donald Trump and Ohio winner John Kasich said they would not attend.

The news was a buzzkill for Utah residents who were excited about hosting a presidential debate for the first time in the state's history.

Trump said on Fox News that he wouldn't be participating in the Monday event because "we've had enough debates."

After a spokesman for Ohio Gov. Kasich said he would not join the debate, Fox News announced it was pulling the plug.

Utah Lt. Gov. Spencer Cox lamented the lost opportunity and criticized Trump for his role in torpedoing the event.

"This was a great opportunity for the state of Utah, a great opportunity for the voters," said Cox, who had endorsed Sen. Marco Rubio, who left the race after losing his home state of Florida. "I'm very disappointed that Trump would selfishly decide not to come to the debate."

More than 50,000 people had requested tickets for the debate planned for the Salt Palace Convention Center, said Utah Republican Party Chairman James Evans.

Evans said in a statement that state officials were always aware the event could be cancelled, and highlighted the fact that Utah was chosen for the debate in the first place.

The debate would have been held the night before Utah voters chose their candidates for president in caucuses.

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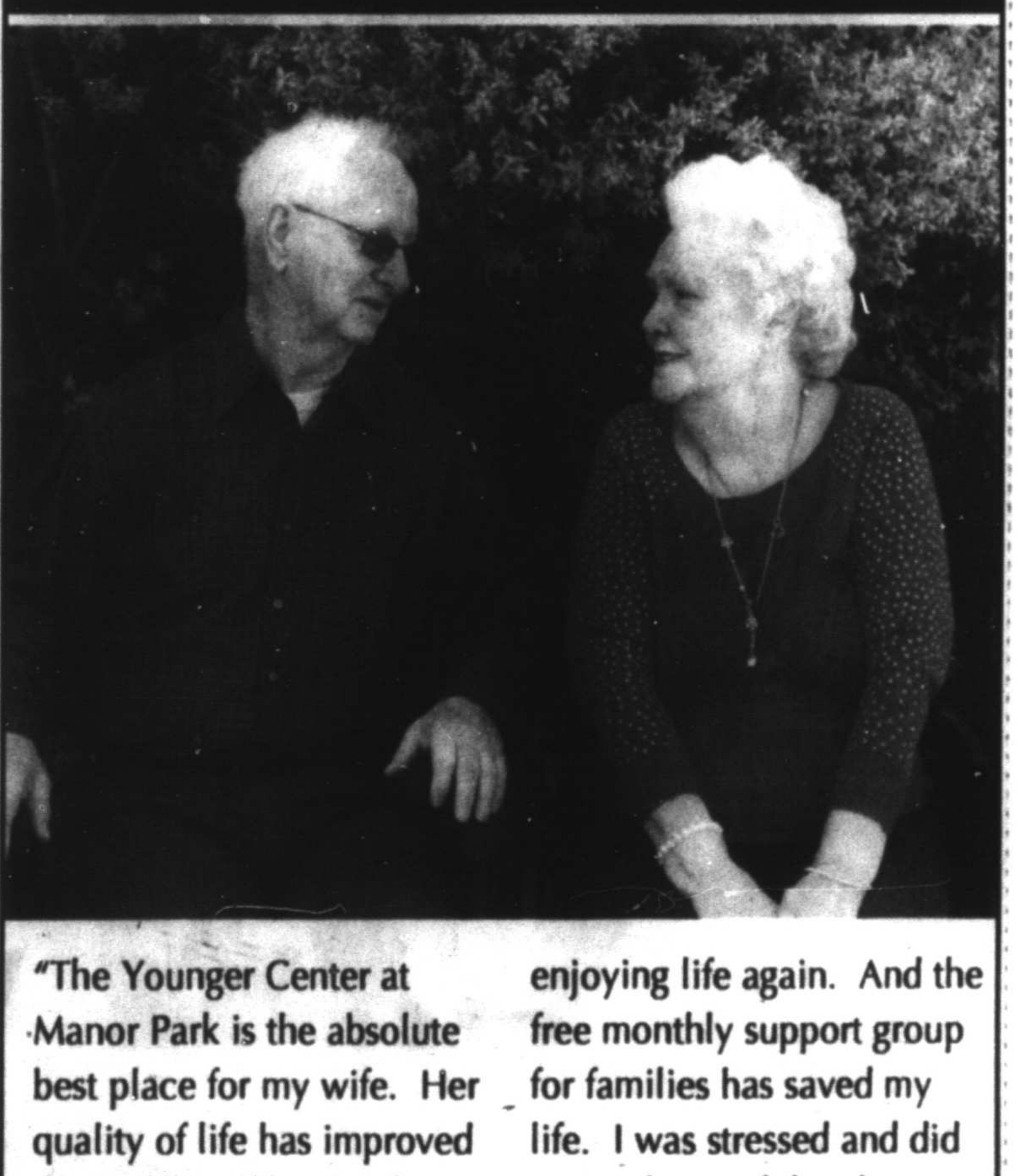
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WEEKENDER

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BEST BETS

TODAY



SCIENCE GUY Scientist, engineer and television star Bill Nye gives a free lecture at Midland College's Chap Center. 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY



FOOD SMARTS Learn how to cook your favorite Southern dishes with chef Chip Hight of Hight Foods. He offers cooking classes on a variety of kitchen skills. 7 p.m.

FRIDAY



LOCAL MUSIC Area musician Justin Langston will turn up the volume when he performs at Rue 432. 7 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: "The Bronze," "The Divergent Series: Allegiant," "Miracles From Heaven"
Closing: "Whiskey Tango Foxtrot"

CINERGY CINEMAS
Opening: "The Divergent Series: Allegiant," "Miracles From Heaven"

BIG SKY DRIVE-IN
Opening: The Divergent Series: Allegiant."
Closing: "Ride Along 2"

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

COMING SOON



Broadway in the Basin brings the music and performance art of Stomp to the Wagner Noel on March 31.



WHOLE LOTTA ROCK 'N' ROLL

Rock 'n' roll legend Robert Plant comes to Midland with the Sensational Space Shifters Friday night at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. The former Led Zeppelin frontman is on tour in support of his newest release "lullaby and... The Ceaseless Roar." But classic rock fans needn't worry. His setlist is said to contain many Zeppelin signature tracks mixed in with his solo works. 8 p.m. Tickets are $55-$125 and still available at wagnernoel.com.



15 and famous, Jackie Evancho keeps her stride

By Rich Lopez
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WANT TO GO?
Jackie Evancho, 8 p.m. Saturday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $29-$109. Wagnernoel.com.

Singer Jackie Evancho had to wait until school was out to do this interview. This young woman who has performed all around the world with legendary artists like Andrea Bocelli and appeared in a Robert Redford film ("The Company You Keep") wasn't available until the final bell. It's all part of the life of the public high school student.

"My best subject is English. I love writing," she said from her Pittsburgh home.

Evancho, 15, will break from school to get back on the road, which leads her to the Wagner Noel on Saturday.

Evancho has lived a big life, garnering fame with her second-place finish in "America's Got Talent" when she was 10. Since that time, she's released five full-length albums and collaborated with high-profile names like Bocelli, Redford, Sarah Brightman and David Foster.

But none of that excites her as much as a recent Instagram where she posted a photo of her and her new car.

"I'm not driving yet, but my birthday is coming up and I just got excited, so I bought the car," she said. "I'll get my license pretty soon. My dad lets me drive around our neighborhood development some."

For a world-famous singer, Evancho's life is refreshingly ordinary. But her ambition as an artist is to grow. With new music expected out this spring, the as-yet-untitled album would show not only Evancho's growing range, but also her songwriting, as well.

"This will be another experimental album like 'Awakenings.' I'm experimenting with my voice but still sing whatever I want," she said. "I like writing, but it's a challenge getting yourself on paper. But it's nice to sing my own words. And it's comforting."

Although labeled as a classical music artist, Evancho wants to try her hand in other sounds. She's dabbled with pop music and is unafraid to venture out of

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Permian Basin Comic Con X goes big in its 2nd year

By Rich Lopez
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Permian Basin Comic Con X had an impressive debut last year when Ector County Coliseum was filled with vendors, special guests and cosplay enthusiasts. Founder and organizer Chris Slatosch's inaugural attempt was clearly a success.

The second Permian Basin Comic Con X, which is this weekend, will be at the Horseshoe Pavilion.

"We needed more space," Slatosch said. "We had such an overwhelming response last year, it was certainly a must. We rented the entire new pavilion — 76,000 square feet — and that still may feel small this year."

Slatosch predicts that with the new venue, turnout should increase. About 4,500 tickets were sold last year. Slatosch and his team expect attendance of close to 10,000 this year.

With a schedule of popular comic-con celebrities, that could be very likely.

PBCCX will feature high-profile names such as Verne Troyer, who portrayed Mini Me in the "Austin Powers" movies; Kevin Nash, who is a World Wrestling Entertainment Hall of Famer and appeared in "Magic Mike;" and comedian Kel Mitchell, who stars in "Kenan and Kel" and "Good Burger."

A big focus on PBCCX will be on wrestling with matches throughout the weekend. Sunday's schedule is hosted by local promoters Old School Wrestling. The two fandoms go hand in hand, according to OSW owner and promoter Fred Urban III.

"Professional wrestling and comic cons are both a huge part of pop culture. No matter where you look you will see something influenced by wrestling or comics and animation," Urban said. "Both have impacted generations and both sets of fans are young and old.

"As for OSW at the PBCC,

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CALENDAR

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

ART & DANCE

The Gallery at Midland Shared Spaces Spring Art Opening will feature new art by local artists with a reception. 5 p.m. today at MSS, 3500 N. "A" St. midlandsharedspaces.org.

"Dust and Depression" will feature 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. Opens today and runs through June 6. Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. noelartmuseum.org.

Random Acts of Art: Vintage Photography with Odessa College photography professor Steve Goff. Coinciding with the "Dust and Depression" exhibition, students will learn how to take vintage photos with a cell phone and apps. Registration is required. For ages 15 and older. 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. $30. noelartmuseum.org.

Posada and Printmaking workshop. The Midland County Public Library will screen "Art and Revolutions: Searching for Posada," as well as feature a hands-on printmaking experience for all ages. The event coincides with the current art exhibition "Otra Vez" at the library. 3:30 p.m. Saturday at MCPL Centennial, 2503 Loop 250.

"Texas Native Wildflowers Exhibition" at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. On display through March 26. sibleynaturecenter.org.

The works of Allison Easlon Moyers on view throughout March. 6 p.m. Friday Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. Free. All ages. facebook.com/kamiposi

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.

58th annual Odessa Art Association Juried Art Exhibition. Meet area artists at the opening reception and awards presentation today. The art will be on display through April 2. 7 p.m. today at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. noelartmuseum.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.

EVENTS

Adult Class: Knife Skills. Wine and beers are welcome with a $10 corking fee. Dinner included. 7 p.m. today at Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Drive. $60. Hightfoods.com.

An Evening with Bill Nye, The Science Guy as presented by the Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series. 7:30 p.m. today at the Chaparral Center at Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield St. Free. midland.edu.

Erin Express Party Bus bar crawl by Midland Shuttle Services. MSS will chauffeur registered guests to Tilted Kilt, Beer Garden, Proof and The Bar. Guests will be shuttled from and to their house. 7 p.m. today, 8 p.m. Friday, 9 p.m. Saturday. 21 and over only. $89 per person. To register, call 695-6282 or visit midlandshuttleservices.com.

Adult Class: Southern Faves. Wine and beers are welcome with a $10 corking fee. 7 p.m. Friday at Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Drive. $60. Hightfoods.com.

Love Your Parks Day Tree Planting with free tree seedlings given to participants. Fifteen new trees will be planted. 9 a.m. Saturday at Fasken Park, 2304 Humble Ave. keepmidlandbeautiful.org.

Permian Basin Comic Con X 2016 with announced guests Kevin Nash (from "Magic Mike" films and WWE wrestler), Verne Troyer (Mini Me from "Austin Powers") and Mighty Morphin Power Rangers. Friday-Sunday at Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. Pbcomicconx.com.

Easter Extravaganza with Dust Bowl Animal Rescue. This fundraising event will feature vendor booths, egg hunts, dog treat hunts, Easter Bunny photos and more. All dogs must be leashed and vaccinated. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at Sherwood Park, 4520 N. Dixie Blvd, Odessa. $5-$10. dustbowlanimalrescue.com.

Warbirds and Wheels car, truck and motorcycle show. Proceeds benefit the Permian Basin Honor Flight and Midland Army Air Field Museum. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at High Sky Wing, 9600 Wright Drive. highskywing.org.

Auction 2016: Black and Gold Ball at Museum of the Southwest. The black tie gala is the key fundraiser for the museum. Proceeds from the triennial event benefit the organization, its exhibitions and programming. The night includes cocktails, dinner service and a live auction. Preview the auction catalog on the website. 7 p.m. Saturday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. RSVP to 683-2882. museumsw.org.

FAMILY FUN

Bunny Photo Experience at Midland Park Mall. The Children and families can have their photo taken with the Easter Bunny before Easter. Through March 26. 4511 N. Midkiff Road. Simon.com.

Third Thursday Reading Program will feature "A Tale for Easter." The free children's reading event will offer free copies of the book to those in attendance. Refreshments provided but spaces must be reserved. 4:30 p.m. today at George W. Bush Childhood Home, 1412 W Ohio Ave. 685-1112. bushchildhoodhome.org.

"Funny Bones" talk and signing with author Duncan Tonatiuh. The library is currently giving away free copies of Tonatiuh's book "Funny Bones: Posada and His Day of the Dead Calaveras" before his signing Friday. The event coincides with the current art exhibition "Otra Vez" at the library. 4 p.m. Friday at MCPL Centennial, 2503 Loop 250.

Parents' Night Out. The YMCA will offer activities for children six weeks to 12 years to give parents some time for themselves. Space is limited so registration is required. Dinner is included but parents must provide formula, milk or baby food if needed. 6-9 p.m. Friday at Midland YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring St. Members $10 per child, non-members $30. 682-2551. midlandymca.org.

St. Patrick's Day Party, 7 p.m. Friday at KC's Nutty Roller, 1004 Andrews Highway.

Egg-stravaganza community event with live music by Jesse Jennings, train rides, rock wall, obstacle course and more. Egg hunts broken into age groups. 10 a.m. Saturday at Midland YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring St. midlandymca.org.

Bunny Breakfast. The Midland Northside Lions Club and Midland Park Mall hosts the 23rd annual event where children can have a hearty breakfast followed by Easter crafts and activities and a visit from the Easter Bunny. 7-10 a.m. Saturday. 4511 N. Midkiff Road. $6. Simon.com.

Irish-American Heritage Month Story and Craft. The Genealogy Department will offer story time and heritage-based activities for families. 2 p.m. Saturday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 Loop 250.

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, SPORTS & FITNESS

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. 628-5511.

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. Friday at The Detour.

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

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

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

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.

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

MOSC: Lone Star Brass performs a Brown Bag Concert in the ClayDesta Atrium. 11:45 a.m. today at Clay Desta, 6 Desta Drive. Free.

Party on the Patio with Phil Hamilton and Noel Olivas. 8 p.m. today at Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. Haciendamidland.com.

Aaron Einhouse, 9 p.m. today at Rockin Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. rockinrodeomidland.com.

Charles Silverman, 8 p.m. Friday at Mulberry Cafe, 2101 W. Wadley Ave.

Zach Edwards, 8 p.m. Friday at Fire Water Bar & Grill, 3113 W. Industrial Ave.

The Unsweet Ts, Friday and Saturday at Your Place, 3704 W. Wall St.

Forgotten Road Band, 9 p.m. Friday at Detour Bar, 1708 Rankin Highway.

Gods Way Online, Saved, Big Perk, 2 p.m. Saturday at Music City Mall, 4101 E. 42nd St., Odessa. Free.

Amulets, Static of Masses, 7 p.m. Saturday at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. facebook.com/kamiposi.

Allegro Chorale Concert featuring choral music, piano repertoire and poetry. 7 p.m. Saturday at the Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $10. wagnernoel.com.

Justin Langston, 7 p.m. Saturday at Rue 432, 106 S. "A" St.

TJ Broscoff, 8 p.m. Saturday at Fire Water Bar & Grill, 3113 W. Industrial Ave.

Ward Davis, 8 p.m. Saturday at Beer Garden, 7112 W. Highway 80.

Zac Wilkerson, Aaron Copeland, 9 p.m. Saturday at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

Ward Davis, 9 p.m. Saturday at Beer Garden, 7112 West Highway 80.

THEATER, COMEDY & FILM

St. Patrick's Day Comedy Night featuring local comics and beer flights. 8 p.m. Thursday at Bourbon ST. D.C., 120 Main St. Free. facebook.com/Tall-City-Comedy.

Free Stand-Up Comedy Night, 8 p.m. Saturday at Wyndham Garden, 3100 W. Wall St. facebook.com/smellyfingercomedy.

Auditions: "Good Morning Howard" by Midland Community Theatre. Roles for two men and three women between the ages of 25 and 45. Scripts are available for checkout from the box office through Friday from noon to 5 p.m. 6:30 p.m. March 20 and 21 at 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

"Around the World in 80 Days" tells the tale of a rich Englishman who has to circumnavigate the globe or lose a steep wager. Closes Saturday at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

COMING SOON

MARCH

Kid's Class: Pizza, Children will learn kitchen skills while cooking tasty, healthy meals. Parents can enjoy complimentary menu items while children are in class. Reservations required as class space is limited. 4:30 p.m. March 21 at Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Drive. $60 includes apron, materials and food. Hightfoods.com.

Building Bots, March 22 at the Petroleum Museum, 1500 W. Interstate 20. $10 classes available for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. Pre-registration required. pbpetro.org.

South By Swing By: Ultra Violent Rays, March 22 at The Garage, 1110 N. Main St., Fort Stockton. 6 p.m. Free. thegaragetx.com.

Kid's Class: Mac and Cheese. Children will learn kitchen skills while cooking tasty, healthy meals. Parents can enjoy complimentary menu items while children are in class. Reservations required as class space is limited. 4:30 p.m. March 22 at Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Drive. $60 includes apron, materials and food. Hightfoods.com.

Adult Class: Spanish Tapas. Wine and beers are welcome with a $10 corking fee. 7 p.m. March 24 at Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Drive. $60. Hightfoods.com.

The Digital Age Good Friday concert, 7 p.m. March 25 at First United Methodist Church, 300 N. Main St. firstmethodistmidland.com.

"Harriet the Spy" by the Pickwick Players. The Players bring Louise Fitzhugh's literary classic to life. March 25-April 3 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

Comedy Battle Roast pits local comedians trading insults and jokes. 8 p.m. March 25 at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. $5. facebook.com/kamiposi.

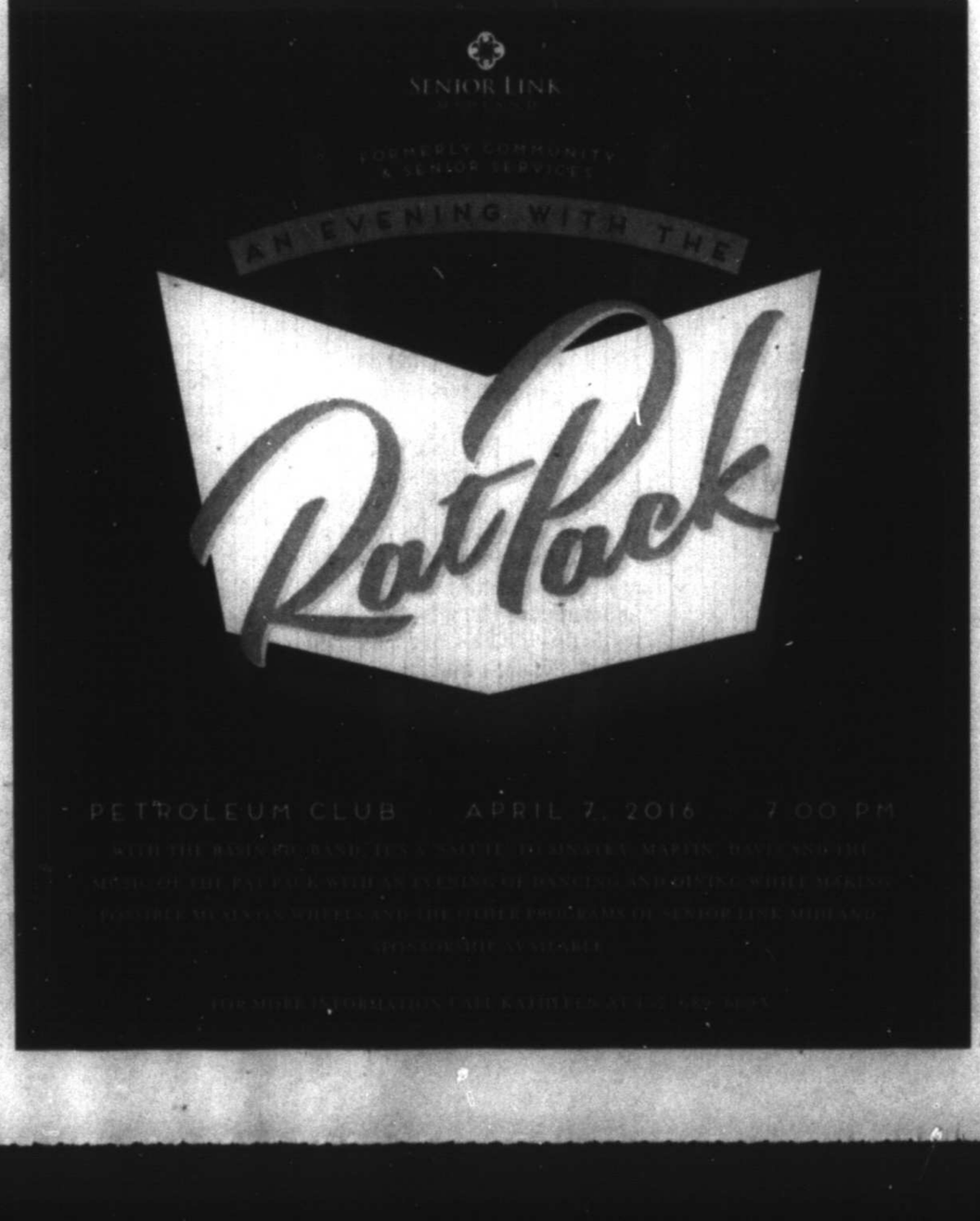
Callahan Divide, 11 p.m. March 25 at Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St. $5. thelonestarbar.com.

Gary Nix, 9 p.m. March 25 at Detour Bar, 1708 Rankin Highway.

Chrome Molly, March 25 and 26 at Your Place, 3704 W. Wall St.

Midland Downtown Farmers Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. March 26 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W Missouri Ave. midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com.





MUSIC & EVENTS

Heat Index: Check out these St. Patrick's Day parties

By Rich Lopez
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Several spots around town are vying for your attention today, which is St. Patrick's Day. Concerts, roller skating and a lot of green beverages will help you celebrate the holiday.

Here are our picks.

Party Bus bar crawl

Midland Shuttle Services celebrates the night with a tour of area drinking spots. Dubbed the "Erin Express," MSS' bus will chauffeur registered guests to Tilted Kilt, Beer Garden, Proof and The Bar. Surprise gifts and complimentary drinks will be provided on the bus. MSS will then pony up for appetizers and a round at each of the stops. Above all, MSS wants to keep it safe so guests will be shuttled from and to their house. How's that for service?

7 p.m. today, 8 p.m. Friday, 9 p.m. Saturday. 21 and over only. $89 per person. To register, call 695-6282 or visit midlandshuttleservices.com.

Party on the Patio at Hacienda Event Center

The Hacienda's new patio is the perfect setting for a night of craft beer and a concert. Phil Hamilton and Noel Olivas headline the patio party that includes drink specials and free cover for women until 10 p.m. As the sun goes down on the patio, expect the celebration to amp up.

8 p.m. today Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. Haciendamidland.com.

St. Patty's Day Party at Rockin Rodeo

Rockin Rodeo turns up the party vibe with drink specials, green drafts and - yes, they went there - a green bikini contest. Singer-songwriter Aaron Einhouse performs amid all the festivities. Einhouse is on the road in preparation for the May release of "It Ain't Pretty."

9 p.m. today 4400 N. Big Spring St. rockinrodeomidland.com.

Party at Torino's

Pizza and beer can make a good combination, but green beer? Try it out at Torino's St. Patrick's Day Party. The bar will feature other drink specials as well.

7 p.m. today at 3303 N. Midkiff Road. facebook.com/torinos.pizzabar.

St. Patrick's Day Comedy Night at Bourbon ST. D.C.

Local comics and beer flights could be an ideal combo. Tall City Comedy will host area funny men and women for a free show with flights available for $22.

8 p.m. today at 120 Main St. facebook.com/Tall-City-Comedy.

St. Patrick's Day Party at KC's Nutty Roller

The rink turns a shade of emerald with games, green beverages and even Irish music. Try skating backward to that. The event is open to adults and children with a contest for the greenest skater.

7-11 p.m. Friday. 1004 Andrews Highway. $9. $1 skates. Kcsnuttyroller.com.

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Con

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this gives us a chance to reach fans who might not have known about us, and maybe even turn some people into wrestling fans who might have never been one before. OSW and the PBCC both take pride in being family-friendly entertainment," he said.

With the many super hero movies and shows, a growing interest in comic books and graphic novels and the always-creative outlet of costuming and character emulation, Slatosch figures Permian Basin Comic Con is here for a good while — and at the Horseshoe.

"I truly don't think there is another spot we'd rather be in the Permian Basin. The Horseshoe has been one of the best venues and staff we've worked with. We are dedicated to the area and we'll plan to be there for the next three years," he said.

WANT TO GO?

Permian Basin Comic Con X Friday through Sunday at the Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. Single day, two-day and VIP passes available. $20-$100. Visit the website for full schedule of events. Pbcomicconx.com.



Evancho

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her comfort zone.

"It keeps that excitement going and really just part of me growing up as a performer and getting the experience. There's probably nothing I wouldn't try musically," she said.

But before she hits the road, she has homework. Her teachers give her assignments that Evancho has to finish by the time she returns. For the most part she's successfully combined school and fame.

"There's the occasional bully who says stupid things. They'll make jokes about my name or because of what I do. It does bother me but you have to brush it off," she said.

That's remedied by her philanthropic work for the Humane Society of the United States and The Shelter for Abused Women & Children. She's also supported or lent her voice to causes such as Parkinson 's disease awareness, LGBT rights, clean-water initiatives and programs to provide hearing aids to those who can't afford them. She's even received notes from fans who have used her music to help them through rough times.

"It's the most awesome feeling to affect people that way. My whole family is very compassionate and caring and sympathetic to a lot of situations. We all try our best that we can. And it's an inspiration to hear people's stories," she said.

But Saturday night is Evancho's turn to share her stories through music.

"I'm just going to be singing my favorite songs and having fun. I want to take Midland on a journey of emotions so they'll be blown away," she said with a teenager's giggle.

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ON SCREEN

FILM CAPS

"The Brothers Grimsby" (R) Sacha Baron Cohen plays a football hooligan in Northern England who sets out to find his sibling — they were adopted by different families — unaware he is now an MI6 agent. With Mark Strong, Isla Fisher. Directed by Louis Leterrier.

"The Bronze" (R) Melissa Rauch co-wrote the screenplay and stars as a washed-up gymnast living off her laurels who is forced to coach a new local prodigy. With Rauch, Gary Cole, Haley Lu Richardson. Written by Melissa Rauch and Winston Rauch. Directed by Bryan Buckley.

"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.

"Kung Fu Panda 3" (PG) Furry martial artist Po journeys with his long-lost father to a panda paradise where he must train his klutzy compadres to fight the evil Kai. Voices of Jack Black, Bryan Cranston, Dustin Hoffman, Angelina Jolie. Directed by Jennifer Yuh Nelson and Alessandro Carloni.

"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.

"The Perfect Match" (R) A smooth operator bets his therapist sister's friends that he can remain in a relationship for a month without falling in love. With Terrence J., Cassie Ventura, Paula Patton, Donald Faison, Joe Pantoliano and Brandy Norwood. Directed by Bille Woodruff.

"Risen" (PG-13) Rome orders a military tribune to investigate Jesus' final weeks and quell a potential uprising in Jerusalem. With Joseph Fiennes, Tom Felton, Peter Firth, Cliff Curtis. Written by Kevin Reynolds and Paul Aiello. Directed by Reynolds.

"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.

"Whiskey Tango Foxtrot" (R) Tina Fey stars as an American journalist who discovers the absurdity and adrenaline rush of serving in the war zones of Afghanistan and Pakistan. With Tina Fey, Margot Robbie, Martin Freeman. Written by Robert Carlock, based on the memoir "The Taliban Shuffle: Strange Days in Afghanistan and Pakistan" by Kim Barker. Directed by Glenn Ficarra & John Requa.

"The Young Messiah" (PG-13) The 7-year-old Jesus Christ and family discover the nature of his divine being. With Adam Greaves-Neal, Clive Russell, Vincent Walsh. Written by Betsy Giffen Nowrasteh & Cyrus Nowrasteh. Directed by Cyrus Nowrasteh.

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

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Touching Chinese film is worth reading subtitles for

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'COMING HOME'

PICK O' THE WEEK

"Coming Home" (PG-13) Languid yet brimming with subtle emotion, this Chinese export about a woman with selective amnesia that prevents her from recognizing her husband is worth the effort to have to read the subtitles. **A**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"Grease Live!" (TV-14) With the sole exception of Vanessa Hudgens, who does a respectable job of playing Rizzo, this production does nothing but make me think of how great the 1978 movie was and how magnificent John Travolta was in that film. **F**

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"The Benefactor" (unrated) It doesn't go where you expect it to go, which is usually a great thing, but in this case, it weakens the story. **B-**

"The Boy" (TV-MA) Want to explore how adult psychos become the scourges they are? This intriguing film from Chiller network explores the idea in a sufficiently creepy way. **B**

"Carol" (R) There are so many layers in this tender story, thanks to its Oscar-nominated stars, Cate Blanchett and Rooney Mara, that even the most vile of homophobes (vile homophobe being redundant) would have to concede its relevance. **A**

"Cut Her Out" (unrated) There are way too many stupid, careless flaws to take this movie seriously. Sloppy filmmaking is preventable, no matter what the budget or circumstances. **D**

"In the Heart of the Sea" (PG-13) Despite Ron Howard's gift for storytelling, romanticizing the slaughter of one of the most majestic creatures on the planet is beneath him. And me. **D**

"Intruders" (R) The interesting twists in the story make this a better-than-average home invasion story. **B-**

"Kill or Be Killed" (unrated) I am admittedly mesmerized by the supernatural western genre adopted by the filmmakers in this story and the recent "Bone Tomahawk." This one is especially fun because it was filmed in 13 Texas locations. **B**

"Macbeth" (R) Despite the infatuation most critics had with this effort, I prefer the Bard's work in the way God intended it — on a stage. **C**

"Open Season: Scared Silly" (PG) Although slightly better than the previous two sequels to the 2006 film, the magic, and its celebrity voice cast, have long since disappeared. **C+**

"The Peanuts Movie" (G) The year's best family film's only flaw might only affect older viewers who will note the discernible difference in some of the voices of the characters. **B+**

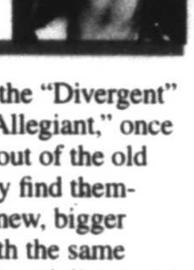
"Pressure" (R) Danny Huston and Matthew Goode lead a respectable cast in a good story. The trouble comes in the close-cropped action scenes in which jerking the camera around is supposed to simulate suspense. It's cheap, crude and ruins the whole movie. **C**

"Sociopathia" (unrated) Horror film exhibits a bit of style but no real scares. **C+**

"Terminus" (R) Great idea, but poor execution mars this sci-fi thriller. **C-**

"Victor Frankenstein" (PG-13) James McAvoy's manic portrayal of the title character is exhausting. **C+**

'Allegiant' more dull than dazzling



KATIE WALSH
Tribune News Service

Of all the post-apocalyptic young adult trifles, the "Divergent" series has been the sexiest — thanks to the steamy make outs between stars Theo James and Shailene Woodley — but it's also strangely the most sanitized. In the third installment, "Allegiant" (or rather "The Divergent Series: Allegiant — Part 1"), there's an attempt to dirty things up a bit, venturing outside the wall that separates Chicago from everything else. But all the toxic rain and tent cities in the world can't give this film a true sense of earthy viscera. Despite all the brawling, shooting and kissing that goes on, these films are entirely bloodless.

Jennifer Lawrence carries "The Hunger Games" series with a throaty raw intensity of performance, and even "The Maze Runner" films have a zip of sweaty adrenaline going for them, but "Divergent," "Insurgent," and now "Allegiant" are a trio of interestingly designed snoozes. It could be the casting — as tough but sweet Tris, Woodley just doesn't have the ferocity of Lawrence, but then again, no one does. There's no love triangle tension, and Tris and Four (James) remain as deeply committed and in love as ever, their devotion unwavering.

The real culprit is the plotting, which is at once overly complicated (something about genetically modified humans starting a nuclear civil war 200 years ago, then they did an experiment to un-genetically modify them, but there's a civil war there now and Jeff Daniels is going to lose his funding if Tris doesn't go with his plan, and also they're stealing kids from a tent city using amnesia gas) and overly simple (it all comes down to pushing a button).

Directed by Robert Schwentke, who also helmed "Insurgent," there's more of a fixation on the whiz-bang technology than there is on the story. Perhaps because there's not much there, despite all the mumbo jumbo details. The young protagonists get out of the walled in territory, realize that things are lame out there too, then go back. But ooh look! Personal drones and memory tabs and floating plasma blobs and surveillance pods. Neat!

The tech allows the filmmakers to skirt storytelling restrictions that the film would otherwise face, and which might actually inject some suspense into the proceedings. But nope, instead of wondering what's going on in Chicago, their surveillance pods allow them to observe things unnoticed. If they can't see what's behind a door, there's a drone to scout. These devices are all too facile, and drain the film of tension.

This desire to break out of systems of control is at the core of the "Divergent" series. In "Allegiant," once they break out of the old system, they find themselves in a new, bigger one, but with the same bureaucracy and dictatorial intent focused on categorizing and dividing people by trait, creating hierarchical structures that decimate the notion of equality. Millenials just aren't having that.

Ultimately, if there's one thing that post-apocalyptic young adult films reassure us of, it's that teens are society's cockroaches — they can survive anything. Their raging hormones, recklessness, and wise-guy quips (courtesy of Miles Teller) will withstand any nuclear fall out. But more than anything, the teen war on rules will never die, and "Allegiant" testifies to that.

2 stars out of 4

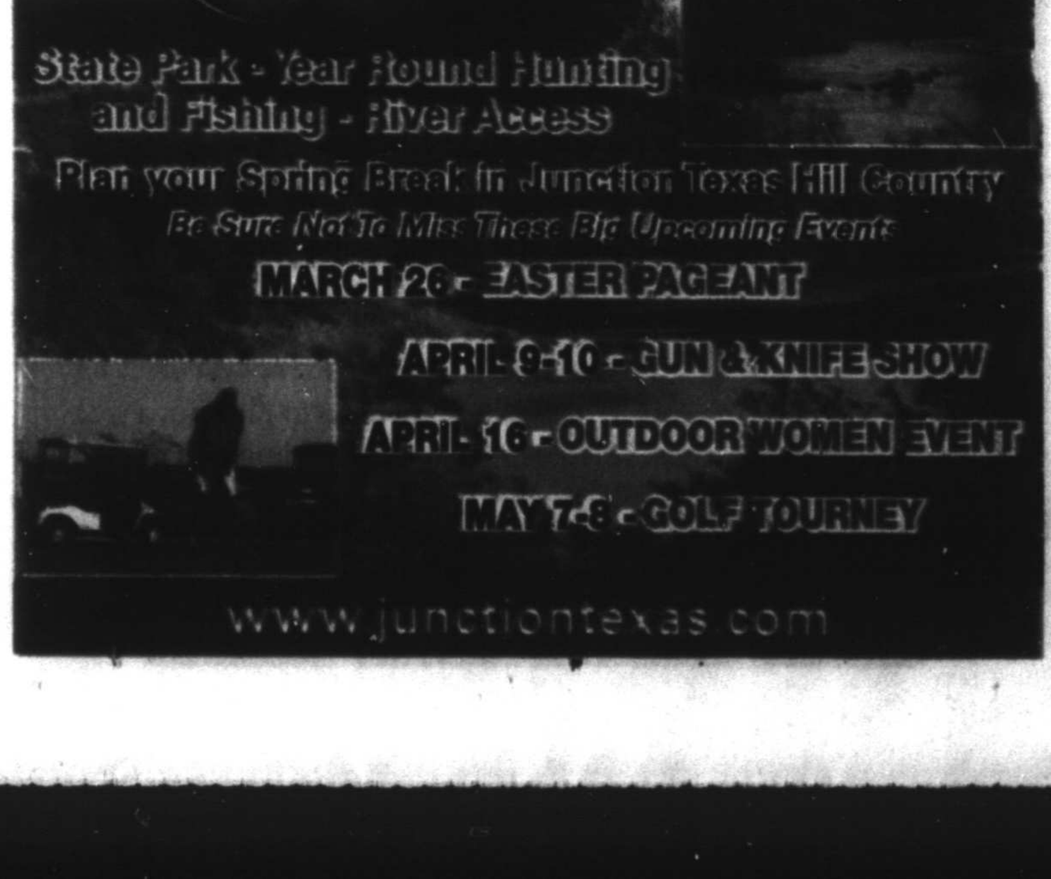
Cast: Shailene Woodley, Theo James, Jeff Daniels, Naomi Watts, Ansel Elgort, Miles Teller, Zoe Kravitz

Directed by Robert Schwentke

Running time: 2 hours

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KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	NewsWest 9 Now	Apocalypse "Saviour Day" (N)		The Blacklist		Shades of Blue "The Breach" (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
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FLIX	340	575		165		(4:30) Angela's A...		Superstar Molly Shannon...				Dick Tracy		(:15)	Erita ('96, Mus) Madonna.		
HBO	300	550	14	14		(5:00) Transcend...		Max ('15, Sci) Josh Wiggins, Robbie Amell.		Together	Girls	Ebola	Body/Issues	Ebola		Movie	
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(5:30) Lady Day		Fight	Girl River	(:15)		Tammy Melissa McCarthy.		Real Sex	Animals.	(:10)	Soul Plane
HBO5	304	552	16	102		(:35) Ouija Olivia Cooke.			Vice			Raising Arizona	Making		Pretty in Pink		Movie
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	Movie	(:40)	Face/ Off ('97, Act) John Travolta.							Titanic ('97, Dra) Kate Winslet, Leonardo DiCaprio.		
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:10)		O Brother, Where Art Thou?				The Brothers McMullen		(:40)	Maps to the Stars		Movie
PLEX			96			(5:10)	Quicksilver		Cue Tim Curry.					(:40)	Only You	(:15)	Merlin Sam Neill.	Movie
SHOW	320	545	19	140	25	Big Eyes (14, Bio) Amy Adams.				Billions			Shameless		Gigolos	Penn &..	Gigolos	Billions
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(4:30)	Waterworld		Backcountry Missy Peregym.			(:35)	Wrecked Adrien Brody.			(:05)	August: Osage County	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	The First 48 "Murder in Treme"		The First 48 "Blood Lust" (N)		The First 48 "Broken Home"		60 Days In "Cell Shock" (N)		(:05) The First 48		(:05) The First 48 "Blood Lust"	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:30)	Rocky II		Rocky III ('82, Dra) Sylvester Stallone.						Rocky IV Sylvester Stallone.		Movie
BET	58	-		40		Payne	Mann's		BET Honors						About the Business		Wendy Williams
BRAVO	65	76		41		Top Chef		T. Chef "Magic Hour"		Chef "Finale". (SF) (N)		Recipe Deception (N)		Watch (N)	Top Chef "Finale"		VanderR
CNBC	46	52		39	72	American Greed		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		American Greed		American Greed	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		CNN Newsroom	
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ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	MLB Baseball Spring Training Arizona vs Chi. Cubs (L)								Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter	
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FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped (N)		Cooks vs. Cons (N)		BeatFlay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Cooks vs. Cons	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:30)	Paul Blart: Mall Cop	(:45)	Bedtime Stories ('08, Fant) Adam Sandler.					The 700 Club		Willy Wonka & t...	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	The Beat Tex A&M	SportsDay OnAir (N)	Stars Pre-game (L)	NHL Hockey Tampa Bay Lightning at Dallas Stars Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)					Stars Live (L)	Rodeo Wrap (L)	Ultimate Insider	SportsDay OnAir
FX	71	56	59	64	69	Movie		The Heat ('13, Com) Sandra Bullock.						Baskets	Baskets	Baskets	The Heat Sandra Bullock.
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	H.Hunt	House (N)	Five Day Flip		FlipFlop	FlipFlop
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LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Project Runway: All Stars "Fashion 911"		PR All Stars Social "Birthday Suits" (N)		Runway "Going for Baroque" (N)		Mother Daughter "Headlines Don't Lie"		Mother Daughter Exp. "Grave Regrets"		PR All Stars Social "Birthday Suits"	
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				NASCAR	Whelen Series (N)		Haas F1: Return (N)		F1 Racing	Australian Grand Prix		APEX: The Story of the Hypercar (N)			
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USA	26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Pandora"		WWE Smackdown! in long-running rivalries.		WWE superstars do battle		Colony "Gateway" (SF) (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Funny Valentine"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Undercover Blue"	
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'10 Cloverfield Lane' opens well, but 'Zootopia' roars

By Jake Coyle
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NEW YORK — Moviegoers didn't have much to go on with the mysterious "10 Cloverfield Lane," but the words "Cloverfield" and "J.J. Abrams" were enough.

The Abrams-produced monster movie, a so-called "spiritual successor" to 2008's found-footage hit "Cloverfield," opened with a better-than-expected $25.2 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. That was good enough for second place to the Disney animated hit "Zootopia," which stayed on top with $50 million in its second week, a slide of only 33 percent from its opening weekend.

The weekend's biggest disappointment was Sacha Baron Cohen's "Brothers Grimsby," which flopped with a mere $3.2 million. It's a career low box-office debut for the shape-shifting British comedian by a wide margin.

Perhaps sensing trouble, Sony Pictures had postponed the release date of the R-rated comedy numerous times. Whereas Cohen's most popular characters — Borat and Ali G — were deployed largely to satirize America, moviegoers showed less enthusiasm for the British parody of "Brothers Grimsby," a poorly reviewed R-rated, U.K.-set spy comedy.

With the multiplexes stuffed with R-rated offerings ("Deadpool," "London Has Fallen," "Whiskey Tango Foxtrot"), the acclaimed "Zootopia" has had family audiences all to itself. The film, which imagines a metropolis inhabited by animals, will have little competition before "The Jungle Book" arrives in mid-April.

Taking in $83.1 million internationally over the weekend, "Zootopia" has already made more than $430 million globally.

The directorial debut of Dan Trachtenberg, "10 Cloverfield Lane," arrived with the opposite kind of hoopla that preceded Abrams' previous film, "Star Wars: The Force Awakens." The release of "10 Cloverfield Lane," made for just about $13 million, wasn't much advertised until an ominous Super Bowl spot.

Megan Colligan, head of distribution and marketing for Paramount Pictures, said the sly, cryptic campaign got people talking about a movie that revealed little except its two stars (John Goodman, Mary Elizabeth Winstead) in a bunker.

"From a marketing level, it's a challenge when a movie takes place in a relatively enclosed space and you're promising but not showing a bigger final act," Colligan said. "But I think part of the excitement and mystery around the 'Cloverfield' name led to the promise that something exciting was going to happen, and the trust in J.J. as a brand that he delivers."

Making little impact in their debuts were Lionsgate's romantic comedy "The Perfect Match" ($4.2 million) and Focus Features' Christian tale "The Young Messiah" ($3.4 million).

1. "Zootopia," $50 million ($83.1 million international).
2. "10 Cloverfield Lane," $25.2 million ($1.5 million international).
3. "Deadpool," $10.8 million ($11.3 million international).
4. "London Has Fallen," $10.7 million ($12 million international).
5. "Whiskey Tango Foxtrot," $4.6 million.
6. "The Perfect Match," $4.2 million.
7. "The Young Messiah," $3.4 million.
8. "The Brothers Grimsby," $3.2 million ($3.2 million international).
9. "Gods of Egypt," $2.5 million ($26.4 million international).
10. "Risen," $2.3 million.

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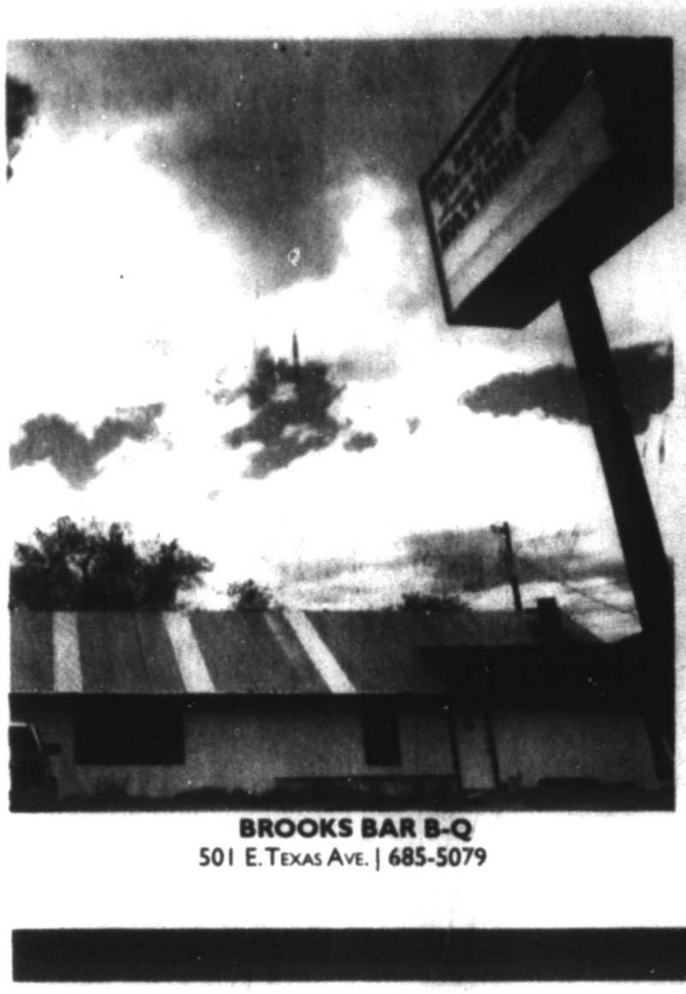
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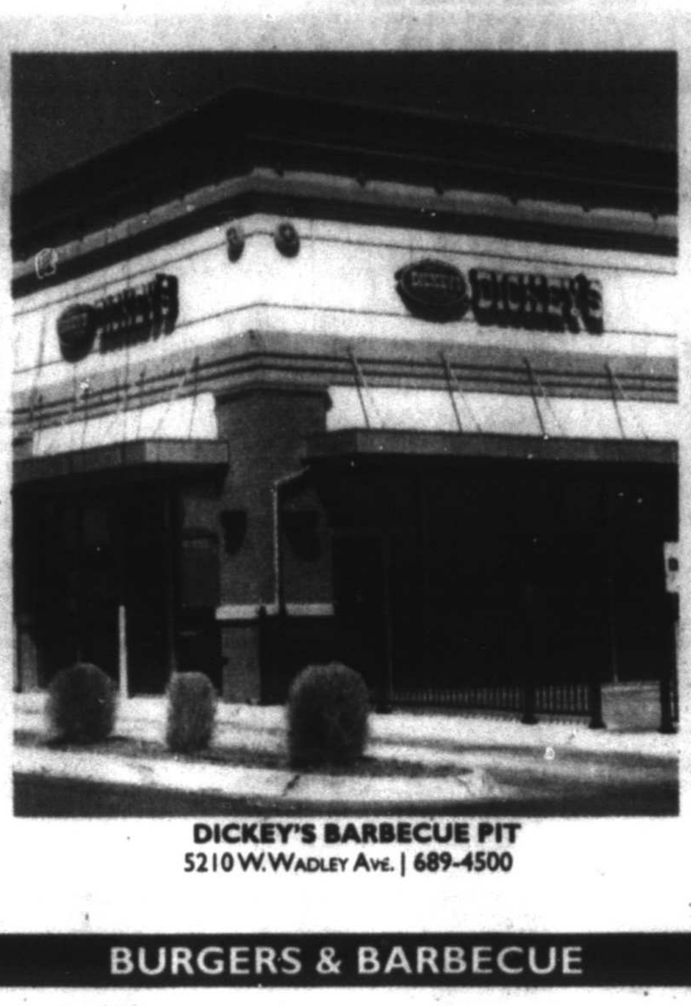
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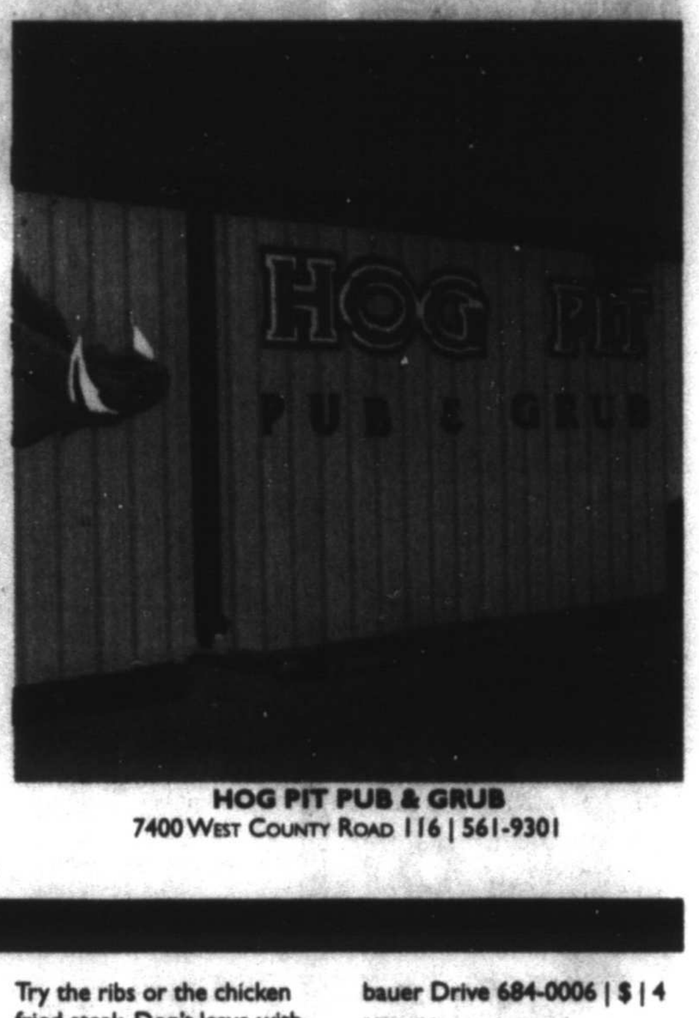
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DICKEY'S BARBECUE PIT Texas-based barbecue marketed as fast food. Try the pulled pork sandwich and the baked potato casserole. 5210 W. Wadley Ave. 689-4500 www.dickeys.com | $ | 4 spoons

FUDDRUCKERS Choose your burger size and add whatever toppings you want. If you're feeling adventurous, try the ostrich or bison. Located inside the mall. 4511 N. Midkiff Road 689-0448 |$ | 3 spoons

GRUB BURGER BAR The fast-casual College Station-based restaurant offers gourmet burger selections, milkshakes and a full bar. 4400 N. Midland Drive, Suite 500 789-1855 www.grubburgerbar.com | $ | 4 spoons

HOG PIT PUB & GRUB This out-of-the-way bar and barbecue joint offers all the traditional favorites plus unexpected menu items like fried sausage. Go hungry and relish the oversized portions of Texas goodness. 7400 West County Road 116 | 561-9301 | 3 spoons

JOHNNY'S BAR B-Q & DINER Downtown barbecue joint. Try the chopped beef sandwich for lunch. Look for the pig on the roof. 316 N. Big Spring St. 683-4581 | $ | 3 spoons

K-D'S BAR B-Q Pick your meat from the grill then add sides like potato salad, beans and peach cobbler. Try the sausage. Or the brisket. Or the chicken. It's all good. 3113 Garden City Highway 683-4013 | $ | 5 spoons

MICHAEL'S CHARCOAL GRILL Great barbecue and great burgers, including the King Kong burger. Michael's also has a great salad bar. Something for everyone. 723 W. Wadley Ave. 686-9030 | $$ | 4 spoons

SAM'S BAR-B-QUE You can smell the smoke before you get into the parking lot at this longtime Midland establishment. Whether you go for ribs, brisket or sausage be sure to save room for the peach cobbler. 1113 E. Scharbauer Drive | 570-1082 | 3 spoons

SCOTTY'S SOUL FOOD Tucked in a hole-in-the-wall location on North Big Spring Street, Scotty's offers everything comfort food. Try the ribs or the chicken fried steak. Don't leave without a helping of cornbread. 2907 N. Big Spring St. | 695-6511 | $ | 4 spoons

TANK'S BAR-B-QUE AND CATERING Stop by Tank's for lunch and get a full plate of barbecue with all the sides to take back to the office or enjoy at a nearby picnic table. Don't skip the potato salad. 401 E. Scharbauer Drive 684-0006 | $ | 4 spoons

TEXAS BURGER Fast-food burgers with more of a local — or regional feel — than the national chains. Try the jalapeno burger and spicy fries. Don't forget the ice cream. 3306 W. Loop 250 West, 522-2177 and 500 W. Wadley Ave. 620-9838 | $ | 3 spoons

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Texas hoping Smart can spark tourney success

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas wasn't winning in March. So the school ushered out coach Rick Barnes and hired Shaka Smart to change the trend.

Now it's Smart's turn to try to deliver some postseason success, although the way this team limped into March has a familiar look to seasons past. The Longhorns, the No. 6 seed in the West Regional, face No. 11 Northern Iowa (22-12) on Friday night in Oklahoma City.

The public message when Texas hired Smart wasn't explicitly "win in March" but it might as well have been. Texas rarely struggled under Barnes to get the NCAA Tournament — 16 appearances in 17 years — but it was his inability to get the Longhorns past the first weekend since 2008 that brought fan and school administration frustration to a boil.

Former athletic director Steve Patterson forced Barnes out and hired Smart from Virginia Commonwealth, a hot young coach who made his name nationally with an improbable Final Four run in 2011. Smart's VCU teams struggled to duplicate that success. VCU didn't make it out of the NCAA tourney's first weekend for the next four years. The last two years were one-and-done.

Smart said he's not feeling any special pressure heading into this tournament with Texas.

"Trust me, I'm going to put everything I have into helping our team be the best it can be," Smart said. "I understand how the media works. If you win, there's a level of credit you get. If you lose, there's a level of blame you get. That's how it worked at VCU. I don't really focus on that because at the end of the day, I can live with myself if I do the best job for our guys and help them try to be their best on and off the court."

Smart's first season slowly renewed excitement about the Longhorns' program. Texas goes into the tournament boasting some big wins, including one over a No. 1 seed (North Carolina) and three more against No. 2 seeds (Oklahoma, and West Virginia twice).

"We've shown that we can play with anybody in the country," senior forward Connor Lammert said.

But the momentum of the regular season disappeared in recent weeks. Texas limped to a 3-3 finish with three blowout losses. A 30-point loss to

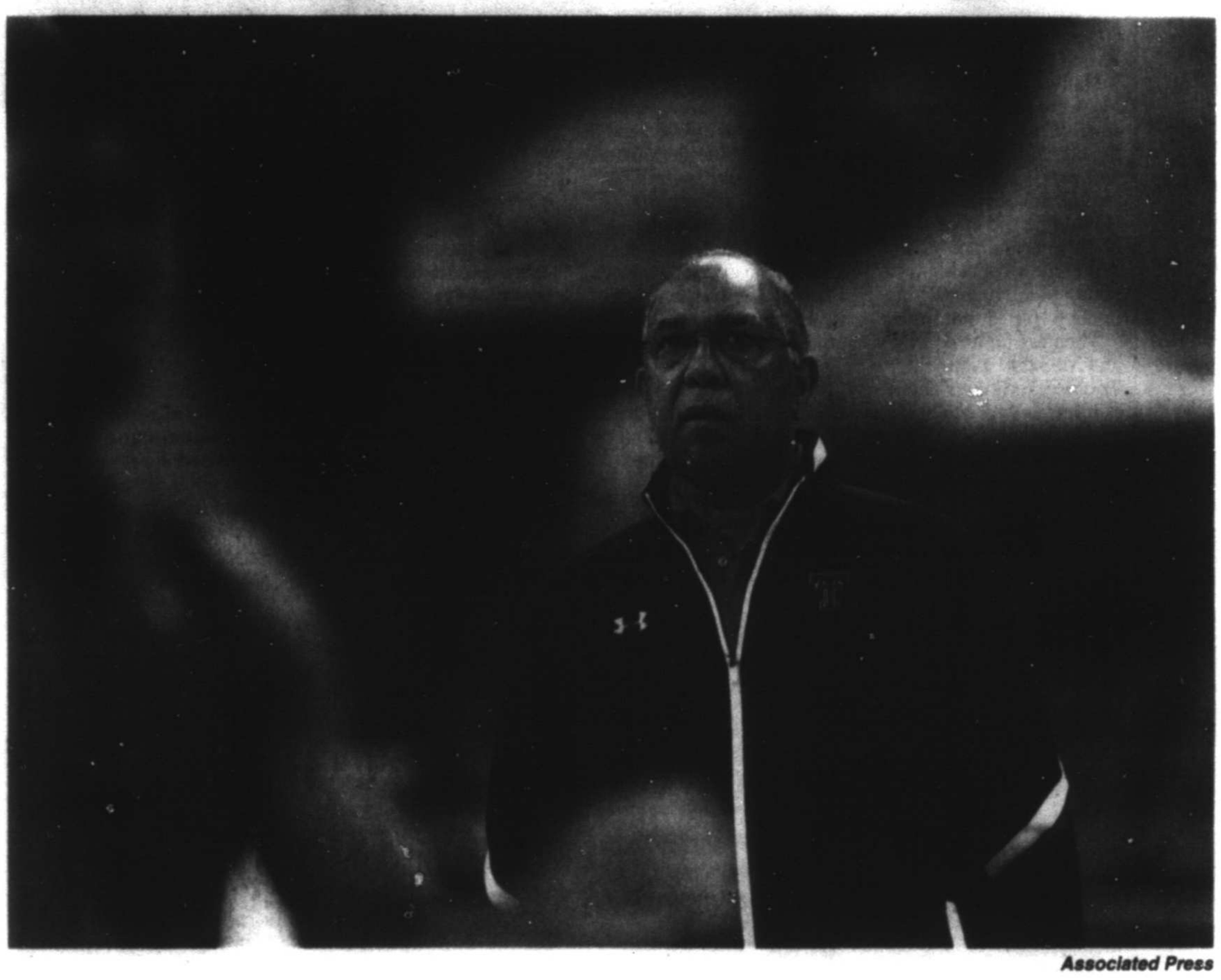
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Associated Press

On Feb. 16, Texas coach Shaka Smart encourages his team during the second half of a game against West Virginia in Austin.

Ready to ride again



Associated Press

Texas Tech coach Tubby Smith watches during practice for a first-round game in the NCAA Tournament in Raleigh, N.C., on Wednesday. Texas Tech plays Butler today.

Texas Tech is 5th school Smith has led to NCAAs

By Aaron Beard
Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Texas Tech coach Tubby Smith has been around college basketball long enough to realize that teams should savor the opportunity of playing in the NCAA Tournament.

Few coaches would know better.

The well-traveled veteran is one of two coaches to take five schools to the NCAAs now that the Red Raiders — in for the first time in nine years — are facing Butler in Thursday's first round of the Midwest Region.

"I would like to be able to stay in one place," Smith said Wednesday. "But every job we took, it was a step in the right direction. We've certainly moved our family quite a bit. ... They're not going to hire you unless you were successful at the prior university, so I'm really pleased about that."

Smith, with 557 career wins in 25 seasons, has led Tulsa, Georgia, Kentucky, Minnesota and now eighth-seeded Texas Tech (19-12). Oklahoma's Lon Kruger is the only other coach to take five schools to the NCAAs.

"I just think you can't help but be incredibly impressed by what he's done," Butler coach Chris Holtmann said. "Winning's not easy and when you do it as much as he's done it and as many places as he's done it, there's a reason: He does it the right way."

Smith led Kentucky to the 1998 NCAA title to highlight his 10 years there. Next came a six-year stay at Minnesota, where Smith went 124-81 and reached the NCAAs three times before he was fired in 2013 and landed at Texas Tech.

The Red Raiders hadn't played in the NCAAs since 2007 under Bob Knight, going 81-112 over the six seasons before Smith's arrival. His first two teams had losing records, but this group — featuring four double-figure scorers — went 9-9 in the tough Big 12 and upset Oklahoma.

"He's changed the whole program and he teaches us life lessons," fifth-year senior Toddrick Gotcher said. "It's amazing to see a legend come to Texas Tech and corral us up and get the right guys in and change the program around."

Getting here is nothing new for the ninth-seeded Bulldogs (21-10), who have been in the NCAAs in eight of the past 10 years and has won at least one game in seven of its last eight trips.

"I think there's somewhat of an advantage," fifth-year senior Roosevelt Jones said. "I remember my sophomore year and the first time playing in the NCAA Tournament. I was very nervous. I didn't

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Baylor back, Yale enjoying rebirth in tourney field

By Kyle Hightower
Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — For Baylor, going to the NCAA Tournament is beginning to become the expectation.

Yale will be getting reacquainted with it for the first time in more than 50 years.

The West Region's fifth seed, the Bears (22-11) enter their first-round matchup with the 12th-seeded Bulldogs (22-6) Thursday battered, but unbowed by a brutal Big 12 schedule that included seven tournament teams.

Baylor is making its third straight appearance in the NCAA field — the first time in school history that's happened.

But there is also the still very raw wound of how it exited last year via a last-second 3-pointer by Georgia State's R.J. Hunter that literally knocked his father and coach out of his seat in one of 2015's most memorable tournament moments.

"Everything that we played for this season was fueled ... from that moment when we got bounced last year," senior forward Rico Gathers said. "Just being back in that moment once again, it just motivates us to not let that happen again."

Seven of the nine players from Baylor's team are back, and it has one of the most

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Associated Press

Baylor forward Rico Gathers, left, celebrates with Johnathan Motley and Taurean Prince, right, during the NCAA tournament selection show in Waco on Sunday.

50 years later, Texas Western's win resonates off the court

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

MIAMI — The opposing team's locker room is a place Pat Riley has generally considered off-limits for almost all his basketball life: Do not enter except under extreme circumstances.

Fifty years ago was one of those circumstances.

Riley and his teammates on Kentucky's all-white squad had just lost the national championship game to little Texas Western, which started five black players. It was a historic moment in both college basketball and U.S. race relations.

As he left the floor that day, Riley realized he had not shaken hands with the winners. So the Kentucky star found the nerve to venture into the Texas Western locker room.

"It was just joy," Riley recalled recently. "Just joy. Their players were in there, their families were in there. I just went immediately, quickly through there, said what I had to say and left them to have their moment. And what they did that night has resonated for 50 years since."

March 19, 1966. Texas Western 72, Kentucky 65.

At the height of the civil rights movement, it was much more than a basketball game. Immortalized — and introduced, perhaps, to a new generation — through the movie "Glory Road" 10 years ago, the game marks its 50th anniversary during the opening weekend of this year's NCAA Tournament.

And in all eight of the NCAA men's games that will be played on the actual anniversary date, black players and white players will compete alongside and against one another, not held back from attending a certain school because of the color of their skin.

"The contributions that that team made and the way those guys stuck together — they're the reasons also why I have a job at the University of Alabama," said Crimson Tide coach Avery Johnson, a former NBA player. "And why a lot of these other African-American players around the country can go and play at these Division I schools and play in such a way that they don't have to look over their shoulders because of racial situations."

Such is the legacy of what Texas Western did that night at Cole Field House in Maryland.

By winning a game, they changed the game.

"I never felt that we were playing against five black players," said Riley, a winner of nine NBA titles and now president of the Miami Heat. "I don't know what they felt. Only now, 50 years later can maybe the truth come out and all of the thoughts come out about that night. It turned out to be a rather significant moment in African-American history from the standpoint of what it did for college basketball and the segregation and the integration part of it."

The latest data collected by Richard Lapchick and his Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport at the University of Central Florida showed that at the Division I men's level, more than 57 percent of the basketball players are black. And two years ago, 51 percent of women's Division I players were black. (Most of the coaching and administrative positions in college basketball are still held by whites.)

"The greatest number of career prospects are in college sport rather than professional sport because of the number of jobs available," Lapchick said in issuing his latest college report. "That makes it even more important for us to create

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DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

ALPINE SKIING

FIS St. Moritz: Men's Super G, 5 a.m., NBCSN

FIS St. Moritz: Women's Super G, 6 a.m., NBCSN

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Pacific at BYU, 7 p.m., BYUtv

California at USC, 9 p.m., P12, P12 BAY, P12 LA

COLLEGE WRESTLING

NCAA Championships, 1st Round, 11 a.m., ESPNU

NCAA Championships, 2nd Round, 6 p.m., ESPNU

GOLF

PGA: Arnold Palmer Invitational, 1st Round, 1 p.m., GOLF

LPGA: JTBC Founders Cup, 1st Round, 5 p.m., GOLF

HOCKEY

KHL: Western Conference Semi Gm 6: SKA vs. Dynamo Moscow, 11:30 a.m., OWSPN

MLB

St. Louis vs. Detroit, Noon, MLB

Toronto vs. Houston, Noon, ROOT

LA Angels vs. Colorado, 3 p.m., MLB

Arizona vs. Chic. Cubs, 6 p.m., ESPN

San Francisco vs. San Diego, 9 p.m., MLB

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NCAA: UNC Wilmington vs. Duke, 11:15 a.m., CBS

NCAA: Butler vs. Texas Tech, 11:45 a.m., truTV

NCAA: Connecticut vs. Colorado, 12:30 p.m., TNT

NCAA: UALR vs. Purdue, 1 p.m., TBS

NCAA: Yale vs. Baylor, 1:45 p.m., CBS

NCAA: Hampton vs. Virginia, 2:10 p.m., truTV

NCAA: Austin Peay vs. Kansas, 3 p.m., TNT

NCAA: Iona vs. Iowa State, 3:30 p.m., TBS

NCAA: Buffalo vs. Miami-FL, 5:50 p.m., TNT

NIT: Valparaiso vs. Florida State, 6 p.m., ESPNews

NCAA: Chattanooga vs. Indiana, 6:10 p.m., CBS

NCAA: FGCU vs. North Carolina, 6:20 p.m., TBS

NCAA: Fresno State vs. Utah, 6:27 p.m., truTV

NCAA: Wichita State vs. Arizona, 8:20 p.m., TNT

NCAA: Stony Brook vs. Kentucky, 8:40 p.m., CBS

NCAA: Providence vs. USC, 8:50 p.m., TBS

NCAA: Gonzaga vs. Seton Hall, 8:57 p.m., truTV

MEN'S COLLEGE HOCKEY

Big 10 Quarterfinal: Wisconsin vs. Penn State, 4 p.m., BTN

Big 10 Quarterfinal: Michigan State vs. Ohio State, 7:30 p.m., BTN

MEN'S SOCCER

UEFA Europa: Bayer 04 Leverkusen vs. Villarreal CF, 1 p.m., FS1, ESPNDEP

UEFA Europa: Valencia CF vs. Athletic Club de Bilbao, 1 p.m., FS2

UEFA Europa: Multimatch 90, 1 p.m., FSP

UEFA Europa: Manchester United vs. Liverpool, 3 p.m., FS1, ESPNDEP

UEFA Europa: Tottenham Hotspur FC vs. Borussia Dortmund, 3 p.m., FS2

Copa Libertadores: Club Olimpia vs. CS Emelec, 5:30 p.m., FXDEP

Copa Libertadores: Club Nacional (URU) vs. Sociedade Esportiva Palmeiras, 7:30 p.m., FSP

Copa Libertadores: Deportivo Cali vs. Racing Club, 7:30 p.m., FXDEP

Copa Libertadores: Pumas de la UNAM vs. Deportivo Tachira, 10 p.m., FXDEP

MOTORSPORTS

F1: Australian Grand Prix, Practice 1, 8:30 p.m., NBCSN

F1: Australian Grand Prix, Practice 2, 12:30 a.m., NBCSN

NBA

Portland at San Antonio, 7 p.m., FSSWSA

NHL

Tampa Bay at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW

NY Rangers at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m., NHL

RODEO

RodeoHouston Semifinal 2, 7 p.m., FSSW+

TENNIS

ATP/WTA: BNP Paribas Open, Quarterfinals, 2 p.m., ESPN2

ATP/WTA: BNP Paribas Open, Quarterfinals, 7 p.m., ESPN2

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

BASEBALL

Greenwood at Lubbock Estacado, 7 p.m.

MCA at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m.

HS GOLF

Coahoma High School Invitational
Comanche Trail Golf Course, Big Spring
Wednesday's results

Boys

Team standings

1 Coahoma, 353; 2 Garden City, 381; 3 Sterling City, 419; 4 Stanton, 423; 5 New Home, 453; 6 Reagan County, 471

Individual standings

1 Benjamin Crockett, Stanton, 77; 2 Mason Moore, Coahoma, 83; 3 John Porras, Coahoma, 87; T-4 Logan Franklin, Coahoma, 88; Tanner Davis, Garden City, 88; 6 Jonathan Rankin, Colorado City, 95; 7 Coby Stinson, Westbrook, 96; 8 Tyler Seaton, Jayton, 98; Kobe Lisenbee, Jayton, 99; 10 Everett Priddy, Paint Creek, 101

Area team standings

Coahoma (353) — Mason Moore, 83; John Porras, 87; Logan Franklin, 88; Tyler McFall, 96; Reuben Campos, 116

Garden City (381) — Tanner Davis, 88; Scott Miller, 96; Seth Miller, 98; Hagen Halfmann, 98; Zach Burnett, 99

Stanton (423) — Benjamin Crockett, 77; Logan Daly, 99; Trent Cox, 109; Dante Dahl, 138; David Hunt, 139

Girls

Team standings

1 Sonora I, 357; 2 Sonora II, 390; 3 Sands, 466

Individual standings

1 Darby Ramsdell, Sonora I, 80; Jillian Jones, Forsan, 86; 3 Mansol Capuchin, Sonora II, 90; 4 Kylie Reiner, Sonora I, 91; 5 Elyssa Prieto, Sonora I, 92; 6 Bryn Arnold, Spur, 97; 7 Sierra Huitt, Forsan, 100; 8 Jayden Freeman, Crane, 102; Cheyenne Reyes, Westbrook, 103; 10 Ally Burnett, Garden City, 106

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE — Suspended Philadelphia RHP Skylar Hunter (Lakewood-SAL) 50 games and L.A. Dodgers RHP Adrian Salcedo (Oklahoma City-PCL) 144 games for violating the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Optioned LHP Chris Jones and OF Henry Urrutia to Norfolk (IL) and RHP Jason Garcia to Bowie (EL). Reassigned RHP Hunter Harvey, Cs Jonah Heim and Chance Sisco, INF Ozzie Martinez and Trey Mancini and LHPs Cesar Cabral, Andy Oliver and Ashur Tolliver to minor league camp

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Optioned RHPs Daniel Webb and Brandon Brennan and C Kevan Smith to Charlotte (IL) and RHP Michael Ynoa to Birmingham (SL). Reassigned OFs Adam Engel and Courtney Hawkins and INF Andy Parrino to their minor league camp. Released 3B Mike Olt

DETROIT TIGERS — Assigned RHP Joe Jimenez, LHP Kevin Ziomek and Cs Austin Green and Kade Scivicque to minor league camp

HOUSTON ASTROS — Optioned RHPs Juan Minaya and Danny Reynolds to Fresno (PCL) and Joe Musgrove and David Paulino to Corpus Christi (TL). Reassigned INFs Alex Bregman and J.D. Davis, OFs Derek Fisher and Jon Kemmer and RHPs Brady Rodgers, Brendan McCurry and Chris Devenski to minor league camp

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Placed RHP Jarrod Parker on the 60-day DL. Claimed RHP Andrew Triggs off waivers from Baltimore and optioned him and RHP J.B. Wendelken, INFs Renato Nunez, Rangel Ravelo and Joey Wendle to Nashville (PCL) and RHP Raul Alcantara to Midland (TL). Reassigned LHPs Daniel Coulombe and Dillon Overton, C Beau Taylor, INFs Richie Martin and Josh Rodriguez and RHPs Ryan Doolittle, Chris Smith and Taylor Thompson to minor league camp

SEATTLE MARINERS — Claimed C Rob Brantly off waivers from the Chicago White Sox. Placed RHP Ryan Cook on the 60-day DL. Optioned OF Guillermo Heredia to Jackson (SL). Reassigned Cs Marcus Littlewood and Steve Lerud, INFs Benji Gonzalez and Tyler Smith, OFs Mike Baxter and Dario Pizzano and LHPs Paul Fry, Brad Mills and Danny Hultzen to minor league camp. Released INF Gaby Sanchez and RHP Justin De Fratus

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Optioned LHP Blake Snell, RHP Jacob Faria and 2B Ryan Brett to Durham (IL) and RHP Taylor Guerrieri to Montgomery (SL). Reassigned LHPs Justin Marks and Adam Wilk, RHPs Eddie Gamboa, Adam Reifer and Jaime Schultz, C Jake DePew, INFs Daniel Robertson and Patrick Leonard and OFs Johnny Field and Dayron Varona to their minor league camp

National League

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Optioned RHP Jharel Cotton to Oklahoma City (PCL). Reassigned OF Alex Hassan, C Kyle Farmer and RHPs Lisalverto Bonilla, Chase De Jong, Caleb Dirks, Jacob Rhame and Chris Anderson to minor league camp

MIAMI MARLINS — Optioned RHPs Lemdu Flores, Nick Wittgren and Scott McGough to New Orleans (PCL) and 2B Jake Esch, RHP Austin Brice and LHPs Tim Berry and Jarlin Garcia to Jacksonville (SL). Reassigned OFs Yefri Perez and Kenny Wilson, RHP Dylan Axelrod, C Sharif Othman and INFs Dan Black, Tommy Medica, J.T. Riddle, and Brady Shoemaker to minor league camp

NEW YORK METS — Released INF Ruben Tejada. Optioned OF Brandon Nimmo, RHP Seth Lugo and 2B Dilson Herrera to Las Vegas (PCL) and LHP Josh Smoker and RHPs Gabriel Ynoa, Jeff Walters and Robert Gsellman to Binghamton (EL). Reassigned LHP Duane Below, RHP Stolmy Pimentel, OF Travis Taijeron and INFs Gavin Cecchini, Dominic Smith and Marc Krauss to minor league camp

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Optioned RHPs David Buchanan and Alec Asher to Lehigh Valley (IL)

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Designated LHP Jesse Biddle for assignment

American Association

FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Signed RHP Tyler Herron

LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Traded 2B Aaron Payne and OF Logan Vick to Windy City (Frontier) for future considerations

TEXAS AIR HOGS — Signed OF Burt Reynolds

Can-Am League

TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Traded OF Jon Smith to Lincoln (AA) for future considerations

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS — Signed F Jeff Ayres for the remainder of the season

MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Signed G Xavier Munford to a 10-day contract

MILWAUKEE BUCKS — Signed G Jared Cunningham to a 10-day contract

NEW YORK KNICKS — Signed G Tony Wroten

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Agreed to terms with G Evan Mathis on a one-year contract

ATLANTA FALCONS — Signed OT Tom Compton and LB LaRoy Reynolds

BUFFALO BILLS — Signed TE Jim Dray

CHICAGO BEARS — Signed LS Aaron Brewer to a one-year contract

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Re-signed DT Pat Sims

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Terminated the contracts of LB Karlos Dansby and WR Dwayne Bowe. Signed LB Demario Davis

HOUSTON TEXANS — Signed S Antonio Allen

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Signed OT Kelvin Beachum to a two-year contract

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Re-signed QB Matt Moore. Signed DE Andre Branch

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Re-signed RB Matt Asiata

OAKLAND RAIDERS — Agreed to terms with OT Donald Penn on a two-year contract. Signed S Brynden Trawick

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Agreed to terms with WR Chris Givens on a one-year contract

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Agreed to terms with OL Chris Hairston on a two-year contract

TENNESSEE TITANS — Agreed to terms with LB Sean Spence on a one-year contract

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Re-signed LB Junior Galette and OL Josh LeRibeus

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CALGARY FLAMES — Recalled F Freddie Hamilton from Stockton (AHL) on an emergency basis

NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Assigned Fs Gabriel Bourque and Eric Nystrom to Milwaukee (AHL) on long-term injury loans

American Hockey League

ALBANY DEVILS — Signed D Paul Geiger to an amateur tryout agreement

BAKERSFIELD CONDORS — Recalled G Ty Rimmer from Norfolk (ECHL)

SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Assigned D Justin Hamonic to Fort Wayne (ECHL)

STOCKTON HEAT — Returned D Mike Vernace to Brampton (ECHL)

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

SPORTING KANSAS CITY — Traded a 2016 international roster spot to New York City FC for targeted allocation money

North American Soccer League

JACKSONVILLE ARMADA — Signed M Garry Lewis

United Soccer League

LOUISVILLE CITY FC — Signed F Kenny Doublette, D Paco Craig and M Kyle Smith

COLLEGE

ARKANSAS STATE — Named Grant McCasland men's basketball coach

EAST CAROLINA — Added women's lacrosse as an intercollegiate sport to begin play in the 2017-18 academic year

EMORY & HENRY — Named Stephon Robertson linebackers coach

HOWARD PAYNE — Named Brandon Badgeley women's soccer coach

ILLINOIS — Named Bob Ligashesky special teams coordinator/tight ends coach

PACIFIC — Named Damon Stoudamire men's basketball coach

WILMINGTON (DEL.) — Announced the resignation of women's basketball coach Tiffany Silver

Garza, Jones named District 11-A Co-MVPs

From staff reports

Grady senior guards Kyle Garza and Braeden Jones were named Co-Most Valuable Players on the All-District 11-A Region II Boys Basketball Team just released.

The Wildcats' junior forward Jaylen Short and senior post Cole Avery earned selections to the first team.

Those four players helped lead the Wildcats to a 32-5 overall record and a back-to-back appearance in the Class 1A state championship game in San Antonio this season.

ALL DISTRICT 11-A REGION II BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

Co-MVPs: Kyle Garza, Sr., Grady; Braeden Jones, Sr., Grady

Offensive MVP: Dayton Eddleman, Sr., Sands

Defensive MVP: Aaron Skiles, Sr., Klondike

Newcomers of the Year: Shay Coleman, Fr., Klondike; Jackson Napper, Fr.,

First Team

Jaylen Short, Jr., Grady; Cole Avery, Sr., Grady; Dyllan Tindol, Sr., Sands; Dylan Segundo, Sr., Sands; Chris Ariemendez, Sr., Klondike; Jayden Coleman, So., Klondike; A.J. Rivas, Sr., O'Donnell; Trevor Balague, So., O'Donnell; Mattheu de la Rosa, Jr., Dawson; Austin de la Rosa, Jr., O'Donnell

Second Team

Alejandro Jimenez, Sr., Grady; Devynn Smith, Jr., Grady; Eric Garcia, Jr., Sands; Juan Diaz, Jr., Sands; Isaac Robles, Sr., Klondike; Brandon Rosalos, Sr., O'Donnell; Jaidan Dempsey, So., O'Donnell; Justin Contreras, Sr., Dawson; Lee Scott, Jr., Loop; Caithen Bodey, Jr., Loop

SMITH

From 1C

know what to expect. ... But it's not going to affect the outcome. You have to come out ready to play."

Here are things to know about the Butler-Texas Tech matchup:

HIGH-SCORING WAYS: Butler's Kellen Dunham (16.3 points), Kelan Martin (16.1) and Jones (14.0) headline an offense averaging 80.6 points and shooting 47 percent. And Butler is 18-0 in two seasons under Holtmann when shooting at least 50 percent.

CASHING IN: Both teams want to get to the foul line. Texas Tech led the Big 12 by making 74.6 percent of free throws, while Butler was third in the Big East at 73.1 percent.

LEWIS' RETURN: Butler junior guard Tyler Lewis gets a homecoming of sorts. He played two seasons at North Carolina State, which plays home games here in PNC Arena, and was an instate McDonald's All-American in 2012. "It's amazing," he said. "I grew up loving N.C. State and I get to play in their gym again."

BUTLER'S DEFENSE: Butler can't afford a repeat of its defensive showing from a 74-60 loss to Providence in the Big East Tournament, where the Friars shot 61 percent after halftime and 55 percent for the game. "Our defense has to be considerably better than what it was the other night," Holtmann said.

ADDED FAMILIARITY? Texas Tech and Butler both played in the Puerto Rico Tipoff in November, though not against each other. "We got to the arena early when they were playing," Texas Tech's Justin Gray said. "So we got to see them a little bit. Other than that we haven't really seen what they have until we watched film (Tuesday) for sure."

TEXAS WESTERN

From 1C

expanded opportunities in college sport for women and people of color."

A Texas Western effect, if you will.

It happened for players 50 years ago, or at least started to happen.

Hall of Famer Bob McAdoo left his home state of North Carolina in the late 1960s to spend his first two years of college at a small school in Indiana. He said he did so in part because of the pressures that came with being a young black man playing in the South at that time.

Then his father fell ill, and McAdoo wanted to be closer to home. Then-North Carolina coach Dean Smith told him that coming to what was then a nearly all-white campus might not be easy.

"But I'll treat you like a son," McAdoo recalled the UNC coach saying. "So that told me I would be all right, and I went to North Carolina. Things were changing."

Texas Tech coach Tubby Smith — who was Kentucky's coach from 1997 through 2007, winning a national title there — remembers watching the Kentucky-Texas Western game on television. In black and white, of course. And he was rooting for the Miners.

"It was like pulling for Joe Louis, pulling for Jackie Robinson, pulling for a lot of African Americans playing sports," Tubby Smith said.

He grew up in Maryland the son of sharecroppers, and doesn't remember watching too many games before that one. But he remembers every detail of that day — for example, it rained.

"I was just going from my ninth grade to my 10th grade, and I was just going from a predominantly all-black school at George Washington Carver to Great Mills High School," Tubby Smith said. "So that was really a watershed moment, a special time for me watching it because that very next year I was going to be playing at Great Mills High School with white classmates and white teammates."

Just like that, he realized it didn't have to be blacks vs. whites, even at that time in America.

Most games weren't on television then, and even though Texas Western was 23-0 and ranked No. 2 in the nation at one point, many people didn't see the Miners coming.

"We didn't even hardly know who Texas Western was," Riley said.

Riley doesn't remember any great motivational speech on game day from Adolph Rupp, the legendary Kentucky coach who, to Riley's chagrin, comes across as something of a racist in the movie.

And on the Texas Western side, black Miners star David Lattin said he didn't even realize that coach Don Haskins was going to play only the team's black players. Lattin said Haskins barely even made any mention of race that season, including the day of the title game.

Over the years, Riley has been invited to plenty of Texas Western reunions. He's been to a few, and got to shake those same hands again, as he did in the locker room that night.

Riley abhors losses. This one, he has practically embraced. Beaten, he said, by a most deserving team.

"When it comes down to how good were they, they could have been one of the best ever," Riley said. "The best ever."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL GLANCE

NIT scores

Tuesday

South Carolina 88, High Point 66
Florida State 84, Davidson 74
Ohio State 72, Akron 63, OT
Creighton 72, Alabama 54
Long Beach State (20-14) at Washington (18-14), late
Florida 97, North Florida 68
Texas Southern (18-14) at Valparaiso (26-6), late
IPFW (24-9) at San Diego State (25-9), late
New Mexico State (23-10) at Saint Mary's (Cal) (27-5), late

Wednesday

Wagner 79, St. Bonaventure 75
Georgia 93, Belmont 84
Monmouth 90, Bucknell 80
George Washington 82, Hofstra 80
Virginia Tech 86, Princeton 81, OT
Georgia Tech 81, Houston 62
UAB (26-6) at BYU (23-10), late

NIT schedule

Second Round
March 18-21

Wagner (23-10) vs. Creighton (19-14), TBA
Virginia Tech (20-14) vs. UAB-BYU winner, TBA
Valparaiso (27-6) vs. Florida State (20-13), TBA
Georgia (20-13) vs. Saint Mary's (Cal) (28-5), TBA
South Carolina (25-8) vs. Georgia Tech (20-14), TBA
Washington (19-14) vs. San Diego State (26-9), TBA
Monmouth (28-7) vs. George Washington (24-10), TBA
Ohio State (21-13) vs. Florida (20-14), TBA

WNIT scores

First Round
Wednesday

Michigan 81, Wright State 53
Minnesota 87, Milwaukee 80
Tulane 53, Alabama 52

WNIT schedule

Today's games

IUPUI (20-10) at Central Michigan (22-10) 6 p.m.
Bucknell (24-7) at Akron (19-13), 6 p.m.
Marshall (21-11) at Ohio (24-6), 6 p.m.
Elon (18-12) at Virginia Tech (17-13), 6 p.m.
Liberty (20-12) at Villanova (19-11), 6 p.m.
Harvard (14-13) at Hofstra (22-8), 7 p.m.
Georgetown (16-13) at Rutgers (18-14), 6 p.m.
Mercer (24-8) at Georgia Tech (19-12), 6 p.m.
Wake Forest (16-15) at Charlotte (19-11), 5 p.m.
Virginia (16-15) at VCU (23-9), 6 p.m.
Texas Rio Grand Valley (19-13) at TCU (16-14), 7 p.m.
Southern (19-11) at Arkansas State (26-5), 7 p.m.
Northern Iowa (22-10) at Nebraska (18-12), 7 p.m.
Ball State (21-9) at Iowa (19-13), 7 p.m.
UALR (20-12) at Saint Louis (24-7), 7 p.m.
Sacred Heart (20-12) at Drake (22-9), 7 p.m.
UT Martin (21-9) at Memphis (18-12), 7 p.m.
Dayton (14-14) at Western Kentucky (24-6), 7 p.m.
San Diego (23-7) at Northwestern (18-16), 7 p.m.
Long Beach State (24-8) at Oregon (20-10), 8 p.m.
UC-Riverside (23-8) at Gonzaga (18-13), 8 p.m.
Abilene Christian (26-3) at UTEP (26-4), 8:05 p.m.
Eastern Michigan (21-11) at Saint Mary's (CA) (24-7), 9 p.m.

NCAA Tournament scores

Tuesday

Florida Gulf Coast 96, Fairleigh Dickinson 65
Wichita State 70, Vanderbilt 50

Wednesday

Holy Cross 59, Southern 55
Michigan (22-12) vs. Tulsa (20-11), late

NCAA Tournament schedules

MEN

EAST REGIONAL
Round of 64
Today
At PNC Arena
Raleigh, N.C.

North Carolina (28-6) vs. Florida Gulf Coast (21-13), 6:20 p.m.
Southern Cal (21-12) vs. Providence (23-10), 8:50 p.m.

At Wells Fargo Arena
Des Moines, Iowa

Indiana (25-7) vs. Chattanooga (29-5), 6:10 p.m.
Kentucky (26-8) vs. Stony Brook (26-6), 8:40 p.m.

Friday
At Barclays Center
Brooklyn, N.Y.

West Virginia (26-8) vs. Stephen F. Austin (27-5), 6:10 p.m.
Notre Dame (21-11) vs. Michigan-Tulsa winner, 8:40 p.m.

At Scottrade Center
St. Louis

Wisconsin (20-12) vs. Pittsburgh (21-11), 5:50 p.m.
Xavier (27-5) vs. Weber State (26-8), 8:20 p.m.

SOUTH REGIONAL
Round of 64
Today
At Dunkin' Donuts Center
Providence, R.I.

Miami (25-7) vs. Buffalo (20-14), 5:50 p.m.
Arizona (25-8) vs. Wichita State (25-8), 8:20 p.m.

At Wells Fargo Arena
Des Moines, Iowa

Colorado (22-11) vs. UConn (24-10), 12:30 p.m.
Kansas (30-4) vs. Austin Peay (18-17), 3 p.m.

Friday
At Barclays Center
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Villanova (29-5) vs. UNC Asheville (22-11), 11:40 a.m.
Iowa (21-10) vs. Temple (21-11), 2:10 p.m.

At Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena
Spokane, Wash.

California (23-10) vs. Hawaii (27-5), 1 p.m.
Maryland (25-8) vs. South Dakota State (26-7), 3:30 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Round of 64
Today
At PNC Arena
Raleigh, N.C.

Texas Tech (19-12) vs. Butler (21-10), 11:40 a.m.
Virginia (26-7) vs. Hampton (21-10), 2:10 p.m.

At Pepsi Center
Denver

Iowa State (21-11) vs. Iona (22-10), 1 p.m.
Purdue (26-8) vs. UALR (29-4), 3:30 p.m.
Utah (26-8) vs. Fresno State (25-9), 6:27 p.m.
Seton Hall (25-8) vs. Gonzaga (26-7), 8:57 p.m.

Friday
At Scottrade Center
St. Louis

Dayton (25-7) vs. Syracuse (19-13), 11:15 a.m.
Michigan State (29-5) vs. Middle Tennessee (24-9), 1:45 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL
Round of 64
Today
At Dunkin' Donuts Center
Providence, R.I.

Duke (23-10) vs. UNC Wilmington (25-7), 11:15 a.m.
Baylor (22-11) vs. Yale (22-6), 1:45 p.m.

Friday
At Chesapeake Energy Arena
Oklahoma City

Oregon State (19-12) vs. VCU (24-10), 12:30 p.m.
Oklahoma (25-7) vs. Cal State Bakersfield (24-8), 3 p.m.
Texas A&M (26-8) vs. Green Bay (23-12), 6:20 p.m.
Texas (20-12) vs. Northern Iowa (22-12), 8:50 p.m.

At Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena
Spokane, Wash.

Oregon (28-6) vs. Holy Cross-Southern winner, 6:27 p.m.
Saint Joseph's (27-7) vs. Cincinnati (22-10), 8:57 p.m.

WOMEN

BRIDGEPORT REGIONAL
First Round
Friday
At Mississippi State

Michigan State (24-8) vs. Belmont (24-8), 11 a.m.
Mississippi State (26-7) vs. Chattanooga (24-7), 1:30 p.m.

Saturday
At Storrs, Conn.

UConn (32-0) vs. Robert Morris (20-12), 10 a.m.
Seton Hall (23-8) vs. Duquesne (27-5), 12:30 p.m.

At Los Angeles

UCLA (24-8) vs. Hawaii (21-10), 5:30 p.m.
South Florida (23-8) vs. Colorado State (31-1), 8 p.m.

At Austin

BYU (26-6) vs. Missouri (21-9), 5:30 p.m.
Texas (28-4) vs. Alabama State (19-11), 8 p.m.

DALLAS REGIONAL
First Round
Friday
At Waco

Baylor (33-1) vs. Idaho (24-9), 4 p.m.
St. John's (23-9) vs. Auburn (19-12), 6:30 p.m.

At Louisville, Ky.

DePaul (25-8) vs. James Madison (27-5), 11 a.m.
Louisville (25-7) vs. Central Arkansas (28-3), 2:30 p.m.

At Corvallis, Ore.

Oregon State (28-4) vs. Troy (19-11), 4 p.m.
Oklahoma State (21-9) vs. St. Bonaventure (23-7), 6:30 p.m.

Saturday
At College Station

Florida State (23-7) vs. Middle Tennessee (24-8), 12:30 p.m.
Texas A&M (21-9) vs. Missouri State (24-9), 3 p.m.

SIOUX FALLS REGIONAL
First Round
Friday
At Columbia, S.C.

George Washington (26-6) vs. Kansas State (18-12), 4 p.m.
South Carolina (31-1) vs. Jacksonville (22-10), 6:30 p.m.

At Syracuse, N.Y.

Florida (22-8) vs. Albany (NY) (27-4), 11 a.m.
Syracuse (25-7) vs. Army (29-2), 1:30 p.m.

At Columbus, Ohio

West Virginia (24-9) vs. Princeton (23-5), 11 a.m.
Ohio State (24-7) vs. Buffalo (20-13), 1:30 p.m.

At Tempe, Ariz.

Tennessee (19-13) vs. Green Bay (28-4), 4 p.m.
Arizona State (25-6) vs. New Mexico State (26-4), 6:30 p.m.

LEXINGTON REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday, March 19
At Notre Dame, Ind.

Notre Dame (31-1) vs. North Carolina A&T (19-11), 5:30 p.m.
Georgia (21-9) vs. Indiana (20-11), 8 p.m.

At Stanford, Calif.

Miami (24-8) vs. South Dakota State (26-6), 5:30 p.m.
Stanford (24-7) vs. San Francisco (22-11), 8 p.m.

At Lexington, Ky.

Oklahoma (21-10) vs. Purdue (20-11), 12:30 p.m.
Kentucky (23-7) vs. UNC Asheville (26-6), 3 p.m.

At College Park, Md.

Maryland (30-3) vs. Iona (23-11), 12:30 p.m.
Washington (22-10) vs. Pennsylvania (24-4), 3 p.m.

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Irving leads LeBron-less Cavaliers over Mavericks

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — There was no LeBron James to save the Cleveland Cavaliers in crunch time. He was on the bench.

So Kyrie Irving stepped up.

Irving scored 33 points and made a key steal on Dirk Nowitzki in the closing seconds as Cleveland — playing without James — held on for a 99-98 win over the Dallas Mavericks on Wednesday night.

James got the night off as Cavs coach Tyronn Lue chose to rest his superstar as part of his plans to keep Cleveland's starters fresh for the playoffs. The Cavs didn't really miss James until the Mavericks stormed back from an 18-point deficit in the fourth quarter.

Then, Irving came through.

"Honestly, it was a personal challenge," said Irving, who was aware the Cavs are just 4-12 in games without James the past two seasons. "We know what the record is. I know I took it personally and I have to lead the team whether he's in or out."

Dallas had several chances to take the lead in the final 2:30, but the Mavericks missed two open 3-pointers and had a costly turnover before Irving swiped a pass intended for Nowitzki with 2.9 seconds left.

Nowitzki felt Irving may have fouled him.

"Kyrie magically appeared with the ball," Nowitzki said. "That's really all that happened."

Irving was fouled and made two free throws before Dallas' Deron Williams hit a 3-pointer at the final horn to conclude a frenzied finish.

Although his team gave up two huge leads, Lue was thankful to escape with a win on a night he put long-term goals ahead of Cleveland's record.

"I don't feel lucky," he said. "We were up 20 twice. They came back and made a game of it. Guys competed. We were able to keep fighting and fought through it and we were able to win the game."

Kevin Love had 23 points and 18 rebounds for the Cavs, who improved to 19-2 at home against Western Conference teams dating to Jan. 21, 2015.

After an injury knocked him out of the playoffs last season, Love knows it's important the team be able to cope when James sits.

"It's a learning experience for us," he said. "It's a chance for us to grow. I think that teams look at when 'Bron is out and think,'This is a game we can grab.' Or, 'We hit them in the head and they'll lay down.' Tonight we didn't do that. We came out aggressive."

Nowitzki and David Lee scored 20 apiece for the Mavericks, losers of six of seven. Dallas came in tied with Houston for the seventh playoff spot in the Western Conference. J.J. Barea scored 17 points and fueled the Mavericks' comeback in the fourth.

OC jumps on Chaps early, hangs on for win

From staff reports

The Odessa College baseball team scored six runs in the first inning off of Midland College starter Brock Freeman and held on for a 13-9 Western Junior College Athletic Conference win against the Chaps, Wednesday at Christensen Stadium.

Koby Clabrun led the way for the Wranglers (13-7, 4-0 in WJCAC) by going 4-for-6 at the plate with two runs scored. Tyler Hardie finished 2-for-5 with three runs batted in and a run scored and both Jakob Nunez and Daniel Richardson homered for OC in the win.

MC (9-9, 4-1 in WJCAC) answered with three runs in the bottom of the second and then made a late charge in the ninth, plating four runs, but fell short.

Connor Beck went 2-for-3 with three RBI and a pair of runs to pace MC, which also received a home run from leadoff hitter Hill Alexander.

Midland High grad Browning Houser started in left field for the Wranglers and went 1-for-3 with an RBI, two runs scored and drew two walks.

MC will next host Howard College at 1 p.m. Friday at Christensen Stadium.

ODESSA COLLEGE 13, MIDLAND COLLEGE 9

Odessa	4	0	2	4	1	0	0	0	1	13	15
Midland	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	6	9	12

Logan Owens, Ethan Crooks (5), Nick Melvin (7), Aaron Marquez (7), Chandler Casey (8) and Jakob Nunez. Brock Freeman, Ryan Minnis (1), Jason Conway (4), Coleman Watts (5), Connor Flannagan (6), Brock Barger (8), Jake Gonzalez (9) and Daily Burney IV — Logan Owens, L — Brock Freeman.

2B — OC: Koby Clabrun, Tyler Hardie, Browning Houser. Grant Jones; MC: Braden Hayward, Connor Beck; HR — OC: Jakob Nunez, Daniel Richardson; MC: Hill Alexander.

Record: Odessa 13-7, 4-0 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play; Midland 9-9, 4-1 in WJCAC

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

Baylor assistant picked to lead Arkansas State basketball

Associated Press

JONESBORO, Ark. — Arkansas State University has introduced Baylor assistant Grant McCasland as ASU's new men's basketball coach.

McCasland replaces John Brady, who announced in November that he would step down at the end of the season.

McCasland was formally introduced as the new Red Wolves coach Wednesday in Jonesboro and said he's excited about getting started and building a culture of winning at ASU.

The Red Wolves finished the season 11-20 and 7-12 in Sun Belt Conference play.

McCasland spent the past five seasons as an assistant at Baylor. Before that, he was head coach at Division II Midwestern State in Wichita Falls, Texas, and at the junior college level at Midland College, where he coached the Chaparrals to the National Junior College Athletic Association national title in 2007.

NBA ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WIZARDS 117
BULLS 96

WASHINGTON — The week began with John Wall and the Washington Wizards on a five-game losing streak and facing a daunting margin just to reach the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

After a pair of victories by an average of 32 points over the two teams right ahead of them in the standings, the Wizards are in a far different place.

"Now we're in it," forward Jared Dudley said. "Before, if we lose these two, we would have been out of it. We win these two, now we're in the thick of things."

HAWKS 118
PISTONS 114

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Jeff Teague scored 22 points, including two crucial free throws with 17.9 seconds left, and the Atlanta Hawks held off the Detroit Pistons 118-114 on Wednesday night for their sixth win in seven games.

Atlanta went on a 10-0 run late in the fourth quarter to take a 113-104 lead, then let the Pistons back in the game. Marcus Morris cut the lead to two with a three-point play with 18 seconds remaining, but Teague's pair of free throws made it 118-114, and neither team scored after that.

THUNDER 130
CELTICS 109

BOSTON — Kevin Durant had 28 points, nine assists and seven rebounds in just over three quarters, helping the Oklahoma City Thunder cruise to a 130-109 victory over the Boston Celtics on Wednesday night.

Russell Westbrook scored 24 points and Enes Kanter had 17 points and 12 rebounds for the Thunder, who had lost six of their last 10 games.

Isaiah Thomas led Boston with 29 points, and Tyler Zeller had 16. The Celtics lost their third straight after winning six of seven. It was their most lopsided home loss this season.

Durant has scored 20 or more points in 60 of the 61 games he's played this season, including 53 straight. He came out with just under nine minutes to play.

HORNETS 107
MAGIC 99

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Charlotte Hornets have proven they're a good NBA team at home.

Now they want to show they can win big games on the road, beginning Thursday night against the Miami Heat.

The Hornets closed out a 6-1 homestand by beating the Orlando Magic 107-99 on Wednesday behind 26 points apiece from Marvin Williams and Nicolas Batum.

"The homestand was huge," Williams said.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Toronto	45	21	.682	—
Boston	39	29	.574	7
New York	28	40	.412	18
Brooklyn	19	48	.284	26½
Philadelphia	9	58	.134	36½
Southeast Division				
Miami	39	28	.582	—
Atlanta	39	29	.574	½
Charlotte	38	29	.567	1
Washington	32	35	.478	7
Orlando	29	38	.433	10
Central Division				
Cleveland	48	19	.716	—
Indiana	36	31	.537	12
Detroit	34	34	.500	14½
Chicago	33	33	.500	14½
Milwaukee	29	39	.426	19½

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Southwest Division				
y-San Antonio	57	10	.851	—
Memphis	39	29	.574	18½
Houston	34	33	.507	23
Dallas	34	34	.500	23½
New Orleans	24	42	.364	32½
Northwest Division				
Oklahoma City	46	22	.676	—
Portland	35	33	.515	11
Utah	32	35	.478	13½
Denver	28	40	.412	18
Minnesota	22	46	.324	24
Pacific Division				
y-Golden State	60	6	.909	—
L.A. Clippers	42	24	.636	18
Sacramento	28	40	.394	34
Phoenix	18	49	.269	42½
L.A. Lakers	14	54	.206	47

y-clinched division

Scores and schedule

Wednesday's Scores
Cleveland 99, Dallas 98
Oklahoma City 130, Boston 109
Washington 117, Chicago 96
Charlotte 107, Orlando 99
Atlanta 118, Detroit 114
Minnesota 114, Memphis 108
L.A. Clippers at Houston, late
New Orleans at Sacramento, late
New York at Golden State, late

Today's Games
Toronto at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Charlotte at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Brooklyn at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Memphis at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Denver at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Portland at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Utah, 8 p.m.

BAYLOR

From 1C

balanced scoring attacks in the country with five players averaging at least nine points per game.

Baylor coach Scott Drew said he knows the returning players want to turn the page.

"They were motivated to have an opportunity to get back to the NCAA Tournament and have a different memory," Drew said. "It doesn't guarantee any success this year...but definitely I think it played a part in their motivation this year, and they've done a great job, our upperclassmen with leadership all year long, and that's why we're here."

Yale is making its first appearance in the tournament since 1962, which is also the last time it went through the Ivy League with only one loss.

The run hasn't been without its distractions, though. Yale went 7-1 in its final eight regular season games without former team captain Jack Montague, who was expelled from the university last month stemming of a sexual assault allegation from 2014.

Bulldogs senior forward and Ivy League player of the year Justin Sears said he doesn't think the incident has been a distraction for the team.

"Not at all," Sears said. "Like I've said before basketball is a sanctuary. We go to one of the hardest academic schools in the country, and when we step on the court all the outside distractions are gone.

"This is the game we love to play."

SMART

From 1C

Kansas, the tournament's overall top seed, ranked among the most lopsided home defeats in school history. Then came a first-round exit from the Big 12 Tournament.

After returning home, Smart sat the team down for a players meeting to clear the air.

"I didn't do a lot of talking. We encouraged our guys to put some things on the table," Smart said. "I listened to all that. You can rip some scabs off and uncover some things. It's not like we've got all kinds of time to heal the wounds. I just felt like, the way we're playing, some descriptive things needed to be said."

Texas heads into the tournament with its share of aches and pains.

Point guard Isaiah Taylor, the Longhorns' most dynamic player, is struggling with plantar fasciitis in his right foot. Texas center Cam Ridley, who returned for the league tournament after more than two months off with a broken bone in his foot, played just 2 minutes and is still trying to get into game shape.

"The guys really want to win. They want to go on a run. They want to experience March Madness," Smart said. "If you are a really good college basketball player or a really good basketball team, this is the time of year when you make your mark. They realize they haven't done that yet."

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic Division							
Florida	70	39	22	9	87	195	171
Boston	71	39	24	8	86	215	191
Tampa Bay	70	40	25	5	85	197	182
Detroit	70	34	25	11	79	178	186
Ottawa	71	33	30	8	74	205	220
Montreal	71	33	32	6	72	191	200
Buffalo	71	28	33	10	66	169	195
Toronto	69	24	34	11	59	164	202
Metropolitan Division							
x-Washington	69	50	14	5	105	221	161
N.Y. Islanders	68	36	21	9	81	194	170
N.Y. Rangers	69	39	23	7	85	197	181
Pittsburgh	69	37	24	8	82	190	174
Philadelphia	69	34	23	12	80	181	185
Carolina	70	31	26	13	75	171	186
New Jersey	70	33	30	7	73	154	178
Columbus	69	28	33	8	64	180	215

WESTERN CONFERENCE	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Central Division							
Dallas	71	41	21	9	91	229	208
St. Louis	71	41	21	9	91	187	179
Chicago	71	41	24	6	88	197	176
Nashville	70	35	22	13	83	192	179
Minnesota	70	32	27	11	75	184	175
Colorado	70	35	31	4	74	188	198
Winnipeg	69	29	35	5	63	181	205
Pacific Division							
Los Angeles	69	42	22	5	89	190	158
Anaheim	68	38	21	9	85	174	160
San Jose	69	39	24	6	84	208	181
Arizona	69	30	32	7	67	185	211
Vancouver	68	27	29	12	66	186	197
Calgary	70	29	35	5	63	189	217
Edmonton	72	27	38	7	61	171	212

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

Scores and schedule

Wednesday's Scores
Montreal 3, Buffalo 2, OT
Philadelphia 3, Chicago 2
St. Louis at Edmonton, late
Winnipeg at Calgary, late
Colorado at Vancouver, late
N.Y. Rangers at Anaheim, late

Today's Games
Minnesota at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Carolina at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Florida at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Nashville, 7 p.m.
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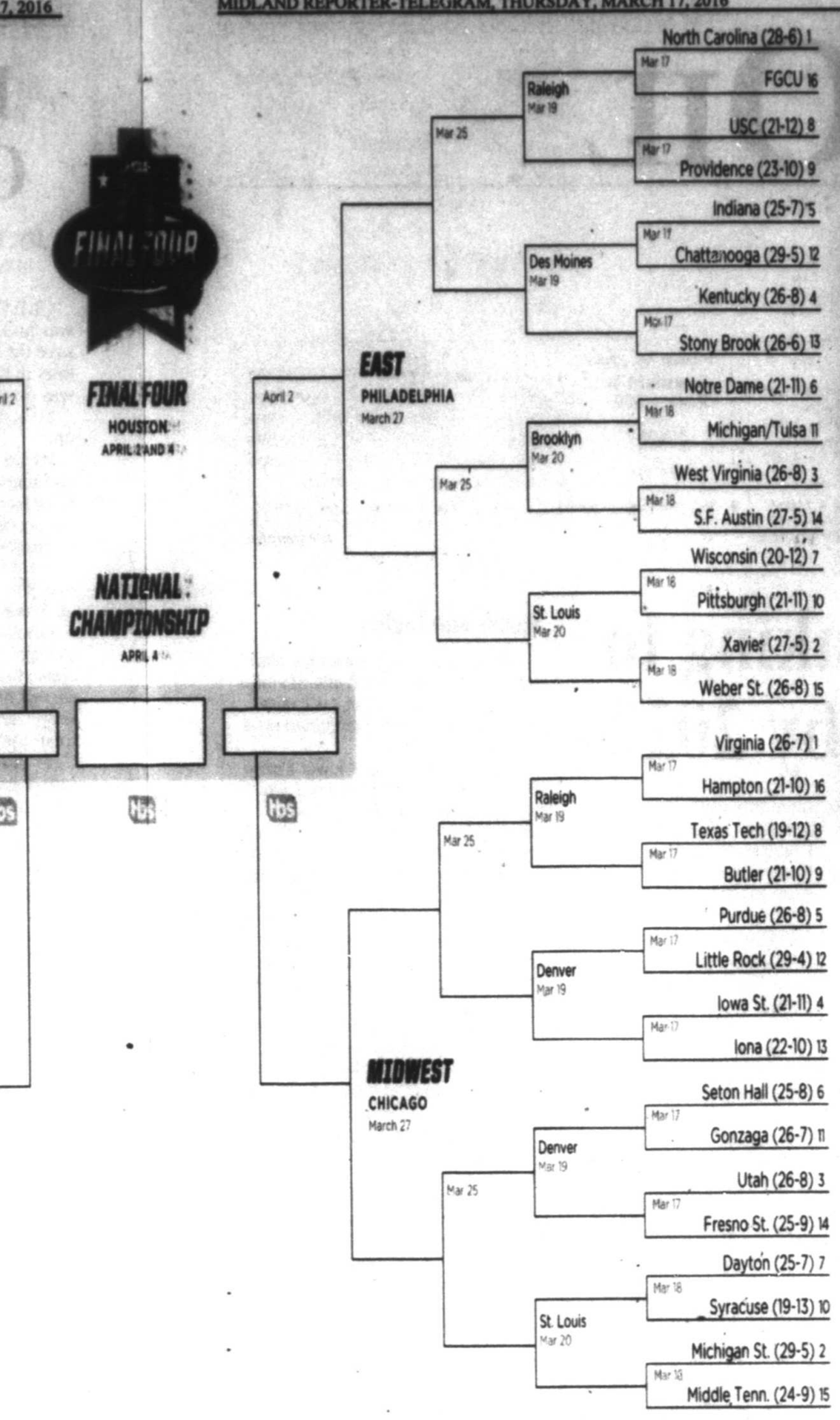
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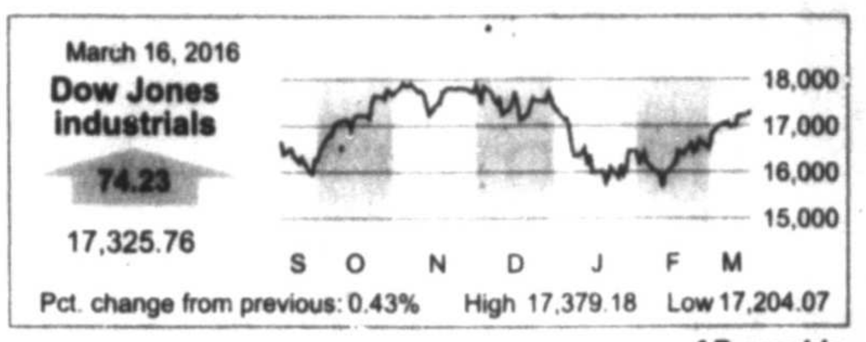
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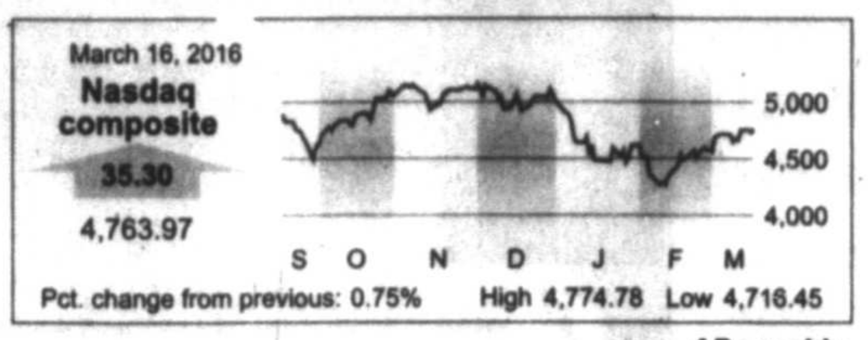
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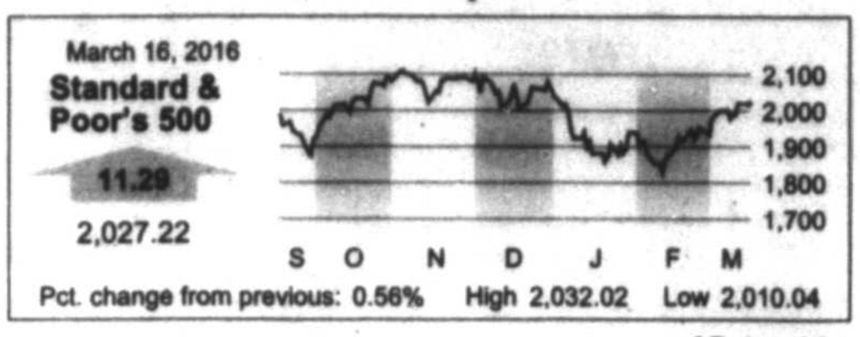
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Wednesday:	**$38.46**
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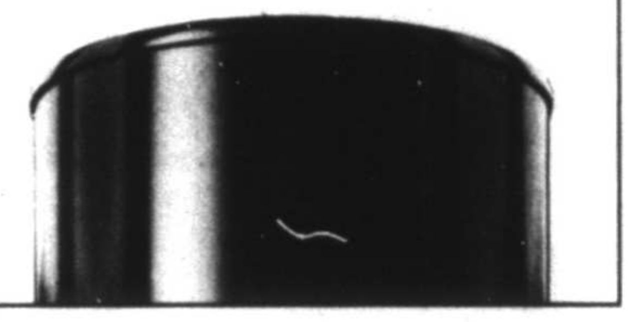
Wednesday:	**$34.75**
Previous:	**$33.00**

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Wednesday:	**$30.15**
Previous:	**$28.40**

NATURAL GAS

Wednesday:	**$1.868**
Previous:	**$1.851**



NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1442992	13.31	-.26
MktVGold	1352500	20.86	+1.33
S&P500ETF	1182342	203.34	+1.17
iShEMkts	955894	33.12	+.65
Pfizer	909552	29.04	-.50

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EKodk wtA	2.30	+.62	+36.9
SemGroup	22.87	+3.53	+18.3
TeekOffsh	5.80	+.89	+18.1
EP Energy	6.13	+.87	+16.5
ION Geo rs	7.69	+.92	+13.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PeabdyE rs	2.19	-1.82	-45.4
EveriHldgs	2.38	-.78	-24.7
DxGMBr rs	5.62	-1.78	-24.1
DirDGldBr	3.03	-.77	-20.3
PrSUltshJrM	7.83	-1.56	-16.6

DIARY

Advanced	2,522
Declined	584
Unchanged	70
Total issues	3,176
New Highs	101
New Lows	13
Volume	3,988,300,448

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	53629	3.87	+.28
B2gold g	45048	1.60	+.17
NovaGld g	30287	5.42	+.37
BarcGSOil	26705	5.46	+.21
ChenlereEn	26482	37.53	+1.68

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PlatGpM rs	3.25	+.60	+22.6
Gastar pfB	5.96	+.96	+19.2
Gastar pfA	4.70	+.55	+13.3
EnnEn rs	2.33	+.25	+12.0
GSE Sy	2.60	+.24	+10.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Plenex	8.02	-1.16	-12.6
Aerocntry	10.81	-1.19	-9.9
IDI rs	4.69	-.41	-8.0
XtantMed	3.28	-.23	-6.6
GnEmp rs	3.99	-.20	-4.8

DIARY

Advanced	269
Declined	98
Unchanged	15
Total issues	382
New Highs	10
New Lows	2
Volume	79,105,057

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CSVixSh rs	375968	5.80	-.38
Apple Inc	373913	105.97	+1.39
Microsoft	307176	54.35	+.76
SiriusXM	294335	3.95	+.05
PwShs QQQ	279689	107.58	+.95

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BioBlastP	4.08	+1.44	+54.5
TxCapB wt	22.34	+5.15	+30.0
Connecture	3.28	+.59	+21.9
Resonant	2.44	+.38	+18.4
QIWI plc	13.57	+2.06	+17.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AccVIXdn rs	7.00	-7.97	-53.2
Zynerba n	10.65	-3.75	-26.0
FstNBCBk	19.09	-5.33	-21.8
CathGn wt	7.01	-1.75	-20.0
CleBioL rs	2.95	-.71	-19.4

DIARY

Advanced	1,659
Declined	1,081
Unchanged	188
Total issues	2,928
New Highs	42
New Lows	61
Volume	1,728,309,991

Autonomous braking to be in most cars by 2022

Associated Press

DETROIT — Major automakers and the U.S. government have reached an agreement to make automatic emergency braking standard equipment on most cars by 2022, two people briefed on the deal said.

The agreement will be announced Thursday by 20 automakers and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Automakers will phase in the equipment on nearly all models except some with older electronic capabilities and some with manual transmissions, said the people, who spoke on condition of anonymity because terms of the agreement haven't been announced.

Automatic emergency braking uses cameras, radar and other sensors to see objects in the way and slow or stop a vehicle if the driver doesn't react. The technology already is available as an option on many models, but automakers are struggling with how to fit it into current product plans that might not be ready for the electronics. Making the feature standard equipment on nearly all cars will speed adoption of the technology.

NHTSA chief Mark Rosekind wouldn't comment on the announcement at an autonomous car conference Wednesday in Dearborn, Michigan, but he indicated that the agreement would cover tractor-trailer rigs as well as cars and other light vehicles.

"Safety should be universal," he said. "For us it's all vehicles on the road."

Cars with automatic braking can cut rear-end crashes by about 40 percent, eliminating about 700,000 police-reported crashes per year based on 2013 data, according to a study released in January by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. That number represents 13 percent of all crashes, according to the study.

The automatic braking systems are the biggest safety advancement since electronic stability control, said Jake Fisher, auto testing chief for Consumer Reports magazine. The systems bring life-saving features of autonomous cars to the public, he said.

"It's the first time we're seeing a system that will see a problem and react for you," Fisher said. "That's kind of a new frontier, I think, in automotive safety."

In September, 10 automakers committed to the government and a private safety group that they will include automatic emergency braking in all new cars, but the announcement didn't specify a timetable for making the change.

Safety advocates were swift to criticize the effort as a backroom deal that allows automakers to avoid the possibility that the Transportation Department will impose a legal requirement for inclusion of the braking systems in cars and set binding standards for the technology.

Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx has said such agreements will speed up crash-prevention technology instead of having to wait years for it to go through the government's cumbersome rule-making process.

Fed keeps key rates unchanged; foresees fewer hikes in 2016

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve is keeping a key interest rate unchanged in light of global pressures that risk slowing the U.S. economy.

As a result, Fed officials expect to raise rates more gradually this year than they had envisioned in December. The officials now foresee two, rather than four, modest increases in their benchmark short-term rate during 2016.

The Fed said Wednesday that the economy has continued to grow moderately but that the global economy and financial markets still pose risks. Offsetting the threats, the Fed said in a statement after a policy meeting that it foresees further strengthening in the job market.

At a news conference, Chair Janet Yellen said the Fed expects inflation, which has stayed persistently low, to reach the central bank's 2 percent target in two to three years.

Investors seemed pleased by the Fed's expectation of a more gradual pace of rate increases. The Dow Jones industrial average, which had been up slightly before the Fed's statement was issued, closed up 74 points. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 1.91 percent from 1.97 percent.

Asked at her news conference whether she thought the Fed could receive enough new economic information to raise rates at its next meeting in the last week of April, Yellen stressed, as in the past, that "every meeting is a live meeting. April remains a live meeting."

But economists said that based on the concerns the Fed expressed about the global economy, they doubted that officials would be ready to raise rates in April.

"There isn't enough time for them to see enough convincing data and do sufficient jawboning to prep markets for a rate hike," said Greg McBride, chief financial analyst at Bankrate.com.

Stocks end higher

U.S. stocks rose Wednesday after the Federal Reserve left interest rates unchanged and forecast it will raise rates more gradually than it had envisioned late last year.

The market had been lower before the Fed released its statement, which highlighted strength in hiring and housing, but weakness in exports and concerns over slower global economic growth. The Fed now expects to raise interest rates two times this year instead of four.

Lower rates help boost economic growth by reducing borrowing costs and reducing the risk associated with expanding businesses or starting new ones. Lower rates also make stocks look more attractive to investors.

Stocks are now on track for their fifth straight week of gains and the Dow Jones industrial average and Standard & Poor's 500 index closed at their highest levels since the first trading day of the year.

The Dow gained 74.23 points Wednesday, or 0.4 percent, to 17,325.76. The S&P 500 index rose 11.29 points, or 0.6 percent, to 2,027.22. The Nasdaq composite index rose 35.30 points, or 0.8 percent, to 4,763.97.

Metals prices change little

Metals prices were little changed on the day, as they closed earlier in the afternoon. Gold lost $1.20 to $1,229.80 an ounce. Silver decreased 4 cents to $15.22 an ounce. Copper was unchanged at $2.23 a pound.

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Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $10.70 Up 0.41

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $105.37 Up 2.87

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.37 Up 0.32

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $77.11 Up 0.13

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.14 Up 0.06

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $2.45 Up 0.12

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $21.09 Up 0.27

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $28.39 Up 0.91

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $4.77 Up 0.06

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $16.86 Up 0.50

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.92f	17	38.77	+.25	+12.7
Abraxas	...	...	**1.07**	**+.10**	**+.9**
AdaDvsEq	**.92e**	...	**12.46**	**+.04**	**-2.9**
Alcoa	.12	17	9.74	+.58	-1.3
AlonUSA	.60	15	10.74	+.30	-27.6
Ambev	.19e	...	4.81	-.01	+7.8
Amgen	**4.00**	**15**	**143.98**	**+.77**	**-11.3**
Anadarko	**.20m**	...	**48.71**	**+1.69**	**+.3**
Apache	**1.00**	...	**49.25**	**+1.32**	**+10.7**
Apple Inc	2.08	11	105.97	+1.39	+.7
ApldMatl	**.40**	**18**	**20.05**	**+.15**	**+7.4**
Archrock	.75f	...	6.62	+.60	-12.0
ATMOS	**1.68f**	**23**	**72.35**	**+.63**	**+14.8**
AutoData	2.12	28	87.66	+.34	+3.5
BP PLC	**2.40a**	...	**30.51**	**+.87**	**-2.4**
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	17.39	+.13	+.8
BakrHu	.68	...	45.90	+1.69	-.5
BccBrad s	.44e	...	6.53	-.11	+35.8
BkofAm	.20	10	13.31	-.26	-20.9
B iPVixST	...	...	20.09	-.78	...
BarrickG	.08	52	15.18	+.99	+105.7
BasicEnSv	...	...	3.03	+.11	+13.1
BerkHa A	...	...	**14210200.00**	**-870.00**	**+6.3**
BlkHillsCp	**1.68f**	**40**	**58.53**	**+.08**	**+26.1**
BrMySq	**1.52f**	**45**	**62.64**	**-1.04**	**-8.9**
BrownFA	**1.36f**	**32**	**103.23**	**-1.11**	**-6.2**
BrownFB	**1.36f**	**29**	**95.33**	**-.44**	**-4.0**
CVS Health	1.70f	21	100.98	-.20	+3.3
Cameron	...	18	66.54	+.10	+5.3
Caterpillar	3.08	15	74.34	+1.90	+9.4
CelatorPh	...	...	9.38	+.44	+433.0
Celestic g	...	12	10.49	+.02	-4.9
CntryLink	2.16	20	32.17	+.85	+27.9
ChesEng	...	...	4.39	+.21	-2.4
Chevron	**4.28**	**39**	**95.40**	**+1.13**	**+6.0**
Chicos	.32f	44	12.45	-.05	+16.7
Cimarex	.32m	...	97.25	+1.62	+8.8
Cisco	1.04f	14	27.88	+.22	+3.5
Citigroup	.20	10	42.23	-.36	-18.4
ClayEng	...	...	**10.70**	**+.41**	**-63.8**
CocaCola	**1.40f**	**25**	**45.05**	**-.19**	**+4.9**
ColgPalm	**1.56f**	**25**	**68.68**	**+.09**	**+3.1**
ConAgra	**1.00**	**23**	**43.91**	**-.18**	**+4.2**
ConchoRes	...	...	**105.37**	**+2.87**	**+13.5**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConocoPhil	**1.00m**	...	**41.87**	**+2.04**	**-10.3**
CrackerB	4.40a	21	150.39	+2.33	+18.6
CSVelIVST	...	...	22.90	+.81	-11.2
CSVLgCrd rs	...	...	...	24.95	+3.21
...					
CSVixSh rs	...	...	5.80	-.38	-7.3
CrosTim	**1.48e**	**10**	**15.45**	**+.47**	**+18.8**
DCP Mid	3.12	29	26.30	+1.44	+6.6
DTE	2.92f	20	89.48	+1.11	+11.6
Dataram h	...	...	.73	-.14	+10.9
DevonE	**.24m**	...	**26.22**	**+2.13**	**-18.1**
DirDGldBr	...	...	3.03	-.77	-81.7
Disney	**1.42f**	**18**	**98.44**	**+.20**	**-6.3**
DowChm	**1.84f**	**12**	**50.66**	**+.47**	**-1.6**
eBay s	...	15	23.68	+.10	-13.8
EOG Rescs	**.67**	...	**75.04**	**+1.43**	**+6.0**
EmpDist	**1.04**	**26**	**33.39**	**+.22**	**+19.0**
EnCana g	.06m	...	6.05	+.59	+18.9
Energen	.08	...	35.10	+2.49	-14.4
EngyTsfr	4.22f	...	28.71	+.99	-14.9
EnPro	**.84f**	...	**56.64**	**+1.09**	**+29.2**
EntProdPt	1.56f	19	24.65	+.77	-3.6
Ericsson	.43e	...	9.62	+.11	+.1
ExxonMbl	**2.92**	**22**	**82.87**	**+.05**	**+6.3**
Facebook	...	73	112.18	+1.51	+7.2
FT Engy	.33e	...	14.56	+.50	+5.1
FordM	.60a	8	13.50	+.27	-4.2
FrptMcM	...	...	10.22	+.95	+51.0
FrontierCm	.42	...	5.34	+.18	+14.3
GATX	**1.60f**	**9**	**46.43**	**+.47**	**+9.1**
GabMultT	**.94e**	...	**7.18**	**+.05**	**-4.3**
GAInv	**1.15e**	...	**30.62**	**+.06**	**-4.1**
GenElec	**.92**	...	**30.17**	**-.11**	**-3.1**
GtPlainEn	**1.05f**	**23**	**31.26**	...	**+14.5**
HalconRs rs	...	...	1.10	+.04	-12.7
Hallibrtn	**.72**	...	**35.47**	**+.48**	**+4.2**
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	24.30	+.52	+17.5
iShJapan	.13e	...	11.45	+.02	-5.5
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	33.07	+.37	-6.3
iShEMkts	.84e	...	33.12	+.65	+2.9
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	57.16	+.50	-2.7
iShiBxHYB	5.09	...	81.69	+.54	+1.4
iShR2K	1.73e	...	106.99	+.75	-5.0
Intel	**1.04f**	**14**	**31.69**	**+.04**	**-8.0**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
InterDig	.80	16	53.14	+.91	+8.4
ItauUnibH	.45e	...	7.90	-.22	+21.5
JPMorgCh	1.76	10	58.92	-.28	-10.2
JohnJn	**3.00**	**18**	**107.41**	**-.35**	**+4.6**
KimbClk	**3.68f**	**38**	**135.23**	**+.60**	**+6.2**
KindMorg	.50m	29	18.89	+.82	+26.6
Kinross g	...	...	3.15	+.20	+73.1
LegacyRes	.60m	...	1.14	+.06	-34.9
LinnEngy	...	...	.85	+.17	-34.1
LinnCo	...	...	.59	+.20	-42.4
Lubys	...	...	**4.88**	**-.10**	**+9.2**
Mallinckdt	...	...	55.69	-3.82	-25.4
MarathnO	.20m	...	11.52	+.21	-8.5
MVJrGold	...	...	28.57	+2.12	+48.7
MktVGold	.12e	...	20.86	+1.33	+52.0
McDnlds	3.56f	25	123.52	+.09	+4.6
Merck	1.84f	24	51.94	-.48	-1.7
MeritMed	...	**33**	**17.60**	**-.35**	**-5.3**
MexcoEn	...	...	2.45	+.12	-24.1
MicronT	...	6	10.72	-.13	-24.3
Microsoft	1.44	35	54.35	+.76	-2.0
MorgStan	.60	9	25.16	-.27	-20.9
Nabors	.24	...	8.90	+.11	+4.6
NatGrid	**3.35e**	...	**69.89**	**+.37**	**+.5**
NOilVarco	1.84	12	33.06	-.05	-1.3
NewmtM	.10	36	27.55	+1.18	+53.1
NokiaCp	.16e	...	6.11	+.10	-13.0
NvMAd	**.79a**	...	**14.13**	**+.06**	**+2.0**
NvPMI	**.78a**	...	**14.05**	**+.09**	**+2.9**
NuvPI	**.82a**	...	**14.28**	**+.07**	**+1.3**
NSTFI3	**.55a**	...	**14.72**	**+.02**	**+1.2**
NTXQI	**.65**	...	**14.76**	**-.03**	**+2.3**
OcciPet	**3.00**	**52**	**69.42**	**+1.09**	**+2.7**
Oracle	.60	20	40.22	+1.48	+10.6
ParTech	...	...	**5.38**	...	**-20.1**
ParkDrl	...	...	**2.08**	**+.07**	**+14.3**
PattUTI	**.40**	...	**18.18**	**+.28**	**+20.6**
PennaRE	**.84**	...	**21.05**	**+.41**	**-3.7**
Prmian	.35e	13	5.92	-.02	+17.0
Petrobras	...	...	5.13	+.34	+19.3
Pfizer	**1.20f**	**17**	**29.04**	**-.50**	**-10.0**
PioNtrl	.08	65	137.48	+1.89	+9.7
PlainsAAP	**2.80**	**16**	**23.93**	**+1.06**	**+3.6**
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	107.58	+.95	-3.8
Praxair	**3.00f**	**21**	**110.13**	**+.69**	**+7.5**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PrmEgy	...	**23**	**49.56**	...	**-6.5**
PUVixST rs	...	...	25.43	-1.96	-10.3
ProctGam	**2.65**	**27**	**81.34**	**+.03**	**+2.4**
Qualcom	1.92	17	51.30	-.33	+2.6
RangeRs	.08m	...	33.44	+1.61	+35.9
RegionsFn	.24	12	8.02	-.09	-16.5
Rowan	.40	...	16.25	-.39	-4.1
RoyDShllA	3.76	74	48.96	+1.16	+6.9
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	173.47	+.83	-.3
SpdrGold	...	...	120.59	+2.63	+18.9
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	203.34	+1.17	-.3
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	30.44	+1.12	+.7
SabnR	2.50e	10	32.62	+1.04	+24.2
SanderFm	**.88a**	**12**	**65.72**	**+1.50**	**+10.6**
Schlmbrg	2.00	22	73.35	+.12	+5.2
Schwab	.24	26	26.92	-.82	-18.3
SiriusXM	...	40	3.95	+.05	-2.9
Smucker	2.68	35	129.14	+.88	+4.7
SwstnEngy	...	...	7.90	+.67	+11.1
Sprint	...	...	3.57	+.02	-1.4
SP HlthC	1.01e	...	67.08	-.16	-6.9
SP Engy	2.04e	...	62.90	+1.07	+4.3
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	22.36	-.05	-6.2
SP Tech	.78e	...	43.58	+.50	+1.8
SP Util	1.55e	...	49.04	+.74	+13.3
SunEdison	...	...	2.08	...	-59.1

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
SunocoLog	1.92f	39	25.94	+1.69	+.9
TelefEsp	**1.03e**	...	**11.18**	**+.11**	**+1.1**
Tesoro	2.00	6	87.91	+1.30	-16.6
3M Co	4.44f	21	162.89	+.48	+8.1
Torchmark	**.56f**	**14**	**55.00**	**+.42**	**-3.5**
TriContl	**.82e**	...	**19.62**	**+.12**	**-2.0**
Twitter	...	...	16.70	+.51	-27.8
TylerTech	...	**59**	**125.57**	**+1.42**	**-28.0**
UBSI	**1.32**	**18**	**36.11**	**-.49**	**-2.4**
US NGas	...	...	6.60	+.04	-23.9
US OilFd	...	...	10.18	+.48	-7.5
USSteel	.20	...	15.45	+1.17	+93.6
Vale SA	.29e	...	3.98	+.44	+21.0
Vale SA pf	.29e	...	2.82	+.30	+10.6
ValeantPh	...	...	33.54	+.03	-67.0
ValeroE	2.40f	7	65.94	+1.00	-6.7
VulcanM	**.80f**	**59**	**103.58**	**+.06**	**+9.1**
WEC Engy	1.98f	22	58.77	+.43	+14.5
WalgBoots	1.44	24	82.10	+.78	-3.6
WellsFargo	1.50	12	49.54	-.44	-8.9
WstnRefin	1.52f	7	29.09	+1.00	-18.3
WhitingPet	...	...	8.68	+.67	-8.1
WmsCos	2.56	87	17.44	+1.29	-32.1
XcelEngy	**1.36f**	**21**	**40.92**	**+.42**	**+14.0**
Xerox	**.31f**	**22**	**10.59**	**+.03**	**-.4**
Yamana g	.06	...	3.19	+.21	+71.5

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,351.36	15,370.33	Dow Jones Industrials	17,325.76	+74.23	+.43	-.57	-4.15
9,176.20	6,403.31	Dow Jones Transportation	7,729.33	+82.35	+1.08	+2.94	-15.24
651.43	539.96	Dow Jones Utilities	655.74	+6.42	+.99	+13.49	+9.87
11,254.87	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	10,084.17	+70.57	+.70	-.58	-8.49
5,231.94	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	4,763.97	+35.30	+.75	-4.86	-4.39
2,134.72	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,027.22	+11.29	+.56	-.82	-3.44
1,551.28	1,215.14	S&P Midcap	1,406.82	+14.30	+1.03	+.59	-7.86
22,537.15	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	20,836.22	+141.80	+.69	-1.57	-6.21
1,296.00	943.09	Russell 2000	1,074.51	+7.84	+.73	-5.40	-14.19

TODAY: Mostly sunny	FRIDAY: Partly sunny	SATURDAY: Mostly sunny	SUNDAY: Sunny	MONDAY: Sunny	TUESDAY: Sunny
High: 75 Low: 53	High: 74 Low: 39	High: 56 Low: 37	High: 64 Low: 44	High: 78 Low: 52	High: 86 Low: 55

Local forecast

The National Weather Service is calling for a 20 percent chance of showers on Friday with gusts reaching 35 mph Friday night.

Otherwise expect high temperatures to drop to nearly 15 degrees below normal Saturday and then warm up to nearly 15 degrees above normal by Tuesday.

The record high for March 16 is 91 set in 2013. The record low is 23 set in 1947. On March 16 of last year, the high was 75 and the low was 41.

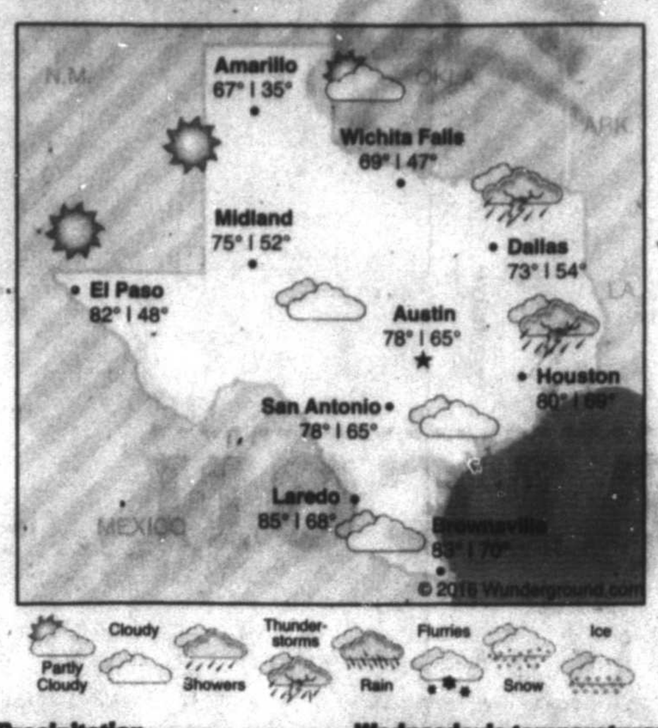
Weather brief

ORANGE

Texas governor to visit communities engulfed by floods

Gov. Greg Abbott is scheduled Wednesday to tour flood-ravaged communities in Southeast Texas where swollen waterways have displaced thousands of people and floodwaters are forecast to rise even more.

Joe Mires, spokesman for the Orange County emergency management office, said the Sabine River could rise by another 6 inches near Interstate 10 along the Louisiana border.



Precipitation

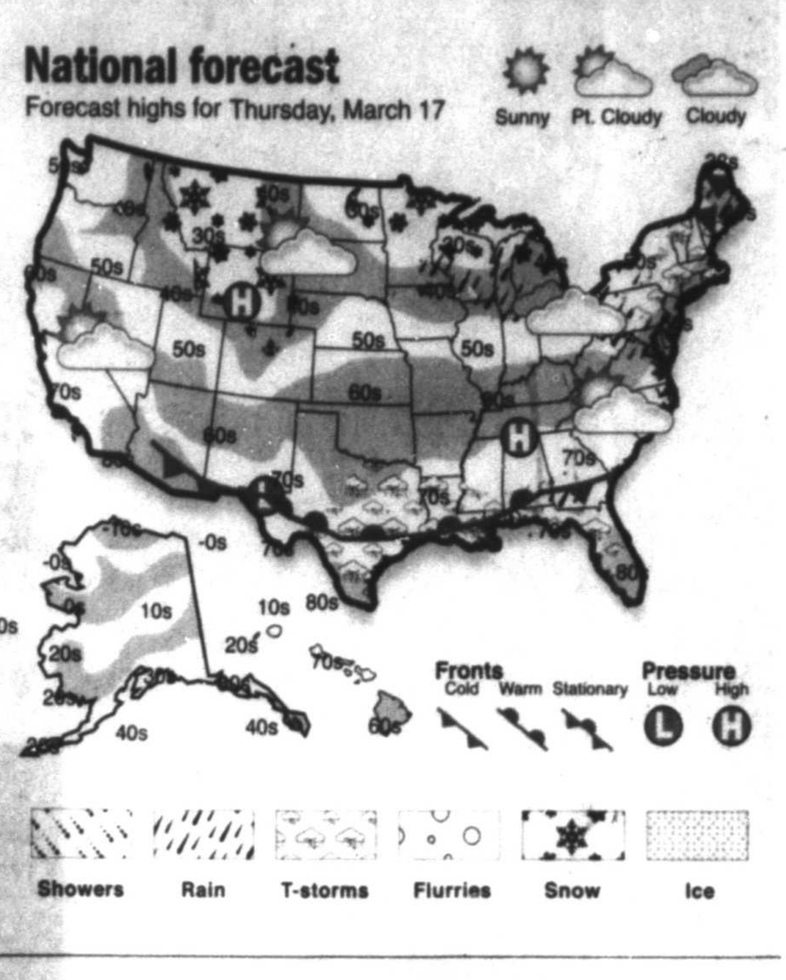
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.34 in.
Year total	0.82 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.57 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	81
Low	37
Normal high	70
Normal low	41
Sunrise	7:56 a.m.
Sunset	7:59 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, March 17



Wife has doubts about man donating sperm to his brother

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: My husband and I have a 19-month-old son and plan on trying for another baby soon. My husband's brother, who is sterile, called and asked my husband to donate sperm to him. I am very upset because my husband refuses to ask his brother to make any kind of compromises to protect our family and theirs, such as counseling to resolve any issues ahead of time.

Before we were serious about each other, my husband donated to his brother's first wife. His brother wanted to keep it a secret from everyone — including the children — but his wife told all of her friends.

What should I do? My husband is afraid he's going to lose his brother if he doesn't give him everything he wants, but the person he is really going to lose is me. — CONFUSED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR CONFUSED: I hope you won't let your husband's generous impulses have a negative impact on your marriage. I agree that counseling could help to head off future problems that might crop up — IF your husband and his brother would agree to it. But while you're at it, this should also be discussed with a lawyer just in case your brother-in-law's second marriage goes south, too.

As to keeping all of this a secret — because wife No. 1 has made public the fact that the children aren't biologically his, the chances of the information being kept secret are slim to none.

DEAR ABBY: Since the lottery for the big jackpot was in the news, my co-workers and I have discussed the etiquette regarding sharing the winnings with whomever may have given you the ticket. For instance, if somebody has an uncle who gives lottery tickets as a gift on birthdays or holidays as opposed to a standard gift, and the recipient hits the winning numbers, is there a fixed percentage that's customary to give?

None of us is actually in this situation; it just became part of our discussion. Thanks for your input. — OFFICE HOT TOPIC

DEAR HOT TOPIC: Once a gift is given, it belongs to the recipient. The recipient would be under no obligation to share the winnings with the person who gifted him or her with the ticket, nor should it be expected. However, if the gift giver does expect a percentage, then this should be worked out before the drawing.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 15 and I'm a lesbian. I've told my friends, but they don't accept me. They say they do, but when I talk about other girls, they say, "Don't talk about girls around us. We're not gay!" I don't know what to do. Please help. — LGBT IN GEORGIA

DEAR LGBT: Your friends probably do accept you, but would prefer not to hear all the details you feel the need to share. It's time you find a youth group for gay teenagers. Go online, visit lgbtcenters.org and search for the nearest gay and lesbian community center in your area. If you do, you will see that the support you are looking for isn't hard to find. I wish you luck.

TO MY READERS: Today's the day for wearing something green! A very happy St. Patrick's Day to you all. — LOVE, ABBY

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 17, 2016:

This year you often feel as though the odds are stacked against you, no matter which direction you head in. What is true is that you are attracting very manipulative people. If you opt to not play into their games, you will witness most of them transform their behavior toward you. If you are single, you meet many people from various walks of life. Your natural interest in others emerges, and before you know it, you could be emotionally involved. If you are attached, enjoy the person you are with. You find CANCER to be particularly lovable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Stay anchored and optimistic. You have a changing sense of what is appropriate to do and when. You are likely to do the unexpected when faced with a demanding individual. You get communication rolling as a result, and it will be on your terms. Tonight: Make it early.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Open up communication, and let someone else share more of him- or herself. You could be startled by something you hear. Speak up about your feelings, and allow others to hear your opinions, however strong they might be. Tonight: Catch up on a neighbor's or sibling's news.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You might experience some discomfort with your feelings. A friend could take you down a surprising path; be sure that you are ready for some excitement and change. You might want to ask a question or two before you start. Tonight: Balance your checkbook before you head out.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Beam in more of what you want. Several interruptions during the day could be unusually fortunate. Ask for more of what you need to flourish, especially within a difficult association. What you hear could illuminate this situation. Tonight: Choose which invitation suits you best.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You need to grab the opportunity to get some extra R and R. You might opt for a lengthy cat nap. A loved one could surprise you with the breadth of his or her vision. Perhaps you have not been aware of this person's ability to observe and perceive trends. Tonight: Not to be found.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Zero in on what you want, and get past a self-imposed restriction. A power play involving a loved one might emerge. A partner throws you into chaos and surprises you. Avoid having a knee-jerk reaction, and try to understand what is happening. Tonight: Focus on the long term.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You might want to express more of your thoughts, even in front of a superior who could have a strong point of view. You might find that the two of you are more on the same page than you thought possible. Consider your options with care. Tonight: Make it your call.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone at a distance who often tosses your thinking into chaos by muddling the premise from which your logic has come. Consider returning the favor. This person might need to know how it feels to be on the receiving end. Tonight: Be adaptable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You might get a better response if you handle each individual on a one-on-one basis. You could feel unusually pressured by a child or new friend who does something you would not expect. A partner wants to share more of his or her thoughts. Tonight: Be your playful self.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Defer to others. You might get a more diverse selection of solutions if you do. Do not anticipate any specific reaction or idea from others. If they sense that you have certain expectations, you could find their ideas to be less creative or dynamic. Tonight: Have some fun.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You could be at the point where you no longer can tolerate the demands of another person. You often lie low because of this person, though you might not realize that fact if you are not open or emotionally connected to yourself. Tonight: Schedule some time for R and R.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ An uncomfortable situation might provoke some offbeat or eccentric thinking. You are determined to handle a personal matter in a way that evokes a specific reaction. You know when to say that you have had enough. Tonight: Let out the wild thing within you.

BORN TODAY

Actor John Boyega (1992), boxer Claressa Shields (1995), actor Rob Lowe (1964)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Grand idea

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A J 9 4 3
♡ K Q 5
♢ A J
♣ K 4 3

WEST
♠ Void
♡ 10 8 4 3 2
♢ K 10 6 4
♣ Q 10 9 8

EAST
♠ Q 10 8
♡ J 9
♢ 9 8 7 5 3 2
♣ J 7

SOUTH
♠ K 7 6 5 2
♡ A 7 6
♢ Q
♣ A 6 5 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3 **	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♢	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♠	Pass	6♣	All pass

*Game-forcing spade raise
**Singleton diamond

Opening lead: Eight of ♢

When North learned that South had a singleton diamond, he had ideas about a grand slam. He was unable to get enough information to confidently bid seven, so he settled for six spades. Had South's queen of diamonds been the queen of clubs, there would have been excellent play for all 13 tricks.

The unlucky lie of the missing trumps on this deal made even six spades a tough proposition.

South won the opening heart lead in his hand and cashed the king of spades, catering to the possibility that West held all of the missing trumps. It was East who held all of the spades and there was an unavoidable trump loser. A diamond finesse, even if successful, would not let him avoid a club loser. What to do? After some thought, South came up with a line of play that would give him a chance.

South led a spade to the ace, then cashed the ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond, eliminating diamonds from both hands. Next came a club to the king and a club back to the ace, followed by two more high hearts. It would not have helped East to ruff the third heart, so he discarded a diamond. South continued with a trump, putting East on play. East was forced to lead a diamond, giving South a ruff-sluff and his 12th trick. Well played!

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Family nickname
5 Religion with Five Pillars
10 NCO rank
14 Word with man or horse
15 Black Panthers co-founder
16 Gillette product
17 Stub __
18 Strains
19 Go fast
20 Concerning
22 Postgame postmortem
24 Baby seal
25 Oahu resident, for example
27 Wake
29 AAA suggestion
30 Source of a nutritious oil
31 Sorted homogeneously
33 Rearward
35 Dirty money
36 Patrick Creadon documentary about SpongeBob ... and what's found in this puzzle's circles
39 "¿Cómo está __?"
40 Emergency room concern
43 Supposed
46 What -ess may denote: Abbr.
47 Spoiled
48 Licorice-flavored seed
49 Animals that fight by necking
51 V x CCXXI
52 Bemused states
55 Mineo and Maglie
56 It may be caught in the flue
58 2014 Olympics city
60 Carry
62 Uffizi hangings
63 Where to find a full house
64 Past its prime
65 Rural agreement
66 Long-legged wader
67 Yank who missed the 2014 season

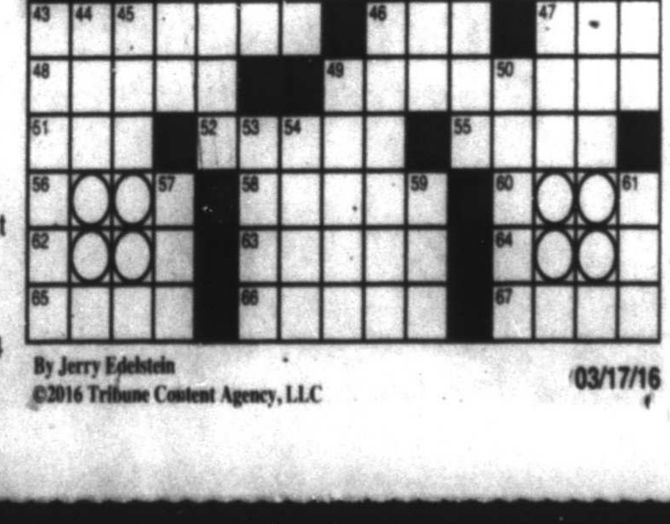
DOWN

1 Hamm with a kick
2 Recording pros
3 Saturn ring components
4 End of __
5 Real end
6 Scorched
7 More lenient
8 Knighted Guinness
9 Plateau cousin
10 1960 Pirate World Series hero, familiarly
11 Clog
12 Complain
13 Packed tightly
21 Covered with a hard coating
23 Projected financial statements
25 Author Levin
26 Give
28 Word in a home run call
31 Watchdog warning
32 Mob member
34 Top-of-the-line Hyundai whose name means "horse" in Latin
35 H.S. equivalency test
37 Arizona Cardinal mascot Big __
38 It's under the hardwood
41 Baton user
42 They can be classified
43 "Kitchen Nightmares" host Gordon
44 "Play it again, Sam!"
45 Dance turns
46 Toy company co-founder Herman
49 Insurance spokeslizard
50 Islamic ruling
53 Lethal snakes
54 Type of baggy '40s suit
57 President pro
59 Annoy
61 Apt answer for this puzzle location

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

M	O	C	H	A			S	P	O	T		H	A	Y
A	R	O	A	R		C	A	I	R	O		A	X	E
N	E	W	S	C	H	A	N	N	E	L		R	I	N
S	L	A	B		I	R	K			D	E	P	O	T
		B	E	T	T	E		S	K	Y	D	O	M	E
B	L	U	E	H	A	W	A	I	I	A	N			
V	A	N	N	A			M	O	N		A	M	A	T
D	I	G		I	S	L	A	N	D	S		A	C	E
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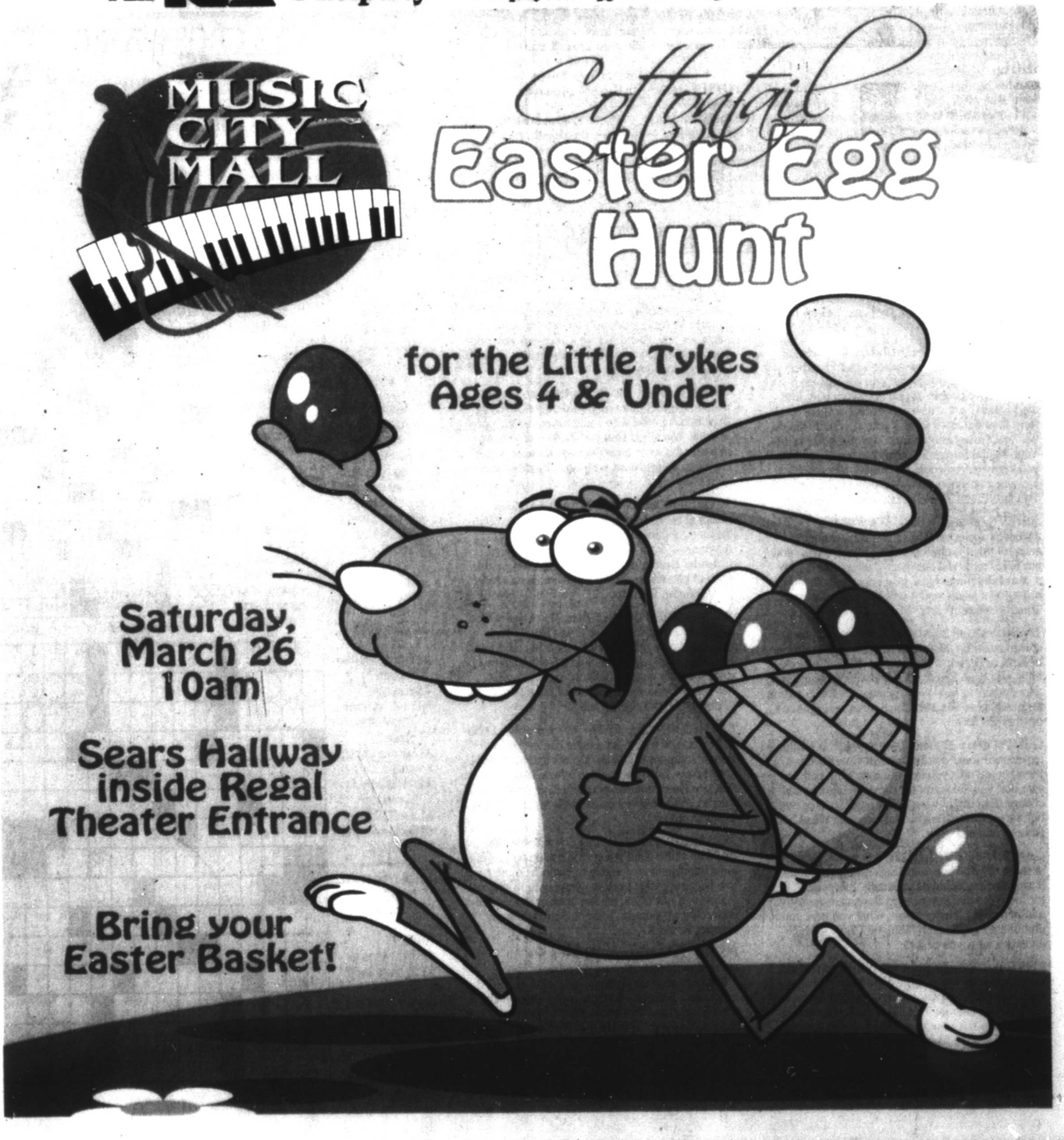
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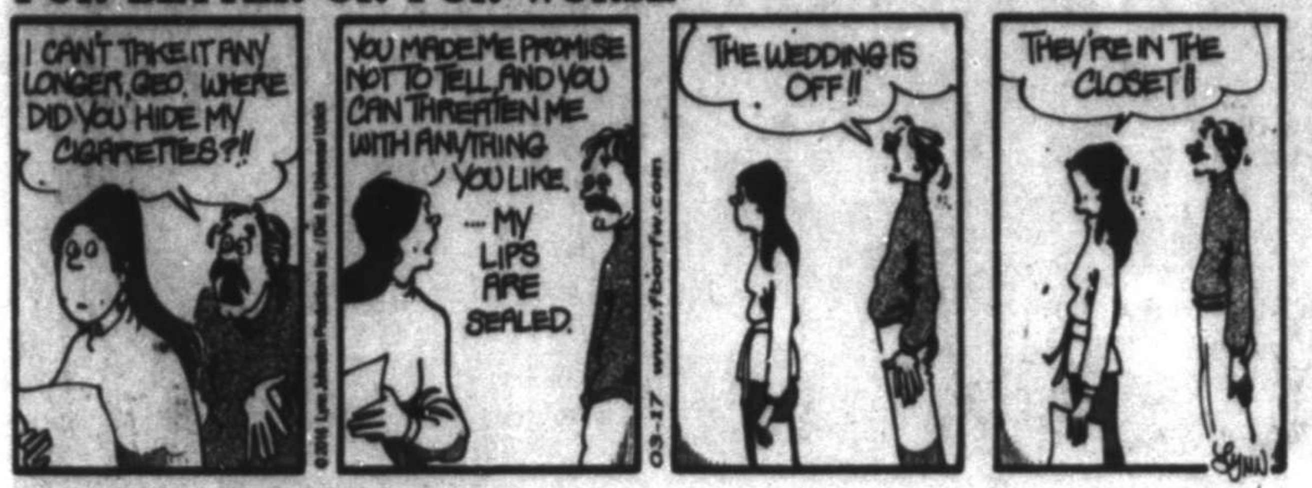
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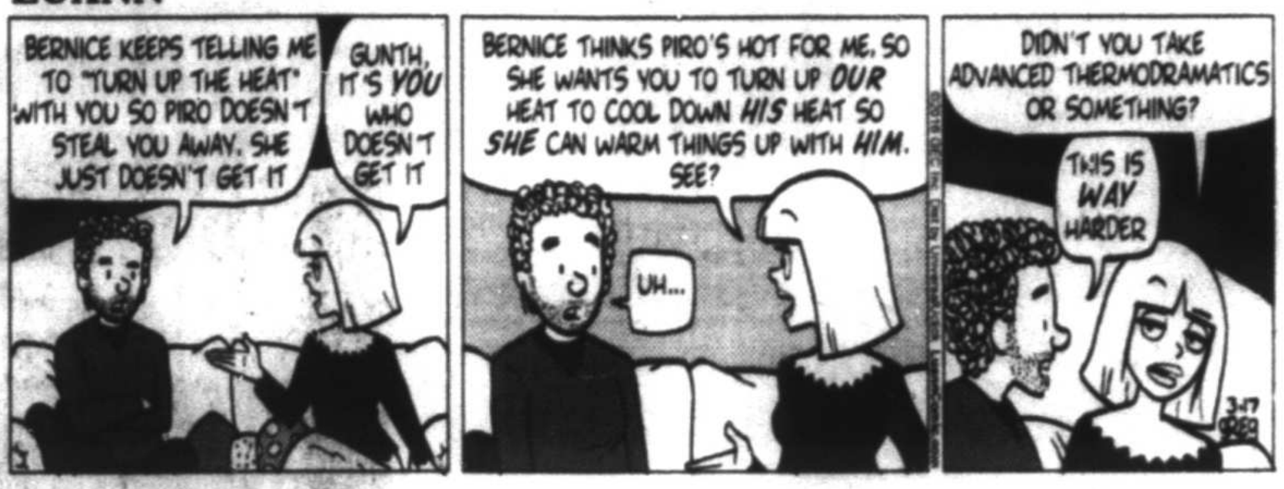
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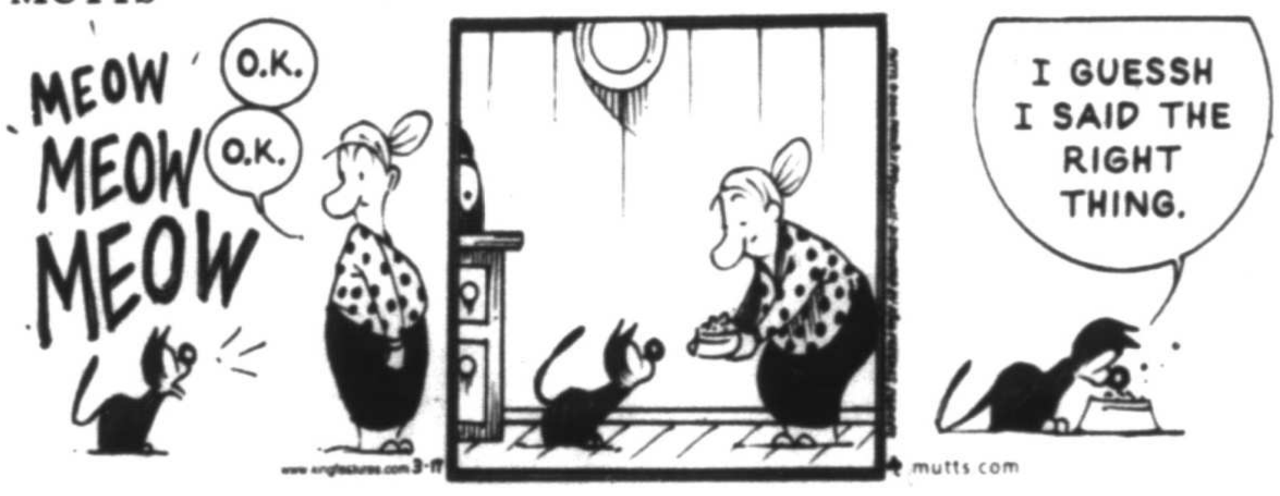
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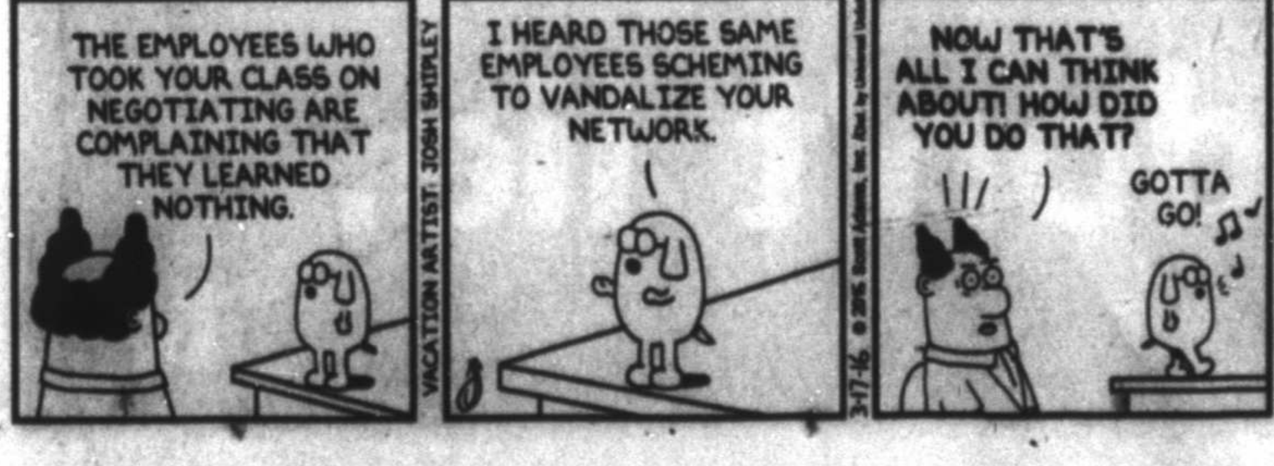


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Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

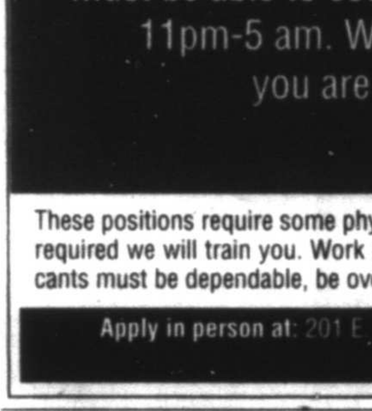
Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person

$10.00 per hour

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Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME NIGHT ASSOCIATE



Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

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General Announcements

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April 4th 2016 starting at 2:00 pm at SecurCare Self Storage #0215 at 1010 N Loop 250 W Midland, Texas 79703 432-697-5932 and then proceeding with Auction at Store #0216 at 3233 East Highway 80 Odessa, Texas 79761 432-337-0271

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Rogelio A. Sanchez	**Ironing Board, 2 plastic tubs**
Rosa M. Franco	**Fan, Dishes, Suitcase, Love Seat**

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF ELECTION

In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Agriculture Code, Chapter 74, Subchapter D, and 4 Tex. Admin. Code, Chapter 3, Subchapter A, the Texas Department of Agriculture (the Department) will conduct a board election in the St. Lawrence Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, in order to select a representative of the above-referenced zone to serve on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors. The board is charged with administering the boll weevil eradication program in Texas.

The St. Lawrence Boll Weevil Eradication Zone consists of that area of Midland County south of a line 15 miles south of Interstate 20 running from the Ector County line east to the Glasscock County line; Glasscock, Reagan, and Upton counties.

Any cotton grower having planted cotton in the year 2015 within the zone defined above is eligible to vote, and, if he or she resides in the St. Lawrence Zone and has at least seven years experience as a cotton grower, can have his or her name placed on the ballot as a candidate in the board member election. A cotton grower is defined as a person who grows cotton intended to be commercial cotton. The term includes an individual who, as owner, landlord, tenant or sharecropper, is entitled to share in the cotton grown and available for marketing from the farm, or share in the proceeds from the sale of the cotton from the farm or from an indemnity or other payment received from or related to the planting, growing, or failure of the cotton. Any person eligible to vote in the board member election that resides in the St. Lawrence Zone and meets the seven-year experience requirement may place their name in nomination for election to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board by written application to the Department at the address provided below. Nomination forms are provided by the Department and must be signed by the nominee and at least ten other eligible voters. The nomination form must be received by the Department at its office located in Austin by March 26, 2016, and must provide the legal residence of the applicant. A nomination form may be obtained by contacting the Department office or from any county agent located in the voting area.

The board election will be held by mail balloting. Ballots will be mailed to cotton growers by April 10, 2016. All ballots cast by mail must be postmarked no later than April 25, 2016, in order to be valid.

For more information regarding the referendum and election, or if you are a cotton grower in the above-referenced area and do not receive a ballot, please contact Stuart Stmad with the Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas, 78711, call (512) 463-3285 or by e-mail at Stuart.Stmad@TexasAgriculture.gov.

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Permian Basin MPO Policy Board Meeting

Date: March 21, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.
Place: Wright Office Complex, Suite 1
9601 Wright Drive
Midland, Texas 79706

The Policy Board of the Permian Basin MPO will hold a regularly scheduled meeting to discuss the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program scheduling and to hear updates on planning projects. The Board may conduct an Executive Session as permitted under Chapter 551 of the Texas Administrative Code.

Para asistencia en español por favor llame a 432-617-0129.

Legal & Public Notices

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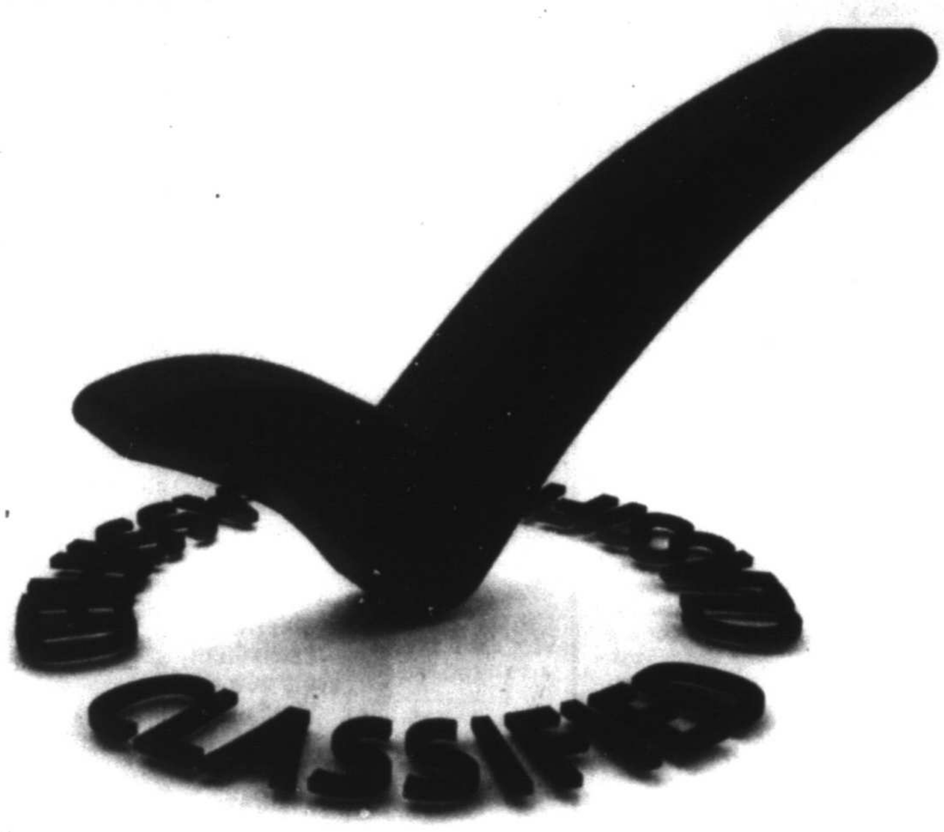
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79705

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5201 SCR 1185, Fri 12noon - 3pm, Sat 8a-1pm. Mens polo shirts, tires, furniture, kids clothes, decor, etc.

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3411 MEADOWRIDGE LN, Friday & Saturday, 8am-?. Home decor, furniture, holiday, walker, clothes, custom bedding and much, much more. Please park in front!

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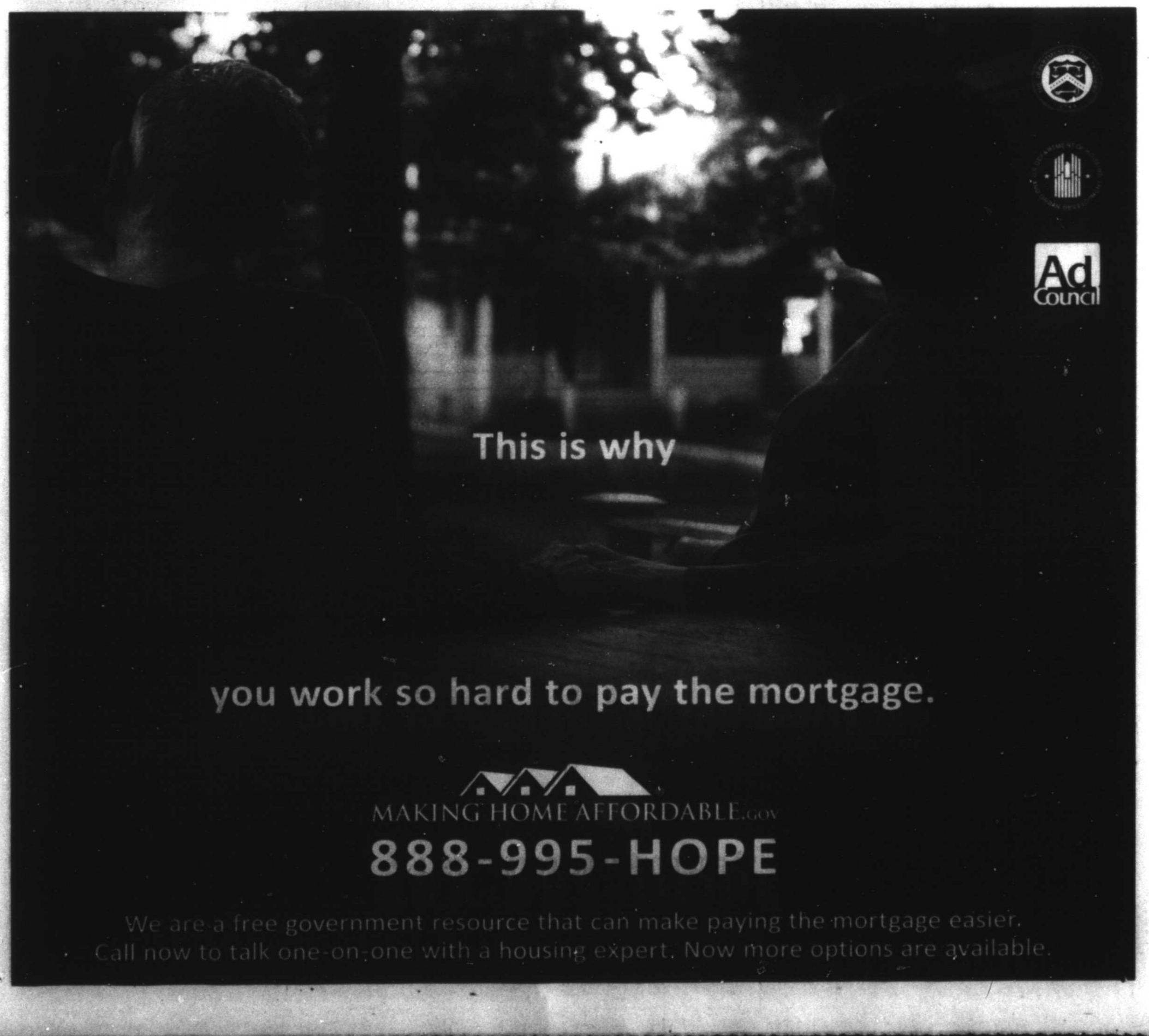
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St. Patrick's Day Exclusive!

"Leprechaun Lips" tells All!

NEWS FLASH! We found a leprechaun to answer questions about these mysterious little people! He wouldn't really show himself to us. Mostly what we saw during the interview were his lips, oversized sunglasses and his hat.

Q: How do leprechauns get all that gold?

A: We make shoes for the fairies. Silly fairies wear out their shoes quickly because they dance all night. We are always busy making new shoes for them. They pay us with gold. Lots of gold!



Leprechaun's shoe shelf has toppled. Can you match the pairs of fairy shoes?

Standards Link: Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects; identify matching attributes.

Q: How big are leprechauns?

A: Wee folk are we. Three feet tall at most.

Can you read inches of the newspaper columns that are equal to 3 feet?

How many shamrocks can you find on this page?

Standards Link: Measurement: Use standard measurement. Reading Comprehension: Read grade-level appropriate materials.

Q: How do you catch a leprechaun?

A: It isn't easy. If you should see a leprechaun, get as close as you can without him seeing you.

Quickly take him in your grasp and don't take your eyes off of him. Then ask where his pot of gold is hidden.

He will try to talk you into looking away. If you do look the other way, he will be gone when you look back.

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade appropriate words correctly in context.

Follow the path to the leprechaun's pot of gold.

Q: Why do leprechauns play tricks on people?

A: We play tricks on people who don't believe in us. We especially like to bother teachers who try to tell children that we don't exist.

Leprechaun Lips Tricky Story

Ask your teacher or a friend for verbs, nouns and adjectives. Use these words to fill in the blanks of this story.

One fine morning, I went for a walk in the woods. I tripped on a _____ (noun). When I looked down, I saw a _____ (adjective) little _____ (noun) with a green _____ (noun).

"_____ (greeting)," he said. "My name is _____ (noun). I'm a leprechaun. If you want my _____ (noun) of _____ (noun), you'll have to _____ (verb) me first!"

I tried to _____ (verb) him, but he was too _____ (adjective) for me.

He just laughed and called out to me, "_____ (adjective) St. Patrick's Day!"

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify and use nouns, verbs and adjectives in writing.

Extra! Extra!

What's green?

Look through the newspaper for words and pictures of things that can be green. List them here.

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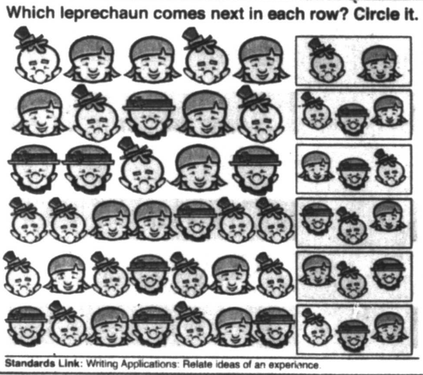
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Bonus Challenge: Can you list them in ABC order?

Standards Link: Spelling: Put words in alphabetical order.

St. Paddy's Patterns

Which leprechaun comes next in each row? Circle it.



Standards Link: Writing Applications: Relate ideas of an experience.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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LOOKING
LIPS
GOLD
PAY
SHOE
DANCE
GREEN
GRASP
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EYES
EASY
GONE
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L	E	P	G	R	E	E	N	S	D
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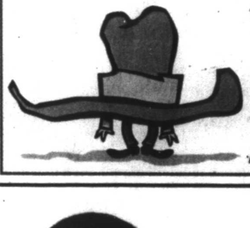
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Abbreviations

St. is an abbreviation for **Saint**. Clip six examples of abbreviations from the newspaper. Write the whole word for each abbreviation.

Standards Link: Word Analysis: Recognize common abbreviations.



What would you get if you crossed a leprechaun with a Yukon?

ANSWER: A pot of chili at the end of the rainbow.

Weekly Writing Corner

Rainbow Feelings

I like bright and vibrant colors. They make me feel happy inside. These colors would be yellow, light blue, and neon green. I like these colors very much and hope you do too! I think these colors are awesome!

Hannah Hobar, 4th grade, St Ann's

When I wear read I am mad. But when I wear blue I am sad. When I eat stuff that is yellow I am scared. But when I wear green I am happy. When I wear orange I am sick.

Bella Campos, 4th grade, St Ann's

There are lots of colors in the world. Most of them make me feel emotions. For example: red make me feel rage, and yellow makes me feel happy. Purple makes me feel powerful. Also, green makes me feel sick. I like black too, but it makes me feel bored. Blue makes me feel sad. White makes me feel clean. Pink makes me feel preppy (which I don't like feeling). Grey makes me feel tired. All these colors make me have a feeling for each one. My personal favorite color, though, is red.

Holland Cordero, 4th grade, St Ann's

Yes, different colors make me feel different. Like blue makes me feel good. Black makes me feel in charge. Yellow makes me feel bright. Brown makes me feel a little weird. That's my story, what's yours?

Ben Bowman, 4th grade, St Ann's

When I wear the colors silver, gray, and black I feel like a better basketball player. Spurs are my favorite team, and those are their colors. It reminds me of Tim Duncan, Tony Parker, Kawaih Leonard, and Lamarcus Aldridge. They are some of the best basketball players in the world.

Aiden Boswell, 4th grade, St Ann's

Red makes me feel angry. Orange make me feel bright. Green makes me feel disgusted. Blue makes me feel down. Purple makes me feel cheerful. Pink makes me feel bubbly. Brown makes me feel dirty. Gray makes me feel dull. All those colors are my rainbow feelings.

Kiki Sandberg, 4th grade, St Ann's

When I wear red, I feel inspired. When I wear black, I feel bold. When I wear blue, I feel happy and there's millions of other colors that I would love to share with you, but don't think my hand would feel so good after all the writing. I think I can do one more though, when I wear purple, I feel festive. Clara Bowling, 4th grade, St Ann's Well, really lots of colors make me feel different. Red, blue, and yellow are my main colors. Red makes me feel mad. Yellow makes me feel happy. Blue makes me feel sad. Rainbow makes me feel like I am going to explode with joy.

Dora Machuca, 4th grade, St Ann's

Write On!

What if I were allergic to . . .

Pick something silly to be allergic to. How would this change your life?

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