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Midland man arrested in alleged assault

MPD: Man may have attempted to strangle female; woman remains unresponsive

From staff reports

A Midland man was arrested Saturday for allegedly assaulting a woman, causing her to sustain life-threatening injuries.

Moore

Benjamin E. Moore, 36, was being held Tuesday on a $150,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of aggravated assault of a date/family/house member with a deadly weapon and a family violence.

Officers were dispatched Saturday to a residence on West Michigan Avenue in reference to an apparent suicide attempt, according to Moore's affidavit. Upon arrival, the officers found a female hanging by a curling iron cord in the bedroom closet, according to the affidavit.

Moore was also inside the residence and stated that he had been arguing with the female and that she stormed into the closet with the curling iron in her hand, according to the affidavit. He stated he heard commotion from the closet so he looked inside and saw the female hanging from the cord, according to the affidavit.

Instead of cutting her down, Moore found a stick and poked her to see if she was responsive, according to the affidavit. Moore later added that someone might have snuck in and hung her, although there was no back door and Moore was sitting by the front door, according to the affidavit.

Furthermore, the ligature marks from the cord around the female's neck were indicative of strangulation and not self-inflicted strangulation, according to the affidavit and city spokeswoman Sara Bustilloz.

The female was in an unresponsive state at the time EMS and officers arrived, according to the affidavit.

"The prognosis for her recovery is questionable, with the possibility of her remaining in a vegetative state for the rest of her life," states the affidavit.

Family members described a history of violence from Moore toward the female, according to the affidavit.

If the female dies, Moore's charge would be changed to murder, Bustilloz said. The aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, including a family violence charge is "actually a higher charge than attempted murder, so that's why we went with that," Bustilloz said.

Moore gave no confession, and the female remains in the hospital with life-threatening conditions, Bustilloz said.

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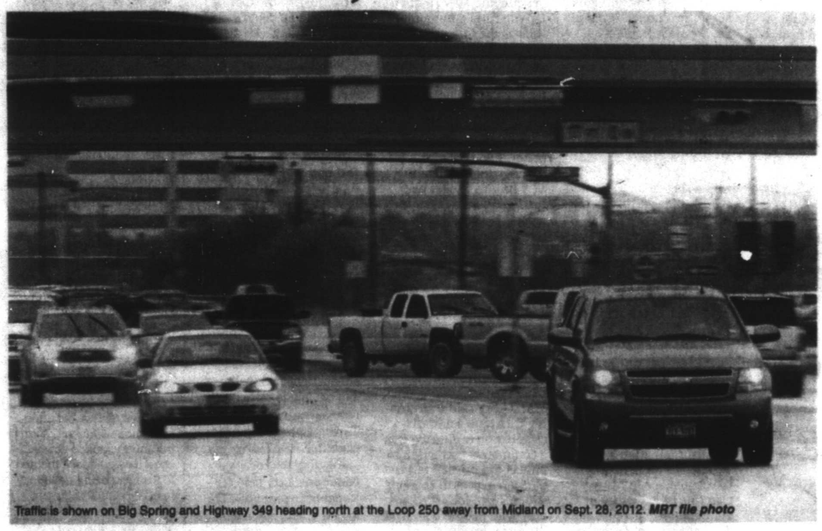

Traffic is shown on Big Spring and Highway 349 heading north at the Loop 250 away from Midland on Sept. 28, 2012. *MRT file photo*

Midland-Odessa CSA leads the nation in population growth

By Trevor Hawes
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The Midland-Odessa combined statistical area was the fastest-growing region in the United States from 2010-15, according to new data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

According to the data, the Midland-Odessa CSA saw a 17 percent population increase after growing by 47,347 people. July 2015 estimates put the total population for this area at 326,115.

The Midland metropolitan area was estimated to have 166,718 people as of July 1, 2015, up 25,047 (18 percent) from the April 1, 2010, census.

According to data from the Texas Workforce Commission, the Midland metropolitan statistical area's unemployment rate for February was 4.0. The Midland MSA had a labor force of 89,933. Compared to February 2015, the labor force fell 3,274 (3.5 percent).

The Odessa metro population was estimated at 159,436 on July 1, 2015, up 22,306 (16 percent) from the April census.

According to a Census Bureau press release, Midland and Odessa were two of five Texas metros that were among the top 20 fastest growing between 2014 and 2015. The other Texas metros were Austin, Bryan-College Station and Houston.

Four Texas metros combined for an additional 412,000 people.

"The Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land and Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington metro areas added about 159,000 and 145,000 residents, respectively — the largest gains of any metro areas in the nation," the press release said. "Two additional Texas metro areas adjacent to each other — Austin-Round Rock and San Antonio-New Braunfels — were each also among the 16 nationwide to gain 50,000 or more people (from July 1, 2014, to July 1, 2015)."

Also from the press release: "Among very small counties, Loving, Texas, was the fastest growing of those with a population of fewer than 5,000 people in 2015 (28.7 percent growth)." Loving County's population as of July 1, 2015, was 112, an increase of 25 residents since 2014. Loving has the lowest population in Texas.

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Shepperd talks dunes sagebrush lizard development

■ PBPA president applauds comptroller's action for dunes sagebrush lizard

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The Austin American-Statesman recently brought to light that state Comptroller Glenn Hegar in February removed the Texas Habitat Conservation Foundation from monitoring the protection preservation of the dunes sagebrush lizard in West Texas.

The Comptroller's Office made the move because the foundation, set up by lobby group the Texas Oil and Gas Association, failed to perform its duties, such as habitat restoration work and monitoring "drillers and other landowners to ensure they were performing conservation measures to protect the dunes sagebrush lizard," the Statesman reported.

Permian Basin Petroleum Association President Ben Shepperd spoke Monday with the Reporter-Telegram and applauded Hegar for "continuing to try to improve the (Texas Conservation Plan) and oversight of the plan."

The PBPA was closely involved with New Mexico on its own conservation plan concerning of the dunes sagebrush lizard years before the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposed on Dec. 14, 2010, to have the lizard, whose habitat is in West Texas and eastern New Mexico, listed as a threatened species. The listing would have inhibited oil and gas drilling, among other activities such as the construction of wind turbines.

The PBPA worked with "operators in New Mexico, the Fish and Wildlife Service in New Mexico, New Mexico

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The big number
Spewing ash that reached **37,000 feet,** a volcano in Alaska erupted Sunday. Page 4A

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Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 2A.

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President Obama calls for better drug treatment as heroin addiction sweeps nation

By Rob Hotakainen
McClatchy Washington Bureau

"It used to be pills was the main drug and now everybody's doing heroin — they're smoking it, shooting it."

Raymond Power, former addict

WASHINGTON — After getting shot in the leg at age 18 during a gang fight in Tacoma, Wash., Raymond Power found relief in OxyContin and Percocet.

When the prescription painkillers became too expensive, he found a cheaper alternative: heroin.

"It used to be pills was the main drug and now everybody's doing heroin — they're smoking it, shooting it," said Power, now a 30-year-old college student and father of four. "It's sad out here — and they're getting younger and younger and younger. I started doing heroin at maybe 19, 20 — and they're starting at 13, 14 these days."

With drug overdoses at a record high, President Barack Obama on Tuesday stepped up the fight against what many experts now say is an epidemic.

He urged Congress to spend $1.1 billion over the next two years for more treatment for drug addicts, proposing that most of the money go to states to help them expand access. And he said he wanted people enrolled in state Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program to be covered for drug treatment, just as they are now for medical and surgical procedures.

Speaking at the National Prescription Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit in Atlanta, Obama said drug addiction must be treated as a public health issue, not just a criminal justice issue. And he said that was now easier to do politically as addiction took a toll on Americans of all stripes, including the young and old and residents of both urban and rural areas.

"This is affecting everybody," Obama said.

More than 47,000 Americans died from overdoses of heroin and prescription painkillers in 2014, a 7 percent increase in just one year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In the Pacific Northwest, overdoses killed an average of 153 people each month in Washington state, Idaho, Oregon and Alaska in 2014. Washington state had the most deaths in the region, with 979 for the year.

"We know that drug overdose deaths are the leading cause of injury in the United States, taking more lives than car crashes," Susan Johnson, regional director of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Seattle, said earlier this month in a conference call with reporters.

While Obama is promising to make his plan a top priority in his last year as president, the issue is showing signs of uniting Democrats and Republicans on Capitol Hill, never an easy trick in an election year.

On March 10, the Senate voted 94-1 to pass a broad drug treatment and prevention bill. The vote came after senators from both red and blue states complained that drug addiction rates had soared across the country, necessitating a quick response.

Critics said the bill did not go far enough because the Senate rejected a proposal to spend an additional $600 million to pay for programs authorized by the legislation. Proponents said it represented a good starting point for Congress, though the House of Representatives has yet to take up the legislation.

In a speech on the Senate floor earlier this month, Washington state Democratic Sen. Patty Murray said the drug crisis had resulted in "a rare moment of bipartisan agreement" in the Senate, giving lawmakers a chance to strengthen the nation's mental health system.

Murray has emerged as a key player in the debate, using her perch as the top-ranked Democrat on the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee to elevate the issue. On Tuesday, she called Obama's plan a "strong step" forward.

In her speech, Murray told the story of Penny LeGate, a former television news anchor in Seattle who lost her daughter Marah Williams to OxyContin and heroin abuse.

"Marah died of a heroin overdose when she was just 19 years old, in the basement of her family home," Murray told her colleagues. "This is a parent's worst nightmare."

Murray and Washington state Democratic Rep. Derek Kilmer, a member of the House Appropriations Committee, want to make it easier for addicts to get naloxone, a medication that can help prevent opioid overdoses from becoming fatal.

Last month, Kilmer said "more resources are desperately needed" in Washington state, particularly in rural communities such as the Olympic Peninsula. He said the overdose death rate in rural Clallam County was twice that of the state as a whole.

Michael Botticelli, the White House director of national drug control policy, told reporters Monday that Obama's $1.1 billion budget plan for 2017 would allow the federal government to pay for treatment for tens of thousands of additional addicts. In December, Congress authorized spending $400 million this year.

Obama said the federal government would rely on help from the private sector and universities to fight the epidemic. He said that more than 60 medical schools across the country would require students to take "prescriber education" classes to help them properly manage chronic pain, beginning this fall.

At the Atlanta summit, the president called addiction a "heartbreaking" issue that's costing lives and devastating communities across the country.

But he said: "I'm very optimistic that we can solve it."

Power, who grew up on the streets, said his road to addiction began when he got into a fistfight in Tacoma's Eastside neighborhood and somebody jumped out of the bushes and shot him. He said the prescription painkillers helped a lot at first.

"But once it was time to get off them, I realized I was hooked," Power said. "I just kind of hit rock bottom. And then somebody introduced me to heroin — and that was it."

He said he quit using heroin when he enrolled in a methadone program run by the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department. He landed at Bates Technical College in Tacoma, where he studied electrical engineering. But he said he'd found his passion and now wanted to study social work at the Tacoma campus of Evergreen State College, hoping to get a job where he could work with kids and keep them off the streets.

Power said Obama's plan came late but was still a good one that could help Tacoma.

"I wish he would have done it years ago," he said. "We've been having a real problem .... I've got four kids, and my oldest is 9. And you know, I just want them to have a good life and not have to see so much drama out here."

Police: NY foster parent was under suspicion for many years

By Frank Eltman
Associated Press

RIDGE, N.Y. — Investigators are trying to figure out how a New York foster parent accused of sexually abusing at least seven boys in his care was able to keep getting children placed in his home, despite years of concern about his conduct.

Before his arrest in January, Cesar Gonzalez-Mugaburu was the subject of nine previous investigations involving alleged abuse dating back to 1998, according to a spokeswoman for Suffolk County.

Each of those inquiries led to a finding at the time that the allegations weren't credible, and none of them immediately led to the removal of children from Gonzalez-Mugaburu's split-level ranch home on eastern Long Island.

The Suffolk County district attorney has said he is investigating how the system designed to catch and prevent abuse broke down.

SCO Family of Services, an agency that placed 72 children in Gonzalez-Mugaburu's care over 20 years, never found reason to stop placing children with him until his arrest in January, said the organization's chief strategy officer, Rose Anello.

"SCO has been working closely with the local authorities and law enforcement to better understand the scope of this matter," Anello said.

Since the arrest, other victims have continued to come forward, police said. So far, police have interviewed a dozen potential victims. Officials said Gonzalez-Mugaburu has cared for as many as 140 children over the years.

The nature of the past complaints about Gonzalez-Mugaburu wasn't immediately clear. Neither police officials, nor SCO would discuss details of past inquiries.

Suffolk County Police detective Lt. Robert Donohue, commander of the special victims section, said the last probe before the one that led to Gonzalez-Mugaburu's arrest began in April 2015.

No arrest was made at that time, either, but after Gonzalez-Mugaburu's arrest in January, police developed new evidence that led to the case being included in a 17-count indictment unsealed earlier this month, Donohue said.

Gonzalez-Mugaburu made a practice of taking in all boys — many developmentally disabled with behavioral problems, the detective said.

"He was a predator and he knew exactly the segment of the population to prey on," Donohue said. "We're dealing with vulnerable teens from broken families. Most of them are on medications and have diagnoses of behavioral or psychological problems that create a limit in their credibility." The detective said the credibility issue was a key factor in failing to develop evidence in some of the prior investigations.

North Carolina governor's race intensifying over LGBT rights

By Gary D. Robertson and Jonathan Drew
Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — The North Carolina governor's race has suddenly become a referendum on discrimination.

Republican Gov. Pat McCrory, seeking re-election in what's anticipated to be one of the nation's most heated and expensive campaigns, is doubling down on a sweeping law he signed last week preventing local governments from protecting people on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity when they use public accommodations such as hotels and restaurants. People also would have to use multi-stall bathrooms that match their birth certificates at state agencies and public schools and universities.

Attorney General Roy Cooper, the governor's Democratic challenger, announced Tuesday that his office won't defend this "national embarrassment" against a federal lawsuit filed by two transgender men, a lesbian law professor and civil rights groups.

"We are here because the governor has signed statewide legislation that puts discrimination into the law," Cooper announced. Citing criticism from a growing list of major corporations and sports organizations, he said: "It will set North Carolina's economy back if we don't repeal it."

McCrory complained this week that a well-coordinated national campaign is "distorting the truth," and in a video Tuesday accused Cooper of "inventing conflict that simply doesn't exist" to justify his argument to refuse to defend the law.

The CEOs of dozens of big technology, biotech and financial companies signed a letter released Tuesday by gay rights advocates urging state officials to overturn the law, which the governor signed just hours after it was introduced and approved by Republicans in a special session.

"Discrimination is wrong and we believe it has no place in North Carolina or anywhere in our country. As companies that pride ourselves on being inclusive and welcoming to all, we strongly urge you and the leadership of North Carolina's legislature to repeal this law in the upcoming legislative session," reads the letter, signed by IBM CEO Virginia Rometty, Apple head Tim Cook and Mark Zuckerberg of Facebook, among others.

The North Carolina Values Coalition, for its part, said hundreds of business owners support the state law, but many don't want to be named for fear of retaliation, a spokeswoman said.

Both campaigns are already using the law in fundraising pleas, and their supporters are reminding the public of each candidate's stand. With litigation expected to last months during this presidential election year, the fight is sure to rage on through November, touching on cultural and economic disputes as well as the pocketbooks of the swing state's voters.

The campaigns of McCrory and Cooper already have raised more than $13 million combined and the Republican Governors Association has reserved $4 million in ad time for the fall. Cooper has leveraged Democratic frustration over the Republicans' control of state government into a formidable campaign operation, outraising McCrory three reporting periods in a row.

The governor and his allies have sought to narrow the public debate to the use of bathrooms by transgender people. It could appeal to moderates and independents in a state where registered Democrats outnumber Republicans by more than 650,000 people.

McCrory said overturning Charlotte's anti-discrimination ordinance was a common-sense action to protect the privacy of people who expect to share restrooms and locker rooms only with people who have the same anatomy.

"We'll continue to frame and push the fact of the matter that this legislation and this case involves bathrooms: Can a male use a female bathroom and female locker room?" said Chris LaCivita, McCrory's chief campaign strategist.

Cooper, in contrast, is already talking about how the law could affect the public more broadly. It prevents cities from requiring local businesses to provide paid sick leave or raise wages beyond the state's minimum, now pegged at $7.25 per hour. It also prevents workers from suing in state courts alleging workplace discrimination over factors including race, religion, age or gender.

"Obviously the LGBT community is targeted, but also people who are discriminated against based on race and religion and other classes of people could likely have a harder time bringing actions to protect themselves," Cooper said Tuesday.

Cooper contrasted McCrory's signing with Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal's decision Monday to veto a "religious freedom" bill, also criticized by corporations, some of which threatened to take business elsewhere without the veto.

These are the kinds of wedge issues that bring outside donors into swing states whose voters could side with either party, said Chris Cooper, a political science professor at Western Carolina University who is not related to the attorney general. "In some ways it works to nationalize the state election."

Framing the law as a "national embarrassment" helps Cooper "extend connections nationally and be able to raise money nationally," agreed Andrew Taylor, a professor at North Carolina State University.

Keeping the focus on bathrooms may help the Republicans for now. The longer voters pay attention to aspects of this law, the more likely it is to hurt McCrory, said Mac McCorkle, a Duke University professor and former consultant to two North Carolina Democratic governors.

"At some point the incumbent wants to turn the corner and start talking about what a great job he's been doing for North Carolina. And it's really hard to sell that to the people of North Carolina when there's so many questions about what went on," McCorkle said.

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The Lord is the stronghold of my life... I will be confident.

Find a fare, check the fees: Tips for saving on flights

By David Koenig
Associated Press

DALLAS — As families and individuals start to book summer travel, a debate is rising about whether airlines make it too hard to choose the most affordable options.

Airlines say the Internet has made pricing transparent and air travel is a bargain.

Consumer advocates and lawmakers counter that comparing fees for things like baggage and extra legroom — a growing part of the cost of a trip — can be difficult, especially when travelers don't buy their ticket directly from the airline.

No changes are coming in the short-term, leaving travelers to plot their own strategies for finding the best prices. As always, it helps to plan ahead and consider whether you need extra services that might add to your cost.

Some old strategies are losing value due to changes in the way airlines operate.

The notion that Wednesday (or Tuesday) is the best day to buy your ticket isn't always true anymore. As more airlines base loyalty programs on how much you spend, not how many miles you fly, it has become harder for many leisure travelers to earn free flights.

Here are five tips from travel experts:

■ Know what comes with your seat by reading the fine print on the airline website. A cheap ticket that doesn't include checked baggage might not be such a bargain.

Delta Air Lines (and soon American and United) has a lower "basic economy" fare. "It looks cheap, but it's got a whole bunch of restrictions on it," says Patrick Surry, the chief data scientist at Hopper, a travel-research firm in Cambridge, Massachusetts "It's impossible to change it, you don't get a seat assignment, and you can't pay to upgrade. It's buyer beware — you need to do your homework."

■ Be flexible with dates and destinations. Flying to tourist destinations will almost certainly be cheaper and less crowded in September or even August than in July. That is of little help, however, to families with school-age children.

■ Check the budget airlines. For example, if you're flying to Europe this year, Iceland's WOW air and Norwegian Air Shuttle have added routes across the Atlantic.

"They may not be the most convenient or comfortable, but they may offer some attractive savings," says Henry Harteveldt, a travel analyst in San Francisco. He cautions that travelers wanting lots of optional services may find it's cheaper to stick with the older, more familiar airlines.

■ If you haven't done so yet, follow the Twitter accounts of the airlines on your intended route and sign up for alerts from fare-tracking services — there are several of those. That way you'll learn about a flash sale before it ends.

■ Families should confirm free seat assignments right away when booking on American, Delta or United, says Summer Hull, author of the Mommy Points blog. She factors in the extra fee for advance seat assignments when flying on the discount airlines that won't let you pick a seat for free.

Costs can rise quickly for a family. If mom, dad and two kids each have a suitcase, that's often $100 each way within the U.S. Want to sit together on a low-fare airline? Seat assignments run $2 to $100 each round-trip on Spirit and $12 and up on rival Frontier, although Frontier offers a discounted package of extras. If the family must reschedule, changing a nonrefundable U.S. ticket costs $200 on American, Delta or United but is free on Southwest.

Fees for certain seats and other items can vary widely — or be waived — depending on whether you belong to an airline's loyalty program and whether you're an elite member. Even using the airline's branded credit card can make a difference. Your fees might be waived on one airline but not another.

"It is totally consumer-unfriendly," says Charles Leocha, who is on a panel that advises the U.S. Department of Transportation about consumer issues. "That makes it next to impossible for consumers to comparison-shop. There is no single site for anyone to go to."

Consumer advocates are waiting for a Transportation Department rule that they believe will require airlines to provide information about fees to third parties like online travel agencies, which they say would make comparison-shopping easier. But any such rule is not expected to take effect until late 2016 or beyond.

Congress is unlikely to settle the debate. This month, a Senate committee blocked a proposal to require Transportation Department approval of fees, a vote that pleased the airline industry.

The trade group Airlines for America combines its own data on bag fees and change fees with government figures on fares to calculate that even with the fees the average U.S. ticket was 10 percent cheaper in 2014 than in 2000 adjusting for inflation.

Melanie Hinton, a spokeswoman for the trade group, says customers can already choose among airlines and select different combinations of prices and amenities to suit their needs.

AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster

The FBI's announcement that it mysteriously hacked into an iPhone is a setback for Apple and increases pressure on the technology company to restore the security of its flagship product.

Apple remains in dark on how FBI hacked iPhone without help

By Tami Abdollah
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The FBI's announcement that it mysteriously hacked into an iPhone is a public setback for Apple Inc., as consumers suddenly discover they can't keep their most personal information safe. Meanwhile, Apple remains in the dark about how to restore the security of its flagship product.

The government said it was able to break into an iPhone used by a gunman in a mass shooting in California, but it didn't say how. That puzzled Apple software engineers — and outside experts — about how the FBI broke the digital locks on the phone without Apple's help. It also complicated Apple's job repairing flaws that jeopardize its software.

The Justice Department's announcement that it was dropping a legal fight to compel Apple to help it access the phone also took away any obvious legal avenues Apple might have used to learn how the FBI did it. The Justice Department declined through a spokeswoman to comment Tuesday.

A few clues have emerged. A senior law enforcement official told The Associated Press that the FBI managed to defeat an Apple security feature that threatened to delete the phone's contents if the FBI failed to enter the correct passcode combination after 10 tries. That allowed the government to repeatedly and continuously test passcodes in what's known as a brute-force attack until the right code is entered and the phone is unlocked.

It wasn't clear how the FBI dealt with a related Apple security feature that introduces increasing time delays between guesses. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because this person was not authorized to discuss the technique publicly.

FBI Director James Comey has said with those features removed, the FBI could break into the phone in 26 minutes.

The FBI hacked into the iPhone used by gunman Syed Farook, who died with his wife in a gun battle with police after they killed 14 people in December in San Bernardino. The iPhone, issued to Farook by his employer, the county health department, was found in a vehicle the day after the shooting.

The FBI is reviewing information from the iPhone, and it is unclear whether anything useful can be found.

Apple said in a statement Monday that the legal case to force its cooperation "should never have been brought," and it promised to increase the security of its products. CEO Tim Cook has said the Cupertino-based company is constantly trying to improve security for its users.

The FBI's announcement — even without revealing precise details — that it had hacked the iPhone was at odds with the government's firm recommendations for nearly two decades that security researchers always work cooperatively and confidentially with software manufacturers before revealing that a product might be susceptible to hackers.

The aim is to ensure that American consumers stay as safe online as possible and prevent premature disclosures that might damage a U.S. company or the economy.

As far back as 2002, the Homeland Security Department ran a working group that included leading industry technology industry executives to advise the president on how to keep confidential discoveries by independent researchers that a company's software could be hacked until it was already fixed. Even now, the Commerce Department has been trying to fine-tune those rules. The next meeting of a conference on the subject is April 8 in Chicago and it's unclear how the FBI's behavior in the current case might influence the government's fragile relationship with technology companies or researchers.

The industry's rules are not legally binding, but the government's top intelligence agency said in 2014 that such vulnerabilities should be reported to companies.

"When federal agencies discover a new vulnerability in commercial and open source software — a so-called 'zero day' vulnerability because the developers of the vulnerable software have had zero days to fix it — it is in the national interest to responsibly disclose the vulnerability rather than to hold it for an investigative or intelligence purpose," the Office of the Director of National Intelligence said in a statement in April 2014.

The statement recommended generally divulging such flaws to manufacturers "unless there is a clear national security or law enforcement need."

Last week, a team from Johns Hopkins University said they had found a security bug in Apple's iMessage service that would allow hackers under certain circumstances to decrypt some text messages. The team reported its findings to Apple in November and published an academic paper after Apple fixed it.

"That's the way the research community handles the situation. And that's appropriate," said Susan Landau, professor of cybersecurity policy at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. She said it was acceptable for the government to find a way to unlock the phone but said it should reveal its method to Apple.

Mobile phones are frequently used to improve cybersecurity, for example, as a place to send a backup code to access a website or authenticate a user.

The chief technologist at the Center for Democracy and Technology, Joseph Lorenzo Hall, said keeping details secret about a flaw affecting millions of iPhone users "is exactly opposite the disclosure practices of the security research community. The FBI and Apple have a common goal here: to keep people safe and secure. This is the FBI prioritizing an investigation over the interests of hundreds of millions of people worldwide."

Foreign adoptions by Americans reach lowest mark since 1981

By David Crary
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The number of foreign children adopted by U.S. parents dropped by 12 percent last year to the lowest level since 1981, according to new State Department figures.

The department's report for the 2015 fiscal year shows 5,648 adoptions from abroad, down from 6,438 in 2014 and about 75 percent below the high of 22,884 in 2004. The number has fallen every year since then, to the frustration of many adoption advocates in the U.S.

China, as is customary, accounted for the most children adopted in the U.S. Its total of 2,354 was up 15 percent from 2014, but far below the peak of 7,903 in 2005.

However, there was a sharp drop in adoptions from other countries that had been high on the 2014 list: The numbers fell from 716 to 335 for Ethiopia, from 521 to 303 for Ukraine and from 464 to 143 for Haiti.

Even with the decline, Ethiopia was No. 2 on the list, followed by South Korea, Ukraine, Uganda, Bulgaria, Latvia and Congo.

Lawmakers in Uganda passed a bill in March that sets tough new conditions for adoptions by foreigners, so its numbers may drop for the 2016 fiscal year from 202 in 2015. The numbers from Congo may rise from the 168 adoptions reported for 2015; authorities there have finally begun issuing long-delayed exit permits for many children who'd been stuck there for more than two years despite court approval of their adoptions.

There were no adoptions from Russia, which once accounted for hundreds of U.S. adoptions each year, but imposed a ban that fully took effect in 2014. The ban served as retaliation for a U.S. law targeting alleged Russian human-rights violators.

The last time there were fewer foreign adoptions to the U.S. overall was in 1981, when, according to U.S. immigration figures, there were 4,868 adoptions from abroad.

Concerns about corruption, child-trafficking and baby-selling have prompted the United States to suspend adoptions from several countries in recent years, including Vietnam, Cambodia, Guatemala and Nepal.

Guatemala, which for a few years provided the most children for U.S. adoptions, accounted for 13 last year — cases that were pending when adoptions were suspended in 2007. Nepal accounted for two U.S. adoptions last year; there were none from Vietnam and Cambodia.

In each case, U.S. officials have been working with local authorities to curtail corruption and trafficking, with the goal of eventually giving the go-ahead for resumption of some foreign adoptions.

Chuck Johnson, CEO of the National Council of Adoption and a critic of State Department adoption policy, expressed dismay at the stead overall decline, saying the world's orphan population was growing annually by millions.

Many countries "are begging the U.S. for help establishing intercountry adoption programs — and the U.S. has been slow to respond," Johnson said in an email.

He said some relatively impoverished nations have been told to improve their child welfare systems and cut down on child trafficking in order to qualify for a full-fledged adoption arrangement with the United States. Yet these countries often lack the resources to meet the goals set by U.S. officials, Johnson contended.

"The absolute reality is that unadopted children are the most likely to be trafficked," Johnson wrote. "There are tens of thousands of Americans — and many in other countries too — who want to open their hearts and homes to children, but are not considered a viable alternative."

However, Johnson said he was encouraged that some State Department officials now seemed committed to reversing the decline in adoptions to the extent possible.

The State Department reported that 93 American children were adopted by residents of foreign countries last year — 39 of them went to Canada and 37 to the Netherlands.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Thing to do

■ Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 8 p.m., Torino's. challengeentertainment.com.

Club meeting today

■ Midland Downtown Lions Club meets from noon to 1 p.m., 200 Plaza St.

Community calendar

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

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

■ The seventh annual Autism SHARE Walk is April 23 at Grande Communications Stadium. The event benefits SHARE, a nonprofit that provides services for families of special-needs children. It will include music, food and a resource fair.

For more information or to register for the walk, visit spc.convio.net/share.

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Today in Texas

On March 30, 1870, Texas was readmitted to the Union.

Source: Associated Press

Fill the Boot is coming

Members of the Midland Fire Department and Professional Fire Fighters Association Local No. 4405 will be participating in the annual Fill the Boot fundraising campaign to help the Muscular Dystrophy Association in its fight against muscular dystrophy, ALS and related diseases that severely limit strength and mobility.

On April 4, April 6 and April 8, more than 120 firefighters will have boots in hand at the intersections of Garfield Street and Golf Course Road, Midkiff Road and Wadley Avenue, Midland Drive and Loop 250 and Midland Drive and Andrews Highway.

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Daily 4 night: 3-5-8-4
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All or Nothing morning: 2-3-6-7-8-9-11-14-15-19-20-23
All or Nothing day: 1-2-6-7-10-11-12-13-15-18-19-23
All or Nothing evening: 1-5-6-10-11-12-14-15-17-19-22-24
All or Nothing night: 2-4-5-6-8-12-13-14-16-19-20-23

Today in history

Today is Wednesday, March 30, the 90th day of 2016. There are 276 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On March 30, 1961, President Ronald Reagan was shot and seriously injured outside a Washington, D.C., hotel by John W. Hinckley Jr.; also wounded were White House press secretary James Brady, Secret Service agent Timothy McCarthy and a District of Columbia police officer, Thomas Delahanty.

On this date:

In 1867, U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward reached agreement with Russia to purchase the territory of Alaska for $7.2 million.

In 1964, The original version of the TV game show "Jeopardy!," hosted by Art Fleming, premiered on NBC.

Ten years ago: Major League Baseball began its investigation into alleged steroid use among players.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-director Warren Beatty is 79. Rock musician Eric Clapton is 71. Singer Celine Dion is 48. Singer Norah Jones is 37.

Associated Press

Pavlof volcano, one of Alaska's most active volcanoes, erupts Sunday, sending a plume of volcanic ash into the air. The Alaska Volcano Observatory says activity continued Monday. Pavlof Volcano is 625 miles southwest of Anchorage on the Alaska Peninsula, the finger of land that sticks out from mainland Alaska toward the Aleutian Islands.

Alaska volcano spews smaller amounts of ash at lower levels

By Dan Joling
Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — An Alaska volcano kept pumping out new ash Tuesday that could threaten aircraft, but it came in smaller amounts at lower heights, according to the Alaska Volcano Observatory.

Pavlof Volcano, 625 miles southwest of Anchorage on the Alaska Peninsula, erupted Sunday. The initial eruption continued for about 17 hours and put out an ash cloud that reached 37,000 feet.

The plume blew northeast and by Tuesday had reached Canada, but Dave Schneider, a U.S. Geological Survey geophysicist at the observatory, said activity had calmed from the continuous eruptive phase.

"Over the last six to eight hours the activity is more intermittent," he said. "There are short duration, small explosive events that are occurring, as opposed to sort of a continuous plume."

The original ash cloud crossed Bristol Bay, spread into interior Alaska, and stretched into northern Canada, said Don Moore, meteorologist in charge of the National Weather Service Alaska Aviation Weather Unit.

"The extent of the plume is certainly greater but the concentration of the ash is becoming less," Moore said. "The plume is becoming thinner over time."

Volcanic ash is angular and sharp and can cause a jet engine to shut down. Alaska Airlines canceled 41 flights within the state Monday, and 28 more Tuesday.

The volcano in the 8,261-foot mountain is one of Alaska's most active. It has had 40 known eruptions.

Pavlof eruptions in the past 20 years have not been as intense, but the current eruption is not unprecedented for the volcano, Schneider said.

The length of the eruption was a major factor in the size of the ash cloud, Schneider said. So were the winds and possibly the smaller size of the ash, which takes longer to fall out of the atmosphere.

The observatory took reports of ash fall, which can be hazardous to eyes, skin and breathing passages, from several communities.

USGS geologist Kristi Wallace said the most significant was in Nelson Lagoon, a village of 39 people about 55 miles northeast of the volcano. Residents reported one-eighth to two-thirds of an inch of ash.

Cpl. Barrett Taylor saw ash falling at 1:30 a.m. Monday.

"It was raining ash for a little bit," Taylor said. "It turned everything black, the rooftops, the fuel tanks, homes."

The community has put out a health advisory to stay inside until Wednesday. He's hoping strong wind or rain will sweep some of it away.

"I actually saw an eagle land on the grass today, and as he landed, a big pile of ash came up and flew away. It's still there," he said.

Pat Walsh, a wildlife biologist for the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge, saw ash 25 miles west of Dillingham as a gray haze as he tracked wolves from the air in the refuge. He could also see traces of ash in fresh wolf tracks and in the snow.

"It looks like dirty snow," he said.

Tisha Christensen, a health aide at the clinic in Port Heiden, said gray ash mixed with snow fell Monday night in the community on the Bering Sea side of the Alaska Peninsula.

It affected her 8-year-old son, who has asthma but tried going to school Tuesday.

"He didn't even make it a half hour and had to come home and have a nebulizer treatment," she said.

Only trace amounts of ash had been reported from Pavlof eruptions since 1996.

In the past, the volcano has erupted intermittently over months or shut off abruptly.

SHEPPERD

From 1A

Game and Fish (and) all of the other stakeholders that were involved in these issues," Shepperd said. "We had worked on a conservation plan for the lizard that just impacted New Mexico."

Shepperd noted that 80 percent of the lizard's habitat, which is among shinnery oak areas, is in New Mexico.

The New Mexico conservation plan is in two parts: the Candidate Conservation Agreement, which covers land administered by the federal government, and the Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances, which applies to state and privately owned lands, according to the Center of Excellence for Hazardous Materials Management, a nonprofit that is involved in oversight of endangered-species matters in New Mexico.

Shepperd said that when the Fish and Wildlife proposed the lizard's listing, it already had approved New Mexico's plan and that the plan to this day has been successful.

"It's been very strongly supported by oil and gas throughout the range," Shepperd said. "No one, including the Wild Earth Guardians and the Center for Biological Diversity, in their recent lawsuit ... have made any derogatory comments, at least that I'm aware of, about the plan. In other words, they believe that it's doing all of the things that it should be doing, and, in the lawsuit that they had filed in Washington, they did not mention the New Mexico plan."

Texas has its own plan. Called the Texas Conservation Plan, it is administered by the Texas Habitat Conservation Foundation.

The Comptroller's Office, which was established by the Texas provisional government in 1935 to oversee the state's finances, has also overseen the state's endangered-species matters since the 2011 legislative session after then-state Rep. Warren Chisum added an amendment to a must-pass "fiscal matters" bill that would complete this action, according to a 2013 Texas Tribune article looking back at the change.

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>
> **Permian Basin Petroleum Association President Ben Shepperd**

New Mexico's and Texas' plans are different. What New Mexico implements is essentially a fee-for-disturbance plan.

"If your drilling or operations plan includes disturbing some part of the habitat, you will be assessed a fee, and the fees can get pretty high depending how they rank the habitat in terms of priority," Shepperd said. "Is this a known area where (the lizards) are or is it a quarter-mile away — that kind of thing. There is an economic incentive not to disturb the habitat."

Texas has a credit-mitigation matrix.

"It's kind of like buying an offset," Shepperd said. "You can disturb (the habitat) so long as you put other acreage aside."

Despite the oversight change, "The Texas Conservation Plan is also working very, very well. The USFWS has not raised any objections, that I'm aware of, to it," Shepperd said.

Indeed, the Statesman article notes that Lauren Willis, a spokesman for Hegar, "said there was no evidence the foundation's poor work had harmed the lizard."

Going forward, Shepperd said he hopes the comptroller's action will strengthen oversight of the plan.

"The industry is committed to conservation and to coexisting with all flora and fauna out here in the Permian," he said. "I think (the comptroller's action is) not altogether a bad thing. The comptroller has chosen to put a different set of eyes overseeing the plan. Nobody's complained about the plan, and I'm not aware that the plan has any criticisms other than management issues. So, I applaud the comptroller for taking strong leadership and ensuring the plan's implementation continues to be strong."

The PBPA is the largest regional oil and gas association in the U.S. It often fights additions and amendments to the Endangered Species Act that will impact oil and gas operations in Texas and New Mexico. Shepperd says, though, that its lawsuits and legislative actions aren't because of corporate greed or mean-spiritedness.

"(The) oil and gas industry is perfectly willing and eager to be good stewards of the land," he said. "When we push back on these endangered species listings, it's because that, generally speaking, we've been able to prove that (concerns) are not scientifically based. The remedies that USFWS would impose would not match the need (of industry)."

He noted that the oil industry is proactive in protecting threatened species.

"Millions and millions of dollars have been put into the lizard plans and the (lesser prairie) chicken plans," he said. "The oil and gas industry is absolutely stepping up to take action, to preserve habitats and species."

Get real: Famous people aren't moving to your town

By Trent Johnson
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A few days ago, a friend of mine hastily sent me a text. The sentence was loaded with exclamation marks and featured a link leading me to a bold headline that read: "Ryan Gosling Moves to Midland, Texas." The article belonged to a website titled Local News 33, a site that reports zero local news.

Chalk this up as a hoax — a myth — not because it's unreasonable for a celebrity like Ryan Gosling to fall in love with the Permian Basin, but because in, this circumstance, the story was designed to garner page views through "pure fantasy."

These articles of fluff aren't exclusive to Midland either. In this alternate universe, numerous celebrities have decided to anchor themselves in small rural towns, such as Matt Damon to Lubbock; Scarlett Johannson moving to Columbus, Georgia; Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie moving to Berea, Kentucky; and Justin Bieber trekking to Sandy, Oregon.

According to Snopes.com, a myth-busting website, these hoaxes began sometime in late February and feature multiple celebrities settling in tons of small towns that a majority of people have likely never visited. Almost all of these pseudo-news stories share the same template, including a narrative about how "insert celebrity" is tired of Los Angeles.

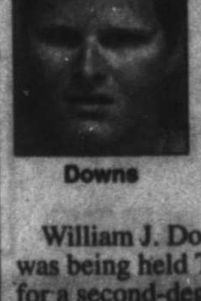
If your curiosity carries you to one of these pages, before getting worked up with unbridled enthusiasm, make sure to head to the "About Us" page, where the admittance of fantasy and satire is outlined.

And remember, while it's not impossible for a small town to land a celebrity — for instance, actor Jason Lee actually lives in Denton — the likelihood is incrementally small. So, even though it would be nice to gawk at Ryan Gosling during a trip to the Midland Park Mall, know that it's about as likely as seeing a drunk unicorn at the Beer Garden.

MCSO: Man has sexual contact with child

From staff reports

A Midland man was arrested on a warrant Monday for alleged sexual contact with a child, according to court documents.



Downs

William J. Downs, 18, was being held Tuesday for a second-degree felony charge of indecency with a child, sexual contact. Bond had not yet been set.

In November 2015, the complainant reported that Downs had sexual contact with a child under 17 years of age that month, according to the affidavit. Downs admitted to deputies that he had had sexual contact with the child, according to the affidavit. The incident occurred in a neighborhood park, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the second-degree felony, Downs could face up to 20 years in prison.

AP Photo/Charlie Neibergall

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump's campaign manager Corey Lewandowski watches as Trump speaks in Dubuque, Iowa. Florida police have charged Lewandowski with simple battery in connection with an incident earlier in the month involving a reporter.

Police charge Trump campaign manager with simple battery

By Steve Peoples and Terry Spencer
Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Police charged Donald Trump's campaign manager with simple battery Tuesday as a videotaped altercation with a reporter transformed what was another messy campaign sideshow into a criminal court summons. Trump decried the charges.

Jupiter, Florida, police determined that probable cause existed to charge Corey Lewandowski, who has served as Trump's most trusted political adviser for much of the past year. Police on Tuesday morning issued Lewandowski a notice to appear before a judge on May 4 for the misdemeanor charge, which carries up to a year in jail.

Speaking to reporters on his airplane in Wisconsin on Tuesday, Trump said Lewandowski has been "very seriously maligned," vowing to stand by him.

"I can't just stand by and watch a man's life be destroyed," Trump said. "I'm sticking up for a person because I'm not going to let a person's life be destroyed. No jury, in my opinion, would convict a man and destroy a man's life over what you witnessed."

This injects a court battle into an already contentious Republican primary season just a week before a high-profile election in Wisconsin.

The Trump campaign released a statement declaring Lewandowski "absolutely innocent of this charge."

"He will enter a plea of not guilty and looks forward to his day in court," said the statement. "He is completely confident that he will be exonerated."

Police charged Lewandowski after reviewing a surveillance video of the incident, obtained from security at the Trump-owned property. Police determined that the video shows Lewandowski grabbing Michelle Fields, who worked for Breitbart News at the time, as she tried to ask Trump a question during a March 8 campaign event.

Trump cast doubt on her claims, telling reporters that he doubts her claims that she suffered bruises from Lewandowski.

"How do you know those bruises weren't there before? She said she had a bruise on her arm. Take a look at her facial expression, her facial expression doesn't even change," he said.

Earlier Tuesday, Trump released a series of tweets reversing a previous position that the incident never happened, hinting instead that he feared for his safety.

"Why is this reporter touching me as I leave a news conference? What is in her hand??" Trump tweeted along with a picture that appears to show the young reporter holding a pen.

"Why is she allowed to grab me and shout questions? Can I press charges?" he wrote, calling Lewandowski "a very decent man."

Fields shot back on Twitter: "My story never changed. Seriously, just stop lying."

The New York businessman's rivals seized on the news, which comes a week before a Wisconsin primary contest that could give Trump an insurmountable delegate lead or give his opponents new hope of a contested national convention.

Sen. Ted Cruz said the incident is "the consequence of the culture of the Trump campaign — the abusive culture when you have a campaign that is built on personal insults, on attacks and now physical violence."

"That has no place in a political campaign, it has no place in our democracy," Cruz told reporters as he campaigned in Wisconsin, suggesting that "it helps clarify for the voters what the Trump campaign is all about."

Cruz asked his senior aide, Rick Tyler, to resign in February for spreading a story that falsely alleged former rival Marco Rubio insulted the Bible.

Ohio Gov. John Kasich said he "probably would suspend somebody" depending on the evidence available.

"When we see things that we think are inappropriate, we take action and that's what I would do," Kasich said while campaigning in Wisconsin.

It's unclear what impact, if any, the news will have on Trump's march toward his party's presidential nomination. Critics cast it as another example of why the brash billionaire would struggle to attract women in a prospective race against Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton.

The incident fueled fresh attacks by anti-Trump groups, who have already been attacking the billionaire for failing to quell violence at his rallies.

Our Principles PAC has been airing an ad featuring news clips of violence at Trump rallies and playing audio of the GOP front-runner saying of a protester, "I'd like to punch him in the face."

The same ad includes images of Fields' bruised arm and a Fox News interview in which she says that Trump's campaign wasn't telling the truth about what happened to her

"The police in Jupiter, Florida, have clearly seen what Donald Trump refuses to acknowledge: his campaign manager battered a woman and caused serious bruising," said Our Principles PAC leader Katie Packer. "In any job in America this would be grounds for firing. Instead, Donald Trump has praised him."

In the days after the alleged assault, Trump told CNN that the incident was probably "made up." Campaign spokeswoman Hope Hicks went further at the time, charging in a statement that "not a single camera or reporter of more than 100 in attendance captured the alleged incident."

Cruz backed by Wisconsin's Walker

By Scott Bauer
Associated Press

BROOKFIELD, Wis. — Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz won the endorsement of Wisconsin governor — and former GOP rival — Scott Walker Tuesday as all five candidates converged on his state ahead of its key primary.

Donald Trump arrived in the state as Florida police charged his campaign manager Corey Lewandowski with simple battery in connection with an incident earlier in the month involving a reporter.

Police in Jupiter, Florida, issued Lewandowski a notice Tuesday to appear before a judge on May 4 on the misdemeanor charge. A surveillance video released by the police appears to show Lewandowski grabbing Michelle Fields, a reporter for Breitbart News, as she tried to ask Trump a question during a March 8 campaign event.

The news overshadowed Trump's efforts to make gains in Wisconsin ahead of its April 5 primary as Cruz lured support from some of the state's most influential voices. Walker said on Milwaukee conservative talk radio that he was backing Cruz over Trump and Ohio Gov. John Kasich because he believes the Texas senator is best positioned to win the GOP nomination and defeat presumed Democratic rival Hillary Clinton.

The endorsement comes as Trump planned his first Wisconsin campaign stop in House Speaker Paul Ryan's hometown. After the Janesville, Wisconsin, rally Trump was scheduled to join Kasich and Cruz for a CNN town hall in Milwaukee. In the increasingly contentious Democratic race, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders and Clinton were campaigning around the state.

Walker, a two-term Republican who became the first governor in U.S. history to win a recall election in 2012, had telegraphed his support for Cruz after saying last week he was the only candidate who had a chance to knock off Trump. When Walker ended his short-lived presidential campaign in September, he called for other candidates to join him to make it easier to take out Trump.

When Walker was running for president, he argued a governor should be the nominee. But he passed over Kasich to support Cruz, who until recently, had failed to garner the same level of support from the GOP establishment.

"It was an easy call for me to support Ted Cruz," Walker said, highlighting Cruz's fights with both Republicans and Democrats. "This is a guy who has been consistent in his positions and when push comes to shove will stand up for the people he represents over the interests in Washington."

Cruz supporters erupted in cheers as Walker's radio interview was played live at a rally outside of Milwaukee.

Trump made clear in a message he posted Monday night on Twitter that he wasn't expecting to land Walker's endorsement.

"After the way I beat Gov. Scott Walker (and Jeb, Rand, Marco and all others) in the Presidential Primaries, no way he would ever endorse me!" Trump wrote, referring specifically to former contenders Jeb Bush and Marco Rubio.

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OPINION

How Cruz came to be a top GOP contender

ROSS DOUTHAT
New York Times News Service

Enough, for one week at least, about the strange victories of Donald Trump. Let's talk about the mysteries of his last real competitor, Ted Cruz.

On the surface, Cruz is a straightforward figure: The ideological zealot, the politician-as-activist, the unbending embodiment of True Conservatism. He's the scourge of Obamacare, the bane of the G.O.P. establishment, the evangelical moralist with a flat-tax plan and a Reagan quote for every occasion. If Trump has dynamited Republican orthodoxy and tapped out nasty tweets from the rubble, Cruz has kept pace by promising to rebuild that same orthodoxy stronger than before.

In this framing, Cruz is basically Barry Goldwater come again, an ideological crusader who might still grab his party's nomination, but whose general election prospects are limited by his own extremism.

I've used this framing myself, and it might be the best way to approach a Hillary-Cruz race. But it also seems inadequate to understanding Cruz's strange ascent.

Start at the intuitive level. Despite what you may have heard, true belief is pretty common among politicians. Listen to Rand Paul talk about liberty or Marco Rubio dilate on the promise of America; watch Bernie Sanders rail against inequality or President Obama defend technocratic liberalism. They all radiate sincerity. Watch a Goldwater speech: you can tell the man believed it.

With Cruz, though, even the most fervent peroration always feels like a debater's patter, an advocate's brief — compelling enough on the merits, but more of a command performance than a window into deep conviction.

This doesn't mean that Cruz's conservatism isn't sincere. But the fact that he seems so much like an actor hitting his marks fits with the story of how he became Mr. True Conservative Outsider in the first place. Basically, he spent years trying to make it in Washington on the insider's track, and hit a wall because too many of the insiders didn't like him — because his ambition was too naked, his climber's zeal too palpable. So he deliberately switched factions, turning the establishment's personal disdain into a political asset, and taking his Ivy League talents to the Tea Party instead.

Then once installed as a leader of the counterestablishment, he walked a line that looks, again, far more calculated than most conviction politicians. While his fellow Tea Party senators, from Paul to Rubio to Utah's Mike Lee, built detailed policy portfolios that fit their interests and inclinations, Cruz never seemed to take a step on any contentious issue without gaming it out 17 moves ahead.

His push for the Obamacare shutdown, and the bill of goods he sold the party's base, was a particularly remarkably exercise in self-serving political cynicism. But on many fronts — Edward Snowden, trade policy, immigration, the fate of Middle Eastern Christians — Cruz has proceeded with several fingers in the wind; every time the conservative mood has shifted even a little, he's shifted quickly too.

The same pattern has prevailed in the presidential campaign, in his complicated relationship to Trump — obsequious at first, cynically imitative on issues where Trump's demagogy has worked, and finally self-righteous and dudgeon-filled now that the name-calling and scandal-mongering have been turned against his reputation and his family.

Throughout this rise, Cruz has often seemed less like Goldwater than like American conservatism's own Kenneth Widmerpool, the most memorable character in the English novelist Anthony Powell's series, "A Dance to the Music of Time."

A dogged, charmless, unembarrassed striver, Widmerpool begins Powell's novels as a figure of mockery for his upper-class schoolmates. But over the course of the books he ascends past them — to power, influence, a peerage — through a mix of ruthless effort, ideological flexibility, and calculated kissing-up.

Enduring all manner of humiliations, bouncing back from every setback, tacking right and left with the times, he embodies the triumph of raw ambition over aristocratic rules of order. "Widmerpool," the narrator realizes at last, sounding like a baffled, Cruz-hating Republican senator today, "once so derided by all of us, had in some mysterious manner become a person of authority."

This is not exactly a flattering comparison. But the American reader, less enamored of a fated aristocratic order, may find aspects of Widmerpool's character curiously sympathetic. And some of that strange sympathy could be extended to Cruz.

Unloved, unattractive, a Simpsons-quoting nerd still chasing the teenage dream of world domination, the Texas senator has outworked, out-organized and outlasted the candidates who were supposed to beat him, from the blueblood to the jock.

His cynicism can be repellent, his message discipline exhausting, and his Reagan-vintage policy proposals induce a mild despair. But in the drama of this insane campaign, he has actually earned his position, and if his doggedness wins the Republican nomination on the second ballot it will be one of the most fascinating triumphs in recent political history.

Though it will also probably be short-lived. But if you think a little thing like losing a general election will dispose of Ted Cruz's ambitions, you don't know Ted Cruz.

OPINION EXTRA

Yes, Republican delegates can decide

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

Donald Trump has made his first threat to sue over the procedures for selecting delegates to the Republican convention. It surely won't be his last.

The Wall Street Journal reported that Ted Cruz may come out of Louisiana with as many as 10 more delegates than Trump, even though the mogul narrowly beat Cruz in the popular vote there. In a tweet, Trump pronounced it "unfair," and worthy of litigation.

The Louisiana delegate picture isn't evidence of anything untoward. Trump and Cruz both won 18 delegates on election night. Marco Rubio, since dropped out, won five, and another five are uncommitted. The Cruz campaign has done the nitty-gritty work to see that those delegates are likely Cruz supporters.

The only scandal here is that the Cruz campaign, built on grass-roots organizing muscle, knows the process and is working hard for every advantage. Trump's plaint is a little like showing up at a cricket match and crying foul because the opposing team knows the rules and all you know is that you swing a bat.

The Louisiana flap is a window into the intricate, state-by-state process of picking delegates to a convention in Cleveland where the allegiance of every last delegate might matter. If there is an open convention, Trump will argue that the voters should rule, not delegates no one has heard of, selected at obscure precinct, county, district and state meetings. He will, in short, declare the entire exercise of a contested convention illegitimate.

Is it? We are used to the voters directly deciding, and should Trump perform strongly enough to win a majority of delegates, 1,237, they, in effect, will. But if he falls short, the delegates enter the picture.

The requirement for a majority of delegates (Trump once decried this rule as arbitrary) is meant to ensure that the nominee is, as much as possible, the consensus choice of the party. Ordinarily, this isn't an issue — the early leader in a nomination fight vanquishes the opposition and steadily consolidates the support of the party.

In 2012, Mitt Romney didn't lose a contest after March 24. His closest competitor, Rick Santorum, dropped out shortly after losing Wisconsin on April 3, and after that, Romney was racking up victories with 60 percent of the vote or more.

For Trump -- who spent last week threatening and mocking Ted Cruz's wife -- this unifying march down the homestretch is hard to imagine. If Trump has only won a plurality of delegates, it won't be a sign of strength, but of weakness. A badly divided party would be nominating a candidate who couldn't reach a majority and, so far, has shown no general-election appeal. In this circumstance, delegates would be justified in looking to someone else better suited to win an election and protect the party's interests.

It's not unheard of for top vote-getters in America to fall short of the top prize. Otherwise, there would have been a Gore administration. Al Gore won the popular vote in 2000, but still fell short of George W. Bush, who won the Electoral College.

If you count Michigan, where Barack Obama's name didn't appear on the ballot, Hillary Clinton very narrowly won the most votes in the 2008 primaries. That was good enough for an appointment as secretary of state — under President Obama, who understood the delegate-allocation rules much better.

Trump has thrived so far without an extensive, traditional political operation. But politics isn't only about TV interviews and big rallies. There is a reason that the system also rewards candidates who can motivate and muster people to do the grass-roots activism involved in winning small victories at local meetings. This is literally getting people involved in the process, and it could take on an outsized significance in deciding the immediate future of the Republican Party.

Trump would be well-served to complain less about the rules, and learn more.

Obama lacks passion to fight terrorism

■ What horrific event would disrupt Obama's schedule?

MARK DAVIS
Dallas Morning News

For the record, the world would not have magically become safer if President Barack Obama had skipped the baseball portion of his Cuban adventure to jet home to watch updates of the latest jihadist carnage in Brussels.

So why did he catch grief for siting in the Stadio Latinoamericano instead of the Situation Room? Because it added to an already thick narrative that global terror is only a middling item on his priority list.

From presidents down to those of us in the citizenry, we display our priorities by what we say and what we do. The Obama record on Islamic terror is to spend less time addressing it than lecturing us on how we react to it.

The Obama White House surely thinks it is horribly maligned when observations arise that it has been faint-hearted in both word and deed when it comes to meeting the challenge of the terrorist threat.

But what should it expect when the president downplays ISIS as a junior varsity team, eagerly seeks to bring Guantanamo combatants to America, and crows about an exit strategy for the war without a victory strategy?

Every White House is acutely image-conscious. One would think Team Obama would seek to push back against accusations of diffidence by taking any opportunity to at least seem engaged. It would have spoken at least half a volume for Obama to graciously abbreviate the visit with his unrepentant Cuban hosts to return to America, where millions wonder if Belgium's dark fate might soon await us.

There is a reason that did not happen. It was his specific wish. Secretary of State John Kerry defiantly informs us that Obama's schedule "is not set by terrorists." One wonders what level of bloodshed might jostle the presidential day planner.

Europe is enormously proud of having suppressed the concepts of borders and individual national identity. The result is continent-wide vulnerability to a murderous caliphate on the march. ISIS is on the run, all right -- forward. The death toll of Brussels this month does not guarantee a spread to Boston next month, but it would be nice if the commander-in-chief spoke to us about those concerns rather than propping up straw men in an attack on Americans who are more worried than he is.

"We need to reject any attempt to stigmatize Muslim-Americans and their enormous contributions to our country and our way of life," he said, as if an appreciable number of people are doing that. Even the unworkable Donald Trump temporary Muslim immigration ban is about foreigners, not Americans.

Nonetheless, he swings the bludgeon that these imagined voices are "contrary to our values."

But under Obama, the measuring stick of our "values" has been shifted jarringly. It now includes, among other ill wisdom, the moral necessity of accepting waves of insufficiently vetted refugees from terrorist-rich parts of the world. Our "values" now preach more strongly against offending Muslims than against allowing America to follow Europe's suicidal example.

If you want to hear the president get fired up about an existential threat, listen to him on climate change, income inequality or the fact that Americans get to own guns. Those imagined perils will get you a burst of passion that you will never see on the days when innocent blood is spilled at the hands of jihadist monsters, whether in Paris or San Bernardino.

Obama is welcome to underplay the threat of radical Islam. The candidates on both sides seeking to succeed him have varying degrees of attentiveness to the issue, so we'll see what wins favor with the electorate as the campaigns continue.

But perhaps a deal is in order: Obama's critics can refrain from suggesting he does not care at all about global terrorism if he will stop slandering those who do care as bigots.

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Tied 4-4 after Scalia's death, high court gives unions a win

By Sam Hananel
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In the clearest sign yet of the impact of Justice Antonin Scalia's death, U.S. labor unions scored a major victory Tuesday with a tie vote in a high-profile Supreme Court case they had once seemed all but certain to lose.

The 4-4 split, in a case that sharply divided the court's liberal union supporters and their conservative opponents, demonstrated how much is riding on President Barack Obama's effort to replace Scalia with a judge who could tilt the balance on the high court for years to come. Senate Republicans say they won't consider any nomination until a new president takes office.

The vacancy helped the liberals this time. The deadlocked vote came in a case that considered whether unions representing government employees can collect fees from workers who choose not to join. California teachers backed by a conservative group said being forced to pay union fees violated the free-speech rights of nonmembers who disagree with the union's policy positions.

The split vote left in place an appeals court ruling that upheld the collection of "fair share" fees from nonmembers.

The result was an unlikely reprieve for organized labor. It had seemed virtually certain that the high court would rule 5-4 to overturn a system that's been in place nearly 40 years. But the court is now operating with only eight justices after the Feb. 13 death of Scalia, who had been expected to rule against the unions.

The one-sentence opinion issued Tuesday did not identify how each justice voted. It simply upheld a decision from the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

But it was a blow to conservative groups that have spent years pushing the court to overrule a 1977 precedent that allows unions to collect fees from members and non-members alike to cover the costs of collective bargaining.

Union officials feared a ruling barring the fees would threaten membership and further weaken the clout of unions, which are major supporters of Democratic candidates and causes. Labor leaders called the lawsuit part of a coordinated effort by conservative groups to weaken labor rights.

The tie vote came amid a political standoff over Obama's nomination of appeals court judge Merrick Garland to fill Scalia's vacant seat. Garland met Tuesday with Republican Illinois Sen. Mark Kirk, his first meeting with a GOP senator.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said the 4-4 tie rather than a majority ruling "is not what our founders intended."

But conservative groups said the split underscored the risk of replacing Scalia with someone more liberal. Confirming Garland would make the court "a rubber stamp not just for the wishes of powerful labor unions, but also for virtually the entire progressive agenda," said Curt Levey, executive director of the Freedom-Works Foundation.

The union case is just one among a handful of key disputes this term in which Scalia's vote had been expected to tip the balance toward a conservative result. During arguments in the case in January, Scalia and the court's four other conservatives had made it clear they were prepared to deal a blow to the unions.

Since Supreme Court decisions are not final until they're handed down, nothing Scalia did or said in connection with the case before his death mattered in the outcome.

A similar split between the court's liberals and conservatives was evident last week when the justices heard appeals from faith-based groups objecting to an Obama administration effort to ensure their employees and students can get cost-free birth control. The court on Tuesday directed both sides to file a new round of legal briefs exploring a possible compromise, setting an April 20 deadline

In the union dispute, the high court had twice before raised doubts about the 1977 precedent, Abood v. Detroit Board of Education. In that case, the court said public workers who choose not to join a union can be required to pay for bargaining costs as long as the fees don't go toward political purposes.

In 2014, a 5-4 majority stopped short of overturning the case, but the court's conservatives seemed to invite another full-on challenge.

The lead plaintiff in the latest case was Rebecca Friedrichs, a public school teacher from Orange County, California, who said she resigned from the California Teachers Association over differences but was still required to pay about $650 a year to cover bargaining costs.

Union officials have worried that the potential loss of tens of millions of dollars in fees would reduce their power to bargain for higher wages and benefits for government employees. More than 5 million workers in 23 states and Washington, D.C., are required to pay fair-share fees to public-sector unions that represent them in bargaining. Unions said the fees are necessary because the organization has a legal duty to represent all teachers, even those who are not members of the union.

Jury to decide whether lawmaker took illegal contributions

By Matt Volz
Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. — A Montana Republican illegally took thousands of dollars' worth of unreported campaign contributions from several nonprofit corporations funded by a national anti-union organization during his 2010 election campaign, the attorney for the state's campaign regulator told a jury Monday.

Rep. Art Wittich of Bozeman essentially turned over his campaign to groups operating under the National Right to Work Committee, Special Attorney General Gene Jarussi said in his opening arguments. The groups, led by a Right to Work operative named Christian LeFer, provided Wittich with a direct mail program of ghost-written letters signed by the candidate and his wife, along with opposition research, media and campaign consulting, voter data and website design, Jarussi said.

"It's impossible to conclude that Mr. Wittich didn't know what was going on," Jarussi said.

Candidates cannot receive direct contributions from corporations under Montana law. A jury of six women and six men will decide in the trial expected to last through Friday whether Wittich coordinated with the groups, whether they gave him the alleged services and if so, what the value of the services were.

Wittich denies any wrongdoing. His attorney, Lucinda Luetkemeyer, told jurors that Wittich ran his own campaign and hired a Livingston printer to produce the voter letters and his website. He paid fair-market value for the work and was "surprised and sad" to receive a letter two years ago that Commissioner of Political Practices Jonathan Motl was investigating him.

The investigation is "a government overreach horror story," Luetkemeyer said.

There is no recording, email or any other evidence that shows Wittich coordinated with the groups, she said.

Motl's investigation concluded that multiple groups affiliated with or partially funded by the National Right to Work Committee selected candidates to whom they offered a campaign package called "the works" for free or for cost. That included a series of seven voter letters penned by employees at Right to Work's Virginia headquarters, and fliers attacking the candidates' opponents, according to Motl's findings.

The candidates also were offered training, voter data and even yard-sign design, according to employee documents subpoenaed by Motl's office.

Sarah Arnold, one of those employees, testified that she was hired by the National Right to Work Committee for Montana's elections in 2010. She worked under Right to Work operative Christian LeFer and tracked candidates and conducted opposition research.

Candidates selected to receive "the works" package were carefully vetted and required to sign a Right to Work survey showing they backed the group's principles. In exchange, at least 14 candidates, including Wittich, received the comprehensive campaign service program that was also called "Smart Simple Campaigns," she said.

Wittich was "on board," Arnold said, a phrase she repeated often in the first day of the trial to denote candidates who lined up solidly behind Right to Work's anti-unionism.

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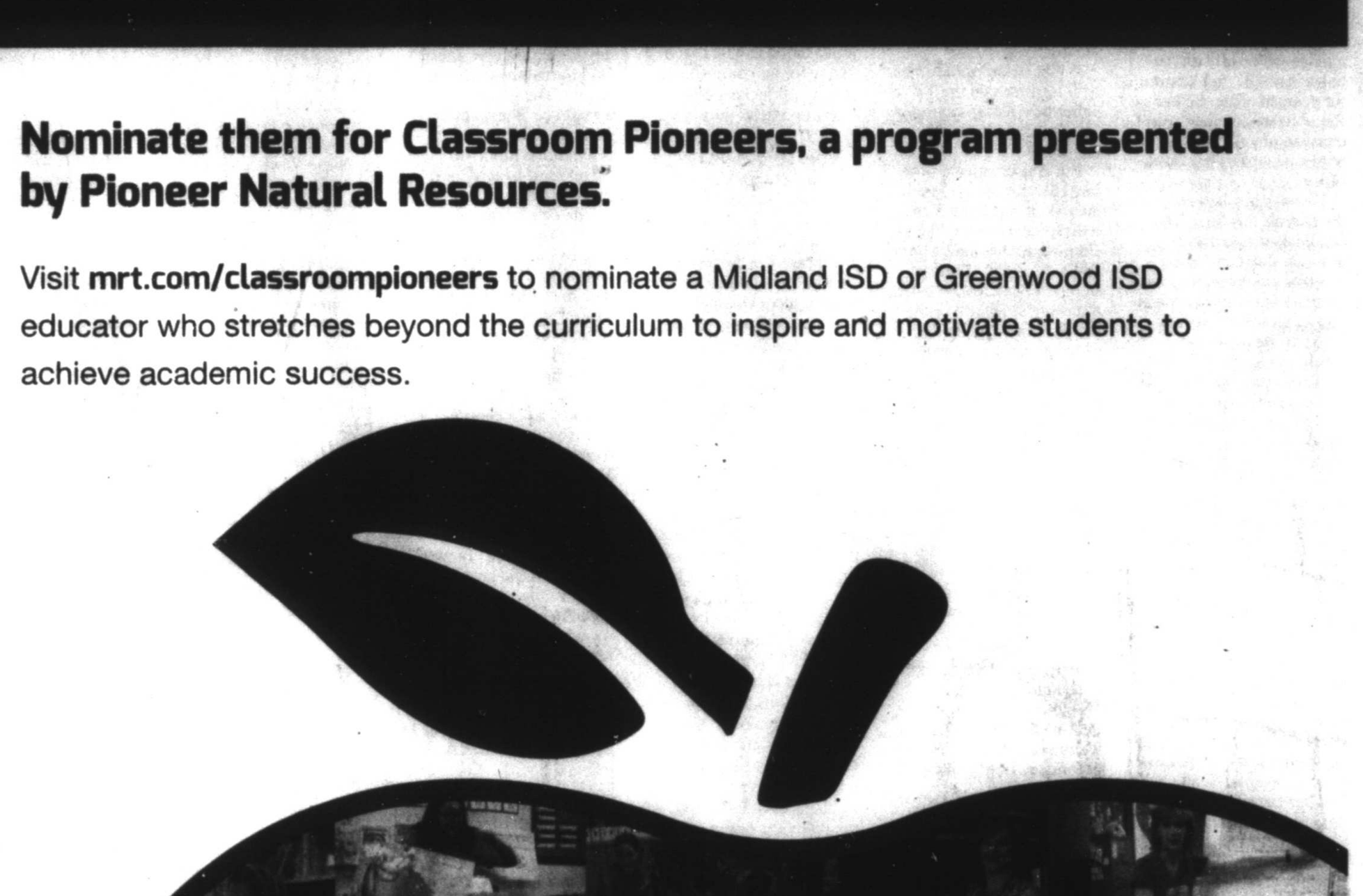

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Diabetes: Looking at an old problem in a new light

DR. PADMAJA PATEL
Midland Health

More than 22 million Americans have been diagnosed with diabetes. At this rate, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention predicts that one in three Americans will be diabetic by 2050. From 1980 to 2014, the number of Americans diagnosed with diabetes has increased fourfold (from 5.5 million to 22 million).

Eighty-six million Americans now have prediabetes — that's 1 out of 3 adults. Of those 86 million, 9 out of 10 of them don't even know they have it. Without intervention, 15 percent to 30 percent of people with prediabetes will develop Type 2 diabetes within five years.

According to the Texas Department of State Health Services, in 2015 an estimated 10.6 percent of adults in Texas had diabetes and 6.2 percent had prediabetes, bringing us into a group of states with highest incidence.

There are two types of diabetes. Type 1 diabetes, previously called juvenile-onset diabetes, accounts for 5 percent of all diagnosed cases where the immune system destroys insulin producing beta cells in the pancreas and is therefore treated with insulin.

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Type 2 diabetes, previously known as adult onset diabetes, accounts for 90-95 percent of diabetes cases. In type 2 diabetes, most people still produce insulin, but it does not work well.

Today, we have best possible medicines available in our hands to treat diabetes and there are new and more effective medicines coming out almost every few months. But somehow, we are not making much headway in controlling this deadly disease. What we generally see in diabetics is gradually increasing blood sugars, requiring more medications and eventually worsening complications. Clearly, we are missing something here and the problem may be in our diet.

In "Dr. Neal Barnard's Program for Reversing Diabetes" book, Barnard offers a scientifically proven approach to preventing, controlling and reversing diabetes by a powerful nutritional plan. In this plan, there is no need to cut calories, limit carbohydrates or stick to small portions. In fact, you can eat until you are full.

He gives three basic guidelines:

1. Set aside all animal products

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PEDS IN A POD

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Dr. Barbara Wood poses Monday in her newly-opened office on Caldera Boulevard. She offers concierge services for pediatrics.

Local pediatrician starts practice with goal of personalized care

By Erin Stone
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Barbara Wood, a pediatrician with Midland Pediatrics and the chief of Pediatrics at Midland Memorial Hospital, was looking for a change. She wanted more quality time with her patients and with her own kids. So, she decided to start Peds in a Pod, Midland's first pediatric concierge practice.

"In a larger group setting the main focus is to see more patients, to bring in more money, etc.," Wood said, sitting in her new office located at 3415 Caldera Blvd. "That's just not me. I started looking into and thinking about how can I slow down and spend more time with my patients, more time with my kids, and not see as many but still bring in enough money to pay the bills?"

A concierge practice seemed like the perfect fit. Concierge medicine is a style of practice in which a physician limits their number of patients in order to provide more in-depth service for each patient.

Contact info

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While Wood's patients will have to pay a slightly higher out-of-pocket fee, she still takes all private insurance, which she said many concierge practices across the country don't do. The added fees vary based on the age and number of children in the family.

"That covers everything that insurance doesn't cover like longer appointments, guaranteed same day appointments, they get my cell phone number so they get access to me 24/7, they can call or text me nights and weekends if they need something," Wood said. "It saves a lot of hassle that way."

Wood's goal is to serve 250 families, which would be about 500 to 600 patients, she said. Most pediatricians in town have more than 2,000 patients each.

"It's beneficial to both me and the patient because the patient gets more of my time, they get to know me better and I get to know them better so if they call me I can put a face with a name and I remember their kids and their situation versus only seeing them once or twice a year and not really knowing them in my head," Wood said. "I would have to look at a chart and remind myself, OK, what's going on with this kid?"

The concierge style also allows Wood to do house calls with patients when necessary, and she will personally take care of her patients should they need to be admitted to the hospital.

She is currently allowing her patients from her previous practice to sign up, but on April 11, she will open up consult to the general population.

But Wood is also a parent, and the concierge style allows her to be more flexible with her schedule so she can spend more time with her own

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DENESSA LEARY
Midland YMCA Health and Wellness Director

2016 health goals: How are you doing?

The end of March is a good time to see how you are doing with your health and wellness goals that you set for 2016. You probably fall into one of three categories: you are on track, you have plateaued or you have fallen off your plan, given up all hope of ever changing your habits and consider yourself doomed. Hopefully it is not the last option. Remember, a healthier you requires a lifestyle change — not just a quick fix. The best thing you can do is to educate yourself on the simple lifestyle changes that can add up to a healthier you. Here are a few reminders to get you going in the right direction again.

I believe the term "diet" sets you up for failure. If you are trying to regain your health, it must be a lifestyle change. How many times have you gone on the latest diet only to gain back more weight than what you lost? The problem with the latest diet is that you are not creating positive changes in your everyday life, you are just losing weight. You must educate yourself about why you are making certain dietary lifestyle changes, such as giving up sugar or eating more vegetables and lean proteins. Once you learn something like that, you can't unlearn it.

Remember the 80/20 rule: 80 percent is eating healthy and 20 percent is physical activity. The 80 percent part of eating healthy that people tend to forget is that you must change your mindset to be successful. You need to find out what triggers you to crave the wrong foods. If you feel that you will go for the wrong foods, get them out of the house or just don't have them there to begin with. Find a new hobby or new food instead of putting the wrong foods in your mouth. Look at food as fuel for your body — not as a source of comfort.

You did not gain 40 pounds overnight so don't expect just a few days, weeks or even months of clean eating to solve all of your problems. You will see major improvements in certain health issues by making healthy lifestyle changes, but you do need to stop beating yourself for only losing 12 pounds in two months ... because that is a lot of weight. Try not to be impatient; everyone loses weight at different rates. If you gain a couple of pounds back, breathe, relax and take it slow. Changing your thought process, adjusting your goals and being patient will get you past your plateau.

Studies show that weighing yourself daily holds you accountable to maintaining or losing weight. If this works for you, do it. Have you thrown out the

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Obituaries

Frances L. Herzog

Frances L. Herzog went to be with the Lord on March 28, 2016 at the Midland Memorial Hospital with pneumonia complications. Funeral services will be held at 2:00pm March 31, 2016 at the Hosanna Church in Stanton, TX. Visitations will be Wednesday March 30, 2016 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm at the Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel.

Frances was born January 12, 1933 in Hermleigh, TX., and went to school in Glasscock and Martin Counties. She worked as a Draftsman for Oxy over 50 years. She loved farming, it was her work and her life. She attended Hosanna Church in Stanton.

She is survived by her daughter; Cindy Greengold and Jerry Greengold of Conroe, TX; grandchildren, Matthew Greengold, and, Jenna Greengold; Great Grand-children, Gabriel Greengold and Sebastian Greengold, and many friends and relatives.

She is preceded in death by her mother Vera Greengold, and father Roy Linney; and brother, Leroy Linney.

Pallbearers are Timmy Hull, Tony Hull, Mark Robinson, Roy Posey, Jacob Greene, and Logan Parker.

Arrangement are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home.

Jacque Rae Stoltz

Jacque Rae Stoltz, 90, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, March 26, 2016. He was born on July 17, 1925 to Samuel Galard Stoltz and Willametta York Stoltz in Oil Hill, Kansas. The family later moved to Bartlesville, Oklahoma for a time before settling in Hobbs, New Mexico in 1939. There, Jacque attended school, became an Eagle Scout, played football and basketball and came to enjoy the game of golf. He graduated from Hobbs High School in 1943.

In June of 1943, in the midst of World War II, Jacque enlisted in the United States Army and began his active service in August of 1943. He was a member of the 75th Infantry Division, 289th Regiment, 1st Battalion A Company. While serving his country as a member of what has come to be known as "America's Greatest Generation" he fought in the Battle of the Bulge in the Ardennes and the Colmar Pocket in France. For gallantry in action during military operations conducted against the German army in Belgium, on January 24, 1945, Sergeant (then Private First Class) Jacque R. Stoltz was awarded the Silver Star. He was later awarded the Bronze Star and the British Military Medal. In September of 2015, for his actions in France in the Colmar Pocket in 1945, the French attaché awarded him the French Legion of Honor on behalf of the government of France at ceremonies in Houston, Texas.

After returning from Europe following the end of the war, Jacque enrolled in Texas Tech as an electrical engineering major, a degree which he completed in less than four years by attending school year round. While attending Texas Tech, Jacque married the love of his life, Marguerite Evelyn Johnson on July 18, 1947 at St. Helena's Catholic Church in Hobbs. He graduated from Texas Tech with his electrical engineering degree in 1949 and upon graduation Jacque and Marguerite returned to Hobbs where he went to work for New Mexico Electric Company and later Dixie Electric Company. During their early years of their marriage, Jacque served in the Army Reserve and was honorably discharged as First Lieutenant in December, 1959. In June of 1959, shortly before the birth of their third child, Jacque joined the Catholic Church and began his lifelong journey of faith. Then in 1963, Jacque took a job with Mobil Oil Corporation moving the family to Lubbock for two years, and then to Midland in 1965.

During those years in Hobbs and Lubbock, Jacque was especially involved in his children's activities- including Boy Scouts and serving as baseball coach for his sons' baseball teams- while still finding time to enjoy the game of golf. In Lubbock, he attended religious education classes at Christ the King where he became very involved in teaching religious education. He carried these same activities to Midland when transferred there by Mobil, and had the joy of introducing the game of golf to his daughter. During this time, Jacque was also responsible for the awarding to Mobil of several patents related to automation activities for Mobil's oil and gas operations in the Permian Basin. He also taught professional development classes and presented numerous papers at professional engineering conventions throughout the country. In 1979, with all of their children raised, Jacque and Marguerite were transferred to Houston, where they set up a new home in Kingwood. There, they became active members of St. Martha's Catholic Church and Kingwood Country Club. During their almost 20 years in Kingwood, Marguerite and Jacque made numerous friends. Following Jacque's retirement in 1986, they traveled with those friends on land and by sea to Alaska, the Bahamas, Canada, the Panama Canal, Italy, and any place with a great golf course. When home, Jacque would help drive the nuns downtown and work in St. Martha's Soup Kitchen beside them. In 1998, Jacque and Marguerite returned to Midland, where Jacque worked with St. Vincent de Paul and San Juan Catholic mission until he and Marguerite eventually settled in Manor Park.

Jacque was preceded in death by his parents, his two siblings- older brother Jerry and younger brother Joe- and by Marguerite, his wife of 67 years on March 6, 2015.

He is survived by his three children, who loved him dearly, and who will miss him greatly: Mike Stoltz and wife Barbara of Midland; Mark Stoltz and wife Patty of Garden Ridge; and Teresa Miller and husband Kevin of Midland. He is also survived by six grandchildren, Christopher Stoltz and wife Erica of Midland; Stephen Stoltz and wife Jessica of Midland; Michael Stoltz and wife Lauren of Tyler; Mark D. Stoltz and wife Isabell of San Antonio; Kristen Beeghley and husband Jamie of New Braunfels; and Laura Quinn of Midland; 15 great grandchildren: Hadley Stoltz, Riley Stoltz, Lindley Stoltz, Elley Stoltz, Jonathan Stoltz, Samuel Stoltz, Mary Margaret Stoltz, Lillian Stoltz, Jacque M. Stoltz, Alexandria Stoltz, Nicolas Stoltz, Colette Stoltz, Lance Beeghley, Paige Beeghley, and Brooke Beeghley.

The family wishes to extend a special thanks to Virginia Berlanga, Tavita Mendoza, Lorena Vargas, and Daisy Gonzales for their loving assistance in caring for our beloved father, grandfather, and great grandfather as he battled Myasthenia Gravis. In addition, a heartfelt thanks to Nanette Paredes, PA-C, Dr. Shylesh Ganta and the wonderful staff of Hospice of Midland.

A rosary vigil will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at St. Ann's Catholic Church. The funeral mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 31, 2016 at St. Ann's Catholic Church. The burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia at a date to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to St. Ann's Catholic School Endowment Fund at 2000 W. Texas, 79701, Hospice of Midland at PO Box 2621,79702, to Manor Park Foundation at 2208 North Loop 250 West, Midland, TX 79707 or to a favorite charity of your choice.

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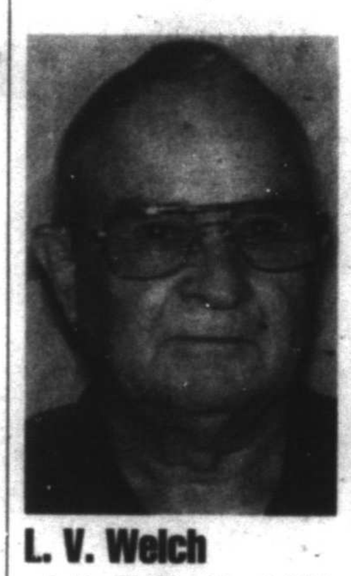

L. V. Welch

L.V. Welch, 90, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, March 26, 2016. Memorial services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, April 2, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland with Brother Bob Porterfield officiating.

L.V. was born on September 17, 1925 in Lamesa, Texas to Franklin Plummer Welch and Mary May Moore Welch. He was in the Navy with the CB's Battalion with USNCB 146, U.S. Milt. Gov't. Unit, Okinawa from 1943 to 1946. He came back to Tarzan, Texas and farmed until 1979 when he retired from farming and went into the oil business with his son, Mike until 1983. L.V. was on Grady School Board, Tarzan Gin Association, and other numerous activities.

L.V. was a kind man with a sweet kindred spirit and was very knowledgeable of farming and anything you asked him about, he could give you a knowledgeable answer.

He is survived by his son, Larry Michael "Mike" Welch and wife, Bekki and granddaughter, Sabrina Rees (husband, Brian Rees); daughters, Izzabella and Kailen; grandson, Scottie Welch (wife, Holli) and their sons, Peyton and Jackson; granddaughter, Terri Killenen and her daughter, Bethany; stepsons, Rodney and Ronald Brown; stepdaughter, Rebecca Rohr; four step grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family requests that memorial donations be made to a charity of your choice.

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

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Linda Jane Gray

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

Linda briefly worked for GTE right out of high school and was soon married. She was a housewife for most her life. She loved motherhood and doted on all of her children. After her children were grown, Linda went to college at the age of 50 to become a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor. Upon completion of her licensing, she gained employment through Permian Basin Community Center. She enjoyed her profession very much. Linda was a very compassionate person. She loved helping people and was crazy about animals.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a son, Mark Alan Moore. She is survived by her son, Mike Moore & wife Kasey of Midland, Texas; daughter, Stacy Gray & boyfriend Silver Rayos of Midland; and grandchildren Megan & Max Moore, Alyssa Gray, Troy, Margaret & Sarah Rayos.

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

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

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Marion Merle Sell

Marion Merle Sell passed from this life to be with the Lord on March 21, 2016. He was born to loving parents, Anna M. Pate Sell and Howard Sell in Arkansas City, Kansas on March 14, 1927.

Marion's biggest priorities in life were his faith in God and his family, including his wife Joyce who he loved so dearly, two sons, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He was best known for his sense of humor, fondness for ice cream and talent for photography and woodworking. He was passionate about his lifelong career in education, and would light up telling stories about his students and adventures in being a principal.

In 1945, he left Exeter Union High School in California to join the Navy, where he was stationed in Pensacola, FL as a photographer for a unit of the Air Arm. His love of photography was then put to use as he took pictures for student publications at Anderson College in Anderson, IN, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in social studies and science. He received his Master of Arts degree from the University of Texas in 1957.

While in Anderson College, he met Joyce Ann Wheeler. They were married in her hometown of San Antonio, TX, and moved to Brownsville, TX, where Marion began his career in education teaching social studies at Brownsville High School and Brownsville Junior College. He then moved to McAllen, TX where he eventually became principal of McAllen Junior High and then McAllen High School before moving to Midland, TX to be principal of Midland High School. In 1967, he left Midland for Austin, TX to work as a research associate on the Governor's Committee on Public School Education and to pursue studies toward a PHD at the University of Texas. He returned to Midland with his family in 1969 as an assistant director of the Region XVIII Education Service Center. His career in education might be summed up in his belief that you could not work with young people unless you had confidence in them.

Upon his retirement in 1987, Joyce and Marion moved to Lago Vista, TX on Lake Travis where they built their home with Marion doing much of the construction himself. Thereafter, much of his time was spent "making sawdust" in his workshop, playing golf, visiting friends, and enjoying his family.

At the time of her passing in October 2012, Joyce and Marion had been married 63 years. Marion is survived by his sister La Wanda White of Orland, CA; brother Howard Glen Sell and wife Donna of Hemlt, CA; son Richard "Rick" Sell and wife Lyn of Houston; son Stephen "Steve" Sell of Dallas; grandchildren, Taylor Sell and wife Jennifer of Midland; Lauren Sell and husband Sam Enis of Austin; Stephanie Sell of Midland; Spencer Sell of Midland; and great-grandchildren Caroline and Griffin Sell of Midland. Our parents provided a warm home; rich in Christian faith, and full of love and laughter. We are grateful to God for blessing us with such wonderful and caring parents.

A memorial service has been scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 31 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel, with Chaplain Bill Billett officiating.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to The Village at Manor Park, 4400 N Big Spring St C32, Midland, TX 79705, to Hospice of Midland, PO Box 262, Midland, TX 79702, Memorial Christian Church of Midland, 1001 Andrews Hwy, Midland, TX 79701, and to the Alzheimer's Association, 4400 N Big Spring St C32, Midland, TX 79705.

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Wilda Boyd Frier

Wilda Boyd Frier was born on June 16, 1931. She passed away quietly at home with her daughter and granddaughter on Saturday, March 26, 2016 at 12:07 p.m.

Wilda Frier was a dedicated Doctor's nurse for over 25 years. She loved the outdoors, loved to dance, loved to cook, and loved her many-many animals. She had a deep love for the Lord, was known for her fun and witty spirit and her outspoken, honest and old-fashioned wisdom, but mostly she is known for how much she loved her family.

She is survived by her brother, George Boyd Jr.; one daughter, Donna Webb; two sons, Bobby Houston and Billy Houston; eight grandchildren, Scott Webb, Ashton Petty, Kelsey Coffman, Kacii Houston, Kendra Houston, Amanda Carrasco, Devan Bradford and Kaylan Jauer; 14 great grandchildren and one on the way; one great, great grandson and one on the way.

She is preceded on death by her parents George Boyd Sr. and Olene Boyd; husband, Joel D. Frier.

A graveside service will be held on Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at Lovington Cemetery on Gum Street in Lovington, New Mexico to rest beside her husband Joel D. Frier.

In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to Midland Hospice. Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery & Funeral Home, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas, 79707.

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Death Notices

Carol Ann Switzer

Carol Ann (Hayes) Switzer, 81, of Midland, passed away on March 28, 2016. Memorial services will be scheduled at a later date.

Carol is survived by her two daughters, Tracy Yates and Caryn Stoner and three sons, Chris Yates, Kenneth Yates, and Kevin Yates.

Frank J. Holdampf, Jr.

Frank J. Holdampf, Jr., 81, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Saturday, March 26, 2016 in Midland, Texas. Services are pending with American Heritage Cemetery & Funeral Home, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas, 79707.

Paula Jean Gray

Paula Jean Gray, 67, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Saturday, March 26, 2016 in Midland Texas. She is survived by her husband, Dale Gray; one son, Cody Roush; one daughter, Mandy Larremore; two sisters.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 1, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at Church in the Wind, Midland. Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery & Funeral Home, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, 79707.

Questions about death notices or online Guest Books? Email: obits@mrt.com

Oscar-winning actress Patty Duke, who starred in TV movie about Baby Jessica, dies at 69

From staff and wire reports

NEW YORK — Patty Duke, who as a teen won an Oscar for playing Helen Keller in "The Miracle Worker," then maintained a long career, including a role in the TV movie about the rescue of Midlander Jessica McClure, while battling personal demons, has died at the age of 69.

The actress died early Tuesday morning of sepsis from a ruptured intestine, according to her agent, Mitchell Stubbs. She died in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, where she had lived for the past quarter-century, according to Teri Weigel, the publicist for her son, actor Sean Astin.

Duke astonished audiences as the young deaf-and-blind Keller first on Broadway, then in the acclaimed 1962 film version, appearing in both alongside Anne Bancroft as Helen's teacher, Annie Sullivan (who won an Oscar of her own).

Then in 1963, Duke burst on the TV scene starring in her own sitcom, "The Patty Duke Show," which aired for three seasons. She played dual roles as identical cousins Cathy, "who's lived most everywhere, from Zanzibar to Barclay Square" while (according to the theme song) "Patty's only seen the sights a girl can see from Brooklyn Heights. What a crazy pair!"

In 2015, she would play twin roles again: as a pair of grandmas on an episode of "Liv and Maddie," a series on the Disney Channel.

"We're so grateful to her for living a life that generates that amount of compassion and feeling in others," Astin told The Associated Press in reflecting on the outpouring of sentiment from fans at the news of her death.

She had "really, really suffered" with her illness, Astin added. From late last week until early Tuesday morning, he said, "was a really, really, really hard process. It was hard for her, it was hard for the people who love her to help her...."

But throughout her life, she was "a warrior," he said. "You watch this 4-foot-10, tiny imp of a lady who's more powerful than the greatest military leaders in history."

In 1989, she played Carolyn Henry, a volunteer who provided comfort to the stressed parents of a Midland toddler who fell into a well and was trapped for 58 hours in the TV movie "Everybody's Baby: The Rescue of Jessica McClure."

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Centers for Children and Families

Stressors can be controlled by reacting in positive way

All of us have been stressed — the tension we feel when facing something threatening, new or unpleasant. A certain amount of stress is healthy and can be motivating. For example, if you have to make a presentation at work it is stress that motivates you to prepare in order to reduce the anxiety of public speaking. Stress can help you meet life's challenges, cause your heart rate to rise and give you an adrenaline or energy rush in a fight-or-flight response to danger.

When does healthy stress become too much stress or distress? Where is the line that, once crossed, may result in mental and physical problems and damage to relationships? These are hard questions to answer because what is stressful for one person may not affect another in the same way.

There are many sources of stress. Financial stressors could include bankruptcy, child support, being on a fixed income or reduced income, and even receiving financial gain. Daily hassles such as car problems, oversleeping, waiting in lines, chores, or forgetting something can lead to increased stress. Environmental stressors might include traffic, weather, noise level or overcrowding. Family-related stress includes arguing with a family member, a child leaving or returning home, death, illness, moving, divorce, separation or marriage. Health-related stress could include chronic pain, illness, sleep disorders and loss of hearing or sight. Lastly, job-related stress includes being fired or laid off, retirement, too much work or problems with co-workers or a supervisor.

Because people are comfortable with different levels of stress, it takes self-awareness to recognize the threshold between stress and distress. Most people will have emotional and behavioral symptoms when approaching this line. When you find yourself getting angry or anxious, depressed, having problems making decisions, feeling hopeless or powerless, feeling trapped, worrying more or getting upset more easily, these could be symptoms of emotional stress. Behavioral changes related to too much stress include: increased use of alcohol, arguing more with family, problems concentrating, overeating or undereating, withdrawing from family and friends, being late to work or neglecting your appearance.

How you respond to stressful situations may in part depend on your personality. Some people can reduce stress through humor or positive action. Learn to accept what cannot be changed and to exercise control over what you can change.

When you are faced with stress, stop and ask yourself if you can control the stressor. If you can, think about how you can react in a positive way. Find strategies that work for you and that help to reduce or manage your stress so it doesn't become distress: get up on time so you are not rushed to work or school, ask for help when you need it, take care of your health, challenge negative thinking and learn to say no.

HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Governor appoints Andrews woman to health council

Gov. Greg Abbott appointed Dr. Carol Boswell of Andrews to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC) for a term set to expire on Aug. 1, 2021. Boswell was one of seven people appointed.

The council ensures health care services and facilities are available to all Texans through health planning activities. Based on these planning activities, the SHCC makes recommendations to the governor and the legislature through the Texas State Health Plan (TSHP). The council also provides overall guidance in the development of the TSHP, submission of the plan to the governor, and promoting the implementation of the plan.

Boswell is a professor at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing. As an experienced clinician, she also serves as the co-director of the Center of Excellence in Evidence-Based Practice, and is the James A. "Buddy" Davidson Charitable Foundation Endowed Chair for Evidence-Based Practice. Previously, she served as a consultant and is currently a director for Permian Regional Medical Center Hospital. She is a fellow for the American Academy of Nursing and Academy of Nursing Education and member of the American Nurse Association and Nation League for Nursing. She received a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in nursing from Texas Tech University Health Science Center. She earned a Doctor of Education from Texas Tech University.

Support groups this week

■ Midland Parkinson Support Group, 6:30 p.m. Monday, HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital, 699-6640.

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

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

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

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

■ Coffee Break for Men, 9 a.m. April 6, HospiceMidland 911 W. Texas Ave., 682-2855.

Weekly support groups & hotlines

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

■ Overeaters Anonymous; 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays and 3-4 p.m. Sundays; B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031.

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

■ For miscarriage grief recovery, call 570-5935.

■ For post-abortion healing, call 570-5935.

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

■ Serenity Group, 8 p.m. daily, 3101 N. A St., Building C; 685-3100.

■ 710 Group, 7 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 710 Ohio Ave.; 682-8162.

■ Alpha Omega, 8 p.m Tuesdays and 11 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays, 311 S. Pecos St.

■ 12-Step Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays; 206 N. Midkiff Road; 697-0272.

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

■ Laundry Group, 8 p.m. daily and noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 104 N. Marshall St.

■ Xodus Group, 5:30 p.m. Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 7 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, 206 N. Midkiff Road.

■ CODA Group, 12-step program for relationships, 7 p.m. Thursdays, 206 N. Midkiff Road; 697-0272.

■ La Hacienda Alumni, support group for former patients, 7 p.m. Thursdays, 206 N. Midkiff Road, 697-0272.

Midland Memorial Hospital events

■ Food Is Medicine: A Wellness Event Introducing Plant-Based Nutrition, 8 a.m.-5:45 p.m. Saturday, Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. Fee: $20. Contact: Danielle Doerr at 221-1185 or danielle.doerr@midland-memorial.com

■ Birthplace Tour, 6-7 p.m. Monday, MMH. Contact Casey Weems at 221-3283 or childbirtheducation@midland-memorial.com

■ Weigh to Success Support Group Meeting, 6-7 p.m. April 7, Midland Memorial Hospital-West Campus, 4214 Andrews Highway. Contact at Sundae Adkins at 638-8081 or sundae.adkins@midland-memorial.com

MMH payment options

Midland Memorial Hospital recognizes that our community is facing challenging financial times. Resources are tight and families are having to make important decisions about what to spend money on now and what has to wait.

Realizing health care can be expensive and the increasing deductibles make it hard to manage, the hospital has adjusted its payment procedures. We want to make sure you receive the care you need, when you need it. To find out about the new options now offered to better accommodate your payment needs, call 221-4705.

Source: Midland Memorial Hospital

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital offers a a nurse triage program "68-NURSE."

The program is designed to help people determine whether their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

The program is free and available 24 hours a day-365 days a year. Local nurses are available to help you determine the best place to receive care for your situation. 68-NURSE can help you save time and money by directing you to the most appropriate healthcare option, whether it's a neighborhood clinic, urgent care center, emergency room … or just staying home.

Contact your Hospital District representative

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From 1B

2. Keep vegetable oils to minimum
3. Favor foods with a low glycemic index.

He explains that the root problem in Type 2 diabetes is accumulation of fat inside the cells of muscle and liver, which blocks the effect of insulin, causing insulin resistance.

In a National Institute of Health-funded study, Barnard demonstrated that compared to the standard American diabetic diet, a low fat vegan diet was three times more effective in controlling blood sugars.

Dr. Michael Greger in his new book, currently a New York Times bestseller, "How Not To Die" quotes a study showing that not all fats affect our muscle cells in the same way. For example, palmitate, the kind of saturated fat found in meat, dairy and eggs causes insulin resistance. On the other hand, oleate, the monosaturated fat found mostly in nuts, olives and avacados, may actually protect against the detrimental effects of the saturated fat.

According to U.S. Department of Agriculture, about 100 years ago, a single serving of chicken may have contained only 16 fat calories. Nowadays, one serving of chicken may have more than 200 calories of fat.

It is increasingly becoming obvious that animal fat in our diet is contributing to insulin resistance. When people make the transition to a plant-based diet, their blood sugar levels drop and their doses for medications have to be lowered to prevent hypoglycemia. If you decide to change your diet, make sure you inform your physician as your medications may need to be adjusted.

Plant-based diets work by improving insulin sensitivity, whereas the standard diabetic diet does not change insulin sensitivity but rather compensates for the problem by limiting sugars. A plant-based diet promotes healthy weight loss, lowers cholesterol, and thereby reduces the risk of the number-one killer of diabetics, heart disease. It also helps in reversing some of the common chronic complications of diabetes, neuropathy and retinopathy.

Greger cites a study in which Type 2 diabetics were placed on a plant-based diet for an average of 16 days. They saw their insulin requirements cut by 60 percent, and half of the diabetics were able to come off insulin altogether just by eating a healthy diet. That's the power of plants.

Barnard said, "We can help the body's own insulin work properly again by directly addressing and improving the cells' sensitivity to it, which is the key issue in Type 2 diabetes. Even when the disease has evolved to the point of serious complications, it is not too late for marked improvements to occur."

Lets start counting fats for diabetes.

If you are interested in learning more about a plant-based diet, there is an exciting opportunity to learn from internationally renowned experts, including Dr. Michael Greger, who will be speaking at a wellness seminar titled "Food Is Medicine" on Saturday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. Tickets for this event are available at http://wagner-noel.com/tickets.

Sources: Dr. Neal Barnard's book "Dr. Neal Barnard's Program for Reversing Diabetes." Dr. Michael Greger's book "How Not To Die" and www.cdc.gov

PEDS

From 1B

daughters.

"I've got two little girls, and if somebody has a recital or school assembly I want to be able to find time to do that and we can stay late at the office that day or whatever we need to do to make that work," Wood said.

Wood, who has been practicing in Midland for almost six years, has always had a passion for helping children, and Peds in a Pod brings her one step closer to "the style of practice" she most enjoys.

It took me a while to figure out my style of practice," Wood said. "I always knew I wanted something more personal. I like to talk to the patient first and treat them like they're the main reason we're here."

"Even if it's like a 6-month-old. I'll be talking to the kid in the room instead of the parents a lot of times," she said with a laugh. "I just really like connecting with kids and making them feel comfortable."

Wood sees patients from birth to age 18. Her practice officially opens April 25.

LEARY

From 1B

scale because you disagreed with the number (due to the fact the scale was never "balanced" and therefore never got an accurate weight) and then decided to go with the "how do the clothes feel" theory? More power to you. I have a friend that walks around the house in her bikini once a week in the winter time for a "body-check" to make sure she is on track and will then do the same "body jean-check" in the summer time. It works for her. Do what works for you.

Don't wait till Monday to start the new lifestyle change. Go to the store on Saturday, do your meal prepping during the weekend and your food is ready for the week. That sets you up for success for the rest of the week. People say, "Cook for two hours on a weekend?" Yes. I would rather cook on the weekend if possible and have more free evening time with my kid and her activities during the week. This keeps me from driving through a fast food place or having to cook when I am tired.

Stop comparing yourself with others. Five different individuals can weigh the same, but all can be different heights and have different body types. From tall and lean to short and "hippie," we are not the same by any means. This also means that two people cannot eat the same foods, in the same quantities and expect the same results. What one person consumes in carbs and protein is not going to work for another person.

Try tracking your food. It's not hard. There are so many apps now there is no excuse for you not to do this. Everything counts. I entered the one Hershey's Kiss that I ate and enjoyed every bit of — all 29 calories, 3 grams of fat, 8.8 mg sodium, 1 carbohydrate, and 0.8 of a gram of protein. It definitely makes you more accountable. I like seeing where all the carbs, proteins and fats ratios end up. You might be surprised.

I challenge you to take responsibility for your health and then take the initiative to change it for the better. Even if you have ailments — hope is not gone. Start now, make the small changes necessary, adjust as needed, and just keep moving forward. It is possible. Don't wait, don't delay. Your health is a journey, not a destination. You must continue to pursue it for the rest of your life.

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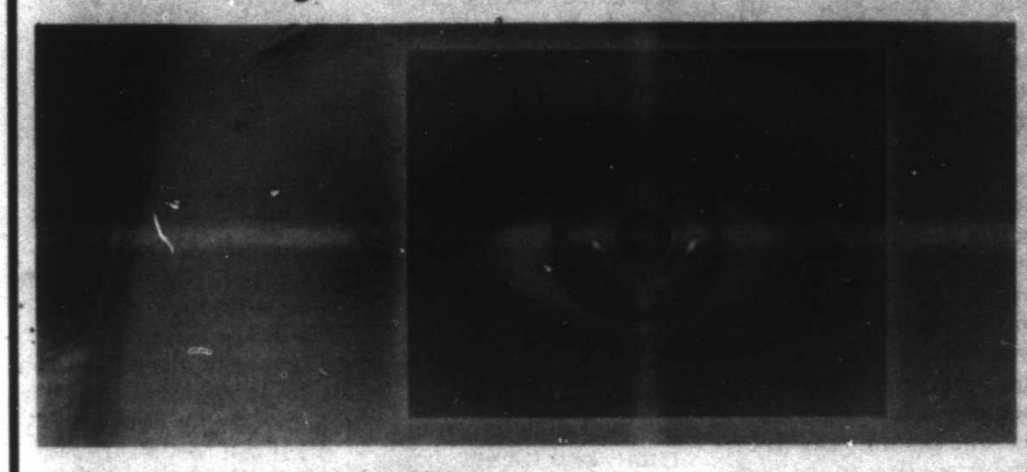

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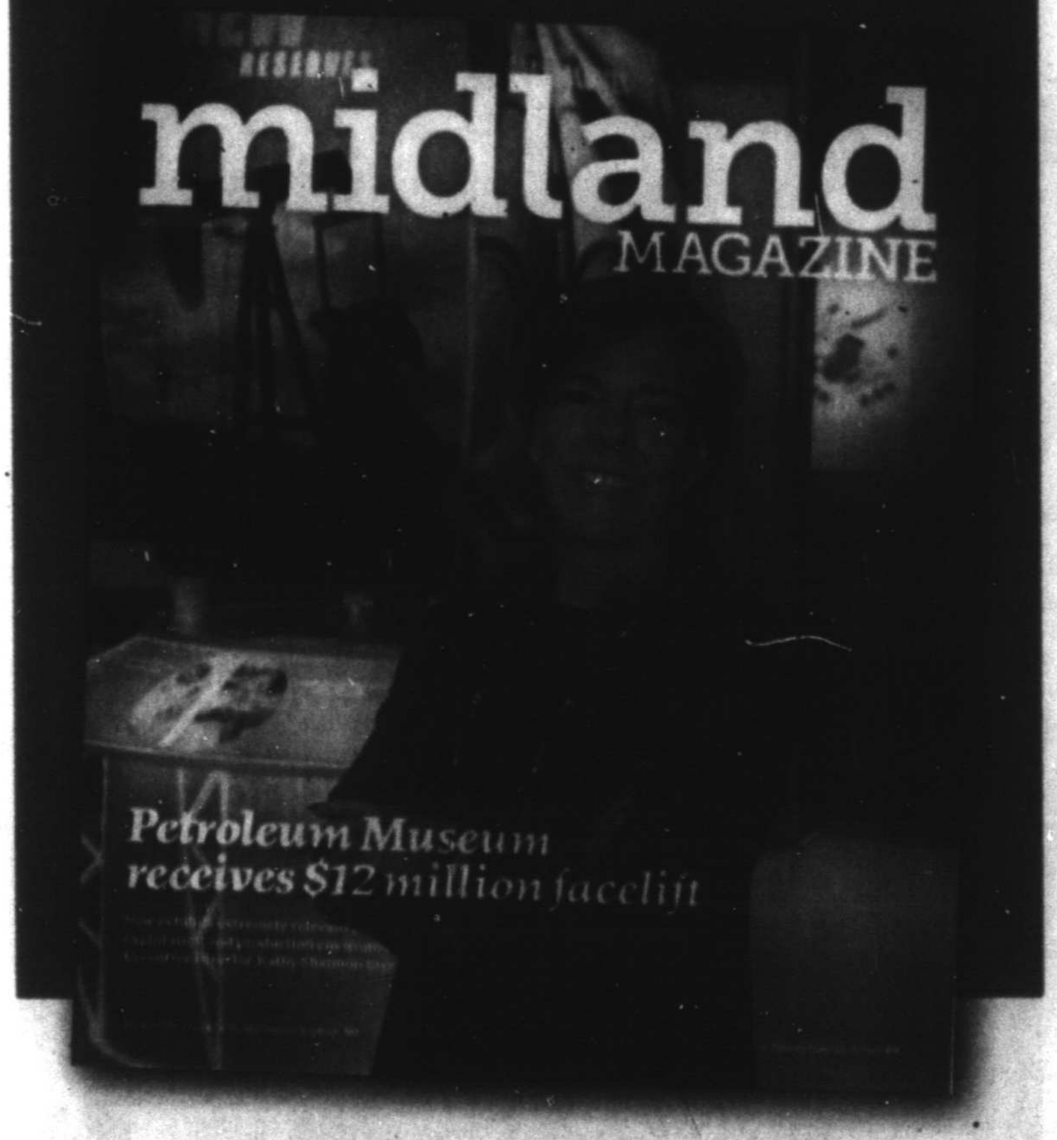

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Local forecast

Winds and a chance of wet weather are in the National Weather Service forecast. The NWS expects winds could gust as high as 35 mph today and 25 on Thursday.

A chance of precipitation returns to the forecast with a 10 percent chance Thursday and 20 percent chance Friday.

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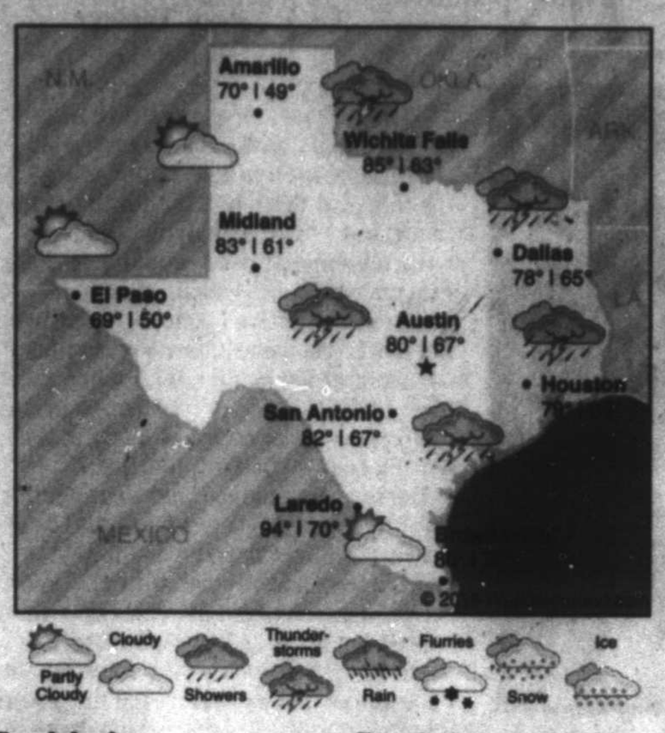

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Precipitation

Monday	0.00 in.
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.34 in.
Year total	0.82 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.83 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	87
Low	57
Normal high	74
Normal low	44
Sunrise	7:39 a.m.
Sunset	8:07 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, March 30

Sunny · Pt. Cloudy · Cloudy

Weather brief

ATLANTA

Some Southern states could see tornadoes, 5 inches of rain

Forecasters say storms could produce tornadoes in several states across the South and flooding in Mississippi, where up to 5 inches of rain could fall.

The national Storm Prediction Center said nearly 60 million people in several states — including Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi — will be at risk for severe storms today into Thursday.

Brother's sudden death prompts single mother to be prepared

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 29-year-old brother died suddenly last month. It was completely unexpected. He left behind a wife and 1-year-old son.

Although they lived across the country, she allowed us to bring him home for his funeral and burial. I took care of a lot of the arrangements on this end, while she took care of things there and made travel arrangements.

At 26, I never expected to be planning a funeral! But it has made me realize how unprepared I was for any unforeseen event. Please remind your young readers that it's never too early to take care of some basic plans, including a will. As a single mother, I know how unprepared I was if something should happen to me. While it's not a pleasant thought, it's tougher on the survivors if nothing is in place. When it comes to mortality, it's better to be practical and prepared. — STILL GRIEVING, BUT NOW PREPARED.

DEAR STILL GRIEVING: Please accept my sympathy for the untimely loss of your brother. I can only imagine how shocking this has been for your family.

Mortality isn't a subject that younger people usually dwell on. But if they want what they have to be distributed according to their wishes, or if there are children involved, it's important to put their wishes in writing regardless of their age.

Readers: This includes what you would or would not like done if you can't speak for yourself. Do you want to be on artificial life support if there is no hope for your recovery? How do you feel about becoming an organ donor? Put it in writing!

I read recently about a young woman whose family learned only after her tragic death that she wanted to be an organ donor. Fortunately, they found out BEFORE the funeral.

DEAR ABBY: "Don" and I have been married for 44 years, and our marriage has had its ups and downs. We are now both retired. The problem is that Don does not get along with our 43-year-old son, "Chris." (He gets along fine with our two daughters.)

Don and Chris have very different personalities and little in common. Chris lives abroad but visits frequently and stays with us. During his most recent visit, his father was distant and rude to him. It has happened before and is hurtful to Chris and to me.

I have tried speaking with my husband about it, but he never has a good reason for his behavior. When my mother heard what happened, she got angry and said if I don't divorce Don, she doesn't want to see either of us again. Please help me. I don't know what to do."— HURT BADLY IN OREGON

DEAR HURT BADLY: After 40 years of marriage, you should have learned by now not to confide your problems in your mother. That your husband seems incapable of tolerating his son because of "personality differences" is regrettable, but hardly a cause for divorce at this point.

If Chris stayed in a hotel during his visits rather than your home, it would provide less opportunity for confrontation, and you both might enjoy the visits more. I hope you will consider it.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Timing is everything

Both vulnerable. North deals.

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◇ K 5 3
♣ A J 5 4

WEST
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♡ J 10 9 7
◇ Q J 8 7
♣ K 10

EAST
♠ 7
♡ A 8 4 2
◇ 10 6
♣ Q 8 7 6 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A K J 10 9 5
♡ 5 3
◇ A 9 4 2
♣ 9

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	4♠	All pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♡

The opening heart lead went to dummy's king and East's ace. East returned the suit, won in dummy with the queen.

South chose a sensible line of play. He led a spade to his ace, crossed back to dummy with a club to the ace, and led another spade. His plan was to cover whatever spade East played. This would have guaranteed the contract if East had followed suit. Should West win with a doubleton queen of spades, the defense would not be able to prevent a diamond ruff in the dummy, if needed. When East showed out on the second spade, the contract could no longer be made. West would be able to win a diamond at some point and draw dummy's last trump.

Declarer was unlucky to find the ace of hearts offside, the trumps 3-1 with the queen third offside, and the diamonds not splitting 3-3. Still, he could have done better. After leading a spade to his ace at trick two, South should have led a low diamond from his hand. He could then win any return and cash the king of spades. When that failed to drop the queen, declarer could then cash the ace and king of diamonds and ruff his losing diamond in dummy.

Note that this line would work even if West was short in diamonds. West could ruff whenever he liked, but he wouldn't be able to draw dummy's last trump and prevent a diamond ruff.

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 Wednesday, March 30, 2016:

This year you have the ability to probe deeply into any subject that you wish to study. Avoid allowing situations that bother you to become obsessions that you can't stop thinking about. Your words convey an intense, penetrating quality, but you'll need to be careful of becoming sarcastic when speaking to individuals who aren't like-minded. If you are single, you could meet someone later in the year who is as ambitious as you are. You'll have much in common. If you are attached, the two of you could experience a power struggle or two. Who cares whether you are right or wrong if you are with the person you love? CAPRICORN helps to ground you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance and have a much-needed discussion. Be careful not to become inflexible; be prepared to compromise a bit. You're likely to be in the limelight in the afternoon hours, so put your best foot forward. Tonight: A force to be reckoned with.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Is it possible that you and a loved one need to spend more time together? Steer clear of someone who is controlling and who needs to call the shots. You might be concerned about a secret matter leaking. Focus on the big picture. Tonight: Head to a different type of place.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Let others take the lead. You'll be happy with the results. You'll probably have to sort through invitations, as your popularity continues to rise. Spend time with someone you care about later in the day. Your caring will be appreciated. Tonight: Togetherness works.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You have quite a bit of work to do, and you might want to get an early start. A partner could be stubborn and set in his or her ways. Ignore sharp words if you can. Your nurturing will help calm troubled waters that might surround you. Tonight: Let someone else choose.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Your playfulness emerges early in the day and should help you avoid a clash of wills. Pressure builds around a daily matter. Others will present few obstacles, except for a random person to whom you are not close. Your nerves easily could be fried. Tonight: Work late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Work from home today if you can. Someone at the office could be determined to micromanage others, and could interfere in your thoughts or activities. Your playfulness emerges later in the day. Tonight: Out and about.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Return phone calls and respond to important email messages early in the day. Speak your mind, but choose your words carefully. You'll want to handle an issue in your domestic life today. A friend or partner could be unusually assertive as well. Tonight: Happy at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Financial issues require your attention. Have you done your taxes yet? You will need to focus more on your finances throughout the entire year. Squeeze in some exercise, as your energy level soars and stress could be high. Tonight: Have an important discussion or meeting.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Go for more of what you want in the morning. Be careful with your money. Having fun or entertaining an important client does not have to cost an enormous amount. Focus on an important personal issue later in the day. Tonight: Pay bills and balance your checkbook first.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You'll be slow to get moving today. However, once you get into gear, you will be nearly unstoppable. Decide to do something that puts a smile on your face. You might have something important to communicate. Don't worry about what you cannot control. Tonight: All smiles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Group endeavors are favored today, and meetings will proceed quite smoothly. A behind-the-scenes development could be a bit troublesome. Assume that it's minor and will pass. You might want to take off early. Tonight: Be incognito, and remain willing to vanish quickly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You need to deal with your responsibilities and career concerns. There could be a disagreement with a friend over a monetary issue. Remain flexible; you can work it out. Make plans to meet friends for a late lunch. Tonight: Let the late lunch become an early dinner.

BORN TODAY

Singer Celine Dion (1968), painter Vincent van Gogh (1853), hip-hop artist MC Hammer (1962)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Vanna's cohort
4 Smidgens
9 Thicket
14 Boston Marathon mo.
15 Meat and greet patio party?
16 Skyjit courtyards
17 Yes, to a cowboy?
20 Sunday service providers
21 Switz. neighbor
22 Pollen carrier
23 "M*A*S*H" Emmy winner for acting, writing and directing
24 German autos
26 Women's undergarment, briefly
27 Yes, to an architect?
31 __ joint
32 Cracker with a scalloped edge
33 [uh-oh]
34 Provides with a soundtrack
35 Components of many tips
37 Give in to wanderlust
39 Shakespeare's river
40 Stockholm carrier
43 Yes, to a traffic court judge?
47 Author Rice
48 Final, e.g.
49 Medicine Hat's prov.
50 Shoot the breeze
51 Org. for docs
52 Exited quickly, in slang
54 Yes, to the Magic 8 Ball
58 "Divine Comedy" poet
59 "Fun, Fun, Fun" car in 1960s hit
60 Make faces for the camera
61 Labor day doc
62 Church chorus
63 Mini-albums, briefly

DOWN

1 Choose paper over plastic?
2 Ill-fated 1967 moon mission
3 Made even, to a carpenter
4 "__ your pardon"
5 Cheerios descriptor
6 "Give it a go"
7 Blood-typing letters
8 Kick up a fuss
9 Uber competitors
10 Platte River tribe
11 The majors
12 Online guide
13 Enter gradually
18 Muffin mix additive
19 Con job
24 Orders with mayo
25 "Les __": musical nickname
26 PCs' "brains"
28 Karen Carpenter's instrument
29 Member of the fam.
30 One who helps you find a part?
34 Prom partner
35 Fallopian tube traveler
36 Rejections
37 Drink on credit
38 Noise from a 55-Down
39 Multi-platinum Steely Dan album
40 "I was so foolish!"
41 Pays for cards
42 Old salts
43 Get hitched
44 Viral Internet phenomenon
45 Two-horse wager
46 Go up in smoke
51 Yemeni port
52 Capital near Zurich
53 Supplements, with "to"
55 Type of pen
56 Tech giant
57 Cube that rolls

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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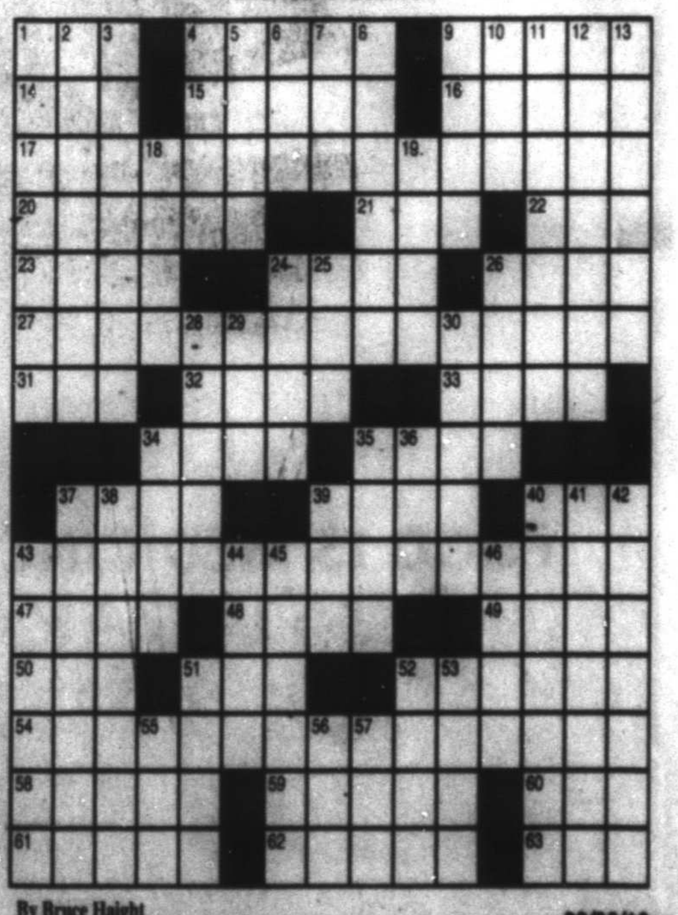

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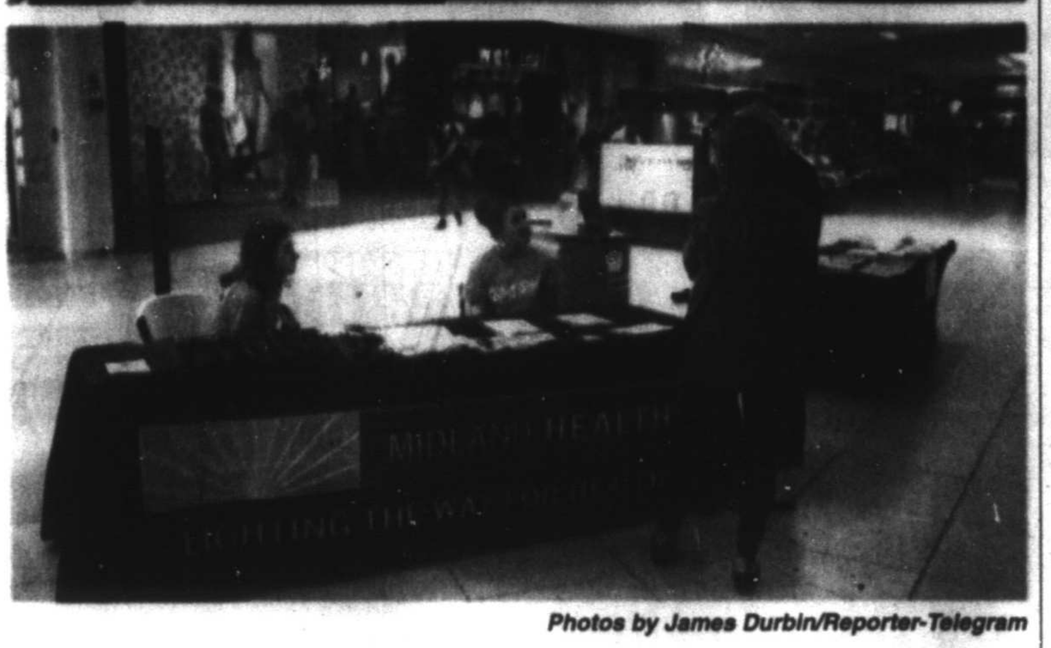
BREASTFEEDING SIT-IN SESSION



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TOP: Nichole Ramos feeds her 11-month-old son Simon during a sit-in breastfeeding session Saturday at Midland Park Mall. **ABOVE:** Representatives from Midland Memorial Hospital share information. Dozens of nursing mothers gathered in the food court and later Sears reception area last wqeekend at Midland Park Mall for a planned nurse-in. The Facebook event "Let's Support Public Breastfeeding" that set the time and place had almost 200 people mark as "going." Nursing mothers, formerly nursing mothers, fathers and other community members turned out to show their support of the event.

The event sought to normalize breastfeeding by having many mothers breast-feed together surrounded by other, non-participating mall patrons.

"Breastfeeding is important. It's the best thing you can provide your baby if you're capable of doing it," said nurse-in participant Jamie Mathis, mother to 12-month-old Cuyran.

The event arose after an alleged incident of breastfeeding shaming at the mall about two weeks before, when a small group of mall patrons recorded video and insulted a nursing mother. Facebook groups like "Midland-Odessa Breastfeeding Mommies" heard of the incident and were part of the publicity efforts.

A 1995 state law authorizes that a nursing mother may breastfeed anywhere "where she is authorized to be." To show solidarity with the nurse-in organizers, the mall hosted a Mothers Health Event that had medical professionals familiar with nursing and pregnancy to answer questions of any mall patrons and the nursing mothers. Midland Memorial Hospital, the Breast Connection and Lactation Specialists of the Permian Basin (LSPB) were part of the event.

"It's important for people to understand that that breasts are for nursing our babies, and the more we learn about research and how wonderful breast milk is, I think people should support that as the way we feed," said Barbara Stone, lactation consultant for LSPB.

Blood test for concussions? Researchers report progress

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press

CHICAGO — New research bolsters evidence that a simple blood test mighy someday be used to detect concussions.

It suggests that a protein linked with head trauma may be present in blood up to a week after injury, which could help diagnose patients who delay seeking treatment.

The study involved patients at one hospital in Florida and the results are preliminary — a concussion blood test based on the two proteins studied or on other so-called biomarkers under review is likely at least a few years away from routine use.

But the new findings "are a substantial step" in developing a test that could be used in broad settings, from the battlefield to sports events and doctors' offices. That's according to an editorial published with the study Monday in JAMA Neurology.

Dr. Ramon Diaz-Arrastia, co-author of the editorial and a researcher at the government's Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, said it's likely that several biomarkers will be found to be useful for diagnosing concussions, "each of which will tell us something slightly different" about the injury.

Dr. Linda Papa, an Orlando Health emergency medicine specialist and colleagues tested nearly 600 adults treated at Orlando Regional Medical Center. About half had concussions from car crashes, falls, sports and other activities. Most were mild, with symptoms that included loss of consciousness, amnesia or feeling disoriented. The rest of the adults had fractures or other types of non-brain trauma.

Blood samples were taken starting four hours following the injury, then periodically for seven days. The tests measured two proteins nicknamed GFAP and UCH-L1, which are present in brain cells. In a head injury, the proteins can leak into the bloodstream, Papa said. Other research has shown blood levels of the proteins are highest with the most severe injuries.

In this study, levels of both proteins were much higher in concussion patients. The proteins were found in low levels in some non-concussion patients, probably from a head bump or jostling during an accident but not true concussions, Papa said.

Levels of the UCH protein rose quickly but declined substantially within two days, while GFAP levels were detectable during the week following injury.

Many concussion patients put off going to the doctor because they think the injury isn't serious, but end up seeking treatment a few days later when symptoms persist, Papa said. She said blood tests could help diagnose these patients, and could help determine whether neurological testing or other medical treatment is needed. Typically, doctors advise rest from work, school and other taxing activities until after concussion symptoms have disappeared.

Orlando Health via AP

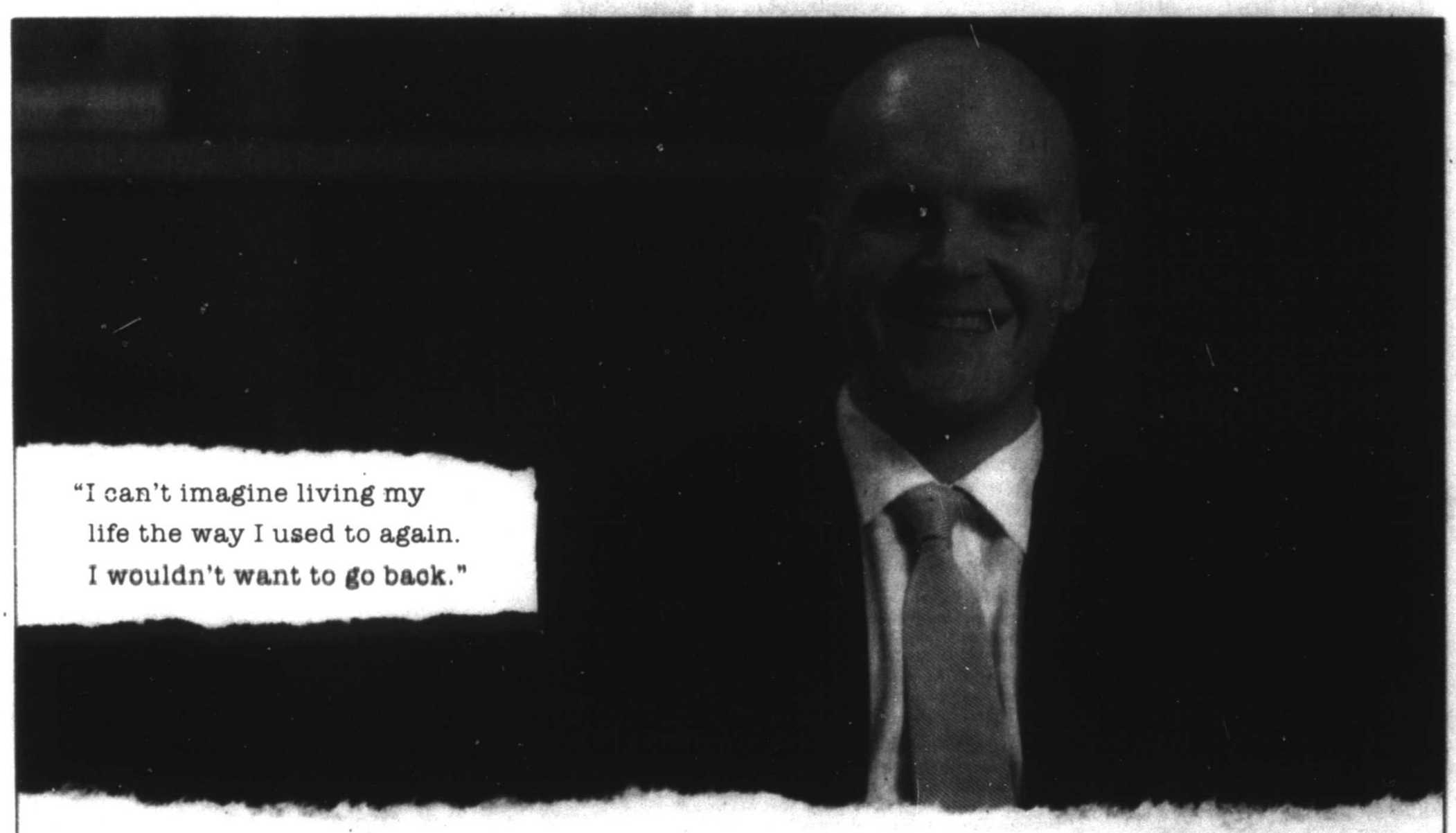
This undated photo provided by Orlando Health shows Linda Papa, MD, MSC, an emergency medicine physician at Orlando Health in Orlando, Fla. New research bolsters evidence that a simple blood test might someday be used to detect concussions and other brain trauma. The study involved patients treated at the trauma center and the results are preliminary, a concussion blood test based on the proteins studied or on biomarkers other researchers are investigating is likely years away from routine use.

Dr. Walter Koroshetz, director of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, called the data encouraging and said finding an easily detectable biomarker for concussions is "the holy grail for head injury" research. His agency paid for the study and the U.S. government has spent millions of dollars on concussion research.

More than 2 million people nationwide get emergency room treatment for concussions and other brain trauma each year. Damage may not be visible on imaging tests so doctors typically rely on symptoms. Diagnosis is important because repeated head blows have been linked with lasting memory problems and potentially a degenerative brain disease found in some retired NFL players.

Southern Illinois University neuroscientist Michael Hylin noted that some concussion symptoms, including dizziness and fatique, can also be caused by dehydration, which is another threat to athletes involved in rigorous sports. A test that could distinguish between the two conditions would be useful to help guide treatment, he said.

Papa noted that there are blood tests to diagnose problems with other organs, including the heart, liver and kidneys, "and now we're really coming close to having something for the brain." She is an unpaid scientific consultant for Banyan Biomarkers, Inc. The Florida company announced earlier this year that is working with Royal Philips to develop a hand-held device that would analyze blood samples and display results within minutes showing if the proteins are present.



I grew up eating Doritos and Pop-Tarts and sugary cereal, but why do I think that's food? Is that how human beings have been eating for the two thousand, four thousand years? Well, the answer is it's not. The last seventy years of life in the United States is radically different than what the human species has been doing for the last several thousand years. I try to get people to question why they think the diet they're eating today is what their body needs and ask if they realize that people haven't been eating this way but for the last seventy years, and as the data comes in, it looks pretty ugly. This is harmful to us. This is killing us. I can't imagine living my life the way I used to again. I wouldn't want to go back. —Phillip Knight

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Valentine, Hield lead AP's All-American team

Hield

Valentine

By Jim O'Connell
Associated Press

Whenever talk of the best college basketball player this season came up so did two names: Denzel Valentine of Michigan State and Buddy Hield of Oklahoma.

They were unanimous selections Tuesday to The Associated Press' 2015-16 All-America team.

Both led their teams to successful seasons and their numbers lifted them above all the other players.

Valentine, the Big Ten player of the year, averaged 19.4 points, 7.6 rebounds and 7.6 assists, while Hield, the player of the year in the Big 12, averaged 25 points, 5.6 rebounds and 3.0 assists.

"I don't know many guys that have improved in every aspect of the game like he has," Spartans coach Tom Izzo said of the 6-foot-5 Valentine, the school's first All-American since Draymond Green in 2012. His importance to Michigan State showed when he missed four games during the season with a knee injury.

Hield, Oklahoma's first All-American since Blake Griffin in 2009, became a highlight reel staple with his ability to shoot the ball from long range and with defenders right on him. The 6-foot-4 Hield shot 46.4 percent from 3-point range.

"He has had a fantastic year and has been very consistent," Sooners coach Lon Kruger said of the Bahamas native who was a third team selection last season. "He worked hard and has that passion and focus that makes him what he is."

In the age when one-and-dones usually dominate the college basketball landscape, Valentine and Hield were joined on the All-America team by fellow seniors Brice Johnson of North Carolina and Malcolm Brogdon of Virginia. Sophomore Tyler Ulis of Kentucky rounded out the team. The 2013-14 team had four seniors and a freshman.

Valentine and Hield both received 65 first-team votes from the national media panel that selects the weekly poll.

The 5-foot-9 Ulis, the shortest All-American since 5-foot-9 Johnny O'Brien of Seattle in 1953, was the Southeastern Conference's player and defensive player of the year. This is the second straight season Kentucky had an All-American, with Willie Cauley-Stein making the team last season.

"It was a great year for us," said Ulis, who received 43 first-team votes. "I felt like we went through a lot of ups and downs, had a lot of young players and guys learning how to play the right way. Everybody got better individually."

The 6-foot-10 Johnson was a walking double-double for North Carolina, averaging 16.6 points and 10.6 rebounds, and he received 39 first-team votes.

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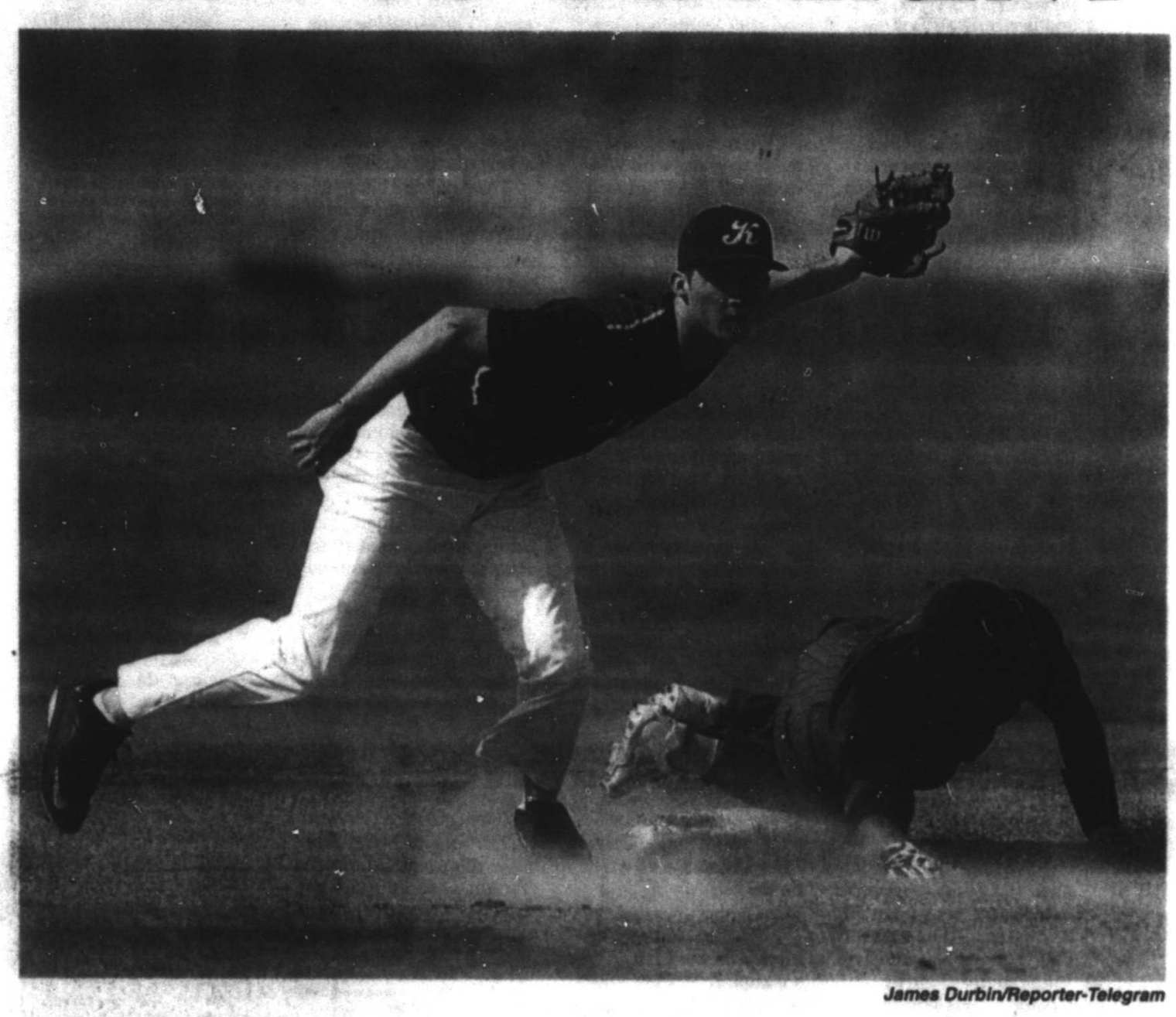
NOT SO DIFFERENT



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Midland Classical's Josh Rabe (11) gets an out at second base against Stanton's Tristan Graves (14) in a non-district baseball game on Tuesday at MCA.

Stanton, MCA programs share similar beginnings

By Will Korn
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Every great high school baseball program has to start somewhere.

For Midland Classical Academy, that starting point was nine years ago with the formation of a junior varsity team.

For Stanton, the journey began this season with the first baseball teams the school has ever fielded — a varsity and a JV squad.

On Tuesday, two of the area's youngest varsity programs battled at MCA's new baseball field, which officially opened Saturday. The Knights took home a run rule, 15-5 victory against the Buffaloes, who were playing just the 13th game in their history.

The Stanton program was officially formed in the offseason and first-year head coach, Jonathan Thiebaud, along with assistant John Peterson — also Stanton's head football coach and athletic director — received overwhelming initial interest.

Thirty players showed up to the team's opening meeting and two teams were formed. Many of the players had participated in football at Stanton, but had little to no baseball experience. Meanwhile, this season is Thiebaud's first coaching baseball, though he did have eight years of prior softball coaching experience.

"We had a great turnout of about 30 kids," Thiebaud said. "They just wanted to play. There wasn't any pulling and prodding to get any kids in there. They all showed up and wanted to play."

Thiebaud said there was plenty of school pride behind the positive turnout. Stanton's 30 new baseball players knew they had an opportunity to be a part of something special — the school's first ever baseball teams.

"That's been a big part of it," Thiebaud said. "I've got two seniors out right now that have really helped get things going, step out and be leaders. They're taking pride in the fact that they're going to get to say, 'I played on the first baseball team.' It's a pretty neat deal to see their eyes light up when they start talking about it."

Junior Austin Fryar is a varsity letterman in both basketball and football at Stanton. When it came to baseball, he said he's proud to be a member of the program's pilot varsity team.

"It's really good to know and it feels good with everyone coming up, getting into it and getting the program going," said Fryar, who started Tuesday's game against MCA and who hadn't played since the end of his Little League days four years ago.

Added senior Austin Hopper, who had

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Houston Open no longer has a problem

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

Tiger Woods has never played the week before the Masters, and it's hard to argue with the results. He has won it four times.

Then again, he was better than everyone else.

Phil Mickelson is the opposite. He prefers to play the week before the Masters to get into a competitive spirit, and it has worked out pretty well for him, too. Along with his three green jackets, Lefty has six other finishes in the top three.

There is no magic formula for getting ready for Augusta National.

Steve Timms was aware of that 10 years ago when the Shell Houston Open was offered the chance to move away from its late April date and take the week before the Masters. Timms is the tournament director. For him, the tradition unlike any other was getting asked by local media if Woods was coming to Houston.

Move to the week before the Masters, and the answer would be pretty clear.

And that's what they did.

"We had the date two weeks after the Masters, and we had some indifferent field qualities," Timms said Tuesday, finding a gracious way of saying that fans needed the pairing sheet to figure out who was coming up the fairway. "It's 'no man's land' after Augusta. So whenever we were approached, we felt like that gave us a fighting chance to be a week before Augusta. Some guys like to play their way in. We were thinking specifically about Phil.

"Tiger and Phil, those were the needle movers."

It's work out well. Generations change, and so do playing habits. Woods still doesn't play the week before the Masters. Right now, he's not playing at all. Mickelson, who won the Houston Open in 2011, is 45 and still going strong. He already has a trio of top 5s this year and remains wildly popular.

But it's no longer just about Mickelson.

Also playing at the Golf Club of Houston this week is Jordan Spieth, no longer No. 1 in the world but still recognized as the 22-year-old Texan who is the reigning Masters and U.S. Open champion. The field also includes Rickie Fowler, Dustin Johnson and Henrik Stenson.

Playing the week before worked out well for Spieth in 2015. He lost in a three-man playoff at Houston, then went to Augusta National and was so dominant in his wire-to-wire win that

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TIM DAHLBERG
Associated Press

Final Four matchup as much about scandals as baskets

Coming to Houston this week with hopes of another national championship is North Carolina, a school embroiled in one of the biggest NCAA academic scandals ever for enrolling athletes in sham classes and having tutors write their papers to keep them eligible.

There to meet them will be the scrappy team from Syracuse, fresh off a postseason ban and coaching suspension for breaking a smorgasbord of NCAA rules.

The oddsmakers favor North Carolina, which seems fitting. There are some people, cynical as they might be, who believe the university found a way to delay upcoming NCAA penalties because the Tar Heels were loaded with talent this year and had a good chance to make the Final Four.

Don't sell Syracuse short, though. If the Orange aren't on a mission, their coach seems to be as he tries to stick it to the same NCAA that he believes unfairly forced him to watch on TV as his team played nearly a third of its games without him this season.

Not since the NCAA had to deal uncomfortably with UNLV's Jerry Tarkanian in two back-to-back Final Fours have we seen one like this. About the only thing that will be missing in Houston is Louisville and its retinue of strippers and hookers.

The NCAA had to tolerate Tarkanian when he coached the Runnin' Rebels to the national semifinals in 1990 and 1991, winning the first and getting upset by Duke in the second. It wasn't long, though, before investigators bent on catching the towel-chewing coach doing something, anything, that was against the rules ended a potential dynasty in the desert by forcing him out.

This one is a bit different because they already had the goods on Jim Boeheim, who in a scathing NCAA report last year was hit with a number of violations that resulted in a nine-game coaching suspension, the loss of scholarships and the vacating of 108 wins. The report cited academic misconduct, payment to athletes for "volunteer" work at a YMCA and violations of the university's drug-testing policy.

At the time, Boeheim protested that the penalties were "unduly harsh," especially since Syracuse had already voluntarily imposed a one season postseason ban for the basketball program. The longtime coach modified his words some on Monday, but still seems to believe he was singled out for punishment for things he had no control over.

"There's certain words that I object to. 'Clean' is one of them," Boeheim said Monday. "Things can happen in a program. That doesn't mean it's something dirty. It just means something happened that shouldn't have happened, and you try to correct it. You face your punishment and you move on. That's what you do."

The coaches, it seems, never know. Not Boeheim, or Rick Pitino at Louisville.

And certainly not Roy Williams.

The Carolina coach will tell anyone who will listen that the basketball program is clean, and that most of the problems with the sham classes over a span of 18 years were with football and other athletic programs.

"There were mistakes made. We said that freely," Williams said in what he surely hopes will be the last comments

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DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV
COLLEGE BEACH VOLLEYBALL
Pepperdine at UCLA, 5 p.m., P12, P12 LA
COLLEGE SOFTBALL
UAB at Mississippi State, 6 p.m., SEC
Texas State at Texas, 6 p.m., LHN
North Texas at Baylor, 6 p.m., FSSW+, FCSP
Oklahoma City at Oklahoma, 6:30 p.m., FCSC
FIGURE SKATING
World Figure Skating Championships, 11 a.m., NBCSN
GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL
McDonald's All-American Game, 5:30 p.m., ESPNU
HOCKEY
KHL West Final, Gm 5: CSKA vs. SKA, 11:30 a.m., OWSPN
MLB
Boston vs. Pittsburgh, Noon, MLB
Chic. White Sox vs. Cincinnati, 3 p.m., MLB
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
CBI Championship, Gm 2: Morehead State at Nevada, 8 p.m., ESPNU
Vegas 16 Championship: Old Dominion/UC Santa Barbara winner vs. Oakland/East Tennessee State winner, 9 p.m., CBSSN
MEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Cal State Northridge at Stanford, 9 p.m., P12, P12 BAY
NBA
Atlanta at Toronto, 6:30 p.m., NBAtv
New York at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW
New Orleans at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m., FSSWSA
Miami at LA Lakers, 9:30 p.m., NBAtv
NHL
Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m., NBCSN
RUGBY
NRL: South Sydney at Manly-Warringah, 4 a.m., FSP
TENNIS
ATP/WTA: Miami Open, Quarterfinals, Noon, ESPN2
ATP/WTA: Miami Open, Quarterfinals, 6 p.m., ESPN2
ON RADIO
NBA
New York at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

BOYS GOLF
District 4-4A Tournament second round, Seminole

Junior college

BASEBALL
New Mexico JC at Midland College, 7 p.m.

HS SOCCER

DETAILS SET FOR MHS-EP SOCORRO AREA PLAYOFF

The Midland High boys soccer team will face El Paso Socorro in its Class 6A area playoff match, at 5 p.m. CDT Friday at Mack Chase Athletic Complex in Artesia, New Mexico.

The Bulldogs (17-6-0), the District 3-6A champions, are coming off a 3-0 win over Arlington Lamar in the bi-district round last Friday.

Socorro (12-9), the No. 3 seed in District 1-6A, defeated Wolfforth Frenship, 2-1 in its bi-district playoff.

Friday's winner will face the North Crowley-El Paso Eastwood winner in the regional quarterfinals on either April 4 or 5.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE — Suspended Chicago White Sox RHP Kameron Loe (Charlotte-IL) 80 games and Arizona OF Stephen Drazo (Hillsboro-NWL) 50 games for a violating the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Optioned OF Daniel Alvarez to Norfolk (IL).
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Optioned RHP Tommy Kahnle and INFs Matt Davidson, Leury Garcia and Carlos Sanchez to Charlotte (IL). Reassigned OF Jason Coats to minor league camp.
DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned OF Wynton Bernard to Toledo (IL).
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Optioned RHPs Nick Tropeano and Al Alburquerque to Salt Lake (PCL). Placed LHP Rob Rasmussen on the voluntary retired list. Acquired LHP Chris Jones from Baltimore for OF Nateneal Delgado and INF Erick Salcedo and optioned Jones to Salt Lake (PCL).
MINNESOTA TWINS — Optioned LHP Ryan O'Rourke and RHP Tyler Duffey to Rochester (IL). Reassigned LHP Logan Darnell and RHP Brandon Kintzler to minor league camp.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Optioned RHP Jesse Hahn to Nashville (PCL).
TEXAS RANGERS — Acquired C Bryan Holaday from Detroit for C Bobby Wilson and RHP Myles Jaye. Designated LHP Sam Freeman for assignment. Optioned RHP Nick Martinez to Round Rock (PCL). Released OF Drew Stubbs.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Optioned RHP Drew Hutchison to Buffalo (IL). Released RHP Steve Delabar and LHP Randy Choate.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Optioned RHP Zack Godley to Mobile (SL). Released LHP Wesley Wright and RHP Sam LeCure.
CHICAGO CUBS — Released 2B Munenori Kawasaki. OF Shane Victorino and LHP Manny Parra.
COLORADO ROCKIES — Optioned C Dustin Garneau to Albuquerque (PCL). Selected the contract of OF Ryan Raburn from Albuquerque.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Optioned LHP Adam Liberatore to Oklahoma City (PCL).
MIAMI MARLINS — Optioned RHPs Nefi Ogando and Jose Urena to New Orleans (PCL). Released 3B Don Kelly and OF Justin Maxwell.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Optioned 2B Darnell Sweeney, RHP Luis Garcia and LHPs Adam Morgan and Elvis Araujo to Lehigh Valley (IL). Released RHP Edward Mujica. Agreed to terms with OF Will Venable on a minor league contract.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Optioned INF Jake Goebbert and RHPs Trey Ivelley and Rob Scahill to Indianapolis (IL). Reassigned OFs Danny Ortiz and Antoan Richardson, RHP Curtis Partch and LHP Robert Zarate to minor league camp.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Released INF/OF Sipiq Schumaker. RHP Philip Humber announced his retirement. Optioned RHP Leonel Campos to El Paso (PCL).
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Optioned C Andrew Susac to Sacramento (PCL).
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Released RHPs Bronson Arroyo and Burke Badenhop. Selected the contract of RHP Matt Belisle from Syracuse (IL).
BASKETBALL
NBA Development League
NBADL — Suspended Rio Grande Valley F Montrezl Harrell five games for pushing a game official to the floor during an altercation with Bakersfield F Derek Cooke Jr. on March 26. Suspended Cooke Jr. one game for pushing Harrell during the incident.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
NEW YORK GIANTS — Re-signed LB Jasper Brinkley.
Arena Football League
ORLANDO PREDATORS — Signed DL Monte Lewis.
PORTLAND STEEL — Traded OL Sam Longo to Orlando for future considerations.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CAROLINA HURRICANES — Recalled F Derek Ryan from Charlotte (AHL).
COLORADO AVALANCHE — Assigned G Spencer Martin from San Antonio (AHL) to Fort Wayne (ECHL).
DETROIT RED WINGS — Assigned D Vili Sarajarvi from Grand Rapids (AHL) to Toledo (ECHL).
NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Agreed to terms with C Kyle Schempp on a two-year, entry-level contract.
NEW YORK RANGERS — Agreed to terms with F Steven Fogarty on an entry-level contract.
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS — Reassigned D Maxim Lamarche from Lehigh Valley (AHL) to Reading (ECHL).
LACROSSE
National Lacrosse League
BUFFALO BANDITS — Acquired a 2016 sixth-round draft pick from Georgia for F Jerome Thompson.
SOCCER
National Women's Soccer League
SKY BLUE FC — Signed M Ashley Nick.
COLLEGE
FAYETTEVILLE STATE — Announced the school and men's basketball coach Alphonza Kee have mutually agreed to part ways.
KANSAS — Announced junior men's basketball G Wayne Selden Jr. will enter the NBA draft.
MICHIGAN — Granted the release of F Ricky Doyle and G Spike Albrecht from the basketball program in order to transfer.
MINNESOTA — Reinstated freshman Gs Kevin Dorsey and Dupree McBrayer and sophomore G Nate Mason to the basketball team.
NEBRASKA — Announced men's sophomore basketball F Jacob Hammond will transfer.
NORTHWESTERN — Named Tim Brandon, Mike Kjolka and Steve Pursley graduate assistant football coaches.
NYU — Named John Trautmann men's and women's assistant track and field coach.
OHIO STATE — Announced men's freshman basketball G A.J. Harris, F Mickey Mitchell and C Daniel Giddens will transfer.
RICE — Named Frank Okam defensive line coach.
SAINT LEO — Announced the resignation of women's basketball coach Missy West.
SANTA CLARA — Named Herb Sendek men's basketball coach.
ST. JOHN'S — Announced men's sophomore basketball F Amar Alibegovic will transfer.
SEATTLE — Announced the resignation of Joan Bonvicini, women's basketball coach. Named Kristen O'Neill Phillips women's interim basketball coach.
VCU — Signed men's basketball coach Will Wade to a contract extension through the 2023-24 season.

MLB SPRING TRAINING GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Toronto	17	5	.773
Houston	17	9	.654
Los Angeles	15	8	.652
Minnesota	17	10	.630
Detroit	15	11	.577
Chicago	15	12	.556
Seattle	15	12	.556
Texas	16	13	.552
Cleveland	13	12	.520
Tampa Bay	11	11	.500
New York	12	13	.480
Oakland	11	14	.440
Boston	12	16	.429
Kansas City	13	18	.419
Baltimore	10	14	.417

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Washington	17	4	.810
Arizona	21	7	.750
Colorado	14	10	.583
Philadelphia	14	10	.583
Los Angeles	13	13	.500
Cincinnati	14	15	.483
Milwaukee	12	13	.480
Miami	10	12	.455
St. Louis	9	13	.409
San Francisco	11	18	.379
Chicago	9	17	.346
San Diego	9	19	.321
New York	7	15	.318
Pittsburgh	7	20	.259
Atlanta	6	18	.250

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

Scores and schedule

Tuesday's Scores
N.Y. Yankees (ss) 5, Pittsburgh 4, 5 innings
N.Y. Yankees (ss) vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., cod., Rain
Toronto (ss) vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., cod., Rain
Washington vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., cod., Rain
Minnesota 6, Boston 2, 7 innings
Tampa Bay vs. Toronto (ss) at Dunedin, Fla., cod., Rain
Miami 1, N.Y. Mets 0
L.A. Angels 1, Cleveland (ss) 1, tie
Chicago Cubs 9, Oakland 5
Chicago White Sox 6, Texas 2
Cincinnati 9, Milwaukee 2
Colorado 6, Arizona 1
San Diego 11, L.A. Dodgers 9
Baltimore 4, Atlanta 4, tie, 10 innings
Seattle vs. Cleveland (ss) at Goodyear, Ariz., late
San Francisco vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., late
Today's Games
Washington vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 11:10 a.m.
St. Louis vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Boston (ss) vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Houston vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Boston (ss) vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Arizona vs. Oakland at Mesa, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 2:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Colorado (ss) vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Cleveland vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Colorado (ss) at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
Detroit vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 5:05 p.m.

HSBASEBALL/SOFTBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Baseball

RANGERS EDGE EAGLES

PECOS — Behind a quality start from Kolten McColluch and timely hitting, the Greenwood baseball team edged Pecos, 4-3 on Tuesday in District 4-4A play.

McColluch allowed three runs over his six innings and earned the win for the Rangers (10-9, 2-0 in District 4-4A). He was relieved in the seventh by Dawson Merryman, who picked up the save.

Greenwood took a 2-0 lead in the top of the second and then held a 4-1 lead in the bottom of the sixth. The Rangers held off a Pecos rally in the bottom of the frame for the win.

GREENWOOD 4, PECOS 3

Greenwood	110	002	0	—4	6 1
Pecos	001	002	0	—3	3 1

Kolten McColluch, Dawson Merryman (7) and Vance Martinez. J. Dominguez, I. Ornelas (6) and N. Martinez. W — McColluch. L — J. Dominguez. S — Merryman. 2B — Pecos: G. Ortiz.
Records: Greenwood 10-9, 2-0 in District 4-4A; Pecos 0-2 District 4-4A
Next: Monahans at Greenwood, noon, Saturday

Softball

GREENWOOD NABS FIRST DISTRICT WIN

PECOS — The Greenwood softball team secured its first win in District 4-4A play with a 9-2 victory over Pecos on Tuesday.

Sophomore catcher Payslee Sims went 3-for-4 with two RBI to lead the Rangerettes' 14-hit parade.

GHS' Aundrea Evans went 2-for-4 with two runs scored; Jayleen Valenzuela was 2-for-5 with one RBI and Priscilla Gonzales went 2-for-3 with two RBI.

Kyndall Dove allowed only two runs in the circle for the Rangerettes (7-17, 1-3 in District 4-4A).

GREENWOOD 9, PECOS 2

GHS	014	011	2	—914	5
Pecos	001	000	1	—2	9 5

Kyndall Dove and Payslee Sims. Sam Martinez and Lissette Ortiz. W — Dove. L — Martinez. 2B — GHS: Sims 2, Dove, Jayleen Valenzuela, Priscilla Gonzales; Pecos: Ortiz.
Records: Greenwood 7-17, 1-3 in District 4-4A; Pecos 0-4 in District 4-4A
Next: Monahans at Greenwood, 1 p.m. Saturday

MCS ROLLS IN RUN-RULE WIN

CRANE — Midland Christian needed only six innings to down Crane 13-1 in non-district action on Tuesday.

In six innings pitched, Lady Mustangs junior Clarissa Martinez allowed one run, five hits and two walks, while striking out seven.

Martinez also went 3-for-3 with two doubles, two RBI, two runs scored and a walk.

Abbigail Escajeda led MCS (15-11) with three RBI, while teammates Courtney Monk and Courtney Schiel each had two RBI.

MCS 13, CRANE 1, 6 INNINGS

MCS	100	015	—1316	8	
Crane	100	000	—1	5	7

Clarissa Martinez and Brandi Kennedy. S. Ortiz and K. Navarrette. W — Martinez. L — Ortiz. 2B — MCS: Martinez 2; Crane: Ortiz.
Record: Midland Christian 15-11
Next: Midland Christian at Alpine, 1 p.m. Friday

BEGINNINGS

From 1C

no prior baseball experience:

"(I) just (wanted to) give it a chance."

While the anticipation and excitement to be a part of the new program is certainly in place, the Buffloes fall a little short in their execution of many of the game's fundamental elements. Learning and perfecting all of the nuances of the game isn't easy and for Stanton, it's still a work in progress.

Much of that shortcoming is due to the team's youth and inexperience. But the Buffaloes are also coping with severe practice limitations, much like the Knights were until the completion of their new field.

A new baseball field is still under construction for the Buffaloes and in the meantime, the team is having to practice at Tommy Walker Softball Field in Stanton, a surface with an infield complete covered by caliche.

In Tuesday's game, Stanton committed seven errors and after leading, 4-0 in the top of the second, surrendered 12 unanswered runs over the next four frames.

"We're learning and we're working with what we have," Thiebaud said. "We're crossing our fingers and hoping the field will be done pretty soon."

MCA head coach Eric Littleton said watching Stanton play on Tuesday reminded he and his coaching staff where the Knights were when they started and how far they've come since the start of this season.

He knows things will get better for the Buffaloes, just as they did for his team.

"For sure," Littleton said. "I think just hearing their coach go through some of the same basic things, talking his players through the basics and trying to get them in the right spots, it's the same."

Thiebaud said his goal for his young team is no different than it would be for virtually any program in its infancy: find a way to improve each and every day.

"Get better every day," Thiebaud. "If we get a little bit better every day — that's what I challenged them (to do) on the first day of practice — by the time the season is over, we're going to be where we want to be."

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MCA 15, STANTON 5

Stanton	220001	—5	4	7	
MCA	022443	—15	8	1	

Austin Fryar, Tristan Graves (6) and Trent Cox. Connor Hall, Heath Gladson (3), Blake Gladson (5) and Blake Gladson, Connor Hall. W — Heath Gladson. L — Fryar. 3B — MCA: Jared Adkins.
Records: Stanton 2-11; MCA 3-6
Next: MCA at Amarillo San Jacinto, 4 p.m. Friday

Texas Tech-ACU game in Midland rescheduled

From staff reports

The Texas Tech-Abilene Christian non-conference baseball game scheduled for Tuesday, April 5 at Security Bank Ballpark has been moved to 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 27 at Security Bank Ballpark.

Tickets already purchased for the April 5 game will still be valid for the rescheduled game on April 27.

Texas Tech changed the date of its annual Midland game after it scheduled a two-game road series with No. 8 Florida State, April 5-6.

"We appreciate the understanding of Abilene Christian and the Midland RockHounds as we worked to take advantage of this unique opportunity to play a high ranked non-conference opponent," Red Raiders head coach Tim Tadlock said. "We are looking forward to the challenge of going on the road to face a top-10 team. We can't thank our administration enough for their support in scheduling this series."

The April 27 contest at Security Bank Ballpark will mark the third-straight season where Texas Tech has played a neutral-site contest in Midland. The Red Raiders defeated New Mexico, 6-2, in 2014 and Abilene Christian, 10-2, in 2015.

"The Midland and Odessa communities are great supporters of Red Raider baseball," Tadlock said. "We're looking forward to playing in the Permian Basin later this season."

MISD swimmers and divers earn All-State honors

From staff reports

Ten Midland ISD swimmers and divers were recognized on this year's UIL Class 6A all-state honorees that were recently released.

Lee junior Charlye Campbell and Midland High sophomore Logan Hillman were both named to the girls diving first team, while junior Garrett Martin represented MHS on the boys diving first team.

MISD first team swimmers included MHS sophomore Braden Vines in the boys 200 individual medley and MHS junior Kile Carriger in the girls 100 breaststroke.

The MHS 400 girls freestyle relay team of Mollie Wright, Cassidy Hale, Dailey Parker and Carriger garnered first team recognition as a group.

UIL Class 6A All-State Swimming and Diving
Boys
First team
200 IM — Braden Vines, Jr., MHS; 1-meter diving — Garrett Martin, Jr., MHS
Second team
100 breaststroke — Zach Breeding, Sr., MHS
Girls
First team
100 breaststroke — Kile Carriger, Jr., MHS; 1-meter diving — Charlye Campbell, Jr., Lee; Logan Hillman, So., MHS; 400 freestyle relay — MHS (Mollie Wright, So.; Cassidy Hale, Sr.; Dailey Parker, So.; Carriger)
Second team
200 IM — Carriger; 100 backstroke — Wright; 200 medley relay — MHS (Parker, Carriger, Wright, Maya Anderson, So.)
Honorable mention
100 butterfly — Wright

MCS produces strong showing at TAPPS 1-4A tourney

From staff reports

ABILENE — The Midland Christian tennis team has three entries in today's championship matches of the TAPPS District 1-4A Tennis Tournament following a successful Tuesday at the Rose Park Tennis Center.

MCS' Ashley Hedrick will play Fort Worth Southwest Christian's Kristen Sibley for the girls singles tennis title at 10 a.m. today.

Hedrick reached the girls singles final after beating Grapevine Faith's Macie Mitchell, 6-0, 6-2, 6-7 (2), 6-3, in Tuesday's semifinals.

The MCS boys doubles team of Ryan Adams and Jonathan Cheatham reached today's 10 a.m. final after defeating Fort Worth Christian's Blake Meyers and Zach Meyers, 6-4, 7-6 (6), in Tuesday's semifinal match.

In girls doubles, MCS' Kamryn Hendley and Morgan Stubbs secured a berth in today's championship match after knocking off Grapevine Faith's Kailey Gumm and Kylie Lacik, 6-3, 6-1, in the semifinals.

Despite losing in Tuesday's boys singles semifinal, MCS' Garrett Bushman has a chance to clinch a state tournament bid with a victory in today's 10 a.m. third-place match.

District 1-4A Tennis Tournament
At Rose Park Tennis Center, Abilene
Tuesday
Midland Christian results only
Boys
Singles
Quarterfinals
Garrett Bushman, MCS def. Jacob Frederick, Arlington Pantego, 6-2, 5-7, 6-4
Semifinals
Aaron Mackie, Flower Mound Coram Deo, def. Bushman 6-0, 6-0
Doubles
Quarterfinals
Ryan Adams-Jonathan Cheatham, MCS, def. Parks-Weinzierl, Coram Deo, 6-0, 6-0
Semifinals
Adams-Cheatham def. Blake Meyers-Zach Meyers, Fort Worth Christian, 6-4, 7-6 (8)
Girls
Singles
First round
Kylie Vaughn, MCS def. Grace Kendall, Coram Deo, 6-1, 6-1
Quarterfinals
Ashley Hedrick, MCS def. Laney Morris, Coram Deo, 6-0, 4-6, 6-1; Kirsten Sibley, Fort Worth Southwest Christian, def. Vaughn 6-4, 7-5
Semifinals
Hedrick def. Macie Mitchell, Grapevine Faith, 6-0, 6-2, 6-7 (2), 6-3
Doubles
First round
Kamryn Hendley-Morgan Stubbs, MCS def. Rachel Brasher-Skyler McAllister, Southwest Christian, 6-0, 6-0
Quarterfinals
Hendley-Stubbs def. Sarah Flint-Morgan Caldwell, Pantego, 6-0, 6-0
Semifinals
Hendley-Stubbs def. Kailey Gumm-Kylie Lacik, Grapevine Faith, 6-3, 6-1

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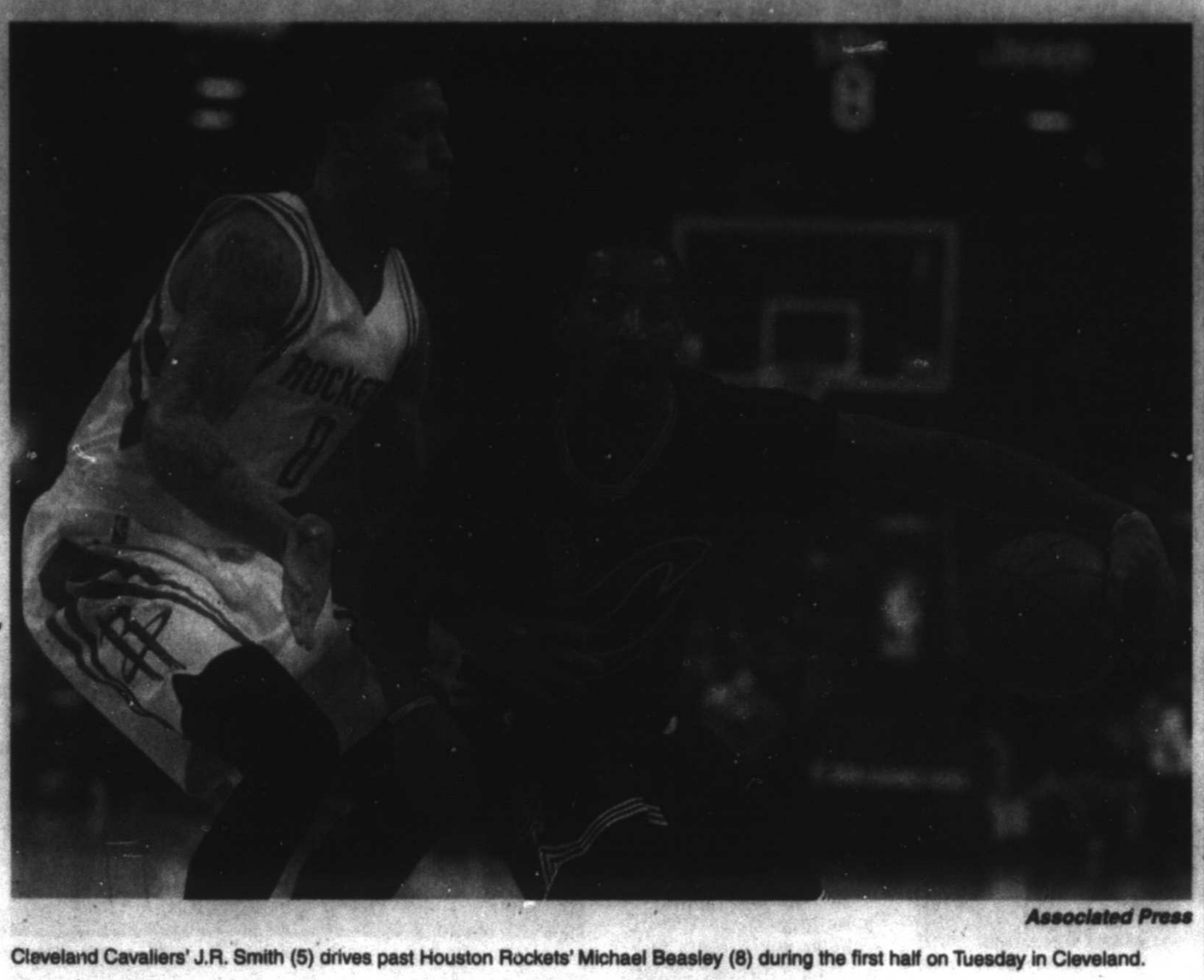


Associated Press

Cleveland Cavaliers' J.R. Smith (5) drives past Houston Rockets' Michael Beasley (8) during the first half on Tuesday in Cleveland.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ROCKETS 106
CAVALIERS 100

CLEVELAND — James Harden scored 27 points and the Houston Rockets rallied from a 20-point deficit for a 106-100 victory Tuesday night over the Cleveland Cavaliers, who rested LeBron James.

Harden scored 18 points in the fourth quarter and Houston outscored Cleveland 35-16 in the period.

Dwight Howard's free throw with 2:13 left put Houston ahead 95-94. Harden's 3-pointer made it 98-94 before Kyrie Irving hit a 3-pointer with 1:30 left, making it a one-point game.

Both teams missed shots on their next possession, but Trevor Ariza's 3-pointer from the corner with 17 seconds left gave Houston a 101-97 lead.

Irving scored 31 points for Cleveland, which fell to 1-3 this season and 4-13 over the last two when James doesn't play.

HORNETS 100
76ERS 85

PHILADELPHIA — The Hornets moved a little closer to clinching a playoff spot, though they are not satisfied with just making the postseason.

Nicolas Batum had 19 points, 12 rebounds and 12 assists for his second triple-double of the season, leading Charlotte to a 100-85 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers on Tuesday night.

Cody Zeller added 18 points and 11 boards for Charlotte, which set a franchise record for wins in a month with its 13th victory in March.

The Hornets, who entered the game in sixth place in the Eastern Conference, also inched closer to their first playoff spot in two years and just second postseason berth in the last 13 years.

"Right now we're just preparing ourselves to be ready for (the playoffs)," Batum said. "We don't play just to get into the playoffs. We're trying to get ready to be effective in the playoffs and don't just do one-and-done."

MAGIC 139
NETS 105

ORLANDO, Fla. — Aaron Gordon had 20 points and Elfrid Payton had 11 points and 12 assists as the Magic scored a season high in defeating the Brooklyn Nets 139-105 on Tuesday night.

Payton set the tone by keeping the ball moving and consistently getting his teammates involved in his second straight double-double.

Gordon was hot early, scoring 13 points in the first quarter.

Victor Oladipo and Evan Fournier had their moments and backup center Dewayne Dedmon, playing in place of injured Nikola Vucevic, scored 15 points

The Magic had eight players in double figures, including backups Andrew Nicholson with 24 and Jason Smith with 14.

The Nets were led by reserve forward Thomas Robinson, who scored 18 points, after being inserted into the starting lineup in place of Thaddeus Young. Brook Lopez scored just five points in the first half and did not play in the second half.

BULLS 98
PACERS 96

INDIANAPOLIS — Jimmy Butler made a tiebreaking jumper with 3.7 seconds left, and the Chicago Bulls beat the Indiana Pacers 98-96 on Tuesday night to snap a four-game losing streak.

Nikola Mirotic scored 28 points as Chicago (37-37) got back to .500 and pulled within two games of Indiana for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. Mirotic made seven 3-pointers, his final one tying it at 96 with 2:19 remaining.

The Pacers missed five shots in the final 2 minutes that would have given them the lead before the Bulls rebounded Pau Gasol's miss with 20 seconds remaining and got the ball to Butler for his 17-footer from the right wing.

CJ Miles missed a 3-pointer that would have won it as time expired. Paul George had 20 points and nine rebounds for the Pacers, while Ian Mahinmi had 18 points and seven boards.

Butler finished with 14 points, and Gasol added 10 points and 11 rebounds.

The game was tied at 84 heading into the fourth quarter, where both teams hit a shooting slump. The Pacers shot 22 percent and the Bulls 26 percent, but outscored Indiana 14-12. The lead changed a total of 14 times throughout the game.

PISTONS 88
THUNDER 82

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Marcus Morris scored 24 points, and the Detroit Pistons took advantage of Kevin Durant's absence in an 88-82 victory over the Oklahoma City Thunder on Tuesday night.

The Thunder rested Durant and Serge Ibaka, and Oklahoma City was held to only nine points in the third period en route to its lowest-scoring game of the season. The Thunder rallied from a 15-point deficit, closing the gap to just one in the fourth, but Detroit was able to hold on late for another victory in its push for a playoff spot.

The Thunder had their eight-game winning streak snapped. Russell Westbrook led Oklahoma City with 24 points on 8-of-28 shooting.

The Pistons came into the night with a 2 1/2-game lead in the race for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference, and the victory Tuesday actually moved them into seventh place, a half-game ahead of Indiana. Detroit trailed 48-46 at halftime before outscoring the Thunder 25-9 in the third quarter.

The Pistons led 68-53 after a 20-2 run, but Oklahoma City rallied in the fourth. Detroit led 75-74 before consecutive baskets by Morris and Reggie Jackson pushed the lead back to five. It was 79-77 after a 3-pointer by Westbrook, but Drummond made a free throw and Jackson slipped free for a dunk.

NBA STANDINGS

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Toronto	49	24	.671	—
Boston	43	31	.581	6½
New York	30	45	.400	20
Brooklyn	21	53	.284	28½
Philadelphia	9	66	.120	41

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	45	30	.600	—
Miami	43	30	.589	1
Charlotte	43	31	.581	1½
Washington	38	37	.493	8
Orlando	31	43	.419	13½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Cleveland	52	22	.703	—
Detroit	40	35	.533	12½
Indiana	39	35	.527	13
Chicago	37	37	.500	15
Milwaukee	30	44	.405	22

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-San Antonio	62	12	.838	—
Memphis	41	33	.554	21
Houston	37	38	.493	25½
Dallas	36	38	.486	26
New Orleans	27	46	.370	34½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Oklahoma City	52	23	.693	—
Portland	39	36	.520	13
Utah	37	37	.500	14½
Denver	31	44	.413	21
Minnesota	25	49	.338	26½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Golden State	66	7	.904	—
x-L.A. Clippers	46	27	.630	20
Sacramento	29	45	.392	37½
Phoenix	20	54	.270	46½
L.A. Lakers	15	59	.203	51½

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Scores and schedules

Tuesday's Scores

Chicago 98, Indiana 96
Charlotte 100, Philadelphia 85
Orlando 139, Brooklyn 105
Detroit 88, Oklahoma City 82
Houston 106, Cleveland 100
Washington at Golden State, late

Today's Games

Atlanta at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Denver at Memphis, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Utah, 8 p.m.
Washington at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Miami at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Chicago at Houston, 6 p.m.
Brooklyn at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Orlando at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Denver at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Oklahoma City, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at Portland, 9 p.m.

NITROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

VALPARAISO 72
BYU 70

NEW YORK — David Skara sank the tiebreaking 3-pointer with 20 seconds left and Valparaiso held off BYU 72-70 on Tuesday night to reach the championship game of the National Invitation Tournament.

Skara came off the bench to score a season-high 15 points, none bigger than his jumper that gave the top-seeded Crusaders (30-6) a 71-68 advantage after they had squandered a 16-point cushion.

Alec Peters also had 15 points for the Crusaders, who will play for the title Thursday night at Madison Square Garden against the winner of the second semifinal between George Washington and San Diego State.

Kyle Collinsworth paced the Cougars (26-11) with 20 points, five rebounds and five assists in his final college game. Nick Emery scored 18 and Chase Fischer added 16.

With the Cougars trailing by three, Fischer had his shot blocked, but scored on a putback with 7.4 seconds remaining to cut the deficit to one.

Shane Hammink broke free behind the defense on the ensuing inbounds play, but fumbled the ball and was quickly fouled near the basket. He made one of two free throws with 4.7 seconds to go, then blocked Fischer's long 3-point try at the buzzer to seal it.

Keith Carter had 13 points for the Crusaders, who were playing in the NIT semifinals for the first time. Hammink and Darien Walker each added 10.

GEORGE WASHINGTON 65
SAN DIEGO STATE 46

NEW YORK — Tyler Cavanaugh had 20 points and 11 rebounds, and George Washington advanced to the championship game of the National Invitation Tournament by throttling San Diego State in a 65-46 victory Tuesday night.

Patricio Garino added 13 points for the fourth-seeded Colonials (27-10), who matched the school record for wins in a season and won in their first visit to Madison Square Garden since 2001.

George Washington will play for the crown Thursday night against Valparaiso, a 72-70 winner over BYU in the first semifinal.

Dakarai Allen scored 13 points for No. 2 seed San Diego State (28-10), which struggled to score at times throughout the season and had a dreadful shooting night at the worst time. The Aztecs fell behind by double digits late in the first half and shot 28.8 percent from the field, including 3 for 22 from 3-point range.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL GLANCE

NCAA

MEN

EAST REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 27
North Carolina 88, Notre Dame 74

SOUTH REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 26
Villanova 64, Kansas 59

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 27
Syracuse 68, Virginia 62

WEST REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 26
Oklahoma 80, Oregon 68

FINAL FOUR
At NRG Stadium
Houston
National Semifinals
Saturday, April 2
Villanova (39-5) vs. Oklahoma (29-7), 5:09 p.m.
North Carolina (32-6) vs. Syracuse (23-13), 7:49 p.m.
National Championship
Monday, April 4
Semifinal winners

WOMEN

BRIDGEPORT REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Monday, March 28
UConn 86, Texas 65

DALLAS REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Monday, March 28
Oregon State 60, Baylor 57

SIOUX FALLS REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 27
Syracuse 89, Tennessee 67

LEXINGTON REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 27
Washington 85, Stanford 79

FINAL FOUR
At Indianapolis
National Semifinals
Sunday, April 3
UConn vs. Oregon State, 5 or 7:30 p.m.
Washington (26-10) vs. Syracuse (29-7), 5 or 7:30 p.m.
National Championship
Tuesday, April 5
Semifinals winners, 7:30 p.m.

NIT

Semifinals
At Madison Square Garden
New York
Tuesday, March 29
Valparaiso (29-6) vs. BYU (26-10), 6 p.m.
George Washington (26-10) vs. San Diego State (28-9), 8:30 p.m.

Championship
Thursday's Game
Semifinal winners, 8 p.m.

WNIT

Monday's Scores
Florida Gulf Coast 61, Hofstra 46
Michigan 77, Temple 76
Oregon 71, UTEP 67

Semifinals
Today-Thursday
Florida Gulf Coast vs. Michigan, TBA
South Dakota (30-6) vs. Oregon, TBA

Championship
Saturday, April 2
Semifinal winners, 2 p.m.

NCAA Division II

WOMEN

Championship
At Indianapolis
Monday, April 4
Lubbock Christian vs. Alaska Anchorage, 2 p.m.

Washington and Oregon State, new faces in Final Four

Associated Press

SEATTLE — For three decades, any chatter about women's basketball on the West Coast has usually started and ended with Stanford.

While the Cardinal are still among the elite programs in the country — as evidenced by their run to the Elite Eight — it's Oregon State and Washington that are headed to the Final Four in Indianapolis and providing validation that women's basketball out West is more than just what is happening at Stanford.

"We're all seeing how good the Pac-12 is. It surprises me a bit how surprised I think people are across the country," Oregon State coach Scott Rueck said over the weekend. "You listen to just the general narrative of the Pac-12 and people are surprised, surprised Washington could beat Maryland. We're not. We've played against them."

The runs by Oregon State and Washington to the Final Four mark the latest evolution of West Coast women's basketball.

USC was one of the dominant programs in the country when the women's Final Four first started back in 1982 and thanks to Cheryl Miller USC won consecutive titles in 1983-84. But then no one else in the Pac-10 at the time — now Pac-12 — emerged as a powerhouse program other than Stanford. Nearly every school in the conference took a turn being good for a year or two, but no one else could put together a team and an NCAA run good enough to reach the Final Four.

Between USC's losing in the title game in 1986 and the Beavers and Huskies both reaching the national semifinals this year, the only other Pac-12 school to advance to the Final Four other than Stanford was California in 2013. The only other West Coast school to reach the Final Four was Long Beach State in 1987 and 1988.

"I think for a number of years people were trying to get everybody to listen that the Pac-12 was really good, but they could never really prove it because there was always one team in the Final Four and that was Stanford. ... Even though people were saying it, you couldn't really back it up," Washington coach Mike Neighbors said Tuesday. "Now we're saying it all year long, we've been saying it since Christmas and everybody is looking at us like 'The Boy Who Cried Wolf.' We've heard this before. But now you get three teams in the Elite Eight, four in the Sweet 16 and two in the Final Four. That is that validation."

Oregon State and Washington will bring stories of redemption to Indianapolis. Rueck inherited a shattered program when he returned to his alma mater in 2010 and most of his current roster went 10-21 in the 2012-13 season. But they followed up with 24 and 27 wins the following two seasons and this year earned a share of the Pac-12 regular-season title, won the Pac-12 tournament and upset Baylor to reach the Final Four.

Washington's run as a No. 7 seed is among the more unlikely in tournament history and included wins on the home floors of Maryland and Kentucky just to reach the regional final against Stanford. The Huskies had not won two games against the Cardinal in the same season since 1987 before beating them in the Pac-12 tournament and again for a Final Four berth.

TEAM

From 1C

"He's always been a good rebounder. At times he's been a great rebounder," Tar Heels coach Roy Williams said. "One of the top two or three rebounders I've ever coached in 28 years. ... And not just how quick he jumps but how high he jumps, too."

The last North Carolina first-teamer was Tyler Hansbrough, who was an All-American in 2008 and 2009.

Johnson and Brogdon gave the Atlantic Coast Conference two first-teamers for the first time since 2006 when J.J. Redick and Shelden Williams from Duke did it.

The 6-foot-5 Brogdon, who was on the second team last season, was the ACC's player and defensive player of the year. He averaged 18.7 points and 4.1 rebounds while shooting 40.9 percent from 3-point range.

"He's a complete offensive player: dribble, pass, shoot. But you have to add his ability to play down the stretch. Clutch play, at the line, making big plays," Cavaliers coach Tony Bennett said. "Then defensively, you've got to talk about his ability to guard, to rebound, to guard different players."

The last Virginia player to be a first-team selection was Ralph Sampson, who was chosen three straight years, 1981-83.

Seven-foot sophomore Jakob Poeltl of Utah led the second team with 41 first-team votes. He was joined by LSU freshman Ben Simmons, Kansas senior Perry Ellis, Providence junior Kris Dunn and Iowa State senior Georges Niang.

The third team consists of Grayson Allen of Duke, Kevin "Yogi" Ferrell of Indiana, Jarrod Uthoff of Iowa, Kay Felder of Oakland and Jamal Murray of Kentucky.

The voting was done before the NCAA Tournament.

DAHLBERG

From 1C

on the subject this week. "We're discouraged about it, sad about it. You can put any description there you want. I don't think my integrity and credibility should have been in need of validating."

Left unsaid by Williams was that a university investigation showed 167 enrollments by basketball players into the African and Afro-American Studies program at the center of the scandal since he was named coach in 2003.

Players didn't need to go to classes in most cases because there weren't any. All they had to do was write a paper — or have someone write a paper for them — to get credits to remain eligible.

Former player Rashad McCants is on record saying he took a number of the classes in his three years at Chapel Hill, including four during the 2005 national championship season. McCants said tutors wrote his papers for him, and claimed Williams was "100 percent aware of the 'paper class' system." something the coach denies.

Some might say the NCAA is committing a violation itself by hosting a tournament that brings in some $800 million while giving athletes little more than tuition and room and board. But this is the system Boeheim and Williams coach under, the same system that allows them to make millions of dollars a year on the backs of their teenage charges.

One of their teams may win the national championship. Indeed, the Tar Heels are the odds-on favorite to cut down the nets Monday night.

For those who care about real student-athletes, though, it just won't feel right to celebrate.

Associated Press

Baylor guard Alexis Prince (12) shoots against Oregon State defenders Sydney Wiese (24), Jamie Weisner (15) Marie Gulich (21) during the first half of a regional final of the women's NCAA Tournament on Monday in Dallas.

Baylor women want to finish 2017 at Final Four in Dallas

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

DALLAS — Nina Davis still has one more chance to get to the women's Final Four with Baylor. So does Alexis Jones.

They just didn't want to finish this season at the site of next year's Final Four.

All three of Davis' seasons at Baylor so far have ended with a loss in an NCAA Tournament regional final.

"Even after I leave college, one day, if I have kids, I'll tell my kids about the times I got stopped three times," said Davis, a three-time All-Big 12 player and a second-team All-American this season. "I'm not going to say that we're going to get to the Final Four next year, but I'm not trying to be denied four times in a row."

The 2017 Final Four will be played in Dallas, about 100 miles from their Waco campus and in the same NBA arena where the top-seeded Lady Bears (36-2) made their latest Elite Eight exit. They lost 60-57 to No. 2 seed Oregon State on Monday night.

"We just gotta keep pushing and take this loss as motivation," said Jones, the former Duke transfer who averaged 15 points and 4.2 rebounds in her Baylor debut as a junior.

While national assists leader Niya Johnson has played her last game for Baylor and won't experience a Final Four, the Lady Bears will return seven of their top eight scorers and add two more McDonald's All-Americans to the roster next season.

"The first thing is, when you think about the three seniors in the locker room, you hurt for the most," coach Kim Mulkey said. "Then you work your way down to all the returning players and make sure that they remember this moment, remember what they did good and bad in this game and get back to work and get better every year. I thought that the new players made us a better basketball team."

Those new players were Jones and freshman posts Beatrice Mompremier (7.2 points, 6.1 rebounds per game) and Kalani Brown (9.3 points, 4.3 rebounds) — the two All-Americans who made their Baylor debuts this season. The incoming prep All-Americans are 6-foot-4 forward Lauren Cox, who is considered by many as the nation's top-ranked player, and 6-1 guard Natalie Chou.

"We have some good incoming freshmen, plus all the players returning," Davis said. "We're going to come back strong next year."

The last of Baylor's three Final Fours — all in Mulkey's 16 seasons — was during the 40-0 national championship in 2012. The Lady Bears were upset by Louisville in the Sweet 16 in 2013 before consecutive regional final losses to Notre Dame. Oregon State (32-4) was in its first regional final.

Baylor overcame a nine-point halftime deficit against the Beavers, but led only twice. The Lady Bears scored the game's first four points and their other lead was 51-50 on Davis' layup with just under 7 minutes left.

The game's only four ties came after that, but Jones and Johnson had turnovers on consecutive possessions in the final 1:28 when Baylor could have regained the lead. Jones had a turnaround jumper with 11 seconds left that rolled around the rim without going in before Oregon State added two free throws. Jones couldn't get open for another shot before Johnson missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

"It hurts. Not many teams are blessed to get this far. I have three more years to get a chance at it and keep working at it," Brown said. "Right now it hurts. I'll tell you one thing, I will never forget this feeling. ... Next year we will try again."

Eight will not be enough.

NFL demands retraction of New York Times concussion story

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NFL has demanded The New York Times retract a story that called the league's concussion research flawed and likened the NFL's handling of head trauma to the tobacco industry's response to the dangers of cigarettes.

In a letter from its law firm to the general counsels of the newspaper and obtained by The Associated Press on Tuesday, the league said it was defamed by the Times. The NFL added the story published last Thursday did not "present a shred of evidence to support its thesis that the NFL intentionally concealed concussion research data."

The NFL also said it will "more broadly reserve all of the league's rights and remedies," a veiled threat of legal action.

Times sports editor Jason Stallman said, "We see no reason to retract anything."

"The NFL apparently objects to our reporting that the league had ties to the tobacco industry," Stallman added. "But, as the article noted, a co-owner of the Giants, Preston R. Tisch, also partly owned a leading cigarette company, Lorillard, and was a board member of both the Tobacco Institute and the Council for Tobacco Research, two entities that played a central role in misusing science to hide the risks of cigarettes. Also, the NFL and the tobacco industry shared lobbyists, lawyers and consultants."

In its letter, signed by league attorney Brad Karp, the NFL said not only that the story did not establish any meaningful ties to the tobacco industry, but that the headline was false and incendiary, and that a graphic attached to the story was misleading.

An NFL search of 14 million documents from the tobacco litigation archives found "significant connections" between the Times and the tobacco industry, the letter said, calling those connections "far more concrete than the phantom connections contrived by the Times purporting to tie the NFL to the tobacco industry."

The Times story — its lead item on the front page — revealed that some concussions that occurred in the NFL were omitted from the league's studies, despite NFL claims to the contrary.

"The league has always maintained that the studies were based on a data set that included every concussion that was diagnosed by a team doctor," Stallman said. "In fact, our reporting showed that more than 100 such concussions — including some sustained by star players — were not included in the data set, resulting in inaccurate findings. "

But the NFL's letter stresses that the fact the studies relied on data that were not a complete count of all concussions in the league was "repeatedly and expressly disclosed in the studies themselves." It also accuses the Times of implying to its readers that the newspaper uncovered "a secret and nefarious plot by the league to suppress relevant data and manipulate the test results in a manner learned through the league's 'ties' to Big Tobacco ..."

The NFL said the research the Times focused on forms no part of the current work by the league's head, neck and spine committee.

Associated Press

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell gestures during a press conference at the NFL owners meeting in Boca Raton, Fla., on March 23. The NFL has demanded The New York Times retract a story that called the league's concussion research flawed and likened the NFL's handling of head trauma to the tobacco industry's response to the dangers of cigarettes.

Sale helps White Sox beat Rangers in spring training

By Jack Thompson
Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Chris Sale pitched into the sixth inning, Todd Frazier homered and the Chicago White Sox beat the Texas Rangers 6-2 at spring training on Tuesday.

Chicago catcher Alex Avila got just his second hit of the spring, a two-run single in the fourth that ended A.J. Griffin's day. The former Oakland A's pitcher, trying to win a spot in Texas' rotation, was charged with five runs and seven hits in 3 2-3 innings.

Adam Eaton also connected for the White Sox in the seventh. Chicago has a baseball-high 48 homers this spring.

Sale allowed one run on Hanser Alberto's homer and six hits in 5 1-3 innings. The left-hander struck out five and walked none.

"It was nice. It was cool enough to stay loose," Sale said.

Sale's next outing is opening day against Sonny Gray and the Athletics on Monday night in Oakland.

"It's great to come down here and get your bearings but we're all ready to start the race," Sale said.

Josh Altmann homered for Texas against Jake Petricka in the seventh.

Starting time

Rangers: Griffin continues his return from Tommy John surgery, performed in April 2014.

"I thought Griffin threw the ball well," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said. "I liked what we saw."

Griffin, 28, had a 3.60 ERA over two seasons with Oakland from 2012-13, and appears to have the inside track on a rotation spot in Texas, though Banister wouldn't eommit to him after Tuesday's game.

"That fastball-curveball mix, saw the changeup today," Banister said. "He battled against Frazier, eight-pitch at-bat I believe and Frazier finally got him but I felt like he made some quality pitches."

White Sox: Sale finished with two walks and 13 strikeouts in 16 2-3 spring innings. He did all of his work on the side in minor-league games until March 19, with the White Sox keeping him away from teams he would see in the first two weeks of the season.

It didn't seem to affect Sale's performance, particularly on Tuesday.

Made the team

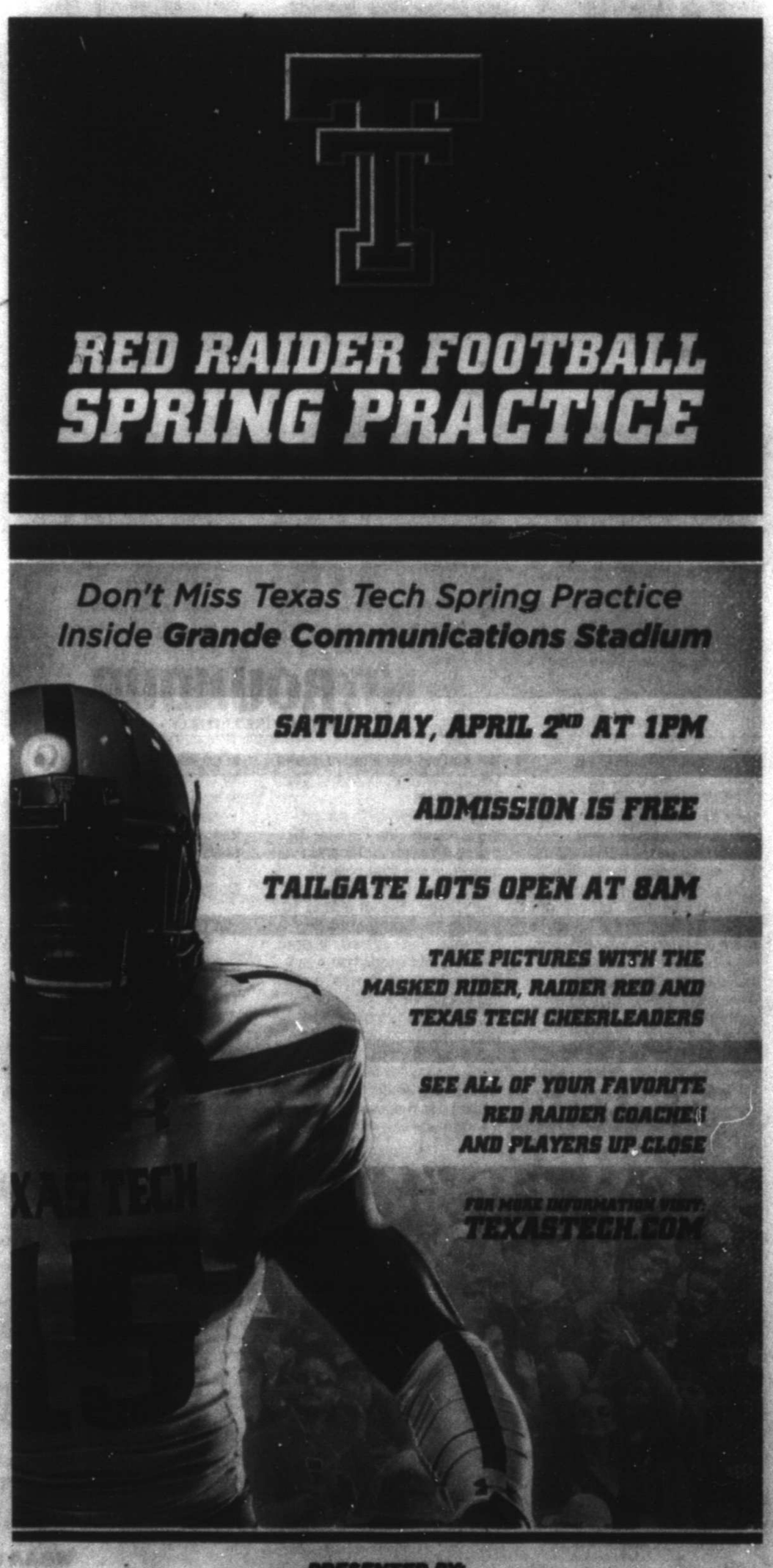
Shortstop Jimmy Rollins will be added to Chicago's 25-man roster in time for opening day. Rollins signed a minor league deal in February and gets a $2 million salary for making the team.

Rollins had two hits and drove in a run against the Rangers. The switch hitter struggled at the plate in his lone season with the Los Angeles Dodgers, hitting .224 last year with 13 homers and 41 RBIs.

Cutdown time

Before the game, Texas optioned pitcher Nick Martinez to Triple-A Round Rock, and released outfielder Drew Stubbs. Also released from minor league deals were outfielder Jordan Danks (brother of White Sox pitcher John Danks) and pitchers Adam Dian and Sam Stafford.

The White Sox sent infielders Carlos Sanchez, Matt Davidson, Leury Garcia and pitcher Tommy Kahnle to Triple-A Charlotte, and reassigned outfielder Jason Coats to minor league camp.



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KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: Kaoh Rong (N)		Criminal Minds "Tribute" (N)		CM:Beyond Borders "Denial" (N)	CBS 7 News	(35) Stephen Colbert		(35) J.Corden
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Happy Days	Laverne & Shirley	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Perry Mason	Twilight Zone
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KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	NewsWest 9 Now	Heartbeat "Backwards" (N)		SVU "Sheltered Outcasts" (N)		Chicago P.D. "If We Wyre Normal" (N)	NewsWest 9 at 10	(35) The Tonight Show		(35) Seth Meyers
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Nature "Animal Reunions" (N)		Nova "The Great Math Mystery"		TED Talks "Science and Wonder" (N)		Charlie Rose (N)	World News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	Un camino hacia el destino		Sueño de amor		Pasion y poder		El Hotel de los Secretos		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo
KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Fam. Feud	Closer "Time Bomb"		Closer "Good Faith"		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Office	Access H.
FLIX		340	575			165	(5:25) ★½ Billy's Holiday		★★★½ Wicker Park Josh Hartnett.				★½ The Gift ('00, Thr) Cate Blanchett.				★ Color of Night
HBO		300	559	14	14		(5:00) ★ The Longest Ride Britt Robertson.				Vice	Girls	Vinyl		★ San Andreas ('15, Act) Dwayne Johnson.		
HBO2		302	551	15	101	23	(5:00) ★ Insurgent		Only the Dead			★½ Get Shorty John Travolta.			(:15) Girls	Together	(:15) Ebola: Doctor's
HBO5		304	552	16	102		(:15) ★ Win Win ('11, Com/Dra) Paul Giamatti.				★ Max ('15, Fam) Josh Wiggins, Robbie Amell.				★★★ 11:14 Hilary Swank.		Movie
MAX		380	557	17	120	24	(:20) ★ The Drop ('14, Cri) Tom Hardy.				(:10) ★★★ Horrible Bosses 2				Banshee	Banshee	Movie
MAX2		382	558	18	122		(:20) ★★ Neighbors ('14, Com) Seth Rogen.				★ Insidious: Chapter 3			(:040) ★★★★ Inherent Vice Joaquin Phoenix.			
PLEX				96			(5:15) ★½ Girl		★★★½ The Freshman				(:45) ★★½ The Secret of My Success		(:40) ★ Brewster's Millions		
SHOW		320	565	19	140	25	(5:30) ★ Maru		★★ Sin City: A Dame to Kill for				★ Spring Broke ('13, Doc)		★★★ Pulp Fiction		
TMC		336	573	22	155	26	Movie		★½ The Talented Mr. Ripley ('99, Sus) Matt Damon.				★ Spring Breakers		(:35) ★ Iverson Allen Iverson.		
A&E		27	58	28	35	47	Wahlburgers "Directing Drama"		Wahlburgers (N)	Wahlburgers (N)	Wahlburgers (N)	Wahlburgers (N)	Donnie/Jenny (N)	Donnie/Jenny (N)	Wahlburgers	Wahlburgers	Wahlburgers: Ex.	Wahlburgers: Ex.
AMC		40	74	23	42	51	(4:30) ★ The Monum...		★★★ The Lost World: Jurassic Park ('97, Adv) Jeff Goldblum.						★★★ Rambo III Sylvester Stallone.			
BET		58	-		40		Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	About the Busin. (N)		About the Business		Wendy Williams	
BRAVO		65	76		41		The Real Housewives		Real Housewives (N)		Real Housewives		Housewives Atlanta		Real Housewives		Beverly Hills	
CNBC		46	52		39	72	Rich	Super Rich	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Rich (N)	Rich (N)	Rich	Rich	Rich	Rich
CNN		43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		CNN Newsroom	
DISC		50	60	31	24	42	Bering Sea Gold		Dredged Up (N)		Bering Sea Gold (N)		Survivor "Tonga" (N)		Bering Sea Gold		Bering Sea: Dredged	
DISNEY		56	64	36	25	36	Girl M.	Bunk'd	★ Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a ...			Austin	LivMad	Underc.	Friends	Bunk'd	So Raven	So Raven
ESPN		32	35	48	31	30	30 for 30 "Fantastic Lies"				H.S. Basketball All-American Game (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2		34	36	49	32	31	Tennis Miami Open Site: Tennis Center at Crandon Park -- Key Biscayne, Fla. (L)								Baseball Tonight (L)		Docu	J & J (N)
FNC		45	48	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD		64	70	27	68	54	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Restaurant (N)		Diners (N)	M. Diners	Diners	Diners
FREEFORM		53	63	34	42	33	(4:30) ★ Back to the...		Young (N)	Daddy (N)	★½ 17 Again ('09, Com/Dra) Zac Efron.				The 700 Club		★★★ Liar Liar	
FSSW		37	38	50	45	29	Player of the Year	H.S. Player of Week	Mavs Pre (L)	NBA Basketball New York Knicks at Dallas Mavericks Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)					Maveric-ks Live (L)	Stars Insider	Championship Spot. "Boys Basketball"	
FX		31	56	59	64	69	Movie	★ World War Z ('13, Act) Mireille Enos, Brad Pitt.					The Americans (N)		The Americans		O.J. Simpson	
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	Buying and Selling		Property Brothers		Property Brothers		H.Hunt	House	Property Brothers		Property Brothers	
HISTORY		71	59	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		Pawn (N)	Pawn S.	Join,Die	Pawn S.	American Pickers	
LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	48	Little Women: LA "Cancun or Bust"		Little Women: LA "The Party Continues"		Little Women: LA "Crossing the Line" (N)		Terra's Family (N)	Terra's Family (N)	Terra's Family	Terra's Family	Little Women: LA "The Party Continues"	
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				NHL Live! (L)		NHL Hockey Washington Capitals at Philadelphia Flyers (L)					(:45) NHL Overtime (L)	Rivals		ISU Figure Skating	
NICK		55	-	39	34	37	★ Splitting Adam (2015, Children)				F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	(4:00) ★ Iron Man 2		★ Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides Johnny Depp.						★ The Incredible Hulk Edward Norton.			
SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) ★ Charlie's An...		Face Off		Face Off (N)		Internet	Internet	Face Off		Internet	Movie
TBS		25	33	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld "The Pie"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)		2 Broke Girls	Conan
TCM		41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ Shock Corr...		★ Pennies From Heaven			★★★ The Artist			(:15) ★ The Sniper Adolphe Menjou.			
TELE		20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		Quien es quien?		Eva, La Trailera		El señor de los cielos		Al rojo	Titulares	Gran Hermano	
TLC		51	61	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life "Chad's Story"		600-lb Life "Ashley D's Story" (N)		My 600-lb Life: Now (SP) (N)		To Be Announced		My 600-lb Life: Now		To Be Announced	
TNT		24	34	40	26	50	Castle "Nanny McDead"		Castle "Hedge Fund Homeboys"		Castle "Hell Hath Ho Fury"		Castle "A Chill Goes Through Her Veins"		Castle "Always Buy Retail"		CSI: NY "Rest in Peace, Marina Garito"	
TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	Griffith	A. Griffith	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Lopez (N)	SoulMan	Gaffigan	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA		26	55	42	27	49	NCIS "Rock and a Hard Place"		NCIS "Page Not Found"		NCIS "Shooter"		NCIS "The Admiral's Daughter"		Modern Family	Modern Family	NCIS: Los Angeles "Black Budget"	
WGN		19	85				★★★ Backdraft ('91, Act) Kurt Russell. Two feuding firefighters assist a detective in the investigation of a mysterious arsonist.						Underground "Firefly"		Underground "Firefly"		Outsiders "Day Most Blessed"	

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Associated Press

Nashville Predators right wing James Neal (18) looks for the puck as he is pressured by Dallas Stars defenseman Alex Goligoski (33) during the second period of a game Tuesday in Dallas.

Stars beat Predators 5-2 to keep pace with Blues

Associated Press

DALLAS — Radek Faksa and Jason Spezza scored 46 seconds apart in the second period, and the Dallas Stars beat the Nashville Predators 5-2 on Tuesday night.

Dallas won for the fifth time in six games to keep pace with St. Louis for the Western Conference lead. Each team has 101 points with five games to play, but the tiebreaker currently belongs to the Stars.

Jamie Benn scored two goals for Dallas, and Kari Lehtonen made 27 saves. Patrick Sharp and Benn scored into an empty net during the final two minutes.

Nashville lost for the second straight night, hurting its chances of catching Chicago for third in the loaded Central Division.

Ryan Ellis scored a short-handed goal at 6:12 of the first period to give Nashville a 1-0 lead.

The Stars responded with three in a row. Benn scored his 38th goal on a breakaway at 10:55. In the second period, Faksa put in the rebound of Antoine Roussel's shot at 11:03 and Spezza held the puck on a 2-on-1 to beat Pekka Rinne for his 30th of the season.

Viktor Arvidsson got Nashville within one with a power-play goal at 14:41 of the second.

The Predators had chances to tie the game with 7:11 left when Filip Forsberg's shot hit the crossbar and 2:07 to play when Calle Jarnkrok hit the right post.

Rinne finished with 20 saves.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	76	44	27	5	93	214	182
Florida	76	42	25	9	93	218	189
Boston	77	40	29	8	88	223	209
Detroit	77	38	28	11	87	198	212
Ottawa	76	34	33	9	77	217	234
Montreal	77	35	36	6	76	205	224
Buffalo	77	31	35	11	73	185	210
Toronto	76	28	37	11	67	186	222

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
z-Washington	75	54	16	5	113	236	175
N.Y. Rangers	76	43	24	9	95	219	199
Pittsburgh	76	43	25	8	94	219	190
N.Y. Islanders	75	41	25	9	91	210	193
Philadelphia	75	37	25	13	87	196	199
New Jersey	77	37	32	8	82	173	194
Carolina	77	33	26	16	82	187	208
Columbus	76	30	38	8	68	195	257

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Dallas	77	46	22	9	101	252	220
x-St. Louis	77	46	22	9	101	206	186
x-Chicago	77	44	26	7	95	213	192
Nashville	77	39	25	13	91	215	199
Minnesota	77	38	28	11	87	210	190
Colorado	77	39	34	4	82	205	218
Winnipeg	76	31	38	7	69	194	223

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Los Angeles	76	45	26	5	95	208	180
x-Anaheim	75	42	23	10	94	196	179
x-San Jose	76	42	28	6	90	224	196
Arizona	76	34	35	7	75	189	226
Calgary	76	32	38	6	70	210	240
Vancouver	75	27	35	13	67	171	217
Edmonton	79	30	42	7	67	194	234

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

Scores and schedule

Tuesday's Scores
N.Y. Islanders 2, Carolina 1 SO
Pittsburgh 5, Buffalo 4 SO
New Jersey 2, Boston 1
Montreal 4, Detroit 3
Toronto 5, Florida 2
Minnesota 4, Chicago 1
St. Louis 3, Colorado 1
Dallas 5, Nashville 2
San Jose at Vancouver, late

Today's Games
Ottawa at Winnipeg, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

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LEVEL

For each of the three words below, change one letter to an E, and then rearrange the letters to spell the main word of a top mystery film title.

DIFUNCTIONAL

CORRUPTIONS

COMMENT

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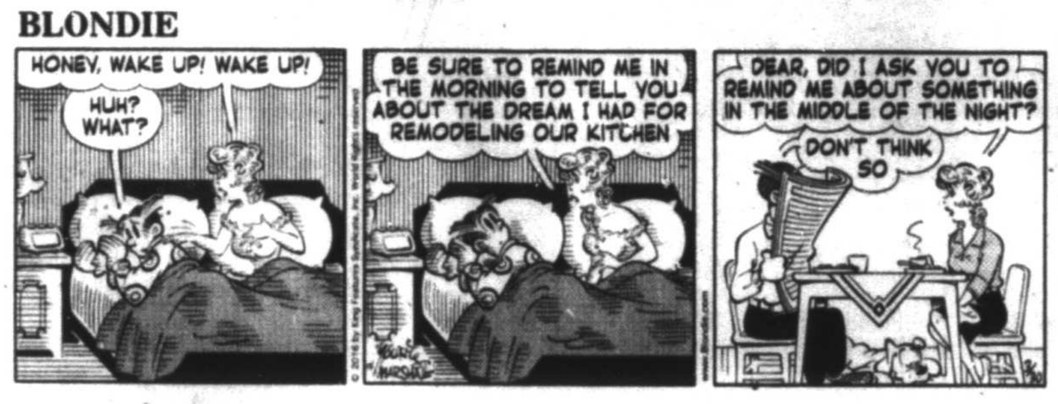

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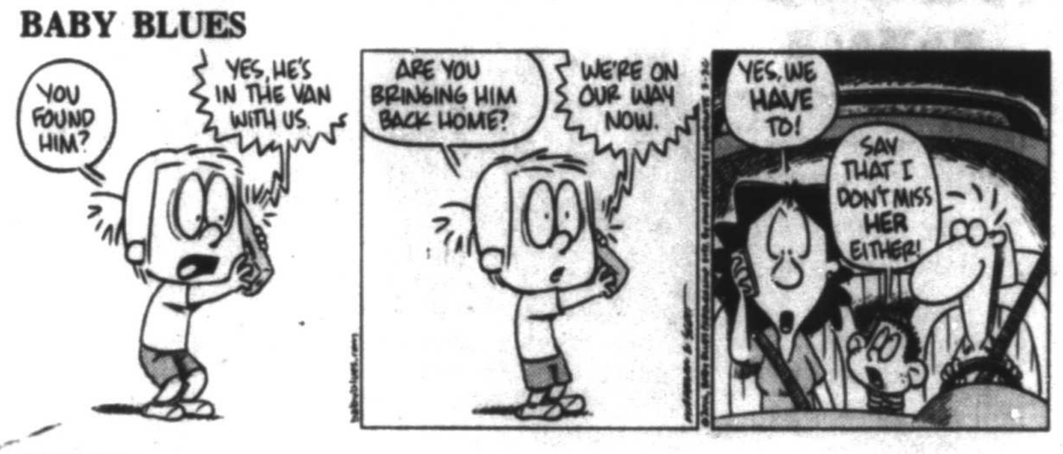

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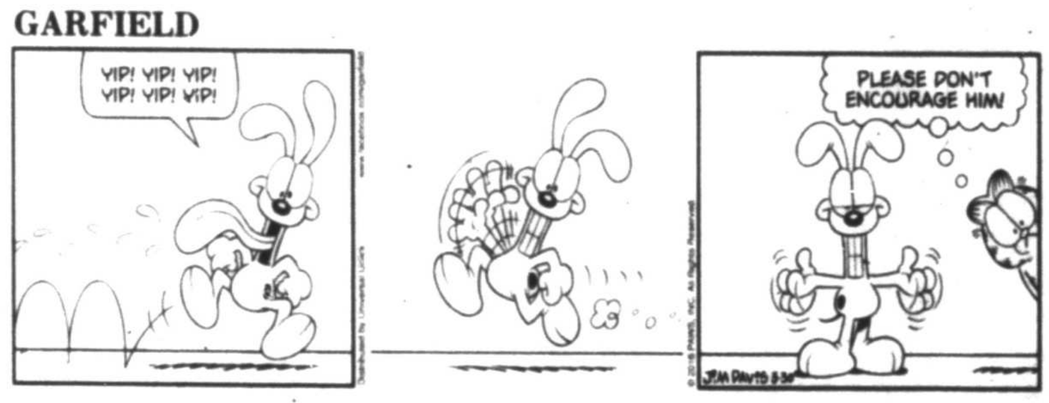

CLOSE TO HOME

"Give me a few minutes. I'm doing a little work on the side for Gertman's market."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"YOU TOLD ME TO GO TO BED. I CAME UP WITH THE *BOUNCING* PART ON MY OWN."

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

LOCKHORNS

"TRYING TO BRING YOU TOGETHER ISN'T TAKING HER SIDE, MR. LOCKHORN."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"What's wrong with it?"

WIZARD OF ID

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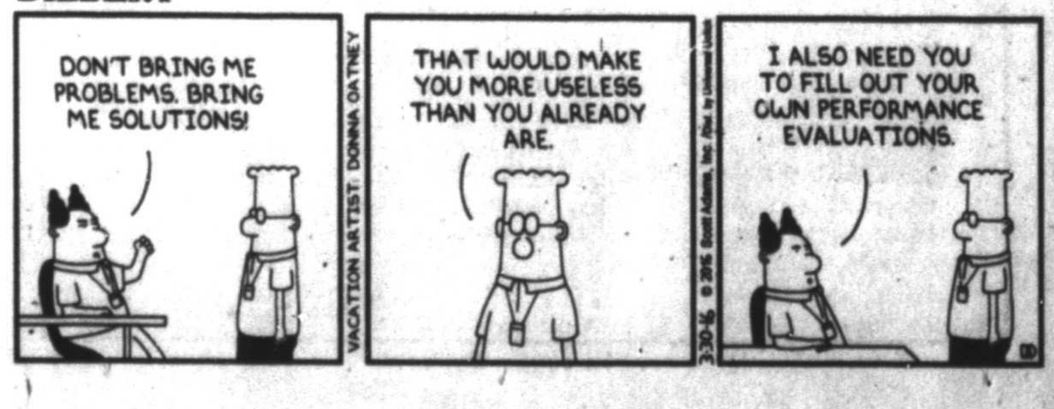

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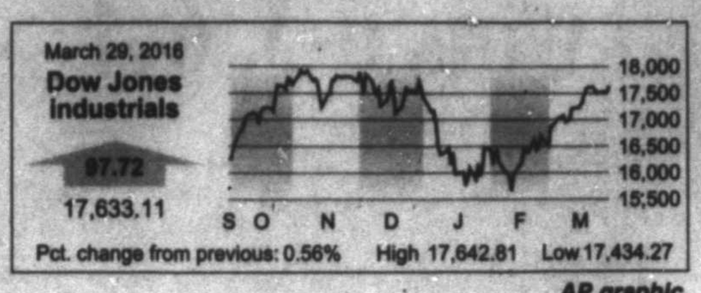

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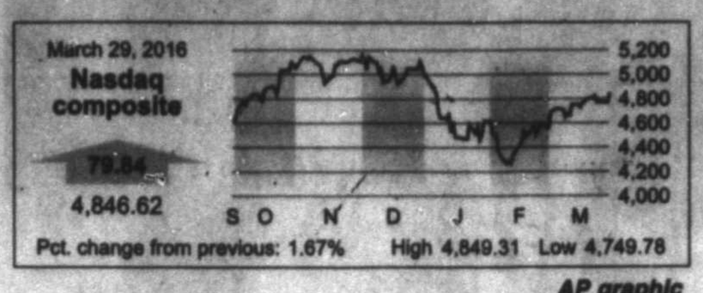

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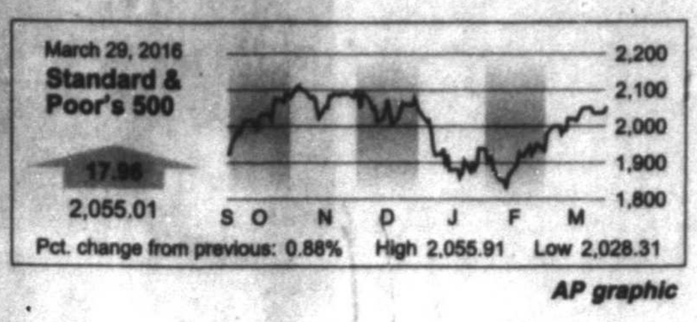

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Tuesday: $38.28
Previous: $39.39

POSTED

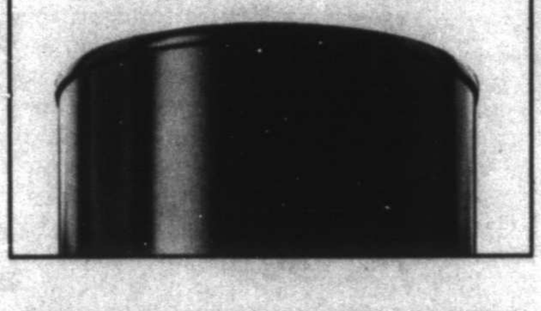
Tuesday: $34.75
Previous: $35.75

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Tuesday: $30.15
Previous: $31.15

NATURAL GAS

Tuesday: $1.903
Previous: $1.848



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Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
MidWGold	1033228	20.54	+1.12
BkofAm	1002189	13.42	-.20
S&P500ETF	866499	205.12	+1.88
iShEMkts	785254	33.93	+.46
DirDGldBr	737879	3.01	-.59

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CastleAM	2.75	+.45	+19.6
ClayEng	8.12	+.96	+13.7
Buenavent	7.06	+.81	+13.0
CLECO	55.13	+6.32	+12.9
AshWPrm	11.47	+1.25	+12.2

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PumaBiotc	27.92	-7.45	-21.1
DnGlMbr rs	5.31	-1.23	-18.8
DirDGldBr	3.01	-.59	-16.4
PacrGlHl n	26.81	-4.99	-15.7
PrSUtsJvM	7.42	-1.01	-11.9

Diary

Advanced	2,462
Declined	629
Unchanged	91
Total issues	3,182
New Highs	202
New Lows	11
Volume	3,702,840,954

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	36312	3.83	+.33
BGold g	30479	1.74	+.13
Globalstar	28482	1.48	+.01
ChanterraEn	23421	33.19	-.01
BarcGSOil	17693	5.17	-.10

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SnchzPP rs	13.00	+1.42	+12.3
AmShrd	2.19	+.21	+10.6
NwGold g	3.83	+.33	+9.4
AskanoG g	2.21	+.16	+7.8
MAG Slv g	9.84	+.70	+7.7

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
YumaE pfA	3.01	-.16	-5.0
Arrhythm	4.35	-.21	-4.5
NanoVric	2.75	-.13	-4.5
ComvtSec	2.30	-.10	-4.2
Innsuites	2.34	-.10	-4.0

Diary

Advanced	231
Declined	140
Unchanged	21
Total issues	392
New Highs	12
New Lows	5
Volume	67,501,399

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CSVxSh rs	401440	4.60	-.48
Hologic	310361	34.50	-.07
Apple Inc	305454	107.68	+2.49
MicronT	304361	10.45	+.07
Facebook	294879	116.14	+2.45

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
HemTher h	19.68	+3.43	+21.1
DipexumP	8.52	+1.33	+18.5
StrgvBio n	4.58	+.67	+17.1
HmaxTch	12.00	+1.72	+16.7
HrvrdBio	3.10	+.44	+16.5

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Conns	11.81	-3.84	-24.5
TerraFrm n	2.03	-.47	-18.8
FulngGbl n	2.27	-.39	-14.7
DestMatrn	7.49	-1.25	-14.3
LeadgBr g	2.05	-.33	-13.9

Diary

Advanced	2,095
Declined	726
Unchanged	142
Total issues	2,963
New Highs	69
New Lows	47
Volume	1,723,837,155

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Executives of Diamondback Energy are honored Tuesday by the Midland Wildcat Committee.

Young company honored to be recognized by Wildcat Committee

By Mella McEwen
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Standing in the ballroom of the Petroleum Club as guests lined up outside the doors, Travis Stice felt a bit humbled.

President and Chief Executive Officer of Diamondback Energy, Stice said he was honored that his company, barely three years old, was being recognized by the Midland Wildcat Committee.

"We are honored at being recognized in our own hometown by the committee. If you look at the (list of past honorees), it's a pretty esteemed list, and we're very grateful to be recognized. In this room are not only some of the patriarchs of the energy industry but some of the brightest men and women in the whole industry," he said.

Diamondback is run with a focus on conservative management of its finances, but it will occasionally think outside the box. For example, in the summer of 2014, it formed Viper Energy Partners, a master limited partnership to own, acquire and develop oil and natural gas properties. Diamondback owns 88 percent.

"The fact that we own the minerals continues to be differential to Diamondback," said Stice. "The deal flow related to those minerals is picking up."

He continued, "The fact we've demonstrated improved economics at Diamondback by owning the minerals is highlighted by the price decline that's forced us to show break-even costs."

Low drilling and completion costs and ownership of the minerals has created low break-even costs for Diamondback, he said. "To have low break-even costs in the best basin and the most economic basin" is good fortune, he added.

Having very little debt on its books has made Diamondback attractive to investors. "As prices fell toward the end of 2014 and through 2015, low debt companies became a safe haven for investors," Stice explained.

The company is keeping a close eye on price directions to determine its next moves.

"For the first time in our brief career, we have issued guidance that is wide. We feel these low oil prices require greater fiscal discipline and capital management and that's why our guidance is so wide," he said.

Currently operating three rigs, he said the company could lower that to one rig if prices remain in the $25 to $35 range or ramp up to five or six rigs if prices rebound to $50 or $60 a barrel. A decision, based on oil price levels, on whether to maintain three rigs will be made within a couple of months, he said.

Historically, when returns to investors are increasing, the company increases activity "into that environment. But when returns start decreasing, the company pulls back on activity, he said.

"As we exited 2015 and entered 2016, we sent a message that capital management mattered. We've never been about growth for the sake of growth," Stice said.

The company likes its position in the North Midland Basin, which he said is home to shale deposits that are the most economic anywhere.

The company has also grown through accretive acquisitions and Stice predicted stressed assets will be coming onto the market in the not-to-distant future.

The fact no significant deals have been announced during the first three months of the year tells him the spread between bid and ask "is pretty wide" as sellers are seeking high prices in order to gain cash or pay debts while buyers are being more cautious, "especially if they have some debt."

Stocks close at highest level

Stocks closed at their highest level of the year Tuesday as investors welcomed the latest signal from the Federal Reserve that it will move slowly to raise interest rates. Big names including Apple and Microsoft led technology stocks higher as the market made its biggest gain in two weeks.

Stocks rose after Yellen confirmed that the Fed isn't in a hurry to raise interest rates. The Fed made similar points just two weeks ago, but since then, some members of the Fed's decision making committee had said they thought it was time for rates to go higher. Yellen's remarks boosted all corners of the market, and the price of gold rose along with stocks. Bond prices also rose and yields sank.

"A little bit of self-doubt started to enter the trading public's mind," said Sam Stovall, U.S. equity strategist for S&P Capital IQ.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 97.72 points, or 0.6 percent, to 17,633.11. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 17.96 points, or 0.9 percent, to 2,055.01 Aided by the gains in tech stocks and in small cap stocks, the Nasdaq composite index climbed 79.84 points, or 1.7 percent, to 4,846.62.

Metals end mixed

Silver picked up 4 cents to $15.23 an ounce. Copper prices slumped 3 cents, or 1.4 percent, to $2.21 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $8.12 Up 0.98

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $103.49 Up 1.64

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.69 Down 0.05

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $77.16 Up 0.70

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $0.82 Down 0.07

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $2.57 Down 0.09

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $21.76 Up 0.60

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $28.86 Up 0.66

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $5.20 Up 0.20

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $15.86 Down 0.33

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.92	17	39.45	+.38	+14.6
Abraxas	...	...	.98	+.00	-7.8
AdeDvsEq	.92e	...	12.57	+.07	-2.0
Alcoa	.12	17	9.72	+.02	-1.5
AlonUSA	.50	14	10.16	-.17	-31.5
Ambev	.19e	...	5.27	...	+18.2
Amgen	4.00	16	149.49	+1.12	-7.9
Anadarko	.20m	...	46.23	+.80	-4.8
Apache	1.00	...	48.56	+.15	+9.2
Apple Inc	2.08	11	107.68	+2.49	+2.3
ApldMatl	.40	19	20.89	+.39	+10.3
Archrock	.75f	...	7.21	+.22	-4.1
ATMOS	1.68f	24	74.33	+1.76	+17.9
AutoData	2.12	28	89.43	+1.13	+5.6
BP PLC	2.40e	...	30.35	-.97	-2.9
BabcCClnv	1.20	...	17.07	-.21	-1.0
BakrHu	.68	...	42.72	-1.15	-7.4
BcoBrad s	.44e	...	7.65	+.15	+59.0
BkofAm	.20	10	13.42	-.20	-20.3
B PVixST	...	...	17.95	-1.10	-10.7
BarrickG	.06	48	14.05	+.44	+90.4
BasicEnSv	...	...	2.70	...	+.7
BertHa A	...	15212	800.00	+674.99	+7.6
BltHillsCp	1.68f	41	60.83	+2.06	+30.6
BrMySq	1.52f	46	64.19	+1.42	-6.7
BrownFA	1.36f	33	105.62	+1.45	-4.1
BrownFB	1.36f	30	98.48	+1.94	-.8
CVS Health	1.70f	21	102.47	+.83	+4.8
CallResrcs	...	...	1.05	-.12	-54.9
Cameron	...	18	66.57	+.11	+5.3
Caterpillar	3.08	15	76.01	+.89	+11.8
Celestic g	...	13	10.89	+.21	-1.3
Ceritane s	...	22	62.60	+.21	-4.9
CntryLink	2.16	20	31.59	+.51	+25.6
ChesEng	...	...	4.04	-.11	-10.2
Chevron	4.28	39	95.32	+.64	+6.0
Chicos	.32f	46	12.89	+.28	+20.8
Cimarex	.32m	...	96.75	+1.30	+8.2
Cisco	1.04f	14	28.10	+.20	+4.3
Citigroup	.20	10	41.72	-.20	-19.4
CleyEng	...	...	8.12	+.88	-72.5
CocaCola	1.40f	26	40.48	+.68	+8.3
ColgPalm	1.88f	26	70.51	+.80	+5.8
ColuPipln n	.52f	...	25.06	+.04	+25.3

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConAgra	1.00	24	44.44	+.16	+5.4
ConchoRes	...	...	103.49	+1.64	+11.4
ConocoPhil	1.00m	...	39.62	-.06	-15.1
Crackerb	4.40a	22	153.86	+3.67	+21.3
CSVelNVST	...	...	25.42	+1.36	-1.5
CSVixSh rs	...	...	4.60	-.48	-26.5
CrwnCstn	1.45e	9	14.89	+.21	+14.5
DCP Mid	3.12	30	26.61	+.65	+7.9
DTE	2.92f	20	90.87	+1.59	+13.3
Dataram h	...	...	.73	+.02	+10.6
DevonE	.24m	...	26.09	+.25	-18.5
DirDGldBr	...	...	3.01	-.59	-81.8
Disney	1.42f	18	98.16	+.07	-6.6
DowChm	1.84f	12	51.12	+.02	-.7
eBay s	...	16	24.10	-.02	-12.3
EOG Resrc	.67	...	75.45	+.92	+6.6
EmpDist	1.04	26	33.68	+.82	+20.0
EnCana g	.06m	...	5.85	+.06	+14.9
Energen	.08	...	34.47	+.94	-15.9
EngyTsfr	4.22f	...	29.77	+.42	-11.7
EnPro	.84f	...	58.56	+1.27	+33.6
ENSCO	.60	...	10.30	-.42	-33.1
EntProdPt	1.56f	19	24.31	+.01	-5.0
Ericsson	.43e	...	9.74	+.18	+1.4
ExxonMbl	2.92	22	84.53	+.31	+8.4
Facebook	...	76	116.14	+2.45	+11.0
FstInRT	.76f	27	22.96	+.28	+3.8
FordM	.60a	8	13.20	+.11	-6.3
FrptMcM	...	...	10.14	...	+49.6
GATX	1.60f	9	47.30	+1.15	+11.2
GabMultT	.94e	...	7.27	+.17	-3.1
GAInv	1.15e	...	30.87	+.39	-3.4
GenElec	.92	...	31.48	+.01	+1.1
GenMotors	1.52f	9	31.19	+.17	-8.3
GtBasSci rs	...	...	.16	-.02	-61.2
GtPlainEn	1.00f	24	32.25	+.56	+18.1
HalconRs rs	...	...	1.04	-.01	-17.5
Halliburtn	.72	...	36.02	-.07	+2.9
Hologic	...	42	34.50	-.07	-10.8
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	28.74	+.06	+23.3
iShJapan	.13e	...	11.64	+.12	-4.0
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	33.34	+.33	-5.5
iShEMkts	.84e	...	33.93	+.46	+5.4
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	57.30	+.81	-2.4

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShR2K	1.73e	...	113.31	+2.96	-2.1
Intel	1.04	14	32.38	+.48	-4.0
InterDig	.80	17	54.54	+1.44	+11.2
IsuUnlbH	.45e	...	8.73	+.04	+34.3
JD.com	...	...	26.42	+.80	-18.1
JPMorgCh	1.76	10	59.03	-.37	-10.0
JohnJn	3.00	18	109.14	+.91	+6.3
KeryxBio	...	...	4.94	+.39	-2.2
KimbCltk	3.88f	30	134.99	+.75	+6.0
KindMorg	.50m	27	17.65	-.16	+18.3
Kinross g	...	...	3.36	+.34	+84.6
LegacyRes	.60m	...	.82	-.07	-53.1
Lulys	...	...	4.86	-.07	+8.7
MarathnO	.20m	...	10.40	+.24	-17.4
MidWGold	.12a	...	20.54	+1.12	+49.7
McDnlds	3.52f	25	123.97	+.80	+4.9
Merck	1.84f	25	53.32	+.49	+.9
MeritMed	...	34	18.37	+.06	-1.2
MexcoEn	...	...	2.57	-.09	-20.5
MicronT	...	6	10.45	+.07	-26.2
Microsoft	1.44	35	54.71	+1.17	-1.4
MorgStan	.60	9	24.78	+.06	-22.1
Nabors	.24	...	8.93	+.25	+4.9
NatGrid	3.35e	...	71.90	+1.35	+3.4
NOilVarco	1.84	12	31.32	-.17	-6.5
Netflix s	...	...	104.13	+2.92	-9.0
NvMAd	.78e	...	14.29	+.04	+3.2
NvPfSl	.72e	...	14.09	...	+3.1
NuvPI	.82e	...	14.42	+.06	+2.3
NSTRG	.56e	...	14.87	+.07	+2.3
NTXQI	.65	...	14.86	+.04	+3.0
OcciPet	3.00	51	67.93	-.10	+.5
OfficeDpt	...	...	7.59	+.15	+34.6
Oracle	.60	20	40.70	+.08	+11.9
Pandora	...	...	9.64	+.04	-28.1
ParTech	...	...	5.76	-.04	-14.4
ParkDrl	...	...	2.11	+.04	+15.9
PattUTI	.40	...	16.98	+.23	+12.6
PennaRE	.84	...	21.88	+.09	-1.4
Pmlan	.35e	17	5.90	-.11	+16.6
Petrobras	...	...	5.83	+.04	+35.6
Pfizer	1.20f	18	30.05	+.27	-6.9
PioNtrl	.08	66	139.84	+2.42	+11.5
PlainsAAP	2.80	14	30.25	-.56	-12.5
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	108.83	+1.72	-2.7

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Praxair	3.00f	21	112.46	+.01	+9.8
PrmEgy	...	16	33.39	...	-37.0
PUVixST rs	...	...	20.11	-2.62	-29.1
ProctGam	2.65	27	82.80	+.18	+4.3
RangeRs	.08m	...	33.15	+1.31	+34.7
RegionsFn	.24	12	7.90	-.15	-17.7
Rowan	.40	20	15.31	-.43	-9.7
RoyDShlA	3.76	73	48.06	-.08	+5.0
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	176.07	+.95	+1.2
SpdrGold	...	...	118.76	+2.16	+17.1
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	205.12	+1.88	+.6
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	29.93	+.41	-1.0
SabnR	2.50e	9	29.21	-.42	+11.2
SanderFm	.88e	13	89.89	+1.61	+16.0
Schlmbrg	2.00	22	73.00	+.20	+4.7
SiriusXM	...	39	3.94	+.03	-3.3
Smucker	2.68	35	129.98	+.38	+5.4
SwstnEngy	...	...	8.00	+.50	+12.5
Sprint	...	...	3.42	+.16	-5.5
SP Engy	2.04e	...	61.80	+.29	+2.5
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	22.42	+.04	-5.9
SP Util	1.55e	...	49.45	+.72	+14.3
Staples	.48	1	11.10	+.20	+17.2
SunEdison	...	...	.57	-.69	-68.8
SunocoLog	1.92f	36	24.22	+.54	-5.8
TeleflEsp	1.03e	...	11.15	+.28	+.8

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Tesoro	2.00	6	89.72	-.29	-14.9
3M Co	4.44f	21	164.39	-1.89	+9.1
Torchmark	.56f	13	54.25	-.17	-4.9
Transocn	...	...	8.68	-.43	-28.3
TriContl	.82e	...	19.88	+.22	-.7
Twitter	...	...	15.97	+.37	-31.0
TylerTech	...	61	130.16	+6.67	-25.3
USSI	1.32	19	36.73	+.81	-.7
US OilFd	...	...	9.80	-.21	-10.9
USSteel	.20	...	16.12	+.55	+102.0
Vale SA	.29e	...	4.12	-.01	+25.2
ValeantPh	...	...	26.98	+.12	-71.5
ValeroE	2.40f	7	65.28	+.04	-7.7
VangEmg	1.10e	...	34.23	+.33	+4.6
VulcanM	.80f	61	105.93	+.34	+11.5
WEC Engy	1.98f	25	59.59	+.91	+16.1
WalgBoots	1.44	26	83.02	+.23	-2.5
WellsFargo	1.50	12	48.05	-.65	-11.6
WstnRefin	1.52f	7	29.64	+.11	-16.8
WhitingPet	...	...	7.46	+.12	-21.0
WmsCos	2.56	79	15.70	+.56	-38.9
XcelEngy	1.38f	21	41.66	+.50	+16.0
Xerox	.31f	23	10.83	+.24	+1.9
Yahoo	...	...	36.32	+1.09	+9.2
Yamana g	.06	...	3.10	+.21	+66.7

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INDEXES

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	17,633.11	+97.72	+.56	+1.19	-.80
8,953.15	6,403.31	Dow Jones Transportation	7,361.81	+92.90	+1.18	+5.90	-9.04
664.58	539.96	Dow Jones Utilities	606.87	+8.69	+1.47	+15.43	+13.81
11,254.87	8,937.39	NYSE Composite	10,190.40	+83.96	+.83	+.46	-8.50
5,231.94	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	4,846.62	+79.83	+1.67	-3.21	-1.11
2,134.72	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,055.01	+17.96	+.88	+.54	-.62
1,551.28	1,215.14	S&P Midcap	1,443.44	+25.09	+1.77	+3.21	-5.29
22,537.15	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	21,152.07	+224.75	+1.07	-.07	-3.63
1,296.00	943.09	Russell 2000	1,109.08	+28.85	+2.67	-2.36	-11.47

US back on track in qualifying with 4-0 win over Guatemala

By Craig Merz
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The United States got back on track for a berth in the 2018 World Cup, ending four nervous days with a 4-0 win over Guatemala on Tuesday night behind goals from Clint Dempsey, Geoff Cameron, Graham Zusi and Jozy Altidore.

Following a dismal 2-0 loss at Guatemala City on Friday night in which Jurgen Klinsmann played several players out of their most comfortable positions, the U.S. coach made five lineup changes and shifted two others into their more usual spots.

Dempsey scored 12 minutes in and Cameron doubled the lead in the 35th. Zusi, added to the roster on Sunday, added a goal just 20 seconds into the second half and Jozy Altidore capped the scoring in the 89th.

A loss would have made it virtually impossible for the U.S. to finish among the top two teams in the group and reach the six-nation finals of North and Central America and the Caribbean, but the victory put the U.S. in good position to advance. The Americans are 27-0-2 at home in qualifying since 2001.

In Group C's other game, Trinidad and Tobago won 6-0 at home against St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Trinidad (3-0-1) leads with 10 points, three ahead of the U.S. (2-1-1). Guatemala (2-2) has six points, and St. Vincent (0-4) has been eliminated. Seeking its eighth straight World Cup berth, the U.S. travels to St. Vincent on Sept. 2, then finishes the round four days later against Trinidad at Jacksonville, Florida.

Midfielder Christian Pulisic, also added to the roster Sunday, made his debut in the 81st minute. At 17 years, 193 days, Pulisic became the youngest American in a qualifier. By appearing in the game, Pulisic became ineligible to play for Croatia, the nation of his grandfather.

The U.S. went ahead after Cameron headed a Guatemala goal kick to Bobby Wood, who jumped over a tackle and sent the ball back to Cameron. From the edge of the center circle, Cameron looped a pass just inside the penalty area to a streaking Gyasi Zardes, who was flanked by Moises Hernandez and Rafael Morales. Zardes used the side of his head to knock the ball down for the trailing Dempsey, who tan onto the ball after two bounces and first-timed a 14-yard right-footed shot to the right of goalkeeper Paulo Motta.

Dempsey scored his 49th international goal, eight behind Landon Donovan's American record. Dempsey has six goals in 10 games against Guatemala and a U.S.-record 14 in World Cup qualifying, one more than Donovan.

It was a rare opening goal for the U.S., which conceded first in nine of its previous 11 matches.

Cameron doubled the lead after Wood was fouled by Cristian Jimenez. Michael Bradley took the free kick, and Cameron got in front of Carlos Castrillo, heading in Michael Bradley's free kick from 8 yards for his fourth international goal.

At the start of the second half, Yedlin played the ball to Zardes, who allowed it to bounced off him. Zusi ran in and got off a quick shot for his fourth U.S. goal, his first since October 2013 in a qualifier at Panama. Ethan Finlay of the hometown Columbus Crew had a goal disallowed late because of a questionable offsides called on Altidore.

Rodrigo Saravia of the Crew gave the ball away to Dempsey, who fed Altidore for his 34th U.S. goal.

Klinsmann shifted Cameron to central defense from right back and moved DeAndre Yedlin to right back from midfield, putting the pair at positions they play more regularly with their clubs in England.

Defender Steve Birnbaum, midfielders Kyle Beckerman and Zusi, and Zardes were inserted into the lineup along with goalkeeper Brad Guzan, who had been scheduled to rotate with Tim Howard.

Other dropped players included the central defense pairing of Omar Gonzalez and Michael Orozco, and midfielders Mix Diskerud and Alejandro Bedoya, who has a sore ankle.

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The United States' Geoff Cameron, right, celebrates a goal against Guatemala with teammate Edgar Castillo during the first half of a World Cup qualifying soccer match Tuesday in Columbus, Ohio.

Djokovic reaches quarterfinals at Miami Open, wins 6-3, 6-4

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Novak Djokovic rolled his eyes after a backhand found the net, shrugged after an early barrage of errors, double-faulted eight times and even heard the crowd at times pulling for his opponent.

None of it wound up mattering. Even when not at his sharpest, Djokovic is nearly impossible to beat.

Looking for his fifth title on Key Biscayne in six years, the world's top player reached the quarterfinals Tuesday with a 6-3, 6-4 win over 14th-seeded Dominic Thiem of Austria. Djokovic will meet seventh-seeded Tomas Berdych — who grinded out a three-set win over 10th-seeded Richard Gasquet of France — in the Miami Open semifinals.

"It was far from easy," Djokovic said. "I struggled a lot."

Djokovic moved to 25-1 on the year, 27-1 in his last 28 matches on Key Biscayne. The Serbian star also moved a step closer to becoming the tournament's first back-to-back-to-back winner since Andre Agassi in 2001, 2002 and 2003. He fended off 14 of the 15 break points he faced and hasn't dropped a set so far in the tournament.

"That's a positive, in a way," Djokovic said of his success on break points. "I try not to get myself in those positions too much."

Thiem was no pushover, and seemed the farthest thing from intimidated.

He cranked his serve up to 141 mph, recorded 11 of the match's first 16 winners and twice got games on Djokovic's serve to last 10 minutes before the world No. 1 would ultimately prevail. Perhaps it shouldn't have been surprising, since he and Djokovic came into the day leading the tour with 24 wins apiece this year.

"With one of 15 break points, you cannot beat anyone, probably," Thiem said. "For sure, not Djokovic."

Thiem nearly broke Djokovic to get to 5-4 in the first, before a review showed that the backhand that looked like a winner actually sailed a tad long. Djokovic hopped from his seat — he was already in changeover mode — and took advantage, winning to finish off the opening set. He double-faulted to give Thiem a break and knot the second set at 3-3, but broke right back and eventually closed out the win.

"He's still very young," Djokovic said of Thiem, 22, the youngest player ranked in the top 20. "He's been playing some of his best tennis the last couple of months. We'll definitely see a lot of him in the future."

Berdych needed nearly 2 1/2 hours to win 6-4, 3-6, 7-5, with the temperature reaching the mid-80s and the humidity making it seem much warmer on the court. A slew of upsets knocked out most of the tournament's top seeds, although Berdych hasn't seen his side of the draw open up much with all that star power going home early.

And now, Djokovic awaits him.

"I'm just going to try and focus on my game, try to play some good tennis, stick with the things that are working well so far for me and just try to go for it no matter who's going to be the opponent," Berdych said.

Gilles Simon easily reached the men's quarterfinals, needing only 58 minutes to beat fellow Frenchman Lucas Pouille 6-0, 6-1. No. 12 seed Milos Raonic of Canada, No. 15 David Goffin of Belgium and No. 24 Nick Kyrgios of Australia also advanced to the quarters with straight-set victories.

Switzerland's Timea Bacsinszky, who has been the comeback queen on Key Biscayne, reached the women's semifinals after another three-set marathon. The 19th-seeded Bacsinszky rallied to top fifth-seeded Simona Halep of Romania 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 in the quarterfinals.

"It's something amazing," Bacsinszky said. "I'm really happy today."

A Russian player will oppose her in the semis, either 15th-seeded Svetlana Kuznetsova or 30th-seeded Ekaterina Makarova.

It was the second straight win against a top-five seed for Bacsinszky, both coming after she dropped the opening set and exceeding the two-hour mark. She ousted third-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska in the round of 16, and needed 2:28 to beat Halep.

With Halep out, the only top-10 seed left in the women's draw is No. 2 Angelique Kerber of Germany. She plays Madison Keys of the U.S. in the quarterfinals Wednesday.

HOUSTON

From 1C

he became the first player in more than 60 years to never let anyone closer than three shots after the opening round.

For the Houston Open, however, it was more than just a change in dates.

Timms got together with agronomists and the PGA Tour staff to try to create something unique, with Augusta National in mind. No one will ever confuse Golf Club of Houston with Augusta National (one serves brisket, the other pimiento cheese). But there were enough characteristics to make it an ideal place for those who wanted to compete.

The banks and mounds around the greens were closely mown. The rough was shaved down. The fairways were mown from the green to the tee so that the grain is into the player, just like at Augusta. The greens are firm (weather permitting) and fast, estimated at 12 on the Stimpmeter.

"Now it's become our identity," Timms said. "And we've had the good fortune of having a number of players that have played here and won the next week."

Angel Cabrera (2009), Mickelson (2010), Charl Schwartzel (2011) and Spieth (2015) all played Houston the week before slipping into a green jacket.

Houston's field used to be so week that the winner received 22 world ranking points in 2006 when it was two weeks after the Masters. The first year after changing dates, the winner received 46 points.

And then came the biggest break of all. The Masters restored its tradition that PGA Tour winners (except opposite-field events) would get into the Masters starting in 2008. That gave Houston another layer of drama, with players such as Johnson Wagner and Matt Jones getting into Augusta at the last possible minute.

Since then, the winner has received an average of 54.5 points. One year, the Shell Houston Open had a stronger field than any regular tour event on the Florida swing.

Still, it's a player's choice. Jason Day was headed to Augusta National later this week to start preparing. So was Adam Scott. Both play a limited schedule, anyway.

"My argument is if you really wanted to practice for the Augusta setup, why don't you just go to Augusta?" Schwartzel said.

Those playing in the Shell Houston Open want that last chance to get into the Masters, or they're already in and want to get sharp.

"They want to practice their competitiveness," Schwartzel said. "You're not looking to find some sort of game. It's too late to find a game now."

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Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE #1

Callon Petroleum Operating Company is hereby providing Notice of Intent to Move in Equipment and Spud the Pecan Acres 22A3 #6H well located 280' FNL and 335' FEL of Section 22, Block 40, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas, within the City Limits of Midland. This notice is a requirement of the City of Midland Under Title VI, Chapter 1, Section 23 labeled "Ordinance No. 8769" more particularly found under Section L (7) effective January 1, 2010.

Notice Of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit

XTO Energy, Inc., Opr. No. 945936, 500 W. Illinois Street, Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79701 applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to amend an existing injection permit to an inject produced water and salt water into a porous formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the Clearfork Formation in the Fullerton Clearfork Unit Lease, well number 936W. The proposed injection well is located 5.5 miles north from Frankel City in the Fullerton Field, in Andrews County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5660' - 7300' feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

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Proposals will be received at PVACD's offices, 2303 East Second Street, Roswell, New Mexico 88201, until 4:00 p.m., Friday, April 22, 2016. Submitted proposals will not be publicly opened. Any proposals received after closing time will be rejected and returned unopened. The fact that a proposal was dispatched will not be considered.

Copies of the Request can be obtained in person at the office of the Superintendent at 2303 East Second Street, Roswell, New Mexico 88201, on the PVACD website at www.pvacd.com under the heading of RFP, or will be mailed upon written or telephone request to Aron Balok, Superintendent, at 575-622-7000.

PVACD reserves the right to reject any/all proposals and waive all informalities as deemed in the best interest of the District.

Aron Balok
PVACD
Superintendent

Legal & Public Notices

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

For one (1) Standalone Duplex Mud/Slurry Pump

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Aron Balok
PVACD
Superintendent

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE #4

Callon Petroleum Operating Company is hereby providing Notice of Intent to Move in Equipment and Spud the Pecan Acres 23 PSA 2 #16AH well located 577' FNL and 2,520' FEL of Section 23, Block 40, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas, within the City Limits of Midland. This notice is a requirement of the City of Midland Under Title VI, Chapter 1, Section 23 labeled "Ordinance No. 8769" more particularly found under Section L (7) effective January 1, 2010.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE #2

Callon Petroleum Operating Company is hereby providing Notice of Intent to Move in Equipment and Spud the Pecan Acres 22A4 #6H well located 250' FNL and 335' FEL of Section 22, Block 40, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas, within the City Limits of Midland. This notice is a requirement of the City of Midland Under Title VI, Chapter 1, Section 23 labeled "Ordinance No. 8769" more particularly found under Section L (7) effective January 1, 2010.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE #3

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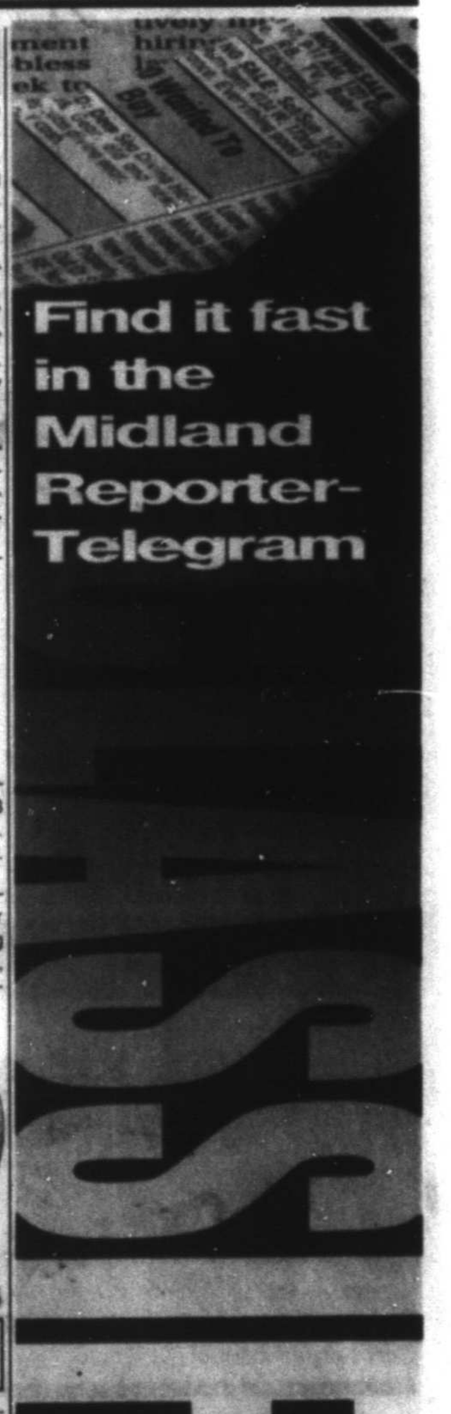

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