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Greenwood's Ryan Pate will begin play in the Class 4A State Tournament today, the last in her high school career. In four years Pate has won a district title, played in four Region I tournaments and won a Region I-4A title.

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Market indicators drive new optimism for oil

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

Energy companies are suffering through their darkest period yet, reporting another quarter of plunging earnings, shrinking cash, and widespread layoffs. But there is growing optimism that the oil bust is nearing its bottom — and possibly poised to begin a slow turnaround as early as this summer.

Even as oil field services giants Halliburton and Schlumberger said they cut a combined 14,000 over the past three months, oil prices hit their highest levels since November on Friday. Production in the United States and almost everywhere else is declining as demand for gasoline and other petroleum products grows. The International Energy Agency projects world oil demand to exceed current production by September.

"This is not a head fake. We've seen the lows in oil prices," said Bill Herbert, senior energy analyst at Piper Jaffray & Co., an investment research firm. "It's a pretty stark contrast with the conditions on the ground."

Driving the optimism is the old cliché that the solution to low oil prices is low oil prices, which ultimately force supply back in line with demand. But getting there is filled with pain.

On Friday, Schlumberger, which reported that its profits fell by nearly half from a year ago, said it slashed another 8,000 jobs in the first quarter, pushing layoffs since the slump began nearly two years ago to more than 40,000. Halliburton has cut more than 30,000 jobs during the downturn, including the 6,000 it disclosed Friday.

"They're in the trenches and they're just getting buried right now," said Marshall Adkins, director of energy research at Raymond James in Houston. "But that's what creates the solution."

Slow, but perhaps soon

More job cuts and bankruptcies are on the way, but many analysts said they expect the worst to be over sometime after June. Any recovery, however, will be slow as the industry works out the excesses of the last oil boom and reduces record stockpiles. Moody's Analytics, the economic research arm of the ratings agency,

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New kid in town

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Potbelly Sandwich Shop photographed Friday. The new restaurant officially opened April 19.

Potbelly serves up entertainment with lunch

■ Sandwich shop offers low prices, fast service

By Trent Johnson
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If you're a lover of sandwiches, Midland has really stepped up to the plate of late. With lunch time always proving to be a mad scramble to retrieve a meal in a short period of time, sandwiches are likely a go-to, as they're relatively quick to produce and normally a safe option for any restaurant to tackle in the kitchen.

Potbelly Sandwich Shop officially opened on Tuesday, allowing folks in the area to sink their teeth into another variation of a classic cuisine. With a fairly small menu, the chain sticks to classics such as ham and cheese, turkey and Swiss and roast beef with provolone. The shop also features a plethora of salads, cookies, shakes and soups.

To give you a glimpse of the new establishment before dining in, we braved the lines on opening day, and here's what we thought:

If you go:

Potbelly Sandwich Shop
1401 N. Loop 250 W
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Phone: 704-5500

Live music

One interesting aspect to the restaurant is that there is live music during lunch hours. While the music can be soothing and relaxing for a lone wolf, if you're planning on gathering your coworkers for a lunch meeting, you might want to get the meals catered because the acoustics because can make conversation a little difficult. So, if you're into a casual lunch and the idea of a local strumming a guitar is a positive, then go forth. But if you like a library setting, wait until the late afternoon when the show is over.

Prices

One of the most positives about the menu is that no entree is more than $10. With prices in restaurants often climbing, it can be tough to find a meal outside of your standard fast-food option that is both filling and tasty. Potbelly's warm toasted sandwiches fulfill both of these check marks, and a lot of the options are less than $6. Dollar menus are great, but not always appetizing, so if you're unwilling to spend a litte extra for lunch, give the new place a try.

A very local feel

With pictures of pumpjacks, Western movie posters and jerseys from local sports teams, it's obvious Potbelly wants to fit into the community.

Some restaurants that join a city sometimes are rigid in the environment they're willing to offer, while a few will actually attempt to change the culture. But it's obvious this franchise is all about making the locals feel comfortable.

Lone ranger for now

Potbelly currently is surrounded by

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Pipeline safety event promotes importance of calling 811

■ Companies, municipalities continuously raise awareness of need to call before digging

By Mella McEwen
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Thousands of miles of line of varying diameter — from the fiber optics carrying telephone, television and Internet to larger metal pipes carrying water, sewer, natural gas and petroleum products — lie underground.

For the most part, people and pipelines peacefully coexist. But on occasion errant digging can result in anything from water or sewer spills to deadly explosions or releases of poisonous hydrogen sulfide gases.

"There are so many pipelines underground. We want people to understand the importance of dialing 811 before digging and making sure lines are marked," said Melissa Brannon, damage prevention manager with Texas 811.

She was in Midland Friday to participate in Permian Basin Safety Day, a training and safety event at the Horseshoe Among the events were a mock natural gas line strike, presented by Chevron and a high- voltage accident scenario presented by Powerline Energy Service.

The law requires anyone planning to dig to call 811, and then entities have 48 hours to mark the location of any lines where excavation is planned. Even homeowners are urged to call 811 because they could breach Atmos natural gas lines or Oncor electric lines.

"Even if you've called 811, you still want to follow safe excavation practices, use due diligence and always stay focused on the job" Brannon said. "If you get distracted, you can get injured or die."

Among those safe excavation practices is the use of hydro excavation to safely remove dirt around pipelines.

Other equipment includes line locators, which were on display at the Frank's Supply Co. booth.

The Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission works with Texas 811 in the Permian Basin Damage Prevention Council to promote excavation safety.

"There are a lot of pipelines running through our communities and it's important for communities to be aware of what's below ground and the importance of calling 811," said Roman Alvarez, program manager for the commission. "It's not just the public, it's first responders and excavators, as well."

He said it's important to reach out to the rural communities in the 17 counties the commission serves and those education efforts need to be ongoing.

Danny Lampe, operations supervisor with Magellan Midstream, said he just finished a series of public awareness meetings in Midland and Odessa and the company participated in Midland

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Did you know? A rescued English Bulldog, Vincent, won the 37th annual Beautiful Bulldog competition in Iowa on Sunday. Full story on Page 2A.

The big number In New Mexico More than 500 teens have registered to vote in the June primary. More on Page 7A

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

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Obituaries



Billie Jean Pipkin

Billie Jean Pipkin, 88, of Midland, passed away on April 20, 2016 after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's Disease.

Billie was born in Farwell, Texas on May 27, 1927. She graduated from Pleasant Hill High School and moved to Midland in 1953. She enjoyed a career in real estate, but her passions were in floral design and dancing. She frequently had booths in local arts and crafts shows.

Billie is preceded in death by her first husband, Hubert Pipkin, and her son Leonard William Pipkin.

She is survived by her husband, Ray Newton; daughters, Su Zann Bumpers and Tammie Raindl; eight grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

We, the family, do very much appreciate the service and kindness we received from the nurses and staff at the Permian Residential Care Center and Home Hospice both of Andrews, Texas.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 25, 2016 at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Midland, Texas.

Online condolences may be offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com*

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Illinois seeks to limit use of solitary confinement

By Ivan Moreno
Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Brian Nelson's years in solitary confinement left him terrified of other people, and he says he can still taste the concrete dust from his cell, even though he's been free since 2010.

The 51-year-old is afraid to ride the bus, he takes five psychotropic drugs and sees a psychiatrist every week. Even when he's at a park surrounded by grass, he says everything starts turning gray and he remembers how tiny air pockets in the walls kicked up dust whenever he would clean his cell at a now-shuttered maximum security prison in Tamms, in Illinois' southern tip. He was confined there for the final 12 years of a 26-year sentence for murder and armed robbery.

"Those four walls beat me down so bad," he told members of an Illinois House committee during a recent emotional hearing on the state's solitary confinement practices.

Stories like Nelson's have led Illinois lawmakers to push prisons to restrict the use of solitary confinement, joining a national movement that has policymakers rethinking the longstanding form of punishment that critics say has a profound psychological impact on inmates.

Legislation sponsored by Democratic Rep. La Shawn Ford, of Chicago, would limit solitary confinement to no more than five consecutive days and five total days during a 150-day period. That would be a dramatic change from the current rules, which allow prisons to isolate inmates for weeks or years at a time.

The bill, which receoved the House committee's initial approval Wednesday, would also require prisons to allow inmates in solitary to spend four hours per day outside of their cells. The measure awaits a vote by the full chamber.



Photos by Charlie Neibergall/AP Photo

Shireen Carter, of Norwalk, Iowa, sits with her bulldog Lola during judging at the 37th annual Drake Relays Beautiful Bulldog Contest on Sunday in Des Moines, Iowa. The pageant kicks off the Drake Relays festivities at Drake University where a bulldog is the mascot.

Rescue pup crowned 'Beautiful Bulldog'

By Luke Meredith
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — The owners of Vincent, a rescued 60-pound English bulldog, aren't quite sure how old he is.

All they know is that their young pup is now a pageant king, having won the 37th annual Beautiful Bulldog contest at Drake University on Sunday.

The tongue-in-cheek contest is the opening event of the Drake Relays, a prestigious track and field meet to be held next week at Drake Stadium.

Vincent, a brown-and-white pup who lives just up the road from the stadium, will serve as the meet's mascot.

The runners-up were Meatball, whose biggest fears are garbage bags and limes, and a 1-year-old pup named Daffodil.

Meatball and Daffodil will serve as alternates for the Drake Relays if for some reason Vincent can't fulfill his duties — which will mostly entail photo shoots and an introduction during Saturday's opening ceremony.

Vincent was a first-time contestant after his owners adopted him from the Illinois English Bulldog Rescue organization in February.

"It popped up and we were like, 'Let's give it a try!'" Vincent's owner, Meredith Green of Des Moines, said.

His owners, who think Vincent is about 3 years old, said he likes car rides and running up the stairs.

They'll find out next weekend if he's also a fan of track and field.

Vincent succeeds Tank, whose sturdy frame, gentle personality and camouflage outfit won over the judges in 2015.



Vincent, owned by Meredith and Chad Green, of Des Moines, Iowa, eats a treat after being crowned the winner of the 37th annual Drake Relays Beautiful Bulldog Contest.

The slate of competitors was down five from previous years after a few scratches and the recent death of Linus the Lovebug, last year's winner in the "Best Dressed" category.

Deliylah, who competed in 2013 and 2014, gave birth to four puppies on the day of last year's pageant contest — and she and three of her puppies took part Sunday. She won the "Drake Spirit" award for making it back to the stage after a one-year absence.

Theodore was the social media king, with more than 6,000 followers on Instagram.



Finalists stand on stage.

California jurors misusing the Internet could face fines

By Sudhin Thanawala
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Jurors who threaten to derail trials by researching them on Google or posting comments about them on Twitter are often dismissed with nothing more than a tongue-lashing from a judge.

But that could soon change in California. Legislation supported by state court officials would authorize judges in some counties to fine jurors up to $1,500 for social media and Internet use violations, which have led to mistrials and overturned convictions around the country.

As jurors and judges have become more technology savvy in recent years, the perils of jurors playing around with their smartphones have become a mounting concern, particularly in technology-rich California. A 2011 state law made improper electronic or wireless communication or research by a juror punishable by contempt.

Supporters of the latest California measure say a potential fine would give teeth to existing prohibitions against social media and Internet use and simplify the process for holding wayward jurors accountable.

"It's disruptive of the judicial process, and there ought to be a fairly simple and convenient way for a judge to sanction a juror based on the order that the judge has given," said Assemblyman Rich Gordon, D-Menlo Park, who authored the legislation.

But critics question whether it will have any practical effect on jurors who are constantly on sites such as Facebook and Twitter and suggest judges vet the social media activity of potential jurors before seating them.

"If you have an Internet addict who just can't psychologically stop, you may want to excuse that person," said Paula Hannaford-Agor, who studies juries at the National Center for State Courts.

Brian Walsh, a judge in the Silicon Valley county of Santa Clara, said a fine could also change the dynamic between judges and juries.

"You want to present the jurors' obligations to serve as an inviting opportunity to participate in the democratic process," he said. "One could consider it counterproductive to be laying out all the penalties a juror can incur if they blow it."

It is not clear exactly how many times juror social media or Internet use has affected trials. But anecdotal evidence suggests it is more than sporadic.

Eric Robinson, co-director of the Press Law and Democracy Project at Louisiana State University, said he used to track cases of juror social media or Internet misconduct using news accounts and other sources, but there were so many "it got to be more trouble than it was worth."

"Those are the ones we hear about," he said. "I'm sure it happens a lot more."

An Arkansas court in 2011 threw out a death row inmate's murder conviction in part because of tweets. One said "Choices to be made. Hearts to be broken." Another said "It's over" less than hour before the jury announced its verdict.

A New Jersey appeals court in 2014 tossed the heroin possession conviction of two men after a juror was accused of searching the defendants' names online and finding information about their criminal records.

A California appeals court in January cited juror Internet research in throwing out a fraud conviction against an investment firm CEO. The juror looked up a case involving an accountant the defendant blamed for the fraud.

Solar-powered plane completes ocean crossing

Associated Press

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. — A solar-powered airplane on a mission to fly around the world landed in California, completing a risky, three-day flight across a great expanse of the Pacific Ocean.

Pilot Bertrand Piccard landed the Solar Impulse 2 in Mountain View, in the Silicon Valley south of San Francisco, at 11:45 p.m. Saturday following a 62-hour, nonstop solo flight from Hawaii without fuel. The plane taxied into a huge tent at Moffett Airfield where Piccard was greeted by the project's team.

"You know there was a moment in the night, I was watching the reflection of the moon on the ocean, and I was thinking, 'I'm completely alone in this tiny cockpit, and I feel completely confident.' And I was really thankful to life for bringing me this experience," Piccard said at a news conference after he landed. "It's maybe this is one of the most fantastic experiences of life I've had."

The landing came hours after Piccard made a fly-by over the Golden Gate Bridge as spectators below watched the narrow aircraft with extra wide wings.

Piccard and fellow Swiss pilot Andre Borschberg have been taking turns flying the plane on an around-the-world trip since taking off from Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates, in March 2015. It made stops in Oman, Myanmar, China, Japan and Hawaii.

The trans-Pacific legs were the riskiest part of the plane's travels because of the lack of emergency landing sites.

The aircraft faced a few bumps along the way.

The Solar Impulse 2 landed in Hawaii in July and was forced to stay in the islands after the plane's battery system sustained heat damage on its trip from Japan. The team was delayed in Asia, too. When first attempting to fly from Nanjing, China, to Hawaii, the crew had to divert to Japan because of unfavorable weather and a damaged wing.

A month later, with better weather conditions, the plane left Nagoya in central Japan for Hawaii.

The plane's ideal flight speed is about 28 mph, though that can double during the day when the sun's rays are strongest. The carbon-fiber aircraft weighs over 5,000 pounds, about as much as a midsize truck.

The plane's wings, which stretch wider than those of a Boeing 747, are equipped with 17,000 solar cells that power propellers and charge batteries. The plane runs on stored energy at night.

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adjective.
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Black Lives Matter gave him fame, but Baltimore isn't biting

By Juliet Linderman and Errin Haines Whack
Associated Press



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Baltimore mayoral candidate DeRay Mckesson, left, greets Syrlana Christian and her grandfather Ralph Moore as he canvasses March 26 in the Charles Village neighborhood of Baltimore. Known on the national stage for his role in Black Lives Matter, Mckesson's campaign is struggling back home. "The problem is people don't know you here," Moore told Mckesson, who has held court with President Barack Obama, been endorsed by actress Susan Sarandon and has 365,000-plus Twitter followers, including Beyonce. "I saw you in Stephen Colbert's chair when I was channel surfing, but I don't know you."

BALTIMORE — DeRay Mckesson, the Black Lives Matter activist turned mayoral candidate, is door-knocking on the streets of Charles Village. This is not the Baltimore of "The Wire," but rather a tidy neighborhood of pastel townhomes in the shadow of Johns Hopkins University.

For two blocks, nobody answers a rap. Then Ralph Moore, himself an activist and a lifelong resident, rushes up to Mckesson to shake his hand — and to break the bad news: Moore is voting for Sheila Dixon, the former mayor who resigned amid ethics charges and is running again. She's one of the front-runners in polls ahead of Tuesday's Democratic primary — the de facto election in this majority African-American city.

"The problem is people don't know you here," Moore told Mckesson, who has held court with President Barack Obama, been endorsed by actress Susan Sarandon and has 365,000-plus Twitter followers, including Beyonce. "I saw you in Stephen Colbert's chair when I was channel surfing, but I don't know you."

Mckesson is one of the most recognizable faces to emerge from the Black Lives Matter movement — a former educator who built a national following after he left his then-home and job in Minneapolis in August 2014 for Ferguson, Missouri, to document the rising anger over race relations after the police shooting of Michael Brown.

But before Black Lives Matter birthed @DeRay, he was a self-proclaimed "son of Baltimore," born and raised in this city still striving to move past its own racial strife a year after Freddie Gray died from an injury suffered in police custody and riots erupted.

The path from activist to politician is one many black leaders have navigated successfully, but Mckesson is struggling. He entered the mayoral race late, he's deep down in the polls, his skeptics are plentiful, and observers have been left asking: What, then, is the next step for him, and for the movement that helped launch him?

"He's seeking his next big stage, and he's not going to be the only one doing it," said Lester Spence, a political science professor at Johns Hopkins and a Baltimore resident.

Mckesson's campaign comes as both Baltimore and the Black Lives Matter movement wrestle with growing pains.

Gray's death further inflamed the movement, an amorphous and decidedly leaderless undertaking born out of a series of deaths of African-Americans at the hands of police officers. The crusade took off on social media as a hashtag and spurred street demonstrations and has remained in the spotlight this presidential election season, with activists disrupting candidate rallies, demanding to be seen and heard.

Yet, some within the movement have shunned more traditional paths to change. One Black Lives Matter activist turned down an invitation to meet at the White House with Obama and other civil rights leaders, condemning the gathering as a photo opportunity. Mckesson attended.

Kayla Reed, a 26-year-old activist in St. Louis who emerged from the protests in Ferguson, said organizers are becoming more open to conventional tactics — and Mckesson's campaign reflects that.

"A lot of times, we're not seeing justice because of the way the laws are written, so it only makes sense to go after the lawmakers as part of the larger strategy," she said.

The movement has already seen victories on the policy front. Using social media, campaign events, voter registration drives, fundraisers, and neighborhood canvassing, Black Lives Matter activists worked to bring about change in several high-profile races. Among them: the election of black city council members in Ferguson, the ouster of the Illinois district attorney who waited more than a year to bring charges against a white Chicago police officer who shot a black teenager 16 times, and the primary loss for the Ohio prosecutor who declined to charge the officer who killed 12-year-old Tamir Rice.

"Municipal elections matter," Reed said. "To achieve long-term change, you need policy and protest."

It's that kind of thinking that drove Mckesson to seek office. As he said to one potential voter in a Facebook chat recently: "I want to be in a position to do work that will change people's lives. What we did in the last 18 months was help change the conversation around the country, knowing that conversation change leads to actual change."

Mckesson's candidacy is in line with a tradition of black organizers who transitioned to politics. Martin Luther King Jr. lieutenants Andrew Young, Jesse Jackson and John Lewis went on to become mayor, run for president, and get elected to Congress after the civil rights movement. Barack Obama was a community organizer on Chicago's Southside before running for public office, first as a state senator, then a U.S. senator before his historic presidential election eight years ago.

Mckesson was born to drug-addicted parents in West Baltimore, a story he readily shares while campaigning. His father got clean and moved him to Catonsville, a small, predominantly white suburb. After high school, Mckesson left for Bowdoin College, a liberal arts school in Maine. He was elected president of the student body, and graduated with a degree in government and legal studies. Even then, he recognized the need to step up to help create change.

"The people who could do the most and could be the most influential just don't get involved," he told the college paper.

But instead of pursuing government, Mckesson went into education. He taught sixth grade in Brooklyn through Teach for America, which places college graduates in poor districts for two-year commitments. He later returned to Baltimore and launched an after-school program before joining the public school system in an administrative job. He left again in 2013, this time for the top human resources job with the Minneapolis school system. When Brown was shot, Mckesson drove 500 miles to Ferguson to join the protest.

Being on the streets, he said, "woke me up." And so Mckesson returned to Baltimore, with the promise of a spare room at a family friend's home and a plan to run for mayor. Hours before the Feb. 3 deadline, Mckesson filed his paperwork, the last of 13 Democrats to declare his candidacy.

On his agenda: plans to establish a system of community first-responders to de-escalate violence, and hire people who have been affected by police brutality to train officers on racism and community engagement.

Clinton, Trump stream ahead as rivals show signs of fading

By Steve Peoples and Ken Thomas
Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump surged Sunday toward another round of pivotal presidential primaries as their party leaders faced new questions about internal divisions that could complicate their nominees' general election chances.

With less than 48 hours before voting began across five Northeastern states, GOP front-runner Donald Trump looked ahead to Tuesday's contests in five states where he's poised to do well and to a foreign policy speech later in the week. Republican challenger Ted Cruz, meanwhile, abandoned the Tuesday states and instead campaigned in Indiana, which votes May 3.

On the Democratic side, underdog Bernie Sanders, meanwhile, rallied thousands of voters in Rhode Island, looking to the smallest state in the nation for momentum even as he appeared to soften his attacks on Clinton.

"If Secretary Clinton is the nominee — and we're not giving this thing up, we're going all the way to California — but if she is the nominee, I would hope that she puts together the strongest progressive agenda," Sanders said on ABC's "This Week" before courting voters in Rhode Island's capital city.

Clinton hoped Tuesday's contests in Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Maryland and Delaware would mark a turning point in her quest for the Democratic nomination. Victories in four or five states would all but cripple Sanders' White House bid.

The former secretary of state opened her day at a Philadelphia church service attended largely by African-Americans ahead of the primary in Pennsylvania, Tuesday's top delegate prize. She declined to attack her Democratic rival by name in the morning appearance and a subsequent stop in Bridgeport, Connecticut, focusing on the GOP candidates.

Clinton charged that rhetoric from Trump and Ted Cruz is "not only offensive, it's dangerous."

"The people who run for office on the tea party or whatever else and say they will never compromise, they are basically denying the fundamental tenets of democracy," Clinton said.

Clinton, emerging stronger after a triumph in last week's New York primary, stood to effectively lock up the nomination on Tuesday. The five states together offer 384 delegates, a trove that would put her only about 200 delegates short of the majority needed to clinch the nomination.

With 172 delegates at stake Tuesday on the Republican side, Trump could take a significant step toward his party's delegate majority with the dominant performance that many polls predict.

Md. congressional primary features largest self-funder ever

By Brian Witte
Associated Press

CHEVY CHASE, Md. — A Maryland congressional primary contender has broken the record for what a self-funded House candidate has poured into a single campaign, as wine superstore owner David Trone has uncorked more than $12 million of his own amid a crowded Democratic field.

The race is the most expensive House primary in the country this election cycle, according to data compiled by the non-partisan Center for Responsive Politics.

Trone faces several prominent rivals, including Kathleen Matthews, a former local television anchor who is married to MSNBC's "Hardball" host Chris Matthews.

Also in the race are State Sen. Jamie Raskin, an energetic, liberal constitutional law professor with a successful resume in the General Assembly, and two former aides from President Barack Obama's administration, William Jawando and former Deputy Secretary of State Joel Rubin.

Four other candidates, including state legislators Kumar Barve and Ana Sol-Gutierrez, also are running in a district that spreads from wealthy neighborhoods bordering the nation's capital up to the Pennsylvania state line.

The seat is opening because incumbent Rep. Chris Van Hollen is seeking the Democratic nomination for Senate.

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Things to do

■ ArtSmart by the Arts Council of Midland will feature speaker Mayor Jerry Morales with a post-lecture reception. 4:30 p.m., ACM, 1508 W. Illinois Ave. RSVP to 432-687-1149 or info@acmidland.org.

■ The Midland League of Women Voters is hosting a forum 7 p.m. Monday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. Speakers will be Elections Administrator Deborah Land and Stella Flores, voter registrar. Topics to be discussed includes volunteer opportunities.

■ "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $40.50-$88. broadwayinthebasin.com.

Meeting

Commissioners' Court
9 a.m.
Midland County Courthouse auxiliary courtroom.
500 N. Loraine Ave.

Club meetings today

■ Barbershop Harmony Chorus, 7 p.m., Reg Greathouse Room at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 553-1952 or 425-5662.

■ Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1303 E. Taylor, bingo games 7 p.m.

■ Midland Amateur Radio Club, 7:30 p.m., clubhouse, Loop 250 and Lamesa Road; 561-9729.

Vietnam veterans dinner

The Department of Veterans Affairs Midland Vet Center is to host Vietnam Veteran Appreciation Dinner and Ceremony to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Vietnam War. The event is set for 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Commemorative Air Force Museum hangar.

Each veteran may bring one guest. For more information or to make a reservation, call 697-8222.

Honor those who served

Many organizations in the Permian Basin serve all kinds of needs for present and former military members. Some of them include:

■ Show of Support (687-2167)
■ Honor Our Troops (889-0177), Reel Thanx (528-6633)
■ Centers for Children and Families (570-1084)
■ Midland College Veterans Affairs Office (685-4511)
■ Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee (366-3458)
■ Soldiers of Today and Yesterday (631-3429)

Job fair

Experience Works hosts a job fair for workers 55 and older 9 a.m.-noon today at Midland Workforce Solutions, 3600 N. Garfield St., Technology Center Room138. The agency focuses on people who desire to learn new skills. For more information, call toll free 855-307-1171, or email liz_cox@experienceworks.org.

What's on the radio

News talk
KCRS (AM 550)
■ 6-9 a.m. The Morning Drive with Robert Hallmark and Kurt Verlei
■ 9-11 a.m. Lynn Woolley
■ 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Rush Limbaugh
■ 2-5 p.m. Dave Ramsey
■ 5-6 p.m. Local news reports
■ 6-9 p.m. Roger Hedgecock
■ 9-midnight Hugh Hewitt
■ Midnight-6 a.m. Coast to Coast with George Noory
Web: http://www.newstalkkcrs.com

KWEL (AM 1070, FM 107.1)
■ 6-10 a.m. The Morning Show with Craig Anderson
■ 10 a.m.-noon, Herman Cain
■ Noon-2 p.m. Glenn Beck
■ 2-5 p.m. Sean Hannity
■ 5-7 p.m. The West Texas Round-Up of News and Talk
Web: http://www.kwel.com

Sport talk
KMND (AM 1510)
■ 6-9 a.m. Mike and Mike in the Morning
■ 9 a.m.-noon Dan Le Batard Show
■ Noon-3 p.m. The Dan Patrick Show

Other options
Contemporary Christian: KFRI (FM 88.7), KLVW (FM 90.5)
NPR: KOCV (FM 91.3)

Today in history

Today is Monday, April 25, the 116th day of 2016. There are 250 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1507, a world map produced by German cartographer Martin Waldseemueller contained the first recorded use of the term "America," in honor of Italian navigator Amerigo Vespucci.

In 1901, New York Gov. Benjamin Barker Odell, Jr. signed an automobile registration bill that imposed a 15 mph speed limit on highways.

In 1944, the United Negro College Fund was founded.

In 1990, the Hubble Space Telescope was deployed in orbit from the space shuttle Discovery. (It was discovered that the telescope's primary mirror was flawed, requiring the installation of corrective components to achieve optimal focus.)

'I am here' — Silenced by autism, young man finds his voice

By Martha Irvine
Associated Press



Jonathan Bachman/Associated Press

Judy Nodurft, former head of special education in Ben Alexander's old school district, holds a cell phone as he types an answer to a question during an interview at his home March 3 in Metairie, La. Alexander cannot speak, but he is determined to be heard. He cannot type without a hand to support his own, and yet he writes and writes, his inner voice shouting out his thoughts.

METAIRIE, La. — Benjamin Alexander cannot speak, but he is determined to be heard. He cannot type without a hand to support his, and yet he writes and writes, his inner voice shouting out his thoughts. He returns repeatedly to the "fiend" that tried to silence him, the autism he sarcastically calls his "gift."

"Who in the hell gave me this gift?" he once wrote. "Please, take it back."

Ben is a junior at Tulane University, an English major with a 3.7 GPA and a computer full of essays, one of them published in a local journal and another on the university's news site. He wants to help educate people about autism and challenge stereotypes. That's not easy because he still needs some assistance when he types, leading some to doubt him over the years.

On a recent evening, Ben's father settles him at the keyboard and rests his hand under his son's arm. He lightly squeezes Ben's forearm, a subtle move that sets him into action. Ben begins to punch the keys with one finger.

"I . am . not . stupid . as . some . people . used . to . think," Ben types. He unwraps his arm from his dad's and hits the period by himself, causing the computer to read each word in a robotic voice that he doesn't really like but needs. Later, he adds, "I want people to know I am here."

Others on the autism spectrum have remarkable achievements, but Ben has far surpassed expectations. It started at age 8 with simple one-word responses that blossomed. By the time he was 10, one of his first essays — "My Adventure in Life" — won a state writing prize in Louisiana.

He's 22 now, and his writing is an outlet for strong opinions, anger, pride in his accomplishments and a longing for so much more.

"My life began when I began to type to communicate," he wrote in that early piece: "I can now tell you my story."

As the sun rises over the leafy streets of suburban New Orleans, Ben's parents, both surgeons, start their day well before he does. They joke that they haven't slept in 20 years because of their son's erratic sleep habits and their own demanding schedules.

This particular morning, Ellen Schneider enters her son's room, adorned to the ceiling with tributes to his beloved New Orleans Saints football team, and rouses him for his day on campus. "Come on, B-man." She leads him to the bathroom to use an electric toothbrush. "Oooh, you're gorgeous," she says, as she looks into his wide hazel eyes and wipes his bearded face with a towel.

Ben is not tall, but he's strong. His mother, slight in build, is no longer as able to steer him physically

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STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

EDINBURG

Man charged with murder in shooting outside strip club

A man has been charged with murder after one person was killed and six injured in a shooting outside a South Texas strip club.

The McAllen Monitor reported that 29-year-old Genaro Maldonado appeared before a judge Friday afternoon after being arrested the day before.

He's charged in the April 17 shooting death of 29-year-old Jaxmany Jazan Montes outside an Edinburg strip club.

Edinburg Police Chief David White said investigators executed a search warrant Thursday night in Alamo where they arrested Maldonado and seized several firearms.

White said they've also issued an arrest warrant for a 29-year-old from Mexico in connection to Montes' death.

Maldonado remained in Hidalgo County jail on $1 million bond on Sunday. Jail records did not list an attorney for him.

MEXIA

Woman charged in 2011 shooting death of ex-husband in Mexia

Authorities say a woman has been charged with murder in the shooting death of her ex-husband five years ago at the front gate his business in the Central Texas town of Mexia.

The Waco Tribune-Herald reported that Mexia police say Mary Elizabeth Jacoby was arrested Friday in South Texas.

Raymond Keith Jacoby was found with a gunshot wound to his chest in March 2011 at the front gate of the Mexia Recycling Plant, which he owned and operated. The 56-year-old was pronounced dead at the hospital.

Mexia police said authorities had issued a warrant for her after a Limestone County grand jury indicted her Wednesday.

Mary Jacoby remained in Limestone County Jail Sunday on $250,000 bond. Jail records didn't list an attorney for her.

BRYAN

Fake $20 bills in motel trash lead to Bryan couple's arrest

A couple from Bryan are jailed on four counts of forgery of government money and other charges after authorities say the pair left sheets of counterfeit $20 bills in a trash can at a College Station motel.

College Station police say a Wal-Mart receipt found in the can was used to link the couple to security tape from the store and lead to the arrests of 39-year-old Robert Casselman and 35-year-old Heather Patterson.

The Eagle of Bryan-College Station reported police found nearly $1,000 in phony bills in Patterson's car. Patterson told officers Casselman likely used the fake money to buy items at Waco Wal-Mart stores then returned the goods to a Bryan store to get real cash refunds.

Patterson is held on $39,000 bond, Casselman on nearly $35,000 bond.

Saginaw police seek clues in fatal shooting of 17-year-old

SAGINAW

Police seek clues in fatal shooting of 17-year-old

Police are trying to identify a suspect after a 17-year-old was fatally shot in a neighborhood in the North Texas town of Saginaw.

Saginaw police Capt. Russell Ragsdale tells the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that that the shooting on Saturday afternoon occurred during "an altercation," but police had not determined what it was about or found an eyewitness.

Police were told the shooter left in a vehicle.

Ragsdale says, "There's not an old feud that anyone's aware of."

The Tarrant County medical examiner's office identified the victim as Jordan Miles.

The medical examiner's website shows that he would have turned 18 on Tuesday.

Saginaw is located just north of Fort Worth.

Former convict in famous Austin slayings seeks innocence

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A man once on death row for the now still-unsolved slayings of four teenage girls a quarter-century ago in Austin returns to court this week trying to reinstate a lawsuit that seeks a declaration that he's innocent.

Robert Springsteen was condemned in 2001 after he was convicted of capital murder for killing one of the victims in what became known as the Austin yogurt shop murders.

The convictions of Springsteen and a co-defendant, Michael Scott, later were overturned when the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals said the two were unfairly denied the chance to cross-examine each other. They had implicated each other in statements to investigators.

Travis County prosecutors say Springsteen remains a suspect and could be retried if additional evidence surfaces.

Springsteen's lawyer, Broadus Spivey, tells the Austin American-Statesman that the unresolved case limits Springsteen to "common labor work" in West Virginia, where he moved since his release from prison.

Spivey is to argue before the 3rd Court of Appeals in Austin on Wednesday as Springsteen appeals a district court's dismissal last year of a lawsuit that sought a court order declaring him innocent.

State District Judge Darlene Byrne said she didn't have the authority to make that decision. The appeal seeks to reinstate the lawsuit.

If he's declared innocent, Springsteen could become eligible to collect $720,000 from a state fund earmarked for people wrongfully convicted. He's already been turned down twice by the state comptroller, who manages the fund, and twice in state and federal courts.

Two 17-year-olds, Jennifer Harbison and Eliza Thomas, worked at the I Can't Believe It's Yogurt store. Jennifer's 15-year-old sister, Sarah, and a 13-year-old friend, Amy Ayers, also were there the night of Dec. 6, 1991, when the store was set on fire.

OPTIMISM

From 1A

forecasts that crude won't reach $60 a barrel again until early 2018.

Oil peaked at more than $100 a barrel in June 2014, driving a rush to drill. Using technologies that allowed companies to squeeze oil out of once impenetrable shale deposits, US production soared, flooding markets with new supplies and driving other major oil producers, such as Saudi Arabia, to keep pumping to maintain their market shares. At the same time, the global economy slowed and demand for energy slumped.

The result: a worldwide glut and falling prices. The industry has been adjusting ever since waiting for supply and demand to come back into balance.

Analysts say there's evidence that's happening. U.S. production last week fell below 9 million barrels a day for the first time since October 2014 as the number of rigs actively drilling for oil continued to slide. Another eight oil rigs shut down over the past week, leaving just 351 oil rigs left nationwide, according the Houston oil services company Baker Hughes. The oil rig count is now down more than 78 percent from its peak of 1,609 in October 2014.

'Insatiable' demand

Meanwhile, the global economy is stabilizing after a recent period of turmoil, economists said, forecasting greater demand for oil. In the United States, the economy is expanding at a steady pace, with the unemployment rate falling to 5 percent in March and wages finally starting to rise. With low prices at the pump, gasoline consumption is up 3 percent from a year ago, according to the Energy Department.

"It's alarming almost that the gasoline demand is so much higher," said Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst for GasBuddy, a research and price surveying firm. "It's insatiable."

On Friday, crude oil posted its third consecutive weekly gain in New York trading. The U.S. benchmark for crude settled at $43.73 a barrel, up 55 cents or 1.3 percent. Since its low of $26.21 a barrel on Feb. 11, oil prices have climbed more than 60 percent.

As efficiencies have risen and services costs have come down, many companies can profit with oil at or above $50 abarrel, analysts said. Some project that the rig count will begin to increase again in the fall.

Analysts said conditions now are different than the spring of 2015, when prices climbed temporarily only to plunge again. Since then, more companies have gone bankrupt, and more rigs have been shut down, meaning that new production won't come back on line quickly and swamp prices.

Many production cuts

Even if the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, including Iran, increases production this year, combined production in the United States and other non-OPEC nations could be down about 1 million barrels a day this year, said Adkins, the Raymond James analyst. Mexico, China, the United Kingdom, Colombia, Argentina, Malaysia and even Iraq are on track to cut oil production this year.

SAFETY

From 1A

College's recent job fair.

He agreed that raising public awareness of the issue must be a continuous effort. Pipelines have been around a long time and people may forget how prevalent they are, he said.

In urban areas such as Midland and Odessa, growth has placed housing developments on the edge of town, at or near the right-of-way of pipelines, Brannon said.

"We're doing a lot of work with mobile home installers," she said. "Some want to put mobile homes right on top of high-pressure pipelines. That would make it hard or impossible for pipeline companies to maintain or service those lines."

Some real estate agents fail to disclose that homes have been built on top of pipelines, Lampe said.

Magellan distributes flyers letting people know they have acquired property near Magellan lines and advising them how the two can coexist.

"We go through training all the time" for potential accidents, he said.

Whether it's a homeowner in their backyard, a farmer plowing a field or an excavator, accidents can be deadly. They might cause hardship for the pipeline, which must replace damaged infrastructure but "we can make more money; we can't replace lives," he said.

POTBELLY

From 1A

empty buildings, but that's likely to be changing soon. A local ice cream shop, Fountainville, is on the way, while the construction of a bar/restaurant is also on the horizon. So the surroundings are barren, but eventually the location will become a hotspot for eateries.

Fast service

If you've ever been to a place on the day it opens, sometimes there are kinks in the machine, as employees and managers ease into their new roles. However, Potbelly was well-oiled and smooth in its service, as everything was made fresh and fast without a hitch. This asset is especially valuable for those on lunch breaks, as a delayed meal can push the comfort level for anyone willing to venture toward a restaurant. Have no fears here, because your sandwich will be out before you know it.

A strange soda observation

A weird thing we noticed, was that the company offered Pepsi products, except for its diet cola, which was Diet Coke. We don't really have an opinion, but this was just weird.

Report: Mexican police tortured suspects in students' case

By Mark Stevenson and Maria Verza
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — There is strong evidence that Mexican police tortured some of the key suspects arrested in the disappearance of 43 students, according to a report released Sunday by an outside group of experts.

The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights expert group says that a study of 17 of the about 110 suspects arrested in the case showed signs of beatings, including, in some cases, dozens of bruises, cuts and scrapes.

One suspect said he was nearly asphyxiated with a plastic bag, and medical studies showed another had been slapped on the ears so hard his eardrums broke and his ears bled.

The Mexican government recently released documents suggesting investigations had been opened against police and military personnel, but authorities have not answered requests about whether anyone has been arrested or charged.

The 43 students at the radical teachers' college of Ayotzinapa have not been heard from since they were taken by local police in September 2014 in the city of Iguala, Guerrero state. Family members and supporters of the missing students chanted, "They took them away alive, we want them back alive!" at the news conference where the report was presented.

No high-ranking officials attended, and the Mexican officials had no immediate response to the report, which called the government's investigation flawed and incomplete.

"The Ayotzinapa case is a crossroads, which Mexico will have to pass, by strengthening the rule of law," said Colombian lawyer Alejandro Valencia, one of the lawyers.

The allegations of torture could endanger any chance of convictions in one of the highest-profile human rights cases in Mexican history, especially because the government's version of events — that corrupt police handed the students over to drug gang members who killed them and burned their bodies at a trash dump — hangs in large part on the testimony of some drug gunmen who now say they were tortured into confessing.

"It is a lie the way they said they caught us," Patricio Reyes Landa said in testimony made public by the experts' report. "They went into the house, beating and kicking. They hauled me aboard a vehicle, they blindfolded me, tied my feet and hands; they began beating me again and gave me electric shocks. They put a rag over my nose and poured water on it. They gave me shocks on the inside of my mouth and my testicles. They put a bag over my face so I couldn't breathe. It went on for hours."

The group complained the government was slow to deliver some of the evidence it had asked for; it criticized government prosecutor's investigations as flawed and incomplete, and suggested that the government wanted to stick to its version, without investigating possible involvement by federal police and the army.

For example, the report said, the roadblocks set up on local highways around the city of Iguala on the night of the disappearances were far more extensive than previously thought. The roadblocks were apparently coordinated by the Guerreros Unidos drug cartel to trap rivals; the gang may have thought the students were part of a rival cartel.

The report criticized the forensics investigations of human remains and evidence of fire at the garbage dump in the town of Cocula, Guerrero, saying that prosecutors had provided little evidence there ever could have been a fire a big enough at the site.

"It is clear that there was a latent rejection of any version other than the burning of the students at the Cocula dump, and they turned back to that scenario time after time, without investigating other police forces or state actors," the group said in its final report. Its mandate expires at the end of this month, and it leaves Mexico with the crime still largely unresolved; only one student has been identified from charred bone fragments found in a river near the dump.

The foot-dragging by prosecutors "cannot be seen as partial or improvised obstacles," said the report. "These different situations aren't casual barriers, they are structural barriers to the investigation."



AP Photo/Visar Kryeziu

Kosovo Serb woman casts her vote during Serb parliamentary elections held in the town of Gracanica, Kosovo, on April 20. Serbia does not recognize Kosovo as an independent state but maintains it is still a province of Serbia, which is why Belgrade includes votes from Kosovo in its elections.

Serbia's pro-EU populists win vote, initial projections show

By Dusan Stojanovic
Associated Press

BELGRADE, Serbia — Preliminary unofficial results showed that the incumbent pro-EU populists have swept Serbia's parliamentary election on Sunday, leaving pro-Russia nationalists far behind.

The apparent triumph by Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic's Progressive Party means Serbia will continue on its path toward European Union membership despite opposition from right-wing parties, which sought close ties with Russia instead.

The preliminary results published by the CESiD independent pollster agency say that the Progressives won 52 percent of the vote while their coalition partner the Socialists had 13 percent. Ultra-nationalist Radical Party had 7 percent, followed by pro-Western Democratic Party with 5 percent.

Djordje Vulkovic from CESiD said there might be slight changes from those partial results, but what is clear is that there can't be changes in the first two parties.

Vucic called the election two years early, saying he needed a new mandate to press ahead with tough reforms demanded by the EU as the country faces deep economic and social problems. But his opponents said he really wanted to tighten his autocratic rule and win another four-year mandate while he is still popular.

The populist Progressive Party led by Vucic, who has transformed from an extreme nationalist into a pro-EU reformer, was even before the vote slated to win most of the 250 seats in parliament.

Turnout was about 53 percent one hour before the polls closed, slightly higher than in 2014 when Vucic's party swept the vote.

Before the vote there were fears in the West that Serbia could tilt further to the right and toward Russia. Any rekindling of nationalism in the Balkans is considered more dangerous than in the rest of Eastern Europe because of the wars in the 1990s that claimed about 100,000 lives.

Western countries have sought to pacify Balkan nations by keeping them on track for EU membership.

"I am almost certain that we will carry on our European integration process and we will have to speed up the process of (EU) accession," Vucic said after voting on Sunday. "And of course, preserve our traditional ties with our friends (Russia) in the east."

Vucic added "that has to be one of the strategic, long term decisions of Serbian people and I'm not going to make any compromises with right-wing political parties."

VOICE

From 4A

when he gets distressed. So his father accompanies him at Tulane and other public places.

This morning, Ben is calm, having taken his medication — pills for everything from epileptic seizures to anxiety. He eats sliced apples and bread for breakfast while laughing to himself or babbling: "Aw aw, mm mm, bip bip." The soft sounds seem involuntary in some moments, self-soothing in others.

This daily existence, with its many ups and downs, has tested the resolve of his success-minded parents, both age 55. His mother is an ophthalmologist, his father an obstetrician. They also have two daughters, Hillary, 25, and Lexi, 15.

"We cure things with our hands. We cut it out. If it's something that needs to be removed, we remove it," his dad, Sam Alexander, said. But with Ben's condition, "we couldn't do that."

Even so, they refused early on to accept the idea that their son would never amount to much.

"Ben, we're going to fix this," his mom remembered saying to her young son as she watched him squirm in frustration.

When Ben was born, there was no indication that anything was wrong. Family videos show a smiley, chubby-cheeked boy with curly red hair just beginning to form words. "Hello," he seems to utter in one video, after picking up an old telephone receiver.

In the months that followed, however, Ben lost those first few words. He stopped looking people in the eye. His parents often would find him off in a corner spinning around and around.

Doctors initially told them to be patient, that it wasn't unusual for some kids to have delayed speech. But then, when Ben was about 2 1/2, came the diagnosis they feared: autism. Often called pervasive developmental disorder, it was accompanied by epileptic episodes, which worsened in adolescence, as did his erratic behavior.

"I guess using the word 'autism' just had such a horrible, horrible connotation," his dad said. "It felt like he died."

Ben never spoke again.

As a child, he started running away. He once took off from his grandparents' house, past sprawling live oaks and thick brush to the edge of Interstate 10, where his frantic father found him and scooped him up.

Ben later wrote that running was his attempt "to escape from autism."

Though advised to keep their expectations low, his parents stayed up nights surfing the Internet for help.

They took him from specialist to specialist, to Miami, Boston and Chicago, and tried any number of recommended therapies.

As a preschooler, Ben balked at "applied behavioral analysis," in which participants on the autism spectrum are rewarded for repeating tasks — arranging blocks in a requested pattern, for instance. For Ben, the reward was often Goldfish crackers. "I hate f---ing Goldfish," he wrote in one essay, using salty language that appears frequently in his written work and conversation. He felt like an animal in training.

Eventually, he saw Dr. Stanley Greenspan. The Maryland child psychiatrist used a technique called "floortime," which allowed Ben the independence he craved.

He could initiate the activity with his parents or therapists, who would play problem-solving games with him on the floor.

In his writing, Ben recalls how the doctor in blue jeans and Birkenstocks encouraged him: "It does not matter how fast you get there, so long as you get there."

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OPINION

Killing minimum wage argument continues myth



CHRIS TOMLINSON
Houston Chronicle

Most poor people don't work for a living so the government should just get rid of the minimum wage. So says the top economist for a group that calls itself, "The voice of small business."

William Dunkelberg, chief economist and spokesman for the National Federation of Independent Businesses, also said the economy would really thrive if government stopped limiting negotiations between businesses and employees.

As for all of the paperwork that comes with unemployment insurance and Social Security, well, it only takes away from business owners making money, so get rid of that too. "Government is a big weight on our use of resources," he added.

No minimum wage "would be a great idea," he said during a formal meeting his group requested with the Chronicle's editorial board. "A lot of jobs would happen. People who wanted to work would be able to work."

"Show me that you can produce $15 an hour in value, and then I'll pay it," he added. "Most poor people don't work; they are on welfare of one kind or another, so the minimum wage doesn't impact them."

If Dunkelberg were just another wealthy curmudgeon at the country club bar complaining about the world, it would be easy to shrug him off. But Dunkelberg spends much of his time lobbying the corridors of power, and NFIB makes campaign donations through a political action committee to influence lawmakers in Washington and Austin.

"Being a very political organization, no surprise, (NFIB) made their base as big as possible, and that includes 99.7 percent of employer companies in the United States with fewer than 500 employees," he said. It also includes 21,000 members in Texas.

Dunkelberg's facts, though, are a perpetuation of urban myths spread by self-proclaimed free-market economists for decades, much to the detriment of the country and small businesses.

Almost half of poor Americans — 20.1 million out of 45.3 million — are either children or elderly, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Out of the remaining 25.2 million, about 10 million have full- or part-time jobs, and that's where Dunkelberg's analysis conveniently stops.

Dig a little deeper, though, and 8.8 million of the nonworking poor are either retired, going to school or disabled. More than 3.3 million are actively looking for jobs.

The majority of poor Americans are not the welfare-collecting slackers Dunkelberg would have people believe. And as for welfare, able-bodied adults without children in Texas can only receive food stamps while undergoing job training or working.

Economists and politicians have fought for decades over whether the government should mandate a minimum wage. Both sides can trot out detailed academic studies to support their positions, but real world evidence is found in American history.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt started the federal minimum wage during the Great Depression to stop the exploitation of desperate laborers and boost the economy. "No business which depends for existence on paying less than living wages to its workers has any right to continue in this country," he said.

The booming economy that followed lifted the average American worker and created the middle class. There are many explanations for why the economy boomed following World War II, but the minimum wage ensured that the new wealth was widely distributed and not concentrated in only a few hands, something I've seen in dozens of developing countries without labor laws.

The inflation-adjusted purchasing power of the minimum wage peaked in 1968. To return to that level, the minimum wage today would need to be $9.54. If you consider that higher education levels and new technology make workers more productive now than in 1968, the productivity-adjusted wage should be about $12.

Dunkelberg, though, considers a wage requirement "a tax on customers" because it raises prices. "The minimum wage doesn't raise spending in the market;: every dollar a minimum wage worker gets comes out of someone's pocket," he explained.

In truth, low wages drive up real taxes on all of us.

A full-time minimum wage workers only makes $15,080 a year, usually without benefits. A person at that income level must rely on food stamps and charity health care to get by, both of which are funded by taxpayers. Low-wage workers also get the earned income tax credit, which can total another $4,000 a year in taxpayer subsidy.

While consumers can choose how many hamburgers they buy at what price, they don't get to choose my taxes. Higher wages would alleviate these government programs.

Dunkelberg may have economist in his title, but he's really just another lobbyist, paid to persuade lawmakers and the public to cut taxes and regulations.

OUR VIEW

ESPN's firing of analyst is reminder of right businesses should have

The television network ESPN made news last past week by firing baseball analyst Curt Schilling after he posted comments on Facebook critical of transgender rights.

The post, according to the Associated Press, included an image of a man wearing a long blond wig and revealing women's clothing and the phrase, "Let him in! To the restroom with your daughter or else you're a narrow minded, judgmental, unloving, racist bigot who needs to die!!!"

The network, according to the AP, had previously suspended Schilling from the Little League World Series last year over a tweet in which he compared Muslim extremists to Nazi-era Germans.

It was not a surprise to hear such public criticism of transgender rights. There are many in our community who agree with Schilling and question the need to fire the analyst. Does ESPN have the right to do what they did? You bet.

We keep hearing and reading that Schilling's First Amendment rights were violated. We don't see it that way, because businesses have rights, too. In this case, Schilling's public comments are not representative of ESPN's views. The company should have the opportunity to discipline, including the termination of an employee, who doesn't represent the company.

We find this to be no different than how country music stations stopped playing the Dixie Chicks after a comment in 2003 about then-President George W. Bush. We heard some inaccurately cite the First Amendment in their defense, as well. They, too, were wrong.

We enjoy the discussion that typically follows heated political statements. Often, there is the threat of boycotts. We remember those who called for boycotts of Chick-fil-A after reports that the family that operates the fast-food restaurant donated to anti-LGBT organizations. That boycott didn't work out as some had hoped.

There have been celebrity boycotts of states passing measures seen as unfriendly to the LGBT community. We will see if the power of the purse ultimately creates a need to make changes to legislation.

Some are calling for boycotts of ESPN, arguably the most powerful broadcaster of sports programming in America with agreements to broadcast the National Football League, Big Ten and Southeast Conference football, Major League Baseball, the National Basketball Association, among others. We will see if there is any impact there.

In the end, those who support the Dixie Chicks or Schilling have every right to make their voices heard. And there is nothing wrong with healthy protest. The First Amendment says Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech.

But companies have rights, too — something we believe often gets lost — and if an employee doesn't act in a way that a company believes isn't in its best interest, then that company should be allowed to handle it in a way that is appropriate. The First Amendment protects free speech, but it doesn't mean there aren't consequences to that speech.

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Immigration action is dangerous



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In opposing President Obama's executive actions on immigration, critics on the right have it wrong.

The arguments made to the Supreme Court by conservatives who oppose the administration's efforts to temporarily defer deportation and grant work permits to two groups of undocumented immigrants — young people brought to the United States as children by their parents, and the parents of U.S.-born children — were neither strong nor persuasive.

In a nutshell, Republicans like Gov. Greg Abbott insist that Obama is making the law instead of executing it. As a former state attorney general, Abbott should know better. Prosecutorial discretion is a real thing, and law enforcement officials get to prioritize who to go after and in what order. Just because a policeman uses his discretion to give you a warning instead of a citation does not mean that he is unilaterally rewriting the vehicle code.

Besides, discretion is a double-edged sword. According to immigration attorneys I've heard from, the administration is currently moving Central American refugees — mostly women and children — to the front of the deportation line, placing them ahead of hardened criminals. Do conservatives have a problem with this, too? If so, they're being awfully quiet about it.

Opponents also worry that, if the White House allows illegal immigrants to remain on this side of the border, states like Texas — which is leading a coalition of more than 20 states in opposition to the administration — might have to provide the undocumented with driver's licenses and other benefits. So, they insist, this is an unfunded mandate.

Talk about taking the long way home. No one forces a state like Texas to provide driver's licenses, at least not without another court fight or putting the question on a state ballot. We still have states' rights. Obama didn't even issue executive *orders*, which would have the force of law. He merely took executive *action*, which amounts to implementing minor policy changes at the Department of Homeland Security that can be easily undone by any future president.

So what is this really about? I have a theory: Republican critics of Obama's executive actions — better known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Deferred Action for Parents of Americans (DAPA) — are actually afraid of having to pay a price at the ballot box for their tolerance of demagogues like Donald Trump. They think the best way to avoid being held accountable is to fight any attempt to let the immigrants remain in this country.

But just because conservatives are off-base in their arguments against Obama's executive actions on immigration doesn't mean those policies are a home run. More like a foul ball.

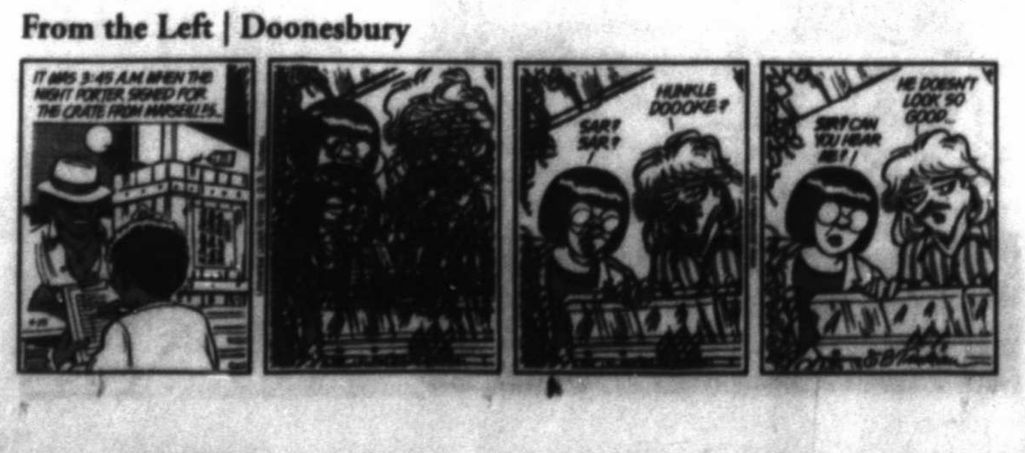
Although I was once a supporter, I've come to realize that these executive actions represent a major step backward for those of us who want a permanent fix to our broken immigration system. They're crumbs that immigration reformers — out of hunger and desperation — like to imagine is a steak dinner.

Let's remember that these executive actions were born of dishonesty, cynicism and expediency. Obama spent the first three years of his presidency repeatedly denying that he had the very kind of executive power that he eventually exercised. In fact, he often pushed back against immigration activists, telling them that he was "not a king" and so he had to work with Congress. In June 2012, he did an about-face and went it alone to rekindle Latino support for his re-election, which had been on the wane due to his broken promise to fix the immigration system and a record number of deportations. This suggests that Obama launched these changes not because he wanted to, but because he felt he had to. This often makes for bad policy.

And while the deferred action is temporary — two or three years with the possibility of renewal — what's permanent is the jeopardy that applicants put themselves in to receive it. Immigration officials will have on file an individual's name, fingerprints, and a home address where they can find the applicant and his or her family members, some of whom may also be undocumented and subject to deportation. This is a Band-Aid on a chest wound. And it's not just deficient. It's dangerous.

The 2016 presidential hopefuls are sometimes asked if they intend to preserve Obama's executive action on immigration. That's the wrong question. We should be asking the candidates how quickly they intend to end it and what they would replace it with.

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NEW MEXICO

Carlsbad mental health center workers cleared of fraud

CARLSBAD — Medicaid fraud charges against three employees of a defunct Carlsbad mental health center have been dismissed.

The Carlsbad Current-Argus reported that an Eddy County Magistrate Court judge ruled last week that there was insufficient evidence that the trio knowingly committed fraud.

Attorney General Hector Balderas indicted Noel Clark, Darril Woodfield and Michael Stoll in June 2015.

They were facing five counts related to Medicaid fraud, one count of fraud and four counts of falsification of documents.

Attorneys for Clark and Stoll say their clients are pleased with the outcome.

An attorney for Woodfield did not immediately return comment.

Judge Daniel Reyes Jr. is binding over co-defendant Carlsbad Mental Health Center on six counts related to Medicaid fraud.

Attorney Kenneth Dugan says the corporation expects to win a favorable judgment.

NEW MEXICO

Hundreds of teens register to vote in state primary

SANTA FE — Hundreds of New Mexico teenagers are capitalizing on a new state law that allows 17-year-olds who will be 18 the day of the election in November to vote in the June primary.

More than 800 teens in New Mexico have registered to vote in June, with more than half registering as Democrats, The Santa Fe New Mexican reported. The totals as of Wednesday include 459 Democrats, 210 Republicans and 193 registered as independents or members of a minor party.

New Mexico's new law, which takes effect on May 18, the day of the primary, puts the state among about 20 states that permit 17-year-olds to cast ballots in party primaries.

As the change takes place in a presidential election year, young voters say they are particularly motivated to vote.

Jackson Miller, a senior at Santa Fe High School, said he is excited to vote this year. He not only registered, he has taken a class at the Democratic Party headquarters in Santa Fe County and is now helping register his eligible friends.

"I think that participating in democracy is one of the most important civic duties we have," Miller said.

Many 17-year-olds said college affordability is their major concern. Don Jaramillo, an 18-year-old senior at Santa Fe High School, said he hopes to leave college with little to no debt, but he has no financial aid. Because New Mexico's Legislative Lottery Scholarship won't be applied until his second semester, he said he's already worried about finding a job on campus.

Although Jaramillo is focused on his own needs, he said he wants to participate in the election for the overall wellbeing of the country. "I want to have the chance to see how someone else could change the U.S. for the better," Jaramillo said.

Meredith Tilp, who teaches an Advanced Placement government class at Capital High School, said the current election has sparked a lot of interest in her students, with many becoming outspoken advocates for their preferred candidates. She said she sees many students supporting Democratic candidate Bernie Sanders because of his stance on access to higher education, but that they also appear to be concerned about jobs and immigration.

The deadline to register to vote in state primaries is May 10.

COLORADO

Plans to expand national monument in San Luis Valley debated

ALAMOSA — Plans to expand the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument northward from New Mexico into the San Luis Valley are getting more support and more opposition.

Rio Grande Water Conservation District Board Member Dwight Martin said residents don't need the monument in Conejos County because it serves no purpose.

"I am adamantly opposed to this monument designation," Martin said.

Anna Vargas, project coordinator for Conejos Clean Water, the organization promoting the expansion, said it would have little effect on work that has already been done on the monument. It also would recognize the existing Rio Grande Natural Area, which lies in the proposed monument expansion rea.

"We are not trying to trump any of the work that's been done on the natural area," Vargas said. "We don't want national monument designation to have any implied water rights."

The goal of the monument expansion is to preserve the land for traditional uses, she said.

The Rio Grande del Norte National Monument covers nearly 250,000 acres. The expansion would run north of the New Mexico state line into the southern part of the San Luis Valley and would add about 64,000 acres of Bureau of Land Management land, the Alamosa Valley Courier reported.

Supporters said the goal is to preserve hunting, fishing and other recreational uses. It would also prevent the land from being sold or leased for mining in the future, and protect the land from oil and gas development.

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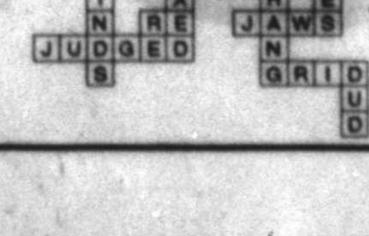
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ERIN DAVIS

MIDLAND CHILDREN'S REHABILITATION CENTER VOLUNTEER

How did you become involved with the Midland Children's Rehab Center and why did you opt to serve on various boards and committees? We have a daughter, who was born extremely premature at 26 weeks — she weighed under 2 pounds at birth and spent 104 days in the NICU. We were blessed with her a few days before her first birthday as a foster/adoptive placement with the intention to adopt. We spent the first year traveling to Odessa three times a week for therapies. When that therapy center was looking at closing due to changes in health care, we were forced to look at our options. At that point, we luckily found MCRC. I was shocked to learn that they take no money from insurance nor do they expect parents to pay for services. It took a few months but after being on the waiting list we were able to slowly transfer all her services to MCRC. Over the course of our three years at the center we have received speech therapy, feeding therapy, hippotherapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy and training in sensory integration. She is also currently in the dance program at MCRC.

After experiencing firsthand the impact that MCRC has on children and their families, I was looking for ways to get involved and give back. I could never repay them for the difference they have made in our baby girl but felt like the least I can do is use my experience and gifts to serve this amazing center.

What is the greatest asset you contribute to the nonprofit boards you serve on? First, as a parent I have a unique perspective and story to share with the community, in an attempt to educate and engage future supporters.

Second, I have a long history of working in the nonprofit sector as events and community coordinator and public relations and development. Having a profound understanding of the nonprofit world made me even more grateful for the level of care and treatment MCRC is able to provide each child who needs its services through the community's financial backing. And thus, I was motivated to do my part to make sure the center is operational for many years to come.

What unexpected lesson have you learned through your volunteer experiences? I was stunned to learn that a surprising number of people who have grown up in the West Texas area are not aware of the amazing work being done for children in our community all at no cost to the families.

How long has Midland been your home, and why have you stayed? We have been in Midland since 2008. Though we came here for a job, both my husband and I believe we were sent to Midland for a greater purpose — that is the gift of our baby girl. Ultimately she is the reason we are here and the reason we stay.

We have grown to love this community and even started a business here, Patriot Pest Management. We have no plans to leave; this is our home.

"ERIN IS ALWAYS READY TO GO THE EXTRA MILE TO MAKE SURE THINGS HAPPEN"

Erin Davis is quite the lady. She is always up for a challenge and ready to dive in no matter what the task. If there is something MCRC needs, Erin is always ready to go the extra mile to make sure things happen. She is truly a special person inside and out.

Erin is a diligent president for the Children's Service League, which consists of a group of ladies who volunteer their time and talents at MCRC. She rarely ever misses a meeting and is always ready with good information for all of the members of the group. She keeps the group in order and implements new ways the members of the group can truly help those at the center. Currently, she is working on putting together different committees to further help in more intricate areas at MCRC. She wants to help make MCRC an even more outstanding place than it is today.

This past Christmas, I personally volunteered to head the Christmas decorations at MCRC. We had several ladies volunteer to put up all of the decorations, but I'm not sure they would have looked nearly as nice without Erin's help. She printed out several large sticker sheets, put up banner paper with ease and decorated the CSL Christmas tree. There is just no stopping her talents. And she does everything with a beautiful smile on her face.

I think MCRC and CSL have been truly blessed to have such a dynamic person like Erin Davis on their team. She is a true blessing and a wonderful person.

Mindy Nelson, *MCRC Children's Service League member*

"ERIN IS SUCH A TREMENDOUS RESOURCE FOR OTHER PARENTS"

Erin is the volunteer we all want — eager to help, follows through on commitments, dedicated to our mission and always going above and beyond.

As president of the Children's Service League (a support organization for MCRC) she oversees all meetings, has developed a comprehensive list of committees and their duties, calendared their fundraising activities and motivates the entire group to work hard and have fun doing it.

As a board member, Erin serves on three different committees and lends her expertise in marketing whenever possible. She designs and prints posters for our waiting room, slides for our wait room TV, headed up our end-of-year campaign for 2015 and serves as an ambassador for all that we do at MCRC.

Erin is also a mom to an amazing special-needs daughter, Abigail, and she fights to be certain Abigail gets the services she needs to become her very best.

Erin has helped to spearhead more than one donor campaign and is such a tremendous resource for other parents. She will sit and share her time with another parent, offer suggestions, and lend an ear to just hear their worries and concerns.

Erin is most deserving of this recognition because she is an amazing volunteer.

Gail Heathington, *MCRC development director*

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BY JULIE DONNELLY



CRYSTAL BALL

Crystal Foster, from left, Frank Cremer, Cressida Hyatt, Brian Arnold, JaLynn Hogan, Tyler Nobles, Kate Williamson, Amber Davidson and Jody Saulsbury.



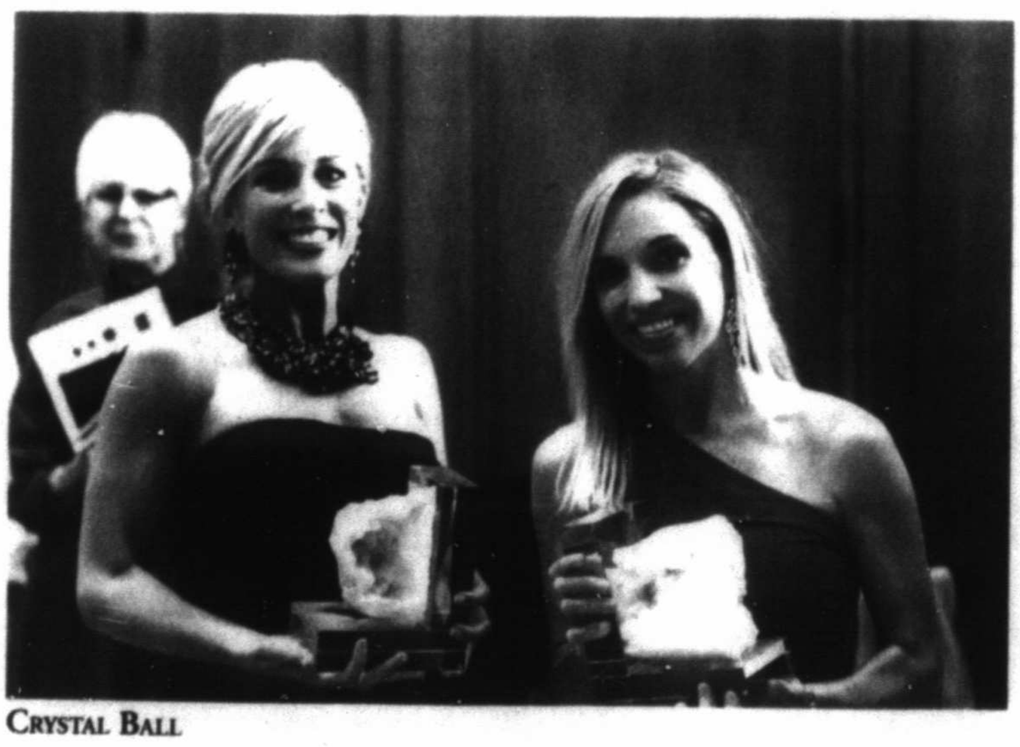
CRYSTAL BALL

Rainbow Award winner Jane Koch, left, and Brian Arnold.



CRYSTAL BALL

Jane Balch, from left, Kate Williamson, Amber Davidson, Sharon Yacob and Holly Ferguson.



CRYSTAL BALL

Jessica Louder, left, and Jenny Noblos.



CRYSTAL BALL

Brooke and Spencer Robnett.

CRYSTAL BALL

High Sky Children's Ranch hosted its 42nd annual Crystal Ball on April 2 at the Petroleum Club. The fundraiser kicked off with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and guests bidding on silent auction items such as sporting event packages, jewelry, handguns and a tapas and martinis party at the home of **Debbie and James Van Stavern.**

Guests then took their seats for a dinner of wedge salad and a beef filet accompanied by shrimp and potatoes. Live bidding then got underway for fine crystal, Dallas Cowboy preseason tickets, a fly fishing trip for two in the Bahamas and a private charter yacht trip sailing the seas of Abaco aboard the Barcelona Explorer.

This year's Rainbow Award winner was longtime supporter **Jane Koch**.

Infinite Groove provided music for dancing.

UPDATED PETROLEUM MUSEUM

Midlanders enjoyed the grand opening of The Petroleum Museum on April 2. Families played in the new Energy City, "blasted off" to look for oil inside The Petrotrekker, walked through Boomtown and challenged each other in the new MythCrackers Theater. **Photos on 3B.**

To have an event included in "Out and About," contact Julie Donnelly at mrtjulie@outlook.com.

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PETROLEUM MUSEUM

Quddus Tid, left, and Nazim Tid.



PETROLEUM MUSEUM

Jason Frost, left, and Jayden Frost.



PETROLEUM MUSEUM

Ruby Kennedy, front, and Celia Kennedy.



PETROLEUM MUSEUM

Alliyah York, from left, Brent York and Jayms Eastep.



PETROLEUM MUSEUM

Emily Madrid, left, and Dezirae Madrid.



PETROLEUM MUSEUM

Tiara Doucet.

TEEN COURT SCHOLARSHIPS





Nine Midland students who volunteer with Midland Teen Court received a total of $6,500 in scholarships Thursday during a luncheon at the Petroleum Club. The recipients are Matthew Fawks, Jacqueline Garciaroiz, Miranda Martinez, Oluwaseun Okimi, Thomas Rubio and Jordan Wilson, Lee High School; and Jose Chavez, Ruben Guerra and Valerie Zubia, Midland High School. The event's presenting sponsors were Apache Corp. and Concho Resources. Apache was represented by Scott Jones in photo at far left; Concho was represnted by Elizabeth Stout, left in photo at left, and Kristin Ditto. They are seen with Amanda Vuelvas, executive director. The nonprofit organization "provides an alternative system of justice for youth to promote accountability and community engagement," according to its website, midlandteencourt.org. A photo of the recipients will be published in Tuesday's Education section.

UNION PACIFIC FOUNDATION GRANTS



Union Pacific Foundation presented grants April 12 to several local nonprofits: West Texas Food Bank ($6,000), Midland Crime Stoppers ($5,000), Midland Habitat for Humanity ($5,000), Senior Link Midland ($5,000), Ellen Noel Art Museum ($5,000), Permian Basin Opera ($3,000), Boys and Girls Clubs of the Permian Basin ($2,500) and Musuem of the Southwest ($2,000). The foundation was represented by Dan Harbeke, director of Public Affairs. Crime Stoppers board member Charlie Harris, from left, Executive Director Angie Valenzuela, Dan Harbeke, Midland County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Ray Weatherby, Crime Stoppers coordinator, and Lt. Kevin Brunner, Midland ISD Police Department.



Alynda Best, executive director Midland Habitat for Humanity, left, and Dan Harbeke.



Kathleen Kirwan-Haynie, Senior Link development director, from left, Dan Harbeke, and Jody Sneed, Senior Link Midland executive director.



Audrie Palmer, development director of the Museum of the Southwest, and Dan Harbeke.



Gayle Banschbach, with Permian Basin Opera, left, and Dan Harbeke.

CUPCAKEMEN



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland area chefs hosted a cupcake decorating class April 16 at First Methodist Church. Participants were Angelo McCoy, First Methodist, from left; Alejandro Barrientos, Odessa College; caterer Felix Buenrrstro; Rudy Underwood, Polo Parks Estates; Leo Garcia, Steak 42; and Manny Garcia, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel.

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PAID CONTENT

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INSTITUTE OF PAIN MANAGEMENT

What is kyphoplasty and how can it bring relief for your back pain?



Dr. Joseph Oei

By Dr. Joseph Oei

Back pain is something that affects everything we do, including standing, sitting, lying down and sleeping. Life with back pain can be very frustrating and very limited.

This can happen because, as we age bone mass decreases, which then makes the risk of osteoporosis greater. It is reported that 40 percent of women of age 50-plus are at risk of suffering a fracture at some time in their lives. Specifically, vertebral fractures are common in osteoporosis patients. They can be extremely painful and actually life-threatening. It is good to know that there are techniques, such as kyphoplasty, which can address the issue of vertebral fracture and relieve pain.

Kyphoplasty is a procedure developed in 1998, which is often used in these cases. There are three main purposes in this procedure:

- To stop the pain the fracture causes
- To stabilize the fractured vertebra
- To restore the body height of the fractured vertebra.

While this procedure is usually associated with osteoporosis or other age-related bone loss, there are a number of younger patients who also suffer from diminished bone strength. Steroids, which are often prescribed for allergies or autoimmune conditions, can also weaken the bones of young people, predisposing them to compression fractures as well.

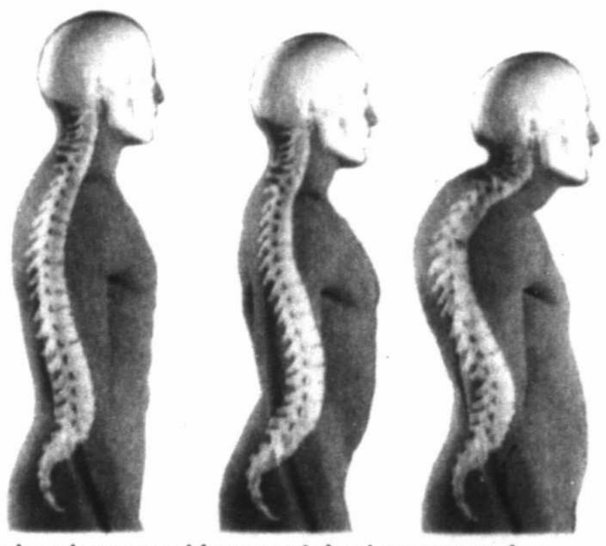
Additionally, fractures can be caused by malignancy (cancers) in the vertebral body, which also weakens the bone.

Fortunately, kyphoplasty is a very simple procedure, normally done as an outpatient in the x-ray suite at the office or day surgery. In almost every instance, the patient goes home the same day.

Patients usually experience pain relief quickly, within no more than two weeks of the surgery. Function quite often improves also.

This procedure has a success rate of more than 90 percent. The incision is small, healing up quickly in most cases. It is very important to get treatment as soon as possible after the pain starts, so call the Institute of Pain Management today and prepare to get your life back!

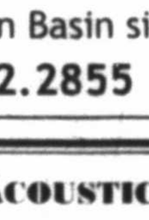
The Institute of Pain Management is located at 2300 W. Michigan, Ste. 4. The phone number is 432-570-6291. Their website is www.midlandpainmgmt.com.



Back pain caused by a vertebral compression fracture can often be treated by vertebral augmentation/kyphoplasty. To learn more, call the Institute of Pain Management at 570-6291.

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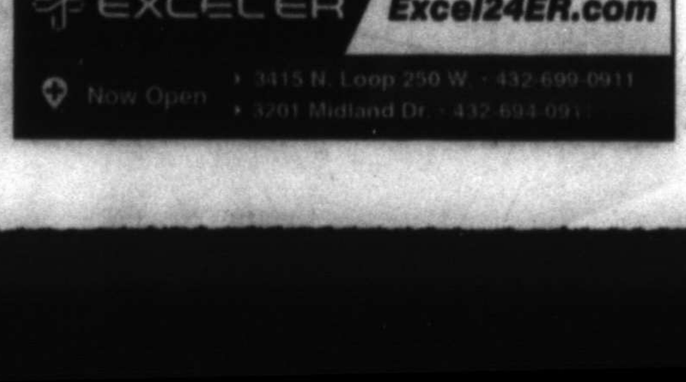
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FROM STAFF REPORTS

Permian Bridge Club

April 11: Kay Arrell-Paula Baggett, Flo Curry-Marlene Blumentritt, Peter Berzanskis-Peggy Cook, David Hudson-Dorothy Brenneman, Greg Keys-Linda Scarpelli, Kay Sewell-Betty Moore

April 12: Brenda Brauner-Curry, Ricki Perry-Baggett, Mary Tift-Blumentritt, Martha Poss-Patti Heard

April 13: Scott Vaughan-Curry, Sarana Savage-Belle Harris, Arrell-Heard, Brenneman-Baggett, Don Troy-Sewell

April 14: Amanda Shaw-Shirley Davenport-Sandy Hill-Cook; John Seymour-Les Neal-Chuck Mundy-Bob Baker; Jean Pistole-Brenda Leonard-Patti Witt-Helen Davis; Anita Albert-Blumentritt-Savage-Vaughan

April 15: Ann Servatius-Bob Bacon, Jane Myers-Curry, Blumentritt-Poss, Dale Beck-James Hawkins, Heard-Perry

April 17: Scarpelli-Troy, K.C. Evanz-Perry, Tommie Strack-Blumentritt, Poss-Vaughan, Lonnie Yee-Frances Levin

Bulldogs return experience as spring ball begins

By Christopher Hadorn
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There was a silver lining to Midland High's injury-marred 2015 football season that resulted in a 4-7 record.

A large number of juniors were thrust into starting roles, with as many as 18 non-seniors being listed at the top of MHS' depth chart at one point late in the season.

Varsity playing experience won't be in short supply when the Bulldogs hit the field to begin spring football at 6:30 a.m. today at Memorial Stadium.

MHS welcomes back a large class of seniors-to-be that were either starters or contributors on a postseason team that lost 76-18 to Arlington Martin in the bi-district round.


Yenzer

"Obviously we had a lot of kids that gained a tremendous amount of playing experience," Bulldogs head coach Craig Yenzer said. "The injury thing was bothersome, and some cases that is why we had so many that gained playing experience. Nonetheless, here we are getting ready to hopefully make real good hay as we used to say on the farm."

"We did have some bumps and bruises last year, we had some ups and downs," Yenzer added. "Let's take all those positive and negative experiences and really take a huge step forward as we go onto spring practice."

Here are three things to watch as MHS enters its four weeks of spring ball:

1. Defense has some key holes to fill

The defense was the one spot that Midland High was hit hardest by graduation as five starters are gone, including two all-state honorable mention performers in defensive end Traver Vliem and inside linebacker Jack Youngblood.

Despite the departures, the Bulldogs have a foundation of returning experience with defensive end Dillon Springer and cornerback Noah Marquez, both two-year starters.

Keoni Garcia, who started at right tackle last year, has been moved to the defensive line to shore up the front. Yenzer is also high on defensive end Sam Bertleson, who played in Vliem's absence last year.

2. MHS returns virtually entire offense, health is only concern

Outside of two rotational offensive linemen and a few reserves at the skill positions, the Midland High offense remains intact from last year.

Please see **BULLDOGS**/4C



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Greenwood golfer Ryan Pate in portrait Thursday at Hogan Park Golf Course.

Greenwood's Pate ready for final high school tourney at state

By Oscar LeRoy
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Greenwood senior Ryan Pate is ready for one last ride in her high school golf career.

And oh what a ride it's been.

During her four years of playing varsity golf for Greenwood, Pate has won a district title, played in four Region I tournaments, won a Region I-4A title, and today she will begin play in the Class 4A State Tournament for the third straight year when she tees off at Austin's Onion Creek Golf Club.

She couldn't have asked for a better way to conclude her time in high school before graduating and heading off to play at Missouri State University.

"It's really a good opportunity for me to end well my senior year," she said. "It's a good opportunity for me to get ready for college golf. It's going to be a fun time finishing with a bang."

And because she knows that her career will go beyond high school, she's not going to stress about state.

"I'm just going to enjoy the tournament and relax and not stress about the outcome, and kind of soak it all in and just let it hit me that I'm almost done with high school golf," she said. "I know my coach is sad it's over, but making it back to state for my senior year kind of means a lot to both of us. It's been a great four years and it's been a great learning experience. I wouldn't be playing Division I college golf if I wouldn't have had the experiences I have had."

Greenwood girls golf coach Sheila Smith said Pate will definitely be hard to replace.

"To have a kid that can score in the 60s and 70s at any given time is a blessing," Smith said. "The other girls love being on the team with Ryan because she gives us a chance to win every time. We don't have anybody that's that type of a golfer. The other girls' focus is to shoot lower and they try hard, but she started at an early age and has God-given talent.

"She's been a great asset to our team and she's been a good leader and a captain. She uses that position in a positive way because she helps the other girls a lot. She's going to be dearly missed by us."

Before she moves on to college, Pate hopes to play well at state.

In her previous two appearances, she's finished 12th and 13th, respectively.

She said she's not the kind of golfer who gets overly emotional and believes that mentality and her past experience at state is what will help her this week.

"From a freshman versus now, I feel so much more comfortable and confident," she said. "I think I learned not to get emotional after having a bad round. I've learned a lot of emotional discipline."

Pate also knows Onion

Please see **PATE**/4C

Spurs rout Grizzlies 116-95, sweep their way to semifinals

By Teresa M. Walker
Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The San Antonio Spurs have swept their way into the Western Conference semifinals after an almost perfunctory, yet very physical test from the most injury-depleted team ever in the NBA playoffs.

Kawhi Leonard scored 21 points as the Spurs routed the Memphis Grizzlies 116-95 on Sunday, sweeping the best-of-seven first-round series.

"It wasn't a fair fight," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said of playing a team that set an NBA record with 28 Grizzlies playing this season. "Whoever was available came out and played, and they executed to the best of their ability. They played with a lot of heart and a lot of fortitude."

The Spurs finished off their ninth sweep of a postseason series in franchise history, their third against the Grizzlies. San Antonio also swept Memphis in the 2004 first round and the 2013 Western Conference finals.

"They play very physical, so it's a good test for the next round," Spurs guard Tony Parker said.

The only thing that delayed the Spurs advancing was a power surge that knocked out the lights, stopping the game for about 20 minutes in the second quarter.

San Antonio now awaits the winner of Oklahoma City-Dallas, a best-of-seven series that the Thunder lead 3-1.

LaMarcus Aldridge scored 15 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for the Spurs. Parker finished with 16 points. David West had 11.

Lance Stephenson scored 26 points off the bench for the Grizzlies. Zach Randolph and Matt Barnes each had 15 points and Vince Carter 14.

This is the third time in the past six postseasons the Grizzlies have been ousted in the first round but the first in that stretch in which they didn't at least push the series to a Game 7. Fans saluted the Grizzlies, holding up towels that read "ALL HEART" as the game ended, and Memphis coach Dave Joerger was very emotional when he talked to reporters.

"This season has been hard, it's been really hard," Joerger said. "They could've quit, could've not made the playoffs. And every day they came out and fought like crazy."

The Grizzlies had plenty of reasons to want an end to what has been a painful slog to the finish of the season. But Joerger wanted at least one playoff victory

Please see **SPURS**/5C

Stars escape with 5-4 win, eliminate Wild after big rally

By Dave Campbell
Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The Dallas Stars were cruising into the second round, dominating their slumbering opponent, when the Minnesota Wild jolted awake.

Minnesota's remarkable rally ended a fraction of an inch short, a fitting metaphor for an intensely up-and-down season. Dallas advanced in the playoffs for the first time in eight years, extracting some valuable experience from a nerve-racking finish.

Jason Spezza scored his fourth goal of the series and added three assists, and goalie Kari Lehtonen and the Stars needed every last one of them to hold off the Wild 5-4 on Sunday and wrap up the first-round series in six games.

"A lot of respect for what Minnesota can do on their side," said Patrick Sharp, who had one of three first-period goals for Dallas. "It was a tough series, but we're happy about moving on."

John Klingberg, Jamie Benn and Alex Goligoski also scored for the Stars, who will face the winner of the Chicago-St. Louis series, which is tied at 3. The Blues host the Blackhawks in their decisive Game 7 on Monday night.

Jared Spurgeon scored two of Minnesota's four third-period goals, both on the power play, and the Wild nearly tied the game with 34 seconds remaining when Nino Niederreiter whacked at a loose puck in the crease.

Freeze-frame replays showed it in the net, but not quite fully across the goal line as it connected with Lehtonen's right pad, an oh-so-close call that was upheld by review. Another angle revealed the puck taking a slight hop, which might have put it all the way in, but it was awfully difficult to determine.

"It seems like it always comes down to that: inches, a fluky play, whatever you want to call it," Wild center Charlie Coyle said. "It's crazy. It was right there."

At the end of a sleepy second period, with the Wild and their fans seeming more than ready for summer vacation, Benn put the Stars in front 4-0 on his top-shelf shot with 24 seconds remaining until the break. Benn had two assists and finished with 10 points in the series.

But the Wild weren't ready to pack it in, as they proved during the torrid 20 minutes that followed.

"It was fun. It was a blast," Wild coach John Torchetti said. "But we didn't get the job done."

The Wild squeezed months of drama into one final period after waking up from a figurative afternoon nap during the first 40 minutes of the game. Spurgeon and Jonas Brodin scored 16 seconds apart, pulling the Wild to 4-2 with 15-plus minutes to play.

In one of many odes to Minnesota's late musical prodigy Prince, the song "Let's Go Crazy" played on the arena system after each score by the Wild, who put 16 shots on goal in the third period. Lehtonen finished with 25 saves and a 3-1 record in the series, but the Stars were all out of sorts down the stretch.

"Obviously, it's tough when they get the crowd going. They were pretty loud. But I think we were pretty calm the whole game," said Klingberg, who knocked in a one-timer from Spezza during a 5-on-3 just 5:56 into the game after Coyle was called for elbowing Jason Demers and Marco Scandella's high stick hit Sharp in the face.

Those early goals added up, too, because the Stars only needed one more to seal it. They got a friendly bounce when Goligoski's

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TODAY'S GAME
Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.

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DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Major League Baseball
NY Yankees at Texas, 7 p.m., ESPN, FSSW
Houston at Seattle, 9 p.m., ROOT

Men's Soccer
English Premier: Tottenham vs. West Bromwich Albion, 2 p.m., NBCSN, NBCU

National Basketball Association
Eastern Conference Quarterfinal, Game 4: Miami at Charlotte, 6 p.m., NBAtv
Western Conference Quarterfinal, Game 5: Dallas at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m., TNT
Western Conference Quarterfinal, Game 4: LA Clippers at Portland, 9:30 p.m., TNT

National Hockey League
Western Conference Quarterfinal, Gm 6: Anaheim at Nashville, 7 p.m., CNBC
Western Conference Quarterfinal, Gm 7: Chicago at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m., NBCSN

Tennis
ATP: TEB BNP Paribas Istanbul Open, 9:30 a.m., TENNIS

RADIO

Major League Baseball
NY Yankees at Texas, 7 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 690 AM (Lamesa)

National Basketball Association
Dallas at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

Texas League Baseball
Midland at Corpus Christi, 7 p.m., KCRS 550 AM, 97.5 FM

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

Baseball
Midland Christian at Lubbock Christian, TBA

Football
MHS spring practices begin

Golf
Andrews girls, Greenwood's Ryan Pate at Class 4A State Tournament, Onion Creek Club, Austin
Forsan girls at Class 2A State Tournament, Roy Kizer Golf Course

LOCAL GOLF

2016 Shirts and Skirts Golf Tournament at Green Tree Country Club
Sunday
Championship Flight
Gross — 1. Hall-Joe Richards and Benny Granger 125. 2. Bobby Duncan and Alexis Rice 127.
Net — 1. Dave and Shelby Thomas 122. 2. Denny and Lacy Gasser 122. 3. Randy and Linda Nelson 122.
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Gross — 1. Bill and Cheryl Trotter 148. 2. Lynn and Paula Sommers 148.
Net — 1 Weldon and Kaycee Butler 132. 2. Bill and Michelle Haggerty 133. 3. Seth and Carla Cunneen 134.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Optioned LHP Roenis Elias and RHP Noe Ramirez to Pawtucket (IL). Recalled LHP Henry Owens and RHP Pat Light from Pawtucket.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Placed C Alex Avila on the 15-day DL. Recalled C Kevan Smith from Charlotte (IL).
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Recalled RHP Jhan Marinez from Durham (IL). Transferred RHP Alex Cobb to the 60-day DL.
National League
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Placed RHP Charlie Morton on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Luis Garcia from Lehigh Valley (IL).
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Fined Oklahoma City G Russell Westbrook $25,000 for directing inappropriate language toward a fan and Oklahoma City F Kevin Durant $15,000 for his Flagrant 2 foul on Justin Anderson during an April 23 game at Dallas.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
DETROIT RED WINGS — Reassigned F Evgeny Svechnikov to Grand Rapids (AHL) from the Cape Breton (QMJHL) and D Joe Hicketts from Victoria (WHL).

MLS STANDINGS

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	4	3	0	12	10	7
Montreal	4	3	0	12	10	8
Toronto FC	3	2	2	11	9	7
Orlando City	2	2	3	9	13	11
D.C. United	2	3	3	9	10	10
Columbus	2	3	2	8	9	9
New England	1	2	4	7	8	13
New York	1	5	0	6	8	17
Chicago	1	2	3	6	6	7
New York City FC	1	3	2	5	6	12

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
FC Dallas	5	2	2	17	15	13
Colorado	5	2	1	16	10	6
Los Angeles	4	1	2	14	11	7
Real Salt Lake	4	1	2	14	12	7
San Jose	4	2	2	14	11	10
Sporting Kansas City	4	4	0	12	9	8
Vancouver	3	4	1	10	9	11
Portland	2	3	2	8	11	14
Seattle	2	4	1	7	7	11
Houston	1	4	2	5	13	14

Scores

Sunday's Scores
San Jose 1, Sporting Kansas City 0
New York 3, Orlando City 2

FIGHT SCHEDULE

April 27
At Tokyo, Japan, Takashi Uchiyama vs. Jezreel Corrales, 12, for Uchiyama's WBA Super World title; Kohei Kono vs. Inthanon Sithchamuang, 12, for Kono's WBA World super flyweight title; Ryoichi Taguchi vs. Juan Jose Landaeta, 12, for Taguchi's WBA World light flyweight title.

April 29
At Trump Taj Majal, Atlantic City, N.J. (Spike), Jonathan Guzman vs. Daniel Rosas, 12, IBF junior featherweight eliminator; Anthony Dirrell vs. Caleb Truax, 10, super middleweights; Andre Dirrell vs. Blake Caparello, 10, super middleweights.

April 30
At the DC Armory, Washington D.C. (SHO), Badou Jack vs. Lucian Bute, 12, for Jack's WBC World super middleweight title; James DeGale vs. Rogelio Medina, 12, for DeGale's IBF super middleweight title; Chris Pearson vs. Joshua Okine, 10, middleweights; Sharif Bogere vs. Samuel Amoako, 10, junior welterweights.

At StubHub Center, Carson, Calif. (FOX), Victor Ortiz vs. Andre Berto, 12, welterweights; Edwin Rodriguez vs. Thomas Williams Jr., 10, light heavyweights; Fernando Montiel vs. Jorge Lara, 10, featherweights.

May 7
At Windhoek, Namibia, Paulus Ambunda vs. Moises Flores, 12, for Ambunda's interim WBA World and IBO super bantamweight titles.

At Manchester, England, Anthony Crolla vs. Ismael Barroso, 12, for Crolla's WBA World lightweight title.

At T-Mobile Arena, Las Vegas (PPV), Canelo Alvarez vs. Amir Khan, 12, for Alvarez's WBC World middleweight title; David Lemieux vs. Glen Tapia, 10, middleweights; Mauricio Herrera vs. Frankie Gomez, 10, welterweights; Patrick Teixeira vs. Curtis Stevens, 10, middleweights.

May 8
Tokyo, Japan, Akira Yaegashi vs. Martin Tecuapetla, 12, for Yaegashi's IBF light flyweight title; Naoya Inoue vs. David Carmona, 12, for Inoue's WBO junior bantamweight title.

May 13
At DC Armory, Washington (BET), Dusty Harrison vs. Mike Dallas, Jr., 10, welterweights.

At Sam's Town Hotel, Las Vegas (SHO), Andrew Tabiti vs. Keith Tapia, 10, cruiserweights; Michael Hunter vs. Isiah Thomas, 10, cruiserweights.

May 14
At Cardif, Wales, Lee Haskins vs. Ivan Morales, 12, for Haskins' IBF bantamweight title; Craig Kennedy vs. Joel Tambwe Djeko, 12, cruiserweights; Andrew Selby vs. Louis Norman, 12, for vacant British flyweight title.

May 17
Black Bear Casino, Carlton, Minn. (FS1), Murat Gassiev vs. Jordan Snimmell, 12, cruiserweights; Cornelius White vs. Marcus Oliveira, 10, heavyweights; Al Sands vs. Andres Taylor, 10, super welterweights.

May 20
At Paris, Youri Kayembre Kalenga vs. Yunier Dorticos, 12, for the vacant WBA World cruiserweight title.

May 21
At Moscow, Denis Lebedev vs. Victor Emilio Ramirez, 12, for Lebedev's IBF and WBA Super World cruiserweights title; Dmitri Bivol vs. Felix Valera, 12, for Bivol's WBA World light heavyweight title; Alexander Povetkin vs. Deontay Wilder, 12, for Povetkin's WBC World heavyweight title.

Edwards passes Kyle Busch on last lap to win at Richmond

By Hank Kurz Jr.
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Carl Edwards had been grinding for 30 laps, doing everything he could to catch Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Kyle Busch in a two-way breakaway from the pack at Richmond International Raceway.

When he finally caught him on the last lap Sunday, and in the final turn, he had no time to think about what would be the prudent thing to do. Instead, Edwards focused on the reason they are racing: to win.

Edwards bumped his sometimes-volatile teammate off his racing line in the last turn and passed him to win his second consecutive NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race, and the fourth in a row for the Gibbs racing stable.

NASCAR said it was the first last-lap pass for a victory in the history of the premier series at the track, a span of 120 races.

"I wish it was anybody but my teammate that we had to race like that with, but big picture to me is we've both got some wins, we're in the Chase, and it's fun to have to race your teammate for the win," Edwards said. "If the roles were reversed, I would have expected him to bump me the same way."

Then in a bid to throw a bone to Busch, whose car was sponsored by Banfield Pet Hospital, he said: "If my cat ever gets sick, I don't care how much it costs, I will take it to the Banfield Pet Hospital, if that helps."

Gibbs said there's no game plan for how to handle the next team meeting.

"What you do is you just start out and work your way through it, and that's what we'll do," he said.

Edwards, who had fallen nearly 1.5 seconds behind after a restart with 36 laps to go, gradually ran him down, catching him on the final lap. Then he slipped underneath Busch, a master blocker in late-race situations, and nudged him just enough to allow Edwards to get inside him for his second consecutive victory. It was also the fourth in a row for the Gibbs stable, and fifth in nine races.

"Kyle's an amazing teammate and it's like he got really slow there at the end," Edwards said. "Something happened that last lap, it's like his rear tires went off or something, and he went down into (Turn) one and I dove it in and I got to him, and I thought, 'Man, I've got something here.' Then he went to get down to the bottom to park it in three and four and I'd already decided to go down there, so I thought, 'Man, I'm going to give him a little nudge.'

"We've both got wins. We're racing for fun and getting these trophies. Just an awesome day."

After falling so far behind, Edwards was surprised to find himself in position to challenge for the victory.

"Man, I didn't think we had anything. Kyle was just so good for that run. I was just doing everything I could. He never spun his tires," he said. "If Dave (crew chief Rogers) hadn't screamed at me to just go get him, I don't know if I would have dove it in there that hard."

Busch seemed less than amused after being denied his third victory in the last four races.

"We just kind of gave it up a little bit there on the last lap, but I guess that's racing and we move on," he said. "... We had a really great car. ... We were fast, maybe not as good as Carl was on the long runs, but we did everything right, everything we were supposed to do."

Pagenaud overcomes contact to win at Barber Motorsports

By John Zenor
Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Simon Pagenaud once again won after getting a favorable ruling from race officials. This time, the runner-up didn't protest the no-call.

Pagenaud led most of the way and overcame late contact with Graham Rahal to win the Indy Grand Prix of Alabama at Barber Motorsports Park on Sunday for his second straight IndyCar victory.

The Frenchman lost the lead briefly after contact with Rahal on the road course. Team Penske's Pagenaud appeared to inch over in an attempt to block Rahal, who made contact with his right rear with eight laps to go. Pagenaud, who also won last week at Long Beach, went into the grass before working his way back to the front.

Race stewards reviewed the incident and didn't impose a penalty. Pagenaud said he was a little steamed after that dustup. "I said, yeah, 'I'm going to get that one back no matter what,'" he said.

But he demurred when asked if IndyCar should have made a call one way or the other.

"I felt like I was being pushed," Pagenaud said. "I don't want to sound like — I've obviously had enough of that. It was just a great race, and it was a great battle."

Last week, Scott Dixon believed Pagenaud should have been penalized for crossing a blend line as he returned to the track following a pit stop. IndyCar only issued a warning.

Rahal called this move "a really solid block" but felt there's no doubt it was intentional.

"I'm glad it was a no-call because for sure it's a racing incident," he said. "But you would never turn in where he turned in. He was purposefully trying to cut me off there."

So why didn't he want to see a penalty that would perhaps have helped Honda to its first victory of the year?

"I didn't want to see his day completely ruined by a call like that," Rahal said.

Another pivotal late-race moment came when Rahal was attempting to work past Pagenaud outside on Turn 15. Rahal clipped Jack Hawksworth, who was a lap down, and his left front wing fell onto the track. He managed to recover and hold off defending champion Josef Newgarden to finish second.

But Rahal, also second last year, couldn't challenge Pagenaud again. Pagenaud won by 13.7476 seconds after starting on the pole and leading 84 of the 90 laps.

Rahal had managed to stay in contention despite already driving with a damaged right wing thanks to a part failure near lap 30. He did lead six laps after Honda drivers had only managed 18 up front in the first three races.

It's the fourth time a Team Penske driver has won at the Alabama road course. Two-time winner Will Power was fourth and 2010 champion Helio Castroneves was seventh.

It's also the track where Pagenaud made his IndyCar debut in 2011, jump-starting his career with a Top 10 finish.

His mother, Sylvie, was at the track to witness his win.

AUTO RACING GLANCE

NASCAR Sprint Cup — Toyota Owners 400

Sunday
At Richmond International Raceway
Richmond, Va.
Lap length: .75 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
1. (4) Carl Edwards, Toyota, 400 laps, 45 points.
2. (9) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 400, 40.
3. (3) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 400, 39.
4. (8) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 400, 37.
5. (1) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 400, 37.
6. (5) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 400, 36.
7. (13) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 400, 35.
8. (2) Joey Logano, Ford, 400, 33.
9. (22) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 400, 32.
10. (7) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 400, 32.
11. (6) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 400, 31.
12. (23) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 400, 29.
13. (16) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 400, 28.
14. (19) Greg Biffle, Ford, 400, 27.
15. (15) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 400, 26.
16. (27) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 400, 25.
17. (17) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 400, 24.
18. (14) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 400, 23.
19. (18) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 400, 22.
20. (11) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 400, 21.
21. (24) Aric Almirola, Ford, 400, 20.
22. (26) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 400, 19.
23. (30) David Ragan, Toyota, 400, 18.
24. (21) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 400, 17.
25. (10) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 400, 16.
26. (12) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 400, 15.
27. (28) Landon Cassill, Ford, 399, 14.
28. (29) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 399, 13.
29. (25) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 399, 12.
30. (36) Matt DiBenedetto, Toyota, 399, 11.
31. (32) Michael McDowell, Chevrolet, 399, 10.
32. (34) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 399, 9.
33. (39) Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet, 398, 8.
34. (33) Chris Buescher, Ford, 396, 7.
35. (20) Brian Scott, Ford, 395, 6.
36. (40) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 394, 5.
37. (37) Ryan Ellis, Toyota, 393, 0.
38. (38) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Ford, 392, 3.
39. (31) Josh Wise, Chevrolet, 390, 2.
40. (35) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 390, 1.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 97.070 mph
Time of Race: 3 hours, 5 minutes, 26 seconds
Margin of Victory: 0.675 seconds
Caution Flags: 8 for 49 laps
Lead Changes: 23 among 8 drivers
Lap Leaders: K. Harvick 1-21; J. Johnson 22-63; C. Edwards 64; J. Johnson 65; C. Edwards 66-89; D. Hamlin 90; J. Johnson 91; M. Kenseth 92-93; C. Edwards 94-157; Ky. Busch 158-168; C. Edwards 169-196; Ky. Busch 197; C. Edwards 198-229; K. Harvick 230-270; B. Keselowski 271-273; K. Harvick 274; B. Keselowski 275-277; Ku. Busch 278-286; Ky. Busch 287-314; Ku. Busch 315-360; Ky. Busch 361-363; C. Edwards 364; Ky. Busch 365-399; C. Edwards 400.
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): C. Edwards, 7 times for 151 laps; Ky. Busch, 5 times for 78 laps; K. Harvick, 3 times for 63 laps; Ku. Busch, 2 times for 55 laps; J. Johnson, 3 times for 44 laps; B. Keselowski, 2 times for 6 laps; M. Kenseth, 1 time for 2 laps; D. Hamlin, 1 time for 1 lap.
Wins: Ky. Busch, 2; C. Edwards, 2; J. Johnson, 2; D. Hamlin, 1; K. Harvick, 1; B. Keselowski, 1.
Top 16 in Points: 1. C. Edwards, 331; 2. K. Harvick, 334; 3. J. Johnson, 310; 4. Ky. Busch, 302; 5. J. Logano, 299; 6. Ku. Busch, 279; 7. D. Earnhardt Jr., 278; 8. D. Hamlin, 258; 9. B. Keselowski, 255; 10. M. Truex Jr., 246; 11. C. Elliott, 234; 12. A. Dillon, 234; 13. J. McMurray, 224; 14. K. Kahne, 222; 15. M. Kenseth, 212; 16. R. Newman, 205.

NASCAR Driver Rating Formula
A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race.
The formula combines the following categories: Wins, Finishes, Top-15 Finishes, Average Running Position While on Lead Lap, Average Speed Under Green, Fastest Lap, Led Most Laps, Lead-Lap Finish.

Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama

Sunday
At Barber Motorsports Park
Birmingham, Ala.
Lap length: 2.3 miles
(Starting position in parentheses)
1. (1) Simon Pagenaud, Dallara-Chevrolet, 90, Running.
2. (6) Graham Rahal, Dallara-Honda, 90, Running.
3. (3) Josef Newgarden, Dallara-Chevrolet, 90, Running.
4. (2) Will Power, Dallara-Chevrolet, 90, Running.
5. (21) Juan Pablo Montoya, Dallara-Chevrolet, 90, Running.
6. (8) James Hinchcliffe, Dallara-Honda, 90, Running.
7. (7) Helio Castroneves, Dallara-Chevrolet, 90, Running.
8. (9) Tony Kanaan, Dallara-Chevrolet, 90, Running.
9. (10) Charlie Kimball, Dallara-Chevrolet, 90, Running.
10. (4) Scott Dixon, Dallara-Chevrolet, 90, Running.
11. (18) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Dallara-Honda, 90, Running.
12. (19) Marco Andretti, Dallara-Honda, 90, Running.
13. (16) Takuma Sato, Dallara-Honda, 90, Running.
14. (15) Carlos Munoz, Dallara-Honda, 90, Running.
15. (20) Alexander Rossi, Dallara-Honda, 90, Running.
16. (5) Sebastien Bourdais, Dallara-Chevrolet, 89, Running.
17. (13) Mikhail Aleshin, Dallara-Honda, 89, Running.
18. (12) Luca Filippi, Dallara-Honda, 89, Running.
19. (14) Jack Hawksworth, Dallara-Honda, 89, Running.
20. (17) Conor Daly, Dallara-Honda, 89, Running.
21. (11) Max Chilton, Dallara-Chevrolet, 89, Running.

Race Statistics
Winners average speed: 114.254
Time of Race: 1:48:42.3334
Margin of Victory: 13.7476 seconds
Cautions: 1 for 1 laps
Lead Changes: 4 among 2 drivers
Lap Leaders: Pagenaud 1-19, Rahal 20-21, Pagenaud 22-81, Rahal 82-85, Pagenaud 86-90
Points: Pagenaud 188, Dixon 140, Montoya 136, Castroneves 118, Kanaan 106, Rahal 100
Power 94, Newgarden 91, Sato 90, Hunter-Reay 87

NHRA 4Wide Nationals

Sunday
At zMax Dragway
Concord, N.C
Final Results
Top Fuel—Brittany Force, 3.764 seconds, 319.98 mph def. Antron Brown, 3.779 seconds, 316.75 mph and Doug Kalitta, 4.792 seconds, 161.34 mph and Clay Millican, 6.616 seconds, 90.24 mph.
Funny Car—Tim Wilkerson, Ford Mustang, 3.967, 315.56 def. Cruz Pedregon, Toyota Camry, 3.995, 313.37 and Ron Capps, Dodge Charger 4.055, 315.42 and Matt Hagan, Charger, 4.069, 305.56.
Pro Stock—Jason Line, Chevy Camaro, 6.565, 211.33 def. Bo Butner, Camaro, 6.591, 210.77 and Drew Skillman, Camaro, 6.620, 209.43 and Chris McGaha, Camaro, 6.646, 208.68.
Pro Stock Motorcycle—Andrew Hines, Harley Davidson, 6.844, 195.42 def. Eddie Krawiec, Harley-Davidson, 6.849, 194.44 and Chip Ellis, Buell, 6.884, 193.90 and Matt Smith, Victory, 12.879, 60.42.
Top Alcohol Dragster—Megan Meyer, 5.325, 278.46 def. Josh Hart, 5.634, 238.72.
Top Alcohol Funny Car—Kris Hood, Chevy Monte Carlo, 5.557, 261.83 def. Jonnie Lindberg, Monte Carlo, 10.179, 84.19.
Competition Eliminator—David Rampy, Bantam, 7.283, 159.29 def. Randy Daniels, Grand Am, 8.665, 198.07.
Super Stock—Bryan Worner, Chevy Camaro, 10.223, 127.93 def. Herbie Null Jr., Camaro, 9.886, 131.99.
Stock Eliminator—Jeff Harrington, Ford Mustang, 10.129, 129.21 def. Michael Brand, Pontiac Firebird, 11.112, 110.97.
Super Comp—Ray Miller, Dragster, 8.949, 176.58 def. Danny Waters Jr., Dragster, 8.901, 174.55.
Super Gas—Jim Perry, Chevy S-10, 8.907, 169.25 def. Mia Tedesco, Chevy Cavalier, 9.908, 164.55.
Top Sportsman—Mark Payne, Chevy Cavalier, 6.846, 203.63 def. Michael Kaufman, Chevy Corvette, Foul — Red Light.

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ROCKHOUNDSREPORT

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MISSIONS 6
ROCKHOUNDS 5
At Nelson Wolff Stadium, San Antonio

HITTERS OF THE GAME: Jose Rondon led San Antonio by going 2-for-4 with a double and three RBI. ... Midland's Franklin Barreto and Beau Taylor each went 2-for-2. Taylor added two RBI, while Barreto had an RBI and two runs scored.

PITCHER OF THE GAME: San Antonio closer Jason Jester picked up his third save of the season by pitching 1 1/3 scoreless innings, allowing no hits and striking out two.

HIGHLIGHTS: Midland starter Chris Jensen got off to a real rocky start as San Antonio scored five runs in the first inning. Jensen hit two batters, walked a batter and gave up three hits, including two doubles. The RockHounds also committed an error. Rondon had the big hit in the frame with a two-run double. ...The RockHounds scored two runs in the second, two in the sixth and one in the seventh before Jester closed it.

NOTES: San Antonio took three out of four games in the series from the RockHounds, who lost the last three. ...

TL standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield (Cardinals)	9	7	.563	—
Arkansas (Angels)	9	7	.563	—
Northwest Arkansas (Royals)	8	10	.375	3
Tulsa (Dodgers)	7	11	.313	4

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Frisco (Rangers)	11	4	.733	—
Corpus Christi (Astros)	9	7	.563	2
Midland (Athletics)	8	8	.500	3½
San Antonio (Padres)	8	8	.500	3½

Sunday's Scores
San Antonio 6, Midland 5
Tulsa 8, Northwest Arkansas 6
Frisco at Corpus Christi, ppd., rain
Springfield 10, Arkansas 2

Today's Games
Northwest Arkansas at Springfield, 6:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.
Arkansas at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.
Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.

Midland will begin a four-game series at Corpus Christi at 7:05 p.m. today.

MISSIONS 6, ROCKHOUNDS 5

San Antonio	ab	r	h	bi
Oh ll	5	0	0	0
Brugman cf	5	0	0	0
Healy dh	4	0	0	0
Chapman 3b	3	1	1	0
Rosa lb	1	2	1	0
Barreto ss	3	2	2	1
Taylor c	3	0	2	2
Kirkland 2b	2	0	0	1
Vertigan rf	4	0	1	1
Totals	30	5	7	5

Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Ward 2b	3	1	1	0
Bousfield cf	4	0	0	0
Torres lf	4	1	2	0
Oh dh	3	1	0	0
Lindsey 1b	3	2	1	1
Martinez rf	3	0	0	1
Asencio rf	0	0	0	0
Rondon ss	2	1	2	3
Miller c	3	0	1	1
Jensen 3b	3	0	0	0
Totals	28	6	7	6

Midland	000	002	010	—6			
San Antonio	500	001	00x	—6			

E — Brugman (1), Chapman (2). DP — San Antonio 1. LOB — Midland 6, San Antonio 3. 2B — Taylor (1), Chapman (4), Rondon (5), Miller (1), Lindsey (1). SB — Miller (2). CS — Chapman (2), Rosa (1), Ward (1). SF — Kirkland, Martinez.

Rondon	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Jensen L, 1-2	6 G	7	6	6	1	4
Avila	1 0	0	0	0	0	1
Kurcz	1 0	0	0	0	0	0
San Antonio						
Hellweg W, 1-2	5 2	5	4	4	4	4
Alger	2 0	2	1	1	2	0
Jester S, 3	1 1	0	0	0	0	2

WP — Jensen 2, Hellweg, Alger. HBP — by Hellweg (Barreto); by Jensen (Ward); by Jensen (Lindsey).
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Mat Latos improves to 4-0 as White Sox beat Rangers 4-1

By John Jackson
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Mat Latos felt he could've done better. Still, it was good enough to maintain his remarkable start.

Latos pitched six solid innings and the Chicago White Sox beat the Texas Rangers 4-1 Sunday to complete a sweep of the three-game series.

The 6-foot-6 right-hander, who signed a $3 million, one-year deal with Chicago in February, was charged with one run and seven hits. Latos (4-0) has allowed two earned runs in 24 1/3 innings in his four starts while matching his win total from all of last year.

"I battled today," he said. "I didn't have good fastball command, I fell behind in the count early today. I was lucky. I got away with a couple of pitches to some good guys."

Although Latos might not have been as sharp as earlier outings this season, White Sox manager Robin Ventura wasn't ready to attribute the newcomer's success to good fortune.

"Matty threw great. He continues to impress," Ventura said. "That's a tough lineup to go through."

The Rangers were swept in a series of three games or more for the first time since last July by the Angels.

"Sometimes you tip your hat to the guy across the way, too," Texas manager Jeff Bannister said. "Latos has been hot. He has been pitching well."

David Robertson, who blew a save opportunity on Saturday for this first time this season, struck out the side in the ninth for his seventh save.

Dioner Navarro homered and drove in two runs as Chicago won for the fifth time in six games. Brett Lawrie added two hits and an RBI.

Touted Rangers rookie Nomar Mazasa hit a long drive to right in the first inning for his first homer since his major league debut on April 10. The ball cleared the visiting bullpen and landed about five rows into the bleachers.

Navarro tied it in the third with a drive to left field for his first homer of the season.

Chicago then grabbed the lead in the fifth. Melky Cabrera drew a leadoff walk and advanced to third when Lawrie followed with a double to right field. Cabrera scored on a wild pitch and Navarro made it 3-1 with a sacrifice fly.

Lawrie singled home a run in the eighth.

Latos joined teammate Chris Sale and crosstown rival Jake Arrieta of the Cubs among the four pitchers in the major leagues at 4-0.

"I'm grateful. I'll take it in stride," Latos said. "I didn't necessarily execute the plan that I wanted to today, but the defense picked me up."

Pitcher's best friend

The Rangers put runners on first and third with one out in the sixth inning and seemed on the verge of chasing Latos. But he got Ryan Rua to ground back to mound and then started a 1-4-3 inning-ending double on his 106th and last pitch of the game.

Latos pumped his fist as he headed to the dugout.

"It was supposed to be a fastball in, but it was down and away, so I missed the spot," he said. "I was running on fumes there at the end. I was lucky to get a groundball."

Trainer's room

Rangers: LHP Cole Hamels was scratched from his scheduled start on Monday because of a strained left groin muscle. The injury is not considered serious and there is no plan to put him on the disabled list. He skipped one start last August because of the same issue.

White Sox: C Alex Avila was placed on the 15-day disabled list with a right hamstring injury. To take his place on the roster, C Kevan Smith was recalled from Triple-A Charlotte. Avila, who is batting .214 in 10 games this season, was injured running the bases in the sixth inning on Saturday.

Up next

Rangers: With Hamels injured, LHP Cesar Ramos (0-0, 0.00 ERA) will be recalled from Triple-A Round Rock to start the opener of a three-game series against the Yankees on Monday. RHP Nathan Eovaldi (0-2, 6.11 ERA) goes for New York.

White Sox: RHP Miguel Gonzalez (0-0, 0.00 ERA) will be recalled from Triple-A Charlotte to start the opener of a three-game series Monday in Toronto. RHP Marcus Stroman (3-0, 4.13 ERA) goes for the Blue Jays.

Grand slam, 5 RBIs by Rasmus helps Astros over Red Sox 8-3

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — During their four-game losing skid, the Houston Astros were incapable of getting timely hits.

That changed on Saturday.

Colby Rasmus hit a tie-breaking grand slam in the fifth inning to lead the Astros to an 8-3 win over the Boston Red Sox that ended the losing streak.

He drove in a fifth run with a double in Houston's three-run eighth for his most RBIs since he had six on June 2, 2011.

The game was tied a 1-1 and Clay Buchholz (0-2) had retired eight straight before walking Luis Valbuena with no outs in the fifth. George Springer singled with two outs before Buchholz plunked Carlos Correa to load the bases.

Rasmus then launched a 93 mph fastball with two strikes to the seats in right-center field for his fifth career grand slam and Houston's second this season to make it 5-1.

"There was a little bit of an exhale getting a big hit with runners in scoring position to change the score against a good pitcher and somebody that Colby hasn't hit in the past," manager A.J. Hinch said.

Rasmus was glad to be able to come through at such a big moment.

"We've had a tough stretch, so to be able to do something for the team I feel blessed and thankful that that gave us a spark," he said. "We had some good energy, got the crowd going with us and everybody was having a good time."

Buchholz lamented not being able to locate that pitch were he wanted it.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	11	6	.647	—
Toronto	10	10	.500	2½
Boston	8	9	.471	3
Tampa Bay	8	10	.444	3½
New York	7	10	.412	4

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	13	6	.684	—
Kansas City	12	6	.667	½
Cleveland	9	7	.563	2½
Detroit	8	9	.471	4
Minnesota	5	14	.263	8

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	10	9	.526	—
Texas	10	9	.526	—
Seattle	9	9	.500	½
Los Angeles	8	11	.421	2
Houston	6	12	.333	3½

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	14	4	.778	—
New York	10	7	.588	3½
Philadelphia	9	10	.474	5½
Miami	6	11	.353	7½
Atlanta	4	14	.222	10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	14	5	.737	—
St. Louis	10	8	.556	3½
Pittsburgh	10	9	.526	4
Cincinnati	9	10	.474	5
Milwaukee	8	11	.421	6

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	12	7	.632	—
Arizona	10	10	.500	2½
Colorado	9	9	.500	2½
San Francisco	9	11	.450	3½
San Diego	7	12	.368	5

Scores & schedule

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Sunday's Games
Tampa Bay 8, N.Y. Yankees 1
Toronto 6, Oakland 3
Cleveland 6, Detroit 3
Minnesota 6, Minnesota 5, 16 innings
Chicago White Sox 4, Texas 1
Kansas City 6, Baltimore 1
Seattle 9, L.A. Angels 4
Houston 8, Boston 3
Monday's Games
Chicago White Sox (M.Gonzalez 0-0) at Toronto (Stroman 3-0), 6:07 p.m.
Baltimore (Gausman 0-0) at Tampa Bay (Archer 0-4), 6:10 p.m.
Boston (Porcello 3-0) at Atlanta (Teheran 0-2), 6:10 p.m.
Oakland (Graveman 1-1) at Detroit (Zimmermann 3-0), 6:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Eovaldi 0-2) at Texas (C.Ramos 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Salazar 2-1) at Minnesota (Milone 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Kennedy 2-1) at L.A. Angels (Richards 0-3), 9:05 p.m.
Houston (Fister 1-2) at Seattle (T.Walker 1-0), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Sunday's Scores
Chicago Cubs 9, Cincinnati 0
Washington 6, Minnesota 5, 16 innings
N.Y. Mets 3, Atlanta 2
Milwaukee 8, Philadelphia 5
Miami 5, San Francisco 4
L.A. Dodgers 12, Colorado 10
Pittsburgh 12, Arizona 10, 13 innings
St. Louis 8, San Diego 3
Monday's Games
Boston (Porcello 3-0) at Atlanta (Teheran 0-2), 6:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (R.Iglesias 1-1) at N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 2-0), 6:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Locke 0-2) at Colorado (Bettis 2-0), 7:40 p.m.
St. Louis (J.Garcia 1-1) at Arizona (Greinke 1-2), 8:40 p.m.
Miami (Chen 0-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Stripling 0-0), 9:10 p.m.
San Diego (Pomeranz 2-1) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 1-2), 9:15 p.m.

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
RAYS 8, YANKEES 1

Tampa Bay	501	010	010	—8	12	0
New York	000	100	000	—1	6	0

Smyly, Geltz (8), Alvarez (9) and Casali; Pineda, Yates (6), Goody (8) and B.McCann. 2B—Romine, W.Smyly 1-2, L.Pineda 1-2. HRs—Tampa Bay, Dickerson (5), Souza Jr. 2 (5), Pearce (1), Forsythe (3).

TORONTO BLUE JAYS 6, ATHLETICS 3

Oakland	000	001	100	—3	5	0
Toronto	004	200	00x	—6	11	0

Surkamp, Rzepczynski (5), Dull (6), Fe.Rodriguez (8) and M.Vogt; Hutchison, Chavez (6), Cecil (7), Storen (8), Osuna (9) and Thole. W—Hutchison 1-0. L—Surkamp 0-2. Sv—Osuna (6). HRs—Oakland, K.Davis (7), Reddick (4). Coghlan (4). Toronto, Carrera (1), Bautista (4).

INDIANS 6, TIGERS 3

Cleveland	000	330	000	—6	11	0
Detroit	000	200	010	—3	7	0

Carrasco, Bauer (3), McAllister (7), B.Shaw (8), Mazrainy (9), C.Allen (9) and R.Perez; Greene, VerHagen (4), Boyd (5) and Saltalamacchia. W—Bauer 1-0. L—Greene 1-2. Sv—C.Allen (6).

WHITE SOX 4, RANGERS 1

Texas	100	000	000	—1	8	0
Chicago	001	030	01x	—4	8	1

Holland, Claudio (7) and Nichoas. Latos, Duke (7), N.Jones (8), Robertson (9) and Navarro. W—Latos 4-0. L—Holland 2-1. Sv—Robertson (7). HRs—Texas, Mazara (2). Chicago, Navarro (1).

ROYALS 8, ORIOLES 1

Baltimore	100	000	000	—1	4	1
Kansas City	000	101	40x	—6	11	0

M.Wright, Bundy (7), Britton (8) and Joseph; Ventura, K.Herrera (8), D.Duffy (9) and Butera. W—Ventura 2-0. L—M.Wright 1-2. HRs—Kansas City, A.Gordon (2), Hosmer (2).

MARINERS 9, ANGELS 4

Seattle	400	300	002	—9	8	0
Los Angeles	300	000	010	—4	6	3

Miley, Vincent (8) and Clevenger; Shoemaker, J.Alvarez (4), Col.Rasmus (6), Morin (9) and Soto. W—Miley 1-2. L—Shoemaker 1-3. Sv—Vincent (1). HRs—Seattle, K.Seager 1 (1), L.Martin (3), S.Smith (2). Los Angeles, Pujols (3), Y.Escobar (2).

INTERLEAGUE
NATIONALS 6, TWINS 5, 16 INNINGS

Minnesota	001	000	030	000	001	0	—5	11	1
Washington	100	000	021	000	001	1	—6	16	0

Duffey, Fien (5), Pressly (6), May (8), Jepsen (9), Abad (10), O'Rourke (12), Tonkin (15) and J.Murphy. Strasburg, Belisle (8), Rivero (9), Papelbon (10), Petit (11), O.Perez (15) and W.Ramos, Lobaton. W—O.Perez 1-0. L—Tonkin 1-1. HRs—Minnesota, Dozier (3). Washington, Den. Dekker (1), Harper (9), Heisey (2).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
CUBS 9, REDS 0

Chicago	323	001	000	—9	14	0
Cincinnati	000	000	000	—0	3	1

Hammel, Warren (7), T.Wood (8), Rondon (9) and M.Montero. Simon, Hayes (3), Hoover (7), Ohlendorf (8) and Barnhart. W—Hammel 3-0. L—Simon 0-2. HRs—Chicago, Rizzo 2 (8), La Stella (1).

METS 3, BRAVES 2

New York	100	002	000	—3	7	0
Atlanta	000	010	001	—2	12	0

deGrom, Henderson (6), Robles (7), Beverlin (8), Familia (9) and Plawecki. Blair, Ogando (6), Cervenka (7), Grilli (9) and Pierzynski. W—deGrom 2-0. L—Blair 0-1. Sv—Familia (5).

BREWERS 8, PHILLIES 5

Philadelphia	011	002	100	—5	10	2
Milwaukee	000	206	00x	—8	12	1

Eickhoff, Neris (6), Hinojosa (7), L.Garcia (8) and Rupp. W.Peralta, Blazek (7), Thornburg (8), Jeffress (9) and Maldonado. W—W.Peralta 1-1. L—Eickhoff 1-3. Sv—Jeffress (8). HRs—Milwaukee, Braun (5), Gennett (4), Presley (1).

MARLINS 5, GIANTS 4

Miami	001	111	010	—5	14	2
San Francisco	010	102	000	—4	12	0

Conley, Morris (6), Ege (6), Barraclough (7), Phelps (8), A.Ramos (9) and Realmuto. M.Cain, Okert (6), Law (7), Osich (7), Casilla (9) and Brown. W—Barraclough 1-0. L—Osich 0-1. Sv—A.Ramos (3). HRs—Miami, Stanton (4), Realmuto (1). San Francisco, Pence (3).

DODGERS 12, ROCKIES 10

Los Angeles	043	000	005	—12	11	2
Colorado	301	000	006	—10	11	1

A.Wood, P.Baez (6), Liberatore (7), Hatcher (8), Avilan (8), Blanton (8), Jansen (9) and Grandal. Lyles, Ruten (3), J.Miller (7), Logan (8), McGee (9), Qualls (9) and Garneau. W—Blanton 2-1. L—McGee 0-1. Sv—Jansen (9). HRs—Los Angeles, Pederson (3).

PIRATES 12, DIAMONDBACKS 10

Pittsburgh	003	500	000	002	2	—12	20	0
Arizona	103	000	022	002	0	—10	15	2

F.Liriano, Vogelsong (7), Watson (8), Melancon (9), Lobstein (10), N.Feliz (12), Caminero (13) and Stewart. Ray, Wagner (4), Delgado (7), Chafin (9), Ziegler (10), Hudson (11), Clippard (12), Marshall (13) and W.Castillo. W—N.Feliz 1-0. L—Marshall 0-1. Sv—Caminero (1). HRs—Arizona, Goldschmidt 2 (5), W.Castillo (6), Tomas (4).

CARDINALS 8, PADRES 5

St. Louis	200	102	030	—8	14	2
San Diego	011	120	000	—5	9	1

Leake, Oh (6), Siegrist (7), J.Broxton (8), Rosenthal (9) and Molina. Ross, Quackenbush (6), Buchter (6), Maurer (8), Hand (9) and Bethancourt. W—Siegrist 3-0. L—Maurer 0-1. Sv—Rosenthal (5). HRs—St. Louis, Gyorko (4). A.Diaz (3). San Diego, Bethancourt (1).

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

RAYS 8
YANKEES 1

NEW YORK — Steven Souza Jr. homered twice on his 27th birthday and the Tampa Bay Rays went deep five times in all, finally giving Drew Smyly some run support Sunday in an 8-1 victory over the New York Yankees.

Souza and Corey Dickerson each hit a two-run homer in a five-run first inning against Michael Pineda. Steve Pearce and Logan Forsythe added solo shots to help Tampa Bay prevent a three-game sweep and finish its 3-3 road trip to Boston and New York on a positive note.

Alex Rodriguez exited with stiffness on his left side (oblique) and was sent for an MRI, the Yankees said. Rodriguez drove in New York's lone run with a fourth-inning double off the top of the left-field fence, then was pulled for a pinch hitter in the sixth.

BLUE JAYS 6
ATHLETICS 3

TORONTO — Jose Bautista hit a two-run homer, Ezequiel Carrera added a solo shot and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Oakland Athletics 6-3 on Sunday.

Josh Donaldson scored twice for Toronto. The Blue Jays, the highest-scoring team in the majors last year, have posted at least five runs for a season-best three games in a row.

Chris Coghlan, Khris Davis, and Josh Reddick each hit solo home runs for the Athletics, who lost their second in a row after winning the previous six.

Recalled from Triple-A Buffalo to make a spot start as Toronto gave its rotation an extra day of rest, right-hander Drew Hutchison (1-0) allowed two runs and four hits in 5 2-3 innings.

INDIANS 6
TIGERS 3

DETROIT — Francisco Lindor got three hits and the Cleveland Indians overcame an early injury to starting pitcher Carlos Carrasco to beat the Detroit Tigers 6-3 Sunday, finishing off a three-game sweep.

Tigers manager Brad Ausmus juggled his lineup, leaving slumping Miguel Cabrera and Justin Upton on the bench. A day after Ausmus kept the clubhouse closed for a half-hour after a loss, Detroit dropped its fourth in a row and fell for the seventh time in nine games.

ROYALS 8
ORIOLES 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Yordano Ventura settled down after a shaky first inning, Eric Hosmer and Alex Gordon homered and Kansas City beat Baltimore.

Ventura (2-0) allowed his lone run and two of his three hits in the first inning. He wound up going seven.

Mike Wright (1-2) allowed five runs in 6 1/3 innings.

MARINERS 9
ANGELS 4

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Wade Miley overcame a shaky first inning that included a home by slumping Albert Pujols to post his first victory in a Seattle uniform.

Kyle Seager, Leonys Martin and Seth Smith hit home runs for the Mariners.

Pujols ended a career-worst 0-for-26 skid with his 563rd career homer, tying Reggie Jackson for 13th place all-time.

National League

CUBS 9
REDS 0

CINCINNATI — Anthony Rizzo drove in four runs with his 10th career two-homer game. Jason Hammel pitched six scoreless innings and the Chicago Cubs routed the Cincinnati Reds 9-0 on Sunday to improve to 14-5 for the first time in 47 years.

Tommy La Stella hit two doubles and his first homer of the season and Jason Heyward had four hits and 3 RBIs as the Cubs rebounded from their worst loss of the season 13-5, on Saturday.

Despite that loss, Chicago outscored Cincinnati 38-14 in the four-game series, which started Thursday with Jake Arrieta's 16-0 no-hitter.

The Cubs have won six of their seven games against the Reds this season and nine of their last 10 over the last two seasons. Chicago's record over 19 games is its best since the 1969 team started 14-5.

METS 3
BRAVES 2

ATLANTA — Jacob deGrom made a successful return to the mound after tending to his ill infant son and an injury, pitching the New York Mets past the Atlanta Braves 3-2 Sunday for a three-game sweep.

Back in the rotation after healing from a sore right lat muscle and seeing his son recover from a health concern, deGrom (2-0) gave up one run and eight hits in 5 2/3 innings. He walked none and struck out three.

The Mets went 7-2 on a three-city road trip. Atlanta lost its fifth straight game.

BREWERS 8
PHILLIES 5

MILWAUKEE — Scooter Gennett and Alex Presley homered in a six-run sixth inning, backing an encouraging outing by struggling starter Wily Peralta as Milwaukee beat Philadelphia.

The Brewers also hit four doubles in the sixth, when they chased Phillies starter Jerad Eickhoff (1-3).

MARLINS 5
GIANTS 4

SAN FRANCISCO — J.T. Realmuto matched his career high with four hits, including a tiebreaking home run in the eighth inning as Miami avoided a three-game sweep.

Giancarlo Stanton also homered and reached base four times for the Marlins.

Realmuto homered off San Francisco reliever Josh Osich (0-1).

DODGERS 12
ROCKIES 10

DENVER — Chase Utley drove in the go-ahead run with a double during Los Angeles five-run ninth to rally at Colorado.

Trailing 10-7, the Dodgers lit up Rockies closer Jake McGee (0-1).

Joe Blanton (2-1) earned the win by getting two outs in the eighth. Kenley Jansen struck out Trevor Story to pick up his ninth save.

PIRATES 12
DIAMONDBACKS 10, 13 INNINGS

PHOENIX — Arizona pitcher Shelby Miller played left field and chased after a go-ahead double by Pittsburgh's Sean Rodriguez in the 13th inning before striking out to end the game.

Miller went into the outfield after shortstop Nick Ahmed was ejected in the 12th. Miller became the first Diamondbacks pitcher to play a position — the previous major league pitcher to play the outfield since Colorado's Jason Gurka last Sept. 15, STATS said.

CARDINALS 8
PADRES 5

SAN DIEGO — Jedd Gyorko homered, tripled and singled, and rookie Aledmys Diaz had a homer among his three hits as St. Louis rallied.

Gyorko, traded from San Diego to the Cardinals in December, had two chances to complete the cycle but flied out and grounded out.

Padres reliever Kevin Quackenbush allowed consecutive homers to Gyorko and Diaz in the sixth to tie it. Brandon Maurer (0-1) gave up three runs in the eighth.

Interleague

NATIONALS 6
TWINS 5

WASHINGTON — Bryce Harper tied it with a pinch-hit home run in the ninth inning, pitcher Oliver Perez put down a bunt in the 15th that kept things going and Chris Heisey homered in the 16th to give the Washington Nationals a wild 6-5 win Sunday over the Minnesota Twins.

At 5 hours, 56 minutes, it was the longest regular-season game in Nationals' history. By far one of the craziest, too.

Harper was supposed to have a day off, but stepped up to lead off the ninth with Washington trailing 4-3 and connected for the first pinch-hit homer of his career.

The Nationals were down 5-4 in the 15th when Danny Espinosa drew a two-out walk and stole second. With no one else left to hit, Perez (1-0) batted for the first time since 2010 and bunted down the third base line. Catcher John Ryan Murphy picked up the ball but threw it wildly past first, allowing Espinosa to score.

Heisey then homered off Michael Tonkin (1-1) to complete a three-game sweep.

COLLEGE BASEBALL SCORES

SOUTHWEST
Houston 7, South Florida 5
Oklahoma St. 11, TCU 7
Park 13, Lyon 5
Sacramento St. 5, Texas Rio Grande Valley 3, 15 innings
Texas 17, Texas Tech 1
Texas A&M 2, Alabama 1
Texas-Arlington 4, Troy 2, 10 innings
West Virginia 12, Oklahoma 7
FAR WEST
CS San Marcos 6, Cal St.-East Bay 4
San Diego St. 10, Nev.-Reno 0
Santa Clara 6, Gonzaga 0
Seattle 1, Utah Valley 0
UC San Diego 7, CS Monterey Bay 1
EAST
Adelphi 4, New Haven 2
Brown 6, Harvard 0
Bryant 6, Stony Brook 2
Castleton 3-2, Husson 2-6
Fairleigh Dickinson 7, Sacred Heart 5, 10 innings
Farmingdale 8, Mount St. Mary 5
Fordham 7, Davidson 4
Hartford 11, Maine 4
Holy Cross 5, Bucknell 3
King's (Pa.) 5, Delaware Valley 2
Louisville 6, Boston College 2
LIU 11, Mississippi St. 9
Molloy 7, Mercy 1
NJIT 7, NY Tech 2
NYU 4, Staten Island 0
Old Westbury 18-3, NY Maritime 6-4
Quinnipiac 10, Manhattan 4
Rider 13, Niagara 5
S. New Hampshire 5, Merrimack 3
Seton Hall 7, Villanova 6, 10 innings
Seton Hill 8, Slippery Rock 3
Siena 9, Delaware 2
South Carolina 9, Missouri 2
St. John Fisher 6, Stevens Tech 2
UMass 8, La Salle 2
Utica 9, SUNY-Canton 8
Vassar 2, RIT 0
Washington & Jefferson 8, St. Vincent 3
Waynesburg 5, Thiel 1
W New England 10-3, Nichols 2-6
William & Mary 3, Northeastern 0
SOUTH
Alabama St. 28, MVSU 1
Augusta St. 10, Wm. Pemberton 7
Austin Peay 14, E. Kentucky 4
Barton 6, Pfeiffer 0
Berea 5, Hiwassee 2
Birmingham-Southern 16-13, Berry 9-1
Campbell 6-2, Longwood 3-0
Carson-Newman 10, Tusculum 9
Charlotte 5, Marshall 0
Coastal Carolina 17, High Point 5
Duke 3, Virginia Tech 2
East Carolina 3, UConn 2
Elon 10, Hofstra 5
Emmanuel (Ga.) 7, Limestone 6
FIU 9, FIU 1
Florida St. 11, Notre Dame 6
Furman 4, Mercer 0
Gardner-Webb 5, Charleston Southern 2
Georgia Tech 7, Clemson 5
Lincoln Memorial 15, Brevard 8
Louisiana Tech 12, Old Dominion 0
Maryland 11, Purdue 3
Memphis 6, Cincinnati 2
Mississippi 6, Auburn 5
Morehead St. 11, SIU-Edwardsville 2
Murray St. 8, Tennessee Tech 7
North Alabama 12, Christian Brothers 5
Navy 7, Army 3
NC State 25, NC A&T 1
Paine 6, Tuskegee 2
Pikeville 11-2, Cumberlands 1-7
Radford 6, George Mason 7
Southern Miss. 2, Rice 1
St. Catharine 9, Lindsey Wilson 6
Stetson 9, SC State 2
Tennessee 5, Vanderbilt 3
The Citadel 6, W. Carolina 4
Thomas More 12, Grove City 6
Tulane 6, UCF 0
UAB 8, Middle Tennessee 0
Union (Tenn.) 9, Ala.-Huntsville 2
UT Martin 11, Jackson St. 8
Virginia 7, Miami 3
W. Kentucky 8, UTSA 5
Wake Forest 3, North Carolina 1
Washington (Mo.) 9-22, Spalding 4-5
West Florida 12, Shorter 2
West Virginia St. 6, W.va. Wesleyan 0
William & Mary 3, Northeastern 0
Wright St. 5-13, N. Kentucky 2-3
MIDWEST
Butler 12, Georgetown 6
Doane 13-0, Concordia (Neb.) 0-5, 2nd game 7 innings, lightning
Edgewood 3, Marian (Wis.) 2
Evansville 7, Missouri St. 1
Fort Hays St. 6, Missouri Southern 5
George Washington 6, Dayton 2
Illinois 5, Ohio St. 3
Indianapolis 3, Bellarmine 1
Iowa 8, Michigan 3
Kansas 9, Samford 5
Kansas St. 10, Baylor 4
Kent St. 6, Ohio 5
Minnesota 5, Northwestern 0
N. Colorado 7, Chicago St. 5
N. Illinois 17, Buffalo 7
Nebraska 4, Nicholls St. 2
Quincy 13, Maryville (Mo.) 2
Saint Louis 22, Saint Joseph's 6
Toledo 4, Cent. Michigan 3
Truman 2, Missouri-St. Louis 1
Washington (Mo.) 5, Spalding 4
Wis.-Parkside 7, Ill.-Springfield 0
Xavier 1, St. John's 0

Forsan girls golf team makes 1st appearance at state

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The Forsan girls golf team is in the middle of a historic season.

When the Lady Buffaloes tee off at 11:40 a.m. today on Austin's Roy Kizer Golf Course for the Class 2A State Golf Tournament, it will be the first time a Forsan girls golf team has made it this far.

Forsan coach David Barbee said everybody in Forsan in excited about the trip.

"We're just as happy as can be," said the soft-spoken Barbee. "We just started practicing the first day we could, and we stayed on the golf course every chance we got. We've also had a lot of parent involvement, and that helped us quite a bit."

Forsan qualified thanks to a third place finish at the Region I-2A Championships at Odessa's Ratliff Ranch Golf Links as the Lady Buffaloes fired 368-372--740 total. Forsan was led by sophomore Jillian Jones, who won the medalist title with 79-82--161 total.

Barbee said Jones, who also won the district title, is a steady golfer who can shoot in the 70s.

The team, which also consists of Razyl Yanez, Sierra Darling, Alexis Stercks and Alyssa Lee, is pretty young as three sophomores are joined by two freshmen, which means the potential is there for a few more trips to state in the future.

But just because this is a young team doesn't mean that they can't be a contender to medal this year.

"I think we have a halfway decent chance considering we play in one of the strongest regions," Barbee said.

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McCubbin leads MC in WJCAC Invitational victory

From staff reports

RUIDOSO, N.M. — Led by Lucas McCubbin, the Midland College men's golf team won another tournament Sunday.

The Chaparrals won the Western Junior College Athletic Conference Invitational by six strokes over Western Texas College with a 291-288--579 total at the Links at Sierra Blanca.

McCubbin, a Midland High grad, won the medalist title with a 72-71--143 total. Teammate Ben Murray finished in a tie for second with a 144 total. Fellow Chaps Xander Basson and Dominick Haskins also finished in a tie for fourth with 147 totals.

After Sunday's win, that makes eight straight first place finishes for the Chaps.


McCubbin

Midland College will now get ready to play in the NJCAA National Tournament for the 29th straight year. The four-round tournament is May 17-20 in Melbourne, Florida.

WJCAC Invitational

At the Links at Sierra Blanca, Ruidoso, N.M. Sunday's final results

Team standings — 1. Midland College 291-288—579; 2. Western Texas College 299-286—585; 3. Odessa College 305-291—596; 4. New Mexico Junior College 302-303—605; 5. New Mexico Military Institute 320-299—619

Medalist standings — 1. Lucas McCubbin, Midland, 72-71—143; 2. (tie) Ben Murray, Midland, 75-69—144; Edd Elliott Fullalove, Western Texas, 71-73—144; 4. (tie) Xander Basson, Midland, 73-74—147; Tate McVay, Western Texas, 76-71—147; Mike Garcia, New Mexico JC, 74-73—147; Augustin Hole, Odessa College, 77-70—147; Dominick Haskins 74-73—147

Midland College (579) — Hudson Ross 78-74—152, Stefan Cronje 73-74—147, Lucas McCubbin, 72-71—143, Ben Murray 75-69—144, Casey Fowler 74-76—150, Xander Basson 73-74—147

Midland College individuals — Dominick Haskins 74-73—147, Thomas Bailey 71-80—151, Coleman Houston 78-73—151


Associated Press

Charley Hoffman celebrates with his daughters, Clair, left, and Katelyn, right, after winning the Texas Open golf tournament, Sunday in San Antonio.

Charley Hoffman birdies final hole to win Texas Open

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Charley Hoffman made a 10-foot birdie putt on the final hole to win the Valero Texas Open on Sunday for his fourth PGA Tour victory.

The 39-year-old Hoffman closed with a 3-under 69 at TPC San Antonio for a one-stroke victory over Patrick Reed. Hoffman finished at 12-under 276 and earned $1,116,000.

"This was my hardest one," Hoffman said after a vigorous fist-pump and drill-team leg kick when the winning putt fell at 18. "Grabbing that lead and holding on to it — it's tough to keep the pedal down and give yourself birdie opportunities and win golf tournaments."

Playing alongside Hoffman, Reed also birdied the par-5 18th for a 69. He missed birdie putts inside 8 feet on the par-3 16th and par-4 17th.

"Today I was missing a lot of short putts, so I'm shocked I even had a chance," Reed said.

Reed, who was born in San Antonio, put the pressure on Hoffman with a tap-in birdie at the 18th after reaching the fringe on the 595-yard hole in two.

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Charley Hoffman

His shot to the green came from the left-hand rough, and had to clear an oak tree and creek in front of the green.

Hoffman followed by hitting his third shot from a greenside bunker to set up his birdie.

"It was about a cup outside left," Hoffman said. "I said to myself 'Let's finish this here. Let's not play anymore.'"

Hoffman also won the 2007 Bob Hope Chrysler Classic, 2010 Deutsche Bank Championshipand 2015 OHL Classic at Mayakoba.

Chad Collins was a career-best third at 10 under after a 69. He birdied four of the last five holes.

Third-round leader Ricky Barnes, looking for his first PGA Tour win in 222 tries, stumbled to a 74 to drop into a tie for fourth at 9 under with Kevin Chappell (68), Billy Horschel (70), Ryan Palmer (69) and Martin Piller (70). It was a career best for Piller, the husband of LPGA Tour player Gerina Piller.

Brendan Steele, the 2011 winner who led the first two rounds, had a 75 to tie for 13th at 7 under.

Reed pulled within a shot of Hoffman with a 23-foot birdie putt from the fringe at 15. Hoffman missed a 10-foot birdie try on the hole.

Reed missed a bending, right-to-left putt from 7 feet that could have tied Hoffman at 16, and missed a straighter putt from about the same distance on the next hole.

"I thought they were in," Reed said. "I put the pressure as much as I could on Charley. It shows he was ready to win a golf tournament, and I had way too many mistakes to close one out."

Hoffman took advantage of the misses.

"I definitely dodged bullets there," Hoffman said. "I made my par saves and he missed his birdies, so I was able to keep my momentum."

Piller birdied the 12th with a 14-foot putt to take a two-shot advantage over Reed and Hoffman.

But he gave it back with a double bogey on the par-3 13th. His tee shot plugged into the sand in the steep-faced bunker fronting the green. He blasted out — past the green — then chipped back and two putted.

"Bad lie," Piller said. "I made the swing I wanted to. The ball just ballooned on me."

TEXAS OPEN SCORES

Sunday
At TPC San Antonio (Oaks Course)
San Antonio
Purse: $6.2 million
Yardage: 7,436; Par: 72
Final

Charley Hoffman (500), $1,116,000	69—276
Patrick Reed (300), $669,600	69—277
Chad Collins (190), $401,800	69—278
Ricky Barnes (104), $233,740	74—279
Kevin Chappell (104), $233,740	68—279
Billy Horschel (104), $233,740	70—279
Ryan Palmer (104), $233,740	69—279
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Tom Hoge (73), $161,200	65—280
Harold Varner III (73), $161,200	69—280
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J.B. Holmes (55), $103,075	68—281
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Brandt Snedeker (45), $49,445	72—283
Mark Wilson (45), $49,445	73—283
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Rob Oppenheim (32), $27,900	73—285
Kevin Streelman (32), $27,900	75—285
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Abraham Ancer (25), $19,468	74—286
Roberto Castro (25), $19,468	72—286
Mark Hubbard (25), $19,468	72—286
Sung Kang (25), $19,468	72—286
Matt Kuchar (25), $19,468	72—286
John Merrick (25), $19,468	69—286
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Johnson Wagner (1), $11,718	74—218
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BULLDOGS

From 1C

The Bulldogs bring back quarterback Jackson Anuszkiewicz, their two top rushers and their leading six receivers in yardage.

The main issue is staying healthy as MHS lost stalwarts — left offensive tackle Paxton Heiting, wide receiver Courtney McMaryion and running back Ricky Hubert — to injuries last year.

3. Midland High lands key transfer

McLane Mannix adds to MHS' senior depth after he transferred from Midland Christian. Mannix scored 18 touchdowns as a running back, slot receiver and return man for MCS in 2014 and was named the TAPPS Division I, District 1 Special Teams Player of the Year.

Mannix is a burner who qualified for Friday and Saturday's Region I-6A Track and Field Championships with a 10.91 time in the 100 meters.

"I am real anxious to see him because I have never coached him before, so that's exciting," Yenzer said.

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Midland High spring football schedule

At Memorial Stadium
Today-Tuesday: 6:30 a.m.
Wednesday-Thursday: 6 p.m.
May 2-4: 6 p.m.
May 5: 4:30 p.m. (scrimmage)
May 9-11: 6 p.m.
May 12: 4:30 p.m. (scrimmage)
May 16-18: 6 p.m.
May 19: 7 p.m., Spring Game at Grande Communications Stadium

PATE

From 1C

Creek well from not only playing in last year's state tournament but also in playing in the State Preview Tournament in early February where she finished fourth.

She said while the course is long, which fits her game, the key to being successful is having a good short game.

"Whoever wins state it's not about who hits the longest, it's about who can make putts and who can hit their shots closer to the hole and make their putts," she said. "That's what it's all about on this course. It's really an old course designed by some of the greatest players in golf. It's designed for fairway hitters and green hitters and if you miss fairways and greens then you're putting yourself in a lot of danger. My motto has always been 'fairways and greens', hit fairways and greens."

Pate, who finished in a tie for sixth at the Region I-4A Tournament with a 77-79--156 total, said she feels a lot better about her game than she did at regionals because she admits she was putting too much pressure in making it back to state.

"At the end of the day, I wasn't really relaxed and played my own game," she said. "I think at state, it'll help me knowing that no matter what I do this will be my last tournament in high school, so I can relax."

Pate said she's looking forward to taking her game to the next level.

When asked what she will miss most about high school golf, she said it will be the relationships she's forged with both players and coaches.

"I've made a ton of relationships, especially with the girls from Andrews and (Andrews coach Mark Burgen)," she said. "His girls are among my best friends. It's going to be really emotional after we play that last round (on Tuesday). I don't think I've made an enemy out on the golf course."

No matter what happens over the next two days, Ryan will be satisfied that she gave it her best.

But most of all, she will look to enjoy this one last ride.

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NBA PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WARRIORS 121
ROCKETS 94

HOUSTON — Klay Thompson scored 23 points and the Golden State Warriors set an NBA playoff record with 21 3-pointers to overcome another injury to Stephen Curry and beat the Houston Rockets 121-94 on Sunday for a 3-1 series lead.

Curry returned after missing two games with a sprained right ankle but did not play in the second half after spraining his right knee.

He slid awkwardly to the court while defending on the last play before halftime and immediately grabbed his knee. He got up and looked to have trouble putting weight on it before jogging with a limp to the locker room.

CELTICS 104
HAWKS 95, OT

BOSTON — Isaiah Thomas scored 28 points, hitting a corner 3-pointer with 30 seconds left in overtime and then adding a pair of clinching free throws as Boston sent its first-round playoff series back to Atlanta tied two games apiece.

Paul Millsap scored 45 for the Hawks — a career playoff high and one off his all-time best — and added 13 rebounds.

Marcus Smart scored 20 points — including 11 straight for Boston in the fourth quarter — and Jonas Jerebko had 16 points and 10 rebounds.

Game 5 is Tuesday night in Atlanta.

CAVALIERS 100
PISTONS 98

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Kyrie Irving scored 20 of his 31 points in the second half, and Cleveland held on to finish off a four-game sweep of Detroit.

The Cavs advance to the second round to play either Atlanta or Boston.

LeBron James had 22 points for Cleveland, but it was Irving who made the biggest shots all night. His midcourt buzzer beater put the Cavs up 81-78 after the third quarter, and with Cleveland clinging to a one-point lead in the final minute, he calmly sank a 3-pointer from the right wing with 42 seconds remaining.

Detroit still had a chance at the end, but Reggie Jackson's wild shot at the buzzer was off the mark.

NBA PLAYOFF GLANCE

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Saturday, April 23
Indiana 100, Toronto 83, series tied 2-2
Charlotte 96, Miami 80, Miami leads series 2-1
Oklahoma City 119, Dallas 108, Oklahoma City leads series 3-1
Portland 96, L.A. Clippers 88, L.A. Clippers leads series 2-1
Sunday, April 24
San Antonio 116, Memphis 95, San Antonio wins series 4-0
Golden State 121, Houston 94, Golden State leads series 3-1
Boston 104, Atlanta 95, OT, series tied 2-2
Cleveland 100, Detroit 98, Cleveland wins series 4-0
Monday, April 25
Miami at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Portland, 9:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 26
Indiana at Toronto, 5 p.m.
Boston at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 27
Charlotte at Miami, 7 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Clippers, 9 p.m.
Houston at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 28
Atlanta at Boston, 6 or 7 p.m.
x-Oklahoma City at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Friday, April 29
Toronto at Indiana, TBA
x-Miami at Charlotte, TBA
x-Golden State at Houston, TBA
x-L.A. Clippers at Portland, TBA
Saturday, April 30
x-Boston at Atlanta, TBA
x-Dallas at Oklahoma City, TBA
Sunday, May 1
x-Indiana at Toronto, TBA
x-Charlotte at Miami, TBA
x-Houston at Golden State, TBA
x-Portland at L.A. Clippers, TBA

NHL PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ISLANDERS 2
PANTHERS 1

NEW YORK — John Tavares tied it in the final minute of regulation and scored the winner at 10:41 of the second overtime, leading the New York Islanders past the Florida Panthers 2-1 Sunday night and into the second round of the playoffs for the first time since 1993.

Tavares skated in and fired an initial shot that Roberto Luongo saved, but the New York captain got the rebound, wrapped around the net and stuffed the puck in to end the longest home game in Islanders history.

The Islanders will next face Tampa Bay.

Thomas Greiss finished with 41 saves in the teams' second straight two-overtime game and third in the series to go past regulation. The Islanders won Game 3 here 4-3 in the first extra period, and took Game 5 in Florida 2-1 at 16 minutes of the second OT.

Jonathan Huberdeau scored late in the first period for Florida, and Luongo stopped 49 shots for the Panthers.

CAPITALS 1
FLYERS 0

PHILADELPHIA — Nicklas Backstrom scored, Braden Holtby had 26 saves, and the Washington Capitals beat the Philadelphia Flyers to advance to the Eastern Conference semifinals.

The Capitals, who won the series in six games, will play the Pittsburgh Penguins, setting up a marquee matchup of Alex Ovechkin vs. Sidney Crosby.

Ovechkin had an assist on Backstrom's second-period goal that was easily enough against the punchless Flyers. Riding the momentum of Michal Neuvirth in net, the Flyers won two straight to force an unlikely trip home. Neuvirth was sensational again, but the Flyers were ultimately doomed by a power play that could not cash in against Holtby. The Flyers wasted nearly 2 minutes of a 5-on-3 power play in the second period that made a critical difference.

NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
(x-if necessary)
Saturday, April 23
Pittsburgh 6, N.Y. Rangers 3. Pittsburgh wins series 4-1
Anaheim 5, Nashville 2. Anaheim leads series 3-2
Chicago 6, St. Louis 3, series tied 3-3
Sunday, April 24
Washington 1, Philadelphia 0. Washington wins series 4-2
Dallas 5, Minnesota 4. Dallas wins series 4-2
N.Y. Islanders 2, Florida 1, 2OT. N.Y. Islanders wins series 4-2
Monday, April 25
Anaheim at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 27
x-Nashville at Anaheim, TBA

STARS

From 1C

shot bounced around the goal mouth and Dubnyk didn't see it beneath him. Coyle lunged to try to keep it out, but the puck glanced off Dubnyk and in for a 5-3 lead with 9:32 remaining.

"That makes you feel sick to have to lose a game and a series on a bouncer like that," said Dubnyk, who stopped 19 shots.

Jason Pominville slammed in a rebound with 4:47 left, setting up the frantic final flurry.

"You have to win a series before you become a better team," Stars coach Lindy Ruff said, "and we'll become a better team."

SPURS

From 1C

to reward his players for their hard work and fight. The Grizzlies didn't get the win, but they did play tight and gritty defense to force five lead changes and 10 ties through the first half.

The Spurs finished the quarter with a 10-2 run for a 25-19 lead after the first.

The game was delayed for 19 minutes when the lights went out with 10:02 left in the second quarter because of a voltage issue that knocked out power to parts of downtown Memphis for 15 minutes. Play stopped, though backup generators kept some lights on. The Spurs and Grizzlies stretched and stayed warm by shooting until the game resumed.

After the lights came back on, Memphis matched its biggest lead at 34-31 on a pair of free throws by Chris Andersen with 6:19 left. Stephenson helped keep the Grizzlies close with 12 points in the quarter, and the Spurs even lost a 3 by Leonard after a review showed the shot came after a shot-clock violation, and they led only 47-45 at halftime to give Memphis fans hope.

"We just went down swinging, and that's all you can ask for," Randolph said.

Then, San Antonio, which went 67-15 during the regular season, took control. The Spurs opened the third quarter with a 22-8 run and finished by hitting 14 of 22 of their shots to outscore Memphis 37-21. The exhaustion finally caught up with the Grizzlies, who hit only 8 of 22 in the quarter.

"It's always hard to close out a game," Parker said. "I felt like they gave everything in the first half, but the energy in the third quarter and fourth quarter we really dominated."

Tip-ins

Spurs: With his ninth postseason series sweep, coach Gregg Popovich now leads all coaches in that category. He had been tied with Phil Jackson for the most seven-game series playoff sweeps. ... With this game, Tim Duncan now ranks second in most playoff games, with 245, trailing only Derek Fisher (259). Duncan, who turns 40 on Monday, broke a tie for second with Robert Horry. ... The Spurs outrebounded Memphis 41-36 and had a 50-38 edge in scoring in the paint. ... All who played scored except Andre Miller.

Grizzlies: This was the fifth time in franchise history Memphis has been swept. ... Barnes played 44 minutes, 34 seconds. ... Andersen tied his season-high with 13 rebounds. ... Guard Mike Conley was presented with the Joe Dumars award for sportsmanship before tipoff, his second in his nine-year career.

Power outage

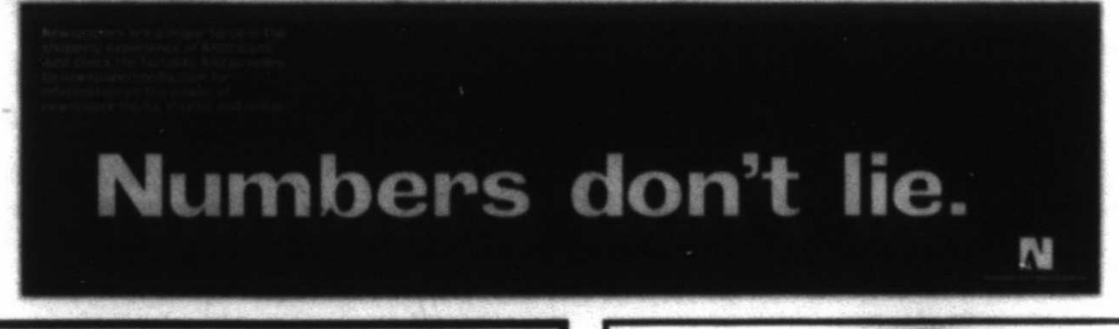
Barnes said the lights going out reminded him of the Super Bowl between San Francisco and Baltimore. "I was hoping we were going to do what they did and come back and win," Barnes said. "Unfortunately, it didn't work out like that."

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR- EDUCATE MIDLAND

Educate Midland (EM) is a newly formed 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in Midland, Texas. While EM will be independent of the local school district (MISD), it will work in collaboration with the district and the local community to help improve educational outcomes in Midland. This collaboration has been embraced by the school district.

The Executive Director (ED) will provide leadership and vision for EM as the collaborative effort moves from volunteer-based to a formal paid professional organization. The initial funding and support for EM is well-established within the community.

The Executive Director will either directly perform or supervise activities in order to:

- Be a neutral source to communicate understandable educational performance data to the community
- Provide leadership and facilitation of a community-wide education Leadership Committee
- Help identify and facilitate community education focus groups
- Help coordinate logistics for Educate Midland, MISD, non-profit, and other community interactions as they relate to education
- Oversee the analysis of data as appropriate to assist focus groups and MISD.
- Research education innovations across the country and provide summaries to MISD and the Leadership Committee
- Undertake grant writing to solicit grants directed toward specific education improvements as may be identified by MISD.
- Lead fund raising to insure ongoing viability of the Educate Midland organization
- Organize, hire and supervise a 3-4 person staff

A commitment and passion to work collaboratively with MISD and the community to help achieve educational excellence is essential in this position. In addition, the successful candidate will be a degreed professional with at least ten years of relevant work experience, including experience managing teams in a fast-paced nonprofit, social enterprise, or business start-up environment. The candidate will have a proven record of working effectively with multiple constituents and will have fiscal management experience. The Executive Director can expect a compensation and benefits package that is highly competitive in the local non-profit community.

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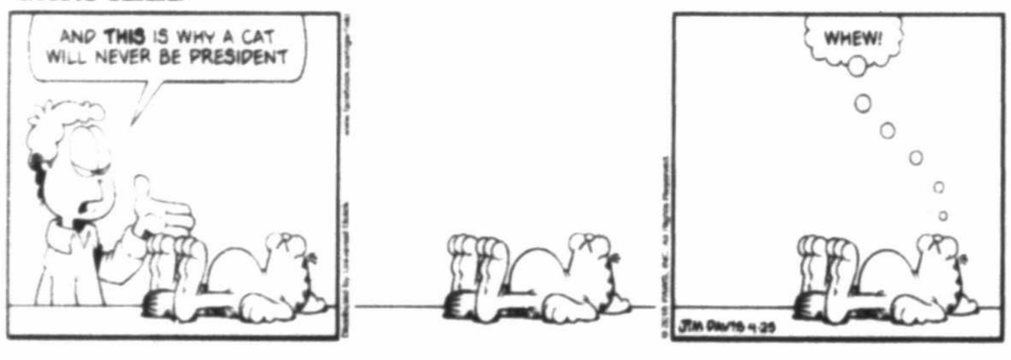
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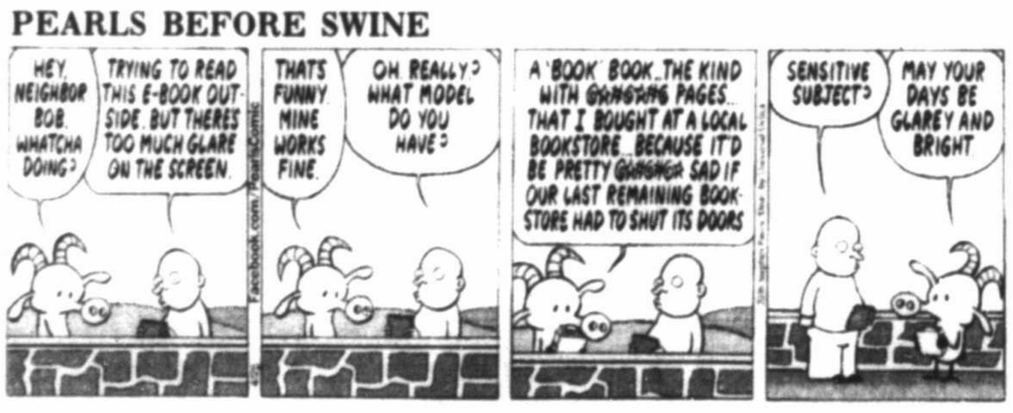
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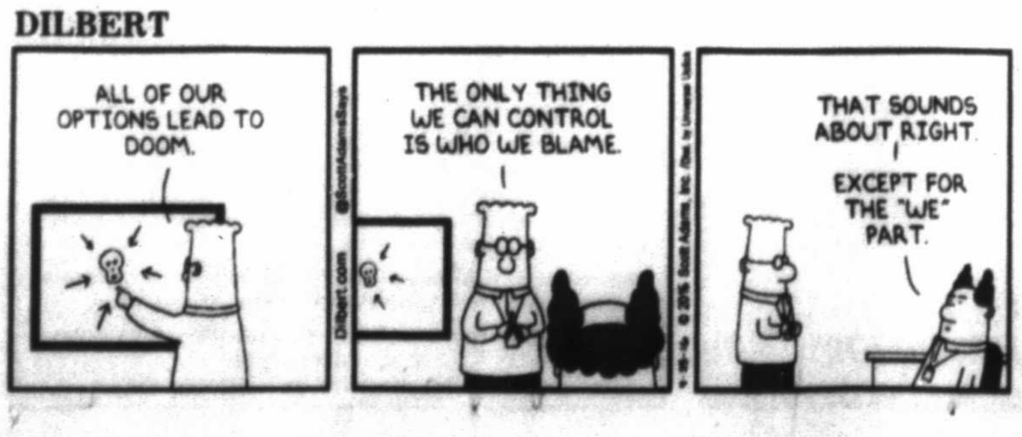
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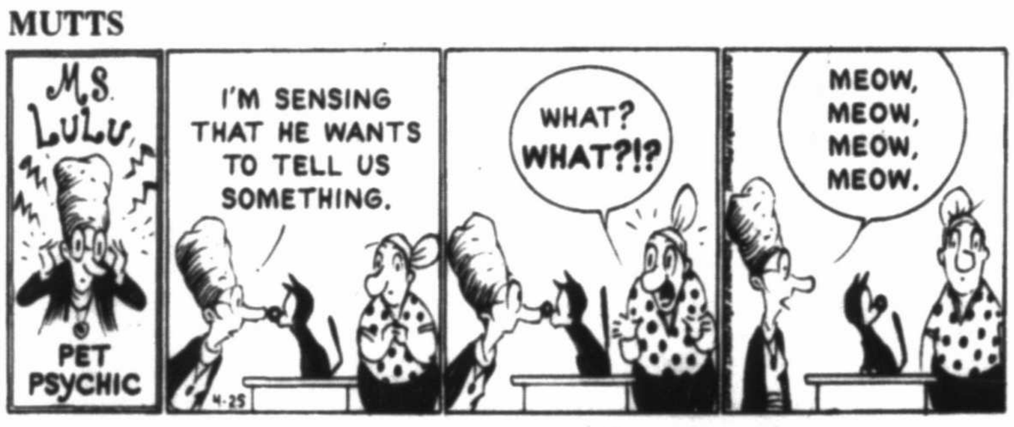
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Local forecast

There is a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms Thursday night through Friday night, according to the National Weather Service. Highs will be in the 80s and 90s over the next week.

The record high for April 24 is 95 set in 2012 and 1943. The record low is 33 set in 2013. On April 24 of last year, the high was 81 and the low was 59.

Environment brief

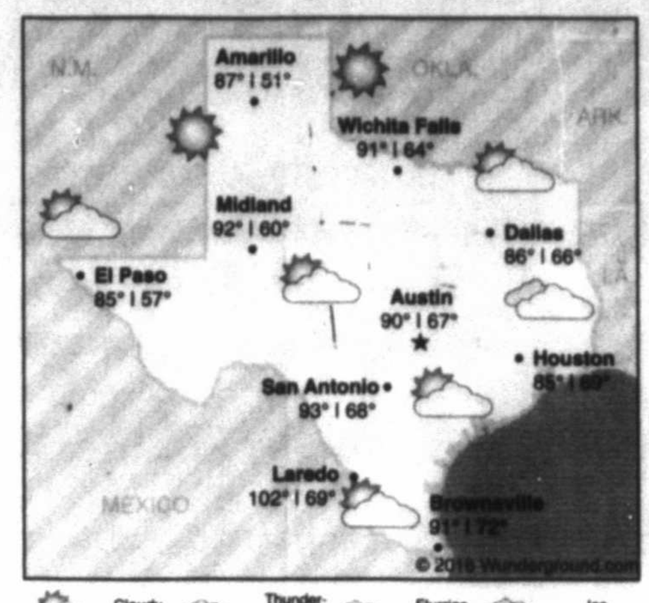
NORTH DAKOTA

Game and Fish seeks help in identifying bald eagle nests

BISMARCK — The state Game and Fish Department is looking for help in identifying bald eagle nests in North Dakota.

Conservation biologist Sandra Johnson says the agency is looking for locations of nests with eagles present. She says it's easy to distinguish an eagle nest because of its enormous size, and eagles are actively tending to eggs or their young in April.

Eagle nests historically have been found along the Missouri River. But in recent years they've been observed in more than three-quarters of the state's counties.



Partly Cloudy · Cloudy · Showers · Thunderstorms · Rain · Flurries · Snow · Ice

Precipitation

Saturday	0.00 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	1.32 in.
Year total	2.14 in.
Normal total (year to date)	2.38 in.

Sunday's temperatures

High	92
Low	59
Normal high	82
Normal low	52
Sunrise	7:08 a.m.
Sunset	8:25 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Monday, April 25

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Family dysfunction allows assaults to go unpunished

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: Thirty-five years ago, my wife was raped in her mother's home when she was a teenager. Eight years ago, my daughter was also raped at the age of 11 in the same home. My mother-in-law blames them both for having been raped. She told them if it did happen, they probably deserved it.

I don't understand this. How can someone take the side of the perpetrator and not their own flesh and blood? How can someone who is supposed to be nurturing, loving and caring say such terrible things to her children?

I want to call her up and give her a piece of my mind, especially since both of them are passive when it comes to this woman. Can they file a lawsuit against her for mental anguish? Help! I want to help them heal from this tragedy, and I don't know what to do. — DISTRAUGHT DAD IN TEXAS

DEAR DISTRAUGHT: It is not unusual for families to circle the wagons when this kind of sexual assault occurs, or to blame the victim. That is why the damage persists from generation to generation. It's clear that your wife's mother is either in denial or without shame.

If the perpetrator isn't in prison or a program for sex offenders, the person you should talk to is a detective in the police force in the city where these sexual assaults happened. If your wife and daughter haven't received counseling for the assaults (and I'm betting they haven't), they should find some now.

The victims didn't "deserve" being assaulted. Counseling may help them get in touch with their anger, aim it where it belongs, and finally release it along with their passivity — which may really be fear of expressing their emotions.

DEAR ABBY: My wife's first husband died of cancer. When we got engaged years later, she decided to keep his last name (partly in regard to her daughters) and add mine to it. She continues to display some photos of him around the house and maintains her plan to be buried with him at their common gravesite.

Whoever thinks I must be jealous or resentful about this would be wrong. I haven't experienced a long marriage, raising children or nursing a terminally ill spouse for years. Instead of demanding that my wife "prove her love" by ignoring her history, I prove my love for her — in part — by deferring to her choices.

Soon after our wedding we learned that I, too, had cancer. My case was treatable and I am now cured, thanks to God in heaven and my wife's tender care.

We once knew someone who couldn't bear to think of his wife's ever marrying after his death. He pleaded, badgered and practically forced her to vow she wouldn't.

So this is my message for men who are jealous about a deceased or hypothetical "rival": That is your own choice and it disgraces you. Grow out of it. Be a man and love your wife while you both live. — LATECOMER IN PASCO, WASH.

DEAR LATECOMER: Your wife is one lucky woman because she married an intelligent and pragmatic man. I hope you enjoy many more happy, healthy years together.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

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Partner opens one club and right-hand opponent overcalls one spade. What call would you make?

A — This hand is all about your diamonds, so don't bother with a negative double. Should partner rebid two hearts, you can consider playing in hearts. Bid two diamonds.

Q 2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K 9 5 3 ♡ A 10 9 4 3 ◇ K 5 3 ♣ 6

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♣	Pass	1◇	?

What call would you make?

A — You have only enough strength for one bid, so why not bring both majors into the picture. Double.

Q 3 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A K J 7 5 2 ♡ A 10 5 4 3 ◇ 4 ♣ 9

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	2♣	2◇	Pass
2♡	Pass	4♠	Pass

What call would you make?

A — Partner can have many possible hands for this sequence, and some of them will be right for a slam. Blackwood won't find out, so the best you can do is cue bid and hope partner will know what to do. Bid five hearts.

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ J 9 5 ♡ A K Q 9 2 ◇ K 10 ♣ Q J 2

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♡	Pass	2NT	Pass

What call would you make?

A — You certainly want to accept the invitation, and you should show your fifth heart on the way. Bid three hearts.

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 Monday, April 25, 2016:

This year, focus on your strengths, knowing what needs to happen. You have a friend who often misrepresents situations. Confirm his or her information. Others express so much energy and vitality, especially when it comes to being with you. You have many choices to make if you are single. You could find dating exhausting, as you often have difficulty choosing which person to relate to. Trust that you will know the right person when he or she appears. Sometimes, once you are in a relationship, you find that the other party often is holding back. If you are attached, accept this person for who he or she is, and try to understand what motivates this person. The qualities that might not please you make up the person you love. Maintain a sense of humor, and relating will become far easier. SAGITTARIUS can be authoritarian at times.

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You might be surrounded by an element of confusion, as someone switches mental stations on you. You can adapt, but this person might really act and feel as if he or she is off the wall. Tonight: You might have difficulty gaining a perspective.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ A close interaction between you and another person could make you feel uncomfortable. You might not be sure you will get what you want. Friends could be getting another impression, but it's what you feel that counts. Tonight: Listen to a loved one's opinion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Defer to another person, though on some level you might not be sure that this person's interest is the same as yours. A sense of direction and knowing what you want helps you through a problem. Defer to a roommate or loved one who is close. Tonight: Do some wish fulfillment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Pace yourself. You have a lot of ground to cover. You know when you have had enough of all the talk and swapping of ideas. Your interest is to get to the bottom of a problem and, if possible, eliminate it. Tonight: Curl up with a game or a good book.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You could hear another person share his or her feelings. You could be confused by a partner. Excess could mark spending right now. Expect ramifications, even if it might be someone else's upset. A child or younger friend could become ornery. Tonight: Slow down and don't have any expectations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You might be coming from a different space, where you need to look at a situation from a different point of view than your own. What is great is that you realize your vision is limited simply by your experience. Tonight: Try for a quiet night at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Conversation happens easily, though you might be confused by what another person might share. You could have difficulty making a decision, but you don't need to come to a final conclusion just yet. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ You could be quite exhausted from dealing with another person's needs and qualms. Your lack of patience comes out when dealing with a younger person or loved one. Try not to misdirect your feelings. Tonight: Order in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You feel as if you're finally in your element and not easily distracted. You know what is expected and what you want to do with a touchy situation. A lot of confusion runs through a domestic issue. Tonight: Whatever feels right.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You might be well advised to stay mum and not share everything you know with another person. Fatigue marks a decision, no matter how you look at a personal matter. Pull back in the midst of confusion, and you will hear many different versions of what has happened. Tonight: Feel free to refuse calls.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Expect some hoopla around a friendship and what his person is doing. One-on-one relating with this person proves insightful and points to a new direction. Fatigue or irritation could become an issue. Tonight: Where people are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You could be in a situation where you are not sure what is best yet you must take the lead. Get as much feedback as possible. If need be, slow down and don't make any impulsive decisions. Don't be too serious. Tonight: Could go to the wee hours.

BORN TODAY

Director, actor Al Pacino (1940), singer Ella Fitzgerald (1917), military leader Oliver Cromwell (1599)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 One capsule, say
5 Metaphorical sticking points
10 Jacob's twin
14 App that connects riders with drivers
15 Hard pattern to break
16 Prominent giraffe feature
17 *Sing on key
19 Skedaddle
20 "Please, I've heard enough," in texts
21 Speaker on a soapbox
22 Cutlass automaker
23 Jungle adventure
25 Store with Kenmore appliances
27 Sloppy
30 Corsage flower
33 Players in a play
36 Severely injure
38 Crystal-bearing rock
39 Illuminated
40 *Try, with "at"
42 Civil War soldier
43 Desert building brick
45 Fashion magazine that's also a French pronoun
46 In-flight predictions: Abbr.
47 Trickery
49 Discourage
51 24-__ gold
53 Draft choices
57 Whitewater ride
59 One with a bleeping job
62 Feel sorry about
63 Notable periods
64 Make available, as merchandise ... and a hint to the start of the answers to starred clues
66 Law business
67 Entices
68 Continent explored by Marco Polo
69 "__ old thing"
70 Lyric poem
71 Neighbor of Kent

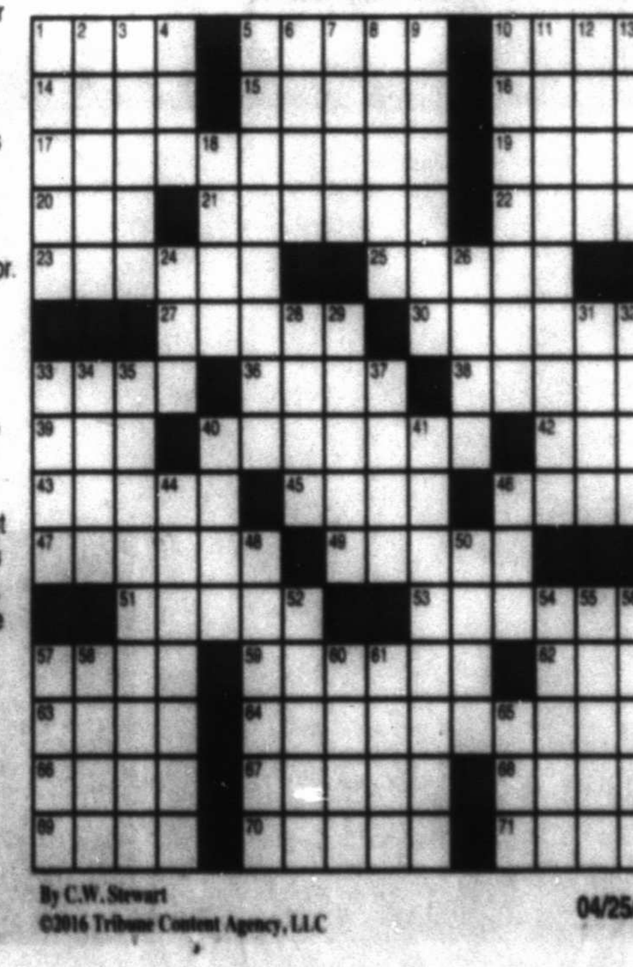
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1 Tear conduits
2 Bush successor
3 Sans __: type style
4 Make a mistake
5 Compelling charm
6 Pro __: in proportion
7 Share a border with
8 Lushes
9 Hi-fi system
10 Implement, as laws
11 *Underestimate
12 Breezed through, as a test
13 Luau instruments
18 Days of old
24 Tsp. or tbsp.
26 Constellation named for a mythological ship
28 Rescue
29 On-ramp sign
31 Original thought
32 Belles at balls
33 Not naked
34 Teacher's helper
35 *Cattle enterprise
37 Bachelor party attendee
40 Estate beneficiary
41 Warm up for the game
44 *I'm baffled"
46 Unit of work
48 Bring down the running back
50 Make, as a living
52 Prepare to drive, as a golf ball
54 Wipe clean
55 Altercation
56 Family auto
57 Foul callers, at times
58 Operatic song
60 Fictional sleuth Wolfe
61 Went like the wind
65 It may be tipped by a gentleman

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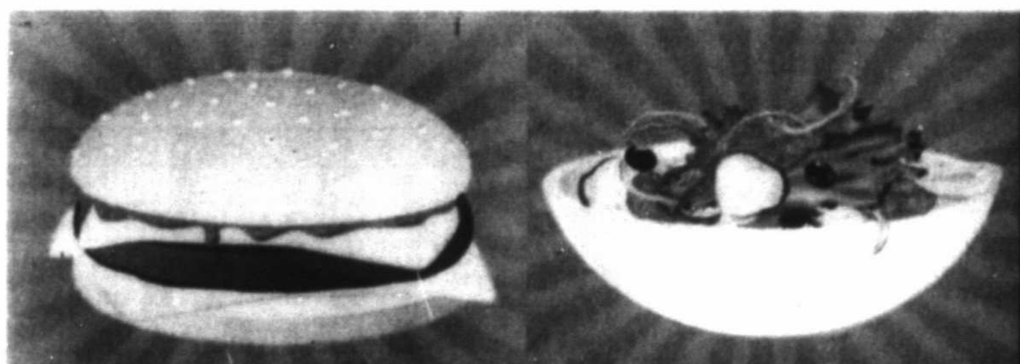
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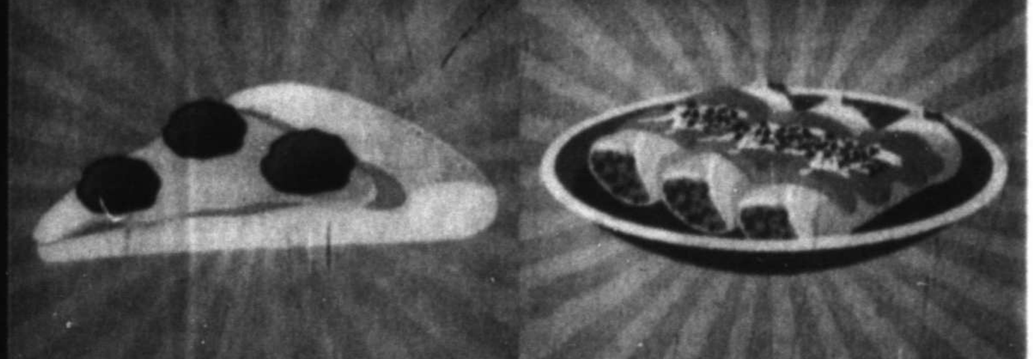
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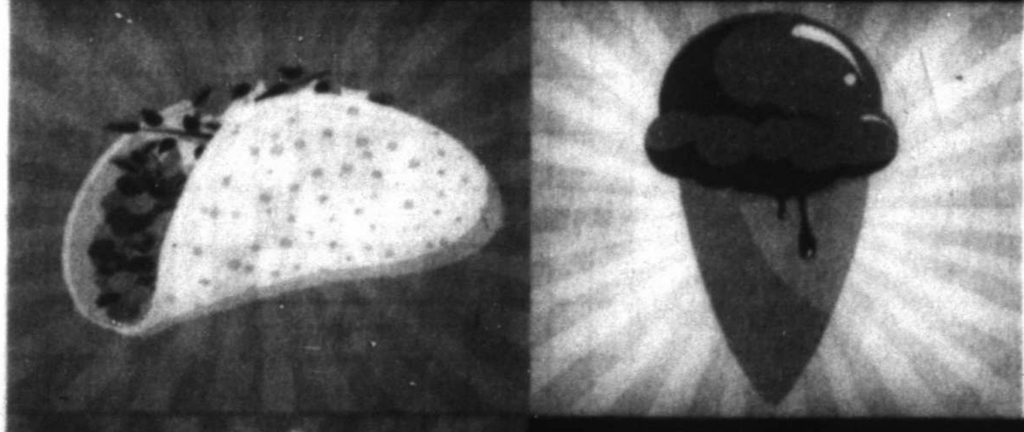
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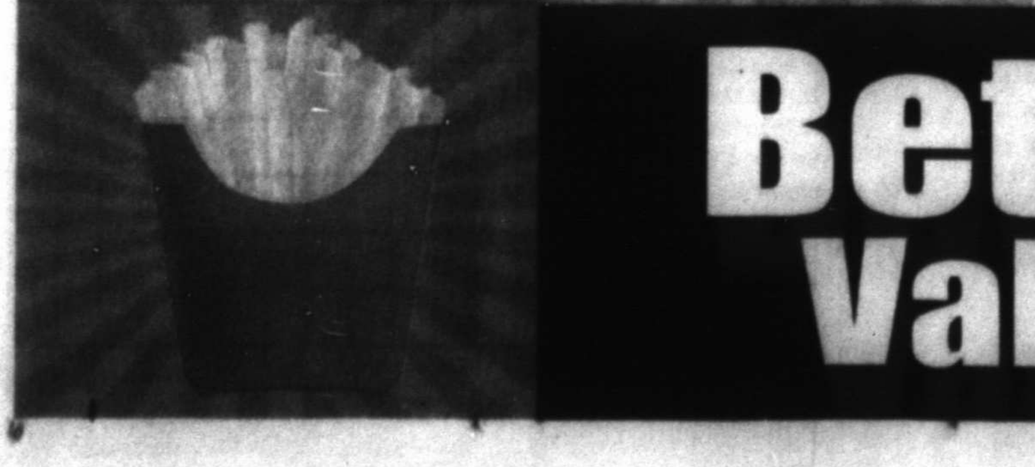
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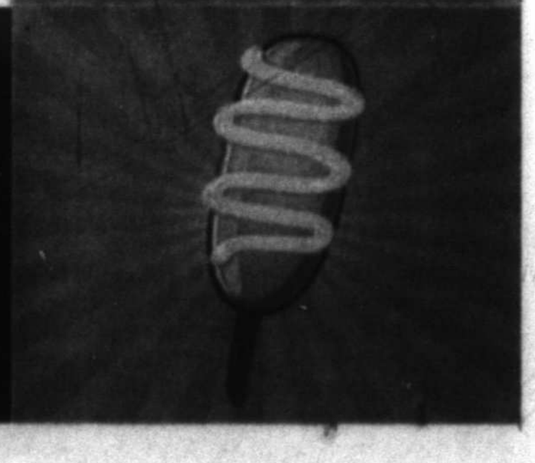


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