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Read takeaways from Jerry Seinfeld's performance.

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MAKING WAVES

Luck and Lana might not be household names, but if their debut album "Luck and Lana Kill the Computer" is any indication, they could easily make waves among indie hip-hop and dance genres.

Weekender/Inside

Company involved in rig blast had prior violation

Explosion kills 3; OSHA says Mason Well Services infraction from 2014 was related to 'sources of ignition'

By Rye Druzin
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Mason Well Services, the company that was working a well owned by Parsley Energy when an explosion killed three workers Tuesday in Upton County, had been cited by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration for a serious violation in 2014.

The violation, which took place in February 2014, was related to "flammable and combustible liquids" and was specifically for "sources of ignition," according to OSHA's website.

The pulling unit and servicing outfit exploded Tuesday about 40 miles south of Midland in Upton County, killing three workers. Investigator Dusty Kilgore of the Upton County Sheriff's Office said a pulling unit crew was at the site when the explosion happened. He said one other worker at the site was not hurt in the explosion.

Parsley Energy spokeswoman Lisa Elliott said the workers who died were employed by Mason Well Service Ltd. of Odessa, an independent contractor. OSHA inspected Mason Well Services in February 2014 and found one serious violation related to flammable and combustible liquids, in which a fine was issued. OSHA's enforcement database didn't list any violations for Parsley Energy within the past five years.

Elliott told the Reporter-Telegram that the company will participate in whatever investigation is underway and will also conduct its own investigation. A phone call to the OSHA regional office in Lubbock was forwarded to OSHA public relations staff, who did

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How to help the victims' families

A verified fundraiser has been started by a relative of the men killed in the Upton County rig explosion. More than $4,100 had been raised as of 9:30 p.m. Wednesday. The goal is $15,000.

Donations can be submitted at http://www.gofundme.com/ohzqto.

TRAIN SAFETY TROUBLES

Union Pacific engineer Lewis Castillas drives a locomotive west of Midland during a media day Wednesday morning. *Rye Druzin/Reporter-Telegram*

Union Pacific struggles with Midland traffic

By Brandon Mulder
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Fast facts

Violations according to Texas law:

- Stopping, standing, parking on or around crossings;
- Driving around a lowered gate;
- Driving to left of center on the roadway; and
- Stopping closer than 15 feet or farther away than 50 feet from the railway.

Source: Union Pacific Railroad Co.

Did you know?

A motorist who stalls on a railway crossing can call UP's 800 number found on the crossing sign or signal house and report the crossing's identification number (also found on the sign). Inbound trains can then be halted.

Railroad companies recently have been having issues with Midland traffic as trains pass through the Permian Basin. As regional traffic increases along the roadways and railways, Union Pacific Railroad Co. is trying to address an increasing number of train-vehicle collisions at railway crossings.

In the previous five years, 56 collisions have occurred on the stretch of railway running from Sweetwater to Pecos, known as the Toyah subdivision. This stretch of railway led the nation in vehicle-train collisions in 2013, said Able Abundez — a Union Pacific engineer and member of the UP Cares safety team — aboard a locomotive Wednesday.

During that period, 19 collisions occurred, 14 of which were with trucks related to the oil and gas industry. In 2013, one rig carrying a load of pipeline stalled on a Midland County railway crossing when a locomotive plowed into the rig on County Road 1130. Because it takes 1 1/2 miles for a train traveling at 60 miles per hour to come to a complete stop, engineers don't always apply brakes for risk of derailment.

About 25 trains pass through Midland in a 24-hour period, said Abundez, who advises drivers to "always expect a train" when stopped at a railroad crossing. Trains passing through the municipal area travel up to 70 miles per hour, a speed that can be hard to judge from an onlooker's perspective.

"Sometimes, the last thing we see is a little kid looking up at us through the window before we hit somebody, and that stays up in your head," he said. "We have what we call peer support with psychologists, making sure everything's OK. They take care of us."

On Monday night, a UP locomotive collided with a passenger vehicle just west of Stanton, within the Toyah subdivision. The driver suffered fatal injuries after attempting to maneuver around descending crossing gates, according to the Martin County Sheriff's Office.

"You can equate a locomotive hitting a car to a car running over an aluminum can," said J.L. Phillips, a special agent with the UP Police Department, a law enforcement agency with state and federal jurisdiction. "The weight ratio is about 4,000 to 1."

Though the investigation is ongoing, the possibility of a suicide has not been ruled out. The probability of a UP engineer or conductor witnessing an attempted suicide on a crossing is not unusual, according to Phillips.

"If you work on the railroad for five years, there's a very high chance you'll witness someone dying," Phillips said. "If you work for the railroad for 20 years, there's a 100 percent chance."

The Federal Railroad Administration mandates a quiet zone prohibiting train horns within cities at the request of local governments. The city of Midland has such an agreement with Union Pacific through FRA. But this ordinance can come with a slight cost to the city, which must construct safety infrastructure, such as concrete medians or plastic delineators between lanes, to prevent drivers from maneuvering around crossing gates.

If a vehicle stalls or bottoms out on a railway crossing, UP advises drivers to locate the crossing's unique identification number on the crossing sign or on the signal house. There also will be an 800 number that drivers can call. Any trains inbound to that crossing will be alerted and halted.

Painter: 'We don't have enough beds'

■ County jail is at 437 of 500 capacity, sheriff says

By Joseph Basco
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The Midland County jail is inching closer to maximum capacity, according to Sheriff Gary Painter, who spoke at the Midland County Republican Women luncheon Wednesday at Midland Country Club.

Painter said the county jail is currently at 437 inmates; maximum capacity is 500.

To explain how the jail population got to that point, Painter said nearly 11,000 people were put inside the jail in 2014. Of that number, 80 percent to 85 percent will be rebooked.

"We don't have enough beds," Painter said. "There are times when we have to hold inmates for a long time before we have an open bed to send them to."

Painter also discussed the lack of adequate mental health services for inmates. He said there is a five-member mental health unit on staff that handled "over 1,000" calls in 2014.

If the number of days that inmates spend in the jail does not decrease in the next two years, the county might have to spend an additional $2.5 million, as previously reported. Midland County spends $86.62 a day to house an inmate.

"That's a lot of money everyday," Painter said. "If (inmates) are in (jail) for a Municipal Court fine, for a Class C misdemeanor such as speeding, I can only make them 'lay it out' for only $50 a day. Something is not right, that's not a good tradeoff."

Following up on how one night in jail for a speeding violator equates to $50 toward the speeding fine, Painter said that the county currently is catching people who have accumulated fines totaling in the tens of thousands of dollars.

"If they lay it out at $50 per day, that is a long time that we're going to have to feed them fools," the charismatic Painter said. "It gets on my nerves."

Painter also assessed the 2014 county jail population by age and nationality. He said there were four inmates who were 80 or older, and nine who were 70 or older.

And some of the international visitors to come by the Midland County jail were from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Columbia, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Germany, Guatemala, India, Niger and the Philippines.

The religion demographic in the jail was also broken down by the sheriff. Painter said there were 28 Muslims, nine Presbyterians, two Hindus, two Mormons and two who claimed they were satanic. He said Catholics also had a high representation.

At this point, the audience was laughing and having a good time listening to one of the most prominent members of the Midland community. To reel them

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Gasoline	$2.330	▼ $0.009

The big number
Car crashes in 2014 increased
14 percent
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Obituaries

Alton Verlena Moore Woods

Alton Verlena Moore Woods passed on Friday, March 6, 2015 at Charlton Methodist Hospital, Dallas Texas.

She was proceeded in death by her husband, Henry Allen Woods and son, Henry Allen Woods Jr. 6 siblings and 1 great grandchild.

She leaves to cherish her memory daughter and son in law Cassie & Mose Bell; sons and daughters in law Billy & Cheryl Woods; Dannie & Velyian Woods; sister Willie Ina Moore Carr; 10 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, 1 great great grandchild and a host of relatives and friends.

Graveside services will be Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park Cemetery.

Services are under the direction of Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

Becky Boyce

Becky Boyce, 66, of Stanton, died Thursday, February 26, 2015.

Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 14, 2015, at Belvue Church of Christ in Stanton, with Dr. Bill Welsh officiating.

Becky was born October 25, 1948 in Stanton to Oliver and Frances Anderson Boyce. She was a 1967 graduate of Stanton High School and 1968 graduate of Commercial College in Midland. Becky worked at various secretarial and bookkeeping jobs. She particularly enjoyed abstract work with Epley Abstract Company and Martin County Abstract Company.

She was a lifelong member of Belvue Church of Christ. Becky was a devoted mother to a series of canine fur children, including Suzie, Tina, Little Bit, Henry, Rufus, and Molly. She was keenly interested in family history and was beloved for her gentle disposition and quick sense of humor.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frances and Oliver Boyce.

She is survived by one aunt, Eulene Anderson Holder of Midland. Also surviving are six first cousins, David Holder of Spring, Texas, Laura Holder Roderick of Midland, Linda Holder Ritter of Canyon, Royce Boyce of Midland, Robert Boyce of Abilene, and Rodger Boyce of Gainesville.

The family suggests that memorials be made in Becky's name to Belvue Church of Christ, PO Box 1110, Stanton, Texas, 79782.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home, 209 North St. Charles Street, Stanton.

Online condolences may be made to the family at *www.npwelch.com*.

Frelan D. Fields

Frelan D. Fields, 79, of Odessa, passed away on March 10, 2015 in Odessa.

Visitation will be 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Thursday, March 12, 2015 at Sunset Funeral Home.

Graveside Services will be at 10:00 a.m. Friday, March 13, 2015 at Sunset Memorial Gardens, with David Jacob officiating.

Family and friends visitation will be at Frelan's home, 4320 Esmond Dr., Odessa, TX from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., March 12, 2015.

Frelan was born on April 26, 1935 to Carnie and Daphne Barnett Fields in Purcell, Oklahoma. He came to Odessa in 1949 and attended Odessa High School. Frelan joined the Marines in 1952 and served four years. He married Ruth Ellen Thomas on March 17, 1954 in Carlsbad, New Mexico. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Freemasonry, 32nd degree Mason, Shriner and a member of the Scottish Rite.

Frelan was self-employed in the service station business from 1968 to 1979 as Fields Services Inc. From 1979 until his retirement in 2009, he owned CPS Pipe and Supply Inc., Permian West Corp, and Fields Consulting. Everything in Frelan's life was secondary to his work. Regardless of the occasion or holiday, business always took precedence. His family reaped great rewards from his work ethics.

After his retirement in 2009, his final years were spent playing golf three times a week and fulfilling the role of father and grandfather to his great grandson, Jacob.

Frelan is preceded in death by his parents, Carnie and Daphne Fields; and his beloved grandson, Jason Fields.

He is survived by his loving wife, Ruth Fields; two sons, Jay Fields of Odessa, and Joey Fields and wife Lisa of Midland, Texas; daughter, Gina Fields Parker and husband David of Odessa; sister, Barbara Adamson of Paris, Texas; brothers, Wiley Hulsey and Kent Hulsey of Hebes Springs, Arkansas; grandchildren, Cory Fields, Cody (Buck) Fields, Alaina Fields Watters, Haley Fields Hunt, Josh Fields, Jaxon Fields, Kandace Parker, Brandon Parker, Brice Parker, and Brayden Parker; and 11 great grandchildren.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 841125, Dallas, TX 75284.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sunset

SUNSET MEMORIAL GARDENS & FUNERAL HOME

Jeri Evans

Jeri Evans, 83, of Midland, passed away on Monday, March 9, 2015 in Midland. The family will receive friends on Thursday, March 12, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Graveside services will be held on Friday, March 13, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland. Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 13, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church Chapel in Midland.

Jeri was born on July 5, 1931 to Lee and Mabel Stanley in Noodle, Texas. She grew up in Noodle and graduated from Noodle High School. Jeri went on to West Texas University and then received her Associates degree in English from Odessa College.

She was married to Buddy Evans May 7, 1950. She worked for MISD for over 17 years as a secretary at Bowie Elementary. Jeri retired as Administrative Supervisor in 1993 from Arco Permian.

Jeri loved people and she could start a conversation with anyone. She was always the first to volunteer no matter if it was for the community, her church, or for anything that her grandson, Matthew was involved in. Jeri enjoyed being with her family and friends and most of all being Nana to her grandson, Matthew.

Survivors include her husband, Buddy Evans of Midland; grandson, Matthew Evans of Midland; and several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her son, Richard Evans; daughter, Keri Evans; two brothers, Vernon and Howard Stanley; one sister, Joyce Tucker; and her parents, Lee and Mabel Stanley.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be donated to American Cancer Society, 2304 W. Wadley, Midland, TX, 79705; or Scottish Rite Children's Hospital, 2222 Welborn St., Dallas, TX, 75219.

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

Michael Stephen Locker

Michael Stephen Locker, 63, of Midland, Texas, passed away unexpectedly on March 8, 2015.

Michael was born in Lawrence, Kansas to Fran and Walt Locker on October 12, 1951. He graduated from Putnam City High School in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He received his Bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University.

While working on his degree, he also pursued officer's training school. Upon graduation, he enlisted as an officer in the United States Navy, where he flew A1 fighter jets.

Because of his close ties to his family and his desire to pursue a career in the oil industry he returned to Midland, Texas where he joined his uncle, George Locker, at Buckeye, Inc. In 1997, he assumed controlling ownership of Buckeye, Inc. and The Artesia Lumber Company and soon expanded his corporate interests to include Mattlock Drilling, Briley Trucking and Black Swan Energy. His loyal Buckeye family meant the world to him and many of his employees have been with him for decades.

In addition to professional endeavors, Michael's true passion was the outdoors. Michael's pursuit of hunting and fishing led him to all corners of the world. The fascination began as a young child and remained with him his entire life. He instilled this legacy in both his daughters and his grandchildren. Michael always invited his family and friends to join him and his wife on his many hunting and fishing adventures.

Mike combined his attention to detail and pursuit of excellence to achieve his own heaven on earth at Crosshair Ranch. He liked to share this oasis, and derived great pleasure from teaching and hosting his many loved ones. In the last few years, he enjoyed a passionate relationship with his fly rod.

Michael is preceded in death by his parents, Fran and Walt Locker.

Michael is survived by his wife, Marjorie McLaughlin Locker; his daughter, Laura Locker Johnson and her husband, Sterling Holt Johnson, and their children, Locker, Sam, and Elizabeth; his daughter, Alex Locker Bryant and her children, Michael Tucker and Jack; his five furry hunting dogs; his Buckeye family; and his two brothers and one sister.

The funeral service will be held at 1:30 p.m., March 16, 2015 at St Ann's Catholic Church.

Honorary pallbearers are Kevin Blonkvist, Robby Christenson, Terry Copeland, Terry Carpenter, Bob Gaines, Holt Johnson, Albert Metcalfe, Chan Price, George Tucker, Jim Walton, Pat Whitaker, and Barry Willingham.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the Trinity School Capital Campaign or to the charity of one's choice.

This world has lost the most loving, intelligent man whose generosity was unparalleled.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

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Martha Miller Allen

Martha Miller Allen was born on December 24, 1934 to Ruby and Cullen Miller in Bryan, Texas.

She was the third of three children. The family became members and worshiped at the New Chapel Baptist Church.

Martha received her early education in Bryan, Texas where she graduated from E.A.Kemp High School in 1953. She attended Prairie View A&M University in Prairie View, Texas, where she received her Bachelor of Education degree.

She started her teaching career in Woodville, Texas before moving to Midland where she taught at Ralph J. Bunch Elementary School. In 1964, she received her Master's degree in Library Science from Prairie View A&M University, where she served as a librarian for several schools throughout the Midland Independent School District.

After 35 years of faithful service, she retired in May of 1995. Martha was a member of several teaching related professional organizations.

Martha and Danny Allen met while working at Bunch Elementary School and were married on July 31, 1965 and was blessed one son, Daniel Cullen, in 1969. They united with St. Paul CME Church where they remained members until the passing of Daniel G. in 2007. She then joined Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, where she was a faithful member willing to help out in any capacity that she could until her health failed.

She enjoyed her affiliation with Alpha Kappa Sorority, Inc., The Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, and the Women of Strength, as well as several other organizations.

Her parents, and her husband of 42 years, Daniel G. Allen, preceded her in death.

To cherish her memories she leaves her son, Daniel C. Allen of Midland, Texas; two sisters, Lessie Givens of Taylor, Texas, and Dora Gooch and husband Alphonso of Los Angeles, California; one sister-in-law, Maxine Allen Fields and husband Vincent of Witchita Falls, Texas; two nephews, Alan Kennedy of Rochester, Minnesota, Steven Johnson of Los Angeles; two nieces, Carol Bluiett and Rosiland Donald, both of Los Angeles; two great nieces, Tamara Bluiett and Tameshia Donald, both of Los Angeles; several loving grandchildren and many cousins and friends. She will also be remembered as a loving mother, devoted sister, cherished aunt, and an admirable grandmother.

Services will be held Friday March 13, 2015 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church at 1:00 p.m., with Reverend Woodrow Bailey III officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Services are under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

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Death Notices

Glenn Strickland

Glenn Strickland, 84, of Midland, died Tuesday, March 10, 2015. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Marjorie Cizkovsky Gober

Marjorie Cizkovsky Gober, 88, passed away on March 6, 2015.

A Memorial service for Marjorie will be held at 2:00 p.m. on March 15, 2015, at the Chapel in the Barney Greathouse Activity Building, Manor Park, 5212 Sinclair Avenue, Midland, TX 79707.

Tanya Evans

Tanya Evans, 57, of Midland, passed away on Tuesday, March 10, 2015. Memorial services will be held on Sunday, March 15, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

She is survived by her two daughters, Brandy Montgomery and Reesa Moore; and her father, Olen Sparger.

Jose Martinez

Jose Martinez 46 of Midland, TX, passed away Saturday, March 7, 2015 at a local hospital.

Funeral services are pending at Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

OTHERDEATHS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ARIZONA

Giffords shooting victim who held down attacker dies

TUCSON — Bill Badger was a hero even before he helped save people's lives during the Jan. 8, 2011, shooting in a grocery store parking lot that killed six people and injured 13, including former U.S. Rep. Gabby Giffords.

The Army veteran died Wednesday morning of pneumonia, according to his wife, Sallie Badger. He was 78.

Badger was shot in the head at a constituent event for Giffords, who was the target of gunman Jared Loughner. But Badger managed to tackle Loughner, helping others hold him down and disarm him before police arrived. Loughner is serving seven consecutive life terms in prison.

Giffords, who lives in Tucson, said she was sad to learn of Badger's passing.

"Bill was not only a great man and a proud Army veteran, he was a hero," she said in a statement. "I believe that Bill helped save lives that morning. And I will always be grateful to him for his selfless, brave actions."

Sallie Badger said it came as no surprise that her husband had risked his life to help others. The retired Army colonel had spent his entire life doing just that, she said.

"Bill was a hero to many, many people long before he became a hero on Jan. 8. He was very influential in many, many young lives in many ways," Sallie Badger said.

She said Badger was highly involved in the life of their 25-year-old son, Christian Badger. Badger also guided young men into the military and other careers, she said.

Bill Badger hailed from South Dakota. He joined the National Guard as a high school junior and went on to have a long, distinguished career as an Army pilot for 37 years.

The couple moved to Arizona in 1985 when Bill Badger established the Western Army Aviation Training Site in Marana, just outside of Tucson.

Badger was not permanently injured from the bullet that grazed the back of his head, but he showed signs of post-traumatic stress disorder, his wife said.

The couple embarked on a three-year journey across the country to push for stricter gun laws.

"We wanted desperately to have background checks on every gun that was sold," Sallie Badger said. "And Bill just made that his mission."

LOS ANGELES

'Still Alice' writer, director Richard Glatzer dies at 63

Richard Glatzer, who co-wrote and directed the Alzheimer's drama "Still Alice" alongside his husband, Wash Westmoreland, while battling ALS, died Tuesday in Los Angeles. He was 63.

Diagnosed in 2011 with ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, the pair took on the project of "Still Alice" in a very early stage of Glatzer's disease.

During the 23-day shoot, Glatzer communicated with one finger using a text-to-speech app on his iPad. By the time of the press tour for the film in late 2014, Glatzer was only able to communicate by typing on the device with his big toe.

Their film earned star Julianne Moore her first Oscar for her portrayal of an academic suffering from early onset Alzheimer's. Unable to attend the ceremony, Glatzer watched Moore's win Feb. 22 from a hospital, where he had been taken two days prior for respiratory problems. Westmoreland watched by his side.

A New York native, Glatzer started out his career in academia, earning a doctorate in English from the University of Virginia before turning his attentions entirely to film and television.

He met Westmoreland in 1995. The couple collaborated on four films as co-writers and directors, including the 2006 Sundance Grand Jury Prize and Audience winner "Quinceañera."

Glatzer also worked on a number of television shows including "Road Rules," "Divorce Court" and "America's Next Top Model."

But it was "Still Alice" that seemed to be Glatzer's crowning achievement.

"It's ironic that in my deteriorated state I'd be able to make a film that was creatively everything I'd ever wished for," Glatzer reflected to The Associated Press in late 2014 while promoting the film.

The parallels between Glatzer and their lead character's degenerative diseases helped to inform the adaptation of author Lisa Genova's best-seller.

"Many of the neurological appointments that Alice had in the book echoed appointments that Richard had had when they were testing to see if he'd had a stroke — like what's today's date, where are we, all that stuff. It was eerily similar," Westmoreland said during the same interview.

"Rich is an incredibly strong person, and never let the disease get him down. He always wanted to keep life as normal as possible," he added.

Moore was particularly moved by the similarities and how Glatzer's condition made the story much more personal and emotional.

"It's about the universality of our own experience and what we care about and that we all live and we all love and we all are going to go away some day. To look at that and to really examine that, but to also be present in it, is kind of an extraordinary thing to do. I think that's what Wash and Rich are doing with this movie," she said.

While the logistics of co-directing a film while suffering from ALS proved challenging, the entire production was committed to supporting Glatzer throughout.

"We had a little personal agreement that Richard has to be heard, even if it's inconvenient, even if it's longer to wait," Westmoreland said.

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City's most dangerous intersections identified

By Joseph Basco
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Solutions to fix the three most dangerous intersections in Midland are on the way from the city of Midland's Transportation Division.

In its 2014 traffic crash report, the city identified Longview Avenue at Belmont Street, Andrews Highway service road at Loop 250 service road and Garfield Street at Florida Avenue as the top three intersections for crashes. The city ranked the intersections by their crash rates, or the number of crashes per million vehicles that pass by them.

Mike Pacelli, city traffic engineer, said there aren't specific projects that target the top three intersections and make them completely safe, but the division can target some of those factors that contribute to the danger of the area.

The Longview Avenue and Belmont Street intersection currently lacks in traffic signals and only has stop signs along Belmont Street, so the division is considering all-way stop signs, Pacelli said. The intersection is a highly trafficked area in south Midland because of its proximity to Wal-Mart and Rankin Highway.

Pacelli said most of the crashes at that intersection don't result in serious injuries, but there is a high volume of crashes. The city found that there were 2.8 crashes per million vehicles that pass the intersection — or million entering vehicles (MEV) — which was the highest rate in 2014.

The second-highest ranking intersection, Andrews Highway service road and Loop 250 service road, had a 2.3 MEV. For this busy intersection that handles Midland and Odessa drivers, Pacelli said driver inattention is what's causing the crashes. Drivers who enter the right-turn lanes and yield before turning right get rear-ended by drivers arriving too quick, Pacelli said. He said these types of rear-end crashes are the most common types of crashes along Loop 250 intersections.

"In the long run, what's needed (at Andrews Highway and Loop 250) is a freeway-to-freeway connection," Pacelli said. "Because what we have here is a lot of traffic coming from one freeway to another."

For the Garfield Street and Florida Avenue intersection, the third-ranked intersection with a 1.8 MEV, Pacelli said the majority of the crashes are caused by westbound Florida Avenue drivers who are trying to either turn left on Garfield Street or cross forward to continue onto Florida Avenue.

Traffic accumulates on the northbound Garfield Street lanes, which causes the westbound Florida Avenue drivers to have a limited view when turning left or moving forward.

"People are trying to force their way through a queue of traffic, they squeeze between vehicles and don't see vehicles in the next lane over, and so that's how we have (crashes)," Pacelli said. "If those folks who were going left onto Garfield went south one block, they would be able to get out onto Garfield Street behind the queue."

And that is one suggestion the transportation division is considering for the intersection: make the westbound Florida Avenue traffic turn right only by having a median on Garfield Street. Those who want to turn left onto Garfield Street will have to go south one block onto New Jersey Avenue.

All these solutions have to be agreed upon by other stakeholders, such as City Council, before they can be implemented.

The 2014 traffic crash report also included:

- Crashes increased 14 percent in 2014 compared to 2013. Of the 4,013 crashes in 2014, 23 resulted in fatalities.
- Most of the crashes occurred in October and December.
- Traffic increased by 5.74 percent compared to 2013.

The Midland Traffic Crash Report for 2014 can be viewed at http://bit.ly/1AgQIES.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

HELP IN ACTION

Rebecca Dawes and other members of Alamo Heights Youth Group work on a house Wednesday in the 700 block of South Terrell with Christmas in Action as they are helping to refurbish the home during spring break.

Southwest wins approval for flights from Houston to Mexico

Associated Press

DALLAS — Southwest Airlines Co. has won U.S. approval to fly from Houston to Mexico City and the San Jose del Cabo.

Southwest plans to operate the flights beginning in October from a new international terminal being built at Houston's Hobby Airport.

The number of flights between the U.S. and Mexico is limited by treaty, but the U.S. Department of Transportation indicated Tuesday that both countries agreed to allow additional airlines to fly across the border.

Southwest had tried to replace United Airlines or its United Express partner, SkyWest Airlines, on the two Houston-Mexico routes, but the U.S. Department of Transportation declined to approve that request in January.

On Tuesday, the department said that it decided to grant Southwest's request after finding that Mexican aviation authorities would also approve the extra service.

United spokeswoman Mary Clark said the airline applauded Tuesday's decision, saying it will benefit consumers without affecting current services on the routes.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Teleram

Cynthia Wallum talks with Sheriff Gary Painter on Wednesday before he spoke at the Midland County Republican Women luncheon.

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not return the Reporter-Telegram's phone calls by presstime.

Anthony Zacniewski, president of Permian Basin STEPS safety program, called the incident unacceptable.

"There's no excuse for an accident of that nature. It was not an act of God. There was a policy or safeguard or some sort of procedure that was overlooked or not followed," he said.

The three men killed — Arturo Martinez Jr., Arturo Martinez Sr., and Rojelio Salgado — were all from the same Andrews family and had recently begun working on the well service rig near Rankin, about 40 miles south of Midland.

"They were excited to take over the rig for Mason," Cameron Villanueva, son-in-law of Martinez Jr., said Wednesday. "I talked to Junior on Sunday, and he was excited to work. They were looking for work, and they got it, and then this happened."

Villanueva, also from Andrews, said the only man who survived was the derrick man, who came by the house and told the family what happened Tuesday morning. The derrick man said that when the explosion occurred he hit the ground and that the other men panicked.

Zacniewski, health, safety and environment director for Bandera Drilling, said that these kind of incidents are not only scrutinized by the public in detail, but also should serve as rallying cries for the oil industry.

"We've got to, as an industry, come collectively together and stop this senseless loss of life," he said. "There's a family ... who lost three family members in one simple accident, and it's just horrific and it's senseless."

Rojelio, who was 19 and leaves behind two children — 2 years old and 8 months old — had just begun his second year in the oil field, Villanueva said. He recently had been laid off by oilfield equipment supplier RTI because of the slowdown. The company that Martinez Jr. had worked for had been stacking rigs. The work they were doing on the Mason site was their expertise, Villanueva said.

"That's all they've ever done, Junior and Senior," he said. "That's the only line of work that they've ever done is pulling units and workover rigs."

He said the entire family has been involved in the oil field and that nothing like this has ever happened.

"Everybody's done it since they were able to work. It's all any of us have ever done. I'm five years in the oilfield myself. All my family's done it."

Villanueva, who works for oil services giant Schlumberger, has been given an indefinite time off by his employer in the wake of the accident.

"I am a spooler. Whenever we're running, I'm directly over the well head with the crew working to get the tubing and everything back in the hole," he said. "I am nervous about going back out."

While the accident has brought doubts to his mind, he also is worried about staying idle for too long.

"I don't think it's a good idea to just sit around and dwell on it," Villanueva said. "I think it'd just be better to be back at work and (be) busy."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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in even further. Painter said God lives in the penal institutions, because all the inmates find him when they arrive in jail.

"As soon as they hit the door, they get cleaned up from their alcohol and narcotics, and the first thing they want is a Bible," Painter said.

But then Painter reiterated how 80 percent to 85 percent of the jail population comes back. Sometimes, they'll get "liquored up" on the weekend, get into a fight, and they're back in the jail.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Bailey H. Hair, 19, of Midland was charged Tuesday with violating probation.

Patrick R. Margraves, 39, of Midland was charged Tuesday with evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Relandus D. Swann, 40, of Munday was charged Tuesday with manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance in a drug-free zone.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ Spring break activities, Museum of the Southwest, museumsw.org.

■ MLK Adventures Spring Break Camp, MLK Center, 685-7355.

■ Storytime for birth-2 years, 9:30 a.m. today at Midland County Public Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us.

■ Storytime for ages 2-6, 10:30 a.m. today at Midland County Public Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Love Kitchen

The Little Caesars Love Kitchen will be at the Midland Soup Kitchen beginning 11:30 a.m. today to feed people in need. The pizza kitchen on wheels travels across the country feeding the hungry, homeless and disaster survivors.

Local Little Caesars franchisee owners and company regional offices donate food and labor for the Love Kitchen meals.

Honor flight fundraiser

Dickey's Barbecue Pit is helping support Permian Basin Honor Flight by contributing partial proceeds to the group. On Friday, 20 percent of proceeds from customers' purchases will be donated if customers mention honor.flight.

Sales tax

The city of Midland has collected this month's sales tax revenue from the State Comptroller's Office.

The total amount of revenue received was $3,412,904, which is $4,540 — or 0.13 percent — less than March 2013.

The year-to-date total sales tax revenue for fiscal year 2014-2015 is up $2,919,995 — or 13.76 percent — from last year's totals at this time. Fiscal year-to-date actual sales tax revenue is $21,215,436.

Sales tax revenue is generated by sales tax income from two months before collection; March collection is based on January sales.

Source: City of Midland

Support group and club meetings today

■ Chronic fatigue fibro-myalgia syndromes support group meets noon at Rays of Hope Grief Centre, 520-3500.

■ Permian Basin Community Service Organization (for individuals, organizations or businesses that provide services to improve quality of life), 11:45 a.m., Mi Piaci Italian Restaurant, 2607 N. Grandview Ave., Odessa; 432-210-4234.

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

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

■ The Midland Blue Star Military Family, 7 p.m., Koinonia Room at First Presbyterian Church, Doc Weathers 631-7646 or docweathers@suddenlink.net.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 8-4-1
Pick 3 day: 9-4-4
Pick 3 evening: 9-6-9
Pick 3 night: 1-8-2
Daily 4 morning: 6-5-7-7
Daily 4 day: 7-9-5-2
Daily 4 evening: 0-2-1-9
Daily 4 night: 2-6-1-1
Cash Five: 1-9-20-25-28
Lotto Texas: 14-47-48-49-53-54
Powerball: 11-24-31-40-44 PB 27 PP: 2
All or Nothing morning: 1-2-4-6-8-13-14-15-17-19-20-22
All or Nothing day: 3-4-5-6-7-9-13-15-17-22-23-24
All or Nothing evening: 3-4-9-10-12-13-17-19-21-22-23-24
All or Nothing night: 2-3-7-9-11-12-13-14-18-19-20-24

Today in history

In 1664, England's King Charles II granted an area of land on the East Coast of present-day North America known as New Netherland to his brother James, the Duke of York.

In 1857, the original version of "Simon Boccanegra," an opera by Giuseppe Verdi, was poorly received at its premiere in Venice, Italy. (Verdi offered a revised version in 1881.)

In 1912, the Girl Scouts of the USA had its beginnings as Juliette Gordon Low of Savannah, Georgia, founded the first American troop of the Girl Guides.

In 1925, Chinese revolutionary leader Sun Yat-sen died.

In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt delivered the first of his 30 radio addresses that came to be known as "fireside chats," telling Americans what was being done to deal with the nation's economic crisis.

In 1938, the Anschluss merging Austria with Nazi Germany took place as German forces crossed the border between the two countries.

In 1940, Finland and the Soviet Union concluded an armistice during World War II. (Fighting between the two countries flared again the following year.)

In 1955, legendary jazz musician Charlie "Bird" Parker died in New York at age 34.

In 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson won the New Hampshire Democratic primary, but Sen. Eugene McCarthy of Minnesota placed a strong second.

In 1985, conductor Eugene Ormandy, director of the Philadelphia Orchestra for more than four decades, died at age 85.

In 1994, the Church of England ordained its first women priests.

In 2003, Elizabeth Smart, the 15-year-old girl who'd vanished from her bedroom nine months earlier, was found alive in a Salt Lake City suburb with two drifters, Brian David Mitchell and Wanda Barzee, who are serving prison terms for kidnapping her.

Takeaways: Seinfeld hasn't lost his comedic touch

By Rich Lopez
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"What else do I find annoying in the world except everything?"

Jerry Seinfeld uttered these words well into his just shy of an hour and half set.

Echoing his famous sitcom "Seinfeld," much of his material was about "nothing," but it hardly disappointed. The roars of laughter from the near-capacity house Wednesday night at the Wagner Noel were evident that Seinfeld, the comedian, has not lost his touch.

The venue

The Wagner Noel started out as fair game when he said there was "nothing around for a 1,000 miles" and later described it as "the theater that fell to earth from the sky."

The cities

Then, both Midland and Odessa were on his radar.

"There is a love of beige here," he joked about both the venue and, well, everything in both cities.

But the humor was good-natured, and the audience knew to laugh at itself and enjoy the ride.

The experience

Seinfeld was a seamless performer, traveling in and out of bits that ranged from energy drinks to smartphone codependence. This was perhaps where his true talent lies. He took the stage simply, but once started, he performed like a race car — smart, quick and sharp.

Unlike many other comedians, he kept away from getting too personal. Other comedians often use their personal lives as their material, but Seinfeld almost went the opposite direction.

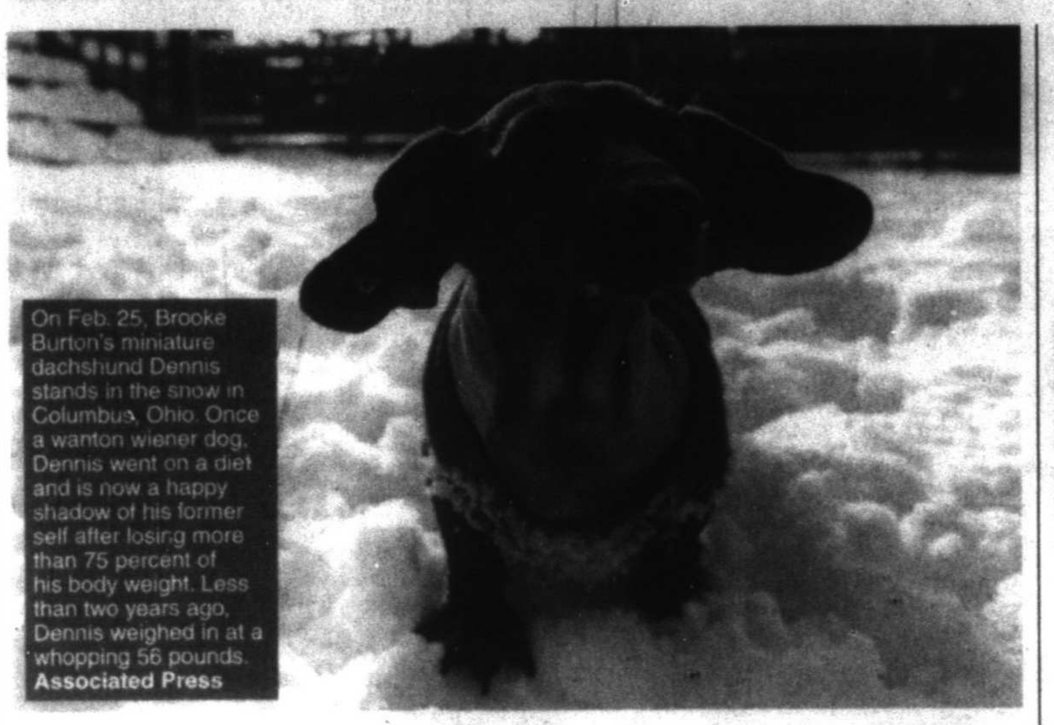
This didn't hinder the punchlines at all, but even when he announced that he wanted to talk about his personal life — his marriage, being 60, having children — he kept it light and at a distance.

The audience

Seinfeld held the audience immediately in his grasp. The ovation when he came out was uproarious, and there were two standing ovations at the end. After the first, he came back out and prompted an informal Q&A, where audience members shouted questions from the floor and the balconies. And, interestingly, Seinfeld felt a bit more real at this point than during his set, but he handled the onslaught of questions about doing a new show, his favorite "Seinfeld" episode and if he's coming back. Nothing too earth-shattering, but he was a class act and responded sincerely with added zingers, of course.

The opener

Before Seinfeld took the stage, the night was opened by Mario Joyner, who had joined Seinfeld on a webisode of "Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee." His dry humor got the night rolling to a hilarious start and was the perfect antithesis to Seinfeld's more energetic and high-pitched set.



On Feb. 25, Brooke Burton's miniature dachshund Dennis stands in the snow in Columbus, Ohio. Once a wanton wiener dog, Dennis went on a diet and is now a happy shadow of his former self after losing more than 75 percent of his body weight. Less than two years ago, Dennis weighed in at a whopping 56 pounds.
Associated Press

Dieting dachshund in Ohio goes from obese to svelte

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Once a wanton wiener dog, Dennis went on a diet and is now a happy shadow of his former self after losing more than 75 percent of his body weight.

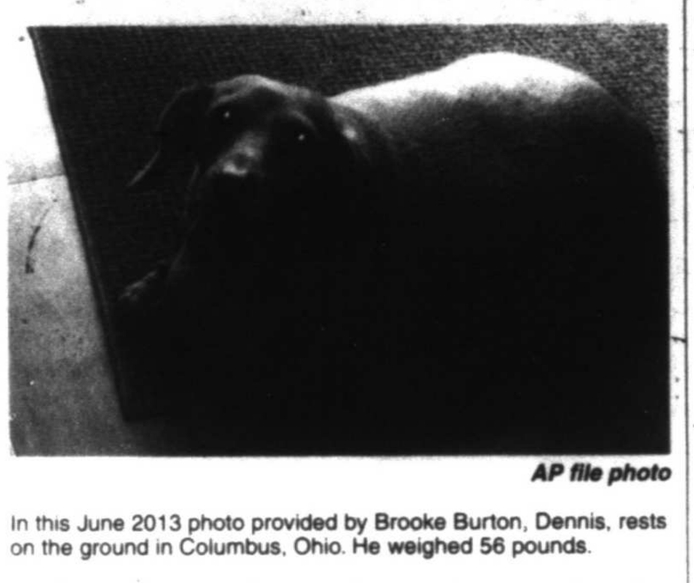
Less than two years ago, Dennis weighed in at a whopping 56 pounds — about the size of four or five miniature dachshunds, which is what he is. A series of "before" photos show Dennis resting on rolls of fat, his head seemingly too little for his blob of a body. He couldn't take more than a few steps without being out of breath.

Then Brooke Burton adopted him from a relative who had fed him White Castle burgers, pizza and other human food, and didn't pay much attention to the dog's burgeoning belly.

Burton, a 26-year-old nursing student, recalls how emotional she became when she first saw Dennis in June 2013, and then persuaded her relative to give him up.

"Out comes Dennis, and I couldn't believe it," Burton said. "I wasn't even sure what breed of dog he was supposed to be because he was so large."

Burton put him on diet of dry dog food, plus lots of walks and affection. Now the 6-year-old wiener dog is a svelte 12 pounds and happily chasing squirrels in the backyard, playing fetch and bossing around the other three rescue dogs that live with him.



AP file photo

In this June 2013 photo provided by Brooke Burton, Dennis, rests on the ground in Columbus, Ohio. He weighed 56 pounds.

Officials identify woman killed in train collision

From staff reports

A woman who died in a vehicle-train crash near Stanton on Monday has been identified as Kenzie Childres. The woman was found with a Midland driver's license, though her place of residence has not been determined, Martin County officials said.

No other information has been released on the incident, and deputies are still trying to locate her next of kin. The Martin County Sheriff's Office expects preliminary results in about two weeks after receiving information from a toxicology report.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LA PORTE

Business continues on Houston Ship Channel despite closure

Goods are being unloaded and commerce traded along the Houston Ship Channel, even though part of the waterway remained closed Wednesday amid cleanup efforts following a collision that spilled a flammable chemical.

About a 4-mile to 8-mile stretch of the ship channel is closed as crews deal with a gasoline additive that spilled after two 600-foot ships collided on Monday in foggy conditions. The closure means that ships in the Gulf of Mexico can't come into the ship channel and vessels that had been set to leave are also stuck. The U.S. Coast Guard has said the cleanup effort and salvage operation could take at least several days to complete.

The partial closure wasn't stopping the economic activity that occurs daily on the ship channel, said Patrick Seeba, project director with the Greater Houston Port Bureau, a maritime industry trade organization.

Seeba couldn't give an estimate of the partial closure's economic impact but said it is "not quite as severe as you think."

DALLAS

Home of leader of racist chant picketed

A handful of protesters took to the street in front of the home of a former University of Oklahoma student and fraternity member who was shown in a video leading a racist chant aboard a bus.

About 20 demonstrators Wednesday evening marched up and down the North Dallas residential street in front of the home of Parker Rice. Watching them were about two dozen news media representatives and six police officers.

The protesters chanted, "Racism is taught," and, "Racism is a choice."

Rice has apologized for the chant he led along with another Sigma Alpha Epsilon member aboard a bus last weekend.

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

Highlights from around the Capitol on Wednesday:

Truancy

Judges and school districts in several Texas counties asked House lawmakers Wednesday to leave the truancy system alone, citing successful practices they've implemented on their own.

But the proactive programs aren't the norm, advocates for lighter truancy laws said, and more must be done to address the about 100,000 Texas schoolchildren that the Legislative Budget Board says were given misdemeanors for unexcused absences in fiscal year 2014.

Emily Arroyo, 17, told lawmakers that she skipped school on Wednesday to testify against bills before the House Committee on Juvenile Justice and Family Issues.

After Arroyo gave birth to a son last year, she missed several days of school and was ordered to appear in court for unexcused absences. Williamson County Judge Bill Gravell Jr. helped her find child care, which allowed her to return to school.

She plans to graduate in the spring, she said, adding that she opposed the proposals before the committee because they would have kept her from "appearing before a judge who solved my problems."

While Gravell has made it a point to address the problems that keep children from attending school, "those programs are not the norm in Texas," said Deborah Fowler, executive director of Texas Appleseed, a nonprofit advocacy group.

Currently, students age 12 and older can be ordered to criminal court if they accumulate three unexcused absences in four weeks. Schools must file charges against students with more than 10 unexcused absences in six months. Fines for the charges can be up to $500.

More than 200 people testified for hours on seven bills that were left pending in the committee. Three bills that had been slated for the hearing were withdrawn.

Honorary Texan

State lawmakers have named pop star Phil Collins an honorary Texan, saluting his donation of hundreds of Alamo artifacts back to the historic outpost — while offering numerous quips referencing his song lyrics.

The former Genesis singer-drummer appeared Wednesday in the Texas Senate and House. He didn't give a speech, but greeted lawmakers who crowded to shake hands.

The 63-year-old Briton is an Alamo buff and spent decades collecting artifacts related to the 1836 battle, where 1,500 Mexican troops laid siege to 200 Texans. Last year, he gave 200-plus pieces of his collection to the Alamo.

Collins grinned as many lawmakers took to the floor to joke about "feeling it in the air tonight," "one more night" and Texas having a "groovy kind of love" for its newest honorary citizen.

Border security

A sweeping Texas border security bill that Hispanic pastors worried could target their congregants now includes tighter language over immigrants who are in the country illegally.

The bill unanimously passed a House committee Wednesday after assurances that someone wouldn't be arrested for driving their grandmother who is in the U.S. illegally to a hospital. Lawmakers say the bill was tweaked to clarify that human smugglers are the target.

Hispanic religious leaders had packed a Capitol hearing to oppose original language that made it a crime to "recklessly" transport or harbor someone in the U.S. illegally. Pastors expressed concern over being arrested for picking up churchgoers on Sunday mornings.

Hiring more state troopers is also part of the comprehensive border security measure.

The bill now moves to the full Texas House.

UT regents

The Texas Senate easily approved Gov. Greg Abbott's first three appointees to the University of Texas System Board of Regents, bringing what began as a contentious process to a tame conclusion.

The full chamber Wednesday confirmed six-year terms for new regents Sara Martinez Tucker and David Beck, and a new term for regent Steve Hicks.

Each faced tough questioning from the Senate Nominations Committee last month. But its members then reversed course and approved the nominations a week later, setting up the floor vote.

Tucker was approved unanimously. Beck was confirmed 27-3 and Hicks 28-2. The opposition was led by tea party-backed Sen. Konni Burton.

Tucker is a former U.S. Department of Education official. Beck is a Houston lawyer. Businessman Hicks joined the board in 2009.

Religion

A legislator has scrapped his proposal preventing the government from burdening a person's free exercise of religion after opposition from Texas businesses.

GOP Rep. Jason Villalba of Dallas said Wednesday he won't seek a hearing for his proposed Texas constitutional amendment.

In February, the Texas Association of Business announced it opposed Villalba's proposal and a similar one from Republican Sen. Donna Campbell of New Braunfels. Two other business groups joined the opposition last week.

The Texas Association of Business said the proposals would let people "claim their religious beliefs give them the right to ignore laws and regulations."

The group represents 55,000 businesses statewide.

Villalba said it isn't typically involved in cultural issues, but if so, he "must listen."

Campbell spokesman Jon Oliver said she still supports her bill.

On deck

The Senate is adjourned until Monday, but its Education Committee is hearing several key bills, including one that would issue letter grades to individual schools. Texas already gives A through F letter grades to school districts — but not individual campuses. The House has a floor session scheduled today, and the lower chamber's Appropriations and Transportation Committees are among those convening, as well.

Quote of the day

"Who would have thought that the largest collection of Alamo remnants would come from someone in England and not Texas?" — San Antonio Republican Rep. Lyle Larson, speaking about Phil Collins.

House leaders look for deal to halt Medicare payment cuts

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Aides to top House Republicans and Democrats are hoping to negotiate a bipartisan compromise to permanently revamp a law that annually threatens cuts in Medicare payments to doctors, including a 21 percent reduction set to take effect April 1.

As part of the talks, bargainers are considering budget cuts that would offset part, but not all, of the measure's costs, according to lobbyists following the negotiations. The estimated 10-year price of repealing the annual Medicare cuts is roughly $175 billion.

The lobbyists said Wednesday that the package also could provide money for a children's health program that would otherwise run out of money Oct. 1. A four-year extension of the Children's Health Insurance Program would cost about $10 billion.

Congressional aides confirmed that talks are underway but declined to provide detail.

"We are all aware" of the approaching deadline, said Michael Steel, spokesman for House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio. "Members and staff from both leadership and the committees are naturally discussing a range of options."

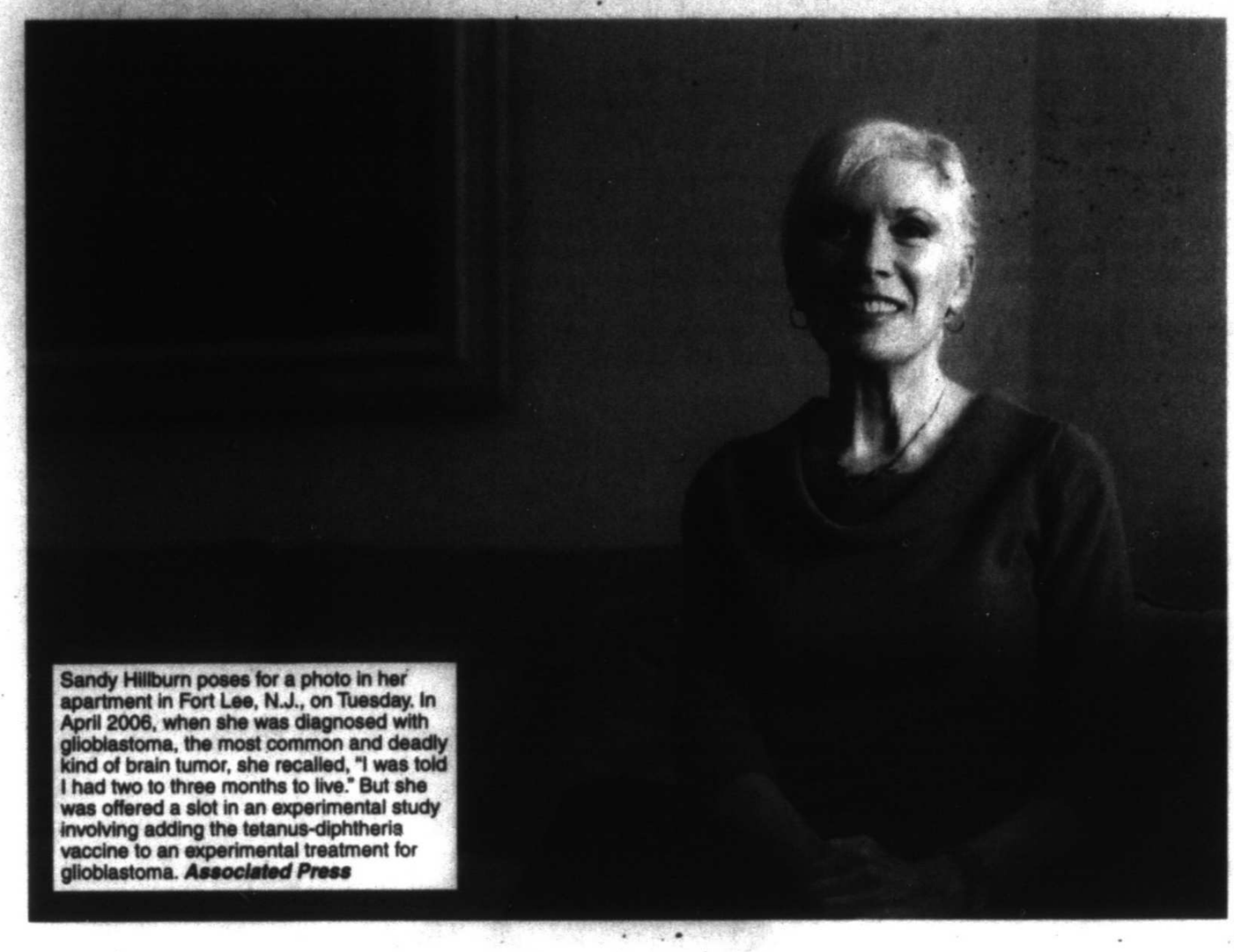
At issue is a formula, known as the sustainable growth rate, from a law that since 1997 has tried curbing spending on doctor's reimbursements under Medicare, the federal health care program for the elderly.

The lobbyists, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss information gathered from congressional staff, cautioned that the talks are continuing and that details could change.

The prospects for congressional passage of such a package would be unclear. Though there is bipartisan support for finally ending the annual fights over protecting doctors from Medicare cuts, the measure would have to get by conservative Republicans reluctant to drive up budget deficits.

Depending on what savings the package would impose, the measure could meet resistance from Democrats if it relies too heavily on reductions to Medicare beneficiaries.

Lawmakers have come close before to permanently dismantling the yearly Medicare cuts, only to fall short, usually because of disputes over how to pay for the legislation.



Sandy Hillburn poses for a photo in her apartment in Fort Lee, N.J., on Tuesday. In April 2006, when she was diagnosed with glioblastoma, the most common and deadly kind of brain tumor, she recalled, "I was told I had two to three months to live." But she was offered a slot in an experimental study involving adding the tetanus-diphtheria vaccine to an experimental treatment for glioblastoma. *Associated Press*

Study: Tetanus shot might aid treatment of deadly brain cancer

By Malcolm Ritter
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Can a tetanus shot help treat brain cancer? A small study hints that it might.

A dose of tetanus vaccine let patients live longer when added to an experimental treatment for the most common and deadly kind of brain tumor, researchers report.

It "put the immune system on high alert," paving the way for the experimental treatment to work better in attacking the disease, said researcher Kristen Batich of the Duke University Medical Center.

In a paper released Wednesday by the journal Nature, she and others describe a study of 12 patients. Some who got the tetanus shot lived years longer than those who didn't.

Dr. John Sampson of Duke, senior author of the report, called the results promising but noted the study was small, and said bigger studies are needed to confirm the results. A follow-up study has already been planned but isn't recruiting patients yet, Batich said.

Brain cancer experts unconnected with the work were impressed.

The results are "very exciting," said Dr. Nader Sanai of the Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix. While he agreed more work is required, "what you have so far, it's a very positive story."

Tetanus is otherwise known as lockjaw. Vaccines for it are routinely recommended for children and adults.

The new study focused on glioblastoma, which killed Massachusetts Sen. Edward M. Kennedy in 2009. Even after surgery to remove the tumor, it usually grows back and kills. The few drugs to treat these tumors have little effect. Half of patients die within about 15 months.

The new work is an example of a long-standing effort to harness the immune system to fight cancer, an approach called immunotherapy.

The specific strategy it used is called a dendritic-cell vaccine. Doctors remove particular blood cells from a patient and equip them with a chemical target found in the tumor. Then they return the cells to the patient's body, where they train the immune system to go after the cancer.

The 12 patients in the new study were treated with surgery, radiation and chemotherapy. All patients got an ordinary tetanus-diphtheria shot and then three injections of their own cells, spaced two weeks apart.

Then they were randomly divided into two groups. One group got a second, tiny dose of the tetanus-diphtheria vaccine at the place in the skin where the cells would be injected the next day. The other group got a dummy dose.

The idea behind the tetanus mini-shot was that the immune system "gets revved up in this particular area" so that "the body will be more excited about what's to come," Sampson said.

Cell injections continued monthly until brain scans showed tumor growth.

For the six patients who got the dummy shot, only one was still alive two years after diagnosis, surviving for about 3•1/2 years. Still, overall results for this group indicated a small benefit from the cell injections alone, Batich said.

The results were far better for patients who got the mini-shot of tetanus. Four surpassed two years. One of them lived almost five years and another nearly six years.

Still another is approaching nine years and counting. She is Sandy Hillburn, 68, of Fort Lee, New Jersey.

When diagnosed in New York in April 2006, "I was told I had two to three months to live," she recalled in a telephone interview.

But her family flew her to Duke in North Carolina because of its reputation for glioblastoma care, and she was offered a slot in the experimental study.

"I was very positive it would help," Hillburn said. "I said, 'Sure, thank you.' I'm still saying thank you."

In the years since then, she has attended her son's wedding and gained five more grandchildren. Now she plays soccer with six grandsons in Ohio and Boston.

"I look forward to seeing the wonderful people they're becoming," she said.

She continues to visit Duke once a month for more cell injections. Sampson said it's not clear why she has lived so long.

Hillburn credits the treatment and her medical care at Duke. She also cited the example of her father, who is a 97-year-old survivor of two kinds of cancer.

"He just went about his life, and so I did the same thing," Hillburn said.

The study was funded in part by a government grant to a business venture that is licensing the technology. Some of the authors have filed patents related to the tetanus strategy.

SCIENCEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW YORK

Fossils of sea creature give clues to early limb evolution

Fossils of a wacky-looking, 7-foot-long sea creature are providing new clues about how limbs developed in the family of animals that includes lobsters, crabs, scorpions and insects.

The fossils of the ancient sea creature were found in Morocco. Their discovery is reported by researchers at Yale and Oxford universities in a paper released Wednesday by the journal Nature.

The creature lived about 480 million years ago, and belongs to the family of animals called arthropods. It looked a bit like a huge lobster without claws, and with a long pointy nose. On each side it had two rows of flaps that were precursors to limbs seen in modern arthropods.

The lower flaps were for propulsion through the water and the upper ones for steering.

LOS ANGELES

Underground hot springs on Saturn moon? Study suggests yes

New research suggests there are hot springs bubbling beneath the icy surface of a tiny Saturn moon.

If confirmed, it would make the moon Enceladus the only other known body in the solar system besides Earth where hot water and rocks interact underground.

That activity would make the moon an even more attractive place in the hunt for microbial life. On Earth, scientists have found weird life forms living in hydrothermal vents on the ocean bottom where there's no sunlight.

The research comes from Cassini, a NASA-European spacecraft that launched in 1997 to explore Saturn and its numerous moons from orbit. It previously uncovered a vast ocean beneath Enceladus and a giant plume of gas and ice streaming from cracks in the south polar region.

In the latest study, a group led by Cassini team member Sean Hsu of the University of Colorado in Boulder used spacecraft observations and computer modeling to show that the plume is connected to what's happening on the lunar sea floor.

Judging by their size and makeup, the team believes particles in the plume are the result of hot water coming into contact with rocks on the ocean floor. The resulting mineral-rich water then shoots up through the icy crust and erupts into space in a plume of gas and ice. Some particles settle around Saturn, replenishing its biggest ring.

The new work also suggests that the ocean is deeper than previous estimates — more than 30 miles deep below the icy crust. It did not provide details on how big the ocean might be, but the Cassini team last year said it could be as big as or even bigger than North America's Lake Superior.

LOS ANGELES

Body mounts 'robust' immune response in the face of Ebola

Scientists have long assumed that Ebola's infamously high mortality rate was due to an ability to knock out the body's immune system and cause certain white blood cells to self-destruct, among other effects.

However, new research published Monday in the journal PNAS suggests that the human immune system doesn't give up that easily when confronted with Ebola virus disease.

In tests performed on the four Ebola patients treated at Atlanta's Emory University Hospital, doctors discovered that each of the patients' immune systems had mounted a surprisingly strong counterattack.

"We found a striking activation of both B and T cells in all four patients," wrote lead study author Dr. Anita McElroy, an infectious disease researcher at Emory.

McElroy and her colleagues found that immature B cells, or plasmablasts, that were actively secreting antibody accounted for 50 percent of all B cells in infected individuals, compared with less than 1 percent in healthy individuals.

Likewise, the frequency of activated CD4 T cells — white blood cells that help direct immune cell response — ranged from 5 percent to 30 percent in the patients, compared with 1 percent to 2 percent in healthy individuals.

But the most profound response was in the patient's CD8 T cells, or "killer T cells," researchers said. At least half of them showed signs that they were activated for battle.

Report: Chance of mega-quake hitting California increases

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Scientists are virtually certain that California will be rocked by a strong earthquake in the next 30 years. Now they say the risk of a mega-quake is more likely than previously thought.

The chance of a magnitude-8 quake striking the state in the next three decades jumped to 7 percent from 4.7 percent, mainly because scientists took into account the possibility that several faults can shake at once, releasing seismic energy that results in greater destruction.

While the risk of a mega-quake is higher than past estimates, it's more likely — greater than a 99 percent chance — that California will be rattled by a magnitude-6.7 jolt similar in size to the 1994 Northridge disaster. The chance of a Northridge-size quake was slightly higher in Northern California than Southern California — 95 percent versus 93 percent, according to a report released Tuesday by the U.S. Geological Survey.

"California is earthquake country, and residents should live every day like it could be the day of a big one," USGS geophysicist and lead author Ned Field said.

The latest seismic calculations largely mirror previous findings issued by the USGS in 2008. Back then, scientists also determined that California faced an almost certain risk of experiencing a Northridge-size quake.

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Democratic faithful seem resigned to Hillary

■ Members of firefighters union give lukewarm responses when asked about Clinton candidacy

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The International Association of Fire Fighters attracted 10 possible presidential candidates to the union's conference in Washington this week, including Joe Biden and Elizabeth Warren on the Democratic side and Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz for the Republicans.

But one prominent invitee, Hillary Clinton, sent regrets — and that's regrettable, because she could use some help putting out fires these days.

The soft launch of Clinton's not-yet-declared candidacy has been engulfed in twin conflagrations: the disclosure that the Clinton Foundation had accepted donations from dodgy countries and the discovery that she conducted her business as secretary of state using a personal email account. Her advisers have managed to fan the flames by being clumsy first responders.

On the other hand, maybe it's just as well that Clinton didn't join the firefighters in the capital this week. They aren't exactly blazing with enthusiasm for her candidacy. As I worked the gathering at the Hyatt on Capitol Hill, I detected a sense of buyer's remorse among the union faithful when I asked about the seemingly inevitable Clinton coronation.

"I don't know that I'm thrilled," said David Morse, from Los Angeles County.

Joe Alderete III, from San Antonio, told me that he was still hoping to "see if a Warren or a Biden steps up."

Chris Mahon of Ventura, California, when asked whether he could get fired up about a Clinton candidacy, paused. "It's a good question," he said. "I would be satisfied with her."

Union officials were no more ebullient. When I asked Lou Paulson, head of the California firefighters group, about how his members felt about Clinton, he hesitated. "I don't believe it'll take much to have our members support her," was his diplomatic formulation.

But we do know. It's Clinton and ... nobody — unless you think Martin O'Malley or Jim Webb or Bernie Sanders can make a serious run for the Democratic nomination, in which case you probably also believe in the tooth fairy.

The two most viable alternatives to Clinton spoke at the IAFF gathering Monday: Biden, who projects sincerity, blue-collar appeal and solid competence; and Warren, who, with her passion and righteous indignation, could ignite a populist movement. But the senator from Massachusetts doesn't want to run, and the vice president would like to but sees no way to upend the Clinton juggernaut.

And so the Democratic faithful are more or less resigned to Clinton drawing little primary opposition, and hoping that disastrous launch of her candidacy doesn't get worse. There's potential it will, because, as Amy Chozick of The New York Times noted, Clinton's efforts this week to commemorate the anniversary of her 1995 women's rights speech in Beijing are now being undermined by the discovery that the Clinton Foundation accepted money from Middle Eastern countries known for violence and discrimination against women.

Monday's IAFF meeting was less an audition for would-be Clinton challengers than a glimpse of how things might have been if the Democrats hadn't allowed themselves to be locked up so quickly by Clinton.

Biden established his working-class bona fides with the union members. "In a little state like mine, the fire hall is where you get married," he said. "It's the country club for the guys and the women I was raised with." Referring to Republicans as "the other outfit" and "the other team," and throwing in Bidenisms such as "malarkey," Biden told the firefighters, "I resent the attacks on you by those, particularly, in the other outfit that see you as an obstacle to overcome, a drag on the community, instead of the heart and soul and essence of the community."

Warren followed Biden's folksiness with a brief and incendiary speech, at points shaking with the ferocity of her delivery. "There's plenty of money for billions of dollars in subsidies for big oil companies. There's plenty of money for special breaks for the owners of thoroughbred racehorses. There's plenty of money for extra deals for the folks who run NASCAR racetracks," she said. "So why is there no money to make our country work? I'll tell you why. It's because the game is rigged."

After her speech, she joined Massachusetts firefighters for a photo, then gave an impromptu speech about the outrage that "you are out there with your begging bowls" while billions in tax breaks go to corporations. "We are in trouble," she said. "We are up against the ropes. ... We've got to have fundamental change."

It was a fiery message. If they don't already, Democrats will come to regret that their nominating contest lacks such a spark.

GUEST VIEW

Congress' inaction on Voting Rights Act is inexcusable

Dallas Morning News

Fifty years ago, marchers young and old, black and white, male and female linked arms in a historic protest across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama.

The result was one of the most shameful moments in American history, as police officers brutally beat nonviolent marchers seeking their constitutional rights. The entire nation saw it, and horror helped give rise to action. Within months, Congress passed the Voting Rights Act of 1965 with bipartisan support.

The commemoration last weekend of that "Bloody Sunday" reminds us that today's Congress needs lessons in history and leadership. There is a gaping hole in the Voting Rights Act, and lawmakers refuse to fix it.

Two years ago, in Shelby County vs. Holder, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the formula spelled out in Section 4 of the act was outdated and unconstitutional. That section determined which states, Texas included, needed to obtain federal "pre-clearance" before changing voting laws. However, voting rights protections are still needed, the court said, and prodded Congress to fix the formula. This newspaper solidly agreed with the court, but like the court, we're still waiting for Congress to do its job.

The threat to voting fairness is real. Gone are the disgusting state literacy tests and poll taxes used to deny blacks the vote in the 1960s. In their place now are onerous state voter ID requirements, reduced poll hours and inconveniently located polling places intended to discourage voting. These new impediments are subtle and nuanced barriers to a basic constitutional right.

Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., and Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., have taken up the torch. They recently reintroduced a bill that updates the pre-clearance formula to use much more current data, based on voting violations in the last 15 years. It also carves out exemptions to allow certain voter ID laws.

Congress has renewed the act repeatedly since 1965, with nearly unanimous bipartisan support each time. Even in the racially heated climate of 1965, Congress took just four months to enact what President Lyndon Johnson called "one of the most monumental laws in the entire history of American freedom." Yet in 2015, Congress is inexcusably holding the act hostage to inaction.

Every person has a right to shape his or her destiny at the ballot box. The right to vote is the foundation of American democracy. The blood spilled at Selma deserves a Congress that stands up for that principle.

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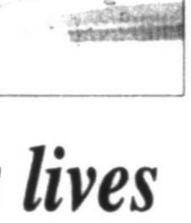
THE THREE LITTLE PIGS: CLIMATE CHANGE EDITION

White House plays with people's lives

■ When it comes to immigration, Obama is an expert con man who is not doing much of anything



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President Obama and his administration still play games with the immigration issue — and, consequently, with people's lives.

When handling this thorny subject, the top priority for politicians in both parties is to do no harm — to themselves. They can be compassionate, but they also need to be tough.

That's why, every so often, we're told that the administration is rounding up "criminal aliens." Recently, Immigration and Customs Enforcement wrapped up "Operation Cross Check," which resulted in the arrests of 2,059 convicted criminals from 94 countries. More than 1,000 of those arrested had felony convictions, and the administration wants to make sure we know that the crimes included "manslaughter, child pornography, robbery, kidnapping and rape." We're not supposed to dwell on the fact that, under current U.S. code, re-entering the country after being deported is also a felony.

Don't be alarmed. But under that definition, your nanny could be a felon.

If a president gets backed into a corner by supporters and must propose a big idea — like promising to take executive actions to give temporary deportation reprieves to millions of people — the best-case scenario is that the details are so flawed as to be struck down by a judge so the idea never comes to fruition. That way, the president gets credit from supporters for trying but he doesn't get blamed by those who advocate a tougher stance, like giving illegal immigrants a one-way bus ticket home.

The left's new bogeyman is U.S. District Court Judge Andrew Hanen, who last month blocked Obama's executive actions to temporarily spare some undocumented immigrants from being deported. The administration requested that Hanen issue a stay of his own order by this week, but the judge ignored the deadline. The legal standoff continues, and higher courts are likely to weigh in.

The administration's bob-and-weave strategy has worked remarkably well so far. And it sure beats having to lead.

The strategy boils down to this: trading words for actions, creating mass confusion to skirt accountability, pretending to curb deportations while continuing to remove people, advancing the myth that only criminals are being removed, pretending that rogue ICE agents have decided on their own to keep removing illegal immigrants without the approval of higher-ups, covering up mistreatment of detainees including children, setting traps for Republicans by convincing them that you're giving immigration reform advocates everything when you're giving them little, and letting the GOP implode as it descends into fear, hatred and racism just in time for the 2016 presidential election.

The latest Republican to take that trip is Mike Huckabee, who recently appeared to compare immigrants to dogs. At the Iowa Agricultural Summit, the possible 2016 presidential hopeful asked: "What do we do to stem the tide of people who are rushing over because they've heard that there's a bowl of food just across the border?"

So while some suggest that immigration is best for mankind, Huckabee settles for likening immigrants to man's best friend. Note to the White House: Be sure to send Huckabee a thank-you card. He just did you a favor.

And so on this issue, everyone is fooled. Lefties think that Obama is a good person trying to do the right thing. Righties think he's a bad president doing the wrong thing. In truth, when it comes to immigration, he's an expert con man who is not doing much of anything.

The media help out by being gullible because they want to believe the best about the president they helped elect and re-elect. During a recent town hall meeting in Miami with MSNBC's Jose Diaz-Balart, Obama promised "consequences" for ICE personnel who ignore his directive to be more lenient on deportations. Instead of posing for pictures with Obama after the event, Diaz-Balart should have asked the president: "Since many of these law enforcement personnel have civil service protection, what can you do to discipline them? And does the fact that you want these agents to ease up on the undocumented mean that you now want them to ignore earlier administration quotas to round them up?" But if Diaz-Balart had asked tough questions, and then asked for a photo, the president's handlers would have said: "No way, Jose."

And to think that, when Obama first ran for president, many in the immigration reform community believed that — since his father was foreign-born — he would have a special place in his heart for immigrants. If he does, he hides it awfully well.

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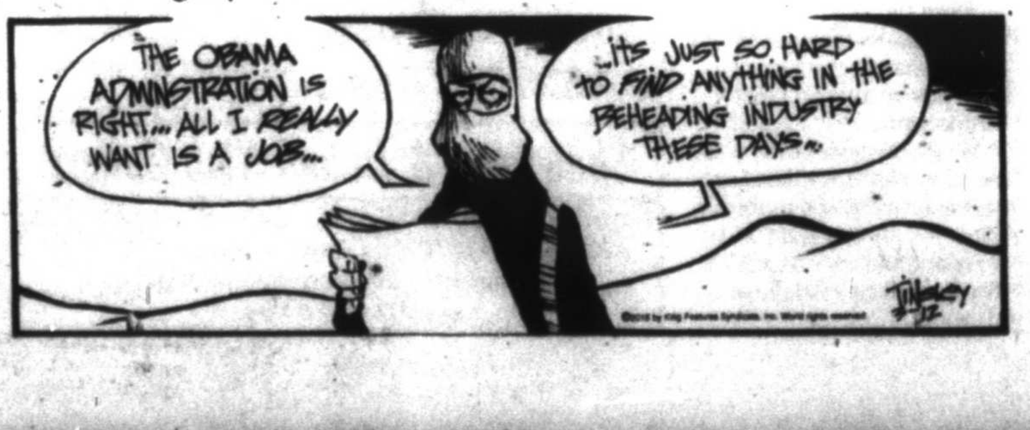


AP file photo

Secret Service officers search the south grounds of the White House on Jan. 26 after an unmanned aerial drone was found on the White House grounds during the middle of the night. Mysterious, middle-of-the-night drone flights by the U.S. Secret Service during the next several weeks over parts of Washington are part of secret government testing intended to find ways to interfere with rogue drones or knock them out of the sky.

Secret Service tests how to disrupt drones

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Secret Service is conducting middle-of-the-night drone flights near the White House in secret tests to devise a defense against the unmanned aircraft, The Associated Press has learned.

The government-controlled drones will be flown between 1 a.m. and 4 a.m. during the next several weeks over parts of Washington —airspace that's usually off limits as a no-fly zone, according to a U.S. official briefed on the plans.

The official said the Secret Service is testing drones both for its own use in law enforcement and protection, and to identify how to defend against hostile drones. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because this person was not authorized to publicly discuss the plans. The Secret Service has said details are classified.

Among the tests is the use of signal-jamming technology to thwart control of a remotely piloted aircraft, the official said.

Researchers at the Homeland Security Department, which oversees the Secret Service, have been testing methods to combat drones at remote sites. But testing in a real-world environment around the White House will help understanding of how radio waves are affected by buildings, monuments and even tall trees.

The challenge for the Secret Service is how to quickly detect a rogue drone flying near the White House or another location where the president is, then within moments either hacking its guidance mechanism to seize control, or jamming its signal to send it off course or make it crash.

Some consumer-level drones, which commonly carry video cameras, have enough lifting power to carry small amounts of explosives.

The Secret Service has only said that it will openly test drones over Washington, but it has declined to provide details such as when it will fly, how many drones, over what parts of the city, for how long and for what purposes. It decided to tell the public in advance about the tests out of concern that people who saw the drones might be alarmed, particularly in the wake of the drones spotted recently over Paris at night. Flying overnight also diminishes the chances that radio jamming would accidentally affect nearby businesses, drivers, pedestrians and tourists.

It is illegal under the U.S. Communications Act to sell or use signal jammers except for narrow purposes by government agencies.

Cornyn anti-sex trafficking bill hits a political roadblock

By Bill Lambrecht
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — The prospect of Congress coming together in rare agreement to combat human slavery has suddenly become clouded by abortion politics.

On Tuesday morning, Sen. John Cornyn praised bipartisan efforts to advance legislation he is sponsoring aimed at curbing the use of minors in the sex trade.

But by late in the day, an angry Cornyn was back on the Senate floor scolding Democrats threatening to block the bill over prohibitions in a victims' fund on paying for abortions.

"I was very glad to see that finally we seemed to be chipping away at the dysfunction of the Senate that we have experienced over the last few years," Cornyn said.

"I plead with our Democratic friends: Please don't make this Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act another political football. For heaven's sake, if we can't agree to protect the most vulnerable victims of this heinous crime, what can we ever agree on?" he said.

At issue is wording known as the "Hyde Amendment," which prohibits the use of federal funds for abortions. Republicans point out that it has been part of legislation for nearly 40 years and that Democrats commonly support appropriations with identical language.

But Democrats, after joining in the Senate Judiciary Committee's unanimous passage of the anti-trafficking bill last month, on Tuesday threatened to filibuster. The victims' fund in question would operate on criminal fines rather than money that arrives via a congressional appropriation.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., said: "Senate Republicans need to decide whether they want to be a majority party that works across the aisle to advance legislation or if they want to use debates about some of the most vulnerable among us to advance their own political agenda."

Sponsors say they hope the dispute can be resolved.

In making his case for the bill, Cornyn spoke graphically of a 12-year-old girl from the Dallas-Ft. Worth area who was removed from school in 6th grade, sold into the sex trade by a family member and abused while chained to a bed by as many as 30 men a day.

"Many people are under the impression that human trafficking is a problem somewhere else or at some other time in history. But the fact is that human trafficking is a problem right now in all 50 states right here in the United States of America, the most affluent country in the world," Cornyn said.

His legislation offers financial and other support for victims as well as more tools to enable law enforcement agencies to apprehend and prosecute traffickers. Among its features, the bill would:

- Establish a Domestic Trafficking Victims' Fund and authorize block grants to help states and localities combat trafficking both with task forces and additional services for victims.
- Treat traffickers as violent criminals in matters of pre-trial release and detention.
- Make it easier at the state and local level to use wiretaps to investigate trafficking as well as child pornography.
- Authorize Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) programs to target Internet child exploitation.

"Instead of a slap on the wrist and a fine, the so-called "johns" — the demand side for this terrible trade — will be treated as the child rapists and the criminals that they are," Cornyn said.

The legislation has the endorsement of some 200 advocacy groups, among them the NAACP, police agencies and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Students get hard lesson in politics from lawmakers

By Adam Beam
Associated Press

"I took AP government a couple of years ago and definitely did not learn about this side of politics."

Eliza Jane Schaeffer, Henry Clay High School student

FRANKFORT, Ky. — A group of bright-eyed, clean-cut high school students whose ideas of government were shaped by "Schoolhouse Rock" wrote a bill and watched it sail through the Kentucky state legislature this year in the type of feel-good story that had parents beaming.

But politics can ruin anything.

The bill would let high school students be appointed to committees that screen new school superintendents. But at the last moment, a Republican state senator pulled an old legislative trick, tacking a controversial amendment he wants passed to their widely supported bill. Then another added a contentious amendment of his own.

Now, with two more days left in the 2015 legislative session, the students who were expecting "Schoolhouse Rock" were instead being confronted with "House of Cards."

"That's the way it works," said Republican Sen. C.B. Embry, who filed the first amendment, which would force transgender students to use separate bathrooms in public schools. That amendment had previously passed the Republican-controlled Senate but died in the Democratic-controlled House of Representatives.

"The ball is in the House's court. If it doesn't (pass), it's not my fault, it's theirs for not giving it a hearing or allowing it to go to a conference committee," he said.

A second amendment, similarly unpopular in the House, would let students "voluntarily express religious or political viewpoints" in schools without fear of discrimination.

The students have fought back, but with little success. Three of them skipped school Wednesday — with permission — to travel to Frankfort, where they earnestly roamed the halls of the Capitol carrying signs that say "#student voice matters." They texted, tweeted and posted nonstop while setting up an impromptu news conference with reporters via Twitter.

"I took AP government a couple of years ago and definitely did not learn about this side of politics," said 16-year-old Eliza Jane Schaeffer, a junior at Henry Clay High School in Lexington.

The students are members of the Student Voice Team, organized through the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence, an education advocacy group. Their goal is to "collaborate with other student and adult leaders to create ways to share student perspectives on education issues." When the Fayette County Public Schools began looking or a new superintendent last year, the students wanted a seat on the screening committee. But state law would not allow it.

So the students decided to change the law. They persuaded Democratic State Rep. Derrick Graham to sponsor the bill and traveled to Frankfort to testify before legislative committees. Two of them even stayed in Frankfort overnight during a snowstorm with their parents, a computer and no hot water because they were afraid their bill would be called and no one would be there to testify. Lawmakers ended up canceling the session the next morning.

The students still have some hope that their bill will survive through legislative maneuvering. Senators could reject the amendments. Or they could attach their bill to another bill as an amendment.

"We don't know the process very well. Of course, this is all new to us," said 17-year-old Gentry Fitch, a senior at West Jessamine High School. "But we are learning right now."

Embry said he was proud of the students and wanted their bill to pass — just with his amendment.

But veteran Democratic consultant Danny Briscoe derided the maneuver as the type of cynical machinations that politicians in Kentucky routinely resort to.

"That's what happens in Frankfort to people who can't on their own get enough support for a bill. That's what they do. And it's a shame they had to pick a completely harmless bill that should pass," he said.

How secretaries of state handle classified information

By Matthew Lee
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton says she never sent classified information through her private email account while she served as America's top diplomat, a claim that has been met with skepticism.

While the State Department is undertaking a review of the emails she turned over to the department, it remains unclear exactly what information she included in emails sent from a personal account. In general, however, here is a look at how secretaries of state and their top aides have generally handled electronic communications involving classified information:

Classified information

While it might seem unusual, secretaries of state traditionally have rarely dealt personally with classified information in electronic form, according to current and former employees. These employees' knowledge of Clinton's practices is limited, in as much as they have not reviewed her emails and cannot speak to whether she followed standard procedure.

Mahogany Row and 'the line'

In Washington, the office of the secretary of state is located on the 7th floor of the department's headquarters along a corridor known as "Mahogany Row." Visitors are required to surrender their cellphones when entering the area, which is lined not only with the secretary's office suite, but the offices of other senior department officials and aides. The job of some of these staffers is to receive and send correspondence related to the secretary, sort of a human firewall. Nearly all classified communication to and from the secretary passes through the hands and computers of these staffers, known collectively as "the line."

According to current and past employees, those on "the line" have generally made hard copies of classified documents requiring the secretary's comment, response or signature and hand-delivered them to his or her office for action. Those staffers are also responsible for the ultimate transmission and disposition of the documents once the secretary has responded. Current and past employees say even a secretary of state's references to classified information in electronic communications are often not sent directly by the secretary but through these aides or other more senior officials on a government email account.

On the road

When a secretary of state is traveling, the same system is employed on a smaller scale with members of "the line" aboard the secretary's plane and at hotels. On the plane, the secretary's compartment and staff area are designated secure areas where classified conversations and correspondence may be conducted. Those without clearances, notably the traveling press corps, are not permitted in those areas, which constitute the front two-thirds of the converted Boeing 757. In hotels, the State Department often blocks off entire floors or sections of floors as secure areas where classified computers and documents are handled.

Sensitive, but unclassified

Unique among federal agencies, the State Department has a designation known as "sensitive, but unclassified," which refers to information that does not meet the standard for secrecy but should nevertheless be handled with extreme care. (Other agencies use a similar formulation "for official use only.") For a secretary of state, that can be particularly true, since much of his or her job involves dealing with other countries, which have their own sensitivities. It's not clear whether any of Clinton's emails from her personal account included language that could embarrass the United States or other governments, like comments from some diplomats that came to light in the WikiLeaks scandal. Since 2005, State Department policy outlined in the Foreign Affairs Manual has been that "sensitive, but unclassified" information should not be included in private emails. However, officials stress that the code of conduct spelled out in the manual is a guideline and not a law or regulation.

How did Clinton handle such information?

It's still not clear. Her insistence that none of the emails from her personal account — based on a server at her home — contained classified information has been met with skepticism. Critics say the sheer volume of her self-reported work email (30,490 messages on 55,000 printed pages) combined with the sheer volume of classified information available to her as secretary of state make such a claim dubious.

Only a thorough review of the documents — a process the State Department said will take at least several months — will be able to determine if Clinton included any classified material, even perhaps inadvertently, in the emails she gave the department. The review will not include the 31,830 messages that Clinton's office identified as "private, personal records" and did not provide.

After the emails are reviewed, the State Department says it will post them online for the public to see. But the public will not see every message in its entirety, even if none of them contain classified information. The department will redact the documents on the basis of Freedom of Information Act criteria, which means that unclassified content deemed to be sensitive to national security, personal privacy and trade secrets, among other areas, will be blacked out with an explanation for the redaction.

Inspector general's report

The State Department inspector general's office, in a report released Wednesday, said that in 2011, when Clinton was secretary of state, department employees wrote more than 1 billion emails but only marked 61,156 for the public record. There's no way to know from the figures how many should have been designated as public records. Even fewer, 41,749, were marked for public records in 2013, the year Clinton left the department. One of the issues with Clinton's personal email account was that none of the emails she sent during her tenure were to be saved for the public record until she turned over some of them.

NATION BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW YORK

Lights out for Weather Channel for Verizon FiOS customers

Verizon has dropped The Weather Channel on its FiOS TV service and is instead carrying the new AccuWeather Network.

Verizon wants to cut down on content costs and said that customers are increasingly getting their weather information on phone apps and online.

Verizon Communications Inc. said in a notice on its website that The Weather Channel's contract ran out and was not renewed for its 5.6 million FiOS TV customers.

The company behind The Weather Channel said Tuesday that it was disappointed that the channel was pulled while it was negotiating a contract renewal with Verizon. It said Verizon has "made it clear to us" that it doesn't want to negotiate further. It pressed FiOS customers to complain.

The Weather Channel said it was popular in February because of its live coverage of winter storms. But FiOS subscribers still have weather news options: The AccuWeather Network on one channel and the FiOS mobile app and from a WeatherBug "widget" on another channel.

BOSTON

Witness IDs Tsarnaev as man near slain MIT officer's cruiser

A Massachusetts Institute of Technology graduate student on Wednesday identified Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev as the man he saw leaning in to the police cruiser of an MIT officer who was fatally shot three days after the bombings.

Nathan Harman, 24, a student working toward a Ph.D. in mathematics, testified that he was riding his bike through a campus courtyard at about 10:20 p.m. on April 18, 2013, when he saw a parked MIT police cruiser. Harman said the driver's-side door was open and there was a man bent at the waist and leaning in to the cruiser.

"He sort of snapped up, stood up and turned around, and he looked startled," Harman said. "And then I just didn't think anything of it and rode off."

When asked by a prosecutor if he saw the person in the courtroom on Wednesday, Harman pointed to Tsarnaev. "He's right there," he said.

Associated Press

Deputy Richard Aloy, public information officer for the Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office, is surrounded by cameras Wednesday as he speaks to reporters at command post in Navarre, Fla., about ongoing search efforts for an Army Black Hawk helicopter that crashed Tuesday evening near this Florida panhandle community.

Black Hawk crashes in fog, killing 11; another turns back

Associated Press

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — Searchers struggled Wednesday to find the seven Marines and four soldiers killed when a helicopter crashed, hampered by the same fog that plagued a nighttime training mission.

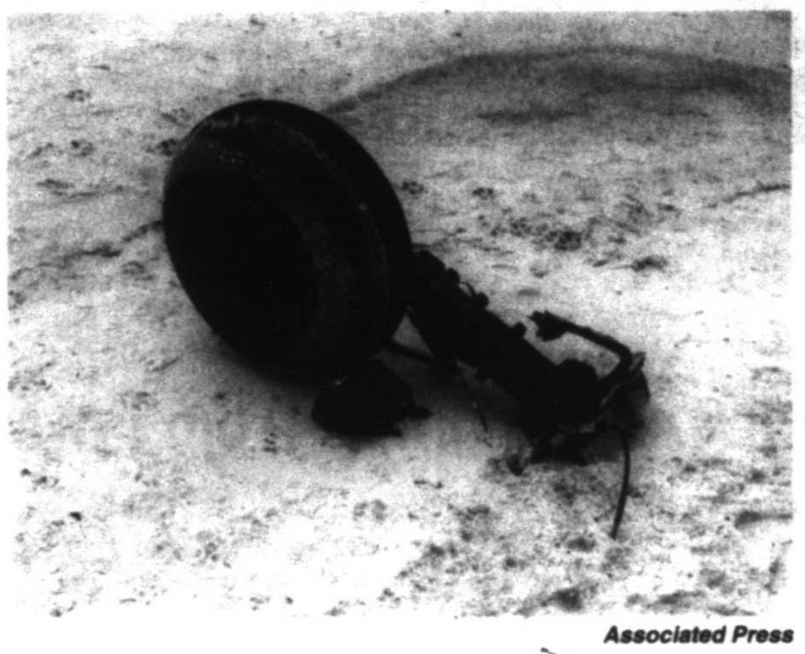
A second helicopter turned back safely shortly before the wreck, which left debris washing ashore along the Florida coast, officials said.

Military officials haven't said what caused the crash of the UH-60 Black Hawk, but the weather was bad enough for the other crew to return to land, said Maj. Gen. Glenn H. Curtis, adjutant general of the Louisiana National Guard.

The helicopter that crashed had a veteran crew from Hammond, Louisiana, that served multiple tours in Iraq and helped humanitarian missions after Gulf Coast hurricanes and the BP oil spill.

They were carrying unconventional warriors from the Marines Special Operations Command. Like the Army's Green Berets and the Navy's SEALs, they were highly trained to endure grueling conditions and sensitive assignments on land and at sea, from seizing ships to special reconnaissance missions and direct action inside hostile territory.

Tuesday night's training involved practicing "insertion and extraction missions," using small boats and helicopters to get troops into and out of a target site, said Capt. Barry Morris, spokesman for the Marine Corps Special Operations Command at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.



Associated Press

Part of a wheel assembly of what could be the wreckage of a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter sits on on Riviera Beach in Navarre, Fla., on Wednesday. Human remains washed ashore in heavy fog Wednesday after seven Marines and four soldiers were believed to be killed in an Army helicopter crash during a night-time training mission in Florida.

Even the training can be dangerous.

"It has everything in it except for the bullets, so when they are actually training, it's like being in combat in a lot of ways," said Bruce Labrecque, the owner of the Mariners Inn in Hammond, Louisiana, near where the Guardsmen were based. The spot is popular for lunch for locals and military in the area.

President Barack Obama expressed his condolences to the families and said he's confident of a detailed and thorough investigation, said his spokesman, Josh Earnest.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families as the search and rescue continues," Defense Secretary Ash Carter said on Capitol Hill.

Kim Urr, 62, who works at the Navarre Beach campground near the Eglin Air Force Base training area, said she heard a strange sound, followed by two explosions around 8:30 p.m. Tuesday.

"It sounded like something metal either being hit or falling over, that's what it sounded like. And there were two booms afterward, similar to what you hear with ordnance booms, but more muffled," Urr said.

Human remains were found Wednesday before the weather deteriorated again, and all 11 service members were presumed killed. But it was still considered a search and rescue mission.

Civilian plane crashes, killing Marine on ground

YUMA, Ariz. — A Marine died Wednesday after an aircraft operated by a civilian crashed on a runway at a southwest Arizona military base, Marine Corps officials said.

The T-59 Hawk crashed at the Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma around 11:45 a.m.

The Marine was injured when the crash "impacted a government vehicle" and was later pronounced dead at Yuma Regional Medical Center, the Marine Corps said. The two people in the plane were examined at the hospital and released.

Pvt. Casey Scarpulla said the aircraft veered off the runway but could not say what the Marine was doing there.

"Everything is still under investigation," Scarpulla said. "We don't know at this point."

Brady Ieler, who was working outside a Ford dealership, said the plane appeared to hit the ground at an angle, as if it were about to land but something went wrong.

"I saw a smaller aircraft go straight down, and then there was a big explosion, and smoke filled the sky within 10 seconds," he said.

Kyle Underhill said he was taking out the trash at his battery shop when he heard a "loud boom" that shook the building.

"When I turned around, I just saw the nose of the jet with a bunch of smoke up behind it," Underhill said. "It probably went out about 40 yards. When it stopped, you could see some people were out of it."

According to Underhill, firefighters arrived at the burning aircraft within a few minutes.

"As soon as they hit it with the water, it just kind of exploded — nothing but flames and black smoke," Underhill said.

Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor said the agency was investigating the crash because the aircraft is registered to a civilian. Gregor did not yet know the details of the flight.

FAA records show the aircraft is owned by a Nevada company called Air USA. According to the company's website, it provides contract services to the U.S. military and defense contractors.

Military officials didn't release the Marine's name pending notification of next of kin.

Associated Press

Trial provided inside view of making of 'Blurred Lines'

By Anthony McCartney
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — "Blurred Lines" was a breezy, upbeat hit that became the biggest song of 2013.

Nearly two years later, the court case it spawned has once again changed the fortunes of its creators, Robin Thicke and Pharrell Williams, who were branded as copyright infringers by a jury on Tuesday. Marvin Gaye's family was awarded nearly $7.4 million in a decision that will be on the minds of music executives and lawyers for years to come.

The trial provided an inside look at how today's music is crafted, marketed and sold — and how it can be picked apart in a federal courtroom.

As jurors heard before starting deliberations last week, "Blurred Lines" was a bright spot in a year when overall music sales dropped four percent. Tuesday's verdict clouds its legacy and its future, and it presents new challenges for the beleaguered music industry.

Testimony and trial exhibits helped rewrite the story of "Blurred Lines."

The night 'Blurred Lines' was born

It was a busy mid-June night for Pharrell at Glenwood Studios in Burbank. In one studio, the hit-making producer was working with Miley Cyrus; in another, he was collaborating with rapper Earl's Sweatshirt.

A third studio had been booked to record a song with Thicke.

Pharrell's memory of the events by his own admission isn't perfect, but he recalls going into a studio and beginning a process he calls "surfing around" — looking for chords that will form his latest hit. He sat down at a drum set and started playing.

Bluegrass was on his mind because of his work that day with Cyrus. In an hour or less, Pharrell said he had the music to "Blurred Lines."

When Thicke arrived, the pair pretended to be old men yelling at women, and those catcalls became a major element of the song. They started recording. "We were bopping and dancing," Pharrell said last week in court. "It was a cool night."

Selling 'Blurred Lines'

"We have to show the world why the music is good," marketing executive Nicole Bilzerian told jurors recently while explaining how "Blurred Lines" was sold after it was released in March 2013.

For "Blurred Lines," the song's music video drove its popularity. Two versions were recorded, one featuring nude models dancing with the singers.

That unrated video got banned by YouTube, which Bilzerian said "caused more of a buzz." The two versions have been viewed hundreds of millions of times.

The song's popularity led to endorsements, with both Beats and RadioShack using it in ad campaigns.

Not surprisingly, viewers of the "Blurred Lines" video were overwhelmingly male — 88 percent for the unrated version according to an analysis presented to jurors by an expert. The more people that watched and discussed the video, the more the song sold.

By May, Thicke and Pharrell were doing frequent interviews about the song. Many had already drawn a connection between "Blurred Lines" and Gaye's 1977 hit, "Got to Give It Up."

Problematic words

Thicke repeatedly mentioned in interviews that "Got to Give It Up," one of his favorite songs, was an inspiration for "Blurred Lines."

He told interviewers he liked the song so much, he told Pharrell he wanted to record something similar.

Sitting in on many of the interviews was an Interscope Records representative. Bilzerian said the label, which arranged hundreds of promotional events for the song, including appearances on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show," the "Today" show and Howard Stern's show, didn't tell Thicke what to do or say.

That exposure helped propel "Blurred Lines" to the top of the charts in 80 countries, selling more than 14 million copies worldwide and 7.3 million copies in the United States alone. Marketing efforts cost around $3 million.

Everyone involved, except Gaye's family, made money. Pharrell and Thicke pocketed more than $7 million apiece in profits from the song.

Thicke's quotes would come back to haunt him after Gaye's family filed suit. Thicke's defense of himself was unflattering — he testified he was drunk and high on drugs during many of the interviews and misspoke about conversations with Pharrell.

The trial

On Feb. 24, the singers and Gaye's family assembled for a trial that would determine whether "Blurred Lines" copied Gaye's music. Eight jurors were picked, and the trial resumed the next day with Thicke testifying and using a keyboard to play parts of songs from The Beatles, U2 and other artists to demonstrate how similar notes appear in different music.

Williams testified the following week and sat stone-faced the next day as Gaye family attorney Richard Busch called him and Thicke liars during closing arguments. Thicke smiled as Busch called him names.

"Keep in mind at all times," Busch told the jury, "these people are professional performers."

Howard King, lead attorney for Pharrell and Thicke, played a version of "Got to Give It Up" recorded from his sheet music, then played "Blurred Lines."

"If my clients were running this case, I would thank you and sit down. These songs are not the same," King said.

He did not perform the proverbial "mic drop" but continued speaking for several more minutes, attacking the Gayes' music experts and telling the panel he wouldn't discuss damages because he didn't think they would be an issue.

Damages did come up in deliberations, and quickly, as revealed by a question the panel posed to a judge.

On Tuesday, the verdict was in. Gaye's family sat nervously in the frigid courtroom. Thicke and Pharrell weren't present.

As a court clerk read damage figures that would total nearly $7.4 million, Gaye's daughter Nona wept.

Aftermath

Gaye's family will seek an injunction against "Blurred Lines," which will give them negotiating clout to get a bigger slice of future profits and possibly a songwriting credit for the late singer.

The verdict will likely have a lasting impact on the music industry, with many predicting that record labels will become more conservative about releasing songs that sound similar to other works.

The case could be subject to years of motions and appeals, leaving the issue of musical homages in murky legal waters for the near future.

Despite it all, "Blurred Lines" isn't going away, said Joe Levy, editor-at-large at Billboard.

"People aren't going to stop playing it," he said. "It's not just going to disappear."

WEEKENDER

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

WEEKEND TO-DO LIST

FRIDAY

SPRING BREAK Activities for kids continue at Museum of the Southwest and MLK Center.

SATURDAY

WHERE IT'S AT Country star Dustin Lynch to play at La Hacienda.

SUNDAY

INAUGURAL EVENT Permian Basin Comic Con takes over Ector County Coliseum.

See complete schedule of weekend events on Page 2.

ONLINE

FASHION FOUND The second in an online series features a former physician decked out in Kate Spade. mrt.com.

MOVIES

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

TALL CITY 14
Opening: "Cinderella," "Run All Night"
Closing: "Fifty Shades of Grey," "Hot Tub Time Machine 2," "Paddington"

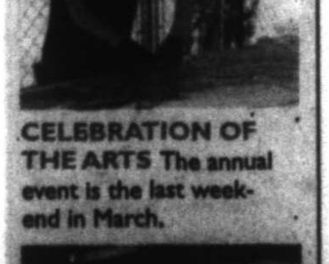
CINERGY CINEMAS
Opening: "Cinderella," "Run All Night"
Closing: "American Sniper," "The Duff," "The Wedding Ringer"

BIG SKY DRIVE-IN
Opening: "Cinderella," "Run All Night," "The Lazarus Effect"
Closing: "American Sniper," "Kingsman," "SpongeBob 2: Sponge Out of Water"

STAYING IN? Find out which movies are worth watching from the comfort of your couch. **Page 3**

COMING SOON

CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS The annual event is the last weekend in March.



BUCKSHOT BASH John Michael Montgomery to perform for Junior League's fundraiser.

Indie musicians Luck and Lana bring high energy to Midland

By Rich Lopez
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Luck and Lana might not be household names, but if their debut album "Luck and Lana Kill the Computer" is any indication, they could easily make waves among indie hip-hop and dance genres.

The Los Angeles duo is heading to South By Southwest, but they've booked gigs along the way, including a show in Midland. But as far as live music goes, hip-hop in Midland doesn't have too many options. Enter Kamiposi. The art gallery has been filling that void with its Hip-Hop Monthly show.

And so Lucky I. Am. and Lana Shea bring their rhymes and dance vibes to Midland on Sunday. But first, the two talked about their genre-jumping sounds, heading to Austin and their first time in Midland.

MRT: How did the two of you come together?

Lana: I met Lucky at a Living Legends show in Portland when I was in high school. We stayed in touch, and when I moved down to LA we started collaborating a little. I was doing a lot of guitar-based folk music at the time, and the first thing we started working on was an acoustic folk-hop project. We both started pushing each other in new directions musically, but it was especially huge for me to be working with such a well-known, respected MC at such an early point in my career. That first project got pushed aside when I linked up with Kill The Computer, an LA production team, and started showing Lucky these crazy beats. We did one song together for his 2012 solo album, "Time To Get Lucky," and it went so well that we haven't stopped since. We make a pretty great team.

MRT: Your music seems to straddle a few genres from pop to hip-hop to EDM, but how do you describe it?

Lucky: Those areas were touched on our first album. The new material we are working on and about to debut later this month goes in a different direction. Our new single and video for "Bruh," which drops on March 24, I don't know how to classify it. We will be previewing newer sounds on these #SCXSW (South Central By Southwest) shows and in Midland. The thing about us is we can comfortably make anything, whether it's EDM, underground hip-hop, pop, folk, bass, trap and even some hood rap. We let the beats dictate the mood and direction and then we add our paint to the canvas.

Lana: I think one of the best things about Luck & Lana is we come from such diverse musical backgrounds that we incorporate into our songs, it's hard to categorize the music. That can make it tough for people who have never heard us, but our fans love it.

MRT: You're on your way to SXSW. How are you feeling about that show as you get closer to it?

Lucky: I'm indifferent about SXSW. I'm only doing it for Lana so she can experience it. When I started going to it, it was close to being pure. Now it's a maniacal (expletive)-fest of commercialism and false hope. We shall see what it brings, but it's kind of outgrown itself in my opinion.

MRT: How did Midland land on your itinerary?

Lucky: I was promoting our #SCXSW dates and posting stuff on my Instagram and the homie who saw that we were gonna be playing in El Paso in March hit me up like "What's up with Midland?" So I was like 'we are available on the 15th. Set it up!' And the rest is history.

MRT: I imagine there are pros and cons to being indie musicians. What are yours?

Lana: I've personally never known anything else, so for me it's the only way to go for now. We are in charge of everything. We get to decide what songs we want to make, when we want to release them, how we want to promote them and all that. Of course it's hard work, but what job isn't? I guess the cons would be that, in the Internet era, it's hard to get the big music blogs to pay attention when you don't have a big fancy publicist, but I don't see that as much of a problem. We have a close relationship with our fans, and hopefully their continued support will help us keep growing so eventually the big dogs can't ignore us anymore.

MRT: L&L are true examples of genre-blending and fusion. Do you think that music is officially past genre labels?

Lana: I think this is the time in the world where everything is coming together. As a human race, I like to think we're moving beyond divisive labels, and music is an art form that can help lead us in that direction. We're at the point where, if something moves us, we say yes, no matter if it's something people are expecting from us or not.

MRT: Do you both plan to continue with solo work, as well?

Lucky: Of course! I just released a new single for Valentine's Day called "Supreme" with Claire Mortifee produced by Eligh. It's definitely a teaser single for my new solo album "U.G.L.Y" and Lana released her EP "Lana Shea R.A.P.S" last September, and we are still pushing it and will be showcasing it throughout our trip.

MRT: So what can we expect from your show? Are you ready to blow up Midland?

Lana: Come ready for fun! We put an emphasis on writing intelligent lyrics, but when it comes to our live show, the emphasis is on having a great time.

Lucky: Expect hard beats and bars! And an all-around good time party. I'm excited, I've been all over the planet, so I'm always juiced to rock a spot I've never been to before and I love earning new fans and making new friends.

WANT TO GO?

Luck and Lana at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. Doors open at 6 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $10. For more information, log on to Facebook.com/kamiposi.

Singer TG Sheppard puts all ego aside

By Rich Lopez
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With 21 No. 1 hits, country singer TG Sheppard finds it difficult to pare down his set for Saturday.

The legendary artist joins the Country Gold show at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center — a showcase of country music performers that includes The Statler Brothers' Jimmy Fortune, Suzy Bogguss, Jim Ed Brown, Helen Cornelius and Leroy Van Dyke.

Sharing the stage with Van Dyke has been a special thrill for Sheppard.

"He's been one of my mentors. The first time I ever saw him perform, I think

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WANT TO GO?

Country Gold featuring TG Sheppard, Leroy Van Dyke, Suzy Bogguss Jim Ed Brown, Helen Cornelius and Jimmy Fortune, at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Toad 1788. 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are $40-$60. For more information, log onto wagnernoel.com.

REVIEW

Which Wich: New downtown sandwich spot doesn't disappoint

From staff reports

Which Wich opened Monday, and for a stream of new customers and an impartial group of MRT staffers, it did not disappoint.

The 'wich shop was fully staffed with a friendly and helpful group greeting customers at the door to help them figure out an ordering system that is unusual in the Tall City. Multiple bags stand in the middle of a steel table, each with the name of a different meat option and a list of add-ons with circles to check off. Customers milled around, using red sharpies to check off what they wanted in their sandwich.

I believe Which Wich is the best sandwich shop in town, and adds a valuable food choice to a downtown that is hurting for decently-priced options.

Rye Druzin, reporter

There was nothing classic about this bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwhich, but it was still delicious. Bacon bits are used instead of traditional slices, and Which Wich's ordering system allows you to add toppings not usually found on BLTs.

Although the sandwich lacked the the classic crunch of a well-made BLT, it still hit the spot. You also can't beat the price, location and friendly service.

Rachael Gleason, online editor

I tried to emulate my favorite sub from a sandwich chain back home in Jacksonville, Florida: Egg salad with lettuce and provolone cheese on a sub roll. Hate to say this, Larry's Giant Subs, but Which Wich's egg salad sub was better. Which Wich uses fresh bread, presents its subs nicely with a diagonal cut, and

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CALENDAR

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

MUSIC

Imagine open mic night for contemporary Christian music, 6-9 p.m. Friday at Tea2Go. 689-5451.

Ray Johnston Band, Friday at Lone Star Bar. facebook.com/thelonestarbar.

S'Wonderful, S'Marvelous, S'Gershwin, 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

ART & EXHIBITS

First Friday art show with Thomas Burns, 6 p.m. Friday at Kamiposi. facebook.com/kamiposi.

GAMES & SPORTS

Play bridge at Allison Bridge Center, 682-8595.

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

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

THEATER, COMEDY & FILM

"The Addams Family," 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

"Greater Tuna," Friday through March 21 at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

EVENTS

Midland Archeological Society program review of Texas Archeological Society Field Schools, 7 p.m. today at Sibley Nature Center. sibleynaturecenter.org

Tex-Mex Barrel Racing, 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Ink Masters Tattoo Show, Friday through Sunday at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

Pool and Spa Show, through Sunday at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Open Mic Night, 6-9 p.m. Saturday at Tea2Go. 689-5451.

KID-FRIENDLY

Family Science Night: Science Does a Body Good, 6-8 p.m. today at Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org

Storytime for birth-2 years, 9:30 a.m. today at Midland County Public Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Storytime for ages 2-6, 10:30 a.m. today at Midland County Public Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Storytime for ages 2-6, 11 a.m. Saturdays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Storytime for 2-6 years, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Storytime for birth-2 years, 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Storytime for 2-6 years, 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Storytime for preschool, 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Barnes and Noble Booksellers. barnesandnoble.com.

Dome shows, throughout the week at Marian Blakemore Planetarium. museumsw.org 683-2882.

LIVE WIRE

12 **Goodtimers** @ West Texas Dance Club
13 **Texas Outlaws** @ The Detour
13 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Midland Senior Center
13 **Gary Gorence** @ The Wine Rack
13 **Cardenales de Nuevo Leon** @ Far West Event Center
13 **Blues Plate Review, Kathy, WB Quartet** @ Music City Mall
13 **Gary Nix & West Texas** @ The Barn Door
13 **Jenni Dale Lord** @ Redneck's
13 **Thawind Mills** @ 10 Sports Bar
13-14 **Blackwater Draw** @ Your Place
13-14 **Freeride** @ The Bar
14 **Suzy Bogguss, Leroy Van Dyke, T.G. Shepherd, Helen Cornelius, Jim Ed Brown, Jimmy Fortune** @ Wagner Noel
14 **Duane Mark** @ Blue Max
14 **Blue Plate Review, Richard Acuna, Mike Leonard, Samuel Zachary, Kathy** @ Music City Mall
14 **Texas Buck'n Heat Band** @ Bo's Boots and Booties Saloon
14 **Dustin Lynch** @ La Hacienda
14 **JB And The Moonshine Band** @ Graham Central Station
14 **Ernesto Calderon** @ The Wine Rack
15 **Here Lies the Hero** @ Blue Max
15 **Tucker Binkley, Tech Jazz, Gregory Blain, Kathy** @ Music City Mall.
16 **Live From Nashville** @ Wagner Noel
16 **Goodtimers** @ Andrews Senior Center
17 **Showdown** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
17 **"Don Pasquale"** @ Wagner Noel
19 **For Today, Ice Nine Kills** @ Far West Event Center
19 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ West Texas Dance Club
19 **Aaron Lewis** @ La Hacienda
19 **Sam Riggs, Mike Ryan, Zane Williams** @ Rockin Rodeo
19 **Sleeze, Thunderosa** @ Blue Max
19 **Ausblinder** @ Club Patron
19 **Various Blonde** @ Kamiposi
20 **The Unsweet T's** @ The Detour
20 **Sam Weaver** @ Music City Mall
20 **Cameron Nelson** @ Lone Star Bar
20-21 **Who'z Drivin'** @ Your Place
20-21 **The Darren Welch Group** @ The Bar
21 **All Star Band, Mike Leonard, Ty Miller, Kathy** @ Music City Mall
21 **Bastard Suns, Bumpin Uglies** @ Blue Max
21 **Justin Langston** @ Hotel Settles
21 **Jenni Dale Lord** @ Riley's
21 **The Legacy of The Temptations** @ Ector Theatre
21 **Bourbon & Coffee** @ Kamiposi
22 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co., Kathy, Tech Jazz** @ Music City Mall
22 **West Texas Winds "Under the Big Top"** @ Wagner Noel
24 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
24 **Tail Light Rebellion** @ Blue Max
24-25 **"Chicago the Musical"** @ Wagner Noel
26 **Texas Buck'n Heat Band** @ The Detour
26 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ West Texas Dance Club
27 **Doug C & The Blacklisted, Walker & The Texas Dangers, Armadillo Creek** @ Blue Max
27 **Dwight Yoakum** @ La Hacienda

MIDLAND COMMUNITY THEATRE
Auditions

www.mctmidland.org

COMING SOON

MARCH

Spring break activities, March 9-13 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

MLK Adventures Spring Break Camp, 1-5 p.m. March 9-13 at MLK Center. 685-7355.

Jerry Seinfeld, 7 p.m. March 11 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Banda MS, March 13 at La Hacienda Event Center. haciendamidland.com.

Permian Basin Comic Con, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. March 14 and 11 a.m.-7 p.m. March 15 at Ector County Coliseum. pbcomicconx.com.

Scottish-Irish Faire, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. March 14 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. March 15 at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Ernesto Calderon, 6:30-9:30 p.m. March 14 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

Dustin Lynch, 8 p.m. March 14 at Hacienda Event Center. haciendamidland.com.

Country Gold Tour, 7:30 p.m. March 14 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Luck & Lana, 6 p.m. March 15 at Kamiposi. facebook.com/kamiposi.

Live on Stage: Live From Nashville, March 16 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Douglas Walton workshop, March 16-20 at Heritage Museum Big Spring. 213-0860.

St. Patrick's Day Mango Irish Party, March 17 at Midland County Public Library downtown location. co.midland.tx.us

Lunch and Lecture with Steve Hopkins of Midland Amateur Radio Club, 11:30 a.m. March 17 at Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

'Don Pasquale' in Concert presented by Midland Opera Theater, 7 p.m. March 17 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Laura Bush Literacy Program free reading event, 4:30 p.m. March 19 at the George W. Bush Childhood Home. bushchildhoodhome.org.

Rock & Soul Roadshow with Sam Riggs, Mike Ryan and Zane Williams, March 19 at Rockin' Rodeo. rockinrodeomidland.com.

Aaron Lewis, March 19 at La Hacienda. haciendamidland.com.

Shotguns & Stilettos Girls Night Out and Preview Party, March 19 at the Horseshoe Pavilion. jlmidland.org.

Shotguns & Stilettos Ladies Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. March 20 at the Horseshoe Pavilion. jlmidland.org.

Shotguns & Stilettos Spring Fling Market, March 20-22 at the Horseshoe Pavilion. jlmidland.org.

Mike Epps The Real Deal Tour, 8 p.m. March 20 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Shotguns & Stilettos Bunny Brunch Children's Event, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. March 21 at Horseshoe Pavilion. jlmidland.org.

Joseph Willis' "Teaching Lessons" book signing, 1:30-3:30 p.m. March 21 at Polo Park. joewillis.net.

Midland Community Band Spring Concert, 7 p.m. March 21 at Wagner Auditorium, Allison Fine Arts Building, Midland College. 260-7136.

Marisela, March 21 at La Hacienda. haciendamidland.com.

Permian Basin Gun Show, March 21-22 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org

Lone Star Brass "Under the Big Top," 3 p.m. March 22 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

"Chicago the Musical," 7:30 p.m. March 24 and March 25 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Shotguns & Stilettos Clay Shoot, March 27 at Jake's Clays. jlmidland.org.

Dwight Yoakam, March 27 at La Hacienda.

Celebration of the Arts, March 27-28 at the Midland Center. acmidland.org.

"Grease" film screening, 7:30 p.m. March 27-28 at Ector Theatre. ectortheatre.com.

Remuda Quarter Horse Show, March 27-29 at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

"The Little Princess" Pickwick Players production, March 27-April 4 at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Energy City Half Marathon, 7:30 a.m. March 28 at Midland Memorial Stadium. energycityhalf.com.

John Michael Montgomery at Buckshot Bash, 6 p.m. March 28 at Horseshoe. jlmidland.org.

Sunburst USA Beauty Pageant, 1 p.m. March 29 at Midland Park Mall. sunburstbeauty.com.

Live on Stage: The Diamonds, 2:30 p.m. March 29 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Merle Haggard, 8 p.m. March 31 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

APRIL

Imaginocean, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. April 4 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

"Buying the Moose" Maverick Players production, April 10-26 at VFW Hall. 522-5225.

American Junior Rodeo Association finals, April 10-12 at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Family Tree Day one-on-one help with family trees, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. April 11 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch genealogy department. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

International Tabletop Day with RPG and tabletop games, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. April 11 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. co.midland.tx.us.

MOSC Masterworks 4: "Shakespeare in Love," 7:30 p.m. April 11 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Vince Gill at MARC's Big Boys' Toys event, April 11 at Horseshoe Pavillion. marctexas.org.

Disney Junior Live on Tour "Pirate & Princess Adventure," 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. April 12 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

"Mamma Mia," 7:30 p.m. April 12 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Midland Energy Expo, April 12-14 at Horsehoe Pavilion. midlandhorseshoe.com.

An Evening with Slaid Cleaves, April 16 at ArtiZen. talltownes.com.

Petroleum Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Dinner, April 16 at Midland Center. petroleummuseum.org.

Robert Earl Keen at Best of the Basin barbecue cookoff and concert benefiting Bynum School, April 17-18 at CAF. bynumschool.org.

"Pillow Talk" film screening, 7:30 p.m. April 17-18 at Ector Theatre. ectortheatre.com.

"West Side Story," April 17-25 at Yucca Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Permian Basin Master Gardeners Plant Sale, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. April 18 at the Horseshoe.

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MUSIC & FILM

First film in 'Mockingjay' brilliant despite split

Editor's note: After a brief break, Reeled & Stream returns this week with an expanded edition to include many of the films that were released over the past few weeks.

Reeled & Stream

By Nancy Adamson | nadamson@mrt.com

PICK O' THE WEEK

"The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1" (PG-13) Many fans, including yours truly, are not pleased over splitting the final novel into two films. It seems an obvious ploy to separate us from twice as much money. But it works, brilliantly, at least for the first half. **A-**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

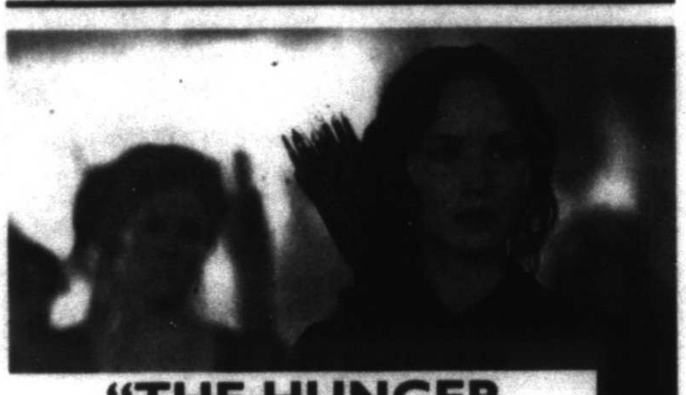
"Dumb and Dumber To" (PG-13) The only people who will enjoy this contender for worst movie ever don't have a clue there's an intentional misspelling in the title. Actually, it's so awful, the misspelling may not be intentional. **F**

MORE REVIEWS

"The Best of Me" (PG-13) This film would have sent me running to the theater over and over, when I was 13. Trouble is I'm so far removed from that naive little girl now, I couldn't bear to watch this drivel. **F**

"Big Hero 6" (PG) The Oscar winner for best animated feature certainly deserved the honor. It's unfailingly adorable and because "The Lego Movie" was robbed of a nomination, it won by default. **B+**

"Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)" (R) While it's not the best picture of 2014, despite what Oscar said, this is a remarkable film. But because the industry loves to reward films about the industry, it rewarded itself. **B+**



"THE HUNGER GAMES: MOCKINGJAY PART 1."

"The Captive" (R) After a somewhat inaccessible start, film finds its path to become a taut thriller. **B**

"Dracula Untold" (PG-13) Terrific effects and a new angle on this story eventually give way to boring action sequences. **C+**

"Foxcatcher" (R) Nothing is as fascinating as the real story about John Du Pont and his obsession with Olympic wrestling, but this film — and Steve Carell's jaw-dropping performance — come real close. **B**

"Green Street Hooligans: Underground" (unrated) A sequel in name only to 2005's "Green Street Hooligans," this film has nothing to do with the culture and everything to do with one forgettable MMA brawl after another. **D**

"Hector and the Search For Happiness" (R) Film never finds its footing despite a valiant effort by Simon Pegg. **C**

"Horrible Bosses 2" (R) Funny but contrived sequel doesn't hold a candle to the first film. **B-**

"The Interview" (R) Sometimes thoughtful, sometimes achingly stupid comedy is hit and miss but will never be forgotten for the news-making controversy it spawned. **B-**

"Jimi: All is By My Side" (R) André Benjamin's portrayal of Hendrix is accurate but surreal. This biopic about the world's most acclaimed rock guitarist is uneven and woefully incomplete. **C+**

"John Wick" (R) The story doesn't really bring anything new to the action table, but it does it in such a dazzling way that you can't help but root for this sideways man and his dog story. **B**

"Laggies" (R) Heartfelt comedy owes its success to three wonderful performances by its leads: Keira Knightly, Chloe Grace Moretz and Sam Rockwell. **B**

"Life Itself" (R) Roger Ebert was unquestionably the greatest film critic ever, which is why this unapologetic look at his career and final days is shocking. He could be a bully, a control freak and an egomaniac. But even more shocking is why this film about a man who so loved movies was snubbed for a most-deserved Oscar nomination. **B+**

"Life Partners" (R) Smart, funny comedy from one of the creators of ABC family's "Chasing Life." **B**

"Miss Meadows" (not rated) After living up to the quirkiness imparted in its trailer, film falls apart by the second act. **C**

"Nightcrawler" (R) Jake Gyllenhaal's portrayal of a somewhat functional sociopath is crucial to making things work, and they work just fine. A bit creepy for some tastes but if you can handle its unflinching look at the human condition, the reward is substantial. **B**

"Ouija" (PG-13) A promising but disappointing look at the world's most controversial game. **C-**

"St. Vincent" (PG-13) Bill Murray's grumpy old man turned warm and fuzzy teddy bear is worth seeing the film for, but Melissa McCarthey is woefully underused. **B**

"VANish" (unrated) A bloody good time with a clever script and nice performances awaits those who can handle the gore. **B**

"Whiplash" (R) Anyone who ever saw J.K. Simmons in HBO's "Oz" knows what he's capable of when he's playing a psycho bully. He plays it to perfection in this fascinating movie about jazz. **A-**

FILM CAPSULES

Chappie (R) An experimental humanoid robot capable of thinking and feeling is kidnapped by street thugs. With Sharlto Copley, Dev Patel and Jose Pablo Cantillo. Written by Neill Blomkamp and Terri Tatchell. Directed by Blomkamp.

Cinderella (PG) When her merchant father unexpectedly dies, a young woman finds herself at the mercy of her cruel stepmother and stepsisters until a fateful ball arises. With Lily James, Cate Blanchett and Richard Madden. Written by Chris Weitz. Directed by Kenneth Branagh.

The Duff (PG-13) A high school senior sets out to reinvent herself after learning that she's known as the "designated ugly fat friend" to her two pretty, popular pals. With Mae Whitman, Robbie Amell and Bella Thorne. Written by Josh Cagan. Directed by Ari Sandel.

Fifty Shades of Grey (R) A mousy college student begins a steamy relationship with a kinky billionaire. With Jamie Dornan, Dakota Johnson and Jennifer Ehle. Written by Kelly Marcel. Directed by Sam Taylor-Johnson.

Focus (R) A veteran con man crosses paths with a former flame and protege amid Buenos Aires' high-stakes racing circuit. With Will Smith, Margot Robbie and Rodrigo Santoro. Written and directed by Glenn Ficarra and John Requa.

Hot Tub Time Machine 2 (R) When one of them gets shot, three friends fire up their time machine to try to prevent the attack but accidentally end up in the future. With Rob Corddry, Craig Robinson, Clark Duke and Adam Scott. Written by Josh Heald. Directed by Steve Pink.

Kingsman: The Secret Service (R) A street kid is recruited into a super-secret spy organization just as a global threat emerges from an evil tech genius. With Colin Firth, Taron Egerton and Michael Caine. Written by Jane Goldman and Matthew Vaughn. Directed by Vaughn.

The Lazarus Effect (PG-13) Medical students discover a way to bring the dead back to life, but not without complications. With Evan Peters, Olivia Wilde and Donald Glover. Written by Luke Dawson and Jeremy Slater. Directed by David Gelb.

McFarland, USA (PG) Under the direction of a new coach, a predominantly Latino high school in an economically challenged California farm town forges a championship cross-country team. With Kevin Costner, Maria Bello and Morgan Saylor. Written by Christopher Cleveland, Bettina Gilois and Grant Thompson. Directed by Niki Caro.

Old Fashioned (PG-13) A former frat boy who has given up his partying ways to run an antique shop in a Midwestern college town falls for a free-spirited young woman. With Elizabeth Ann Roberts, Rik Swartzwelder and Lejon Woods. Written and directed by Swartzwelder.

Paddington (PG) A young Peruvian bear travels to the city in search of a home in this film based on Michael Bond's children's books. With Ben Whishaw, Hugh Bonneville and Sally Hawkins. Written and directed by Paul King.

Run All Night (R) When his estranged son becomes a target, an aging mob hit man is forced to choose between his crime family and the family he abandoned. With Liam Neeson, Joel Kinnaman and Vincent D'Onofrio. Written by Brad Ingelsby. Directed by Jaume Collet-Serra.

The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG) An idealistic young hotelier prepares for his wedding while also trying to expand his business of providing accommodations for retirees. With Dev Patel, Richard Gere and Tamsin Greig. Written by Ol Parker. Directed by John Madden.

SpongeBob: Sponge Out of Water (PG) A goofy sea sponge and his friends venture to the surface world to foil an evil pirate. With Tom Kenny, Bill Fagerbakke and Antonio Banderas. Written by Jonathan Aibel and Glenn Berger. Directed by Paul Tibbitt and Mike Mitchell. In 3-D.

Unfinished Business (R) A small-business owner and his two associates travel to Europe to close an important deal, but their trip goes decidedly off the rails. With Vince Vaughn, Tom Wilkinson and James Marsden. Written by Steven Conrad. Directed by Ken Scott.

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SHEPPARD

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I just never got over it. And I think he's even greater today," Sheppard said.

His admiration for Van Dyke is something of a parallel to the concert. With just a handful of these particular shows, Sheppard describes them more as a reunion of friends. And also a win for both the performers and the audience.

"There's this camaraderie in country music that isn't found elsewhere so when we do these, it's like catching up with old friends," he said. "Lenjoy the package shows and in this day and time, the audience gets more for their money."

And therein lays Sheppard's problem — if you can call it that.

The performers all will perform their biggest hits. Of the lineup, Sheppard may have the most notable discography, but that doesn't make paring down more than 20 signature hits into a handful any easier.

"It's hard to pick the right ones. I definitely have to pick the ones people want to hear like 'Loved 'em Every One,' 'Party Time,' 'Do You Wanna Go To Heaven' which are all synonymous with my career. But playing Texas, I know they want to hear a good waltz so I'll of course add 'Last Cheater's Waltz,'" he said.

These days Sheppard is focused mostly on touring and live performances. With these shows or a random gig at the Opry near his Nashville home, he's finding more fulfillment onstage than in the studio. He's hardly affected by this chapter in his career that may not yield a radio hit or chart topper.

In fact, he'd say he's hardly been affected by that at all.

"Fame is fleeting and if you base this all on money and fame, then you'll wake up one day very empty," he said. "I've never felt motivated."

His humility is apparent. Sheppard is genuinely thrilled to talk about his live show performances. He also beams when talking about his side projects like his gospel and big band albums as well as his 2014 "Iconic Duets" album with his wife, Kelly Lang.

Sheppard doesn't sound like he's looking for his next hit. Instead, at 70, he only wants to continue what he started 40 years ago.

"I still have the same goals. I want to touch people with my music, even if it's only for three or four minutes. That's all I've ever really wanted. It's still amazing, that feeling of walking on stage and these crowds are watching me and singing along with these 20-30 year old songs. It's such a gratification," Sheppard said.

Ironically, Sheppard learned his humility from one of the biggest stars of them all — and a friend of his.

"Elvis had a big impact on my life and I still pinch myself thinking that he had become a dear friend," Sheppard said. "He actually had very little ego which opened my eyes. I mean I knew I would never come close to what he did so what gives me the right to have an ego? I learned from him to put all ego aside and so performing for people is a privilege."

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ITALIAN & PIZZA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ZUCCHI'S ITALIAN RISTORANTE Well-known Odessa restaurant with unique atmosphere and distinctive menu. Try the baked harvarti in phyllo dough with raspberry sauce for an appetizer. 1541 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa 550-7443 | $$ | 4 spoons

BURGERS & BARBECUE

BASIN BURGER HOUSE With buns made in-house and creative combinations, this isn't your typical burger joint. Try the black & blue burger and follow it with the Nutella & banana milkshake.

Live music on the patio. 607 N. Colorado 687-5696 www.basinburgerhouse.com | $$ | 4 spoons

BOB'S BETTER BURGER Step back in time as you stand outside the screen window to order some of the best burgers, fries and onion rings in town. 3417 Thomason Drive 694-1561 | $ | 4 spoons

BROOKS BAR B-Q The barbecue is great but it's hard not to order the fat burger. Whatever you decide be sure to save room for pie. Order it first — the kitchen tends to run out during the lunch rush. 501 E. Texas Ave. 685-5079 | $ | 4 spoons

BURGERS FRIES AND CHERRY PIES More than 20 combinations of burgers and toppings from the standard bacon or chili to the unexpected — ever try pimento cheese on a burger? Fries get the gourmet treatment too. 5210 W. Wadley Ave. 617-2327 | $ | 2 spoons

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DELI

FIREHOUSE SUBS National chain with tribute to local firefighters. Try the meatball sub or the Italian. 2900 W. Loop 250 N. 689-6500 www.firehousesubs.com | $ | 4 spoons

HARVEST CAFFE Coffee shop atmosphere with a fireplace, couches and unique chandeliers makes you want to stay awhile. 2101 West Wadley Ave., Suite 8 218-8331 www.harvestcaffe.com | $ | 4 spoons

JASON'S DELI National chain has a salad bar that's hard to beat and a nice selection of sandwiches and soups. 4610 N. Garfield St., Suite D 1-B 682-2200 www.jasonsdeli.com | $ | 4 spoons

LIVING 360 ORGANICS All organic, non-GMO menu includes juices, smoothies and acai bowls. Soups change daily. Sandwiches, wraps and a la carte items are available. 3211 W. Wadley Ave. Suite 21 | 262-3411 | living360organics.com | $ | 4 spoons

McALISTER'S DELI Hot and cold sandwiches, salads and soups. Combo options let you customize your meal and watch your calorie count. Two Midland locations. 2306 Rankin Highway, Suite 100. 687-0880 | 4415 W. Wadley Ave. 694-1800 www.mcalistersdeli.com | $ | 4 spoons

MURRAY'S You're sure to spot someone you know at this Midland lunch hotspot. Try the cheese soup or the turkado with curly fries. 3211 W. Wadley Ave. 697-3433 | $ | 5 spoons

SMILING MOOSE DELI Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, this deli serves breakfast burritos, wraps, soups, sandwiches and salads. The namesake sandwich starts with ground beef on a hoagie bun. 3322 North Loop 250 West 697-3354 www.smilingmoosedeli.com | $ | 4 spoons

SWENSEN'S One menu for sandwiches, burgers, patty melts and salads and an entirely separate full menu for ice cream. 900 W. Loop 250 N. 570-7271 www.swensons.com | $ | 4 spoons

TASTE@508 Stop by the chic downtown cafe for breakfast, lunch or a coffee break. We recommend the chocolate croissant, Cubano Westie panini and beet and goat cheese salad. 508 W. Wall St. | 687-1755 | taste508.com | $ | 4 spoons

TASTE OF CHICAGO Start with the Italian beef sandwich, add spicy or mild peppers, cheese or cheese sauce and decide if you want it dipped in au jus. You may be surprised that you can — and will — finish the whole thing. 1100 E. Illinois Ave. 682-3200 www.letseat.at/t_o_chicago | $ | 5 spoons

DESSERTS & BAKERY

YOUR WAY YOGURT Start with self-serve yogurt and add toppings ranging from strawberries and whip cream to cereal. 2300 W. Wadley Ave. Suite D 897-4393 | $ | 3 spoons

SUGAR MAMA'S Local bakery specializing in customized cakes, cupcakes, cookies. Try the Elvis — bananas on bottom with peanut butter cream on top. 1028 Andrews Highway, Suite G 618-0976 | 3 spoons

MARTINEZ BAKERY Walls lined with self-serve bakery cases filled with cookies. Also serves "super tortas" (Mexican sandwiches) with chicken, brisket or ham. 206 E. Florida Ave. 683-3100; 683-2278 | $ | 4 spoons

TONY'S BAKERY Order petit fours or a cake for your next party or stop to browse the bakery items for a quick snack. Also try the sandwiches for breakfast or lunch. 1108 N. Big Spring St. 570-4166 | $ | 4 spoons

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doesn't mix its eggs in the egg salad into a mush. Rather, big chucks of egg are left intact. I welcome Which Wich to downtown Midland.

Joseph Basco, reporter

I chose to make a small turkey sandwich, filling it with lettuce, tomato, provolone, caramelized onions, Thousand Island dressing, spicy mayo, all on hollowed-out wheat bread. I decided to hollow out the bread because that is my biggest problem with sandwiches: there is too much bread. To have the option to hollow the roll is something I enjoy, because I view bread as a vehicle for the other items I place in my sandwich, and it should not overwhelm the filling.

Don't get me wrong though, the bread was very good, and as a hot sandwich, even better. The mix of the onions, Thousand Island and a slight bite from the spicy mayo was a great mix, and there was the perfect amount of turkey. The small (7-inch) sandwich was enough food for me, and the bigger sizes looked delicious and even good for sharing. For less than $6, it was good value, as well.

I also tried one of the shakes, and I was pleasantly surprised. My small Oreo shake ($3) was thick and delicious, and a good value for the price and the fact it was from a franchise sandwich shop.

I'm excited about having Which Wich just a short walk away from my office, and their wide range of options will make it a staple for me in the future. I'm aiming for their Thanksgiving-inspired turkey sandwich as my next taster.

Druzin

With healthy layers of thinly sliced turkey and sourkraut under a spreading of Thousand Island dressing, toasted to a warm crisp with the necessary addition of jalapeños, the Which Wich's turkey reuben meets all needs for those who prefer a meat-heavy sandwich. From judgements on this menu selection alone, Which Wich gets higher marks than any wimpy Subway or Quiznos. A great lunchtime grab.

Brandon Mulder, reporter

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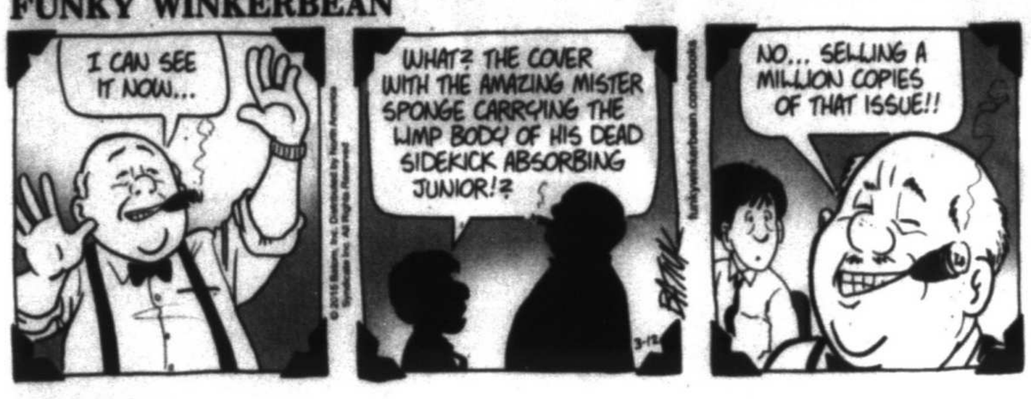

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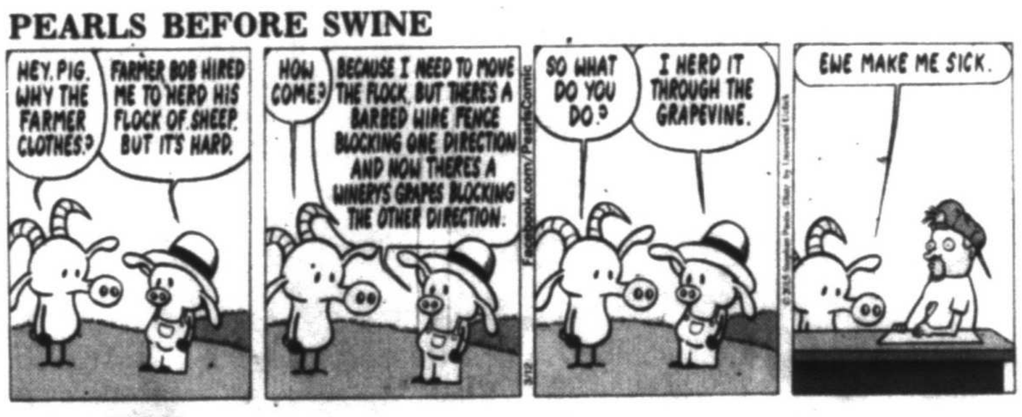

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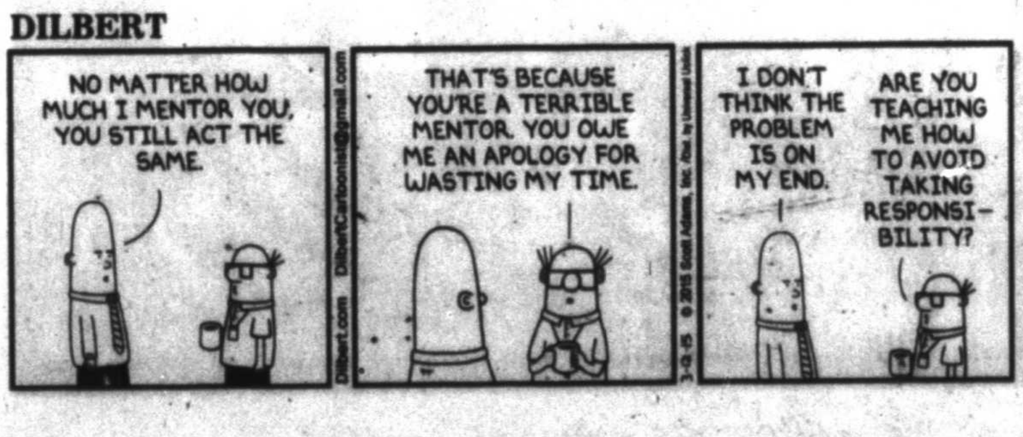

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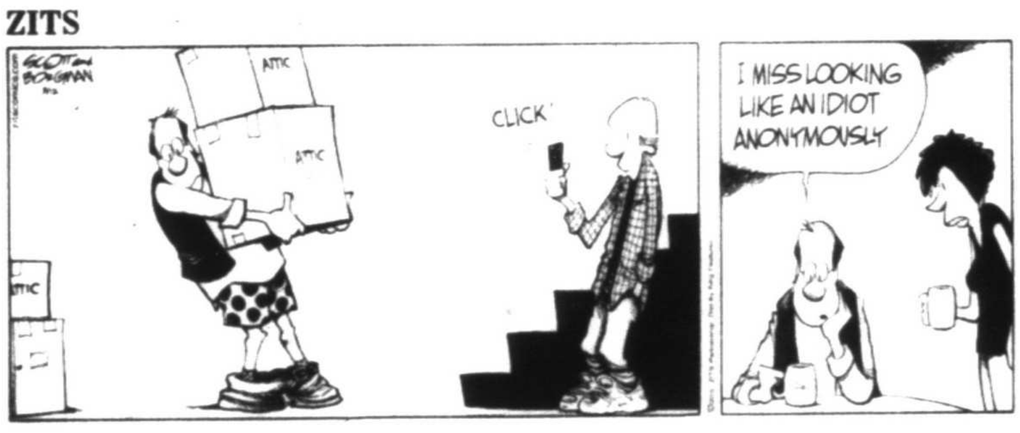

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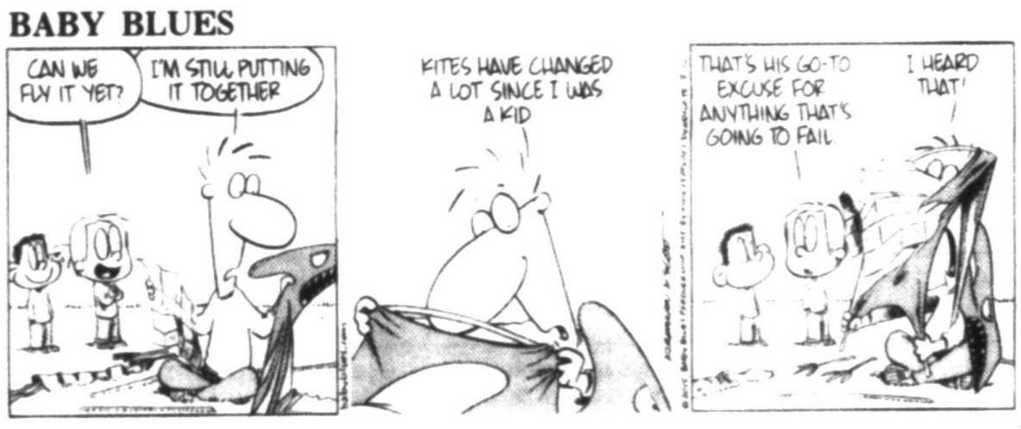

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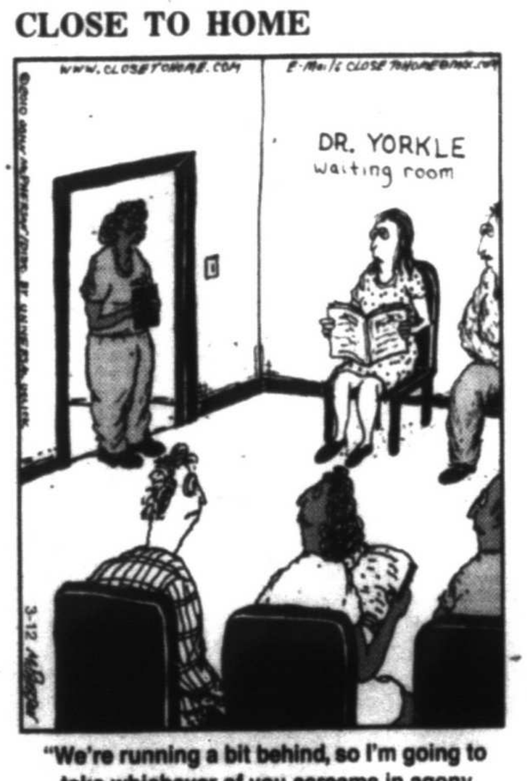

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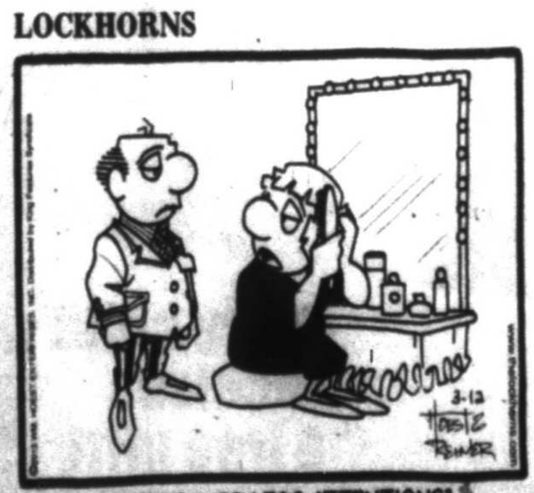

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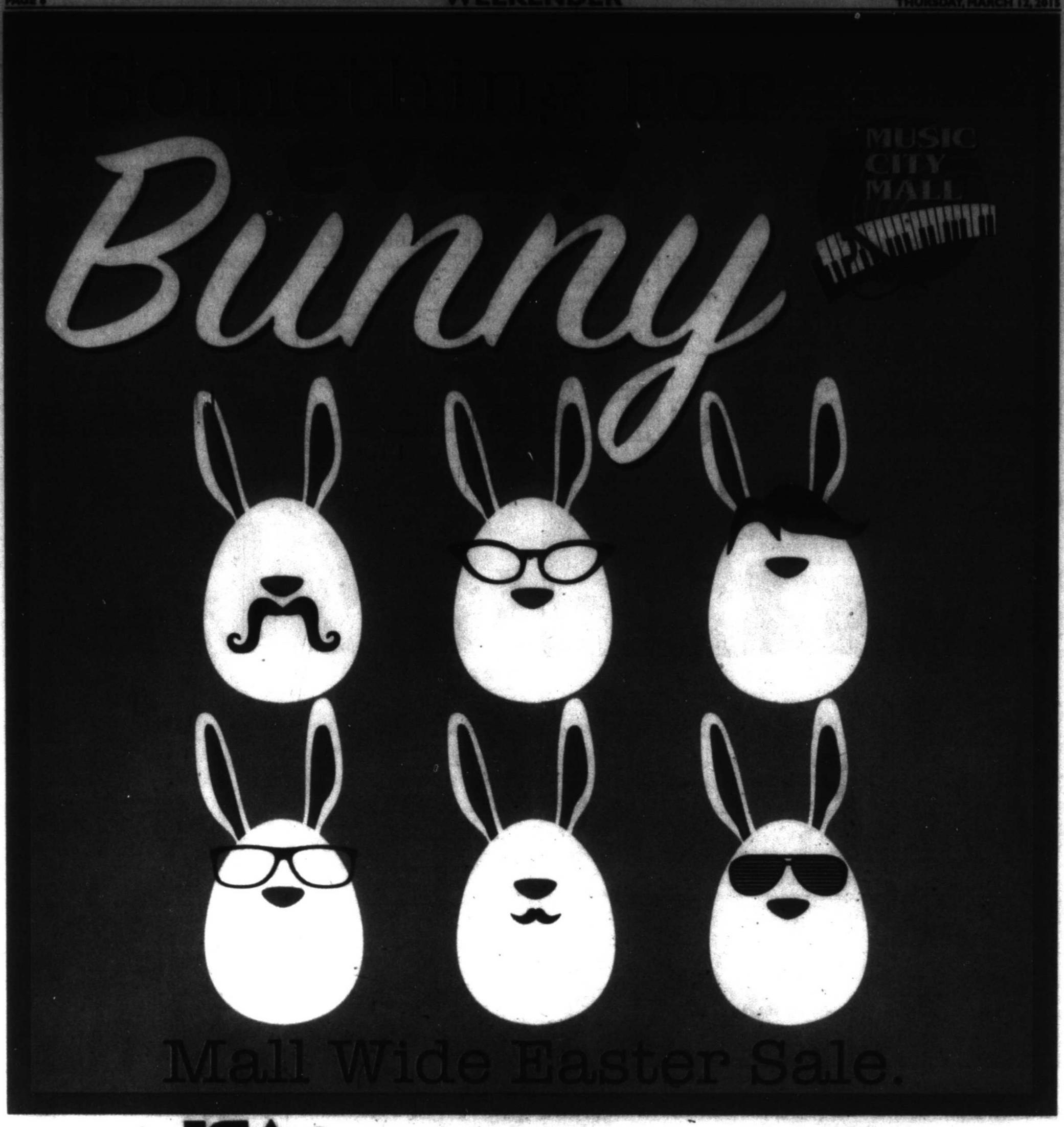

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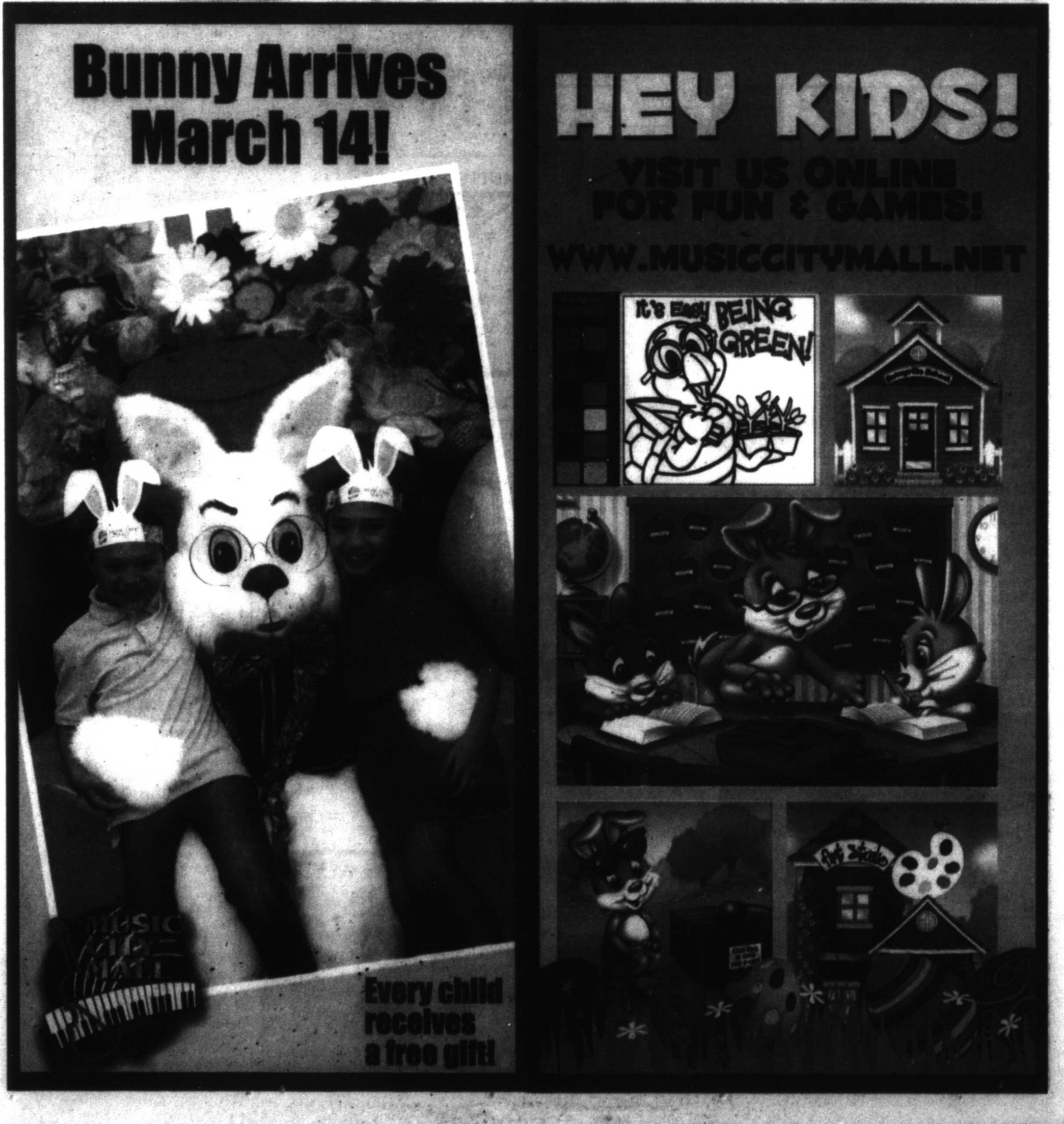

Grady feeling good about state tourney trip

Lucas

Rodriquez

By Will Korn
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It's been three years since the Grady boys basketball team last played in the Class 1A State Tournament. It fell, 74-63, against Graford in the semifinals that season.

Now, the Wildcats are back to where they left off — two wins away from the program's first state championship since the 2003-04 season.

"It feels great," said senior EJ Rodriquez, who started as a freshman on the 2011-12 team that made state. "My freshman year, it was a great dream to come true. Now it's business. We're going to play to the best of our abilities and do the best we can."

Grady's leading scorer Beau Lucas had trouble finding words when asked how he felt about making the trip to state for the first time.

"It's something you dream about," Lucas said. "I can't really describe it."

Added junior Kyle Garza, "We've always been dreaming about this as kids. Our dreams have finally come true and we're just glad to be here."

No. 4 Grady (30-4) will tip off against No. 7 Calvert (22-2) at 8:30 a.m. today at the Alamodome in San Antonio, for the right to advance to the state championship game.

This year's Grady team might be the strongest the program has had in a while. For head coach Thomas Clay, who is making his second trip to state with the Wildcats, a couple of things in particular differentiate this year's Grady team from those of year's past.

"We have depth this year that we haven't had in the past," Clay said. "We're very unselfish and that's key to great teams. It certainly translates into a balanced offense for us."

Clay said another one of the major differences between the 2011-12 squad and this year's, is an increased level of confidence in postseason play.

"It's a little different feeling this year," Clay said. "This year we felt like we were the region favorites. In 2012 we weren't. This group is very business like and this group expects to win."

That team confidence has certainly been evident on the court throughout the regular season and in the playoffs this year. The Wildcats run their offense fearlessly and aren't afraid of taking any opportunity over the course of a game. Their propensity for the 3-point shot is one of the most telling signs of that fearless play.

In its three playoff wins leading up to the state tournament, Grady has hit a combined 33 3-pointers, for an average of 11 per game.

"It's huge," Lucas said, when asked what the 3-point shot means to the Wildcats' offense. "Our whole starting lineup is full of shooters. It's definitely one of our strengths and it carries us a lot."

Rodriquez said that that neither he

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Getting ready to play

MRT file photo

Greenwood's Ismael Madrid throws to first on a pickoff attempt as Forsan's Polo Morin beats the ball as Greenwood's Austin Ulcak reaches during last year's West Texas March Classic at Security Bank Ballpark.

Rangers prep for West Texas March Classic

By Will Korn
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Currently sitting with a 2-9 record, the Greenwood baseball team is in a bit of a funk to start its 2015 season.The Rangers are hoping that the comfort and familiarity of their annual home tournament, the West Texas March Classic, might help to get their season back on track.

"We just want to get better every game," Rangers coach Stephen Rodriguez said. "We have yet to put a whole game together and it's time for us to do so."

The WTMC kicks off today and runs through Saturday. It includes 10 teams, eight of which are varsity level. Games will be played at Greenwood High School, Zachery Field and Security Bank Ballpark. The first games on each day will be played at 10 a.m.

The Rangers will play three games in two days on their home field. They'll play a doubleheader today at 10 a.m. and 11:50 a.m. and then a single game at 10 a.m. Friday. At 1:30 p.m. Friday, the Rangers will play at Security Bank Ballpark and will take that field again for the tournament's finale at 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

Despite Greenwood's poor showing over its first 11 games, the Rangers' spirits remain high in advance of the WTMC. Rodriguez said he, his players and the Greenwood sports community are always excited when this tournament rolls around.

"We really enjoy putting this tournament together," Rodriguez said. "It is a lot of work and the booster club does a phenomenal job helping put this all together. It means a huge deal and we are excited every year to host this tournament."

Rodriguez said that he expects the WTMC to showcase several quality teams and provide for an entertaining and competitive atmosphere for the fans, much like the Tournament of Champions did last week.

"All of the teams are pretty solid," Rodriguez said. "Everyone who comes out will be treated to some solid baseball. We have great teams in this tournament with great baseball traditions."

With a few strong teams coming in, the Rangers will need to lean on their experience and leadership to help themselves perform at the highest level over the weekend. Greenwood has plenty of talent to win a lot of games, but Rodriguez said his team needs to work on being more consistent, both defensively and at the plate.

Quality pitching is also key to the

Please see RANGERS/2C

NASCAR reinstates Kurt Busch, grants him waiver

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Kurt Busch was cleared Wednesday to get back in his race car and attempt to rebuild a career that was halted two days before the Daytona 500 when NASCAR suspended him for allegedly assaulting his ex-girlfriend.

Busch

"It's been torture sitting out of the car," Busch said in a conference call. He called the allegations against him "a complete fabrication."

"I never did anything of the things I was accused of," he added. "I never wavered in this whole process because of the confidence in the truth."

Busch missed the season's first three races during the suspension, the third of his career. In reinstating the 2004 champion, NASCAR ruled he will be eligible for the title-deciding Chase should he qualify. He will return to competition this weekend at Phoenix International Raceway in the No. 41 Chevrolet for Stewart-Haas Racing.

He said he will replace his longtime nickname "The Outlaw" with his signature above the door of his car.

Busch remains on indefinite probation.

"We have made it very clear to Kurt Busch our expectations for him moving forward, which includes participation in a treatment program and full compliance with all judicial requirements as a result of his off-track behavior," NASCAR executive vice president Steve O'Donnell said.

Busch was suspended Feb. 20 when a Delaware judge ruled he likely assaulted ex-girlfriend Patricia Driscoll in his motorhome in September at Dover International Speedway. He lost two rounds of appeals on the eve of the season-opening Daytona 500.

Last week, the Delaware attorney general declined to charge Busch for the incident with Driscoll — a move O'Donnell said "removed a significant impediment" to reinstatement.

Busch said he had been led to believe that criminal charges would be the determining factor in NASCAR taking action, and was surprised when he was suspended before the attorney general made its decision.

"The way that NASCAR reacted, it was different than what we had been told," Busch said. "They were more focused on the criminal side, as were we. But the commissioner's ruling was not necessarily what was the important factor here. The important factor is that what I was accused of was a complete fabrication."

Busch has also complied with NASCAR's reinstatement requirements, the terms of which have not been disclosed. O'Donnell said a health care expert recommended Busch's immediate return.

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Darvish getting 1 more opinion before likely elbow surgery

Associated Press

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Yu Darvish and the Texas Rangers are waiting for a third opinion that they expect will confirm the ace pitcher needs season-ending elbow ligament-replacement surgery.

General manager Jon Daniels said Wednesday that Dr. David Altchek, the New York Mets' medical director and an expert in Tommy John surgery, recommended the procedure after examining Darvish on Tuesday.

Darvish

The Rangers will have Dr. James Andrews review images of Darvish's elbow before making a final decision later this week.

"Things are likely headed down the path of surgery, no surprises, no real change there. But the final decision has not yet been made," Daniels said. "Assuming nothing, no new information comes along, which at this point I don't expect, then get the surgery and get the rehab underway."

Without a vastly different opinion from Andrews, the surgery for the 28-year-old Darvish likely will take place next week. He could be sidelined until early in the 2016 season.

An MRI Friday revealed partially torn ligaments and inflammation in Darvish's right elbow. That came a day after Darvish felt tightness in his triceps while warming up for his spring training debut, and then threw 10 of 12 pitches for strikes in his only inning before telling anyone about the discomfort.

Darvish was back in Rangers camp Wednesday, in uniform and playing catch in the outfield of one of the fields. He was throwing left-handed, something he routinely does during conditioning.

Daniels said Darvish wanted to be around his teammates, and was going to hold off on commenting publicly until after a final decision is made about the likely surgery.

"I think Yu mentally has processed that. I think he's understands completely," Daniels said. "Given the circumstances, I think he's in very good spirits, very clear headed. The best way to describe it is he understands the situation."

After seeing Darvish on Tuesday, Altchek had the same recommendation as Rangers team physician Dr. Keith Meister, who initially examined the pitcher.

There are no plans for Darvish to visit Andrews.

An All-Star in each of his three seasons since coming from Japan, Darvish started last season on the disabled list after experiencing neck stiffness in spring training. He missed only one start then, and was 10-7 with a 3.06 ERA in 22 starts and made his final appearance on Aug. 9 because of elbow inflammation.

He is 39-25 in 83 starts for the Rangers, with 680 strikeouts in 545 1-3 innings. He led the majors with 277 strikeouts in 2013.

The AL champion Rangers committed more than $107 million to acquire Japan's top pitcher. Darvish got a six-year contract guaranteeing him $56 million, and Texas had to pay a $51,703,411 posting fee to his former team, the Hokkaido Nippon Ham Fighters.

Darvish has a base salary of $10 million this season and is owed $10 million for next year and $11.8 million for 2017. Assuming he misses this season, the only way 2017 could become a player option would be if he wins the 2016 AL Cy Young Award.

Asked about insurance to cover all or some of Darvish's contract, Daniels responded, "I would rather have Darvish than the insurance benefit."

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

WHAT'S ON TV

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL

NAB Challenge: GWS Giants vs. Essendon, 3 a.m., FOXSOCP

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Pepperdine at BYU, 7 p.m., BYUtv

CYCLING

Tirreno-Adriatico Stage 2: Camaiore to Cascina, 8:30 a.m., beIN/beIN2

GOLF

European PGA: Tshwane Open, First Round, 7:30 a.m., GOLF

PGA: Valspar Championship, First Round, 2 p.m., GOLF

MLB

Miami vs. Minnesota, Noon, MLB

Chic. Cubs vs. LA Angels, 3 p.m., MLB

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

ACC Quarterfinal: Virginia vs. TBD, 11 a.m., ESPN

Big East Quarterfinal: Villanova vs. TBD, 11 a.m., FS1

A10 2nd Round: Massachusetts vs. La Salle, 11 a.m., NBCSN

Big Ten 2nd Round: Illinois vs. Michigan, 11 a.m., BTN

Big 12 Quarterfinal: Baylor vs. West Virginia, 11:30 a.m., ESPN2

SEC 2nd Round: Alabama vs. Florida, Noon, SEC

ACC Quarterfinal: Louisville vs. TBD, 1:30 p.m., ESPN

Big East Quarterfinal: Providence vs. St. John's, 1:30 p.m., FS1

A10 2nd Round: VCU vs. TBD, 1:30 p.m., NBCSN

Big Ten 2nd Round: Iowa vs. TBD, 1:30 p.m., BTN

Big 12 Quarterfinal: Kansas vs. TBD, 2 p.m., ESPN2

MW Quarterfinal: Boise State vs. TBD, 2 p.m., CBSSN

Pac-12 Quarterfinal: Arizona vs. TBD, 2 p.m., P12

Big West Quarterfinal: UC Davis vs. Cal State Northridge, 2 p.m., FCSP

AAC 1st Round: East Carolina vs. UCF, 2:30 p.m., ESPNU

SEC 2nd Round: Texas A&M vs. TBD, 2:30 p.m., SEC

MW Quarterfinal: Wyoming vs. Utah State, 4:30 p.m., CBSSN

Pac-12 Quarterfinal: UCLA vs. TBD, 4:30 p.m., P12

Big West Quarterfinal: Long Beach State vs. Hawaii, 4:30 p.m., FCSP

AAC 1st Round: Tulane vs Houston, 5 p.m., ESPNews

Big Ten 2nd Round: Indiana vs. Northwestern, 5:30 p.m., ESPN2

A10 2nd Round: St Bonaventure vs. St. Joseph's, 5:30 p.m., NBCSN

ACC Quarterfinal: Duke vs. TBD, 6 p.m., ESPN

Big 12 Quarterfinal: Iowa State vs. TBD, 6 p.m., ESPNU

Big East Quarterfinal: Georgetown vs. TBD, 6 p.m., FS1

SEC 2nd Round: Vanderbilt vs. Tennessee, 6 p.m., SEC

AAC 1st Round: Connecticut vs. USF, 7:30 p.m., ESPNews

Big Ten 2nd Round: Ohio State vs. TBD, 8 p.m., ESPN2

MW Quarterfinal: San Diego State vs. TBD, 8 p.m., CBSSN

A10 2nd Round: George Washington vs. TBD, 8 p.m., NBCSN

Pac-12 Quarterfinal: Oregon vs. TBD, 8 p.m., P12

Big West Quarterfinal: UC Irvine vs. UC Riverside, 8 p.m., FCSP

ACC Quarterfinal: Notre Dame vs. TBD, 8:30 p.m., ESPN

Big 12 Quarterfinal: Oklahoma vs. Oklahoma State, 8:30 p.m., ESPNU

Big East Quarterfinal: Butler vs. Xavier, 8:30 p.m., FS1

SEC 2nd Round: Ole Miss vs. TBD, 8:30 p.m., SEC

Pac-12 Quarterfinal: Utah vs. TBD, 10:30 p.m., ESPN

Mountain West Quarterfinal: Colorado State vs. Fresno State, 10:30 p.m., CBSSN

Big West Quarterfinal: UC Santa Barbara vs. Ca! Poly, 10:30 p.m., FCSP

MEN'S SOCCER

UEFA Europa: Vfl. Wolfsburg vs. Internazionale Milano, 1 p.m., FS2/ESPNDEP

UEFA Europa: Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk vs. Ajax, 1 p.m., FOXSOCP

UEFA Europa: Everton vs. Dynamo Kyiv, 3 p.m., FS2

UEFA Europa: Fiorentina vs. Roma, 3 p.m., FOXSOCP

UEFA Europa: Villarreal vs. Sevilla, 3 p.m., ESPNDEP

CONCACAF U-17: Mexico vs. Costa Rica, 3:30 p.m., UDN

Brazil: Sao Paulo vs. San Bento, 5:30 p.m., GolTV

MOTORSPORTS

F1: Australian Grand Prix, Practice, 11:30 p.m., NBCSN

NBA

Memphis at Washington, 6 p.m., TNT

Cleveland at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m., TNT

NHL

Tampa Bay at Boston, 6 p.m., NHL

Dallas at Carolina, 6 p.m., FSSW

TENNIS

ATP & WTA: BNP Paribas Open, 1 p.m., TENNIS

WHAT'S ON DECK

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Lee at Brenham Tournament

MHS at Highland Park Tournament

Greenwood, MCA at West Texas March Classic

JUNIOR COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Midland College at Central Arizona, TBA

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Midland High, Midland Christian, Greenwood at Snyder Tournament

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE — Suspended N.Y. Yankees RHP Brayan Alcantara 72 games for a violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program. Suspended Cincinnati minor league 3B Tanner Raiser, without pay, after being arrested on assault charges.

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Optioned RHP Eddie Gamboa to Norfolk (IL).

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Agreed to terms with RHP Corey Kluber on a one-year contract.

TEXAS RANGERS — Selected the contract of Antoan Richardson from Round Rock (PCL). Placed LHP Martin Perez on the 60-day DL.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES — Agreed to terms with RHP Peter Moylan on a minor league contract.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Optioned RHP Johnny Hellweg to Colorado Springs (PCL).

American Association

AMARILLO THUNDERHEADS — Signed RHP Kyle Bellows, Sent LHP Ryan DeJesus to Gateway Frontiers to complete an earlier trade. FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Released RHP Coty Woods.

WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed RHP Jairen Peguero.

Can-Am League

NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Signed RHP Brady Adamas.

OTTAWA CHAMPIONS — Signed C Corey Caswell and RHP Nick Purdy.

Frontier League

FRONTIER GREYS — Signed RHP Nick Anderson and SS Francisco Rosario.

ROCKFORD AVIATORS — Signed RHP Dan Kim.

WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Signed RHPs Joel Lima and Andrew Wellwerth.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL — CB Cortland Finnegan announced his retirement.

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Re-signed LS Mike Leach to a one-year contract. Agreed to terms with G Mike Iupati on a five-year contract. DT Corey Peters on a three-year contract and LB Sean Weatherspoon on a one-year contract.

ATLANTA FALCONS — Signed WR Leonard Hankerson.

BALTIMORE RAVENS — Traded DT Haloti Ngata and a 2015 seventh-round draft pick to Detroit for 2015 fourth- and fifth-round draft picks.

BUFFALO BILLS — Signed FB Jerome Felton. Released TE Scott Chandler.

CHICAGO BEARS — Agreed to terms with LB Pernell McPhee on a five-year contract.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Re-signed G Clint Boling, DT Eric Winston and CB Chris Lewis-Harris.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Re-signed WR Marlon Moore.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Re-signed OT Bryan Bulaga.

HOUSTON TEXANS — Traded QB Case Keenum to St. Louis for a 2016 seventh-round draft pick. Traded QB Ryan Fitzpatrick to the N.Y. Jets for a conditional late-round draft pick. Signed QB Brian Hoyer. Re-signed CB Kareem Jackson and OT Derek Newton.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed WR Andre Johnson.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Signed TE Julius Thomas to a five-year contract and OT Jermey Parnell, CB Davon House, LB Dan Skuta and S Sergio Brown.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Signed WR Jeremy Maclin.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed DT Ndamukong Suh. Released DT Randy Starks.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed DT Tom Johnson and QB Shaun Hill. Agreed to terms with OL Joe Berger and LB Cullen Loeffler.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Re-signed WR Brian Tyms. Signed WRs Kevin Dorsey and Brandon Gibson.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Extended the contract of coach Tom Coughlin through the 2016. Signed LB Mark Herzlich and FB Henry Hynoste to two-year contracts. Signed RB Shane Vereen. LBs Jonathan Casillas and J.T. Thomas, DT Marshall Newhouse and WR Dwayne Harris. Re-signed RB Chris Ogbonnaya. Waived T Rogers Gaines and CB Travis Howard.

NEW YORK JETS — Signed G James Carpenter.

OAKLAND RAIDERS — Agreed to terms with LB Curtis Lofton. Signed DT Dan Williams, C Rodney Hudson and TE Lee Smith.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Agreed to terms with CB Walter Thurmond III on a one-year contract. Re-signed QB Mark Sanchez to a two-year contract.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Announced the retirement of LB Jason Worilds.

ST. LOUIS RAMS — Agreed to terms with TE Lance Kendricks. Terminated the contracts of C Scott Wells and DT Jake Long.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed WR Torrey Smith to a five-year contract.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Signed LB Bruce Carter. Released DE Michael Johnson.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Agreed to terms with WR Harry Douglas. Signed S Da'Norris Searcy.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed DL Stephen Paea.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Assigned D Loic Leduc from Bridgeport (AHL) to Colorado (ECHL).

WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Recalled D Cameron Schilling from Hershey (AHL).

American Hockey League

CHARLOTTE CHECKERS — Returned F Gabriel Desjardins to Florida (ECHL).

CHICAGO WOLVES — Recalled D Colten Hayes from Alaska (ECHL).

IOWA WILD — Returned D Nicholas Petrus to Quad City (ECHL).

NORFOLK ADMIRALS — Recalled D Kevin Lynch from Utah (ECHL).

PROVIDENCE BRUINS — Recalled D Frankie Simonelli from South Carolina (ECHL).

SPRINGFIELD FALCONS — Reassigned D Mike DiPasolo from Ontario (ECHL) to Allen (ECHL).

WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON PENGUINS — Recalled D Alex Broek from Wheeling (ECHL).

ECHL

COLORADO EAGLES — Added G Drew O'Connell as emergency backup.

FORT WAYNE KOMETS — Released D Dylan Quaile.

GWINNETT GLADIATORS — Traded F Garry Nunn to Ontario for F Robert Czetnik. Traded F Anthony Luciani to Greenville for F Scott Arnold.

IDAHO STEELHEADS — Signed D Jake Rutt.

KALAMAZOO WINGS — Traded F Reg Kaunisto to Evansville for the rights to P-Patrick Kennedy.

MISSOURI MAVERICKS — Traded F Josh Brittain to Ontario for D Chris Owens.

QUAD CITY MALLARDS — Signed F Mason Baptista to an amateur tryout agreement. Added G Jake Reed as emergency backup.

STOCKTON THUNDER — Signed D Mike Busillo.

WICHITA THUNDER — Signed D Darren Bestland to an amateur tryout agreement.

MOTORSPORTS

NASCAR — Reinstated Sprint Car driver Kurt Busch.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

D.C. UNITED — Agreed to terms with general manager Dave Kasper, who will also assume the duties of vice president of soccer operations, on a multiyear contract extension.

FC DALLAS — Re-signed D/M Je-Vaughn Watson.

SEATTLE SOUNDERS — Signed F Andy Craven.

COLLEGE

NEVADA — Fired David Carter men's basketball coach.

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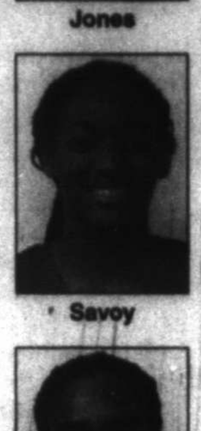
MC basketball players earn honors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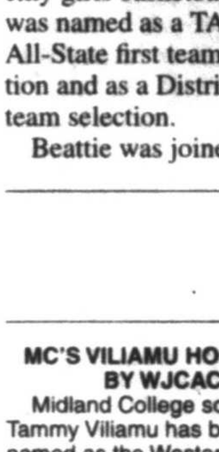
Veiga

From staff reports

The Midland College women's basketball team placed two players on the All-Western Junior College Athletic Conference First Team, while the MC men had Torren Jones named as the Newcomer of the Year in the WJCAC.

Sophomore guard Tajanay Veiga and sophomore forward Mary Savoy were named as first teamers on the women's side.

Veiga, who is from Boston, averaged a team-best 14.7 points per game. Savoy, from Salem, Oregon, was second on the team with 13.9 points per game and led the Lady Chaparrals with 8.4 rebounds per contest.

New Mexico Junior College's Angelica De Paulo was named as the MVP, while teammate Alana da Silva was named Freshman of the Year. NMJC's Drew Sanders was named Coach of the Year.

Odessa College's Octavian Reedy was named Defensive Player of the Year, while South Plains' Courtney Randle was the Newcomer of the Year.

Jones, a 6-foot-8 sophomore from Chandler, Arizona, averaged a double-double for the Chaps with 18.2 and 10.9 rebounds per game. He was the only Chap on the WJCAC first team.

South Plains' Emmanuel Omogbu was named as the MVP. Freshman of the Year went to NMJC's Malique Trent, while Howard College's Lis Shoshi is the Defensive Player of the Year. South Plains' Steve Green and Howard's Scott Raines shared the Coaches of the Year honor.

2015 WOMEN'S WESTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

MVP: Angelica de Paulo, New Mexico Junior College

Freshman of the Year: Alana da Silva, New Mexico JC

Defensive Player of the Year: Octavian Reedy, Odessa College

Newcomer of the Year: Courtney Randle, South Plains

Coach of the Year: Drew Sanders, New Mexico JC

First Team

Tajanay Veiga, Midland College; Taliyah Rich, Odessa College; Mary Savoy, Midland College; Anushka Maldonado, Odessa College; Alana da Silva, New Mexico JC; Brechelle Beachum, Western Texas College; Courtney Randle, South Plains College; Kelsey Crimel, New Mexico JC; Marina Wade, Frank Phillips College; JaTea Carver, Clarendon College

Honorable Mention

Jaylee Mays, Clarendon College; Joslyn Smith, Frank Phillips; Wahnita Wright, Midland College; Jocelyn Jeffrey, Western Texas; Sierra Dixon, Midland College; Caitlyn Lambert, Frank Phillips; Tamera York, Howard College; Elise Tyson, Odessa College; Jasmine Green, Western Texas

2015 MEN'S WESTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

MVP: Emmanuel Omogbo, South Plains College

Freshman of the Year: Malique Trent, New Mexico JC

Defensive Player of the Year: Lis Shoshi, Howard College

Newcomer of the Year: Torren Jones, Midland College

Coaches of the Year: Steve Green, South Plains College; Scott Raines, Howard College

First Team

Malique Trent, New Mexico JC; Rob Gray, Howard College; Andre Boyd, South Plains College; Sam Finley, Howard College; Willie Conner, Odessa College; Torren Jones, Midland College; Cullen Russo, New Mexico JC; Andre Berry, New Mexico Military Institute; Pat Birt, South Plains College; Brandon Bodie, New Mexico Military Institute; Shaquan Rhoades, New Mexico Military Institute

Honorable Mention

Maurice O'Field, Midland College; Stan Whittaker, Frank Phillips College; Travis Chanins, Howard College; Kimani Jackson, New Mexico JC; Alize Johnson, Frank Phillips; Lis Shoshi, Howard College; Will Joyce, New Mexico Military Institute; Maurice Taylor, Western Texas; Jalen Vansite, Western Texas; Dashun Dixon, Clarendon College

MCA players earn TAPPS 3A All-State honors

From staff reports

Alissa Beattie from the Midland Classical Academy girls basketball team was named as a TAPPS 3A All-State first team selection and as a District 1 first team selection.

Beattie was joined by Kristen Johnson as both Academic All-State selections and were All-State Tournament selections.

Delanie Griffin was also named a first-team TAPPS 1-3A All-District performer.

On the boys side, Blake Gladon, Heath Gladson and Garrett Sparks were Academic All-State and first team All-District 1 picks.

Marshall McCrary was also an TAPPS 3A Academic All-State selection.

Midland Classical Academy postseason basketball awards

Girls

TAPPS 3A All-State

First Team: Alissa Beattie

Second team: Kristen Johnson, Delanie Griffin

Academic All-State: Alissa Beattie, Kristen Johnson

State All-Tournament: Beattie, Johnson

TAPPS 1-3A All-District

First Team: A. Beattie, K. Johnson, D. Griffin

Second Team: Makenna Beattie, Ellen Haest

Honorable Mention: Morgan Jones

Boys

TAPPS 3A Academic All-State: Blake Gladson, Heath Gladson, Marshall McCray, Garrett Sparks

TAPPS 1-3A All-District

First Team: B. Gladson, H. Gladson, G. Sparks

Second Team: Marshall McCray

LOCALSPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MC'S VILIAMU HONORED BY WJCAC

Midland College sophomore Tammy Viliamu has been named as the Western Junior College Athletic Conference Softball Player of the Week.

Viliamu hit .625 for the conference-opening weekend against El Paso Community College. She went 10-for-16 on the weekend with 6 RBI, 6 singles, three doubles, and a home run. She started all four games at second base and shifted to third base for two of the games against EPCC.

Viliamu came in clutch with multiple timely hits to start rallies against the Tejanas and drove in six.

UTPB WOMEN'S TENNIS FALLS TO DBU

Dallas Baptist University 9, UTPB 1

Tuesday night at Bush Tennis Center

Singles — 1. Natalie Gennisgen (DBU) def. Lisa Roslanova (UTPB) 8-0, 6-2; 2. Cassandra Wenerstrom (DBU) def. Shelby Greene (UTPB) 6-2, 6-3; 3. Maria de Camilo (DBU) def. Andrea Villalobos (UTPB) 5-7, 6-1, 10-0; 4. Amanda Richter (DBU) def. Alexandra Maytubby (UTPB) 7-5, 6-2; 5. Liz Slaughter (DBU) def. Olivia Baltazar (UTPBW) 6-0, 6-0; 6.Sydney Holdampf (UTPB) def. Bianca Tijerina (DBU) 4-6, 6-4, 10-6

Doubles — 1. Natalie Gennissen/Amanda Richter (DBU) def. Lisa Roslanova/Olivia Baltazar (UTPB) 8-2; 2. Cassandra Wenerstrom/Liz Slaughter (DBU) def. Alexandra Maytubby/Shelby Greene (UTPB) 8-2; 3. Bianca Tijerina/Maria de Camilo (DBU) def. Kelsay Chavez/Andrea Villalobos (UTPB) 8-1

CORRECTION

Lee softball player Darby O'Grady was incorrectly identified as a senior in Wednesday's story. She is a junior. The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

RANGERS

From 1C

Rangers' success not only in this tournament, but for the rest of the season.

"We have a solid group of seniors, but our pitching staff has to a do a good job this weekend," Rodriguez said. "Ismael Madrid, Javier Vizcaino, Victor Urias and Kolten McCulloch, to name a few, will have to have solid outings for us to be successful."

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2015 WEST TEXAS MARCH CLASSIC TEAMS

Greenwood, Reagan County, MCA, Presidio, San Angelo Lake View, Alpine, Bridgeport, Pecos, Midland High JV and Odessa High JV

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Victor Urias, Sr., INF/P, Greenwood — Urias returns as perhaps the Rangers' top player. Last season, he earned Second Team All-District 4-4A honors after hitting .333 with 10 RBI and recording a 2.68 ERA on the mound.

Zach Redwine, Sr., C, Greenwood — Greenwood's senior backstop is a true offensive threat. In his junior season, he batted .376, while hitting eight doubles and driving in 17 runs. Those numbers earned him a spot on the All-District 4-4A second team.

Nathan Martinez, Jr., SS/P, Pecos — Martinez put together an excellent junior season last year for the Eagles. He hit .358 and posted a 5-3 record with a 1.86 ERA on the mound, on the way to earning District 4-4A's Newcomer of the Year award.

Mason Baggett, Sr., C/P, Reagan County — Baggett was one of three Owls players to be named to the All-District 5-3A First team last season. Even in a smaller classification than most of their competition, the Owls figure to be one of the better teams in this tournament.

Ben Villa, Sr., 1B, Alpine — Villa, one of the Bucks' top offensive weapons, was picked to the All-District 4-3A First Team last year as a junior and helped Alpine to a 22-11 mark last season.

Raul Salgado, Sr., SS/P, Presidio — Salgado was named to the All-District 4-3A First team as a shortstop last season. He helped lead the Blue Devils to a 26-11 record and to the regional quarterfinals in the Class 3A state tournament.

2015 WEST TEXAS MARCH CLASSIC SCHEDULE

Today

Greenwood vs. Odessa High JV, 10 a.m., Greenwood High School Field

Midland High JV vs. Presidio, 10 a.m., Zachery Field

Greenwood vs. Reagan County, 11:50 a.m., Greenwood High School Field

San Angelo Lake View vs. Pecos, noon, Zachery Field

MCA vs. Reagan County, 1:30 p.m., Greenwood High School Field

Midland High JV vs. Alpine, 2 p.m., Zachery Field

Odessa High JV vs. Presidio, 3:15 p.m., Greenwood High School Field

San Angelo Lake View vs. Alpine, 5 p.m., Greenwood High School Field

Bridgeport vs. Pecos, 6:50 p.m., Greenwood High School Field

Friday

Greenwood vs. San Angelo Lake View, 10 a.m., Greenwood High School Field

Odessa High JV vs. Reagan County, 11 a.m., Security Bank Ballpark

Presidio vs. Pecos, 11:50 a.m., Greenwood High School Field

MCA vs. Alpine, 1:30 p.m., Greenwood High School Field

Greenwood vs. Bridgeport, 1:30 p.m., Security Bank Ballpark

Midland High JV vs. San Angelo Lakeview, 2 p.m., Zachery Field

Alpine vs. Reagan County, 3:15 p.m., Greenwood High School Field

Midland High JV vs. Pecos, 4:30 p.m., Security Bank Ballpark

Bridgeport vs. Presidio, 5 p.m., Greenwood High School Field

Odessa High JV vs. MCA, 6:50 p.m., Greenwood High School Field

Saturday

Pecos vs. Odessa High JV, 10 a.m., Greenwood High School Field

Midland High JV vs. Reagan County, 10 a.m., Zachery Field

San Angelo Lake View vs. Bridgeport, 10 a.m., Security Bank Ballpark

Presidio vs. MCA, 1:30 p.m., Security Bank Ballpark

Greenwood vs. Alpine, 4:30 p.m., Security Bank Ballpark

Has rough season for college hoops taken luster off March?

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — On a cold night on Tobacco Road, North Carolina and Duke went back and forth in an overtime thriller. It was gripping, edge-of-your seat stuff. Tense down to the final second.

In short, it looked nothing like the Blue Devils' game against Florida State nine days earlier, when the teams missed five 3-pointers, two free throws and committed five turnovers all before the first media timeout. The Seminoles led at that point, 2-0.

"Never seen a media timeout with a score quite like this," tweeted ESPN analyst Jay Bilas, an outspoken critic of the current state of college hoops. "Maybe in baseball."

Bilas is not alone in his concern for the current state of college hoops. Scoring is at a near-record low this season. Fouls are soaring. Attendance has dropped precipitously in many places, and television ratings are struggling to reach last year's levels.

"When you think about it, it's a spectator sport," said Utah State athletic director Scott Barnes, the chairman of the NCAA tournament selection committee. "So how folks view it — I guess, watchability — would be a big piece of it. Are they entertained?"

The fact that the upcoming NCAA Tournament, long-considered recession proof, has struggled to build buzz is perhaps the most damning evidence of the dire state of the game.

"I do have some healthy concerns," said Dan Gavitt, the NCAA's vice president for men's college basketball. "If the game continues to go in the direction it has been the last several years, with scoring being down and physical play being up, it could really hurt it."

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NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CLIPPERS 120 THUNDER 106

OKLAHOMA CITY — Chris Paul had 33 points and nine assists, J.J. Redick added 25 points and the Los Angeles Clippers beat Oklahoma City 120-106 on Wednesday night, ending the Thunder's seven-game home winning streak.

DeAndre Jordan had 18 points and 17 rebounds for the Clippers, who are fighting for a top-four seed in the Western Conference playoffs. Oklahoma City is battling to merely make the field and fell a half-game behind the New Orleans Pelicans in the race for the final playoff spot.

BULLS 104 76ERS 95

PHILADELPHIA — The Bulls had enough healthy players to outlast the lowly 76ers.

Aaron Brooks scored seven of his season-high 31 points in overtime to help short-handed Chicago beat the Philadelphia 76ers 104-95 on Wednesday night.

"We got it done without our guys and it felt good," Brooks said. "This team is resilient. It's going to make us better in the long run."

Paul Gasol had 27 points and 16 rebounds, and Nikola Mirotic finished with 16 points and 12 rebounds for the Bulls. They snapped a three-game skid without four regulars and three of their top five scorers.

KINGS 113 HORNETS 106

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — DeMarcus Cousins opened the door to the standup cooler in the locker room and tried to stuff as much of his 6-foot-11, 270-pound body as he could inside to cool down.

Perhaps he was still hot from the fourth quarter.

Cousins was 4 for 4 from the field in the period and finished with 20 points and 14 rebounds, helping the Sacramento Kings snap a four-game losing streak with a 113-106 victory over the Charlotte Hornets on Wednesday night.

HEAT 104 NETS 98

MIAMI — Less than a half-hour before the Miami Heat left their locker room for warmups, they had no idea if Chris Andersen would be able to play.

He wound up starting and starring.

Dwyane Wade scored 28 points and added nine assists, Andersen — taking a suspended center Hassan Whiteside's spot in the lineup — tied a career high with 18 points and set a season high with 14 rebounds, and the Heat completed a season sweep of the Brooklyn Nets with a 104-98 victory Wednesday night.

CELTICS 95 GRIZZLIES 92

BOSTON — Marcus Smart converted a go-ahead, three-point play with 52 seconds left, Avery Bradley added a clutch jumper with eight seconds remaining and the Boston Celtics ended a five-game losing streak against the Memphis Grizzlies with a 95-92 victory on Wednesday night.

Bradley scored 17 points for the Celtics, who won their second in a row as they chase a playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Smart put Boston ahead 91-90 with the last of 14 lead changes in the game, which ended when Mike Conley missed a deep 3-pointer for Memphis just before the buzzer.

Conley led Memphis with 20 points despite missing time in the second half with an injured ankle or knee. Tony Allen added 18 and Zach Randolph scored 14, pulled down eight rebounds and added five assists.

Kelly Olynyk scored 12 of his 15 points in the second half and pulled down six rebounds. Jae Crowder added 16 points, and Tyler Zeller and Brandon Bass had 12 points apiece. Zeller also led Boston with nine turnovers but hit a pair of foul shots with 40 seconds left to put Boston up 93-90.

BUCKS 97 MAGIC 91

MILWAUKEE — Khris Middleton scored a season-high 30 points for the second time in three games to lead the Milwaukee Bucks to a 97-91 victory over the Orlando Magic on Wednesday night.

Middleton, who also finished with 30 points Saturday against Washington, was 12 of 17 from the floor. Ersan Ilyasova added 12 points for the Bucks, who have won 10 of their last 12 home games.

Orlando lost its season-high ninth straight road game despite 19 points and 14 rebounds from Nikola Vucevic.

Tobias Harris added 17 points for the Magic, who have not won an away game since Jan. 12 at Chicago.

Middleton missed a shot but got the ball back and passed to Zaza Pachulia, who dished it to Giannis Antetokounmpo for a dunk as the shot clock expired, giving the Bucks a 95-91 lead with 19 seconds remaining.

SEC teams playing more long ball with league play beginning

By David Brandt
Associated Press

Home runs are on the rise early on in the Southeastern Conference and Florida coach Kevin O'Sullivan believes that should lead to more exciting games around the league.

"It used to be a three-run deficit felt like a huge hole," O'Sullivan said. "Now you feel like with a couple good swings, you can get back into the game. Every game, you better play all nine innings."

The SEC's 30-game league schedule begins on Friday.

The Gators, who open against Tennessee, are among the favorites to win the SEC this season. They're also among many league teams that have seen a spike in power numbers after college baseball introduced a new ball this season with lower seams.

Florida had 16 homers through 17 games as of Tuesday. The Gators had just 26 homers in 63 games all of last season.

"Players are getting rewarded for taking a good swing," O'Sullivan said. "We're bunting less, especially with guys who can really hit the ball. I don't know if it's been a drastic change, but it's certainly been a positive one."

Texas A&M — perhaps the league's most surprising team — has also joined the homer barrage. The Aggies hit 20 homers through their first 17 games, nearly matching the 25 they hit all of last season.

Texas A&M was an also-ran during its first two seasons in the SEC, with a combined 27-32 league record, but coach Rob Childress hopes a veteran team can help the program take a big step forward.

"We have such great senior leadership," Childress said. "I'm sure they understand where we are and where we're trying to go and the things we have to do to get there, and getting through the 30-game grind of the SEC schedule is a challenge in itself."

COLLEGEROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

TEXAS 65 TEXAS TECH 53

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Cameron Ridley had 14 points and eight rebounds, Kendal Yancy added 13 points and seventh-seeded Texas helped its NCAA tournament hopes with a 65-53 victory over Texas Tech on Wednesday night in the opening round of the Big 12 tournament.

Isaiah Taylor added 12 points and seven assists for the Longhorns (20-12), who carf probably slide off the bubble and safely into the 68-team field with a win over No. 2 Iowa State in the quarterfinals Thursday. The Cyclones beat Texas twice this season.

Another victory would also help coach Rick Barnes, whose job has been under intense scrutiny after Texas — at one time ranked in the top 10 — struggled so mightily this season.

Toddrick Gotcher scored 12 points to lead No. 10 seed Texas Tech (13-19), which was outrebounded 39-24 and struggled to deal with the Longhorns' superior size in the post.

TCU 67 KANSAS STATE 65

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — TCU rolled into the Big 12 tournament full of confidence, three straight losses to end the regular season doing nothing to hurt their frame of mind.

That confidence came in handy down the stretch Wednesday night.

Chris Washburn and Kyan Anderson scored 16 points apiece, and No. 9 seed TCU made enough stops on defense to beat Kansas State 67-65 for its first Big 12 tournament victory.

"We ended the season on a high note. We felt like overall we played well, even though we didn't finish our games," said Trey Zeigler, who added 15 points for the Horned Frogs. "We came in here and we knew Kansas State was a good team, and me and Kyan just tried to make sure we did everything we could do as senior captains."

TCU had built a 58-46 lead with 6 1/2 minutes left, but the Wildcats managed to trim it to 64-62 when Nino Williams converted a three-point play with about a minute to go.

Zeigler slashed to the rim at the other end and took a no-look pass from Anderson, getting fouled in the process. He calmly made both foul shots to give the Horned Frogs a four-point cushion, and Williams missed a long 3-pointer at the other end that put the game away.

The Horned Frogs, who improved to 4-0 against the Wildcats in postseason play, now get a date with top-seeded Kansas in the quarterfinals on Thursday afternoon.

"Premiere team in this league, one of the premiere teams in the country," TCU coach Trent Johnson said. "No basketball program has a more storied tradition than they do and we've got to find a way to compete at a high level in a short period of time."

Thomas Gipson had 16 points and Williams finished with 13 for the No. 8 seed Wildcats (15-17), who finished the season with a losing record for the first time since 2003.

FIU 57 UTSA 54

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Dennis Mavin scored 15, including a game-winning, half-court heave as time expired, to lift Florida International over seventh-seeded Texas-San Antonio in the opening round of the Conference USA tournament on Wednesday.

Mavin added nine rebounds and five assists, and Ray Rodriguez scored 14 for No. 10 seed FIU (16-16), which will play second-seeded UTEP on Thursday.

A 7-0 run gave UTSA (14-16) a two-point lead with 1:59 remaining.

Mavin's layup 11 seconds later tied it at 51 and Daviyon Draper's jumper, after two FIU offensive rebounds, gave the Golden Panthers a 53-51 lead with 46 seconds to play.

After a UTSA turnover, Rodriguez hit 1 of 2 free throws, but Keon Lewis hit a 3-pointer for the Roadrunners to make it 54-all with four seconds left, setting up Mavin's heroics.

Ryan Bowie scored 25 and Lewis added 13 with four steals for the Roadrunners. Jeromie Hill, UTSA's leading scorer (16.3 per game), had seven points on 2-of-16 shooting.

Mavin moved into third on FIU's single-season scoring list with 546.

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	38	26	.594	
Boston	27	36	.429	10½
Brooklyn	25	38	.397	12½
Philadelphia	14	50	.219	24
New York	12	51	.190	25½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Atlanta	50	14	.781	
Washington	36	28	.563	14
Miami	29	35	.453	21
Charlotte	28	35	.444	21½
Orlando	21	45	.318	30

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	41	25	.621	
Chicago	40	26	.606	1
Milwaukee	34	30	.531	6
Indiana	29	34	.460	10½
Detroit	23	40	.365	16½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	45	19	.703	
Houston	43	20	.683	1½
San Antonio	40	23	.635	4½
Dallas	41	25	.621	5
New Orleans	36	29	.554	9½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	41	20	.672	
Oklahoma City	35	29	.547	7½
Utah	27	36	.429	15
Denver	24	41	.369	19
Minnesota	14	48	.226	27½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	50	12	.806	
L.A. Clippers	42	23	.646	9½
Phoenix	33	32	.508	18½
Sacramento	22	41	.349	28½
L.A. Lakers	17	46	.270	33½

x-clinched playoff spot

Wednesday's Scores

Chicago 104, Philadelphia 95, OT
Sacramento 113, Charlotte 106
Miami 104, Brooklyn 98
Boston 95, Memphis 92
L.A. Clippers 120, Oklahoma City 106
Milwaukee 97, Orlando 91
Denver 115, Atlanta 102
Minnesota at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Detroit at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Houston at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

Today's Games

Memphis at Washington, 6 p.m.
Milwaukee at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Houston at Utah, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
New York at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S BOX SCORES

L.A. CLIPPERS (120): Barnes 6-8 4-4 22, Hawes 1-7 1-2 4, Jordan 3-7 12-22 18, Paul 11-19 6-7 33, Redick 6-14 10-10 25, Davis 5-9 2-2 12, Rivers 3-8 0-0 6, Robinson 0-4 0-0 0, Turkoglu 0-4 0-0 0, D.Jones 0-0 0-0 0, Wilcox 0-0 0-0 0, Udoh 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-76 35-47 120

OKLAHOMA CITY (106): Singler 0-2 2-2 2, Ibaka 6-13 2-2 15, Kanter 6-12 6-9 18, Westbrook 5-14 11-13 24, Roberson 0-2 0-0 0, Watters 3-8 2-2 9, Adams 1-1 0-0 2, Morrow 8-12 4-4 26, Collison 1-3 0-0 3, Augustin 0-2 2-2 2, McGary 3-5 1-2 7, Lamb 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 33-76 30-36 106

L.A. Clippers 36 29 35 20—120
Oklahoma City 30 27 28 33—108

3-Point Goals: L.A. Clippers 15-30 (Barnes 6-7, Paul 5-8, Redick 3-6, Hawes 1-4, Davis 0-1, Robinson 0-2, Rivers 0-2), Oklahoma City 12-25 (Morrow 6-9, Westbrook 3-6, Collison 1-2, Ibaka 1-2, Watters 1-2, Roberson 0-2, Lamb 0-2, Fouled Out: None. Rebounds: Clippers 53 (Jordan 17), Oklahoma City 49 (Westbrook 9). Assists: L.A. Clippers 22 (Paul 9), Oklahoma City 19 (Westbrook 7). Total Fouls: L.A. Clippers 27, Oklahoma City 32. Technicals: Redick, Kanter, Westbrook. A 18,203 (18,203)

BULLS 104, 76ERS 95

CHICAGO (104): Dunleavy 2-5 0-0 6, Mirotic 5-13 4-5 16, Gasol 13-25 1-2 27, Brooks 12-20 4-6 31, Snell 2-9 5-7 10, Mohammed 0-3 0-0 0, McDermott 3-4 0-0 7. Totals 37-83 14-20 104

PHILADELPHIA (95): Sampson 1-4 2-2 5, Mbah a Moute 4-10 1-2 9, Noel 4-9 0-4 8, Smith 9-21 2-2 23, Richardson 2-9 0-0 4, Grant 1-5 3-6 6, Covington 5-13 1-3 12, Canaan 7-15 2-2 20, Robinson 3-10 1-4 7, Anderson 0-0 0-0 0, Thompson 3-8 0-0 7. Totals 36-104 12-25 95.

Chicago 22 29 21 20 12—104
Philadelphia 22 29 12 29 3— 95

3-Point Goals: Chicago 10-24 (Brooks 3-7, Dunleavy 2-3, Mirotic 2-5, McDermott 1-2, Henchic 1-3, Snell 1-4), Philadelphia 11-41 (Canaan 4-8, Smith 3-7, Thompson 1-3, Sampson 1-3, Grant 1-4, Covington 1-6, Mbah a Moute 0-4, Richardson 0-6). Fouled Out: Noel. Rebounds: Chicago 67 (Gasol 16), Philadelphia 67 (Robinson, Noel 15). Assists: Chicago 24 (Brooks, Mirotic 5), Philadelphia 16 (Smith 6). Total Fouls: Chicago 16, Philadelphia 15. Technicals: Canaan, A 17,400 (20,318)

KINGS 113, HORNETS 106

SACRAMENTO (113): Gay 9-17 6-9 26, Landry 3-4 4-4 10, Cousins 8-17 4-5 20, McCallum 1-7 4-5 6, McLemore 10-16 4-4 27, Casspi 2-6 2-2 7, D.Williams 1-5 0-0 3, Thompson 3-4 1-2 7, Miller 3-9 0-0 7. Totals 40-85 25-31 113

CHARLOTTE (106): Kidd-Gilchrist 9-12 5-8 23, Ma.Williams 4-12 2-2 13, Jefferson 4-9 1-2 9, M.Williams 8-20 3-3 20, Henderson 7-16 3-4 17, Walker 2-9 0-2 6, Biyombo 3-3 1-2 7, Maxiell 0-2 0-2 0, Stephenson 5-10 1-1 11. Totals 42-93 16-26 106

Sacramento 24 27 27 35—113
Charlotte 21 25 32 28—106

3-Point Goals: Sacramento 8-20 (McLemore 3-4, Gay 2-3, Casspi 1-1, Miller 1-3, D.Williams 1-5, McCallum 0-2, Cousins 0-2), Charlotte 6-18 (Ma.Williams 3-8, Walker 2-4, M.Williams 1-3, Stephenson 0-1, Henderson 0-2). Fouled Out: None. Rebounds: Sacramento 53 (Cousins 14), Charlotte 58 (Kidd-Gilchrist 9). Assists: Sacramento 25 (McCallum 9), Charlotte 28 (Henderson 11). Total Fouls: Sacramento 21, Charlotte 24. Technicals: Miller, Jefferson, Stephenson. A 15,885 (19,077)

HEAT 104, NETS 98

BROOKLYN (98): J.Johnson 3-11 6-6 12, Young 6-11 2-4 15, Lopez 5-11 3-4 15, Williams 6-10 3-3 18, Brown 0-3 2-2 2, Bogdanovic 2-6 3-4 8, Jack 5-8 7-8 18, Plumlee 3-7 2-6 8, Jefferson 1-6 0-2 2. Totals 32-73 28-39 98

MIAMI (104): Deng 3-9 3-4 10, Walker 3-6 0-0 9, Andersen 8-9 2-4 18, G.Drage 5-9 6-9 17, Wade 10-25 8-11 28, Chalmers 3-7 1-3 8, T.Johnson 2-5 0-0 4, Haslem 2-9 3-5 7, Beasley 1-2 1-2 3. Totals 37-81 24-36 104

Brooklyn 23 28 16 31— 98
Miami 34 28 20 22—104

3-Point Goals: Brooklyn 6-17 (Williams 3-4, Jack 1-1, Young 1-2, Bogdanovic 1-3, Lopez 0-1, Jefferson 0-1, Brown 0-2, J.Johnson 0-3), Miami 6-21 (Walker 3-6, G.Drage 1-3, Deng 1-4, Chalmers 1-4, Haslem 0-1, Wade 0-1, T.Johnson 0-2). Fouled Out: None. Rebounds: Brooklyn 56 (Lopez 14), Miami 54 (Andersen 14). Assists: Brooklyn 15 (Williams, Jack 4), Miami 23 (Wade 9). Total Fouls: Brooklyn 24, Miami 29. Technicals: Brown, Williams. A 19,600 (19,600)

CELTICS 95, GRIZZLIES 92

MEMPHIS (92): Je.Green 4-13 2-2 11, Z.Randolph 4-9 6-6 14, Gasol 4-9 1-1 9, Conley 4-12 2-2 10, Lee 2-10 2-2 7, Allen 7-12 2-2 16, Ja.Green 2-3 0-0 4, Koufos 2-2 0-0 4, Udrih 2-5 0-0 5, Carter 1-3 0-0 2, Calathes 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 31-78 13-16 92

BOSTON (95): Turner 1-6 2-2 4, Bass 4-8 0-0 12, Zeller 3-8 6-6 12, Smart 2-8 1-2 5, Bradley 8-17 0-0 17, Crowder 4-12 1-1 10, Olynyk 6-12 1-2 15, Thomas 1-4 2-4 4, Dieng 1-2 0-0 2, Jerebko 3-7 0-0 7. Totals 37-85 13-17 95

Memphis 18 21 24 29—92
Boston 23 16 25 31—95

3-Point Goals: Memphis 5-13 (Conley 2-5, Udrih 1-1, Je.Green 1-2, Lee 1-4, Calathes 0-1), Boston 8-27 (Crowder 1-4, Olynyk 2-6, Jerebko 1-1, Thomas 1-4, Bradley 1-8, Dieng 0-1, Bass 0-1, Smart 0-2). Fouled Out: None. Rebounds: Memphis 47 (Z.Randolph 8), Boston 46 (Zeller 9). Assists: Memphis 21 (Z.Randolph 5), Boston 28 (Turner 7). Total Fouls: Memphis 19, Boston 16. A 17,795 (18,624)

BUCKS 97, MAGIC 91

ORLANDO (91): Harris 7-16 0-0 17, Dedmon 1-4 0-0 2, Vucevic 9-20 1-1 19, Payton 5-12 2-2 12, Oladipo 4-7 4-4 14, A.Gordon 2-5 2-2 7, Harkless 0-2 0-0 0, Ridnour 1-4 2-2 5, Frye 4-5 2-2 13. Totals 34-85 13-13 91

MILWAUKEE (97): Antetokounmpo 4-9 2-4 11, Ilyasova 5-11 1-2 12, Pachulia 4-8 2-2 10, Carter-Williams 4-13 3-4 11, Middleton 12-17 2-2 30, Mayo 2-3 0-0 4, Plumlee 1-2 0-0 2, Dudley 1-4 0-0 2, Ennis 3-6 0-0 8, Henson 2-4 1-2 5, Johnson 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 39-79 11-16 97

Orlando 31 26 15 19—91
Milwaukee 29 25 18 25—97

3-Point Goals: Orlando 10-18 (Frye 3-4, Harris 3-5, Oladipo 2-4, A.Gordon 1-2, Ridnour 1-2, Payton 0-1), Milwaukee 9-18 (Middleton 4-4, Ennis 2-4, Antetokounmpo 1-2, Ilyasova 1-3, Mayo 0-1, Johnson 0-1, Dudley 0-3). Fouled Out: None. Rebounds: Orlando 35 (Vucevic 14), Milwaukee 61 (Pachulia 12). Assists: Orlando 21 (Oladipo 6), Milwaukee 30 (Carter-Williams 6). Total Fouls: Orlando 18, Milwaukee 17. A 12,593 (18,717)

GRADY

From 1C

nor any of his teammates are scared to let it fly at any point in a game.

"It's something we're really good at," Rodriquez said. "It's a very confident shot for us. Every time we shoot it, we feel like it's going in. We're confident with it no matter what."

Clay said he believes when his team is hot from the outside, it opens up the lane for penetration. For that reason, it's quite all right with him if his team approaches or even surpasses 30 attempts from distance per game.

"We shoot it well," Clay said. "If we didn't shoot it well, we wouldn't put up that many. But we make enough to justify taking as many as we do. We play an inside-out game and feel like outside shooting opens up inside opportunities. If you do it well, why not do it?"

Against Calvert, the state's No. 7 team, Grady will need to continue to hit outside shots and play with that confidence is has shown on the way to its 30-4 record this season.

With a win, Grady will take on the winner of No. 1 Texline and No. 5 Graford in what could be a memorable contest for the state title. But nobody is looking ahead. The Trojans have Grady's complete attention.

"We aren't looking at a team before we get to them," Rodriquez said. "Calvert is the first team we're going to play and the first team we need to take care of."

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CLASS 1A STATE SEMIFINAL NO. 4 GRADY VS. NO. 7 CALVERT

When/where: 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Alamodome, San Antonio

Records: Grady 30-4; Calvert 22-2

On the web: kbygradio.com or foxsports.com/southwest

How they got here: Grady, def. Wink 89-65 (area), def. Borden County 68-41 (regional quarterfinals), def. Jayton 58-41 (Region II semifinals), def. Menard 58-46 (Region II finals); Calvert, def. Abbott 56-35 (area), def. Mt. Enterprise 73-52 (regional quarterfinals), def. Premier Learning Academy (Region IV semifinals), def. Waelder 62-54 (Region IV finals)

Notes and quotes: Clay said that there are several things about the Trojans that make them a difficult opponent and a worthy state title team: "They are super athletic. They play incredibly good defense and they press hard. They're a zone press and maybe the only team we've seen that's faster than us"... Grady's Beau Lucas has really started to heat up for Grady. In the area round win against Borden County, he was held scoreless in the first half and finished with nine points. But he scored 29 and 24 in the Wildcats' wins over Jayton and Menard, respectively, to help them head to San Antonio.... Clay added that despite having to play such early games, it shouldn't be a problem for his players, as they are excited and ready to play with a state title in sight. "Once they get up and get to the stadium, they won't know what time it is," Clay said. "It's the state tourney. This is an important thing to them and I don't think there will be any trouble getting them out of bed"... As a program, Grady is currently on a remarkable run. Over the last five seasons, the Wildcats have a record of 136-28, which includes the team's most recent win against Menard. Since 2000, Grady is 402-103, despite finishing three seasons with double digit losses.

Next: Winner plays the winner of Texline-Graford, 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Alamodome, San Antonio

2015 UIL Boys State Basketball Tournament At San Antonio's Alamodome

Today

Class A Semifinals

8:30 a.m.- Calvert (22-2) vs. Grady (30-4)
10 a.m.- Texline (33-5) vs. Graford (30-3)

Class 3A Semifinals

1:30 p.m.- Brock (35-2) vs. Kountze (33-6)
3 p.m.- Universal City Randolph (30-3) vs. Childress (30-4)

Class 5A Semifinals

7 p.m.- El Paso Andress (33-1) vs. Lancaster (32-4)
8:30 p.m. Beaumont Ozen (32-3) vs. Cedar Park (28-6)

Friday

Class 2A Semifinals

8:30 a.m.- Dallardsville Big Sandy (37-3) vs. Schulenburg (29-7)
10 a.m.- Canadian (19-1) vs. Martin's Mill (33-4)

Class 4A Semifinals

1:30 p.m.- Bridgeport (33-4) vs. Dallas Madison (25-7)
3 p.m.- Houston Sterling (30-6) vs. La Marque (26-9)

Class 6A Semifinals

7 p.m.- Plano West (31-2) vs. Irving MacArthur (27-6)
8:30 p.m. Houston Clear Lake (34-2) vs. Schertz Clemens (30-4)

Saturday

8:30 a.m.- Class 1A final
10 a.m.- Class 3A final
1:30 p.m.- Class 2A final
3 p.m.- Class 5A final
7 p.m.- Class 4A final
8:30 p.m.- Class 6A final

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES AND SCHEDULES

Men

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES

TOURNAMENT

Atlantic 10 Conference

First Round

Duquesne 61, Saint Louis 56
Fordham 71, George Mason 65

Atlantic Coast Conference

Second Round

Florida St. 78, Clemson 73
NC State 81, Pittsburgh 70
North Carolina 81, Boston College 63

Big 12 Conference

First Round

TCU 67, Kansas St 65
Texas 65, Texas Tech 53

Big East Conference

First Round

Marquette 78, Seton Hall 66

Big Ten Conference

First Round

Minnesota 80, Rutgers 68
Penn St 68, Nebraska 65

Conference USA

First Round

FIU 57, UTSA 54
Middle Tennessee 63, Charlotte 61
Rice 82, North Texas 54
W. Kentucky 59, Marshall 45

Mid-American Conference

Second Round

Akron 58, W. Michigan 45
E. Michigan 73, Bowling Green 67

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference

Quarterfinals

NC Central 91, Coppin St. 43
Norfolk St 68, SC State 54

Mountain West Conference

First Round

Air Force 68, New Mexico 61
UNLV 67, Nevada 46

Pacific-12 Conference

First Round

California 84, Washington St 59
Southern Cal 67, Arizona St 64

Patriot League

Championship

Lafayette 86, American U. 63

Southeastern Conference

First Round

Auburn 74, Mississippi St 68

Southland Conference

First Round

McNeese St 62, SE Louisiana 60, OT
New Orleans 82, Nicholls St. 73

Southwestern Athletic Conference

Quarterfinals

Alabama St. 93, MVSU 81

TODAY'S GAMES

TOURNAMENTS

American Athletic Conference

At Hartford, Conn.

First Round

East Carolina vs. UCF, 2:30 p.m.
Tulane vs. Houston, 5 p.m.
UConn vs. South Florida, 7:30 p.m.

Atlantic Coast Conference

At Greensboro, N.C.

Quarterfinals

Virginia vs. Clemson-Florida St. winner, 11 a.m.
Louisville vs. North Carolina, Boston College-Georgia Tech winner, 1:30 p.m.
Duke vs. N.C. State-Pittsburgh winner, 6 p.m.
Notre Dame vs. Miami, Wake Forest-Virginia Tech winner, 8:30 p.m.

Atlantic 10 Conference

At Brooklyn, N.Y.

Second Round

UMass vs. La Salle, 11 a.m.
VCU vs. Fordham-George Mason winner, 1:30 p.m.
St. Bonaventure vs. Saint Joseph's, 5:30 p.m.
George Washington vs. Duquesne-Saint Louis winner, 8 p.m.

Big East Conference

At New York

Quarterfinals

Villanova vs. Seton Hall-Marquette winner, 11 a.m.
Providence vs. St. John's, 1:30 p.m.
Georgetown vs. DePaul-Creighton winner, 6 p.m.
Butler vs. Xavier, 8:30 p.m.

Big Sky Conference

At Missoula, Mont.

First Round

E. Washington vs. Idaho, noon
Sacramento St. vs. Portland St., 2:30 p.m.
N. Arizona vs. N. Colorado, 6:30 p.m.
Montana vs. Weber St., 9 p.m.

Big Ten Conference

At Chicago

Second Round

Illinois vs. Michigan, 11 a.m.
Iowa vs. Nebraska-Penn St. winner, 1:30 p.m.
Indiana vs. Northwestern, 5:30 p.m.
Ohio St. vs. Minnesota-Rutgers winner, 7:55 p.m.

Big 12 Conference

At Kansas City, Mo.

Quarterfinals

Baylor vs. West Virginia, 11:30 a.m.
Kansas vs. Kansas St.-TCU winner, 2 p.m.
Iowa St. vs. Texas-Texas Tech winner, 4:30 p.m.
Oklahoma vs. Oklahoma St., 8:30 p.m.

Big West Conference

At Anaheim, Calif.

First Round

UC Davis vs. Cal St. Northridge, 4 p.m.
Long Beach St. vs. Hawaii, 4:30 p.m.
UC Irvine vs. UC Riverside, 6 p.m.
UC Santa Barbara vs. Cal Poly, 10:30 p.m.

Conference USA

At Birmingham, Ala.

Quarterfinals

UTEP vs. UTSA-FIU winner, noon
Old Dominion vs. Middle Tennessee-Charlotte winner, 2:30 p.m.
UAB vs. Western Kentucky-Marshall winner, 6 p.m.
Louisiana Tech vs. North Texas-Rice winner, 8:30 p.m.

Mid-American Conference

At Cleveland

Third Round

Toledo vs. Bowling Green-Ball St., 6
Michigan-Miami (Ohio) winner, 5:30 p.m.
Kent St. vs. W. Michigan-Ohio, Akron-N. Illinois winner, 8 p.m.

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference

At Norfolk, Va.

Quarterfinals

Md.-Eastern Shore vs. Hampton, 5 p.m.
Howard vs. Delaware St., 7:30 p.m.

Mountain West Conference

At Las Vegas

Quarterfinals

Boise St. vs. New Mexico-Air Force winner, 2 p.m.
Wyoming vs. Utah St., 4:30 p.m.
San Diego St. vs. UNLV-Nevada winner, 6 p.m.
Colorado St. vs. Fresno State, 10:30 p.m.

Pacific-12 Conference

At Las Vegas

Quarterfinals

Arizona vs. California-Washington St. winner, 2:10 p.m.
UCLA vs. Arizona St.-Southern Cal winner, 4:40 p.m.
Oregon vs. Oregon St.-Colorado winner, 8:10 p.m.
Utah vs. Stanford-Washington winner, 10:40 p.m.

Southeastern Conference

At Nashville, Tenn.

Second Round

Florida vs. Alabama, noon
Texas A&M vs. Mississippi St.-Auburn winner, 2:30 p.m.
Vanderbilt vs. Tennessee, 6 p.m.
Mississippi vs. South Carolina-Missouri winner, 8:30 p.m.

Southland Conference

At Katy

Second Round

Northwestern St. vs. McNeese St.-SE Louisiana winner, 5 p.m.
Texas A&M-CC vs. Nicholls St.-New Orleans winner, 7:30 p.m.

Southwestern Athletic Conference

At Houston

Quarterfinals

Southern vs. Alabama A&M, 2:30 p.m.
Prairie View vs. Jackson St., 8:30 p.m.

Sun Belt Conference

At New Orleans

First Round

Texas-Arlington vs. Texas St., 5 p.m.
South Alabama vs. ULM, 7:30 p.m.

Western Athletic Conference

At Las Vegas

First Round

CS Bakersfield vs. Utah Valley, 4 p.m.
UMKC vs. Texas-Pan American, 6:30 p.m.
Seattle vs. Chicago St., 9 p.m.

Women

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES

TOURNAMENT

Atlantic Sun Conference

Semifinals

Florida Gulf Coast 82, Jacksonville 42
N. Kentucky 53, Stetson 52

Big Sky Conference

First Round

E. Washington 71, N. Arizona 57
N. Colorado 72, North Dakota 64
Sacramento St. 78, Montana St. 62

Big West Conference

Second Round

Cal St. Fullerton 55, Cal Poly 48

Conference USA

First Round

Charlotte 67, Marshall 52
Louisiana Tech 84, FAU 74
Old Dominion 62, Rice 51
UAB 63, UTEP 57

Horizon League

Quarterfinals

Cleveland St. 76, Ill.-Chicago 71
Green Bay 74, Milwaukee 62
Wright St. 95, Oakland 60
Youngstown St. 71, Detroit 55

Mid-American Conference

Second Round

E. Michigan 74, Toledo 57
W. Michigan 81, Cent. Michigan 68

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference

Quarterfinals

Md.-Eastern Shore 52, Hampton 50
Savannah St. 66, Coppin St. 52

Mountain West Conference

Semifinals

Boise St. 76, San Jose St. 67

Northeast Conference

Semifinals

Robert Morris 68, Bryant 62
St. Francis (NY) 71, CCSU 63, 2OT

Southwestern Athletic Conference

Quarterfinals

Jackson St. 89, Alabama A&M 82, OT
Southern U. 62, MVSU 57

Sun Belt Conference

Fifth Place

Arkansas St. 67, Appalachian St. 52

First Round

Louisiana-Lafayette 66, Troy 52
Texas St. 52, Texas-Arlington 46
ULM 71, Georgia St. 54

Western Athletic Conference

First Round

CS Bakersfield 77, Chicago St. 53
Seattle 64, Utah Valley 62

TODAY'S GAMES

TOURNAMENTS

Big Sky Conference

At Missoula, Mont.

First Round

Sacramento St. vs. Montana St. noon
N. Colorado vs. North Dakota, 2:30 p.m.
E. Washington vs. N. Arizona, 6:30 p.m.
Montana vs. Idaho St., 9 p.m.

Colonial Athletic Association

At Upper Marlboro, Md.

First Round

Towson vs. Coll. of Charleston, 11 a.m.
Delaware vs. Northeastern, 1:30 p.m.

Conference USA

At Birmingham, Ala.

Quarterfinals

Southern Miss. vs. UAB-UTEP winner, 11 a.m.
Middle Tennessee vs. Louisiana Tech-FAU winner, 1:30 p.m.
Texas-San Antonio vs. Old Dominion-Rice winner, 7:30 p.m.

Mid-American Conference

At Cleveland

Third Round

Buffalo vs. Bowling Green-W. Michigan, Cent. Michigan-N. Illinois winner, 11 a.m.
Akron vs. Kent St.-E. Michigan, Miami (Ohio)-Toledo winner, 1:30 p.m.

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference

At Norfolk, Va.

Quarterfinals

N.C. A&T vs. Bethune-Cookman, 11 a.m.
Delaware St. vs. Howard winner, 1:30 p.m.

Missouri Valley Conference

At St. Charles, Mo.

First Round

Bradley vs. Loyola of Chicago, 4 p.m.
Evansville vs. Illinois St., 7 p.m.

Southland Conference

At Katy

First Round

McNeese St. vs. Houston Baptist, 11 a.m.
Northwestern St. vs. Cent. Arkansas, 1:30 p.m.

Southwestern Athletic Conference

At Houston

Quarterfinals

Jackson St. vs. Alcorn St., noon
Alabama St. vs. Prairie View, 6 p.m.

NFL FREE AGENCY ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON

Texans sign Hoyer to compete with Mallett at QB

The Houston Texans have signed quarterback Brian Hoyer to a two-year deal to compete with Ryan Mallett for the starting job.

Hoyer signed the $10.5 million contract, with $4.75 million guaranteed on Wednesday, a day after Mallett signed a two-year deal for $7 million, with $1.75 million guaranteed.

Hoyer appeared in 14 games for Cleveland last season with 13 starts. He threw for 3,326 yards with 12 touchdowns and 13 interceptions.

AP file photo

Houston Texans wide receiver Andre Johnson pulls in a touchdown pass against the Arizona Cardinals during the first quarter of an NFL preseason game in Glendale, Ariz., in 2010. Johnson signed with the Indianapolis Colts on Wednesday.

INDIANAPOLIS

Colts sign veteran WR Andre Johnson

Andre Johnson just wanted a chance to win a championship.

Indianapolis, with Andrew Luck, seemed like the perfect landing spot.

So Wednesday, two days after the Texans released their longtime star, the 33-year-old receiver signed a three-year deal with the Colts. Terms were not immediately available.

Johnson will replace one of his closest friends, Reggie Wayne, and team up with another, Frank Gore, to chase a Super Bowl title.

"That's what we came here for," Johnson said when asked if he and former college teammate Gore were the missing pieces.

VIRGINIA

DL Stephen Paea signs as free agent with Washington Redskins

ASHBURN — Defensive lineman Stephen Paea has joined the Washington Redskins, who began free agency quietly under new general manager Scot McCloughan.

Paea, who left the Chicago Bears, signed his contract with Washington on Wednesday. Terms of the contract were not released.

FLORIDA

Ndamukong Suh signs $114 million deal with Dolphins

DAVIE — Posing for cameras following his celebratory news conference, Ndamukong Suh tried on a Miami Dolphins cap, shook his head and removed it.

"Too small," he said.

The man is large. His new contract is, too.

Suh, the 305-pound heavyweight in this year's free agent class, signed a $114 million, six-year deal Wednesday with the Dolphins.

FLORIDA

Buccaneers land ex-Cowboys LB Bruce Carter in free agency

TAMPA — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers are hoping to make better decisions in free agency, beginning with the signing of Bruce Carter.

The Bucs agreed Wednesday to a four-year, $20.5 million deal with the former Dallas linebacker, while also continuing to purge the roster of mistakes made in free agency last winter.

Carter, 27, spent the first four seasons of his career with the Cowboys. He played the past two years in a defensive scheme similar to the one the Bucs run under coach Lovie Smith and coordinator Leslie Frazier. The 2011 second-round draft pick started 32 of 49 games for Dallas, finishing with three sacks and five interceptions.

ST. LOUIS

Rams reacquire Keenum from Texans

The St. Louis Rams have reacquired quarterback Case Keenum from the Houston Texans, giving them a potential backup behind Nick Foles.

The Rams also agreed to terms Wednesday with tight end Lance Kendricks, an unrestricted free agent.

St. Louis sent a seventh-round pick in 2016 to Houston for Keenum, who earned his first two NFL wins to end last season. Keenum was on St. Louis' practice squad much of last season.

The Texans signed Keenum off the Rams' practice squad late last season. He completed 58 percent of his passes for 435 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions.

The Rams claimed Keenum off waivers from Houston last September, subsequently waived him and then signed him to the practice squad in late October.

MISSOURI

Chiefs announce signing of wide receiver Jeremy Maclin

KANSAS CITY — When he was recovering from a torn ACL a couple of years ago, Jeremy Maclin kept in touch with Andy Reid. The coach had been fired by the Eagles and landed in Kansas City, yet the bond the wide receiver had built with him had endured.

Now, the two of them will have the chance to work together again.

Maclin signed a five-year deal with the Chiefs on Wednesday, giving Reid the kind of down-the-field threat that the franchise was sorely lacking last year. He agreed to terms over the weekend, but had to wait for the start of free agency to sign.

"This is something I never dreamed could happen," Maclin said.

The contract is worth up to $55 million, a person familiar with it told The Associated Press. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the details were not disclosed.

"It's not all about the money, man. This is a perfect situation, with the familiarity, what I came into the league doing," Maclin said.

BUSCH

From 1C

Driscoll questioned NASCAR's decision to make Busch championship-eligible this season.

"I'm deeply concerned about the message NASCAR is sending by letting him compete for the championship after he was found by a judge to have committed an act of domestic violence," Driscoll said in a statement. "But I am gratified, at least, that NASCAR's decision comes with the mandatory condition that he follow through on the treatment he so clearly needs."

Busch did not reveal what he did to satisfy NASCAR, but indicated he wished he had participated in such a program earlier in his career. He also said he had been encouraged by NASCAR chairman Brian France, who urged him not to change as a driver.

"It's a road map that they laid out that I am respecting, and it's created such a good foundation to utilize that I wish I had done it sooner," Busch said. "Talking with Brian France and going through this road, he told me, 'Don't change. Don't be the person that is different in the car. Be a person that's different outside the car.'

"So Brian said, 'Go be yourself in that car, that's what we really love. We love Kurt Busch behind the wheel.' That's my focus, to be humble throughout this whole process and let actions speak louder than words."

Busch's return was also cleared by Chevrolet, which had suspended its relationship with Busch. SHR is a Chevrolet team.

The new Chase for the Sprint Cup championship format introduced last season gives drivers an automatic berth into the 16-driver field with a victory during the regular season. But, a driver must be ranked inside the top 30 in points to use that automatic berth.

Busch currently has no points in the No. 41 Chevrolet, a car Haas pays for out of pocket specifically for Busch.

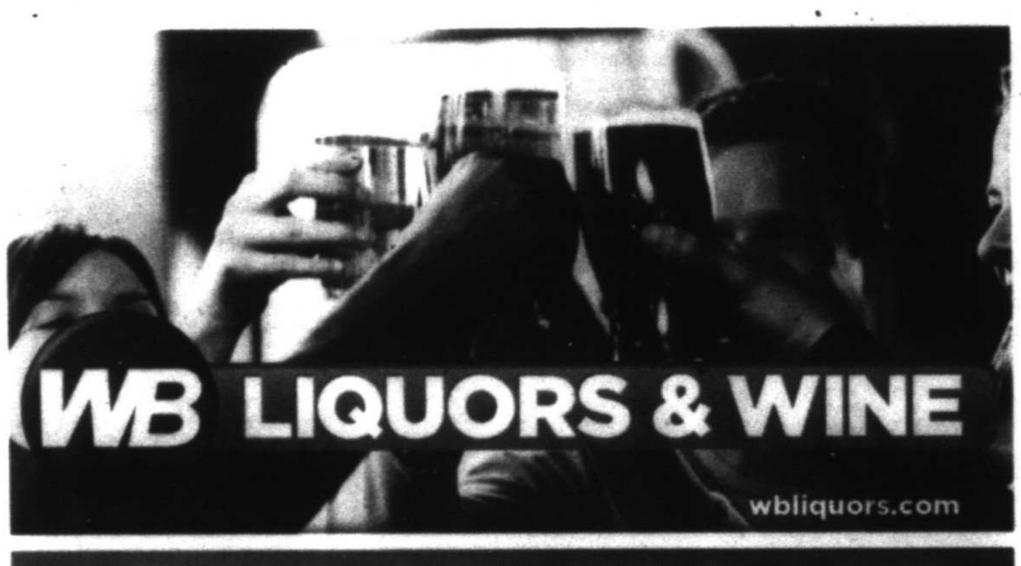
It was Haas who gave Busch the opportunity to resurrect his career as one of the most talented drivers in NASCAR. The 36-year-old has a history of blow-ups on and off the track that date back to his rookie season. He was suspended in 2012 by NASCAR for threatening a reporter, and parked for the final two races of the 2005 season by Roush-Fenway Racing after he was pulled over by police in Arizona.

Haas, wanting a driver who could take his machine tool manufacturing company to victory lane, offered Busch a ride in a new fourth car at SHR when Busch found himself driving for low-budget teams. Busch was fired at the end of 2011 by Roger Penske for a series of on-and off-track incidents, and he spent two seasons driving for low-budget teams before Haas extended the olive branch.

Busch has 25 career wins, but only one since 2011. It came last year, his first season with SHR, and qualified him for the Chase. Driscoll alleged the assault occurred two days before the third Chase race, when Busch was in danger of being eliminated from the field. He was indeed knocked out of the Chase that weekend.

Busch still must comply with guidelines set by Family Court Commissioner David Jones, who granted the no-contact order for Driscoll that led to his Feb. 20 suspension, two days before the season-opening race at Daytona. Jones wrote in his opinion that he believed Busch could lash out again and has a propensity to lose control in response to disappointing or frustrating situations involving racing.

Jones ordered Busch to be evaluated to see if there is a "treatable mental health condition." He also said Busch must follow any suggested treatment plans. Busch is appealing Jones' ruling.



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		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID	ABC	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Grey's A. "I Feel the Earth Move" (N)		Scandal (N)		American Crime "Episode Two" (N)		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7 News	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Couple (N)	Big Bang Theory	Mom (N)	Elementary "T-Bone and the Iceman" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman		(:35) Late Show
KWWT	CW	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Hogan's Heroes	Twilight "Elegy"	Welcome Kotter	Welcome Kotter	Carol Burnett	Perry Mason		McMillan "Greed"
KPEJ	FOX	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	American Idol The Top 12 perform. (N)				Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot In Cleveland	Hot In Cleveland	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KMLM	IND	Dr. Rik Wadge	Rocks/M-anuscripts	Update News	Fruits of Zion	Light of the Southwest				Joe McGee	Matt Staver	Called Out	Biblical Israel
KWES	NBC	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		The Slap "Connie" (N)		The Blacklist "The Major" (N)		Allegiance "Liars and Thieves" (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT	PBS	PBS NewsHour		Celtic Woman "Emerald" Ireland and Celtic heritage are celebrated.				Celtic Woman "Fan Favorites"			Music of Ireland Celebrates music and artists from Northern Ireland.		
KUPB	UNI	La sombra del pasado		Mi corazón es Tuyo		Hasta el fin del mundo		Que te perdone Dios... Yo no		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA	MNT	Fam.Feud	Million..	The Mentalist		The Mentalist		My News	Million..	Anger M.	M&M	Office	Access H.
FLIX		340	65	165	(5:15) Hideous Kin...		★★ Up Close and Personal			(:05)	★★★ The Horse Whisperer ('98, Dra) Robert Redford.		
HBO		300	68	14	14	Citizenfour ('14, Doc) Edward Snowden.		The Jinx		Together	Looking	Downtown Girls	Girls	Vice
HBO2		302	69	15	101	23 (5:10) Up in the Air		Girls	Together	Neighbors Seth Rogen.		1stLook	The Fault in Our Stars Shailene Woodley.		
HBO5		304	70	16	102	Movie	Looking	★★ 28 Days Sandra Bullock.		Making		LastWeek	Bill Maher (N)	The Place Beyond the Pines	
MAX		380	71	17	120	24 (5:35) ★★ Trance		(:20) The Signal Brenton Thwaites.				★★ The Wolverine Hugh Jackman.		(:10) Co-Ed	(:45) Co-Ed
MAX2		382	72	18	122	Movie	★★★ Idiocracy Luke Wilson.			★★ 2 Guns			(:50) Zane's Jump Off	(:25) Games	(:55) Waist Deep
PLEX			96		(4:50) Stepmom		★★ Peggy Sue Got Married		(:45)	★★ Drop Dead Gorgeous				★★ Wagons East John Candy.	
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25 (5:30) ★★ Mercury Rising		★ Kobe Bryant's Muse				Shame. "Uncle Carl"	Penn &..	Lies	Episodes	Movie
TMC		336	67	22	155	26 (5:05) Java Heat		★ The To Do List ('13, Com) Aubrey Plaza.				★★ Crazy/ Beautiful		(:40) ★★ Elizabethtown	
A&E		27	32	28	35	47	The First 48 "Heartless"	The First 48 "Stray Shot"		After the First 48 "Deadly Dance" (N)		Nightwatch "Caught You, By Surprise" (N)	The First 48 "Jacked/ Fallen Idol"		The First 48 "Stray Shot"
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	(5:00) ★ Hard to Kill	★★★ The Green Mile (1999, Drama) David Morse, Bonnie Hunt, Tom Hanks.							★★★ Carrie
BET		58	26		40	(5:30) Being	Being Mary Jane		Being Mary Jane		Being Mary Jane		Being Mary Jane	KeyshiaC	Wendy Williams
BRAVO		65	63		41	Beverly Hills		Beverly Hills		Real Melbourne (N)		Vanderpump Rules	Watch (N)	Beverly Hills	S. Charm
CNBC		46	45		39	72	American Vice	Shark Tank		Greed "The Car Con"		American Greed		American Greed	
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	OutFront	A. Cooper 360		Inside Man (N)		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	M. Spurlock Inside
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	Alaska "Fall Feast"	Alaska/Frontier		Alaska "Poopsicle"		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska "Fall Flurry"	Alaska/Frontier
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	Liv/Mad	ICC Under	★★ Cars 2 ('11, Ani) Larry the Cable Guy.			Austin	I Didn't	Liv/Mad	Dog Blog	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball ACC Tournament (L)					NCAA Basketball ACC Tournament (L)			NCAA Basket. Pac-12 Tournament
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	(5:30) NCAA Basketball			NCAA Basketball Big-10 Tournament (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	(5:30) ★★ Big Daddy			★★★ Hitch ('05, Com) Eva Mendes, Will Smith.				The 700 Club		Boy MW	Boy MW
FNC		45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File
FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped Canada (N)		BeatFlay	Beat Flay	Cutthroat Kitchen		Chopped Canada
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	NHL Hockey Dallas Stars at Carolina Hurricanes Site: PNC Arena -- Raleigh, N.C. (L)					Stars Live (L)	Inside LSU Bask.	The Beat Tex A&M	Rodeo Wrap (L)	Outdoor SW (N)	O'Brie-nAward	SportsD-ay OnAir
FX		31	31	59	64	69	Movie	★★★ Just Go With It ('11, Com) Adam Sandler.					Archer (N)	Archer	Archer	★★★ Just Go With It	
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	Waltons "The Car"	The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	Fixer Upper		Rehab	Rehab	H.Hunter	House	H.Hunt	House	Rehab	Rehab
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	Pawn S.	Pawn Star	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn (N)	Pawn (N)	Vikings "Scarred" (N)		(:05) Gangland U.		Pawn S.	Pawn S.
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	(5:00) ★ To Be Announced		★★ Diary of a Mad Black Woman ('05, Dra) Steve Harris, Kimberly Elise.				★ The Family That Preys ('08, Com) Sanaa Lathan, Alfre Woodard.			★★ Diary of a Mad Black Woman	
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow
NBCSN		38	39				(5:30) NCAA Basketball A-10 Tournament First Round Site: Barclays Center -- Brooklyn, N.Y. (L)									UCI Cycling	Paris-Nice	F1 Racing
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Thunder	Hathaway	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	(:10) Ray	(:50) Ray
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	★★★★ End of Watch Jake Gyllenhaal.			
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	(5:00) The Scorpio..		WWE Smackdown! (N)				Wizard Wars (N)		Close Up Kings		Wizard Wars	
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinf. "The Soul Mate"	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Sofia Vergara, J.B. Smoove		The Office	Conan
TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(4:30) Little Big M...		★ Requiem for a Heavyweight				(:45) ★★★ The Hustler ('61, Dra) Paul Newman.				(:15) Don't Drink..	
TELE		20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Los miserables			Tierra de reyes	Dueños del paraiso		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	Tierra de reyes	
TLC		51	33	32	38	52	Amer. Gypsy Wedd "Wed at First Sight"		Gypsy Wedd "When Bridesmaids Go Bad"			Wedding "From Jail to Wedding Veil" (N)	Myrtle Manor "Trailer Park Secrets" (N)		Gypsy Wedd "From Jail to Wedding Veil"		Myrtle Manor "Trailer Park Secrets"	
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	NBA Basketball Memphis Grizzlies at Washington Wizards Site: Verizon Center -- Washington, D.C. (L)						NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at San Antonio Spurs Site: AT&T Center -- San Antonio, Texas (L)				Inside the NBA	
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Walker, TX "Rookie"		Fam.Feud	Fam.Feud	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Friends	Friends
USA		26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Comic Perversion"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Gridiron Soldier"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Gambler's Fallacy"		DIG "Catch You Later" (N)		DIG "Pilot"		DIG	
WGN		19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Outlaw Country		Outlaw Country		Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.

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Mayweather, Pacquiao begin countdown to their big fight

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Manny Pacquiao was out walking the red carpet by the time Floyd Mayweather Jr. arrived, fashionably late for their first appearance together to promote a fight that really needs no promoting.

But it didn't take long Wednesday for Mayweather to put the fight into perspective in a way that only a fighter nicknamed "Money" can.

"You get to this level where you're making nine figures in 36 minutes," Mayweather said, "and you have to be a winner."

Mayweather had the math right, though he declined to say just how much he will make in the May 2 fight that has stirred excitement far beyond the boxing community. He will get 60 percent of the purse in what is expected to be boxing's richest fight ever, a haul that could exceed $120 million for Mayweather alone.

Pacquiao won't do badly, either, in a fight that was five years in the making and will break records in another way — it will cost fans more than any other fight in history to watch both at the MGM Grand arena or in the comfort of their living rooms.

At the only press conference the fighters will do prior to the week of the fight, promoters announced that tickets would range from $1,500 in the upper reaches of the MGM Garden to $7,500 at ringside.

Associated Press

Boxers Floyd Mayweather Jr., left, and Manny Pacquiao pose for photos after a news conference, Wednesday in Los Angeles. The two are scheduled to fight in Las Vegas on May 2.

The pay-per-view price wasn't announced, but is expected to be in the $90-100 range.

They may have to reach deep into their pockets to afford it, but there's little doubt that boxing fans will buy it. They want to see what Mayweather and Pacquiao say they are eager to show — the two biggest draws in boxing settling things between them once and for all in the ring.

"We don't want to leave a question mark in the minds of fans of boxing," said Pacquiao, from the Philippines. "It's also very important this fight is for the honor of my country."

If the interest in the press conference at a downtown theater was any indication, the fight is already on its way to record business. More than 700 credentials were issued for the event, and both fighters walked a red carpet lined by photographers and video cameras that was worthy of the Academy Awards.

Mayweather came late, though he could walk over from his condo next door. The pay-per-view king was businesslike and relatively subdued, with nothing bad to say about Pacquiao or anyone in his camp.

"It's always good to have the best fight the best," Mayweather said. "That's what's so intriguing about this match up."

Mayweather said he was adamant about making the fight, pestering manager Al Haymon to get it done. But the biggest bout in recent history still may not have happened if not for a chance meeting between Mayweather and Pacquiao at a Miami Heat basketball game in January — a meeting that took place only because a big storm on the East Coast delayed Pacquiao's flight.

Mayweather went to Pacquiao's hotel suite afterward and the two talked and decided the fight had to be made.

"I didn't say a lot of words because I didn't want to say a mistake," Pacquiao said. "He said there's an A-side and a B-side and the purse would be 40-60. That's enough to put me in the B-side."

Mayweather said the fight reminded him of when he was young and Marvin Hagler and Sugar Ray Leonard fought in a huge middleweight title match in 1987. Mayweather said he wondered then how there could ever be a fight as big as that one.

Now he's in a fight that will be bigger, if only because technology has advanced far enough to sell it to almost every home in the country.

"It's all about timing and I think we couldn't choose a better time," Mayweather said. "This is a fight the world can't miss. This is an unbelievable matchup."

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Yesterday's Answer: QUARTS + Z = PHRASE; QUADS + HURT = QUARTZ

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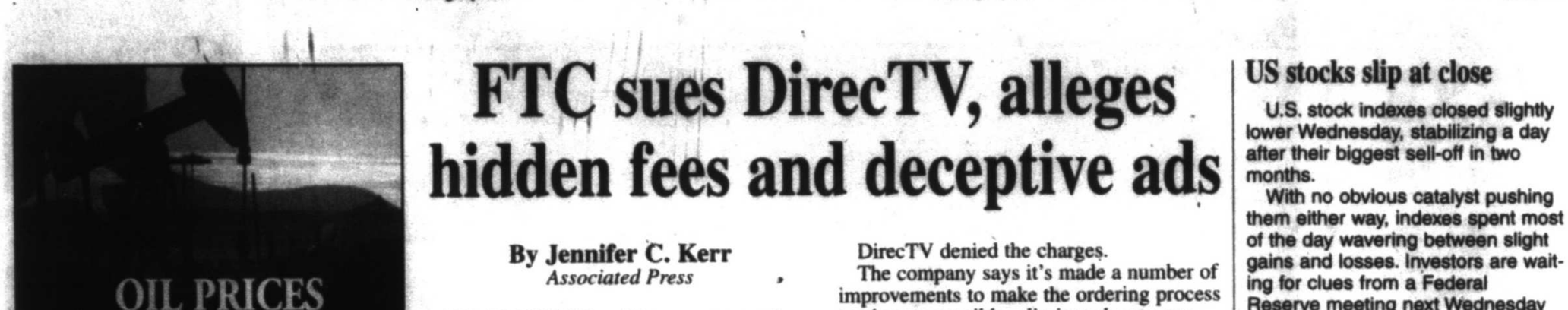

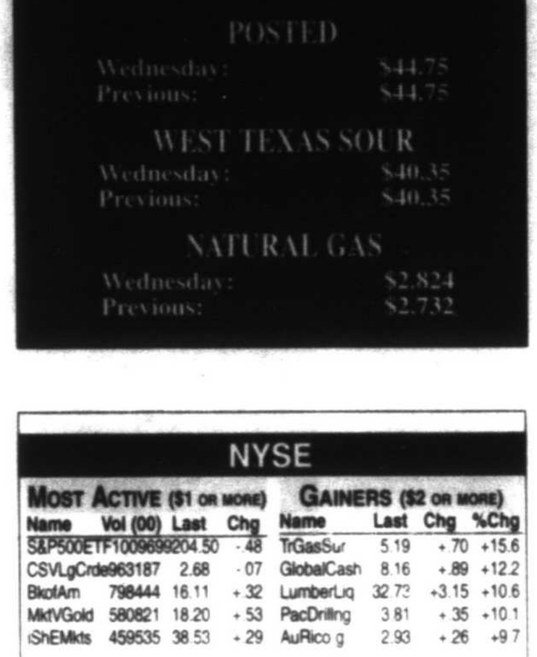

FTC sues DirecTV, alleges hidden fees and deceptive ads

By Jennifer C. Kerr
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government is taking the nation's biggest satellite TV provider to court, accusing DirecTV of misleading millions of consumers about the cost of its programming.

The Federal Trade Commission said Wednesday that its complaint charges DirecTV Inc. with deceptively advertising a discounted 12-month programming package. Consumers weren't clearly told that the package requires a two-year contract, the commission said.

The advertising, the FTC said, did not make clear that the cost of the package would increase by up to $45 more per month in the second year and that hefty early cancellation fees — up to $480 — would apply. The allegations of deceptive advertising date back to 2007 and cover more recent marketing campaigns, such as one in late 2014 that offered the company's subscription service on a limited basis for "only $19.99" a month.

"We require businesses to be truthful and to give consumers the information they need to make informed choices about goods and services," said Jessica Rich, head of the agency's consumer protection bureau. "Companies can't hide important information from consumers to trick them into buying goods and services — and that's what we allege DirecTV did."

DirecTV denied the charges.

The company says it's made a number of improvements to make the ordering process as clear as possible, eliminated some promotions that may have been confusing to consumers, and prominently disclosed introductory pricing terms.

DirecTV said many customers shop online, but the vast majority place their order by phone. All the details about terms and conditions are verbally communicated during the phone call and customers are asked to acknowledge that they understand the terms, the company said.

The FTC's Rich said the commission would seek refunds for consumers. She did not say exactly how many people were involved but said a large portion of the company's more than 20 million U.S. subscribers were affected.

The FTC also took issue with DirecTV's trial offers of premium channels, such as HBO and Cinemax. Consumers weren't properly told that they would incur significant monthly fees if they didn't cancel the trial offer before the three months were up, the FTC said.

California-based DirecTV has been in trouble with the FTC before. The company paid a $5.3 million settlement in 2005, and then a $2.3 million settlement in 2009 — both over telemarketing calls to consumers.

The FTC complaint over DirecTV's marketing practices was filed in federal court in San Francisco.

US stocks slip at close

U.S. stock indexes closed slightly lower Wednesday, stabilizing a day after their biggest sell-off in two months.

With no obvious catalyst pushing them either way, indexes spent most of the day wavering between slight gains and losses. Investors are waiting for clues from a Federal Reserve meeting next Wednesday as to when it may start increasing interest rates. The prospect of higher rates and a surge in the dollar have been weighing on markets since indexes hit record highs last week.

Stocks rose at the opening of trading and, until about an hour before the close, were holding onto their gains. The losses at the end were tiny, and energy and financial companies managed to rally.

"Investors are reassessing whether yesterday's sell-off made sense," said David Lefkowitz, senior stock strategist at UBS. "We still like stocks."

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 27.55 points, or 0.2 percent, to close at 17,635.39. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 3.92 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,040.24. Both indexes are down now about 1 percent in 2015.

The Nasdaq composite fell 9.85 points, or 0.2 percent, to 4,849.94. The Nasdaq is up 2.4 percent this year.

The odds of the Fed raising rates appeared to rise on Friday after the U.S. government reported a burst in hiring last month.

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETP1009699204	50	.48	
CSVLgCrde963187	2.68	-.07	
BkofAm	798444	16.11	+.32
MktVGold	580821	18.20	+.53
iShEMkts	459535	38.53	+.29

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TrGasSur	5.19	+.70	+15.6
GlobalCash	8.16	+.89	+12.2
LumberLiq	32.72	+3.15	+10.6
PacDrilling	3.81	+.35	+10.1
AuRico g	2.93	+.26	+9.7

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Braskem	7.05	-1.80	-20.3
Blount	13.30	-3.23	-19.5
DirGMBear	13.73	-2.43	-15.0
NuverraE	2.97	-.39	-11.6
GoodrP pfC	8.35	-1.09	-11.5

Diary

Advanced	1,775
Declined	1,339
Unchanged	106
Total issues	3,220
New Highs	48
New Lows	115
Volume	3,330,651,258

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Globalstar	64825	3.15	+.21
BarcGSOil	48603	10.70	-.09
SynthBiol	42436	2.96	+.02
NwGold g	41069	3.50	+.15
CorMedix	29448	8.06	-1.09

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CT Ptrs	7.85	+1.18	+18.2
AmpioPhm	6.57	+.72	+12.3
MAG Sliv g	6.73	+.62	+10.1
Medgen wt	2.99	+.24	+8.7
Globalstar	3.15	+.21	+7.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EnerJex pf	14.42	-4.38	-23.3
CorMed wt	4.45	-1.05	-19.1
CorMedix	8.06	-1.09	-11.9
Daxor	6.05	-.66	-9.8
OnonEngy	3.04	-.16	-5.0

Diary

Advanced	193
Declined	196
Unchanged	33
Total issues	422
New Highs	4
New Lows	22
Volume	104,672,469

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Apple Inc s	674208	122.24	-2.27
Intel	462297	32.33	+.63
Zogenix	330990	1.22	.45
Microsoft	284224	41.96	.05
Cisco	248037	28.26	.40

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MELASci rs	3.32	+1.24	+59.6
GtBasSci n	2.38	+.54	+29.3
Capnia n	7.04	+1.50	+27.1
CellularBio	46.45	+7.22	+18.4
PremEx rs	3.09	+.45	+17.0

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Resonant n	9.67	-3.31	-25.5
Cyclacel pf	6.00	-1.20	-16.7
VBradley	15.14	-2.93	-16.2
MannPhD n	7.45	-3.06	-14.9
MRV Com	8.10	-1.40	-14.7

Diary

Advanced	1,540
Declined	1,170
Unchanged	159
Total issues	2,869
New Highs	57
New Lows	88
Volume	1,766,149,002

Banks roll out spending plans after getting Fed clearance

By Jennifer C. Kerr
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Federal Reserve approved plans by major U.S. banks to raise dividends and buy back shares.

Many of the banks responded by revealing their plans.

Bank of America announced plans to buy back $4 billion in stock after getting conditional approval from the Fed. Bank of America's buyback plan comes with conditions, however. In the results from its annual "stress tests," the Fed said BofA had "deficiencies in its capital planning process" and asked the bank to resubmit its plans by September 30 to address those issues.

Here's what other banks will do:

■ Ally Financial Inc. will redeem or repurchase $2.8 billion in preferred securities.

■ American Express Co. will buy back up to $6.6 billion in stock and raise its dividend to 29 cents from 26 cents.

■ Bank of New York Mellon Corp. will buy back up to $2.4 billion in stock, and may buy back another $700 million in shares if it issues $1 billion in preferred stock.

■ BB&T Corp. will buy back up to $820 million in stock and raise its dividend to 27 cents from 24 cents.

■ BBVA Compass Bancshares Inc. will raise its common dividend to $115 million from $102 million.

■ Capital One Financial Corp. plans to buy back $3.13 billion in stock and raise its dividend from 40 cents from 30 cents.

■ Citi will buy back up to $7.8 billion in stock and raise its quarterly dividend to 5 cents from 1 cent.

■ Citizens Financial Group plans to buy back up to $500 million in stock.

■ Comerica Inc. will buy back up to $393 million in stock and raise its dividend to 21 cents from 20 cents.

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Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $45.75 Up 2.03

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $107.82 Up 1.23

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.72 Down 0.06

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $70.05 Up 1.96

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $11.01 Up 0.68

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.10 Up 0.10

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $18.50 Up 0.53

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $28.80 Up 0.50

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $9.34 Up 0.08

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $17.41 Up 0.29

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.88f	27	32.62	.16	-2.9
AbbVie	2.04f	52	56.62	+.78	-13.5
Abraxas	...	5	3.23	+.08	+9.7
AdamsEx	1.18e	...	13.75	-.09	+.5
Alcoa	.12	72	13.59	+.09	-13.9
Alibaba n			81.99	-.98	-21.1
AlonUSA	.40a	26	14.30	+.18	+12.9
Amgen	3.16	23	152.70	-.88	-4.1
Anadarko	1.08	...	79.49	+.50	-3.6
Apache	1.00	...	61.16	+1.01	-2.4
Apple Inc s	1.88	16	122.24	-2.27	+10.7
ApldMatl	.40	24	23.46	-.06	-5.9
ATMOS	1.56	17	52.05	+.03	-6.6
AutoData	1.96	29	84.99	+.33	+1.9
Avon	.24		8.48	+.04	-9.7
BP PLC	2.40f	6	38.23	-.81	+.3
BabaCCInv	1.20		15.83		-.4
BakrHu	.68	15	60.17	+.10	+7.3
BkofAm	.20	46	16.11	+.32	-9.9
B rPVixST			29.23	+.72	-7.2
BarrickG	.20	57	10.89	+.21	+1.3
BasicEnSv			6.94	+.09	-1.0
BerkHa A	...	17217500	0.00	+100.00	-3.8
BlkHillsCp	1.62f	17	48.16	-.06	-9.2
BrMySq	1.48	55	65.60	+.07	+11.1
BrownFA	1.26	28	88.18	-.13	+.5
BrownFB	1.26	28	87.45	-.74	-.4
CVS Health	1.40	26	101.56	+.03	+5.5
Cameron		11	44.63	-.23	-10.7
Caterpillar	2.80	14	79.70	-.21	-12.9
Celestic g		13	11.65	+.28	-.8
CntryLink	2.16	26	35.29	+.16	-10.8
ChesEng	.35	7	14.29	+.45	-27.0
Chevron	4.28	10	103.54	+.63	-7.7
Chicos	.31f	...	17.76	-.10	+9.6
Cimarex	.64	19	107.75	+.38	+1.7
Cisco	.84f	17	28.26	-.40	+2.3
Citigroup	.20f	24	52.33	+1.10	-3.3
ClayEng	...	19	45.75	+2.03	-28.3
CocaCola	1.32f	25	40.10	-.59	-5.0
ColgPalm	1.52f	29	67.89	-.51	-1.9
Comcast	1.00f	18	58.06	+.64	+.1
ConAgra	1.00	...	33.58	-.33	-7.4
ConchoRes	...	22	107.82	+1.23	+8.1

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConocoPhil	2.92	11	61.30	+.43	-11.2
CrackerB	4.00	24	149.70	+.12	+6.4
CSVInvNG			6.44	-.78	-19.9
CSVLgNGs			2.91	+.29	-26.9
CSVLgCrde			2.68	-.07	-45.2
CSVelIVST			30.73	-.77	-1.3
CSVixShrt			2.22	+.08	-19.6
CrosTim	2.65e	8	20.78	-.01	+20.0
Cytori h			1.19	-.16	+143.4
DCP Mid	3.12f	13	35.93	-1.00	-20.9
DTE	2.76	15	78.15	-.63	-9.5
Dataram h			2.42	.10	+42.4
DevonE	.96	15	57.84	+1.09	-5.5
DxGldBull			9.50	+.78	-14.9
Disney	1.15f	23	102.89	-.20	+9.2
DowChm	1.68	16	46.78	-.33	+2.6
EMC Cp	.46	20	25.72	-1.23	-13.5
EOG Res s	.67	16	86.55	+.36	-6.0
EmpDist	1.04	15	23.90	-.06	-19.6
Energen	.08	26	63.33	+.23	-.7
EngyTsfr	3.98f	33	54.75	-.60	-15.8
EnPro	.80	78	66.46	+.81	+5.9
EntPrdPt s	1.48f	21	31.38	-.83	-13.1
Ericsson	.46e	...	12.42	+.16	+2.6
ExterranH	.80	22	30.78	+.40	-5.5
ExxonMbl	2.76	11	84.02	-.24	-9.1
Facebook	...	71	77.57	+.02	-.6
FordM	.60f	20	15.75	+.03	+1.6
FrptMcM	1.25		18.81	-.03	-19.5
FrontierCm	.42f	57	7.36	+.07	+10.3
GATX	1.52f	13	56.96	+.47	-1.0
GabMutT	1.06e	...	9.53	-.08	-4.8
GAInv	3.50e	...	34.74	-.20	-.7
GenElec	.92	17	25.19	+.02	-.3
GenMotors	1.20	23	37.78	+.23	+8.2
GeronCp	.15f	...	4.11	+.01	+26.5
GtPlainEn	.96	17	25.83	-.26	-8.1
HalconRes	...	...	1.69	+.10	-5.1
Hallibrtn	.72	10	41.31	...	+5.0
HewlettP	.64	12	32.61	-.08	-18.7
iShBrazil	1.39e	...	30.61	+.15	-16.3
iShJapan	.15e	...	12.20	+.11	+8.5
iShChinaLC	1.04e	...	40.87	+.10	-1.8
iShEMkts	.88e	...	38.53	+.29	-1.9

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iS Eafe	2.26e		62.68	+.16	+3.0
iShR2K	1.51e		121.04	+.74	+1.2
IntegrysE	2.72	21	70.58	-.72	-9.3
Intel	.96	14	32.33	+.63	-10.9
InterDig	.80		53.03	-.11	+.2
ItauUnibH	.41e		10.75	+.25	-17.3
JPMorgCh	1.60	11	60.24	+.28	-3.1
JohnJn	2.80	17	98.32	-1.21	-6.0
KimbClk	3.52f	26	104.15	-.82	-9.9
Kinross g			2.37	+.05	-16.0
LegacyRes	2.44		11.01	+.68	-3.7
Lubys	...	...	5.38	-.05	+18.2
LumberLiq		14	32.73	+3.15	-50.6
MGM Rsts			19.59	-.44	-8.4
MVJrGold			22.40	+1.11	-6.4
MktVGold	12e		18.20	+.53	-1.0
MktVRus	.64e		16.54	+.28	+13.1
McDnlds	3.40	20	94.96	-1.33	+1.3
Merck	1.80	14	58.06	-.52	-1.3
MerltMed	...	35	19.12	+.02	+10.3
MexcoEn			5.10	+.10	-6.1
MicronT		9	27.88	+.27	-20.4
Microsoft	1.24	17	41.98	-.05	-9.6
Mylan NV		25	59.00	+3.70	+4.7
Nabors	.24	10	12.18	+.58	-6.2
NBGreece			1.28	-.06	-28.5
NatGrid	3.48e	...	63.78	-.56	-9.7
NOilVarco	1.84	8	50.16	-.06	-23.5
NokiaCp	.51e		7.73	+.10	-1.7
NvMAd	.75e	...	13.66	-.01	...
NvPtMI	.62e	...	13.71	+.01	-1.9
NuvPI	.82e	...	13.77	...	-.6
NSTPI3	.59e	...	14.40	-.02	+1.1
NTXQI	.65e	...	14.14	-.02	-2.2
OcciPet	2.88	13	74.26	+.44	-7.9
ParTech	...	...	4.89	-.13	-23.7
ParkDri	...	9	7.05	+.16	-1.3
PattUTI	.40	15	17.17	+.21	+3.5
PennaRE	.84f	...	21.76	-.09	-7.2
Pmian	.90e	9	9.07	-.19	-5.0
PetbrasA	.65e	...	5.53	+.15	-25.9
Petrobras	.45e	...	5.41	+.11	-25.9
Pfizer	1.12f	24	33.03	+.15	+8.0
PioNtrl	.08	24	153.14	+1.16	+2.9
PlainsAAP	2.70f	21	46.75	-1.15	-8.9

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PwShs QQQ	1.45e	...	105.11	-.61	+1.8
Praxair	2.88f	22	124.22	-.14	-4.1
PrmEgy	...	10	58.32	...	-19.8
PUltVixST			19.82	+.90	-21.2
PrUltCrude			7.69	-.08	-25.8
ProctGam	2.57	25	81.39	-.15	-10.6
Qualcom	1.92f	15	70.27	-1.62	-5.5
RangeRs	.16	19	47.09	+1.11	-11.9
RiteAid	...	22	7.31	-.06	-2.8
Rowan	.40	...	19.20	+.14	-17.7
RoyDShllA	3.76	11	58.10	-.63	-13.2
SpdrDJIA	3.52e		176.35	-.34	-.9
S&P500ETF	3.83e		204.50	-.48	-.5
SabnR	4.26e	11	42.58	+.25	+19.0
SallxPhm	...	...	168.61	+10.96	+46.7
SanderFm	.88e	6	79.03	-3.48	-5.9
SandRdge	...	3	1.59	+.01	-12.6
Schlmbrg	2.00f	20	81.27	-.04	-4.8
SeadrillLtd	...	1	9.70	+.04	-18.8
SigmaAld	.92	33	137.97	-.09	+.5
SiriusXM	...	43	3.89	+.03	+11.1
SkywksSol	.52	32	92.20	+1.00	+26.8
Smucker	2.56	20	111.12	+.39	+10.0
Sprint	...	...	5.05	+.01	+21.7
SP Engy	1.85e	...	75.39	+.22	-4.8
SPDR Fncl	.40e	...	23.97	+.15	-3.1

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
SunocoL s	1.60f	72	40.10	-3.06	-4.0
TeleflEsp	.97e	...	13.96	-.11	-1.8
Tesoro	1.70f	13	86.68	+1.57	+16.6
3M Co	4.10f	22	161.73	-.53	-1.6
Torchmrk s	.51	13	53.41	+.09	-1.4
TriConti	.78e	...	21.59	...	+.8
TylerTech	...	66	116.71	+1.92	+6.8
Tyson	.40	13	37.55	-2.23	-6.3
UBWV	1.28	19	36.87	+.41	-1.5
US OilFd	...	...	17.77	-.14	-12.7
Vale SA	.60e	...	6.06	-.98	-25.9
ValeantPh	...	73	193.71	-7.77	+35.4
ValeroE	1.60f	8	57.74	-.03	+16.6
VangEmg	1.17e	...	39.46	+.31	-1.4
VerizonCm	2.20	20	47.68	+.17	+1.9
VulcanM	.40f	52	83.24	+.81	+26.6
WalgBoots	1.35	39	82.51	-.21	+8.3
WellsFargo	1.40	13	53.70	+.41	-2.0
WstnRefin	1.20	9	45.75	+.18	+21.1
WhitingPet	...	10	38.04	+.80	+15.3
WmaCos	2.32f	70	46.24	+1.45	+2.9
XcelEnrgy	1.28f	17	33.85	-.31	-5.8
Xerox	.28f	15	12.87	+.12	-7.1
Zogenix	...	61	1.22	-.45	-10.9
Zynga	...	...	2.61	+.06	-1.9

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,288.63	15,855.12	Dow Jones Industrials	17,635.39	-27.55	-.16	-1.05	+7.93
9,910.22	7,346.24	Dow Jones Transportation	8,897.27	+98.92	+1.12	-2.65	+17.29
657.17	508.51	Dow Jones Utilities	566.90	-2.86	-.50	-8.28	+9.97
11,140.56	9,888.08	NYSE Composite	10,978.77	+.36	...	-1.48	+2.49
5,008.57	3,946.03	Nasdaq Composite	4,849.94	-9.86	-.20	+2.40	+12.18
2,119.59	1,814.36	S&P 500	2,040.24	-3.92	-.19	-.91	+9.21
1,519.87	1,269.45	S&P Midcap	1,483.19	+10.75	+.73	+2.12	+7.88
22,369.06	19,160.13	Wilshire 5000	21,600.88	-16.03	-.07	-.32	+7.82
1,243.33	1,040.47	Russell 2000	1,215.79	+7.32	+.61	+.92	+2.05

TODAY: Mostly sunny	FRIDAY: Mostly sunny	SATURDAY: Mostly sunny	SUNDAY: Sunny	MONDAY: Mostly sunny	TUESDAY: Partly sunny
High: 69 Low: 40	High: 67 Low: 41	High: 68 Low: 44	High: 74 Low: 47	High: 73 Low: 51	High: 69 Low: 48

Local forecast

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high of 69 and partly cloudy skies tonight with a low around 43.

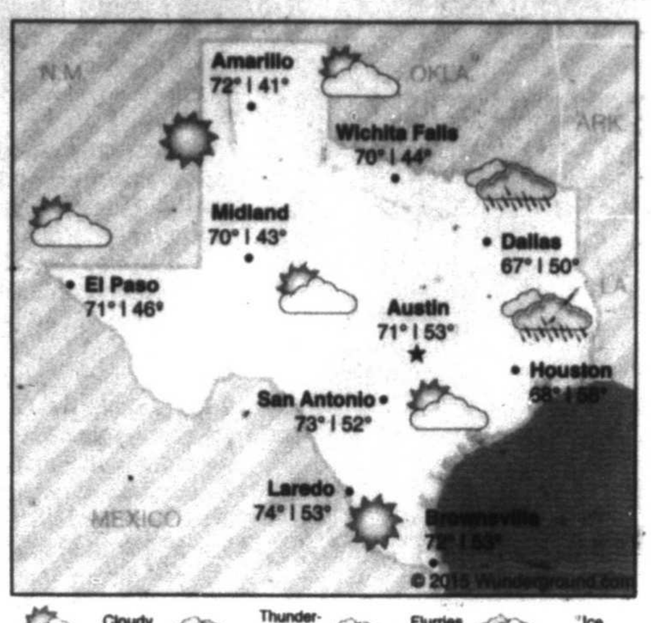
On Saturday, expect mostly sunny skies during the day and mostly clear skies at night, with a high of 67 and low of 41.

The high on Wednesday reached 71, while the low dropped to 40. The record high for March 11 is 91 set in 1989. The record low is 10 set in 1948.

Weather Why

Q: You sometimes hear in the forecast of either "scattered" or "isolated" showers. What is the difference?

The terms can be confusing, but both refer to rain chances, said Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "In general, weather forecasters use the term 'isolated' to refer to the possibility of showers being small in any given location, at around 10 to 20 percent," he said. "Scattered showers mean rain chances are a little higher — usually in the 30 to 50 percent range. So you have a better chance of getting wet if the forecast calls for scattered showers rather than isolated showers."



Precipitation

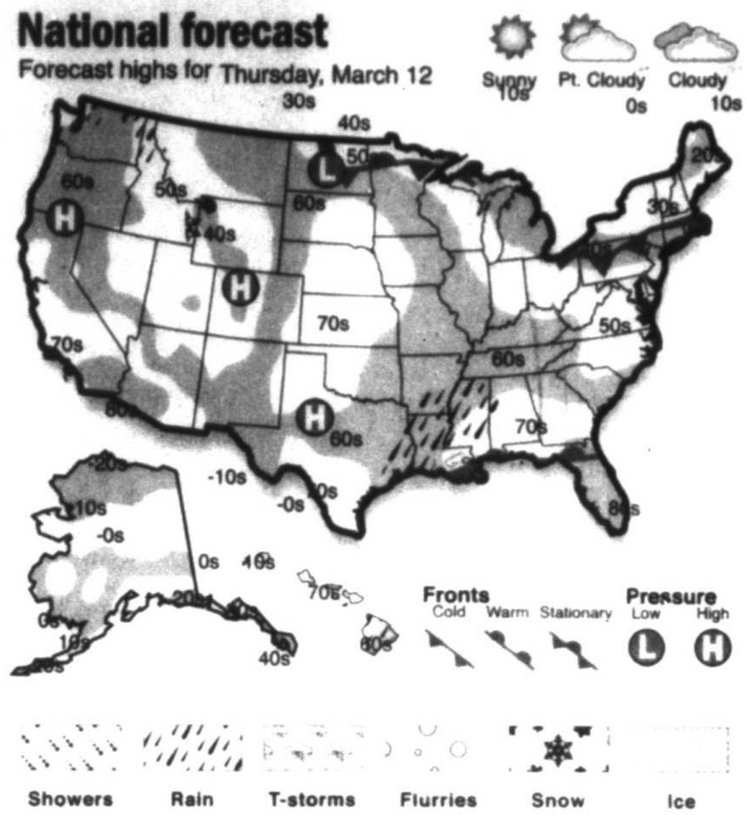
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Thursday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.14 in.
Year total	2.83 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.48 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	71
Low	40
Normal high	69
Normal low	40
Sunrise	8:03 a.m.
Sunset	7:55 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, March 12



Dad's choice of movies is inappropriate for young kids

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: Recently, my father has begun to watch films with graphic sexual scenes when he gets home from work. When I ask him to please watch them on his own time, when my three younger siblings aren't in the house, he tells me that because he pays the bills he has the right to do what he wants.

Abby, not only do these graphic movies make me uncomfortable, I'm worried my siblings will begin asking questions. — UNCOMFORTABLE IN OREGON

DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE: If there are adult relatives who can convince your dad that what he's doing is unwise — an aunt, uncle, grandparent — talk to them about what's going on right away. If there aren't, then a trusted teacher or counselor at school should be informed because what your father is doing is extremely inappropriate. Exposing children to graphic images can give them unrealistic expectations about what sex is really all about.

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend and I have talked about becoming engaged. The subject of the wedding dress came up. She broke off a past engagement last year, and she has asked me whether it would be OK for her to use the dress she chose for the wedding that didn't happen. She says only her mother and the seamstress have seen it. She doesn't want to be out $1,000 and says she does not associate the gown with her ex-fiance.

I feel we should try to sell the dress, although it was tailored for her, and pick a new one. What do you think is appropriate? I don't like the idea of looking back at the wedding photos and thinking the dress was meant for another man. — FUTURE HUSBAND IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

DEAR HUSBAND: Actually, the dress was meant for your fiancee and not another man. There are specialists who can redesign an existing wedding dress. However, because you have negative associations with this gown, offer to sweeten the pot by chipping in if she can't get $1,000 for the one she has. I think the most "appropriate" thing on your wedding day should be that you are both comfortable, happy and, above all, in sync.

DEAR ABBY: I don't sympathize or empathize with others. When people are sad or upset over deaths, failed relationships, etc., my reaction is annoyance at the person because I feel I'm being forced to offer an emotion I don't genuinely feel. I have experienced all of these things in my own life, but I have never shed tears about them or let them cripple me. I view these things as part of life and move on.

As I get older, it is getting harder and harder for me to fake these emotions. My wife was in tears for a couple of days because someone she knew died. I tried to pretend to empathize with her, but I found myself getting annoyed by what I thought was her overreaction. Someone she knew died; it happens to all of us. Let's move on. Is something wrong with me? — MOVING ON IN TENNESSEE

DEAR MOVING ON: Some people live the veneer of life; others live the hardwood. It appears you are among the former and insulated against painful emotions. However, I'm cautioning you to be patient and show respect for the feelings of others who have more emotional depth, or you may be spending a lot of time alone in the future.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Push 'em up

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ K Q 8
8 5
K J 10 9 4
♣ K 10 5

WEST
♠ 4
K 9 3 2
A 7 3
♣ A Q J 8 2

EAST
♠ 7 3
Q J 10 7 6 4
6 5 2
♣ 9 4

SOUTH
♠ A J 10 9 6 5 2
A
Q 8
♣ 7 6 3

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Dbl	Redbl	3
3♠	5	5♣	All pass

Opening lead: ♦

East-West judged the auction well, pushing their opponents to an uncomfortable level. Note East's pre-emptive jump to three hearts. After an opening bid, a take-out double and a redouble, fourth hand will never have enough values for a constructive bid. A jump bid, therefore, is always pre-emptive.

West made an excellent five-heart bid, and he still had his "thinking" cap on. West reasoned that North-South would not have bid to the five level unless they were hoping to take tricks in some suit other than spades. The auction told him that it wasn't hearts and his hand told him it wasn't clubs — it had to be diamonds.

West found the killing lead of the ace of clubs. East followed with the nine, as a count signal, and West continued with the queen of clubs. South won this with dummy's king, but his fate was sealed. West sat back and waited for his ace of diamonds, then promptly cashed the jack of clubs to defeat the contract.

This was solid all-around play by East-West. You often have to do more than one good thing to win a board. West never stopped working and earned his good result. The five-spade contract would have rolled home on a heart lead.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-dynamic; 4-positive; 3-average; 2-so-so; 1-difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, March 12, 2015:

This year you begin a period where you see expansion in your daily life. There will be a new factor, such as a hobby that you are passionate about, or perhaps a rewarding job situation. You will start taking better care of yourself and paying more attention to your health. If you are single, after August you easily could meet someone who will liven up your love life. You will experience a profound closeness with this person. If you are attached, the two of you will develop a new mutual hobby, which could add a lot of energy to your bond. You often are seen out on the town together. SAGITTARIUS admires you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You will be acting quickly on a long-term desire that perhaps you had not even been aware of until now. Your imagination soars to new levels, especially if you are willing to be spontaneous. Feelings could surprise you as they come up. Tonight: Worry less.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ A friend could add an element of confusion to your plans. You might decide to invite someone who has been a bit off to a spontaneous dinner. You are likely to gain some insight into this person's personal life as a result. Tonight: Reveal more of your thoughts.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Let others have their way. You might need to change the way in which you explain how you want something done. By speaking more clearly, you will help people learn faster. Reach out and make a call to a special friend whom you care a lot about. Tonight: Chat up a storm.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You might be looking at the long-term ramifications of continuing on the path you currently are on. Reach out to someone who often gives you good advice. A boss or someone you must answer to could be demanding. Tonight: Your imagination provides a fun solution.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Tap into your positive energy when dealing with others. Someone who is very different from you will provide some interesting news. Surprises are likely to surround certain events. A close associate might not be getting the gist of a conversation. Tonight: Movie night.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Tension seems to build as you deal with a personal matter. Recognize that you are creating this stress through your own judgments. Just do what you feel is necessary. Read between the lines with a key associate who might not be clear. Tonight: Take a walk by the water.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Make the first effort to reach out to someone at a distance. Communication will flourish, as long as you verify what you hear and confirm meeting times and places. Unexpected developments with a child could demand your attention. Tonight: Allow your creativity to speak.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ You'll be ready to make a major purchase, but what you desire might not be in line with your budget. You could be a little too direct or demanding when dealing with others. Try a different approach, and you will like the results. Tonight: Treat a friend to munchies.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You tend to express a lot of enthusiasm, no matter what you are doing. You add extra "oomph" to others' days as well. Don't be surprised if others seek you out; they respect your opinion and appreciate your strong drive and powerful energy. Tonight: All eyes turn to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You have been stepping back more than usual. Others need to understand the workload that you carry every day. In the process, you might discover that someone who performs as well as you can be helpful in taking the reins. Tonight: Get as much R and R as possible.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You are a sign that honors friendship. You will have plenty of opportunities to interact with friends, whether you plan on meeting up or just end up running into each other. Try not to rush yourself, as you easily could make a mistake. Tonight: Hang out with a friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Others seem to have a lot of expectations. You'll sense these implicit demands and respond accordingly. Know that you won't be able to please everyone. Don't push beyond your limits. Your imagination might be out of control today. Tonight: Use your imagination.

BORN TODAY

Politician Mitt Romney (1947), singer/songwriter James Taylor (1948), actress Liza Minnelli (1946)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Atkins no-no
5 "___ bad idea"
9 Brothers Grimm creature
14 Old apple spray
15 Pinnacle
16 Painful turning point?
17 Elizabeth of "Lone Star"
18 Nothing
19 Experimental blast
20 Russian composer and piano virtuoso
23 Related compounds
24 Gap
28 Italian roads
29 Café breakfast order
31 Birdbrain
33 Arrived just in time for
34 Reservoir creator
37 TV fantasy about three magical sisters
40 Delivery person?
41 Some Persians
43 Absolute ruler
45 Den piece
48 Arrival announcement
52 Deduce
53 Manned the helm
54 Annual sports event that begins with Selection Sunday on 3/15 ... or, cryptically, a hint to the scrambled word found at the starts of 20-, 29-, 37- and 45-Across
57 Provide a spread for
60 Script "Q" feature
61 In the past
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A good course trumps a bad spot on the calendar

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

PALM HARBOR, Fla. — The Valspar Championship wouldn't seem to have a lot going for it.

It has the worst spot on the calendar for the Florida Swing, the one event where it makes sense for the top players to take a break. The Honda Classic is the home event of so many players living in the West Palm Beach area, and it's followed by a World Golf Championship at Doral. Arnold Palmer's tournament is next week at Bay Hill.

What it has in its favor is Innisbrook, perhaps the biggest selling point.

That explains why Adam Scott has returned, and why Henrik Stenson and Lee Westwood are at Innisbrook for the first time. Jordan Spieth is playing again, along with Justin Rose and Jim Furyk. For a tournament with so many obstacles, it's not suffering for top players.

"It's a tough spot on the calendar, but the best course we play in Florida," Scott said Wednesday. "It's a quality golf course. It's the kind of course you enjoy playing golf on, and you don't get to play a lot of courses on tour like this. I think of Riviera and I think of here. If I was playing golf with friends and family, I'd pick golf courses like this that are enjoyable to walk and require a little precision. It tests you in all the right ways.

"It seems like the dimensions of everything out there are proportionate, and quite good, as opposed to some of the monsters we end up dealing with these days."

Associated Press

Henrik Stenson follows his tee shot on the ninth hole during a pro-am for the Valspar Championship golf tournament at Innisbrook on Wednesday in Palm Harbor, Fla.

It was a peculiar choice of a word — monster — though at least Scott didn't attach a color. "Blue" comes to mind.

The Copperhead course at Innisbrook certainly is not a breather from Trump National Doral (still known as the Blue Monster), though there probably won't be as many tales as balls landing on the green and sinking to the bottom of a lake. There might not be any clubs in the lake, either, with Rory McIlroy taking a week off.

The winning score has ranged from 4 under (Sean O'Hair in 2008) to 18 under (Vijay Singh in 2004).

Water really comes into play on only about six holes. There is enough elevation to feel like it belongs somewhere to the North, not in Tampa Bay. The greens are relatively small, putting a premium on good iron play.

Stenson, at No. 3 the highest-ranked player in the field, had been playing the Honda Classic in recent years until word-of-mouth about Innisbrook reached him and he decided to change up his schedule. He made his American debut at Doral last week and tied for fourth with Scott.

"I heard some great remarks about this tournament and the course, and I thought, 'Why not give it a try?'" Stenson said. "I think as a golf course, it's going to give rewards if you're a strong iron player, and longer iron shots in particular. ... I can see why a few other guys definitely feel like that's the right tournament to give themselves a chance."

John Senden is the defending champion, winning by one shot last year over Kevin Na.

Scott has had mixed results at Innisbrook. He has good memories of his play, just not over four days, which he is trying to fix.

The former Masters champion made his 2015 debut last week at Trump National Doral and was flirting with contention on the back nine until he tied for fourth. It wasn't a bad start to the year, particularly since he switched over to a conventional-length putter for the first time in four years.

As much as he loves Riviera, he didn't go this year because of the recent birth of his first child. The Valspar Championship worked well this year for Scott, who is playing three in a row before he takes off two weeks before the Masters.

"I feel good coming off my first week," Scott said. "I was quietly confident going into last week, but when you've had a three-month layoff you never quite know what's going to happen when you actually have to add them up in competition, and that went well for me last week. So coming here to a course I've been looking forward to playing since I mapped out my schedule at the start of the year, I'm going to take on the challenge this week and hopefully do better than I've done in the past.

"I'd really love to contend for this title on Sunday."

USTA TENNIS RESULTS

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Here are results from this past weekend's UTSA Midland Championship Junior Major Zone tournament

Boys 12 Singles
Round of 16

Hayden Rios (San Antonio) def. Conner Everett (Midland), 6-3, 6-0; Jenks Currie (4) (Amarillo) def. Xavier Carbone Larson (Friendswood) , 6-2, 6-3; Landon Morris (Abilene) def. Aidan Canada (Lakeway) 6-1, 6-1; Grant Seay (Grapevine) def. Sami Sharif (Lubbock) 6-2, 6-2; Rohit Vijay (3) (Plano) def. John Altman (Wichita Falls) 3-6, 6-2, 10-8; Mikail Wiesekera (Houston) def. Andrew Hayward (Wylie) Wd (pc); Eli Susser (Corpus Christi) def. Austin Connell (2) (Harlingen) 6-1, 6-7(5), 10-7

Quarterfinal Round

William Kesterson (1) (New Braunfels) def Hayden Rios (San Antonio), 6-1, 6-2; Landon Morris (Abilene) def. Jenks Currie (4) (Amarillo) 6-2, 6-4; Rohit Vijay (3) (Plano) def Grant Seay (Grapevine) 7-5, 6-0; Mikail Wiesekera (Houston) def. Eli Susser (Corpus Christi) 6-3, 6-0

Semifinal Round

William Kesterson (1) (New Braunfels) def. Landon Morris (Abilene) 6-1, 6-2; Mikail Wiesekera (Houston) def. Rohit Vijay (3) (Plano) 6-3, 6-1

Final Round

William Kesterson (1) (New Braunfels) def Mikail Wiesekera (Houston) 6-0, 6-4

Consolation Quarterfinal Round

Xavier Carbone Larson (Friendswood) def. Conner Everett (Midland) 6-4, 6-3; Austin Connell (Harlingen) def. John Altman (Wichita Falls) 6-1, 6-0

Sami Sharif (Lubbock) def. Aidan Canada (Lakeway) 6-2, 2-6, 10-4

Consolation Semifinal Round

Aidan Connell (Harlingen) def. Xavier Carbone Larson (Friendswood) 6-1, 6-4

Consolation Final Round

Austin Connell (Harlingen) def. Sami Sharif (Lubbock) 7-6(2), 6-2

Boys 14 Singles
Round of 32

Juan Guardia (Pharr) def. Davyn Williford (Abilene) 7-5, 6-2

Round of 16

Deepak Pathapati (1) (Amarillo) def. Kean Chastain Howley (Arlington) 6-3, 7-5; Justin Kiser (San Antonio) def. Colson Schiek (Wichita Falls) 6-4, 6-1; Carlos Canepa (4) (Austin) def. Nicolas Martinez (Midland) 6-3, 6-2; Reed Senterfitt (Austin) def. Juan Guardia (Pharr) 6-2, 6-1; Eduardo DeLeon (Mission) def. Keaton Curtis (Midland) 7-6, 5-7, 6-2; Micah Ahr (3) (Austin) def. Zachary Prescott (San Antonio) Wd (pc); Fernando Gonzalez (San Juan) def. Asher Mellon (Canyon) Wd (4); Thomas Graves (Houston) def. Blessing Benibo (2) (Lubbock) 6-4, 4-6, 10-1

Quarterfinal Round

Justin Kiser (San Antonio) def. Deepak Pathapati (1) (Amarillo) 6-3, 3-6, 10-7; Reed Senterfitt (Austin) def. Carlos Canepa (4) (Austin) 6-3, 6-3; Micah Ahr (3) (Austin) def. Eduardo DeLeon (Mission) 6-4, 6-4; Thomas Graves (Houston) def. Fernando Gonzalez (San Juan) 6-3, 6-3

Semifinal Round

Reed Senterfitt (Austin) def. Justin Kiser (San Antonio) 6-3, 7-5; Thomas Graves (Houston) def. Micah Ahr (3) (Austin) 6-3, 6-1

Final Round

Thomas Graves (Houston) def. Reed Senterfitt (Austin) 6-7 (6), 6-4, 6-2

Consolation(Round of 16

Blessing Benibo (Lubbock) def. Davyn Williford (Abilene) 6-1, 6-0; Colson Schiek (Wichita Falls) def. Keaton Curtis (Midland) 6-1, 6-1; Kean Chastain Howley (Arlington) def. Nicolas Martinez (Midland) 6-3, 3-6, 10-6

Consolation Semifinal Round

Blessing Benibo (Lubbock) def. Fernando Gonzalez (San Juan) 3-6, 6-3, 12-10; Colson Schiek (Wichita Falls) def. Kean Chastain Howley (Arlington) 2-6, 6-2, 11-9

Consolation (Final Round)

Colson Schiek (Wichita Falls) def. Blessing Benibo (Lubbock) 6-1, 6-2

Boys 16 Singles
Round of 32

Branch Archer (Amarillo) def. Arjun Devireddy (Austin) Wd (8); Brandon Giordanelli (San Antonio) def. Diego Martinez (Midland) 6-4, 6-7 (5), 10-5; Finn Anderson (Austin) def. Kody Kothmann (Lubbock) 6-3, 7-6 (3), Luke Tweddell (Tyler) def. Quentin Scharfenberg (Lubbock) 4-6, 6-1, 10-5; Tyler Smith (Amarillo) def. Maxwell Wilson (Ovilla) 6-0, 7-5

Round of 16

Sam Susser (1) (Corpus Christi) def Kendall Murray (Spring Branch) 3-6, 7-6 (6), 10-8; Sam Laney (Amarillo) def Zane Fortunato (Keller) 7-5, 6-2; Andrew Apostol (2) (San Marcos) def Branch Archer (Amarillo) 6-2, 7-6 (7); Finn Anderson (Austin) def Brandon Giordanelli (San Antonio) 6-1, 6-4; Luke Tweddell (Tyler) def Tyler Smith (Amarillo) 5-7, 7-6 (5), 13-9; Joshua Clark (4) (Austin) def Braden Tipton (Wolfforth) 7-5, 6-2; Calum Robe (Grapevine) def Zachery Langham (Gardendale) 6-0, 6-4; James Henderson (2) (Spring) def Cody Baker (Lubbock) Wd (4)

Quarterfinal Round

Sam Susser (1) (Corpus Christi) def Sam Laney (Amarillo) 6-3, 6-0; Finn Anderson (Austin) def Andrew Apostol (2) (San Marcos) 7-6 (3), 2-6, 11-9; Joshua Clark (4) (Austin) def Luke Tweddell (Tyler) 6-0, 5-7, 16-14; James Henderson (2) (Spring) def Calum Robe (Grapevine) 7-6 (3), 7-6 (5),

Semifinal Round

Finn Anderson (Austin) def. Sam Susser (1) (Corpus Christi) 6-2, 6-2; Joshua Clark (4) (Austin) def James Henderson (2) (Spring) 6-4, 6-1

Final Round

Finn Anderson (Austin) def. Joshua Clark (4), (Austin) 6-1, 5-2 Ret (inj)

Consolation Round of 16

Quentin Scharfenberg (Lubbock) def. Maxwell Wilson (Ovilla) 6-3, 7-6 (3)

Kendall Murray (Spring Branch) def Braden Tipton (Wolfforth) 7-6 (9) 6-3

Zane Fortunato (Keller) def Zachery Langham (Gardendale) 7-6 (5), 6-4

Kody Kothmann (Lubbock) def. Diego Martinez (Midland) 6-3, 6-1

Consolation Quarterfinal Round

Kendall Murray (Spring Branch) def Branch Archer (Amarillo) 6-3, 6-2

Consolation Semifinal Round

Quentin Scharfenberg (Lubbock) def. Kendall Murray (Spring Branch) 6-3, 6-2

Consolation Semifinal Round

Kody Kothmann (Lubbock) def Zane Fortunato (Keller) 6-4, 6-3

Consolation Final Round

Quentin Scharfenberg (Lubbock) def Zane Fortunato (Keller) 6-4, 6-3

Boys 18 Singles
Round of 16

Connor Kingsley (Rockwall) def. Taylor Schmitt (New Braunfels) 2-6, 7-6 (3), 10-8; Hayden Bostrick (Midland) def Zachary Crowley Kurth (San Antonio) 6-0, 6-1

Jared Sanchez (San Antonio) def Joe Patty (Austin) Wd (pc)

Quarterfinal Round

Ethan Carlson (1) (San Antonio) def Canyon Ramsey (Gainesville) 6-3, 6-2

Hayden Bostrick (Midland) def Connor Kingsley (Rockwall) 4-6, 6-2, 10-8

Mark Twomey (Austin) def Jared Sanchez (San Antonio) 6-1, 6-2; Andrew Albright (2) (Friendswood) def Zachary Haynie (New Braunfels) Wd (inj)

Semifinal Round

Ethan Carlson (1) (San Antonio) def. Hayden Bostrick (Midland) 6-4, 7-6 (3); Mark Twomey (Austin) def Andrew Albright (2) (Friendswood) 6-2, 7-5

Final Round

Mark Twomey (Austin) def Ethan Carlson (1) (San Antonio) 6-4, 6-4

Consolation Quarterfinal Round

Zachary Crowley Kurth (San Antonio) def Taylor Schmitt (New Braunfels) Wo (inj)

Canyon Ramsey (Gainesville) def Jared Sanchez (San Antonio) 6-0, 6-1

Consolation Semifinal Round

Andrew Albright (Friendswood) def Zachary Crowley Kurth (San Antonio) 6-1, 6-1

Consolation Final Round

Andrew Albright (Friendswood) def. Canyon Ramsey (Gainesville) 7-6 (5), 7-6 (3)

Girls' 12 Singles

Quarterfinal Round

Jenna Carr (Robstown) def. Keran O'Brien (Amarillo) 6-3, 6-3; Cloe Bowens (Crossroads) def. Sydney Marin (Austin) 6-3, 6-4; Lianna Cantu (2) (Corpus Christi) def. Laney Montgomery (Amarillo) 6-1, 6-0

Semifinal Round

Stela Silluentes (1) (Eagle Pass) def. Jenna Carr (Robstown) 6-2, 6-2; Cloe Bowens (Crossroads) def. Lianna Cantu (2) (Corpus Christi) 6-3, 6-2

Final Round

Stela Silluentes (1) (Eagle Pass) def. Cloe Bowens (Crossroads) 7-6 (4), 1-6, 6-1

Consolation Semifinal Round

Sydney Marin (Austin) def. Laney Montgomery (Amarillo) 6-1, 6-1

Consolation Final Round

Sydney Marin (Austin) def. Keran O'Brien (Amarillo) 7-5, 6-2

Girls' 14 Singles

Halle Romero (Corpus Christi) def. Anne Currie (Amarillo) 7-5, 6-1

Emma Kesterson (New Braunfels) def. Kaitlyn Sorge (The Woodlands) 6-3, 6-1

Sabrina Ritchie (Amarillo) def. Kate Gillespie (Mason) 6-0, 6-1; Kayley Green (Wichita Falls) def. Maddee Williams Koeller (Helotes) 6-4, 6-0

Isabella Moreno (McAllen) def. Jacqueline Carr (Robstown) 6-1, 6-2; Jolynn Scriven (Bulverde) def. Raine O'brien (Amarillo) 6-3, 6-4

Anaileah Elias (Abilene) def. Lillian Hostetter (San Antonio) 6-1, 6-4

Round of 16

Faith Berry (1) (San Antonio) def. McKenna Bryan (Abilene) 6-1, 6-2; Halle Romero (Corpus Christi) def. Leighanna Moskos (Lubbock) 6-1, 6-1; Karley Higgerson (3) (Dripping Springs) def. Emma Kesterson (New Braunfels) 6-4, 6-4; Sabrina Ritchie (Amarillo) def. Kayley Green (Wichita Falls) 6-0, 6-1; Isabella Moreno (McAllen) def. Jolynn Scriven (Bulverde) 1-6, 6-1, 10-4; Alexandria Carbone Larson (4) (Friendswood) def. Anaileah Elias (Abilene) 6-4, 6-3; Eugenia Gomez (McAllen) def. Vaishali Denton (San Antonio) 6-3, 7-6 (5); Kaitlyn Hathorn (2) (Abilene) def. Ria Devalcotta (Sugar Land) 6-2, 6-2

Quarterfinal Round

Faith Berry (1) (San Antonio) def Halle Romero (Corpus Christi) 6-0, 6-1; Karley Higgerson (3) (Dripping Springs) def Sabrina Ritchie (Amarillo) 6-4, 6-2; Alexandria Carbone Larson (4) (Friendswood) def. Isabella Moreno (McAllen) 7-5, 6-1; Eugenia Gomez (McAllen) def. Kaitlyn Hathorn (2) (Abilene) 7-5, 7-5

Semifinal Round

Karley Higgerson (3) (Dripping Springs) def Faith Berry (1) (San Antonio) 6-4, 5-4; Eugenia Gomez (McAllen) def. Alexandria Carbone Larson (4) (Friendswood) 6-3, 6-4

Final Round

Eugenia Gomez (McAllen) def. Karley Higgerson (3) (Dripping Springs) 6-2, 6-3

Consolation Round of 16

Maddee Williams Koeller (Helotes) def. Kate Gillespie (Mason) 7-6 (2), 6-2; McKenna Bryan (Abilene) def. Anne Currie (Amarillo) 6-0, 6-0; Vaishali Denton (San Antonio) def. Ria Devalcotta (Sugar Land) 6-3, 7-6 (4); Kaitlyn Sorge (The Woodlands) def. raine o'brien (Amarillo) 7-5, 6-1; Lillian Hostetter (San Antonio) def. Jacqueline Carr (Robstown) 6-4, 6-2

Consolation Quarterfinal Round

McKenna Bryan (Abilene) def. Vaishali Denton (San Antonio) 6-3, 6-1; Leighanna Moskos (Lubbock) def. Kaitlyn Sorge (The Woodlands) 6-3, 6-3

Consolation Semifinal Round

McKenna Bryan (Abilene) def. Maddee Williams Koeller (Helotes) 6-3, 6-3; Leighanna Moskos (Lubbock) def. Lillian Hostetter (San Antonio) 6-0, 6-0

Consolation Final Round

Leighanna Moskos (Lubbock) def. McKenna Bryan (Abilene) 6-2, 6-2

Girls' 16 Singles
Round of 32

Anna Parkison (Midland) def. Sophia Seay (Grapevine) 1-6, 6-2, 10-8; Haley Castro (Corpus Christi) def. Sheridan Hayduk (New Braunfels) 6-3, 6-3; Ingebjorg Moskos (Lubbock) def. Jimena Guarris (Mission) Def (ins); Anika Yzaguirre (Houston) def. Camille Kempf (San Antonio) 6-1, 6-2; Katherine Seibert (Medina) def. Ellen Hord (Midland) 6-3, 6-3

Round of 16

Kate McMahon (1) (New Braunfels) def. Amanda Guardia (Pharr) 6-1, 7-5; Hope Love (San Antonio) def. Taylor Jackson (Bedford) 6-2, 6-4; Ryann Jones (3) (Spring) def. Anna Parkison (Midland) 7-5, 6-2; Haley Castro (Corpus Christi) def. Harnet Davis (Lubbock) 6-4, 6-3; Anika Yzaguirre (Houston) def. Katherine Seibert (Medina) 6-4, 6-3; Lena Arndt (Georgetown) def. Allison Carpenter (4) (New Braunfels) 6-2, 6-2; Sofia Salcedo (Midland) def. Kaylin Thompson (Boerne) Wd (#); Katherine McGough (2) (Lubbock) def. Paulina Mamani (San Antonio) 6-0, 6-1

Quarterfinal Round

Hope Love (San Antonio) def. Kate McMahon (1) (New Braunfels) 6-3, 6-4; Ryann Jones (3) (Spring) def Haley Castro (Corpus Christi) 6-0, 6-1; Lena Arndt (Georgetown) def. Anika Yzaguirre (Houston) 6-1, 5-7, 10-5; Katherine McGough (2) (Lubbock) def. Sofia Salcedo (Midland) 6-3, 6-4

Semifinal Round

Ryann Jones (3) (Spring) def. Hope Love (San Antonio) 6-0, 6-1

Lena Arndt (Georgetown) def. Katherine McGough (2) (Lubbock) 4-6, 7-6 (2), 6-2

Final Round

Ryann Jones (3) (Spring) def. Lena Arndt (Georgetown) 6-2, 6-4

Consolation Round of 16

Camille Kempf (San Antonio) def. Sheridan Hayduk (New Braunfels) Wo (inj); Amanda Guardia (Pharr) def. Allison Carpenter (New Braunfels) 3-6, 7-6 (3), 10-7; Paulina Mamani (San Antonio) def Taylor Jackson (Bedford) 7-6 (2), 6-4; Ellen Hord (Midland) def. Sophia Seay (Grapevine) 6-2, 6-0

Consolation Quarterfinal Round

Amanda Guardia (Pharr) def. Harnet Davis (Lubbock) 6-1, 7-6 (5)

Paulina Mamani (San Antonio) def. Sofia Salcedo (Midland) 1-6, 6-1, 4-3 (11)

Consolation Semifinal Round

Amanda Guardia (Pharr) def. Camille Kempf (San Antonio) 6-3, 6-1; Paulina Mamani (San Antonio) def. Ellen Hord (Midland) 6-4, 6-4

Consolation Final Round

Paulina Mamani (San Antonio) def. Amanda Guardia (Pharr) 6-4, 6-1

Girls' 18 Singles
Round of 16

Reagan Gabriel (Abilene) def. Frances Jimenez (Midland) 6-0, 7-5; Ariaan Crossen (Fairview) def. Jayci Stewart (San Antonio) 6-4, 6-3; Kristen Davis (Mission) def. Stacey Martinez (Roma) 6-2, 4-6, 11-9; Jessey Martinez (Junction) def. Hanna Rafferty (San Antonio) 6-4, 6-1

Quarterfinal Round

Reagan Gabriel (Abilene) def. Kiley Smith (1) (New Braunfels) 6-1, 6-1; Alexandra Hutchinson (4) (Austin) def. Ariaan Crossen (Fairview) 6-0, 6-2; Allison Goldston (3) (Friendswood) def. Kristen Davis (Mission) 6-2, 6-4; Danielle Cuten (2) (Austin) def. Jessey Martinez (Junction) 6-1, 6-2

Semifinal Round

Alexandra Hutchinson (4) (Austin) def. Reagan Gabriel (Abilene) 7-6 (11), 6-2; Allison Goldston (3) (Friendswood) def. Danielle Cuten (2) (Austin) 7-5, 6-0

Final Rounu

Alexandra Hutchinson (4) (Austin) def Allison Goldston (3) (Friendswood) 7-6 (5), 6-2

Consolation Quarterfinal Round

Frances Jimenez (Midland) def. Hanna Rafferty (San Antonio) 7-5, 6-4

Jayci Stewart (San Antonio) def. Jessey Martinez (Junction) 6-4, 6-3

Consolation Semifinal Round

Frances Jimenez (Midland) def. Kiley Smith (New Braunfels) 6-2, 6-2

Consolation Final Round

Frances Jimenez (Midland) def. Jayci Stewart (San Antonio) 6-0, 6-1

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Golf

4-Person Scramble

When: Feb. 21-22

Where: Big Spring Country Club

Cost: $120 per player plus golf cart

For more info: Call 267-5354

Lacrosse

West Texas Lacrosse Open House

When: 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22

Where: First Presbyterian Church, 800 W Texas

For: Boys ages 8-13 (all players must be 13 or younger by Aug. 31)

What: Meet coaches, volunteers and the newly formed high school club teams at MHS, Lee

For more info: go to www.westtexaslacrosse.org or email info@westtexaslacrosse.org

West Texas Lacrosse day camps/clinics

For: Boys divisions -- U-9, U-11, U-13

When: 2:30 p.m. Sundays on March 22, March 29, April 12, April 19, April 26

Where: Fields to be determined

For more info: go to www.westtexaslacrosse.org or email info@westtexaslacrosse.org

Martial Arts

Aikido

When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.

Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido

For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Private Martial Art/Self-Defense Lessons

Ages: Men-Women-Children

What: Learn Basic/Skills to Advanced Techniques

Note: Private, Semi-Private and Group Lessons are available

For more info: Call Master Oscar Jimenez, 432-559-5009, Oamenez3@att.net

Women's Self Defense Class

When: Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Friday, 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.

Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.

For more info: Call 697-8554

Private Tae Kwon-Do lessons

Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.

For more info: Call 697-8554

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu

When: 5-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays 2-3 p.m. Saturdays

Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A

For more info: Call 634-9621 or (469) 248-8472

Matthews Martial Arts

When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.

What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-Kung-Fu

For: Ages 3 and up

Where: 3206 Cuthbert

For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant

For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships

For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030

Poker

Lone Star Poker League

What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments

For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up.

When/where: 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woolens & Tweeters; 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at Rednecks Drafthouse. Players must be signed in by 6:15 p.m. each night.

For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertournet

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School

What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.

Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa

When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 2-6 p.m. Sunday

Cost: $60 down; $35 a month

For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Football Club

Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Reyes-Mashburn Park (north field)

For more info call: 432-687-6418

Running

Permian Basin Running Club

Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership

For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Halley, president at halleyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gasoline Training Group

When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 612-[illegible]

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists

What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland

When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month; first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. Third Sunday from 1 p.m. Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.; Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are not cool to the shooter). Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Cleary

For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422

Midland Shooters Association

What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet trap, 5 state and sporting clays

When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.

For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association

What: Registration for women's spring/summer season

Where: Duncan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell

When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association

For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18

When: Spring/Fall Games

Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee

For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule

Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com.

For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association

What: Men's fastpitch softball

For more info: Call 634-8474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

Midland United Girls Softball Registration

What: Online registration is now open and registration will only be available online

Fees: Tee-ball ($75), 8U-18U ($100), late fee $25

For ages: A girl must be 4 by Jan. 1, 2015 to play T-ball. The same date will used to place child in each division. A parent may have opportunity to bump their child up one division.

To register: go to Midlandfastpitch.com or registration will also be available at Midland Park Mall on March 7 and March 14 from 1-5 p.m.

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming

Where: Midkiff Aquatic Center

Cost: $49 per month

Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards or 762-1020 or 682-0988

COM Water Aerobics Classes

When: All times; Monday through Saturday

Who: All skill levels

For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Learn to Swim

Ages: All ages

Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available

For more info: 684-7755

COM Masters Swimming

What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels

When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)

For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction

Who: All ages and levels invited

For more info: 684-7755

COM Learn to Dive

What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets

Ages: 4 and up

For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Dive Team

Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team.

What: Emphasizes is on diving technique and participation in local and out of town competitive meets

For more info: 684-7755

COM Elite Dive Team

What: Highest level of COM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international travel

For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Swim Team

Who: Try out for COM Swim Team, tryouts available by appointment

What: Emphasizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets

For more info: 684-7755

COM Adult Conditioning

What: Allows adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours

For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Walking Class

What: Unstructured, self-guided class

For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Senior Fitness Class

Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc.

For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes

When: Early morning, morning and evening

For more info: Call Last Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes

When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday

For more info: Call Last Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons

Who: All ages and ability

For more info: Call Last Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming

For: Ages 6 and up

For more information: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association

What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area.

For more info: Call 432-563-1333 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information

Bush Tennis Center Clinics

What: Ballicon Tennis 36 (ages 3-4); Redball 58 (ages 5-8); Orange and Green Ball 910 (ages 9-10); Junior Development (6th-8th grade, freshman-JV); Junior Select (varsity); RSR Adults (adult beginners), Intermediate Adults, 4.0-5.0 Adults (advanced adults). Also Junior Team Tennis registration now open

Where: Bush Tennis Center

For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com and or call, 620-8180

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues

When: Leagues run May through November

Where: Midland College Tennis Center

For more info: Sherry 620-8810 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

Midland College tennis classes

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30 to 1:50 p.m.

Where: Midland College

For more info: Call 685-4266

Youth Clinics

When: For children 4-8 years of age (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 to 4 p.m.) and 9-15 years of age (Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Where: Midland College Tennis Center

For more info: 685-4266

Midland Women's Tennis Association fall league

For more info: 689-4340

Midland Tennis Club

Where: Midland College Tennis Center

Annual dues: Adults $65, youth $30, families $140

For more info: Call 488-4088 or email midlandtennisclub@yahoo.com

Men and women doubles tournament

When: Feb. 28

Where: Midland Tennis Club

Deadline: Sign up by Feb. 26 at Armstrong Pro Shop at Midland College tennis center or email midlandtennisclub@yahoo.com

OCC starting men's and women's leagues

Odessa Country Club men's and women's leagues in all level of play at the end of February

Cost: For ladies beginning on Feb. 24, $30 for six weeks of play. For men beginning on Feb. 28, $30 for six weeks of play

For more info: Go to the pro shop of Odessa Country Club or contact David Mendez at 432-803-9022 or 272-4520, or email dmendez@odessacc.com

Walking

Midland Permian Basin Area Club Meetings

When: First Walks, 10K, 3rd Saturday morning of the month; Monthly meeting 3rd Sunday at 5 p.m.

Where: Fun Walks, vary; meetings in Room 227, First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave.

Who: All ages

For more info: Call Alec Rose 687-2588 or go to www.midlandwalkers.org

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John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities
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Oilfield Sales Person

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Slickline Operator with established company. Must have at least two years experience as a Slickline operator. Benefits Package. Salary DOE. Submit resume to: Wireline Services, Inc.P.O. Box 9423, Midland, TX 79708

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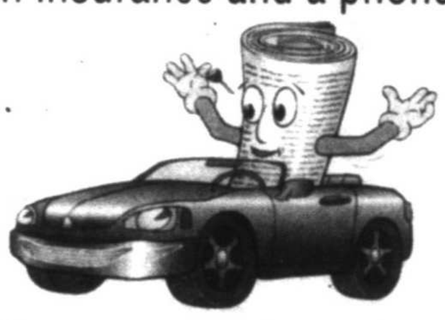

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MOTOR MPO POLICY BOARD MEETING

Date: March 16, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.
Place: Wright Office Complex, Suite 1
9601 Wright Drive
Midland, Texas 79706

The Policy Board of MOTOR MPO will meet to discuss the following: Begin public comment period for 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program amendment to move JBS Parkway construction at FM 3503 from FY 2016 to FY 2017 and to add FM 1788 from SH 191 to one mile north of SH 158; to begin public comment period for the 2015-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan amendment to move the FM 1788 project from an Unfunded Priority into the Funded Project list. The Board may conduct an Executive Session as permitted under Chapter 551 of the Texas Administrative Code.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MANUEL HERNANDEZ SANCHEZ, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of February, 2015, *Letters of Administration* were issued to Rosa Sanchez as Administrator in proceedings in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Probate, styled "In the Matter of the Estate of Manuel Hernandez Sanchez, Deceased", being Cause No. P-18083 in that Court, and which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present the same to Rosa Sanchez, c/o Alan H. Meyers, Law Offices of Alan H. Meyers, P.C., 505 N. Big Spring, Suite 104, Midland, Texas 79701, within the time prescribed by law.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Eva Carol Kidwell, Deceased, were issured on March 10, 2015, in Cause No. P18166, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Danny Mack Kidwell.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Danny Mack Kidwell**
5108 Widener Strip
Midland, Midland County, Texas 79707

DATED the 10th day of March, 2015

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of John Melvin Weaver, Deceased, were issured on March 10, 2015, in Cause No. P18197, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Lexeen Weaver

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Lexeen Weaver**
510 Helen Greenhouse Circle
Midland, Texas 79705

DATED the 10th day of March, 2015

Austin L. Ramsey
Attorney for Lexeen Weaver
State Bar No.: 24073484
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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Louisa May Alcott

Louisa May Alcott was born on November 29, 1832. She was the second oldest of four girls. Her love of her sisters helped her to become one of America's most beloved children's book authors.

If she were alive today, how old would she be?

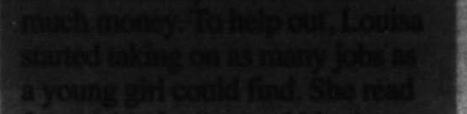
2015 - 1832 =

Money Troubles

Louisa's family did not have much money. To help out, Louisa started taking on as many jobs as a young girl could find. She read for an elderly man and his sister. Louisa and her sister Anna taught young children and mended and washed laundry.

In 1852, Louisa's first poem was published in a magazine, and she made her first money from writing.

Use the code to find out the name of Louisa's first published poem.



SECRET CODE		
B=	I=	S=
G=	L=	T=
H=	N=	U=

Teacher in the Family

As a child, Louisa and her family moved to Boston, Massachusetts, where her father, Amos Alcott, set up a school based upon his beliefs about education.

"I b_l_ _ve sch_ _ls sh_ _ld be a pl_ce wh_r_ ch_ldr_n enj_y l_ _rn_ng!"

Put the vowels back in this sentence to find out what Amos Bronson Alcott believed about education.

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

Two of the books below were not written by Louisa. Do the math and cross out the two with odd-numbered answers.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums and differences.

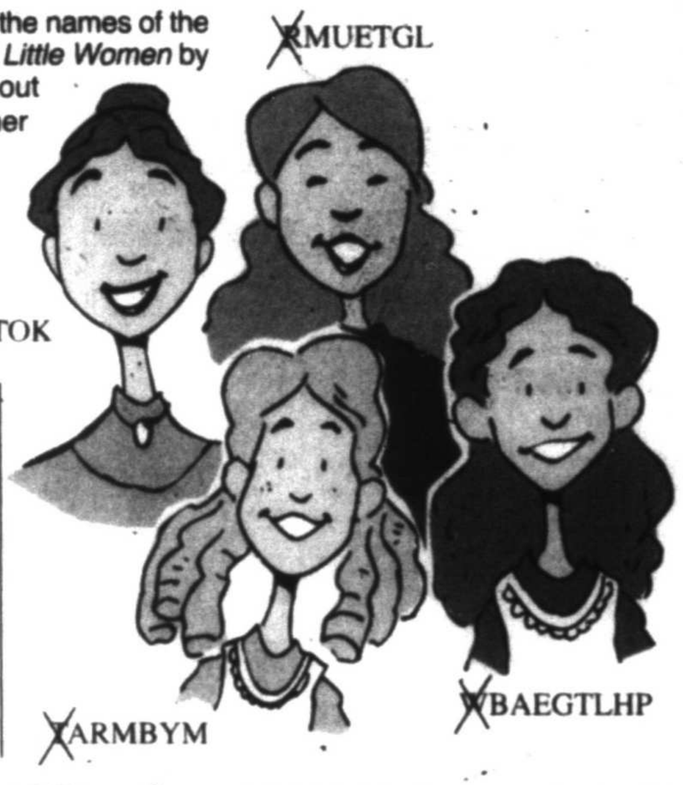
Writing Success

In 1855, her first book, ***Flower Fables*** was published.

In 1862, Louisa went to Washington, D.C. to serve as a Civil War nurse. Like many other nurses, Louisa contracted typhoid fever. Although she got better, mercury in the medicine caused her suffering for the rest of her life. In Washington, Louisa continued to write and she published two more books.

Her publisher, Thomas Niles, asked that she write "a girl's story." Having spent her life with three interesting sisters, Louisa wrote ***Little Women*** based on her own experiences. The novel, published in 1868, was an instant success. It has now been a favorite book for generations.

Discover the names of the sisters in *Little Women* by crossing out every other letter.



Extra! Extra!

Responsibility

Though poor themselves, Louisa's family always tried to help people who were worse off than they were. Look through the newspaper to find a person or people you could help.

Standards Link: Civics: Understand how character traits help fulfill personal responsibilities.

Rights for Women

Louisa worked hard to help women get the right to vote. She wrote articles about equality for women and went door-to-door encouraging women to register to vote. In 1879, Alcott became the first woman in Concord, Mass., to register to vote when she cast a ballot for the village school committee.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Louisa's parents encouraged her to follow her dreams and to hold on to her freedom in life. Her father Amos had very advanced ideas about childhood and education. In fact, many people believe he is the founder of this part of the school day.

Assemble these puzzle pieces to reveal the answer.

Standards Link: Historical Understanding: Understand that specific decisions impact history.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

LOUISA
ELDERLY
TYPHOID
MERCURY
MEDICINE
INSTANT
VOTE
BALLOT
WORSE
VOWELS
LAUNDRY
POEM
FEVER
NOVEL
CAST

B	C	E	Y	L	E	V	O	N	S
T	A	N	Y	R	D	N	U	A	L
N	S	L	A	J	U	O	Y	Y	E
A	T	L	L	S	V	C	E	L	W
T	Y	P	H	O	I	D	R	R	O
S	P	A	T	R	T	U	N	E	V
N	O	E	S	R	O	W	O	D	M
I	E	I	R	E	V	E	F	L	N
G	M	E	N	I	C	I	D	E	M

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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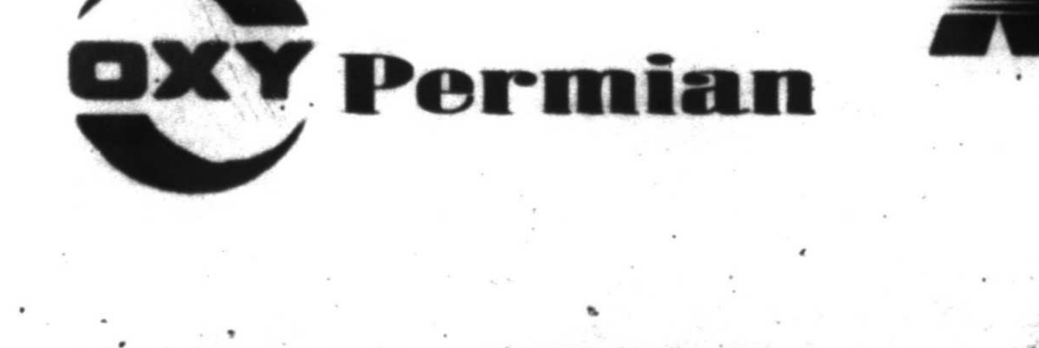
Women in the News

When Louisa May Alcott was alive, not many jobs were available to women. Look through the newspaper and make a list of all of the jobs a woman with the right experience and training could get today.

Standards Link: Career: Understand general preparation for entering the workforce



Weekly Writing Corner

Woman I Admire

Students describe a woman they admire and their reasons.

I admire my Grandma because she goes snowboarding and bikes for long distances. She is amazing. She plays tennis and is really fun. She does everything you can think of. She lives in Oregon and goes to Mt. Bachelor with the family when we're there about three times every week.

Nick, 6th grade

I admire Hillary Clinton because she is trying to become the first woman president of the United States. I think she is a smart woman who is known for her hard work.

Akash, 6th grade

The woman I admire is Christiane Amanpour. She has traveled to numerous countries, from Iraq to the Balkans. She has interviewed many world leaders and has won awards for her documentaries. Amanpour is an inspiration to me because she is so successful.

Ruby, 5th grade

I admire Clara Barton, also known as "The Angel of the Battlefield." I admire her because she was a teacher, she educated and helped kids. She was the first president of the American Red Cross. She also served as a nurse during the Civil War and she saved many lives. All her life, she devoted herself to helping other people.

Rebecca, 5th grade

Isn't Gloria Steinem great? In 1972 Steinem helped found Ms Foundation for women. They raise funds to assist under-privileged girls and women. She has amazing sayings like. "If the shoe doesn't fit, we must change the foot." After traveling to India she commented. "America is an enormous frosted cupcake in the middle of millions of starving people." Steinem worked with Cesar Chavez to get equal rights for farm workers. I really appreciate everything she did-to give people equal rights.

Justine, 6th grade

I admire my teacher because she is always positive. She keeps her students' spirits from falling to the ground. She respects the opinion of others. She told me it was easiest for her to do something step by step but I said it was easier to do it all at once. She understood my approach. She is also organized. She can say any time for science and will turn to the page quickly because the lessons are planned ahead of time. She is a role model to me because I want to be a teacher and I can learn many things from her years of teaching.

Lindsey, 5th grade

I admire Mia Hamm because she is a very good role model. She is one of the reasons I play soccer. She was one of the best forward players on the national team and she has scored lots of goals. Since she is good at it, why can't I be? Mia motivates me to do well outside and at school.

Cece, 5th grade

I admire Michelle Obama. She was born in Chicago and grew up in a poor family who lived in a one room apartment. She slept on the living room sofa. She worked hard at school and got a scholarship to Princeton University where she studied to become a lawyer. She did a lot of community service in Chicago. After Michelle married Barack Obama, they had two children named Malia and Sasha.

Malia, 3rd grade

Write On!

My Book

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