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Legislature approves city-Pioneer deal

Senate unanimously approves Craddick-authored bill

By Stewart Doreen
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The Texas Senate unanimously approved the landmark wastewater deal between the city of Midland and Pioneer Natural Resources.

State Rep. Tom Craddick's office reports House Bill 101 — a piece of legislation authored by Craddick — is official, also having sailed through the House in March without one "no" vote.

Craddick was delighted with the outcome of the bill, which he called "the most important thing that happened in the district this session." He said he's been approached by representatives, including those representing San Angelo and South Texas, who saw the deal and hope to replicate it with cities in their respective districts.

"It is that big of a deal," Craddick said.

The agreement is expected to give Pioneer Natural Resources tens of billions of gallons of treated wastewater over at least a 28-year period to use for hydraulic fracturing operations across the Permian Basin. In return, the city of Midland will receive $110 million for improvements at the water treatment facility at Interstate 20 and Farm-to-Market Road 307 and as much as $2.5 million annually for the reclaimed wastewater.

"This public-private partnership will be great," Craddick said.

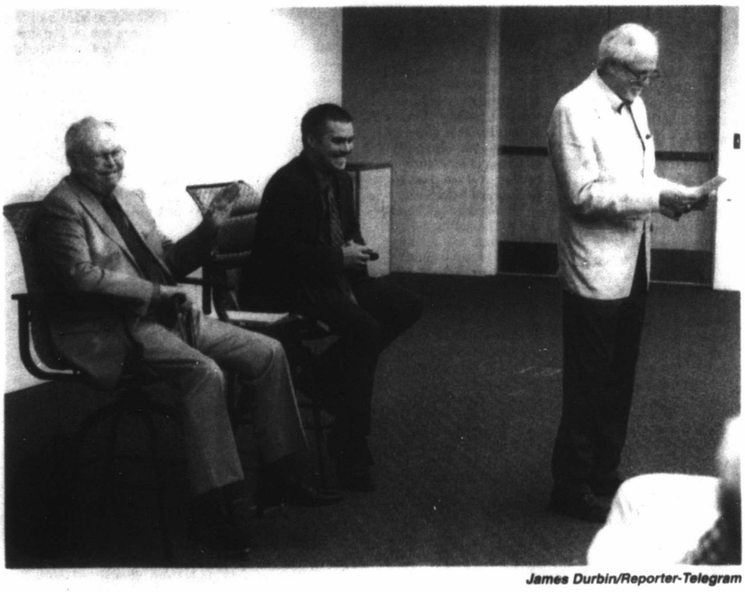
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HB 101 highlights

- The city of Midland's existing wastewater treatment plant needs an upgrade in order to remain compliant with TCEQ regulations.
- Pioneer will spend up to $120 million upgrading Midland's wastewater treatment plant in exchange for the ability to purchase treated water from the plant at a discounted rate for a primary term of up to 28 years.
- The city of Midland will receive up to $2.5 million annually for the sale of this treated water.
- Pioneer is also building a 7-mile pipeline project at an expected cost of $26 million to move this water from the treatment plant to the Pioneer Water Management pipeline system that services its operations. This will significantly reduce the amount of heavy truck traffic on the region's roads.
- Without this public-private partnership, the city of Midland would ultimately have to raise taxes or debt in order to upgrade the treatment plant.
- Millions of gallons of fresh water will be saved in addition to the fiscal benefits from this public-private partnership.

Source: Tom Craddick's office

Socializing with a scientist



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Dr. Sam G. Gibbs, from left, innovator in the field of sucker rod pumping; Wes Hanna, petroleum engineer at XTO; and Dr. Steve Thomas, president of Midland College, speak during an event Thursday at the Petroleum Museum. Midland College partnered with the Petroleum Museum to host "An Evening with Dr. Sam G. Gibbs." The event was part of the Legends & Innovators Lecture Series and provided an opportunity for networking and interacting with pioneers and trailblazers in the industry. Gibbs was inducted into the Petroleum Hall of Fame in 2011 for his technological contributions to the industry. He developed a mathematical method for analyzing sucker rod pumping operations using the wave equation. Gibbs has been called "the god of artificial lift" for his contributions to the industry.

FUEL FIX ROUNDUP

Services costs expected to rise in Permian Basin

Costs in West Texas' prolific Permian basin are rising, as stabilized oil prices drive up production and more companies are competing for the same services, according to a new report from the Houston-based energy research firm IHS Markit.

Companies in the Permian are still able to turn a profit below $55 per barrel of oil, but that could change as the costs of field services rises, according to the IHS report.

"While Permian and Anadarko Basin plays remain in the money, so to speak, lofty acquisition values become more difficult to pay off when the plays require nearly $50-per-barrel WTI to produce a 10 percent internal rate of return," said Imre Kugler, a senior consultant at IHS.

The pressure of rising service costs seems to be unique to the Permian, at least for now. Increased demand on services and pipelines, and subsequent rising prices, has not made as much of an impact in Texas' Eagle Ford, North Dakota's Bakken and Colorado's Wattenberg basins.

IHS Markit expects that costs per well in the Permian will rise more than 15 percent this year.

Houston Chronicle

OPEC projects surge in US oil production

U.S. shale drillers could pump a lot more oil than previously expected this year, OPEC said Thursday.

In a monthly report, the cartel said it has revised its 2017 forecast for

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Franks' selection for MISD campus was not unanimous

■ Two board members wanted to honor longtime MISD employee

By Stewart Doreen
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Renaming Crockett Elementary for retired Gen. Tommy Franks was not without its snags.

Two board members — Robert Marquez and James Fuller — opposed the renaming of the east Midland elementary campus because they thought there was an opportunity to honor a longtime Midland ISD employee — Crockett custodian Odilon Bertado, who has worked inside the school's halls for nearly four decades.

Midland ISD board members earlier this spring voted to close Crockett because the school was headed toward a seventh straight year as an "improvement required" campus. After the current school year ends, the campus will be closed, new leadership and mostly new teaching staff will be installed and the name changed.

An 11-person advisory committee offered the board two selections from a list of 43 names that were submitted. Nine committee members picked Franks; two members wanted Bertado. A majority of the board wanted to name the school after Franks, while Marquez wanted to honor someone who remained in the community. Fuller said the culture of the campus should be retained for when the school returns to more of a neighborhood school.

Making the renaming a little trickier is the student shuffle that is set to take place. Current students at Crockett will be forced to attend either Milam or DeZavala elementaries. The students making up the new Franks Elementary campus will come from the so-called 349 developments — generally north of Loop 250 near Midland Country Club and east of State Highway 349.

The board voted to make the soon-to-be-former Crockett campus their home after moving them from an overcrowded Fasken Elementary. The plan is to put about 310 students at Franks Elementary. That site will be home to other students from the 349 area as more homes are built. The 349 area is expected to be one of the fastest-growing areas in the city and one day will require its own larger elementary campus. Board members said it might be "three, five or seven years" before that campus is built (most likely as a result of a voter-approved bond).

When that school is built, the plan is that it be named after Franks, and a future MISD board will vote on yet another name for the current Crockett campus, which is located at 401 E.

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STATE LEGISLATURE BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Senate votes to compile data on complications from abortions

The state Senate has voted to require medical clinics to report complications from abortions performed in Texas, and have the health department produce an annual report compiling that data.

Sen. Donna Campbell's bill was approved 22-9 on Monday. It needs a final, largely formulaic vote, likely coming Tuesday, before heading to the Texas House.

Campbell, a Republican from New Braunfels, said state health codes require clinics, hospitals and other facilities to report complications from surgeries and major medical procedures. But she said there's no such requirement for abortions.

The proposal drew lengthy questions from Democrats, who said abortion was among the safest medical procedures performed.

They argued that tracking complications was more about religious and ideological objections to abortion than sound medicine, but Campbell said more information would be beneficial.

Bill that fines police for not reporting shootings revived

The Texas House has quietly reconsidered and passed a bill placing new accountability measures on police departments reporting when an officer kills a civilian.

Lawmakers late Wednesday night voted 71-70 against a measure requiring the state attorney general to investigate law enforcement agencies that failed to report officer-related deaths or injuries.

But the House subsequently passed a motion to reconsider and approved the bill Thursday morning in seconds, with no debate and few lawmakers even paying close attention.

Law enforcement is already required to submit reports about officer-related deaths, but the new bill imposes fines of $10,000 for failure to do so. Agencies could have been fined an additional $1,000 a day for failing to comply.

According to The Washington Post, Texas police fatally shot 82 people last year.

Texas Senates votes to bar college 'free speech zones'

The Texas Senate has given preliminary approval to barring universities from establishing so-called "free speech zones" which are sometimes used to confine demonstrations to certain areas of campus.

Supporters of the ban say using the free speech zones actually prohibits speech by implying free expression is not allowed across the rest of campus.

The measure would still allow colleges to set some regulations to keep demonstrations from disrupting classes.

Free speech zones became common in the 1960s as a way to control campus protests against the Vietnam War. Many colleges dropped the practice decades later, but experts say it has survived at some schools as a way to rein in protests and to regulate outside provocateurs looking for campus soapboxes.

Colorado and Utah this year approved bills banning free-speech zones.

Texas House OKs distinction of ectopic surgery vs. abortion

The Texas House has approved a bill removing ectopic pregnancy surgery from the state definition of abortion.

Ectopic pregnancies occur when an egg is fertilized but attaches itself somewhere other than a woman's uterus. Such cases require tissue removal via surgery.

Corsicana Republican Rep. Byron Cook's measure was approved 95-44 on Thursday. It differentiates between that procedure and abortions.

It's backed by many pro-life groups, which see such surgeries as medical procedures to help the mother rather than terminating pregnancies.

Last year, the U.S. Supreme Court declared unconstitutional much of Texas' 2013 law that was among the nation's toughest and forced around 20 clinics to close statewide.

Conservatives vowed to hit back with high-profile pro-life bills, but many remain slow-moving as the May 29 end of Texas' legislative session looms.

Health department inspector general ousted

The former watchdog over U.S. reconstruction efforts in Iraq has been forced out of a powerful Texas job after he moonlighted as a consultant for the Iraq government.

A spokesman for Texas Gov. Greg Abbott said Thursday that Stuart Bowen had committed a "serious and unacceptable lapse in judgment." Abbott appointed Bowen as inspector general of Texas' health agency in 2015 following a contracting scandal.

Bowen was previously special inspector general for Iraq reconstruction under presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama.

Documents show a Washington firm representing the Iraq government wrote letters to top Trump administration officials pointing out Bowen's addition as a senior adviser.

Bowen didn't mention the Iraq consulting in a statement announcing his resignation. He says it was time for new leadership.



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Retired Army Gen. Tommy Franks speaks April 13, 2013, during the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. The former Crockett Elementary will be named in honor of Franks.

CAMPUS

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Parker Ave.

Those voting for the Franks name cited the need to not go against the advisory committee's recommendation and because there will be another opportunity to name the former Crockett campus.

Franks is a graduate of Lee High School. According to Franks' website, he was promoted to four-star general in 2000 and assigned as "commander-in-chief, United States Central Command." Franks led American and coalition troops in two "strategically unprecedented campaigns in two years," Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq.

Franks' awards include five Distinguished Service Medals, four Legions of Merit, four Bronze Stars and three Purple Hearts in addition to numerous foreign awards, according to the website.

Name change, part II: The Midland ISD board also voted to change Washington Math and Science Academy to Washington STEM Academy. That change will take effect in the fall.

Road to passage for Texas 'bathroom bill' getting far harder

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The path for Texas to enact its version of a North Carolina-style bathroom bill is poised to get far tougher as the Republican-controlled state House closes in on a key midnight Thursday deadline to approve legislation.

A proposal mandating transgender Texans to use public restrooms according to their birth certificate gender sailed through the Texas Senate weeks ago, but a similar measure that bans schools and local communities from passing ordinances to protect LGBT rights in bathrooms has been bottled up in the House. That's despite Republican Gov. Greg Abbott urging fellow members of his party to support it and even calling pastors at top evangelical churches around the state to increase public pressure.

Outnumbered House Democrats have been using tactics to delay a vote on this and other hot-button issues since late last week. House Speaker Joe Straus, a San Antonio Republican who sees the bill as bad for business, hasn't intervened.

Top firms and lobbyists have opposed it. Many Hollywood actors and music stars have suggested state boycotts, and the NFL and NBA have warned about canceling future Texas events if it passes.

Any bill not approved by midnight dies in its current form but could still live on as a proposed change to a related bill that's already advancing. Efforts could also be made to revive what the Senate already passed, though so far it's been a non-starter in the House.

State Rep. Ron Simmons, who has been the issue's top House champion, said supporters will look to attach public bathroom restrictions that at least extend to schools onto educational legislation are moving — even if more widespread bans fizzle.

"I think the likelihood of something getting passed this session as it relates to schools is pretty good," said Simmons, a Republican from Carrollton in suburban Dallas. "We're looking for opportunities to amend to other bills that would allow us to be able to protect the school scenario, which is where our number one concern is."

Texas' legislative session ends May 29, so while there is still time, it's beginning to run short. Meanwhile, efforts to save the bathroom bill will have to compete with other conservative priorities that have bogged down, including efforts to further restrict abortion in the country's second-largest state.

Top Republicans vowed to hit back at the U.S. Supreme Court, which last summer struck down most of Texas' tough 2013 abortion law, which caused about 20 clinics around the state to close — but so far have passed very little. As stall tactics became more widespread, a series of Republics took to the floor to lament "pro-life bills dying."

One abortion bill that did get approved Thursday requires medical clinics to offer quick, detailed reports of any complications from abortions, and have Texas' health department produce an annual report compiling that data. Another removes ectopic pregnancy surgery from the state definition of abortion. Neither, though, has been lauded by pro-life activists as major wins.

Democrats delayed other hot-button bills with lengthy debates on non-controversial issues. The slow pace kept tensions on the House floor relatively low and there were few protests in or around the state Capitol, were groups both supporting abortion rights and opposing the procedure have staged small demonstrations throughout the session.

"It's no secret the legislative process in Texas is designed to kill more bills than pass bills and that's why these deadlines are in place," said Rep. Chris Turner, of Grand Prairie, who heads the House Democratic Caucus.

Asked about legislation living on in different forms he said, "We're always on the lookout for any amendments that are harmful to the state and the so-called bathroom issue is certainly near the top of that list."

FUEL

From 1A

oil production in countries outside of OPEC up by 370,000 barrels a day. More than three quarters of the increase will come from the United States — even as OPEC cuts oil production in a bid to support prices.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will gather in Vienna later this month to decide whether or not to extend the oil-production cuts that, in recent weeks, seem to have lost their oil-market luster as prices fall on new forecasts of higher U.S. shale oil output.

OPEC, which has been slower than other forecasters to acknowledge rising U.S. oil production, warned the U.S. surge could throw off its attempts to stabilize oil prices. Even though refiners are taking more oil from floating storage facilities, realigning global oil supply and demand by the end of the year would take "a collective effort by all oil producers," the cartel said.

In February, daily U.S. oil output climbed above 9 million barrels, up half a million barrels since September. OPEC expects the nation's oil production to rapidly increase by 614,000 barrels a day this year, while Canada and Brazil raise output a combined 430,000 barrels a day.

OPEC's daily output decreased by 18,000 barrels to 31.7 million, independent sources said.

PIONEER

From 1A

The agreement went to the Legislature to provide Pioneer protection because of its considerable investment and the length of the contract. The legislation prevents a future Midland City Council from making any changes in the deal, Craddick said previously. Because the Senate approved HB 101 by more than a two-thirds vote, the legislation doesn't require the governor's signature. The veto-proof majority in the House and Senate also means Pioneer can immediately get to work on improvements at the city's water treatment facility and in developing pipelines to carry the water to areas south of Midland that will help reduce water truck traffic inside the city.

"We are excited to see this important effort receive validation from the Texas Legislature, Midland Mayor Jerry Morales said. "Together with Pioneer, we will conserve billions of gallons of freshwater over the next 20 to 28 years while receiving $110 million in upgrades to our wastewater plant that will benefit all of our residents as Midland continues to grow. We are grateful for the leadership of Rep. Craddick and Sen. Kel Seliger in passing this monumental legislation and helping us take another step toward conserving our precious resources."

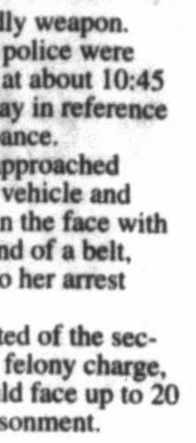
CRIME BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Woman charged with aggravated assault

A Midland woman was arrested Monday after she allegedly assaulted a woman, according to court documents.

Kharonn Lajae Minner, 23, was being held Thursday on a $50,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.



Minner

Midland police were dispatched at about 10:45 p.m. Monday in reference to a disturbance.

Minner approached a woman's vehicle and struck her in the face with the metal end of a belt, according to her arrest affidavit.

If convicted of the second-degree felony charge, Minner could face up to 20 years imprisonment.

Woman arrested on aggravated assault charge

A Midland woman was arrested Wednesday after she allegedly threatened a man with a knife, according to court documents.

Alicia Hayley, 32, was being held Thursday on a $75,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of aggravated assault of a date/family/house member with a weapon.

Midland police were dispatched to a residence at about 11 p.m. Tuesday in reference to checking welfare.

Hayley pointed a knife at a man and swiped it in front of his face, according to her arrest affidavit.

If convicted of the first-degree felony charge, Hayley could face up to 99 years imprisonment.

US Justice Department to probe police shooting of Texas teen

By Claudia Lauer
Associated Press

DALLAS — The U.S. Justice Department has launched an investigation into the fatal shooting of a black 15-year-old by a white police officer, a spokeswoman for the Dallas County District Attorney's Office confirmed Thursday.

The investigation prompted by the April 29 fatal shooting of Jordan Edwards by Balch Springs police Officer Roy Oliver is separate from the district attorney's prosecution of Oliver on a murder charge, said Brittany Dunn, a spokeswoman for District Attorney Faith Johnson.

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In 2013, a man bought a house next to his ex-wife just to install a giant middle finger statue for her to see every day.

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Things to do

■ Pretend and Play for ages 3-6. 10 a.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. Every other Friday. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

■ Evening Storytime at the Library. 4:30 p.m. (2-6 years), Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

■ Toddler Time Painting Event: "Flowers for Mom" for ages 2-5. 6 p.m., Kidd's and Canvas Parties, 3303 N. Midkiff Drive. $20. kiddsandcanvasparties.com.

■ Child Painting Event: "Mother's Day Paintings" for ages 5 and older. 6 p.m., Kidd's and Canvas Parties, 3303 N. Midkiff Drive. $25 per child, $20 adults. Kiddsandcanvasparties.com.

■ Old Miner's Maze interactive adventure features a maze, rock walls, mechanical bull and more, 6-10 p.m., 4305 N. County Road 1140. oldminersmaze.com.

■ Bingo Nights, 7 p.m., American Legion Auxiliary, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 432-682-5511.

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

■ Jonathan Brown, Hooligan's Qwest, Is Lo Pro, DJ Stabilo and Valentino Tavarez, 7 p.m., Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. $5.

■ DJ Wildman, 9 p.m., The Lift on 7th, 1401 E. Seventh St. Odessa.

■ "Nana's Naughty Knickers" at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $28. mctmidland.org.

New movies in Midland

■ At Tall City 14: "King Arthur: Legend of the Sword," "Snatched."

■ At Cinergy Cinemas: "King Arthur: Legend of the Sword," "Snatched," "The Wall."

Graduation today

Midland College, 7 p.m., Chap Center

Coleman graduation

Kathleen Green, the granddaughter of the late Dr. Viola Coleman, will be the commencement speaker for Coleman High School's graduation ceremonies. Green is also a physician and currently serves as an assistant professor of Obestetrics and Gynecology at the University of Florida.

Graduation ceremonies are set for 6:30 p.m. June 2 at Chap Center

Gas prices in Midland

The price of gas in Midland-Odessa dropped but is still nearly 14 cents a gallon higher than the state average, according to TexasGasPrices.com.

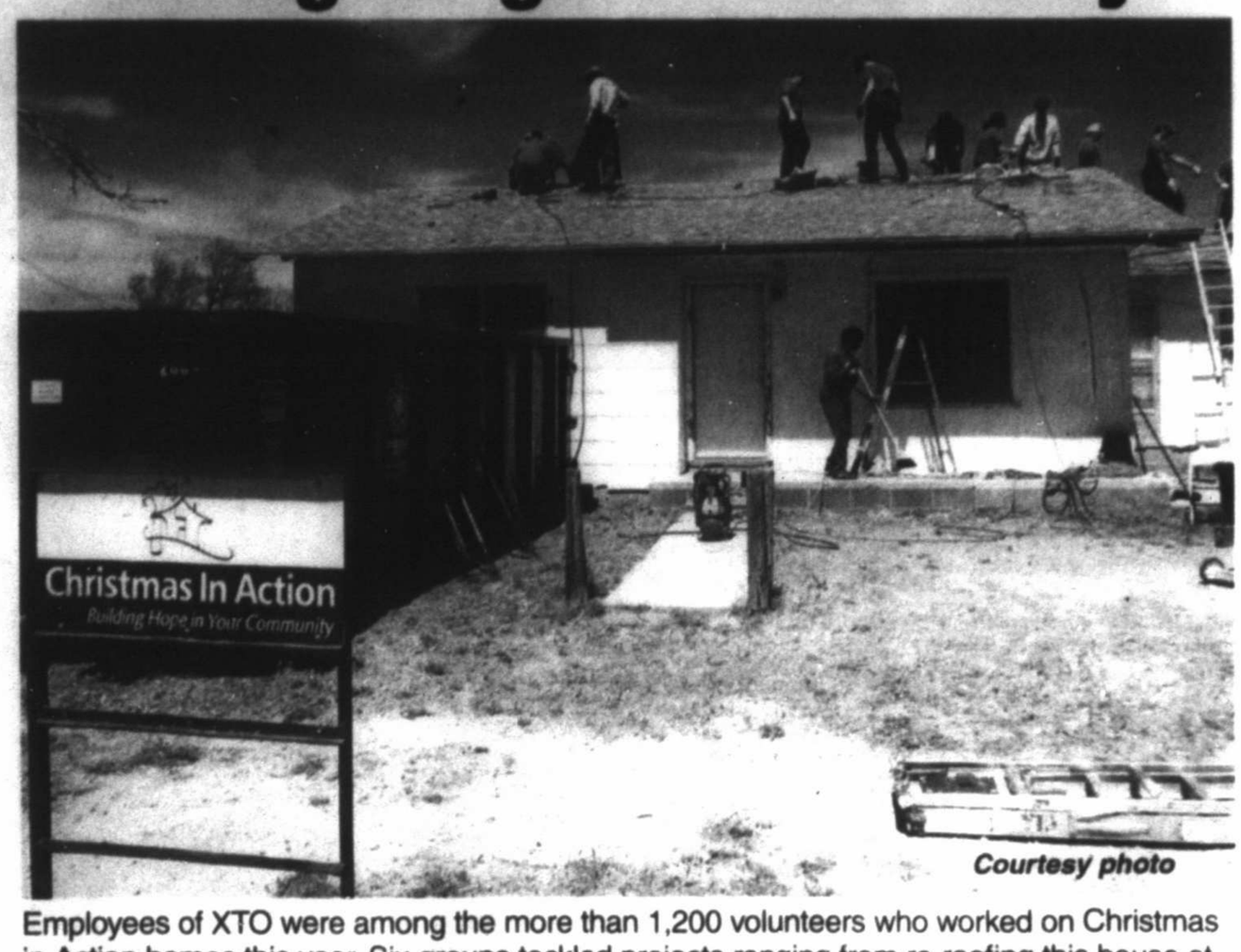
The average price of gas dropped nearly 2 cents to $2.289 a gallon while the state average fell to $2.202

Cheapest gas: $2.19 (Sam's Club, Tradewinds/SH 191)
Cheapest gas (non-membership store): $2.23 (Murphy USA, Belmont/Longview; Murphy USA, Midland Drive/Briarwood Avenue)
Most expensive: $2.45 (Pilot, Rankin Highway/Dayton)
Most common price: $2.29
Cheapest prices in West Texas: Lubbock $1.98, San Angelo $1.99, Abilene $2.06, Midland $2.19, Odessa $2.19

	Midland-Odessa	Texas
Thursday	$2.289	$2.166
Last week	$2.308	$2.202
Last month	$2.339	$2.238
Last year	$1.981	$1.985

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

Giving the gift of community



Courtesy photo

Employees of XTO were among the more than 1,200 volunteers who worked on Christmas in Action homes this year. Six groups tackled projects ranging from re-roofing this house at 1509 E. Illinois Ave., to painting, replacing windows and repairing a wheelchair ramp. For additional coverage of the nonprofit's 45th year, see today's **Faith & Philanthropy** section.

Texas price drops

COPPELL — Retail gasoline prices in Texas and the rest of the country have declined an average 3 cents per gallon this week.

AAA Texas on Thursday reported the average price at the pump statewide was $2.18 per gallon. Drivers across the U.S. are paying an average $2.34 per gallon this week.

The association survey found that Amarillo and Texarkana have the cheapest gasoline statewide this week at an average $2.08 per gallon. El Paso and Galveston have the most expensive gasoline in Texas this week at an average $2.24 per gallon.

AAA officials attribute the decline in retail gasoline prices to an unseasonable oversupply in the U.S. market, record high refinery production rates, moderate demand and a recent drop in crude oil prices.

Source: Associated Press

Camp Fire summer camp

Registration continues for Camp Fire West Texas summer day camp. The camp will be at St Mark's United Methodist Church, 1701 N. Main St. 7:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m. June 5 through Aug. 18.

Fee is $75 a week, and this includes lunch and snacks. Financial assistance is available.

To register, go to www.campfirewtx.org. For more information, call 570-4144.

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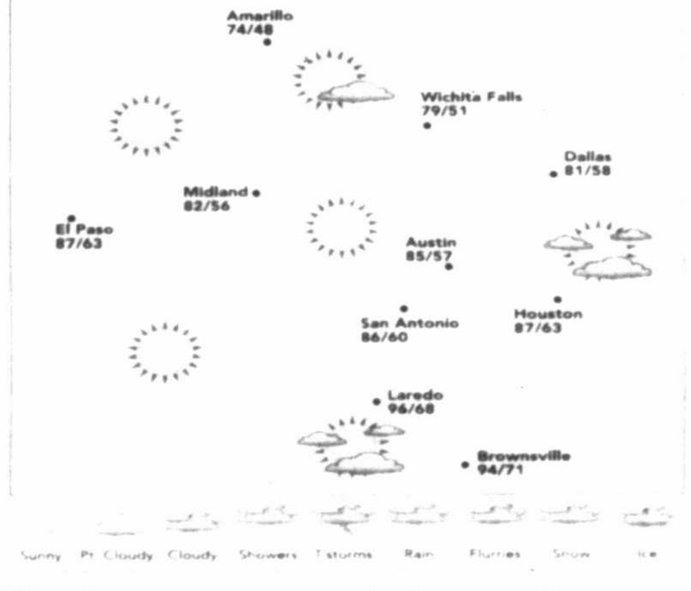
May 11's records
Record high: 102 set in 2000
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Precipitation
Wednesday ... 0.05 in.
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Month total ... 0.05 in.
Year total ... 4.85 in.
Normal total (year to date) ... 2.87 in.

Winds
Average: 10.1
Highest sustained: 18
Highest gust: 27

May 12 forecast

Forecast for Friday, May 12, 2017



High: 81
Low: 56
Conditions: Sunny during the day/Clear at night
Winds: 5-10 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise ... 6:53 a.m.
Sunset ... 8:37 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

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

Note: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

A baby born today has a Sun in Taurus and a Moon in Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, May 12, 2017:

This year you are receptive to others and their feedback. As a result, you become less stubborn and stuck in your ways. Many people make you feel worthwhile because of their desire to communicate with you. If you are single, a friend will be instrumental in finding you a love interest. It also is possible that the friendship could evolve into more. If you are attached, the two of you make headway and are willing to make changes you never thought possible. You might struggle over financial issues, but you'll become a lot closer as well. SAGITTARIUS knows how to exchange ideas with you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Keep trying to reach out to someone at a distance. Recognize that you could be misreading a situation and making an incorrect judgment. Ask a question or two, and you'll help clarify what is happening for everyone. A partner or friend is there for you. Tonight: At a favorite place.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ A close relationship blossoms even more because of a shared mutual hobby or interest. The two of you often debate the pros and cons of a matter. You might be getting to know each other well enough to be sarcastic and not cause hurt feelings. Tonight: With your best friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You want to defer to a loved one or a business partner. Your support makes a significant difference to this person. A new love interest might express an unusual interest in your day-to-day routine. Instead of wondering why, just ask. Tonight: Dance away any anger or frustration.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Pace yourself, knowing that you have a lot to do right now. You might need to clear out a project before the weekend officially starts. Don't allow a family member to disrupt your communication. You need to stay on topic. Tonight: Decide how much energy you have first.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You can't just sit on your enthusiasm. You know what you want to do, but you also understand that you need to jump through some hoops first. Allow your creativity and understanding to emerge. You could be surprised by what happens as a result. Tonight: Be a wild thing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Allow more playfulness to enter different facets of your life. Your focus might be more on your personal life than on your professional life right now. You probably will want to work from home or take the day off if you can. Keep an open mind. Tonight: Your home is your castle.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Conversations might be more vibrant, touchy or difficult than you expected. You could be unusually dynamic, but not exactly present, when dealing with others; you seem to be missing a detail or two. Know that you are unusually lucky. Tonight: Hang out with a friend or two.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You might not want to deal with your finances, but you'll create a bigger problem for yourself if you don't. Your intuition will point you in the right direction. You could be dismayed by a partner's desire to spend money. Think before you speak. Tonight: Watch your budget.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Trying to gain clarity could be difficult at best right now, as a fog seems to float through your domestic life. Your attitude throughout the day might be colored by certain events. Reach out to friends who remain optimistic and positive. Tonight: Follow someone else's lead.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might appear to regain your strength in a professional situation. You could be overly tired by a back-and-forth situation that surrounds your day-to-day life. Your professional or work life could become more demanding. Tonight: Make it OK to say "no" if you want to.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Friendship and meetings are likely to occupy a good part of your day. Whether you internalize some of what is happening will be up to you. You are more likely to detach and take an overview. A child or new love interest could be very difficult. Tonight: Join your friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Take charge of a professional situation. Your caring attitude makes a difference to many people, especially your significant other. You'll feel much better having this person's support. Changes on the homefront might be difficult but necessary. Tonight: All eyes turn to you.

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US nuclear site's collapsed tunnel may have gone unnoticed

By Nicholas K. Geranios
Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — The large sinkhole that caved in a tunnel filled with radioactive waste at a sprawling Washington state nuclear waste repository may have gone unnoticed for days before its discovery because workers do not patrol tunnel sites daily, a spokesman for the U.S. Department of Energy said Thursday.

The sinkhole was found Tuesday, prompting an emergency at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation with evacuations of some workers and orders for others to stay inside buildings scattered across the 500 square-mile (1,300 square-kilometer) safekeeping location for radioactive waste dating from World War II.

Authorities plan to investigate why and when the roof of the tunnel suffered a partial cave-in, creating the sinkhole that poured dirt into the tunnel containing railroad cars with nuclear waste, the agency said.

The cave-in could have happened as many as four days before its discovery Tuesday morning, said energy department spokesman Mark Heeter.

"We don't know exactly when it occurred," Heeter said.

No one was hurt and no radiation escaped into the environment before the sinkhole was filled in with 54 truckloads of soil late Wednesday night, the Energy Department said.

The 8 feet (2.4 meters) of dirt that fell into the tunnel after its roof partially collapsed may have prevented radiation from escaping into the environment, Heeter said.

But Washington state officials were taken aback upon learning after the collapse that tunnel inspections were made on what they called an infrequent basis.

"It's not acceptable that the hole could have been open for four days," said Alex Smith, nuclear waste manager for the Washington state Department of Ecology, which helps regulate the Hanford site.

Smith said that radioactivity would have been detected immediately by monitoring devices if it had escaped from the tunnel into the air.

The 360-foot long (110-meter) rail tunnel was built in 1956 from timber, concrete and steel. Eight flatbed railroad cars loaded with radioactive material were parked inside when the entrance was sealed in 1965.

The waste came from a nearby factory where between plutonium was extracted from 1956 to 1988 from spent nuclear fuel rods as part of the process to make nuclear weapons.

Smith said the tunnel contains about 780 cubic yards (596 cubic meters) of waste — a mixture of radioactive and chemical waste and irradiated equipment, including the contaminated rail cars used to haul the fuel rods.

U.S. Energy Secretary Rick Perry said the filling of the hole "was accomplished swiftly and safely to help prevent any further complications."

"Our next step is to identify and implement longer-term measures to further reduce risks," Perry said.

Hanford, created during the World War II Manhattan Project to build an atomic bomb, for decades made plutonium for nuclear weapons. Now it is engaged in cleaning up the radioactive waste.

The tunnel collapse reinforced longstanding criticism that toxic remnants at Hanford are being stored in haphazard and unsafe conditions, and time is running out to deal with the problem.

It also prompted a demand from Washington state officials for the federal Energy Department to immediately assess the integrity of Hanford tunnels.

"The infrastructure built to temporarily store radioactive waste is now more than a half-century old," said Maia Bellon, director of the state ecology department.

The incident occurred at the smaller of two tunnels located near the closed Plutonium Uranium Extraction Plant at Hanford. The larger one was built in 1964 and contains 28 railroad cars filled with radioactive waste.

The Energy Department was warned in a 2015 report it commissioned that both tunnels were vulnerable to a collapse from an earthquake or deterioration of tunnel building materials caused by intense radiation, the report said.

The nearby Yakama Nation said it has warned about the safety of the tunnels for several years.

"No preventative action was taken," the tribe said in a statement.

The tribe also said the tunnels should be cleaned of radioactive waste and radiation long before a deadline of 2042 set by a cleanup agreement between the federal and state governments.

The cleanup of all Hanford's waste is expected to last until 2060 and cost an additional $100 billion over the $19 billion already spent.

The most dangerous waste at Hanford is 56 million gallons stored in 177 underground tanks, some of which have leaked.

Plans to embed the toxic stew in glass logs for burial have floundered. Construction of a $17 billion glassification factory has stopped because of design and safety issues.

The plan is to bury the glass logs at a nuclear waste dump carved inside Nevada's Yucca Mountain, a project that has been on the drawing board for three decades but has run into resistance from Nevada politicians, including former U.S. Sen. Harry Reid.

President Donald Trump has proposed $120 million to restart the licensing process for the dump.



U.S. Department of Energy via AP

This image provided by the U.S. Department of Energy shows a 20-foot by 20-foot hole in the roof of a storage tunnel Tuesday at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation near Richland, Wash. An emergency was declared Tuesday after the partial collapse of the tunnel that contains rail cars full of radioactive waste.

Is free speech fading at colleges? Some defenders think so

By Collin Binkley
Associated Press

In campus clashes from California to Vermont, many defenders of the First Amendment say they see signs that free speech, once a bedrock value in academia, is losing ground as a priority at U.S. colleges.

As protests have derailed speeches by controversial figures, including an event with Ann Coulter last month at the University of California, Berkeley, some fear students have come to see the right to free expression less as an enshrined measure of protection for all voices and more as a political weapon used against them by provocateurs.

"I think minority groups and those who feel alienated are especially skeptical about free speech these days," said Jeffrey Herbst, leader of the Newseum, a Washington group that defends the First Amendment. "But the powerful can get their message across any number of ways. It's those who feel powerless or alienated who really benefit from enshrined rights."

On Wednesday, students at the historically black Bethune-Cookman University in Florida tried to shout down a commencement address by Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, who said during her speech, "Let's choose to hear one another out." Students and alumni had previously petitioned to rescind her invitation, saying she doesn't understand the importance of historically black schools.

While some cast the debate as a political battle, pitting protesters on the left against conservative speakers on the right, First Amendment advocates warn the line marking acceptable speech could slip if more college students adopt less-than-absolute views on free speech.

When UC Berkeley canceled Coulter's April 27 speech amid threats of violence, it was only the latest example of a speaker with controversial views being blocked from talking. Since the beginning of 2016, nearly 30 campus speeches have been derailed amid controversy, according to the Foundation For Individual Rights In Education.

In many cases, speakers have been targeted for their views on race and sexual identity.

At Middlebury College in Vermont, author Charles Murray was shouted down by students who accused him of espousing racist views. An event featuring Milo Yiannopoulos at Berkeley was called off after protests over his views on race and transgender people turned violent.

In the past year, other speeches have been disrupted or canceled amid student protests at the University of Wisconsin, UC Davis, Brown University, New York University and DePaul University, among others.

Today's students have developed a new understanding of free speech that doesn't protect language seen as offensive to minorities or others thought to be disenfranchised, said Herbst, also a former president of Colgate University, a liberal arts school in Hamilton, New York.

He sees it as a generational divide, a notion that's supported by some polling data. A 2015 survey by the Pew Research Center, for example, found that 40 percent of people ages 18 to 34 supported government censorship of statements offensive to minorities. Only 24 percent of people ages 51 to 69 agreed.

The literary group PEN America has also warned free speech is being threatened at colleges.

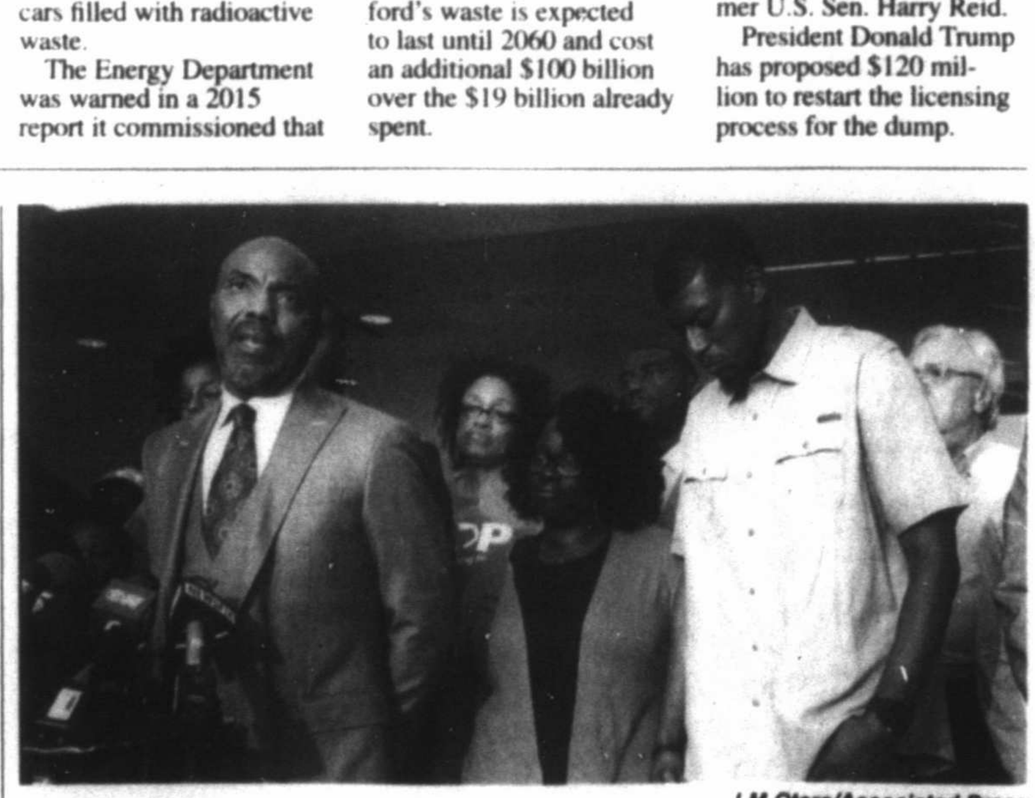
As students and administrators strive to make campuses more hospitable to diverse student bodies, some have wrongly silenced speech that makes certain students feel uncomfortable, said Suzanne Nossel, the group's director.

"The university has dual imperatives. It has to be a place that is welcoming and open to students of all backgrounds, cognizant of the barriers that impede students from marginalized groups," she said. "But that cannot and must not come at the expense of being an open environment for speech."

The events at Berkeley and Middlebury have drawn scorn from observers across the political spectrum, including some founders of the free speech movement that took root at Berkeley in the 1960s. Jack Weinberg, who was arrested on campus in 1964 for violating school codes on activism and sparked a wave of protests to change them, said he found "the whole thing despicable."

"When you suppress ideas, you also increase interest in those ideas," Weinberg said. "It's understandable that people want to stop it, but it doesn't work."

Still, some students don't see a problem with disrupting provocative speakers. Some say they're simply invoking their own First Amendment rights, while others say they're appealing to higher principles that take priority over free expression.



LM Otero/Associated Press

Attorney Daryl Washington, left, speaks Thursday on behalf of Jordan Edwards' parents, Charmaine Edwards, center and Odell Edwards during a news conference in Dallas. The lawyers for the family of the teen killed by police in Balch Springs spoke to reporters after all met with the Dallas County district attorney.

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She said she did not know the scope and focus of the investigation of the Balch Spring Police Department, and a message left for a Justice Department spokesman was not returned.

Oliver was fired and charged with murder in the April 29 shooting and is free on bond.

Edwards' family and its attorney said Johnson advised them of the federal investigation during a meeting Thursday.

A Justice Department investigation could end in a wide variety of outcomes — some civil, some criminal.

Civil rights activists are watching closely for clues to how the Trump administration's Justice Department intends to handle racially charged shootings by police. But conclusions are hard to draw because each case is so different and prosecutions of officers are rare.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions has said he believes sweeping federal investigations of police departments can hurt officer morale and undermine crime fighting. He has also promised his Justice Department will prosecute individual officers who break the law.

In the case of Ferguson, Missouri, the Department of Justice investigated both whether the fatal shooting of Michael Brown merited civil rights charges against Ferguson Police Officer Darren Wilson and whether there were systematic issues of civil rights violations inside the city's police department. Investigators did not support charges against the officer, but found systematic constitutional violations for stopping people without reasonable suspicion, using unreasonable force and other charges.

Like Ferguson, Balch Springs has a small white minority in its population but an overwhelming white majority in its police department. The Dallas suburb's population of almost 24,000 is 19 percent white, but its police force is 80 percent white.

Other incidents of officer-involved shootings in recent years have involved bringing federal charges against officers as individuals.

Earlier this month, Officer Michael Slager in South Carolina pleaded guilty to a federal charge that he had violated the civil rights of Walter Scott by shooting without justification. A witness shot a cellphone video in the 2015 shooting that captured images of Slager firing at Scott as he ran away, killing him.

The Justice Department also earlier this month decided not to charge two Baton Rouge police officers with civil rights violations in the shooting death of Alton Sterling.

The murder warrant issued against Oliver was based on evidence that suggested Oliver "intended to cause serious bodily injury and commit an act clearly dangerous to human life that caused the death," the Dallas County Sheriff's Office said in a statement.

Oliver fired a rifle at a car full of teenagers leaving a party, fatally shooting Edwards who was a passenger in the vehicle. The teen's death led to protests calling for Oliver to be fired and charged.

Mormon church severs some of its ties to the Boy Scouts

By Brady Mccombs
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The Mormon church, the biggest sponsor of Boy Scout troops in the United States, announced Thursday it is pulling as many as 185,000 older youths from the organization as part of an effort to start its own scouting-like program.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints said the move wasn't triggered by the Boy Scouts' decision in 2015 to allow gay troop leaders because Mormon-sponsored troops have remained free to exclude such adults on religious grounds.

But at least one leading Mormon scholar said that the Boy Scouts and the Mormons have been diverging on values in recent years and that the policy on gays was probably one of several contributing factors in the split.

Saying it wants a new, simplified program of its own that is more closely tailored to Mormon teenagers, the church announced that boys ages 14 to 18 will no longer participate in the Boy Scouts starting next year. The church said the decision will affect 185,000 teens, while the Boy Scouts put the number at 130,000.

The loss is only a fraction of the 2.3 million youths in the Boy Scouts of America.

But the organization has been grappling with declining membership for years and has enjoyed an unusually close bond with the Mormon church for more than a century because of their shared values.

Joining the Boy Scouts is practically automatic among Mormon boys.

Boy Scouts of America spokeswoman Effie Delimarkos said the organization is saddened by the decision but understands the church's desire to customize a program.

About 280,000 Mormon boys ages 8 to 13 will remain in the Scouts while the church continues to develop its own program, the Mormons said.

The Boy Scouts estimated the number at 330,000. The church did not say when the younger boys will be withdrawn from the Boy Scouts.

Like other conservative religions, the Mormon church opposes gay marriage and teaches that being in a homosexual relationship is a sin. The church initially said it was "deeply troubled" by the Boy Scouts' policy change on gays. But it stayed with the organization after receiving assurances it could appoint troop leaders according to its own religious and moral values.

In Thursday's announcement, the church said that it learned recently that the Boy Scouts are considering admitting girls, but that its decision was made independently of that.

Matthew Bowman, a Mormon scholar and associate professor of history at Henderson State University, said the schism reflects the two organizations' diverging values, with gays and girls just two such issues.

"The church is wedded very much to traditional gender roles, and they see the Boy Scouts of America increasingly move away from that," Bowman said. "That means that they have come to see it as less of a hospitable place."

Despite worries that the policy change on gays would cause Boy Scouts membership to dip even further, the organization reported a strong 2016, with the number of Scouts close to stabilizing after a prolonged decline.

The vast majority of troops affiliated with conservative religious denominations have remained in the fold, still free to exclude gay adults.

Thursday's announcement represents a step first toward something that has been in the works for years: a Mormon-run scouting-type program that could be used in congregations around the world. The church has 15.8 million members, nearly 6 in 10 of them outside the U.S. and Canada.

Scouting is available only in the U.S. and Canada.

"The long game here is the church looking forward to a time when Americans are even more of a minority in the church than they are now," Bowman said.

In a statement, the church said the new program will be tailored to foster Mormon teenagers' "spiritual, social, physical and intellectual" development.

Mormon teenagers who want to continue working toward the Eagle Scout rank will be able to do that on their own while also participating in the new program, said church spokesman Eric Hawkins.



Rick Egan/The Salt Lake Tribune via AP

Scouts from Eagle Mountain, Utah, work on a service project July 21, 2010. The Mormon church, the biggest sponsor of Boy Scout troops in the United States, announced Thursday it is pulling as many as 185,000 older youths from the organization as part of an effort to start its own scouting-like program.

Removal of Confederate icons stirs nuanced, varied reactions

By Kevin Mcgill and Gerald Herbert
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The statue of the Confederacy's president had been hoisted from its stone pedestal in the pre-dawn hours and the blue glint of police lights was still visible two blocks away outside the corner laundromat where Carol Patterson sat as diverted rush-hour traffic rolled by.

"It's entertaining," Patterson, 74, said of the hubbub surrounding the Thursday morning removal of the statue from the busy New Orleans street that still bears the name Jefferson Davis Parkway. Police on horseback stood sentry nearby, in the event of demonstrations.

Patterson, who is white, has taken part in anti-racism demonstrations and doesn't share the reverence some white Southerners hold for Confederate figures.

But she thinks Mayor Mitch Landrieu's initiative to remove four monuments to Confederate-era figures was a mistake.

"It's history. You can't change history. The Holocaust happened. They built a China wall," she said. "You can't destroy history."

Troy Banks, a 53-year-old black man who shared a bench with her was equally dubious and critical of protesters on both sides of the issue. He hopes Landrieu makes good on a pledge to ensure that the monuments wind up in a museum or some other place where they can be viewed in a historical context. "That would be beautiful," he said.

Opinions among New Orleans residents vary and are nuanced when it comes to Landrieu's move but the mayor has remained insistent — even amid blistering criticism from some allies — since he first pushed for the monument's removal in 2015.

"Today we continue the mission," Landrieu said in a statement on the Davis statue. "These monuments have stood not as historical or educational markers of our legacy and segregation, but in celebration of it."

Landrieu, the first white mayor of mostly black New Orleans since his father Moon held the job in the 1970s, called for removal of the monuments amid the lingering emotional aftermath of the 2015 massacre of nine black parishioners at a South Carolina church.

The killer, Dylann Roof, was an avowed racist who brandished Confederate battle flags in photos. The slayings re-charged the debate over whether Confederate emblems represent racism or an honorable heritage.

Davis' statue was the second of four monuments to the Confederate era that the City Council, at Landrieu's behest, voted 6-1 to take down.

After legal battles delayed the work, the first — a granite obelisk honoring whites who rebelled against a biracial Reconstruction government — came down late last month.

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Trump brutally took the political ax to Comey

■ Whacking Comey has brought more critical attention to the Russia story than anything imaginable



CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

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It is implausible that FBI Director James Comey was fired in May 2017 for actions committed in July 2016 — the rationale contained in the memo by Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein.

It is implausible that Comey was fired by Donald Trump for having been too tough on Hillary Clinton, as when, at that July news conference, he publicly recited her various email misdeeds despite recommending *against* prosecution.

It is implausible that Trump fired Comey for, among other things, reopening the Clinton investigation 11 days before the election, something that at the time Trump praised as a sign of Comey's "guts" that had "brought back his reputation."

It's implausible that Trump, a man notorious for being swayed by close and loyal personal advisers, fired Comey on the recommendation of a sub-Cabinet official whom Trump hardly knew and who'd been on the job all of two weeks.

It is implausible that Trump found Rosenstein's arguments so urgently persuasive that he acted immediately — so precipitously, in fact, that Comey learned of his own firing from TVs that happened to be playing behind him.

These implausibilities were obvious within seconds of Comey's firing and the administration's immediate attempt to pin it all on the Rosenstein memo. That was pure spin. So why in reality did Trump fire Comey?

Admittedly, Comey had to go. The cliche is that if you've infuriated both sides, it means you must be doing something right. Sometimes, however, it means you must be doing everything wrong.

Over the last year, Comey has been repeatedly wrong. Not, in my view, out of malice or partisanship (although his self-righteousness about his own probity does occasionally grate). He was in an unprecedented situation with unpalatable choices. Never in American presidential history had a major party nominated a candidate under official FBI investigation. (Turns out the Trump campaign was under investigation as well.) Which makes the normal injunction that FBI directors not interfere in elections facile and impossible to follow. Any course of action — disclosure or silence, commission or omission — carried unavoidable electoral consequences.

Comey had to make up the rules as he went along. He did. That was not his downfall. His downfall was making up contradictory, illogical rules, such as the July 5 non-indictment indictment of Clinton.

A series of these — and Comey became anathema to both Democrats and Republicans. Clinton blamed her loss on two people. One of them was Comey.

And there's the puzzle. There was ample bipartisan sentiment for letting Comey go. And there was ample time from Election Day on to do so. A simple talk, a gold watch, a friendly farewell, a Comey resignation to allow the new president to pick the new director. No fanfare, no rancor.

True, this became more difficult after March 20 when Comey revealed that the FBI was investigating the alleged Trump-Russia collusion. Difficult but not impossible. For example, just last week Comey had committed an egregious factual error about the Huma Abedin emails that the FBI had to abjectly walk back in a written memo to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Here was an opportunity for a graceful exit: Comey regrets the mistake and notes that some of the difficult decisions he had previously made necessarily cost him the confidence of various parties. Time for a clean slate. Add the usual boilerplate about not wanting to be a distraction at such a crucial time. Awkward perhaps, but still dignified and amicable.

Instead we got this — a political ax murder, brutal even by Washington standards. (Or even Roman standards. Where was the vein-opening knife and the warm bath?) No final meeting, no letter of resignation, no presidential thanks, no cordial parting. Instead, a blindsided Comey ends up in a live-streamed O.J. Bronco ride, bolting from Los Angeles to be flown, defrocked, back to Washington.

Why? Trump had become increasingly agitated with the Russia-election investigation and Comey's very public part in it. If Trump thought this would kill the inquiry and the story, or perhaps even just derail it somewhat, he's made the blunder of the decade. Whacking Comey has brought more critical attention to the Russia story than anything imaginable. It won't stop the FBI investigation. And the confirmation hearings for a successor will become a nationally televised forum for collusion allegations, which up till now have remained a scandal in search of a crime.

So why did he do it? Now we know: The king asked whether no one would rid him of this troublesome priest, and got so impatient he did it himself.

OPINION EXTRA

President Trump's firing of Comey does not end any investigation

Donald Trump's firing of FBI Director James Comey was aimed at thwarting an investigation into the president possibly colluding with Russians to defeat Hillary Clinton in the past election, say hypocritical Democrats with applause from others. It's a nonsensical thesis. The firing will intensify the investigation, and not just because any tricks would immediately result in calls for impeachment.

After all, career prosecutors and investigative agencies did not lose their jobs. They are honest people who want to do the right thing; they know everyone will be watching what happens, and their superiors would be downright foolish to rush in with interventions. In Washington, with an issue as fiery as this one, the truth would get out and the repercussions would be fierce.

The firing actually makes Trump's situation tougher than it otherwise would have been. Should the FBI find no evidence of collusion — and so far, there is none that has seen daylight — wide swathes of doubters would be that much more likely to insist a whole lot of lying is going on.

It's interesting, of course, that the very same people who have been castigating Comey daily and often arguing he ought to go are the ones now saying, oh, dear, why would anyone do this vile thing. The answer is that Trump was subject to the precise reasoning of Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, an expert legal hand applauded on both sides of the aisle as a man of unimpeachable integrity.

In a letter quickly sent Trump's way, he wrote that Comey broke with the clear meaning of the law by deciding himself not to prosecute Clinton for her email transgressions as secretary of state. It was particularly objectionable that he held a press conference to discuss the case. Then, he was at it again when he said in a letter to Congress that he was starting up the investigation once more.

In short, Rosenstein said, Comey had made it impossible for the FBI to be a trusted agency as long as he was in charge.

But wait, anti-Trump zealots say, the timing of the firing is what was awful. We right now have grand jury proceedings about Russian money having been given to Michael Flynn, for a short period Trump's national security advisor, and the FBI is probing how Russia might have influenced the 2016 election. The obvious answer is that the timing was absolutely appropriate, seeing as how Comey was still going around undercutting himself by defending himself and had just recently made a highly reported, self-serving blunder in testimony before Congress. Another hearing is coming up, but there are plenty who can take Comey's place.

An irony in all of this is that Clinton recently said she was herself responsible for the outcome of the 2016 election even though she wasn't. She put a lot of the blame on Comey, although he initially saved her by not allowing her prosecution as many thought should have happened.

He almost undoubtedly did damage her campaign at least some when he reopened the investigation, making everyone think something major had been discovered. What he did not do was instruct her to carry out her inexcusably careless email deeds in the first place and to then dodge her way out of full-fledged responsibility.

The question now is what comes next, and here is the absurdity of the moment: the Democrats' call for a special prosecutor when there is not yet anything close to a case to prosecute. Even if there were, special prosecutors have proven themselves especially inept by way of insisting on prosecution no matter what justice requires.

President Trump is himself inept, of course, and he fumbles almost everything he does in one way or another, as in peculiarities included in the letter he wrote on firing Comey. But much of what's going on right now — such as calling this another Watergate — is politically inspired, irrationally contrived histrionics.

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Republicans can make this right

DANA MILBANK

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Mitch McConnell is no Howard Baker. Baker, the late Republican senator from Tennessee and GOP Senate leader in the 1970s and 1980s, became a profile in courage when he put country above party during the Watergate investigation, famously asking, "What did the president know, and when did he know it?"

McConnell, who now occupies the high office Baker once held, had a chance Wednesday for his Baker moment. The night before, President Trump had fired FBI Director James Comey, the man overseeing the investigation into Russian interference in the election with potential Trump campaign collusion. Even many Republicans were aghast at the clumsy, Nixonian move that was plainly aimed at shutting down the probe.

Forty-five of 48 Democrats were at their desks Wednesday morning on the Senate floor, which was gravely silent — a measure of the gravity of the moment. Several Republicans were there, too. McConnell rose — and spoke about "Honor Flights" for veterans. He then furnished more complaints about Obamacare. Then, by way of afterthought, he added a few words on the stunning events of Tuesday.

"What we have now," he argued, is "our Democratic colleagues complaining about the removal of an FBI director whom they themselves repeatedly and sharply criticized." McConnell went on to argue that a new investigation "could only serve to impede the current work being done" to investigate the Russian interference.

Right. So calls for a more vigorous investigation would ... impede the investigation. And people who previously criticized Comey can't complain about the extremely suspicious manner in which he was fired. By that logic, those who criticized Abraham Lincoln's military strategy were hypocritical to condemn John Wilkes Booth for shooting him.

McConnell's small-mindedness would be funny if the situation weren't so grave. This is a serious threat, not to Republicans but to America. A leading adversary successfully intervened in a presidential election — possibly with the collusion of the victor. And the man leading the investigation, who just last week asked for more resources for the probe, was instead fired by the man he asked (new deputy attorney general Rod Rosenstein), quite likely on the president's instructions.

There have been reports that grand-jury subpoenas were ready to fly, and public testimony raised new suspicions of collusion. We also know that Trump refused to take action when told his national security adviser, Michael Flynn, was compromised with the Russians — until the matter blew up publicly. We also know that the firing (and now replacement) of the FBI director is under the auspices of Attorney General Jeff Sessions, who is supposed to be recused from the Russia probe because of his own Russia contacts.

And look at the man McConnell is protecting. Russophile Trump surrounded himself on the campaign with men tied to Russia: Paul Manafort, Carter Page, Roger Stone, Flynn. And on Wednesday morning, the day after firing Comey, Trump gave a new display of his Russia-friendly ways. He sat down in the Oval Office with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and banned the U.S. media from the session; the only "media" present, apparently, was Tass, the Russian state-owned news agency, which published photos of the meeting.

During Watergate, there were many Republicans who bravely stood up to Nixon. Rep. Lawrence Hogan of Maryland, father of the current governor; Rep. M. Caldwell Butler of Virginia; Attorney General Elliot Richardson; Sens. Hugh Scott (Pa.) and Barry Goldwater (Ariz.) and others earned places of honor in history for that.

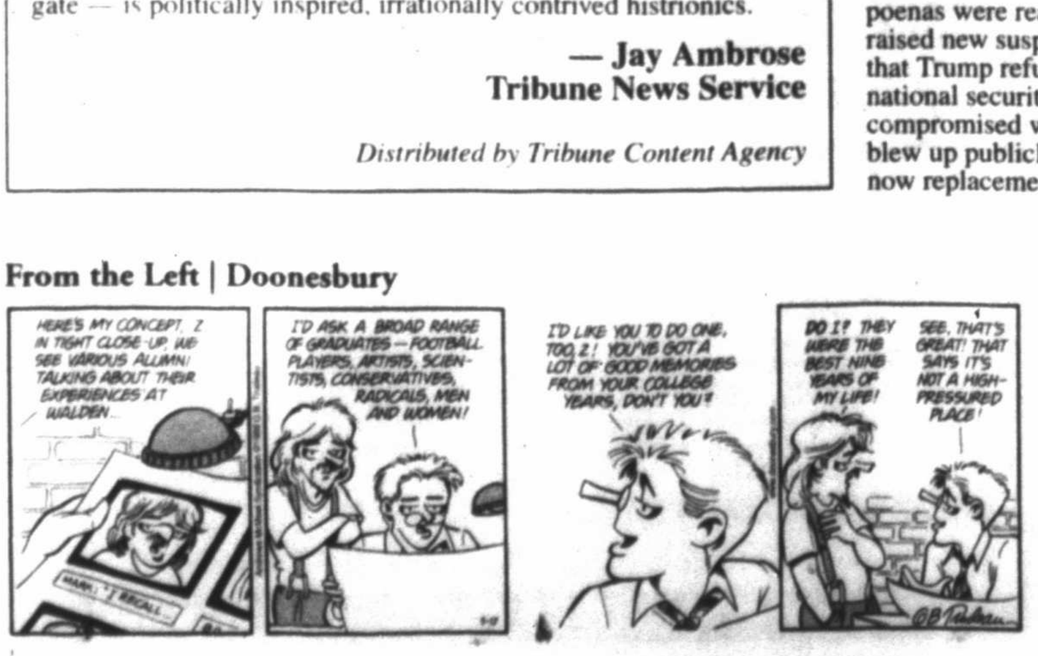
There are some who have the potential to play that role now. Sen. Richard Burr (N.C.), chairman of the Intelligence Committee, said the timing and reasoning of the firing don't make sense, and he invited Comey to testify. Sen. John McCain (Ariz.) has called for a select committee to investigate and Rep. Justin Amash (Mich.) for an independent commission. Sens. Jeff Flake (Ariz.), Marco Rubio (Fla.), Bob Corker (Tenn.) and James Lankford (Okla.), and a couple of others, have raised questions.

Will they, like their predecessors 40-odd years ago, be able to recognize that Trump's action Tuesday night and McConnell's mindless defense of it are more a danger to country than to party?

As Democrats thundered about the need for a special prosecutor, Republicans quietly expressed unease, and White House officials fabricated facts to justify Trump's actions, the president took to Twitter. "When things calm down," he wrote, everybody "will be thanking me."

Sergei Lavrov and the Russians may thank Trump. But in America things won't "calm down" — they can't calm down — unless a few brave Republicans find the courage to set this right.

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Trump: I was going to fire that 'showboat' no matter what

By Julie Pace, Eileen Sullivan and Jake Pearson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Undermining previous White House explanations, President Donald Trump declared Thursday he had planned to fire FBI Director James Comey all along, regardless of whether top Justice Department officials recommended the stunning decision. His assertions came as Comey's temporary replacement joined in, contradicting other administration statements on the snowballing controversy.

In an interview with NBC News, Trump also said he'd asked Comey point-blank if he was under investigation, showing no concern about the prospect of interfering in an active FBI probe. He said Comey told him three times — at a dinner and in two phone calls — that he was not, as the bureau probed his presidential campaign's possible ties to Russia's election meddling.

"I said, 'If it's possible, would you let me know am I under investigation?' He said you are not under investigation," Trump told NBC.

The shifting accounts of the decision to fire Comey, whom Trump derided as a "showboat" and "grandstander," added to a mounting sense of uncertainty and chaos in the West Wing, as aides scrambled to get their stories straight and appease an angry president. Not even Vice President Mike Pence was spared the embarrassment of having told a version of events that was later discredited by Trump.

The White House's explanations continued to crumble throughout the day Thursday. On Capitol Hill, acting FBI Director Andrew McCabe strongly disputed the White House's assertion that Comey had been fired in part because he had lost the confidence of the FBI's rank-and-file.

"That is not accurate," McCabe said. "Director Comey enjoyed broad support within the FBI and still does to this day."

Unfazed, White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders insisted she had heard from "countless" members of the FBI who welcomed the president's decision.

McCabe also pointed out the remarkable nature of Trump's version of his conversations with Comey. McCabe told a Senate panel it was not "standard practice" to tell an individual whether they are or are not under investigation.

Previous presidents have made a public show of staying out of legal matters, so as not to appear to be injecting politics. Trump's comments demonstrated his striking deviation from that practice and scant concern for the appearance of FBI independence.

The ousted director himself is said to be confident that his own version of events will come out, possibly in an appearance before Congress, according to an associate who has been in touch with him since his firing Tuesday.

Trump and Comey's relationship was strained early on, in part because of the president's explosive and unsubstantiated claims that Barack Obama wiretapped Trump Tower. Comey found the allegations confounding, according to his associate, and wondered what to make of what he described as strange thoughts coming from his new boss.

The president was no kinder to Comey on Thursday, calling him names and saying he'd left the FBI in "virtual turmoil." He said that while he received a scathing assessment of Comey's performance from Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein on Monday, that memo was not a catalyst for his dramatic decision as the White House had said earlier.

"I was going to fire Comey," Trump said. "Regardless of recommendation, I was going to fire Comey."

That's far different that the White House's initial account in the hours after Comey's firing. Multiple officials, including Pence, said the president was acting at the behest of Rosenstein and Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

But it quickly became clear that the president had been stewing for days over the Russia investigation and Comey's refusal to defend him in appearances before lawmakers. By Wednesday afternoon, the officials, like Trump, were saying he had in fact been considering ousting the FBI director for months because of a lack of confidence in his ability to lead

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White House struggles to straighten its story on Comey

By Jill Colvin
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House's explanation of President Donald Trump's decision to fire FBI Director James Comey has been a moving target.

Since the explosive decision was announced Tuesday, the president's advisers have struggled to come up with a consistent timeline and rationale. They said Trump was prompted by a scathing memo written by Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, only to acknowledge Trump had been planning to fire Comey regardless of the recommendation. They've distanced the decision from the FBI probe into Russia's meddling in the 2016 campaign, only to later suggest Comey's firing would aid the investigation.

"I think we were absolutely given the information that we could have at that time," said White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders of the evolving statements. "It was a quick-moving process. We took the information we had as best we have it and got it out to the American people as quickly as we could."

"Our story is consistent," she said.

Here's a look at some of the contradictions uttered over the last several days:

Whose idea was the memo?

Tuesday: "It was all him. No one from the White House. That was a DOJ decision," White House spokesman Sean Spicer said, laying the impetus for the memo building the case for Comey's firing on Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein.

Wednesday: "He did have a conversation with the deputy attorney general on Monday where they had come to him to express their concerns. The president asked that they put those concerns and their recommendation in writing, which is the letter that you guys have received," Sanders said, describing the president's instructions to Rosenstein and Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

What role did it play in Trump's decision?

Wednesday: "People in the Justice Department made a very strong recommendation, the president followed it and he made a quick and decisive action to fire James Comey. He took the recommendation seriously. And he made a decision based on that," Sanders said in an interview with MSNBC.

Thursday: "Oh, I was going fire regardless of recommendation ... he made a recommendation, he's highly respected, very good guy, very smart guy, the Democrats like him, the Republicans like him, he made a recommendation but regardless of recommendation I was going to fire Comey," Trump said in an interview with NBC's Lester Holt.

When did Trump decide?

Wednesday: "No," Sanders said, when asked if the president had already decided to fire Comey on Monday when he asked Rosenstein for the memo.

Thursday: "He had already made that decision. He'd been thinking about it for months, which I did say yesterday and have said many times since. ... the recommendation I guess he got from the deputy attorney general just further solidified his decision and, again, I think, reaffirmed that he made the right one," Sanders said in the White House briefing.

Was this about the FBI's Russia investigation?

Tuesday: "This has nothing to do with Russia," White House counselor Kellyanne Conway told CNN.

Thursday: "We want this to come to its conclusion, we want it to come to its conclusion with integrity," Sanders said of the Russia probe. "And we think that we've actually, by removing Director Comey, taken steps to make that happen."

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Trump launches commission to investigate voter fraud

By Ken Thomas
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump signed an executive order Thursday launching a commission to review alleged voter fraud and voter suppression, building upon his unsubstantiated claims that millions of people voted illegally in the 2016 election.

The White House said the president's "Advisory Commission on Election Integrity" would examine allegations of improper voting and fraudulent voter registration in states and across the nation. Vice President Mike Pence will chair the panel and Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach will be vice chair of the commission, which will report back to Trump by 2018.

Trump has alleged, without evidence, that 3 million to 5 million people voted illegally in his 2016 election against Democrat Hillary Clinton. He has vowed since the start of his administration to investigate voter fraud, a process that has been delayed for months.

Last November, Kobach said he supported Trump's assertions that he would have won the popular vote if "millions" of people hadn't voted illegally.

Democrats and voting rights groups called the panel a sham, arguing there are few, if any, credible allegations of significant voter fraud. They warned that the panel would be used to lay the groundwork for stricter voting requirements that could make it more difficult for poor and minority voters to access the ballot box.

"The sole purpose of this commission is to propagate a myth and to give encouragement to Republican governors and state legislators to increase voter suppression," said Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, who challenged Clinton for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer of New York said it was a "clear front for constricting the access to vote to poor Americans, older Americans, and — above all — African-Americans and Latinos."

White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said the commission would be bipartisan and composed of about a dozen members, including current and former state election officials and experts.

"The president is committed to the thorough review of registration and voting issues in federal elections and that's exactly what this commission is tasked with doing," Sanders said.

The panel will aim to ensure confidence in the integrity of federal elections while looking at vulnerabilities in the system and the possibility of improper voting and fraudulent voter registration and voting, officials said.

The commission will include two Republicans, former Ohio Secretary of State Ken Blackwell and Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson, and two Democrats, New Hampshire Secretary of State Bill Gardner and Maine Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap.

Christy McCormick, a former Justice Department attorney and a member of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, will also be on the panel, and others will be named soon.

Trump repeatedly alleged that the election system was "rigged" during his campaign and later argued that massive, widespread fraud kept him from winning the popular vote. Trump won the presidency with an Electoral College victory even though Clinton received nearly 3 million more votes.

Voting experts and many lawmakers, including House Oversight Committee Chairman Jason Chaffetz, have said they haven't seen anything to suggest that millions of people voted illegally. The Utah Republican said his committee won't be investigating voter fraud.

But in a lunch meeting with senators in February, Trump said he and former Republican Sen. Kelly Ayotte would have won in New Hampshire if not for voters bused in from out of state. New Hampshire officials have said there was no evidence of major voter fraud in the state.

Michael Waldman, president of the New York-based Brennan Center for Justice, said the commission was formed to "find proof of the president's absurd claim" about millions of people voting illegally. He noted that it came in the aftermath of Trump's firing of FBI Director James Comey on Tuesday.

"He fired the person investigating a real threat to election integrity, and set up a probe of an imaginary threat," Waldman said.

Trump had previously identified Pence as the person to oversee the commission. Kobach advised Trump's transition team and has been a leading GOP proponent of tighter voting regulations.

The secretary of state championed Kansas' proof-of-citizenship requirement as an anti-fraud measure that keeps noncitizens from voting, including immigrants living in the U.S. illegally.

Critics contend it suppresses voter turnout, particularly among young and minority voters, and that there have been few cases of fraud.

After the announcement, the American Civil Liberties Union said it had filed a Freedom of Information Act request seeking information on what the Trump administration was using as the basis for its voter fraud claims.

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the agency.

Sanders attributed the disconnect in explanations to the fact that she had not directly asked Trump when he'd made the decision to fire Comey until shortly before Thursday's press briefing.

The White House tried to move past the controversy, announcing that the president had signed an executive order creating a voter fraud commission and another on cybersecurity. Trump signed the orders privately and was not seen in public apart from his TV interview with NBC.

Trump had kept his decision to fire Comey from all but his closest advisers. Many in the White House were ill-prepared for the outraged response from Democrats and open concern from some Republicans.

"The challenge they have is that the president sometimes moves so rapidly that they don't get a team around that gets it organized," said Newt Gingrich, the former House speaker and a Trump ally. "They need to decide what they're going to say and they need to stick with it. Random change isn't helpful."

White House officials and others insisted on anonymity in order to disclose private conversations and internal deliberations.

The White House said Trump is weighing options for replacing Comey, a decision that could have broad implications for the future of the Russia investigation.

Some senior officials have discussed nominating Rep. Trey Gowdy, the South Carolina Republican who ran the House committee that investigated Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's actions in connection with the 2012 attack on a U.S. compound in Benghazi, Libya.

Trump's advisers have repeatedly tried to downplay the Russia-election matter, with Sanders saying Wednesday the FBI was "doing a whole lot more than the Russia investigation."

But McCabe characterized the investigation as "highly significant" and assured senators Comey's firing would not hinder it. He promised he would tolerate no interference from the White House and would not provide the administration with updates on its progress.

"You cannot stop the men and women of the FBI from doing the right thing," he declared. He said there has been no interference so far.

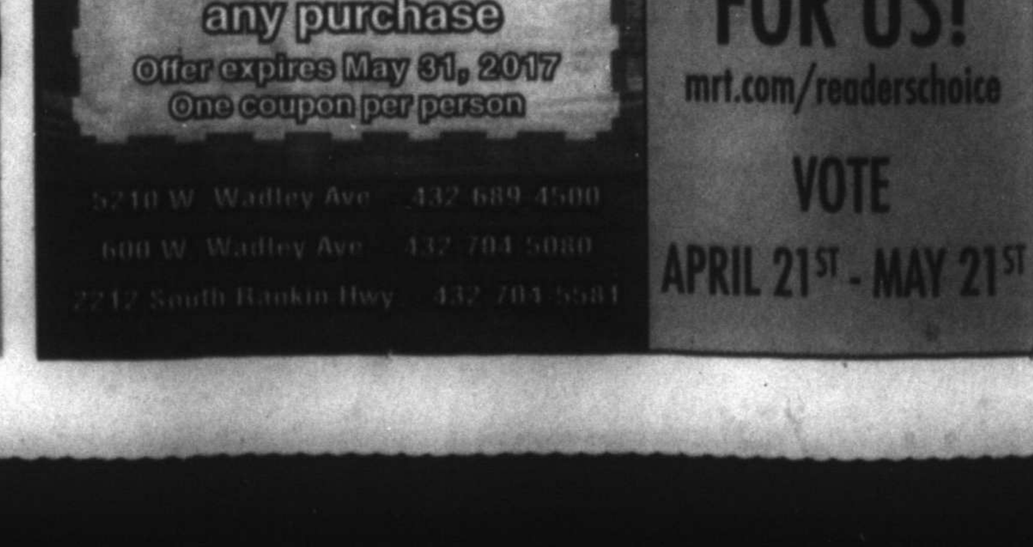
Days before he was fired, Comey requested more resources to pursue his investigation, U.S. officials have said. McCabe said he was not aware of any such request and said the Russia investigation is adequately resourced.

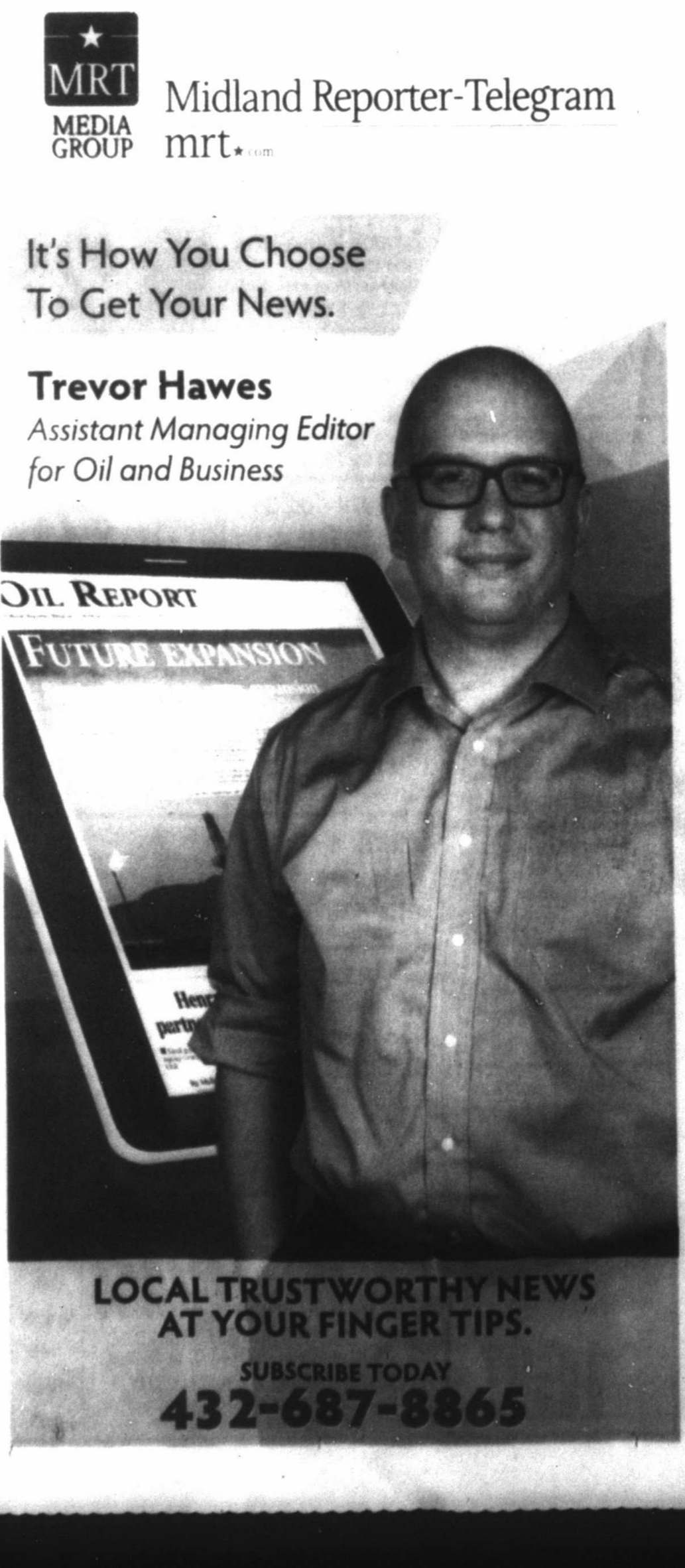
It was unclear whether word of the Comey request, said to have been put to Rosenstein, ever made its way to Trump.

The chairman and top Democrat on the Senate intelligence committee abruptly left the hearing Thursday to meet with Rosenstein, who is McCabe's boss. The senators said later that the Russia investigations were discussed but Comey's firing was not.









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THIS WEEK

SATURDAY

MOM'S DAY OUT
St. Stephen's Catholic Church will hold its first Kermesse Festival and Mother's Day Celebration with live music, activites and more at the downtown library parking lot. Noon.



CHANGE IN CONCERT
Chase Bryant has replaced Jana Kramer as the concept headliner at Cattle Baron's Ball. The event at the Horseshoe Arena benefits American Cancer Society. 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

SPANISH STUDY
Casa de Amigos will host Conversational Spanish for Beginners on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-6 p.m. $20 per eight classes. Register by calling 432-682-9701.



THURSDAY

PUPPY POWER
Lone Star Sanctuary for Animals is hosting its fundraiser Yappy Hour Fiesta with dinner, auction and music by the Alma Quartet at The Racquet Club. 5:30 p.m.

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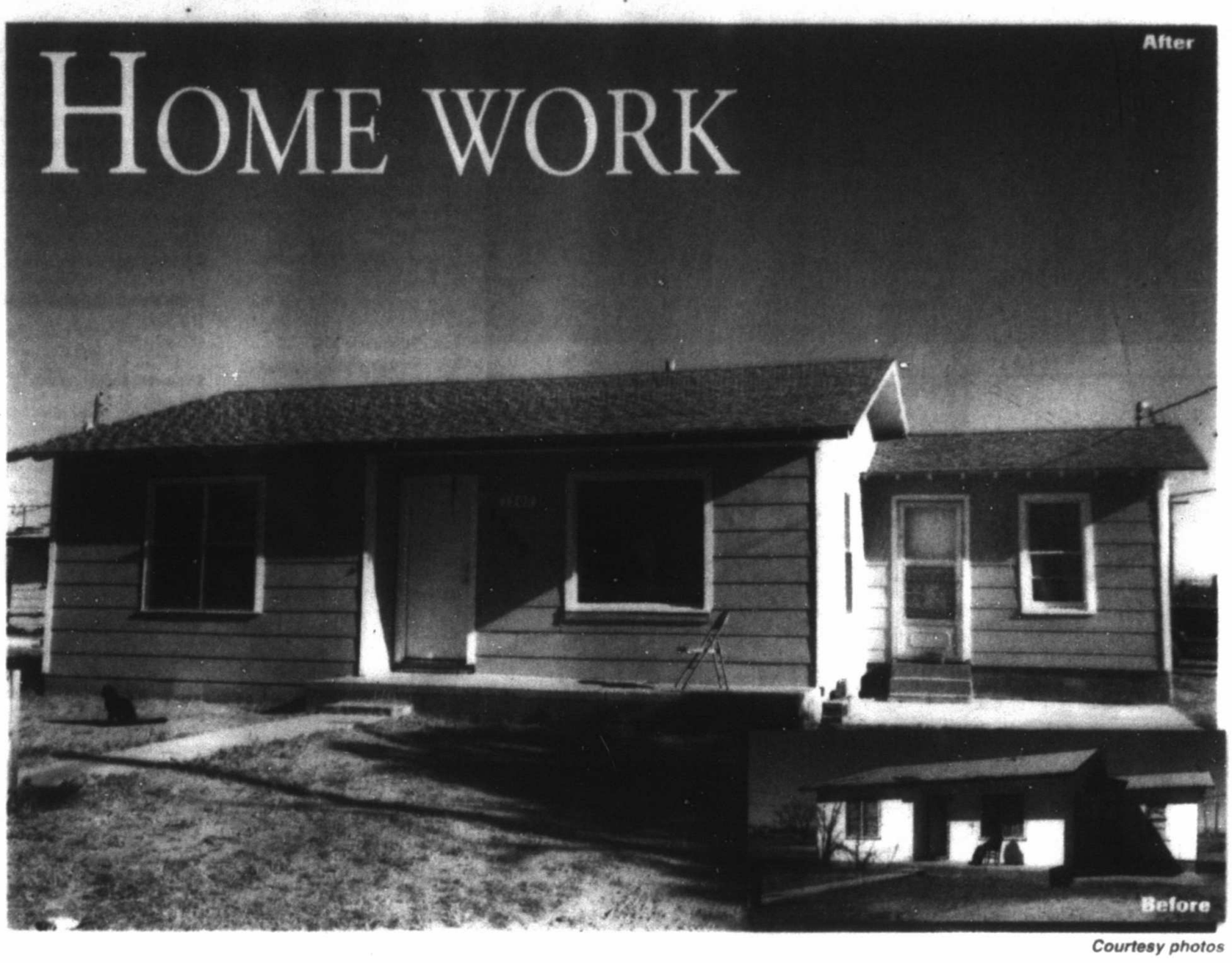
FOOD PACKING
Golf Course Road Church of Christ is hosting Refugee Relief, a food-packing event, on May 20 and is looking for 800 volunteers to pack 200,000 meals who can work on a shift schedule. Visit gcrcc.org/refugee-relief to sign up.

HOSPICE HELP
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BE A MENTOR
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland is expanding its school-based program and is short of volunteers. The agency needs help since adding Houston Elementary to its program, which already serves Milam and Crockett elementaries. Mentors do not tutor but provide friendship and to be a positive role model. Visit bbbsmidland.org.

VOLUNTEER READERS
The Recording Library of West Texas needs volunteer readers to help with morning shifts. Call 432-682-2731.



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Christmas in Action worked with area groups on house repair projects like this house on Illinois Avenue.

Christmas in Action's annual repair projects bring hope to homeowners

By Anna Smith
Chirstmas in Action

For Christmas in Action's 45th year of house repair projects, April 28 and 29 was the final weekend of work — and it was a busy one. Six different groups tackled projects ranging from repainting, wheelchair ramp repair, window and siding replacement and completely re-roofing a house. In just the past two months, Christmas in Action and our 1,235 generous volunteers have completed 74 projects for elderly or disabled people in our community, allowing them more security, safety and comfort. In one particular case, improvement on a house was enough to meet insurance company standards for continued coverage.

We are incredibly grateful to our donors and volunteers who have made it possible for us to offer these services.

Over the course of that last week of April, Alamo Heights Baptist Church, First Baptist Church's GAP class, First Christian Church, First Presbyterian Church, Golf Course Road Church of Christ and Kelview Heights Baptist Church all completed house projects as they have for many years now. Together, just these six groups have a combined legacy of volunteering with Christmas in Action more than 120 times.

St. Ann's Catholic Church is another group that has been faithfully volunteering every year since 1995. Bill Huck was the house captain for their project this year, as well as for the RSP Permian group. He started as a volunteer worker in the early 1990s. Since then, if he wasn't out of town, Bill would work on the St. Ann's/Knights of Columbus project. He soon became a co-captain and then captain of the yearly project. This year marks the first year, however, that RSP Permian took on a whole home repair project of its own.

"The St. Ann's/Knights of Columbus project has evolved into an annual event," Huck said. "Some of my colleagues at RSP Permian have volunteered when they heard about the workdays. As our company grew, we were looking for potential community service projects. CIA was a natural choice. So I volunteered. Gerry Petree and Daniel Baker to be co-captains, and we took on our first project this year. We had a good turnout, and the group is excited to do another one."

RSP Permian replaced a home's siding and painted the exterior back in March and St. Ann's Catholic Church installed new windows and siding for a

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Lt. Michelle Walker and Lt. Jeremy Walker, with The Salvation Army, speak Thursday during the ground-breaking ceremony for a new emergency shelter to be built in Midland.

Salvation Army breaks ground on facility after meeting funding goal

By Rich Lopez
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After a successful capital campaign that raised more than $8 million last summer, the Salvation Army broke ground Thursday morning on their new facility at Terrell and Wall streets. The Salvation Army has been operating out of its current building on Baird Street since 1964. The new home will allow the organization to expand on its services for Midland families in need.

"We will double the size of the shelter for the clients we serve," advisory board chair Laura Sales said. "There isn't an emergency shelter for families, so we can now have a place for them."

The new building will also increase the size of the dining area and kitchen to serve meals with better efficiency.

The anticipated time for building completion is estimated at 18 months.

"We've made the best with what we had in the current building, so this has been a much-needed project," Sales said. "We've had such tremendous support from Midland and area foundations. Now that we can improve on the facilities, we can thereby improve our services."

Cowboys raise $50,000 for Salvation Army

Associated Press

Showcasing athleticism for a good cause, members of the Dallas Cowboys took to the baseball diamond to bat for charity at the sixth annual Reliant Home Run Derby. For the first time, the annual competition was open to the public and nearly 3,000 fans filled Dr Pepper Ballpark in Frisco as players raised $50,000 for the Gene and Jerry Jones Family North Texas Youth Education Town of The Salvation Army Arlington.

"Watching the Dallas Cowboys step up to the plate each year to support The Salvation Army is one of our favorite ways to give to the Dallas-Fort Worth community," Reliant president Elizabeth Killinger said. "Welcoming public spectators this year gave us an even greater appreciation for our local communities, and we look forward to growing this annual tradition for everyone to enjoy."

Reliant, an NRG Company, brings electricity and energy solutions to homes and businesses in Texas.

Cowboys participating in the event included Jason Witten, Sean Lee, Byron Jones, Zack Martin, Jeff Heath, Ezekiel Elliott, Dak Prescott, Terrance Williams, Dez Bryant, Orlando Scandrick, Tyron Smith and Travis Frederick. Pitches were thrown by Mike Weatherford and Chad "Gator" Haag, and baseball players from Frisco's nine high schools shagged balls. The National Anthem was performed by Capt. Shelley Hood from The Salvation Army. Joining and participating in the special event were the Dallas Cowboys

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Matthew 6:34

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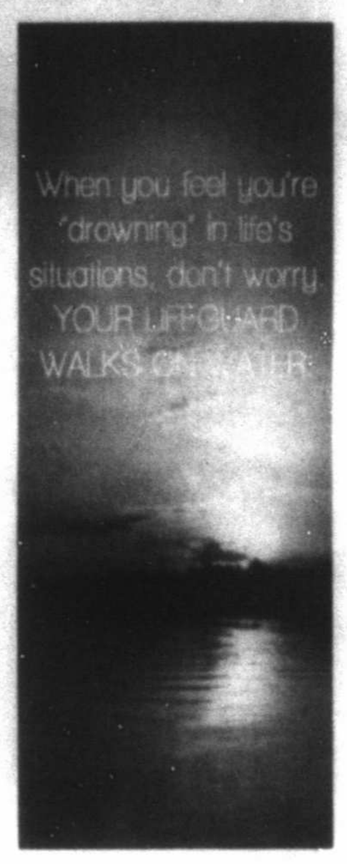
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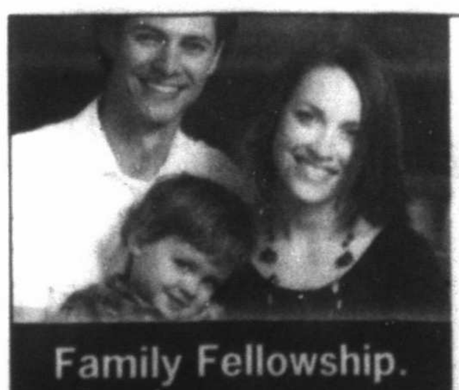
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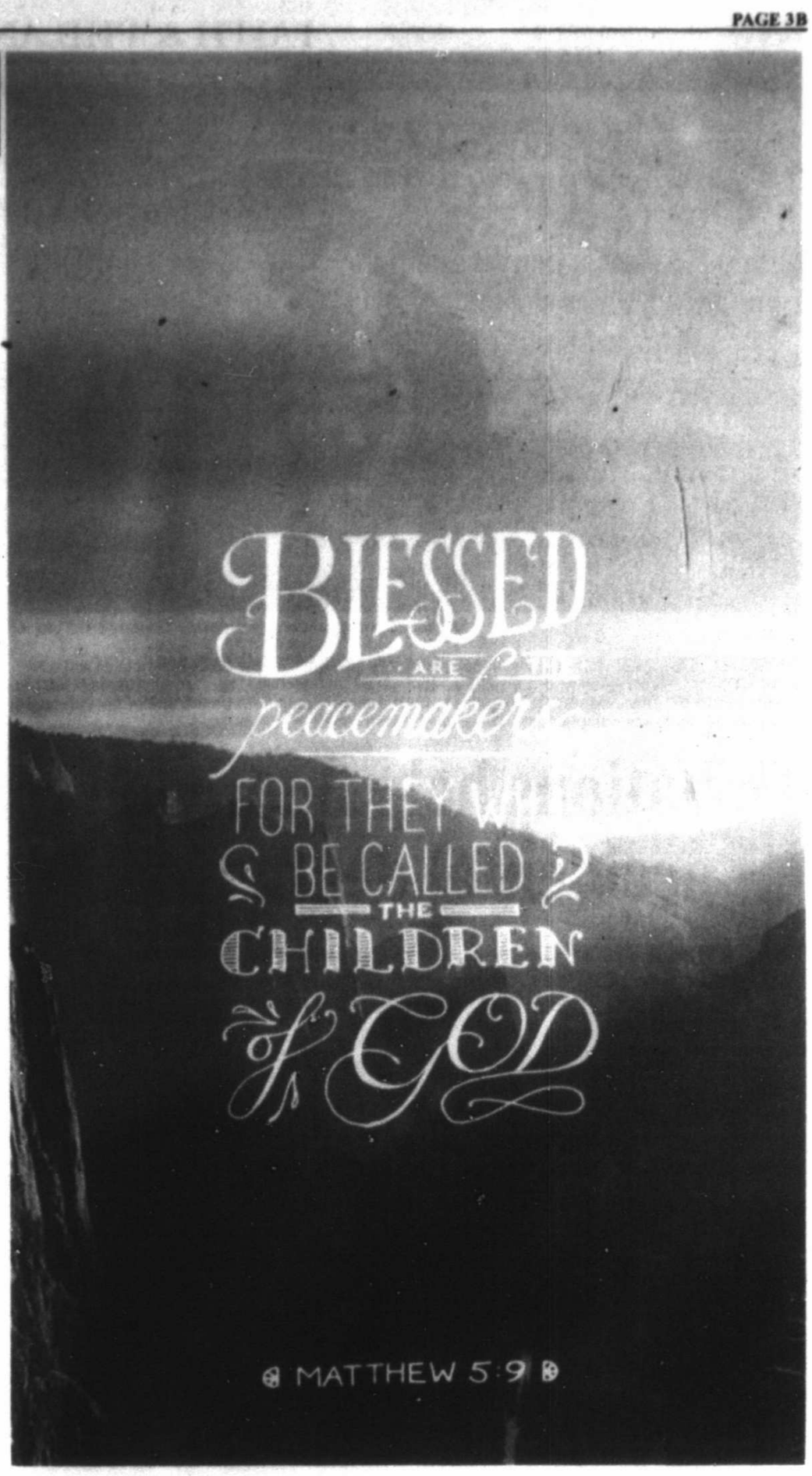
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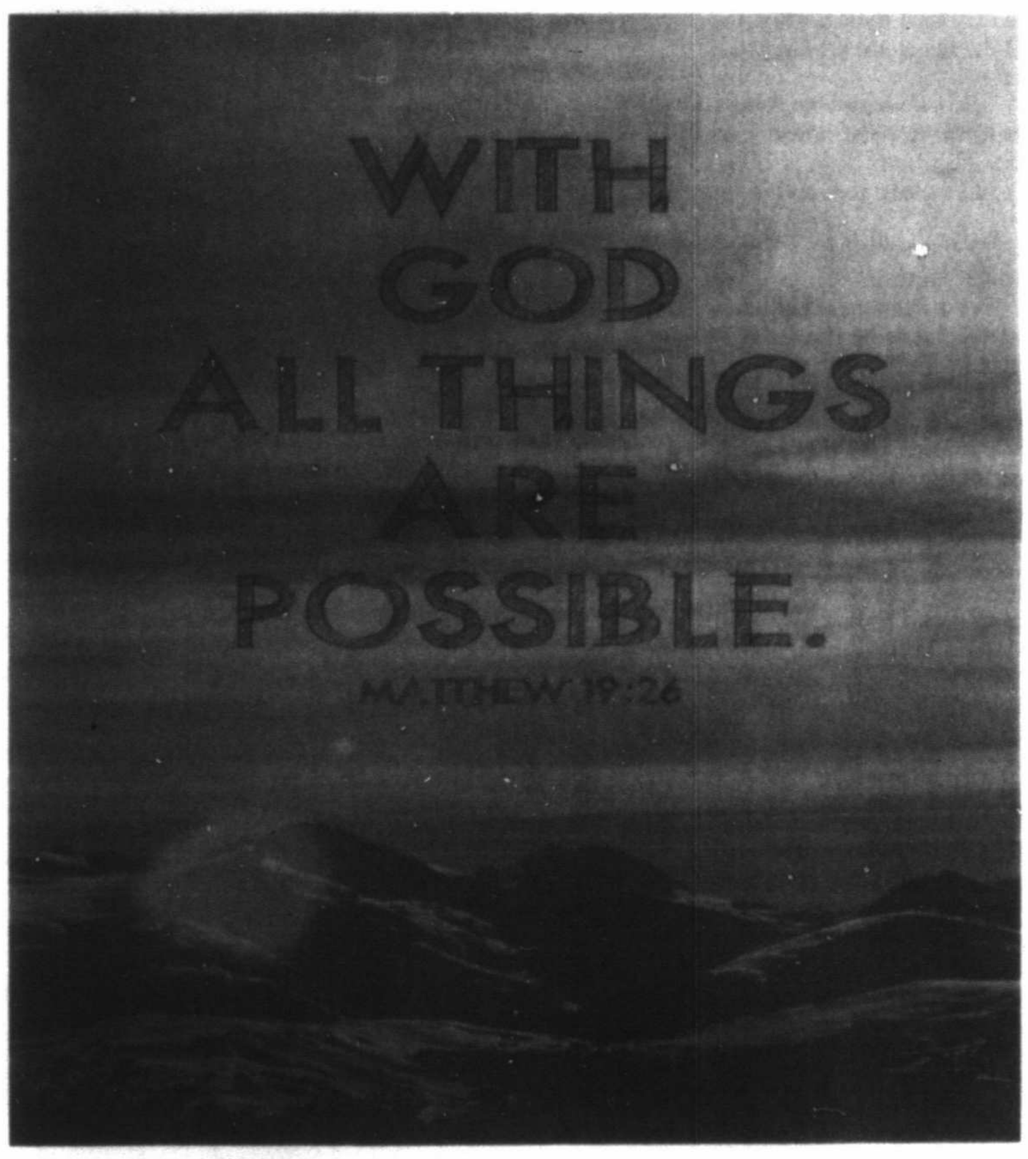
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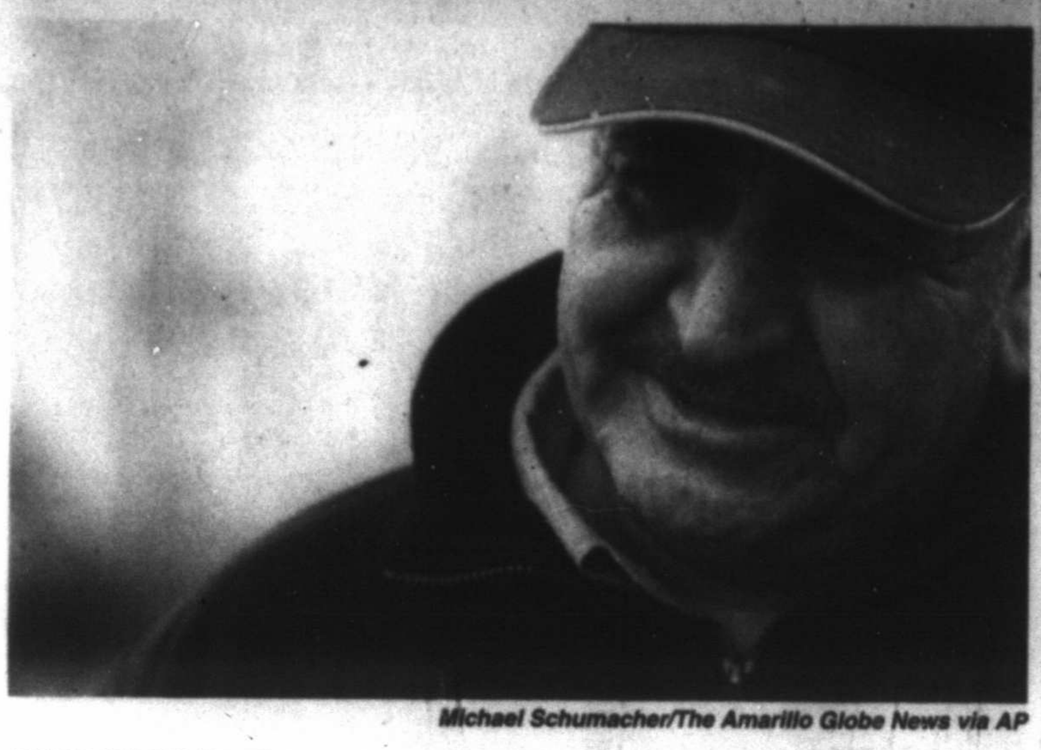
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ABOVE, BELOW: Peter Balderas discusses plans May 3 to build a new $319,225 house next door to his $50,000 former house where his four children were accidentally poisoned and died on Carolyn Street in Amarillo. The Balderas family plans to build a memorial garden on the site of the old house after investigations are complete and the house is demolished.

Donations help family after accidental deaths of 4

By Ben Egel
Amarillo Globe-News



AMARILLO — After the accidental pesticide poisoning that killed four of Peter and Martha Balderas' children and hospitalized their remaining four kids as well as the parents on Jan. 2, the family has bounced around, depending upon the kindness of their parish and friends to keep a roof over their heads.

They've moved from the Baptist St. Anthony Health System to the care of the St. Laurence Catholic Church to a friend's house in northwest Amarillo. And now, next door to the home where they lost nearly half their family, the Balderases are starting to rebuild.

The five-bedroom, two bathroom wood house under construction will be 3,163 square feet and is valued at $319,225 plus a $4,000 carport, according to city permits.

Peter Balderas said he expects it to be finished around October.

Why build next door to where he lost four children?

Balderas said there is no escaping what happened to him and his family.

Images of his four deceased children — Yasmeen, 17; Josue, 11; Johnnie, 9; and Felipe, 7— will remain burned in his mind for the rest of his life, he said.

With avoiding them not an option, he wants to demolish the old house and build a memorial to them that includes crosses, their pictures and trees in a place where his family can pray.

"Say I go to Kansas or Mexico City. All the pictures are sticking with me, all the videos and everything," he said. "We have to stay close because the babies are buried right here in this town.

"We can't leave. We have to live here for the rest of (our) lives, and stay and do something for this property. A memorial — something beautiful."

Balderas said five of his eight children slept on the floor of the manufactured home where tragedy struck in January. He said he was determined going forward that each of his children would have their own room where they could sleep.

The family previously owned the lot next door, and Balderas bought an additional lot in February.

The new home will stretch across both parcels.

Balderas plans to tear down the manufactured home where his family once lived and create a park-like memorial for them in its place.

Valued at $50,000 by the Potter-Randall Appraisal District, it had $40,000 remaining on its mortgage until recently when Wells Fargo Assistant Vice President of Corporate Communications Ruth Villalonga said the institution would, "write off the balance of his loan and will not hold him accountable for further repayment of the debt."

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For months, Amarilloans have opened their homes and pocketbooks to help the Balderases get back to the point they are at.

Balderas said that continues. Rebar and concrete for the new house have been donated by A-1 Building Supply, Thomas Redi-Mix Co. and MH Civil Constructing, and family friends are helping Balderas build it for no pay.

The city of Amarillo waived all fees for water and sewer extensions and taps on the new house, Deputy Building Official Jonathan Lofton said, and will likely waive construction permit fees as well.

A GoFundMe page set up after the incident raised $51,253, and a Balderas Family Benefit Fund was established at Amarillo National Bank. Patti McKnight, the main bank's lobby manager, said she could not disclose the amount of money or goods donated.

Lupita's Grill, Wade Gordon Hairdressing Academy, Lemongrass Sushi & Wok and Chicken Express each donated a portion of their sales in the weeks after the deaths, and Fiesta Foods pledged to match all donations up to $2,500. Eight other businesses set up donation jars for the family, and benefit dinners were organized at Carril San Carlos and Gatti's Pizza.

Amarillo gave Balderas said he and the family are still in recovery.

All are in therapy, and his wife now takes medication to prevent fluid from building up around her heart. She was the one hospitalized the longest, remaining for weeks in ICU at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Neither she nor Balderas are working now, and that's unlikely to change any time soon. Between driving his wife to medical appointments in Lubbock, counseling sessions and building the new house, Balderas says he's too busy to take on any additional construction jobs.

Other hardships have recurred and remain.

No members of the public are allowed inside the Balderas' house until an insurance company's investigation concludes — although that didn't stop burglars from breaking in and stealing electronics in early March.

And the Texas Department of Agriculture's enforcement division continues to investigate whether use of the pesticide violated the Texas Administrative Code, Communications Officer Jennifer Dorsett said. The enforcement division's recommendations will then be forwarded to TDA's attorneys.

The Balderases continue to take it one day at a time.

Balderas drives by the house a few nights per week to check on things. The images in his head won't disappear.

Right now, he's focusing on rebuilding the family's life by building them a new home.

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Obituaries



Ollie Mosley

1939 - 2017

Funeral services for Ollie Mosley, 78, will be held on Saturday May 13, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Wayside Church of Christ. Burial will be at Resthaven in Midland.

Family visitation will be Friday from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home.

Ollie was born on April 6, 1939 and passed away on May 9, 2017. She was a cook in Midland for many years.

She is preceded in death by her daughter, Robbie Mosley.

She is survived by her daughters, Bonnie Mosley Ford of Midland, Mary Mosley, Patricia Mosley, and Tracie Clater, all of Midland, sons, Carl Callins, David Mosley, Bradley Mosley and William Mosley, all of Midland; a brother, Lonnie Applin of Stamford, Texas; and by 18 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

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Virgil Jack Bleakley

Virgil Jack Bleakley, 94, of San Angelo passed away on Friday, May 5, 2017 at his residence.

Jack was born October 20, 1922 to Paul James Bleakley and Ouida Pauline Goza Bleakley in Evening Shade, AR. The family moved to Boerne, Texas in 1926. Jack attended Boerne public schools. The family moved to San Antonio in 1933.

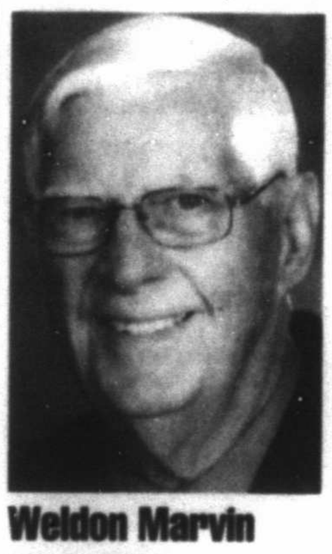
Jack attended San Antonio area public schools, including two years at St. Mary's University. He attended the University of Texas at Austin in the fall of 1941 until December 1942 when he enlisted in the army. Jack was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant and assigned to the 9th Army Air Corps on June 2, 1943 and was shipped overseas in December 1943, serving in the Northern France Campaign, Ardennes Campaign and Campaign of Western Germany. He returned to the United States in September of 1945 and was discharged from active duty in January of 1946 as a Captain. Jack returned to the University of Texas, where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, and received a Bachelor's degree in January of 1947. Jack remained an Air Force Reserve Officer until 1950.

Jack married his wife of 57 years, Marian Kingsbery, at St. John's Episcopal Cathedral in Albuquerque, NM, on September 27, 1950. They raised two children, Mark Kingsbery Bleakley, of Austin, TX, and Anne Russell Bleakley Shahan, of San Angelo.

Jack was preceded in death by his loving wife, Marian; his parents; his two sisters, Virginia and Jean; and a daughter, Allison Carroll Bleakley. He is survived by son, Mark; daughter, Anne and son-in-law, Reed.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 3 S. Randolph, San Angelo, with the Rev. Matthew Rowe officiating under the direction of Robert Massie Funeral Home.

In lieu of memorials, happy memories and thoughts will be appreciated.
Online condolences can be given at *www.RobertMassie.com*.



Weldon Marvin McCollum

Weldon Marvin McCollum died on May 10, 2017 at the age of 85.

He was born April 18, 1932 in Loraine, Texas to Marvin Laine McCollum and Hazel Compton McCollum. He was a resident of Mitchell County most of his younger life, graduating from Loraine High School in 1949. He played football for the Loraine Bulldogs in high school. Weldon farmed and worked in the oil fields until serving in the United States Army 1952-1954 during the Korean Conflict. He went through basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and advanced basic training at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. He served in the 201st Combat Engineers back at Fort Leonard Wood.

Weldon married Joan Hays at Westbrook, Texas September 2, 1955. Together they moved to Midland, Kermit, and Big Spring before moving back to Loraine for many years. He worked for Sun Oil and Cosden Refinery for 33 years until his retirement in 1992. They settled in Midland in 2006 to be near family. He was a sports enthusiast and officiated high school football for over 20 years. He also liked to fly and held a private pilot's license. After retirement, he and Joan traveled extensively and visited all 50 states.

He served on the Cosden Credit Union board several years. He was a member of the Cosden 25 Year Club, serving as President as well. He has been a member of the Big Spring and Midland Downtown Lions Clubs. He was known for cooking pancakes at their Jamboree and the Air Show.

Weldon was a member of First Baptist Church in Midland. He loved his church and especially the John Department Sunday School Class.

Weldon was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Billie Jean Reed; brother-in-law, Bill Reed; nephew, Roger Reed; great-nephew, Nicholas Reed; and son-in-law, Randy Reavis.

He is survived by his wife, Joan of Midland; two daughters, Susan Solomon and husband Gene of San Angelo, and Melinda Lee and husband Mike of Midland; four grandchildren, Kelli Harrison and husband Brandon of Midland, David Solomon and fiancé Kelsey Lagana of Houston, Nicole Solomon and Nick Cooprider of Houston, and Catherine Solomon and fiancé Johnny Larsen of Denver, Colorado; one nephew, Noel Reed of Abilene; and one great-niece, Shyla Reed and fiancé Craig Buck of Dallas.

Family received friends at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory in Midland from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2017.

Interment will be at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring, Texas at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 12, 2017.

A memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church Chapel in Midland at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 12, 2017 with Reverend David Johnson officiating.

Memorials may be made to Home Hospice, 200 W Illinois, STE 190, Midland, TX 79701.

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

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Death Notices

Katherine Elizabeth "Betty" Gilmore

Katherine Elizabeth "Betty" Gilmore, 83, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, May 9, 2017.

There will be a memorial service held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church.

Maria Aguirre de Vasquez

Maria Aguirre de Vasquez, 87, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, May 9, 2017.

Viewing will be on Thursday, May 11, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home and on Friday May 12, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., with a rosary starting at 7:00 p.m. on Friday night at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home.

Funeral mass is set for Saturday May 13, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

She is survived by her sons, Profirio Vasquez, Sergio Vasquez, Guillermo Vasquez, Homer Vasquez, and Omar Vasquez; daughters, Socorrro Vasquez and Maria Vasquez; and by two brothers and one sister.

Peggy C. Moore

Peggy C. Moore passed away May 7, 2017.

She is survived by her lifetime partner, Patricia Hobbs; and by one sister and one brother.

Memorial services will be held at a later date at St. Stephens Catholic Church and are pending under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home.

Cowboys

From 1B

Cheerleaders, Rowdy the Dallas Cowboys Mascot, The Salvation Army Mascot Captain Kettle, and the Cowboys' official drumline Rhythm and Blue.

Coach Jason Garrett was crowned the 2017 Reliant Home Run Derby champion after hitting a total of seven home runs and raising $4,900. Coming in a close second was Witten, totaling six homers and raising $4,800.

"It's such a fun and meaningful way for partners like Reliant and The Salvation Army to come together for our community. Having our local fans join us made the occasion even more special for all involved," said Charlotte Jones Anderson, Cowboys executive vice president and chief brand officer. "Last year, Dak Prescott and Zeke Elliott were rookies shagging balls; this year it was great to see them taking swings for a great cause."

Last year's Reliant Home Run Derby also raised $50,000 for The Salvation Army, and over the course of six years the event has raised more than $400,000 for different charities and nonprofits.

Hope

From 1B

house over two weekends. The church then let the youth paint the exterior the following weekend.

"You can always count on a good turnout for the youth paint day. Most are tentative when they show up the first time. But they are proud when we finish. Hopefully they realize if they put forth the effort, God will give them the skills," Huck said.

These few examples are a mere sampling of the numerous projects that were completed this season and the more than 11,500 total projects finished since CIA's inception in 1972.

The monetary value of these projects is incalculable. The material costs alone from the projects in March and April of this year exceeded a total value of $46,500 for the homeowners we were able to help.

Our ministry is honored that we have been blessed so greatly with dedicated volunteers and unselfish donors. Our intention is to therefore be a blessing to others with what we have been given and to provide opportunities for others to join us in pouring back into our community.

Kevin Castillo owns the home that the Kelview Heights team renovated two weekends ago. He said that the work that has been done on his house has inspired him to make the effort to turn his house into a home for his daughter's sake.

"I felt so emotional that day Kelview came to work on my house. I felt special because all these people came to help me. I haven't felt special in a long time. My house is so beautiful; I just can't believe it."

Kevin Castillo

"I felt so emotional that day Kelview came to work on my house. I felt special because all these people came to help me. I haven't felt special in a long time. My house is so beautiful; I just can't believe it," he said.

If you are interested in learning more about our ministry or helping us build hope in our community, feel free to give us a call at 432-683-4177, visit our website christmasinaction.org or follow us on Facebook @ciamidland.

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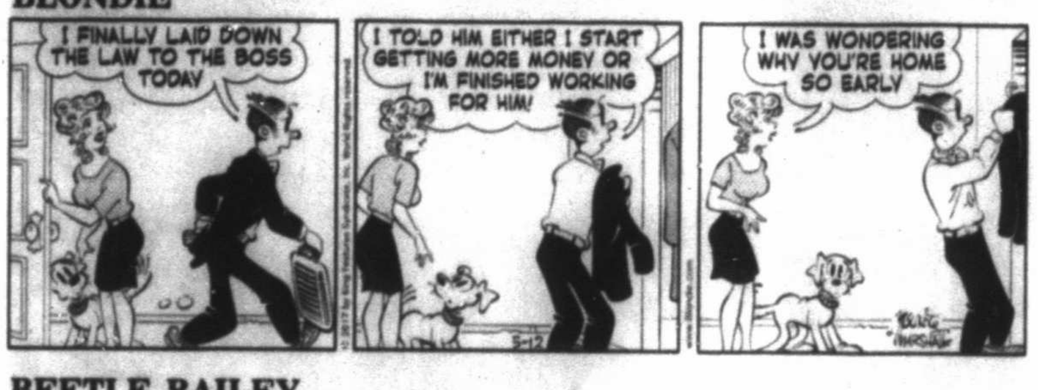
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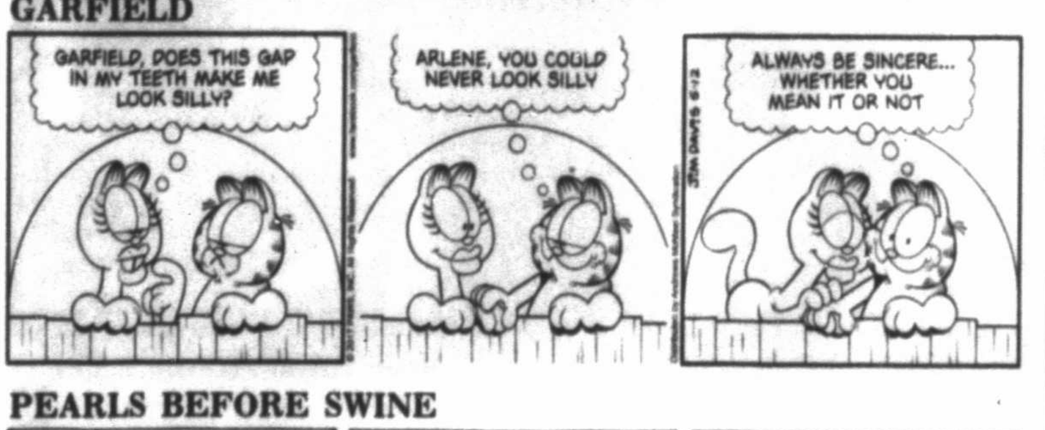
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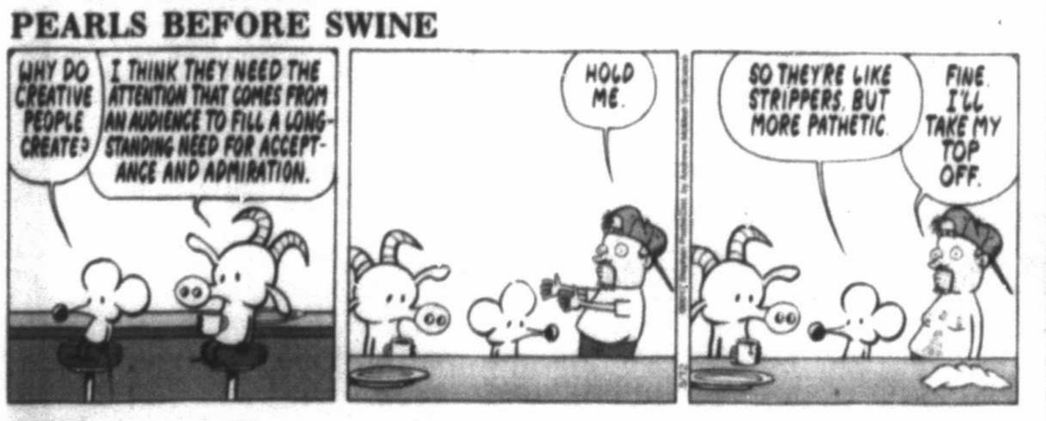
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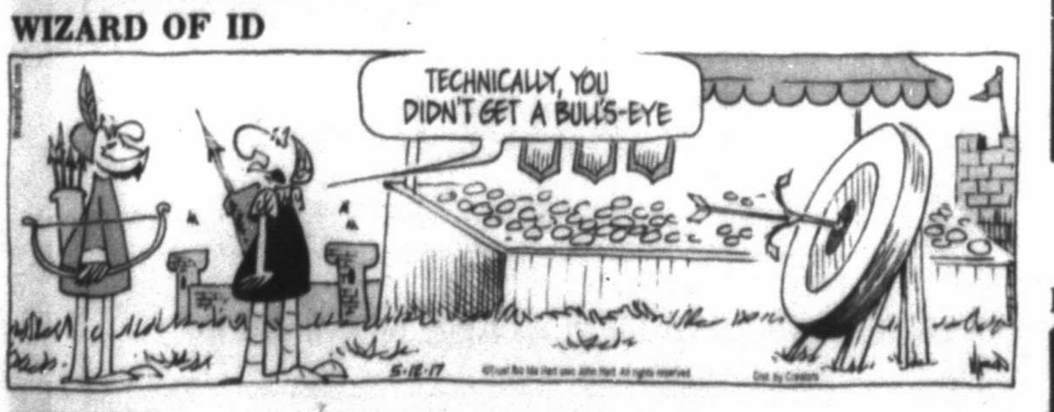
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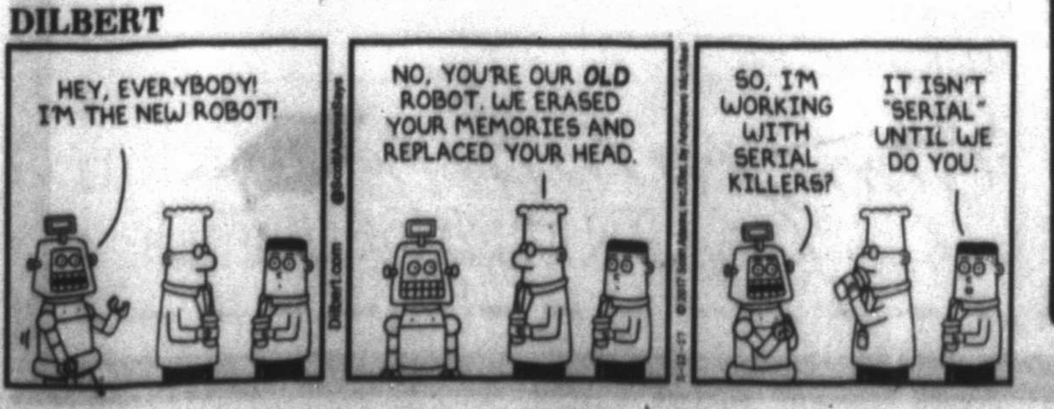
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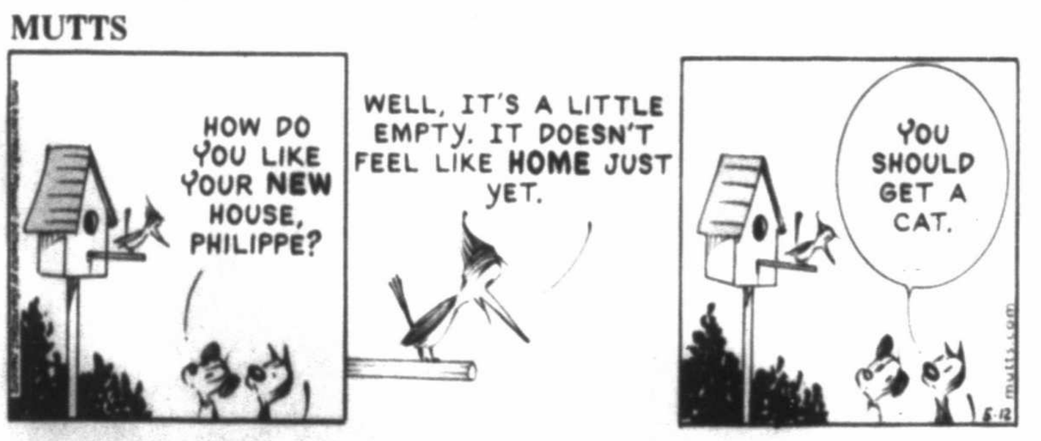
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To deal with his noxious garlic burps, Barry got an exhaust hood for his baseball cap.

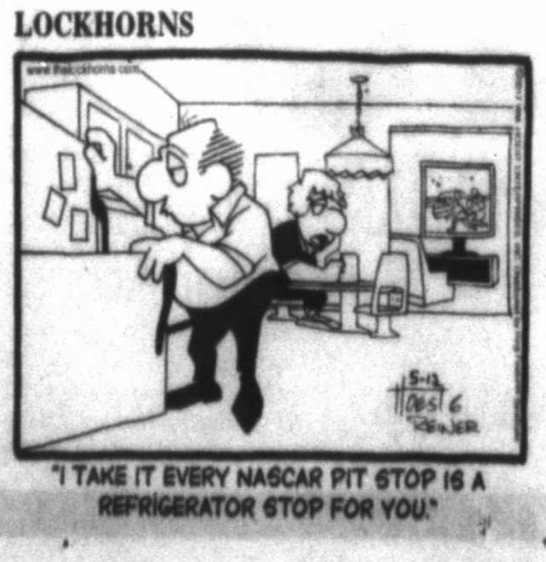
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FAMILY CIRCUS



"Does anybody know what language Barfly barks in?"

Wisconsin-based atheist group sues Trump over church order

By Todd Richmond
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — A Wisconsin-based atheist group has filed a lawsuit asking a federal judge to strike down President Donald Trump's order easing enforcement of an IRS rule limiting religious organizations' political activity.

A 1954 federal law prohibits tax-exempt charitable organizations such as churches from participating in political campaigns. Violators could lose their tax-exempt status, but the law — known as the Johnson Amendment — has rarely been enforced.

The IRS doesn't make its investigations of such cases public, but only one church is known to have lost its tax-exempt status as a result of the law. Still, Trump has long promised conservative Christians who supported his White House bid that he would block the regulation.

On Thursday the president issued an executive order directing the Treasury Department not to take "adverse action" against churches or religious organizations for political speech. He said he was giving churches their voices back.

The Freedom from Religion Foundation filed a lawsuit hours later. The Madison, Wisconsin-based group argues ir the filing that the order is unconstitutional because it grants preferential treatment to religious organizations while secular groups must still abide by the law.

The group, known as FFRF, also argues that Trump lacks any power to overturn a legitimate law.

"As a result of President Trump's (order), churches and religious organizations will be able to blatantly and deliberately flaunt the electioneering restrictions ... including during the upcoming 2018 elections, unlike secular non-profits, including FFRF," the lawsuit states.

The lawsuit seeks an injunction to prevent the IRS from implementing Trump's order. The suit also asks a federal judge in Madison to force the federal tax agency to enforce the restrictions against churches and religious organizations the same as any other nonprofit organization.

U.S. Department of Justice spokesman Ian Prior called the order a lawful directive to honor First Amendment freedoms.

"We will vigorously defend the Order and the exercise of religious freedom in America," Prior said in an email.

Some faith leaders have condemned Trump's order, saying it would politicize their congregations. Other religious conservatives have praised the order as a key step in reworking layers of regulations they see as unfair.

CALENDAR

Saturday

Yoga classes are offered weekly. 9 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. Free. uumidland.org.

St. Stephen's First Kermesse Festival and Mother's Day Celebration. The two-day fair fill feature live music, dancers, games and more. Gates open at noon, Saturday and Sunday at Midland County Public Library downtown, 301 W. Missouri Ave. ststephensmidlandtx.com.

Blooms and Butterflies Festival will feature a fun run/walk on the 1 1/4-mile trail along with face painting, flower pot decorating and more. 9 a.m. at I-20 Wildlife Preserve and Jenna Welch Nature Study Center, 2201 S. Midland Drive. $5 per vehicle. I20wildlifepreserve.org.

Round Up - A Cattle Baron's Ball: "Hope on the Range" with dinner and concert by country singer Chase Bryant benefiting the American Cancer Society. 7 p.m. at Horseshoe Arena, 2514 Arena Trail. $50-$400. acshpmd.ejoinme.org.

Monday

Grief Support six-week session. 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays at Hospice Midland. hospiceofmidland.org.

Belly Dancing Class. 8 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. uumidland.org.

Tuesday

Mighty Microgreens Class. 6 p.m. Tuesday, 9 a.m. Wednesday at West Texas Food Bank. $10.

Wednesday

Caregiver Support group, noon-1 p.m. at Hospice Midland. hospiceofmidland.org.

Thursday

Brothers in Christ is a weekly men's group with studies that range from the Bible to topical issues. 6:30 a.m. at Midland Bible Church, 5900 Whitman Drive. midlandbible.org.

Third Thursday Reading will have a featured book with copies given to each child. The monthly event is part of the Laura Bush Literacy Program. Free but space is limited so reservations are encouraged. Refreshments provided. 4:30 p.m. at the George W. Bush Childhood Home, 1412 W. Ohio Ave. bushchildhood-home.org.

Yappy Hour Fiesta benefiting Lone Star Sanctuary for Animals. The event will feature dinner, open bar, auctions and live entertainment by the Alma Quartet. 5:30 p.m. at The Racquet Club, 3009 Racquet Club Drive. $125.

To include your event on this calendar, please email Rich Lopez at jrlopez@mrt.com







Big 8th keys Fossil Ridge's Game 1 win over MHS



Betcher



Russell

By Will Korn
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ABILENE — A steady breeze blowing in from center field helped set the stage for a classic pitcher's duel between Midland High's Brooks Betcher and Keller Fossil Ridge ace Carlos Tavera on Thursday night.

Both Bulldogs and the Panthers had a difficult time generating any sort of offense for most of the night. But Fossil Ridge broke a 1-1 tie in the top of the eighth with six runs for a 7-1 victory in Game 1 of the two teams' area playoff series at Hardin-Simmons University's Hunter Field.

The best-of-three series resumes at noon today at Hunter Field. If needed, Game 3 will follow 30 minutes after the conclusion of Game 2. Thursday was the fourth consecutive extra-inning game in these playoffs for the Panthers (24-10), who are now 3-1 in such games this postseason.

Fossil Ridge coach Doug Dulany said Thursday's win added to an already surreal experience for he and his team in the last week. They've now played 38 innings in their four playoff contests.

"I've never been a part of this many extra inning games," Dulany said. "I can't explain it, really. Our guys, they just keep battling and they never give up. We got out of some situations. We'll see how it goes (today). (MHS) is going to come back, give us everything they've got."

For MHS (19-15), Betcher fired 7 2/3 strong innings over which he allowed both runs on nine scattered hits and struck out five. It was Betcher's second straight playoff loss that extended into the eighth inning.

Against University of Texas at Arlington commit Tavera, the Bulldogs seized a 1-0 lead in the fourth. Jaxon Hallmark led off with a lined double to deep left, advanced to third on a balk and then scored on an RBI fielder's choice off the bat of Sam Bertelson.

In the sixth, the Panthers, who had managed to collect only singles with two outs early in the game, tied the contest with an RBI double to right by Andrew Perez. Fossil Ridge had the go-ahead run on third in the inning, but Betcher halted the rally with a flyout.

In the bottom half, MHS' Jesse Magana was thrown out at home by Brenden Cox from center field as the go-ahead run.

Then in the eighth, a sacrifice fly to left by Cox scored the go-ahead run for the Panthers. Then with two outs, pinch hitter Tristan Guerrero walked in a run, Justin Gordon singled to left, Christian Mendez brought home a run on a fielding error at second and Dylan Neuse scored a pair with a sharp single to second to make it 7-1.

In all, the Panthers sent 10 men to the plate during the game-winning rally. Cox said he and his teammates didn't feel the pressure of a tight

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Looking to the top



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Courtney McMaryion (left) and Sametria Smith (right) in portrait May 3 at Memorial Stadium.

MHS' Smith, McMaryion aim for state gold

By Christopher Hadorn
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Sametria Smith and Courtney McMaryion aren't content with merely participating at the UIL Class 6A State Track and Field Championships.

The Midland High athletes are aiming for podium spots when they compete Saturday at Mike A. Myers Stadium in Austin.

Smith will be competing in the girls long jump at 4 p.m. and the 100-meter hurdles at 6:45 p.m.

Smith, now a junior, finished fourth in the girls long jump state championship in 2016, missing a medal by one spot.

"I'm trying to at least win gold," Smith said. "I just don't want to go to state, I want to compete at state, not just to be there."

McMaryion, a senior, has waited three years to get his first state meet opportunity in Saturday's 8 a.m. boys high jump.

McMaryion recently visited the University of Texas at San Antonio track program, so his state meet performance could lead to a collegiate chance.

"This is everything I have been dreaming for," McMaryion said. "If I can get there and show them what I've got, maybe I can get more schools to look at me."

For Smith, excelling at the state meet is what she has prepared her entire sporting career for as a year-around track athlete.

Smith has countless Division I programs showing interest in her, and for good reason too. Her season-best mark of 19 feet, 7 1/2 inches in the long jump ranks third among wind-legal marks in the state and is tied for fourth in the nation according to athletic.net.

That season-long mark is even a modest feat for Smith, who recorded a personal record of 20-6 1/4 in the Great Southwest Classic club meet in June 2016.

In order to perform at her best in the key moments, Smith has worked on her mental approach when competing this season.

"My mentality has improved and how

Please see **GOLD**/4C

Spurs rout James Harden, Rockets 114-75 to win series

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The San Antonio Spurs eliminated the sluggish James Harden and Houston Rockets with a 114-75 victory in Game 6 on Thursday night, and they didn't even need Kawhi Leonard to do it.

LaMarcus Aldridge had a season-high 34 points and added 12 rebounds in his second big game of the of the Western Conference semifinal series to pick up the scoring slack with Leonard out after rolling his ankle in San Antonio's overtime victory in Game 5 on Tuesday night.



Harden

The Spurs were up by 19 by halftime in a game that was over quickly, and didn't let up to reach the Western Conference finals for the first time since winning the title in 2014. The 4-2 series win sends them to conference finals against the Golden State Warriors.

Trevor Ariza led Houston with 20 points on a night when MVP hopeful Harden capped his stellar season by tying a season low with 10 points on 2-of-11 shooting before fouling out with 3:15 left.

Jonathon Simmons filled in nicely for Leonard, scoring 18 points and hounding the Rockets on defense.

San Antonio was up by 23 after the third quarter and scored the first seven points of the fourth to make it 94-64 and send many of the home fans streaming to the exits.

Already without veteran Tony Parker, who suffered a season-ending quadriceps injury in Game 2, the Spurs looked to be the underdog entering this one without Leonard's scoring and defense.

Instead, things went wrong early for the Rockets with Aldridge scoring 10 points in the first quarter as San Antonio dashed out to a 31-24. Houston was already down 50-29 when Harden took his first shot midway through the second quarter. He made that 3-pointer to whittle the lead a bit, but it didn't get the Rockets going.

The Spurs opened the third quarter with an 8-1 run, with six points from Aldridge, to extend their already big lead to 69-43 with about 9 1/2 minutes left.

The Rockets used a 7-2 spurt after that with 3-pointers from Ariza and Eric Gordon to cut the lead to 71-50 with about seven minutes remaining in the third.

A 3-pointer by Harden not long after that got Houston within 20, but San Antonio scored the next four points to make it 77-53 a couple of minutes later.

Houston, which relied on its 3-point shooting to get this far, couldn't make

Please see **SPURS**/2C

Consistent pitching trio carries Chaps to Region V tourney



Barger



Nicholson

By Oscar LeRoy
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Midland College head baseball coach David Coleman believes his team has a chance to win every time his top three starting pitchers are throwing well.

And during the Region V Tournament, Coleman has noticed that teams that can pound the strike zone and teams that are able to locate fastballs with their starters, tend to make a deep run in the tournament.

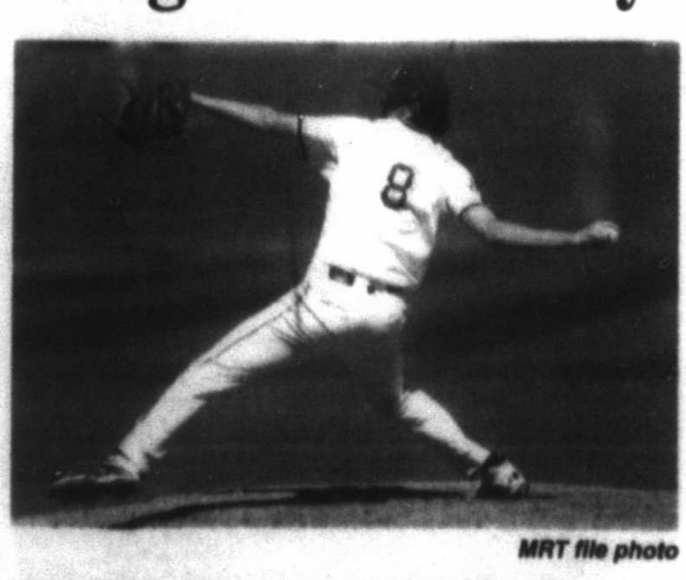
This weekend at Texas Tech's Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park, the Chaparrals (39-17) will look to sophomore right-handed starters Jon Nicholson, Callan Johnson and Brock Barger to lead them as MC looks to make a return to the JUCO World Series for the first time since 2014. MC begins play in the eight-team, double-elimination regional tournament at 5 p.m. today against Weatherford College (32-21).

For most of the season Nicholson, Johnson and Barger have been really good as they have combined for 26 wins.

"They've been consistent and reliable all season long," Coleman said. "And what they've done is covered up a short bullpen. We haven't been good in relief all year and it's a good thing we haven't had to be. To win 39 games is a testament to their ability, their consistency and their ability to get some depth into games.

"All three have set a great example of work ethic on their off days, in the weight room and in their recovery. They have also been great in paying attention to detail, being able to hold runners, handling the running game and handling the pitcher's fielding part too. I hope some of the freshmen pitchers paid attention. If they did, they'll have a good

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MRT file photo

Midland College's Callan Johnson (8) pitches against New Mexico Military Institute on March 17 at Christensen Stadium.

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Oakland at Texas, 7 p.m., FSSW
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PL: West Bromwich Albion vs. Chelsea FC, 2 p.m., NBCSN, NBCU
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NBA
NBA Draft Combine, 2 p.m., ESPN2
Eastern Semifinal: Game 6: Boston at Washington, 7 p.m., ESPN
RUGBY
NRL: Manly-Warringah vs. Brisbane, 4:30 a.m., FS2
TENNIS
WTA: Mutua Madrid Open, Semifinal 1, 7 a.m., beIN
WTA: Mutua Madrid Open, Semifinal 2, 1 p.m., beIN
ON RADIO
MLB
Houston at NY Yankees, 6 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM, 1400 AM (Big Spring)
Oakland at Texas, 7 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring); KPET 105.1 FM, 690 AM (Lamesa)
TEXAS LEAGUE BASEBALL
Midland at Frisco, 7 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM, 550 AM

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

BASEBALL
Class 6A area, Midland High vs. Keller Fossil Ridge, noon; Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene
Class 4A area, Greenwood vs. Denver City, 7 p.m., Lubbock Cooper HS
BOYS SOCCER
Pedro Cereceres signs with University of Southwest, 3:30 p.m., Audrey Gill Complex
TRACK
State Meet, Austin

Junior college

BASEBALL
Region V Tournament, Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Recalled LHP Robbie Ross Jr. from Pawtucket (IL). Optioned RHP Kyle Kendrick to Pawtucket.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Recalled RHP Jonathan Gallegos from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Optioned RHP Paine Cotton to Nashville (PCL).
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Placed LHP Francisco Liriano on the 10-day DL. Recalled RHP Leonel Campos from Buffalo (IL).
National League
COLORADO ROCKIES — Placed SS Trevor Story on the 10-day DL. Recalled RHP Jeff Hoffman from Albuquerque (PCL).
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Placed RHP Kenta Maeda on the 10-day DL. Reinstated LHP Hyun-Jin Ryu from the 10-day DL.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Extended the contract of manager Pete Mackanin through next season.
American Association
SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS — Signed RHP Kurt Heyer.
SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Signed RHP Jeff Inman.
TEXAS AIRHOGS — Sold the contracts of LHP Tyler G. Watson and RHP Austin Kubitza to the Seattle Mariners.
Can-Am League
NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Signed LHP Isaac Pavlik and INF Ryder Sandova.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed QB Blaine Gabbert to a one-year contract. Released LB Deiry Washington and S Christian Bryant.
ATLANTIC FALCONS — Agreed to terms with DE Tank McKinley, LB Duke Riley, RB Brian Hill and TE Eric Saubert.
BUFFALO BILLS — Signed LBs Matt Milano and Tanner Vallejo.
CHICAGO BEARS — Waived OL Cornelius Edison. FB Paul Lasike and DL Will Sutton. Released WR Eddie Royal. Signed RB Tarik Cohen and OL Jordan Morgan.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed DB Howard Wilson. OL Rod Johnson and RB Matthew Dayes.
DETROIT LIONS — Waived TE Kennard Backman and WR Andrew Turzilli.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed CB Kevin King.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed CB Quincy Wilson, CB Nate Hairston and LB Anthony Walker.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Signed CB Jalen Myrick.
LOS ANGELES CHARGERS — Signed WR Mike Williams, G Forrest Lamp, CB Desmond King, T Sam Tevi and DE Isaac Rochell.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Signed RB Corey Clement. DTs Winston Craig and Charles Walker. QB Jerod Evans, CBs Randall Goforth and Jomal Wiltz, P Cameron Johnston, G Tyler Orlosky, S Tre Sullivan and WR Greg Ward.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Signed RB James Conner.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Agreed to terms with QB Tyler Ferguson, WRs Briston Cherry, Kelvonn Mabon, Giovanni Pascasio, RB Akeem Judd, TE Steven Moore, Jonah Persag, CBs Jeremy Boykins, John Green, LB Denzel Perryman, DTs DeAngelo Brown and Roderick Henderson.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed OL Jonathan Allen, LBs Ryan Anderson and Josh Harvey-Clemons, RB Samaje Perine, S Montae Nicholson, TE Jeremy Sprinkle, C Chase Roullier, WR Robert Davis, and CB Joshua Holsey.
Canadian Football League
EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Signed DLs Da'Quan Bowers, Hasaan Hazzime and Rykeem Yates. LBs Terrance Bullitt, DJ Latarna Terrell-Manning and Tent Matthews, WRs Larry Cobb, John Harris, Daniel Jones, James Turner, Cass White and D'Haquille Williams, OL Devin Davis and Darius Morris, DBs Chris Edwards, Kerr London, Mercy Maston and Solomon Means, QB Danny O'Brien and RBs LaDarius Perkins and Jordarius Vanlier.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
BUFFALO SABRES — Named Jason Botterill general manager.
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Agreed to terms with F Richard Panik on a two-year contract extension.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
MLS — Suspended Seattle MF Jordy Delem for one game and fined him an undisclosed amount for receiving two yellow cards in a match on May 6.
COLLEGE
CHARLESTON SOUTHERN — Named Ron Hudson offensive line coach.
DELAWARE — Promoted Jerry Oravitz to associate director of athletics for major gifts.
ILLINOIS — Suspended OLs Darta L. Lee and Howard E. Watkins and TE Zamari J. Holcombe indefinitely from football activities after being charged with felony residential burglary and aggravated robbery.
ILLINOIS STATE — Named Niki Washington women's assistant basketball coach.
MISSOURI-KANSAS CITY — Named Jace Hoyt women's basketball coach.
NEW MEXICO — Announced women's basketball sophomore G Aisia Robertson has transferred from Kansas.
OKLAHOMA — Signed offensive coordinator Lincoln Riley to a three-year contract extension.

NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Today
Nashville at Anaheim, 8 p.m.
Saturday
Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
Sunday
Nashville at Anaheim, 6:30 p.m.
Monday, May 15
Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 16
Anaheim at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 17
Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 18
Anaheim at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Friday, May 19
Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 20
x-Nashville at Anaheim, 6:15 p.m.
Sunday, May 21
x-Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 2 p.m.
Monday, May 22
x-Anaheim at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 23
x-Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 24
x-Nashville at Anaheim, 8 p.m.
Thursday, May 25
x-Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

GREENWOOD PLAYOFF CAPSULE

Class 4A Area

NO. 22 GREENWOOD VS. DENVER CITY

When/Where: Game 1, 7 p.m. today at Lubbock Cooper High School, Woodrow; Game 2, 1 p.m. Saturday at Lubbock Cooper High School, Woodrow; Game 3, 30 minutes after Game 2 if needed

Records/seeds: Greenwood 21-6-1, No. 1 seed out of District 4-4A; Denver City 17-8, No. 3 seed out of District 2-4A

Last series: Greenwood swept Clint, 2-0 in bi-district; Denver City swept Perryton, 2-0 in bi-district

Notes: The No. 22-ranked Rangers will roll into their area round series with Denver City after whipping Clint by a combined margin of 31-6 in their two bi-district games. Greenwood head coach Stephen Rodriguez said he doesn't know much about Denver City, but he expects that the Mustangs will pose a tougher test for his team this round. "From what little information I have on them, they're going to be solid defensively and they'll pitch the ball well," Rodriguez said. "They're in a tough district with Levelland and Lubbock Estacado and that says something about them. They're a good ballclub." ... Denver City enters this series having won seven of its last eight games and allowed just 22 runs in that span. ... Though the Rangers weren't challenged much by Clint on the field, Rodriguez said he was proud of their maturity and energy level in Game 2 of the bi-district series. After Friday night's Game 1 win at Alpine's Kokernot Field, Greenwood had to sit and wait over four hours to play Saturday, as Lee and El Paso Socorro needed a Game 3 to decide their Class 6A bi-district series. "We were geared up for a 2 p.m. game, had to wait four hours, but still played well after the long wait," Rodriguez said. ... Against Denver City, Rodriguez said his club will need to tighten up defensively and on the bases. ... The Rangers will be looking to advance to the regional quarterfinal for a second straight season.

Next: Winner plays winner of Pampa-Monahans, TBA in Class 4A regional quarterfinal.

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MHS

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situation in extra innings.

"I feel like we were all really comfortable and trusted each other and got each other pumped up," Cox said. "I think that was key."

MHS used three different relievers — Ryan Culp, Hallmark and Tyler Wade in the eighth. The Bulldogs struggled mightily to throw strikes and keep things level.

"We couldn't throw strikes and then when we do, we don't make a play," said MHS head coach Barry Russell. "You've got to make plays to win games and we didn't do it. We couldn't throw a strike, they made the hits when they needed to get them. They did everything that we knew they would — they pitch it and they play good defense."

Tavera allowed one run on six hits over seven innings, while fanning seven and walking one. He said he was tested by an experienced Bulldog lineup, but was able to bear down and make pitches at key junctures to limit rallies.

"That was the best I've gotten hit this year," said Tavera of MHS' offense. "They could have won that game, but I knew my teammates had (my back). So I just had to throw strikes and let my defense work."

Betcher led MHS at the plate by going 2-for-3, while Neuse went 3-for-5 with a double and two RBI for Fossil Ridge.

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Carlos Tavera, Dylan Neuse (6) and Max Engels. Brooks Betcher, Ryan Culp (8), Jaxon Hallmark (8), Tyler Wade (8) and Sam Matchus. W - Tavera. L - Betcher. 2B - Keller FR: Dylan Nuese, Andrew Perez 2; MHS: Jaxon Hallmark.
Records: Keller Fossil Ridge 24-10; MHS 19-15
Next: Game 2 of series, noon today

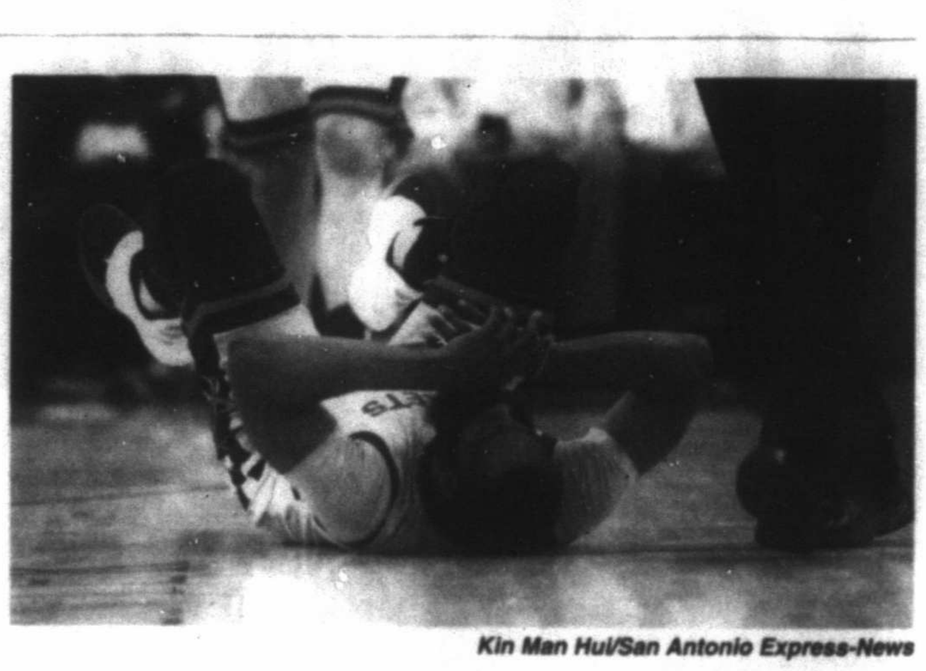
SPURS

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shots from long-range going 13 of 40. But the Rockets also had trouble scoring in general, making just 28.6 percent (22 of 77) of their shots overall.

When there was about four minutes left, large chunks of empty seats filled the arena dotted by pockets of San Antonio fans who stood and cheered while the remaining Rockets fans sat dejected.

During a timeout soon after that several Spurs danced near the bench to music piped through the arena as Aldridge placed a towel over his shoulders and accepted congratulations from his teammates with his work was done for the night.



Kin Man Hui/San Antonio Express-News

Houston Rockets' James Harden (13) falls to the fall after a foul during the game against the Spurs in Game 6 of the Western Conference semifinals at the Toyota Center on Thursday.

Tip-ins

Spurs: Danny Green got a technical in the third quarter for a scuffle with Ariza. ... Patty Mills had 14 points and seven assists, and Pau Gasol added 10 points and 11 rebounds.

Rockets: Ariza received a technical in the third for the scuffle with Ariza. ... Coach Mike D'Antoni added Sam Dekker to the rotation after being criticized for not adding anyone to the rotation Tuesday in the first game since Nene suffered a season-ending thigh injury. Dekker had six points.

NBA PLAYOFF GLANCE

SECOND ROUND
Sunday, May 7
Cleveland 109, Toronto 102, Cleveland wins series 4-0
Washington 121, Boston 102
Houston 126, San Antonio 104
Monday
Golden State 121, Utah 95, Golden State wins series 4-0
Tuesday
San Antonio 110, Houston 107, OT
Wednesday
Boston 123, Washington 101, Boston leads series 3-2
Thursday
San Antonio 114, Houston 75, San Antonio wins series 4-2
Today
Boston at Washington, 7 p.m.
Monday, May 15
x-Washington at Boston, 7 p.m.
CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Sunday
San Antonio at Golden State, 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 16
San Antonio at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Saturday, May 20
Golden State at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Monday, May 22
Golden State at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, May 24
x-San Antonio at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Friday, May 26
x-Golden State at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Sunday, May 28
x-San Antonio at Golden State, 8 p.m.

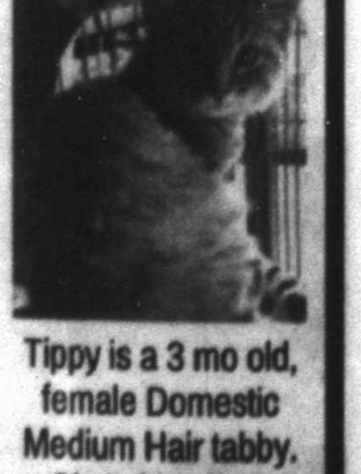
HIGH SCHOOL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

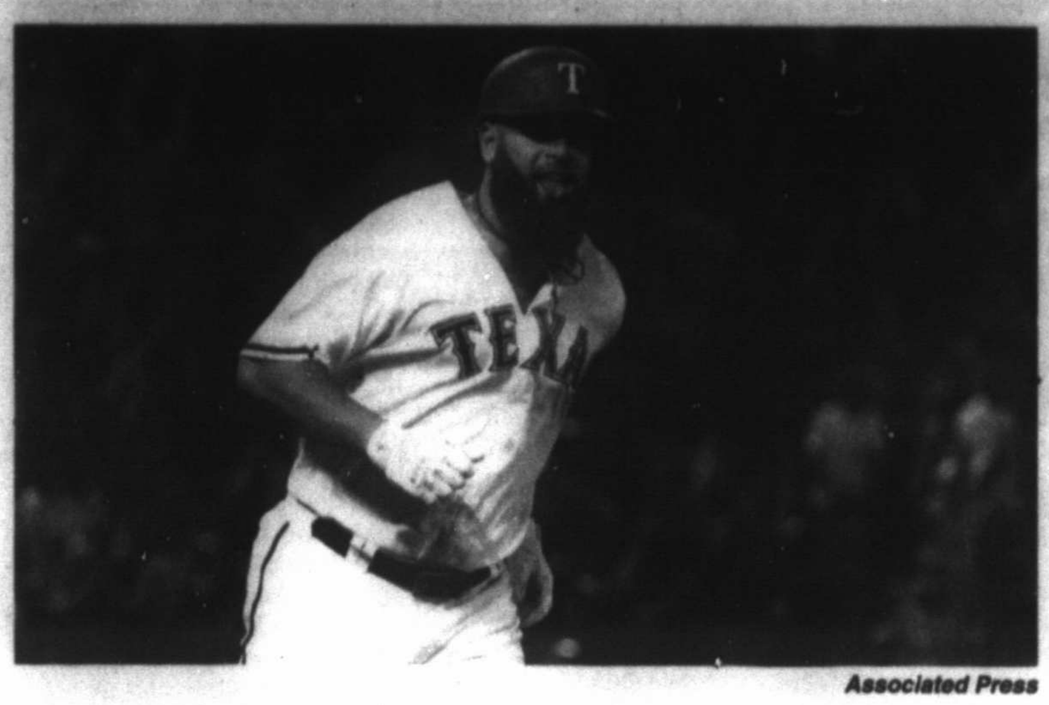
Baseball

REGION I BASEBALL PLAYOFFS
Class 6A
Area
Arlington Martin (25-5, W4) vs. Wolfforth Frenship (19-15, T2); Hopkins Field, Wichita Falls
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 11 a.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2
Arlington Lamar (17-14, F4) vs. El Paso Socorro (23-10, T1); Pressly Field, Odessa
Game 1: 4:30 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 9 a.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2
San Angelo Central (24-10, W8) vs. Flower Mound (25-9, R5); Georgetown HS
Game 1: 1 p.m. Friday; Game 2: Noon Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2
South Grand Prairie (24-7-1, W7) vs. Flower Mound Marcus (22-11, T5)
Game 1: Marcus 8, South Grand Prairie 0; Game 2: p.m. Friday; South Grand Prairie HS
Game 3: Noon Saturday, McKinney Boyd HS
Midland High (19-14, W2) vs. Keller Fossil Ridge (23-10, R3); Hunter Field, Hardin-Simmons University
Game 1: **Fossil Ridge 7, Midland High 1**; Game 2: **Noon Friday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2**
El Paso Montwood (25-4, W1) vs. Weatherford (18-4-1, T3); McCamley Field, Odessa
Game 1: 4:30 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 11:30 a.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2
Aller (22-10, W6) vs. Killeen Harker Heights (14-3-1, T6); Conscana HS
Game 1: 6 p.m. Friday, weather delayed from Thursday; Game 2: 7 p.m. Friday; *Game 3: 2 p.m. Saturday
Southlake Carroll (24-10-1, W5) vs. Waco Midway (21-9-1, R6); Glen Rose HS
Game 1: Carroll 3, Midway 2; Game 2: 7 p.m. Friday; *Game 3: 3 p.m. Saturday
Class 4A
Area
Greenwood (21-6-1, W4) vs. Denver City (17-8, T2); Lubbock Cooper HS
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2
Monahans (13-14-1, F4) vs. Pampa (15-9, T1); Lubbock Christian University
Game 1: 6 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2
Godley (24-3-1, W8) vs. Graham (19-11-1, T6)
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday at Mineral Wells HS; Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday at Brock HS; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2
Stephenville (20-7-2, F8) vs. Sweetwater (11-17, T5); Abilene Christian University
Game 1: Stephenville 10, Sweetwater 5; Game 2: Noon Friday; *Game 3: Noon Saturday
Levelland (28-4, W2) vs. Andrews (10-15-2, T4); Hobbs, NM
Game 1: 7 p.m. CDT Friday; Game 2: 1 p.m. CDT Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2
Bushland (24-6, W1) vs. Pecos (13-16, R4); Snyder HS
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday; Game 2: Noon Saturday; Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2
Iowa Park (19-7-3, W6) vs. Alvarado (17-10-1, T6); Gratford HS
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday; Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2
Abilene Wylie (26-1, W5) vs. Midlothian Heritage (21-6, R6); Brock HS
Game 1: Wylie 8, Heritage 0; Game 2: 5 p.m. Friday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2
Class 3A
Area
Wall (22-1-1, W4) vs. Idalou (11-17, T2); McMurry University, Abilene
Game 1: Wall 17, Idalou 0; Game 2: 5 p.m. Friday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2
Alpine (11-12-1, W3) vs. Littlefield (12-14, T2); Greenwood HS
Game 1: 6 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 11 a.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2
Jacksboro (18-10-2, W8) vs. Tuscola Jim Ned (17-12, R5)
Game 1: Jacksboro 9, Jim Ned 8; Game 2: Noon Friday at McMurry University; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2
Brock (24-3-1, W7) vs. Early (17-12, R6); Eastland HS
Game 1: Brock 11, Early 1; Game 2: 7 p.m. Friday; *Game 3: 1 p.m. Saturday
Shallowater (21-5-1, W2) vs. Presidio (13-7-2, R3); 2 p.m. Friday, Pressly Field, Odessa
Childress (25-5-1, W1) vs. Reagan County (19-7, R4); Lubbock Cooper HS
Game 1: Childress 4, Reagan County 3; Game 2: Noon Friday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2
Comanche (18-8, W6) vs. Peaster (22-6-1, R7); Glen Rose HS
Game 1: 4 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 10 a.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2
Clyde (28-0, W5) vs. Holliday (23-8, R6); Mineral Wells HS
Game 1: Holliday 6, Clyde 5; Game 2: 6 p.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2
Class 2A
Area
Post (22-3, W4) vs. Gruver (16-6, R1)
Game 1: 5 p.m. Friday at Plainview HS; Game 2: 30 minutes after Game 1; *Game 3: 3 p.m. Saturday at Canyon HS
Floydada (17-9, W3) vs. Sanford-Fritch (9-12, T1)
Game 1: 5 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday at Plainview HS; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2
Albany (15-2-2, W8) vs. McCamey (14-7, R5); Bellinger HS
Game 1: Albany 16, McCamey 2; Game 2: 5:30 p.m. Friday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2
Anson (10-10, F8) vs. Anthony (7-5); 6 p.m. Friday, Fort Stockton HS
Clarendon (20-9-1, W2) vs. New Deal (15-4, R3)
Game 1: Clarendon 8, New Deal 7; Game 2: 7 p.m. Saturday at Hermleigh HS; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2
Stinnett West Texas (20-1, W1) vs. Sundown (14-3, R4); Wayland Baptist University
Game 1: West Texas 2, Sundown 0; Game 2: 11 a.m. Friday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2
Forsan (19-5, W6) vs. DeLeon (17-4, R7)
Game 1: DeLeon 9, Forsan 0; Game 2: 5:30 p.m. Friday at Stamford HS; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2
Van Horn 5-13, W5) vs. Hawley (13-12, R6); Stanton HS
Game 1: 5 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 30 minutes after Game 2; *Game 3: 11 a.m. Saturday

Softball

REGION I SOFTBALL PLAYOFFS
Class 6A
Regional quarterfinals
Arlington Martin (W4, 24-7-1) vs. Keller (W3, 27-4-1)
Game 1: Keller 2, Martin 1; Game 2: 7 p.m. Friday, Crowley; *Game 3: 1 p.m. Saturday
Waco Midway (W6, 28-7) vs. Plano East (R6, 22-10), Mansfield
Game 1: Plano East 13, Waco Midway 7; Game 2: 7 p.m. Friday; *Game 3: 1 p.m. Saturday
Keller Timber Creek (30-6-1, R3) vs. El Paso Coronado (W1, 27-5), Lubbock Cooper HS
Game 1: 6 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 11 a.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2
Plano West (W6, 27-4) vs. Wylie (F6, 23-10); 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Frisco Centennial HS
Class 4A
Regional quarterfinals
Fort Stockton (W4, 20-11) vs. Fabens (W3, 24-9), Sul Ross State, Alpine
Game 1: Fort Stockton 10, Fabens 1; Game 2: 4 p.m. Friday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2
Brownwood (R5) vs. Vernon (R6), Gratford
Game 1: Vernon 1, Brownwood 0; Game 2: 6 p.m. Friday; *Game 3: Noon Saturday
Monahans (T4, 25-10) vs. Andrews (R4, 26-6), Big Spring
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 3 p.m. Saturday
Graham (W6) vs. Godley (R8), Mineral Wells
Game 1: Graham 8, Godley 1; Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2
Class 3A
Regional quarterfinals
Idalou (T2, 19-19) vs. Alpine (W3, 27-5), Greenwood HS
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2
Colorado City (R5, 24-10) vs. Brock (W7, 22-6), 6 p.m. Friday, Eastland
Wall (R4, 17-10) 10, Presidio (R3, 11-18) 2
Early (W6, 24-6) vs. Peaster (T7, 18-11), Wells Field, Abilene Christian
Game 1: Peaster 6, Early 0; Game 2: 6 p.m. Friday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2
Class 2A
Regional quarterfinals
New Deal (T2) vs. Forsan (W3, 18-11-1), Sundown
Game 1: Forsan 2, New Deal 1; Game 2: 3 p.m. Friday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2.
Petrolia (W8, 26-5) vs. Haskell (W7, 26-8), Graham
Game 1: Petrolia 7, Haskell 3; Game 2: 4 p.m. Friday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2
Rolls (W2) vs. Post (T3), Lubbock Monterey HS
Game 1: 6:30 p.m. Friday; Game 2: TBA Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2.
Windthorst (T8) vs. Archer City (R8), Midwestern State, Wichita Falls
Game 1: Archer City 10, Windthorst 3; Game 2: 7 p.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2

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6/12 Mon. 6:00 Adoption Center Volunteer Orientation
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Associated Press

Texas Rangers' Mike Napoli celebrates as he runs the bases after hitting a game-winning 3-run home run off San Diego Padres reliever Brandon Maurer during the ninth inning of a baseball game Thursday in Arlington.

Napoli's 2nd homer ends Rangers' victory over Padres

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Mike Napoli's second homer was a game-ending three-run shot and the Texas Rangers beat the San Diego Padres 5-2 on Thursday night.

The Rangers had been held scoreless by San Diego starter Clayton Richard until Napoli hit a 433-foot homer to left on the first pitch of the eighth inning.

Napoli topped that with a 448-foot shot into the club-level seats higher in left field to end a four-run ninth off Padres closer Brandon Maurer (0-2).

Elvis Andrus started the ninth-inning rally with a one-out single before Jonathan Lucroy followed with his third hit, looping a single that dropped just in front of diving center fielder Manual Margot. Rougned Odor then singled through the left side of the infield to drive home Andrus with the tying run and bring Napoli to the plate.

Sam Dyson (1-4), the demoted Rangers closer, worked around two hits in a scoreless ninth.

Astros nail Ellsbury, stop Yankees 3-2 for 4th win in row

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Defensive replacement Jake Marisnick made a perfect throw from left field to nail Jacoby Ellsbury at the plate for the final out and the Houston Astros held off the New York Yankees 3-2 on Thursday night in a matchup between teams with the best records in baseball.

Unbeaten Dallas Keuchel (6-0) became the first six-game winner in the majors, helped by a home run from Carlos Correa. The Astros won their fourth in a row and improved to 24-11 — their top mark after 35 games since the franchise began playing in 1962.

Ken Giles wound up with his 10th save in 11 tries, saved by Marisnick.

Ellsbury's single with two outs in the ninth inning put runners at the corners, and then the fleet leadoff hitter stole second. Gary Sanchez followed with a sharp RBI single to left and Marisnick, who came into the game in the seventh, fired a strike to catcher Brian McCann to get the sliding Ellsbury.

Carlos Beltran and McCann were quiet in their return to Yankee Stadium, the former New York power hitters going hitless in seven at-bats for Houston. The Astros didn't need much hitting behind the bearded Keuchel.

Keuchel kept up his resurgence, striking out nine in six innings.

Keuchel once again throttled the Yankees, improving to 5-2 with a 1.24 ERA against them. Those totals include a win at Yankee Stadium in the 2015 AL wild-card game.

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

ROCKHOUNDS 3, HOOKS 1
At Whataburger Field, Corpus Christi

TOP HITTERS: Midland's Richie Martin was 2-for-4 with a double and two runs scored, while teammate Brett Vertigan was 2-for-5 with a run scored.

TOP PITCHERS: Midland's Lou Trivino earned his fourth win after he allowed just one hit, walked one and struck out one over two shutout innings. ... Corpus Christi starter Kyle Smith allowed just two hits, walked one and struck out six over six shutout innings.

HIGHLIGHTS: The Hooks had a 1-0 lead through seven innings after scoring a run in the fourth on a double by Alehandro Garcia. ... Midland took the lead for good in the eighth on a J.P. Sportman sacrifice fly and a Tyler Marincov RBI single. ... The RockHounds added an insurance run in the ninth when Martin scored on a wild pitch.

NOTES: Vertigan extended his on-base streak to 20 games, while fellow RockHounds Max Schrock extended his hitting streak to 11 games after going 1-for-4. ... RockHound B.J. Boyd has reached base in 26 of his last 28 games after going 1-for-4 with a triple. ... The RockHounds and Hooks will play the second game of a four-game series at 7:05 p.m. today.

TL standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Northwest Arkansas	18	13	.581	—
Springfield	18	14	.535	1½
Tulsa	15	17	.469	3½
Arkansas	12	19	.387	6

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	19	14	.576	—
Midland	18	14	.563	½
Corpus Christi	15	17	.469	3½
Frisco	14	19	.424	5

Thursday's Scores
San Antonio 6, Frisco 4
Midland 3, Corpus Christi 1
Tulsa 9, Northwest Arkansas 3
Springfield at Arkansas, ppd.

Today's Games
Frisco at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
Springfield at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.
Tulsa at Northwest Arkansas, 7:15 p.m.

ROCKHOUNDS 3, HOOKS 1

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Corpus	ab	r	h	bi
Vertigan cf	5	1	2	0	Bolfstad cf	4	0	1	0
Sportman rf	4	0	0	1	Ritchie dh	3	0	1	0
Boyd lf	4	0	1	0	Ferguson pr-dh	0	0	0	0
Marincov dh	4	0	1	1	Singleton 1b	2	0	0	0
Rosa 1b	3	0	1	0	Davis 3b	3	0	0	0
Schrock 2b	4	0	1	0	Stubbs c	3	1	0	0
Munoz 3b	3	0	0	0	Garcia lf	4	0	1	1
Pair c	3	0	0	0	Laureano rf	4	0	0	0
Martin ss	4	2	2	0	Trompiz ss	3	0	0	0
					Wolfe 2b	3	0	0	0
Totals	34	3	8	2	Totals	29	1	3	1

Midland ..... 000 000 021 —3
Corpus Christi ..... 000 100 000 —1

E - Munoz (2). DP - Midland: LOB - Midland 8, Corpus Christi 6, 2B - Rosa (8), Schrock (4), Martin (5), Garcia (7), 3B - Boyd (1), SB - Stubbs (3), CS - Ferguson (3), SF - Sportman.

Midland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Fillmyer	4.0	2	1	1	3	1
Mann	2.0	0	0	0	1	2
Trivino W, 4-0	2.0	1	0	0	0	1
Finnegan S, 5	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
Corpus Christi						
Smith	6.0	2	0	0	1	6
Peterson L, 1-2	1.2	3	2	2	0	1
Freeman	0.1	2	0	0	0	0
Ferrell	1.0	1	1	1	1	0

WP - Ferrell 2.
T - 2:49. A - 3,684.

MLB ROUNDUP

American League

ROYALS 6
RAYS 0

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Major league ERA leader Jason Vargas went seven more scoreless innings, Salvador Perez had a two-run double during a five-run eighth inning and the Kansas City Royals beat the Tampa Bay Rays 6-0 on Thursday.

Vargas (5-1) scattered three hits and dropped his ERA from 1.19 to 1.01.

Jorge Bonifacio hit an RBI single off Diego Moreno in the decisive eighth before Whit Merrifield had a run-scoring single and then circled the bases when center fielder Kevin Kiermaier misplayed the hit for a three-base error.

Merrifield also homered for the Royals, who won three of four against the Rays. Kansas City had lost 13 of 16 entering the series.

Jake Odorizzi (2-2) gave up one run and four hits in six innings for the Rays. He had allowed three hits or fewer in each of his previous four starts.

Tampa Bay went 3-6 during a nine-game homestand against Miami, Toronto and the Royals. All three opponents are well under .500.

Merrifield put the Royals up 1-0 on a solo shot in the fourth.

Vargas made two nifty defensive plays during the fifth. He fielded Kiermaier's slow grounder down the first-base line and tagged out the speedy outfielder and also caught Derek Norris' liner.

Rays left fielder Corey Dickerson took a home run away from Eric Hosmer in the first by reaching over the short wall by the 315-foot mark near the line and catching the drive.

BLUE JAYS 7
MARINERS 2

TORONTO — Marco Estrada rebounded nicely from a rough first inning against the red-hot Seattle Mariners.

Steve Pearce hit a three-run home run, Justin Smoak had a solo homer and finished with four RBIs, and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Mariners 7-2 on Thursday night, snapping Seattle's win streak at four games.

After giving up two runs in the first, Estrada (2-2) held Seattle scoreless for the next five innings, helping Toronto win for the fourth time in five games.

"He shut us down tonight," Mariners manager Scott Servais said.

Smoak went 3 for 3 with a walk against his former team. He had an RBI single in the first, walked in the fourth, singled home two runs in the fifth, and connected off rookie Sam Gaviglio in the seventh.

"He's a little more aggressive early in the count, and he's laying off that breaking ball," manager John Gibbons said.

Mariners slugger Nelson Cruz hit a two-run homer but Seattle's offense came up empty after the first.

After scoring 21 runs in their previous two games, the Mariners jumped on Estrada in the opening frame. Jean Segura led off with a double and Cruz drilled a one-out homer into the center field party deck, his eighth.

"That first inning was kind of tough," Estrada said. "Even the outs were kind of hit pretty hard. I'm glad I was able to turn things around and make better pitches after that."

Smoak halved the deficit with an RBI single off Chase De Jong in the bottom half.

Toronto took the lead by scoring five times in a two-out rally in the fifth. Smoak lined a bases-loaded single over the head of shortstop Segura, who had shifted out behind second base, and Pearce followed with his fourth home run.

Interleague

RED SOX 4
BREWERS 1

MILWAUKEE — Mookie Betts got what he wanted.

Betts' three-run home run in the ninth inning Thursday lifted the Boston Red Sox to a 4-1 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers. It was Betts' fifth homer of the season and third in his last four games, and helped Boston salvage one win in the three-game series in the Red Sox's first trip to Milwaukee since 2003.

Boston's right fielder enjoyed his time at Miller Park, as he went 7 for 11 with eight runs batted in and five runs scored.

"He's certainly impacting the baseball," Boston manager John Farrell said.

Milwaukee closer Neftali Feliz (0-4) came on in the ninth, but managed to get only one out. Red Sox pitcher Craig Kimbrel (2-0) got the final five outs as Boston snapped the Brewers' three-game winning streak.

Christian Vazquez led off the ninth with a walk. He was safe at second on a fielder's choice when Deven Marrero's bunt was fielded by Feliz, but his throw to second base was dropped by shortstop Orlando Arcia.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	22	11	.667	—
New York	21	11	.656	½
Boston	18	16	.529	4½
Tampa Bay	17	20	.459	7
Toronto	14	21	.400	9
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	18	15	.545	—
Minnesota	16	14	.533	½
Detroit	16	16	.500	1½
Chicago	15	16	.484	2
Kansas City	13	21	.382	5½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	24	11	.686	—
Seattle	17	18	.486	7
Los Angeles	17	19	.472	7½
Oakland	16	18	.471	7½
Texas	16	20	.444	8½

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	22	12	.647	—
New York	16	17	.485	5½
Philadelphia	13	19	.406	8
Miami	13	20	.394	8½
Atlanta	11	20	.355	9½
Central Division				
St. Louis	19	14	.576	—
Cincinnati	18	15	.545	1
Milwaukee	18	17	.514	2
Chicago	17	17	.500	2½
Pittsburgh	14	20	.412	5½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	22	12	.629	—
Los Angeles	20	14	.588	1½
Arizona	19	16	.543	3
San Diego	13	23	.361	9½
San Francisco	12	23	.343	10

Scores and Schedules

American League
Thursday's Scores

Baltimore at Washington, ppd.
Boston 4, Milwaukee 1
Kansas City 6, Tampa Bay 0
Houston 3, N.Y. Yankees 2
Toronto 7, Seattle 2
Texas 5, San Diego 2
Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, late
Detroit at L.A. Angels, late

Today's Games

Houston (McCullers 2-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Montgomery 2-1), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (Bergman 0-0) at Toronto (Biagini 0-1), 6:07 p.m.
Minnesota (Santana 5-1) at Cleveland (Tomlin 2-3), 6:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Cobb 2-3) at Boston (Porcello 2-4), 6:10 p.m.
Oakland (Hahn 1-2) at Texas (Cashner 0-3), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Chacin 3-3) at Chicago White Sox (Gonzalez 3-2), 7:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Tillman 1-0) at Kansas City (Duffy 2-3), 7:15 p.m.
Detroit (Zimmermann 3-1) at L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 1-2), 9:07 p.m.

National League
Thursday's Scores

Baltimore at Washington, ppd.
Boston 4, Milwaukee 1
Texas 5, San Diego 2
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, late
Pittsburgh at Arizona, late
Cincinnati at San Francisco, late

Today's Games

Philadelphia (Pivetta 0-2) at Washington (Roark 3-1), 6:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Foltynewicz 0-4) at Miami (Urena 1-0), 6:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Harvey 2-2) at Milwaukee (Garza 1-0), 7:10 p.m.
San Diego (Chacin 3-3) at Chicago White Sox (Gonzalez 3-2), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Butler 0-0) at St. Louis (Leake 4-1), 7:15 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 5-2) at Colorado (Chatwood 3-4), 7:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Glasnow 1-2) at Arizona (Corbin 2-4), 8:40 p.m.
Cincinnati (Feldman 2-1) at San Francisco (Cueto 4-2), 9:15 p.m.

Texas boxes

RANGERS 5, PADRES 2

San Diego	ab	r	h	bi
Margot cf	3	0	0	1
Solarte lf	4	1	1	0
Myers 1b	4	0	1	0
Solarte dh	4	0	1	0
Schimpf 3b	4	0	1	1
Hedges c	4	1	1	0
Aybar ss	3	0	1	0
Renfroe rf	2	0	1	0
Sirdinas 2b	4	0	2	0
Kozma 3b	3	0	0	0
Totals	32	2	9	2

Texas	ab	r	h	bi
DShields rf	4	0	0	0
Choo lf	4	0	0	0
Andrus ss	4	1	1	0
Lucroy c	4	0	3	0
Gallo pr	0	1	0	0
Odor 2b	4	1	2	1
Napoli dh	3	2	2	4
C.Gomez cf	3	0	1	0
Rua 1b	3	0	0	0
Totals	32	5	9	5

San Diego ..... 100 000 100—2
Texas ..... 000 000 014—5

DP—San Diego 1, Texas 1. LOB—San Diego 7, Texas 3. HR—Napoli 2 (7). SB—C.Gomez (4). CS—Aybar (1), Odor (4). SF—Margot (2), S.—Aybar (1).

San Diego	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Richard	7	5	1	1	1	4
Hand H 4	1	0	0	0	0	2
Maurer L, 0-2	1⅓	4	4	4	0	0
Texas						
Perez	6⅓	7	2	2	2	3
Barnette	1⅔	2	0	0	2	0
Diekman W, 1-4	1	0	0	0	0	2

Richard pitched to 2 batters in the 8th.
WP—Hand.
T—2:39. A—22,465 (48,114).

ASTROS 3, YANKEES 2

Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Springer cf	4	0	1	1
Reddick rf	5	1	1	0
Altuve 2b	4	0	1	0
Correa ss	3	1	2	2
Beltran dh	4	0	0	0
B.McCann c	3	0	0	0
Y.Gomes lf	3	1	1	0
Bregman 3b	4	0	2	0
Aoki rf	3	1	1	0
Maybin cf	3	0	0	0
Totals	35	3	9	3

New York	ab	r	h	bi
Ellsbury cf	4	0	1	0
G.Sanchez c	5	0	1	1
Holliday dh	4	0	1	0
S.Castro 2b	4	0	1	0
Judge rf	3	0	0	0
Headley 3b	4	0	1	0
Urshela ss	4	0	1	0
A.Hicks lf	3	1	1	0
Carter 1b	3	0	1	0
Gardner ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	33	2	7	1

Houston ..... 200 010 000—3
New York ..... 000 010 001—2

E—B.McCann (2), Y.Gomes (1). DP—Houston 1. LOB—Houston 8, New York 9. 2B—Reddick (5), Altuve (6), Bregman (7), Aoki (3). HR—Correa (5), SB—Aoki (2), Maybin (4). CS—Ellsbury (8), Judge (2). A—Hicks (4).

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Keuchel W, 6-0	6	4	2	2	1	9
Devenski	2	2	1	1	2	4
Giles S, 10-10	1	1	0	0	0	1
New York						
Pineda L, 2-2	6	7	3	3	1	4
Warren	1	1	0	0	0	1
Hoader	1	1	0	0	0	0
Shreve	1	0	0	0	1	1

T—3:06. A—39,196 (49,642).

Thursday's linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
ROYALS 6, RAYS 0

Kansas City	000	100	050	—6	8	0
Tampa Bay	000	000	000	—0	4	1

Vargas, Shahin (8), Abuqerque (9) and Perez; Odorizzi, Whitley, T. Moreno (8), Faria (9) and Norris. Suzuki. W - Vargas (5-1). L - Odorizzi (2-2). HRs - Kansas City, Merrifield (1).

BLUE JAYS 7, MARINERS 2

Seattle	200	000	000	—2	6	0
Toronto	100	050	10x	—7	9	0

De Jong, Curtis (6), Vaughn (7) and Gotewich; Estrada, Loup (7), Grilli (8), Campos (9) and Maile. W - Estrada (2-2). L - De Jong (2-1). HRs - Seattle, Cruz (1); Toronto, Smoak (4), Pearce (4).

INTERLEAGUE
RED SOX 4, BREWERS 1

Boston	100	000	003	—4	8	0
Milwaukee	000	001	000	—1	5	2

Rodriguez, Kelly, Barnes (8), Kimbrel (8) and Vazquez; Nelson, Knebel (7), Feliz (9), Torres (9) and Pina. W - Kimbrel (2-0). L - Feliz (0-4). HRs - Boston, Betts (3).

CHAPS

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example to follow."

Said Barger, who is 8-3 this season with a 4.79 ERA: "It's a nice little 1-2-3 punch, that's for sure. It seems we've been pretty consistent throughout the year and it's nice to know that we can have confidence in every pitcher we throw on the mound. There's never a game where we're like, 'Oh man, we really have got to hit the ball because we're going to give up a lot of runs.' It's really nice to have that luxury. A lot of teams don't have that. If we do have an off game, the rest of our team is there to pick us up. That's the reason we've had such success this year."

Johnson, who is 7-2 with a 5.02 ERA, said while each pitcher has a competitive edge to them, there is no competition within each other.

"We're completely different people but we don't want to lose," Johnson said.

Added Nicholson, who is 11-1 with a 3.62 ERA and is expected to get the start today: "We count on each other every week. When one guy does well, that makes me want to do well. It's a good problem to have when you have a team with guys like that. It makes for a fun team here."

While Coleman said all three are good fastball pitchers, who still need to work on their change-ups, all three have come a long way since their freshman campaigns.

Nicholson transferred to MC from Texas Tech, where he struggled and didn't get to pitch much last year. He said getting more of an opportunity to get on the mound with the Chaps has helped him grow.

"I came here and I was thankful for the opportunity to get on the mound," said Nicholson, who is from Abilene and will get to go back home and play with Abilene Christian University next season. "With a chance to pitch, I got a chance to develop and play for great coaches. I came here and it was a good experience. Hopefully I get some more games to develop. I have a lot to prove and I'm glad I came here."

Barger, who is from San Angelo and has also signed with ACU, redshirted his first year at Oklahoma but when he transferred to MC last year, he said there were a lot of expectations and self-imposed pressure which didn't help his game.

"I had a talk with Coach Coleman and he said, 'Just go throw. Just have fun and throw and be stress free,'" he said. "So this year I've been kind of taking that to heart and just going out there and having fun and letting the cards fall where they may and know that everything happens for a reason. That's helped a lot mentally."

Johnson, an Idalou native who's signed with Lubbock Christian University, said a different attitude this season has also helped him succeed.

"Last year I kind of got a little nervous for the first time out there," he said. "This year I'm more relaxed and having fun. I've been blessed. I didn't expect to come and do this well, but I've been throwing strikes and trusting my defense. I'm not scared to get in there and throw strikes and just have fun while I'm out there."

The Chaps are coming off a disappointing week end as they were swept by rival Odessa College in a series that decided the Western Junior College Athletic Conference crown. But these Chaps are looking to put that behind them and the sophomores have that extra motivation after reaching the regional championship last year.

"Last year we got really close, we got to championship game and lost," Barger said. "All the returners know how hard that was. I know for us, we want to go back and we want to win it all. Being that close and not getting anything out of it, was hard for me."

Added Johnson: "After getting that close, and having that happen to us by losing in the finals, it's always on your shoulders and in the back of your mind remembering it. It kind of keeps you motivated."

Nicholson said he's confident in his team's ability.

"I think this team has a great opportunity to do something special," he said. "I know last week was a little rough, but I think we're going to have the right mindset going into this weekend."

NJCAA Region V Tournament

MIDLAND COLLEGE VS. WEATHERFORD COLLEGE

When/where: 5 p.m. today, Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park, Lubbock

Seeds/Records: WJCAC No. 2 seed Midland College 39-17; NTJCAC No. 3 seed Weatherford College, 32-21

Notes & quotes: The tournament consists of the top four teams in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference and the top four teams out of the North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference. The winner of the double-elimination tournament qualifies for the JUCO World Series May 27-June 3 in Grand Junction, Colorado. ... MC played Weatherford in a three-game series in late February and the Coyotes took two out of three games. MC coach David Coleman said his team got exposed a bit, especially by starting pitcher Jake Lyons, who had 18 strikeouts in a 3-1 victory. Coleman said the good news is that the games were in February, which is a lifetime for young players. His main concern going in is the team's mindset, especially after being swept in a four-game series by Odessa College last weekend. "Hopefully when we go into a new season, like the postseason usually is, everybody is 0-0, and hopefully, we'll be in the right frame of mind," he said.

Next: Winner plays Howard-McLennan CC winner at 8 p.m. Saturday. Loser plays Howard College-McLennan loser at 1 p.m. Saturday

NJCAA REGION V BASEBALL TOURNAMENT
At Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park, Lubbock
May 12-15

Today

First round

Game 1 - (W3) New Mexico Junior College (34-21) vs. (N2) Grayson College (35-12), 10 a.m.
Game 2 - (W1) Odessa College (44-11) vs. (N4) Hill College (32-19), 1 p.m.
Game 3 - (W2) Midland College (39-17) vs. (N3) Weatherford College (32-21), 5 p.m.
Game 4 - (W4) Howard College (36-19) vs. (N1) McLennan Community College (45-10), 8 p.m.

Saturday

Loser's bracket

Game 5 - Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 10 a.m.
Game 6 - Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 1 p.m.

Winner's bracket quarterfinals

Game 7 - Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 5 p.m.
Game 8 - Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 8 p.m.

Sunday

Loser's bracket quarterfinals

Game 9 - Game 6 winner vs. Game 7 loser, 10 a.m.
Game 10 - Game 5 winner vs. Game 8 loser, 1 p.m.

Winner's bracket semifinal

Game 11 - Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 5 p.m.

Loser's bracket semifinal

Game 12 - Game 10 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 8 p.m.

Monday

Loser's bracket final

Game 13 - Game 11 winner vs. Game 12 winner, 1 p.m.

Championship

Game 14 - Game 13 winner vs. Game 11 winner, 5 p.m.

Tuesday

If necessary game

Game 15 - Game 14 winner vs. Game 14 loser, 1 p.m.

Texas bill could deny transgender wrestler title defense

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — When transgender wrestler Mack Beggs won a girls' state championship, his victory drew jeers and complaints that his steroid therapy treatment had given him an unfair advantage against girls who risked injury just by getting on the mat with him.

Now Texas lawmakers are pushing a bill that could ultimately deny Beggs, a Dallas-area junior, a chance to defend his title next year.

The proposal working its way through the Legislature would require transgender students like Beggs to turn over their medical information to the University Interscholastic League, the state's governing body for public high school sports. The UIL would be allowed to disqualify an athlete undergoing hormone therapy if "the safety of competing students or the fairness of a particular competition has been or will be substantially affected by the student's steroid use."

Beggs' case drew national attention in February when he won the state championship in Class 6A, the classification for the state's largest schools. Before he got that far, the father of a girl who had wrestled against Beggs filed a lawsuit trying to get him disqualified. His title-winning match earned him a bloody nose on the mat and boos from a crowd upset by his victory . He has a 56-0 record and wants to wrestle next season in his senior year.

The UIL prohibits steroid use, but Texas has a "safe harbor" provision that allows transgender students undergoing hormone therapy treatments under the direction of a doctor to compete. Texas also requires transgender athletes to compete in the gender listed on their birth certificate. For Beggs, that meant he had to wrestle against girls against his wishes, and the proposed bill would not change that rule.

Beggs family spokesman Alan Baxter said the family has a good relationship with the UIL and questioned why lawmakers are pursuing the change.

"I would hope they are not singling him out," Baxter said, noting that a now-defunded UIL program that tested more than 63,000 athletes caught just a handful of cheaters before it was scuttled in 2015. "If politicians are truly concerned with safety, they should test everyone."

Under NCAA rules, athletes transitioning from female to male are allowed to compete on men's teams while taking testosterone, but can't compete on women's teams.

USA Wrestling in March adopted a rule that would require Beggs to wrestle as a male in their events. Beggs planned to compete in USA Wrestling events this spring, but he would return to the girls' side of competition in Texas if the rules don't change. Texas is one of seven states that require high school students to provide a birth certificate, proof of gender-reassignment surgery or documentation of hormone therapy, according to TransAthlete.com.

UIL officials say killing the testing program limited their ability to police steroid use in competition. Beggs' case is one they simply hadn't imagined 10 years ago, said Leo Barnes, the UIL's director of policy and compliance.

"The fairness and safety and competition issue that has been raised is one we think we need to have the authority to look at," Barnes told lawmakers in a Senate hearing on the bill last month.

State Sen. Bob Hall, a Republican from Edgewood, said his bill isn't aimed at disqualifying transgender students, but to give the UIL a tool in combating steroid use.

"This is for fairness and safety of the students," said Hall, who filed the bill two weeks after Beggs won his state title.

State Sen. Sylvia Garcia, a Houston Democrat, was skeptical of that explanation.

"Isn't the real intent of your bill to ban students who are undergoing steroid or other hormone treatment?" she asked. "On its face it seems to have everything to do with (Beggs)."

The bill has passed the Senate and now goes to the House for consideration before the Legislature adjourns May 29.

The debut for Hughes: Canada rookie tied for lead at Players

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Canadian rookie Mackenzie Hughes played bogey-free in his debut at The Players Championship and shot 5-under 67 to share the lead with William McGirt after an opening round that showed anew that the TPC Sawgrass has surprises around every corner.

No one knows better than Adam Scott, the 2004 champion who had a one-shot lead going into par-3 17th hole.

First, he watched Masters champion Sergio Garcia salvage his poor round by making a hole-in-one at the infamous island green. Scott followed by spinning a shot off the bank and into the water for a double bogey, and he compounded that with another double bogey.

"I played some good golf out there and unfortunately not on the last two," Scott said after settling for a 70. "It happens."

At least he had company Dustin Johnson's first wedge of the way hit the pin, caromed off the green and led to bogey. On a day when nothing seemed to go his way, the world's No. 1 player opened with a 71. Rory McIlroy went to tap in from 2 feet and missed it, and then had to make one twice that long for his double bogey on the 10th hole. He shot 73.

Through it all, Hughes was rock solid. Only twice did he have par putts longer than 3 feet, and he made them both. The Players Stadium Course must be some kind of easy, eh? Hughes laughed and shook his head. "No. It's very hard."

McGirt played in morning and made a pair of eagles on the back nine to atone in his round of 67.

Among those at 68 was Jon Rahm, another first-timer at this lucrative event who had one of four bogey-free rounds on the steamy day in north Florida. Even with a mild wind in the afternoon, just over one-third of the field broke par.

Fast starts and bad finishes were the norm, and not just for Scott.

Defending champion Jason Day ran off two straight birdies after making the turn and was in the lead at 5 under, which for the former world No. 1 was a peculiar position. He hasn't won since The Players last year. Day, however, made three bogeys over his last four holes and had to settle for a 70.

He was playing in the same group as Rickie Fowler, the 2015 champion who also got off to a fast start until one bad shot — a really bad shot — on his 15th hole at the par-4 seventh. From the middle of the fairway, Fowler blocked it so badly to the right that it hit a cart path and went deep into the pines. It took him two shots to get out and he made double bogey. Fowler also shot 70.

Fowler managed to see the big picture.

"No one's going crazy low or anything like that," he said.

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Players Championship

Thursday
At TPC Sawgrass, Players Stadium Course
Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.
Purse: $10.5 million
Yardage: 7,189; Par: 72 (36-36)
First Round

William McGirt	33-34—67
Mackenzie Hughes	34-33—67
J.B. Holmes	35-33—68
Alex Noren	34-34—68
Chez Reavie	35-33—68
Jon Rahm	35-33—68
Daniel Summerhays	35-34—69
Francesco Molinari	33-36—69
Louis Oosthuizen	36-33—69
Kyle Stanley	31-38—69
Patrick Cantlay	35-34—69
David Lingmerth	37-32—69
Brendan Steele	35-34—69
Cody Gribble	37-32—69
Si Woo Kim	36-33—69
Daniel Berger	35-34—69
Rafa Cabrera Bello	32-37—69
Blayne Barber	33-37—70
Lucas Glover	35-35—70
Aaron Baddeley	37-33—70
Vijay Singh	34-36—70
Gary Woodland	34-36—70
Rickie Fowler	38-32—70
Jason Day	37-33—70
Phil Mickelson	36-34—70
Cameron Tringale	35-35—70
Boo Weekley	36-34—70
David Hearn	36-34—70
Lee Westwood	36-34—70
Adam Scott	33-37—70
Ricky Barnes	36-34—70
Bernhard Langer	38-33—71
Brian Harman	35-36—71
Cameron Smith	37-34—71
Jimmy Walker	35-36—71
Paul Casey	35-36—71
Graeme McDowell	36-35—71
Adam Hadwin	35-36—71
Brandon Grace	36-35—71
Harold Varner III	37-34—71
Ryan Palmer	35-36—71
Ben Crane	35-36—71
Sung Kang	35-36—71
Roberto Castro	37-34—71
Billy Hurley III	35-36—71
Ben Martin	35-36—71
Dustin Johnson	36-35—71
Kevin Kisner	37-34—71
Jim Herman	37-34—71
Webb Simpson	36-35—71
Kevin Streelman	35-37—72
Zach Johnson	37-35—72
Henrik Stenson	37-35—72
Emiliano Grillo	35-37—72
Hideki Matsuyama	36-36—72
James Hahn	37-35—72
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Patrick Reed	36-36—72
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Martin Kaymer	39-33—72
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Ryan Moore	37-36—73
Brian Stuard	35-38—73
Sergio Garcia	40-33—73
Matt Kuchar	36-37—73
Justin Thomas	37-36—73
Rory McIlroy	36-37—73
Jason Dufner	36-37—73
Bryce Molder	33-41—74
Troy Merritt	37-37—74
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Luke Donald	36-38—74
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Luke List	41-37—78
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Scott Piercy	40-40—80
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Kyle Busch heads to Kansas with sense of optimism

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — The near-misses that have plagued Kyle Busch all season would have eaten away at him earlier in his career, when he was less secure not only of his driving ability but of himself.

He would stew and rage and carry the angst from track to track.

But a lot has happened in a few short years: He sustained serious injuries during a 2015 crash at Daytona, returned that season to win his first Cup championship and along the way watched his wife give birth to a baby boy after they spent years struggling to conceive.

"You put things into a different perspective," Samantha Busch explained, "so a bad day at the track might have stuck with you 'til Tuesday, but now you go back to the bus and you have Brexton and you're so blissfully unaware of everything going on, and he's still so happy. And it makes things easier for Kyle when things don't go the right way."

Samantha paused, then added: "But on the track he's still Kyle. He's always going for the win."

He thought he had it last weekend at Talladega.

Busch led a race-high 48 laps and thought he was positioned to win for the first time this season, only for everything to unravel in overtime. Ricky Stenhouse Jr. roared past him for the win on the last lap, and Jamie McMurray managed to get by to relegate Busch to third.

It was another solid finish. It was also another frustrating one.

"We just weren't in the right place at the right time, I guess. I thought we were," Busch said Thursday afternoon at Kansas Speedway, where he's the defending champion of the spring race.

"We legitimately had a shot to win five races this year, in my mind," he said. "We've been in a position or had a shot to win five different times this year and we just haven't been able to close the deal. That's the most frustrating thing for us. We haven't been able to get to victory lane."

Busch lamented his misfortune while standing, appropriately enough, in victory lane, where he was helping other Toyota drivers pack boxes to distribute to women's shelters on Mother's Day.

The run of misfortunate began at the Daytona 500, where Busch led 18 laps before a tire went down and he crashed out of the race. An on-track dustup turned into an off-track fight with Joey Logano at Las Vegas, then an untimely crash by Logano at Phoenix spoiled Busch's late lead.

At Martinsville, Busch led 274 laps before he cast blame on a bad set of tires for costing him a chance. And at Richmond, Busch was running second to Logano when he tried to follow the leader onto pit road during a late caution, but committed too late and was forced to serve a penalty.

"I'm looking forward to having fast cars throughout races, not having pit-road speeding penalties or issues that knock us back and we have to fight our way back from those. We did that at Richmond," he said. "We came back through the field, we got up front and we had another penalty that put us in the back. It's just all-around."

Now, let's be clear: Busch's well-known temper has been evident after each mishap, usually in the shape of comments to TV networks and snappy responses to questions from reporters.

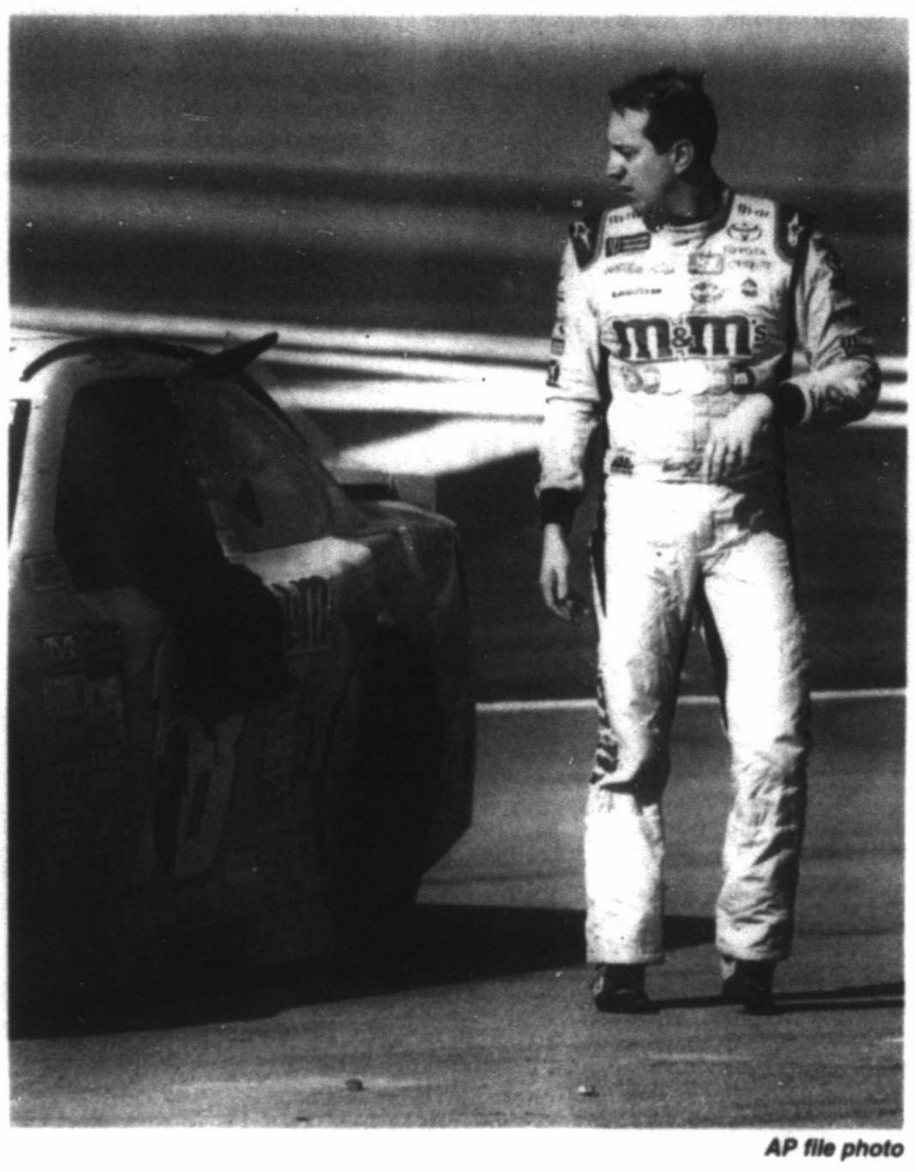
But the tension dissipates a little quicker these days once Busch gets to spend time with his wife and cuddle his bouncing boy. All the stress and anxiety of Joe Gibbs Racing's failure to win this season evaporates for a short period of time while Busch revels in a bit of fatherhood.

"I caught (Brexton) and Kyle yesterday practicing how to say, 'Happy Mama's Day,'" Samantha Busch said, taking a break from packing boxes, "and I almost started crying."

There was a time in his career where Busch would have assumed his misfortune would continue at Kansas. It seemed every start there ended in a wreck. But much like his outlook on everything else has changed, so has his opinion of Kansas. His first Cup victory last year merely capped a string of solid finishes, and he followed it up with a fifth-place run during the fall Chase race.

Now, Busch is optimistic everything finally will come together this weekend.

"We seem to have gotten a setup or ahold of this place. We've had some really strong runs here," he said. "Hopefully we don't screw that up this time around."



AP file photo

Kyle Busch walks away from his smoking car in pit lane at the end of the NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway in Las Vegas on March 12. The near-misses that have plagued Kyle Busch all season would have eaten away at him earlier in his career, when he was less secure not only of his driving ability but of himself.

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I approach things," Smith said. "If something is going bad in a race or in a jump, I know how to come back from that happening. I know how to come back."

Smith has competed against the elite of the nation this year, facing the country's top long jumper in Tara Davis of California (21-8 3/4) and Alvin's Kynnedy Flannel, her primary rival and the meet favorite in Saturday's long jump.

Facing the best has helped Smith, who has lofty aspirations in track, to hone her craft.

"Tara Davis, she really inspires me," Smith said. "She taught me just how to have fun whenever you are doing it."

From the day she entered the MHS track program, it was clear that Smith had the drive and desire to be great.

"I have a letter that she wrote me coming into her freshman year about her wanting to be an Olympian," MHS girls track coach Hil Ochoa said. "I sometimes read that letter, it is kind of cool to kind of see how fast three years has gone by. She's very capable. She could one of those that could possibly fulfill that."

Meanwhile, McMaryion got a glimpse of what to expect this coming Saturday when he watched his cousin Deandre Goodley, of Midland High, finish fourth in the 100-meter dash during the 2014 state meet.

"The atmosphere was for his event was crazy," McMaryion said. "I am pretty sure it will be a little calmer since I jump in the morning, but I am still expecting it to be a lot of people there."

Until his sophomore year, McMaryion had no idea that he had the capability of jumping so high.

He recorded a 6-7 mark that season, and has been one of the notable high jumpers in the state ever since. The senior still marvels at his jumping prowess.

"That's the height of most NBA players so to think I'm jumping over them, that's crazy to me," McMaryion said.

McMaryion has a chance to medal if he's able to match or go higher than his 6-8 personal record this season.

San Antonio Johnson's Jack Scarborough is the event's No. 1 seed with a regional height of 6-10.

"He's got it in him to do a 6-10, maybe even a 7," Ochoa said of McMaryion. "He's that talented. He's that athletic."

McMaryion says poise is vital in performing at his best.

"Really it's just about staying relaxed," McMaryion said. "If I go into a jump all tensed up, I normally tend not to do well."

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Today-Saturday
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Class 6A
Saturday
8 a.m. — Courtney McMaryion. Sr. Midland High, boys high jump
4 p.m. — Samerina Smith, Jr. Midland High, girls long jump
6:45 p.m. — Smith, girls 100 hurdles

Class 4A
Friday
10 a.m. — Carlos Roberts, Jr. Big Spring, girls discus
Noon — Jacob Mechler, So. Andrews, boys discus
4 p.m. — Faith Ragland, Sr. Andrews, girls shot put

Saturday
Noon — Kailey Mathews, So. Big Spring, girls long jump
2 p.m. — Kaitlyn Mathews, Sr. Big Spring, girls triple jump
3:30 p.m. — Hunter Wigington, Sr. Greenwood, boys pole vault
6 p.m. — Big Spring boys 400 relay (Daniel Luna, Sr.; C.J. Harris, Fr.; Rene Vita, Sr.; Leon Mathews, Jr.)
6:20 p.m. — Ian Gonzales, Sr. Big Spring, boys 800 meters
7:25 p.m. — Big Spring boys 800 relay (Jaiden Ludlington, So.; Jeremiah Rushin, Sr.; Garrick McKinney, Jr.; Roman Turner, Sr.)
7:45 p.m. — Kait. Mathews, Big Spring, girls 400 meters; Gonzales, Big Spring, boys 400 meters
8:15 p.m. — Rushin, boys 300 hurdles
9:15 p.m. — Big Spring boys 1,600 relay (Aaron Martinez, Jr.; Rushin; Harris; Gonzales)

Class 2A
Saturday
1:45 p.m. — Rhian Cunningham, Sr., Forsan, girls 400 meters; Tearell McVea, Sr., Forsan, boys 400 meters

Class 1A
Friday
8 a.m. — Alyssa Lyon, So., Grady, girls triple jump
11 a.m. — Jaylon Short, Sr., Grady, boys shot put
1 p.m. — Calen Foutis, So., Rankin, boys pole vault
6:20 p.m. — Kenzie Schaefer, Jr., Garden City, girls 800 meters
8:45 p.m. — Lyon, girls 300 hurdles
10:15 p.m. — Garden City girls 1,600 relay (Kortney Hallmann, Sr.; Lyndee Walker, So.; Isichel Botello, So.; Schaefer)

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Emotional intensity of work leaves man drained at home

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: When I was in my 20s, I chose a career whose long-term effects I hadn't anticipated. I am charged with telling people they are dying and watching them die on a daily basis. While I know I am good at it, it leaves me emotionally drained.

I manage to muster up enough energy to try to be there for my kids but, frankly, I can't seem to be there for anyone else, including my wife, co-workers and close family. My problem is, this has left me with no emotional support (my children are too young for that, although playing with them is some help) and there are tough days when I really need it. Advice? — ALONE FROM MY WORK

DEAR ALONE: You need a support group. Many people in the medical field find them to be a helpful outlet. Rather than blame yourself for your inability to "be there" for your co-workers and family members, joining a group might help you to relieve some of the stress you are experiencing by talking about it.

DEAR ABBY: I've been dating a guy for two years. He has his late mom's wedding rings. He always said he would use them if he ever proposed to anyone.

Well, he proposed to me last week. Last night, he informed me that he had let his ex-girlfriend of 10 years wear the rings because she loved jewelry. It made me sick to my stomach, and made his proposal not mean anything to me.

I told him it would be like me giving him my ex-husband's wedding band to wear. He doesn't understand because he didn't use them to propose to her, but to me that's beside the point.

I told him he should have given me the option of wearing the rings or having him buy my own set. He thinks I'm just supposed to be OK with this. Am I out of line feeling the way I do? — TARNISHED IN TENNESSEE

DEAR TARNISHED: I don't think so. To say this "guy" lacks sensitivity would be an understatement. Are you sure you actually want to spend the rest of your life with someone so clueless?

When he allowed his former girlfriend to wear his mother's wedding rings "because she loved jewelry" rather than because they were planning to marry, the symbolism of bestowing them vaporized. If you do plan to go through with it, "suggest" he buy you ones or use the stones from his mother's rings in a different setting for a ring you will enjoy wearing rather than feeling like Secondhand Rose (third-hand, actually).

DEAR ABBY: My son is graduating this year. To celebrate, I would like to have dinner at a restaurant with a group of friends (adults) and their children. However, I'd like them to pay for their own meals. How do I address an invitation to such a get-together? — NOT A FREE DINNER

DEAR NOT A FREE DINNER: You could put on the invitation that this will be a "no host" celebration.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Crime and punishment

North-South vulnerable, West deals

NORTH
♠ K 10 9 7 5
♥ 9 6 5 3 2
♦ 8 5
♣ 2

WEST
♠ Q 6
♥ K 10
♦ A K J 4 2
♣ Q 8 7 4

EAST
♠ A 8
♥ A 8 7 4
♦ Q 7
♣ K 10 9 6 5

SOUTH
♠ J 4 3 2
♥ Q J
♦ 10 9 6 3
♣ A J 3

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1NT	2 ♦*	Dbl	3♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All pass

*Both majors, at least 5-5

Opening lead: Ace of ♡

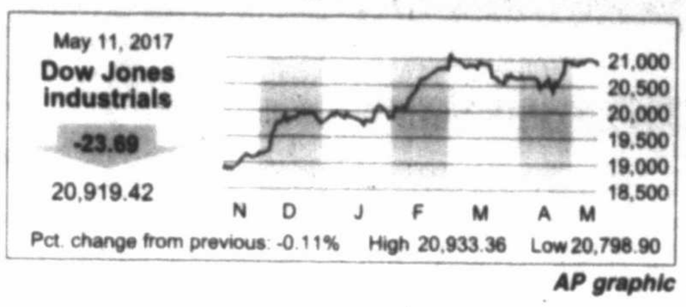
North's two-diamond bid was a crime! We like aggressive bidding, but to bid with that hand, vulnerable? Yeesh! Still, people get away with these crimes all the time. East could have bid three no-trump, but he chose to double. We like his choice. It's a pleasure to see one of these perpetrators get what they deserve. South's jump to three spades is routine. He probably thought his queen-jack of hearts would shore up partner's second suit.

That suit needed a lot more than two honors to shore it up. A large building crane might do it.

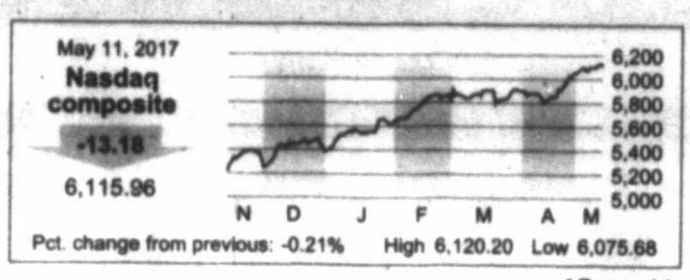
West started by cashing the ace and king of diamonds before shifting brilliantly to the king of hearts. A heart to the ace was followed by a third heart, ruffed by South with the jack and over-ruffed with the queen. A third round of diamonds was ruffed in dummy and over-ruffed with the ace by East, who led another heart. South was powerless to prevent the six of spades from taking this trick. Down three for minus 800 was a blow to the bank account for North-South.

This result wouldn't have been so bad had the vulnerability been reversed. East-West are cold for three no-trump by West, or five clubs. Even six clubs has a chance to come home, though unlikely to be bid. Should you enjoy an occasional bid on the wild side, you have to pick your spots carefully. You probably won't find one of those spots when you're vulnerable.

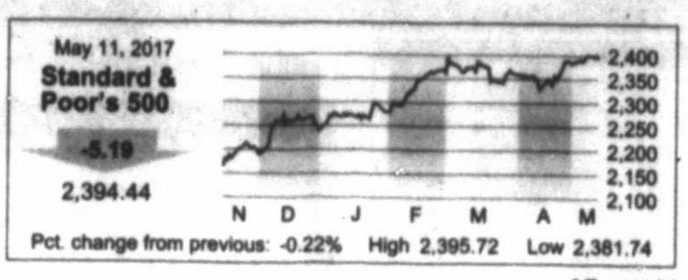
A DAY ON WALL STREET



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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Thursday: $47.83
Previous: $47.33

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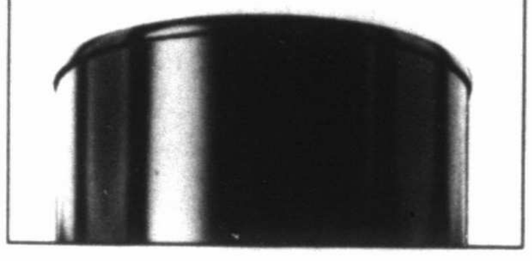
Thursday: $44.25
Previous: $43.75

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Thursday: $40.20
Previous: $39.70

NATURAL GAS

Thursday: $3.376
Previous: $3.292



European airlines brace for expansion of Trump's laptop ban

Bloomberg

European airlines are preparing for the anticipated widening of a U.S. ban on bringing laptops and other large electronic devices on board planes bound for American airports.

Air France-KLM and Deutsche Lufthansa are among carriers to say they're making preparations for the moratorium on devices, including tablets and games consoles, to be expanded to their hubs after initially targeting Mideast and African airports. The European Commission has written to President Donald Trump's administration to urge cooperation on any new measures.

"We are in contact with our partners and the authorities, and we're preparing for the possibility," Air France spokeswoman Ulli Gendrot said by phone. "We understand that there's a meeting in Washington with airlines on this topic today, so we should know more after that."

Lufthansa has been working internally on different scenarios for responding to any extension of the ban, spokesman Helmut Tolksdorf said. Both companies have close ties to major U.S. operators, with Air France-KLM allied to Delta Air Lines Inc. and Lufthansa partnered with United Continental Holdings Inc.

The U.S. announced on March 21 that electronic devices larger than smartphones would be banned from cabins on flights originating from eight countries, impacting global hubs including Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Istanbul. The action, which affects major carriers such as Emirates, Qatar Airways and Turkish Airlines, resulted from fears that bombs capable of downing an airliner could be hidden in the devices.

While a broadening of the restrictions could "only be a negative" for airlines, making on-time departure more challenging and adding costs for loaner devices, it might at least amount to a "zero-sum game" if applied universally to trans-Atlantic operators, said Mark Simpson, an analyst at Goodbody Stockbrokers in Dublin. Carriers impacted by the existing ban have reported a slide in U.S. load factors as some travelers take alternative routes, though that will become less of an option in the event of expanded curbs.

Department of Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly and Representative John Katko, a New York Republican who is chairman of the House Transportation Security Subcommittee, have said in recent weeks that the initial measures were prompted by strong intelligence and that an expansion is possible.

A DHS spokesman added Tuesday that a wider rollout of the restrictions was being considered, but that a decision hadn't been made. The department didn't respond to an emailed request for more information on Wednesday.

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EU Commissioners Dimitris Avramopoulos and Violeta Bulc have meanwhile written to their American counterparts about the matter. The communication says that the bloc has had "a long-standing and fruitful cooperation on security" with the U.S. and that the two should act together "to provide a joint response to shared threats," spokeswoman Anna-Kaisa Itkonen said Thursday.

Airports Council International, which represents hubs around the world, said it has been liaising with bodies including the International Air Transport Association, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the European Commission and the DHS's Transportation Security Administration in anticipation of the ban being extended.

"We're trying to make sure that there is good coordination in airports and airlines," said Robert O'Meara, a spokesman for ACI Europe. "The key thing is to make sure the message is communicated to a coherent way."

British Airways referred calls to the U.K. Department for Transport, which said it doesn't discuss security measures or comment on speculation. Britain has imposed a laptops ban of its own affecting direct flights from six states.

Dubai-based Emirates said it's unwilling to comment until an extension has been formally announced and it knows which European countries will be affected. The carrier has suggested the current ban is discriminatory, and is paring capacity to the U.S. as the measures impact occupancy.

Goodbody's Simpson said that with at least 50 percent of business passengers wanting to work during flights, some could opt to downgrade to premium-economy berths where that's not an option, hurting airline revenue.

Shortly after the original ban was announced the Flight Safety Foundation, a leading aviation safety group, warned that it could create risks by shifting scores of lithium-battery powered devices to cargo holds. Officials are coordinating with the Federal Aviation Administration to provide carriers with a bulletin on the proper handling of batteries, DHS spokeswoman Jenny Burke said last month.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SnaplncA n	116279718	05	-4.93
ValeantPh	1063766	13.80	+1.12
SPDR Fncl	754444	23.66	.15
B iPVxST n	729655	14.08	.02
BkofAm	653001	24.07	.08

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Intrexon	23.62	+4.06	+20.8
Startek	10.33	+1.60	+18.3
NL Inds	10.15	+.95	+10.3
MEMA	8.85	+.81	+10.1
SandRidge	19.92	+1.83	+10.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SnaplncA n	18.05	-4.93	-21.5
Dillards	47.77	-10.13	-17.5
Macys	24.35	-4.99	-17.0
HertzGl	11.06	-1.42	-11.4
Celadon	2.00	-.25	-11.1

DIARY

Advanced	1,099
Declined	1,811
Unchanged	137
Total issues	3,047
New Highs	85
New Lows	44
Volume	3,572,756,131

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NDynMn g	93201	2.17	+.13
B2gold g	62617	2.44	+.17
NwGold g	52422	2.94	+.15
GastarExp	39538	1.20	.12
BarcGSOil	29975	5.17	+.06

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RexahnPh rs	3.97	+.72	+22.2
TrioTch	4.60	+.39	+9.3
LGL Grp	4.98	+.35	+7.6
B2gold g	2.44	+.17	+7.5
VolitionRx	3.84	+.26	+7.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
StrPathCm	178.11	-45.68	-20.4
Electrmed	4.23	.36	-7.8
Air Inds	2.60	.20	-7.1
Intellichk	3.25	.22	-6.3
CortiMatls	22.30	-1.20	-5.1

DIARY

Advanced	163
Declined	175
Unchanged	20
Total issues	358
New Highs	11
New Lows	5
Volume	111,569,372

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
FrontierCm	581125	1.20	.12
Nvidia	477190	126.50	+5.21
21stCFoxA	309039	28.52	+.62
Microsoft	271725	68.46	.85
Apple Inc	252855	153.95	+1.32

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SangTher	7.00	+2.65	+60.9
Realtindust	3.30	+.85	+34.7
ApollEnd rs	6.86	+1.36	+24.7
LivePrsn	9.75	+1.80	+22.6
GenVec rs	5.99	+1.11	+18.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CoriatusPh	5.51	-1.51	-21.5
Ideanc	2.95	-.50	-14.5
Quaistar rs	6.21	-.98	-13.6
AvalnetH rs	19.25	-2.77	-12.6
PennyT rs	5.97	-.80	-11.8

DIARY

Advanced	1,032
Declined	1,778
Unchanged	216
Total issues	3,026
New Highs	122
New Lows	61
Volume	1,871,702,197

Stocks drop; oil rises

Disappointing quarterly results from Macy's, Kohl's and other big department store chains put investors in a selling mood Thursday, sending U.S. stocks modestly lower.

Stocks in the consumer discretionary sector, which includes many retailers, stumped the most. Macy's plunged 14 percent. Kohl's, Dillard's and Nordstrom also fell sharply.

"Those retail numbers are weighing on the market," said Quincy Krosby, market strategist at Prudential Financial. "Macy's (results) came in well below what the market had expected and that has basically put a cloud over the brick-and-mortar retail across the board."

Banks and real estate companies were also big decliners. Consumer goods, health care and utilities stocks eked out small gains. Three stocks fell for every two that rose on the New York Stock Exchange. Oil prices rose.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 5.19 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,394.44. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 23.69 points, or 0.1 percent, to 20,919.42. The Nasdaq composite declined 13.18 points, or 0.2 percent, to 6,115.96, a day after closing at another all-time high.

Metal prices rise

Among metals, gold inched up $5.30 to settle at $1,224.20 an ounce. Silver rose 6 cents to $16.21 an ounce. Copper gained a penny to $2.50 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $132.49 Down 0.18

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.63 Down 0.09

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $101.38 Down 1.00

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.06 Up 0.01

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.03 Up 0.18

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $26.55 Down 0.05

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $12.37 Down 0.12

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $40.52 Down 0.22

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.36 Up 0.61

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $17.80 Down 0.36

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Stee			5.73	.25	-43.9
AT&T Inc	1.96	15	38.44	.01	-9.6
Abraxas			**1.82**	**-.10**	**-29.2**
AdaDvsEq	.92e		**14.07**	**-.07**	**+10.7**
AMD			11.07	+.28	-2.4
AlonUSA	.60		12.47	.23	+9.6
Ambev	.06e	.6	6.15	+.13	+25.3
Amgen	**4.60f**	**14**	**160.08**	**-.43**	**+9.5**
Anadarko	**.20**		**51.54**	**-.54**	**-26.1**
Apache	**1.00**		**51.07**	**-.14**	**-19.5**
Apple Inc	2.52f	18	153.95	+1.32	+32.9
ApidMatl	**.40**	**21**	**43.48**	**+.61**	**+34.7**
ArcelorMit		8	7.77	.12	+6.4
Archrock	.48		11.25	.20	-14.8
ATMOS	**1.80**	**23**	**80.75**	**-.10**	**+9.0**
AutoData	2.28	25	96.46	-.17	-6.1
BP PLC	**2.38**	**53**	**35.21**	**+.20**	**-5.8**
BakrHu	.68		59.33	-.74	-8.7
BkofAm	.30f	15	24.07	.08	+8.9
B iPVxST rs			14.08	-.02	-44.8
BarrngsCp s	1.20		15.32	+.14	-1.0
BarrickG	.12f	28	16.70	+.31	+4.5
BasicEnS			45		
BerkHa A			**16245240.00**	**-609.95**	**+.5**
BlkHillsCp	**1.78f**	**20**	**68.25**	**+.07**	**+11.3**
BrkfldSq	**1.56f**	**33**	**55.14**		**-5.6**
BrownFA s		**30**	**50.30**	**+.29**	**+0.8**
BrownFB s			**49.61**	**+.36**	**+10.4**
CVS Health	2.00f	14	82.28	+1.34	+4.3
CallonPet		**38**	**12.13**	**-.01**	**-21.1**
Calpine		21	12.47	+.58	+9.1
Caterpillar	3.08	31	100.99	+.63	+8.9
Celestic g		10	14.15	-.04	+19.4
CntryLink	2.16	11	24.44	-.67	+2.8
ChesEng		52	5.72	-.03	-18.5
Chevron	**4.32**		**106.21**	**-.29**	**-0.8**
Chicos	.33	19	13.48	.88	-6.3
Cimarex	.32	56	118.28	-1.71	-18.0
Cisco	1.16	17	33.63	+.11	+11.3
Citigroup	.64	12	60.70	+.33	+2.1
CliffsNRs		6	6.25	-.14	-25.7
CocaCola	**1.48**	**27**	**43.67**	**+.10**	**+5.3**
ColgPalm	**1.60f**	**25**	**71.62**	**-.18**	**+9.4**
Comcast s	.63	22	39.26	+.16	+13.7

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConAgra	**.80**	**20**	**37.49**	**-.11**	**-5.2**
ConchoRes			**132.49**	**-.18**	**-.1**
ConocoPhil	**1.06**	**53**	**47.42**	**+.08**	**-5.4**
CrackerB	4.60	26	164.32	.94	-1.6
CSVelIVST			79.82	+.22	+70.7
CrosTim	**1.10e**	**15**	**15.28**	**-.11**	**-15.0**
DCP Mid	3.12	22	36.53	-.37	-4.8
DTE	3.30f	24	104.76	+.14	+6.3
Delcath rs			.04	-.01	-95.7
DevonE	**.24**		**37.95**	**-.59**	**-16.9**
DxGBull rs			33.13	+2.02	
rGMBll rs			17.65	+1.70	
Disney	**1.56f**	**19**	**109.58**	**-.08**	**+5.1**
DowChm	**1.84**	**20**	**61.86**	**+.15**	**+8.1**
EOG Resrcs	**.67**		**94.28**	**-.26**	**-6.7**
Endo Intl		9	13.73	+.72	-16.6
Energen	.08		53.06	-.29	-8.0
EnPro	**.88**	**44**	**70.74**	**-.84**	**+5.0**
EntProdPr	1.66f	21	26.89	-.11	-.6
Ericsson	.11e		6.44	-.05	+10.5
ExxonMbl	**3.08f**	**37**	**82.61**	**+.70**	**-8.5**
FordM	.60a	6	11.01	-.03	-9.2
FrptMcM			11.68	-.04	-11.4
FrontierCm	.16m		1.20	-.12	-64.5
GATX	**1.68**	**10**	**59.29**	**-.20**	**-3.7**
GabelliRT	**.94e**		**8.34**	**-.07**	**+15.2**
GAInv	**1.15e**		**44.22**	**-.12**	**+0.7**
GenElec	**.96**	**20**	**28.87**	**+.17**	**-8.6**
GtPlainEn	**1.10**	**17**	**28.41**	**-.09**	**+3.9**
Hallibrtn	.72		45.61	-.20	-15.7
HertzGl			11.06	-1.42	-48.7
HP Ent n	.26	10	18.86	-.14	+8.8
HimaxTch	.13e	30	7.25	+.40	+20.0
iShBrazil	1.03e		38.96	+.38	+16.9
iShChinaLC	.76e		38.65	-.03	+11.4
iShEMkts	**.84e**		**41.05**	**+.09**	**+17.3**
iS Eafe	**1.70e**		**64.88**	**-.16**	**+12.4**
iShR2K	**1.77e**		**136.24**	**-.97**	**+2.5**
Infosys	**.40e**	**16**	**15.27**	**+.36**	**+3.0**
Intel	**1.08f**	**16**	**35.69**	**-.32**	**-1.8**
InterDig	1.20	10	66.10	-.30	-5.7
JD.com			39.76	+.44	+56.3
JohnJn	**3.20**	**19**	**123.20**	**+.39**	**+6.9**
KimbClk	**3.86**	**21**	**128.11**	**-1.04**	**+12.3**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Kinross g		59	4.10	+.20	+31.8
Kohls	2.20	13	37.16	-3.16	-24.7
Kroger s	.48	14	30.43	+.51	-11.8
LegacyRes	.60m		2.06	+.01	-2.8
Lubys			**2.78**	**-.04**	**-38.0**
Macys	1.51	9	24.35	-4.99	-32.0
MarathnO	.20		14.48	-.22	-16.3
McDnlds	3.76	27	144.21	-.31	+18.5
Merck	1.88	17	64.43	+.49	+9.4
MerltMed		**42**	**33.50**	**-.40**	**+26.4**
MexcoEn			4.03	+.18	-19.4
MicronT		35	29.03	-.29	+32.4
Microsoft	1.56	30	68.46	-.85	+10.2
Nabors	.24		9.87	-.33	-39.8
NatlGrid	**3.35e**		**66.69**	**-.40**	**+14.3**
NOilVarco	.20	26	33.80	-.28	-9.7
NY REIT	.46		8.63	-1.06	-14.7
NobleCorp	.08	4	4.66	-.25	-21.3
NokiaCp	.17e		6.12	-.02	+27.2
Novavax			.93	+.09	-26.5
NSTFTI3	**.55a**		**14.48**	**+.01**	**+2.2**
NTXQI	**.65**		**14.11**	**-.01**	**+2.8**
Nvidia	.56	40	126.50	+5.21	+18.5
OasisPet			11.89	-.09	-21.5
OcciPet	**3.04**		**61.07**	**-.26**	**-14.3**
PDC Engy			**54.01**	**-1.00**	**-25.6**
Pandora			9.50	-.45	-27.1
PerTech		**25**	**8.35**		**+49.8**
ParkDrl			**1.50**		**-42.3**
PattUTI	**.08**		**21.24**	**-.45**	**-21.1**
Penney			5.29	-.42	-36.3
PennaRE	**.84**	**8**	**11.92**	**-.17**	**-37.1**
Permian	.46e	27	9.78	-.02	+26.8
Petrobras			9.70	-.01	-4.1
Pfizer	**1.28**	**14**	**33.04**	**+.01**	**+1.7**
PioNtrl	.08		171.26	-.01	-4.9
PlainsAAP	**2.20**	**30**	**27.33**	**+.09**	**-15.4**
PwShs QQQ	1.52e		138.29	-.11	+16.7
Praxair	**3.15**	**23**	**129.09**	**-.08**	**+10.2**
PrmEgy			**40.00**	**-.80**	**-28.9**
PUVIxST rs			12.44	-.07	
ProctGam	**2.78f**	**23**	**86.17**	**-.32**	**+2.5**
Qualcom	2.28f	17	54.68	-.65	-16.1
RangeRs	.08	35	25.44	-.05	-26.0
RegionsFn	.28f	16	14.18	-.17	-1.3

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RiteAid		36	4.01	-.10	-51.3
Rowan	.40	7	13.84	-.08	-26.7
RoyDShllA	3.76	83	54.97	+.04	+1.1
SpdrDJIA	3.98e		209.28	-.20	+6.0
S&P500ETF	4.13e		239.38	-.49	+7.1
SpdrOGEx	.73e		35.43	-.21	-14.5
SabnR	2.13e	18	37.30	-.63	+6.1
SanderFm	**.96**	**13**	**111.88**	**-.84**	**+18.7**
Schlmbrg	2.00	72	71.78	-.89	-14.5
SiriusXM	.04	32	4.83	-.02	+8.5
Smucker	3.00	15	125.04	-.30	-2.4
SnaplncA n			18.05	-4.93	-26.3
SwstnEngy			7.48	+.15	-30.9
SpiritRlC	.72	9	7.41	-.18	-31.8
Sprint			7.87	-.01	-6.5
SPDR Fncl	.46e		23.66	-.15	+1.8
Symantec	.30	8	31.46	-1.68	+31.7
Synchrony	.26	10	26.93	-.83	-25.8
Target	2.40	11	56.06	-2.35	-22.4
TelefEsp	**1.20e**		**10.89**	**-.50**	**+18.4**
Tesoro	2.20	14	81.83	-1.25	-6.4
TevaPhrm	1.36e	11	32.00	+.64	-11.7
3M Co	4.70	24	196.75	+.11	+10.2
Torchmark	**.60f**	**17**	**75.58**	**-.54**	**+2.5**
TriContl	**.82e**		**23.82**	**-.02**	**+8.0**
21stCFoxA	.36	17	28.52	+.62	+1.7

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Twitter			18.39	-.15	+12.8
TylerTech		**53**	**167.02**	**-.12**	**+17.0**
UBSI	**1.32**	**20**	**38.80**	**-1.20**	**-16.1**
US OilFd			9.94	+.08	-15.2
USSteel	.20		20.40	-.57	-38.2
Vale SA	.29e		8.33	-.03	+9.3
Vale SA pf	.29e		7.88	-.09	+14.4
ValeantPh		2	13.80	+1.12	-5.0
ValeroE	2.80	18	66.35	-.33	-2.9
VanEGold	.12e		22.37	+.44	+6.9
VanE JrGld			32.09	+1.15	+1.7
VangEmg	1.10e		40.71	-.02	+13.8
VerizonCm	2.31	11	46.02	-.36	-13.8
VulcanM	**1.00f**	**41**	**129.04**	**-1.59**	**+3.1**
WEC Engy	2.08	21	60.49	+.06	+3.1
WsigBoots	1.50	18	85.50	-.12	+3.3
WeatherIntl			5.12	-.07	+2.6
WellsFargo	1.52	13	53.74	-.98	-2.5
WstnRefin	1.81f	27	35.37	-.57	-6.6
WhitngPet			8.53	-.16	-29.0
WmsCos	1.20f	43	30.27	-.49	-2.8
XcelEngy	**1.44f**	**21**	**46.15**	**+.26**	**+10.9**
Xerox	**.25m**	**10**	**7.08**	**-.02**	**+23.1**
Yamana g	.02		2.71	+.13	-3.6
Yelp			29.30	+.97	-23.2

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
21,169.11	17,063.08	Dow Jones Industrials	20,919.42	-23.69	-.11	+5.85	+18.05
9,639.33	7,029.41	Dow Jones Transportation	9,037.99	-34.36	-.38	-.07	+18.92
723.83	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	696.80	-.10	-.01	+5.64	+4.24
11,688.45	9,918.72	NYSE Composite	11,563.60	-35.38	-.31	+4.58	+11.89
6,133.00	4,574.25	Nasdaq Composite	6,115.96	-13.18	-.21	+13.61	+29.10
2,403.72	1,991.68	S&P 500	2,394.44	-5.19	-.22	+6.05	+16.00
1,761.08	1,409.53	S&P Midcap	1,727.54	-11.02	-.63	+4.03	+18.83
25,052.13	20,583.70	Wilshire 5000	24,905.72	-71.84	-.29	+6.32	+16.88
1,425.69	1,085.88	Russell 2000	1,390.20	-9.39	-.67	+2.44	+25.40

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

		6			4			
	2						9	
7	8	3	9			6		
5			3		2			
	1						3	
			7		1			
		8			9	2	4	
	4						1	
			1			5		7

SOLUTION TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE

6	7	4	1	5	2	3	9	8
3	8	1	7	9	6	4	2	5
5	2	9	3	4	8	1	7	6
1	9	8	5	2	3	7	6	4
4	3	6	9	7	1	5	8	2
2	5	7	8	6	4	9	1	3
8	6	3	4	1	9	2	5	7
9	4	5	2	8	7	6	3	1
7	1	2	6	3	5	8	4	9

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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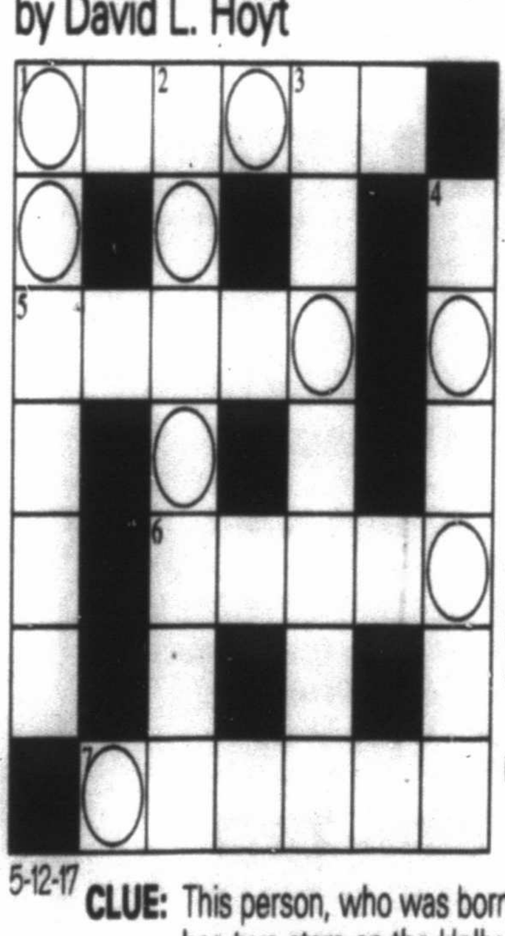
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: HITCH MERGE SYRUPY ACCENT
Answer: The flock of birds was selling its roosts and hoped that other birds would — "PERCHES" THEM

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by David L. Hoyt



ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. ___ Woman	ERNWDO
5. Set foot in	ENRET
6. Element "B"	BNORO
7. ___ crab	MTHRIE

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Circular decoration	AWHTER
2. Distinguished	BOTENAL
3. Tympanum	RURAEDM
4. Green ___	NOHTER

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

5-12-17 **CLUE:** This person, who was born in Oklahoma in 1954, has two stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-Nonfat 5A-Enter 6A-Boron 7A-Hermit 1D-Wreath 2D-Nobelle 3D-Erbium 4D-Homet P.Ron Howard

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DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 "L'Arlésienne" composer
6 Nutrients in nuts
10 Silent signal
13 Surface
14 Facetious agreement
15 Litter pickup spot?
16 Parson's home
17 Some shoulders
19 Doppelgänger cast for a low-budget remake of "Ocean's 11"?
21 Speck in la mer
22 Sweet climber
23 Usual night in the old town?
32 Entomological case study?
33 Repeated number of curls, say
34 Bust gp.
35 Whatever
36 Fanny pack spot
37 Backing strips
39 Liszt's "__ Préludes"
40 Fish house freebie
41 Sympathize
42 Quality marsh output?
46 Mayo is in it
47 Fan noise
48 Gold dust lid cover?
56 Theo van Gogh, notably
57 Orange variety
59 Couth he is not
60 Khartoum's waters
61 Birds do it between thermals
62 Place to take a dip
63 Hits up (for)
64 Place to take a dip?

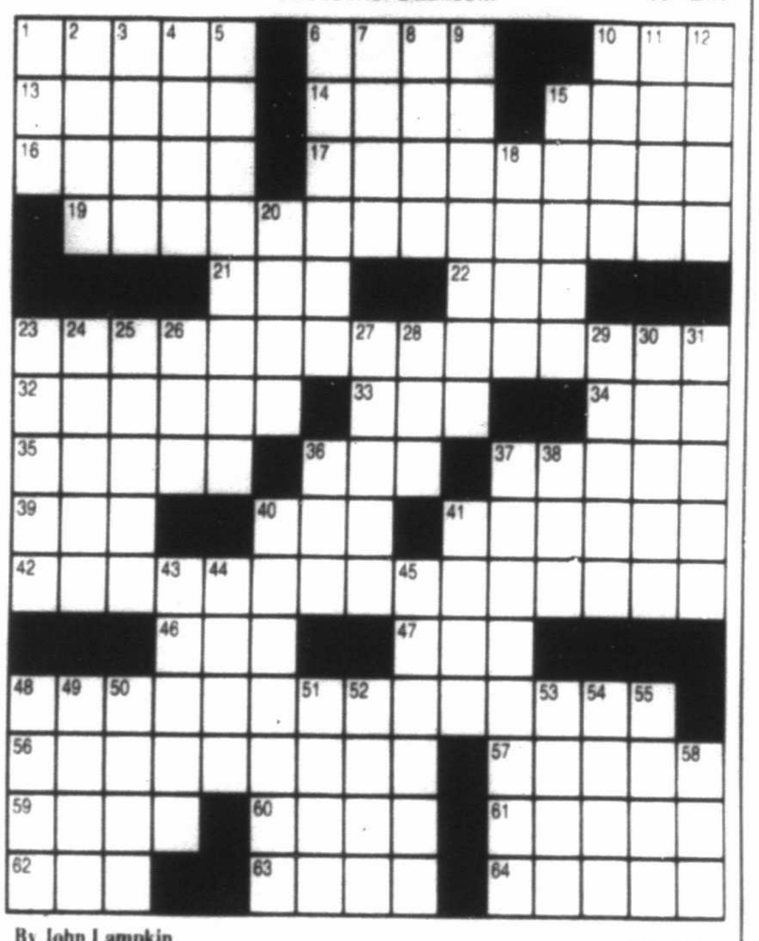
DOWN

1 "Whap!"
2 "Dies __"
3 #30 on a table
4 Canadian pump name
5 "People" person, perhaps
6 Cain was one
7 Cry to a mate
8 Ruler that doesn't work anymore
9 Gender-specific beverage?
10 Zilch
11 Group with many barrels
12 Office staple
15 Bite playfully
18 Editorial override
20 Buck heroine
23 It may be under a rug
24 Bag carrier
25 "__ in point"
26 Cambodia's Lon __
27 Bits
28 In like an old cat?
29 Travel bag attachment
30 Maestro Zubin
31 Lightens up
36 Gender-specific pronoun
37 Non-suicidal migrants, contrary to myth
38 Heidi got high on, one
40 Cheerful
41 Julia of film
43 "All in the Family" spin-off
44 About
45 Waldo forerunner?
48 Cambodia neighbor
49 Itch
50 Bonus, in ads
51 Lamb's alias
52 Sharp bark
53 Simba's love
54 Far from harmless
55 Cabs, say
58 Lamb's place

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

O	P	T	I			Z	W	E	I		S	C	A	M
D	U	A	N	E		E	A	R	N		C	A	P	E
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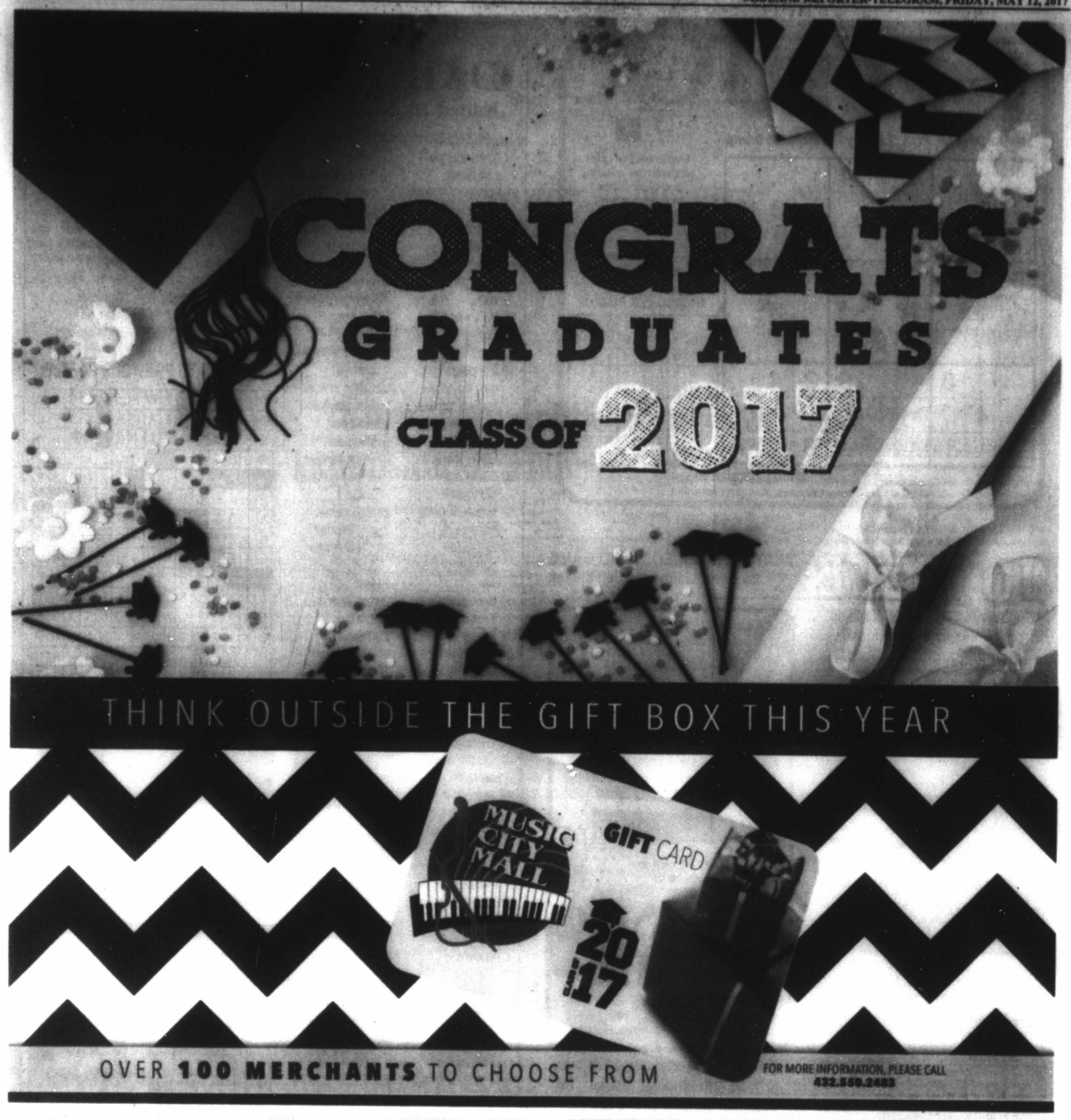
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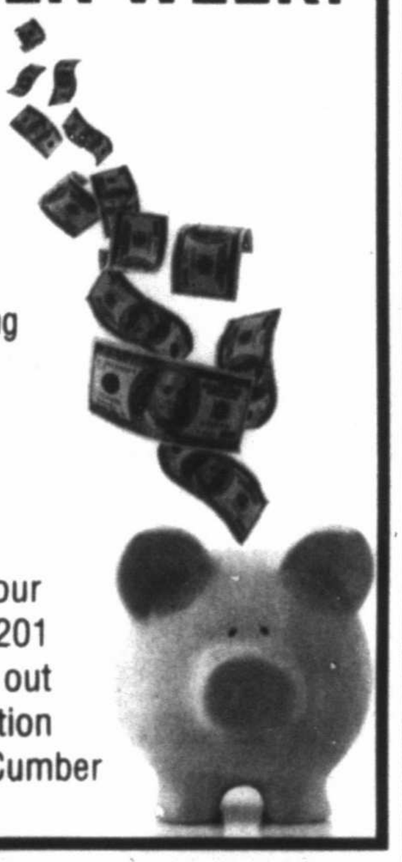
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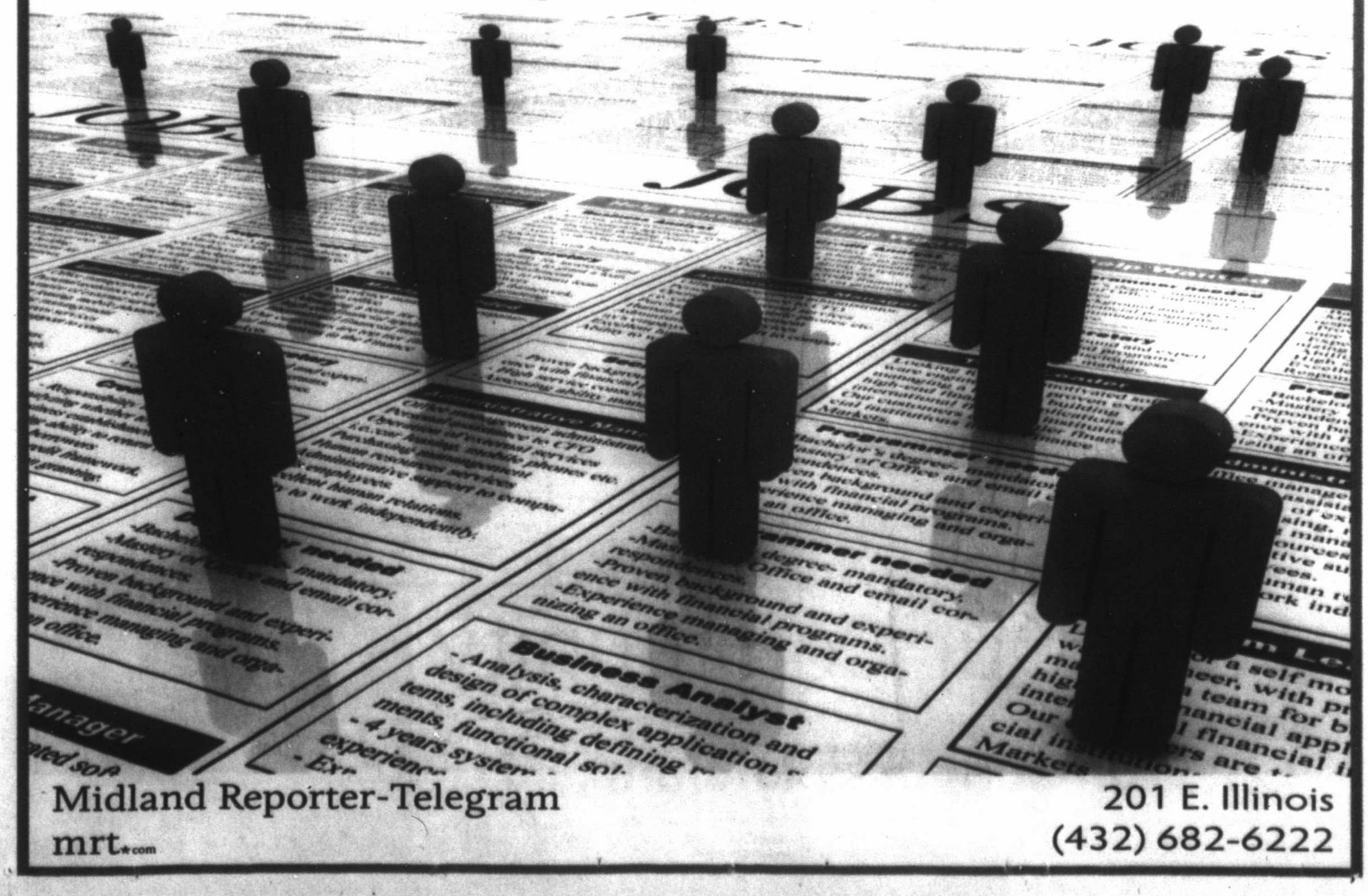
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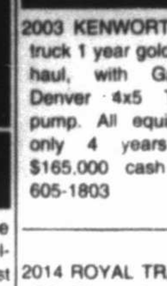
2003 KENWORTH Kill truck 1 year gold overhaul, with Gardner Denver 4x5 Triplex pump. All equipment only 4 years old $165,000 cash 575-605-1803

2014 ROYAL TRAVEL. 37 5th wheel. 3 Slides, 2 A/C's, W/D, electric awning, large hot water heater, hide a bed sofa & queen size bed, sleeps 6, many extras. $32,700. Will deliver. 210-317-5357

2015 36' trailer, 2 slides, fairly new, washer & dryer, 2 A/C's. Never had pets, children or smoking. $20,000 817-846-7675

BOBBY'S RV & BOAT STORAGE. 432-296-8401.

Recreation Vehicles



2007 CAPRI Rodeo truck camper, has shower, cook top, sink, hot water heater, water storage with water pump, propane compartment, microwave, refrigerator, & A/C. All works great & in very good condition. $4,500.00 Call 432-413-9190.

2013 MONTE Carlo 5th wheel, 2 bedroom, 3 slide outs, washer & dryer, 2 A/C, fully loaded. Must sell! 682-241-3228

2016 42' 5th wheel, 2 bedrooms, 3 slide outs, 3 A/C's, washer & dryer, self contained. Sleeps 8, like new. Many extras. Must sell. $34,000 OBO. 918-808-3929

CLEAN WELL maintained 2009 Everest by Keystone, 35' 5th wheel. 3 slides, 2 TV's, ducted A/C & heating, double door refrigerator & freezer, king size bed in bedroom, - sleeper sofa, lots of storage & more extras. Call 432-528-3534. $24,500 OBO

Recreation Vehicles

HARLEY 2011 Ultra Classic, two tone metallic root beer. Looks new, too many extras to mention. 26K miles, all services up to date and verifiable. Lots of spare parts & accessories. Must see, $13,500. 230-4122 for Mike

HARLEY DAVIDSON 2013, Road King Classic. Two-tone red/merlot. 380 miles. Garage kept. Mint condition. Asking $15,000. 432-254-0025.

LIKE NEW 2008 Yamaha Raptor ATV. Garage kepted, only ridden 4 times. $4,500 432-349-0041.

⇒PRICE REDUCED⇐ My parents are grounded! For sale 1999 Monaco Dynasty Motor home. 38 Foot diesel. Washer & dryer. Large refrigerator. 2 TV's. 65,000 Miles. 1 Slide. Lots of wood! $50,000. Great shape. Please call Terry at 432-230-7213.

ROYAL TRAVELER 2016 38', 2 slide outs, 2 Airs, electric awning, fireplace, washer & dryer, many extras. Excellent condition, $26,500 OBO. 817-689-2127

Estate Sales

BLUEBONNET ESTATE SALE
---- Large sale featuring the estate of two collectors----
9820 SCR 1213
Thursday May 11TH - Saturday 13TH
8 A.M. - 2 P.M.

This collector's estate sale has something for everyone inside of a 4,240sq.ft. barn and two sea containers. From beautiful antiques to collectibles and household items as well as furniture, jewelry, tools, arts & crafts, original art work and much more! **CASH ONLY**
Furniture- French glass front display/armoire marked and made by Friedrich Roncheval, xi Paris, armoires, dressers, vanities, side tables, bed frames and an oak bedroom set. China cabinets, dining sets, buffets, shelving as well as sofas, rocking chairs and chaise chairs.
Collectibles- Plenty of glass, porcelain, brass, mirrors, depression glass, and Frankoma and McCoy pottery. There is an overflow of artwork, signed and numbered prints, and lithographs. Creative pieces like florals, baskets, picture frames, planters and seashells of all kinds. There is a skull collection, arrowheads and knapping tools, and period reenactment pieces. A quantity of books both fiction and non, lamps, ashtrays, vases, figurines, a pitcher collection, multiple sets of China, costume jewelry, sterling silver jewelry, Christmas collectibles, and Avon collectibles. There is an Aladdin slot machine, RK Lodge lean-pee tent, collectible dolls from new and old.

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ESTATE JEWELRY SALE

FRANK HAWK JEWELRY - 305 DODSON STREET - MIDLAND, TX
FRIDAY 10 AM - 5:30 PM AND SATURDAY 10 AM - 3 PM

We have a nice selection of "pre-loved" jewelry, including fine estate jewelry in 14K and 18K gold and platinum mountings. Several new items have been added this week!

Large selection of diamond jewelry including vintage engagement rings, diamond bands and right hand rings, and excellent diamond brooches.

A huge variety of colored stone jewelry, including some vintage filigree mountings, unique earrings and one of a kind hand made fine jewelry.

Vintage diamond cocktail watches, a nice collection of cameos and strands of pearls.

Also check out our collection of Precious Findings Angels. Perfect for Mother's Day!

Sale by Linda L. Biden
#17 Oaklawn Park - Midland, Texas
Friday, May 12th 9:00am - 3:00pm
Saturday, May 13th 9:00am-3:00pm

High Quality Furnishings & Art

See photos at estatesales.net

Residential Sales

Single Family Homes

GORGEOUS SPECTACULAR Corner Estate Home in The Estates of Shiloh-58 Royal Manor Drive
with 2 Living/Master Bedroom Suites (or use one for a game room/Media Room), 5 Bed rooms or 4 Bed plus a Study, 2 or 3 Living, 5 Baths, 6 Car Garage for optional potential addition for a Gameroom/Media Room)
Trade Ins Considered. Contact Cindy Brown. Phone: 432.352.3566 Texas Real Estate Broker Associate with Realty Unlimited and Cindy is related to the Sellers

Lots and Land

Acreage

17.78 AC. COKE COUNTY NEAR ROBERT LEE. COUNTY RD. FRONTAGE. ELECT. MESQUITE & CEDAR COVER. ABUN. DANT NATIVE GAME. $/AC. BROWN ... $4,275 MO. 866.882.6720. CALL, VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO. 866.286.0199 ranchlandpropertiesllc.com

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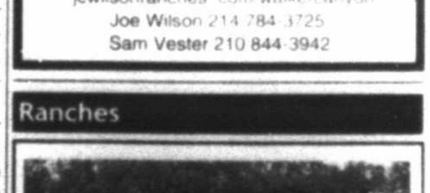
#3 Deepwater Estates on Lake Brownwood

Almost 3 acres on Lake Brownwood near the dam, excellent water with this being some of the deepest on the lake, oaks, awesome building site with great views across the lake, gated community, motivated seller. $159,000. Stephens Ranch Hand Real Estate. Teresa Stephens Lee, Broker. 325-647-5461

Hunting Leases

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Ranches



179+AC ranch for sale in Brady, TX. This ranch has a 2300 sq ft home that is totally remodeled. 2-car carport, barn with working pens, guest cottage, outdoor kitchen/entertainment area, bunk house for hunters, 3 tanks, and a well. 9/10 mile of highway front age. $699,000 Call Becky with James Long Real Estate at 214-662-9561 for details

Commercial

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- **Kent County** *11,155 ac. h. of Snyder, 4 houses, pens/roping arena, 800 ft. mtn. creek, lakes. Whitetail deer, mule deer and quail. $795/ac
- *4,212 ac. Maverick Creek canyons, whitetail and mule deer and quail. $825/ac
- *1,771 ac. windmill, creek, blinds and feeders, great whitetail and mule deer, turkey, hogs, quail. $850
- **Nolan County** *646 ac. over 1 mile SOLD creek, blinds, feeders, elevation change, oak. $3,550/ac
- *565 ac. Pecan Creek, New Living/Shop, 200 acres cleared for cattle, blinds/feeders, windmill. $4,425/ac
- **Howard County** *842 ac. canyons, blinds/feeders, great deer, cedar/mesquite, surface water, some oilfield traffic. $750/ac
- *150 ac. big canyon, great deer, turkey, qtr SOLD anks, cedar/mesquites. $895/ac
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ESTATE/FUNDRAISER SALE
5728 Grassland, TH 8:30 - 4, FR 8:30 - ?
Antiques, Jewelry, Yearbooks, Old Trunk, Polo, 5.11 Tactical, Wool Rug.

Estate Sales

ESTATE SALE
BY JOSEPH AND TEAM
2502 Sinclair Ave. - (Midland)
Thursday & Friday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
For pictures go to
http://www.estatesales.net/TX/Midland/79705/1526688

79701

2413 STOREY (off Garfield) Thurs. Fri. & Sat. 9am-3pm. Great Mother day Gifts. Jewelry, vases, lamps, books, cookie jars, small tables, records, pitcher & bowl with stand, wooden trunk, Noritake china, framed Windberg prints, clothes & much more.

401 S LEE STREET. Yard Sale Friday 8:00am-2:00pm. Electronics, shoes furniture & more.

79703

1309 UPLAND (off of Andrews Hwy.) Saturday 8am-12pm. Tools, riding lawn mower with grass catcher, air compressor, nice clothes, junior thru size 14. Household decorating items, lots of miscellaneous.

3707 TANNER Drive Saturday 8am-noon. Clothes, decor, & lots of miscellaneous.

4722 W. Cuthbert Ave. Thursday, Friday & Saturday 8am-5pm. Full size bedding, wooden end tables, clothes, household items, DVD's, & much much more.

FRIDAY 8-12. Loveseat, lamps, rugs, home decor, lots of misc. 4606 Seminole.

79705

12 BRISTOL Court Friday & Saturday 8am-? Lots of decorative items, baby bed, lined silk swags, dishes. Everything in excellent condition.

GARAGE SALE- Saturday May 13, 8:30am - 1pm. Park on the street, 717, 719, 721 Melton Alley (Behind the 7-11 at Ave. "A" and Scharbauer). 42" flat TV, patio furniture, designer clothes, (size 12) and shoes (size 7), home decor, Several large pictures.

Yard - Garage Sales

79705

GARAGE SALE Saturday only 9 am to 1 ctm his 1000 power chair new 400.00 leather suburban seat kitchen, jewelry, rod iron shelf, misc. 2314 Maxwell park in front walk to back

79706

1007 RANGERS Court Saturday only 8am-? Couch, kitchen ware, home decor, girls clothes, mens & womens clothes. Brand new crafts and games, upopened. Great stuff! Behind the Rockhounds Stadium.

3403 SOUTH Hwy. 349 (Rankin Hwy) Friday & Saturday 9am-? Tools, clothes & odds & ends.

3713 WCR 118 Friday & Saturday 7am-3pm. Huge multi family Garage Sale! Lots of clothes, shoes, household goods. Something for everyone. Worth the drive.

5629 ECR 97. SATURDAY 9am-3pm. Gift boutique inventory reduction; household items, furniture, clothes, new firearm purses. Miss Margo purses on sale, and much more!

79707

3303 CLAREMONT Drive Saturday only 8am-? Patio furniture, office chair, bedding, clothes, home decor & much more.

5300 WIDENER Strip. Saturday 8am-12pm. Small furniture, 2 grills, golf clubs, crock pot, kids & adult clothes, shoes, toys, home furnishings, decorator items, Christmas stuff, jewelry, power washer! & SO MUCH MORE!!

4 Family HUGE Yard Sale
Worth the Drive!!
4600 S. County Rd. 1185
May 12 & 13th •10 AM - 3 PM
Cheap, Cheap, Cheap!!!

Yard - Garage Sales

79707

GREENTREE 6404 Driftwood Dr. 2 family moving sale. Fri. & Sat. 8am-1pm. Appliances, tools, household items, hospital bed, brand new bread machine and chopper blender. Too much to list. No early showing.

Miscellaneous 4-Sale

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TWO MANNEQUINS 1 male 1 female on stands. Full body, life like faces. Comes with wigs. $ 50 each. Call 432-689-8871

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Mobile Homes Sale

4 bedroom 2 bath, 2 living areas in Airline Mobile Home Park # 886. 432-813-4050.

MOBILE HOME for sale 55+ community or can be moved 2 bedrooms, 2 baths remodeled kitchen and dining room all new windows new hot water heater, shower, toilet and sink 575-694-5069.

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GORGEOUS AKC registered German Shepherd puppies, for sale to good home -$600. Black & sable colored, males & females available. Please contact at home 432-694-3111 or text 432-352-9204, 432-934-3179.

Dogs

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Legal and Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 2:00 P.M., May 31, 2017 to be opened at 2:00 P.M., in the office of the City Secretary, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 17001721R

For: City of Midland Spraberry Farm and Plant Farm Rehabilitation Project consisting of rehabilitating various structures at the Spraberry Farm Plant Site as well as brush eradication at both sites for the Utilities Department. The project manual may be obtained at a non-refundable charge of $50 per electronic set ½ or full size, $75 per hard copy set of ½ size or $100 per hard full size copy of plans and specifications by contacting HDR Engineering, Inc. at 512-912-5192 or by email: lisa.singer@hdrinc.com

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

Legal and Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 2017, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by request by Maverick Engineering for approval of a repeal on: Ordinance No. 9417, an ordinance vacating and abandoning 28.725 acres of Right-of-Way within Pavilion Park Addition, Section 2, City and County of Midland, Texas.

(Generally located southeast of the intersection of Mockingbird Lane and Stonebridge Drive. Council District 1)

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

CITY OF MIDLAND
Amy M. Turner, MMC
City Secretary

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

XTO Energy, Inc., Opr. No. 945936, 500 W. Illinois Street, Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to inject fluids by well injection into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Clearfork Formation in the Fullerton Clearfork Unit, Well No. 924W . The proposed injection well is located 1985' FNL & 622' FWL, Sec. 7, Blk. A-32, Public School Land Survey, 20 miles northwest from Andrews, Texas in the Fullerton Field, in Andrews County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5660 to 7290 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

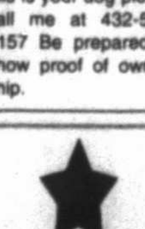
Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

General Announcement

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Word 1-4

Lost and Found



THIS PUP was found on Willowwood Dr Midland TX 79703. If this is your dog please call me at 432-556-2157 Be prepared to show proof of ownership.

Lost and Found

LARGE gray cat found in the vicinity of West Dengar Ave. Please call 432-269-9321 or 432-488-7111.

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Community Events

Spring Fling & St. Jude's Raffle
FUN / GAMES ACTIVITIES / FOOD FREE
Raffle for a 60" TV
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Landscape and Tree Maintenance

Lawn and Garden

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Miscellaneous Services

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Nice 2 bedroom houses $850- $975 monthly 432-694-9853

NICE 3 Bedroom houses $950 to $1,900/month 432-694-9853.

Residential Sales

Condo Townhouses

TOWNHOUSE FOR sale by owner 3 Bedroom, 3 bath Oaklawn Park Call for an appointment 361-550-2112

Single Family Homes



FOR SALE BY OWNER 2518 Seaboard Ave 79705 Mid Century Modern Charm. Beautiful 3/2/2 in Old Midland. Wonderful home for raising a family & entertaining! $319k 432/559-1605. PRE-APPROVED BUYERS ONLY

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Single Family Homes

HOME IN Monahans, 505 East 19th Street, nearly new, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, with garage and electronic security door. $179k. 432-202-1511 or 432-943-4594.

Residential Sales

Vacation Resort

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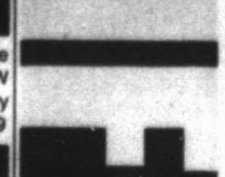
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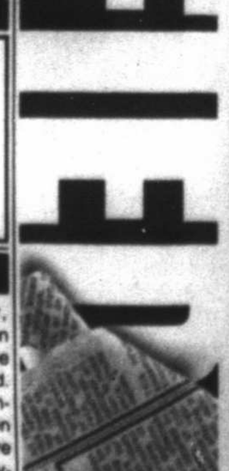
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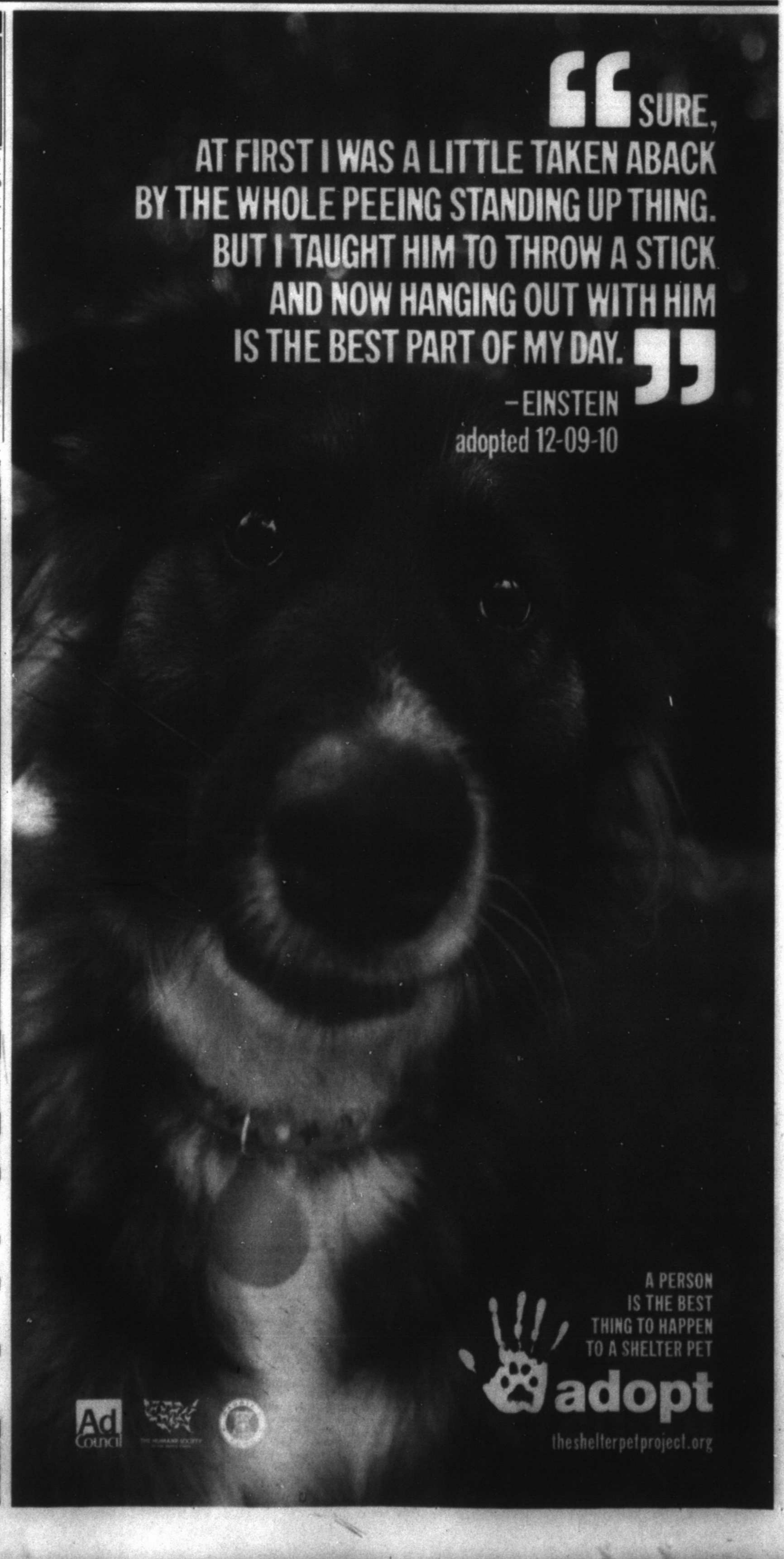
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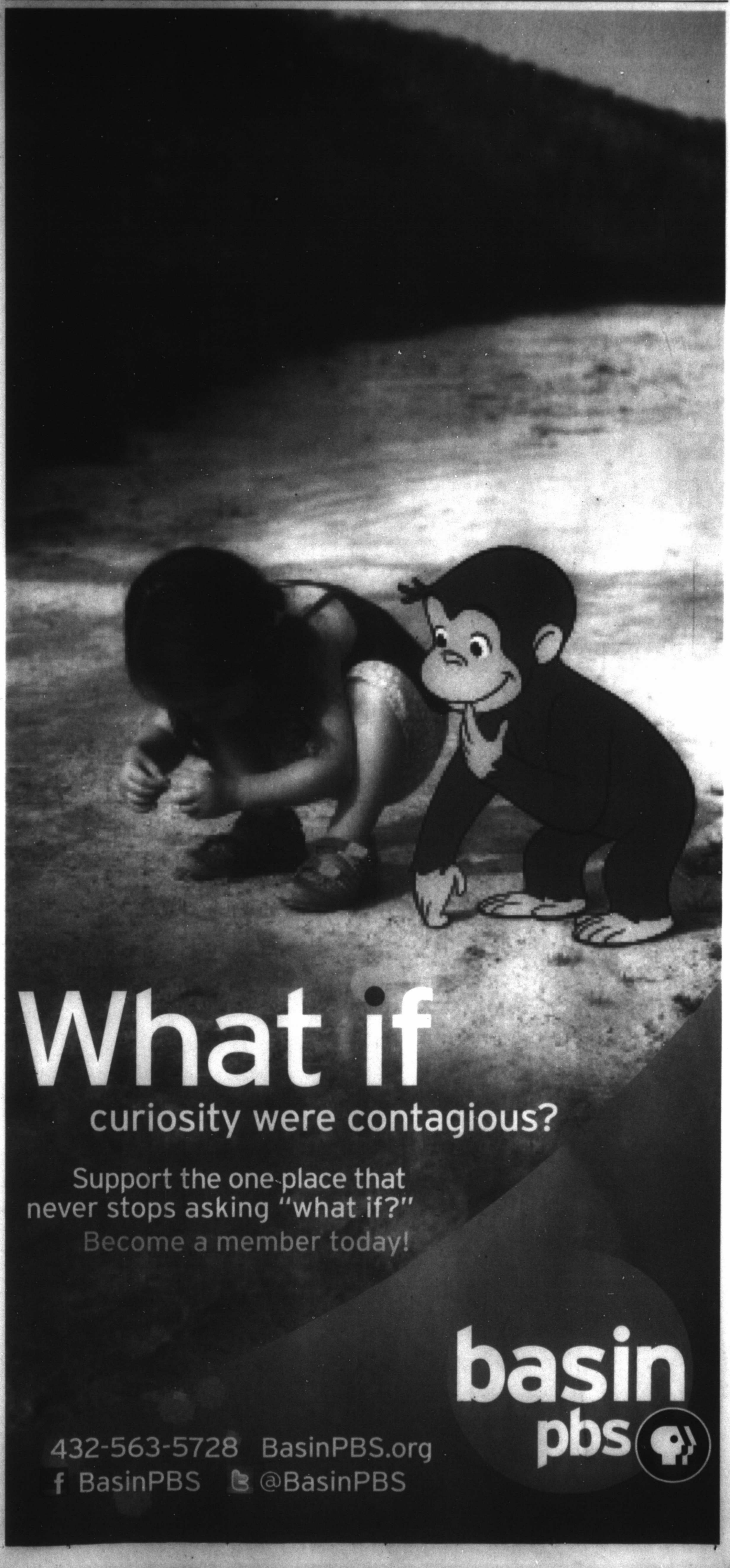


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