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February has passed, but you can can catch up with the Reporter-Telegram's top photos of the month. Also, check out the top crimes that happened in February.

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Primary day turnout highest in more than decade

Super Tuesday participation in Midland County bucked trends, set new standards

By Stewart Doreen
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The turnout for primary day wasn't typical, and the Midland County Elections Office and the county's voters found out Tuesday that it can be hard to prepare for a turnout not seen in more than a decade.

For instance, the number of voters in Midland County on Tuesday alone (13,980) was greater than during the entire primary process (early voting and primary day) in 2012 (12,204) and 2004 (13,226).

Also, the number of voters on Tuesday was greater than on Election Day during the primary or general elections going back to the general election in 2004 (15,098 voters).

Another item that showed the sheer volume of the voting experience was five locations — Midland County Annex, Centennial branch library, Stonegate Fellowship church, Golf Course Road Church of Christ and Fairmont Park Church of Christ — each served more than 1,000 voters. Another church, Fellowship Community Church, served 995, according to the Midland County Elections Office.

Two-hour waits were common at locations where a large number of voters cast a ballot. Voters were still waiting in line to vote at 9:30 p.m. — two hours after polls were scheduled to close.

And for those scratching their heads about the process, Deborah Land, elections administrator for Midland County, offered the following: There really wasn't the historical perspective to prepare elections officials for the turnout.

In 2008, 11,830 people voted on Election Day. Still, that is a decrease of more than 2,000 voters, or the total number of people who voted at Stonegate (1,057) and Fairmont (1,072).

"I was looking at historical numbers," Land told the Reporter-Telegram. "Even

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MOURNING AFTER TRAGEDY

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Friends and family of Odessans Gregg and Jana McDonald gathered together Wednesday night at Mid-Cities Community Church to mourn and comfort each other in the wake of the couple's deaths. Their 17-year-old son, James Gabriel McDonald, has been charged with capital murder in conection with the shootings. "We are deeply saddened by the recent deaths of Gregg and Jana McDonald," the church wrote in a press release. "The McDonalds have been a very integral part of our spiritual family at Mid-Cities. They were both deeply loved and will be deeply missed. Our prayers are with their children Grace and Gabriel and the rest of their extended family."

Security Bank president, wife slain at home

■ Teen son faces capital murder charge in shooting

By Corey Paul
Odessa American

An Odessa teen is accused of shooting both his parents as they slept while his sister was also in the home. Odessa police have charged James Gabriel McDonald with capital murder in the early morning shooting deaths of his parents, Jana Lou McDonald and James Gregory McDonald, the Odessa president of Security Bank.

Cpl. Steve LeSueur, police spokesman, said investigators were still trying to determine what led to the shooting, which was reported at 4:56 a.m. Wednesday at the family home, 5304 Conley Ave.

"The motive is still under investigation," LeSueur said.

But in a probable cause affidavit filed by officers for McDonald's arrest, he told police that he shot and killed his parents with a Taurus 9mm handgun as they slept. Each suffered a single gunshot wound, according to the affidavit.

The teen's 23-year-old sister, Grace McDonald, told police that her brother came into her room moments before the shooting "and told her he was going to shoot their parents," according to the affidavit. "Grace advised that she thought he was kidding. Moments later, she heard the two gunshots."

LeSueur said Grace McDonald was not injured and is not suspected of being involved in the shooting.

The affidavit states that officers arrived on scene and met with 55-year-old Karen Hargrove, the children's aunt, who told police that her nephew, James Gabriel McDonald, shot his parents. LeSueur said police detained the teen without incident.

McDonald, who is charged with one count of capital murder, had not been booked at the jail as of 8 p.m. Wednesday, a jail spokesperson said.

James Gregory McDonald, who went by "Gregg," was the Odessa president of Security Bank, a bank official confirmed. Victor Salazar, the senior vice president of banking and marketing at Security Bank, declined on behalf of bank officials to comment about Gregg McDonald or his death.

Gregg McDonald and Jana McDonald, both 52, were known for their volunteer work in the Permian Basin.

Jana McDonald was a stay-at-home mom active in church programs and community service, said Sandy Vanderburg, a longtime friend of the McDonalds.

Vanderburg said she was cutting short a vacation to return to Odessa and recalled the "countless lives that those two people have touched."

"The only thing I know is the legacy that those people leave is just going to live on in everybody who knew them," Vanderburg said. "Because, if you knew them, you loved them."

Vanderburg said she struggled to make sense of the tragedy that struck a family she described as close-knit, with two children who "are very sweet, loving kids."

"Their kids were loving. Sometimes, things make no sense. That's all you can say. Tragedies make no sense, and there's really no understanding to it," she said.

James Gabriel McDonald, who went by "Gabe," turned 17 last month, public records show. If convicted, the capital murder charge he now faces carries punishment of life in prison, without the possibility of parole, or the death penalty.

A capital murder charge requires a felony committed in connection with a homicide, and a first-degree murder of two or more people meets the elements necessary to level the charge, LeSueur said.

"It doesn't matter if it's one or two counts, because it's still life without parole or the death penalty," LeSueur said.

James Gabriel McDonald was adopted, LeSueur said. Ector County ISD spokesman Mike Adkins confirmed McDonald was a sophomore at Permian High School. District officials sent crisis counselors to the high school to

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PBBOR: Housing does better than economy around it

From staff reports

Midland is still experiencing some growth.

That is what officials at the Permian Basin Board of Realtors are saying as January's numbers indicate more houses sold during the month compared to the first month of 2015.

The monthly PBBOR numbers show 102 houses were sold in January, which was six more than the year before. As expected, there are lagging numbers in other areas. PBBOR statistics show 550 houses on the market — a 36-house increase from January 2015, and a 33-house increase from December. The monthly statistics also show the average price of a house dropped nearly $20,000 — to $245,344 — in 12 months.

Monthly statistics also show that 10 houses sold for $400,000 or more in Midland County. From September through November, about 21 houses a month were sold in the same price range.

The largest number of houses sold were in the $200,000 to $249,000 range (19), while the quickest sale above $150,000 took place in the $160,000 to $179,999 range (31 days). Overall, of the $25 million in inventory sold, the average house was on market for 53 days, an increase of 15 days compared to last year and eight days compared to December.

Carroll Nall, MLS/Member Services director, said the market was holding its own and that the association is seeing people "try the market" as some owners put houses on the market and took them off after a period of time. Nall said association members believe the housing market is doing better than the rest of the economy around it, and just because there isn't economic growth such as the region saw in recent years doesn't mean there isn't growth in the market.

"We have got a lot of people moving around," Nall said. "Looking at the area where we are selling the most houses, they are coming off the market in 25 to 35 days."

By the numbers

January 2016 statistics
Total houses on market: 550
Houses sold: 102
Days on market: 53
Average sold price: $245,344
Average median sold: $224,000

Average number of houses on market in January
2013: 264
2014: 334
2015: 514
2016: 550

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Weather
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Energy prices

WTI Futures	$34.66	▲ $0.26
WTI Posted	$30.75	▼ $0.25
WTS Posted	$26.15	▼ $0.25
Natural Gas	$1.678	▼ $0.064
Gasoline	$1.602	▲ $0.014

Did you know?
Superhighway owner goes **bankrupt** after lagging on payments. Read more on Page 3A.

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

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Obituaries

Carla Paul

Carla Paul went home to be with the Lord and her parents on February 25, 2016.

Carla was born on September 3, 1948 to Woodrow and Lou Paul in Roscoe, Texas. As a young girl, the family moved to Midland in 1963.

She joins her loving parents, her sister Saundra Guralson, paternal grandparents, Thomas and Velna Paul, maternal grandparents, Luther and Opha Morrow, and her awesome great nephew, Eric Anthony David Paul.

She is survived by her brother, Ricky Paul and wife Vickie of Elm Mott; her brother-in-law, Bernie Guralson of Hewitt; and by three nephews, one niece, three great nephews, and two great nieces.

She is also survived by her "adopted by proxy" children and grandchildren, Gina and Keith King, Lisa Salazar, and Stefanie and Bob Forgery (including all of their families.)

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 5, 2016 at Fairview Cemetery.

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

Dayton Berry

Dayton Berry, 53, of Midland, Texas, went to be with his dad and Heavenly Father February 29, 2016. Dayton was born April, 19 1962 in Midland, Texas to Willa Dean Berry and the late Dean Berry.

Dayton was proficient at golf and an avid bowler, having bowled in national, state and city tournaments and a number of city leagues. Through the years, Dayton earned several Honor Awards and some being a 300 perfect game, 299 and 298 rings.

Dayton was a Dallas Cowboy and Harley Davidson fan through and through, not only owning a Roadking motorcycle, but taking several trips on his pride and joy.

Dayton is survived by his wife of 27 years, Janiece VanKirk Berry, of the home; two daughters, Stacie Garza and husband Hismo Garza, Jr., and Ashley Ornelas and husband Ruben Ornelas; his mother, Willa Deal Cecil; one brother, Dennis Berry and wife Inta Berry; one sister, DeAnn Sutton and husband Brent Sutton; and by grandchildren, Hismo Garza III (Trip), Sofeya Ornelas, and Rylie and Austin Ornelas.

Dayton is also survived by several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and many, many friends.

The viewing will be Wednesday, March 2, 2016 and Thursday, March 3, 2016 at American Heritage on FM 1788.

Service will be Friday, March 4, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. at West Kentucky Baptist Church, with Brother Bob Porterfield officiating. Burial will follow at American Heritage Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Texas Bennett, Mike Biodrowski, Shawn Biodrowski, Mike Winemiller, Curtis Green, and Paul Orem.

Joe David Berry is honorary pallbearer.

All arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home.

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Thomas Eugene McGinnis

(1936 - 2016)

Tom McGinnis passed away February 26, 2016 at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Tom was born June 8, 1936 to Roger McGinnis and Gertrude McGinnis Buchannan in Oklahoma City. Tom married Betty McGinnis March 24, 1956 in Philadelphia and together they had three children.

Tom proudly served his country during the Korean conflict as a sailor in the United States Navy. After his service in the Navy, he started a lifelong career in law enforcement. He served as a police officer for the City of Philadelphia from 1959 to 1962 before joining the United States Border Patrol. As a Border Patrolman, he was stationed in Falfurias, Texas and later in Alpine, Texas.

After leaving the Border Patrol, Tom moved to Midland where he joined the Constable office. He served under Jack Merritt until his death. Tom then served as the Constable of Midland County from 1981 to 1988. After a brief retirement, Tom returned to Midland County and worked for the Sherriff's department until 1993.

Tom married Peggy Smith in 1987 and together they traveled many miles enjoying their life together. They were both avid divers and enjoyed diving excursions to Guam, Honduras, and Hawaii. After retiring from the Sherriff's department in 1993, the couple moved to Florida. Tom had an opportunity to sign on with an independent contractor to work in a security role for a military base in the Marshal Islands. Peggy and Tom enjoyed their years on these islands immensely. Upon returning to the states, they settled in Alabama until Peggy's death in 2005. Tom returned to the Islands for a few years and then settled back in Texas around family.

Tom is preceded in death by his wife Peggy, his parents, his brother Paul Buchannan and brother-in-law, Jim Boyer.

He is survived by his three children and their families along with two sisters, Matt and Susie McGinnis of Corsicana, Kathy McGinnis of Merkel, and Don and Sherri McGinnis of Ft Davis. Surviving grandchildren are Kathy and Danny Olney and children McKayla, Gaven and WhitLee, Jennifer McGinnis and son Landon, Amanda and Justin Agerton and children Jaycee, Bryson and CJ, Brian McGinnis, Wesley McGinnis and Brittney and Mike Reynolds and children Aubrey and Grayson. Surviving sisters are Peggy Boyer and Paulette Walker of Colorado. He is survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Tom is also survived by his faithful companion, Prissy.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, March 5, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

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

Gwendolyn Gates

Gwendolyn Gates passed away Sunday, February 28, 2016, surrounded by her loving family. She was born January 11, 1937 to Richard and Hazel Cobb in Crane, Texas.

Gwendolyn was a wonderful mother, a single mom who raised her two sons on her own. She was a very loving person who loved to help people, who always had an ear to listen, a true encourager to everyone she met, and had a great sense of humor right up to the end. She was also a true fighter who beat cancer several times, always beating the odds that said she couldn't do it this time.

She is survived by her two sons, David Gates and James Gates; grandsons, Gabriel and Carlos Ornelas; and by several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, March 3, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Safe Place, 1030 Andrews Hwy, Midland, Texas 79701.

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

Kenneth L. Elliott

Funeral services for Kenneth L. Elliott, 83, of Brownwood, Texas, will be held 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at the Heartland Funeral Home in Early with David Barnum officiating. Interment with military honors will follow in the Oakview Cemetery in Mullin, Texas.

The family will receive friends 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

Mr. Elliott passed away Monday, February 29, 2016 at his residence.

Kenneth Larkin Elliott was born March 13, 1932 in Brown County, Texas to Andrew Larkin and Mae Corine Perkins Elliott. Kenneth served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War.

After being honorably discharged at the rank of a Corporal on June 14, 1952 at the Marine Barracks, Naval Air Station, Barbers Point, Oaho, Territory of Hawaii, he began a career as a pipefitter. He was very proud of being a Union Pipefitter and at retirement had worked his way up to the position of being a foreman, having been in charge and overseeing many large projects.

Kenneth resided in Midland for many years and returned to Brown County, where he was member of the Grosvenor Baptist Church. He was a lifetime member of the VFW and enjoyed working on cars.

Survivors include four sons, Gary Elliott and wife Terry, Kenny Elliott and wife Virginia, Greg Elliott and wife Mary, and Tony Elliott and wife Kathi; one daughter, Tana Rourke and husband Chris; one brother, Andrew Elliott; three sisters, Shirley Fletcher, Barbara Blanton and husband Preston, and Darlene Miller; 14 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and 23 great-great-grandchildren; and by numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and sisters Daphine Stephens and Juanita Gotcher.

Online condolences may be left for the family at *www.heartlandfuneralhome.com*.

Heartland Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tony Allen Wynne

Memorial services for Mr. Tony Allen Wynne, 64, will be held at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at the Ellis Funeral Home, Midland, Texas.

Mr. Wynne was born on January 9, 1952 to Mike and Beatrice Wynne in Springhill, Louisian and passed away on Tuesday, March 1, 2016. He was a carpenter in the construction industry.

He is survived by three daughters, Candace Wynne of Midland, Amber Wynne Urias and husband Eric of Fremont, Ohio, and Ashley Wynne of Midland; sister, Judy House of Springhill, Louisiana; grandchildren, Aniya Urias, Makinah Urias, and Kingston Urias, all of Fremont, Ohio, and Azelyn Spriggins of Midland; and by several nieces, nephews, and cousins throughout Louisiana, Arkansas, and Texas.

Mr. Wynne was preceded in death by parents; brothers, Danny Wynne and Bobby Wynne; and sisters, JoAnn McDonald and Jean Autenreath.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations are made to the American Cancer Society.

Sign our online guest book at *www.baileyfuneralhome.net* .

Death Notices

Antonio Torres

Antonio Torres, 47, of Midland, Texas, passed away on February 26, 2016.

He is survived by his wife, SanJuana Torres; parents, Leopoldo and Guillerma Torres; two sons, Antonio de Jesus Torres and Leopoldo Torres; one daughter, Marisol Esquivel; and by four brothers and three sisters.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, March 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., at American Heritage Cemetery & Funeral Home, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas.

Celia T. Almuina

Celia T. Almuina, 68, of Midland passed away on Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

Memorial services will be held at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 5, 2016.

Survivors include children, Marcos Almuina, Lolo Almuina, Mike Almuina, and Dora A. Gonzalez.

Katherine "Kathy" White

Katherine "Kathy" White, 69, of Midland, passed away on Wednesday, March 2, 2016.

The family will be accepting guests from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Friday, March 4, 2016.

Funeral services will be held at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 5, 2016 with interment following at Resthaven Memorial Park.

She is survived by her husband, Richard White, Sr.; and by her children, Richard White, Jr., Russell White, and Crystal White-Simpson.

Pioneering Oklahoma energy CEO dies in car crash

By Sean Murphy
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Aubrey McClendon, a natural gas industry titan, was killed when police say he drove his sport utility vehicle "straight into a wall" in Oklahoma City on Wednesday, a day after he was indicted on a charge of conspiring to rig bids to buy oil and natural gas leases in northwest Oklahoma.

Police Capt. Paco Balderrama said McClendon, co-founder of Chesapeake Energy and a part-owner of the NBA's Oklahoma City Thunder, was the only occupant in the vehicle when it slammed into a concrete bridge embankment shortly after 9 a.m.

"He pretty much drove straight into the wall," Balderrama said. "The information out there at the scene is that he went left of center, went through a grassy area right before colliding into the embankment. There was plenty of opportunity for him to correct and get back on the roadway and that didn't occur."

McClendon's death follows an announcement Tuesday that he had been indicted by a federal grand jury.

Balderrama says it's too early to say whether the collision was intentional. He said McClendon was not wearing a seat belt and that he was driving faster than the 50 mph speed limit.

The Department of Justice said in a statement Tuesday that McClendon, 56, was suspected of orchestrating a scheme between two large energy companies, which are not named in the indictment, from December 2007 to March 2012. The companies would decide ahead of time who would win bids, with the winner then allocating an interest in the leases to the other company, according to the statement.

In a statement released Tuesday after his indictment, McClendon denied violating antitrust laws.

"The charge that has been filed against me today is wrong and unprecedented," McClendon said. "Anyone who knows me, my business record and the industry in which I have worked for 35 years, knows that I could not be guilty of violating any antitrust laws. All my life I have worked to create jobs in Oklahoma, grow its economy, and to provide abundant and affordable energy to all Americans. I am proud of my track record in this industry, and I will fight to prove my innocence and to clear my name."

Department of Justice spokesman Mark Abueg declined to comment on the impact McClendon's death would have on the case.

McClendon could frequently be spotted in his courtside seats near the Thunder bench in the arena named after the company he founded in 1989 with his friend, Tom Ward, with an initial $50,000 investment. They eventually grew the company into one of the largest independent producers of natural gas in the United States. He left the company in January 2013 amid philosophical differences with a new board of directors, and founded American Energy Partners, where he was chairman and CEO.

AP file photo

Chesapeake Energy CEO Aubrey McClendon speaks during an interview Aug. 2, 2007, in Oklahoma City. Oklahoma City police say McClendon, a natural gas industry titan who was indicted on Tuesday by a federal grand jury for allegedly conspiring to rig bids to buy oil and natural gas leases in northwest Oklahoma, was killed Wednesday in a fiery single-car crash in Oklahoma City. A part-owner of the NBA's Oklahoma City Thunder, McClendon stepped down in 2013 at Chesapeake and founded American Energy Partners, where he was chairman and CEO.

OTHERDEATHS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SYDNEY

London silver medalist rower Sarah Tait dies of cancer

The Australian Olympic Committee said Thursday that Sarah Tait, who won a silver medal in rowing at the London Olympics, has died of cancer at the age of 33.

Tait, a mother of two, won her silver medal with Kate Hornsey in the women's pairs at London in 2012. She was a three-time Olympian, competing in the women's eights at Athens in 2004 and Beijing in 2008.

She was coached by her husband Bill, and at the London Games she was the first mother to row for Australia at the Olympics following the birth of their first child, Leila, in 2009.

The AOC said today that Tait was diagnosed with cancer following the birth of her second child, Luca, in March 2013.

"Sarah was an extremely talented Olympic rower taken far too soon from us. She battled to the end," AOC president John Coates said. "The legacy she leaves for younger women who would like to pursue both motherhood and elite sport is truly inspirational."

Tait also won gold and silver at the world championships in 2005.

"She was one of the most determined and passionate rowers in our sport and she will be deeply missed by everyone in the rowing community," Rowing Australia chief executive Rob Scott said in a statement.

LONDON

'Coronation Street' creator Tony Warren dies at 79

British writer Tony Warren, who created the long-running soap opera "Coronation Street," has died at 79. The show he leaves behind is 56 years old, a national cultural fixture whose fans have included royalty, poets, rappers and millions of TV viewers.

Broadcaster ITV said Wednesday that Warren died Tuesday, "surrounded by his loving friends," after a short illness.

Anthony McVay Simpson — Warren was a stage name — was a 24-year-old actor when he had the idea for a television series set in a working-class street in northwestern England, where he had grown up. He wrote the initial 13-episode run of what was originally called "Florizel Street" — renamed before it was first broadcast in December 1960.

Some TV executives had their doubts about the program, calling the characters' northern speech "the language of the music halls." But its workaday setting, memorable characters, dramatic story lines and tart northern humor was a hit.

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shibboleth
[shib-uh-lith, -leth]
noun.
1. a peculiarity of pronunciation, behavior, mode of dress, etc., that distinguishes a particular class of set of persons.
2. a slogan; catchword.
3. a common saying or belief with little current meaning of truth.

Trooper indicted over Bland stop formally fired

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN— A Texas trooper indicted over his arrest of a black woman who was later found dead in jail has been formally fired, three months after his bosses first announced they would do so, state officials said Wednesday.

Former Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Brian Encinia can still appeal the decision to fire him, which came after a grand jury indicted him on a perjury charge in December. He is accused of lying about his July 2015 arrest of Sandra Bland and their confrontational traffic stop that was caught on dashcam video.

Encinia met last month with Department of Public Safety Director Steve McCraw, but their conversation gave the agency leader no reason "to alter my preliminary decision," according to a termination letter signed by Encinia on Wednesday.

Encinia's attorney, Larkin Eakin, did not immediately return a phone message. He has previously called the indictment unjustified and said Encinia was looking out for his own safety.

Bland's family sued after the 28-year-old black woman died last summer in jail following her arrest on the outskirts of Houston. Her death was ruled a suicide. The case provoked national outrage and drew the attention of the Black Lives Matter movement, with protesters linking Bland to other black suspects who died in confrontations with police or while in police custody.

Encinia had been on paid desk duty since Bland's arrest and remained on the payroll after McCraw announced in December that the agency would begin the process of firing him. He is now no longer a paid employee and will remain that way even if he appeals his dismissal to the state's Public Safety Commission, Department of Public Safety spokesman Tom Vinger said.

Dashcam video from Encinia's patrol car shows the traffic stop quickly became confrontational. The video shows the trooper drawing his stun gun telling Bland, "I will light you up!" after Bland refuses to get out of her car. Bland eventually steps out of the vehicle, and Encinia orders her to the side of the road. The confrontation continues off-camera but is still audible.

Bland was arrested for assault and taken to the Waller County jail. Three days later, she was found hanging from a jail cell partition with a plastic garbage bag around her neck.

Bland's family has said they were working to get about $500 for her bail when they learned of her death.

A grand jury last month tied its perjury indictment of Encinia to his statement in an affidavit where he said Bland was "combative and uncooperative" after he stopped her and that he removed her from her car to further conduct a safer traffic investigation.

Associated Press

DFW Airport Police officer Robert Woodward kneels in front of a makeshift memorial for a slain officer at the Euless Police Department on Wednesday in Euless. Officer David Hofer died after he was shot in a Tuesday afternoon gunfight with an armed suspect in a park near a Dallas-area school, police said. Hofer, who previously worked for the New York Police Department, died during surgery. The suspect was also killed.

Police chief: Officer killed was ambushed

Associated Press

EULESS — A man who had just been released from jail burglarized a North Texas house, stole a cache of guns and fired into the air before hiding in a drainage ditch and ambushing responding officers, fatally wounding one of them, the city's police chief said Wednesday.

Police Chief Mike Brown said David Hofer, 29, who was among the officers responding to the "shots fired" report at J.A. Carr Park in Euless, spotted movement in the ditch and ordered the person to come forward.

Jorge Brian Gonzalez, 22, then rose and opened fire on the officers, fatally wounding Hofer before the other officers brought Gonzalez down with multiple gunshots, Brown said.

Gonzalez had been arrested Monday on a public intoxication charge and was released late Tuesday morning after being sentenced to community service, Brown said.

After that, Gonzalez forced his way into a house on a street adjoining the park, leaving with guns that he took to the park and fired several times, Brown said. Three officers were dispatched about 3 p.m. to the park where Gonzalez had taken cover in a drainage ditch, Brown said.

"It is our belief, based on the facts known to us, that the suspect took this position to ambush the responding officers," he said. Brown later added, "In my honest opinion, he was there to do as much damage to the responding officers as he could possibly do."

The park is in a residential area near an elementary school, and two nearby schools were placed on lockdown until the situation was resolved.

Brown said Gonzalez did not appear intoxicated at his court hearing Tuesday, but was calm and responsive. That is at odds with what his family contends.

Jorge Antonio Gonzalez, the gunman's father, described his son to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram as a drug addict who was high on methamphetamine when he was jailed.

The elder Gonzalez said Hofer had been called to the family's apartment before and knew his son. Brown said he could not confirm that.

The father was remorseful for his son's actions but also questioned why he was released from jail if he was still under the influence of meth.

"It's their fault," Gonzalez said. "Why would they let him out when he was on that stuff?"

Tarrant County court records show the younger Gonzalez had a criminal record that included charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and threatening family members.

Many people paid tribute to Hofer on Wednesday by leaving flowers, stuffed animals and other items in front of the Euless police station, with some saying quiet prayers.

Hofer had moved from New York to the Dallas area in 2014 because he wanted to be somewhere safer, his mother has said. A 2008 graduate of New York University, Hofer served in the New York Police Department for five years before coming to Euless, Brown said.

"He was wonderful child, a wonderful police officer," his mother, Sofija Hofer, told the New York Post. "He was working this very difficult precinct, so he had a lot of traumatic experiences. ... He decided to go to a safer place."

Hofer's fiancée was out of town on Tuesday and needed to be called home and given the news, the Post reported.

Sofija Hofer said her son wanted to write a book about his experience with the NYPD.

"I thought he might be a scientist, like his father, but he always wanted to be a policeman, ever since he was a little boy," she said.

David Hofer is the second officer to die in the line of duty in Euless, a suburb of more than 53,000 residents west of Dallas and east of Fort Worth. The other officer was Michael Williamson, who was killed by a drunken driver in 1982, according to the city website.

Operator of fastest highway in US files for bankruptcy

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The company that built and manages America's fastest superhighway filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection from its creditors Wednesday.

SH 130 Concession Co. filed its bankruptcy petition in federal court in Austin, Texas. It came amid its lagging payments on the $1.7 billion debt owed on the project, including almost $1.3 billion in principal and more than $400 million in interest, expenses and fees, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

In its filing, the company said it cannot make full payment on its senior debt. The company exhausted a $65 million reserve account in 2014.

"The lingering effects of the recession reduced traffic volumes regionally during the project's early years and delayed development along the largely SH 130 corridor," the company said in a statement.

In 2014, the company said traffic volumes were about 30 percent below projections used in obtaining financing for the road.

"The filing will have no financial impact on the state of Texas," company CEO Alfonso Orol told the newspaper. "It's business as usual for our customers, employees, vendors and surrounding communities during these proceedings."

Spanish builder Cintra owns 65 percent of the company, with 35 percent owned by San Antonio-based Zachry Construction Co. Using its own and borrowed money, the company built the 90-mile stretch of superhighway from Mustang Ridge, near Austin, to Seguin under a 50-year lease with the Texas Department of Transportation that expires in 2062.

Texas GOP revolts over 'embarrassment' that won Travis County chairmanship

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — An Austin author who often uses homophobic slurs and co-authored a book about Hillary Clinton with one of Donald Trump's former presidential advisers is the newly elected GOP county chairman in the seat of Republican power in Texas.

Robert Morrow, who calls his "true expertise" his belief that the CIA killed President John F. Kennedy, used profanity Wednesday as he challenged party leaders who are seeking to invalidate his primary victory that positions him to become the next leader of the Travis County Republican Party.

Current GOP leaders in Austin — where Republicans hold all statewide elected offices — fumed over the outcome. They feared it could even hurt the party nationally as more attention is given to Morrow, who says he voted for Sen. Ted Cruz in Tuesday night's presidential primary.

Morrow has long been known in Austin political circles for his fringe theories and vulgar, sexually explicit accusations against public officials in both parties. He is particularly critical of the Bush family and says that, despite his support of Cruz, the party needs to rally around front-runner Donald Trump.

"Like Donald Trump, I think Democrats, Republicans and the media are corrupted. They're basically scum," Morrow said Wednesday.

Austin-based GOP strategist Matt Mackowiak, vice president of the Travis County GOP, called Morrow an embarrassment. He is trying to prevent him from taking office but acknowledged that the options might be limited. He suspects that Morrow's nearly 6,000-vote victory was the result of uninformed voters simply liking the sound of his name better than the incumbent.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

New flight out west

American Airlines' nonstop flights from Midland International to Phoenix start today. The new service will leave daily at 12:45 p.m. on a 79-seat regional jet.

The inaugural flight will be celebrated beginning at 11:30 a.m. with golf activities and refreshments in the gate area. Travelers and representatives from the city, Midland Chamber and American Airlines will be invited to participate in a chipping contest, with the ability for ticketed passengers on the Phoenix flight to win prizes.

Source: City of Midland

Things to do

■ Family Science Night: Mad Scientist. Families are invited to participate in science experiments and creative projects. Refreshments provided. 6-8 p.m., The Petroleum Museum, 1500 W Interstate 20 West. Free. petroleummuseum.org.

■ The Four Freshmen play the West Texas Jazz Society's fundraiser at Petroleum Club of Midland, 501 W. Wall St. wtjs.org.

TxDOT project

The Texas Department of Transportion announced Wednesday that a project to add passing lanes to 8.8 miles of State Highway 349 has started in Upton County.

The project will also rehabilitate the road.

The project begins at Rarich-to-Market Road 2401 and heads north to the Midland County line, according to TxDOT. SH 349 will be widened to include alternating passing lanes that will run for approximately two miles and will alternate to provide passing opportunities for both northbound and southbound traffic.

The speed limit in the work zone is 45 miles per hour.

A pilot car will be in use to guide motorists through the construction zone. Temporary traffic signals are on each end of the work zone. Flaggers will also be stationed at the signal locations.

The project is scheduled to last about nine months. Reece Albert Inc. won the contract with a low bid of $9.077 million.

Club meetings, support groups today

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

■ Children's Service League, 9:30 a.m., Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center; Brooke Mueller, 498-2053

■ Newcomers Club, 10 a.m.; Stephanie Sparkman at 684-8065 or Freida Robertson at 218-7239.

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

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

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

■ West Texas Iris Society, 7 p.m., Senior Link, 3301 Sinclair Ave. For more information, call 352-5483.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 1-0-7
Pick 3 day: 4-4-6
Pick 3 evening: 4-1-4
Pick 3 night: 5-9-5
Daily 4 morning: 6-2-6-6
Daily 4 day: 9-5-9-1
Daily 4 evening: 4-2-4-6
Daily 4 night: 5-9-1-8
Cash Five: 04-20-21-33-36
Lotto Texas: 20-27-35-37-41-51
Powerball: 12-13-44-52-62, Powerball: 6, Power Play: 2
All or Nothing morning: 06-09-10-11-12-13-15-17-19-20-21-24
All or Nothing day: 02-04-08-10-11-12-13-15-17-19-22-23
All or Nothing evening: 03-04-05-13-14-15-16-17-19-20-22-24
All or Nothing night: 01-02-03-04-06-08-10-11-123-16-19-21

Today in history

In 1845, Florida became the 27th state.

In 1923, Time magazine, founded by Briton Hadden and Henry R. Luce, made its debut.

In 1931, "The Star-Spangled Banner" became the national anthem of the United States as President Herbert Hoover signed a congressional resolution.

In 1934, bank robber John Dillinger escaped from the Lake County Jail in Crown Point, Indiana, along with another prisoner, Herbert Youngblood.

In 1991, motorist Rodney King was severely beaten by Los Angeles police officers in a scene captured on amateur video. Twenty-five people were killed when a United Airlines Boeing 737-200 crashed while approaching the Colorado Springs airport.

In 1996, Israel declared "total war" against the militant group Hamas after a bus bomb in Jerusalem killed 19 people, including the bomber, the third such suicide attack in eight days.

One year ago: In a direct challenge to the White House, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stood before Congress and bluntly warned the U.S. that an emerging nuclear agreement with Iran would pave "Iran's path to the bomb." President Barack Obama pushed back sternly, saying the U.S. would never sign such a deal and that Netanyahu was offering no useful alternative.

Today's birthdays: Olympic track and field gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersee is 54. Former NFL player and College Football Hall of Famer Herschel Walker is 54. Contemporary Christian musician Duncan Phillips (Newsboys) is 52.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE

Texas Independence Day was celebrated Wednesday at Haley Library. The event featured artifacts, essay readings from local students and more.

No charges for students behind racial slurs at Texas A&M

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — No charges will be filed after an incident at Texas A&M University in which black high school students touring campus reported being subjected to racial slurs and taunts, the university said Wednesday.

University police said in a statement that they closed their investigation into the Feb. 9 incident after interviewing several witnesses, including the high school students and teachers on the tour.

One Texas A&M student allegedly approached two of the high school students and told them to look at her Confederate flag earrings. According to police reports released Wednesday, other A&M students shouted, "Go back where you came from," and used a slur.

But several Texas A&M students denied using or hearing the slur, or shouting anything at the tour group other than, "Howdy," a common greeting on campus. One student acknowledged heckling a high school student about wearing a University of Texas backpack — a reference to A&M's biggest rival.

No video of the incident has emerged.

"We have no proof of who may have said it," wrote a local prosecutor in a report released Wednesday as part of the police investigative file.

One student has left the university since the incident, Texas A&M President Michael K. Young told The Associated Press on Wednesday. But Young declined to say whether the student was expelled or if any others were disciplined, citing a federal law on student privacy.

About 90 miles outside of Houston, Texas A&M is one of the largest and most prestigious universities in the state. Its student body is just 3.4 percent African-American, and black student leaders have described hearing insensitive comments on campus and in online forums.

The university has announced several programs in response to the incident. All incoming students will now attend mandatory seminars on diversity, and student group leaders will be required to undergo training on "conducting effective dialogues and meaningful conflict resolution," Young said in a letter to students.

US official: Debris from same type of plane as MH370

By Joan Lowy
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Debris that washed up in Mozambique has been tentatively identified as a part from the same type of aircraft as the missing Malaysia Airlines Flight 370, a U.S. official said Wednesday.

Photos of the debris discovered over the weekend appear to show the fixed leading edge of the right-hand tail section of a Boeing 777, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak publicly. Flight 370, which disappeared two years ago with 239 people aboard, is the only known missing 777.

People who have handled the part, called a horizontal stabilizer, say it appears to be made of fiberglass composite on the outside, with aluminum honeycombing on the inside, the official said.

The Australian Transport Safety Bureau, which is running the search for the plane in remote waters off Australia's west coast, said the part was expected to be transported to Australia for examination.

Malaysian transport minister Liow Tiong Lai also confirmed in tweets about the discovery that it appears the debris may have come from the missing plane.

"Based on early reports, high possibility debris found in Mozambique belongs to a B777," Liow said in a series of tweets.

"It is yet to be confirmed & verified. @dca_malaysia working w Australian counterparts to retrieve the debris." He urged "everyone to avoid undue speculation as we are not able to conclude that the debris belongs to #mh370 at this time."

Australian officials have seen photographs of the debris and have been in communication with Blaine Gibson, the American man who found the part, said Dan O'Malley, a spokesman for the Australian Transport Safety Bureau.

PRIMARY

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early-voting numbers were in line (with what officials expected). Who knew it would blow up like that yesterday?"

Land also said the length of both parties' ballot, including the wordy propositions, didn't help. Neither did the primary schedule, which featured a Republican debate for president Feb. 25, leaving just one day of early voting before primary day. Of the 13,980 Midland County residents who voted Tuesday, nearly 89 percent of them voted in the Republican primary.

History didn't indicate that would be the case. Considering primary and general elections, one would have to go back to the 2010 primary to find a time when turnout on primary day was greater than the turnout during early voting. The increase in voters on Tuesday was close to 40 percent.

For those wondering about the general election, it is probably fair to look at Midland's trends. Midland County voters in the general elections of 2004, 2008 and 2012 tended to early vote by a ratio of between 2-to-1 and 3-to-1. Midland County Elections officials also tend to use more machines and additional resources to accommodate the larger turnout expected during early voting and on Election Day. Land said that will be the case again in November.

For all the hours people waited in lines, there were no incidents reported, something Land said demonstrated Midland County voters' commitment to making their vote count.

"I do want to compliment the voters of Midland County who came in the last few hours," Land said. "It was congenial. They were joking with the people around them, making friends. It was not a bad deal at all."

By the numbers

Election Day totals going back to 2004

2016 primary	13,980
2014 general	10,841
2014 primary	6,023
2012 general	12,817
2012 primary	5,742
2010 general	13,374
2010 primary	7,205
2008 general	13,568
2008 primary	11,830
2006 general	12,762
2006 primary	3,106
2004 general	15,098
2004 primary	8,839

2016 Primary Day voting by location

Annex Courtroom	1389
Centennial Library	1354
Cogdell Learning Center	789
Cotton Flat Baptist	440
Downtown Library	797
Fairmont Park Church of Christ	1057
Fellowship Community Church	995
Golf Course Road Church of Christ	1185
Greater Ideal	221
Greenwood Baptist Church	887
Manor Park	967
MLK Jr. Community Center	657
Odessa Country Club	567
Palmer Drug (PDAP)	825
St. Paul's Methodist Church	811
Stonegate Fellowship Church	1072

TRAGEDY

From 1A

talk with students and staff. The district also sent counselors to Nimitz Middle School, where the teen attended previously.

"This news is devastating not only for many of our students and staff members, but also for our community," Adkins said in a statement on behalf of the district. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the McDonald family, and friends who are suffering through this tragedy."

Adkins said he did not know why the teen was a sophomore at 17 and declined to look at his records. But he did say the teen had attended ECISD schools "from the beginning of his educational career." He attended Ireland Elementary School.

PBBOR

From 1A

Total houses sold in January
2013: 99
2014: 130
2015: 96
2016: 102

Average days on market in January
2013: 40
2014: 46
2015: 38
2016: 53

Average sold price
2013: $242,691
2014: $278,053
2015: $265,316
2016: $245,344

Median sold price
2013: $217,000
2014: $258,750
2015: $229,485
2016: $229,000

Source: Permian Basin Board of Realtors

Defense secretary favors strong encryption, not 'back doors'

By Brandon Bailey
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO— Declaring that strong encryption is essential to the nation's security, Defense Secretary Ash Carter told a tech industry audience Wednesday that he's "not a believer in back doors," or encryption programs that leave openings for outsiders to read coded files.

Carter said he wasn't commenting on the FBI's legal battle with Apple over an encrypted iPhone used by one of the San Bernardino, California, mass shooters. But his statement shows the complexity of the encryption debate at a time when the nation's law enforcement establishment is feuding with tech companies over the use of encryption in consumer products.

Federal authorities want Apple's help in bypassing iPhone security features so they can attempt to unlock the encrypted phone. Apple and other tech companies have objected, arguing that the government essentially wants Apple to create a "back door" that could make all iPhones vulnerable to hacking.

Carter was the third high-ranking Obama administration official to speak at the RSA computer security trade show in San Francisco this week, following NSA Director Mike Rogers and Attorney General Loretta Lynch. The administration is making a concerted effort to enlist the industry's support and expertise on matters including cyber-security and countering violent extremists.

Responding to a question about the iPhone case, Carter told an on-stage interviewer that he couldn't comment because "it's a law enforcement matter." But he went on to say that for the military, "data security is an absolute necessity for us. We're foursquare behind strong data security and encryption."

Carter drew applause from the audience when he added, "I'm not a believer in back doors or a single technical approach to what is a complex problem."

While he did not elaborate, many tech experts say building a key or "back door" into encryption software, enabling third parties to unlock an encrypted file, creates a vulnerability that can be exploited by others. FBI and police officials have argued that such keys could be closely held and only used for law enforcement.

Carter also cautioned against setting policy on the basis of one case. He urged government and industry collaboration to resolve data security issues, adding that it would be undesirable to have legislation "written by people who won't have technical knowledge, maybe written in an atmosphere of anger or grief."

Under Carter, the Pentagon has made several overtures to Silicon Valley: It's opened an office in the region to cultivate relationships, and has begun recruiting tech professionals for short stints on Pentagon projects.

Taking an idea used by tech firms, the department this week launched a "Hack the Pentagon" program in which outside programmers are offered bounties for finding vulnerabilities in the department's networks or software. Carter said the hackers will be prescreened to ensure they are "white hats" and not malicious.

Separately, Carter said a new Defense Department tech advisory panel will be led by Eric Schmidt, executive chairman of Google parent Alphabet Inc.

Associated Press

Sportscaster and television host Erin Andrews, left, attends court proceedings Wednesday in Nashville, Tenn. Andrews has filed a $75 million lawsuit against the franchise owner and manager of a luxury hotel and a man who admitted to making secret nude recordings of her in 2008.

Witnesses defend hotel, question sportscaster Andrews' pain

Associated Press

NASHVILLE— Defense lawyers on Wednesday continued to try to poke holes into the claim by sportscaster Erin Andrews that two hotel companies should share the blame for a stalker taking nude videos of the TV host and posting them on the Internet.

The defense also presented testimony disputing that Andrews has suffered severe and permanent emotional damage as a result of the videos.

A hotel security expert testified that Michael David Barrett was a determined criminal and the staff of the hotel where the video was taken didn't violate any safety standards.

Barrett was sentenced to 2 1/2 years in prison after he admitted to stalking Andrews in three cities and altering hotel room peepholes to shoot nude videos of her in Nashville and Columbus, Ohio.

Barrett, in videotaped testimony played before the jury this week, said he would alter the peepholes in such a way that he could pull them out of the door and then place his cellphone camera up to the open hole to take video. He admitted to doing this to about 10 other women in the testimony.

Andrews has filed a $75 million lawsuit against the stalker and both the owner and operator of the Nashville Marriott at Vanderbilt. The hotel is a franchise and was owned by West End Hotel Partners and managed by Windsor Capital Group when the video was shot at the hotel in September 2008.

The sportscaster has maintained that the hotel honored a request by Barrett to be placed in a hotel room next to hers but never told her that he had made the request. She has testified that she would have called the police had she known he wanted to be near her.

The defense disputes this, saying Barrett, who used to be an insurance executive who traveled extensively, schemed his way into getting an adjacent room.

Stephen Barth, a professor at the Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management at the University of Houston, testified that his review of the case showed no evidence that the hotel staff gave the stalker Andrews' room number or intentionally placed him in a room adjacent to the sportscaster.

Andrews has said that she doesn't think she will ever get over what happened to her. She testified that she has been depressed and extremely fearful.

But testimony from Dr. Kim Brown of Vanderbilt said Andrews is managing fairly well despite what happened.

"She is a very resilient individual who has a good background and good coping skills," Brown testified.

In the meantime, ESPN, the network that Andrews was working for when she was stalked, is defending itself after she testified this week that her bosses made her do a media interview after the story broke that there were nude videos of her online. Before Barrett's arrest in October 2009, some were suggesting Andrews did it as a publicity stunt — something she has said caused her an enormous amount of grief.

"Developments in the case have been interpreted by some to mean that ESPN was unsupportive of Erin in the aftermath of her ordeal," Josh Krulewitz, a spokesman for the network, said in a statement. "Nothing could be further from the truth. We have been and continue to be supportive of Erin."

'Miraculous' cache of 7, century-old baseball cards found

By Andrew Dalton
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — From a crumpled paper bag in a dilapidated house came a baseball-card find of a lifetime. Seven of them actually.

Card experts in Southern California said Wednesday that they have verified the legitimacy — and seven-figure total value — of seven identical Ty Cobb cards from the printing period of 1909 to 1911. Before the recent find, there were only about 15 known to still exist.

Joe Orlando, the president of Professional Sports Authenticator in Newport Beach, California, who verified the find, said it is "spectacular" and "miraculous" to have come across such a cache.

"I am not sure if any other baseball card find is more remarkable than this new discovery," Orlando said in a statement.

The family who discovered the cards in a neglected paper bag at the run-down house of a deceased great-grandfather has asked to remain anonymous.

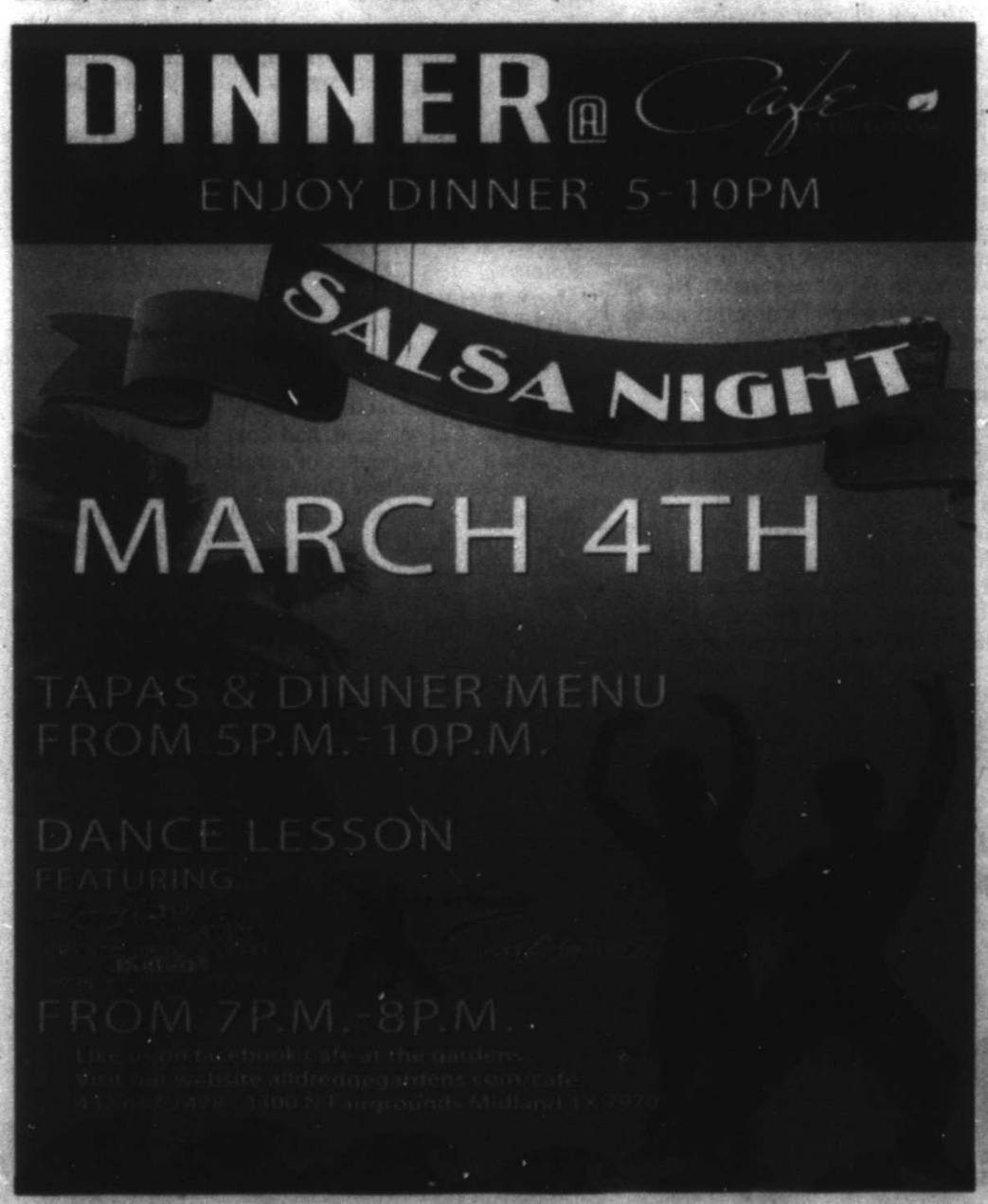
Publicist Donn Pearlman, who helped announce the finding, said only that they are from a southern state and that the cards were first taken to a dealer in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

That dealer, Rick Snyder of MINT State Inc., said his initial reaction after getting a voicemail from the family was "absolute skepticism."

Orlando said he was also dubious at first. But after his office and an outside expert examined the cards, he became a believer.

The cards' value is sure to shift now that there are so many more in existence, and an exact figure is difficult to pin down. But Orlando said the total worth of the whole cache should exceed $1 million. It's not yet clear what the family who found them intends to do with them.

"This is one of the greatest discoveries in the history of our hobby," Orlando said.



OPINION

Trump rise inches US closer to European model

■ Limited government will be gone with Clinton-Trump battle for White House

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

Donald Trump will never be mistaken for a cosmopolitan, but he will bring a distinctively European flavor to the 2016 presidential election, should he win the Republican nomination.

As in continental Europe, the two parties in a Donald Trump-Hillary Clinton race would accept the basic parameters of the welfare state, and the debate about the size of government — so central to American politics for decades — would fade to the background.

No matter how appalled the left may be by Trump, his prospective takeover of the GOP would be a watershed for progressives. For 80 long years, they have demagogued and shamed the GOP in a forlorn attempt to get it to give up on fundamentally reforming the welfare state. How much time and energy have been devoted to depicting Republicans as shoving elderly people off cliffs and as hell-bent on destroying Social Security. And here comes Donald Trump to finally cry "uncle."

The mogul is adamantly — and apparently sincerely — opposed to entitlement reform. He thus is perfectly content to accept the status quo on half the federal budget. Never mind that the programs are built on badly flawed New Deal and Great Society assumptions and, if unreformed and unconstrained, will make it impossible to deal with the debt over the long term. These are details beneath Trump's notice.

The scholar Sidney Milkis has observed that the New Deal sought to put the welfare state "beyond the vagaries of public opinion and the reach of elections and party politics." If Trumpism has any staying power, it will be mission accomplished (although the congressional GOP will presumably remain committed to re-shaping entitlements).

Consider how far the GOP has come. In the 2012 race, Newt Gingrich said that Paul Ryan's Medicare reform was "right-wing social engineering" — he didn't mean it as a compliment — and the former House speaker saw his campaign nearly implode. Trump blames the selection of Ryan as Mitt Romney's running mate for the party's defeat in 2012, and no one bats an eyelash.

What has made American politics so distinctive for so long is the presence of a mass party committed to limited government, thanks to the conservative movement. In most European countries, there is nothing like such movement, and the limited-government tendency is relegated to think tanks and small political parties, where it usually has no real influence.

Trump as the leader of the Republican Party would, in effect, reject limited-government conservatism and instantly make the GOP at the presidential level more like an accommodationist center-right European party in which a Ted Cruz wouldn't have a home.

Of course, mainstream European political parties tend not to be nationalist or anti-immigration. Here, Trump bears a closer resemblance to Europe's outsider parties on the right. He is less the candidate of American exceptionalism — which has a keen appreciation of our national creed as enunciated in the Declaration and the limits on government power set down by the Constitution — than a robust nationalism of a blood-and-soil variety found nearly everywhere else in the word.

Trump's understanding of the Constitution — the most valuable American contribution to the art of self-government — runs somewhere between attenuated to nonexistent. He has lately been making noises about loosening libel laws so that he can more easily sue publications for printing things he doesn't like. On "Fox News Sunday," he complained that "in England, I can tell you it's very much different and very much easier." Yes, it is — because England doesn't have a First Amendment. The United States happens to have a bulwark of free speech written into its foundational law, although Donald Trump apparently can't fathom why.

You can say this about a Donald Trump-Hillary Clinton race: It will be more nasty, personality-driven and entertaining than anything we've seen in decades. It will also, in important respects, be less American.

OPINION EXTRA

Cruz had an OK Super Tuesday, so now what?

KEN HERMAN
Austin American-Statesman

What Ted Cruz once counted on to be his really super Super Tuesday melted into a Good-Enough Tuesday that kept his presidential campaign alive but in search of an increasingly improbable pathway to the GOP nomination.

Cruz won Texas, Oklahoma and Alaska and justified a victory speech. Perhaps more importantly, Cruz's wins came as Florida Sen. Marco Rubio's unimpressive primary performance continued, freeing Cruz to claim the mantle Tuesday night as the last Republican who can stop Donald Trump.

"After tonight, we have seen that our campaign is the only campaign that has beaten, that can beat and that will beat Donald Trump," Cruz said in a blistering Tuesday night attack on the frontrunner. "I congratulate Donald Trump on his victories tonight, but we're the only campaign that has beaten Donald Trump once, twice, three times."

The fourth Cruz win (in addition to his earlier victory in Iowa) was announced early Wednesday in Alaska. Cruz also has lost to Trump a bunch, but remains confident of future wins if he can get Trump into one-on-one battles. And Cruz's claim as the only Repub who has beaten Trump lost some of its clout later Tuesday night when Rubio won Minnesota.

Tuesday's multi-state results continued the trend that was not supposed to be for Cruz, the outsider who's been out-outsidered by someone who many people still consider to be outside the realm of reasonable presidential material. But many GOP voters on Tuesday expressed anger about the state of their lives and our union by voting for Trump, which, despite its potential global impact, probably beats kicking the dog.

On Tuesday in Georgia, one of the first states where voting ended, exit polls showed 90 percent of GOP voters said they are "dissatisfied" or "angry" about the federal government. Trump got 41 percent of that vote, topping Cruz by 17 points.

For Cruz, the campaign continued Wednesday with two events in Kansas, while the wizards of odds still make him a long shot at putting his campaign back on a winning trajectory.

Cruz' Super Tuesday party was at The Redneck Country Club, a Houston-area honky-tonk featuring a sign proclaiming "Through this door walk the world's finest rednecks." I'm unaware of the metrics used to measure that.

Tuesday's voting came as the GOP contest moved from the momentum phase to the delegate-counting mathematics phase. It also came as the the race devolved into the so's-your-mama phase between Trump and Rubio, an embarrassing low point, even by U.S. political standards.

"It's not my style of politics, if you will," state Rep. Larry Gonzales, a Republican and a Rubio backer, said Tuesday on CNN. "But I think the 2016 cycle is very different from anything I've seen before. The tone and the demeanor and kind of how people are behaving is different now."

Trump is doing what Trump does and what he would do as president. Far more troubling was watching Rubio's recent morph into who his handlers think he needs to be. The off-putting character they came up with is as middle-schoolish as Trump, complete with personal insults about hair style, skin tone and body-part size.

Cruz gets points for largely staying out of that fray.

Super Tuesday may have gone a long way toward setting up a Hillary Clinton-Trump showdown. A Clinton win would be viewed by some as a nostalgic trip to the political past. A Trump win would be a courageous foray into the unknown.

I believe our nation is strengthened by challenge. We survived the Civil War, the Great Depression and disco. Who knows what a Trump presidency would bring?

But, despite Trump's most excellent Super Tuesday, primary season continues. With the insults of February behind us, let's hope this campaign can evolve into the ideas of March.

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The satisfied don't feel the Bern

■ Too many Democrats are fine with Obama and the direction the country is headed

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Why did Bernie Sanders fail?

Sanders continues his campaign after his Super Tuesday losses, but he has no real chance of wresting the Democratic presidential nomination from Hillary Clinton. The socialist insurgent went further than most thought possible, drawing huge crowds, amassing vast sums and forcing Clinton to adopt more populist positions.

But the Sanders challenge was doomed by a fatal flaw: Democrats aren't as unhappy as he needed them to be.

It is an article of faith this year that voters are angry. But this shorthand misleads. Certainly, there is real economic anxiety in the United States, but Americans are, overall, quite content: 87 percent of Democrats and 87 percent of Republicans alike said in a Gallup poll in January that they are satisfied in their personal lives. The anger that's out there is directed at the malfunctioning government in Washington — and this anger is mostly on the Republican side.

Americans overall have a dim view of where the country is headed: 36 percent think we're on the right track, and 60 percent say we're headed in the wrong direction, in the January Washington Post-ABC News poll. But break that down further and you find that 89 percent of Republicans think we're on the wrong track. With Democrats, it's reversed: Only 34 percent say we're heading the wrong way.

Compare that with the same time in the 2008 election cycle, when a two-term Republican president was in office. Back then, Democrats were the most unhappy: only 6 percent said the country was heading in the right direction, while 47 percent of Republicans thought so.

The difference is political, not economic. Republicans are more hostile when Democrats are in power, and vice versa.

"Everybody says people are angry, but that's not really the case," said Frank Newport, the head of Gallup. Americans "are not going through their lives seething and kicking the cat." The anger "is a very particular anger, and it varies depending on which party is in power," Newport told me. "People filter a lot through who's president."

On the Republican side this year, anger at the Obama administration makes Donald Trump's insurgency possible — just as in 2008, anger at the Bush administration's Iraq blunder made possible Barack Obama's challenge to Clinton. Sanders would likely have fared better this year if there were an incumbent Republican administration. But as a protest candidate, he's campaigning against the existing order — and much of that order is a two-term Democratic president who is very popular among the Democrats Sanders needed to win.

If there were more restlessness among Democrats, the Sanders message of economic injustice might have overridden the traditional identity politics that define the Democratic Party — satisfying diverse factions based on gender, race, ethnicity, religion and sexual orientation. But the usual constituency politics, at which Clinton excels, prevailed because Democrats weren't particularly restless, as demonstrated by their low turnout in primaries.

In Gallup's January survey, 56 percent of Democrats said they were satisfied with the power and size of the federal government vs. only 18 percent of Republicans.

This left Sanders in the position of sparking a "revolution," as he put it, among a group that isn't nearly as negative about the government as the overall electorate. And to campaign against the status quo he inevitably had to be critical of Obama — who enjoys the support of more than 85 percent of Democrats and more than 90 percent of African-Americans.

Sanders called Obama "dead wrong" on trade and "not strong enough" on other issues. He said he would give the country a "course correction" from Obama's leadership. A blurb he wrote appeared on the cover of a book called "Buyer's Remorse: How Obama Let Progressives Down." The Sanders campaign posted a piece by a Sanders adviser arguing that Clinton's policies were "more of the same" Obama policies, part of a Democratic establishment "addicted to the political contributions from financial high rollers." Another Sanders surrogate, Cornel West, had famously called Obama a "black puppet of corporate plutocrats."

"You know Hillary Clinton now is trying to embrace the president as closely as she possibly can," a frustrated Sanders told BET in February. "Everything the president does is wonderful. ... And we know what that's about. That's trying to win support from the African-American community where the president is enormously popular."

But Obama isn't just popular among black Democrats. He's popular among all Democrats — and contentment with the guy in charge is a weak basis for a revolution.

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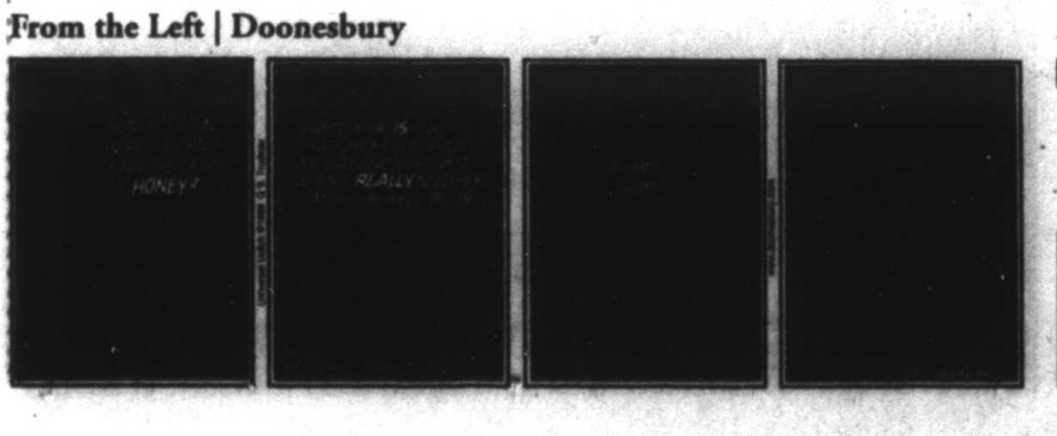


From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Kelly says she doesn't expect Trump hostility in debate

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Anticipating another appearance on a debate stage with Donald Trump, Fox News Channel's Megyn Kelly says their public feud hasn't affected her preparation and she doesn't expect a renewal of hostilities with the Republican presidential front runner.

Kelly, who is moderating today's debate with colleagues Bret Baier and Chris Wallace, said Trump was more in her head before the GOP debate prior to the Iowa caucuses, which he ultimately boycotted.

"I think he's much more focused on securing the nomination now and not on me, and that's how it should be," Kelly said. Thursday's debate, the 11th among Republicans, will be held at Detroit's Fox Theater from 9 to 11 p.m. EST.

Kelly's questioning angered Trump during the first GOP debate last August, most prominently when he was confronted with some of his past comments about women. He responded harshly, and skipped Fox's Iowa debate when the network refused to remove Kelly as moderator. Ted Cruz beat Trump in Iowa.

Trump spokeswoman Hope Hicks said he looks forward to Thursday's debate.

"It's not a focus of our preparation but obviously it's the elephant in the room," Fox's Baier said. "It's not front of mind, but it's in mind. We're not going to focus on one candidate or the other."

At the very least, the Fox moderators won't have to prepare one set of questions for if Trump showed up and another for if he didn't, as they did in Iowa. Kelly, who has not interviewed Trump since last summer's dust-up, said she's preparing the same tough but fair questions she always tries for.

"I don't need to be overly tough to prove that I am some sort of tough gal and I don't want to go easy on him to disprove the people who think I have it in for him," she said. She believes Trump, a novice politician, had the misguided thought Fox would go easy on him.

"Perhaps his expectations for the event were not set properly by the people who were advising him," she said. "I think at this point in the game he understands better how these things go. He knows he can handle me. He can handle any interviewer."

Fox's debate preparation became a little easier with Ben Carson announcing Wednesday that he is effectively suspending his campaign and not attending. Kelly said he wouldn't have gotten much attention, anyway: Fox will concentrate its questions on Trump, Cruz and Marco Rubio — making for potentially awkward moments for John Kasich.

In one of the campaign's many oddities, the Trump-Kelly episode created lingering bad feelings between the leading Republican candidate and the television network most popular with Republican viewers. Kelly was one of the first public figures caught in the middle of one of Trump's withering attacks on media, which prompted some of his supporters to attack her on social media.

"It didn't create any personal animus on my part, but that doesn't mean I enjoyed it or wanted it to continue," she said. She tried to stay away from the angry comments on social media, but it's hard to avoid when you need to use Twitter for work.

At its worst, Trump went on CNN to say of Kelly that "you could see there was blood coming out of her eyes. Blood coming out of her wherever." Many interpreted that to be a crude reference to a woman's menstrual cycle. Kelly said she understood that attacks come with the territory but that her husband was upset and some of the language used filtered down to her 4-year-old daughter through friends. She also has sons age 6 and 2.

"I'll put it to you this way — Donald Trump is the only name they know of the people who are running for president," she said.

Christie under fire for Trump support

By Michael Catalini
Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J.— Was that really Chris Christie, the brusque, take-a-back-seat-to-nobody governor of New Jersey?

Christie's seemingly shell-shocked gaze as he stood behind Donald Trump on Super Tuesday generated morning-after befuddlement and mockery in his home state and beyond.

His expression was so grave and his introduction of Trump so subdued that many people joked on the Internet that he looked like a hostage reading a coerced statement. "Gov. Christie, blink twice if you're in trouble!" one person tweeted.

In a move that shocked nearly everyone, especially in Democratic-leaning New Jersey, Christie endorsed his fellow Republican Trump last week and has appeared at the billionaire businessman's side at campaign appearances over the past few days.

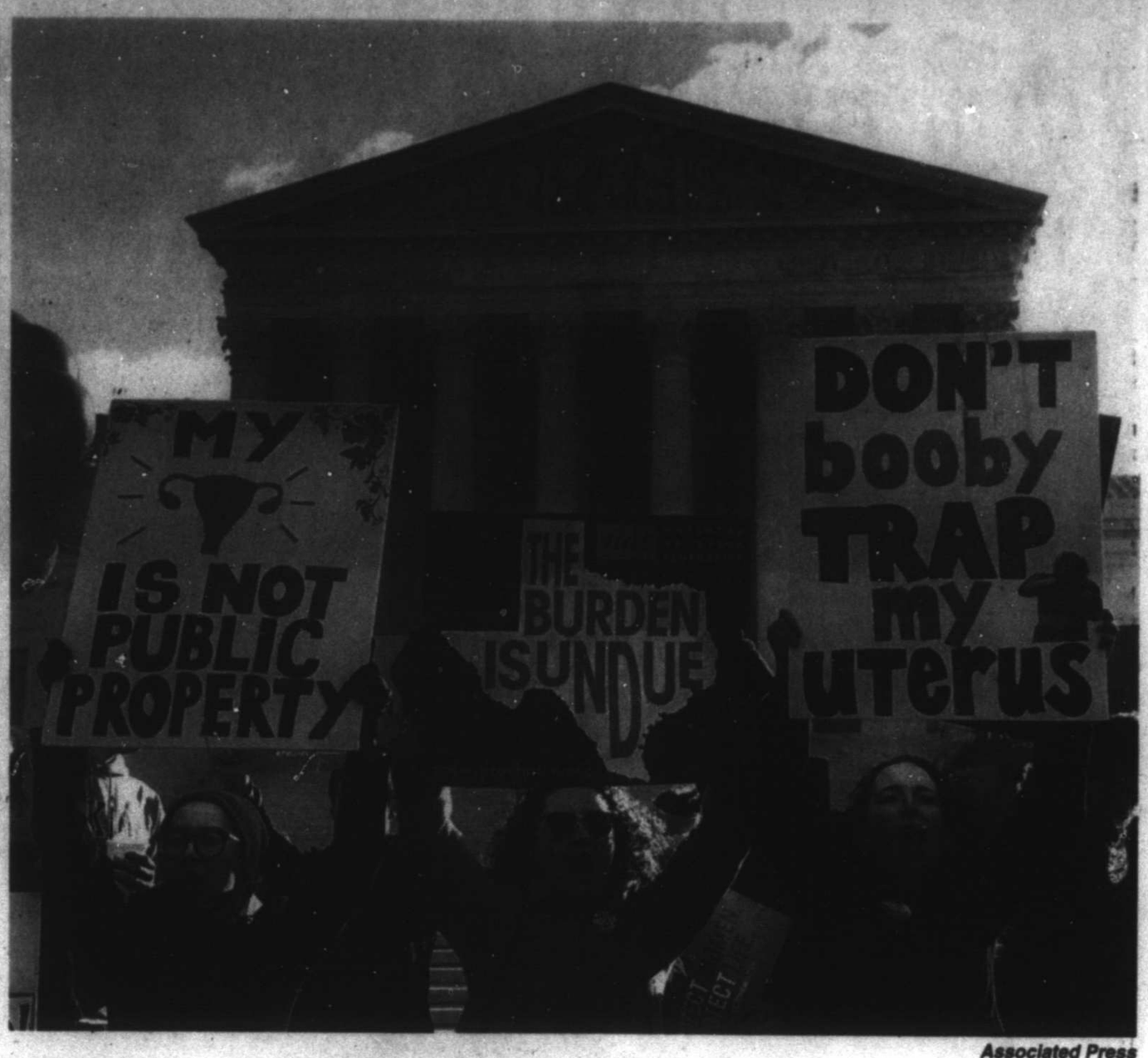
But after Tuesday night's appearance, conservative commentator Jonah Goldberg of the anti-Trump National Review imagined Christie was thinking: "My God what have I done?" Others saw the same thing in Christie's thousand-yard stare.

Footage of Christie's stunned look, set to the jaunty theme song from HBO's "Curb Your Enthusiasm," became a sensation online Wednesday. And Washington Post blogger Alexandra Petri wrote an extended riff about how Christie was "screaming wordlessly" as Trump spoke and had "the glazed and terrified look of someone who has traded his inheritance for no pottage at all."

Republican Christine Todd Whitman, the former New Jersey governor and Environmental Protection Agency administrator, told The Star-Ledger of Newark last week she would rather vote for Hillary Clinton than Trump.

"I am ashamed that Christie would endorse anyone who has employed the kind of hate mongering and racism that Trump has," she said.

The case goes on



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Pro-abortion rights protesters rally outside the Supreme Court in Washington, on Wednesday. The abortion debate is returning to the Supreme Court in the midst of a raucous presidential campaign and less than three weeks after Justice Antonin Scalia's death. The justices are taking up the biggest case on the topic in nearly a quarter century and considering whether a Texas law that regulates abortion clinics hampers a woman's constitutional right to obtain an abortion.

Deeply split Supreme Court wrestles with abortion case

by Mark Sherman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Supreme Court deeply split over abortion wrestled Wednesday with widely replicated Texas regulations that could drastically cut the number of abortion clinics in the state. As ever, Justice Anthony Kennedy appeared to hold the outcome in his hands on a court operating with eight justices since the death of Justice Antonin Scalia.

The court's most significant abortion case since the early 1990s crackled with intensity during 85 minutes of pointed questions from liberal and conservative justices that suggested little common ground in resolving the clinics' claim that the regulations are medically unnecessary and unconstitutionally limit a woman's right to an abortion.

Texas says it is trying to protect women's health in rules that require doctors who perform abortions to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals and force clinics to meet hospital-like standards for outpatient surgery. The rules would cut the number of abortion clinics in the state by three-fourths, abortion providers say.

The three women justices and Justice Stephen Breyer repeatedly questioned why Texas needed to enact the 2013 law. "But what is the legitimate interest in protecting their health? What evidence is there that under the prior law, the prior law was not sufficiently protective of the women's health?" Ginsburg asked Texas Solicitor General Scott Keller.

More than 210 women are hospitalized annually as a result of complications from abortions, Keller said. Pressed by Ginsburg, Keller acknowledged that was a relatively small complication rate but said the state still could act to make abortion safer. With about 70,000 abortions a year in Texas, that works out to a rate of less than one-half of 1 percent.

Justices Elena Kagan, Sonia Sotomayor and Breyer all pointed out that other procedures, including liposuctions, colonoscopies and dental surgeries, have higher complication rates and yet can be performed in facilities that do not meet the stringent standards.

The clinics, backed by the Obama administration, argue that the regulations already have closed half the roughly 40 clinics that existed before the law was enacted and that only about 10 clinics would remain if it is allowed to take full effect.

The high court, again divided between liberals and conservatives, has blocked the surgical center requirement from taking effect.

Solicitor General Donald Verrilli Jr. urged the court to offer a new endorsement of the abortion right it last affirmed in 1992. "If that right still does retain real substance, then this law cannot stand. The burdens it imposes, the obstacles, are far beyond anything that this Court has countenanced. And the justification for it is far weaker than anything that this Court has countenanced," Verrilli said.

Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito pressed the lawyer for the clinics, Stephanie Toti, to cite evidence showing that the regulations have had the drastic effect she claimed. Both Alito and Roberts questioned whether some clinics closed for reasons independent of the regulations.

"What evidence is there that ties the closures to the requirements?" Roberts asked. Only Justice Clarence Thomas, who broke 10 years of silence at arguments on Monday, did not ask any questions.

Even with the outspoken abortion rights opponent Scalia on the court, Kennedy would have held the decisive vote. He provided the margin of victory in the 1992 case that bolstered the abortion right the court declared in Roe v. Wade in 1973. He wrote the majority opinion in another 5-4 case in 2007 that upheld a federal ban on the procedure known as partial-birth abortion.

Kennedy's questions Wednesday did not make clear where he is headed. But he holds the key to whether the court splits 4-4, a result that would leave the regulations in place, but not resolve the issue nationally. He could side with his four more liberal colleagues to rule for the clinics and roll back the regulations.

Kennedy also suggested another outcome that would in essence put the issue on hold for a time to see whether the remaining clinics in Texas are able to accommodate the demand for abortion in the nation's second-most-populous state.

If the court is evenly divided, the justices could decide to rehear the case once a new colleague joins them. President Barack Obama says he will nominate a successor to Scalia. But Senate Republicans, backed by the party's presidential candidates, have pledged to keep Scalia's seat empty so that the next president can fill it after taking office in January 2017.

Kennedy appeared concerned that one effect of the 2013 Texas law is that it has lowered the number of abortions resulting from women taking pills and increased the number of more invasive surgical abortions, which he said "may not be medically wise."

The hearing took place in the middle of a raucous presidential campaign, and the scene outside the court on Wednesday had the feel of a campaign rally.

Dozens of anti-abortion protesters chanted "pro-life, pro-woman" while hundreds of abortion rights advocates nearby shouted "abortion is a human right."

House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., showed up at one point and briefly addressed the abortion opponents. "We are the pro-life movement that is here to stand up for the women. We are here to stand up for the unborn and we are here to stand up for the rule of law," Ryan said.

A decision in Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt, 15-274, is expected by late June.

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WEEKENDER

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

BEST BETS

TODAY

GET MAD The Petroleum Museum wants people to embrace their inner mad scientists with onsite experiments and activities at Family Science Night. 6 p.m.

FRIDAY

INK SPOTS The Ink Masters Tattoo Show takes over the Ector County Coliseum this weekend with contests, entertainment and event tattoo giveaways. Through Sunday.

SATURDAY

START WITH ART The Family Free-For-All is all about creating artists. Families can partake in science and art activities all day along with free dome shows at the Museum of the Southwest. 10 a.m

See complete schedule of weekend events on Page 2.

ONLINE

Read our interview with world musician Loreena McKennitt who performs at the Wagner Noel on Monday.

MOVIES

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

TALL CITY 14
Opening: "London Has Fallen," "Whiskey Tango Foxtrot," "Zootopia".
Closing: "How to be Single," "Race," "The Witch," "Zoolander 2"

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Opening: "London Has Fallen," "Whiskey Tango Foxtrot," "Zootopia"
Closing: "How To Be Single," "Race," "The Revenant," "Ride Along 2," "The Witch."

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

COMING SOON

Grammy-winner Mike Farris brings his roots gospel sound to the Wagner Noel stage March 13.

The Four Freshmen bring a legacy of music to Jazz Society fundraiser

By Trent Johnson
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Though The Four Freshmen is no longer made up of original members — the group started in 1948 — the gentlemen who now take the stage in big band suits under the moniker uphold the standard and tradition with the utmost seriousness and enthusiasm. And Midland will get a taste of that legacy tonight.

"We try to respect the honor and great tradition that's going on 68 years," drummer and vocalist Bob Ferreira said. "We do a lot of the songs from the early, middle and up to the current recordings. We have a lot of fun on stage and we bring wonderful energy."

The band has released more than 60 albums over the years and have maintained its importance in the jazz community by touring internationally. For their West Texas visit tonight, the West Texas Jazz Society is hosting the quartet for a fundraising concert that is part of the society's lead-up to the 50th West Texas Jazz Party collaboration in May 20-22. Along with the music, the festivities' menu will be prepared by famed West Texas chef Louis Lambert who has been featured in Texas Monthly and Food and Wine.

"I love their harmonies and that they play their own instruments. They're just fantastic," said society president Margaret Gillham. "People are going to hear some great music. They sing a lot of the songs the older members did, so it will be a memorable experience."

Ferreira, 45, is currently the elder statesman of the group with more than two decades of performing with the Four Freshmen. He joined to get experience touring the world as a musician and to supplement his future teaching career. At the time, he was studying to become a music instructor at Central Washington University.

"I figured the experience would be worth it, and now I've been the group for 23 years," Ferreira said. "The great thing is we can still educate youths on different levels with workshops.

WANT TO GO?

"Big Ranch, Big City" benefiting West Texas Jazz Society with The Four Freshmen, 6 p.m. Tonight at The Petroleum Club, 501 W. Wall St. fourfreshmen.com

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'80 Days' keeps laughs going

By Rich Lopez
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Minus any subplots or metaphors, "Around the World in 80 Days" is that simple, straightforward comedy that's sometimes needed. The show is guiltless about going for ridiculous laughs, and director Ben Spencer led his cast to deliver a hilarious romp. The show opened Friday at Midland Community Theatre.

Based on the Jules Verne novel, the story centers on Englishman Phileas Fogg who makes a bet that he can travel the world in 80 days by way of public transportation. Adapted by playwright Mark Brown, the story holds true to Verne's spirit of adventure and humor.

With a mere cast of seven, most actors had the task of playing a multitude of characters. As Phileas Fogg, Cody Petty was tasked with the one character, but Misty Muesing, Daniel Collins, Joe Thomason and Phil Tytanic ably shifted in and out of characters in rapid-fire style. Although affixed to a primary character, with minor adjustments to their costumes and deliveries, the actors kept each new one fresh and distinguishable from the others. That juggling act was quite a feat.

As Passepartout, Fogg's new French servant, Collins is a whirlwind of activity onstage. His physical comedy and his outrageous accent is an ideal

REVIEW

WANT TO GO?

"Around the World in 80 Days" runs through March 19 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

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Heat Index: The weekend's list of top things to do

By Rich Lopez
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This is another full weekend, with music, movies and food trucks. Keep busy with these best bets to cap off the week. And for more weekend events, see the calendar on Page 2.

First Friday at Kamiposi

The monthly reception will feature the works of Odessa artist Allison Easlon Moyers. After living in France, the artist has returned. She creates whimsical, colorful pieces that will be on show throughout March at the gallery. The night will also feature refreshments and live music by local band Strange Wool.

6 p.m. Friday. 510 S. Big Spring St. Free. Facebook.com/kamiposi.

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CALENDAR

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

ART & DANCE

First Friday featuring the works of Allison Easion Moyers. The opening reception will feature live music by Strange Wool. On view throughout March. 6 p.m. Friday. Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. Free. All ages. facebook.com/kamiposi.

Adventures in Art: Sculpture for children ages 6 to 12. Children will tour the exhibition "Recent Acquisitions" and then created their own sculpture. Registration must be made in advance. 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. noelartmuseum.org.

2016 Student Art Exhibition: Storytellers. The annual art show features works by area students representing elementary through high school in a variety of media. Through April 10. Durham Children's Museum, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

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

"Otra Vez" featuring works by Wayne Hilton. Using recycled materials, Hilton focuses his works on Mexican arts and culture. The works were commissioned specifically for the Centennial branch's public gallery space. The art will display through April 30 with a series of programming. MCPL Centennial, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us.

Winter Art Exhibit featuring artists from ArtQuest, ArtiZen, Midland Arts Association and Palette Club of Midland as well as works by clients from Rays of Hope and MARC. The exhibit runs through March 17. The Gallery at Midland Shared Spaces, 3500 N. A. St. midlandss.org.

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

EVENTS

Bird Feeding Program by the I-20 Wildlife Preserve's executive director Heidi Hughes. 6:30 p.m. today at Midland County Public Library Centennial, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. i20wildlifepreserve.org.

Ink Masters Tattoo Show will feature artists from around the world. The event will feature award shows, giveaways and children's entertainment. Friday-Sunday. Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway, Odessa. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

Drag Night with Raven from "RuPaul's Drag Race." Doors at 9 p.m, Show at 11:30 p.m. Friday at Club 20/20, 1023 S. Grant Ave. $10-$20. facebook.com/club2020odessa.

Dust Bowl Animal Rescue Adoption Event will have more than 20 dogs and puppies available for adoption. All animals have been vaccinated, tested and spayed or neutered before adoption. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at Music City Mall (across from Fuddruckers), 4101 E. 42nd St., Odessa. dustbowlanimalrescue.com.

Birding Walk Around the Playa hosted by Heidi Hughes. Space is limited so reservations are encouraged. For adults only. Wear appropriate outdoor clothing. 8 a.m. Sunday at I-20 Wildlife Preserve, 2201 S. Midland Drive. 432-853-9453. i20wildlifepreserve.org.

'LABYRINTH'

Book Signing: Authors James Collett and Doug Page will sign copies of their book "Postcard History Series: Midland" 1-3 p.m. Sunday at Barnes and Noble, 2617 W Loop 250 N. bn.com.

FAMILY FUN

Family Science Night: Mad Scientist. Families are invited to participate in science experiments and creative projects. Refreshments provided. 6-8 p.m. today at The Petroleum Museum, 1500 W Interstate 20 West. Free. petroleummuseum.org.

Family Free-For-All Creates Artists! Enjoy family-friendly science and art activities and free dome shows. 10 a.m. Saturday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. free. museumsw.org.

Old Miner's Maze interactive adventure features a maze, rock walls, mechanical bull and more. Winter hours: Fridays 5-8 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday noon to 6 p.m. 4305 N. County Rd. 1140. oldminersmaze.com.

GAMES, SPORTS & FITNESS

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Friday Night Magic at Hastings, 3111 W. Cuthbert Ave. Fridays at 7 p.m. Free.

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

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

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

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

Family Nite roller skating, Sundays from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at KC's Nutty Roller, 1004 A Andrews Highway. kcsnuttyroller.com.

Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Basin Burger House.

Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 8 p.m. Wednesdays at Torino's. challengeentertainment.com.

MUSIC

The Four Freshmen play the West Texas Jazz Society's fundraiser. Menu provided by Chef Lou Lambert. Today at Petroleum Club of Midland, 501 W. Wall St. wtjs.org.

Midland Community Band Spring Concert, 7 p.m. Friday at Wagner and Brown Auditorium at Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield St.

ROX, 9 p.m. Friday at Your Place, 3704 W. Wall St.

Texas Heat Band, Friday at Detour Bar, 1708 Rankin Highway.

Matt Caldwell, 9 p.m. Friday at Beer Garden, 7112 West Highway 80.

Darren Welch Group, Friday. and Saturday at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

The Barkin' Spiders, Saturday at Your Place, 3704 W. Wall St.

MOSC: Mozart Requiem 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $17-$30. MOSC.org.

Brian Nelson, 9 p.m. Saturday at Beer Garden, 7112 West Highway 80.

I Last Chance, 7 p.m. Saturday. The Garage, 1110 N. Main St., Fort Stockton. $5. thegaragetx.com.

THEATER, COMEDY & FILM

SciFriday Film Series: "Labyrinth." (PG) This year's theme is So Bad, It's Good. Screenings include snack bar for all ages, beer and wine for adults and general seating. Seats are first come first served. Parents should not film ratings. Doors at 7 p.m. Friday at Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Friday Night Funnies featuring local live comedy. 9 p.m. Friday. Double Dave's Pizzaworks, 3208 N Loop 250 W. Free.

"Around the World in 80 Days" tells the tale of a rich Englishman who has to circumnavigate the globe or lose a steep wager. Opens Friday and runs through March 19 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

#Hamlet is a modern take on Shakespeare's classic tragedy by Permian Playhouse's Kaleidoscope Company. Closes Saturday. Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., Odessa. permianplayhouse.com.

Auditions: "La Cage aux Folles" by Midland Community Theatre. The musical runs April 15-30. Auditions are at 6:30 p.m. Sunday and Monday. Scripts are available for checkout and character information and rehearsal schedule can be found on the website. MCT, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

"Disney's The Little Mermaid" closes Saturday. Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

COMING SOON

MARCH

Spring Break Fun at the Museum. The museum will be open Monday through Saturday with activities each day. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Loreena McKennitt, 7:30 p.m. Monday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $38.50-$68.50. wagnernoel.com.

Tastes Around Midland bus tours. Visit three restaurants on a Midland Shuttle Services' party bus featuring complimentary beverages. 21 and older only. 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. $59 per person. Discounts for groups of 10 and more. RSVP by calling 432-695-6282. midlandshuttleservices.com.

Winnie Brave, Bryon Garrison, Destiny Cross, 7 p.m. March 9 at The Garage, 1110 N. Main St., Fort Stockton. $5. thegaragetx.com.

Tenth Avenue North, Hawk Nelson, I Am They, 7 p.m. March 10 at Andrews County Expo Arena, 1441 Highway 176, Andrews. $18-$40. whatyeshuacando.webs.com.

Star Party with the West Texas Astronomers. The group offers an educational look up at the night sky at Haley Park. Dusk. March 11. Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. museumsw.org.

One Night at Gilley's with Mickey Gilley and Johnny Lee. 7 p.m. March 11 at Hacienda Event Center, 12600 Hwy 191. $43.19. eventbrite.com.

The Revolution Hip-Hop Show 7:30 p.m March 11 at The Atrium, 3904 W. Wall St. $5.

Beauty and the Beast Comedy Show featuring April Macie and Chris Crawford. 8 p.m. March 11 at Wyndham Garden, 3100 W. Wall St. mspn-entertainment.com.

Cory Dutton, 9 p.m. March 11 at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

The Chet Johnson Band, 9 p.m. March 11 and 12 at Your Place, 3704 W. Wall St.

Wicked West Band, 9 p.m. March 11 at Detour Bar, 1708 Rankin Highway.

Midland Downtown Farmers Market Second Saturday will also feature crafters and their items for sale. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. March 12 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W Missouri Ave. midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com.

Midland Scottish-Irish Faire and Highland Games is presented by the Celtic Heritage Society of the Permian Basin. The event will feature workshops, celtic music, bagpipe performances, Highland games and more. March 12 and 13 at Midland County Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. Ticket prices not yet listed. chspb.org.

80s and 90s Old School Night with DJ Lovechild. 9 p.m. March 12 at Wyndham Garden, 3100 W. Wall St. $7 advance $8 door. eventbrite.com.

Mike Farris, 2:30 p.m. March 13 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $11-$35. liveonstage-pb.com.

MOSC: Permian Basin String Quartet performs the next in their Late Beethoven Cycle and will include Beethoven Op. 135 and Brahms Op. 51. 3 p.m. March 13 at the Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $15. MOSC.org.

Third Thursday Reading Program will feature "A Tale for Easter." The free children's reading event will offer free copies of the book to those in attendance. Refreshments provided but spaces must be reserved. 4:30 p.m. March 17 at George W. Bush Childhood Home, 1412 W Ohio Ave. 432-685-1112. bushchildhoodhome.org.

"Dust and Depression" will feature historic photographic works of the country after the Stock Market Crash of 1929. The exhibition includes works by John Collier Jr., Walker Evans, Dorothea Lange and more. Opens March 17 and runs through June 6. Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. noelartmuseum.org.

Aaron Einhouse, 9 p.m. March 17 at Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. rockinrodeomidland.com.

St. Patrick's Day Party, 7 p.m. March 18 at KC's Nutty Roller, 1004 Andrews Highway.

Robert Plant and the Sensational Space Shifters, March 18 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. wagnernoel.com.

Forgotten Road Band, 9 p.m. March 18 at Detour Bar, 1708 Rankin Highway.

Permian Basin Comic Con X 2016 with announced guests Kevin Nash (from "Magic Mike" films and WWE wrestler), Verne Troyer (Mini Me from "Austin Powers") and Mighty Morphin Power Rangers. March 18-20 at Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. pbcomicconx.com.

The Unsweet Ts, March 18 and 19 at Your Place, 3704 W. Wall St.

Random Acts of Art: Vintage Photography with Odessa College photography professor Steve Goff. Coinciding with the "Dust and Depression" exhibition, students will learn how to take vintage photos with a cell phone and apps. Registration is required. For ages 15 and older. 1:30 p.m. March 19 at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. $30. noelartmuseum.org

Ward Davis, 9 p.m. March 19 at Beer Garden, 7112 West Highway 80.

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

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

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

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

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

Stomp, 7:30 p.m. March 31 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $40.50-$88. broadwayinthebasin.com.

APRIL

SciFriday Film Series: "Mars Attacks!" (PG-13) This year's theme is So Bad, They're Good. Screenings include snack bar for all ages, beer and wine for adults and general seating. Seats are first come first served. Parents should note film ratings. Doors at 7 p.m. April 1 at Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

The Browders, 7 p.m. April 1 at Calvary Assembly, 508 S. Johnson Drive. thebrowders.com.

Bo Phillips Band, 9 p.m. April 1 at Beer Garden, 7112 West Highway 80.

Chris Wayne Band, 9 p.m. April 1 at Beer Garden, 7112 West Highway 80.

Jimmy and the Johnsons, April 1 and 2 at Your Place, 3704 W. Wall St.

Walk for Wishes WTX. One-mile fun walk and 5k is a family-friendly community event that raises funds to help grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions in West Texas. The event also features live music, food and a Kids' Zone. Registration at 7 a.m., run at 8:30 a.m. April 2 at Parks Legado Town Center, 7421 State Highway 191. walkforwisheswtx.org.

Family Free-For-All Gets Tricky! Enjoy family-friendly science and art activities based on a theme and free dome shows. 10 a.m. March 5 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. free. museumsw.org.

Miss Sunburst Texas pageant and beautiful baby contest. The pageant is open to boys and girls from infant to 3 years and girls 4-27. The pageant is a preliminary to the Sunburst State Finals in Houston. 1 p.m. April 3 at Midland Park Mall 4511 N. Midkiff Road. sunburstbeauty.com.

MOSC: Lone Star Brass performs "Odessa - From Russia to Texas." 3 p.m. April 3 at the Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $15. MOSC.org.

Stringfever, 7 p.m. April 5 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $11-$35. liveonstagepb.com.

Boutique Bonanza will feature more than 20 vendors along with a cash bar. The Green Tree Social Organization is hosting the event. 3 p.m. April 6 at Green Tree Country Club, 4900 Green Tree Blvd. Free.

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LEGACY

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I really love what I do performing and touring."

He picked up drumsticks for the first time in high school with rock band dreams but he discovered jazz, which led him to the small Edmund's Community College in his home state of Washington. He coincidentally studied under a former Freshmen who recommended him for an audition.

"I knew I always wanted to do something with music," Ferreira said. "I studied opera and education, but this allowed me to play drums and sing. Not many vocal groups can accompany themselves instrumentally while singing harmonies. This was a life changing opportunity."

In 1948, the group started as a vocal jazz harmony with members Don and Ross Barbour, Bob Flanigan and Hal Kratzsch. The original lineup toured bowling alleys and small clubs across the country before blooming into the international jazz scene.

The current iteration, based in Las Vegas, travels about half the year, with members supplanted all along the West Coast.

"One place I love to visit is Japan," Ferreira said. "I've been there more than a dozen times, and I love the people and the culture. They have a beautiful appreciation for music. We can play in packed auditoriums of more than 2,000 people, and the next night we'll play in a stuffy jazz club with 30 people right in your face."

Ferreira assures that no matter the crowd though, The Four Freshmen are always happy to bring their game to a performance with music from the group's vast catalog.

"Even if you're not familiar with our specific songs, we'll play familiar sounding music," Ferreira said. "This group inspired the Beach Boys, so people will enjoy the sound. We have a blast on stage and all we want is for the audience to have as much fun as we're having."

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SCI-FRIDAYS FILM SERIES BEGINS AT MUSEUM OF THE SOUTHWEST

Running with the theme So Bad, It's Good, the Museum of the Southwest kicks off its Sci-Fridays series with a tribute to the late David Bowie. The museum will screen the 1986 fantasy film "Labyrinth" in the Blakemore Planetarium and will feature Bowie trivia and prizes and encourages visitors to don their best Bowie costumes. Along with the free movie, Sci-Fridays also feature free wine and beer for adults and snack bar for all ages.

7 p.m. Friday. 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. museumsw.org.

MIDLAND COMMUNITY BAND'S SPRING CONCERT AT MIDLAND COLLEGE

Welcome springtime with MCB's annual concert complete with show tunes, marches and even guest conductors from UTPB's Music Program. The added bonus to MCB shows is the Red Hat Society, which provides complimentary treats during intermission.

7 p.m. Friday in the Allison Fine Arts auditorium, 3600 N. Garfield St. Free.

"REQUIEM" AT THE WAGNER NOEL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale will go all out when they present the famous Mozart piece. The MOSC will host the Midland College Chaparral Singers, the Odessa College Choir and the UTPB University Singers. To add to the drama of the night, the concert will also feature performances by vocalists Jennifer Bird-Arvidsson, Abigail Nims, Karl Dent and Curtis Streetman.

7:30 p.m. Saturday. 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $17-$30. MOSC.org.

FOOD TRUCK SUNDAY AT CUTHBERT MANSION

The food truck event is back, and by the sounds of it, bigger than before. With nine trucks slated to appear, a wide selection of foods can be had. The event will also feature a DJ spinning music and bounce houses for children. Just don't put the kids in right after they eat. The event is free, but consider cash in the event some trucks aren't taking cards.

4-9 p.m. Sunday. 3207 W. Cuthbert Ave. facebook.com/midnightmunchies1.

'80 DAYS'

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counterbalance to Petty's stoicism. Thomason played Detective Fix intent on arresting Fogg who could be a criminal on the run. Muesing plays several smaller male roles before playing Fogg's potential love interest, Aouda, an Indian princess. Tytanic perhaps plays the most parts of all churning out a spectrum of voices, accents and postures. He sometimes veered too close to stereotype as humor, but he managed the ins and outs with able perspicacity.

Opening night suffered, however. The dialogue is heavy in "80 Days" and mixed with the actors' different characters, delivery wasn't tight. The cast was familiar with the parts and changes, but they had yet to ease into their lines. This made the show long, or at least feel that way. With a 7:30 p.m. curtain, the first act didn't let out until almost 9 p.m. To be fair, the show was coinciding with "Little Mermaid" intermissions and exits over on the main stage. And as the show runs, the dialogue and delivery should tighten.

The ingenuity of using vintage luggage gave the show great character. Porters, portrayed by Jennifer Cochran and Matt Scott, moved suitcases and valises around to accommodate the actors and stage scenes that included an elephant ride and a boat in a typhoon.

But with uproarious laughs from the audience, "Around the World in 80 Days" was definitely a crowd-spleaser.

Disney's 'Zootopia' is wildly entertaining

By Michael Rechtshaffen
The Hollywood Reporter

REVIEW

LOS ANGELES — Just when it was looking like animated animal movies had run out of anything original to say, along comes the smartly amusing, crisply relevant "Zootopia" to handily demonstrate there's still plenty of bite left in the anthropomorphic CG menagerie.

Boasting a pitch perfect voice cast led by a terrific Ginnifer Goodwin as a righteous rural rabbit who becomes the first cottontailed police recruit in the mammal-centric city of "Zootopia," the 3-D caper expertly combines keen wit with a gentle, and very timely, message of inclusivity and empowerment.

The engaging result should easily appeal to all creatures great and small, giving this premium Walt Disney Animation Studios effort a paw up on spring break entertainment, not to mention the summer arrival of Universal's animated "The Secret Life of Pets."

As the Zootopia Police Department's sole bunny officer, idealistic Judy Hopps (Goodwin) discovers that breaking barriers can be an uphill climb, especially when the other cops in the force are mainly of the more imposing elephant/rhino/hippo ilk.

Although intrepid Judy can't wait to collar her first perp, Bogo (Idris Elba), Precinct 1's gruff cape buffalo police chief, has other plans, assigning her to parking duty, where she proves her worth by writing 200 tickets before noon on her first day.

But when a number of "Zootopia's" residents abruptly go missing, Bogo gives Judy the green light to do some big time police work and she finds herself partnering up with Nick Wilde (Jason Bateman), a sly, world-weary scam artist of a fox, in a 48-hour bid to crack the case.

Nimbly directed by Byron Howard ("Tangled," "Bolt") and Rich Moore ("Wreck-It Ralph"), along with co-director Jared Bush, who shares screenplay credit with Phil Johnston, the romp serves up plenty of sharply observed satire (a DMV manned entirely by sloths is played to hilariously protracted effect) wrapped up in judicious life lessons that never feel preachy or shoehorned-in.

While Goodwin and Bateman are a voice-casting dream team come true as a dysfunctional duo who learn to follow their instincts over preconceived notions, they're joined by a nicely diverse supporting ensemble that also includes J.K. Simmons, Tommy Chong, Octavia Spencer and Shakira as a gazelle pop star who performs the film's original song, "Try Everything," co-written by hit-makers Sia and Stargate.

Also making their lines count are Jenny Slate as a not-so-sheepish sheep who serves as "Zootopia's" predator-averse assistant mayor and Maurice LaMarsh as an arctic shrew version of Don Corleone named Mr. Big.

Visually, the "Zootopia" canvas pops — with or without the 3-D glasses — thanks to a gorgeously vibrant color palette and whimsical architectural scales orchestrated by production designer David Goetz. His work is in keeping with an all-mammal parallel universe comprised of distinct microclimates like sunny Bunnyburrow, icy Tundratown and self-explanatory Little Rodentia.

Composer Michael Giacchino, meanwhile, in his first non-Pixar animated feature assignment, delivers a typically buoyant score, playfully tossing in music cues that pay affectionate homage to Bernard Herrmann and Nino Rota.

"Zootopia," a Disney release, is rated PG for "some thematic elements, rude humor and action." Running time: 108 minutes.

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'Spotlight' is nothing short of a modern masterpiece

PICK O' THE WEEK

"Spotlight" (R) While the subject matter is tough to watch, the story is brilliantly told. For fellow news junkies, watching the machinations of a big news organization is fascinating. This film rates as one of the best three of that type, joining "All the President's Men" and "Network." **A**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"Extraction" (R) Bruce Willis seems about as interested being in this movie as I was watching it, which was not at all. It combines all the overused cliches of spy movies with a bunch of puny fight scenes and a romantic element that doesn't appeal to anyone, especially the actors involved. **F**

MORE REVIEWS

"Diablo" (R) Scott Eastwood has some nerve appearing in the type of movie that made his dad a superstar. But it works. Mostly. When it isn't ripping off "The Outlaw Josey Wales," the story is fresh and inventive, adding a few twists that keep things interesting. **B-**

"Effie Gray" (PG-13) Dakota Fanning is terrific in this film based on a true story of a woman trapped in a loveless marriage. The film drags a bit in the second and third acts, but Emma Thompson's screenplay builds the drama beautifully. **B**

"The Good Dinosaur" (PG) It's not going to rank at the top of Pixar's library and it should have been titled "Arlo and Spot," but it's still pretty cute, and if it'll keep the kids out of your hair for a little while — not that I endorse using the TV as a baby sitter — it's worth every penny. **B-**

"The Haunting of Ellie Rose" (not rated) You, too, will be haunted by the seemingly endless replaying of one scene and the stupid story. **D**

"Howl" (not rated) With the plague of horrible werewolf movies foisted upon us the past few years, it's no wonder this style of creature feature has not caught fire. But this film is different. It's genuinely scary and well- told. **B**

"I Smile Back" (R) There is absolutely nothing wrong with Sarah Silverman's portrayal of a woman suffering from myriad emotional troubles. In fact, she's quite amazing in the dramatic role. But for those of us used to her comedic endeavors, the film is quite unsettling in ways that were not intended. **B-**

"Julia" (R) Stylish rape revenge thriller is muddled but worth the effort to unscramble. **B-**

"Moonwalkers" (R) It's a platform for the idea to appease all the conspiracy theorists who think the 1969 moon landing was staged by the government and filmmaker Stanley Kubrick. Unfortunately, the result is not nearly as clever or funny as the idea. **C**

"Quarantine L.A." (not rated) Dreadful military-meets-zombie fare is a true disaster movie: From its acting to makeup to realization, it's all disastrous. **F**

"Secret in Their Eyes" (PG-13) There are some dialogue issues with the production, but Julia Roberts will blow your mind in the most powerful 90 seconds of her career. The murder mystery also takes a couple of directions you will never see coming. **B**

FILM CAPS

"Deadpool" (R) Ryan Reynolds stars as the former Special Forces operative-turned unconventional antihero in the Marvel Comics adaptation. With Ryan Reynolds, Morena Baccarin, Ed Skrein. Written by Rhett Reese & Paul Wernick. Directed by Tim Miller.

"Eddie the Eagle" (PG-13) Inspirational story of Eddie Edwards, the unlikely British ski jumper who captivated the world at the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics. With Taron Egerton, Christopher Walken and Hugh Jackman. Written by Sean Macaulay. Directed by Dexter Fletcher.

"London Has Fallen"(R) The funeral of the British prime minister is the target of terrorists in this sequel to the 2013 hit "Olympus Has Fallen." With Gerard Butler, Aaron Eckhart, Morgan Freeman. Written by Creighton Rothenberger & Katrin Benedikt and Christian Gudegast and Chad St. John. Directed by Babak Najafi.

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

"Triple 9" (R) A rookie police officer throws a wrench into the heist plans of crooked cops in league with the Russian mob. With Casey Affleck, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Anthony Mackie. Written by Matt Cook. Directed by John Hillcoat.

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

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

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Former Chicago Tribune reporter Kim Barker was in Chicago doing publicity for the movie "Whiskey, Tango, Foxtrot" based on her book, "The Taliban Shuffle," on Feb. 18.

Kim Barker: What it's like to have Tina Fey play you in film based on book

By David Heinzmann
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Kim Barker was sitting at a restaurant table with a handful of old Chicago Tribune colleagues, making fun of her eyelashes.

Nobody would have noticed but she pointed them out — fake eyelashes.

The former Tribune war correspondent who wrote "The Taliban Shuffle," a darkly comic memoir about living by her wits during the Afghan war, was in town on a movie-studio junket to promote the book's film adaptation, "Whiskey Tango Foxtrot." Wherever she went during her two-day stay, she was first made camera-ready by a stylist.

So goes the surrealism of this moment in Barker's life — arriving in her old city, shepherded by a team of publicists to talk to people in her own profession about the movie that fictionalizes her life and stars Tina Fey.

"This is just temporary. This is one of those 15-minute things," she said, as if trying to convince herself that the statement was true.

Barker kept coming back to the fake eyelashes. She was trying to illustrate the strange experience of straddling a line between the real Kim Barker and the fictional Kim Baker that Fey portrays in the movie.

"If people want to mix me up with Tina Fey and her character, that's going to happen. But I know who I am and my friends know who I am," she said. "And they know I'm kind of bemused by this whole idea. I'm going around, I've got fake eyelashes and, look at me, man, I've got TV anchorman hair. I'm coiffed. Look at the makeup on my face. Have you ever seen me with this much makeup on my face?"

The answer is no, and this is probably the place to disclose that Barker is my friend. Most of our interaction during her recent visit to Chicago was spent in a group of old Tribune friends eating, drinking wine and celebrating her alleged "15 minutes." So this piece should not be construed as an objective comment on her book or the movie.

But in a series of conversations during her two days in town she held forth on her experiences covering Afghanistan and Pakistan, and on the strange path toward having an actress regarded as one of the funniest comedians in Hollywood portray her on the screen.

In the movie, which opens March 4, Fey plays a mid-career TV producer stuck in professional and personal ruts, viewing the chance to cover the war as an opportunity to "blow up her life."

That's not really how it happened. As is the case with several details in "Whiskey Tango Foxtrot," Barker's story has been condensed and altered to dramatize the experience of being a woman with no war-reporting experience cast into the chaos of Afghanistan.

Despite the fictionalizing of her reality, Barker feels like the story on the screen captures the essential truth of her experience. The experiences of women journalists covering conflict in a Taliban-influenced Islamic culture are central to the themes of the movie. And gender issues were on Barker's mind when the real story began.

"I remember after 9/11 happened, (former Tribune reporter) Kirsten Scharnberg and I went to some Italian restaurant that had white butcher paper on the table and we mapped out how many women were getting sent out and how many men were getting sent out (to cover aftermath of the terrorist attacks)," she said. "As a journalist you don't really think that much about the risk or of being terrified. It was just, 'I want to be one of the people who get to see it.' "

In the early assignments after 9/11, mostly male reporters were being dispatched to New York, Washington and abroad. But when a group of older male reporters pulled Barker aside and told her then-editor Ann Marie Lipinski wanted more women on the front lines, she knew a moment of truth had come.

"And I kind of felt like I had gotten myself into a situation. … I sort of boxed myself into a position of OK, now you really have to go."

She introduced herself to the paper's foreign editor and stated her intentions. To her surprise, he immediately said, "Get ready to go to Pakistan."

She called home to tell her family and "my parents were like, why would they send you to Pakistan? You haven't even been to Europe."

Nonetheless, Barker started making trips to South Asia in early 2002 and was the Tribune's correspondent there from 2004 to 2009. Officially, she was based in Delhi, but she rarely saw her apartment there. Most of her time was spent traveling in Afghanistan and Pakistan. In Kabul, she stayed in a series of ramshackle hotels and guesthouses. Her depiction of them in the book leaves readers with the impression of shabby lodgings that were part newsroom, part psychiatric ward, mostly frat house.

Her learning curve was steep.

"My news judgment was crap in the very beginning," she said. Her boss in Chicago "would call me and ask, 'Why don't you have that story? Because that's actually news.' … I was working with these fixers in Pakistan. I swear, I had this one guy, who, all he wanted to do was come and eat lunch and breakfast … and invite all of his friends."

Foreign journalists are heavily dependent on fixers, locals who speak the language and can set up interviews, interpret and guide a correspondent on working safely in a conflict zone. Barker's relationship with her longtime fixer in Afghanistan was one aspect of her story that the filmmakers did not alter.

She remains close to her Afghan fixer, Farouq Samim, and said she would not have written the book in the style she did if he had not escaped Afghanistan with his family. He relocated to Canada in September 2009, and Barker is planning for him to come to New York for the March 1 premiere of the movie.

One fundamental change the filmmakers did make has been the source of much grief directed at Barker from her reporter friends. Screenwriter Robert Carlock made "Kim Baker" and all of the other journalists in the story into television reporters instead of print reporters. In fact, the "Kabul High" environment she describes in the book was populated almost exclusively by print reporters, she said.

"It was mostly print reporters who were based there. … The heavy lifting really is done by the print reporters, and you don't see any print reporters in the movie," she acknowledged. "Of course, I would love my profession to be up there. I'd love it to be like 'Spotlight.' "

The filmmakers told her that TV reporters shooting video made for better drama than print reporters taking notes and typing stories. While the depiction of rumpied, khaki-clad Boston Globe reporters in "Spotlight" didn't seem to undermine the drama in that Oscar-nominated movie, Barker said it would be hypocritical for her to complain about it.

"When you sell the rights to your book, you accept what happens with that. And overall, if you're going to ask me if I'm upset with the movie or happy with the movie, I'm pleasantly surprised by the movie," she said. "I was terrified and thought what if it turned out to be like 'Anchorman.' That would not do the story justice. It would be humiliating."

She thinks carefully about her humorous treatment of a deadly serious subject.

"Some people complain about the book; they say it's not that funny. Other people say, 'Oh, she shouldn't have made it be funny because it's war.' And I kind of feel like, if I'm getting those two reactions, I might have hit the right boundaries."

Barker started thinking about writing "The Taliban Shuffle" sometime around 2006 in conversations with other correspondents.

"We always joked about how somebody should write a funny book. An absurd book … going from this weird sort of social life to going out to cover conflict. And trying to tell it in a dark comedy — 'M*A*S*H'-like — vein," she said. "It was just something we always talked about, and at a certain point I was like, oh yeah, I'm going to do that. And another friend said I'm going to, too. It was just something that you said you were going to do but you probably weren't."

But then reality set in 2007 when a troubled Tribune company was bought by real estate billionaire Sam Zell, who immediately voiced disdain for costly foreign reporting. Barker recalled that Zell publicly derided a feature story she wrote because a reporter from the Tribune-owned Los Angeles Times wrote the same story. Zell eventually installed new editors who redesigned the paper, leading to shorter stories and more local news coverage. Things soured quickly.

"I was doing everything I could to hold on to my job at the point," she said. "I had to write a story about Chicago pizza being delivered to the Illinois National Guard for the Super Bowl. That sounds like a really sweet story — like a story you should do. But I spent a lot of time with those guys … and some of them were forced to get up at four in the morning to go eat pizza because the Chicago Tribune was there. … They were annoyed and I was annoyed and then we write this feel-good story about the war and how great is it that we got pizza to the front lines in Afghanistan."

In 2009, as the Tribune was doing away with most for its foreign-reporting staff, her editors replaced her with another reporter and summoned her back to Chicago. She wanted to stay in Afghanistan and considered taking a job outside of journalism. She was in a quandary. She did not want to come back to the Tribune's metro desk and she did not want to leave journalism. In the end, she did neither.

Barker quit the Tribune, hung around Kabul briefly and then won a fellowship that gave her time to write. She set about working on the book that would become "The Taliban Shuffle."

"I just loved writing so much, and I still love writing so much," said Barker, who is now an investigative reporter for The New York Times. "I knew, for myself, if I didn't take a chance and roll the dice and try to write a book that I would regret that for the rest of my life."

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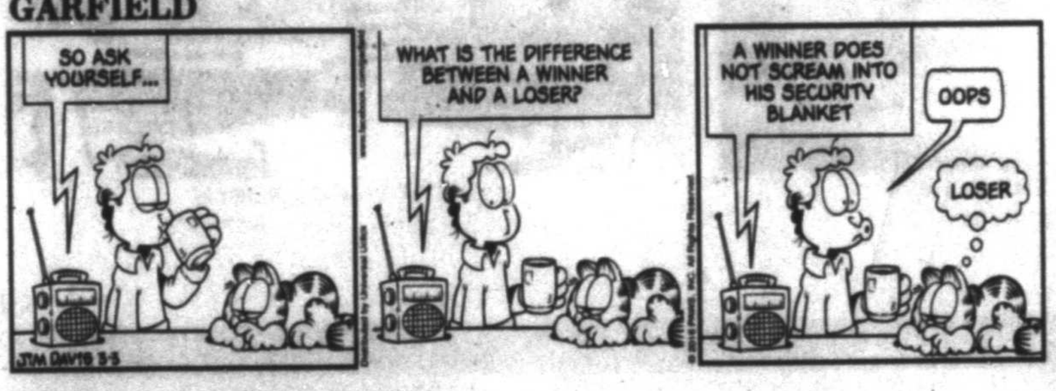

CLOSE TO HOME

"You pig! I can tell by the way that you're not looking at that woman that you want her!"

DENNIS THE MENACE

"DO BANKS HAVE REST ROOMS? I HAVE TO MAKE A DEPOSIT, TOO."

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

WIZARD OF ID

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"No, hold on, Mother, Jeffy WANTS to talk to you ..."

DILBERT

DINING

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ITALIAN & PIZZA

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

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

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

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

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

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

PAPA JOHN'S PIZZA Now with two locations in Midland, this popular chain offers several specialty pizzas, including Cheesy Chicken Cordon Bleu, Mediterranean Veggie and Hawaiian BBQ Chicken that you can order for carryout or delivery by phone or online. Make sure you add some extra yummy garlic butter dipping sauce. 4408 West Loop 250 N, 694-7272 and 1901 Rankin Highway, Suite 110, 684-4884 www.papajohns.com | $$ | 3 spoons

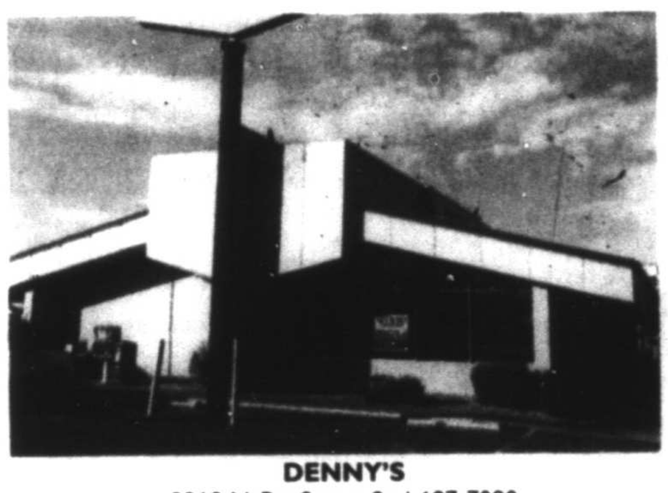
PAPA MURPHY'S TAKE 'N' BAKE PIZZA Order a pizza with whatever toppings you like. Papa Murphy's puts it together and you take it home and bake it. It's almost like home-cooking. 4416 Briarwood Ave., Suite 113 699-7272 www.papamurphys.com | $ | 4 spoons

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

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

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

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



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2210 N. BIG SPRING ST. | 687-7090

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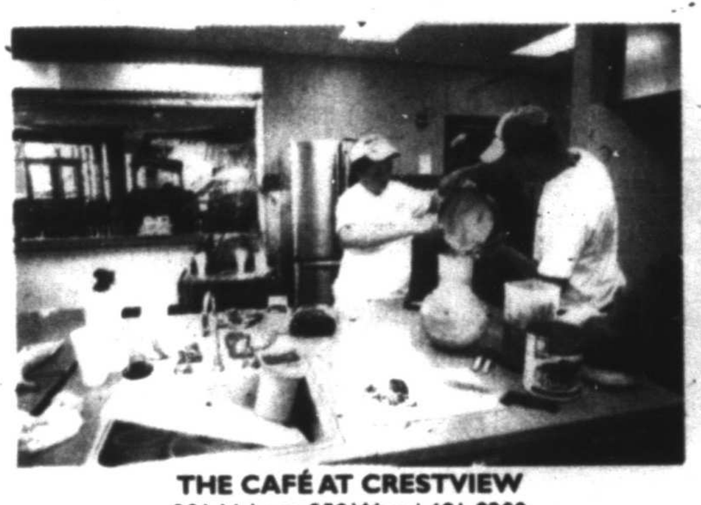

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3300 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD | 687-1478

AMERICAN & GRILL

ADDIE'S DINER Great burgers and salads with a '50s diner vibe. Chicken fried steak or steak fingers, chicken fried chicken or chicken fingers, fried catfish, hamburger steak and grilled pork chop entrees. Breakfast until 10:30 a.m. 304 E. Florida Ave., 686-2044. | $ | 4 spoons

BUFFALO WILD WINGS Grill and Bar Sports bar with more than 40 TVs inside serves wings, burgers, sandwiches and snacks. Try one of the wraps with your choice of more than 14 sauces. Smoking allowed inside. 5107 W. Wadley Ave. 694-9400 | $ | 3 spoons

BUSH'S CHICKEN Save room for the red cinnamon apple pie for dessert. Fried chicken with traditional sides. Iced tea by the gallon. Three-lane drive through. 2210 N. Big Spring St. 687-7090 www.bushschicken.com | $ | 3 spoons

THE CAFÉ AT CRESTVIEW Quiet cafe inside Crestview Baptist Church is open to the public and serves fabulous desserts. Sandwiches, soups, burgers, Tex-Mex dishes. 301 N. Loop 250 West. 681-8200 www.crestviewmidland.org | $ | 3 spoons

CAFÉ AT THE GARDENS Want to feel like you've left West Texas? Enjoy a cup of soup next to a koi pond inside a green house. Sandwiches and burgers on freshly baked bread, quiche, salads. Open for dinner and drinks on Thursday night. 3300 Fairgrounds Road. 687-1478 www.alldredgegardens.com | $ | 4 spoons

CLEAR SPRINGS CAFE One of the few places in Midland specializing in seafood claims to have the best onion rings and catfish in "Texas, the World and the known Universe." This Texas chain also has locations in Tyler, New Braunfels, Nacogdoches and San Antonio. Seafood, steaks, burgers, salads. 5707 Andrews Highway 522-1188 www.clearspringscafe.com | $$ | 3 spoons.

COTTON PATCH CAFE Casual dining chain restaurant off of Loop 250. Specials include fried catfish. Soups, salads, steaks. 2320 W. Loop 250 N. 618-0070. www.cottonpatch.com | $ | 2 spoons.

CRACKER BARREL Breakfast all day. Chicken and dumplings, meatloaf, smoked ham, fried fish. Old Country Store sells candy, toys, rocking chairs, decorative items. 3108 N. Loop 250 West. 689-3137 www.crackerbarrel.com | $ | 3 spoons

DENNY'S Open 24 hours a day, Denny's is one of very few options for people looking to grab a bite to eat at 3 a.m. Breakfast, burgers, snacks, pies and coffee. 3701 W. Wall St. 520-5306 www.dennys.com | $ | 2 spoons

EDDIE'S CATFISH COMPANY When you open a catfish restaurant, why mess around with anything else. Except maybe fried shrimp, french fries, hush puppies, coleslaw and onion rings. That's the menu at Eddie's Catfish Company. All you have to do is decide how many pieces you want. 301 N. Lee St. 684-4422. www.eddiescatfishco.com | $ | 3 spoons.

GRAHAM PHARMACY Refreshingly simple menu makes this a hot spot for lunch. Good luck finding a parking space. Try the pimento cheese sandwich and treat yourself to homemade fudge for dessert. 1601 W. Wall St. 684-5756 www.grahampharmacy.com | $ | 3 spoons.

JOJO'S EATERY Possibly the best desserts in town. Buy pies and cakes by the slice or take one home. Oh yeah, and the sandwiches, salads and burgers aren't bad either. Downtown inside the Petroleum Building. 214 W. Texas Ave. 682-3134. | $ | 3 spoons.

LORI'S CAFÉ Homestyle, diner cooking with a few surprises like wild boar sausage served with two eggs and toast. Breakfast items, lunch menu. Lori's uses locally-sourced food when available. 2201 W. Wall St. 570-1701 www.loriscafe.net | $ | 3 spoons.

THE RANCH HOUSE Stop by for a sandwich or pick up a whole ham or turkey for holidays. Sandwich options include chicken or tuna salad, turkey breast, peppered beef or ham, honey glazed ham, smoked brisket and barbecue. 5103 W. Wadley Ave. 699-0695 www.goldenglazedhams.com | $ | 3 spoons.

STANTON DRUG AND OLD-FASHIONED SODA FOUNTAIN Drive about a half-hour away from Midland for a hamburger or sandwich at Stanton Drug Store. Get there early. The owners close shop when they run out of meat for the day. 201 N. St. Peter, St. Stanton. 432-756-3731 | $ | 3 spoons

STRAWBERRY FIELDS CAFE Try the Santa Fe wrap. All organic menu with daily specials, sandwiches, wraps, smoothies. Soup and salad bar. If you can't find a table or need a quick lunch, check out the section of foods 'to go' inside the Natural Foods Market. 2311 W. Wadley Ave. 684-5869 www.naturalfoodsmkt.com | $ | 4 spoons

TATER WORLD The menu centers around this local restaurant's namesake. If you're hungry, go for the huge baked potatoes stuffed with brisket or steak. The menu has more than just potatoes. Ask around town and you'll hear Tater World has some of the best catfish in Midland. 802 S. Garfield St. 682-9111 | $ | 4 spoons

THE BAR Arguably the best burgers in town. Go during the fall or winter for the chili and cornbread. Live music and drink specials in the evenings. Try a bloody Mary with Saturday brunch. 606 W. Missouri Ave. 685-1757 www.thebarmidland.com | $$ | 4 spoons

TRIPLE THREAT SPORTS BAR & GRILL Philly cheesesteaks are the star of the menu but this sports bar also offers popcorn shrimp, chicken tenders, salads and appetizers. Smoking is permitted inside. 12 Meta Drive 683-5300 | $ | 4 spoons

WING STOP Nine wing sauce flavors range from mild to atomic. In the middle are lemon pepper, Hawaiian and garlic parmesan. 3323 N. Midland Drive, Suite 105 694-WING (9464) www.wingstop.com | $ | 4 spoons

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MHS vs. Lee will highlight TOC weekend

Roper

Russell

By Will Korn
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After the first handful of games on their respective schedules, both the Midland High and Lee baseball teams look like clubs that could be difficult to contend with this season.

And as the Bulldogs (5-1) and Rebels (3-2) begin play in Midland's Tournament of Champions today, they'll get the opportunity to test their mettle not only against one another, but also against a glut of quality 6A programs from around the state.

The tournament will run today through Saturday and games will be played throughout each day at MHS' Zachery Field, Christensen Stadium, Security Bank Ballpark and Lee's Ernie Johnson Field.

To conclude today's action, MHS and Lee will square off in a juicy tilt at 7 p.m. under the bright lights of Security Bank Ballpark. Thanks to a schedule that now allows each District 3-6A team a total of 15 district contests, today's MHS-Lee showdown will count in the district column.

Both MHS head coach Barry Russell and Lee coach Brian Roper are excited for the challenge of playing each other so early in the season, as well as for the caliber of competition they'll see in the three-day, 16-team tournament.

"It's going to be really good," Russell said. "Obviously, with us opening up with Lee, that's a tough one to draw right off the bat."

Along with fellow 3-6A combatants Odessa Permian and Odessa High, the contingent of tournament teams will also include next year's district foes Wolfforth Frenship and Amarillo Tascosa.

Weatherford and Richland will represent the Metroplex, while Lubbock High, Canyon Randall, Plainview and quartet of El Paso schools — Americas, Franklin, Eastwood and Montwood — will also be present this weekend. Andrews will represent the Class 4A ranks in the tournament.

Russell said he likes what he's seen from his team over the Bulldogs' first six games this season. During the Round Rock Tournament last weekend, MHS dispatched a pair of 6A powers — No. 2-ranked Round Rock and No. 21 Belton — by a combined score of 18-2.

The team also got several memorable performances on the mound, including complete game, one-hitters from both Brady Bolger and left-hander Jordan Luna-Howell. Jacob Mata also fired a three-hit, nine-strikeout shutout against Rockwall last Thursday.

But what stood out to Russell even more than the stellar pitching was his team's clean defense, which was an issue at times for the Bulldogs last season. Over the six games in Round Rock, MHS committed just one error.

"Even with those three shutouts,

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New Rebel on the block

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Newly approved Lee High football coach Clint Hartman, center, talks with MISD board members Angel Hernandez and Rick Davis after a special meeting Wednesday morning by the board at the MISD administration building.

Hartman introduced as Lee football coach

By Will Korn
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By a unanimous vote, the Midland ISD board of trustees approved Clint Hartman as Lee's new head football coach and campus coordinator at a special board meeting on Wednesday.

Hartman is the 13th head coach in the history of the Lee football program. He is replacing the outgoing James Morton, the Rebels' head coach from 2009-15, who took a job as head coach and athletic director at his alma mater, Eastland High School, in January.

Hartman was hired at an annual salary of $118,000.

MISD Executive Director of Athletics Randy Rowe, Lee Principal Stan VanHoozer, Executive Director of Secondary Education Jeff Horner, Lee Freshman principal Bobby Suits, as well as a member of the Lee Football Booster Club and two Lee head coaches, comprised the selection committee that ultimately hired Hartman from among a field of more than 40 applicants.

"I'm very blessed, very humbled to Mr. VanHoozer, Coach Rowe, the committee, Dr. (MISD Superintendent Ryder) Warren for allowing me to become the head football coach at Lee," Hartman said. "I believe this is a destination job."

From the original pool of 40 candidates, the committee cut the list down to about 10 names, then cut down to eight, and then down to three finalists, who were each brought to Midland to tour the city as well as the team's athletic facilities before undergoing a final interview. Rowe declined to identify the other two finalists for the position.

Warren said Hartman's character stood out to him throughout the roughly month-long interview process and really separated him from the other applicants.

"He made me understand that he was looking out for the whole child," Warren said. "It was important that he was a coach of kids rather than a coach of a sport."

Warren added that he is grateful for Morton's service to the school and the athletic program over the last seven seasons. But he was ready to move forward with someone who would bring a change to the program.

"I really love and appreciate everything James Morton did, but I did not want another James Morton," Warren said. "That's a point that I made to Coach Hartman: We don't need to stay status quo. We need something different. I don't want a mirror image of who was there. I want new perspectives, I want new ideas, I want to see what Coach Hartman will bring to that."

Rowe echoed Warren's sentiments and was equally impressed with Hartman's character both as a man and as a football coach.

"Clint Hartman rose to the top because of his passion for other people," Rowe said. "He's a man of integrity. I think that's the most important thing in leadership. Yeah, we want an expert in football, but integrity is the most important thing."

Hartman, 40, comes from San Antonio, where he spent the last three years as the head coach and athletic director for his alma mater, East Central. There, he compiled a 17-17 record and made the playoffs in each of the three seasons.

Hartman said he's excited to be taking over a program that has been a major staple on the West Texas football scene for the last half century. He added that the appeal of being able to coach football in West Texas was a deciding factor in his decision to leave his alma mater and eventually accept the Lee job.

"West Texas football — I think it's the best football in the state of Texas," Hartman said. "I have great friends here. I have great relationships and I have

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No. 10 West Virginia routs Texas Tech on senior night

Mountaineers	**90**
Red Raiders	68

By Jim Laise
Associated Press

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Senior Jaysean Paige and Daxter Miles Jr. each scored 15 points and No. 10 West Virginia closed out its home regular season on senior night Wednesday by trouncing Texas Tech 90-68.

Paige was honored pregame with fellow seniors Jonathan Holton and Richard Romeo III. He connected on 7 of 15 field goals, grabbed five rebounds and had five assists.

A sixth man, Paige was averaging a team-leading 14.3 points per game heading into this Big 12 conference game. No reserve has ever led the Mountaineers in scoring.

Miles broke a slump which had seen him score just a total of 14 points in his last four games. He missed two games with a bad hamstring during the midst of the slump. Holton grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds.

The victory for the Mountaineers (23-7, 12-5) keeps them in sole possession of second place in the Big 12 with a game to go at No. 19 Baylor Saturday. No. 6 Oklahoma swept WVU this year and owns a tiebreaker if needed. The Sooners are 11-6 in the league and will visit TCU to close the season.

Justin Gray's 15 points and Aaron Ross' 14 led the Red Raiders (18-11, 8-9).

WVU's six conference wins represents its most ever in the Big 12, which it joined in 2012. Tech's eight league wins are its most since 2006-07. Its 18 overall wins are the most since 2010.

The Mountaineers scored 12 straight points and led 36-22 with 2:41 to go in the first half. They finished the half ahead 41-26.

Tech shot 55 percent from the field, but WVU forced nine turnovers and outrebounded the visitors by 14. The Mountaineers were 12-0 on the offensive board.

West Virginia's biggest lead came with 4:52 to go at 82-55.

Tip-Ins

West Virginia coach Bob Huggins picked up his 788th career win in 34 years. He trailed Coastal Carolina's Cliff Ellis by one game for ninth place all-time coming into the Texas Tech game. Meanwhile, Texas Tech veteran coach Tubby Smith is 556-274 in 25 years.

Dixon out, but MC staying positive for Region V Tourney

By Oscar LeRoy
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The No. 13-ranked Midland College women's basketball team has been anxious for weeks, waiting for the start of the NJCAA Region V Tournament.

Now that it's here, the Lady Chaparrals (24-5) are going to have to go without a key player when they play McLennan Community College (14-15) at 2 p.m. today at the Brownwood Coliseum.

Sophomore shooting guard Sierra Dixon suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee in the second half of a 64-60 victory over Odessa College last week and is out for the season.

It's tough to lose not only a sophomore leader but arguably the team's deadliest 3-point shooter with a team-high 76 made from beyond the arc, while averaging 10.3 points per game.

"I feel really bad for Sierra, who won't get to close out her career at Midland College the way she wanted to," MC coach Ron Jones said. "She's been a big part of what we do, she's a good shooter from the outside and has been a good leader for us. But now we have to have others players step up, and I'm certain that they will."

The Lady Chaps agree that it won't be easy not having Dixon on the floor with them, but added they can find a way to overcome it.

"She's just a big key for our team and her shooting is what keeps us in games a lot of the times," sophomore guard Morgan Ashton said. "Having her out is definitely a big loss for us, but if we all work together we can definitely overcome it."

Added sophomore post Walnatia Wright: "It just needs to be in the team's mindset. We just have to believe it. The players just need to do what they do, just play like you did in high school. It's the same as when we would sub her out. Just get in and play."

While losing a key player is never easy, the sophomores are

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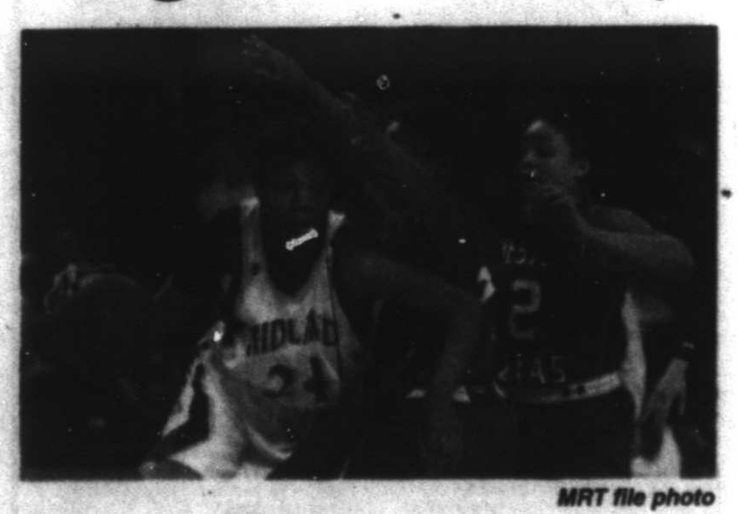
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Midland College's Walnatia Wright (24) moves the ball against Western Texas College's Brittany Thompson (21) and Jasmine Richardson (2) on Feb. 11 at Chaparral Center.

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WCC Quarterfinal: San Diego vs. San Francisco, 8 p.m., BYUtv
SEC 2nd Round: Georgia vs. Vanderbit/Ole Miss, 8:30 p.m., SEC
Pac-12 1st Round: Washington vs. Colorado, 10:30 p.m., P12
WCC Quarterfinal: Santa Clara vs. Gonzaga, 10:30 p.m., BYUtv

WOMEN'S SOCCER
She Believes Cup: USA vs. England, 6:30 p.m., FS1

ON RADIO

NBA
Sacramento at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

BASEBALL
Tournament of Champions
Midland High at Lee, 7 p.m., Security Bank Ballpark
Greenwood at Levelland Tournament
Midland Christian at McLain/Cowart Tournament, Round Rock

SOFTBALL
Lee at Prosper Tournament
Midland High at McKinney Tournament
Greenwood at Pirate Classic Tournament, Granbury
Midland Christian at Seminole Tournament

TENNIS
Midland High at Central Slam, San Angelo

TRACK
Greenwood, Stanton at Stanton Relays

Junior College

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Midland College at Region V Tournament, Howard Payne University, Brownwood

LATE HS SOFTBALL

LATE TUESDAY
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 12, PECOS 4

MCS	204	211	2—12	15	2	
Pecos	000	210	1—4	5	5	

W — Danika Gordon. 2B — MCS: Clarissa Martinez. Courtney Monk. Brandi Kennedy 3B — MCS: Kennedy. Pecos: Villanueva. HR — MCS: Gordon.

Next: Midland Christian at Seminole Tournament, Thursday

LOCAL SPORTS

EX-JACK HAUSINGER COMMITS TO UMASS-LOWELL

ODESSA — Former Odessa Jackalopes center Kenny Hausinger has committed to play NCAA Division I hockey for the University of Massachusetts-Lowell, the Jackalopes announced on Wednesday.

Hausinger, 20, played for Odessa last season and led the team in goals (25), assists (43) and points (68).

Now in his first year with the Des Moines (Iowa) Buccaneers of the United States Hockey League, Hausinger is 12th in the league in scoring with 15 goals and 27 assists through 46 games played.

He is currently the No. 11-ranked team in the country with a 21-8-5 overall record, as well as a 12-6-4 mark in the respected Hockey East Conference.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Agreed to terms with Ps Matt Barnes, Roenis Elias, Edwin Escobar, Heath Hembree, Williams Jerez, Brian Johnson, Tommy Layne, Pat Light, Henry Owens, Noe Ramirez, Eduardo Rodriguez, Carson Smith, Brandon Workman, and Steven Wright; Cs Blake Swihart and Christian Vazquez; INFs Xander Bogaerts, Sean Coyle, Marco Hernandez, Brock Holt, Deven Marrero, and Travis Shaw; and OFs Mookie Betts, Jackie Bradley Jr. and Bryce Brentz on one-year contracts.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Agreed to terms with Ps Chris Beck, Brandon Brennan, Scott Carroll, Erik Johnson, Tommy Kahnle, Jake Petricka, Zach Phillips, Carlos Rodon, Daniel Webb and Michael Ynoa; Cs Rob Brantly and Kevan Smith; INFs Matt Davidson, Leury Garcia, Mike Ott, Tyler Saladino and Carlos Sanchez; and OFs Daniel Fields, Jerry Sands and J.B. Shuck on one-year contracts.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Agreed to terms with Ps J.T Chargois, Pat Dean, Tyler Duffey, Kyle Gibson, J.R. Graham, Yorman Landa, Trevor May, Mason Melotakis, Alex Meyer, Ryan O'Rourke, Ryan Pressly, Taylor Rogers, Randy Rosario, Mike Strong and Michael Tonkin; Cs John Hicks and John Ryan Murphy; INFs Jorge Polanco and Kennys Vargas; and OFs Oswaldo Arcia, Byron Buxton, Max Kepler, Eddie Rosario, Miguel Sano, Danny Santana and Adam Brett Walker on one-year contracts.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Agreed to terms with OF Chris Denorfia on a minor league contract.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Agreed to terms with 1B Efren Navarro on a minor league contract.
National League
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Agreed to terms with 2B Kolten Wong on a five-year contract.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Agreed to terms with RHP Angel Acevedo and P Janigson Villalobos on minor league contracts.

BASKETBALL
Women's National Basketball Association
ATLANTA DREAM — Re-signed F Clarie Burdick and G Ariel Massengale.

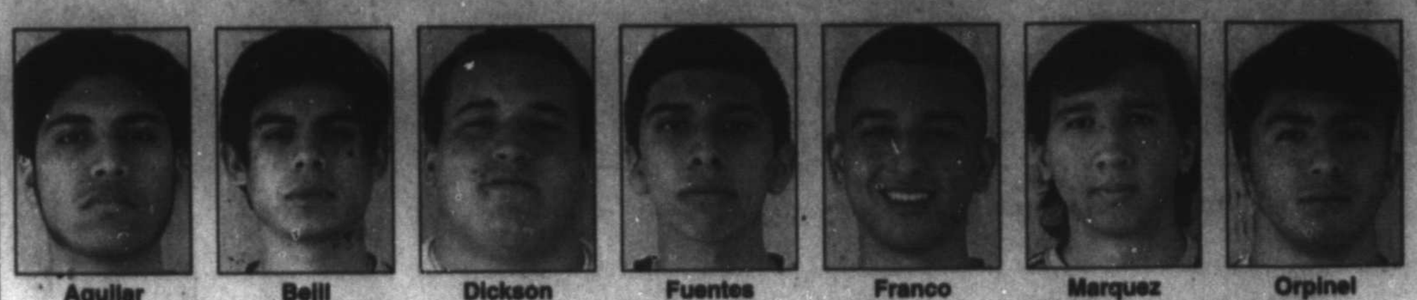
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS — Released WR Roddy White.
BALTIMORE RAVENS — Agreed to terms with QB Joe Flacco on a three-year contract extension.
DALLAS COWBOYS — Waived WR Donte Foster and DE Efe Obada.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Re-signed PK Mason Crosby.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Released TE Scott Chandler and WR Brandon LaFell.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Re-signed RB Shaun Draughn to a one-year contract.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Agreed to terms with CB Brice McCain on a multi-year contract.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ARIZONA COYOTES — Recalled D James Melindy and F Daniel O'Donoghue from Rapid City (ECHL).
DETROIT RED WINGS — Assigned G Jared Coreau to Grand Rapids (AHL).
MINNESOTA WILD — Recalled F Brady Brassart from Quad City (ECHL) to Iowa (AHL). Assigned F Jared Knight from Iowa (AHL) to Quad City (ECHL).
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS — Assigned D Jesper Pettersson from Lehigh Valley (AHL) to Reading (ECHL).
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Assigned F Brian Hart from Syracuse (AHL) to Greenville (ECHL).
American Hockey League
BAKERSFIELD CONDORS — Assigned G Ty Rimmer to Norfolk (ECHL).
BINGHAMTON SENATORS — Recalled G Scott Greenham from Evansville (AHL).
HARTFORD WOLF PACK — Assigned F Jack Combs to Greenville (AHL).
MANITOBA MOOSE — Returned D Jake Baker to Quad City (ECHL). Recalled F Ben Walter from Tulsa (ECHL).
ONTARIO REIGN — Assigned G Michael Houser to Manchester (ECHL). Recalled G Taran Kozun from Manchester.
ROCKFORD ICEHOGS — Recalled F Daniel Ciampini from Indy (ECHL).
SYRACUSE CRUNCH — Assigned D Charlie Dodero to Greenville (ECHL).

MOTORSPORTS
NASCAR — Suspended Martin Truax' crew chief Cole Pearn one Sprint Cup race and fined him $50,000 for a rules violation at Atlanta Motor Speedway. Fined JTG Daugherty crew chief Randall Burnett and Richard Childress Racing crew chiefs Slugger Labbe, Justin Alexander and Luke Lambert $15,000 each and placed them on probation through Dec. 31 for various infractions.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
COLUMBUS CREW — Signed F Kei Kamara to a contract extension through the 2018 season.
FC DALLAS — Signed F Colin Bonner.
North American Soccer League
OTTAWA FURY — Signed M/D Marcel de Jong and F Pablo Dyego.

COLLEGE
INTERCOLLEGIATE TENNIS ASSOCIATION — Named Rachel Dagen special projects coordinator and assistant to the CEO.
CLAYTON STATE — Announced the resignation of women's soccer coach Gareth O'Sullivan.
EMORY & HENRY — Named Dick Hopkins defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach.
ILLINOIS — Announced graduate DE Gimel President is transferring from Auburn.
NYU — Named Joseph Russgen men's assistant soccer coach.
SYRACUSE — Named Todd Cook director of soccer operations.
UTSA — Named Tony Jeffery assistant athletics director for football.



Aguilar Bejil Dickson Fuentes Franco Marquez Orpinel

7 Bulldogs sign with Mountain View

By Will Korn
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The Midland High boys soccer team sent seven more of its players to the collegiate ranks on Wednesday at the MHS gym.

Center back Jaime Marquez, midfielder Christian Fuentes, defensive midfielder Allan Aguilar, midfielder Martin Orpinel, center back Nathan Bejil, forward Ezequiel Franco and goalkeeper Quentin T. Dickson all officially signed with Mountain View College in Dallas -- a two-year school in the Dallas County Community College District -- to continue their careers on the pitch.

Along with forward Alex VonHolle, who signed with the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs in early February, eight Bulldog players have now officially signed this season.

The Bulldogs' commitments materialized fairly quickly. Brad Namdar, the head coach at MVC, saw MHS play in a tournament earlier this season and was impressed with several of the team's players. After one of the games, he approached MHS head coach Warren Cottle and asked for his recommendations on who to recruit from the MHS roster.

Namdar spoke to the team and opened up a campus visit to whichever MHS players had interest in the program. Namdar left that meeting with a fresh crop of recruits from the Bulldog roster.

"Seven of us decided to go," Dickson said. "We all decided to commit that day."

Namdar said he is thrilled with his haul of MHS players and is excited about having the group in his program for the next two years.

"We're very excited to bring these talented kids to Dallas," Namdar said. "These young men from Midland have the potential to be phenomenal soccer players."

Each of the players are anxious to begin playing at the next level of the game. But they all feel blessed to have the opportunity to continue playing together as teammates.

"It's exciting," Bejil said. "I've been playing with these players since I was young. So it's a privilege and a blessing to continue my career in soccer with them. To keep the chemistry alive through high school, recreational, club and to now continue it in college, it's unbelievable."

Added Aguilar, who plans to study biology at MVC: "That was one of the main factors when it came time to choose whether to commit or not. We're all a family. When it all came down to it, we were pretty excited that we could continue a few more years together.

"It kind of feels surreal, the fact that someone finally acknowledged our skills, our efforts and our hard work overall. It means a lot."

Over his 20-year coaching career, MHS head coach Warren Cottle said he's never had more of his players sign together at one school.

He said the continuity between the players through their high school and collegiate careers will serve them well going forward.

"It's incredibly powerful," Cottle said. "If you look at what we do this sport for, it's really for that alone. The fact that they can all go together to college to play together, to study together, to learn together, it speaks volumes to who they are."

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Altuve aims to help Astros surpass 2015 success

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Florida — Jose Altuve is one of only a handful of remaining Astros who endured the team's rebuilding project.

So it makes sense that the All-Star second baseman appreciated Houston's return to the postseason last year a little more than most, and a reason why he's so eager to help the team do even more in 2016.

"It means a lot," Altuve said. "It was a really good year. It was something that we battled for. We wanted to be a playoff team. Nobody thought it was going to be last year, but we've got the team to repeat it."

Altuve's play was instrumental in helping Houston to its first playoff appearance since 2005.

The Astros beat the Yankees in the wild-card game before falling to eventual champion Kansas City in the American League Division Series.

The three-time All-Star piled up 200 hits to lead the AL in that category for the second straight season. He won the Gold Glove and Silver Slugger awards for a season where he was third in the AL with a .313 average and led the AL for the second straight season by stealing 38 bases.

In his fourth full year in the majors in 2015 his stellar work was somewhat overshadowed by the emergence of shortstop Carlos Correa, who was the AL Rookie of the Year, and left-hander Dallas Keuchel, who picked up his first AL Cy Young award.

It was a stark contrast from his first two full seasons with the Astros when he was basically the only bright spot on teams that lost 107 games in 2012 and a franchise-worst 111 games the following year.

Though the spotlight may have shifted away from Altuve a bit last year, his work was in no way overlooked by the team.

"When you lead the league in hits it's pretty exciting to have him be your sparkplug," manager A.J. Hinch said.

"There's no doubt that he helps us get where we want to get. When he's playing well we're usually playing well as a team. And now we've got him surrounded by a lot of guys who can ease a little bit of the burden."

MLB SPRING TRAINING GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Minnesota	1	0	1.000
New York	1	0	1.000
Seattle	1	0	1.000
Texas	1	0	1.000
Toronto	1	0	1.000
Detroit	1	2	.333
Chicago	0	0	.000
Houston	0	0	.000
Oakland	0	0	.000
Baltimore	0	1	.000
Boston	0	1	.000
Cleveland	0	1	.000
Kansas City	0	1	.000
Los Angeles	0	1	.000
Tampa Bay	0	1	.000

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Arizona	1	0	1.000
Atlanta	1	0	1.000
Cincinnati	1	0	1.000
San Francisco	1	0	1.000
Washington	1	0	1.000
Pittsburgh	1	1	.500
Chicago	0	0	.000
Los Angeles	0	0	.000
Miami	0	0	.000
Milwaukee	0	0	.000
New York	0	0	.000
St. Louis	0	0	.000
Colorado	0	1	.000
Philadelphia	0	1	.000
San Diego	0	1	.000

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

Scores and schedule

Wednesday's Scores
Atlanta 11, Baltimore 4
Minnesota 7, Boston 4
N.Y. Yankees 10, Detroit (ss) 9
Detroit (ss) 16, Pittsburgh 3
Washington 8, Tampa Bay 2
Toronto 4, Philadelphia 4, tie
Texas 6, Kansas City 2
San Francisco 4, L.A. Angels 1
Cincinnati 4, Cleveland 4, tie
Seattle 7, San Diego 0
Arizona 6, Colorado 3

Today's Games
Miami vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Baltimore vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Houston vs. Philadelphia (ss) at Clearwater, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (ss) vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs vs. Milwaukee (ss) at Phoenix, 2:05 p.m.
Texas vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (ss) vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Oakland vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 2:10 p.m.
Seattle vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 2:10 p.m.
Colorado vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 2:10 p.m.
Boston vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 6:05 p.m.

TOC

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we made one error in six games," Russell said. "One or two errors in six games, for high school, is really good. We made good plays, we made hard plays, we made routine plays, threw some runners out on the bases. The pitching and defense were really good."

Meanwhile, Lee has put together a solid start to the season in its own right. The Rebels opened the year with a 6-1 victory against 6A No. 10 Hebron last Thursday in the Lewisville Tournament.

On Friday, Lee took No. 4-ranked Arlington Martin to the wire in an 8-7 loss.

Then, Blake Blessie, Brayden Payne and Wyatt Hernandez combined to toss shutouts against The Colony — a 4-0 win — and against Frisco Lonestar — a 9-0 victory — on Saturday.

Prior to the start of the season, Rebels head coach Brian Roper emphasized player maturation as a key to success this year. There are still things to work on, but so far he said he's seeing his team make definite strides in that area.

"There are more positives than negatives," Roper said. "(Last weekend) we had some guys step up in some situations with big at-bats or got out of a jam on the mound," Roper said.

Added Roper: "I want to see the maturity of our kids and how they handle the game because it's going to come down to one or two plays in a game, one or two at-bats. That's the way it's going to be. But that's what makes you better."

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2016 Tournament of Champions
Today-Saturday
Today's Games
Zachery Field
Odessa Permian vs. Canyon Randall, 1 p.m.
El Paso Montwood vs. Weatherford, 4 p.m.
Christensen Stadium
Wolfforth Frenship vs. Odessa High, 10 a.m.
Lubbock High vs. Amarillo Tascosa, 1 p.m.
Canyon Randall vs. El Paso Americas, 4 p.m.
Plainview vs. El Paso Montwood, 7 p.m.
Security Bank Ballpark
Odessa Permian vs. Andrews, 10 a.m.
El Paso Franklin vs. Plainview, 1 p.m.
El Paso Eastwood vs. Lubbock High, 4 p.m.
MHS vs. Lee, 7 p.m.
Ernie Johnson Field
Odessa High vs. El Paso Eastwood, 1 p.m.
Richland vs. El Paso Franklin
Friday's Games
Zachery Field
Lubbock High vs. El Paso Montwood, 10 a.m.
Wolfforth Frenship vs. El Paso Americas, 1 p.m.
Weatherford vs. Odessa High, 4 p.m.
Christensen Stadium
Weatherford vs. El Paso Eastwood, 10 a.m.
MHS vs. El Paso Montwood, 1 p.m.
Richland vs. Lubbock High, 4 p.m.
El Paso Franklin vs. Odessa Permian, 7 p.m.
Security Bank Ballpark
Amarillo Tascosa vs. Richland, 10 a.m.
Amarillo Tascosa vs. Odessa High, 1 p.m.
El Paso Americas vs. Andrews, 4 p.m.
MHS vs. El Paso Eastwood, 7 p.m.
Ernie Johnson Field
Plainview vs. Andrews, 10 a.m.
Lee vs. Canyon Randall, 1 p.m.
Lee vs. Wolfforth Frenship, 4 p.m.
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El Paso Americas vs. Weatherford, 10 a.m.
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determined to win the tournament since an at-large bid to the NJCAA National Tournament in Lubbock is not a guarantee.

"I want to go further this year instead of just making it to regionals," Wright said. "I feel the team shouldn't be nervous but should be ready. I'm going to take it as another game. I feel it's like an AAU tournament. At AAU you're not just scared, you're just playing. I just want to give it my all, because there's only people watching."

Wright added that she learned a lot from last year's experience when the Lady Chaps made it to the regional semifinal round before losing to eventual tournament champion New Mexico Junior College in a close game.

"Now as a sophomore I feel like I'm here, I know what's coming up. Last year, I didn't feel that way, I guess since I was a freshman," said Wright, who leads the team with 17.8 points and 9.8 rebounds per game. "I want to do more this year and I feel I've got to step up more."

Ashton said it's going to take a team effort to accomplish their goals.

"I think we need to all be focused and play our hardest and do our best, obviously, out on the court," she said. "I think if we have our guards and post players working together then that's the best thing for us."

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2016 REGION V WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS
at Brownwood Coliseum, Brownwood
Today's Games
(N1) Collin County (25-5) vs. (W4) South Plains College (20-10), noon
(W2) Midland College (24-5) vs. (N3) McLennan Community College (14-15), 2 p.m.
(N2) Hill College (24-5) vs. (W3) Odessa College (19-9), 5 p.m.
(W1) New Mexico JC (27-2) vs (W4) Temple College (17-13), 7 p.m.
Friday's semifinals
Collin-South Plains winner vs. Midland-McLennan winner, 5 p.m.
Hill-Odessa winner vs. NMJC-Temple winner, 7 p.m.
Saturday's championship
Semifinal winners, 4:30 p.m.

The game

NJCAA REGION V TOURNAMENT
NO. 13 MIDLAND COLLEGE VS. MCLENNAN CC
When/where: 2 p.m., Brownwood Coliseum, Brownwood
Records: Midland College 24-5; McLennan Community College 14-15
Online: www.pbllive.com
Notes & quotes: The Midland College women enter the tournament as the No. 2 seed out of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference, while McLennan is the No. 3 seed out of the Northern Texas Junior College Athletic Conference ... MC coach Ron Jones said the Highlassies are a talented team that matches his team's size. "We just need to focus on getting defensive stops and make sure we have good possessions on the offensive end," he said. ... MCC is led by 6-foot- sophomore forward Taya Taylor with 13.9 ppg, while 6-3 sophomore forward Cayenne Martin is averaging 13.2 ppg. ... The Lady Chaps are searching for their first Region V Tournament championship since 2013. ... This is the 22nd straight year MC has qualified for regionals.
Next: Winner faces Collin County-South Plains winner, 5 p.m. Friday

ALL DISTRICT BASKETBALL LISTS

GRADY'S RICHARDS, GARZA GET SUPERLATIVES

Grady senior Carli Richards was named as the Most Valiable Offensive Player, while junior teammate Brittany Garza was named as the Most Valuable Defensive Player on the District 11-A Girls Basketball All-District Team just released.

Also named to the first team from Grady was junior Emilee Vogler and senior Emily Glaze.

Grady advanced it to the Region II-A Tournament.

2015-16 District 11-A Girls Basketball All-District Team
Most Valuable Player — Brooklyn Wilke, Jr., O'Donnell; Leal Villarreal, Jr., O'Donnell
Most Valuable Offensive Player — Carli Richards, Sr., Grady
Most Valuable Defensive Player — Brittany Garza, Jr., Grady
Newcomer of the Year — Cheyenne Gruben, Fr., Klondike

First Team All-District
Kailey Tindol, Jr., Sands; Nina Claire, Jr., Sands; Kameron Riddle, So., Klondike; Macy Sharp, So., Klondike; Alexi Bushong, So., Klondike; Emilee Vogler, Jr., Grady; Emily Glaze, Sr., Grady; Selena Castro, Jr., O'Donnell; Avery McDaniel, Sr., O'Donnell; Mika Davis, Jr., Dawson; Tori Cruz, Jr., Dawson

Second Team All-District
Jenny Fields, Jr., Grady; Jacy Parker, Jr., Grady; Alexis Gonzales, Fr., Sands; Reagan Hamlin, Jr., Sands; Haleigh Archer, Klondike; Brianna Beck, So., Klondike; Ashleigh Jonas, O'Donnell; Gillian Jones, So., O'Donnell; Desiree Contreras, Sr., Dawson; Alyssa Estrada, Fr., Loop

GCHS' DAVIS NAMED OFFENSIVE MVP

Garden City senior Tanner Davis was named as the Offensive MVP on the District 14-A All-District Boys Basketball Team just released.

Garden City junior Ethan Goodwin also got first team all-district honors as he and Davis helped lead the Bearkats to the area round of the playoffs.

2015-16 District 14-1A All-District Boys Basketball Team
MVP — Tyler Hoover, Jr., Water Valley
Offensive MVP — Tanner Davis, Sr., Garden City
Defensive Co-MVPs — Asher Rogers, Sr., Water Valley; Austin Fowler, Sr., Robert Lee
Newcomer of the Year — Kolt Halstead, So., Veribest

First Team All-District
Shawn Puentez, So., Bronte; Ean Ward, Sr., Bronte; Ryan Jones, Jr., Bronte; Ethan Goodwin, Jr., Garden City; Jake Jackson, Sr., Robert Lee; Daniel Mendoza, Fr., Robert Lee; Lathan Horwood, Jr., Sterling City; Hagen Beavers, Jr., Veribest; Jared Urbanke, Sr., Water Valley; Tony Reed, Sr., Water Valley

Second Team All-District
Cole Alley, Sr., Blackwell; Tanner Bedford, So., Bronte; Riley Eggemeyer; Bailey Matschek, Sr., Garden City; Gabriel Abalos, Jr., Robert Lee; Timmy Collins, Sr., Sterling City; Colin Plavel, Sr., Veribest; Pierce Marshall, Sr., Water Valley; Tyler Simmons, Jr., Water Valley

Kansas State gets 79-54 win over TCU

By Tate Steinlage
Associated Press

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State coach Bruce Weber gripped the stat sheet, glanced over at senior guard Justin Edwards and the two shared a smile.

"That was fun," Weber quipped.

Edwards affirmed the statement with an exaggerated nod. After a string of close losses during the month of February, Kansas State finally got to enjoy a blowout win.

Barry Brown scored 15 points on 5 of 8 3-pointers, Edwards added 12 more in his final home game, and Kansas State routed TCU 79-54 on Wednesday night.

"With all the close games we've had, all the heartbreaking games, it was good for them to enjoy this," Weber said. "We played the game the right way."

Brown and Edwards combined to hit eight of Kansas State's 10 3-pointers. Wesley Iwundu finished with 11 points and seven assists for the Wildcats (16-14, 5-12 Big 12).

"We had two of our best practices this past week," Edwards said. "I feel like everyone's confidence has increased, and I feel like the players today just played for us seniors. It all just fell into place."

Brown hit his fourth 3-pointer with 13:37 left to stretch a 19-point halftime advantage to 58-33. Dean Wade gave the Wildcats their largest lead of the game — 31 points — with a pair of free throws late as the seniors looked on from the bench.

Chauncey Collins led TCU (11-19, 2-15) with 11 points. The visitors finished 18 of 54 from the field (33 percent).

"That was a good 'ol fashion beat down," Horned Frogs coach Trent Johnson said. "I had concerns going in because we were fatigued. But I don't want to take anything away from K-State — they shot the ball really well."

Kansas State shot 76 percent from the field in the first half, including a scorching 6 of 9 from deep, to take a commanding 47-28 lead into the break. It was the seventh-highest shooting percentage in a half in school history and the best since December 2014.

The rout didn't start immediately, though.

The Wildcats turned the ball over on their first three possessions, then scored TCU's first bucket on a goaltend call, all before the under-16 media timeout.

The Horned Frogs couldn't take advantage, missing five of their first seven shots, as Kansas State regrouped and went on a 14-0 run. Senior guard and former walk-on Brian Rohleder — who had tallied just eight points in his career — capped off the half by converting a jumper at the buzzer.

TCU's shooting woes continued into the second half. The Horned Frogs dipped from 39 percent from the field in the first half to 30 percent with just under eight minutes to play. They finished 9 of 31 in the second half.

Brown stretched Kansas State's lead to 67-39 with 12:37 to play with his fifth and final 3-pointer. Edwards exited the game to hugs from his teammates following a tough finish at the basket.

"I keep telling them we're going to finish on a good note," Weber said. "If they keep believing, keep doing the right things, we'll finish on a positive note. I still believe that, and hopefully this will springboard into some more good things."

Senior moment

Rohleder has been a fan favorite during his time at Kansas State despite playing less than four minutes a game in his career. On Wednesday, he was rewarded with a buzzer beater:

"It wouldn't have even happened if it wasn't for Austin Budke diving on the floor and playing hard, then kicking it to Wesley who passed it to me. If it wasn't for my teammates, it would've have happened, but it was pretty cool that it did happen. It's something I will never forget."

Tip-ins

TCU: The Horned Frogs have lost five conference games by 20 points or more this season.

Kansas State: The Wildcats entered carrying a three-game home losing streak, the program's longest drought since dropping three straight from Feb. 5-19, 2005. . Senior Stephen Hurt grabbed a career-high 11 rebounds. . Kansas State finished with 26 made field goals, 23 of which were assisted on.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SPURS 97
PISTONS 81

SAN ANTONIO — Kawhi Leonard scored 27 points and LaMarcus Aldridge added 23 as the San Antonio Spurs beat the Detroit Pistons 97-81 on Wednesday night to clinch their 19th straight playoff berth.

San Antonio (51-9) won its 29th straight home game to open the season in its first game following a month-long road trip brought on by the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo.

San Antonio joins Golden State as the only teams to clinch spots in the postseason.

ROCKETS 100
PELICANS 95

HOUSTON — James Harden had 39 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists to help Houston overcome miserable shooting in a victory over New Orleans.

The Rockets went 3 of 34 on 3-point attempts and committed 21 turnovers but were able to rally past New Orleans thanks to an off night from Pelicans star Anthony Davis.

With their horrendous shooting performance, Houston became the first team in NBA history to make fewer than 3s on 30 or more attempts.

RAPTORS 104
JAZZ 94

TORONTO — Kyle Lowry scored 32 points, DeMar DeRozan added 31 and Toronto beat Utah for a club-record 11th straight home win.

Lowry, who had a career-high 43 points in a victory over Cleveland on Friday night before being rested Sunday in a loss at Detroit, added five assists and four rebounds. Toronto (40-19) led the entire second half on the way to its fifth win in six games.

MAGIC 102
BULLS 89

ORLANDO, Fla. — Nikola Vucevic scored 24 points, rookie Mario Hezonja added a career-high 21, and Orlando beat Chicago.

Victor Oladipo scored 17 points and Aaron Gordon had 13 points and 15 rebounds as Orlando coasted to an easy win. Elfrid Payton had nine points and 12 assists. Derrick Rose led Chicago with 16 points, all in the first half. Pau Gasol had 12 points and Doug McDermott was the only other Bulls player in double figures with 11.

Both teams were on the second game of back-to-backs and it looked it. Orlando hit only 40.2 percent, while Chicago shot just 38.4 percent from the field.

WIZARDS 104
TIMBERWOLVES 98

MINNEAPOLIS — Bradley Beal scored 26 points and Alan Anderson added 18 to lead Washington to a fourth straight victory.

John Wall had 14 points and 12 assists, and Beal and Anderson led a Wizards bench that outscored Minnesota's second unit 64-18. Washington shot 50 percent, hit 11 of 29 3-pointers and scored 50 points in the paint to overcome 17 turnovers.

CELTICS 116
TRAIL BLAZERS 93

BOSTON — Isaiah Thomas had 30 points to lead Boston to a fourth straight win.

Avery Bradley added 17 points as the Celtics won their 12th straight at home. The streak ties Boston's longest since it won 13 straight at the Garden during the 2008-09 season.

Six Boston players reached double figures and the Celtics also outscored Portland 60-34 in the paint, while committing just five turnovers.

Damian Lillard led Portland with 20 points. C.J. McCollum added 17.

GRIZZLIES 104
KINGS 98

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Mike Conley scored 24 points, including 10 in the fourth quarter, to lead Memphis to a victory over Sacramento.

Conley, who also had five assists, shot 9 of 12, including all three attempts from 3-point range as the Grizzlies won their second straight and sixth in the last eight.

Zach Randolph finished with 19 points and eight rebounds for Memphis, while JaMychal Green and Mario Chalmers scored 15 apiece.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL GLANCE

NJCAA Tournament brackets

2016 REGION V WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS
at Brownwood Coliseum, Brownwood
Today's Games
(N1) Collin County (25-5) vs. (W4) South Plains College (20-10), noon
(W2) Midland College (24-5) vs. (N3) McLennan Community College (14-15), 2 p.m.
(N2) Hill College (24-5) vs. (W3) Odessa College (19-9), 5 p.m.
(W1) New Mexico JC (27-2) vs (W4) Temple College (17-13), 7 p.m.
Friday's semifinals
Collin-South Plains winner vs. Midland-McLennan winner, 5 p.m.
Hill-Odessa winner vs. NMJC-Temple winner, 7 p.m.
Saturday's championship
Semifinal winners, 4:30 p.m.

2016 REGION V MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS
at Brownwood Coliseum
Wednesday's scores
(N1) Ranger College 83, (W4) Frank Phillips College 79
(N3) Hill College 90, (W2) South Plains College 85, OT
(N2) McLennan Community College 85, (W3) New Mexico JC 53
(W1) Odessa College (24-5) 88, (N4) Temple College 81
Friday's semifinals
Ranger College (27-4) vs. Hill College (22-8), noon
McLennan CC (27-4) vs. Odessa College (26-5), 2 p.m.
Saturday's championship
Semifinal winners, 2 p.m.

Wednesday's scores

MEN
SOUTH
East Carolina 52, South Florida 39
Mississippi 85, Mississippi St. 78
UCF 73, Tulane 65
VCU 70, Davidson 60
Virginia Tech 65, Pittsburgh 61
FAR WEST
Oregon 76, UCLA 68
MIDWEST
Butler 85, Seton Hall 78
Kansas St. 79, TCU 54
Miami 68, Notre Dame 50
EAST
Fordham 78, Duquesne 69
La Salle 76, Saint Louis 68
Michigan St. 97, Rutgers 66
St. Bonaventure 98, Saint Joseph's 90
West Virginia 90, Texas Tech 68
TOURNAMENT
America East Conference
First Round
Hartford 66, Albany (NY) 59
New Hampshire 86, Binghamton 51
Stony Brook 66, UMBC 79
Vermont 99, Maine 83
Northeast Conference
First Round
Fairleigh Dickinson 74, St. Francis (Pa.) 72
LIU Brooklyn 84, Sacred Heart 76
Wagner 58, Robert Morris 50
Ohio Valley Conference
First Round
Austin Peay 92, Tennessee Tech 72

WOMEN
SOUTHWEST
Cent. Arkansas 58, Nicholls St. 51
Sam Houston St. 76, Lamar 75
SOUTH
Coll. of Charleston 68, UNC Wilmington 24
Elon 74, William & Mary 64
FAR WEST
Idaho 77, Weber St. 70
Idaho St. 71, E. Washington 62
N. Colorado 89, Montana St. 73
Portland St. 88, N. Arizona 80
Sacramento St. 82, S. Utah 74
MIDWEST
Akron 62, Buffalo 49
Ball St. 76, N. Illinois 68
E. Michigan 63, W. Michigan 52
Kent St. 59, Miami (Ohio) 53
North Dakota 73, Montana 61
Ohio 75, Bowling Green 58
Toledo 76, Cent. Michigan 72
EAST
American U. 61, Navy 56
Army 79, Boston U. 44
Bucknell 68, Lafayette 59
Colgate 82, Lehigh 72
Drexel 74, Towson 33
Hofstra 71, Northeastern 64
James Madison 65, Delaware 43
Loyola (Md.) 58, Holy Cross 45
TOURNAMENT
Atlantic 10 Conference
First Round
Richmond 70, Davidson 51
UMass 81, La Salle 65
Atlantic Coast Conference
First Round
Boston College 49, Virginia Tech 37
Pittsburgh 82, North Carolina 72, OT
Wake Forest 73, Clemson 58
Big Ten Conference
First Round
Northwestern 76, Wisconsin 72, OT
Penn St. 75, Illinois 66
Ohio Valley Conference
First Round
Belmont 68, Tennessee St. 60
Murray St. 78, UT Martin 76
Southeastern Conference
First Round
LSU 58, Alabama 49
Vanderbilt 74, Mississippi 59

Today's games

MEN
SOUTHWEST
Lamar at Sam Houston St., 6:30 p.m.
Incarnate Word at Abilene Christian, 7 p.m.
Nicholls St. at Cent. Arkansas, 7 p.m.
Old Dominion at North Texas, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Rice, 7 p.m.
South Alabama at Texas-Arlington, 7:15 p.m.
Texas A&M-CC at Houston Baptist, 7:30 p.m.
Troy at Texas St., 7:30 p.m.
Cincinnati at Houston, 8 p.m.
UConn at SMU, 8 p.m.
SOUTH
Jackson St. at Alabama St., 5 p.m.
Middle Tennessee at FAU, 6 p.m.
UAB at FIU, 6 p.m.
Louisiana Tech at Marshall, 6 p.m.
Illinois at Maryland, 6 p.m.
Georgia at South Carolina, 6 p.m.
UALR at Appalachian St., 6:30 p.m.
Coppin St. at Delaware St., 6:30 p.m.
Md.-Eastern Shore at Morgan St., 6:30 p.m.
NC Central at NC A&T, 6:30 p.m.
Bethune-Cookman at SC State, 6:30 p.m.
Georgia Southern at Louisiana-Monroe, 7 p.m.
Hampton at Norfolk St., 7 p.m.
Stephen F. Austin at Northwestern St., 7 p.m.
Florida A&M at Savannah St., 7 p.m.
Georgia St. at Louisiana-Lafayette, 7:15 p.m.
Grambling St. at Alabama A&M, 7:30 p.m.
Prairie View at Alcorn St., 7:30 p.m.
Texas Southern at Southern U., 7:30 p.m.
SE Louisiana at New Orleans, 7:45 p.m.
Southern Miss. at W. Kentucky, 8 p.m.
FAR WEST
California at Arizona, 9 p.m.
North Dakota at Montana, 8 p.m.
Idaho St. at E. Washington, 6:05 p.m.
N. Colorado at Montana St., 8:05 p.m.
Weber St. at Idaho, 9 p.m.
Hawaii at UC Davis, 9 p.m.
UC Riverside at UC Santa Barbara, 9 p.m.
N. Arizona at Portland St., 9:05 p.m.
S. Utah at Sacramento St., 9:05 p.m.
Stanford at Arizona St., 10 p.m.
Cal Poly at UC Irvine, 10:30 p.m.
EAST
UMass at Rhode Island, 6 p.m.
Memphis at Temple, 6 p.m.
Northwestern at Penn St., 8 p.m.
TOURNAMENTS
Atlantic Sun Conference
At Higher-Seeded Schools
Semifinals
North Florida-S.C.-Upstate winner vs. Florida Gulf Coast-Kennesaw St. winner, TBA
NJIT-Stetson winner vs. Jacksonville-Lipscomb winner, TBA
Big South Conference
At Buies Creek, N.C.
First Round
Longwood vs. Charleston Southern, 1 p.m.
Radford vs. Presbyterian, 3:30 p.m.
Gardner-Webb vs. Campbell, 6 p.m.
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
At Albany, N.Y.
First Round
No. 8 vs. No. 9, 4 p.m.
No. 7 vs. No. 10, 6:30 p.m.
No. 6 vs. No. 11, 9 p.m.
Missouri Valley Conference
At St. Louis
First Round
Loyola of Chicago vs. Bradley, 6:05 p.m.
Missouri St. vs. Drake, 8:35 p.m.
Ohio Valley Conference
At Nashville, Tenn.
Second Round
No. 4 vs. 5-8 winner, 6 p.m.
No. 3 vs. 6-7 winner, 8:30 p.m.
Patriot League
Quarterfinals
Holy Cross-Loyola (Md.) winner at Bucknell, 6 p.m.
Lafayette-Navy winner at Lehigh, 6 p.m.
American at Boston U., 6 p.m.
Colgate at Army, 6 p.m.

WOMEN
SOUTHWEST
Texas A&M-CC at Houston Baptist, 5 p.m.
South Alabama at Texas-Arlington, 5 p.m.
Troy at Texas St., 5:30 p.m.
UTEP at UTSA, 7 p.m.
SOUTH
UALR at Appalachian St., 4 p.m.
Coppin St. at Delaware St., 4:30 p.m.
Md.-Eastern Shore at Morgan St., 4:30 p.m.
N.C. Central at N.C. A&T, 4:30 p.m.
Bethune-Cookman at S.C. State, 4:30 p.m.
Georgia St. at Louisiana-Lafayette, 5 p.m.
Hampton at Norfolk St., 5 p.m.
Florida A&M at Savannah St., 5 p.m.
Georgia Southern at Louisiana-Monroe, 5:15 p.m.
Grambling St. at Alabama A&M, 5:30 p.m.
Jackson St. at Alabama St., 5:30 p.m.
Prairie View at Alcorn St., 5:30 p.m.
SE Louisiana at New Orleans, 5:30 p.m.
Stephen F. Austin at Northwestern St., 5:30 p.m.
Texas Southern at Southern U., 5:30 p.m.
Rice at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Youngstown St. at N. Kentucky, 6 p.m.
North Texas at Old Dominion, 6 p.m.
W. Kentucky at Southern Miss., 6 p.m.
Marshall at Louisiana Tech, 6:30 p.m.
FAU at Middle Tennessee, 6:30 p.m.
FIU at UAB, 7 p.m.
FAR WEST
UC Riverside at UC Irvine, 7:30 p.m.
CS Northridge at Cal St. Fullerton, 8 p.m.
UC Davis at Long Beach St., 9 p.m.
UC Santa Barbara at Hawaii, 11 p.m.
MIDWEST
Green Bay at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Milwaukee at Oakland, 6 p.m.
N. Iowa at S. Illinois, 6 p.m.
Cleveland St. at Wright St., 6 p.m.
Drake at Evansville, 7 p.m.
Illinois St. at Wichita St., 7 p.m.
Indiana St. at Missouri St., 7:05 p.m.
TOURNAMENTS
Atlantic Coast Conference
At Greensboro, N.C.
Second Round
Miami vs. Pittsburgh-North Carolina winner, 10 a.m.
Duke vs. Virginia, 1 p.m.
Georgia Tech vs. Wake Forest-Clemson winner, 5 p.m.
N.C. State vs. Virginia Tech-Boston College winner, 7 p.m.
Atlantic 10 Conference
At Richmond, Va.
Second Round
Dayton vs. George Mason, 10 a.m.
VCU vs. Davidson-Richmond winner, 1 p.m.
Saint Joseph's vs. Rhode Island, 3:30 p.m.
Fordham vs. UMass-La Salle winner, 6 p.m.
Big Ten Conference
At Indianapolis
Second Round
Michigan vs. Iowa, 11 a.m.
Minnesota vs. Northwestern-Wisconsin winner, 1:25 p.m.
Nebraska vs. Rutgers, 5:30 p.m.
Purdue vs. Penn St.-Illinois winner, 7:55 p.m.
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
At Albany, N.Y.
First Round
No. 8 vs. No. 9, 8:30 a.m.
No. 7 vs. No. 10, 11 a.m.
No. 6 vs. No. 11, 1:30 p.m.
Ohio Valley Conference
At Nashville, Tenn.
First Round
E. Kentucky vs. Austin Peay, Noon
SIU Edwardsville vs. SE Missouri, 2 p.m.
Pacific 12 Conference
At Seattle
First Round
Utah vs. California, 1:30 p.m.
Oregon vs. Arizona, 4 p.m.
Southern Cal vs. Washington St., 8 p.m.
Washington vs. Colorado, 10:30 p.m.
Southeastern Conference
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Second Round
Auburn vs. Missouri, 11 a.m.
Kentucky vs. Alabama-LSU winner, 1:30 p.m.
Tennessee vs. Arkansas, 5 p.m.
Georgia vs. Vanderbilt-Mississippi winner, 7:30 p.m.
Southern Conference
At Asheville, N.C.
First Round
Mercer vs. UNC Greensboro, 10:30 a.m.
ETSU vs. Furman, 12:45 p.m.
Chattanooga vs. W. Carolina, 3 p.m.
Samford vs. Wofford, 5:15 p.m.
West Coast Conference
At Las Vegas
First Round
Pacific vs. Pepperdine, 2 p.m.
Loyola Marymount vs. Portland, 4:30 p.m.
Quarterfinals
San Diego vs. San Francisco, 8 p.m.
Santa Clara vs. Gonzaga, 10:30 p.m.

Top 25 fared

MEN
Wednesday
1. Kansas (26-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 21 Iowa State, Saturday.
2. Michigan State (25-5) beat Rutgers 97-66. Next: vs. Ohio State, Saturday.
3. Villanova (26-4) did not play. Next: vs. Georgetown, Saturday.
4. Virginia (23-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 11 Louisville, Saturday.
5. Xavier (25-4) did not play. Next: vs. Creighton, Saturday.
6. Oklahoma (23-6) did not play. Next: at TCU, Saturday.
7. Miami (24-5) beat Notre Dame 68-50. Next: at Virginia Tech, Saturday.
8. North Carolina (24-6) did not play. Next: at No. 17 Duke, Saturday.
9. Oregon (24-6) beat UCLA 76-68. Next: at Southern Cal, Saturday.
10. West Virginia (23-7) beat Texas Tech 90-68. Next: at No. 19 Baylor, Saturday.
11. Louisville (22-7) did not play. Next: at No. 4 Virginia, Saturday.
12. Indiana (24-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 14 Maryland, Sunday.
13. Utah (23-7) did not play. Next: vs. Colorado, Saturday.
14. Maryland (23-6) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois, Thursday.
15. Purdue (23-7) did not play. Next: vs. Wisconsin, Sunday.
16. Iowa (20-9) did not play. Next: at Michigan, Saturday.
17. Duke (22-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 9 North Carolina, Saturday.
18. Arizona (22-7) did not play. Next: vs. No. 25 California, Thursday.
19. Baylor (21-9) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 West Virginia, Saturday.
20. Texas A&M (23-7) did not play. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Saturday.
21. Iowa State (21-9) did not play. Next: at No. 1 Kansas, Saturday.
22. Kentucky (22-8) did not play. Next: vs. LSU, Saturday.
23. Texas (19-11) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma State, Friday.
24. SMU (24-4) did not play. Next: vs. UConn, Thursday.
25. California (21-8) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Arizona, Thursday.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Toronto	40	19	.678	—
Boston	37	25	.597	4½
New York	25	37	.403	16½
Brooklyn	17	44	.279	24
Philadelphia	8	53	.131	33
Southeast Division				
Miami	34	26	.567	—
Atlanta	33	28	.541	1½
Charlotte	32	28	.533	2
Washington	30	30	.500	4
Orlando	27	33	.450	7
Central Division				
Cleveland	42	17	.712	—
Indiana	32	29	.525	11
Detroit	31	30	.508	12
Chicago	30	30	.500	12½
Milwaukee	25	36	.410	18
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
San Antonio	51	9	.850	—
Memphis	36	24	.600	15
Dallas	33	28	.541	18½
Houston	30	31	.492	21½
New Orleans	23	36	.390	27½
Northwest Division				
Oklahoma City	42	18	.700	—
Portland	33	29	.532	10
Utah	28	32	.467	14
Denver	23	37	.383	19
Minnesota	19	42	.311	23½
Pacific Division				
x-Golden State	54	5	.915	—
L.A. Clippers	39	20	.661	15
Sacramento	24	35	.407	30
Phoenix	15	45	.250	39½
L.A. Lakers	12	49	.197	43

x-clinched playoff spot

Scores and schedule

Wednesday's Scores
Charlotte 119, Philadelphia 99
Orlando 102, Chicago 89
Toronto 104, Utah 94
Boston 116, Portland 93
Washington 104, Minnesota 98
Indiana 104, Milwaukee 99
San Antonio 97, Detroit 81
Memphis 104, Sacramento 98
Houston 100, New Orleans 95
L.A. Lakers at Denver, late
Oklahoma City at L.A. Clippers, late
Today's Games
Phoenix at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
San Antonio at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic Division							
Florida	63	36	19	8	80	174	148
Tampa Bay	63	37	22	4	78	175	151
Boston	64	35	23	6	76	197	176
Detroit	64	32	21	11	75	183	168
Ottawa	64	30	27	7	67	188	200
Montreal	63	30	28	5	65	173	175
Buffalo	64	25	31	8	58	148	172
Toronto	62	21	31	10	52	149	185
Metropolitan Division							
Washington	63	47	12	4	98	209	146
N.Y. Rangers	63	37	20	6	80	189	159
N.Y. Islanders	61	34	20	7	75	174	151
Pittsburgh	62	32	22	8	72	187	180
Philadelphia	62	28	22	11	69	157	165
Carolina	65	29	26	10	68	158	174
New Jersey	64	30	27	7	67	140	156
Columbus	64	28	30	8	64	167	196
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
Chicago	65	40	20	5	85	186	155
Dallas	65	38	20	7	83	209	189
St. Louis	66	37	20	9	83	166	162
Nashville	64	32	21	11	75	172	161
Minnesota	64	29	25	10	68	170	162
Colorado	65	32	29	4	68	175	187
Winnipeg	62	26	32	4	56	161	196
Pacific Division							
Los Angeles	62	37	21	4	78	165	143
Anaheim	61	34	19	8	76	153	144
San Jose	62	34	22	6	74	188	167
Vancouver	62	24	26	12	60	150	178
Arizona	63	27	30	6	60	168	198
Calgary	63	26	30	4	56	170	197
Edmonton	65	24	34	7	55	158	194

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Scores and schedule

Wednesday's Scores
Washington 3, Toronto 2
Chicago 5, Detroit 2
Montreal at Anaheim, late
Today's Games
Chicago at Boston, 6 p.m.
Calgary at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Edmonton at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Nashville, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Florida at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at Arizona, 9 p.m.
San Jose at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Montreal at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

Ovechkin is World Cup ready, while Jagr unsure if he'll play

By John Wawrow
Associated Press

Alex Ovechkin is once again eager to represent Russia on the international hockey stage.

Sweden's World Cup of Hockey roster is so deep there's no room, yet, for high-scoring Dallas Stars defenseman John Klingberg.

As for the Czech Republic, general manager Martin Rucinsky is crossing his fingers that 44-year-old Florida Panthers forward Jaromir Jagr will decide to compete in the eight-team tournament being held in Toronto in September.

"He wants to concentrate on the rest of the season right now," Rucinsky said after announcing his first 16 player selections Wednesday. "He's a very important piece to a team. Let's see what happens. I wish he will play."

The last thing Rucinsky wants to do is force the issue with the four-time Olympian, who won a gold medal at the 1998 Nagano Games.

"I'm not going to try to convince him," Rucinsky said. "Jagr deserves a lot of respect from all of us."

Teams have until June 1 to make their final seven selections to complete their 23-player rosters.

There were few surprises when the four European nations plus Team Europe — consisting of players from countries not competing — released their rosters over a 13-1/2-hour stretch.

The Swedes are stocked with a balanced mix of veterans and youth. The familiar faces include goalie Henrik Lundqvist and forwards Nicklas Backstrom and Vancouver's twin brothers, Henrik and Daniel Sedin. And then there's a crop of youngsters, such as Colorado's Gabriel Landeskog and Arizona defenseman Oliver Ekman-Larsson.

With a pool of 83 NHL players to choose from, general manager Tommy Boustedt said Sweden's roster has the potential of being the strongest in team history.

It's hard to argue given that he filled six of Sweden's defensive slots without Klingberg, the second-year player, whose 53 points rank third among NHL defensemen.

"John Klingberg is of course one very strong contender," Boustedt said. "But I think so far we have picked the six best."

Russia opened the selection process by releasing a lineup that included Detroit's Pavel Datsyuk, Pittsburgh's Evgeni Malkin and Montreal's Andrei Markov.

For Ovechkin, the chance to represent his country never gets old.

After all, with a broken foot, he once boarded a plane the day after the Washington Capitals were eliminated from the playoffs to represent Russia at the world hockey championship.

"Doesn't matter which tournament, it's huge honor," Ovechkin said.

The question is whether Russia can shake off the string of struggles at recent Olympics and World Cup events.

Following a fifth-place finish on home soil at the 2014 Sochi Games, Russia hasn't won an Olympic medal since a third-place finish at the 2002 Salt Lake City Games. As for World Cup/Canada Cup tournaments, Russia won in 1981, with Vladislav Tretiak in net, and lost to Canada in the 1987 final.

Perhaps, the addition of Ovechkin's Capitals teammate, 23-year-old Evgeny Kuznetsov, could provide a spark after being left off the 2014 squad.

With 20 goals and 45 assists, Kuznetsov is fifth in the NHL in scoring.

"Everybody knew he had like, talent to be one of the best players in the league," Ovechkin said. "I'm pretty sure 20 goals is just the beginning for him. He can score 40, you know, easily in this league."

Team Europe is making its tournament debut. The initial roster features five Slovakians, including Zdeno Chara, and has seven nations represented.

Having no flag to play for has GM Miroslav Satan wondering how quickly his squad can capture a sense of identity.

"New team, new logo with no history," Satan said. "This is going to be the biggest challenge for us."

Lindsey Vonn ends season early because of left knee injury

Associated Press

A hairline fracture in her left knee didn't deter Lindsey Vonn. Still, she raced.

Three significant-sized fractures that could — if they became any worse — lead to surgery and possibly an end to her career? Now that got the attention of the all-time winningest female World Cup skier.

Vonn announced Wednesday that she was leaving the racing circuit early after an MRI revealed the injury in her tibial plateau — the top of the shinbone at the knee joint — was more serious than first believed. She crashed over the weekend, but competed the next day.

And this was shaping up for quite a finish, too. With eight races to go, Vonn leads the overall World Cup standings with 1,235 points, followed closely by Lara Gut of Switzerland with 1,207. Viktoria Rebensburg of Germany is third with 914.

"Because I am currently leading the overall World Cup standings, this is one of the toughest decisions of my career," Vonn said on her Facebook page. "While I am confident that I'm making the right decision, it still doesn't make this decision any easier.'

Lately, Vonn's injuries and ailments have been piling up like her accomplishments. Even the best aren't immune to wipeouts in such a demanding sport.

Vonn crashed on Saturday during a super-G race in Andorra after hitting a patch of soft snow. X-rays showed a hairline fracture in her tibial plateau and yet she decided to race Sunday in the combined event, extending her overall lead by finishing in 13th place.

On Wednesday, she revealed the injury was much worse.

"The fractures are not hairline, but instead they are significant enough that they are not sufficiently stable to permit me to safely continue skiing," Vonn said.

Because of the test results, the four-time overall World Cup champion said she decided to end her season immediately. She doesn't want to jeopardize things going forward. Not with the world championships in St. Moritz, Switzerland, next season and the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea on the horizon.

"I cannot take that risk," the 31-year-old Vonn said.

Still, Vonn has had quite a season.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

New LHS head football coach Clint Hartman introduces his family, wife Ginger, and daughters Madison, Kodi and Jetta on Wednesday to the MISD board.

HARTMAN

From 1C

family here. When I went out of college, I came to West Texas to coach and I always said I wanted to be a head football coach (in West Texas).

"If you're a football fanatic like I am, you know where you're at and so the challenge and the tradition (of West Texas football) is amazing. When this job opened up I was going to come here. From the beginning to the end, people know you're a Lee Rebel."

Prior to his stint at East Central, Hartman was the head coach at Clear Springs High School in League City from 2007-13.

In his time at Clear Springs, Hartman helped build a new Chargers' program from the ground up and in 2009, helped the team reach the regional final of the Class 5A state playoffs. Hartman was named District 24-5A's Coach of the Year in 2009, 2011 and 2012.

Hartman is also no stranger to West Texas and the Permian Basin. From 2000-01 her served as the defensive coordinator at Tornillo in El Paso County, and then as the secondary coach at Odessa High from 2001-02.

During his time at OHS, Hartman forged relationships with former Lee head coaches John Parchman — who led the Rebels to three consecutive state titles between 1998-2000 — and Earl Miller. Hartman said both men spoke very highly of their time with the program and Hartman took their testimony very seriously during the selection process.

After two years at OHS, Hartman accepted his first head coaching position at Tulsa (Okla.) School of Science and Technology — now known as McLain High School of Science and Technology — and was there from 2002-03.

As the new head coach at Lee, Hartman said he plans to get to work immediately helping the Rebels move past a 4-6 showing in a 2015 season that saw the team narrowly miss the playoffs in disappointing fashion.

Hartman, who wants to utilize a spread offense and what he calls a "4-2-5" defensive alignment, said he plans to meet with the Rebels' seniors-to-be to identify team goals for the coming season.

"I think we'll sit down a lay a ground work plan," Hartman said. "It's going to start with the seniors and we'll talk about what they want for their senior year. They didn't choose another coach. So I'm going to sit down with them and listen to their voice and see the things they want to accomplish."

Hartman is currently in the process of finalizing his departure from East Central and moving his family up to Midland. He said he will be in the Tall City full-time on March 14 to begin preparations for spring practices and the upcoming fall season.

■ *Sports editor Oscar LeRoy contributed to this report*

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About Coach Hartman

Previous coaching experience
2013-2015: Head Football Coach, Athletic Director, East Central High School; San Antonio
2007-13: Head football coach, Clear Springs High School, League City
2003-07: Defensive Coordinator, Seguin High School
2002-03: Head Football Coach, Tulsa School of Science and Technology
2001-02: Secondary Coach, Odessa High
2000-01: Defensive Coordinator, Tornillo High School
1998-00: Secondary Coach, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene

Education
Bachelor of Science, Hardin-Simmons University, 1997

Certification
Physical Education, Texas and Oklahoma

Playing career
1994-97: Defensive back, Hardin-Simmons University
1999: Defensive back, Helsinki Roosters, American Football Association of Finland
2000: Defensive back, 3Com Rangers, Austrian Football League

Awards
1999: First-team All-European defensive back with Helsinki; Most valuable American player in Maple League; Named to All-1990s Team as defensive back
2000: First-team defensive back with 3Com Rangers; 3Com Rangers Most Valuable Player

Ivy's move latest in trend toward less tackling

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

Even before Ivy League coaches voted to eliminate full-contact practices from the regular season, teams all across college have been following the NFL's lead by cutting back on the amount and intensity of hitting done while preparing players for game day.

"Very, very rarely do we say, 'Let's go full-speed tackling once we get into the year,' Nebraska coach Mike Riley said Wednesday. "So it wouldn't be a dramatic change for us, nor would it be for the majority of people. I think it would be just a definition of what we already do."

Growing concerns about head injuries and the long-term effects of football's violence on players' health have led to changes in the way the game is coached. Teams and coaches are also motivated by the need to protect their assets, whether that is a professional player making millions or a college athlete on scholarship.

"You got to get your best horses to the starting gate as fresh as possible," Harvard coach Tim Murphy said.

Murphy said the Ivy League's new policy won't affect the way he runs his program.

"It will not eliminate anything because we've been doing this for 15 years," said Murphy, who has guided Harvard to nine Ivy League championships in his 21 seasons as coach. "We've adopted the NFL model."

The league's collective bargaining agreement limits full-contact practices during the season to 14.

Dartmouth coach Buddy Teevens took his lead from Rams coach Jeff Fisher and has been even more progressive when it comes to cutting down on contact in practice.

"We never take one of own players to the ground," Teevens said.

Teevens has eliminated all live tackling from practices, including spring and preseason. He said the result has been fewer concussions, fewer soft tissue injuries and — surprisingly — better tackling. Instead of practicing on each other, Teevens' players practice on pads and dummies, including a robotic tackling dummy.

Since cutting back on tackling in 2010, Dartmouth has not had a losing record and last year Big Green tied Harvard for the Ivy League championship.

Teevens has pushed for others to follow his lead, but putting a league-wide policy in place allows coaches more comfort to try something different.

"To just say all of us are going to shut it down completely, there was no advantage gained or disadvantage to doing this," he said.

The decision by the Ivy League coaches still needs to go through an approval process, which includes athletic directors signing off on it. The proposal is expected to pass.

The eight-team Ivy League plays in FCS, the second-tier of Division I football, but even in college football's top-tier, FBS, the trend has been less contact in practice.

In 2010, the Pac-12 passed a policy that limited teams to no more than two full-contact practices per week during the regular season. The Big 12 took that a step further last year. The conference's policy limits teams to two full-contact opportunities per week during the season, but that includes game day.

In both cases what those conferences did was largely make policy out of what many coaches — even those not in their conferences — were already practicing.

"Honestly, I think one day a week is plenty for that during the season," Baylor coach Art Briles said. "They're getting it on Saturday all you want."

Banning full contact does not mean zero-contact practices. Most teams will thud a day or two each week. Linemen come off the ball hard and battle in the interior lines. Players pop shoulder pads and occasionally someone hits the turf, but the idea is to stay off the ground.

During Baylor's 15 spring practice sessions, the Bears will only go full contact during their three scrimmages.

Briles said he would be apprehensive about taking tackling out of all practices.

"I think there's definitely pros and cons to each," he said. "Safety would certainly be increased. The cons would be you're putting people out there in live situations that have never done it before, then expecting them to be able to take care of themselves. It's hard to preach what you can't teach."

Teevens said he has been confronted by critics who believe he is taking safety too far and hurting the game. He doesn't buy it.

"Either we change the way we coach the game," he said, "or we're not going to have a game to coach."

Florida to sell alcohol at football, men's basketball games

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida is the latest school to start selling alcohol at sporting events.

The University Athletic Association announced Wednesday it will offer beer and wine sales in premium seating at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium and at men's basketball games in the O'Connell Center beginning this fall.

Like most programs around the country, the Gators are looking to improve game-day experience in hopes of boosting ticket sales and create a new revenue stream at a time when costs are on the rise as schools pay athletes a monthly stipend. Florida also has about $100 million in on-campus projects under way and more planned.

The Gators don't expect a financial windfall from the deal, though. They project net revenue from alcohol sales at seven football games and 18 basketball games to be about $145,000. They also estimate that sales will impact just 7.5 percent of fans at football games and about 6 percent at basketball games.

Of course, opening the door for alcohol sales in premium seats could eventually lead to sales in other or all sections.

For now, beer and wine will be sold in the Holloway Touchdown Terrace and the Evans Champions Club at football games this season, and in premium seats at the O'Dome, which will soon begin a $65 million renovation.

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KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Life in Pieces (N)	Mom (N)	2 Broke Girls (N)		Elementary (N)	CBS 7 News	(35) Stephen Colbert	(35) J.Corden
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Spieth, Day, McIlroy featured group at Cadillac Championship

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

DORAL, Fla. — Jordan Spieth, Jason Day and Rory McIlroy are the top three players in the world golf rankings, which assures them of absolutely nothing this week.

Doral hasn't been overly kind to any of them.

Spieth has been over par in five of his eight rounds there over the last two years, Day has posted two rounds in the 60s in his last 16 attempts at the Blue Monster, and McIlroy — who won at Doral as a 9-year-old — casually tossed his 3-iron into the water after a bad shot last year, a fairly strong indicator of how he would assess his play.

Yet they'll have the bulk of the attention Thursday when they'll be in the same group at the opening round of the Cadillac Championship, the first of the four World Golf Championships.

"Everyone's fighting for the same prize," Spieth said. "When we get out there, we're playing our own game. I don't think any of us are buying into any added motivation or excitement because of the pairing. I don't think we would at any point. Not trying to downplay it, but for me personally, I would say it's going to be a lot of fun ... but I don't think any of us are buying into the 'Big Three.'"

Spieth's last outing was a rare-for-him missed cut at Riviera. Day was tied for 11th at Pebble Beach in his most recent event, and McIlroy missed the cut last week at The Honda Classic. It's their first time being in the same tournament since September.

"I've played a lot with Jason and a lot with Jordan over the past few years, but we haven't really played much together in a three-ball," McIlroy said. "So the next two days are going to be enjoyable. It will be good out there, hopefully a little bit of buzz around that group, very much looking forward to that."

Buzz won't be in short supply this week.

The winners of the last 13 major championships are in the field, Dustin Johnson is back to defend the title he won at Doral a year ago when he overtook J.B. Holmes in the final round and it's all going to play out on a course owned by Republican presidential front-runner Donald Trump — who is expected to appear at some point before the final putt drops on Sunday.

"Obviously, this is a great tournament," Johnson said. "It's got a great field. I won here last year, but since last year we've played a lot of tournaments. So it's not like I just won here and I'm coming back. It's been a year but it definitely feels good. It gives me a lot of confidence coming into this week and like I said, I just want to put myself in position to have the chance to win on Sunday."

The Blue Monster rewarded Johnson's patience last year and plenty of players were talking about taking a similar approach this week.

Spieth went nine consecutive holes without a par in last year's final round and wound up losing two shots to par in that stretch because his five birdies were more than canceled out by a triple, a double and two bogeys. Day and McIlroy each made 17 birdies at Doral a year ago — just like Johnson did — and were nowhere near the winner by the 72nd hole, doomed by errors along the way.

TEXAS FISHING REPORT

WEST

ALAN HENRY: 2.06 feet low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs. Catfish are fair on live bait.

ARROWHEAD: 0.34 feet high. No report available.

COLORADO CITY: 20 feet low. No report available.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water murky; 45-52 degrees; 0.28 feet low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and split shot rigged Rattlesnakes. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 47-55 degrees; 14.18 feet low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, Rat-L-Traps and jigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and live shad.

NASWORTHY: 43-54 degrees; 1.33 feet low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and jigs. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 44-53 degrees; 15.32 feet low. Black bass are fair on drop shot rigs, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worn-Gin) nightcrawlers.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 48-54 degrees; 46.36 feet low. Black bass are fair on Senkos with a 1/16-oz. bullet weight, Texas rigs, jigs and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished shallow. Catfish are fair to good on live bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water off color; 48-57 degrees; 0.14 feet high. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, spinnerbaits, drop shot rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on live shad and nightcrawlers.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water murky; 57-61 degrees; 24.66 feet low. Black bass are good on crankbaits, jerkbaits, soft plastics, spinnerbaits, and swimbaits. Striped bass are fair on slabs and jigging spoons. White bass are fair on slabs, jigging spoons, and live minnows. Catfish are fair on chesseba, shrimp, and liver over baited holes. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines and droplines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water clear; 60-64 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are very good on live bait, frozen shrimp, liver, and bloodbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

CELTON: Water murky; 55-59 degrees; 0.07 feet high. Black bass are good on green pumpkin crankbaits and spinnerbaits. Hybrid striper and fair on live shad. White bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are good on minnows under lights at night. Channel and blue catfish are good on shrimp and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines and throwlines baited with live perch.

BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 55-59 degrees; 0.03 feet low. Black bass are fair on crew colored crankbaits, chartreuse/blue Bass Hogg spinnerbaits and jigs, and watermelon soft plastics. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on white tube jigs and minnows over brush piles. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

BUCHANAN: Water murky; 54-58 degrees; 6.94 feet low. Black bass are fair on green pumpkin Curb's jigs, JDC Skip-N-Pop topwaters, and wacky rigged watermelon red Whacky Sticks. Striped bass are fair on live bait and jigging white Curb's buckeye jigs. White bass are good on Pink Minnows and Tiny Traps. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are good on juglines and trotlines.

CANYON LAKE: Water murky; 55-59 degrees; 0.05 feet high. Black bass are good on JDC spider Grubs, green pumpkin Whacky Sticks on jigheads, and grape Scoundrel worms along break lines. Striped bass are fair vertically jigging silver Pink Minnows and trolling crankbaits. White bass are fair trolling Shad Raps and Dallas Shad Masters.

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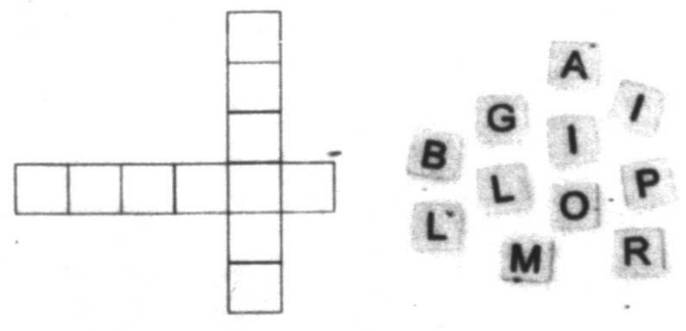

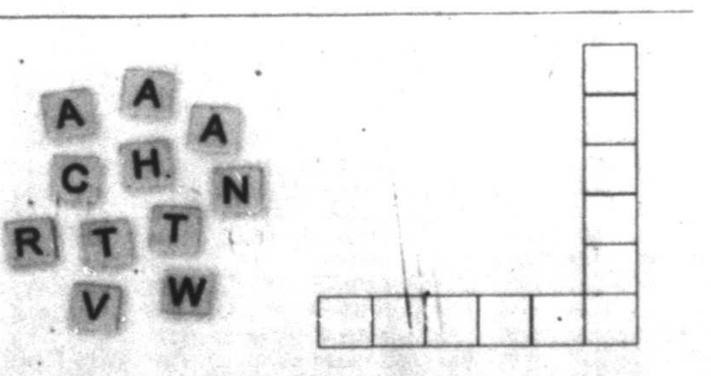

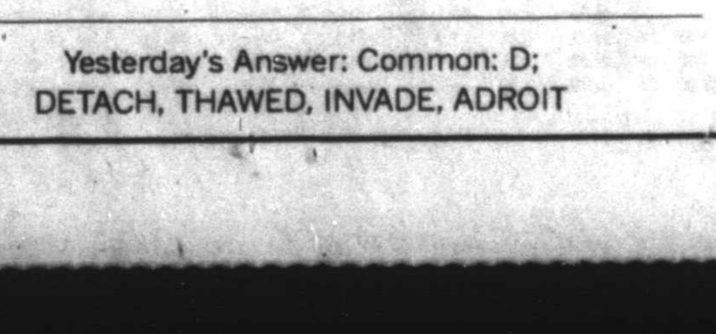

Yesterday's Answer: Common: D; DETACH, THAWED, INVADE, ADROIT

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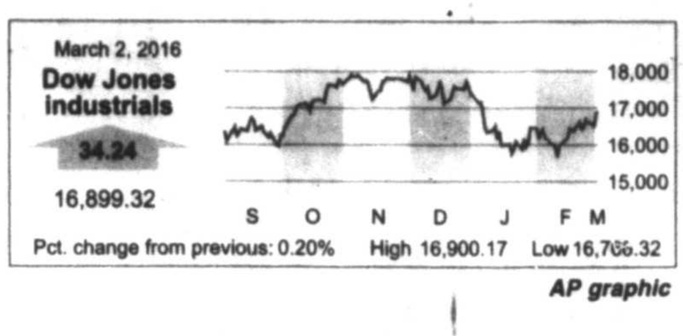
A DAY ON WALL STREET



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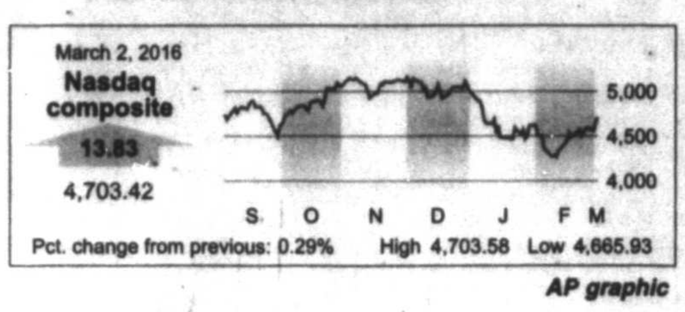

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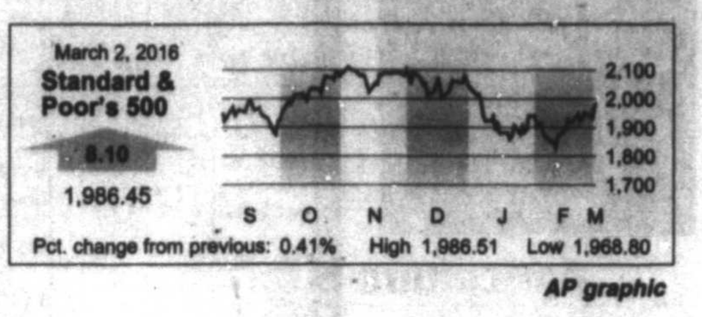

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Wednesday: $34.66
Previous: $34.40

POSTED

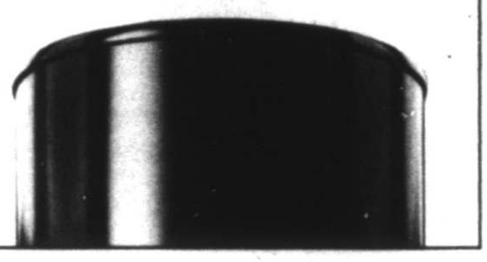
Wednesday: $30.75
Previous: $31.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Wednesday: $26.15
Previous: $26.40

NATURAL GAS

Wednesday: $1.678
Previous: $1.742



NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CSVLgCrd rs	14313201.95		-.08
BkofAm	1357339	13.41	+.27
WeathfIntl	1123036	6.90	+.71
S&P500ETF	904890199.00		+.89
FrptMcM	844389	8.97	+1.21

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Unit	7.44	+1.85	+33.1
Mesab	6.59	+1.54	+30.5
LSB Inds	9.20	+2.12	+29.9
Checkpnt	10.20	+2.31	+29.3
BBarrett	3.85	+.85	+28.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BS IBM96	50.40	-19.60	-28.0
DrxNGBear	39.63	-14.03	-26.1
VivintSolar	4.89	-1.63	-25.0
DxSPOGBear	86.22	-17.31	-16.7
DxBotBear	57.17	-7.83	-12.0

DIARY

Advanced	2,064
Declined	1,038
Unchanged	86
Total issues	3,188
New Highs	57
New Lows	15
Volume	4,510,400,865

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CheniereEn	55886	36.50	+1.47
Globalstar	43413	1.60	+.10
BarcGSOil	37274	4.98	+.07
iShindia bt	31820	25.66	+.45
NwGold g	31053	3.32	+.08

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Amplnph rs	4.01	+.61	+17.9
NthnO&G	3.82	+.49	+14.7
VirnetX	4.96	+.44	+9.7
Contango	6.79	+.60	+9.7
Aerocntry	14.15	+1.20	+9.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Tofutti	2.85	-.25	-7.9
StrPathCm	33.83	-2.61	-7.2
Air Inds	6.10	-.28	-4.4
ParPetrol	19.05	-.75	-3.8
NMOPI	15.61	-.57	-3.5

DIARY

Advanced	249
Declined	120
Unchanged	24
Total issues	392
New Highs	5
New Lows	5
Volume	70,847,023

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	397935	3.82	+.06
Apple Inc	324858	100.75	+.22
Microsoft	285272	52.95	+.37
PwShs QQQ	277683	105.83	+.04
CSX	256038	24.55	-.09

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ParagnS rs	3.49	+2.32	+198.3
Advaxis wt	4.70	+1.12	+31.4
ARC Grp	2.41	+.56	+30.3
Itus Cp rs	3.08	+.65	+26.7
Advaxis	7.47	+1.57	+26.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PeregP pfE	9.51	-3.39	-26.3
NwstPipe	8.71	-1.72	-16.5
Avinger n	13.50	-2.42	-15.2
KonaGrill	12.85	-2.27	-15.0
AlmostFam	34.62	-4.46	-11.4

DIARY

Advanced	1,845
Declined	930
Unchanged	165
Total issues	2,940
New Highs	30
New Lows	32
Volume	1,859,073,363

Texas regulators poised to vote on Oncor plan

By Jim Malewitz
Texas Tribune

Texas regulators are expected to vote today on the Ray L. Hunt family's $18 billion plan to purchase and reshape Oncor, the state's largest electric utility.

But if the three-member Public Utility Commission approves the deal, its decision may very well include major stipulations.

The vote would resonate beyond the more than three million North and West Texans who rely on the utility to deliver their power. Approval would help end one of the largest corporate bankruptcies in U.S. history — that of Energy Future Holdings, Oncor's heavily indebted parent — and bring more certainty to the Texas energy world.

But a signoff on the deal as written would almost certainly spark protests from a host of critics, including consumer advocates, big electricity users and even staff experts at the agency who call the deal a windfall for Hunt's investors at the expense of everyday Texans.

The commission, which regulate monopoly utilities, has spent more than five months considering whether turning Oncor into a real estate investment trust as Hunt intends fits the public interest, and they are nearing a March 27 deadline to formally approve the proposal.

The panel meets today, and observers are expecting they will vote. Three broad options sit on the table: approval, denial or approval with key stipulations — the last of which appears increasingly likely.

Hunt would get his vote, he wrote, only if it accepted dozens of new conditions he laid out in the memo, which touched on its governance and other regulatory questions, and included guarantees that the new Oncor wouldn't charge future ratepayers for various costs associated with the restructuring.

Less clear Wednesday was whether Hunt — or investors who promised to pour billions of dollars into the deal as written — would find the stipulations worth it.

Geoffrey Gay, general counsel for the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor, a consumer group that opposes the deal, called Anderson's conditions "excellent," for the most part. If approved, he hoped they would prompt Hunt's investors to walk away.

Hunt would not directly weigh in on Anderson's memo.

"In our view, Commissioner Anderson has consistently worked to foster a thoughtful dialogue about our proposed transaction," Jeanne Phillips, a spokeswoman said Wednesday in a statement. "We look forward to the commissioners' discussions tomorrow."

Oncor, which has scrutinized various aspects of Hunt's proposal, declined to comment for this story.

Trust questions

Perhaps the biggest remaining sticking point is this question: Should the Dallas-based oil family allow Oncor, under the new corporate structure, to collect hundreds of millions of ratepayer dollars — normally earmarked for federal taxes — that the company wouldn't actually have to pay?

Transforming the utility into a real estate investment trust would allow Hunt to save on federal taxes, and it would likely spur other major utilities to follow suit. Houston-based CenterPoint Energy has already said it's exploring the idea, worrying consumer advocates.

The plan would divide Oncor into two companies. One would own the assets (power lines, trucks and transformers, for instance), while the other, much smaller "operating" company would rent the equipment. In Oncor's case, the "asset" company would hold about 97 percent of the income — largely untaxed.

Federal law requires these trusts to pay out at least 90 percent of their income to shareholders thorough dividends.

That financial structure has long served the real estate world. Shopping malls, for instance, commonly use it, as investors back a broad entity that rents space and other assets to individual stores. But such trusts have never been tried at a large utility, and critics call it risky.

One of critics' biggest complaints: Hunt calls for the new Oncor to keep charging ratepayers what it normally collects in federal taxes — even though the company would no longer send that money to Washington.

Dueling filings

Hunt argues that the tax savings would draw more investment in Oncor and make for a healthier company in the long run. And in a filing this month, the family proposed additional provisions that, by its estimate, would deliver "tangible benefits" to ratepayers of more than $500 million by 2021.

That would include offering a one-time $100 million direct credit to ratepayers (spread out over the next three years), and to ask regulators for less money — 30 percent less — to cover depreciation rates in 2017 and rebalancing its debt structure.

Critics argue the concessions are far too small to compensate ratepayers for the roughly $250 million per year in tax collections that Oncor would send to its investors, and contend that some of the new provisions would actually inflict more harm on new ratepayers.

Disclosure: CenterPoint Energy is a corporate sponsor of The Texas Tribune. Oncor was a corporate sponsor in 2012.

Stocks get tiny gains

Stocks eked out tiny gains Wednesday as oil prices continued to recover and investors hoped the worst is over for the beleaguered energy industry. Telecommunications companies, which have climbed as the rest of the market has struggled this year, also rose.

Indexes wavered between tiny gains and losses for most of the day, then climbed steadily in the last 90 minutes of trading. Oil prices increased for the seventh time in eight days, an encouraging sign after many months of sharp declines. After Tuesday's big gains, the market is the highest it's been since the first week of the year.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 34.24 points, or 0.2 percent, to 16,899.32. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 8.10 points, or 0.4 percent, to 1,986.45. The Nasdaq composite index added 13.83 points, or 0.3 percent, to 4,703.42.

The price of oil has been plunging for almost two years, from over $100 a barrel in mid-2014 to $26 a barrel last month. That decimated profits at energy companies and hurt banks that lent money to them. Oil has staged a modest recovery over the last couple of weeks.

Metal prices rise

The price of gold rose $11 to $1,241.80 an ounce. Silver rose 27 cents to $15.02 an ounce. Copper rose 4 cents to $2.18 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $13.86 Up $0.71

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $96.74 Up $5.50

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.00 Up $0.20

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $74.00 Up $1.51

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $0.640 Down $0.037

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $2.51 Up $0.10

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $18.82 Up $0.67

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $26.27 Up $1.04

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $4.56 Up $0.30

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $15.99 Up $0.19

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel			3.52	+.59	+57.1
AT&T Inc	1.92f	16	37.69	+.30	+9.5
Abraxas	...	5	.99	+.08	-6.7
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	12.16	+.09	-5.2
Alcoa	.12	17	9.62	+.51	-2.5
AlonUSA	.60	14	10.10	+.15	-31.9
Ambev	.19e	...	4.65	+.03	+4.3
Amgen	4.00f	16	147.49	-.90	-9.1
Anadarko	.20m	...	42.65	+2.54	-12.2
Apache	1.00	...	41.97	+3.35	-5.6
Apple Inc	2.08	11	100.75	+.22	-4.3
ApldMatl	.40	18	19.49	+.12	+4.4
ArcelorMit			4.78	+.64	+13.3
Archrock	.75f		5.29	+.74	-29.7
ATMOS	1.38f	23	70.33	+1.06	+11.6
AutoData	2.12	27	85.65	-1.12	+1.1
BP PLC	2.40a	...	30.21	+.58	-3.4
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	16.62	+.05	-3.7
BakrHu	.68	...	45.41	+1.15	-1.6
BkofAm	.20	10	13.41	+.27	-20.3
B iPVixST	...	...	22.32	-.40	+11.0
BasicEnSv			1.89	+.02	-29.5
BerkHa A	...	15	205500.00	...	+3.9
BlkHillsCp	1.68f	38	56.61	+1.23	+21.9
BrMySq	1.52f	46	64.90	+.68	-5.7
BrownFA	1.36f	33	104.39	-1.79	-5.2
BrownFB	1.36f	30	98.19	-1.47	-3.1
CSX	.72	12	24.55	-.09	-5.4
CVS Health	1.70f	20	98.63	+.33	+.9
CalifRescs			.85	+.01	-63.5
Cameron	...	18	67.54	+.39	+6.9
Caterpillar	3.08	14	69.38	+.29	+2.1
Celestic g	...	12	10.62	+.04	-3.7
CntryLink	2.16	20	31.15	+.57	+23.8
ChesEng			3.40	+.64	-24.4
Chevron	4.28	36	87.14	+1.01	-3.1
Chicos	.32f	46	12.81	+.26	+20.1
Cimarex	.32m	...	89.86	+3.90	+.5
Cisco	1.04f	13	26.90	+.07	-.2
Citigroup	.20	10	42.22	+.95	-18.4
ClayEng	...	...	13.86	+.71	-53.1
CocaCola	1.40f	25	43.77	+.08	+1.9
ColgPalm	1.52	24	67.08	-.25	+.7
ConAgra	1.00	23	42.76	+.25	+1.4
ConchoRes	...	...	96.74	+5.50	+4.2
ConocoPhil	1.00m	...	36.49	+2.03	-21.8
CrackerB	4.40a	21	149.37	+.79	+17.8
CSVLgNG rs			.72	-.10	-70.6
CSVLgCrd rs				1.95	+.08
-50.6					
CSVelIVST	...	...	20.85	+.30	-19.2
CSVxSh rs			7.03	-.33	+12.3
CrosTim	1.48e	9	14.46	+.37	+11.1
DCP Mid	3.12	25	22.22	+1.38	-9.9
DTE	2.92f	18	84.06	+.23	+4.8
Dataram h			.70	-.00	+6.1
DenburyR			1.78	+.39	-11.9
DevonE	.24m	...	21.52	+2.30	-32.8
DirDGldBr			4.36	-.36	-73.6
Disney	1.42f	18	97.00	-.85	-7.7
DowChm	1.84f	12	49.62	-.45	-3.6
EOG Rescs	.67	...	67.00	+1.96	-5.4
EmpDist	1.04	25	32.91	-.01	+17.2
EnCana g	.06m	...	4.59	+.29	-9.8
Energen	.08	...	29.08	+1.70	-29.1
EngyTsfr	4.22f	...	27.37	+.97	-18.9
EnPro	.84f	...	55.35	+1.85	+26.3
EntProdPt	1.56f	18	23.73	+.68	-7.2
Ericsson	.39e	...	9.30	-.04	-3.2
ExxonMbl	2.92	21	82.70	+1.42	+6.1
Facebook	...	72	109.95	+.13	+5.1
FordM	.60a	8	13.22	+.13	-6.2
FrptMcM			8.97	+1.21	+32.5
FrontierCm	.42	...	5.63	+.16	+20.6
GATX	1.60f	8	45.39	+1.18	+6.7
GabMultT	.94e	...	7.20	+.04	-4.0
GAInv	1.15e	...	29.61	+.14	-7.3
GenElec	.92	...	30.18	+.30	-3.1
GtPlainEn	1.05f	22	29.49	+.36	+8.0
HalconRs rs	...	...	.57	+.02	-54.8
Halliburtn	.72	...	33.66	+.84	-1.1
HuntBncsh	.28	11	9.29	+.11	-16.0
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	22.11	+.54	+6.9
iShJapan	.13e	...	11.32	+.16	-6.6
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	32.05	+.68	-9.2
iShEMkts	.84e	...	31.82	+.42	-1.1
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	55.41	+.38	-5.6
iShR2K	1.73e	...	106.02	+1.08	-5.9
Intel	1.04f	13	30.54	+.17	-11.3
InterDig	.80	16	52.49	+1.12	+7.0
ItauUnibH	.45e	...	6.96	+.26	+7.1
JPMorgCh	1.76	10	59.76	+.56	-8.9
JohnJn	3.00	18	107.04	-.18	+4.2
Keycorp	.30	11	11.31	+.41	-14.3
KimbClk	3.68f	37	131.57	+.85	+3.4
KindMorg	.50m	28	18.62	+.51	+24.8
LegacyRes	.60m	...	.63	-.05	-64.0
Lubys	...	...	4.96	-.01	+11.4
MarathnO	.20m	...	9.10	+1.14	-27.7
MktVGold	.12e	...	19.05	+.48	+38.9
McDnlds	3.56f	24	118.48	-.37	+.3
Merck	1.84f	24	52.27	+.52	-1.0
MeritMed	...	35	18.82	...	+1.2
MexcoEn	...	...	2.51	+.16	-22.4
MicronT	...	6	11.68	+.61	-17.5
Microsoft	1.44	34	52.95	+.37	-4.6
MorgStan	.60	9	26.11	+.02	-17.9
Nabors	.24	...	7.47	+.60	-12.2
NatGrid	3.35e	...	67.84	-.08	-2.4
NOILVarco	1.84	11	30.50	+.99	-8.9
Netflix s	...	...	97.61	-.69	-14.7
NvMAd	.79e	...	14.17	-.07	+2.3
NvPMI	.78e	...	14.01	-.07	+2.6
NuvPI	.82e	...	14.21	-.08	+.8
NSTFI3	.55e	...	14.69	-.07	+1.0
NTXQI	.65	...	14.74	...	+2.1
OasisPet	...	3	6.35	+.74	-13.8
OcciPet	3.00	54	71.61	+1.16	+6.9
ParTech	...	...	6.29	+.19	-6.5
ParkDri	...	...	1.71	+.16	-6.0
PattUTI	.40	...	15.26	+.46	+7.8
Penney	...	...	10.58	+.40	+58.9
PennaRE	.84	...	20.75	+.44	-5.1
Pmian	.35e	13	5.92	+.26	+17.0
Petrobras			4.11	+.32	-4.4
Pfizer	1.20f	18	29.86	+.06	-7.1
PioNtrl	.08	62	131.25	+3.15	+4.7
PlainsAAP	2.80	15	21.76	+.51	-5.8
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	105.83	+.04	-5.4
Praxair	3.00f	19	104.14	-1.20	+1.7
PrmEgy	...	23	49.56	...	-6.5
PUVixST rs	...	...	31.69	-1.26	+11.8
PrUCrude rs	...	...	8.27	+.16	-34.1
ProctGam	2.65	27	82.55	+1.32	+4.0
RangeRs	.08m	17	28.46	+2.72	+15.6
RegionsFn	.24	12	8.12	+.14	-15.4
Rowan	.40	...	14.91	+1.29	-12.0
RoyDShllA	3.76	71	47.10	+.66	+2.9
SpdrDJIA	3.96e	...	168.89	+.37	-2.9
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	199.00	+.89	-2.4
SpdrLehHY	2.30	...	33.61	-.24	-.9
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	26.55	+1.35	-12.1
SabnR	2.81e	10	32.54	+.67	+23.9
SanderFm	.88e	10	91.65	+1.86	+18.2
Schlmbrg	2.00	22	74.41	+.40	+6.7
SiriusXM	...	38	3.82	+.06	-6.3
Smucker	2.68	34	127.81	-.42	+3.6
SwstnEngy	...	...	6.21	+.59	-12.7
Sprint	...	...	3.75	+.28	+3.6
SP CnSt	1.28e	...	51.56	+.15	+2.1
SP Engy	2.04e	...	59.48	+1.42	-1.4
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	22.04	+.24	-7.5
SP Util	1.55e	...	46.31	+.24	+7.0
SunEdison	...	...	1.79	+.29	-64.8
SunocoLog	1.92f	39	26.02	+1.55	+1.2
TackRes g	.10m	...	7.12	+1.16	+84.5
TeleflEsp	1.03e	...	10.69	+.32	-3.3
Tesoro	2.00	6	82.19	-1.43	-22.0
3M Co	4.44f	21	159.41	-.18	+5.8
Torchmark	.56f	13	63.44	+.47	-6.3
Transocn	...	...	9.84	+.77	-20.5
TrIContl	.81e	...	19.17	+.08	-4.2
Twitter	...	...	18.54	+.69	-19.9
TylerTech	...	58	123.97	-1.17	-28.9
UltraPt g	...	...	.71	+.35	-71.6
UBSI	1.32	18	36.60	+.47	-1.1
US NGas	...	...	5.91	-.27	-31.8
US OilFd	...	...	9.30	+.15	-15.5
USSteel	.20	...	11.35	+2.16	+42.2
Vale SA	.29e	...	3.63	+.43	+10.3
Vale SA pf	.29e	...	2.57	+.22	+.8
ValeantPh	...	38	67.47	+2.02	-33.6
ValeroE	2.40f	7	62.06	+.49	-12.2
VangEmg	1.10e	...	32.34	+.49	-1.1
VulcanM	.80f	58	102.34	+.82	+7.7
WEC Engy	1.98f	21	56.23	-.12	+9.6
WalgBoots	1.44	23	79.46	-.89	-6.7
WeathIntl	...	...	6.90	+.71	-17.8
WellsFargo	1.50	12	49.57	+.85	-8.8
WstnRefin	1.52f	5	26.48	-.26	-25.7
WhitingPet	...	...	5.20	+.85	-44.9
WmsCos	2.56	86	17.13	+.58	-33.3
XcelEngy	1.36f	20	39.59	+.13	+10.2
Xerox	.31f	21	10.20	+.27	-4.0
Zynga	...	...	2.25	+.09	-18.0

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,351.36	15,370.33	Dow Jones Industrials	16,899.32	+34.24	+.20	-3.02	-6.62
9,178.20	6,403.31	Dow Jones Transportation	7,517.17	+18.87	+.22	+.11	-16.53
637.93	539.06	Dow Jones Utilities	623.05	+4.55	+.74	+7.53	+6.67
11,254.87	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	9,837.59	+66.59	+.68	-3.02	-10.61
5,231.94	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	4,703.42	+13.82	+.29	-6.07	-5.31
2,134.72	1,810.10	S&P 500	1,986.45	+8.10	+.41	-2.81	-5.34
1,551.28	1,215.14	S&P Midcap	1,375.38	+12.08	+.89	-1.66	-8.51
22,537.15	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	20,435.94	+110.74	+.54	-3.46	-7.77
1,296.00	943.09	Russell 2000	1,065.87	+11.18	+1.06	-6.18	-13.41

TODAY: Mostly sunny — High: 72 Low: 48

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 81 Low: 50

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 81 Low: 53

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 79 Low: 54

MONDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 76 Low: 47

TUESDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 67 Low: 44

Local forecast

After several days of above-normal highs and lows, Tuesday's temperatures are expected to be in the normal range, according to the National Weather Service. Also on Tuesday, there is a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms.

The record high for March 2 is 86 set in 1966. The record low is 9 set in 1980. On March 2 of last year, the high was 38 and the low was 32.

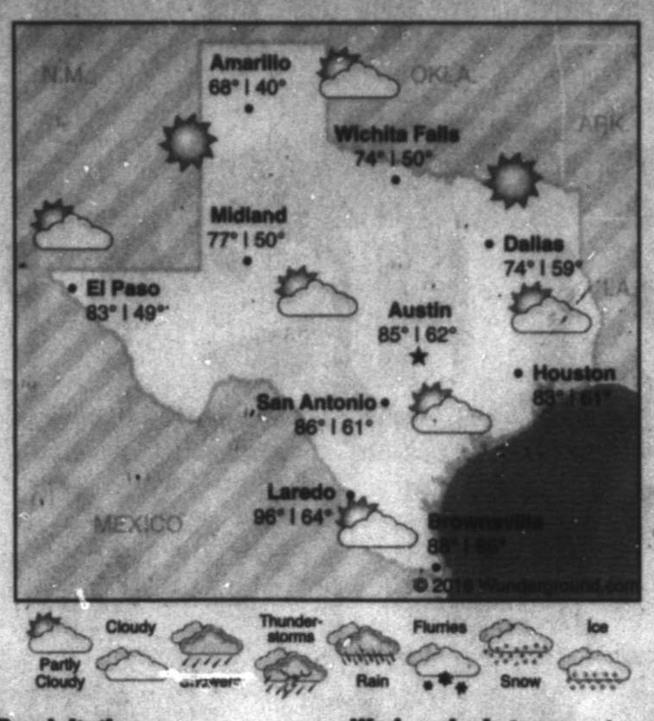
Agriculture brief

WASHINGTON

Review says minimal risks from spraying for gypsy moths

OLYMPIA — A draft environmental review says a plan to spray 10,500 acres to kill leaf-eating gypsy moths in Western Washington would pose minimal risk to people or other organisms.

The Washington Department of Agriculture is planning to spray a biological insecticide over Kent, Tacoma, Vancouver, Lacey, Gig Harbor and Seattle's Capitol Hill neighborhood this spring to kill Asian and European varieties of gypsy moths.



Precipitation

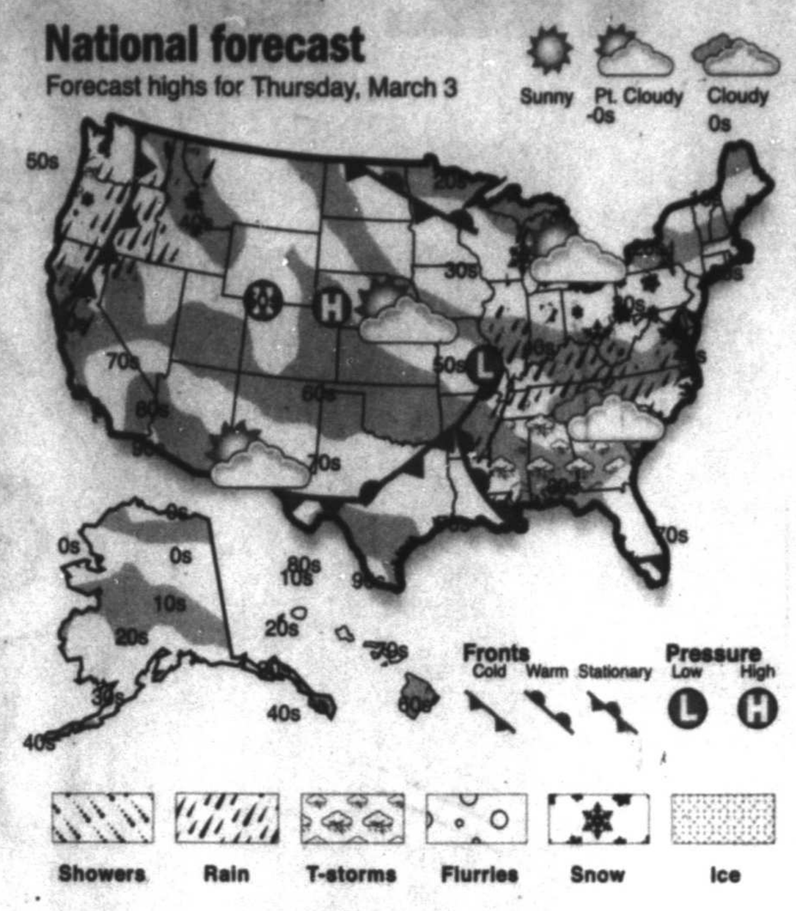
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	0.48 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.31 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	85
Low	45
Normal high	66
Normal low	38
Sunrise	7:13 a.m.
Sunset	6:48 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, March 3



Hard-working sister balks at supporting lazy brothers

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: I am a community college sophomore (age 20) in an international honor society, double-majoring in biotechnology and biological sciences. My dream is to become a cardiologist.

I have worked hard and excelled at my studies, as well as in my friendships and sports. However, my brothers have not. My older brother, "Aaron," barely graduated from community college, and my younger brother, "Greg," dropped out after his first semester.

I know it's not healthy for me to think this way, but I am afraid I am going to be the one who has to support them. Aaron plays video games all day, while Greg does nothing. I'm afraid I'll be stuck playing "Mommy" for my adult brothers for the rest of my days.

How do I get across to them that they're not children anymore and they need to take their education seriously? — NOBODY'S MOMMY IN MARYLAND

DEAR NOBODY'S MOMMY: Where are your brothers living now? With your parents? If that's the case — and I suspect it is — that message should come from them. That your parents woald allow Aaron to sit around all day playing video games rather than become independent means they are his enablers.

There is truth to the saying, "The Lord helps those who help themselves." Warn the boys that unless they start preparing for their future, they could wind up living in the street, because when your parents go, you have no intention of supporting them financially. That responsibility is not and should not be yours.

DEAR ABBY: I just got married to a beautiful woman. She's tall and elegant. The problem is, she's addicted to taking pictures of herself. She takes at least 100 of them a day.

When we're driving, she's busy taking selfies. When we go out, she asks me to take pictures of her. If I tell her I don't want to take more pictures, she pleads with me to take "just one more," which really means five.

When we are out to dinner and I get up to go to the restroom, she asks total strangers to take her picture. When we were on vacation and we went to the pool, she wore full makeup for two reasons, she said: (1) She's not putting her head under water, and (2) she wants some pictures taken of her.

I have told her many times how much this annoys me, but she says I am preventing her from what she enjoys. What can I do to help her? — TOO MANY PHOTO OPS

DEAR TOO MANY PHOTO OPS: You have married a beautiful (tall, elegant) piece of arm candy. Because you did not mention even one other positive quality about her, I assume this is what you wanted. Her vanity/insecurity about her looks is the "accessory" that goes with your trophy.

It will take effort on your part to help her recognize that what she has to offer beneath the surface is at least as important as her looks. (It may also take the services of a psychologist, if she's willing.)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Costs nothing

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A 9 3
♡ K 10 5 4 3
◇ Q 8 2
♣ 6 5

WEST
♠ J 10
♡ Q 6
◇ 7 5 3
♣ K Q J 9 8 2

EAST
♠ Q 7 5 4 2
♡ 8 7
◇ K J 10 4
♣ 4 3

SOUTH
♠ K 8 6
♡ A J 9 2
◇ A 9 6
♣ A 10 7

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	2◇*	Pass
2♡	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♡	All pass		

*Transfer to hearts

Opening lead: King of ♣

The auction was quite normal, but the near identical distribution of the North-South hands made the final contract a poor one. With certain losers in spades, diamonds, and clubs, South needed to pick up the trumps without loss and probably also needed West to hold the king of diamonds.

South ducked the opening club lead, won the club continuation, and drew trumps in two rounds. Declarer now found the excellent line of ruffing his remaining club in dummy before playing the ace, king and another spade. East had to win this and was end-played — forced to yield a ruff-sluff or lead away from his king of diamonds. The location of the king didn't matter. Had West held that card, East's diamond lead would have gone to the king, but the queen of diamonds would have become the tenth trick.

Note that this line of play cost nothing. It was a free extra chance. Had West been able to win the third spade, declarer would still have had the option of playing West for the king of diamonds on the forced diamond shift. He would also be able to take advantage of his useful spot cards in diamonds by ducking West's diamond shift in dummy and also allowing East's 10 of diamonds to hold the trick. East would again be end-played. In short, this line of play would allow South to make his contract regardless of which opponent held the king of diamonds. He might, however, have to guess which opponent it was.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-dynamic; 4-positive; 3-average; 2-so-so; 1-difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, March 3, 2016:

This year you reach out to others more often. You also have a sixth sense for what people need. You work well with those who can't communicate their thoughts well. If you are single, you will see your circle of friends grow. Through this same group, you could meet someone special. If you are attached, the two of you often enjoy going out together. You have certain key goals that strengthen the bond between you. CAPRICORN can be pushy, but you understand where he or she is coming from.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Take charge of a situation. Your intuition will lead you down the right path. You might not have been aware of how much others expect from you until today. Be sure to go for what you want before you try to meet everyone else's expectations. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Your sense of direction emerges in a conversation with a friend. You might not notice the tension that has evolved between you. You will need to take certain actions in order to get both of you to chill out. Decide if you are willing to cater to this person. Tonight: Where the action is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ A partner becomes far more in touch with the changes needed to have a key situation work out. A new friend might be more than willing to help you achieve a long-term goal. You could be more sensitive to a higher-up than you realize. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone at a distance whom you trust; this person often gives you strong feedback. A partner could be challenging, as he or she feels his or her advice is even better. There could be quite a rebellion if you are not careful. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Be more in touch with your desires. A partner seems to be receptive to your wishes. Let this person express his or her ideas. Help a loved one realize what he or she wants, too. The more everyone understands expectations, the clearer the situation will be. Tonight: Count on a friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You might want to understand what is happening within a special friendship. Allow your creativity to flourish. A new friend might be delighted by your ideas, and will let you know. A close associate is likely to give you strong feedback. Tonight: Let your hair down.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Your efforts toward a personal change need to be supported by a family member. You could be wondering what would be best for the whole as well as for you. A discussion with loved ones will open up feelings and allow more give-and-take. Tonight: Head home early.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Rest assured that you will need to reach out to others in order to get a situation moving. They might not be aware of what is going on, or even need you to instigate the process. Make an effort toward a potential sweetie if you are single. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You could be uncomfortable with what is being offered or required financially. You likely had a different figure in your mind. You can bypass a problem as long as you remain creative and open-minded. Others will put in their two cents as well. Tonight: You have the ultimate say.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Tap into your imagination when sharing with others. Your personality will melt a restriction or a coldness from someone in your day-to-day environment. Understand that this is a defense tactic. Confusion weaves through some interactions. Tonight: Others respond to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Keep your own counsel. You might not be sure about what you want or what you need from someone. Until you are clear on this, don't share what is on your mind. You could add an element of deception or uncertainty by speaking too quickly. Tonight: Follow your instincts.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Your imagination adds a wonderful element to your interactions. Be aware of what you want when conversations start going to other topics. Lasso in a wandering conversation quickly. A group of friends could be planning a fun get-together. Tonight: Start the weekend early.

BORN TODAY

Radio personality Ira Glass (1959), actress Julie Bowen (1970), actress Jean Harlow (1911)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Congressional authority
5 Lifeless
9 Repaired, as a boot
14 Warning to a tot
15 Academic apparel
16 Dancer Fred's dancing sister
17 Temporarily out of stock, with "on"
19 Add a lane to, say
20 Hot rod rods
21 Not stable, in a way
23 Sighed line
26 Wall St. event
27 "Yeah, sure!"
30 One might spoil a dream
36 Beth, to Jo
37 Hindu "sir"
38 Spot in a spa
39 Jangle pop and the like, and a hint to a hidden feature of 17-, 30-, 46- and 63-Across
43 Old counters
44 Aussie hoppers
45 Daisy ___
46 Gadgets with helical parts called worms
49 The Constitution St.
50 Cadenza maker
51 50-Across' locale
53 Enjoy the sunset
58 About
62 Old marketplace
63 Restaurant convenience
66 Flower part
67 Dynamic beginning?
68 The Big Easy acronym
69 "East of Eden" surname
70 Balcony section
71 Card game for three

DOWN

1 Where the Sky and the Sun collide, for short?
2 Scam
3 Part of the pkg.
4 Jab
5 "Darn, it's cold!"
6 Airport near Tel Aviv
7 Withhold information about, say
8 Beyond noble
9 Supports in shop class
10 Comic strip drooler
11 Mythical Spartan queen
12 The mi. in Mile-High City
13 Opposite of admit
18 Kyrgyzstan city
22 Walther ___: James Bond's pistol
24 Thorn of shoes
25 Tyrrhenian Sea island
27 Name on the "Robot" series books
28 Bag End notable
29 To be, in Toledo
31 Bizarre
32 Berne's river
33 Italian cathedral
34 Like Andean pyramids
35 Kind of bucket
37 Outdoor exercise choice
40 Luther opponent Johann ___
41 Louisiana Territory state
42 Discovery astronaut James
47 Cannes corp.
48 Imp
49 Stone monuments
52 Word of disgust
53 Up-tempo
54 Too much sun, they say
55 Club in a Manilow song
56 Baseball stats
57 Religious prefix
59 Corner piece
60 Fizzy drink
61 Bit of introductory Latin
64 100 nanojoules
65 41-Down college

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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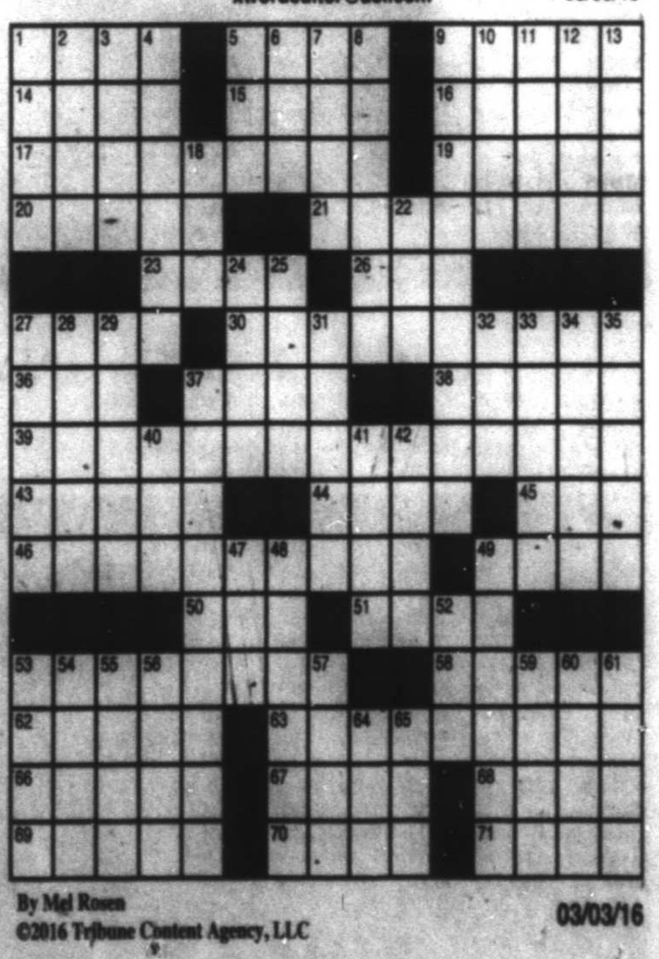

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 29, Bk. D, D&W RR CO Survey, A-119, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC Field, UPTON County, being 14.1 miles S direction from MIDKIFF, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512) 463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at Rule 37 (512) 463-6751.

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The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name :	BROOK D-31C	
Lease/Unit Well No. :	3H	
Lease/Unit Acres :	2275.4	
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	1.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	880.0	
Lease Lines :	451.0 F S (off lease) L,	1277.0 F W (off lease) L
Survey Lines :	451.0 F south L,	1277.0 F west L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral : TH1

Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines : 451.0 F S (OFF LEASE) L
1277.0 F W (OFF LEASE) L

Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 31 Block: D Abstract: 145
Survey: EL&RR RR CO

Lease Lines :	100.0	F SOUTH L
	450.0	F EAST L
Survey Lines:	100.0	F SOUTH L
	2200.0	F WEST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : R 40 EXC: Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10660 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, DAVID VINCENTI, at (972) 969-3935.

Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C — Rule 37 Case No. 0299604
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 8, 2016 — Status/Permit No. 813507
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Mar 14, 2016
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

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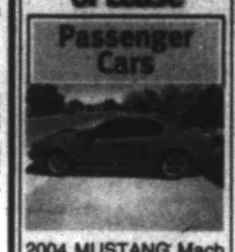

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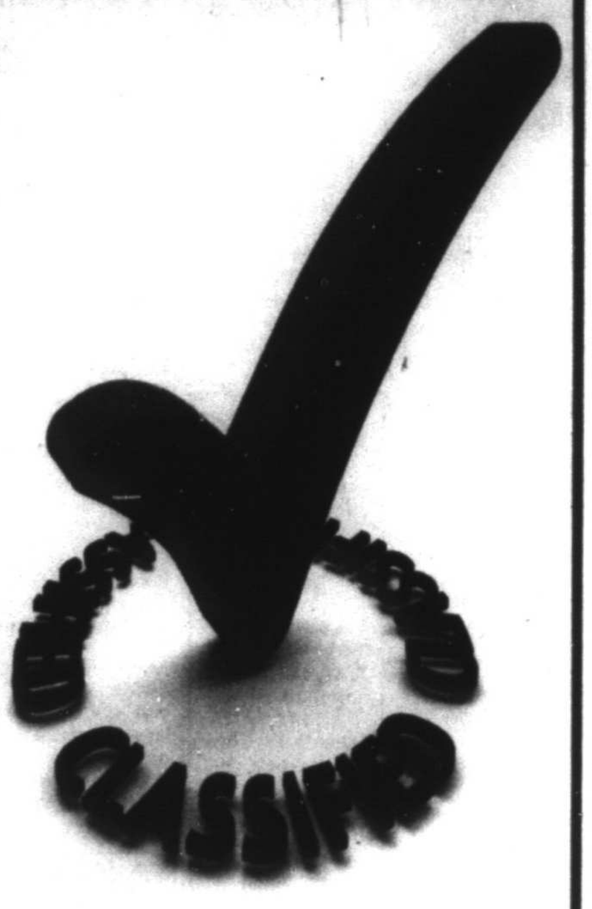

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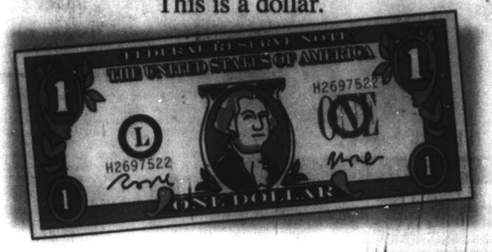
Making Change: All It Takes is Counting!

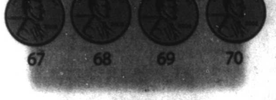
This is a dollar.



And this is a dollar, too.

Maria has $1 to buy some Super Putty, which costs 66¢. How much change will she get?

To figure this out, first count from 66 to 70. Because you are counting by 1s, circle a penny for each number.



Now that you are at 70, counting by 1s to 100 would mean there are a lot of pennies for change. You can do that, but most people like to get their change with a small number of coins.

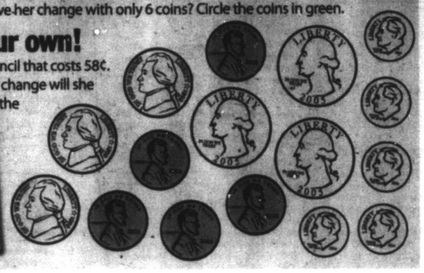
Providing the rest of the change in dimes would mean counting by 10s. With the 4 pennies you are at 70, so with the next dime, you would be at 80 then 90 then 100. Circle the 3 dimes to show the change you counted to get to $1.00.

Change-Making Challenge

The example on this page shows how to give Maria her change of 34 cents with 7 coins - 4 pennies and 3 dimes. How could you give her change with only 6 coins? Circle the coins in green.

Now try it on your own!

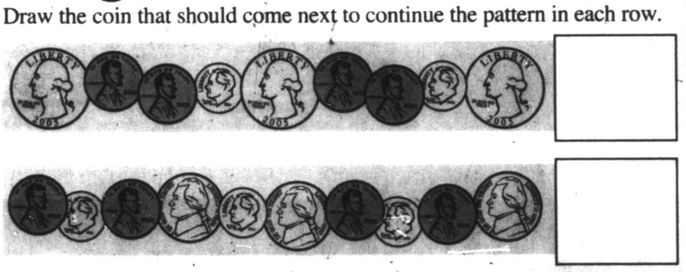
Next Maria is going to buy a pencil that costs 58¢. She has a $1.00 bill. How much change will she get? Circle the coins that show the change she will get in **red**.



A Note to Parents
Work with your child on this activity. Try it with different money amounts. Use real coins. Learning to count change takes a lot of practice!

Change Patterns

Draw the coin that should come next to continue the pattern in each row.



Extra! Extra!

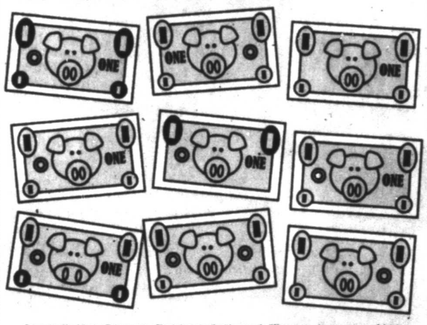
Write It Out

Find three prices in the newspaper that are written as numerals, for example: **$2.99**. Rewrite the price with words so that **$2.99** becomes **two dollars and ninety-nine cents.**

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Find the two identical bills.



Standards Link: Research: Find the similarities and differences in common objects.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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COINS
PRICE
DOLLARS
BUY
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CENTS
COSTS
DIMES
NEXT
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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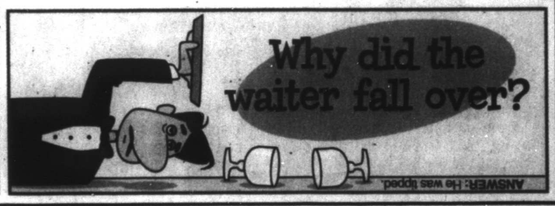
Making Change

Find the price for something for sale in the newspaper that costs less than $10. Pretend you were going to buy this for $10. Figure out what change you would receive.

Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums and differences using money amounts.



Weekly Writing Corner

Found Money

I would go find something that is ten dollars then I would buy it. But what I really want is school supplies. So one to somebody else. So if somebody found my ten dollars I would let them keep it. So they could buy something in case. It is not a big deal.

Jordyn Pinones,
4th grade, St Ann's

If I had found 10 dollars on the playground, I would try my best to find whoever dropped it. If I never found whoever dropped it, I would donate it to the poor. I would hope if someone that had found my ten dollars would try his best to find me and give it back.

Kyndi Hines,
4th grade, St Ann's

If I found $10 on the playground, I would ask around to see if anybody had lost any money. If anyone said yes, I'd ask what the amount was. If they said the correct amount, I would trust and give them the $10. I'd hope everybody was being honest and not just claiming it for the money but for the loss. My hope is that someone would do the same if I had lost my $10. That's what I would do if I found $10 on the playground.

Sofia Yepes-Sullivan,
4th grade, St Ann's

If I lost ten dollars on a playground and someone else found it, I hope they would turn it in to the main office. If I found the 10 dollars, I would turn it in to the main office in the building. The reason I would do that would be because if anyone found my 10 dollars, I would want them to turn the money in. But some people wouldn't do the right thing all the time. I hope if this happened to me, the person that found the money would turn it in.

Stefan Diaz,
4th grade, St Ann's

If I found $10 on the playground, I would give it to my teacher or the office. If someone else found money I had lost, I hope they would give to my teacher or back to me. It is good to be honest when you find something that's not yours.

Lucie Heimmermann,
4th grade, St Ann's

If I found 10 dollars on the playground, I would spend it on toys. I would also give it to the poor. But it's another story if someone else has my money. What I think they should do with it, is to buy things for the poor. I also think they should ask who it belongs to at least!

Kate Pisklak,
4th grade, St Ann's

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