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Step by step, the blueprint Jim Henry and his business partner laid out when they started has been realized. Now, after all that time, Henry Resources is honored at the Wildcat Committee reception.

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Longhorn Steakhouse, Chick-fil-A rebuild approved

City Council approves expansion; opening date not listed for Longhorn Steakhouse

By Stewart Doreen
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A Longhorn Steakhouse will be the next business to set up outside Midland Park Mall.

Midland City Council on Tuesday approved the request to build a Longhorn Steakhouse on Midland Park Mall grounds, just west of the Bubba's 33 restaurant. The approval means the further expansion of business outside the Midland Park Mall building in recent years. Joining Genghis Grill (the former Bennigan's location), which is located in the northeast corner of the mall property, are Jared The Galleria of Jewelry and Bubba's 33.

City documents indicate that the Longhorn Steakhouse restaurant will be 5,842 square feet and will have 106 parking spaces. City documents don't indicate an estimated opening for the restaurant. Currently, the closest Longhorn Steakhouse is in Lubbock.

Robert Hey/Rare Hospitality International Inc. requested the zone change that will make future development possible.

Longhorn Steakhouse joins a number of steakhouse-type restaurants on Loop 250: Outback Steakhouse, Logan's Roadhouse, Saltgrass Steak House and Texas Roadhouse.

COUNCIL APPROVES PLANS FOR CHICK-FIL-A REBUILD

Developers of the Chick-fil-A restaurant on Loop 250 just south of the northside Wal-Mart got the go-ahead to demolish the existing building and construct a larger restaurant.

The council approved the request from Burger Engineering on Tuesday. The applicant proposed a 5,010-square-foot building, an increase of 1,028 square feet, according to city documents. The number of parking spaces will decrease from 67 to 52, but it is still greater than the required number of spaces according to city of Midland zoning ordinance.

The rebuild proposes a lengthened

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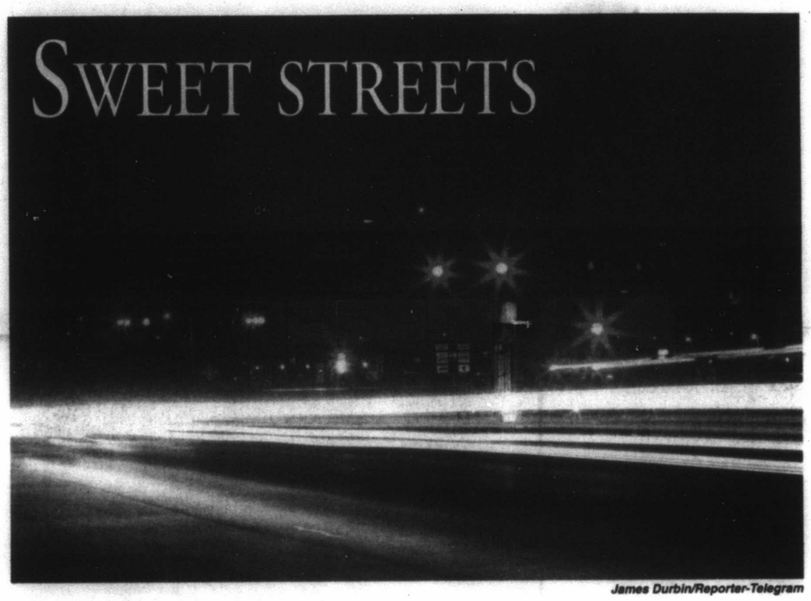

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Traffic on Highway 349 north of Loop 250 is shown Tuesday.

City Council backs MDC's $1.2 million contribution for State Highway 349 widening

From staff reports

Midland City Council gave its endorsement of a Midland Development Corp. effort to use its war chest to help improve roads in the community.

The council approved an item Tuesday that will use $1.35 million in MDC funds for the widening of State Highway 349 from Loop 250 to the Midland County line.

The project, according to city documents and previous Reporter-Telegram articles, would cost $12 million. Along with the MDC contribution, the city expects to contribute $1.65 million. The Texas Department of Transportation would fund the remaining $9.4 million. The project would include right-of-way expenses, drainage and roadway improvements.

The city, MDC and TxDOT are looking to partner to widen SH 349 to five lanes up to the Midland County line and add medians to prevent drivers exiting properties on the highway from using the center lane for acceleration and merging, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article. The center lane is intended for use as a left-turn lane for entering properties.

The MDC contribution is part of a larger effort by the MDC to leverage funds to get transportation projects finished faster and to get more investment from outside the community. As previously reported by the Reporter-Telegram, MDC Board Chairman Brent Hilliard sees it as an economic investment effort that turns "small dollars into large dollars."

It is expected that the contributions from the city and MDC will expedite this project, which could start as early as 2018.

The MDC in March also pledged $2 million for the completion of a curvilinear overpass at Loop 250 and county roads 1150 and 60, a complicated project slated to cost nearly $29.5 million.

Noble Energy closes acquisition of Clayton Williams Energy

From staff reports

Noble Energy has completed the acquisition of Clayton Williams Energy that was announced in January.

The acquisition was completed following approval by the stockholders of Clayton Williams Energy and became effective immediately after markets closed on Monday.

Clayton Williams Energy is now a wholly owned subsidiary of Noble Energy operating under the name NBL Permian LLC.

Noble filed a WARN (Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification) Act notice in March with the Texas Workforce Commission, city of Midland and Midland County of its plans to close the at 6 Desta Drive, which would impact 197 employees. Of those, 123 worked in the Midland office and 74 in the field. In announcing the completion of the acquisition, Noble officials said the Midland office will remain open through the end of the year to support the integration of Clayton Williams Energy into Noble.

More than a quarter of Clayton Williams Energy employees — 64 — are continuing with Noble. The majority

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Council OKs attempt at 'pedestrian-friendly' downtown

■ Changes also include making part of Texas Avenue two-way

By Stewart Doreen
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Bike lanes and pedestrian improvements could be headed to downtown.

The Midland City Council on Tuesday approved for city staff to apply for funds available through a Texas Department of Transportation program for downtown pedestrian and bicycle improvements.

The TxDOT program is called the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside program, which provides funding for projects that improve mobility for non-motorized users and mitigate congestion by providing transportation options, including pedestrian and bicycle accommodations, according to city documents. Project selection by the Texas Transportation Commission will take place in the fall. Grant funding would be for $501,630 and requires a city match of $125,408.

Enhancements, according to the city, include:

■ bike lanes on North Loraine and North Main streets;

■ curb extensions (or bulb-outs) on East Texas Avenue, the intersection of East Texas Avenue and North Main Street and the intersection of East Illinois Avenue and North Main Street;

■ changing East Texas Avenue — east of Main Street, to two-way;

■ constructing a crosswalk and median to connect the Wall Street Lofts Garage and the Municipal Courthouse.

The goal is to reduce congestion within the downtown area and to promote a more active lifestyle, according to the city.

This will not be the first attempt at making part of downtown more "pedestrian-friendly." Years ago, changes were made to Wall Street, east of Big Spring Street, to encourage more pedestrians.

CITY OF MIDLAND SPONSORS SAFE2SAVE

Also at Tuesday's meeting, the council approved a sponsorship of the Safe2Save mobile app.

Safe2Save, according to city documents, is a free app that turns the time someone drives without using a cellphone into points redeemable at restaurants and businesses in the community. Sponsorship doesn't have any fiscal impact, but allows for the promotion of the app through the city's marketing channels.

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The big number
11 A new report says million is the number of immigrants living illegally in the US. Page 2A

Word of the Day: jambalaya
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Advocates push pot bills with veterans, moms

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Medical marijuana advocates in Texas are promoting support from more conservative sources to push long-shot legislation that would ease pot laws in a state that's lagging behind much of the rest of the country on medical marijuana.

Conservative Christian mothers of autistic children and veterans suffering post-traumatic stress disorder rallied outside the state Capitol on Tuesday, entreating the Republican-majority Legislature to advance two bills legalizing medicinal cannabis, one by San Antonio Democratic Sen. Jose Menendez and one by Rep. Eddie Lucio III, a Brownsville Democrat.

Twenty-nine states and the District of Columbia now allow for comprehensive medical marijuana programs, but the Texas bills have nearly no chance of passing.

The country's largest conservative state, Texas surprised many in 2015 by approving the use of cannabis oil to treat some forms of epilepsy and other medical disorders. Republican Gov. Greg Abbott vowed upon signing that bill into law that Texas would go no further toward marijuana legalization for medical or any oth . use.

Still, advocates who demonstrated on the Capitol lawn waving "cannabis saves lives" signs are promoting Menendez and Lucio III's bills. They said the plant could curb symptoms associated with autism and PTSD, and possibly replace multiple drugs with harmful side effects. Texas is home to 1.5 million veterans, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, second-most in the nation behind California.

Amy Fawell, a self-identified "conservative Christian" who quoted scripture in her plea for marijuana legalization, said pot "is safe and effective for autism" and "is nothing to be afraid of."

"It is God's plant, and he gave it to us for our good," said Fawell, whose 17-year-old has autism. Fawell founded a group called Mothers Advocating for Medical Marijuana Austin out of her Bible study group and said cannabis could substitute potentially harmful psychotropic drugs for young children.

Keith Crook, a retired veteran of 23 years who suffers PTSD, said Texas doctors prescribe individuals with the disorder a "deadly cocktail of medicines" that make them feel like "Xanax zombies."

"My military sisters and brothers in states who can use medical cannabis legally report immediate improvement in mood and drastically reduced if not altogether stopped medication usage," said Crook, 50, who served as a medical caregiver in the Navy, Marines, and Army Reserve. "Meanwhile Texans, including Texas veterans, choose between suffering and breaking the law."

Crook said he knew fellow veterans outside Texas who had neared suicide, but then "came back from the edge of a cliff" by using cannabis.

Doctors and cancer patients also spoke about the benefits of medical marijuana for individuals with terminal illnesses. Veteran Amy Berard, 29, said she was disappointed that both bills remained stuck in committee and have not been approved for floor votes in either chamber.

"These bills would allow seriously ill patients to use cannabis at the recommendation of a doctor," said Berard. "We implore you to take action."

Republican State Sen. Charles Schwertner of the Austin suburb of Georgetown is chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee where Menendez's bill remains pending. In the House, Republican state Rep. Four Price of Amarillo heads the Public Health Committee which has Lucio III's bill.

Rose D. Franklin/Associated Press

Attorney General Jeff Sessions, center, tours the U.S.-Mexico border with border officials April 11 in Nogales, Ariz. A courthouse on the border in Texas is serving as a model for the kind of tough immigration enforcement advocated by President Donald Trump. "This is a new era. This is the Trump era," Sessions said during a visit to the border in Nogales, Ariz., this month.

Tough court on immigration serves as model for Trump plans

By Alicia A. Caldwell
Associated Press

DEL RIO — One by one, the Mexican men stood in the jury box, shackles rattling as they fidgeted slightly and pleaded guilty to crossing the U.S. border illegally.

They had come for better jobs, many to earn more money to help raise their children, their defense lawyer told a federal magistrate in a quiet West Texas courtroom about 3 miles north of the Mexican border. The magistrate, Collis White, warned that a guilty plea would mean jail time and they couldn't return to the United States legally for years. Speaking in Spanish, each of the 15 men said they understood. They faced up to six months in jail, but most were sentenced to just a few days.

They had the misfortune of landing in America's toughest courthouse for people who cross the border illegally. In other jurisdictions, authorities routinely skip the criminal charges and order quick deportations. But for the last decade, just about everyone arrested near Del Rio gets prosecuted.

That tough approach is a model President Donald Trump hopes to replicate as part of his sweeping plans to stop illegal immigration, the cornerstone of his campaign. He wants to prosecute many more people caught crossing the border illegally as a warning to others that crossing the border illegally has serious consequences.

Supporters of aggressive prosecutions point to a drop in arrests for illegal border crossings in the Del Rio area as evidence that the tough approach works. Fewer arrests are seen as an indication that fewer people are trying to cross illegally.

Stepping up prosecutions wouldn't be cheap. Immigration cases already account for more than half of federal prosecutions. Trump is seeking hundreds of million dollars more for more jail cells, prosecutors and marshals to transport prisoners. It's unclear if Congress will give him the money.

Civil libertarians object to the prosecutions, saying those arrested are rushed through the legal system without having a chance to exercise their rights.

And a previous attempt to expand the Del Rio approach had mixed results. Prosecutions spiked at the end of the Bush administration and during the first years of the Obama administration, but later declined. Limited resources, including jail space and not enough prosecutors, contributed to that drop.

Still, Trump administration officials plan to press ahead. Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly made the point as they've toured the border in recent weeks, saying that those who enter the U.S. illegally will be prosecuted and deported. The Justice Department this month called on prosecutors to appoint border security coordinators in every judicial district.

"This is a new era. This is the Trump era," Sessions said while visiting the border in Nogales, Arizona.

In White's Del Rio courtroom, cases of illegal border crossings were handled in under a minute. Only one man was sentenced to more than a few days.

"If you can find a legal way to come back, you're more than welcome," White told the men, his words translated by an interpreter. "But it has to be just that."

The new push for prosecutions comes as the number of people crossing the border illegally has plummeted. Under President Barack Obama, there was a steady decline in arrests. And in March, the second full month of the Trump administration, border agents reported the fewest border crossers in a single month in at least 17 years.

Illegal immigration straddles a line in federal courthouses. Being in the United States illegally — whether after crossing a border or overstaying a visa — is a civil offense. But those caught crossing the border illegally, can face criminal charges, though that generally doesn't happen. Those who return illegally after being convicted can face years of imprisonment.

The Del Rio prosecution strategy was the result of an earlier push to secure the border. Before it started, agents in the Border Patrol's Del Rio Sector arrested more than 68,000 people in a 12-month period. Now arrests in the area have dropped to an average of about 20,000 a year.

The acting chief patrol agent in Del Rio, Matthew Hudak, said the effort has succeeded for several reasons.

"Policy matters, enforcement matters, the work of agents matters," Hudak said.

It helps that the Border Patrol's sector there only covers one judicial district. In other areas, agents often work across state and judicial district lines, making it more difficult to coordinate prosecution, jail space and transportation.

The often-brief court proceedings alarm civil libertarians.

Celia Wang, deputy legal director for the American Civil Liberties Union, said border crossers facing prosecution are urged to plead guilty and don't fully know the implications of that. Immigrants convicted of a crime often lose their chance to make claims to stay in the United States, including asylum.

"People have no idea what is happening," Wang said. "It's completely lost on (them)."

More immigration coverage

Fewer immigrants without status since 2009 report

SANTA ANA, Calif. — The number of immigrants in the U.S. illegally fell to 11 million since 2009, largely because of a drop-off in the number of Mexicans without legal status, according to a study released Tuesday.

The report by the nonpartisan Pew Research Center — using survey data from 2015 — showed the number of immigrants lacking legal status was 11.3 million in 2009. The number of Mexicans in the country illegally dropped to about 5.6 million from 6.4 million during the same six-year period.

"The numbers are not going up, and in fact, the numbers for Mexicans have been going down for almost a decade now," said Jeffrey Passel, senior demographer at Pew Research Center in Washington, D.C. "And that is counter to a lot of the rhetoric you hear."

Pew didn't give a reason for the decline. But in other earlier reports it said the U.S. economy was slow to recover from the recession and border enforcement got stricter around that time.

The report is based on data taken by the U.S. Census Bureau during the latter years of the Obama presidency. But it comes amid the Trump administration's efforts to deport immigrants in the country illegally and build a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border.

Pew did not provide a forecast for this population since Trump took office.

The report shows illegal immigration climbed during the 1990s and into the 2000s and peaked before the recession. Since then, the number of Mexicans in the country illegally has fallen while the number of Asian and Central American immigrants has grown.

The number of Central Americans in the country illegally was 1.8 million in 2015, up from 1.6 million six years earlier, while the number of Asian immigrants without legal status rose to 1.5 million from 1.3 million, the report showed.

In 2014, the number of immigrants in the country illegally was 11.1 million, with Mexicans accounting for about 5.9 million of that population.

Pew also released a preliminary estimate for immigrants in the country illegally in 2016 of 11.3 million. The center says the estimate is not statistically different from the 2015 figure because it stems from a separate data set with a larger margin of error.

Associated Press

A look at immigrants in the US without legal status

SANTA ANA, Calif. — A report released Tuesday by the Pew Research Center showed the number of immigrants in the country illegally fell to 11 million in 2015 from six years earlier.

The shift was driven by a decline in the number of Mexicans without legal status, while the numbers of Asian and Central American immigrants in the country illegally grew.

A look at how this population has changed over the six-year period between 2009 and 2015:

■ **Mexico**

There were about 5.6 million Mexican immigrants in the country illegally in 2015, down from 6.4 million in 2009. There were 5.9 million in 2014. In earlier reports, Pew said the decline in the number of Mexicans lacking legal papers may stem from slow economic recovery in the U.S. following the recession and stricter border enforcement.

■ **Central America**

The number of Central Americans in the United States illegally rose to 1.8 million in 2015 from 1.6 million in 2009. The shift came following a surge in unaccompanied children and families from El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua arriving on the U.S.-Mexico border seeking asylum.

■ **Asia**

About 1.5 million Asian immigrants lacked legal status in the United States in 2015, up from 1.3 million in 2009.

■ **South America**

The number of South Americans in the country illegally in 2015 was 650,000, compared with 725,000 in 2009.

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Source: Pew Research Center

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Early voting

When: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday; 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 1-2
Where: Elections Office, County Annex Building, 2110 N. "A" St.
Note: Election Day is May 6. Times and voting centers will be published in future editions. For a sample ballot, polling locations and other information, please visit the Elections Office's website — www.co.midland.tx.us/elections.

Tuesday voters

- In person: 600
- By ballot: 8
- Two-day total: 976 (938 in person, 38 by mail)

4B promotion

The "Imagine it, Live it, Pass it on" campaign will have a press conference today to announce organizations that are endorsing the effort to vote for a 4B tax.

The announcement is set for 10 a.m. at Hogan Park, 1201 E. Wadley Ave.

Administrative Proessionals Day

Administrative Professionals Day highlights the important role of administrative professionals in all sectors of the modern economy worldwide. It is on the Wednesday of Administrative Professionals Week®, which is the last full week of April.

Source: www.timeanddate.com

Things to do

- Storytime at the Library.10:30 a.m. (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years), Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.
- TCM Big Screen Classics: "The Graduate 50th Anniversary" 2 and 7 p.m., Tall City Stadium, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $21.65 fathomevents.com.
- Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 432-682-8595.
- Trivia Game Night, 7 p.m., True Texas BBQ, 5407 Andrews Highway. Free.
- Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 8 p.m., Torino's. challengeentertainment.com.
- Drake Hayes, 9 p.m., The Shack in the Back, 11610 W. Highway 80 E., Odessa.

Community calendar

- The Midland Police Department invites members of the community for coffee and conversation 7:30-9:30 a.m. today at Loncheria Rio Bravo, 1109 E. Front St.

"Café Y Conversación" aims to encourage residents to build relationships with the department and discuss community issues in a neutral and informal setting. Spanish-speaking officers will be at the event.

- The Midland Fire Department has planned a grand opening ceremony at 2:30 p.m. today for the new station at 301 Tradewinds Blvd. near the Scharbauer Sports Complex.

The new Fire Station 6 was a $4.4 million project and features three engine bays, a study, kitchen and housing area for firefighters/paramedics

- The city of Midland's Parks and Recreation Department is hosting Major League Baseball's Pitch, Hit, and Run skills competition 5:30-7:30 p.m. today at Security Bank Ballpark.

The event will be divided into four age divisions: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14. Children will have the chance to advance in the competition all the way to the team championships at Major League ballparks.

For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 685-7355 or Recreation Superintendent Joey Jolly at jajolly@midlandtexas.gov

- Members of the West Texas Chapter 35 of the International Right Of Way Association will meet today at Ranchland Hills Golf Club beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Members will be electing officers for 2017-2018.

For more information, call Budd Rodgers at 234-9052 or Sharon Clark at 214-673-5910.

- Parents will be able to have their child's safety seat inspected and installed by a certified technician with the Midland Police Department from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday in the Target parking lot, 4001 Midland Drive.

The technician will be able to tell parents if their child's car seat is installed correctly, whether the direction of the seat should be rear- or forward-facing, and if it's time to provide a booster seat for their child, in addition to providing car seat safety tips. Target will be offering a trade-in deal for parents looking to update their car seats.

Any parents who are unable to attend this event are encouraged to call 432-685-7967 or email borona@midlandtexas.gov to set up an installation appointment or ask any questions about car seat safety.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Dr. Laura Byers was among doctors from MD Anderson Cancer Center who spoke Tuesday at the Making Cancer History seminar at Midland Country Club. Dr. Miguel Rodriguez- Bigas, center, and Dr. Surena Martin, right, also spoke at the event that was underwritten by the Henry Foundation. Former Midlander Jamie Rhoads spoke about her journey with breast cancer and the care she received at the Houston hospital.

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, April 26, the 116th day of 2017. There are 249 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On April 26, 1777, according to a widely accepted account from the American Revolutionary War, 16-year-old Sybil Ludington, the eldest child of Col. Henry Ludington, a militia commander in Dutchess County, New York, rode her horse into the night to alert her father's men of the approach of British regular troops who were sacking Danbury, Connecticut. (Ludington, sometimes referred to as "the female Paul Revere," was said to have covered 40 miles, more than twice the distance of the Boston silversmith's ride.)

On this date:

In 1865, John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Abraham Lincoln, was surrounded by federal troops near Port Royal, Virginia, and killed

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 4-0-1
Pick 3 day: 2-9-9
Pick 3 evening: 7-3-5
Pick 3 night: 6-1-8
Daily 4 morning: 5-8-4-4
Daily 4 day: 5-1-4-2
Daily 4 evening: 1-1-5-7
Daily 4 night: 7-7-6-5
Cash Five: 21-28-29-31-33
Mega Millions: 3-13-33-40-50 MB: 2 Megaplier: 4
Texas Triple Chance: 7-8-9-13-14-17-26-28-39-50
All or Nothing morning: 1-3-4-6-10-12-15-17-19-21-22-23
All or Nothing day: 2-5-6-8-9-11-12-16-17-18-20-22
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Weather

Tuesday's temperatures
High 93
Low 64
Normal high 82
Normal low 53

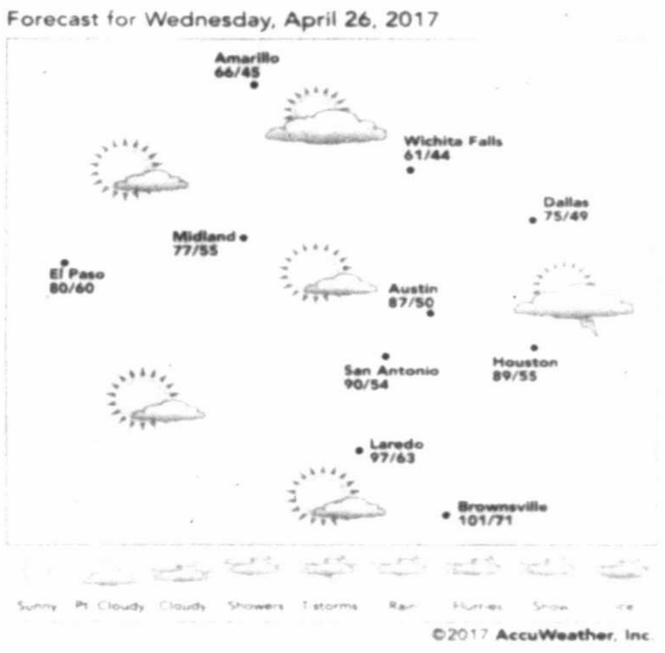
April 25's records
Record high: 104 set in 2012
Record low: 39 set in 1937

Precipitation
Monday ..... 0.00 in.
Tuesday ..... 0.00 in.
Month total ..... 2.99 in.
Year total ..... 4.83 in.
Normal total (year to date) ..... 2.40 in.

Winds
Wind speed: 29 mph
Gust speed: 41 mph

April 26 forecast
High: 93
Low: 64
Conditions: 15-20 mph during the day with gusts up to 30 mph; 5-15 mph at night
Chance of rain: none
Sunrise ..... 7:08 a.m.
Sunset ..... 8:26 p.m.

Forecast for Wednesday, April 26, 2017



Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-dynamic, 4-positive, 3-average, 2-so-so, 1-difficult

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

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, April 26, 2017:

This year you have the rare opportunity to start over again in a certain area of your life. With the wisdom that experience brings, consider how much more successful you will be. Understand what you want, and go for it. If you are single, your charisma seems to be turned on high. You have a lot of potential suitors coming forward. If you are attached, you seem to lure your significant other into whatever you want to do. The two of you will experience a strong wave of romance. A fellow TAURUS doesn't share your magnetism.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You might be encouraged to make a change. In some way, this adjustment could affect your assets. Remember, your innate talents and gifts are included in this. A resolution made now is more likely to stick because of today's New Moon. Tonight: Indulge a friend or loved one.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ The New Moon in your sign occurs once a year. The significance of today's New Moon is that it encourages a new beginning. Choose the area where you would like to see some changes. Verbalizing them will help you manifest this new beginning. Tonight: All smiles.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Take news with a grain of salt. You might not be as sure of yourself as you think you are. A friend might surprise you. You will need to slow down and think through what is happening. As a result, you are likely to see things in a different light. Tonight: Make it a "do nothing" night.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

★★★★ A friendship means more to you than you might realize, especially when you stop for a moment and think about it. Being more sensitive toward this person will make both of you feel appreciated. Make plans for a fun event this coming weekend. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Know that others are admiring what you represent and how you carry yourself. Do not change anything, yet be more aware of those whom you need to respond to. A boss sometimes wishes he or she were more like you. Be sensitive to this person. Tonight: In the limelight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance. You might decide to sign up for a workshop or class because you want to know more. Someone very different from you could enter your life very soon and help you to understand different perspectives. Tonight: Try something new.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Defer to a close friend or loved one who wants to be dominant. Sit back and enjoy watching this person take the lead. Why not work together as a team more often? If you do, you'll see that the results will be worth the effort. Tonight: Listen to an unusual point of view.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Do not make the mistake of postponing a call or delaying a conversation until tomorrow. The moment is now. A loved one or dear friend is likely to make an overture that might not occur again. Seize the moment, and go along for the ride. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You need to stop and take a moment to assess your daily life. You might want to make a change or two. Don't allow yourself to forget to schedule a doctor's appointment. Decide to break a pattern that no longer works for you. Tonight: Play it easy and relaxed.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ You might want to bring new life to a situation, or perhaps you'd rather follow your childlike impulsiveness at the moment. What you do probably will bear fruit, but do not overthink your approach or your choices. Follow your heartfelt desires. Tonight: Midweek fun.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Stay centered, and know what is happening around you. A situation that seems a bit out of control could be just to your liking. On the other hand, a project that you work on today might take longer to bring to completion than you originally had anticipated. Tonight: Head home.

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(Feb. 19-March 20)

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AP explains: What will a Hollywood writers' strike mean?

By Lynn Elber
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Hollywood is facing a cliffhanger after members of the Writers Guild of America voted overwhelmingly to authorize a strike that could begin as soon as next week.

Negotiations resumed Tuesday as the union and the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers grapple over issues including compensation and health care.

The previous writers' strike lasted 100 days in 2007-08 and was costly to the businesses that serve Hollywood and to consumers expecting to be entertained.

A walkout's impact would come in waves and affect different parts of the industry differently. Here's a look at how it could play out if writers trade their laptops for picket signs.

AP file photo

Striking film and television writers picket Jan. 23, 2008, outside Paramount Studios in Los Angeles. Hollywood is facing a cliffhanger after members of the Writers Guild of America voted overwhelmingly to authorize a strike that could begin as soon as May 2, the day after the current contract ends. The previous writers' strike lasted 100 days in 2007-08 and was costly to the businesses that serve Hollywood and to consumers expecting to be entertained.

The issue

The changing nature of how television is delivered to viewers is a major reason for the impasse.

More than 400 series were available on broadcast, cable and rapidly expanding streaming platforms this season, double that of six years ago. But shows have fewer episodes than the roughly two-dozen per season once common on network TV, and short runs of as few as 8 to 12 episodes mean less money for writers getting paid on a per-episode basis.

Contracts binding writers exclusively to a series have cut into their compensation as well.

According to the WGA, which has about 20,000 members, median earnings for writers dropped between the 2013-14 season and 2015-16, and more and more scribes are finding it difficult to make a living under current deals.

The guild is seeking a wage increase and wants salary minimums to apply equally to streaming, cable and broadcast. Health care, an issue that echoes beyond Hollywood, also is on the table. The two sides are at odds over what concessions the guild would make in return for producers contributing more to the health plan.

Television

TV viewers won't be laughing much if writers take a hike, with the most immediate impact on late-night talk and comedy shows including "Saturday Night Live."

In the 2007 walkout, shows including NBC's "Tonight" and CBS' "The Late Show with David Letterman" went dark for two months. They returned during the strike either without writers or, in Letterman's case, with a separate guild deal through his production company. That won't be an option for CBS' current "Late Show" host, Stephen Colbert, because a CBS entity now produces it.

For prime-time TV, the strike would come as the fall-to-spring broadcast season winds down. But with year-round programming now commonplace, networks and cable channels likely will call on reality shows to help fill the void.

Reruns, sports and news — especially given ratings-grabbing Trump administration coverage — also would be key, said entertainment lawyer Jonathan Handel.

Streaming services such as Netflix and Amazon could be winners because their original series tend to be produced further in advance of release, Handel said.

The big screen

The slower pace of film production, where it takes up to three years or more for the biggest movies to be made, means a strike wouldn't cause as much immediate havoc in the movie business. But it would still greatly alter the well-ordered pipelines of Hollywood productions, big and small.

Most significant would be the impact on large franchises that might not have a script quite ready for shooting. That leaves studios with a choice of whether to press pause on a franchise or push ahead with an unfinished screenplay.

The 2007 strike affected the making of movies like "X-Men Origins: Wolverine," the James Bond film "Quantum of Solace" and "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen." All of those films received poor reviews, and many of the filmmakers and stars involved later said the movies simply didn't have the screenplay or the writers that they needed.

Some films will be rushing to get scripts ready before any potential strike, but others will inevitably be left in limbo.

Screenwriter and WGA member David Atkins, who teaches film and TV at Quinnipiac University in Connecticut, said he's feeling the squeeze already.

He and a writing partner have a script ready to sell but "it's an extremely awkward time" with a possible strike looming, he said. "We've decided not to move forward at this point, to wait and see what happens."

Dollars and cents

The 100-day writers' strike that started in late 2007 cost the economy in the Los Angeles area around $2.5 billion, according to estimates at the time. The entertainment industry at that time contributed $58 billion a year for the area's economy.

That has grown to $83 billion as of 2014, according to a report by Los Angeles County's Economic Development Corp.

The producers group on the other side of the bargaining table said the 2007-2008 strike meant $287 million in lost compensation for writers.

CBS said then that TV ad revenue fell 15 percent, hurt by the strike and other factors. But Walt Disney Co., which owns ABC, said international sales of shows offset ad-sales losses.

LOCALBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Grande offers 1 gigabit internet service

Midlanders and Odessans looking for faster internet speeds have a new option.

Texas-based Grande Communications began offering 1 gigabit service Tuesday to its Midland and Odessa markets, according to a company press release. The service comes with neither contracts nor bandwidth usage caps.

Grande said users can download 100 songs or a two-hour movie in just a few seconds. Gigabit speeds can be accessed through already-existing wiring in customer homes.

The company said it does not share customers' personal information or track online activity to sell to other companies or organizations.

Grande also offers 1 gigabit service in Austin, Dallas and San Marcos.

More information is available at mygrande.com.

Entrepreneur challenge orientation set

The first orientation opportunity for small businesses looking to take part in the Midland Entrepreneurial Challenge is 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. today.

The challenge is sponsored by the Midland Development Corp. and will be conducted by the University of Texas of the Permian Basin's Small Business Development Center. At stake is the chance to receive between $50,000 and $75,000 to help small businesses in Midland expand.

About four to five businesses will receive money and guidance from the SBDC. Businesses must meet several criteria, such as receiving half of all revenue from outside the Midland area after three years.

A second orientation is set for 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. May 6. Both events will take place at the Center for Energy and Economic Development building, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788.

For more information or to RSVP, call 552-2455. More information is also available online at utpbsbdc.org.

OLG to present annual family fair

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church will present its 57th annual family fair Thursday through Sunday at the church grounds, 1401 Garden Lane. The fair kicks off Thursday with a burger and hot dog supper (hamburgers, $3; hot dogs, $2; and drinks, $2).

A concert by Christian artists Shane & Shane is planned for Friday. The raffle of a 2016 Ford F-150 will end the four-day event.

The fair schedule is 5-10 p.m. Thursday, 6-10 p.m. Friday, noon-midnight Saturday and noon-10 p.m. Sunday. Fair admission is free; carnival ride wristbands are $15.

MPD to inspect, install car seats

Midland Police Department technicians will inspect and install child safety seats from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday at the parking lot of Target on North Midland Drive

The technician will be able to tell parents if it's time to provide a booster seat for their child and can provide safety tips.

Any parents who are unable to attend this event can call 685-7967 or email borona@midlandtexas.gov to set up an installation appointment or for information about car seat safety.

Dollar General opens 10th store in Midland County

From staff reports

Dollar General recently opened its 10th location in Midland and is planning to open two more this summer, according to a company spokesperson.

The newest store, located at 6811 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788, will host a grand opening Saturday with prizes and special deals. The first 50 adult shoppers will receive a $10 Dollar General gift card, and the first 200 shoppers will receive a Dollar General tote bag with complimentary product samples and other giveaways.

Dollar General opened its first Midland County store in 1999. There are about two dozen stores in Midland and Ector counties combined, according to the dollargeneral.com store locator. The company said convenience is a major factor when choosing a store.

"We know convenience is a major factor in our customers' shopping decisions as we generally serve customers within a three- to five-mile radius, or 10-minute drive," Laura Somerville, who works in corporate communications, said via email. "We also take demographic trends, competitive factors, traffic patterns and community concerns into consideration."

The Dollar General is also focused on literacy and education. Through its foundation, the company in May 2016 donated $10,000 to Casa de Amigos to support the organization's adult literacy program, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report. Since 1993, the foundation has awarded $127 million in grants to support literacy and education, according to a company press release.

Uber to test flying cars in Dallas by 2020

Bloomberg

Uber Technologies hopes to one day operate a network of flying cars. On Tuesday, the ride-hailing company laid out some aggressive plans to get closer to its first flight.

Officials in Dallas-Fort Worth and Dubai have signed on to work with the company on testing vehicles that can take off and land vertically in their cities by 2020, Uber said at a conference in Dallas.

The San Francisco company said it's partnering with a handful of aircraft manufacturers and real estate firms, as well as with ChargePoint Inc. to lay an electric charging network.

Uber sketched out a clearer vision for its flying taxis at a time when it's struggling with more urgent problems at the ground level. The company is facing an internal investigation of its work culture, the ongoing search for a chief operating officer to help its embattled leader Travis Kalanick, a core business with mounting losses despite rapid growth and a lawsuit from Alphabet Inc.'s self-driving car group over alleged theft of documents

In addition to being a rival in the courtroom, Alphabet could pose competition in the skies. Chief Executive Officer Larry Page funded at least two flying car projects. The startups Kitty Hawk and Zee.Aero, which are separate from Alphabet, are racing to build personal aircrafts similar to those Uber has proposed.

Kitty Hawk released a video on Monday showing one of its vehicles zooming across a lake, hovering about 15 feet in the air, with a rider astride the top like on a motorcycle. Airbus SE has proposed several different concepts for vertical takeoff vehicles, and the government of Dubai is joining with China's EHang to bring closed-top passenger drones to the city.

Uber first revealed its intentions to build a system of flying cars last fall. In February, the company said it hired NASA aircraft engineer Mark Moore to work on Uber Elevate, its flying car initiative.

Two charged in shooting incident

From staff reports

Two Midlanders were arrested Monday for their alleged involvement in a shooting, according to court documents.

Rene Rodriguez Reyes, 17, was being held Tuesday on a $25,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of deadly conduct by discharging a firearm. Arturo Valenzula, 18, was released Monday on a $25,000 bond for the same charge.

Reyes

Valenzula

Midland police were dispatched at about 11:25 p.m. Sunday in reference to shots fired.

Reyes was driving a vehicle when Valenzula fired gunshots at a residence, according to their arrest affidavit.

If convicted of the third-degree felony charge, Reyes and Valenzula could face up to 10 years imprisonment.

ACQUISITION

From 1A

of them are field employees who will be working out of Noble's Pecos office. Some former Clayton Williams employees will be joining Noble's Houston office.

Corporate officials said the consolidation of the Midland office into the Houston and Pecos locations will enable Noble to fully leverage the technical and functional expertise of its workforce.

Acquired assets include 71,000 highly contiguous net acres in the core of the Southern Delaware Basin adjacent to Noble Energy's original Reeves County holdings, an additional 100,000 net acres in other areas of the Permian Basin, and more than 300 miles of oil, natural gas and produced water gathering pipelines. Production on the assets totals about 10,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day.

"We are pleased to close the transaction and appreciate the strong support of the stockholders of Clayton Williams Energy," said David L. Stover, Noble Energy's chairman, president and CEO, in a statement. "Our plan to rapidly increase development of these highly prolific Delaware Basin assets will be a major contributor to Noble Energy's leading U.S. onshore oil volume growth of nearly 30 percent annually through 2020.

"The scale and quality of these assets, combined with Noble Energy's strong financial capacity and exceptional technical expertise, will drive significant cash flow growth and value creation for all our investors," he said.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON

Doctor: George HW Bush dealing with chronic bronchitis

A doctor who is treating former President George H.W. Bush says while the nation's 41st president has recovered from pneumonia, he is still dealing with the effects of chronic bronchitis.

In a statement issued Tuesday, Dr. Clint Doerr, a pulmonologist at Houston Methodist Hospital, said he still expects the 92-year-old Bush will be discharged by the end of the week.

Bush has been at the hospital since April 14.

Doerr says chronic bronchitis — a constant irritation of the lining of tubes that carry air to one's lungs — can aggravate the symptoms of pneumonia.

Doerr says once Bush is home, doctors will continue with "aggressive respiratory treatments."

AUSTIN

Texas day of remembrance would mark Dallas police shooting

The anniversary of five Dallas police officers killed during a downtown shooting would be commemorated as "Fallen Law Enforcement Officer Day" under a bill tentatively approved by the House.

The measure approved Tuesday would designate July 7 as a day to honor officers in Texas killed in the line of duty. Law enforcement groups say nearly 1,900 officers in Texas history have died on the job.

An Army veteran opened fire on Dallas police during a protest march last summer. It marked the deadliest day for U.S. law enforcement since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. In all, 12 officers were shot.

AUSTIN

Mayor says city no 'sanctuary' after Sessions meeting

Austin Mayor Steve Adler says he left a meeting with U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions believing that the Texas capital isn't a "sanctuary city" in the eyes of the federal government.

Adler and other mayors met with Sessions on Tuesday in Washington to get a better understanding of what it means to be considered a "sanctuary community." The label could cost cities and counties federal grant money as part of the Trump administration's immigration crackdown.

Republican Gov. Greg Abbott already denied Travis County some state grant funds for refusing to continue honoring all federal immigration detainer requests.

Adler says he didn't directly ask Sessions whether Travis County qualifies as a "sanctuary city." But he said Sessions told him that not honoring voluntary detainer requests wasn't a punishable violation.

BUILDING

From 1A

drive-thru lane, which would allow for more vehicles. The multi-order configuration will remain.

Plans for the current Chick-fil-A building at that location were adopted in 1995, according to city documents. It was remodeled in 2006 and expanded in 2011.

The other Chick-fil-A restaurants are at Midland Park Mall and the intersection of Andrews Highway and Wall Street. The third location is under construction at Loop 250 and Andrews Highway.

Coca-Cola renews push to slim operations under incoming CEO

Bloomberg

Coca-Cola Co. will step up its bid to transform the company into a far leaner operation under incoming Chief Executive Officer James Quincey after quarterly earnings missed estimates.

The soda giant vowed to cut costs by an additional $800 million a year, adding to a plan to wring $3 billion in savings. That will include 1,200 job cuts through 2018. The belt-tightening effort accompanies a move to spin off much of Coca-Cola's bottling operations, one of the company's biggest strategic changes in decades.

Quincey, 52, takes the reins on May 1 from Muhtar Kent, who has been divesting bottling plants around the world. The company is trying to re-emerge as a more focused — and profitable — business, which will concentrate on developing new drinks and selling ingredients to partners.

For now, the changes are taking a toll on results. Coca-Cola posted first-quarter earnings of 43 cents a share on Tuesday, short of the 44 cents predicted by analysts. A decline in soda volumes and currency fluctuations also continued to weigh on sales.

Revenue fell 11 percent last quarter, with the structural changes accounting for 10 percent of the decline, the Atlanta-based company said.

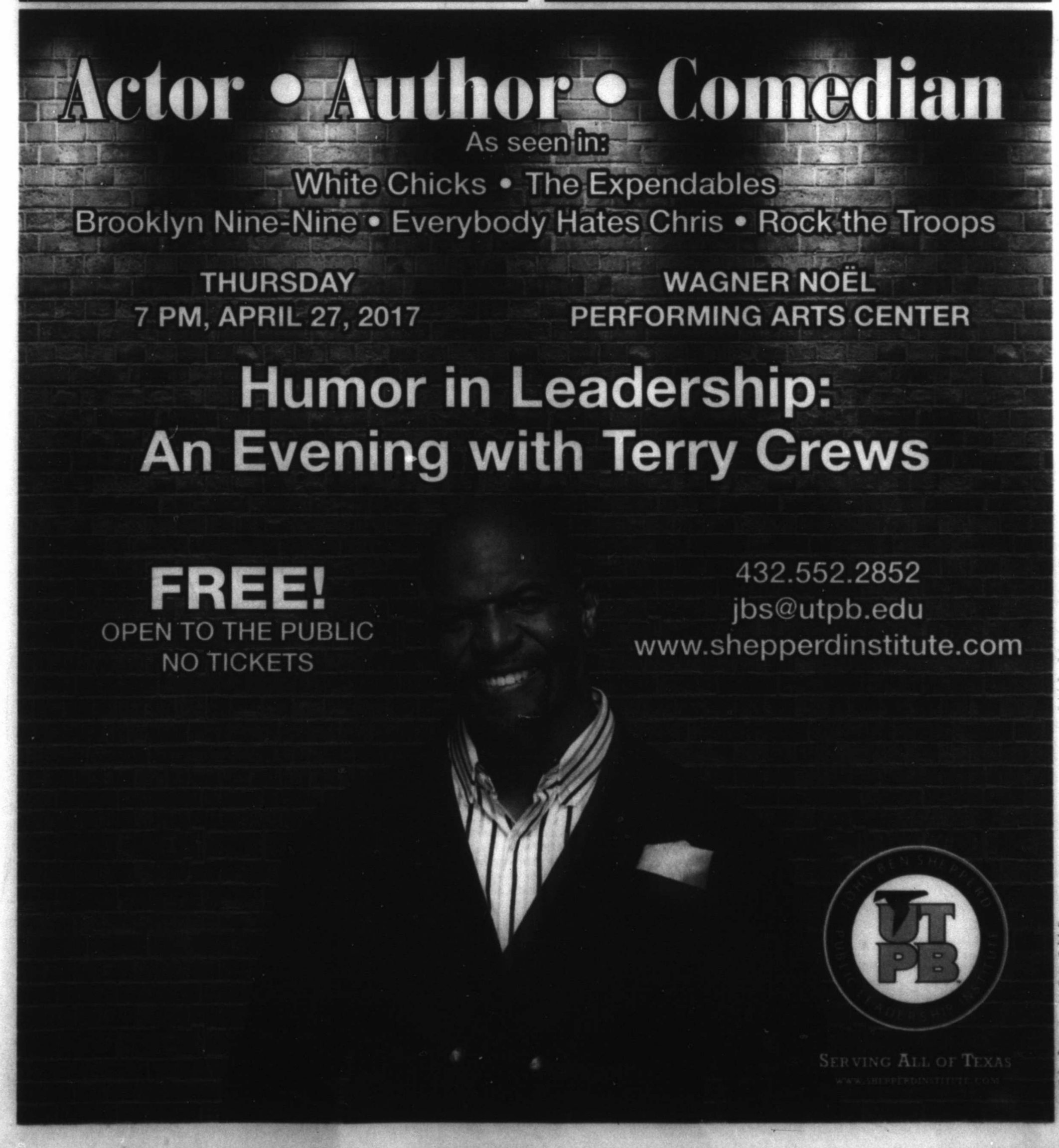
The overhaul makes it more difficult for investors to assess the results, said Ken Shea, an analyst at Bloomberg Intelligence.

"It's hard to find the underlying profitability with this company at the moment," he said. "It's almost like investors have to take the company's word for, 'Look, we're going to get out of this plumbing change at the end of the year, and at that point, we'll have our operating model in place to do some nice things.'"

On the bright side, Coca-Cola's earnings per share may not decline as much as expected during the full year. The company now projects a drop of 1 percent to 3 percent, compared with a previous prediction of as much as 4 percent. Organic revenue, which excludes currency effects and structural changes, is expected to grow 3 percent.

Coca-Cola and rival PepsiCo Inc. are scrambling to add more non-cola beverages, coping with a shift by consumers away from traditional soft drinks. Per capita consumption of soda beverages sank to a 31-year low in the U.S. in 2016, according to Beverage-Digest, a trade publication.

Quincey said he aims to expand Coca-Cola's portfolio of drinks. That plan is already having an impact on its C-suite. Coca-Cola will have a chief growth officer and a chief innovation officer reporting directly to the CEO when he takes charge next week.



Trump must decide what he wants nation to be

■ Obama's 100-day vision failed; Trump has yet to replace it with anything new

BEN SHAPIRO
Creators Syndicate

For the past few months, whenever someone on the left says something particularly insane, conservatives immediately snark back, "This is why Trump won." To a certain extent, they're right: The palpable anger on the radicalized left that helped govern America into political polarization drove the Trump movement. Trump sits in the White House as a result.

But there's a more important question that must be asked as we approach day 100 of the Trump administration: Has Trump actually changed anything in America?

The 100-day mark means little in reality. As Trump points out, it's an arbitrary deadline; there have been presidents who did little in their first 100 days and ended up with a solid legacy (Bill Clinton) and those who did an enormous amount and ended up imploding (Lyndon B. Johnson). But here's what the first 100 days *actually* do: They set the table.

President Ronald Reagan set the table for his administration by pushing for lower taxes over the protestations of the Democrats and militantly standing against Soviet aggression. President Clinton's failures in his first 100 days set the stage for his move to the center — by his second term, he declared that the "era of big government is over."

President Barack Obama came into office promising change. That change did not come chiefly in the realm of policy — his only lasting policy change appears to be Obamacare, which is currently bankrupting itself across the country — but in the political heart of the country. Before 2009, Americans yearned for unity. It's why Obama was elected. We were tired of the polarization of the Bush years; we were sick of the feeling that half the country wanted the other half gone. Obama pledged to change that.

That pledge came on the back of big-government promises. America could be united, Obama seemed to suggest, if only we believed in him personally. *That's* what Obama achieved in his first 100 days: He changed the nature of the political debate by suggesting that big government could earn your trust, that he would demonstrate the dedication necessary to turn government into an avatar of this newfound "unity."

Then he utilized government power to push for hardcore leftism, which polarized the country.

Obama's 100-day vision failed. But Trump has yet to replace it with anything new. Trump's "Make America Great Again" sloganeering hasn't promised a new unity of purpose. It has actually exacerbated a reverse polarization. His policies aren't discussed in terms of helping all Americans; they embody a political sectarianism pioneered by Obama and hijacked by Trump. Trump's first 100 days haven't moved the American story in any marked way at all, actually — we're precisely where we were 101 days ago. That doesn't mean he hasn't had policy victories (most obvious is the confirmation of Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch). But it *does* mean that there is no vision upon which he calls Americans to the table. There are just things he wants and things he doesn't, and Americans he likes and Americans he doesn't.

If past trends hold, that means his administration will continue to be a haphazard agglomeration of random partisan prescriptions without any basis in a thoroughgoing vision of Americanism. We're all here, and he's the president, and that's that. But while such lack of vision can work in an oppositional setting, as a rejection of the status quo, it can't move America forward in any real way.

That's why Trump must decide what he wants America to be, not just what he wants Americans to think of him. He must provide a vision. If he doesn't, he'll be seen as merely a placeholder, a reactionary president living in an America of Barack Obama's making.

OPINION EXTRA

Left has it wrong; no one owns science

Science joined the #resistance over the weekend, or so the organizers of the March for Science would have us believe. Thousands of demonstrators marched in Washington, D.C., and in cities around the country under the banner of science and in the spirit of the Women's March opposing President Donald Trump back in January.

The march had its share of harmless and charmingly nerdy science enthusiasts holding signs like "I was told there would be pi" and "I was told to bring a sine" (get it?). Who can possibly object to people, who may have waited a lifetime for the opportunity, finally getting a chance to make trigonometry puns in public?

The problem with the march was its larger ambition to enlist science in the anti-Trump movement. Not only does this represent a jaw-dropping misunderstanding of science, but if taken seriously, it will damage the reputation of science.

The left loves to argue that Republicans are anti-science, usually by accusing them of being budding theocrats who value only faith and not science. Since Donald Trump is no one's idea of a theocrat, the latest argument is that his "alternative facts" administration is an implicit assault on the basis of science. It is certainly the case that Trump says things that aren't true, although science has survived other fast-and-loose presidents. No one thought that Bill Clinton, during the course of his various falsehoods, was somehow calling into doubt the second law of thermodynamics.

Trump has pronounced on all sorts of things over the decades, but so far the scientific method has escaped his wrath on Twitter. Indeed, putting up glass-encased 98-story buildings implies a certain acceptance of the laws of physics and a respect for engineering.

This is why it's absurd for any claque to claim ownership of science, which belongs to all of us. No one disputes that the modern world rests on an edifice of scientific advance, and that we owe much of our material well-being to it. No one wants to argue with Francis Bacon, one of the philosophic founders of modern science, about the importance of empiricism. No one wants to dispute the work of Newton, Bohr or Curie.

This doesn't mean that science should be apotheosized. It is value-neutral. The same science that gave us penicillin gave us the hydrogen bomb. As Francis Bacon himself put it, "The mechanical arts are of ambiguous use, serving as well for hurt as for remedy."

For the marchers, though, science stands for all that is good and true, and it just happens to bless their preferred policy positions, especially on climate change. The passion and certitude they bring to the climate debate doesn't exactly speak to a rigorously scientific disposition. The advocates on climate change often use "science" as a weapon, even as they spin out apocalyptic scenarios that go well beyond the current scientific consensus.

At its worst, the March for Science was tinged with the spirit of three scientists who wrote an anti-Trump essay calling on scientists at universities to consider work slowdowns and strikes. How else to respond "when one party is committed to ignoring science at best, and leveraging it for systemic oppression at worst?" In this view, scientists are simply social-justice warriors in lab coats, political activists who are good at math.

All of this is a mistake, no matter how much Bill Nye, "the Science Guy," might have delighted at the turnout for the March for Science. Since the country currently lacks for institutions that exist outside the nation's poisonous partisan divide, besides the military and perhaps big-league sports, it is a disservice to try to enlist science for an ideology.

It is the marchers who are the ones trying, literally, to politicize science. It deserves better defenders.

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Americans have become complacent

■ Today's generations don't like taking risk as much as the World War II generation did

RUBEN NAVARRETTE
Washington Post Writers Group

The headline grabbed my attention: "Americans have become lazy and it's hurting the economy."

Lazy? Now there's a four-letter word you rarely hear Americans use to describe themselves.

People were furious years ago when George W. Bush correctly surmised that immigrants "do jobs that Americans won't do."

Anyway, how can Americans be lazy when everyone insists we're working harder than ever and spending less time with family?

Well, according to a recent article in CNN Money, laziness isn't just about not wanting to work. It's also about not taking risks, changing routines, switching jobs, starting businesses, going to school, getting training, picking up skills, moving around the country, expanding your network, and getting out of your comfort zone.

In the industrial Midwest, unemployed factory workers don't want to relocate as much as they want the factory to reopen.

The generations of today — including the baby boomers, Generation X and millennials — don't always like to roll the dice as much as the World War II generation did. We prefer safe bets, and we like it when opportunities come to us on a silver platter. Even the definition of the American dream has changed. Wealth and materialism are out, safety and security are in.

Still, who would dare call Americans lazy?

Tyler Cowen is a professor of economics at George Mason University who believes that living through upheaval — political, social, economic, etc. — has caused Americans to hunger for safety, predictability and the status quo.

In his new book, "The Complacent Class: The Self-Defeating Quest for the American Dream," Cowen argues that we've overcorrected and gone too far toward trying to create perfect, insulated "bubble worlds" for ourselves and our kids. And now we're afraid to change anything, lest we burst the bubble.

Cowen insists that this habit of playing it safe is hurting the economy by keeping it flat and making it stagnant. He notes that economic growth is happening at a much slower pace than it was 30 or 40 years ago and that our rate of productivity is way down.

This national complacency isn't doing our politics any favors, either. Not only are Americans polarized and unable to have civilized conversations with people who hold different viewpoints, we're also cemented into our respective ideologies. We're slow to listen, and quick to ascribe sinister motives in order to dismiss perspectives we disagree with.

Cowen also believes that our public schools are a casualty of this kind of laziness. Is a national mood of not trying hard enough driving down students' test scores? Teachers unions and school districts seem to be conspiring to loosen accountability standards, and go easy on students — which in turn takes pressure off the adults who are supposed to teach them.

This mindset even spills into childrearing, he says. Parents are afraid to let their children out of their sight, let alone allow them to play outside. Climbing trees is forbidden. So is riding bikes alone through town. You have to wonder where the inventors of tomorrow will come from, if the kids of today can't wander about and let their imaginations soar.

And finally, even technology — which is supposed to make our lives easier and more efficient — could be making this problem worst. As Cowen notes, many innovations are designed to do more so that we can do less. Whereas a couple of decades ago you had to get in the car and drive to a video rental place, now you can order a movie with your remote without leaving the couch. Is it good or bad that life is getting easier?

So how do Americans snap out of our complacency daze — and get back into the deep end of the pool? For one thing, Cowen says, we need to take more risks in our personal lives. The government also has to encourage more innovation.

Let's remember that the very idea of America started out as a crapshoot, an experiment that wasn't given much chance of succeeding by the powers of the 18th century — England, France and Spain. Americans need to keep that spirit alive.

Luckily, as Cowen told CNN Money, there is still one group of people in America who understand the whole point of the place.

"Immigrants are the greatest risk-takers of all. They are the least complacent class," he said.

Americans often view immigrants as a threat. They ought to see them for what they are: part of their salvation.

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Judge blocks Trump order on sanctuary city funding

By Sudhin Thanawala
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal judge on Tuesday blocked any attempt by the Trump administration to withhold funding from "sanctuary cities" that do not cooperate with U.S. immigration officials, saying the president has no authority to attach new conditions to federal spending.

U.S. District Judge William Orrick issued the preliminary injunction in two lawsuits — one brought by the city of San Francisco, the other by Santa Clara County — against an executive order targeting communities that protect immigrants from deportation.

The injunction will stay in place while the lawsuits work their way through court.

The judge rejected the administration's argument that the executive order applies only to a relatively small pot of money and said President Donald Trump cannot set new conditions on spending approved by Congress.

Even if the president could do so, those conditions would have to be clearly related to the funds at issue and not coercive, as the executive order appears to be, Orrick said.

"Federal funding that bears no meaningful relationship to immigration enforcement cannot be threatened merely because a jurisdiction chooses an immigration enforcement strategy of which the president disapproves," the judge said.

It was the third major setback for the administration on immigration policy.

The Justice Department had no immediate comment.

San Francisco City Attorney Dennis Herrera said the president was "forced to back down."

"This is why we have courts — to halt the overreach of a president and an attorney general who either don't understand the Constitution or chose to ignore it," he said in a statement.

A Justice Department attorney, Chad Readler, had defended the president's executive order as an attempt to use his "bully pulpit" to "encourage communities and states to comply with the law."

And he said the order applied to only three Justice Department and Homeland Security grants that would affect less than $1 million for Santa Clara County and possibly no money for San Francisco.

But the judge disagreed, saying the order was written broadly to "reach all federal grants" and potentially jeopardizes hundreds of millions of dollars in funding to San Francisco and Santa Clara.

He cited comments by the president and Attorney General Jeff Sessions as evidence that the order was intended to target a wide array of federal funding. And he said the president himself had called it a "weapon" to use against recalcitrant cities.

The government hasn't cut off any money yet or declared any communities to be sanctuary cities. But the Justice Department sent letters last week warning communities to prove they are in compliance. California was informed it could lose $18.2 million.

"Sanctuary cities" is a loosely defined term for jurisdictions that don't comply with immigration authorities.

The Trump administration argued that the executive order applied narrowly to cities that forbid officials to report people's immigration status to federal authorities. Orrick said it could also be construed to apply to cities that refuse to hold jail inmates for immigration authorities.

The Trump administration says that sanctuary cities allow dangerous criminals back on the street and that the order is needed to keep the country safe. San Francisco and other sanctuary cities say turning local police into immigration officers erodes the trust that is needed to get people to report crime.

The order has also led to lawsuits by Seattle; two Massachusetts cities, Lawrence and Chelsea; and a third San Francisco Bay Area government, the city of Richmond. The San Francisco and Santa Clara County lawsuits were the first to get a hearing before a judge.

AP file photo

Lordes Reboyoso, right, yells at a rally Jan. 25 outside of City Hall in San Francisco. President Donald Trump moved aggressively to tighten the nation's immigration controls, signing executive actions to jumpstart construction of his promised U.S.-Mexico border wall and cut federal grants for immigrant-protecting "sanctuary cities." On Tuesday, a federal judge blocked a Trump administration order to withhold funding from communities that limit cooperation with U.S. immigration authorities, saying the president has no authority to attach new conditions to federal spending.

Shutdown? New president, same old government brinkmanship

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — There's an unconventional new president in the White House. And the Republicans now have a new lock on both ends of Washington's Pennsylvania Avenue. But the capital city is still up to its old gridlock tricks.

Just as occurred repeatedly during the Obama administration, the government is only days away from a shutdown, and Congress and the White House are engaged in familiar partisan brinkmanship.

How little has really changed under President Donald Trump.

Some of the issues are different this time around as lawmakers scramble to finish up the annual government-wide spending bills that are Congress' most basic function. The $1 trillion catch-all legislation for the remainder of the 2017 budget year is leftover business from last year and comes due Friday at midnight.

Without action before then, the government will partially shut down Saturday, which happens to be the 100th day of Trump's presidency.

Will that happen? Lawmakers do not expect a shutdown.

Instead, a very short-term extension of existing funding levels is likely. Such "continuing resolutions" are familiar on Capitol Hill when Congress needs a little more time to complete its business, yet signing one to keep the government running while Trump marks his 100th day in office is an ignominious position for him.

The difficulties point to a weakness of Trump's administration, some Republicans privately say: Despite his self-proclaimed deal-making prowess, he had little exposure to the rituals and rhythms of Congress before to taking office, and his team is light on experienced legislative hands. The former lawmakers he has brought on board, such as Budget Director Mick Mulvaney, were not known for cutting deals during their time on Capitol Hill.

"I'm sure the president has a much better sense of the legislative process than he did a year ago or even 100 days ago, and every president does, no matter how well prepared they think they are for that job," said Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo.

"Congress generally works on the calendar not the clock, and when you say that April 28 is going to be the day, I think you have to assume not much gets done before April 28," Blunt added.

The remainder of the year will only bring more crucial deadlines. Once this year's federal spending is finally set, bills for the 2018 budget year must be passed. And the government's borrowing limit needs to be raised or the U.S. risks an unprecedented default this fall.

Under the Obama administration, divisions among Republicans were already causing problems. Over the objections of GOP leaders, a faction of conservatives tried to use must-pass spending bills to promote one pet cause or another, with little to show in the end. An unsuccessful push to "defund Obamacare" led to a 16-day partial shutdown in 2013, temporarily tanking the GOP's poll numbers.

Having an outsider Republican president in the White House has not eliminated those divisions, as has already become clear from the House's failure to advance a health care bill.

On the spending legislation the intraparty divisions emerged in a different form, as Trump himself, or at least some of his White House lieutenants, threw a last-minute wrench into negotiations by suddenly demanding money for construction of a border wall on the U.S.-Mexico border.

Up until then negotiations had been proceeding fairly smoothly, according to participants. With Democratic votes needed to pass the legislation, senior Republicans had no expectation of achieving the president's most contentious policy objectives in the spending bill, and instead planned to include border security money that would not be designated specifically for a wall.

Trump's sudden push for the wall money sent talks into a tailspin and Democrats into high dudgeon. And even after he backed off, apparently clearing the way for final work toward a deal, the episode left some fellow Republicans questioning whether their party, now in full control of Washington, will be able to perform any better under Trump than under Obama.

No sign probes into Russia, Trump campaign will die down

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An FBI investigation and congressional probes into the Trump campaign and contacts with Russia continue to shadow the administration, each new development a focus of White House press briefings and attention on Capitol Hill.

President Donald Trump has dismissed the story as "fake news" and raised allegations of politically inspired spying by the Obama administration, but the investigations show no sign of abating anytime soon.

A Senate Judiciary subcommittee says it will hear testimony in May from former acting attorney general Sally Yates, who was fired in the early days of the Trump administration, and James Clapper, the former director of national intelligence under President Barack Obama. The May 8 open hearing will be the first opportunity for the public to hear Yates' account of her role in the firing of Trump's first national security adviser, Michael Flynn.

Separately, leaders of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform say Flynn appeared to violate U.S. criminal law when he failed to seek permission for or inform the government about accepting tens of thousands of dollars from Russian organizations after a trip there in 2015. Flynn's lawyer said in a statement that Flynn disclosed the trip in conversations with the Defense Intelligence Agency, where he was its former director.

Hackers broke into the computer network of the Democratic National Committee during the 2016 campaign, which U.S. officials and cybersecurity experts have publicly tied to Russian intelligence services. Stolen emails to and from top Democratic Party officials.

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New worry for smokers' families: 'thirdhand smoke'

By Carmen Heredia Rodriguez
Kaiser Health News

What is thirdhand smoke?

Thirdhand smoke is a name given to the nicotine and chemical residue left behind from cigarette and cigar smoke that can cling to skin, hair, clothes, rugs and walls. This thin film can be picked up by touch or released back into the air when disturbed. Several studies suggest that the mix of toxins can lead to adverse health outcomes.

Michael Miller does what many smokers do to protect his sons and daughter from cigarette smoke. He takes it outside.

After his 7 a.m. coffee, he walks out of his home in Cincinnati to smoke his first cigarette of the day. Then, as a branch manager of a road safety construction company, he smokes dozens more on street curbs.

The tobacco never appears when Miller is coaching on the baseball or football field, or when he's in the car with his children. But when he's alone on the road, he sometimes rolls the windows down and lights up.

"I know (cigarettes are) bad," Miller said. "I know I need to quit."

New findings have identified potential dangers of another byproduct of cigarettes that may slip past Miller's precautions and affect his children: "thirdhand smoke."

A recent study in the journal Tobacco Control found high levels of nicotine on the hands of children of smokers, raising concerns about thirdhand smoke, a name given to the nicotine and chemical residue left behind from cigarette and cigar smoke that can cling to skin, hair, clothes, rugs and walls. This thin film can be picked up by touch or released back into the air when disturbed.

The researchers examined 25 children who arrived at emergency rooms with breathing problems associated with secondhand smoke exposure.

They found that the average level of nicotine on the children's hands was more than three times higher than the level found on the hands of nonsmoking adults who live with smokers. They said determining the amount of nicotine on the skin of a nonsmoker is a good way to measure exposure to thirdhand smoke.

"Because nicotine is specific to tobacco, its presence on children's hands may serve as a proxy of tobacco smoke pollution in their immediate environment," the researchers wrote.

They also found that all but one of the children had detectable levels in their saliva of cotinine, a biomarker for exposure to nicotine. All the children in the study had

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Several longtime Midland Memorial Hospital volunteers were honored at a luncheon Monday. They include Leiah Barrett, from left, Fran Dawson, Emma Wilkes, Donna Newsom, Donna Clark, Laurie Barrett and Lu Ingram.

MMH auxiliary recognizes longtime volunteers

By Kim Modisett
Midland Health

April is National Volunteer Month, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Midland Memorial Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary who volunteer an endless amount of time to our hospital. Auxiliary volunteers are the face of our hospital. Their duties include greeting patients at the front desk and escorting them to their destination, managing the hospital's gift shop and popcorn machine and manning the Surgical Waiting Room.

Today, we recognize nine long-time volunteers. Thank you for all you do.

Laurie Barrett

Laurie Barrett has volunteered more than 20,000 hours. She has served in every capacity board position, including president and treasurer. Laurie works weekly — all day Monday and Tuesday afternoon. She helps in the office and assists with computer duties and orientation of new volunteers. She also is one of the Gift Shop buyers and is a member of the Auxiliary Party Committee.

"I just love to make people happy," said Laurie, who is a hair dresser at Heads First salon. "I love to decorate and give parties because it makes people happy. Volunteering at the hospital has helped me broaden my horizons and help makes Midland Memorial Hospital a great place for health care."

She has been a member for 14 years and was the youngest president ever. When Laurie was president, she finished the job of changing the female volunteers' uniforms. This was no small task. She also helped prepare the volunteers to move into the new hospital and be prepared on day one to know their way around the new facility.

Fran Dawson

Fran Dawson has been a member of the auxiliary for more than 25 years and has worked a total of 15,500 hours. She is a past president and currently serves in the Surgery Waiting Room. In addition to helping families who are waiting on surgeries, Fran also categorizes, sorts and delivers magazines to all of the waiting rooms in the hospital. The magazines are donated by our auxiliary members, so there is no cost to the hospital. She processes about 600 magazines each month.

Fran also counts the hours for the junior volunteers each month.

"Junior volunteers are such a joy to work with," Fran said. "We are so very lucky to have the young people help us. They are so refreshing."

Fran said she volunteers at Midland Memorial Hospital because it is rewarding to be able to help people. The guests and families in our Surgery Waiting Room are very grateful for news concerning their patient. It is a great place to work.

Beverly Acker

Beverly Acker loves fresh flowers so much that she designs the arrangements sold in the gift shop. She went from buying flowers at various locations and selling a few arrangements to purchasing bulk fresh flowers that are delivered weekly from Lubbock.

"The fresh flower sales just amaze me," she said. "Some weeks, I make 50 arrangements."

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Study links diet soda to higher risk of stroke, dementia

By Fred Barbash
Washington Post

Americans trying to stay healthy have abandoned sugary drinks for diet drinks in droves over the past few decades on the theory that the latter is better than the former. Now, more evidence has emerged to refute that rationale.

Indeed, a new study shows an association between diet soda and both stroke and dementia, with people drinking diet soda daily being almost three times as likely to develop stroke and dementia as those who consumed it weekly or less.

"This included a higher risk of ischemic stroke, where blood vessels in the brain become obstructed and Alzheimer's disease dementia, the most common form of dementia," said Matthew Pase, a Boston University School of Medicine neurologist and the lead author of the study published in the journal Stroke.

While emphasizing that the research did not show causation, only a correlation, Pase said in a video explaining the study that diet drinks "might not be a healthy alternative."

The authors of the study noted its many limitations, as the American Heart Association noted in its accompanying commentary:

"The participants were overwhelmingly white, and it is possible that ethnic preferences may influence how often people select sugary or artificially sweetened drinks, Pase said. People did not drink sugary sodas as often as diet sodas, which Pase said could be one reason the researchers did not see an association with regular soda since the participants may have been health conscious and just not consuming them as frequently. The main limitation, Pase said, is the important point that an observational study like this cannot prove that drinking artificially-sweetened drinks is linked to strokes or dementia, but it does identify an intriguing trend that will need to be explored in other studies."

Still, people should be "cautious" about their intake of diet sodas, Pase said, noting that more study is needed.

And they should most definitely not retreat to sugary drinks, he said. They have been associated not only with obesity and its consequences, such as diabetes, but with poorer memory and smaller overall brain volumes.

The study kept track of 2,888 individuals age 45 and over for the development of a stroke and 1,484 participants age 60 and older for dementia over a 10 year period. All are participants in the famous Framingham Heart Study, several thousand men and women who have had blood tests done periodically since the 1970s.

The study "found that those who reported consuming at least one artificially sweetened drink a day, compared to less

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Administration continues to defend contraception mandate

■ Religious groups expected permanent reprieve under Trump

By Paige Winfield Cunningham
The Washington Post

President Donald Trump promised religious groups he would reverse the Obama administration's requirement that employers provide birth control to their employees under the Affordable Care Act.

But his Justice Department indicated Monday that it's continuing to fight religious groups who are suing over the contraception mandate.

The Justice Department has asked the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit for an additional 60 days to negotiate with East Texas Baptist University and several other religious schools and nonprofit groups objecting to a requirement to which they are morally opposed.

Several religious groups are dismayed and confused by the Trump administration's move, including the Little Sisters of the Poor — a group of nuns — that fought the mandate for

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MIT study reveals exercise can be contagious

■ Researchers use fitness tracker data from people with social network ties

By Amina Khan
Los Angeles Times

Now here's a contagion that might not be so bad to encounter. A new analysis of the running habits of about 1.1 million people reveals that exercise is indeed contagious — though its communicability depends on who's spreading it.

The findings, published in the journal Nature Communications, also reveal that certain relationships are better at spreading the running bug than others — and could have implications for the study of other social contagions, such as obesity and smoking.

In recent years, researchers in a wide range of field — from economics and politics to medicine and computer science — have begun to investigate the ways in which many of our individual decisions affect the decisions of our peers, and how behavioral changes may spread through a social network.

"If behavioural contagions exist," the study authors wrote, "understanding how, when and to what extent they manifest in different behaviours will enable us to transition from independent intervention strategies to more effective interdependent interventions that incorporate individuals' social contexts into their treatments."

Creating health and other interventions that effectively could harness the social network to maximize their benefit would be a real game-changer, researchers say. But it's been difficult to draw conclusions from studies based on self-reporting surveys (where participants may not be fully honest or aware of their own behaviors) or laboratory experiments (which may not fully capture the real-life complexities of causal relationships within social networks).

So for this paper, Sinan Aral and Christos Nicolaides of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology used fitness tracker data to study the running and activity habits of around 1.1 million people in an actual global social network. The runners had formed about 3.4 million social network ties; the researchers analyzed the 2.1 million or so ties for which they could pinpoint geographic location and weather information for both users. Over five years, these social media users ran a collective 350 million kilometers — and their runs were all automatically posted online for their friends to see, reducing the issues that come with self-reporting.

On the same day on average, an additional kilometer run by friends influences an individual to run an additional 0.3 kilometers. An additional kilometer per minute run by friends pushes a person to run an additional 0.3 kilometers per minute faster than usual. If those friends run an extra 10 minutes, that person is likely to run about three minutes longer than they would have. If those friends burn an extra 10 calories, that person will end up burning 3.5 more calories.

The effect is strongest on the same day and appears to diminish with time, the authors wrote.

So the scientists found that a runner's peers did influence him or her to run more — but they also discovered that not all users influenced their buddies equally. Individuals were more likely to be prodded to up their game by less-active peers than by more active ones. Men were influenced by the activity of both men and women, but women were influenced only by other women. Inconsistent runners influenced consistent runners far more than the other way around.

"Social comparisons may provide an explanation

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Obituaries

David C. Brown

David C. Brown, 64, of Stanton, died Monday, April 24, 2017 at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be 11:00 AM Thursday, April 27, 2017, at the Evergreen Cemetery Chapel Rev. Charlie Stevens officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at Gilbreath Funeral Home.

He was born March 18, 1953 in Stanton, Texas and married Debbie White Melton June 3, 1989 in Martin County, Texas.

David was a lifelong resident of Stanton and had worked various jobs during his life including being a telephone man, operating a backhoe and pipeline welding. He enjoyed farming and ranching and loved being a cowboy.

Survivors include his wife, Debbie Brown of Stanton; three sons, Stoney Brown and wife, Lorena of Stanton, Tim Melton and wife, Kari of Abilene and Dennis Melton and wife, Ashley of Stanton; one daughter, Brittany Brown Biery and husband, Andy of Rockport; one brother, Jerry Brown and wife, Lyn of Midland; one sister, Linda Phillips and husband, Arnold of Stanton; two brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Larry and Karen White of Midland and Bobby and Doris Holland of Stanton; and twelve grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Boots and Irene Brown; and one brother, Glenn Brown.

The family suggests memorials to a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com

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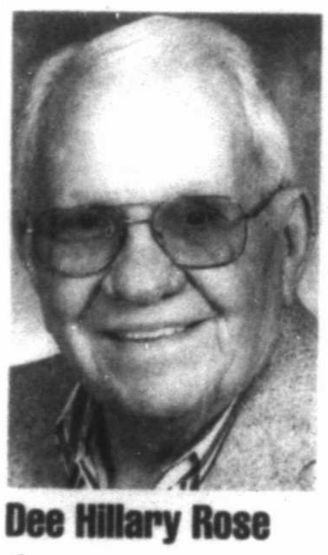

Dee Hillary Rose Jr

Dee Hillary Rose Jr. passed away April 23, 2017 in Savannah, GA due to complications from a stroke. He was 87.

Born in Wink, TX to Dee Hillary Rose Sr. and Annie Lou Bass he lived in West Texas until moving with his son to Savannah, GA in 2014. He finished high school in Lamesa, TX and from there went to Texas Tech University earning a degree in Geology and then spent several years in the Navy during the Korean conflict. He met and married Diane Epley in 1961 and settled in Midland, TX. Dee was an independent oil producer in the Permian Basin and retired in 1995 enjoying many happy, healthy years until his death.

Dee loved reading, gaming, entertaining with his guitar and singing. He was active in Theater Midland (Midland Community Theater). He loved and followed all classes and divisions of football. He was a member of Calvary Assembly of God Church in Midland and also a member of MENSA. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and brother Martin Rose of Ruidoso, N.M.

He will be remembered by his three children, Robyn Rose Tatu of Atlanta, GA; Matthew Rose of Lubbock, TX; Dee Hillary III of Savannah, GA; and his extended family of nieces, nephews, cousins, and in-laws.

Services for Dee Jr. will be held in Ruidoso, N.M. in the coming months.

Memorial donations can be made to Hospice Savannah, Inc. in Savannah, GA. or the American Heart Association.

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Dorothy "Dot" L. Fielding

Dorothy "Dot" L. Fielding, 82 of Midland, TX entered into eternal peace on Monday, April 24th, 2017.

Dot was born on November 30th, 1934 in Lowe, Kansas to the late Beryl and Gladys Graham. She married the love of her life, Bob Fielding, on March 14, 1963 and together they enjoyed bowling and attending many Lee Rebel athletic events. Together, they received the Lee High School Grand Marshall Award twice, the Football Rebel for Life Award, the Baseball Rebel for Life Award, The Basketball Rebel for Life Award, and the Softball Rebel for Life Award.

Dot also enjoyed scrapbooking and taking photos in her spare time. Dot was a very kind and gentle soul; she had a loving and generous heart, and she never met a stranger.

She is predeceased by her parents, Beryl and Gladys Graham; brothers, Gary Graham, and Robert Graham; and sisters, Reta Cooley, and Helen Jean Proctor.

She leaves her many loving memories to be cherished by her loving Husband of 54 years, Bob Fielding; adorning daughter, Stacy Fielding; sister, Janice Yoho; many nieces and nephews; and many Fami"Lee" members gained over the many years of Rebel Sports.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, April 26th at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home, 2508 N Big Spring St., Midland, TX 79705, with the family receiving visitors from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm.

Services will be held Thursday, April 27th at 10:00 am at Calvary Assembly of God Church, 908 Johnston St. Midland, TX 79701 where we will gather with friends and family to celebrate the example of life that she set for everyone around her. The Family has chosen Craig Holly, Terry Gwin, Ray Fieldhouse, Domingo Nunez, Adrian Vargas, and Trey Motley as pallbearers, with honorary pallbearers; any rebel athlete from 1986 to present. Burial services will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens, 6800 S State Highway 349, Midland, TX 79706

The family is requesting a "Maroon Out" to celebrate Dot's love for her Rebels. In lieu of flowers, it has also been requested that you please donate to a charity of your choice.

Funeral service is under the direction Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to pipkin@nts-online.net or you can visit the website at www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com.

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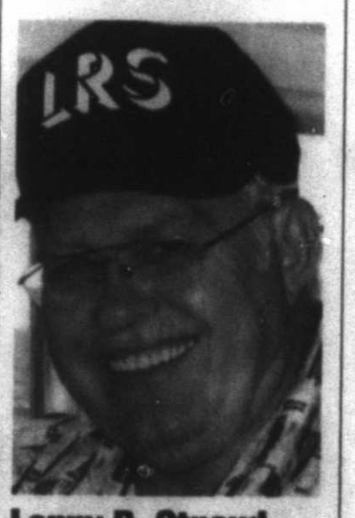

Larry R. Stroud

Larry R. Stroud came into this world on October 20th, 1943 in Big Spring, Texas; growing up in the oil fields around Forsan. In high school, Larry was elected Vice President of his Senior Class and had a successful run as a linebacker on the Forsan Buffaloes football team. He graduated High School in 1962.

Larry saved his money from working in the oilfields and bought a brand new blue 1955 Chevy. His love of the great American muscle car and the open road lead him to a brief but spectacular career in street racing and then on to race for Ford, holding a national record for a long while in the ¼ mile.

Larry R. Stroud and Janie Eileen Barber were married on a sunny June 18th in 1965. They had a son, two daughters and along the way, brought a few others into the family by way of informal adoption.

After serving for 6 years in the Midland Police Department and advancing to the rank of Sergeant, Larry worked in many varying fields for a time. Then one day, he bought a used van and took out an ad in this newspaper in order to start a new career as "The Handyman".

Built upon word-of-mouth and a couple of small but well - executed jobs fixing screen doors and loose floorboards, Larry worked hard to establish a thriving, successful remodeling business which lasted for 42 years. Throughout the years and taking on many incarnations, Larry Stroud's business evolved, employing many people. Larry became a noteworthy and active member of the local business community. Working tirelessly to manifest the remodeling dreams of countless clients, turning many of them into lifelong friends. His skill as a home builder/remodeler soon become very much in demand and the waiting list for his services grew quite long. The reach of his influence, both professional and personal, has touched the lives of so many.

Larry loved fishing, gardening, photography, poker, the regular milking of casino machines and card dealers, watching NASCAR, drag races and old westerns. He was a solid rock in a world that is more often than not surrounded by the waters of chaos and turmoil. The world is left with many people who were the recipients of his generosity and help; either fatherly, financially; or in the currency of a more effective and honest way of looking at things, delivered within a quick, crystal-clear bit of sage advice.

Larry passed away peacefully after a long illness. He was at home and surrounded by his family as was his wish.

Those left to cherish his memory and larger than life personality are: his wife Janie Stroud, his children: Donnie Stroud of Austin, Nicki Stroud and Brandi Lopez of Midland, 4 grandchildren, 3 great - grandchildren (and one on the way).

The family would like to thank: Wilson Nyamwatta, RN - BSN from the Oncology floor at MMH for his professional, upbeat, instructional and tireless care; Tiffany Hansen, MSN, RN, FNP - C; Juan Chavarria or "J.C.", (Valet Attendant Manager Supreme of the Craddick Bldg.); Dr. Manny Mangat and his entire wonderful staff; Dr. Scott Akins and his great crew at the Texas Oncology Radiation Department, (especially Brian Nabhan); Robert, Head Gear - Guru at Midland Performance Headquarters; Chelley Jones and Hospice of Midland

The family requests that any memorial donations be given to the American Cancer Society, Hospice of Midland, or to the charity of one's choice.

A celebration of Larry's life will be held at American Heritage Funeral Home at 4-pm on Friday the 28th of

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Wendy Lynn Hines

Wendy Lynn Hines, age 59, of Odessa, TX, was called home to her loving Lord and Savior on April 19, 2017 in Odessa.

Born October 8, 1957 to Ray Eldon Braswell and Jackie (McClellan) Braswell in Monahans, Texas, Wendy dedicated her life as an educator to the community. Her commitment to continuing education will be remembered as her legacy and her influence will remain evident into the future for Odessa and its residents.

Wendy attended Odessa High School where she practiced and tutored majorette's dance. After graduating fifth in her class in 1976, Wendy married the love of her life, Larry Hines, on May 20, 1977 and raised two children, Brandy and Larry Jr. She attended both Odessa College and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, receiving her degree as an educator. August of 1979 marked the beginning of her accomplished and distinguished career, touching so many of our lives. She started her career as a 2nd grade teacher at Goliad Elementary, moving to Cameron Elementary in 1983. Earning her Master's Degree in Educational Administration from UTPB in 1985 and becoming a teacher appraiser in 1987, her role became more administrative. In 1990 she became the program director for Zavala Magnet Elementary School, and moved on to become the principal at both San Jacinto Elementary School in 1993 and Cameron Elementary School in 1999. Under her guidance, Cameron Elementary School was recognized as a Blue Ribbon School, highlighting her dedication to exceptional and outstanding education for the children of our community. Becoming the Executive Director of Elementary Operations and ultimately the Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools in 2006, Wendy's 38 years of achievements as an educator with ECISD will be recognized as she is awarded the Superintendent's Extra Mile Award, accenting an exemplary commitment to the community.

Wendy is preceded in death by her grandson, Christopher Cosby.

She is survived by her loving husband of 40 years, Larry Hines; parents, Ray and Jackie Braswell; son, Larry Hines Jr. and wife Virginia; daughter Brandy Ham and husband Jeremy; grandchildren Serenity Ferguson, Emma Ferguson, Blake Ham, and Bailey Ham; sister, Virginia Abbott and husband Danny; brothers, Robert Braswell and wife Karen, and Ray Braswell Jr. and wife Cydney.

Please join Wendy's family and friends for visitation between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Friday, April 28, 2017, and in remembrance and services at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, April 29, 2017. Arrangements, visitation and services have been entrusted to Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home. Please express condolences and sign Wendy's guestbook at *www.sunsetodessa.com*. The family asks that, in memoriam, donations be made to the Odessa College Foundation Wendy Hines Aspiring Educator Scholarship Fund.

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Death Notices

Sandra Jarrett Murry

Sandra Jarrett Murry, age 67, of Odessa, Texas, passed away on Sunday, April 23, 2017 at her home. The funeral Service is at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at the First Church of Nazarene in Odessa, TX. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are entrusted to Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home.

Hope for preemies as artificial womb helps tiny lambs grow

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Researchers are creating an artificial womb to improve care for extremely premature babies — and remarkable animal testing suggests the first-of-its-kind watery incubation so closely mimics mom that it just might work.

Today, premature infants weighing as little as a pound are hooked to ventilators and other machines inside incubators. Children's Hospital of Philadelphia is aiming for a gentler solution, to give the tiniest preemies a few more weeks cocooned in a womb-like environment — treating them more like fetuses than newborns in hopes of giving them a better chance of healthy survival.

The researchers created a fluid-filled transparent container to simulate how fetuses float in amniotic fluid inside mom's uterus, and attached it to a mechanical placenta that keeps blood oxygenated.

In early-stage animal testing, extremely premature lambs grew, apparently normally, inside the system for three to four weeks, the team reported Tuesday.

"We start with a tiny fetus that is pretty inert and spends most of its time sleeping. Over four weeks we see that fetus open its eyes, grow wool, breathe, swim," said Dr. Emily Partridge, a CHOP research fellow and first author of the study published in Nature Communications.

"It's hard to describe actually how uniquely awe-inspiring it is to see," she added in an interview.

Human testing still is three to five years away, although the team already is in discussions with the Food and Drug Administration.

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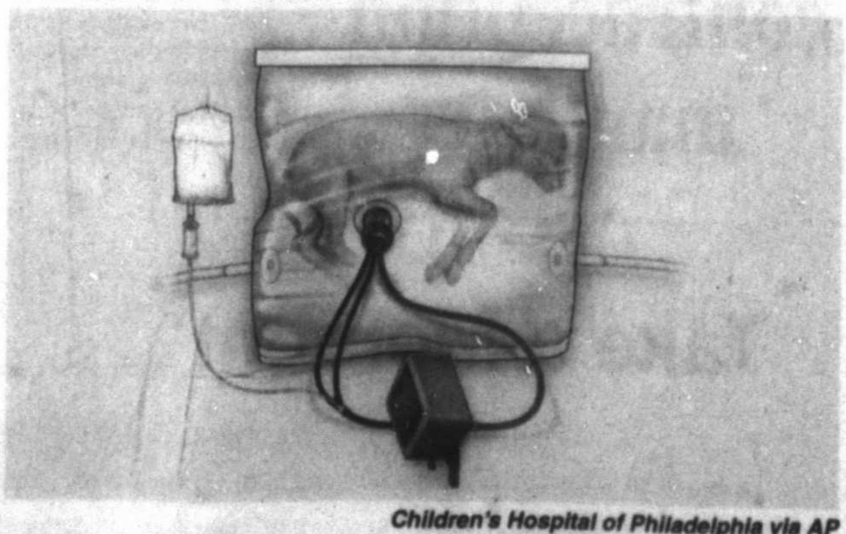

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia via AP

In this drawing provided by the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, an illustration of a fluid-filled incubation system that mimics a mother's womb, in hopes of one day improving survival of extremely premature babies. In animal testing, fetal lambs grew for up to four weeks inside a bag filled with a substitute for amniotic fluid, while the heart pumped blood into a machine attached to the umbilical cord that supplied oxygen like a placenta normally would.

WOMBS

From 2B

"We're trying to extend normal gestation," said Dr. Alan Flake, a fetal surgeon at CHOP who is leading the project and considers it a temporary bridge between the mother's womb and the outside world.

Increasingly hospitals attempt to save the most critically premature infants, those born before 26 weeks gestation and even those right at the limits of viability — 22 to 23 weeks. Extreme prematurity is a leading cause of infant mortality, and those who do survive frequently have serious disabilities such as cerebral palsy.

The idea of treating preemies in fluid-filled incubators may sound strange, but physiologically it makes sense, said Dr. Catherine Spong, a fetal medicine specialist at the National Institutes of Health.

"This is really an innovative, promising first step," said Spong, who wasn't involved with the research.

One of the biggest risks for very young preemies is that their lungs aren't ready to breathe air, she explained. Before birth, amniotic fluid flows into their lungs, bringing growth factors crucial for proper lung development. When they're born too soon, doctors hook preemies to ventilators to keep them alive but risking lifelong lung damage.

Flake's goal is for the womb-like system to support the very youngest preemies just for a few weeks, until their organs are mature enough to better handle regular hospital care like older preemies who have less risk of death or disability.

The device is simpler than previous attempts at creating an artificial womb, which haven't yet panned out.

How the "Biobag" system works:

—The premature lambs were delivered by C-section and immediately placed into a temperature-controlled bag filled with a substitute for amniotic fluid that they swallow and take into their lungs.

"We make gallons of this stuff a day," said fetal physiologist Marcus Davey. It's currently an electrolyte solution; he's working to add other factors to make it more like real amniotic fluid.

—Then the researchers attached the umbilical cord to a machine that exchanges carbon dioxide in blood with oxygen, like a placenta normally does.

—The lamb's heart circulates the blood, without the need for any other pump.

The researchers tested five lambs whose biological age was equivalent to 23-week human preemies, and three more a bit older. All appeared to grow normally, with blood pressure and other key health measures stable and few complications during the weeks they were inside the womb-like device.

The study didn't address long-term development. Most of the lambs were euthanized for further study that found normal organ development for their gestational age. One was bottle-weaned and is now more than a year old, apparently healthy and living on a farm in Pennsylvania.

Flake stressed that the womb-like system isn't intended to support preemies any younger than today's limits of viability — not what he calls the more "sensationalistic" idea of artificially growing embryos.

He acknowledged that parents might question the approach, but notes that the preemies always could be whisked into standard care if they fared poorly in the new system.

HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Medication takeback planned

Midland Coalition is planning medication takeback for 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at Polo Park Estates, 2100 Castleford Road. Food will be served at the facility.

Medication must be in the original containers. Syringes, lancets, thermometers and oxygen tanks will not be accepted.

For more information, call PDAP at 685-3645 or visit pdapmidland.org.

Weekly support groups & hotlines

(subject to change)

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

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

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

■ Peer to Peer support group for veterans, active duty, guard, reserves and their families, 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Permian Basin Community Center, 401 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 403; Wil Hoggard, 213-5342, william.hoggard@wtcmhmr.org.

PDAP meetings

■ 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays: Parents group and younger group (12-17), 1208 W. Wall St.; college group (18-26), 2503 W. Ohio Ave.; older group (27 and over), First Presbyterian Church

■ 11:30-1:30 p.m. Wednesdays: older group, 1208 W. Wall St., includes lunch

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

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

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

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

■ 12-Step Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays; PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St., 553-7220.

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

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

■ Xodus Group, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St., 634-7609.

■ CODA Group, 12-step program for relationships, 7 p.m.Fridays and Sundays, PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St., 599-4490.

■ La Hacienda Alumni, support group for former patients, 7 p.m. Thursdays, PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St. 553-7220.

Hope Chest

Hope Chest is a program that provides support for women during their pregnancy and after their baby is born.

Hope Chest allows mothers and mothers-to-be to earn necessities such as diapers, wipes, clothing and car seats through a point system. Points are earned by attending prenatal appointments and childbirth classes, and once the baby is born, moms continue to earn points at pediatrician visits until the child turns 2.

The program office is at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus. For more information or to enroll in the program, call 221-1150.

To make a monetary donation or donate brand new baby items to Hope Chest, call the March of Dimes office at 416-7310.

MMH payment options

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

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

Source: Midland Memorial Hospital

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital has partnered with Medical Center Hospital in Odessa for the telephone nurse triage program "68-NURSE" to bring the service to the entire Permian Basin.

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

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

Help line for long-term or disabled care

The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services has a toll-free number residents can call to obtain information on services for the disabled or long-term care.

For more information, call 855-937-2372.

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Mental health professionals often ignore themselves

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Most mental health professionals have taken an oath to provide their clients with the best care and to do no harm. Too often, mental health professionals put their patients' care above everything else and don't have time or make a priority for their personal health or well-being.

To provide their clients with the finest possible treatment, mental health professionals must be at their healthiest. A mental health professional's self-care is a standard of professional practice. Even though they put themselves last, this often is the professional thing to do.

Nevertheless, mental health professionals often overlook their self-care in this challenging profession that has many requirements. These requirements are a high volume of paperwork, documentation, training and seeing a number of clients. When these professionals neglect their own mental health and spiritual well-being they cannot effectively and continually help their clients.

The professional will end feeling up tired, emotionally drained and will not have anything for themselves. Some of the warning signs may be feeling irritated about clients, experiencing low energy, having problem at home and developing a negative view of the world. When the professional ignores the problems and self-care, their productivity and overall outlook on the job can decline and eventually cause burnout.

Mental health professionals and other professions such as nursing, teaching and social work have a high burnout rate. Individuals in each of these professions are at greater risk for burnout because of the empathic and close relationships they must form to do their jobs. When empathy is given out abundantly and not replenished, the professional's possibility of depletion is high. The client is not there to return empathy, so it is up to the professional to have a self-care outlet in place.

Finding a healthy balance is the key for longevity in this profession, as well as recognizing the warnings early and fixing the issues when they occur. These warning signs include feeling emotional exhaustion and feeling drained as soon as soon as they arrive at work, even with plenty of sleep and time off, and starting to view clients not as people but as cases. The professional may also develop feelings the inability to achieve.

It is also important that these professionals understand the job has some built-in risk factors that will cause stress, fatigue and affect their health and job performance.

Practicing self-care

■ Plan coping strategies

■ Seek therapy, or treatment when needed

■ Get an adequate amount of sleep

■ Exercise regularly

■ Maintain a healthy diet

■ Encourage relationships

■ Make time for leisure

■ Keep a journal

■ Join peer support groups

■ Practice mindfulness

In addition, one of the most important things the professional can do is maintain connections with colleagues. Connecting with peers can lessen the isolation often experienced in independent practice. Peer mentoring provides common support and time to discuss and share susceptibilities and successes.

EXERCISE

From 2B

for these results," the study authors wrote. Social comparison theory, they added, "proposes that we self-evaluate by comparing ourselves to others."

But do we make upward comparisons to peers performing better than us, or downward comparisons to those performing worse? That's been a subject of debate, the researchers said.

"Comparisons to those ahead of us may motivate our own self-improvement, while comparisons to those behind us may create 'competitive behaviour to protect one's superiority,' "they explained. "Our findings are consistent with both arguments, but the effects are much larger for downward comparisons than for upward comparisons."

So people who we think are our closest fitness "peers" — particularly those who we think are slightly lower on the totem pole relative to ourselves — are most likely to get us to push our limits.

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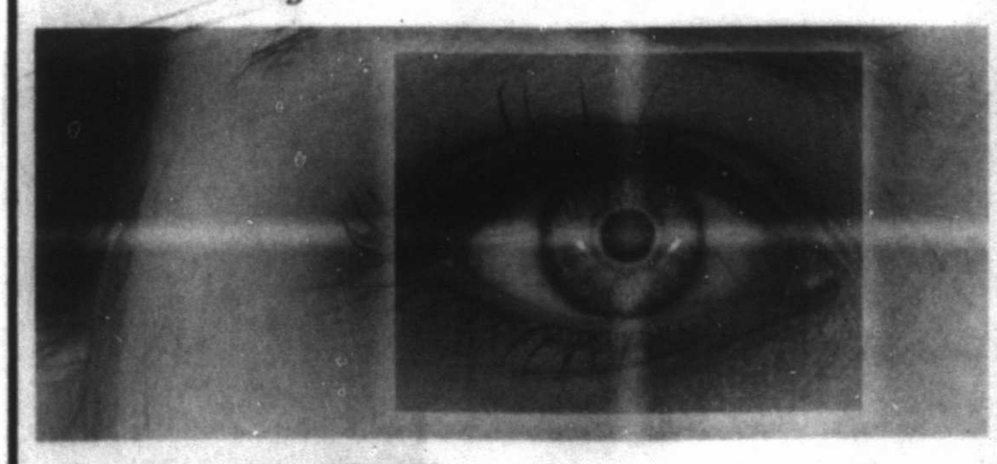

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VOLUNTEERS

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The MMH Foundation also purchases flowers from the gift shop for their VIP list of patients. During the week of Valentine's Day, Beverly used eight dozen roses in her designs.

Beverly, a life member of the auxiliary, also purchases some of the food, health and beauty aids and over-the-counter drugs that are sold in the gift shop. If Beverly is not designing fresh flowers, she is stocking items in the store.

She has been a member for more than 15 years and has worked 12,300 hours. She is a past president and currently reconciles the bank statements for the auxiliary business. She also keeps track and records the volunteers' hours for auxiliary records.

"I volunteer to make patients smile when fresh flower arrangements are delivered to them. It just makes me happy to know that somehow I had a small part in a positive health care stay," Beverly said. "Gardening and flowers have always been a big part of my life, and I can honestly say that my Fridays are full of flower arranging at the hospital."

Beverly is a docent at Scarborough/Linebery House and is the part-time secretary for St. Mark's United Methodist Church. She is an avid Texas Longhorns fan and holds a master's degree from the University of Texas.

Lu Ingram

Florence L. Ingram is a modern-day Florence Nightingale. She is a retired registered nurse.

"A kind word is never lost," Lu said. "We have many opportunities for a kind word at the hospital and also at my church. That is what I love to do. Being a retired nurse, I just love to help people. I work in the Surgery Waiting Room on Friday mornings. That is my passion."

Lu is the current past president. She said one of the highlights during her time as president was making a report to the Board of Trustees.

"I just loved giving credit to our auxiliary and all of the wonderful things we do for our hospital," Lu said. "One of my best memories of being president is the dedication of the Information Desk. What a thrill and what a beautiful addition to our hospital."

She works at her church and visits the shut-ins and teaches Sunday school. She said she loves to study God's word.

Lu likes the Surgery Waiting Room because it is such a busy place, especially on Friday mornings. She stays busy keeping up with families of patients who are there waiting for information on their loved ones.

Lu has worked more than 5,500 hours as a volunteer; most of those hours were in the Surgery Waiting Room.

Emma Wilkes

Emma Wilkes delivers the newspapers on Tuesday mornings to the patients in the hospital. She has volunteered more than 5,000 hours. She is a past president, recording secretary and pet therapy chairman. She has been a member for eight years.

She loves to play golf and take pictures. But her passion is being No. 1 Gran (grandmother).

"I love working with the special ladies and gentlemen that are volunteers at MMH. We help patients and their families by doing the small things, like delivering newspapers," Emma said. "These small things matter big time and they bring smiles to families.

"I also love the pets and the joy they bring to patients. It is a special time to see a patient loving on a pet. The volunteers who bring their pets are great ambassadors. The dogs are such fun," she said.

Donna Clark

Donna Clark, corresponding secretary for the auxiliary this year, has worked more than 3,000 hours with the auxiliary. She also makes pillowcases and gives them to the patients who are on the eighth Floor ACE (acute care for the elderly).

"I just love making and giving the pillow cases away," she said. "The colorful pillowcases brighten patients' days and make their stay just a bit more enjoyable. Nothing pleases me more than to bring pleasure to someone who is not feeling well."

In addition to making pillow cases, Donna also makes table runners, quilts and crochets. She has even designed specialty items for special-needs patients. One of her creations is a cellphone holder to help patients keep up with their cellphones while they are here at MMH.

Donna can be found on Wednesday mornings working in the gift shop. After her shift, she always visits the patients on the eighth floor.

"I give all of my spare time to the MMH Auxiliary," Donna said.

Donna Newsom

Donna Newsom works in the gift shop on Tuesday mornings. She has been a member for 10 years and has volunteered more than 2,500 hours with the hospital. She began her volunteer service at the MMH West Campus gift shop. She has served as first vice president and recording secretary.

"It's very rewarding to me to be able to help raise money for the hospital and to work with all of the great people who work here," Donna said. "I just love being a part of this group.

"I look forward to seeing what is new in the gift shop each week and what I can do to make customers happy.

"I especially like serving those who have patients in the hospital," she said.

Lalo Lujan

Lalo Lujan works several days a week helping us in the gift shop and at the Information Desk. He helps with the popcorn machine, delivers newspapers and repairs wheelchairs. Lalo has worked more than 1,500 hours as a volunteer. He serves on the Auxiliary Board as wheelchair coordinator and helps stock in the gift shop.

We call him Mr. Happy Face. You never see him without a smile. He is always happy to help someone and always ready to go to the new job.

His passions are boxing and football.

"My volunteering gives me a purpose. It gets me out of the house so I am not so crazy," Lalo said. "I enjoy working with the volunteer group. It makes me happy."

His wife, Lucy, is an employee at the hospital. When he is volunteering, he always has breakfast and lunch with her.

Anne Gilley

Anne Gilley works in the gift shop Friday afternoons. She has been a member for four years and has volunteered 681 hours.

All of her time volunteering has been in the gift shop. Anne operates the cash register, sells popcorn and stocks food items in the store.

"I just love people, and I love being at the hospital," said Anne, who is a retired teacher with Midland Independent School District. "I volunteer because I love visiting with people."

She said that the auxiliary is like a second family.

Anne also volunteers with the Scarborough/Linebery House.

Her hobbies are needlepoint, scrapbooking, traveling, reading and shopping.

Kim Modisett is director of the Midland Memorial Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary.

SMOKING

From 1B

> *"Tobacco smoke doesn't go up in the air, and it disappears, and it's gone. That's the illusion."*
>
> **Georg Matt,** professor of psychology at San Diego State University

parents who smoked but did not smoke themselves.

The high nicotine readings on the children's hands, and the "light smoking" habits of most of their parents, signaled to lead author E. Melinda Mahabee-Gittens that the toxins could have arrived from a source other than direct access to cigarette smoke.

"Clearly they're getting it from somewhere, and perhaps it may be this thirdhand smoke connection," Mahabee-Gittens said.

Researchers noted that their conclusions are based on a small sample and will need to be studied in larger populations to verify the findings.

Children face a higher risk of developing health complications from thirdhand smoke than adults. Infants tend to spend more time indoors and can be surrounded by contaminated objects like rugs and blankets, according to a 2004 study by Georg Matt, a professor of psychology at San Diego State University. Infants' tendency to place their hands in their mouths increases the likelihood of the young ingesting the toxic residue.

Thirdhand smoke can linger in an area long after a cigarette or cigar is put out — for up to five years, Matt said.

"Tobacco smoke doesn't go up in the air, and it disappears, and it's gone," Matt said. "That's the illusion."

The health consequences of secondhand smoke are well-established.

Researchers at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that since 1964 at least 2.5 million nonsmokers have died of diseases linked to their exposure to cigarette smoke.

Research on thirdhand smoke gained wide recognition only a decade ago, but several studies suggest that the mix of toxins can lead to adverse health outcomes. An animal model simulating thirdhand-smoke-contaminated homes found the chemicals harmed mice's livers, lungs and healing abilities. A separate 2010 study showed that thirdhand smoke mixed with nitrous acid — a gas sometimes emitted from leaky stoves — can form cancer-causing chemical compounds. These toxins have also been shown to damage human DNA.

Removing thirdhand smoke from a child's environment is not easy. The variety of compounds that make up cigarette residue react to cleaning products differently, Matt said, making it difficult to purge a space of pollutants.

Reynolds American, the second-largest tobacco company in the United States, declined to comment on the study.

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DIET SODA

From 1B

than one a week, were 2.96 times as likely to have an ischemic stroke, caused by blood vessel blockage, and 2.89 times as likely to be diagnosed with dementia due to Alzheimer's disease," said a summary from the AHA.

A parallel study of sugary drinks did not find an association with stroke or dementia.

The artificial sweeteners consumed by those in the study included saccharin, acesulfame-K, and aspartame. Others, including sucralose, neotame and stevia have been approved by the FDA since, the study said.

The results were adjusted for variables such as age, sex, caloric intake, diet quality, physical activity and smoking.

"So, the bottom line is, 'Have more water and have less diet soda,' Christopher Gardner, director of Nutrition Studies at the Stanford Prevention Research Center, said in an AHA release. "And don't switch to real soda."

He added, "Nobody ever said diet sodas were a health food."

The AHA release quoted Rachel K. Johnson, professor of nutrition at the University of Vermont: "We need to be cautious in the interpretation of these results. It doesn't prove cause and effect. When you see these kinds of associations, you want to always ask what is the biological plausibility, what is the mechanism that might be causing this?"

"We have a robust body of literature on the adverse effects of sugary drinks. Absolutely the message is not to switch to sugary drinks," she said.

The American Beverage Association was quick to defend diet drinks.

"Low-calorie sweeteners have been proven safe by worldwide government safety authorities as well as hundreds of scientific studies and there is nothing in this research that counters this well-established fact," it said in a statement. It added:

"While we respect the mission of these organizations to help prevent conditions like stroke and dementia, the authors of this study acknowledge that their conclusions do not — and cannot — prove cause and effect."

MANDATE

From 1B

several years but expected an immediate reprieve under the GOP president. They believed either the Justice Department would halt its appeal in the case or the administration would seek a rules change from the Department of Health and Human Services.

Trump promised during the campaign that he'd side with the mandate's opponents, indicating to Catholic leaders that as president he would ensure the requirement was lifted.

"I will make absolutely certain religious orders like The Little Sisters of the Poor are not bullied by the federal government because of their religious beliefs," Trump wrote in a letter to the Catholic Leadership Conference.

The fight over whether employers with religious objections to birth control should have to pay for it emerged as one of several high-profile battles involving President Barack Obama's sweeping 2010 health-care law. The law requires employer-sponsored health coverage to include certain preventive services — the Obama administration interpreted that to include all FDA-approved contraception.

The Obama administration gave religious colleges, schools and charities a way out from providing contraception coverage by allowing them to delegate that job to a third party. Under a Supreme Court ruling, certain corporations can now take that route, too.

But some religious nonprofits still say that doesn't go far enough, and instead want to be fully exempted from the mandate in the same way as churches. In May, the Supreme Court tossed those cases back to appeals courts, directing them to guide the Obama administration and the nonprofits toward working out a compromise.

East Texas Baptist University and other plaintiffs represented by the nonprofit law firm Becket are now asking the Justice Department to drop its appeal of a district-court ruling in their favor, allowing them permanent relief from the mandate.

"This litigation has gone on long enough," the plaintiffs wrote in a petition last week to the Fifth Circuit. "It is time for the Department of Justice to move on, and to allow the court, the universities and other religious ministries to move on, as well."

But the Justice Department argued in its petition to the Fifth Circuit that it needs more time to litigate the case because numerous Cabinet and subcabinet positions in several federal agencies involved remain unfilled several months into the new administration.

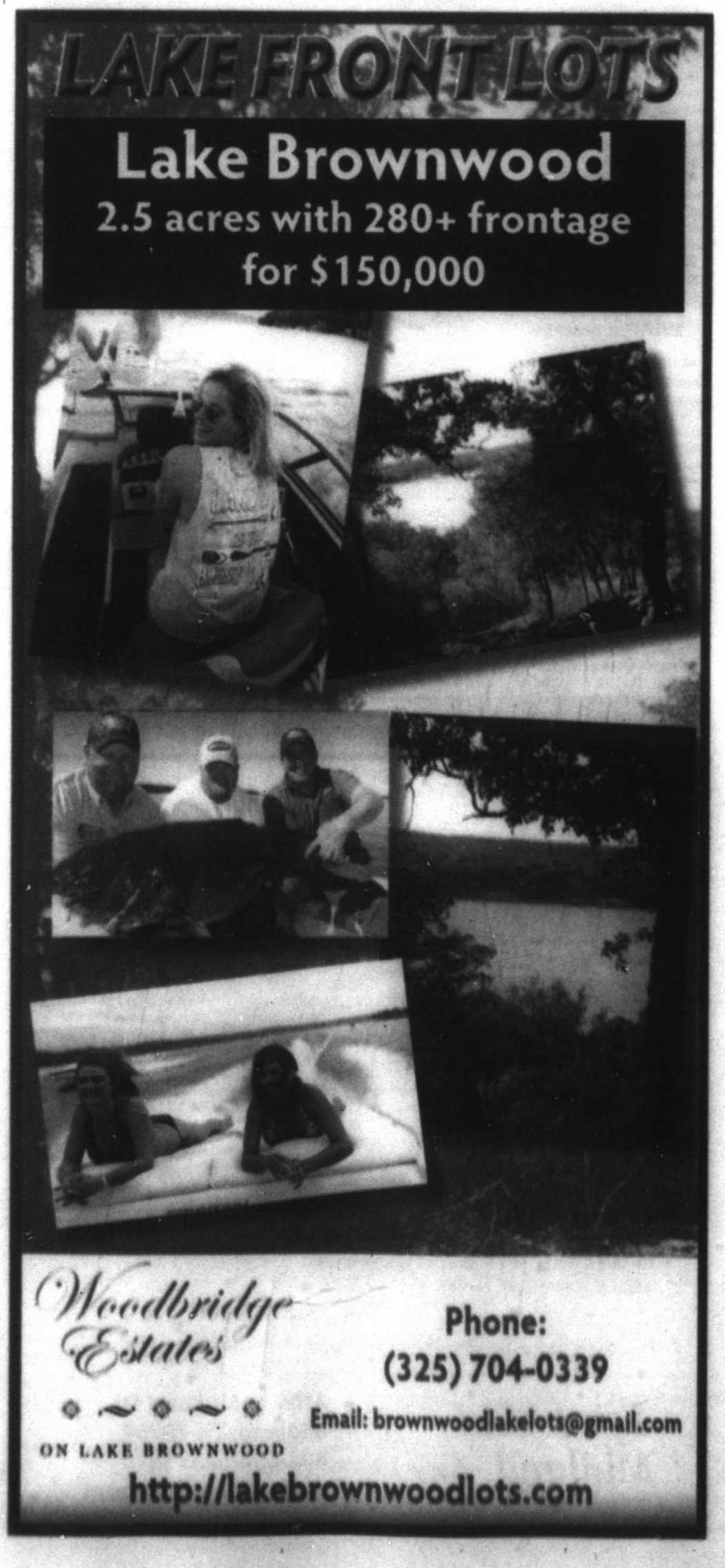
"The issues presented by the Supreme Court's remand order are complex," the Justice Department wrote.

Conservatives who oppose the birth control mandate on religious liberty grounds are bewildered by the move at a Justice Department headed by former Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., who is well known for his conservative views.

And many had expected the Department of Health and Human Services, now led by another conservative, former representative Tom Price, R-Ga., to change the Obama administration's underlying rule to fully exempt religious colleges, schools and charities from covering birth control. But HHS has not proposed any rule changes and didn't respond to a request Monday about whether there are plans to do so.

As things stand now, it appears that the Justice Department plans to continue defending the way the Obama administration applied the birth-control mandate, said Eric Rassbach, a Becket attorney.

"That just seems to be very contrary to what they've been saying publicly," Rassbach said.



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SOLUTION TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLE

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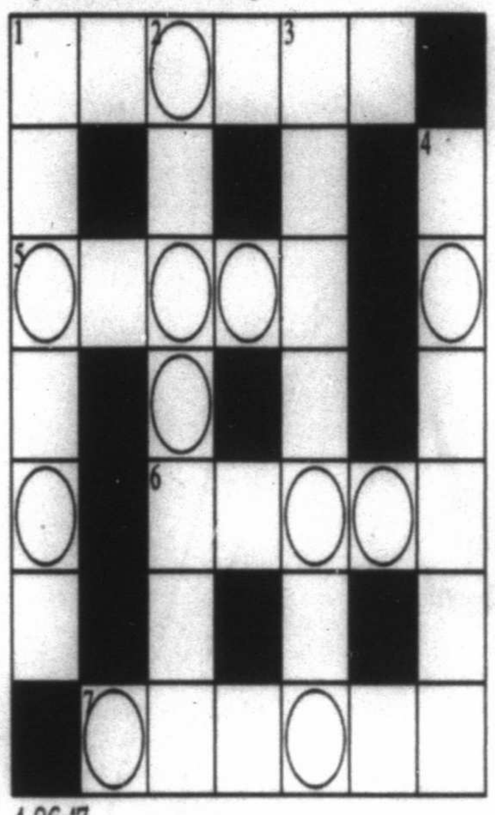

ACROSS

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1. Scamper	RYUCSR
5. ___ game	EDVOI
6. Live	XSTEI
7. Type of bird	REOSYP

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Economizing	GIVANS
2. Disrobe	SNURSED
3. More spacious	MIROERO
4. Talkative	ATCYTH

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

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CLUE: The source of the ___ ___ is Lake Tear of the Clouds at 4,322 feet.

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-Scurry 5A-Video 6A-Exile 7A-Dippy 1D-Saving 2D-Undress 3D-Roomier 4D-Chatty B-Hudson River

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JUMBLE

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

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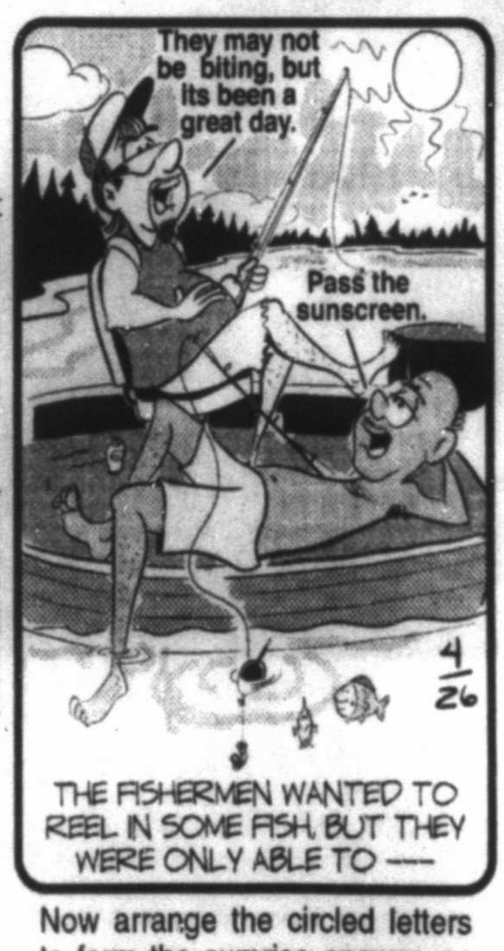

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ELOPE BRICK RATHER PODIUM
Answer: The chemists ate lunch every day at the — PERIODIC TABLE

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Reduce drastically
6 Skyscraper girder
11 Bobby on the ice
14 Willowy
15 Impudent
16 Baltimore Ravens mascot named for an author
17 Attendant who invites Hamlet to duel Laertes
18 Blubbers
19 Potato part
20 NOTHING
22 "Stillmatic" rapper
23 Equinox mo.
24 Secure at the pier
25 Small bite
27 Sulky state
28 L.A.'s region
29 Jessica of "Fantastic Four" films
32 Waimea Bay island
35 First sound of the day, for many
38 Provide missing info ... and what four clues do to their answers
41 Author Asimov
42 Ratio phrase
43 Boxing stats
44 Explosive experiment
46 Vote for
48 "I wanna go too!"
50 "Psst!" kin
52 These, in Nantes
55 Roadside respite spot
56 NAUGHT
59 Word with Iron or Bronze
60 Enter on a laptop
61 Tropical porch
62 Hi-__ image
63 Año Nuevo month
64 Ham it up
65 Cockpit abbr.
66 Building leveler, to a Brit
67 Like horses

DOWN

1 Neatniks' opposites
2 Stocking thread
3 "It's __!" "They tricked us!"
4 Climb, in a way
5 Badger from the bleachers
6 Anvil-shaped ear bone
7 Ocean bed?
8 Burnett of CNN
9 ACTIVE NATURALS skin care brand
10 Otherworldly
11 SPACE
12 Fit for a queen
13 Piece maker?
21 It may be passed
26 Golf ball material
27 Sense of taste
28 Bird feeder food
29 John Williams won its 2016 Life Achievement Award: Abbr.
30 Fleur-de-__
31 EMPTY
33 Busy, busy, busy
34 Dept. that oversees the FDA
36 "Citizen Kane" studio
37 Ed.'s backlog
39 Fridge feature that needs water
40 Bergman's "Gaslight" co-star
45 Title Tejano singer in a 1997 biopic
47 Starbucks' mermaid, e.g.
48 Sparkly crown
49 Broadway backer
50 Blazing
51 Roll out the red carpet for
52 Pachelbel work
53 Related on mom's side
54 Hit the slopes
57 Caustic cleaners
58 Tibetan spiritual adviser

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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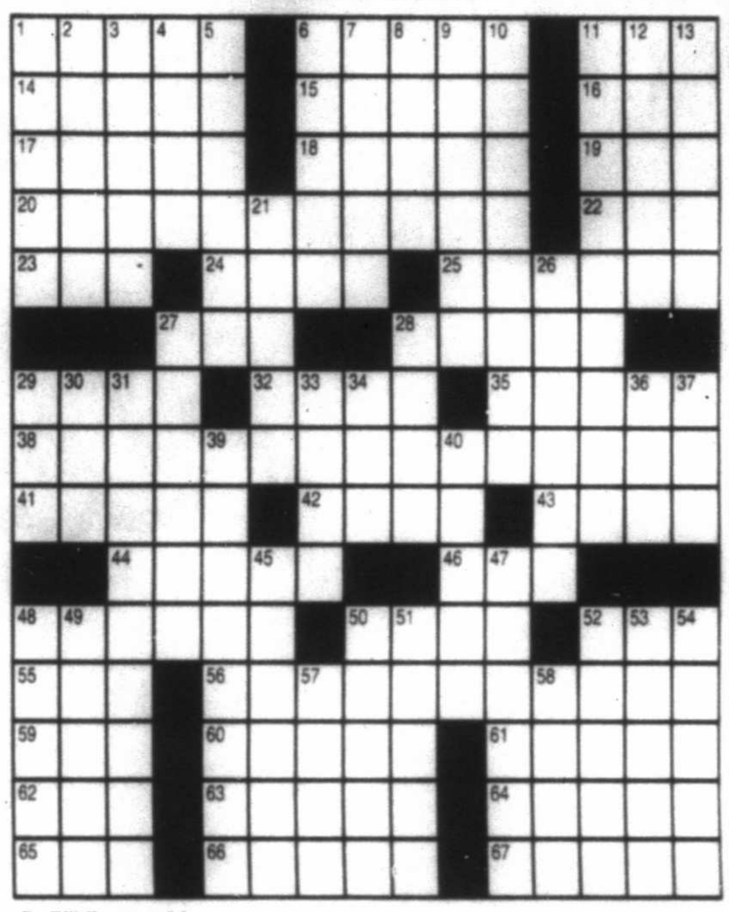

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Greenwood's Karcher ready for his 1st regional

By Oscar LeRoy
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Four years of playing competitive high school golf and some heartbreak along the way has helped Greenwood's Colby Karcher prepare for this week.

Over the next two days, Karcher will be competing in the Region I-4A Boys Golf Championships at Lubbock's Shadow Hills Golf Course. Karcher will be looking to finish among the top three individuals not on a qualifying team and make it to the state tournament taking place at Slick Rock Golf Course at Horseshoe Bay in Marble Falls May 15-16.

"I'm pretty excited," said Karcher, a senior who's making his first and only trip to the regional tournament. "It's a pretty unique opportunity and with all the support I've felt, from Coach Brody (Anthony), Coach (Kyle) Kitto, from everyone, it's been an awesome feeling to see everybody come to me and be there for me when I accomplish something like this."

Karcher qualified after finishing third with a 79-76—155 total at the District 4-4A Tournament earlier this month.

Karcher knows how tough the district competition is, so getting out of there makes it that much sweeter.

He knows firsthand how tough it could be as he just missed qualifying for regionals as a sophomore when he was beaten out by a stroke. Last year, Karcher admitted he blew up in the final round of the district tournament and didn't give himself a chance.

"I had two kinds of heartbreak but this year I've been successful and I've been blessed with the opportunity to go to regionals," he said. "I'm prepared. I've been in this situation and I'm ready to go."

Karcher said he doesn't know much about the rest of the regional competition but knows that just by playing against Monahans, Andrews, and up until this past year, Seminole, in district he knows it won't be easy.

"They have all been solid programs," he said. "This district is strong and it feels like an accomplishment to get out and go to regionals."

Probably the biggest difference this year for Karcher is his maturity. He admits when he was younger, he

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Greenwood's Colby Karcher follows his tee shot April 4 at Ranchland Hills during District 4-4A play.

MRT file photo

Bringing back the heat

Hernandez, Rebels up intensity in win at OHS

By Will Korn
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ODESSA — Tuesday was Lee senior left-hander Wyatt Hernandez' turn to be the "cowboy" on the mound for the Rebels. It was up to him to set a fiery, competitive tone for his team that was sorely lacking in Friday's home loss to Wolfforth Frenship — a painful defeat that cost the Rebels a shot at the District 2-6A title.

Challenged by head coach Brian Roper prior to the game to play with greater intensity, Hernandez and his Rebels answered the bell with a 6-3 win over Odessa High Tuesday at Pressly Field.

Hernandez allowed three runs on seven hits over six rugged innings, while striking out five and notching his third win of the season. He was supported by a Lee attack that totaled 11 hits and scored in four consecutive innings between the third and sixth.

With the win, the Rebels (12-15, 9-5 in District 2-6A) temporarily moved back into third place, while OHS (18-12, 8-6) fell back to fourth. The two teams conclude the regular season with a rematch at 4:30 p.m. Friday at Ernie Johnson Field. With a victory Friday, Lee can guarantee itself no worse than the third playoff seed, but would finish fourth with a loss to the Bronchos.

Roper said he could see a major difference between his team's demeanor in Friday's home loss compared to Tuesday. He just wanted his players to battle with playoff positioning at stake and added that Hernandez' performance was a textbook example.

"That's what we talked about," Roper said. "I feel like we didn't compete as best we could on Friday. The one thing Wyatt is, is competitive. He works his tail off, he throws and throws and throws every day. He's conditioned and the whole thing. He was a great answer when we needed it. We still left a lot of traffic out there (on the bases), but we got it done."

Said Hernandez who worked out of a major jam in the second, fourth and fifth: "Coach Roper really stresses confidence and being the cowboy when you're on the mound. I took a deep breath and just tried my hardest to get the ball over the plate and let my defense make plays."

The Rebels staked Hernandez to a 1-0 lead in the first, courtesy of a one-out sacrifice fly to left center by Ty Coleman. OHS grabbed a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the second on an RBI single by Damian Aspeitia

Please see LEE/3C

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Wyatt Hernandez (11) pitches against Odessa High on Tuesday at Pressly Field in Odessa.

MISD golfers just miss state berths

From staff reports

ARLINGTON — Midland High junior Faith DeLaGarza shot a 74-78—152 to finish in a tie for seventh, and miss out on a state tournament berth by two strokes following Tuesday's final round of the Region I-6A Girls Golf Tournament at Rolling Hills Country Club.

Lee sophomore Rebecca Reed finished four strokes behind a state invite, carding a 76-78—154 to claim 11th place on the individual leaderboard.

The top three medalists, that aren't apart of one of the top three qualifying teams, earn bids to the UIL Class 6A State Girls Golf Tournament, May 15-16 at Legacy Hills Golf Club in Georgetown.

Allen shot a 302-312—614 to capture the Region 1-6A girls golf title, and Allen's Ellie Szeryk carded a 73-74—147 to earn medalist honors.

ANDREWS GIRLS WIN REGION, QUALIFY 2ND TEAM

LUBBOCK — The Andrews Black team carded a 315-304—619 to win the team title at the Region I-4A Girls Golf Tournament, Tuesday at Shadow Hills Course.

The Andrews Black team finished 20 strokes ahead of runner-up Seminole (324-315—639) for the regional title, while the Andrews Gold team overcame a 10-stroke deficit entering Tuesday's second round to claim the third-place spot and final state tournament berth with a scorecard of 335-312—647. Snyder, which started the day in third, fell to fourth with a score of 325-330—655.

Andrews Black and Andrews Gold are bound for the UIL Class 4A State Girls Golf Tournament, where they will have a chance to defend their program's six consecutive state championships on May 15-16 at Slick Rock Golf Course at Horseshoe Bay in Marble Falls.

The Andrews Black team landed two golfers in the top five of the medalist standings, as Rachel Huffman captured fourth with a 74-76—150 and Savannah Pinson claimed fifth with a 77-75—152.

FORSAN GIRLS WIN REGION I-2A TITLE

ODESSA — Forsan shot a 345-358—703 to hold off Wellington by four strokes and win the team championship after Tuesday's final round of the Region I-2A Girls Golf Tournament at Ratliff Ranch Golf Links.

With its Region 1-2A title, Forsan qualified for the UIL Class 2A State Girls Golf Tournament, May 15-16 at Roy Kizer Golf Course in Austin.

Forsan was led by Razyl Yanzel, who placed third in the medalist standings with a card of 81-79—160. Forsan's Jillian Jones finished in a tie for fifth by recording a 79-86—165.

Forsan will be heading to its second straight state tournament following its third-place finish at regionals in 2016.

GARDEN CITY'S WOOD IS REGION II-A MEDALIST

SAN ANGELO — Garden City freshman Logan Wood shot a 100-99—199 through two rounds to claim medalist honors at the Region II-A Girls Golf Tournament, Tuesday at Bentwood Country Club.

Wood

By virtue of her regional championship, Wood punched her ticket to the UIL Class 1A Girls Golf Tournament, May 15-16 at Lions Municipal Golf Course in Austin.

"It was definitely intimidating competing as a freshman," Wood said. "Defi-

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NASCAR's Dale Earnhardt Jr. to retire at end of season

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. abruptly announced his retirement at the end of the season Tuesday, a decision that will cost NASCAR its most popular driver as the series scrambles to rebuild its fan base.

Earnhardt

At a news conference, Earnhardt said he "wanted the opportunity to go out on his own terms." After missing much of the 2016 season due to concussion-like symptoms, he acknowledged that time off played a role in his decision. He wanted retirement to be his choice rather than something that was decided for him.

"Having influence over my exit only became meaningful when it started to seem most unlikely," Earnhardt said. "As you know, I missed a few races last year and during that time I had to face the realization that my driving career may have already ended without me so much as getting a vote on the table. Of course, in life we're not promised a vote, and that's especially true in racing."

He informed Hendrick Motorsports owner Rick Hendrick on March 29 of his plan to retire. Earnhardt said telling his boss of nearly 10 years was the toughest part of his decision.

Colorful, candid and talented, Earnhardt has been plagued by concussions the last several years and he missed half of last season recovering from a head injury. He had delayed contract talks on an extension to drive the No. 88 Chevrolet, and the two-time Daytona 500 winner will now call it quits when the season ends in November.

"You deserve everything, all the awards and accolades," Hendrick said. "There will never be another Dale Earnhardt Jr. You're the one."

The news shocked and saddened drivers throughout the paddock.

"Dale Jr. has had a huge impact on our sport — and you can see that every week with his legion of fans and Junior Nation," Jeff Gordon said in a statement released by Fox Sports, where he now works as an analyst after spending much of last season filling in for the injured Earnhardt. "He has a tremendous sense of the history of NASCAR and, while he shares his father's name, Dale has made a name for himself with his accomplishments in racing."

A third-generation racer, Earnhardt turns 43 in October, is newly married and has said he wants to start a family. He has lately become a vocal advocate for research into sports-related brain injuries, and the hit he took last June led to months of rehabilitation that gave him a new perspective on his life. The concussions left him with nausea, double vision, anxiety and other symptoms that he has discussed in great detail.

His wife, Amy, posted on Twitter shortly after the announcement: "I'm so proud of Dale for working so hard to get back and even prouder for his courage & self awareness to make the decision to retire. I'm sure God has many other great plans for him and us!"

The news was the latest blow to the stock car series, which lost two other popular drivers in Gordon and Tony Stewart to retirement the past two years. Now Earnhardt, the last of the true

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Corpus Christi 4, Midland 3

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

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ON THE AIR

College Baseball
NC State at East Carolina, 6 p.m., CBSSN
Xavier at Kentucky, 6 p.m., SEC

College Softball
Green Bay at Wisconsin Gm 1, 3 p.m., BTN
Green Bay at Wisconsin Gm 2, 5:30 p.m., BTN
North Texas at Texas, 6 p.m., LHN
Utah Valley at BYU, 7 p.m., BYUtv

Golf
EPGA: Volvo China Open, 1st Round, 9:30 p.m., GOLF
EPGA: Volvo China Open, 1st Round, 1:30 a.m,, GOLF

Major League Baseball
Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, 1 p.m., MLB
Houston at Cleveland, 5 p.m., ROOT
NY Yankees at Boston, 6 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP
Minnesota at Texas, 7 p.m., FSSW
LA Dodgers at San Francisco, 9 p.m., MLB

Men's Soccer
La Liga: FC Barcelona vs. Osasuna, 12:20 p.m., beIN, beIN2
DfB Pokal Semifinal: Bayern Munich vs. Borussia Mönchengladbach, 1:30 p.m., ESPN2, ESPNDE
Belgian Pro League: Club Brugge KV vs. KV Oostende, 1:30 p.m., ELVN
PL: Arsenal vs. Leicester City, 1:45 p.m., NBCU, NBCET
PL: Middlesbrough vs. Sunderland, 1:45 p.m., NBCET
PL: Crystal Palace vs. Tottenham Hotspur, 2 p.m., NBCSN
La Liga: Deportivo La Coruna vs. Real Madrid, 2:30 p.m., beIN, beIN2
CONCACAF U-17: Mexico vs. USA, 5:30 p.m., UDN
CONCACAF Champions Final, Leg 2: CF Pachuca vs. Tigres UANL, 9 p.m., UDN, YouTube

National Basketball Association
Eastern Conference Quarterfinal, Gm 5: Atlanta at Washington, 5 p.m., TNT
Eastern Conference Quarterfinal, Gm 5: Chicago at Boston, 7:30 p.m., TNT

National Hockey League
Western Conference Semifinal, Gm 1: Nashville at St. Louis, 7 p.m., NBCSN
Western Conference Semifinal, Gm 1: Edmonton at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m., NBCSN

Rugby
NRL: Brisbane vs. Penrith, 4:30 a.m., FS2

Tennis
ATP: Barcelona, 6 a.m., TENNIS
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WTA: Barcelona, 5 a.m., beIN

RADIO

Major League Baseball
Houston at Cleveland, 5 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)
Minnesota at Texas, 7 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 105.1 FM/1400 AM (Lamesa)

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

WHAT'S ON DECK

High School

Golf
Region I-4A Boys Tournament, Shadow Hills Golf Course, Lubbock
Region I-3A Girls Tournament, Shady Oaks Golf Course, Baird
Region I-2A Boys Tournament, Ratliff Ranch, Odessa

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE — Suspended St. Louis 1B Matt Carpenter one game for making contact with umpire John Tumpane during Sunday's game

American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Optioned RHP Stefan Crichton to Norfolk (IL). Recalled LHP Paul Fry from Norfolk. Sent OF Joey Rickard to Delmarva (SAL) for a rehab assignment
BOSTON RED SOX — Placed 3B Pablo Sandoval on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Monday. Reinstated 3B Josh Rutledge from the 10-day DL
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Placed RHP Zach Putnam on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Sunday. Recalled RHP Chris Beck from Charlotte (IL)
HOUSTON ASTROS — Placed OF Jake Marisnick on the 7-day concussion list. Recalled OF Teoscar Hernandez from Fresno (PCL)
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Placed OF Rajai Davis on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Saturday. Designated RHP Raul Alcantara for assignment. Recalled RHP Cesar Valdez and OF Ryan LaMarre from Nashville (PCL)
SEATTLE MARINERS — Reinstated INF Jean Segura from the 10-day DL

National League
CINCINNATI REDS — Optioned RHP Amir Hernandez to Pensacola (SL). Recalled RHP Barrett Astin from Louisville (IL)
COLORADO ROCKIES — Optioned INF-OF Stephen Cardullo to Albuquerque (PCL). Recalled RHP German Marquez from Albuquerque
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Selected the contract of INF-OF Cody Bellinger from Oklahoma City (PCL). Optioned OF Brett Eibner to Oklahoma City. Designated RHP Joe Gunkel for assignment
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Optioned LHP Brent Suter to Colorado Springs (PCL). Reinstated RHP Matt Garza from the 10-day DL
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Placed LHP Antonio Bastardo on the 10-day DL. Recalled RHP Johnny Barbato from Indianapolis (IL)
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Assigned OF Anthony Garcia outright to Memphis (PCL)
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Assigned C Christian Bethancourt outright to El Paso (PCL). Recalled INF Cory Spangenberg from El Paso (PCL)

American Association
GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Released RHP Travis McGee
KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Signed INF Avery Romero. Traded OF Anthony Gallas to St. Paul for a player to be named
ST. PAUL SAINTS — Signed RHP Vinny Nittoli
SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS — Traded INF Brian Bistagne to Ottawa (Can-Am) for a player to be named
TEXAS AIRHOGS — Signed LHP James Russell

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Named Brendan Donohue managing director of NBA 2K esports league

FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL — Conditionally reinstated Pittsburgh WR Martavis Bryant from a yearlong suspension
DETROIT LIONS — Signed P Kasey Redfern
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Agreed to terms with RB Adrian Peterson on a two-year contract
TENNESSEE TITANS — Picked up the fifth-year option on OT Taylor Lewan. Announced the retirement of CB Bennett Okotcha

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Fired Rockford AHL) coach Ted Dent

TENNIS
USTA — Announced the retirement of national coach Tim Gullikson. Named Paul Maya chief technology officer

COLLEGE
AUGUSTA — Announced the resignation of women's basketball coach Nate Teymer
BROWN — Announced the retirement of men's and women's fencing coach Attilio Tassi
GEORGIA — Fired gymnastics coach Danna Durante
KENTUCKY — Freshman F Bam Adebayo will enter the NBA draft
NORTHWESTERN — Signed football coach Pat Fitzgerald through the 2025 season and men's basketball coach Chris Collins through the 2024-25 season
TENNESSEE — Named Reid Signon executive associate athletics director and chief operating officer

NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
Wednesday, April 12
N. Y. Rangers 2, Montreal 1
Boston 2, Ottawa 1
Pittsburgh 3, Columbus 1
St. Louis 2, Minnesota 1, OT
San Jose 3, Edmonton 2, OT
Thursday, April 13
Washington 3, Toronto 2, OT
Nashville 1, Chicago 0
Anaheim 3, Calgary 2
Friday, April 14
Montreal 4, N. Y. Rangers 3, OT
Pittsburgh 4, Columbus 1
St. Louis 2, Minnesota 1
Edmonton 2, San Jose 0
Saturday, April 15
Ottawa 4, Boston 3, OT
Toronto 4, Washington 3, 2OT
Nashville 5, Chicago 0
Anaheim 3, Calgary 2
Sunday, April 16
St. Louis 3, Minnesota 1
Pittsburgh 5, Columbus 4, OT
Montreal 3, New York 1
Edmonton 1, San Jose 0
Monday, April 17
Toronto 4, Washington 3, OT
Ottawa 4, Boston 3, OT
Nashville 3, Chicago 2, OT
Anaheim 5, Calgary 4, OT
Tuesday, April 18
N. Y. Rangers 2, Montreal 1
Columbus 5, Pittsburgh 4
San Jose 7, Edmonton 0
Wednesday, April 19
Washington 5, Toronto 4
Ottawa 1, Boston 0
Minnesota 2, St. Louis 0
Anaheim 3, Calgary 1. Anaheim wins series 4-0
Thursday, April 20
N. Y. Rangers 3, Montreal 2, OT
Pittsburgh 5, Columbus 2. Pittsburgh wins series 4-1
Nashville 4, Chicago 1. Nashville wins series 4-0
Edmonton 4, San Jose 3, OT
Friday, April 21
Washington 2, Toronto 1, OT
Boston 3, Ottawa 2, 2OT
Saturday, April 22
St. Louis 4, Minnesota 3, OT. St. Louis wins series 4-1
N. Y. Rangers 5, Montreal 1. N. Y. Rangers wins series 4-2
Edmonton 3, San Jose 1. Edmonton wins series 4-2
Sunday, April 23
Ottawa 3, Boston 2, OT. Ottawa wins series 4-2
Washington 2, Toronto 1, OT. Washington wins series 4-2

Second Round
(Best-of-7)
Wednesday, April 26
Nashville at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 27
N. Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, April 28
Nashville at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 29
N. Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Washington, 7 p.m.
Sunday, April 30
St. Louis at Nashville, 2 p.m.
Anaheim at Edmonton, 6 p.m.
Monday, May 1
Washington at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 2
Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
St. Louis at Nashville, 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 3
Washington at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m
Anaheim at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Thursday, May 4
Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, May 5
x-Edmonton at Anaheim, TBD
x-Nashville at St. Louis, TBD
Saturday, May 6
x-Pittsburgh at Washington, TBD
x-N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, TBD
Sunday, May 7
x-Anaheim at Edmonton, TBD
x-St. Louis at Nashville, TBD
Monday, May 8
x-Washington at Pittsburgh, TBD
Tuesday, May 9
x-Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, TBD
x-Nashville at St. Louis, TBD
Wednesday, May 10
x-Pittsburgh at Washington, TBD
x-Edmonton at Anaheim, TBD
Thursday, May 11
x-N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, TBD

MC wins District 2 title, bound for nationals

From staff reports

ABILENE — The Midland College men's golf team is looking to send coach Delnor Poss out on a high note as the Chaparrals won their second straight Region V/District 2 Championship on Tuesday at Diamondback Golf Course.

Cronje

Combined with what they shot during the 54-hole Southwest Junior College Championship played April 10-11 in Pottsboro, the Chaparrals finished with a 108-hole aggregate total of 1,771, eight shots ahead of Odessa College.

Leading the way for the Chaps was sophomore Stefan Cronje, who tied Odessa College's Adam Blomme for medalist with 429 totals. MC freshman Michael Salazar was third in the medalist standings with a 438 total over 108 holes.

Poss said that Hudson Ross and Coleman Houston also played very well over the last two rounds as Ross shot 68 and 73, while Houston shot 72 in each of the last two rounds.

"That was the key to winning our second Region/District 2 championship," said Poss, who is retiring at the end of the season. "We also had to deal with high winds. I'm just so proud of them because they played well under pressure."

The Chaparrals will next play in the NJCAA National Tournament for the 30th consecutive year, taking place May 16-19 in Garden City, Kansas.

NJCAA DISTRICT 2 CHAMPIONSHIP
At Diamondback Golf Course, Abilene
Par: 71/Yards: 6,877
Tuesday's Final round
Aggregate standings (including the 54 holes from the Southwest Junior College Championship played April 10-11) — 1. Midland College 905-297-280-289—1,771; 2. Odessa College 911-290-289-289—1,779; 3. Western Texas College 900-306-293-298—1,795; 4. McLennan CC 905-306-293-296—1,796; 5. New Mexico JC 911-309-295-286—1,798; 6. Ranger College 936-296-308-303—1,851; 7. Jacksonville College 964- 307-311-315—1,897; 8. New Mexico Military 969-309-320-315—1,914
Midland College (aggregate scores) — Stefan Cronje 216-74-67-72—429, Michael Salazar 223-69-74-72—438, Ben Murray 233-77-73-79—462, Hudson Ross 237-77-68-73—455; Coleman Houston 238-78-72-72—460.
Midland College individual - Tommy Parker 240-80-83-79—882

Halep, Cornet give Sharapova wild-card debate new impetus

By Eric Willemsen
Associated Press

STUTTGART, Germany — A day before Maria Sharapova was to play her first tennis match since being banned for doping, the debate about the Russian's wild-card entry for the Porsche Grand Prix continued Tuesday.

Simona Halep and Alize Cornet joined the growing legion of players criticizing tournament organizers for offering Sharapova a direct spot in their main draws.

"For the kids, for the young players, it is not OK to help with a wild card the player that was banned for doping," said the fifth-ranked Halep, adding that "it is not about Maria Sharapova here, but it is about all the players that are found doped."

"I cannot support what the tournament director did, but also I cannot judge," said Halep, who is seeded fourth and plays Barbora Strycova in the second round.

Cornet went a step further in comments published by French sports daily L'Equipe.

"Generally speaking, I find it shameful that the WTA is promoting a player who tested positive after all. It's normal that people talk about her, she's an immense champion, but from there to promoting her return to such an extent ... I find that unjust," the 41st-ranked Frenchwoman said.

Sharapova's 15-month suspension for the use of meldonium after the heart drug became a banned substance at the beginning of 2016, ends Wednesday. The five-time Grand Slam champion and former No. 1 is scheduled to play Roberta Vinci in a first-round evening match at the tournament she won three times from 2012-14.

On Monday, Vinci joined the likes of Caroline Wozniacki, Dominika Cibulkova, Agnieszka Radwanska and Angelique Kerber in publicly opposing wild cards for players returning from a doping ban.

Kerber, the two-time defending champion, is the top-seeded player in Stuttgart. The seventh-seeded Radwanska fell to Ekaterina Makarova 6-2, 6-4 on Tuesday, leaving the Russian a second-round match against Sharapova or Vinci. Cibulkova pulled out of the event with a right wrist injury.

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used to wear his heart on his sleeve and would let the emotions get the best of him.

"The high and the lows were definitely there," Karcher said. "My highs were really high and my lows were very low. It was hard to play good golf when you've got that roller coaster of emotions going every day.

"The mental approach is probably what I've developed over the past two years. My golf game has been there and that has shown me I could do this. But mentally, getting in the way of yourself, is probably the biggest thing to get over, to perform at your highest level. I think it has a lot to do with being in that situation and knowing how to handle your emotions and what you're feeling at the time. (It's about) just staying level headed through it all and not have too many highs and lows."

Karcher is playing more relaxed this year and it's also helped that he's signed a letter of intent to play college golf at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, which is close to family in his native state.

"I'm looking forward to college," he said. "Graduation is May 25 and I'm ready to go, but I've got to stay in the present. Finally signing that letter and saying 'I've got somewhere to go after high school,' just kind of lets you get out there and play your (golf game), not having to worry about anything coming after that."

And who knows. He might have a trip to state just before hanging up his high school career.

"I'm just going to play my best," Karcher said. "I would like to be confident coming into it. That helps out and mentality is a big part of performing at your highest. But I know there's a lot of great competition, even from our district."

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nitely my 50-60 yard shots and my pitching helped me win."

Wood held a four-stroke lead over Robert Lee runner-up Kelby Clawson entering Tuesday's second round and she increased her advantage by 10 strokes after her final round performance.

"I stayed positive," Wood said. "I told myself I needed to shoot what I did before."

Rankin finished in a tie for fifth with a two-round total of 1,007.

GARDEN CITY BOYS ARE STATE BOUND

SAN ANGELO — Garden City claimed a state tournament berth by placing a second with a score of 370-367—737 during Tuesday's conclusion of the Region II-A Boys Golf Tournament at Quicksand Golf Course.

Garden City will make its second straight appearance when the UIL Class 1A Boys State Golf Tournament takes place, May 22-23 at Lions Municipal Golf Course in Austin.

Garden City junior Trent McMillan led the way by finishing sixth by shooting 92-88—180 over two rounds. Garden City's Hagan Halfmann posted a 92-93—185 to finish ninth.

"Our school just put in a new driving range, it gave us a lot more practice this year," McMillan said of the runner-up finish. "They put it in right behind our track. Somebody donated their land to the school."

Rankin finished the tournament in a tie for third with Sterling City, as both carded a two-round total of 799, but Sterling City claimed the third and final team bid to state by winning a playoff over Rankin.

Garden City entered Tuesday with a 20-stroke lead over Sterling City for second and increased its advantage to 62 strokes by the end of the second round.

"We had to hold them off," McMillan said. "We got the job done."

Region I-6A Girls Golf Tournament
At Rolling Hills Country Club, Arlington
Final results through two rounds
Monday-Tuesday
x - denotes UIL state tournament qualifier as top three team or top three individual from a non-qualifying team
Team standings — x-1. Allen 302-312—614; x-2. Southlake Carroll 320-321—641; x-3. Lewisville Hebron 326-316—642; 4. Arlington Martin 316-333—649; 5. McKinney Boyd 329-329—658; 6. Wolfforth Frenship 362-349—711; 7. Waco Midway 352-366—718; 8. Mansfield 361-363—724; 9. El Paso Coronado 367-359—725; 10. El Paso Eastwood 363-376—739; 11. (tie) Odessa Permian 373-373—746; Keller 371-375—746; 13. Killeen Ellison 367-382—749; 14. Keller Timber Creek 404-408—812; 15. South Grand Prairie 461-454—915; 16. Irving MacArthur 489-472—961.
Medalist standings — 1. Ellie Szeryk, Allen, 73-74—147; 2. (tie) Amber Park, Allen, 72-77—149; x-Julia Garcia, Belton, 73-76—149; x-Libby Winans, Plano East, 71-78—149; x-5. (tie) Trinity King, Arlington Martin, 72-78—150; Serena Shah, Lewisville Hebron, 77-73—150; 7. (tie) Faith DeLaGarza, Midland High, 74-78—152; Taylor Mieras, Plano, 75-77—152; 9. (tie) Madigan Murray, McKinney Boyd, 79-74—153; Jennie Park, Hebron, 79-75—153. Also: 11. Rebecca Reed, Lee, 76-78—154

Region I-4A Girls Golf Tournament
At Shadow Hills Golf Course, Lubbock
Final results through two rounds
Monday-Tuesday
x - denotes UIL state tournament qualifier as top three team or top three individual from a non-qualifying team
Team standings — x-1. Andrews Black 315-304—619; x-2. Seminole 324-315—639; x-3. Andrews Gold 335-312—647; 4. Snyder 325-330—655; 5. Abilene Wylie 328-320—658; 6. Graham 336-343—679; 7. Midlothian Heritage 359-340—699; 8. Levelland 354-348—702; 9. Stephenville 375-364—739; 10. Borger 368-366—754; 11. Pampa 383-377—760; 12. Vernon 430-409—839; 13. Mineral Wells 460-428—888.
Medalist standings — x-1. Madi Olson, Abilene Wylie, 67-74—141; x-2. Courtney Velasquez, Snyder, 73-72—145; x-3. Briss Graham, Bushland, 74-71—145; 4. Rachel Huffman, Andrews Black, 74-76—150; 5. (tie) Savannah Pinson, Andrews Black, 77-75—152; Tailar Anthony, Levelland, 79-73—152 7. Lauren Franco, Seminole, 76-75—153; 8. Ciydan Juarez, Monahans, 83-72—155; 9. (tie) Alyssa Garcia, Seminole, 77-79—156; Ashley Choate, Graham, 78-78—156.
Area team results
Andrews Black (315-304—619): Rachel Huffman 74-76—150; Savannah Pinson 77-75—152; Katelynn Sawyer 87-74—161; Kinzee McAllister 80-82—162; Bailey McCarver 84-79—163.
Andrews Gold (335-312—657): Macy Schulze 81-76—157; Skyler Shube 81-82—163; Paige Jennings 86-79—164; Sarah Harris 87-78—165; Sam Flores 88-80—164
Area medalists
Abbey Bryan, Big Spring, 87-77—164; Alyssa Gerhardt, Andrews, 81-85—166

Region I-2A Girls Golf Tournament
At Ratliff Ranch Golf Links, Odessa
Final results through two rounds
Monday-Tuesday
x - denotes UIL state tournament qualifier as top three team or top three individual from a non-qualifying team
Team standings — x-1. Forsan 345-358—703; x-2. Wellington 356-351—707; x-3. Memphis 369-373—742; 4. Christoval 391-374—765; 5. Vega 379-392—771; 6. Van Horn 396-353—779; 7. Wink 388-400—788; 8. Haskell 402-401—803; 9. Sudan 418-423—841; 10. Anson 416-454—870; 11. Farwell 451-432—883; 12.Sundown 451-452—903; 13. Sunray 459-464—923; 14. Plains 468-469—937; 15. Abernathy 496-509—1,005.
Medalist standings — x-1. Taylor Tomlinson, Christoval, 78-74—152; 2. Ashley Watts, Wellington, 75-81—156; 3. Razyl Nunez, Forsan, 81-79—160; x-4. Lezlie Jones, Van Horn, 82-81—163; 5. (tie) x-Sarah Tomlo, Wink, 82-83—165; Jillian Jones, Forsan, 79-86—165; Maycee Blades, Memphis 83-82—165; 8. (tie) Kamri Ashmore, Wellington 82-84—166; Hannah Spiller, Seagraves 82-84—166; 10. Christina Peevy, Post 84-87—171
Area team results
Forsan (345-358—703): Jillian Jones 79-86—165; Razyl Nunez 81-79—160; Sierra Darling 86-99—185; Alexis Stercks 99-94—193; Alysa Lo 103-108—211

Region II-A Girls Golf Tournament
At Bentwood Country Club, San Angelo
Final results through two rounds
Monday-Tuesday
x - denotes UIL state tournament qualifier as top three team or top three individual from a non-qualifying team
Team standings — x-1. Bronte 451-449—900; x-2. Robert Lee 470-460—930; x-3. Ackerly-Sands 473-460—933; 4. Terlingua Big Bend 511-485—996; 5. (tie) Rankin 513-494—1,007; Borden County 525-482—1,007; 7. (tie) Richland Springs 495-519—1,014; Rising Star 500-514—1,014; 9. Sierra Blanca 528-499—1,027; 10. Clyde Eula 529-511—1,039; 11. Roby 544-517—1,061
Medalist standings — x-1. Logan Wood, Garden City, 100-99—199; 2. Kelby Clawson, Robert Lee, 104-105—209; x-3. Sloane Bratcher, Veribest, 109-101-210; x-4. Kamree Lewis, Richland Springs, 106-105—211; 5. (tie) Darby Duncan, Bronte, 108-106—214; Mattie Grumbles, Sands, 108-106—214; Luisana Rodriguez, Terlingua Big Bend, 109-1098—214; Reagan Hamlin, Sands, 106-108—214; 9. Cheyenne Stewart, Sierra Blanca, 110-106—216; 10. Cheyenne Reyes, Westbrook, 113-104—214
Area team results
Rankin (513-494—1,007) — Avery Wyatt 125-115—240; Victoria Guerra 125-125—250; Christina Stewart 131-123—254; Camryn Templeton 132-131—263; K'Lee Pace 152-145—297
Area medalists
Logan Wood, Garden City, 100-99—199; Nadia Escajeda, Rankin, 148-143—291

Region II-A Boys Golf Tournament
At Quicksand Golf Course, San Angelo
Final results through two rounds
Monday-Tuesday
x - denotes UIL state tournament qualifier as top three team or top three individual from a non-qualifying team
***won playoff for third state berth**
Team standings — x-1. Clyde Eula 337-338—675; x-2. Garden City 370-367—737; x-3. (tie) Sterling City* 390-409—799; Rankin 397-402—799; 5. Richland Springs 404-397—801; 6. Marfa 390-415—805; 7. Borden County 428-388—816; 8. Baird 418-408—826; 9. Hermleigh 435-429—864; 10. Comstock 448-432—880; 11. Rotan 463-420—883; 12. Grady 446-440—886; 13. Ackerly-Sands 485-436—921; 14. Trent 486-477—963; Terlingua Big Bend 442-DNF; Eden 489-DNF
Medalist standings — 1. Gunner Cauthen, Clyde Eula, 71-76—147; 2. Cole Watkins, Clyde Eula, 86-75—161; 3. Luthan Hronowski, Sterling City, 81-90—171; x-4. Garrett Muncy, Highland, 91-85—176; x-5. Jaden Cerda, Baird, 88-91—179; 6. Trent McMillan, Garden City, 92-88—180; 7. Dakota Carson, Clyde Eula, 88-93—181; x-8. Jayson Fronterhouse, Rotan, 92-92—184; 9. Hagan Halfmann, Garden City, 92-93—185; 10. (tie) Ross Raines, Klondike, 97-89—186; Braxton Coor, Borden County, 91-95—186; Zach Burnett, Garden City, 94-92—186; Cade Smith, Clyde Eula, 92-94—186
Area Team Results
Garden City (370-367—737): Trent McMillan 92-88—180; Hagan Halfmann 92-93—185; Zach Burnett 94-92—186; Dakota Roberts 92-96—188; Scott Miller 107-94—201
Rankin (397-402—799): Ricardo Cura 97-94—191; Jacob Sanchez 102-95—197; Markus Black 102-110—212; Calén Fouts 96-122—218; Kamuen Shelton 120-103—223
Grady (446-440—886): Jaylen Short 103-99—202; T.J. Shands 107-103—210; Marshall Cox 114-111—225; Noah Garza 122-127—249; Dante Ruiz 136-131—267
Area medalists
Riley Eggemeyer, Garden City, 93-94—187; Justin Gaddis, Rankin, 114-115—229; Garrison Prerochnik, Rankin, 119-119—238

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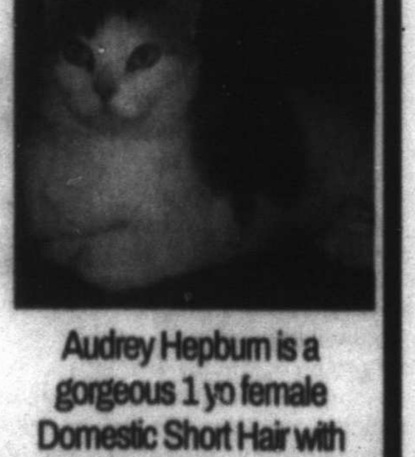
Audrey Hepburn is a gorgeous 1 yo female Domestic Short Hair with calico & tabby markings. She has a very sweet personality, but is just a little reserved when meeting new people.

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and a run-scoring sacrifice bunt by Gibrian Pena.

Coleman tied the game at 2-2 with another sacrifice fly before junior outfielder Omar Ruiz clocked an RBI triple to right field in the fourth for a 3-2 Rebels advantage.

Chase Pederson then drove in Ruiz as the game-winning run with a single to left-center.

Ruiz and his Rebel teammates produced five runs on 10 hits over five innings against OHS starter Shandon Herrera, who silenced Lee in the Bronchos' 2-1 win on March 24.

He said his team knows it missed a golden opportunity last Friday and wanted to make up for it against OHS.

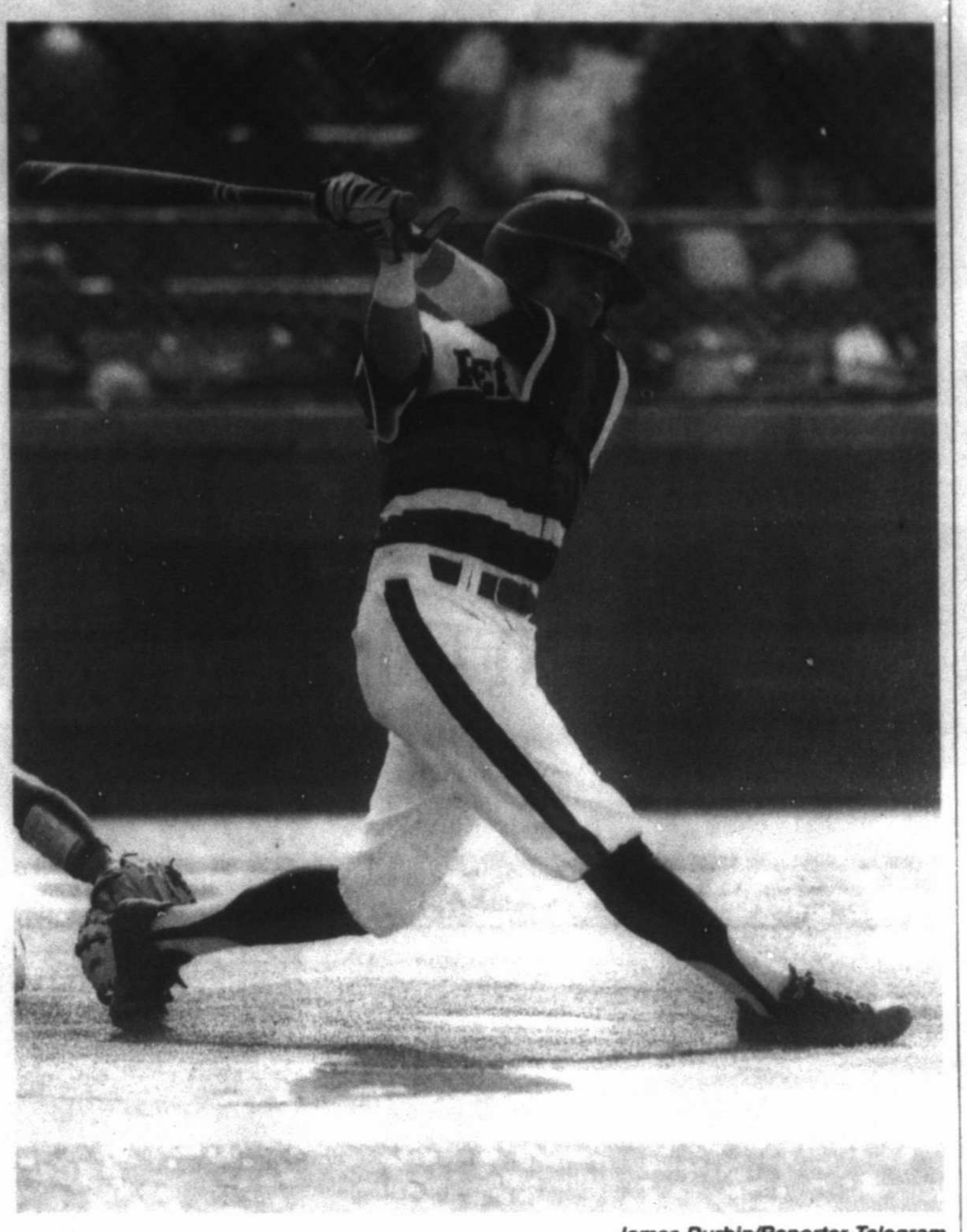
"(Before) this game he said we've got to compete, come out here and bust our butts off," said Ruiz, who finished 1-for-3 with the triple, the RBI and a walk. "(Roper) was really upset after the last game and he wanted us to come out here, compete and let it all out. Not winning district, it meant a lot to us. It hurts, so we just came out here united as one."

For insurance, Coleman scored on an error in the fifth to make it 5-2, before Adam Becker blasted a solo home run to left field in the sixth to make it 6-3 after the Bronchos got a run back in the bottom of the fifth.

Bronchos head coach Josh Hulin said he was impressed by the energy the Rebels played with in the win.

"I just thought their starting pitcher, Wyatt, he just did a really good job in clutch situations of making pitches," Hulin said. "Credit him on that. I thought he did a great job and overall, I thought the Lee lineup did a really good job because I thought (Herrera) had really good stuff today and (Lee) competed."

Jaime Laredo and Gunnar Blevins each finished 2-for-4 for a Rebel lineup that saw every starter collect at least one hit. Aspeitia led OHS by going 2-for-3 with an RBI.



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Omar Ruiz (1) hits against Odessa High on Tuesday at Pressly Field in Odessa.

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LEE 6, ODESSA HIGH 3

Lee	101	211	0	—	6	11 1
OHS	020	010	0	—	3	7 1

Wyatt Hernandez, J.J. Melendez (7) and Colby Standard. Shandon Herrera, Damian Aspeitia (6) and Andres Martinez. W — Hernandez. L — Herrera. 3B — Lee: Omar Ruiz. OHS: Christian Araiya. HR — Lee: Adam Becker.

Records: Lee 12-15, 9-5 in District 2-6A. OHS 18-12, 8-6 in District 2-6A.

Next: OHS at Lee, 4:30 p.m. Friday.

DISTRICT 2-6A BASEBALL STANDINGS

Team	Overall W	Overall L	District W	District L	T
x-Wolfforth Frenship	10	4	18	12	0
x-Midland High	**10**	**4**	**16**	**13**	**0**
x-Lee	**9**	**5**	**12**	**15**	**0**
x-Odessa High	8	6	18	12	0
Odessa Permian	3	11	8	20	1
Amarillo Tascosa	2	12	5	23	1

Tuesday, April 25 Scores

Lee 6, Odessa High 3; MHS 4, Wolfforth Frenship 0; Odessa Permian 5, Amarillo Tascosa 3

Friday, April 28 Games

Odessa High at Lee, 4:30 p.m.; Wolfforth Frenship at MHS, 4:30 p.m.; Amarillo Tascosa at Odessa Permian, 4:30 p.m.

Hallmark's 1-hitter leads MHS past Frenship

From staff reports

WOLFFORTH — Jaxon Hallmark fired a complete-game, nine-strikeout one-hitter on 93 pitches to lift Midland High to a 4-0 District 2-6A win against Wolfforth Frenship on Tuesday.

Sam Bertelson led MHS (16-13, 10-4 in District 2-6A) at the plate by going 2-for-3 with a pair of doubles and an RBI. Catcher Sam Matchus finished 1-for-2 with an RBI and two walks for the Bulldogs.

The two teams will play again at 4:30 p.m. Friday at Zachery Field and the winner will claim the District 2-6A title. The loser will either settle for second, or drop to third if Lee beats Odessa High Friday.

MHS grabbed a 1-0 lead in the first on a double by Bertelson and added another run in the second on a sacrifice fly by Chris Sims. The Bulldogs completed the game's scoring with two more runs in the third.

MIDLAND HIGH 4, WOLFFORTH FRENSHIP 0

MHS	112	000	0	—	4	6 2
Frenship	000	000	0	—	0	1 2

Jaxon Hallmark and Sam Matchus. Erculiani, Haney (4) and Zariah Pacheco. W — Hallmark. L — Erculiani. 2B — MHS: Sam Bertelson 2.

Records: MHS 16-13, 10-4 in District 2-6A. Frenship 18-12, 10-4 in District 2-6A.

Next: Frenship at MHS, 4:30 p.m. Friday.

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

HOOKS 4, ROCKHOUNDS 3, 12 INNINGS
AT WHATABURGER FIELD, CORPUS CHRISTI

TOP HITTERS: Corpus Christi right fielder Ramon Laureano hit the game-winning home run to left field in the bottom of the 12th. ... Hooks outfielder Drew Ferguson finished 4-for-6 with a run scored. ... Midland center fielder J.P. Sportman went 2-for-4 with a home run, two RBI and a walk.

TOP PITCHERS: Rock-Hounds reliever Lou Trivino struck out two over 2 2/3 hitless innings of relief. ... Hooks reliever Riley Ferrell struck out three and walked three over three hitless innings of relief.

HIGHLIGHTS: Against Midland starter James Naile, the Hooks took a 2-0 lead after three innings courtesy of an RBI ground-rule double by Jon Singleton in the first and a single by Singleton in the third. ... The RockHounds grabbed a 3-2 lead in the top of the sixth on an RBI single by B.J. Boyd and a two-run home run to left field by J.P. Sportman. ... The Hooks tied the game in the seventh on an RBI single by Bryan Muniz.

TL standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield (Cardinals)	10	8	.556	—
Northwest Arkansas (Royals)	9	9	.500	1
Arkansas (Mariners)	9	9	.500	1
Tulsa (Dodgers)	7	11	.389	3

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Corpus Christi (Astros)	10	7	.588	—
San Antonio (Padres)	9	8	.529	1
Midland (Athletics)	**8**	**9**	**.471**	**2**
Frisco (Rangers)	8	9	.471	2

Tuesday's Scores

Arkansas 3, Tulsa 2
Frisco at San Antonio, 8:05 p.m.
Corpus Christi 4, Midland 3, 12 innings
Northwest Arkansas 4, Springfield 1

Today's Games

Springfield at Northwest Arkansas, 12:05 p.m.
Arkansas at Tulsa, 5:05 p.m.
Frisco at San Antonio, 8:05 p.m.
Midland at Corpus Christi, 8:05 p.m.

NOTES: The two teams combined for four runners caught stealing in a game that lasted three hours and 34 minutes. ... Midland continues its four-game series with the Hooks at 7:05 p.m. today.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland — RHP Heath Fillmyer (0-1, 3.86); Corpus Christi — RHP Rogelio Armenteros (1-0, 0.61)

Santana, seven-run fifth inning lead Twins over Rangers

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Ervin Santana delivered his fourth straight outstanding start, Miguel Sano sparked a seven-run fifth inning with a leadoff homer and the Minnesota Twins pounded the Texas Rangers 8-1 on Tuesday night.

Santana (4-0) allowed a run, four hits and one walk with six strikeouts in seven innings. He went into the game leading major league starters in ERA (0.64) and opponents' batting average (.099).

Santana's standout performance came at a venue that had previously frustrated him. In 17 previous starts at Globe Life Park, he was 6-7 with a 6.93 ERA.

Kennys Vargas also homered for Minnesota, his first since being recalled from Triple-A Rochester last Sunday.

Both homers came off Andrew Cashner (0-2), who labored through his four-plus innings. He matched a career high with six walks, allowed five hits, had a wild pitch and threw 92 pitches.

Texas' Joey Gallo hit a solo homer in the fifth, his team-leading seventh of the season and fifth in the last seven games.

Cashner was chased by Sano's home run, his fifth of the season, on an 0-2 curve ball launched into the second deck down the left field line. It was the 21st homer hit in that area in Globe Life Park's 24 seasons.

Sano also had two singles.

After Anthony Bass replaced Cashner, the next six Twins reached on three doubles, two singles and an infield error.

Cashner has pitched 15 1/3 innings this season, and Texas has yet to score for him. His three opposing starters all rank in the AL's top eight in ERA.

Short hops: Two Rangers baserunners were thrown out trying to advance on pitches that got away from Twins catcher Jason Castro. ... Shin-Soo Choo led off for Texas for the first time this season after batting second in his previous 13 starts. ... Eddie Rosario had two hits to extend his hitting streak to eight games, matching a career high.

Trainer's room: Twins: LHP Ryan O'Rourke has a partially torn UCL and will have Tommy John surgery, general manager Thad Levine announced Tuesday. O'Rourke began the season on the 10-day disabled list with a strained forearm and was transferred to the 60-day DL on Monday.

Astros' Keuchel wins again; Altuve leaves after collision

By Steve Herrick
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Dallas Keuchel pitched a complete game to extend his promising start to the season and the Houston Astros beat the Cleveland Indians 4-2 Tuesday night even though Jose Altuve and Teoscar Hernandez left following a frightening collision in the eighth inning.

Altuve and Hernandez were chasing a popup in right field and stayed down for a while after. Altuve appeared to get hit near his chin by Hernandez's arm, but he walked off the field under his own power. Hernandez, called up from the minors before the game, was carted off the field with an injury to his left leg.

Keuchel (4-0) gave up solo homers to Austin Jackson in the third and Michael Brantley in the ninth.

MLB ROUNDUP

American League

RAYS 2, ORIOLES 0

BALTIMORE — Substitute starter Austin Pruitt combined with four other Tampa Bay relievers on a two-hitter, and the Rays capitalized on Wade Miley's wildness in a 2-0 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Tuesday night.

On another damp and chilly night at Camden Yards, Rays starter Erasmo Ramirez was a late scratch due to "uncertain weather conditions," according to the team.

Pruitt, a rookie right-hander making his first major league start, allowed one hit in three innings. Danny Farquhar followed by getting two outs; Jumbo Diaz went 1 1/3 innings; Chase Whitley (1-0) contributed three perfect innings and Alex Colome worked the ninth for his fifth save.

Tampa Bay pitchers retired 17 straight batters before Chris Davis drew a two-out walk in the ninth. Colome then struck out Mark Trumbo to end it.

Baltimore's lone hits were a double by Jonathan Schoop in the second and an infield hit by Davis in the fourth.

Miley (1-1) gave up only four hits in seven innings.

TIGERS 19, MARINERS 9

DETROIT — James McCann, Justin Upton and Alex Avila homered for Detroit — and that was before the Tigers added nine runs in the fifth inning en route to a 19-9 rout of the Seattle Mariners on Tuesday night.

Felix Hernandez (2-2) allowed four runs in two innings in his shortest outing since 2015, and Seattle's next two pitchers fared even worse. Detroit finished with 24 hits, 19 of which came in the first five innings. That was despite injuries that kept Miguel Cabrera, J.D. Martinez and Jose Iglesias out of the lineup.

Jordan Zimmermann (2-1) allowed five runs in six innings. Jean Segura, Danny Valencia and Nelson Cruz hit solo homers for Seattle, but that wasn't nearly enough to keep up with Detroit's offensive onslaught.

Mikie Mahtook added another home run for the Tigers in the eighth. Ian Kinsler had four hits and four runs before being lifted for a pinch hitter in the seventh.

WHITE SOX 10, ROYALS 5

CHICAGO — Todd Frazier drove in three runs, Leury Garcia had three hits and the Chicago White Sox beat Kansas City 10-5 Tuesday night in their second straight one-sided win over the Royals.

A night after beating the Royals 12-1 and outhitting them 15-2, the White Sox outhit Kansas City 14-8. Chicago scored 10 or more runs in consecutive games for the first time since May 26-27, 2012.

Kansas City is 0-6 on a seven-game trip, its longest skid since losing eight consecutive games last June. Last in the AL Central at 7-13, the Royals are off to their worst 20-game start since opening 6-14 in 2012, when they finished 72-90.

Frazier's sacrifice fly tied the score in the third inning, and Chicago took a 4-2 lead in the fourth against Danny Duffy (2-1) when Omar Narvaez and Garcia hit consecutive doubles, and Tim Anderson followed with an RBI single.

National League

PIRATES 1, CUBS 0

PITTSBURGH — Kyle Hendricks rediscovered his 2016 form, limiting the Pittsburgh Pirates to four hits over six innings to outduel Gerrit Cole and lead the Chicago Cubs to a 1-0 win on Tuesday night.

Hendricks (2-1) struck out two and walked three in easily his best start this year. The struggling Pirates managed just four singles off Hendricks and didn't reach third base until he was out of the game. Wade Davis worked a perfect ninth for his fifth save as the Cubs won for the sixth time in seven games.

Addison Russell doubled in the second off Cole (1-3) and scored when second baseman Alen Hanson airmailed first base on a Jason Heyward grounder, the Pirates' major league-high 20th error this season. They've also allowed 15 unearned runs, the most in the big leagues.

The miscue spoiled a terrific outing by Cole. He struck out eight without issuing a walk and retired 14 of his final 15 batters. It wasn't enough for Pittsburgh, which has lost six of eight.

BREWERS 9, REDS 1

MILWAUKEE — Eric Thames hit his major league-leading 11th home run — his sixth against Cincinnati this season — and the Milwaukee Brewers cruised to a 9-1 victory over the Reds on Tuesday night.

In his first season with the Brewers, Thames capped a five-run sixth with a two-run drive off reliever Robert Stephenson.

Hernan Perez had a pair of RBI triples, then homered off Stephenson leading off the sixth, and Jonathan Villar had a pair of two-run singles.

Zach Davies (2-2) allowed six hits in five scoreless innings, lowering his ERA from 8.24 to 6.57. He stranded a pair of runners in three innings.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	13	6	.684	—
New York	11	7	.611	1½
Boston	11	8	.579	2
Tampa Bay	11	11	.500	3½
Toronto	5	14	.263	8

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	11	8	.579	—
Cleveland	10	9	.526	1
Chicago	10	9	.526	1
Minnesota	10	10	.500	1½
Kansas City	7	13	.350	4½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	14	6	.700	—
Oakland	10	9	.526	3½
Los Angeles	9	12	.429	5½
Texas	9	12	.429	5½
Seattle	9	13	.381	6½

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	11	6	.684	—
Miami	10	9	.556	2½
Philadelphia	9	9	.500	3½
New York	8	11	.421	5
Atlanta	6	12	.333	6½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	12	8	.600	—
Milwaukee	11	11	.500	2
Cincinnati	10	11	.476	2½
St. Louis	9	10	.474	2½
Pittsburgh	8	12	.400	4

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	14	6	.700	—
Arizona	13	8	.619	1½
Los Angeles	9	11	.450	5
San Diego	8	13	.381	6½
San Francisco	7	13	.350	7

Scores and Schedules

American League
Tuesday's Scores

Houston 4, Cleveland 2
Tampa Bay 2, Baltimore 0
N.Y. Yankees at Boston, ppd.
Detroit 19, Seattle 9
Minnesota 8, Texas 1
Chicago White Sox 10, Kansas City 5
Toronto at St. Louis, late
Oakland at L.A. Angels, late

Today's Games

Kansas City (Kahns 0-1) at Chicago White Sox (Quintana 0-4), 1:10 p.m.
Houston (McCullers 2-0) at Cleveland (Bauer 1-2), 5:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Cobb 1-2) at Baltimore (Bundy 3-1), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 2-1) at Boston (Sale 1-1), 6:10 p.m.
Jaime (Paxton 2-0) at Detroit (Norris 1-1), 6:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Santiago 2-1) at Texas (Hamels 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Latos 0-0) at St. Louis (Martinez 0-3), 7:15 p.m.
Oakland (Manaea 1-1) at L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 0-1), 9:07 p.m.

National League
Tuesday's Scores

Chicago Cubs 1, Pittsburgh 0
Miami at Philadelphia, ppd.
Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, ppd.
Milwaukee 9, Cincinnati 1
Toronto at St. Louis, late
Washington at Colorado, late
San Diego at Arizona, late
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, late

Today's Games

Cincinnati (Davis 0-0) at Milwaukee (Peralta 3-1), 12:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lester 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Glasnow 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
Miami (Chen 2-0) at Philadelphia (Velasquez 0-2), 6:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Teheran 1-1) at N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 1-1), 6:10 p.m.
Toronto (Latos 0-0) at St. Louis (Martinez 0-3), 7:15 p.m.
Washington (Roark 2-0) at Colorado (Chatwood 2-0), 7:40 p.m.
San Diego (Cahill 1-2) at Arizona (Godley 0-0), 8:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Wood 1-0) at San Francisco (Cueto 3-1), 9:15 p.m.

Texas boxes

TWINS 8, RANGERS 1

Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Dozier 2b	3	0	0	1	Choo dh	3	0	1	0
E.Escbr 2b	0	0	0	0	C.Gomez cf	1	0	0	0
Kepler rf	4	0	1	0	DSpeits cf	1	0	1	0
Sano 3b	4	1	3	2	Mazara rf	4	0	0	0
Mauer 1b	5	1	2	0	Napoli 1b	4	0	0	0
J.Pinzo ss	4	1	1	1	Odor 2b	3	0	0	0
J.Castro c	5	1	1	1	Profar 2b	0	0	0	0
K.Vargas dh	5	2	2	1	Andrus ss	3	0	0	0
E.Rizzo lf	4	1	2	0	Gallo 3b	3	1	1	1
Da.Srtn ph-lf	1	0	0	0	Lucroy c	3	0	1	0
Buxton cf	3	1	2	1	Rua lf	3	0	1	0
Totals	38	8	14	7	Totals	28	1	5	1

Minnesota	000	170	000	—	8				
Texas	000	010	000	—	1				

E—Andrus (4). DP—Texas 2. LOB—Minnesota 9, Texas 3. 2B—Mauer (3), J.Polanco (5), J.Castro (2), E.Rosario (2). HR—Sano (5), K.Vargas (1), Gallo (7). SB—Buxton (2). CS—Dozier (2). S—Gomez (1).

Minnesota	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Santana W,4-0	7	4	1	1	2	6
Pressly	1	0	0	0	0	1
Swasow	1	1	0	0	0	0
Texas						
Cashner L,0-2	4	5	2	2	6	3
Bass	3	9	6	4	0	0
Claudio	2	0	0	0	0	1

Cashner pitched to 1 batter in the 5th
Bass pitched to 2 batters in the 8th
WP—Cashner, Bass.
T—3:04. A—20,568 (48,114).

ASTROS 4, INDIANS 2

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi
Reddick cf	5	0	2	3	C.Sntna 1b	3	0	1	0
Bettnct rf	4	0	0	0	Lindor ss	3	0	0	0
T.Hrnnd rf	0	0	0	0	Brndley lf	4	1	1	0
Springer rf	1	0	0	0	Encrnco dh	3	0	0	0
Altuve 2b	3	0	0	0	Jose Rm 3b	4	0	2	2
Ma.Gnza 2b	0	0	0	0	Kipnis 2b	4	0	0	0
Correa ss	4	0	2	0	Guyer rf	4	0	0	0
B.McCrm c	4	0	0	0	Gomes c	4	0	1	0
Bregman 3b	4	0	1	0	A.Jckson cf	3	1	1	1
Y.Grlnd 1b	4	1	2	0					
Gattis dh	3	2	1	0					
Aoki rf-lf	4	1	3	1					
Totals	36	4	11	4	Totals	31	2	6	2

Houston	000	030	001	—	4				
Cleveland	001	000	001	—	2				

E—Lindor (2), Gomes (2), Altuve (1). Dp—Houston 3, Cleveland 3. Lob—Houston 7, Cleveland 5. 2B—Y.Grlnd (5), Aoki (2), Jose Ramirez (4). HR—Brndley (1), A. Jackson (1).

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Keuchel W,4-0	9	6	2	2	3	5
Cleveland						
Tomlin L,1-3	6	8	3	3	0	6
Logan	1	0	0	0	0	1
Goody	1 1-3	1	1	1	0	1
Miller	2-3	2	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Goody (Gattis).
T—2:46. A—14,581 (35,051).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
RAYS 2, ORIOLES 0

Tampa Bay	000	200000	—	2	6	0
Baltimore	000	000000	—	0	2	0

Pruitt, Farquhar (4), Diaz (4), Whitley (6), Colome (9) and Morris; Miley, Hart (8), O'Day (8) and Joseph. W—Whitley 1-0. L—Miley 1-1.

TIGERS 19, MARINERS 9

Seattle	200	021	112	—	9	16	0
Detroit	130	350	03x	—	19	24	0

Hernandez, Heston (3), Marshall (5), Pazos (7), Scribner (8) and Zunino; Zimmermann, Greene (7), Wilson (7), Ryan (8), Jimenez (9), B.Hardy (9) and J. McCann. W—Zimmermann 2-1. L—Hernandez 2-2. HRs—Seattle: Cruz, Segura. Valencia. Detroit: Mahtook, Upton, Avila, McCann.

WHITE SOX 10, ROYALS 5

Kansas City	101	000	003	—	5	8	1
Chicago	011	220	22x	—	10	14	0

Duffy, Alexander (5), Young (7) and S.Perez; Covey, Jennings (5), Swarzak (6), N.Jones (8), Beck (9) and Narvaez. W—Jennings 2-0. L—Duffy 2-1. HRs—Kansas City, Moustakas, Moss.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
CUBS 1, PIRATES 0

Chicago	010	000	000	—	1	2	0
Pittsburgh	000	000	000	—	0	5	1

Hendricks, Uehara (7), Rondon (8), Davis (9) and Contreras; Cole, Nicasio (8), Rivero (9) and Cervelli. W—Hendricks 2-1. L—Cole 1-3. Sv—Davis (5).

BREWERS 9, REDS 1

Cincinnati	000	000	010	—	1	8	1
Milwaukee	010	305	00x	—	9	10	1

Feldman, Stephenson (6), Astin (8), Wood (8) and Barnhart; Davies, Drake (6), Milone (7) and Pina. W—Davies 2-2. L—Feldman 1-2. Sv—Milone (1). HRs—Cincinnati: Duvall. Milwaukee: Perez, Thames.

NBA PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

SPURS 116, GRIZZLIES 103

SAN ANTONIO — Kawhi Leonard had 28 points and the San Antonio Spurs rebounded from two discouraging road losses to beat the Memphis Grizzlies 116-103 on Tuesday night and take a 3-2 lead in their first-round series.

San Antonio shot 14 for 28 on 3-point attempts, two off its postseason record, including 5-for-7 shooting by Patty Mills.

Mills finished with 20 points and Tony Parker added 16.

Mike Conley had 26 points and Marc Gasol added 17 for the Grizzlies, who have lost nine straight postseason games in San Antonio.

With each team winning on its homecourt, Game 6 is Thursday night in Memphis.

ROCKETS 105, THUNDER 99

HOUSTON — James Harden had 34 points and his supporting cast helped the Houston Rockets overcome a 47-point game by Russell Westbrook to get a 105-99 victory over the Oklahoma City Thunder on Tuesday night to advance to the Western Conference semifinals.

The Thunder head home a year after advancing to the Western Conference finals after Houston took this series 4-1.

The Rockets used a 5-1 run, with all their points coming on free throws, to pull away from the Thunder and make it 98-91. Victor Oladipo threw a pass about 5 feet above Westbrook's head and out of bounds on the next possession and Harden made a layup on the other end with about 3 minutes left.

The Rockets began eating up the clock after that and Oklahoma City missed shot after shot that could have closed the gap.

NBA PLAYOFF GLANCE

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

Saturday, April 15
Cleveland 109, Indiana 106
Milwaukee 87, Toronto 83
San Antonio 111, Memphis 82
Utah 97, L.A. Clippers 95

Sunday, April 16
Washington 114, Atlanta 107
Golden State 121, Portland 109
Chicago 106, Boston 102
Houston 118, Oklahoma City 87

Monday, April 17
Cleveland 117, Indiana 111
San Antonio 96, Memphis 82

Tuesday, April 18
Toronto 105, Milwaukee 100
Chicago 111, Boston 97
L.A. Clippers 99, Utah 91

Wednesday, April 19
Washington 109, Atlanta 101
Houston 115, Oklahoma City 111
Golden State 110, Portland 81

Thursday, April 20
Cleveland 119, Indiana 114
Milwaukee 104, Toronto 77
Memphis 105, San Antonio 94

Friday, April 21
Boston 104, Chicago 87
Oklahoma City 115, Houston 113
L.A. Clippers 111, Utah 106

Saturday, April 22
Toronto 87, Milwaukee 76
Atlanta 116, Washington 98
Memphis 110, San Antonio 108, OT
Golden State 119, Portland 113

Sunday, April 23
Cleveland 106, Indiana 102, Cleveland wins series 4-0
Houston 113, Oklahoma City 109
Boston 104, Chicago 95, series tied 2-2
Utah 105, L.A. Clippers 98, series tied 2-2

Monday, April 24
Toronto 118, Milwaukee 93, Toronto leads series 3-2
Atlanta 111, Washington 101, series tied 2-2
Golden State 128, Portland 103, Golden State wins series 4-0

Tuesday, April 25
Houston 105, Oklahoma City 99, Houston wins series 4-1
San Antonio 116, Memphis 103, San Antonio leads series 3-2
Utah at L.A. Clippers, late

Wednesday, April 26
Atlanta at Washington, 5 p.m.
Chicago at Boston, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 27
Toronto at Milwaukee, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at Memphis, 8:30 p.m.

Friday, April 28
Washington at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Chicago, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Utah, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 29
x-Milwaukee at Toronto, TBA
x-Memphis at San Antonio, TBA

Sunday, April 30
x-Chicago at Boston, TBA
x-Atlanta at Washington, TBA
x-Utah at L.A. Clippers, TBA

AP file photo

Dale Earnhardt Jr. drives in front of fans in the grandstands waving the checkered flag after winning the Daytona 500 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Daytona International Speedway on Feb. 23, 2014 in Daytona Beach, Fla. Earnhardt Jr. abruptly announced his retirement at the end of the season Tuesday, April 25, 2017, a decision that will cost NASCAR its most popular driver as the series scrambles to rebuild its fan base.

Junior will leave a big seat to fill in No. 88 next season

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press

Junior's job is up for grabs.

Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s surprise decision to retire from the NASCAR Cup series at the end of the season will surely make his No. 88 Chevrolet the hottest ride in racing. But more than talent is needed to take the wheel for team owner Rick Hendrick.

The next driver will face added scrutiny that comes with replacing NASCAR's most popular driver, the sport's public face and a peerless pitchman who has done it all with few complaints over 18 years.

Earnhardt might never have won a NASCAR championship, but he did win the Daytona 500 twice, along with 24 other Cup victories, and plenty will be, yes, riding on the decision.

Hendrick said Tuesday the next 88 driver was not up for discussion right away, and the immediate priority was simply getting through the emotional day.

"We'll take some time to decide what to do there," Hendrick said.

Hendrick has promising drivers in the pipeline and any of them could earn a quick promotion to the Cup series. There are potential veteran free agents to court and maybe even a surprise candidate or two that might fit with one of the premier organizations in NASCAR.

Hendrick has the checkbook to buy out anyone he wants, though he has to keep his sponsors happy and, he hopes, paying the same top dollar that Earnhardt commanded.

A vote of confidence from Hendrick driver Jimmie Johnson, a seven-time champion, would go a long way. Chase Elliott is in his second full season in the No. 24 and Kasey Kahne, one of NASCAR's biggest underachievers, faces an uncertain future. Hendrick could have a vastly different lineup in 2019.

"You can't replace Dale ," Hendrick said.

But let's try. Some possibilities:_

Alex Bowman, 24. 0 wins in 81 Cup starts.

Bowman was stout as a substitute last season when Earnhardt was sidelined with a concussion. He made 10 starts in the 88 Chevrolet, won a pole at Phoenix and had three top-fives. He made nine starts in the second-tier Xfinity Series for Earnhardt's JR Motorsports team and has five top-fives in 50 career starts. Bowman has experience with Hendrick, trust with Earnhardt and success in his first major shot with an established team. He has not competed in a NASCAR Cup or Xfinity race this season and is waiting for his next opportunity.

William Byron, 19. 0 Cup starts.

Byron is considered one of the future top drivers in the Cup series and Hendrick has never shied away from plucking young prospects and plopping them in a Cup ride. Byron won seven races in the Truck Series last season and landed a full season ride with JR Motorsports in the Xfinity Series. Hendrick owns a stake in Junior's Xfinity team. Byron also has solid sponsorship with Axalta and could bring that cash infusion to Cup.

The question looms, why rush? But the answer is simple: Why wait?

Carl Edwards, 37. 28 wins in 445 Cup starts.

Absence makes the rumors grow stronger. Edwards abruptly retired at the start of this year, for reasons no one fully understands just yet. Some believe the hit he took in a late accident in the season finale, coupled with Earnhardt's health scares, pushed Edwards into a hasty decision. Others have assumed Edwards has had his eye on Earnhardt's seat — or another big ride — all along.

Wild Cards:

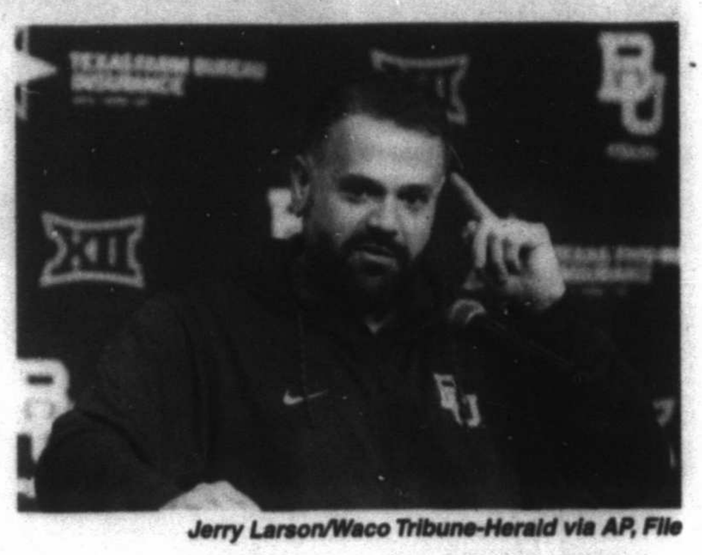
■ Matt Kenseth. He could be available, and a midweek sponsor announcement last week had many wondering if he was about to announce his retirement.

■ Kyle Larson. There's no question Hendrick would take the current Cup points leader if he can get him, but Larson is in early stages of a new contract with Chip Ganassi. Even if Ganassi wanted the buyout cash, Larson may not want to go anywhere: He's running well, he's loyal and sticking with Ganassi could get him into the Indianapolis 500 next season.

■ Greg Biffle or Justin Allgaier If Hendrick wanted to give Byron at least another year at Xfinity, a stopgap veteran driver such as either of these two could keep the 88 seat warm until 2019.

Baylor's Rhule back to Philly for NFL draft with former Owls

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press



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In this March 16, 2017, file photo, Baylor head football coach Matt Rhule answers questions from the media March 16 in Waco, Texas. Rhule is going back to Philadelphia, to be at the NFL draft with his former Temple players and represent his new team.

Baylor coach Matt Rhule is spending the rest of this week back in Philadelphia, where he will be at the NFL draft with his former Temple players while also touting the Bears.

"I'm there to support my Temple kids, and I'm there to sell Baylor to future recruits, and make sure that all kids that I'm recruiting know that our process is doing things that no one thought was possible," Rhule said Tuesday. "Five kids made NFL teams last year from the Temple Owls."

There will also be appearances on the NFL Network and visits to some of his favorite restaurants — he made reservations in advance — in the town where he spent 10 of the past 11 seasons. He is staying in a hotel only about five minutes where he used to live.

Rhule became Baylor's coach in December , fresh off an American Athletic Conference title and a second consecutive 10-win season with the Owls.

The Bears wrapped up their first spring under Rhule with their Green and Gold game Saturday. They spent the 15 spring working on new offenses and defensive schemes, while also taking care of their academics and doing more than 700 hours of community service.

Temple linebacker Haason Reddick , a potential first-round pick, invited Rhule to be with him in the green room at the draft Thursday night. Owls offensive tackle Dion Dawkins is also expected to be a high pick, and Temple has at least two other players that could be drafted in the later rounds.

"I'm there because those kids asked me to come. It's as gratifying an experience as I've ever had," Rhule told the AP by phone before leaving the Waco campus for Philadelphia.

Among the Bears expected to get drafted are receiver KD Cannon, who left Baylor after his junior season, and center Kyle Fuller. Quarterback Seth Russell, who had each of his last two seasons cut short by injuries, could also get an NFL chance.

Rhule first went to Temple as an assistant under Al Golden in 2006, then spent the next decade there — except for the 2012 season in the NFL as an assistant offensive line coach for the New York Giants. He returned to Philadelphia as the Owls head coach in 2013, and they went from 2-10 and 6-6 seasons to the best two-season stretch in school history.

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country boys, is following them out the door. Born and raised in North Carolina, Earnhardt has deep roots in NASCAR. His late Hall of Fame father, Dale, won seven titles and, known as "The Intimidator," was one of the greatest drivers in NASCAR history. Earnhardt's grandfather, Ralph, ran 51 races at NASCAR's highest level.

Earnhardt has won NASCAR's most popular driver award a record 14 times. He has 26 career Cup victories and is a two-time champion of NASCAR's second-tier Xfinity series, where he plans to race twice next year. But the son of the late champion has never won a Cup title. Now in his 18th full-time season at the Cup level, he made his 600th career series start earlier this year.

Earnhardt has driven for Hendrick since 2008 after a nasty split with Dale Earnhardt Inc., the team founded by his father but run by his stepmother. He was unhappy with the direction of DEI since his father's 2001 death in a last-lap accident at the Daytona 500, and a frosty relationship with his stepmother led him to bolt to NASCAR's most powerful team.

Earnhardt is not off to the greatest start this season, with only one top-five finish so far. He took another hit Monday at Bristol Motor Speedway when a mechanical issue caused him to crash.

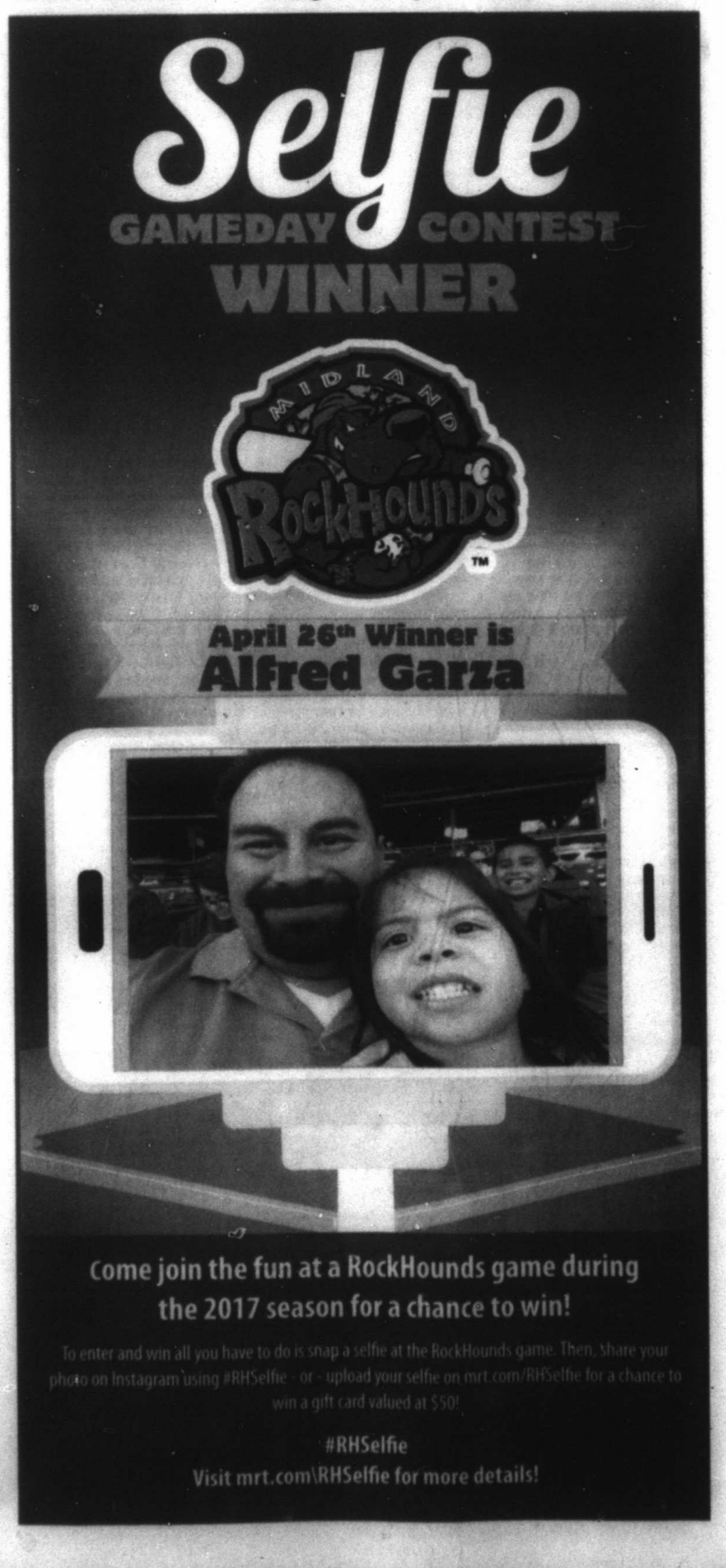
"I feel good. We'll get in here and find out," he said as he walked to the care center.

After his long layoff last season, Earnhardt discussed his comeback before this year's Daytona 500 in February and said whenever he made his decision to retire it would be "the right thing to do." He also said he wanted time to become confident about his health before considering a new contract.

"For the longest time, I let racing be who I was instead of what I did," he added. "I've got a whole other life beyond driving, and I really believe that. I have got a lot of things I'd love to do. Outside of having a family, there's a lot of things in business that I'd love to see if I can succeed at. I think we got a glimpse of what that would be like. It looks pretty awesome."

Still, it's clear that Earnhardt won't be far from the track. On Tuesday, he said he wants to be part of the "future of this sport" for many years to come and that he would stay involved in racing at some level.

"I do have ambition to work," Earnhardt said. "I'm not going to quit working. There's a feeling to being an asset to something. I don't have to be the guy holding the trophy, but being a part of that success, I really enjoy. I really enjoy making people happy and doing stuff as a team. I think I can replicate that in the next chapter of



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	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Goldberg (N)	Speechless (N)	Black-ish (N)	Black-ish (N)	Designated Survivor "Lazarus" (N)		Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Survivor "A Line Drawn in Concrete" (N)		Criminal Minds "Unforgettable" (N)		C.Minds: Borders "Blowback" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) The Late Show		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H "Exorcism"	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	MacGyver "Ghost Ship"		Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Mason "The Case of the Drifting Dropout"		Twilight Zone
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Shots Fired "Hour 6: The Fire This Time" (N)		Empire "Love Is a Smoke" (N)		Fox 24 News	TMZ	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Shepherd's Heart		Update News	Aleph Course	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Update News	In Touch With Dr. Charles Stanley		Walking
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	NewsWest 9 Now	Blindspot "Regard a Mere Mad Rager" (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "The Newsroom" (N)		Chicago "Grasping for Salvation" (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Nature "Forest of the Lynx" (N)		Nova (N)		Wild Weather (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		Newsline	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		La reina de la cancion		Vino el amor		La piloto		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	Agents of SHIELD		Agents of SHIELD		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Tosh.0	Access H.
FLIX	340	575			165	(3:00) ★★★ Sling Blade		★ Phat Beach				★★ Hoodlum Laurence Fishburne.				(:15) Beyond the...	
HBO	300	550	14	14		Movie	Vice News	★★★★ Suicide Squad Will Smith.				(:05) The Leftovers		(:05) The Leftovers		(:05) Silicon	Movie
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(5:25) The Immort...		LastWeek	Silicon	Canelo	Real Sports			Rock and a hard Place			★ Catch Me If You...
HBO5	304	552	16	102		(5:30) Straight Outta Compton				★ Absolutely Fabulous: The...					(:35) How to Be Single Dakota Johnson.		LastWeek
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:10) ★★ Species		★ The Purge: Election Year				(:50) ★★★ Death Race Jason Statham.				(:40) ★★★★ The Exorcist	
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:20) ★★★ Tremors (90, Hor) Kevin Bacon.				★ Black Mass (15, Cri) Johnny Depp.					(:05) ★★ Trapped Charlize Theron.		
PLEX			96			(5:10) ★ Songcatcher		★ Chicken With Plums				(:35) ★★★ The Visitor			(:20) ★★ The Journey of August King		
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(4:30) ★ Lincoln		★ Burn Motherf*ucker, Burn!				★★★ Enemy at the Gates Jude Law.			(:45) ★★ The Bank Job		
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:00) ★ Lucky Num...		★★ Spy Game ('01, Dra) Brad Pitt.						(:10) ★ Burnt ('15, Com/Dra) Bradley Cooper.		★★★ Don Jon	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Exterminator (N)	Exterminator (N)	(:05) S. Wars	(:35) S. Wars	(:05) S. Wars	(:35) S. Wars
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:00) ★★★ Sherlock H...		★★★ Lethal Weapon ('87, Act) Mel Gibson.							★★★ Lethal Weapon 2 ('89, Act) Mel Gibson.		
BET	58	-		40		(3:20) ★ Precious		★★ Barbershop 2: Back in Business ('04, Com) Ice Cube.						Martin	Martin	Martin	(:35) Martin
BRAVO	65	76		41		The Real Housewives		Wives "A New Low"		Real Housewives (N)		Real Housewives		Watch (N)	Real Housewives		Beverly
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Rich (N)	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark T.
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		The Lead		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	The Last Alaskans		The Last Alaskans		Last Alaskans (N)		Naked and Afraid XL		Bush "A Big Gamble"		Bush "Rocky Seas"	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Underc.	Good Luck	StuckMid	AndiMack	Liv/Mad	Liv/Mad	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Jessie	Jessie	Girl M.	Friends
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox (L)						Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	SportsCenter		SportsC. "NFL Nation Mock Draft"			Rookie	Rookie	Rookie	NFL Live		Baseball Tonight (L)	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	The First 100 Days		The O'Reilly Factor		TuckerCarlsonTon		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		TuckerCarlsonTon	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Cooks vs. Cons		Cooks vs. Cons		Cooks vs. Cons (N)		Cooks vs. Cons		Cooks vs. Cons		Cooks vs. Cons	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:30) ★★★ Coming to America				★★ Nacho Libre ('06, Com) Jack Black.				The 700 Club		★ Nanny McPhee	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	(5:30) Boys Spring	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Minnesota Twins at Texas Rangers Site: Globe Life Park - Arlington, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	The Beat Tex A&M	WPT Poker Borgata Open	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	Movie		★★★★ Captain America: The First Avenger				Fargo (N)		Fargo		Fargo	
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Buying and Selling		Property Brothers		Buying & Selling (N)		H.Hunt	House (N)	Property Brothers		Buying and Selling	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Little Women: Atlanta "Escape From Atlanta"		Little Women ATL "Stage Fight" (N)		LW Atlanta "Good Deed Gone Bad" (N)		Little W. Dallas "Not So Silent Partner" (N)		Little W (N) /(:05) Little W		Little Women ATL "Stage Fight"	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		11thHour	Hardball	Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				NHL Live	NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)					(:15) NHL Overtime (L)		Sport (N)	Sport (N)	Sport (N)	Sport (N)
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Thunder	Thunder	Nicky	GShakers	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Movie		★★★ The Blind Side ('09, Spt) Tim McGraw, Sandra Bullock.						★★★ The Blind Side ('09, Spt) Sandra Bullock.			
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:30) ★★★★ The Goonies Sean Astin.				★★★ The Matrix ('99, Act) Laurence Fishburne, Keanu Reeves.						★ Resident Evil: ...	
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Sein. "The Wizard"	Seinf. "The Burning"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal	Conan Dennis Quaid, Nikki Lane (N)		Detour "The Ass"	Conan
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TLC	51	61	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life "Brittani and Sean" 2/2		My 600-lb Life "Teretha and Chad" Surgery enables Teretha to finally return to family.				(:10) This is Life Live (L)		(:10) My 600-lb Life "Teretha and Chad"			
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	NBA Basketball Playoffs					NBA Basketball Playoffs					Inside the NBA	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	MASH	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Nobodies	Lopez (N)	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	NCIS "Family Secret"		NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)						NCIS: LA "Angels and Daemons"		NCIS: Los Angeles "Exchange Rate"	
WGN	19	85				★★★ U.S. Marshals ('98, Act) Wesley Snipes. A framed covert C.I.A. agent becomes a fugitive on the run from a U.S. Marshal.						Underground "Auld Acquaintance" (N)		Underground "Auld Acquaintance"		Underground "Auld Acquaintance"	

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While wife's sex drive races, husband is stuck in neutral

Dear Abby

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DEAR ABBY: I've been married almost four years. My husband and I are both barely 40, still quite young, but we have sex only once or twice a month. Our relationship is great, and we love each other. I just wish we had sex more often. I've told him I would like more, but it stays the same.

When we talked about past relationships, he mentioned women hounding him to have sex, so I don't think it's me. I don't want to cheat, but I'm afraid I eventually will if my needs are not met. I don't want to leave him, but I don't want an almost sexless marriage.

He's a very masculine man, so I don't know how to ask him to go to the doctor to get something to increase his sex drive. Should I do that? Or should I get things to supplement our sex, like toys? — NEEDS MORE IN FLORIDA

DEAR NEEDS MORE: You appear to have married a very masculine man who has a very low sex drive or who may be borderline asexual. If marital aids would help you, by all means get some. You should also have a frank talk with your husband and suggest he consult his physician about the discrepancy in your sex drives.

Marriage counseling might help to improve your level of communication, but if none of the above work, you will have to decide if you are prepared to live with the situation as it is.

DEAR ABBY: I just stumbled upon my daughter-in-law's Twitter account. She has posted half-naked pictures, talked about all the drinks she was consuming, and said that if she didn't have a child, she'd be gone. The language she used would make a sailor blush.

I baby-sit for her, and I was shocked, to say the least. I foolishly posted a shocked cat on Facebook, stating that "this is me reading your Twitter account."

My son is now upset with me that I read her Twitter posts. I am not sure he had seen them. I saved them on my computer, which he picked up when he was here and ran through my history.

I know I didn't handle this the right way, but she was saying she starts drinking at 7 a.m., and that "moonshine wasn't working anymore." I am truly concerned about the baby. What can I do to repair this situation? — SHOCKED IN KENTUCKY

DEAR SHOCKED: If that post was public, then anyone could see it. Your son may be embarrassed that you saw how dysfunctional his marriage is, and that's why he is misdirecting his anger toward you rather than where it belongs.

If your daughter-in-law is drinking from the moment she wakes up, she's in no condition to be caring for a baby. If she is using something stronger, you need to remind your son that the child's welfare must come first. If your statement is ignored, you will have to decide whether to involve child protective services.

Goren Bridge

With Bob Jones

No rush

Neither vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
♠ J 9 4 2
♡ 10 6
♢ K 2
♣ A J 10 6 2

WEST
♠ A K 10 8 6
♡ A Q 8 2
♢ A Q 6 3
♣ Void

EAST
♠ Q 7 5 3
♡ 9 7 4 3
♢ 10 8 7
♣ 5 4

SOUTH
♠ Void
♡ K J 5
♢ J 9 5 4
♣ K Q 9 8 7 3

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Dbl	2NT*	Pass
5♣	Dbl	All pass	

*Club fit, at least invitational values

Opening lead: Ace of ♠

North-South were using the "Jordan Two no-trump" convention — a routine convention in tournament play these days.

Inspired play might bring home a four-spade contract for East-West. We'll leave it to interested readers to work out the play. Our problem is five clubs.

South ruffed the opening spade lead and immediately led a low diamond toward the king. West stepped up with his ace of diamonds and led the king of spades, ruffed by South. Declarer led a club to dummy's ace, cashed the king of diamonds, and then crossed back to his hand with the king of clubs. This drew the outstanding trumps and left South to guess the diamond position. Did East start with three diamonds to the queen or three diamonds to the 10? South made no mistake, leading the jack of diamonds. West covered, dummy ruffed, and the fall of the 10 from East made South a happy man. He ruffed a spade back to his hand and discarded a heart from dummy on his established nine of diamonds. Well played!

The defense could have done better. Can you spot how? West should have ducked his ace on the first round of diamonds. Declarer would not be able to establish a diamond winner for a heart discard. The defense would probably have to set up dummy's jack of spades, enabling a heart discard in the South hand, but that would not help South.

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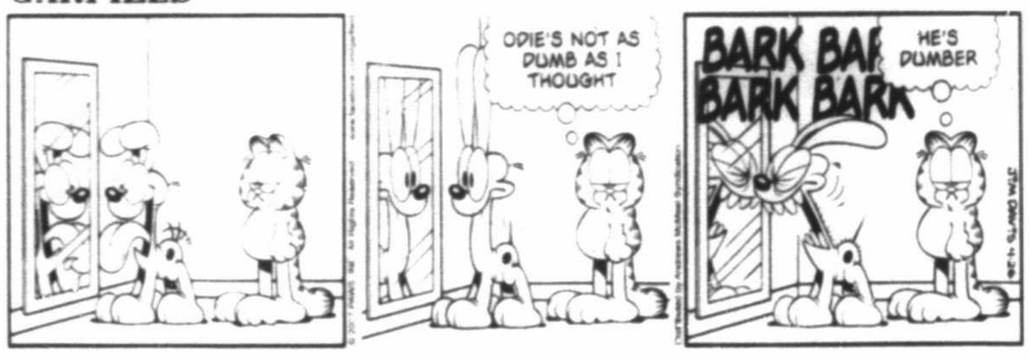

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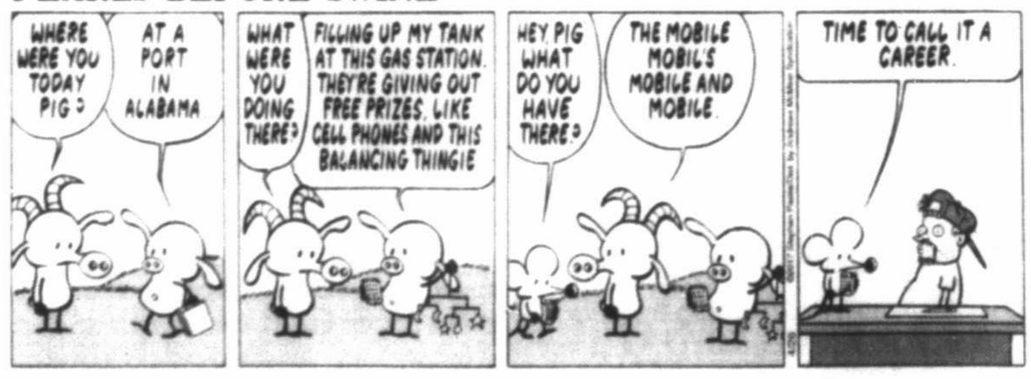

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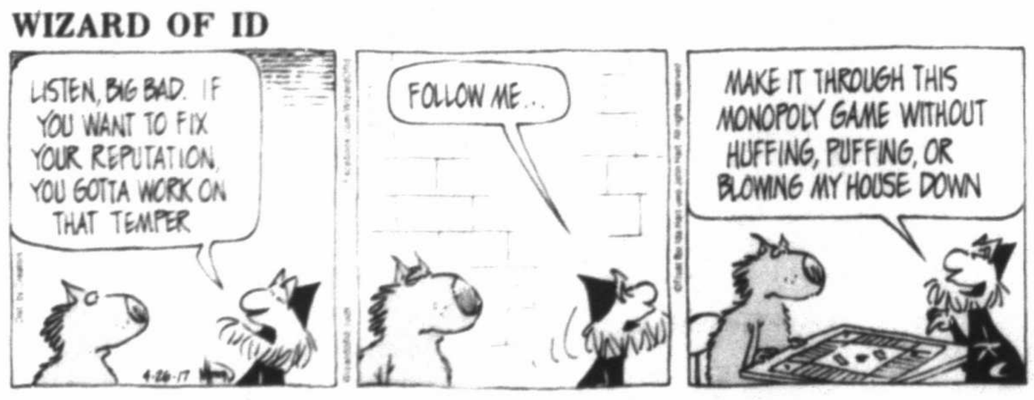

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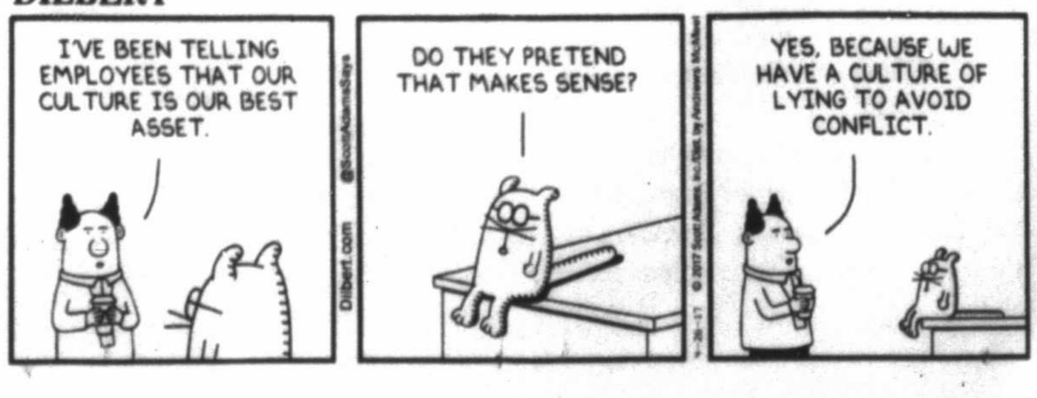

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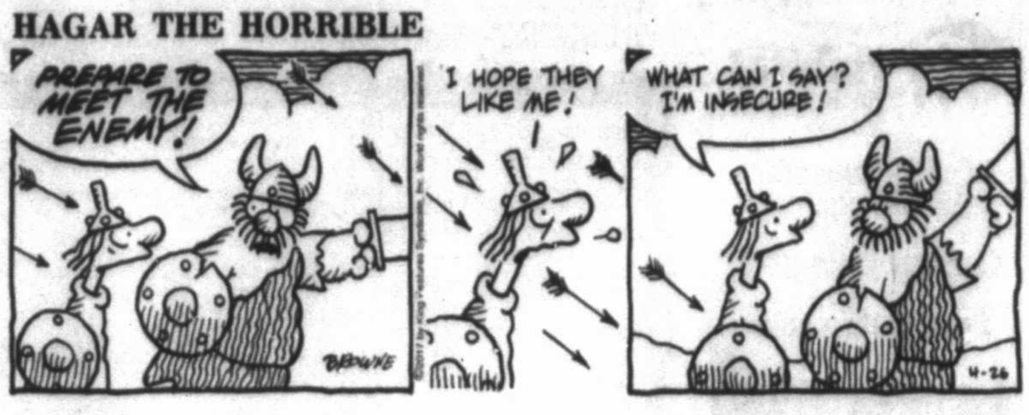

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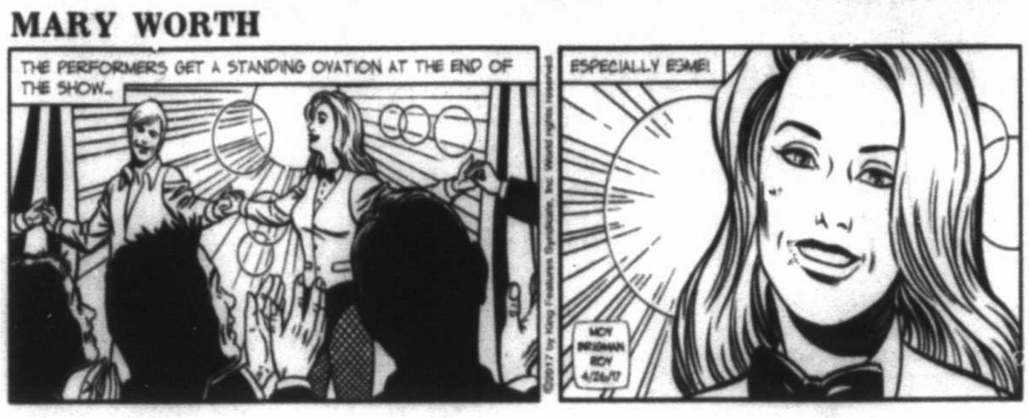

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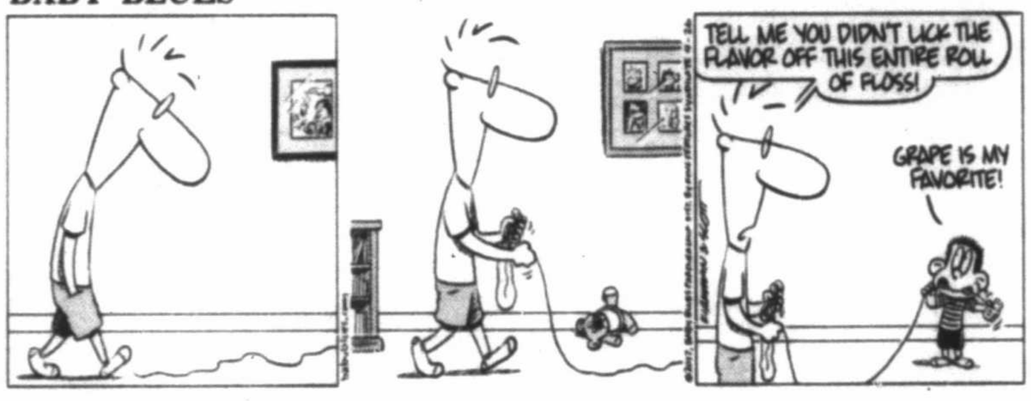

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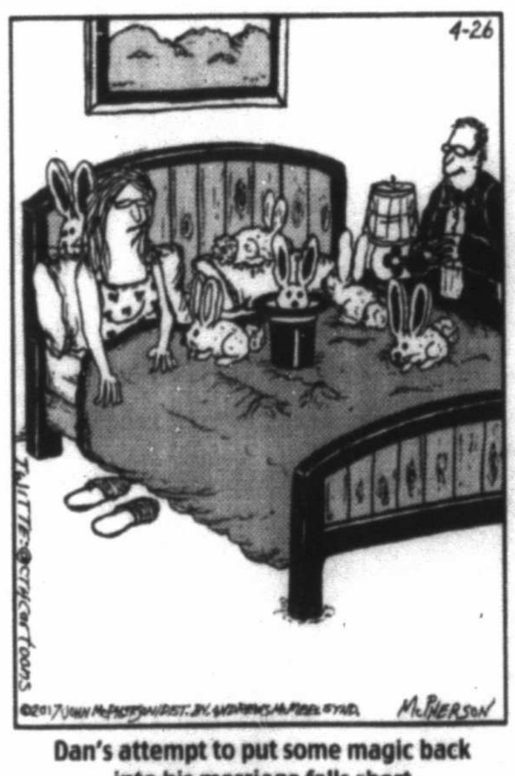

Dan's attempt to put some magic back into his marriage falls short.

DENNIS THE MENACE

"REMEMBER, JOEY... CUTE IS GOOD, BUT THE SECRET IS TO LOOK INNOCENT."

LOCKHORNS

"IF THIS IS REAL NEWS, I COULD USE SOME FAKE NEWS RIGHT NOW."

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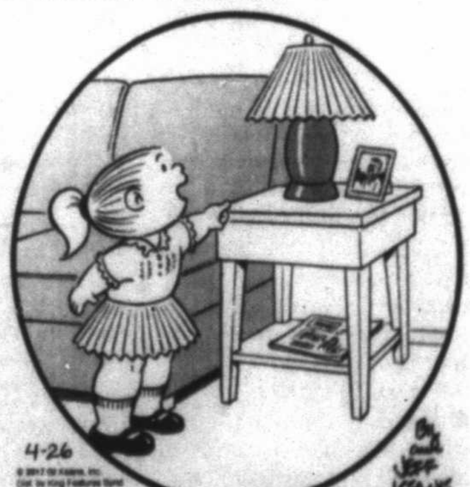
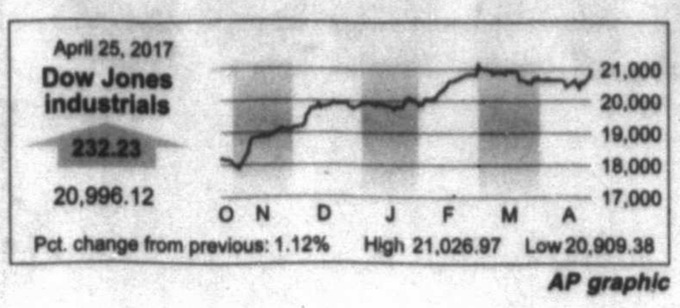


"Look! The lamp is wearing a skirt just like mine."

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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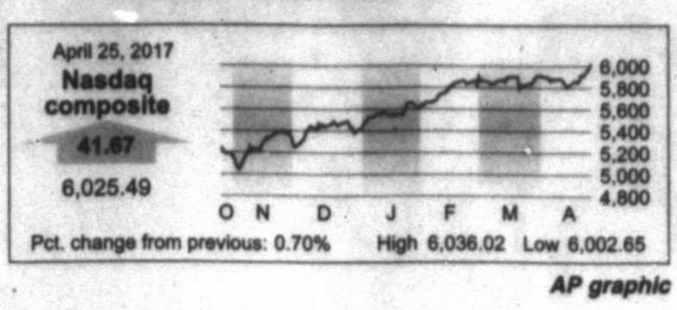

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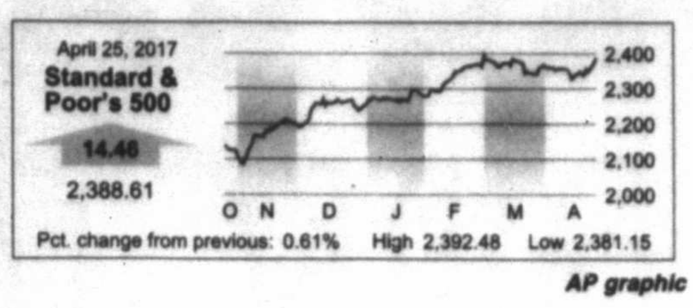

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Tuesday: $49.56
Previous: $49.23

POSTED

Tuesday: $46.00
Previous: $46.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Tuesday: $41.75
Previous: $41.75

NATURAL GAS

Monday: $3.066
Previous: $3.101

The Wildcat Committee honors Henry Petroleum on Tuesday at the Petroleum Club. Jim and Paula Henry surrounded by Henry Resources management. *Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram*

Wildcat Committee reception honors Henry Resources

By Mella McEwen
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Step by step, the blueprint Jim Henry and his business partner laid out when they started their business has been realized.

"With the Lord's help, we've done a lot," said Henry as he prepared to greet guests at the Midland Wildcat Committee reception honoring his company Tuesday at the Petroleum Club.

"We started out from scratch with zero money. If we didn't work, we didn't eat," he said. Having been released from Solar Oil in 1969, Henry and his former Solar Oil colleague, Bob Landenberger, struck out on their own.

"We had a three-step plan. First, consulting. Second, operate wells. Third, become an oil company. It worked beautifully," he said.

H&L Consultants became Henry Petroleum in 1977 when Henry bought out Landenberger. "I hated to see him go. He was such a good worker," Henry said. Henry Petroleum sold its assets to Concho Resources in 2006 and gave rise to Henry Resources and a renewed Henry Resources in 2010 after selling to Linn Energy.

Early on, the company had specialized in operating in the Spraberry Trend. Then, about 30 years into its operation, "George Mitchell discovered fracturing tight formations," Henry said.

Mitchell, the legendary founder of Mitchell Energy, brought the updated hydraulic fracturing technology to the Permian Basin and then sold his company to a major.

"That major dropped the program and we picked it up," Henry said. His company combined its expertise in the Spraberry with the new technology to give rise to what he called its biggest opportunity: The Wolfberry.

"From 2003 to 2005 we had it all, or almost all, to ourselves. We amassed 340,000 acres, drilled several hundred wells and proved out 400 million barrels of oil," Henry said.

Now, studies show the Permian continues to hold as much as 10 billion to 20 billion barrels yet to be produced, he said.

Henry said producers are getting only an estimated 6 percent of oil in place.

"We have enough to last 100 years; we just have to figure out how to get it out," he said.

That is the task of those leading Henry's day-to-day operations. President Danny Campbell said the company plans to be more active this year. He said the company will be drilling mainly horizontal Wolfberry wells and paying for them through cash flow.

"We shut rigs down most of 2015 and 2016. We were spending more than cash flow," he said. "We try to keep little to no debt and keep partners in everything."

The hope is crude prices will continue in the $50 to $60 range, Campbell said.

"If it gets below $50, it gets a little tougher. Above $50, we're happier. We can make a good living and a good return for our investors," said Campbell, who will mark his 10th anniversary with the company in May.

The company also doesn't chase after the large acreage blocks that are fetching huge sums, preferring to pick up "a half-section, a section, along the edges," Campbell said.

Currently, the company has been picking up "some tougher stuff, blocks that have to be prepared for drilling."

The Wolfberry and the Midland Basin will remain the company's focus, he said.

Henry has stepped back from the company to focus more on the philanthropic work for which he is known. He and his wife, Paula, formed The Henry Foundation 11 years ago; it gives away several million dollars a year. He said when the couple dies, their estates will go to the foundation.

"The main purpose of the foundation is to make Midland a better place," Henry said. "We want to give back to Midland, which has given us so much."

Healthy profits push stocks higher yet; Nasdaq crosses 6,000

NEW YORK — Profits are climbing for companies, and so are their stock prices.

More big businesses joined the earnings parade Tuesday, saying their profits were even larger in the first three months of the year than analysts were expecting, including Caterpillar and McDonald's. The encouraging reports pushed U.S. indexes to their second straight day of big gains, placing them either close to or firmly in record territory.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 14.46 points, or 0.6 percent, to 2,388.61. It's within a third of a percent of its all-time high, set at the start of March.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained even more due to the big jumps for Caterpillar and McDonald's, which are among the 30 stocks in the average. The Dow rose 232.23 points, or 1.1 percent, to 20,996.12.

The Nasdaq rose 41.67, or 0.7 percent, to 6,025.49, its first move above 6,000 points. The Russell 2000 of smaller-company stocks was up 13.13 points, or 0.9 percent, at 1,411.08.

Metal prices end mixed

Gold fell $10.30 to settle at $1,267.20 per ounce, silver dropped 27 cents to $17.59 per ounce and copper added 3 cents to $2.58 per pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $130.98 Up 1.55

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $5.21 Down 0.16

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $103.97 Up 2.21

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.16 Up 0.09

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $3.75 Unchanged

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $28.40 Up 0.35

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $13.53 Unchanged

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $38.69 Up 1.32

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $12.26 Up 0.21

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $17.20 Down 0.02

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1343864	23.63	+.32
S&P500ETF103230	5237.17	+2.58	
SPDR Fncl	958273	23.68	+.52
B iPrvST ns	674897	15.37	-1.83
iShEMkts	572678	39.85	+.56

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Bard	302.41	+49.34	+19.5
CAI Intl	20.86	+2.29	+12.3
DeutschBk	18.37	+1.87	+11.3
BcBilVArg	8.24	+.63	+8.3
PatriotN h	2.27	+.17	+8.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PUVixST rs	14.93	-4.06	-21.4
HelixEn	6.06	-1.03	-14.5
E-TrcEngy	6.75	-.93	-12.1
ProVixST rs	12.83	-1.52	-10.6
B iPVxST rs	15.37	-1.83	-10.6

DIARY

Advanced	2,093
Declined	869
Unchanged	103
Total issues	3,065
New Highs	261
New Lows	16
Volume	3,554,908,669

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
B2gold g	59605	2.66	-.07
NwGold g	52948	3.15	-.06
Globalstar	41886	1.87	+.11
iShindia bt	41844	31.78	+.65
TherapMD	29851	4.89	-.02

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RxVtrmInF	24.55	+2.57	+11.7
AsteriasBio	3.40	+.30	+9.7
inTestCorp	7.00	+.45	+6.9
IEC Elec	3.95	+.22	+5.9
Silco	8.25	+.45	+5.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Reeds	3.75	-1.00	-21.1
RxVtrmWk	4.51	-.63	-12.3
IntelgSys	4.16	-.34	-7.6
CRH Med	6.80	-.55	-7.5
StrwEn wt	2.11	-.17	-7.5

DIARY

Advanced	174
Declined	161
Unchanged	33
Total issues	368
New Highs	19
New Lows	6
Volume	105,608,631

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	576706	5.13	+.06
MicronT	454319	26.57	-.75
Microsoft	288692	67.53	+1.13
FrontierCm	285627	1.90	-.04
Intel	220306	36.75	+.43

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
OceanPw rs	2.74	+.91	+49.7
LibVentB	54.47	+9.61	+21.4
UplandSoft	20.25	+3.18	+18.6
RocketFuel	5.22	+.82	+18.8
DeltaTch h	2.26	+.35	+18.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Trovag un	4.54	-1.51	-25.0
CSVxSh rs	32.42	-8.79	-21.3
immuneP rs	2.79	-.74	-21.0
GlobalM rs	2.50	-.45	-15.3
AkarTh rs	17.49	-3.01	-14.7

DIARY

Advanced	2,036
Declined	786
Unchanged	204
Total issues	3,026
New Highs	257
New Lows	51
Volume	1,743,458,450

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	25	7.12	+.40	-30.3
AT&T Inc	1.96	15	40.02	+.09	-5.9
Abraxas	...	...	**1.93**	**+.03**	**-24.6**
AdvDrsEq	**.92e**	...	**13.91**	**+.12**	**+9.4**
AMD	...	...	13.13	+.13	+15.8
Alibaba	...	36	114.86	+1.75	+30.8
AlonUSA	.60	...	11.65	+.42	+2.4
Ambev	.06e	5	5.70	+.06	+16.1
Amgen	**4.60f**	**15**	**183.14**	**+2.73**	**+11.6**
Anadarko	**.20**	**...**	**59.37**	**+.08**	**-14.9**
Apache	**1.00**	**...**	**48.74**	**-.38**	**-23.2**
Apple Inc	2.20	17	143.64	+1.37	+24.0
ApldMatl	**.40**	**20**	**40.44**	**+.85**	**+25.3**
ArcelorMit	...	9	7.93	+.24	+8.8
Archrock	.48	...	12.10	+.15	-8.3
ATMOS	**1.80f**	**23**	**80.01**	**+.18**	**+7.8**
AutoData	2.28	28	104.14	+1.45	+1.3
BP PLC	**2.38**	**41**	**34.45**	**+.45**	**-7.8**
BakerHu	.68	...	58.85	+.97	-9.7
ScoBrad s	.43e	...	10.10	+.26	+16.1
ScoSanfSA	.23e	...	6.47	+.39	+24.9
BkofAm	.30f	15	23.63	+.92	+6.9
B iPVxST rs	...	...	15.37	-1.83	-39.7
BeringsCp s	1.20	...	15.55	+.12	+.5
BerrioG	.12f	34	19.04	-.19	+19.1
BeaconEnS	...	...	48	...	...
BerkHa A	**...**	**1524880.00**	**+3500.00**	**+1.8**	
BBkMtnCp	**1.78f**	**21**	**69.63**	**+.70**	**+10.9**
BostonSci	...	60	25.86	+.70	+16.2
BrMySq	**1.68f**	**32**	**53.85**	**+.07**	**-8.4**
BrownFA s	**...**	**39**	**47.85**	**+.84**	**+2.9**
BrownFB s	**...**	**...**	**46.84**	**+.88**	**+4.5**
CVS Health	2.00f	14	80.05	+.77	+1.4
CallonPet	**...**	**84**	**11.86**	**+.31**	**-22.9**
Caterpillar	3.08	30	96.61	+2.49	+4.4
Celestic g	...	10	14.45	+.19	+21.9
CntryLink	2.16	16	23.40	+.13	+7.0
ChesEng	...	...	5.38	-.14	-29.4
Chevron	**4.28f**	**...**	**106.83**	**+1.84**	**-10.0**
Chicos	.36	19	13.80	-.38	-3.6
Citigroup	.92	...	119.34	+1.71	-12.2
Coeur	1.56	17	33.28	+.48	+10.1
Citigroup	.64	13	59.44	+1.70	...
ClayEng	**...**	**...**	**131.80**	**+1.80**	**+19.8**
CocaCola	**1.48f**	**26**	**43.28**	**+.21**	**+8.4**
ColgPalm	**1.80f**	**26**	**73.66**	**+.84**	**+12.8**
Comcast s	.52f	21	38.01	-.15	+10.1
ConAgra	**.80**	**21**	**40.93**	**+.27**	**+3.5**
ConchoRes	**...**	**...**	**129.43**	**+1.42**	**-2.4**
ConocoPhil	**1.00f**	**...**	**47.91**	**+.17**	**-4.4**
CrackerB	4.60	25	161.10	+2.22	-3.5
CSVelIVST	...	...	73.26	+7.00	+56.7
CrosTim	**1.10e**	**14**	**15.80**	**+.25**	**-12.1**
CyrRx h	...	...	.83	+.22	+123.1
DCP Mid	3.12	19	38.14	+.49	-.6
DTE	3.30f	24	104.45	+.50	+6.0
Dataram rs	...	...	1.21	-.00	-45.0
DeltaAir	.81	9	46.81	+1.28	-4.6
DeutschBk	.63e	...	18.37	+1.87	+1.5
DevonE	**.24**	**...**	**39.82**	**+.08**	**-12.8**
DxSCBear rs	...	...	17.36	-.69	-12.5
DrGMBll s	...	...	5.25	-.36	-5.9
DrGBull s	...	...	9.36	-.51	+22.5
Disney	**1.50f**	**20**	**113.70**	**-.74**	**+8.1**
DowChm	**1.84**	**20**	**62.82**	**+.86**	**+9.8**
DryShp rs	...	1	1.31	-.24	-98.9
eBay s	...	4	32.05	-.13	+7.9
EDG Resc s	**.67**	**...**	**93.74**	**+.16**	**-7.3**
Energen	.08	...	51.96	+.30	-9.9
EngyTsfr	4.22	...	35.44	+.32	-1.0
EnPro	**.80f**	**58**	**68.41**	**+1.39**	**+1.6**
EntProdPt	1.88f	22	27.85	+.17	+3.0
Ericsson	.11e	...	6.36	+.13	+9.1
ExxonMbl	**3.00**	**36**	**81.11**	**+.42**	**-10.1**
Facebook	...	34	145.47	+1.79	+26.4
FelCbr	.24	11	7.90	+.58	-1.4
FordM	.60a	6	11.43	+.09	-5.8
FrptMcM	...	...	12.23	...	-7.3
FrontierCm	.42	...	1.90	-.04	-43.8
GATX	**1.68f**	**10**	**61.29**	**+.11**	**-.5**
GoldfldRt	**.04e**	**...**	**0.20**	**-.12**	**+13.3**
GlbInv	**1.15e**	**...**	**33.82**	**+.24**	**+8.5**
GenElec	**.96**	**21**	**29.55**	**...**	**-6.5**
GenMotors	1.32	6	33.91	+.16	-2.7
GtPlainEn	**1.10**	**18**	**29.51**	**-.03**	**+7.9**
Groupon	...	...	3.89	+.01	+17.2
HalPrtr	.72	...	46.75	-.31	-13.6
Hunt(Jbhnt	.32	20	12.99	+.39	-1.7
iShEMU	.95e	...	39.32	+1.93	+13.6
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	38.17	+.21	+10.0
iShEMkts	.84e	...	39.85	+.56	+13.8
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	63.54	+1.57	+10.1
ShR2K	1.77e	...	138.92	+1.71	+3.0
Intel	**1.09f**	**16**	**36.75**	**+.43**	**+1.3**
InterDig	1.20	10	90.30	+4.90	-1.1
JPMorgCh	1.92	14	87.50	+2.98	+1.4
JohnJn	**3.20**	**19**	**122.89**	**+1.13**	**+6.7**
Keycorp	.34	19	18.55	+.40	+1.5
KimbClk	**3.88**	**22**	**130.40**	**+.44**	**+14.3**
KindMorg	.50	69	20.63	+.36	-.4
LegacyRes	.60m	...	2.07	-.07	-2.4
Lultys	...	...	**2.99**	**+.08**	**-30.1**
MGM Rsrts	.39p	25	29.00	+.59	+.6
MarathnO	.20	...	15.15	-.01	-12.5
Mattel	1.52	25	21.60	-.19	-21.6
McDnlds	3.76	25	134.23	+.82	+10.3
Merck	1.88	16	62.14	+.25	+5.6
MerMfd	**...**	**38**	**30.40**	**+1.40**	**+14.7**
MexcoEn	...	...	3.75	-.04	-25.0
MicronT	...	32	26.57	-.75	+21.2
Microsoft	1.56	30	67.53	+1.13	+8.7
MorgStan	.80	13	43.56	+1.76	+3.1
Nabors	.24	...	11.76	-.03	-28.3
NatGrid	**3.38e**	**...**	**65.08**	**+.90**	**+11.6**
NOilWerco	.20	27	35.43	+.78	-5.4
NobleCorp	.08	3	4.92	-.37	-16.9
NokiaCp	.17e	...	5.38	+.16	+11.9
NSTFB	**.55e**	**...**	**14.46**	**+.01**	**+2.0**
NTXQI	**.65**	**...**	**14.66**	**-.18**	**+6.9**
OcciPet	**3.04**	**...**	**62.07**	**+.21**	**-12.9**
OcwenFn	...	...	2.26	-.16	-58.1
PDC Engy	**...**	**...**	**57.61**	**+.46**	**-20.6**
PerTech	**...**	**25**	**8.34**	**+.05**	**+49.5**
ParkDrl	...	...	1.60	...	-38.5
PetMEI	**.08**	**...**	**22.33**	**+.16**	**-17.1**
Penney	...	...	5.62	+.04	-32.4
PennaRE	**.84**	**10**	**14.60**	**-.56**	**-23.0**
Pfmian	.46e	28	9.90	-.26	+28.4
Petrobras	...	...	9.21	+.20	-8.9
Pfizer	**1.28f**	**14**	**33.74**	**+.10**	**+3.9**
PloNtrl	.08	...	175.72	+1.09	-2.4
PlainsAAP	**2.20**	**27**	**20.92**	**+.01**	**-7.3**
PwShs QQQ1.52e	...	...	134.16	+1.60	+13.2
Praxair	**3.15f**	**22**	**123.01**	**+3.43**	**+5.0**
PrmEgy	**...**	**...**	**46.30**	**...**	**-16.1**
PUVixST rs	...	...	14.93	-4.06	...
ProctGam	**2.76f**	**24**	**89.55**	**+.93**	**+6.5**
RangeRs	.08	...	27.25	-.24	-20.8
RegionsFn	.28f	15	13.81	+.34	-3.8
RiteAid	...	34	3.73	-.07	-54.7
Rowan	.40	7	14.37	+.10	-23.9
RoyDShllA	3.76	79	52.27	+.86	-3.9
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	207.38	+2.13	+5.0
SpdrEuro50	1.18e	...	37.96	+2.00	+13.4
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	237.17	+2.58	+6.1
SabnR	2.13e	17	36.10	-.45	+2.7
SanderFm	**.96**	**13**	**112.81**	**-.64**	**+19.7**
Schlmbrg	2.00	74	74.10	-.74	-11.7
SiriusXM	.01p	39	5.13	+.06	+15.3
Smucker	3.00	16	127.16	+.58	-.7
SwstnEngy	...	...	7.53	+.09	-30.4
Sprint	...	...	8.71	+.21	+3.4
SP Engy	2.04e	...	68.19	+.40	-9.5
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	23.68	+.52	+1.8
SP Util	1.55e	...	52.00	+.27	+7.1
SunocoLog	2.08f	24	23.71	+.16	-1.3
TelefEsp	**1.03e**	**...**	**11.37**	**+.47**	**+23.6**
Tesoro	2.20	12	80.04	+2.15	-8.5
3M Co	4.70f	24	194.23	+2.73	+8.8
Torchmark	**.60f**	**17**	**77.28**	**+.95**	**+4.8**
TrfContl	**.52e**	**...**	**23.62**	**+.19**	**+7.1**
Twitter	...	...	14.71	+.08	-9.8
TylerTech	**...**	**51**	**160.47**	**+1.91**	**+12.4**
UBSI	**1.32**	**21**	**41.60**	**+.55**	**-10.1**
US OilFd	...	...	10.25	-.07	-12.5
USSteel	.20	...	31.20	+.78	-5.5
Vale SA	.29e	...	8.75	+.17	+14.8
ValeantPh	...	3	8.60	+.09	-40.8
ValeroE	2.80f	18	66.82	+1.59	-2.2
VanEGold	.12e	...	23.20	-.41	+10.9
VanE JrGld	...	...	33.70	-.84	+6.8
VangEmg	1.10e	...	40.16	+.46	+12.2
VerizonCm	2.31	11	47.05	-.20	-11.9
VulcanM	**1.00f**	**40**	**122.02**	**+1.05**	**-2.5**
WEC Engy	2.08	21	60.72	+.42	+3.5
WalgBoots	1.50	18	84.28	+.25	+1.8
WeathIntl	...	...	5.48	+.01	+9.8
WellsFargo	1.52	13	53.65	+.65	-2.6
WstnRefin	1.52	28	34.50	+.98	-8.9
WhitingPet	...	...	8.06	-.01	-32.9
WholeFood	.56	25	36.46	-.75	+18.5
WmsCos	1.20f	51	29.98	-.03	-3.7
XcelEngy	**1.44f**	**21**	**45.02**	**+.19**	**+10.6**
Xerox	**.25m**	**10**	**7.06**	**+.14**	**+22.8**

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INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
21,169.11	17,063.08	Dow Jones Industrials	20,763.89	+216.13	+1.05	+5.07	+15.50
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BRISTOW DIVISION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

COMMUNITY BANK, Bristow, Oklahoma, a state banking corporation)
Plaintiff,)
vs.) Case No. B-CJ-2017-00007
LANCE D. WOLF; AMBER WOLF, if spouse and, if not, SPOUSE of Lance D. Wolf, if any; OCCUPANT(S) OF THE PREMISES. 401 South Bristow Avenue, Drumright, OK 74030-4003; CREEK COUNTY TREASURER; and CREEK COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,)
Defendants.)

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: LANCE D. WOLF

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued by Community Bank, Bristow, OK, and that you must answer the Petition of said Plaintiff on file in said cause on or before June 1, 2017, or the allegations of said Petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered, foreclosing any interest you may have in the following described property situated in Creek County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

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abstracting costs, property preservation expenses, a reasonable attorney's fee, costs and for such other relief as may be proper in these premises and ordering said property sold with or without appraisement as Plaintiff may elect, all of which you will take due notice.

Given under my hand and seal this 18 day of April, 2017.

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By: Marcia Gilliam, Deputy Court Clerk

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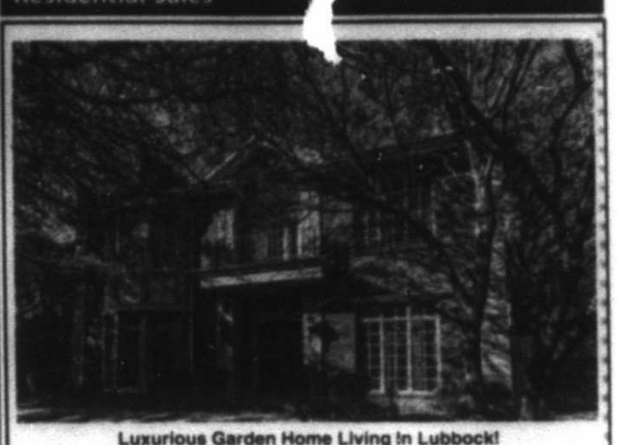

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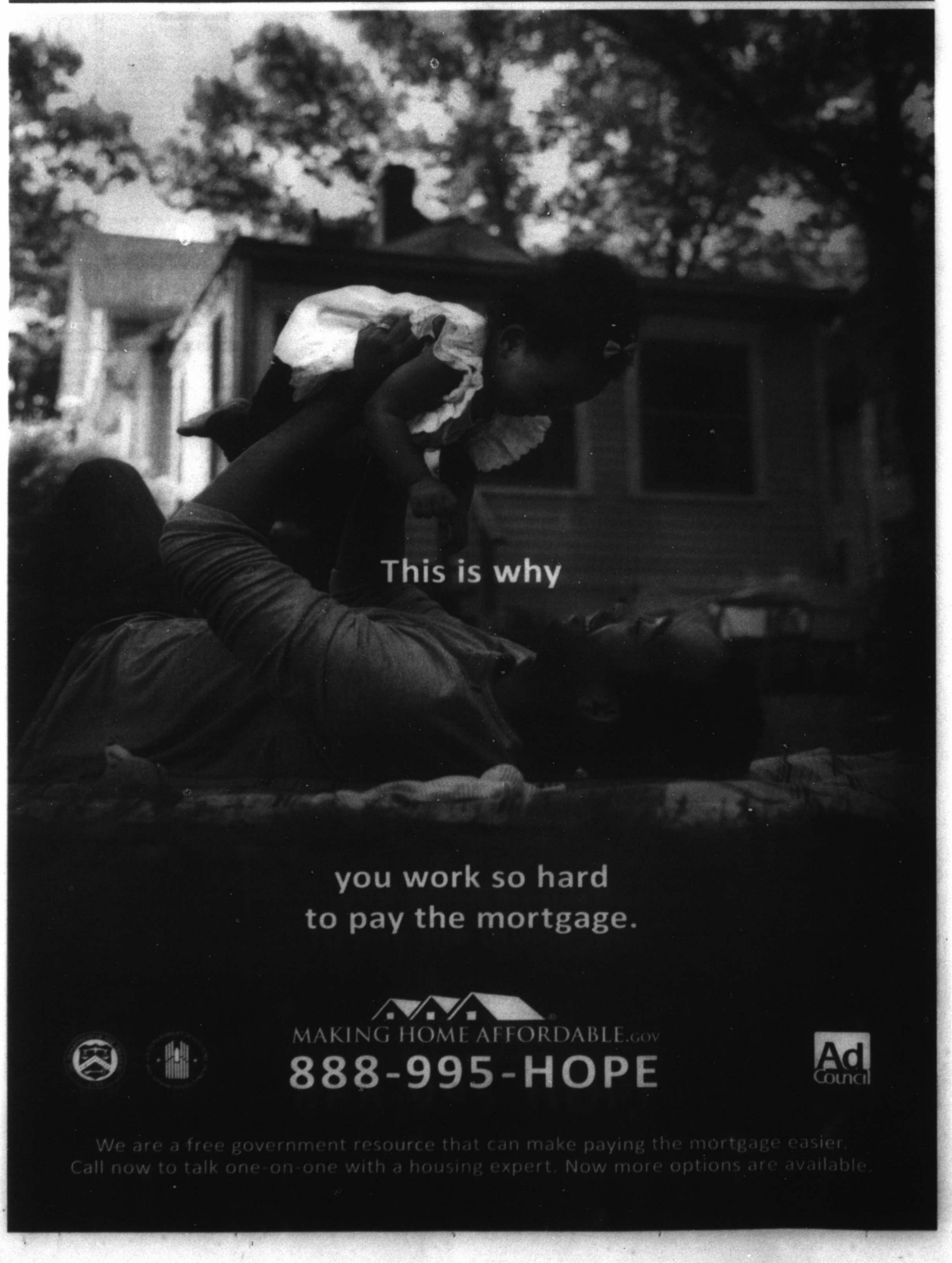

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