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LaNique Smith will compete in the Class 3A 100-meter hurdles at the state track meet this weekend. Smith has the second-fastest regional time (15.30 seconds) among the nine competitors racing.

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MISD officials discuss impact of appraisal estimate

By Cassie Burton
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Midland Independent School District is facing a possible 10 percent reduction in valuations, according to an estimate from the Midland Central Appraisal District. Midland ISD board of trustees met Monday night to take a look at possibilities to address an anticipated $25.3 million deficit.

MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren said that with the 10 percent valuation drop, the district will owe between $47 million and $48 million in recapture payment to the state.

At Monday's meeting, Warren presented budget possibilities to the board using initial, secondary and third level (most severe) budget cuts and possible tax rate increases. State law forbids raising the tax rate a school district charges unless it is approved in a tax ratification election.

State law also forbids raising the tax rate above $1.17 per $100 valuation even with voter approval, Warren said in a previous interview.

Even with the third, most severe, round of cuts of $18 million, the district would still face a shortfall of more than $7 million. About $3 million remains of the $10 million transferred from the unrestricted fund balance to level the current year's budget; that still leaves a $4 million shortfall.

Warren showed a district report of tax increases, penny-by-penny, paired with the three different rounds of budget cuts. The district can go up to two cents more than the $1.04 charged per $100 valuation without it affecting its recapture payment. However, going up one or two cents would not balance the budget, Warren said, instead reducing the budget deficit to $2.7 million and $857,000, respectively, even when paired with the most severe round of cuts.

Increasing the tax rate by three cents or more means that the district's recapture payment to the state also starts to increase. Because of this, the district would still be in a budget deficit even with the third round of cuts and leftover $3 million when adding three pennies to the current tax rate.

Warren indicated key benchmarks:

- Which rate would mean a balanced budget with the third round of cuts and $3 million transfer ($1.08, with the district having about $843,000 left over).
- Which rate would mean a balanced budget with secondary cuts and a budget transfer ($1.11, with a $2.7 million transfer) and
- Which rate would mean a balanced budget with initial cuts and some of the transfer ($1.14, with a $2.45 million transfer).

School board president Rick Davis questioned two items on the initial list of cuts that totaled about $4 million and would primarily mean cutting academic coaches and teachers. Davis proposed receiving a revised list of cuts and possibilities when removing the approximate $4 million in cuts "off the table," decreasing the amount of cuts from $12.3 million to about $8.3 million.

"We don't want to do any of these cuts, but I'm just saying I'm advocating those two things (that cut teacher and academic coaches) be taken off the table," Davis said.

Davis said that a tax rate increase could pay for the $4 million. It would be unfair to MISD students to make cuts that affect the classroom when the district could ask that taxpayers "invest" in children's education and pay a higher rate, Davis said.

Davis said the district would make at least initial budget cuts (which, under his

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STRIKINGLY ELECTRIC

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Lightning strikes over a pumpjack near Fairgrounds Road in Midland on Saturday.

Patrick wants Fort Worth superintendent to resign

■ The call comes because of 'Transgender Student Guidelines.'

By Patrick Svitek
Texas Tribune

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick on Monday called for the resignation of Fort Worth ISD Superintendent Kent Scribner over new guidelines dealing with transgender students.

"After less than a year as superintendent, Dr. Scribner has lost his focus and thereby his ability to lead the Fort Worth ISD," Patrick said in a statement. "He has placed his own personal political agenda ahead of the more than 86,000 students attending 146 schools in the district by unilaterally adopting 'Transgender Student Guidelines.'"

Patrick's statement came in response to Scribner's recent approval of a set of guidelines that instruct district employees to "acknowledge the gender identity that each student consistently and uniformly asserts." Scribner announced he had signed the guidelines, which had been under development for roughly a year, at a meeting of Fort Worth ISD board April 26.

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U.S. Justice Department sued North Carolina over the state's new bathroom law Monday. U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch said the law requiring transgender people to use the public restroom corresponding to the gender on their birth certificate amounts to "state-sponsored discrimination."

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The guidelines specify that schools must ensure students feel safe in their restrooms. If a student is uncomfortable using the bathroom with a transgender peer, the school must let the student use a single-stall restroom, a gender-neutral bathroom or a restroom where no one else is present.

"Without any discussion with parents, board members, principals, and other community leaders, Dr. Scribner's unilateral action, underscores this lack of fitness to hold his position as superintendent," said Patrick, who has expressed concern that letting transgender people in to public bathrooms creates the risk for violence against women.

"Campus safety should be of paramount concern for anyone in his position," Patrick said of Scribner. "Every parent, especially those of young girls, should be outraged."

Patrick's call for Scribner's resignation is playing out against an increasingly pitched battle over transgender rights in Texas and across the country. Earlier Monday, North Carolina and the U.S. Department of Justice tangled in federal court over the state's House Bill 2, which prohibits people from using public bathrooms that do not match up with their biological sex.

In the Lone Star State, Patrick and other Republicans have vowed to pursue a similar measure in the next legislative session.

Patrick called on parents of Fort Worth ISD to "take immediate steps to repeal this stealthy scheme and remove Dr. Scribner from his post." The board's next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening.

Fort Worth ISD spokesman Clint Bond said the district is "respectfully declining to comment" on Patrick's statement.

Appraisal estimates make sales tax more important

From staff reports

Midland County Judge Mike Bradford said an early estimate showing a nearly 11 percent drop in valuation starts to paint the picture of the type of budget season the county is facing.

Bradford said the attention of the Commissioners' Court will turn to sales tax collections, which he said is down about $3.5 million compared to last year. And while the commissioners were very conservative in their projection for the year, the run of double-digit percentage drops must come to an end. Should the drop-offs continue, "that will give us different conversations about how we use reserves," Bradford said.

Currently, there is $54 million in the county's savings account.

Bradford said he sent out guidelines calling for an 8 percent reduction in operations. That means no new hires (full-time and part-time), no major acquisitions and specific parameters on vehicles.

The reason for the belt-tightening is the valuations decrease, including the 15 decrease in expected minerals valuations. The Midland Central Appraisal District recently performed estimates as required by law. Taxing entities will use the information to help with the upcoming budget season.

While the county was hit hard, the city was sparred a large blow by the early reporting because the city is not as dependent on minerals. One percent or 2 percent of the city's the tax base is minerals, according to MCAD, compared to 15 percent for the county and Midland ISD.

City Manager Courtney Sharp said the 1 percent or 2 percent difference equates to $450,000. As with the county, sales tax will be the bigger issue for the city. Sharp said the city is $2.5 million to $3 million short this current year.

He said the impact on next year's budget will be a combination of budget cuts — 5 percent by department.

Chief Appraiser Jerry Bundick said he expects to approve final numbers on or before July 25 and that he will provide entities with updates leading up to that point.

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The big number
Uber and Lyft suspended operations in Austin
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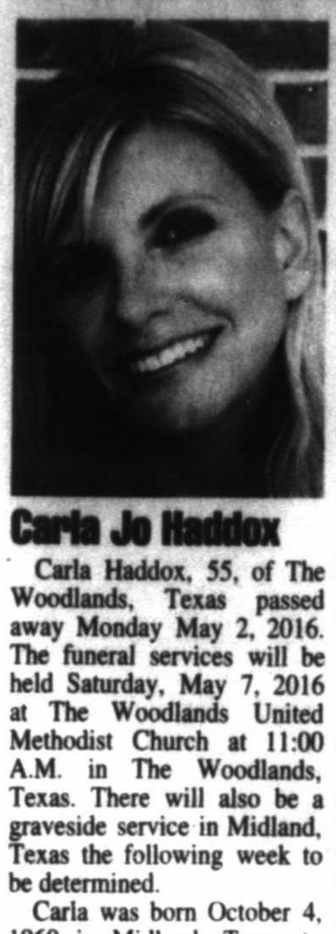


Carla Jo Haddox

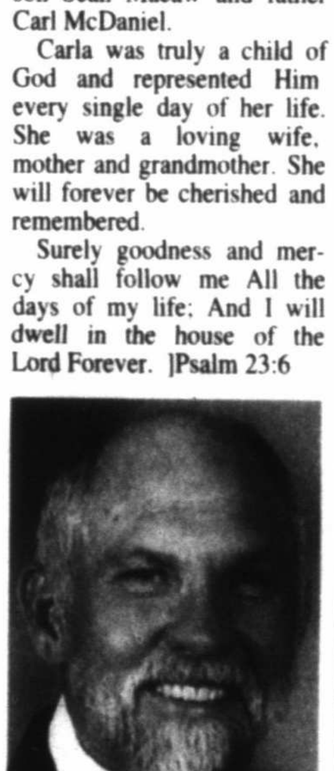
Carla Haddox, 55, of The Woodlands, Texas passed away Monday May 2, 2016. The funeral services will be held Saturday, May 7, 2016 at The Woodlands United Methodist Church at 11:00 A.M. in The Woodlands, Texas. There will also be a graveside service in Midland, Texas the following week to be determined.

Carla was born October 4, 1960 in Midland, Texas to parents Carl and Jovita McDaniel. Her mother shortly died after her birth from Lupus and her father married Sue Goodman in 1961. Sue lovingly raised Carla and accepted her as her daughter.

Survivors include husband, Randy Haddox of The Woodlands, Texas; mother, Sue McDaniel of Midland, Texas; brothers Jim and Keith McDaniel of Midland, Texas; daughter Erin Macaw Price and son Jin Jlaw Craig Price of Montgomery, Texas; Step daugher, Aleen Ward and step son in law James Ward of Tomball, Texas; Step son Randy Haddox Jr. of Houston, Texas. Grandchildren, Ryland Macaw of Midland, Texas and Saylor Price of Montgomery, Texas; Step Grandchildren Luke Ward of Tomball, Texas and Savannah and Penelope Haddox of Houston, Texas. She is preceded in death by son Sean Macaw and father Carl McDaniel.

Carla was truly a child of God and represented Him every single day of her life. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She will forever be cherished and remembered.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever. Psalm 23:6



George Olson

George Olson, 72, of Midland, Texas passed away Saturday May 7, 2016.

George was born April 27, 1944 in Colorado Springs, Colorado to parents Frances and George Olson.

George graduated from the Colorado School of Mines in 1966 with a Degree in Geological Engineering and continued his education by earning a Master's of Science in 1970. Coach George had a true passion for traveling and for reading. He also loved to mentor youth and coach girls youth soccer in Midland.

George is survived by his wife Delores; son Richard; daughters Katherine Olson and husband Jeff Robbins; Karen Hankey and husband Tom; sister Paula and husband Richard Houlberg; grandchildren Christopher and his wife Kristina, David and wife Kayla, Jade, Taylor, Richard Jr, Kyle, Jarret, Kaedynn and Alex; great grandchildren Arianna, Audrey, Kendall, Jace, Kya, and Dax; nieces Tammy Britton and Theresa Allgier.

Geologist extraordinaire, we know George is resting easy and beginning a new adventure. We love you and will miss you so much, you were the "Rock" of our family. You instilled your values to your entire family needed to live a Good Life- Thank you from all of us.

A memorial service was held on Monday, May 9, 2016 at 1 pm at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

In lieu of gifts or flowers, please make contributions to the charity of your choice.

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Anita June Adams McGaughey

On May 6, 2016, Anita June Adams McGaughey was carried to Heaven by God's angels and gently placed directly into the loving, healing arms of her Heavenly Father. She fought a long and difficult illness with grace, strength and unfailing courage that inspired us all. She will be greeted by Marion (her husband of nearly 65 years), her parents, her son Mike and many other family members and friends who have preceded her. What a glorious reunion that will be!

June was born August 1, 1931 in Brady, Texas. She married her beloved husband, Marion on August 23, 1948 in Coleman, Texas. June was a devoted, loving Christian wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a member of Crestview Baptist Church in Midland and was a powerful, devoted and effective prayer warrior. She truly loved her Lord, family and friends with all her heart. She thanked God daily for them as they blessed her life, just as she blessed the lives of everyone who had the privilege of knowing her.

June and Marion had two children, Mike & Kathy. During their school years, June was Room Mother, Cub Scout Den Mother and Brownie Scout Leader and taught Children's Sunday School classes. She worked for Sears in San Angelo for 10 years. Her hobbies included beautifully decorating her homes, creating spectacular yards and gardens in every home she and Marion lived in, making ceramics, fishing, working jigsaw puzzles, crossword puzzles and playing games with family and friends.

June loved the Lord and one of her happiest memories of all was the joy she and Marion shared in helping to establish Glen Meadows Baptist Church in San Angelo, TX in 1987. With nine other faithful Christians, God grew the church from eleven Charter Members to approximately 1600 members as of May 2016. Marion served as Treasurer and June served on the Building Committee.

In 1987, June and Marion built a beautiful retirement home on Lake Brownwood. In 1994, they moved back to San Angelo for a short time before moving permanently to Midland in 1996 to live in the same town as their daughter Kathy and son-in-law Pat.

The family would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratefulness and gratitude for all of the wonderful doctors, nurses, caregivers, staffs and volunteers who helped so much during this journey. Our special thanks go to Dr. Michael Miller, Dr. Michael Dragun, Dr. Frank McGehee, Kendall Warren of Home Care Assistance, Greg McDonald of UBS, The Village at Manor Park (Mabee Health Care Center) and Home Hospice of Midland.

June is survived by her daughter Kathy Greetan (and husband Pat) of Midland TX, her daughter-in-law Patty McGaughey of Houston, TX, her sister Patricia Moseley (and husband John) of Horseshoe Bay, TX, her sister-in-laws Fern Sheppard (and husband Waymond) of Bangs, TX and Donna McGaughey of Bangs, TX, grandsons Steve Morris of Midland, TX, Brent Atkins (and wife Christina) of Carlsbad, NM, Matthew McGaughey of Houston, TX, granddaughter Kristy McGaughey (and husband Jeremiah) of Denton, TX, great grandchildren Dylan & Ashley Morris of Midland, TX, Brittany Atkins of Midland, TX, Connor Atkins of Carlsbad, NM, Maya Abigail-Reese Safarik of Denton, TX and many other very special nieces, nephews, family members and devoted friends.

June was preceded in death by grandparents Guy & Augusta "Gussie" Adams & Joe & Rosa Shaffer Cunningham, parents Wiley Andrew Adams & Anna Mae Cunningham Adams, husband Marion Lee McGaughey, and son Michael Lee McGaughey.

The family will receive friends at Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Hwy, Midland, TX, on Wednesday, May 11th during the hours of 6:00 to 7:30 PM. June will be available for viewing at Davis-Morris Funeral Home, Brownwood, TX, 800 Center Ave, on Friday, May 13th during the hours of 8:00 am - 5:00 PM. Burial arrangements will be entrusted to Ellis Funeral Home, Midland, TX and Davis Morris Funeral Home, Brownwood, TX. The family will hold a graveside service on Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 10:00 am at the Bangs Cemetery, Bangs, TX with Brother David Barnum of Grosvenor Baptist Church officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be given to The Village at Manor Park (Mabee Health Care Center) 2208 N Loop 250 West, Midland, TX, 79707 / Home Hospice of Midland, 200 W Illinois Ave, Midland, TX, 79701 / Grosvenor Baptist Church 9501 FM 1850, Brownwood, TX 76801 or Glen Meadows Baptist Church 6002 Knickerbocker Rd, San Angelo, TX 76904. Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com

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Death Notices

Doris Jean Nease

Doris Jean Nease, 79, of Midland, passed away on Sunday, May 8, 2016. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 from 7:00-9:00PM at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 1:00PM at First Baptist Church Chapel in Midland. Interment will follow at Resthaven Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, Ladue Nease; son, Mark Nease; and daughter, Gayla Mabee.

Joe Lopez

Joe Lopez, 78, of Midland, passed away Sunday, May 8, 2016. A rosary will be held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland. Funeral mass will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at St. Stephen's Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Survivors include wife, Beatrice Lopez; daughters, Judy Guyer, Beverly Robledo and JoAnn Dominguez; and son, Joe Anthony Lopez.

Guadalupe Cereceres Bautista

Guadalupe Cereceres Bautista, 84, of Midland, Texas, passed away Saturday, May 7, 2016.

Rosary will be Wednesday, May 11th at 7:00pm at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel. A funeral mass celebrating her life will be Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 2:00pm at San Miguel Arcangel Catholic Church, 1100 Camp St. Midland, Texas, following with a burial service at Fairview Cemetery.

She is survived by four sons, Reynaldo Bautista, Andy Bautista, Armando Bautista and Enrique Bautista; four daughters, Mary Carrasco, Connie Gonzales, Lupe Garcia and Corina Olgin; two brothers, two sisters and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Rudolph Walter (Rudy) Kuzmich

Rudolph Walter (Rudy) Kuzmich, of Midland, Texas passed away May 6, 2016 in Midland at the age of 90. Memorial Mass will be held at 11:00A.M. on Friday, May 13, 2016 at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Midland, TX. Graveside services will be held at 1:00P.M. on Saturday, May 21, 2016 at Highland Memorial Cemetery in Mount Carmel, IL.

Rudy is survived by his wife, Janette Kuzmich; daughter, Berkley Ann Kuzmich; sons, Clinton Joseph Kuzmich; Stephen Wood Kuzmich; Thomas Matthew Kuzmich, stepchildren, Greg Hill and Christi Tooley, and numerous grandchildren.

New Mexico projects a shrinking Medicaid shortfall

By Morgan Lee
Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — New Mexico officials are predicting they can shrink a state budget shortfall for Medicaid health care to $24 million if proposals go forward to reduce reimbursement rates to hospitals and physicians along with other accounting measures.

The Human Services Department on Monday released detailed financial projections for its evolving plan to deal with an initial $85 million shortfall in the state's obligations toward Medicaid through June 2017.

The agency is pursuing reductions to Medicaid reimbursement rates for a broad range of medical services and at hospitals in general starting July 1, as well as a roll-back of 2014 reimbursement increases for general physicians.

A one-time federal waiver of federal assessments on insurance companies also will reduce the Medicaid budget gap, but it wouldn't help in subsequent years.

The new projections rely on $20 million in proposed transfers from the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center in Albuquerque.

Human Service Sec. Brent Earnest said the agency is asking for advice from industry stakeholders on how to save an additional $20 million by possibly changing what benefits are covered by Medicaid and seeking federal authorization to charge Medicaid-enrolled patients.

"We'll see how the next (advisory) group does in terms of recommending changes in the benefit package or what's covered in Medicaid and maybe even looking at cost sharing things like co-pays and premiums — the things that the Legislature also directed us to look into," he said.

New Mexico residents have flocked to Medicaid since Republican Gov. Susan Martinez agreed to an expansion in 2014 under the federal Affordable Care Act. About 36 percent of New Mexico's 2.1 million residents are fully enrolled in Medicaid care for the poor and disabled.

At the same time, New Mexico has been struggling to keep up with its growing Medicaid obligations, as state revenues recoil from the downturn in energy markets and policy makers seek to preserve spending increases on education and public safety.

The federal government adds more than $3 million in matching funds for every dollar New Mexico spends on Medicaid.

Lowering Medicaid reimbursement rates would save the state up to $34 million — and also could mean the New Mexico forgoes as much as $128 million in federal matching funds.

Public health advocates worry those and other cuts will undermine finances and staffing at medical facilities that cater to the poor and disabled.

Ban on teachers criticizing tests to end

By Russell Contreras
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The New Mexico Public Education Department said Monday that it will remove a rule that prohibits state teachers from making disparaging remarks about standardized tests.

Robert McEntryre, a spokesman for the department, confirmed that officials are working on getting rid of the Gov. Bill Richardson-era regulation and that the department has never used it against any teacher.

"This was a Richardson-era rule put into the books, and we never enforced it. We reviewed it just as we said we would, and we've decided to roll it back," McEntryre said.

The move comes after the American Civil Liberties Union of New Mexico filed a lawsuit in March challenging a regulation that prohibits teachers and other public school employees from criticizing standardized tests. The lawsuit was filed in Santa Fe District Court on behalf of five public school teachers in Albuquerque and Santa Fe, along with a parent of an Albuquerque student.

The ACLU said the provision against making disparaging statements could result in a license suspension or revocation for teachers and other educators.

ACLU-NM Staff Attorney Maria Martinez Sanchez says the group is pleased the department is ending this "unconstitutional gag rule."

"We should be listening to the teachers' expertise on these issues, not trying to stifle their free speech by threatening their jobs," Sanchez said.

The Public Education Department said the regulation dates back to 2009. It was designed to ensure that students are encouraged to do their best on performance exams.

No one has been disciplined under the provision during the administration of Gov. Susana Martinez, the department said.

The agency had said the ACLU's lawsuit was designed to push an "extreme agenda" against all student testing.

State officials will ask the court for a stay while it goes through the necessary steps to remove the gag rule from the books.

Governor vetoes bills changing rural water supply rules

By Bob Christie and Ryan Van Velzer
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey on Monday vetoed a pair of bills that would have eased requirements for developers in two rural counties to show there's enough water to supply new homes.

The governor's veto stamp came shortly after he said at an unrelated school event that he wasn't going to allow legislation that undermines the state's 1980 groundwater management act to become law.

"It's time for me to get to the Capitol to veto some bad bills," he said.

In a statement after the veto, he said ensuring the certainty of water supplies is one of his top priorities.

Senate Bill 1400 would have forced a vote by county supervisors in rural counties as early as next year and every five years thereafter to keep current rules in place. Senate Bill 1268 allowed some cities including Sierra Vista in those counties to opt out of adequate water supply rules.

The legislation could have paved the way for a 7,000 home development in Sierra Vista and other large developments. The developer, Castle and Cooke Arizona, is owned by David H. Murdock — a billionaire real estate developer and owner of Dole Food Company.

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management sued the Arizona Department of Water Resources for signing off on Castle & Cooke Arizona's water plan to build in Sierra Vista. The federal agency says the developer intends to use groundwater that is linked to a federally protected conservation area along the San Pedro River.

Maricopa County Superior Court ruled against the Department of Water Resources, but the agency has since appealed — leaving the water rights issue hanging.

Both bills were sponsored by Sen. Gail griffin, R-Hereford. House Speaker David Gowan and Rep. David Stevens, the other two lawmakers representing Cochise County, co-sponsored SB1268 with Griffin.

None of the lawmakers immediately returned calls seeking comment.

The veto brought cheers from Kathleen Ferris, a senior fellow for Arizona State University Morrison Institute's Kyl Center for Water Policy who has been involved in Arizona water issues for decades. She praised lawmakers who voted against the legislation, saying they recognized that potential impact of the legislation and stood up and tried to stop it.

"We need to strengthen our water laws in rural areas, not weaken them," Ferris said. "In most of the rural areas of our state we have no limits on groundwater pumping. And the requirement to demonstrate an adequate water supply is one of the few tools that rural areas have to manage groundwater supplies."

Ferris said the veto also showed the governor was willing to take on powerful business interests to ensure the state's water supply is protected.

"I think it signals that the governor wants to be a statesman on water issues, that he recognizes how important water is to the general well-being, economy and health of the state," she said. "And that he's going to focus his effort on enhancing water management rather that weakening it."

Roswell police: Suspect arrested after man is shot

Associated Press

ROSWELL, N.M. — Authorities say a confrontation preceded the fatal shooting of a man in Roswell and a suspect is in custody.

Roswell police arrested 31-year-old William Anthony Otero around 2 a.m. Monday in connection with the case.

They say Otero was detained almost immediately after Sunday night's shooting.

Police say officers found 34-year-old Ralph Pichardo dead on a street about 8 p.m.

Investigators believe there was an argument and a possible fight between Otero and Pichardo before shots were fired.

Police say Otero is being held without bond in the Chaves County Detention Center.

It's unclear if he has a lawyer yet.

Police say they're still searching for a person of interest in the case, but don't believe that person fired any shots during the incident.

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Tough-talking Philippine mayor looks set to be president

By Jim Gomez and Teresa Cerojano
Associated Press

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Front-running presidential candidate Mayor Rodrigo Duterte is prayed over by a supporter during a news conference shortly after voting in a polling precinct at Daniel R. Aguinaldo National High School, Matina district, his hometown in Davao city in southern Philippines on Monday. Duterte was the last to vote among five presidential hopefuls.

MANILA, Philippines — A brash and tough-talking mayor who has pledged to kill suspected criminals and end crime within six months looked set to become the next president of the Philippines after taking an unassailable lead in an unofficial vote count in Monday's elections.

The son of late dictator Ferdinand Marcos had a narrow lead in the vice presidential race.

Rodrigo Duterte, the mayor of southern Davao city, had secured more than 14.4 million votes, according to a count of 87 percent of precincts nationwide. The closest of his four main rivals, former Interior Secretary Mar Roxas, had 8.6 million votes. Final results are expected Tuesday.

"We can call it now because the gap got so big relative to the maximum the No. 2 can get" of the remaining votes, said William Yu of the Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting. The group is accredited by the Commission on Elections to conduct the unofficial "quick count."

A victory by Duterte would amount to a massive political shift in the Philippines. Starting as an outsider, Duterte built his popularity with radical pledges to eliminate poverty and end corruption and crime. He has a reputation for fighting crime as mayor of Davao for 22 years, but has been accused of ordering extrajudicial killings to achieve that.

On the last day of campaigning Saturday, he made clear he intends to continue his hard-line approach.

"All of you who are into drugs, you sons of b-----, I will really kill you," Duterte, 71, a former prosecutor, told a rally. "I have no patience. I have no middle ground, either you kill me or I will kill you idiots."

Statements such as that have won him the nickname "Duterte Harry," a reference to the Clint Eastwood movie character "Dirty Harry" who had little regard for rules. He has also been compared to Donald Trump, the U.S. Republican presumptive presidential nominee.

Duterte is known for jokes about sex and rape, talking often about his Viagra-fueled sexual escapades, and for undiplomatic remarks about Australia, the United States and China, all key players in the country's politics. He has threatened to dismiss the Philippine Congress and form a revolutionary government if he is confronted with uncooperative legislators.

Outgoing President Benigno Aquino III tried to discourage Filipinos from voting for Duterte over fears the mayor may endanger the country's hard-fought democracy and squander economic gains of the last six years, when the Philippine economy grew at an average of 6.2 percent, one of the best rates in Asia.

But on election day, with opinion polls giving him the best chance to win, Duterte reached out to his opponents.

"Let us be friends," he said at a news conference after voting in Davao. "Let us begin the process of healing."

Among the other presidential candidates, Sen. Grace Poe had 8.1 million votes and Vice President Jejomar Binay had 4.8 million, according to the partial unofficial results. Poe conceded defeat early Tuesday.

In the vice presidential race, Sen. Ferdinand Marcos Jr., the son of the former dictator who ruled the Philippines from 1972 until he was ousted in 1986 in a "people power" revolt, led with 12.6 million votes in the unofficial count. He was followed closely by Rep. Leni Robredo, who had 12.5 million votes.

Vice presidents are elected separately from presidents in the Philippines.

"I am feeling that by all indications we should be successful today," Marcos said in a statement.

Aquino, whose parents were democracy champions who helped topple the senior Marcos, also campaigned against Marcos Jr., who has never clearly apologized for economic plunder and widespread human rights abuses under his father.

Aquino warned that Duterte could be a dictator in the making and urged voters not to support him. Filipinos have been hypersensitive to potential threats to democracy since they ousted the elder Marcos.

Aside from the presidential and vice presidential races, more than 45,000 candidates contested 18,000 national, congressional and local positions in elections that have traditionally been tainted by violence and accusations of cheating.

About 55 million Filipinos registered to vote at 36,000 polling places across the archipelago of more than 7,100 islands, including in a small fishing village in a Philippine-occupied island in the disputed South China Sea.

Weary of poverty, poor public services, crime, corruption and insurgencies in the hinterlands, voters in the nation of 100 million people looked for radical change at the top.

Duterte tapped into that discontent, pledging to end crime in half a year, even though police said it was impossible. The other candidates stuck to less audacious reforms.

He has not articulated an overall foreign policy, but has described himself as a socialist wary of the U.S.-Philippine security alliance. He has worried members of the armed forces by saying that communist rebels could play a role in his government.

When the Australian and U.S. ambassadors criticized a joke he made about wanting to be the first to have raped an Australian missionary who was gang-raped and killed by inmates in a 1989 jail riot, he told them to shut up.

He said he would talk with China about territorial disputes in the South China Sea but if nothing happened, he would sail to an artificial island newly created by China and plant the Philippine flag there. China, he said, could shoot him and turn him into a national hero.

All of Duterte's opponents have accused him of making remarks that threaten the rule of law and democracy.

Analysts predicted that a Duterte win would weaken the Philippine peso, given his uncertain economic platform. The jitters have affected the Philippine stock market, which fell Friday — the last day of trading before Monday's election holiday — for the 10th time in 11 days.

"The market is obviously emotional and the stronger emotion is usually fear rather than hope," said Jose Vistan, research head at AB Capital Securities Inc.

Lawyer: Turkish president seeks to gag German media boss

Associated Press

BERLIN — A lawyer for Turkey's president said Monday that he is seeking a court injunction against the head of one of Germany's biggest publishing houses in an escalating row over a satirical poem.

The chief executive of Axel Springer, Mathias Doepfner, had expressed solidarity with a German TV comedian who wrote the crude ditty about Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

In an open letter published by the German weekly Welt am Sonntag last month, Doepfner cited Germany's tradition of upholding freedom of opinion, art and satire.

Erdogan's German lawyer Ralf Hoecker told The Associated Press that he has petitioned the Cologne regional court because Doepfner had repeated an accusation of bestiality contained in the poem. Hoecker is seeking an injunction to stop Doepfner from repeating what he said were vulgar words in the poem referring to Erdogan.

Hoecker said the court has already gagged a filmmaker who made a video inspired by the poem.

"As a society we have to be careful when the thin veneer of civilization starts peeling off and a collective loss of inhibition breaks out," Hoecker said.

Alberta premier tours fire-ravaged Fort McMurray

By Rachel La Corte and Rob Gillies
Associated Press

FORT MCMURRAY, Alberta — At least two neighborhoods in this oil sands town were scenes of utter devastation with incinerated homes completely leveled to their foundation from a wildfire that Fort McMurray's fire chief called a "beast ... a fire like I've never seen in my life."

But the wider picture was more optimistic as Fire Chief Darby Allen said 85 percent of Canada's main oil sands city remains intact, including the downtown district. Alberta's premier declared the city had been saved, adding that officials hope to provide a schedule within two weeks for thousands of evacuated residents to begin returning to their homes.

Alberta Premier Rachel Notley said about 2,400 homes and buildings were destroyed in the city, but firefighters managed to save 25,000 others, including the hospital, municipal buildings and every functioning school.

"This city was surrounded by an ocean of fire only a few days ago but Fort McMurray and the surrounding communities have been saved, and they will be rebuilt," Notley said.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

This date in West Texas

On May 10, 1999, Tory Mitchell of Big Spring High School claimed gold medals in both the 100 and 200 meters for the second straight year at the UIL Track and Field Championships in Austin.

Thing to do

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

Meetings

City Council
10 a.m.
Council Chambers City Hall
300 N. Loraine Ave.

Support groups, club meetings today

■ 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.

■ Midland Memorial Hospital's Better Breathing Club, 11:30 a.m., Midland Memorial Hospital Scharbauer Tower meeting room. Don at 221-4864 or Joanna at 682-4229.

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

■ American Legion Post No. 19, 6:30 p.m., 501 Veterans Airpark Lane; 682-5511.

■ ACT IX, 6:30 p.m., Cole Theater, Carolyn Schoolcraft, 685-7416.

■ Permian Basin Coin and Stamp Club, 7 p.m., Michael's Charcoal Grill; Dave Taylor;559-9890 or www.midlandcoins.com.

■ Midland Quilters Guild, 7 p.m., Alamo Heights Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. For more information call 694-0561.

■ Classic Movie Club, 7 p.m., Cigar Frog's, 216 N. Main St.; 687-1571.

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

■ Overeaters Anonymous; 7-8 p.m., B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1301

■ Permian Basin Dance Club with live country western bands, 7:30-10 p.m., St. Stephen's ballroom, 4601 Neely St. 432-520-4343 or 432-296-9840.

Meetings to focus on District 2 updates

District 2 residents are invited to learn more about their local government and receive updates specific to their neighborhoods at two upcoming community meetings.

Public meetings will take place from 6-8 p.m. May 19 at the MLK Jr. Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane, and May 26 at Martinez Bakery, 206 E. Florida Ave. Councilman John B. Love III, County Commissioner Luis Sanchez and city of Midland staff will be available to answer questions and discuss trends related to safety, development and local laws. Officials will be in attendance from the police, fire, utilities, engineering and development services departments.

The meeting will begin with formal comments by each department, followed by a question-and-answer session.

Community calendar

■ Midland County Republican Women will meet 11:15 a.m. Wednesday at Midland Country Club. Guest speakers will be Margaret Wade and Lisa Nash.

Luncheon is $20 with a reservation and $25 at the door. To RSVP, call 520-3500 or email: mcrwomwn@mcrw.us. For more information, visit www.mcrw.us.

■ As part of National Salvation Army Week May 9-15, Midland Park Mall will host a celebration of the Midland Salvation Army beginning 1 p.m. Saturday.

Midland Mayor Jerry Morales will proclaim Salvation Army Week. The proclamation will be followed by a performance by brass musicians from across the Permian Basin.

The Salvation Army has served Midland for more than 70 years.

■ The 11th annual Permian Basin Ride of Silence, a bike ride to honor and remember bicyclists killed in the Permian Basin since 1985 and to educate bicyclists and motorists alike of their shared responsibilities when sharing the road, is set for May 18. Riders will head out 7 p.m. from the CEED building, Farm-to-Market 1788 and State Highway 191. The procession will stay on the 191 service road. The route is a total of 12 miles.

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■ 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday
688-4810

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All or Nothing night: 6-9-10-11-14-15-17-18-21-22-23-24

Photos by Melissa Phillip/Houston Chronicle via AP

This is the inside of the Buffalo Bayou Park Cistern on April 25 in Houston. Built in 1927, it was the City of Houston's first underground drinking-water reservoir, a concrete holding tank roughly the size of one and half football fields on Sabine Street, near Buffalo Bayou.

Former drinking-water reservoir to open for tours

By Lisa Gray
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — In early summer of 2010, nobody thought much about the odd artificial hill where, every year, the city of Houston launched Fourth of July fireworks.

Next to Jamail Skate Park, the hill lay inside a strip of land that Buffalo Bayou Partnership was preparing to buy and transform into a park. Hills being rare in Houston, the partnership's consultants thought they might be able to put this one to good use — maybe as the site of the park's concert hall, which would then have a stunning, up-close view of downtown.

And maybe, they thought, the park could also find a use for the enormous underground space that they knew must exist beneath the hill. It had been a drinking-water reservoir, built in the 1920s, a space as large as one and a half football fields. Now the city was taking bids to demolish the leaky old thing, to remove its concrete and fill it with dirt.

But, the consultants wondered, could the park instead put the reservoir to use? As underground parking, maybe? Or to store mulch?

They had the city's workmen open the hatches on top of the hill. Then, armed with flashlights, the consultants climbed down a skinny metal ladder, into the humid dark.

And there they encountered the sublime.

Light from the overhead hatches pierced the blackness in dramatic shafts — a moody chiaroscuro that Velasquez or Rembrandt would have loved. As the consultants' eyes adjusted, they saw hundreds of slender concrete columns, 25 feet tall, stretching in rows to the far edges of the velvety blackness. Reflected in the six or so inches of water that remained in the reservoir, the columns looked even taller, even more magical.

The place sounded special, too: As if someone had turned up the reverb to 11. A handclap's echo would bounce back and forth, from cement wall to cement wall, for an astonishing 17 seconds, the sound waves colliding with each other, ebbing and flowing, as if in a physics demonstration.

Without thinking, the consultants lowered their voices. But even their whispers reverberated.

This very practical, industrial site felt ... sacred.

On Friday, when the Buffalo Bayou Park Cistern opens to the public, Houstonians will finally be able to experience the place's dark beauty for themselves.

Architect Larry Speck, a principal at Page, and a group from Buffalo Bayou Partnership visited the Cistern recently and explained what they've done. "We discussed lots of possibilities," Speck told the Houston Chronicle. "We dismissed the idea of parking — the columns are too close together for that anyway — but there was the thought that we could put in a restaurant that looked into the cistern. That would have ruined it. We decided to stick to something like the Hippocratic Oath: First, do no harm."

To meet safety codes, the Indiana Jones aspects of a visit to the Cistern had to be addressed. Normal human beings wouldn't be willing to carry an air monitor and have a winch available for rescues. They wouldn't want to clamber through a scary hatch on the roof, then down a narrow ladder. And they wouldn't want to go home covered in the red silty mud that coated the floor and walls.

With $1.7 million from the Brown Foundation, the foundation made only the necessary upgrades. They created a handicapped-accessible ground-floor entryway: a dim curved hallway embedded with a low line of LED lights. It's a place for eyes to dilate, for anticipation to build.

The hall leads to a door cut in the Cistern's concrete side. Through it, visitors step onto a six-foot-wide catwalk halfway between the Cistern's floor and ceiling.

People walk through the entrance hall to the Buffalo Bayou Park Cistern.

Wounded officer to be escorted home by colleagues

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — A Fort Worth police officer shot multiple times during a gunbattle will be escorted home by his colleagues when he's released from a Fort Worth hospital almost two months after he was wounded.

Police say that Officer Matt Pearce will be released from Texas Rehabilitation Hospital on Tuesday. He was shot on March 15.

BUDGET

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proposal, would total about $8.3 million) and use the $3 million in transfer rather than ask taxpayers to foot the entire $25 million deficit.

Board members James Fuller and Jay Isaacs both said they would support taking more out of the unrestricted fund balance rather than a large tax increase.

Chief Financial Officer David Garcia said that taking out more than the $3 million would make the district have to operate several million dollars below where it should be.

District officials also warned against borrowing money because it would likely spell a high interest rate and that could affect future bond ratings as well as current bonds.

As a general rule, school districts in Texas are recommended to have in savings three months of operating costs in the event of an emergency. Midland ISD is already $3 million below the approximate $50 million it would need to operate for three months without any state financial aid, according to previously Reporter-Telegram articles.

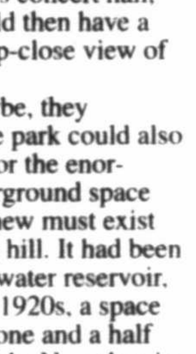
MCAD Chief Appraiser Jerry Bundick told the Reporter-Telegram last week the first estimate is at 10 percent. Firmer numbers are expected when he approves the rolls in late July. Early estimates are required by law and help taxing entities start their budget process.

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Man allegedly chokes woman

A Midland man was arrested Thursday for allegedly choking a woman, according to court documents.



Galindo

Christopher L. Galindo, 25, was being held Monday on a $25,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of assault of a family/house member impeding breath.

Officers were dispatched to a Country Club Drive residence Thursday evening in reference to a disturbance. A woman had gotten into an argument with Galindo. He shoulder-checked her, threw her to the floor and stomped on her left rib area, according to the arrest affidavit.

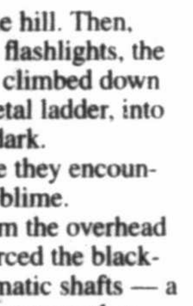
Galindo then ran out of the residence and got into a vehicle. The woman went out to retrieve belongings from the vehicle and Galindo then grabbed her by her throat and choked her, according to the affidavit.

Galindo confessed to choking the female and throwing her to the ground, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the third-degree felony, Galindo could face up to 10 years in prison.

MPD: Man stabs another man outside restaurant

A 26-year old man was arrested Sunday for allegedly stabbing a man during an altercation at the Fire Water Bar and Grill, according to court documents.



Meeks

Mark Anthony Meeks Jr., of Gadsden, Alabama, was being held Monday on a $75,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Early Sunday morning, police were dispatched to a disturbance outside the establishment. Police discovered a man had been stabbed, and another man pointed out the alleged perpetrator, according to the arrest affidavit.

Police arrested three people, including Meeks and a man who had allegedly pointed a gun at multiple people.

If convicted of the second-degree felony, Meeks could face up to 20 years in prison.

MPD: Man chases woman in vehicle, assaults her

A Midland man was arrested Sunday for allegedly chasing a woman in a vehicle and assaulting her, according to court documents.

Silvas

Teodoro Silvas Jr., 23, was being held Monday on $75,000 bonds for two first-degree felony charges of aggravated assault of a date/family/house member and $500 bonds for two misdemeanor drug charges.

Officers were dispatched in reference to a call that Silvas was chasing a woman in her vehicle, according to the arrest affidavit.

A woman and Silvas had gotten in an argument early Sunday morning and the woman later left to avoid further confrontation, according to the affidavit. The woman noticed Silvas was following her in his vehicle. She stopped at a store on Rankin Highway, and Silvas struck her vehicle head-on with his pickup, according to the affidavit.

The woman drove off westbound on the service road of Interstate 20, and Silvas continued following her. He rear-ended her vehicle several times while traveling about 80 miles per hour, according to the affidavit.

She exited onto West Loop 250 North and turned northbound on the 2600 block of Commerce Drive. Silvas then struck her vehicle in the front right passenger side in an attempt to make the vehicle stop, according to the affidavit.

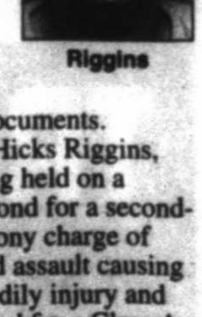
The woman stopped her car and Silvas got out of his vehicle and she rolled down the window to talk to him. He grabbed her pony tail, and attempted to pull her out of the vehicle, according to the affidavit.

The female hit the gas pedal in order to get away from Silvas, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the two first-degree felony charges, Silvas could face up to life imprisonment.

MPD: Woman injures another woman's wrist over shopping cart

A Midland woman was arrested Saturday for allegedly breaking another woman's wrist at Wal-Mart in an argument over a motorized cart, according to court documents.



Riggins

Sherry Hicks Riggins, 55, is being held on a $25,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury and a $500 bond for a Class A misdemeanor of evading arrest.

On Saturday, police on the scene for an alleged theft were alerted of an disturbance involving two females. Riggins told police she was attempting to get a motorized shopping cart from another woman when the argument ensued. Riggins then told police she began to swing her purse at the woman after that woman swung a straw at her, according to police documents.

Upon visiting the other woman, police noticed she was in pain and possibly had a broken right wrist; she requested an ambulance, according to police documents. The woman then told police that she had been unloading her groceries when Riggins approached inquiring about the cart, which she had already promised to another customer, according to police documents.

After telling Riggins she could not take the cart, Riggins began to yell at the woman before beginning to drive off in the cart. To get Riggins' attention, the woman swung a pixie stick at her, which led to Riggins hitting the woman with her purse, causing her to fall to the ground, according to police documents.

If convicted of the second-degree felony, Riggins could face up to 20 years in prison.

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According to suicide statistics, Monday is the favored day for self-destruction.

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Uber, Lyft suspend service in Austin over fingerprint rule

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Uber and Lyft on Monday suspended their ride-hailing services in Austin after voters decided against overturning city requirements that include fingerprinting their drivers.

But following Saturday's vote, a lawmaker who is a rideshare supporter said that when the Texas Legislature reconvenes next year it will consider establishing statewide regulations for rideshare companies that will aim to be "consistent and predictable."

"It has become increasingly clear that Texas' ridesharing companies can no longer operate effectively through a patchwork of inconsistent and anti-competitive regulations," Republican Sen. Charles Schwertner of Georgetown told the Houston Chronicle on Sunday. "As a state with a long tradition of supporting the free market, Texas should not accept transparent, union-driven efforts to create new barriers to entry for the sole purpose of stifling innovation and eliminating competition."

Deborah Cannon/Austin American-Statesman via AP

Laura Morrison and others celebrate during a rally at Scholz Garten held by Our City, Our Safety, Our Choice in opposition to Proposition 1, in Austin. Uber and Lyft suspended service in Austin on Monday after voters there decided not to overturn city requirements for drivers of ride-hailing companies that include undergoing fingerprint-based background checks.

The Austin American-Statesman reported nearly 56 percent of voters rejected a proposition Saturday that would have repealed rules the Austin City Council approved in December.

Under the rules, drivers must undergo fingerprint-based background checks by Feb. 1, 2017. Uber and Lyft prefer name-based checks. The city's ordinance also prohibits drivers from stopping in traffic lanes for passenger drop-offs and pick-ups, requires "trade dress" to identify vehicles for hire and imposes a variety of data reporting requirements.

The finger-printing question was the key fight in the campaign. Uber and Lyft had poured nearly $9 million into their campaign to overturn the rules.

Advocates for fingerprinting said it's the best way to weed out drivers with criminal records. Ride-hailing companies have said their background checks suffice and that fingerprint databases can be out of date. Fingerprinting can also slow down the process of quickly adding new drivers.

Austin appeared to be the chosen battleground for ride-hailing companies that are facing similar restrictions in major cities across the country, including Chicago, Los Angeles and Atlanta.

Houston imposed its own rules requiring fingerprint background checks 18 months ago, prompting Lyft to leave the city. Uber stayed, but its general manager recently wrote a letter to the Houston City Council saying it would ultimately leave if the regulations were not repealed.

In Iowa on Monday, Gov. Terry Branstad signed a bill into law that creates new statewide rules for ride-hailing companies to do business there. The law establishes a regulatory system that will require liability insurance for vehicles, add name-based background checks for drivers and change licensing expectations. State regulators would also have the authority to ensure compliance.

Branstad acknowledged the bill started off as a "difficult, contentious issue" but later received unanimous support in the state House and Senate.

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OPINION

Trump's bully brigade has no use for the weak

■ There's no boundary the billionaire's supporters wouldn't cross

MICHAEL GERSON
Washington Post Writers Group

The great Republican crackup has begun.

There is a growing group of Donald Trump partisans, including former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, Rush Limbaugh and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie. Then there are Republican officials who publicly support Trump and privately hope he will lose in November — a group that could only be counted via lie detector, but I would test Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell first. And there are Trump opponents and skeptics, including the 41st president, the 43rd president, Jeb Bush, Mitt Romney, Sen. Ben Sasse of Nebraska and House Speaker Paul Ryan. Ryan, in particular, is providing air cover for the unconvinced.

What common views or traits unite the most visible Trump partisans? A group including Limbaugh and Christie is not primarily defined by ideology. Rather, the Trumpians share a disdain for "country-club" Republicans (though former House Speaker John Boehner apparently likes Trump because they were golfing buddies). They tend to be white and middle-aged. They are filled with resentment.

Above all, they detest weakness in themselves and others. The country, in their view, has grown soft and feeble. Their opponents are losers, lacking in energy. Rather than despising bullying — as Ryan, Romney and all the Bushes do — they elevate it. The strong must take power, defy political correctness, humiliate and defeat their opponents and reverse the nation's slide toward mediocrity.

There have always been politicians who despise weakness and the weak. Richard Nixon and Lyndon Johnson are examples. They were not always bad at governing, but they were bad human beings who came to a bad end.

This type of leadership can motivate, usually through resentment and anger. What it cannot do is inspire. Inspiring leaders are often those who identify with the weak. They may develop this trait by rising from poverty themselves, like Abraham Lincoln did. Or they may have had their capacity for empathy expanded by suffering, such as Franklin Roosevelt's struggle with polio. In American history, inspiring leadership has often been informed by religion, which (at its best) universalizes our empathy.

This is the main reason that some of us cannot simply lump it and reluctantly lend our support to Trump. The Republican Party is not engaged in a policy argument; it is debating the purpose of politics. For some Trump opponents, the justice of a political system is determined by its treatment of the vulnerable and weak. In the Catholic tradition, this is called "solidarity." Whatever you call it, this commitment is inconsistent with a type of politics that beats up on the vulnerable and weak — say, undocumented workers, or Muslims — for political gain.

Those who accuse Trump opponents of elitism are engaged in a particularly mendacious slur. Trump is attempting to place nativism at the center of American politics. Those who resist are not enforcing the rules of a private club. Many — including religious people in poor and working-class communities — are defending a vision of politics in which empathy is honored and the weak are placed first. They are opposing a candidate who mocks the disabled, demeans women, engages in ethnic stereotyping and encourages religious bigotry.

Those who regard this tawdry mix of vulgarity and cruelty as typical of any social class are engaged in a particularly offensive form of condescension. Hating losers and the weak is fundamentally inconsistent with Christian ethics, and other sources of moral judgment, in every income quintile.

Make no mistake. Those who support Trump, no matter how reluctantly, have crossed a moral boundary. They are standing with a leader who encourages prejudice and despises the weak. They are aiding the transformation of a party formed by Lincoln's blazing vision of equality into a party of white resentment. Those who find this one of the normal, everyday compromises of politics have truly lost their way.

This is not even to mention Trump's pledge to limit press freedom, or his malicious birtherism, or his dangerous vaccine skepticism, or his economic plans that would bring global recession, or his lack of relevant qualifications, or his temperament of brooding and bragging, egotism and self-pity, or his promise to emancipate the world from American leadership, or his accusation that Ted Cruz's father was somehow involved with Lee Harvey Freaking Oswald.

Some are trying their best to act as though all this were normal. But we are seeing, in the words of G.K. Chesterton, "lunacy dancing in high places." None of this requires a vote for Hillary Clinton. But it forbids a vote for Donald Trump.

OUR VIEW

Now is not the time for GOP to turn its back on electorate

Sarah Palin says it's time to boot Paul Ryan from his U.S. House seat.

Say what?

The former Alaska governor went even more rogue on the Republican Party last weekend — maybe because it seemed like the outsider thing to do. Trying to stay relevant on America's political stage, she is taking Donald Trump's presumptive nomination and turning it into something it's not: a game-ender for conservatives.

Republicans went through the most head-scratching presidential primary in at least four decades. And there has been a lot written about who's backing Trump and who will not.

There have been many conclusions. One that we do not subscribe to is that now is the time for Republicans to close their tent. Early May is no time for a measuring stick. Six months before the general election is not the moment for "are you in or out?" It wouldn't be smart to turn your backs on potential voters. If you don't believe us, look at the electoral map.

On one of the Sunday news shows, Rich Lowry, whose column appears in the Reporter-Telegram, offered the following about how tough the math is for the presumptive nominee in 2016.

He said Democrat Hillary Clinton will win if she "just holds the 19 states that Democrats have won every year since 1992, and adds Florida, where in the latest polls she has a 13-point lead and Donald Trump's disfavorables with Hispanics is at 87 percent."

That's it. Game over.

Those who say that Ronald Reagan trailed Jimmy Carter in the polls in 1980 before coming back to win, ignore the fact Trump is no Reagan and Clinton might be a little more formidable than the 1980's version of Carter. More importantly, they fail to recognize how tough the electoral map has become for Republicans. North Carolina, Virginia, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, Colorado, New Mexico and Nevada, in Lowry's scenario, are no longer battleground states; they are must wins for the GOP, whose nominee is in a statistical dead heat with Clinton ... in Georgia. That's right, Georgia! So please, Trump supporters, tell us why your candidate shouldn't expand that tent.

Frankly, it's time for Trump supporters to move beyond the politics of the primary. Hope your candidate finds a general election strategy to energize voters, not turn them off. That's what's happening. What do you expect, after a top supporter called for a campaign to dethrone the speaker of the House?

If you want Trump to pull off a Reagan-type victory, he has to be more Reagan and less ... well, you figure it out. You'd better, or Trump and the Republican Party will get throttled in November.

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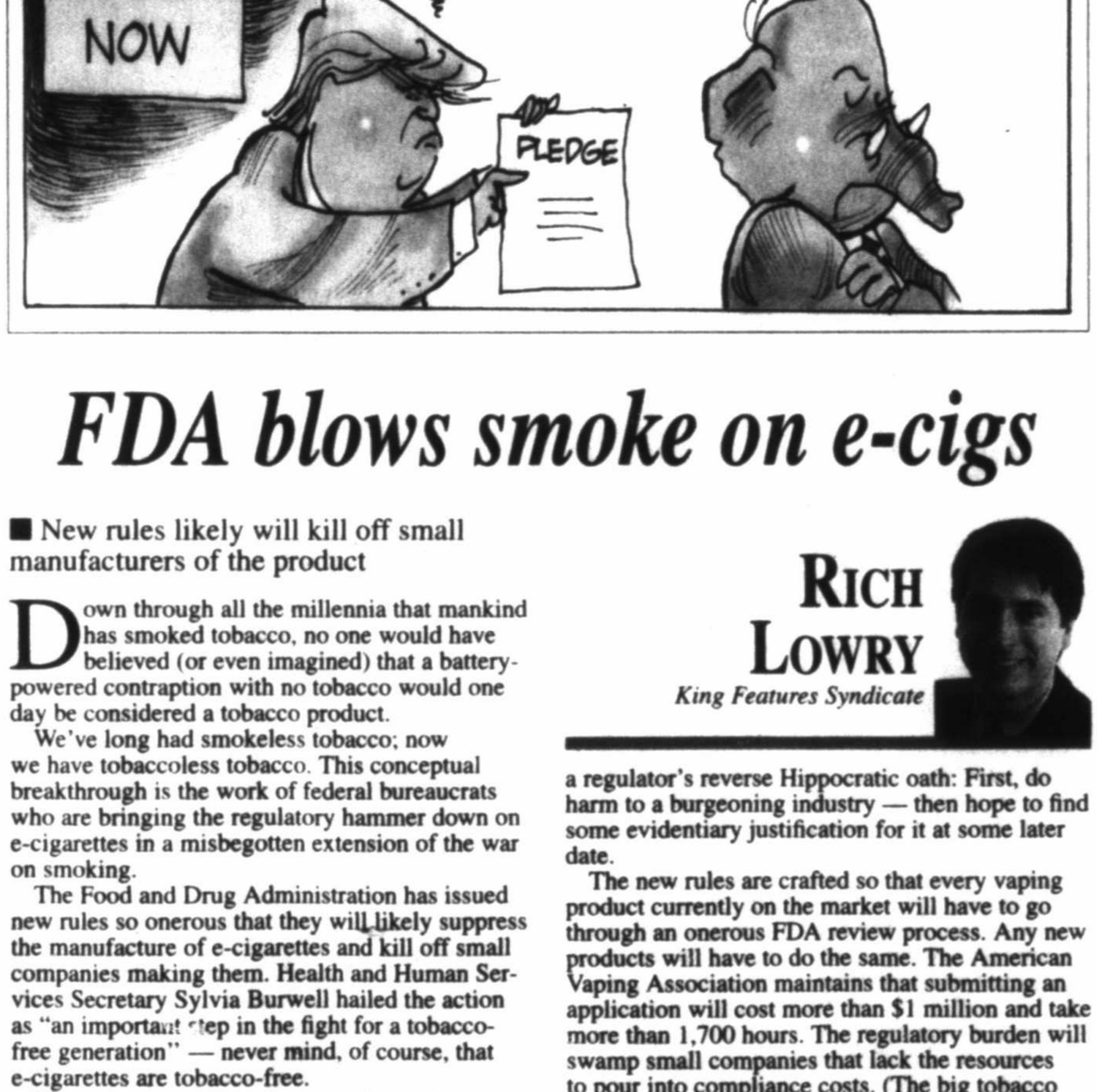

FDA blows smoke on e-cigs

■ New rules likely will kill off small manufacturers of the product

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

Down through all the millennia that mankind has smoked tobacco, no one would have believed (or even imagined) that a battery-powered contraption with no tobacco would one day be considered a tobacco product.

We've long had smokeless tobacco; now we have tobaccoless tobacco. This conceptual breakthrough is the work of federal bureaucrats who are bringing the regulatory hammer down on e-cigarettes in a misbegotten extension of the war on smoking.

The Food and Drug Administration has issued new rules so onerous that they will likely suppress the manufacture of e-cigarettes and kill off small companies making them. Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Burwell hailed the action as "an important step in the fight for a tobacco-free generation" — never mind, of course, that e-cigarettes are tobacco-free.

The problem that regulators and so-called public-health advocates have with e-cigarettes is that, unlike nicotine gum or patches (which have proven ineffective as substitutes for smoking), they are a simulacrum of actual cigarettes. People puff on them and emit clouds of aerosol. For all that the experts want to reduce smoking, they can't abide the idea that people might do it by consuming nicotine in a pantomime of old-fashioned smoking.

It is a strange country that is simultaneously moving to legalize marijuana and to crack down on vaping. But here we are.

There is no doubt that cigarettes are a great cause of human misery; they kill almost 500,000 people a year in the U.S. This is why e-cigarettes, with their potential to diminish smoking, could be a boon to public health.

They deliver nicotine without the truly harmful part of cigarettes, the tar and chemicals. Regulators purport to fear what is still unknown about e-cigarettes, while ignoring all the evidence that they are vastly safer than analog cigarettes (if cigarettes were only nicotine, they wouldn't be so problematic). It's like trying to prove to environmentalists who hate all fossil fuels that hydraulic fracturing is safe.

The FDA is evidently operating on the basis of a regulator's reverse Hippocratic oath: First, do harm to a burgeoning industry — then hope to find some evidentiary justification for it at some later date.

The new rules are crafted so that every vaping product currently on the market will have to go through an onerous FDA review process. Any new products will have to do the same. The American Vaping Association maintains that submitting an application will cost more than $1 million and take more than 1,700 hours. The regulatory burden will swamp small companies that lack the resources to pour into compliance costs. (The big tobacco companies, in contrast, will be fine.)

The small firms have driven innovation in e-cigarettes. The products have gotten better, with more variety, since their introduction in 2007. That's manifestly a good thing. The more satisfying e-cigarettes are, and the more they replicate the real smoking experience, the more likely it is that smokers will switch over, or at least use fewer cigarettes.

The highly respected Royal College of Physicians in Britain gets the logic. It issued a report emphasizing the enormous promise of e-cigarettes, which it estimates are 5 percent as dangerous as the real thing. An authority who worked on the report explained to The New York Times that e-cigarettes "have the potential to help half or more of all smokers get off cigarettes. That's a huge health benefit, bigger than just about any medical intervention."

The U.S. is rejecting that common-sense approach to harm reduction. It is against vaping no matter how safe it is or how many people it might coax into giving up smoking.

The famous line attributed to Mark Twain is that nothing is as easy as quitting smoking — he's done it thousands of times. Of course, Twain didn't have the option of vaping. If the FDA has anything to say about it, neither will anyone else.

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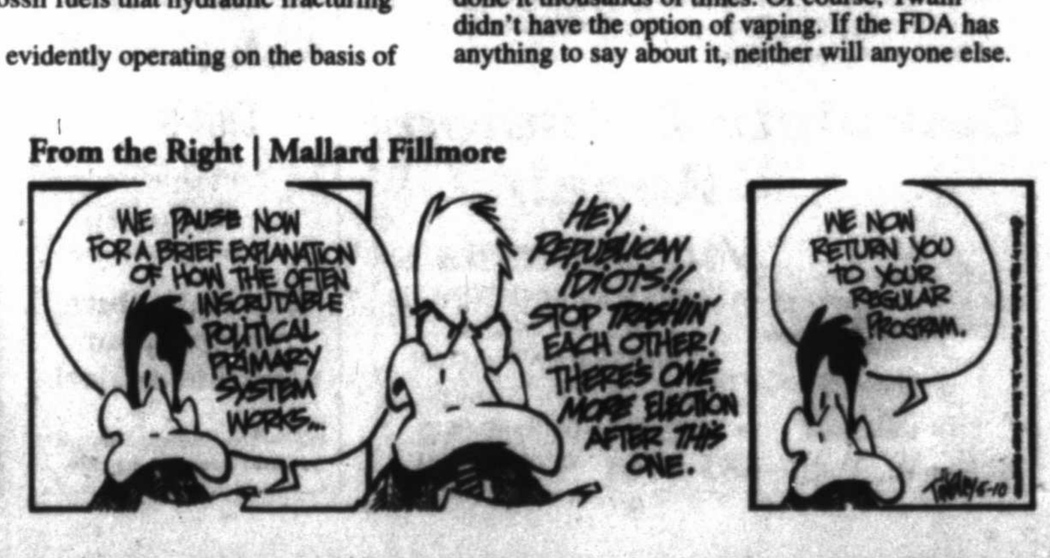

Anxiety over Trump cuts into House Republicans' support

By Erica Werner
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Anxiety over Donald Trump spread among congressional Republicans Monday, pushing several to follow House Speaker Paul Ryan's lead and withhold their support from the divisive billionaire.

Ryan himself declared there's no point in trying to "fake" party unity.

"If we go forward pretending that we're unified, then we are going to be at half-strength this fall," Ryan told The Journal Times in Racine, Wisconsin, defending his stunning decision last week to refuse to endorse his party's presumptive presidential nominee.

Still, in interviews with home-state reporters Monday, Ryan denounced the idea of any Republican launching a third-party or independent candidacy to challenge Trump, telling the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel it "would be a disaster for our party."

And Ryan said he'd step aside from the House speaker's traditional role as chairman of the Republican National Convention if Trump wants him to, a scenario that Trump left open over the weekend, underscoring the depths of strife now afflicting a GOP divided against itself.

"He's the nominee. I'll do whatever he wants in respect to the convention," Ryan said, striking a conciliatory note.

Trump himself shrugged off the need for unity heading into the November general election and a likely match-up against Democrat Hillary Clinton, even though that would be the goal in any normal election year after a candidate effectively clinches the nomination, as Trump did last week.

"I think this is a time for unity. And if there's not going to be unity, I think that's OK, too," Trump said on Fox Business Network. "I mean, I'll go out and I think I'll do very well. I think I'm going to win the race either way."

The comments from Ryan and Trump came as both men prepared for a face-to-face meeting Thursday, which Republican leaders hope will begin to mend the fabric of their party.

Still, ahead of the meeting, Ryan's negative stance appeared to be providing cover for some vulnerable Republicans who are anxious to distance themselves from Trump and his controversial comments about women, Latinos, prisoners of war and others.

Pennsylvania Sen. Pat Toomey, one of the most endangered Senate Republicans, wrote an opinion piece in the Philadelphia Inquirer drawing back from his long-stated intent to back the GOP nominee.

"His vulgarity, particularly toward women, is appalling. His lack of appreciation for constitutional limits on executive powers is deeply concerning. ... In short, I find his candidacy highly problematic," Toomey wrote of Trump. "There could come a point at which the differences are so great as to be irreconcilable."

Toomey appeared to be the only Senate Republican running for re-election to publicly step back from plans to vote for Trump. However, other backing has come with little enthusiasm as senators have announced in the same breath plans to skip the July convention in Cleveland.

Party leaders fear Trump's candidacy could cost Republicans control of the Senate.

Even in the House, where Republicans command the largest majority in decades and are unlikely to lose control, vulnerable members are visibly nervous.

Several newly elected lawmakers who could face difficulty in November, including Martha McSally of Arizona, Will Hurd of Texas and Barbara Comstock of Virginia, have told local publications they are not ready to back Trump.

Another Republican in a closely divided district, Rep. Charlie Dent of Pennsylvania, said in an interview that he and others were finding it difficult to support Trump given his history of incendiary comments and his own uncertain record as a Republican, including donations to many Democrats, Clinton among them.

"When you're a candidate running for office, you don't like to be in a position where you have to put distance between yourself and someone in your own party," Dent said. "But in this case you're compelled to do it because of the nature of these inflammatory statements."

Trump's tendency to shift stances on policy issues, which has troubled conservatives while handing ammunition to Democrats, arose anew Monday as he defended a weekend suggestion that his tax plan could be negotiable. Clinton aides pounced on the issue in a conference call while Trump defended himself, saying: "This is a negotiation."

Ever confident, Trump announced that New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, a former foe but now an enthusiastic supporter, would head his transition team as he headed for the White House after the election.

And with Democrats reveling in the intraparty GOP warfare provoked by Trump's candidacy, Democratic Leader Harry Reid of Nevada took to the Senate floor to denounce Trump as a "vile, swindling billionaire" and attribute his ascent to a Republican Party that's stoked resentment among white voters while failing to offer economic solutions.

"The Republican Party's chickens have come home to the roost in the form of Donald Trump," Reid said.

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Deputy National Security Adviser For Strategic Communications Ben Rhodes speaks in the Brady Press Briefing Room of the White House on Feb. 16 in Washington. The White House is working to contain the damage caused by a magazine profile of one of President Barack Obama's top aides. In a blog post published late Sunday, Rhodes said the public relations campaign he created to sell the Iran nuclear deal was intended only "to push out facts." Rhodes said outside groups that participated "believed in the merits of the deal."

White House on damage control after aide's magazine profile

By Kathleen Hennessey
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House on Monday worked to contain the damage caused by one of President Barack Obama's closest aides, who, in a seemingly candid, behind-the-curtain magazine story, ripped the Washington press corps as know-nothings, talked of creating an "echo chamber" of supporters to sell the Iran nuclear deal and dismissed long-time foreign policy hands, including Hillary Clinton, as the blob.

In a blog post published late Sunday, deputy national security adviser Ben Rhodes tried to clarify his comments about the public relations campaign he mounted to sell the Iran nuclear deal to Congress and the public. Rhodes, a senior speechwriter and foreign policy adviser, wrote that he didn't try to dupe the press or spin Washington.

"It wasn't 'spin,' it's what we believed and continue to believe, and the hallmark of the entire campaign was to push out facts," Rhodes wrote on the website Medium.com. "These were complicated issues."

Rhodes is facing an onslaught of criticism for his comments in a New York Times Magazine article published Sunday. In the piece, Rhodes said he used advocacy groups to create an echo chamber of supporters. He dismissed Washington's foreign policy establishment. And he described reporters as uninformed about world affairs.

"All these newspapers used to have foreign bureaus," Rhodes told the magazine. "Now they don't. They call us to explain to them what's happening in Moscow and Cairo. Most of the outlets are reporting on world events from Washington. The average reporter we talk to is 27 years old, and their only reporting experience consists of being around political campaigns. That's a sea change. They literally know nothing."

In a statement issued Monday, Sen. John McCain said the article exposes how the White House "manipulated and, in some cases, manufactured facts."

Options dwindling, Sanders says race isn't over

By Catherine Lucey and Lisa Lerer
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — For Bernie and Jane Sanders, the revolution continues, despite the odds.

The Vermont senator's insurgent campaign seems on its last legs. With a clear delegate lead, Hillary Clinton has turned her focus to the general election and presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump. Sanders' fundraising has dropped off and he has shed hundreds of staffers. Even President Barack Obama is noting the realities of the delegate math.

But in Atlantic City on Monday, Sanders urged his supporters to keep fighting.

"If we can win here in New Jersey and win in California and win in some of the other states and if we can win a majority of the pledged delegates, we're going to go into Philadelphia and the Democratic convention and expect to come out with the Democratic nomination," Sanders said.

That's a lot of ifs. Sanders is trailing Clinton by nearly 300 pledged delegates — those won in primaries and caucuses.

Clinton also holds a commanding lead among superdelegates, the elected officials and party leaders who can support the candidate of their choice. That leaves her only 155 delegates short of the 2,383 she needs to secure the nomination.

Sanders clings to the hope he can erase the gap with pledged delegates by winning a string of victories, starting with West Virginia on Tuesday, Kentucky and Oregon on May 17 and California and New Jersey on June 7.

But the White House looks increasingly out of reach and many Democrats are left with questions about what Sanders wants — which he and his wife do not want to entertain.

"The media constantly goes to the end game," said Jane Sanders, a top adviser to her husband. "The journey is as important as the destination. We expect that the people's voices will be heard and represented at the Democratic convention."

While Clinton hasn't called on Sanders to exit the race, his insistence that a path exists is frustrating to her supporters and campaign aides. The White House has said it won't get publicly involved until Sanders formally ends his bid, keeping three of the party's most powerful spokespeople — Obama, first lady Michelle Obama and Vice President Joe Biden — largely on the bench.

To be sure, Sanders continues to draw large enthusiastic crowds to his rallies. But his fundraising has dipped and his advertising has dropped off a cliff, with only about $525,000 in ads planned for the giant state of California and $63,000 each in West Virginia and Oregon, according to advertising tracker Kantar Media's CMAG.

Jane Sanders disputed that the campaign was running out of options. She said superdelegates could switch their commitments, suggesting they should consider the results in their home states. She also argued that Sanders has shown momentum and polls well against Trump.

"There have been a lot of surprises," Jane Sanders said. "We saw a Michigan miracle and Indiana no one expected."

Asked about the mathematical odds and what comes next, she expressed frustration with the media, saying "there was never once a point when anyone said he could possibly win," even after he won eight states in a row. "For one full year," she said of the perception, "it's been consistent that he doesn't have a chance."

With a clear Republican opponent in sight, Clinton has called on Democrats to unite around her candidacy to help take on Trump. Campaigning recently in California, she argued that her advantage over Sanders far outpaces the deficit she faced against Barack Obama in the 2008 primaries.

In northern Virginia on Monday, Clinton made only passing reference to her primary opponent at a campaign event, telling a group of working parents that they both have college affordability plans, though "obviously, I think my plan is better."

She quickly pivoted: "But at least we both have plans!" she said, implying that Trump did not.

Just how the Democratic rivals reach detente is not yet clear, partly because Bernie Sanders has not fully said what he is looking for. He is arguing for a say in the party platform at the convention, but that is far from resolved.

"We're still competing for the nomination," said senior adviser Tad Devine. "Having said that, it's really important that the views of the millions of people who have supported him be expressed."

Sanders put the Democratic National Committee on notice Friday, warning it not to stack the convention's standing committees with Clinton supporters.

Sanders said if the party is going to be unified in the fall, it can't have a convention at which the views of millions of people are "unrepresented" in the committee membership.

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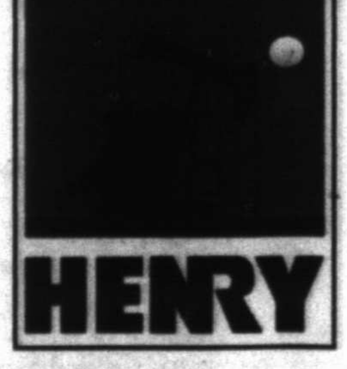

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ACLU sues state over 'religious rights' law

By Emily Wagster Pettus
Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — The American Civil Liberties Union and a gay couple are suing the state of Mississippi over a law to allow workers to cite their own religious objections to same-sex marriage as a reason to deny people services.

House Bill 1523, passed by the Republican-majority Legislature and signed by GOP Gov. Phil Bryant, is set to become law July 1.

Mississippi's law is among similar measures being passed around the country in response to last summer's Supreme Court ruling that effectively legalized same-sex marriage nationwide.

Supporters said the Mississippi law will protect people's religious belief that marriage should only be between a man and a woman.

Opponents said it violates the equal-protection guarantee of the Constitution.

"We've had a long history in Mississippi of bigotry and discrimination, and House Bill 1523 brings that back to life," said Oliver Diaz, a former state Supreme Court justice who filed the lawsuit Monday in U.S. District Court in Jackson.

Bryant issued a statement criticizing the lawsuit.

"The ACLU continues its mission of trying to use the federal court system to push its liberal agenda," Bryant said. "Instead of cherry-picking causes popular with the radical left, the ACLU should allocate its resources defending all civil liberties."

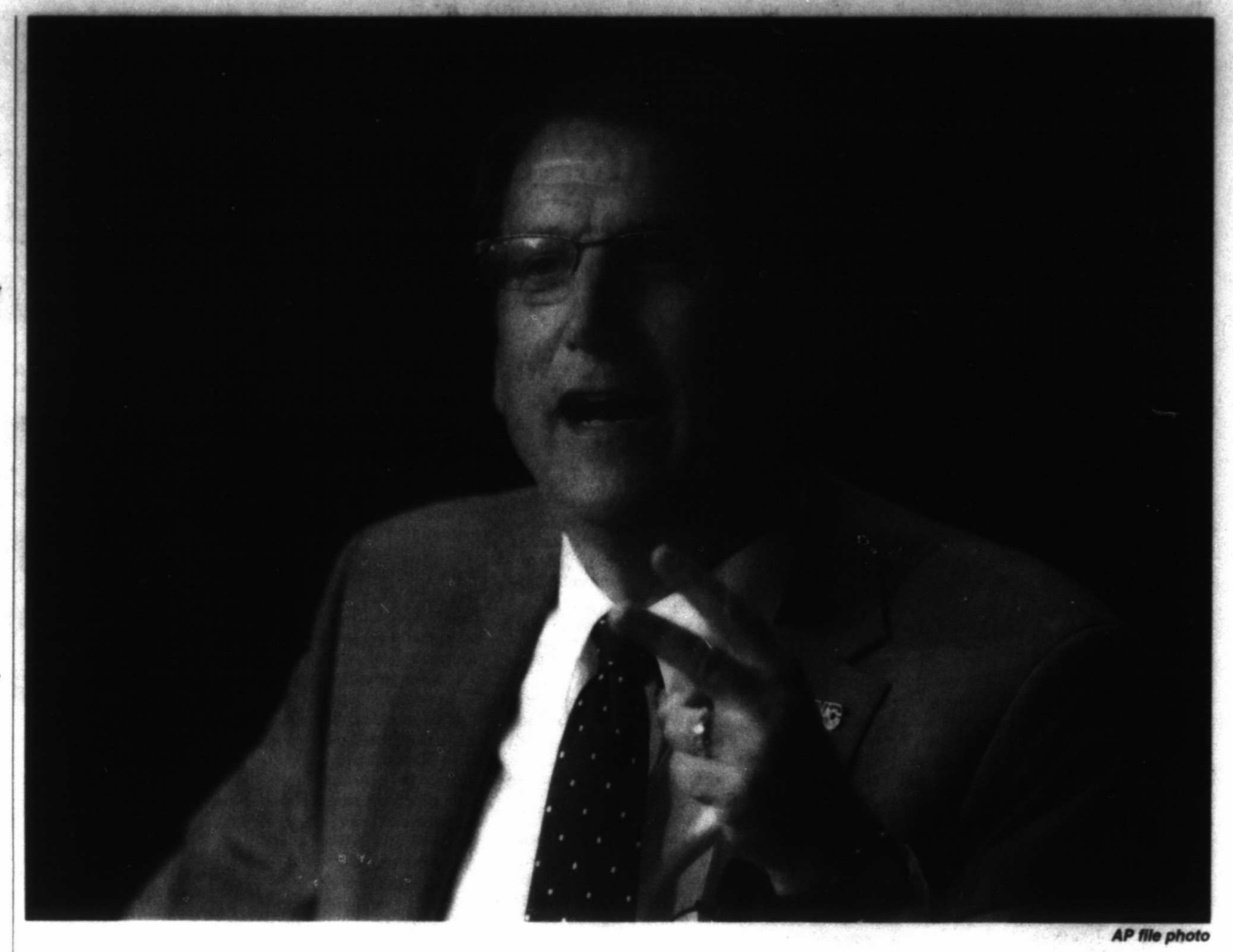
The men suing the state, Nykolas Alford and Stephen Thomas, are both 26.

They live in the eastern Mississippi city of Meridian and have been engaged since 2014.

They said they hope to marry in Mississippi.

"Our grandparents experienced discrimination for being black, and my parents probably did as well," Alford said. "My parents were born in the '60s and grew up in the '70s and '80s, and so it's always been a part of our lives. We thought this movement was over, you know? We thought that we would be fine. We thought that we would be equal, and here we are today saying that we're not, and we want equality."

The couple and the ACLU are asking a federal judge to declare that House Bill 1523 violates the equal-protection guarantee of the 14th Amendment and to issue an injunction blocking the state from enforcing the law.



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North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory makes remarks concerning House Bill 2, which limits protections to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people, while speaking during a government affairs conference May 4 in Raleigh, N.C. McCrory shows no signs of backing down in the face of the federal government's Monday, May 9, deadline to declare he won't enforce the new state law.

US sues NC over transgender bathroom law

By Emery P. Dalesio and Gary D. Robertson
Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — A potentially epic clash over transgender rights took shape Monday when the U.S. Justice Department sued North Carolina over the state's new bathroom law.

In unusually forceful language, U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch said North Carolina's law requiring transgender people to use the public restroom corresponding to the gender on their birth certificate amounts to "state-sponsored discrimination" and is aimed at "a problem that doesn't exist."

She said it serves only to "harm innocent Americans."

Billions of dollars in state aid for North Carolina — and a potentially landmark decision regarding the reach of the nation's civil rights laws — are at stake in the dispute, which in recent weeks has triggered boycotts and cancellations aimed at getting the state to repeal the measure that took effect in March.

Last week, the U.S. Justice Department said the law amounts to illegal sex discrimination against transgender people and gave Gov. Pat McCrory until Monday to say he would refuse to enforce it.

McCrory instead doubled down by filing a federal lawsuit Monday arguing that the North Carolina law is a "commonsense privacy policy" and that the Justice Department's position is "baseless and blatant overreach."

"This is not a North Carolina issue. It is now a national issue," said McCrory, a Republican who is up for re-election in November, declared at a news conference.

The governor accused the Obama administration of unilaterally rewriting federal civil rights law to protect transgender people's access to bathrooms, locker rooms and showers across the country.

Later in the day, the Justice Department responded by suing North Carolina, seeking a court order declaring the law discriminatory and unenforceable.

Lynch spoke directly to residents of her native state, saying they have been falsely told by North Carolina proponents that the law protects vulnerable people from harm in bathrooms.

"Instead, what this law does, is inflict further indignity on a population that has already suffered far more than its fair share," she said. "This law provides no benefit to society, and all it does it is harm innocent Americans."

Defenders of the law have argued that it is necessary to protect the safety and privacy of people in bathrooms.

Opponents have argued that the danger of a transgender person molesting a child in a restroom is all but nonexistent.

Stars such as Bruce Springsteen and Pearl Jam have canceled shows in North Carolina over the new law.

PayPal abandoned a planned 400-employee operation center in Charlotte, and Deutsche Bank froze expansion plans near Raleigh.

Nearly 200 corporate leaders from across the country, including Charlotte-based Bank of America, have urged the law's repeal, arguing it is bad for business because it makes recruiting talented employees more difficult.

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> **Loretta Lynch, U.S. attorney general**

Several other states have proposed similar laws in recent months limiting protections for gay, bisexual and transgender people.

On Monday, the American Civil Liberties Union of Mississippi sued that state over a law that will allow workers to cite their religious objections to gay marriage to deny services to people.

North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper, a Democrat running against McCrory for governor, has refused to defend the law, which was passed in reaction to a Charlotte ordinance allowing transgender people to use the bathroom that corresponds to their gender identity.

Lynch likened her agency's involvement in the North Carolina law to the shifting expansion of civil rights that scrapped legal racial segregation and prohibitions against gay marriage.

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The new North Carolina law also excludes lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people from state anti-discrimination protection and bars local governments from adopting their own anti-bias measures.

The Justice Department noted a ruling last month by a federal appeals court that a transgender Virginia high school student has a right to use bathrooms that correspond with his new identity.

The ruling by a three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is binding on five states, including North Carolina.

Virginia is seeking a re-hearing by the entire appeals court.

The U.S. Education Department and other federal agencies could try to cut off money to North Carolina to force compliance.

The state university system risks losing more than $1.4 billion in federal funds.

An additional $800 million in federally backed loans for students who attend the public universities could also be at risk.

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EDUCATION

Castro leads effort to increase backing for pre-K

San Antonio congressman spearheads Congressional Pre-K Caucus

By Bill Lambrecht
San Antonio Express-News

WASHINGTON — With Elmo and Cookie Monster in his corner, U.S. Rep. Joaquin Castro is hoping to boost support for pre-kindergarten programs across the country with a bipartisan caucus that draws on San Antonio's experiences with childhood learning.

Castro, D-San Antonio, is spearheading the new Congressional Pre-K Caucus at a time when states and localities are struggling to fund pre-K programs and skepticism still exists.

A conservative website captured concerns about pre-K's government intrusion: "Joaquin Castro turns brother Julian's Pre-K for SA into "Pre-K for USA," read the headline on a story about legislation.

The jab alluded to former San Antonio Mayor Julián Castro's 2012 initiative and resulting sales tax increase that ushered in the city's Pre-K 4 SA, with the goal of full-day programs for over 22,000 4-year-olds in eight years. He's now the Housing and Urban Development secretary in Washington.

Joaquin Castro hopes that universal pre-K warning turns into truth.

The House has some 400 caucuses dealing with a host of matters, from boating and baseball to rodeos. There's even a Congressional Bourbon Caucus. Most meet rarely and few can point to tangible achievement.

In a gridlocked House, where minority Democrats have little hope for new initiatives, Castro understands the unlikely fate of a separate bill he introduced boosting federal pre-K funding by $750 million.

But he hopes for wording in other bills that can expand enrollment and give localities more pipelines into federal pots of money.

He intends for his caucus to operate on Capitol Hill and beyond, much as he did with the U.S.-Japan Congressional Caucus he co-founded three years ago. That caucus, which has grown to more than 70 members, has hosted Japanese leaders and was instrumental in Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's visit to San Antonio in February.

At the Congressional Pre-K Caucus formal announcement last month, Sesame Street characters pranced into an ornate hearing, delighting and frightening preschoolers. Now that the fun is over, Castro is laying plans to turn the caucus into a pre-K rallying point in Congress and take the issue on the road.

In his second term, Castro says he wants to build on his work in the higher education realm while he was in the Texas Legislature.

"Unfortunately, there are a lot of people already lost by the time they get to high school years," he said in an interview.

"The fact is that, by that point in people's lives, a lot of students are already off track. Unless we start people strong early, as my brother did with Pre-K 4 SA, then by the time they get to the 11th or 12th grade, they lack the educational foundation they need to make it to college. Too many high school students still need so much remedial help."

A handful of Republicans among the 29 caucus members boosts chances for success. While some GOP governors across the country have embraced pre-K, House Re-

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'BIG ON MOTIVATION'

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Samuel Gonzalez, guest speaker for the Communities in Schools fundraising dinner, talks with supporters April 29 at the Petroleum Club.

Lee grad reveals Communities in Schools' impact

■ Samuel Gonzalez says the organization showed him the importance of a high school diploma

By Cassie Burton
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Samuel Gonzalez's junior year at Lee High School in 1999 was Communities in Schools Permian Basin's inaugural year at 11 campuses, including Lee.

Had CIS not arranged a meeting between the struggling Gonzalez, his parents and CIS' campus coordinator, Gonzalez said it would have been his last school year.

"I was seriously considering dropping out of school," Gonzalez said. "Communities in Schools was big on motivation for me. They convinced me I could catch up on my grades and that there was a path to graduation."

Gonzalez shared his story during CIS' annual fundraiser April 29 at the Petroleum Club. He revealed how CIS helped him graduate on time and set the stage for his employment at Key Energy Services, where he is director of recruitment for U.S. operations.

"I love it," said Gonzalez in an interview last week. "It's been a journey. Today I do all the recruiting for Key Energy in the United States."

Gonzalez said that CIS intervened at a critical moment and helped him stay focused. The coordinator, who was on campus, would reach out to him at least once a week. This constant contact had more impact than a report card once every six weeks, he said.

"This was on a weekly basis, so that was more effective, and that's honestly what I needed," Gonzalez said. "I needed that motivation at that period of my life. And another thing that I liked about it is, I was connected to a group of students that was more or less in my same situation. Through them we kind of created a bond where we would motivate each other not to skip school and not to make some of the bad decisions we were making."

His difficulties were two-fold: how far behind he was on grades and his credits, and he didn't think it was necessary to graduate.

His parents, neither of whom had a high school diploma, were working and "to my expectations, were very successful, so I somehow thought in my mind, 'OK, (a diploma) is not needed,'" Gonzalez said.

"But they knew it was important, and (CIS) knew it was important. Once I did, it's like I spread my wings."

Gonzalez went to Midland College on a scholarship to get certified as a paralegal. He began working with Key Energy in 2005 and traveled throughout the Americas as well as the Middle East and Asia. His experiences abroad and around the U.S. highlight how "blessed" Midland is, namely that it gives chances for community outreach, Gonzalez said.

"I've seen people help me, so now it's my turn to help others in their life," Gonzalez said. "I'm blessed to be given the opportunity to participate with (CIS) and take my story and share that with students today who are going through what I went through. They stop and recognize me, and we'll have a two-minute conversation like, 'Hey, how are you doing?' I can give them a pat on the back and give them the encouragement they need to graduate."

CIS Executive Director Bob Rice said they asked Gonzalez to give the fundraiser's keynote address to provide

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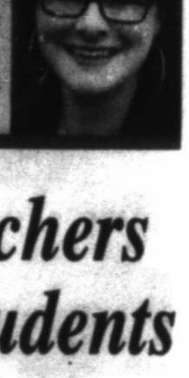
AMBER KELLY
Howard College



Good teachers provide students with tools for life after college

Today is the second day of final exams at Howard College. It marks the last time I will see many of my students, although some will return next year and some will hear me call their names Friday night as they cross the graduation stage. For me, this time of year reminds me of the last scene of "Mary Poppins." I stoically watch them move on in their excitement. If I have done my job, they don't need me anymore. The majority won't remember my name in a few months. I will be just a nameless, faceless grade on a transcript.

To be honest, many of them will just be names to me by this time next year. Hundreds of students come into my classroom, either literally or online, and each year the list of former students grows. That doesn't mean the end of the year isn't hard.

This year, for example, I have had classes packed with engaged, bright, curious students who gasp when I reveal a historical betrayal during the Peloponnesian War or groan the first time two characters meet in "The Importance of Being Earnest." They're the students who stay after class to talk more about what we've been discussing and email me dorky history or literary jokes because they know I love them. I have taught students like this before, but to have all my classes flourish this way — it has been a tremendous gift.

Teaching is, in many ways, the art of making yourself less needed. Yes, teachers impart facts and knowledge applicable to their field; however, more important is the skill set, the mindful inquisitiveness we try to instill. Most of my classes end the semester with a research paper, partly because that is the tried-and-true college level up assignment. More than that, I am preparing them to leave my classroom. All semester we have worked together through the sources I supply, guided by the questions that I ask. I have tried to be the sounding board, devil's advocate and tour guide through all they have encountered. The research paper is time for them to begin doing these things for themselves and to realize the power they possess. They can find things on their own, they can shape their own arguments and they can ask important questions. This is what we want them to do as part of the world after college.

Some students rise to this challenge, but others falter because the assignment is not

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Texas A&M to build $150M research campus

By Benjamin Wermund
Houston Chronicle

Texas A&M officials announced May 2 that the university would spend $150 million converting an abandoned 2,000-acre air base near its campus in a "transformative" move to foster product innovation and recruit thousands of undergraduates to new degree programs.

The college's ambitious, futuristic technology campus will be a place for companies to design and test driverless cars, drones and other autonomous vehicles. As tenants of the research campus, the companies would collaborate with three state agencies, which are part of the A&M system, on research in engineering, transportation and related cybersecurity.

The campus also would house an education center for students who don't quite make the cut for admission to A&M's College Station main campus.

More A&M news

Corps' first female commander reflects on her role.

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This expensive effort underscores the competition among universities in Texas and across the nation to bring together college researchers with commercial enterprises to fast-forward product invention and technology advancement.

"We must offer new, transformative business models whether we are moving our research from the laboratories into the marketplace, or helping more students to achieve a college education," said John Sharp, chancellor of the Texas A&M University System. "It is a big idea, and it is important that the Texas A&M University System nurture big ideas."

At the same time, the University of Texas is in the process of buying about 300 acres in southwest Houston near the Texas Medical Center to build something "bold" and "innovative" to foster collaborative research endeavors.

In 2009, the University of Houston bought the old Schlumberger headquarters near its main campus and has spent millions turning it into an energy research park.

Education center

A key part of the A&M project will be the $38 million education center to offer a new four-year college degree path for students who still want to live in Bryan-College Station. Students could start their degrees at the center and graduate from it or transfer to A&M's main campus.

Although plans for the center are not yet

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Corps' first female commander reflects on her role

■ Texas A&M's Alyssa Michalke credits leadership team for her success

By Steve Kuhlmann
The Eagle

COLLEGE STATION — While she may still have one semester left before she says goodbye to Texas A&M University, outgoing commander of the Corps of Cadets Alyssa Michalke is thankful for her past four years in the longstanding student organization.

Michalke

"It's definitely bittersweet, I've poured a lot of my heart and soul into this organization over the past four years and it's going to be tough to walk away from it all," she said.

The Eagle newspaper reported Michalke said she is particularly glad to have one final semester to make the goodbye a little easier.

"I think that last semester will give me a little bit of closure instead of having to walk away from it so suddenly," Michalke said. "I'll be able to see the freshmets walking around on campus, interact with them and see how the class of [illegible] is doing in their time [illegible]adership as seniors." Although she is fully aware, however, that some of the changes she will face as an ordinary student on campus.

"It's all I've known while I've been in college," Michalke said. "I've gone to every single college class in uniform and it's going to be weird walking around next fall in shorts and a T-shirt watching all the other cadets go to class in uniform."

Leading the largest Corps since 1970 and helping to facilitate the record-high grade point averages throughout the organization, Michalke largely places the credit on her leadership team and subordinates for the successes.

"I can get up on stage and pontificate and motivate cadets all I want, but at the end of the day it comes down to those sophomores, juniors and seniors at the unit level that are responsible for cadets and hold them accountable," Michalke said. "This year hasn't been about me and what I have done, but what my peers and subordinates have been able to accomplish. The Corps would not run nearly as well as it does without those members who work so hard in the shadows, doing their job on a daily basis."

While Michalke is humble about the influence she had over the past year, Corps Commandant Brig. Gen. Joe Ramirez did not shy away from noting her effect.

"She and her leadership team did an exceptional job this year. This was a very good year for our Corps in many ways, and I attribute a lot of that to Alyssa, her leadership and the leadership of her senior leaders in the Corps," Ramirez said.

He added that in her historic legacy as the first woman to hold the position of Corps commander, Michalke "made 40 years of women in the Corps extremely proud this year."

Michalke said she finds it unfair the women who came before her are not given more credit for paving the path ahead of her.

Having brought a first to the organization, Michalke said she hopes 100 years from now there are no firsts left to achieve.

"I hope that people will be able to see past the color of your skin, your gender, your religion and see you for the leader that you are," Michalke said. "I hope that what I've done this year as Corps commander has set a precedent that no matter what the stereotype may be, you can be successful as long as you work hard, you have a vision and a mission, you stick to it, hold those around you accountable and strive for excellence."

As for her immediate successor, Michalke said she has "no doubt" incoming commander Cecille Sorio and her team will succeed.

Among her advice for the incoming leaders, Michalke said she has encouraged them to learn from her experiences and strive to strike a healthy "work-life balance."

"The one piece of advice that I have that I continue to reiterate to them is to slow down next semester, take it in and even when you're up to midnight working on a paper, remember that you signed up for it and that there are people in the organization who would love to be in your shoes and have the opportunity to lead one of the best organizations on campus," Michalke said. "Smile a little bit, have fun and don't be afraid to cut loose every now and then."

As for what she will miss the most, Michalke had a simple answer — the camaraderie.

From down the halls of the dorm to see who wanted to grab dinner to the sometimes grueling runs, Michalke said she is thankful for the time she got to spend so closely with her fellow cadets.

"You get the opportunity to meet and interact with and develop relationships with some of the best people this university has to offer," Michalke said. "I'm definitely going to miss it."

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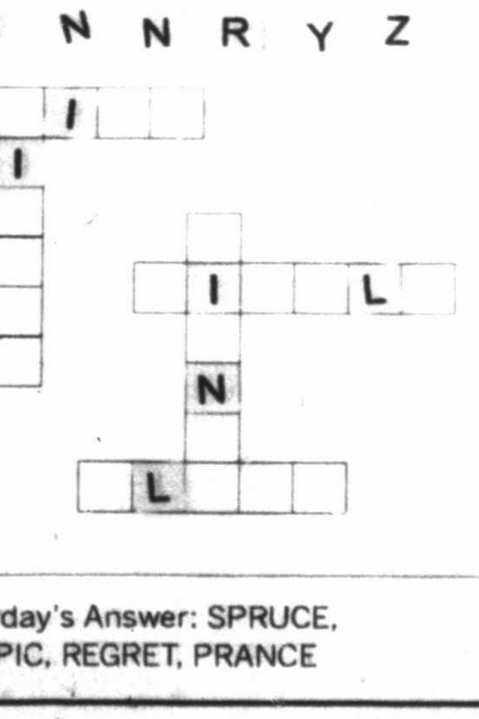

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Castro leads effort to increase backing for pre-K

San Antonio congressman spearheads Congressional Pre-K Caucus

By Bill Lambrecht
San Antonio Express-News

WASHINGTON — With Elmo and Cookie Monster in his corner, U.S. Rep. Joaquin Castro is hoping to boost support for pre-kindergarten programs across the country with a bipartisan caucus that draws on San Antonio's experiences with childhood learning.

Castro, D-San Antonio, is spearheading the new Congressional Pre-K Caucus at a time when states and localities are struggling to fund pre-K programs and skepticism still exists.

A conservative website captured concerns about pre-K's government intrusion: "Joaquin Castro turns brother Julian's Pre-K for SA into "Pre-K for USA," read the headline on a story about legislation.

The jab alluded to former San Antonio Mayor Julián Castro's 2012 initiative and resulting sales tax increase that ushered in the city's Pre-K 4 SA, with the goal of full-day programs for over 22,000 4-year-olds in eight years. He's now the Housing and Urban Development secretary in Washington.

Joaquin Castro hopes that universal pre-K warning turns into truth.

The House has some 400 caucuses dealing with a host of matters, from boating and baseball to rodeos. There's even a Congressional Bourbon Caucus. Most meet rarely and few can point to tangible achievement.

In a gridlocked House, where minority Democrats have little hope for new initiatives, Castro understands the unlikely fate of a separate bill he introduced boosting federal pre-K funding by $750 million.

But he hopes for wording in other bills that can expand enrollment and give localities more pipelines into federal pots of money.

He intends for his caucus to operate on Capitol Hill and beyond, much as he did with the U.S.-Japan Congressional Caucus he co-founded three years ago. That caucus, which has grown to more than 70 members, has hosted Japanese leaders and was instrumental in Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's visit to San Antonio in February.

At the Congressional Pre-K Caucus formal announcement last month, Sesame Street characters pranced into an ornate hearing, delighting and frightening preschoolers. Now that the fun is over, Castro is laying plans to turn the caucus into a pre-K rallying point in Congress and take the issue on the road.

In his second term, Castro says he wants to build on his work in the higher education realm while he was in the Texas Legislature.

"Unfortunately, there are a lot of people already lost by the time they get to high school years," he said in an interview.

"The fact is that, by that point in people's lives, a lot of students are already off track. Unless we start people strong early, as my brother did with Pre-K 4 SA, then by the time they get to the 11th or 12th grade, they lack the educational foundation they need to make it to college. Too many high school students still need so much remedial help."

A handful of Republicans among the 29 caucus members boosts chances for success. While some GOP governors across the country have embraced pre-K, House Re-

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'BIG ON MOTIVATION'

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Samuel Gonzalez, guest speaker for the Communities in Schools fundraising dinner, talks with supporters April 29 at the Petroleum Club.

Lee grad reveals Communities in Schools' impact

■ Samuel Gonzalez says the organization showed him the importance of a high school diploma

By Cassie Burton
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Samuel Gonzalez's junior year at Lee High School in 1999 was Communities in Schools Permian Basin's inaugural year at 11 campuses, including Lee.

Had CIS not arranged a meeting between the struggling Gonzalez, his parents and CIS' campus coordinator, Gonzalez said it would have been his last school year.

"I was seriously considering dropping out of school," Gonzalez said. "Communities in Schools was big on motivation for me. They convinced me I could catch up on my grades and that there was a path to graduation."

Gonzalez shared his story during CIS' annual fundraiser April 29 at the Petroleum Club. He revealed how CIS helped him graduate on time and set the stage for his employment at Key Energy Services, where he is director of recruitment for U.S. operations.

"I love it," said Gonzalez in an interview last week. "It's been a journey. Today I do all the recruiting for Key Energy in the United States."

Gonzalez said that CIS intervened at a critical moment and helped him stay focused. The coordinator, who was on campus, would reach out to him at least once a week. This constant contact had more impact than a report card once every six weeks, he said.

"This was on a weekly basis, so that was more effective, and that's honestly what I needed," Gonzalez said. "I needed that motivation at that period of my life. And another thing that I liked about it is, I was connected to a group of students that was more or less in my same situation. Through them we kind of created a bond where we would motivate each other not to skip school and not to make some of the bad decisions we were making."

His difficulties were two-fold: how far behind he was on grades and his credits, and he didn't think it was necessary to graduate.

His parents, neither of whom had a high school diploma, were working and "to my expectations, were very successful, so I somehow thought in my mind, 'OK, (a diploma) is not needed," Gonzalez said.

"But they knew it was important, and (CIS) knew it was important. Once I did, it's like I spread my wings."

Gonzalez went to Midland College on a scholarship to get certified as a paralegal. He began working with Key Energy in 2005 and traveled throughout the Americas as well as the Middle East and Asia. His experiences abroad and around the U.S. highlight how "blessed" Midland is, namely that it gives chances for community outreach, Gonzalez said.

"I've seen people help me, so now it's my turn to help others in their life," Gonzalez said. "I'm blessed to be given the opportunity to participate with (CIS) and take my story and share that with students today who are going through what I went through. They stop and recognize me, and we'll have a two-minute conversation like, 'Hey, how are you doing?' I can give them a pat on the back and give them the encouragement they need to graduate."

CIS Executive Director Bob Rice said they asked Gonzalez to give the fundraiser's keynote address to provide

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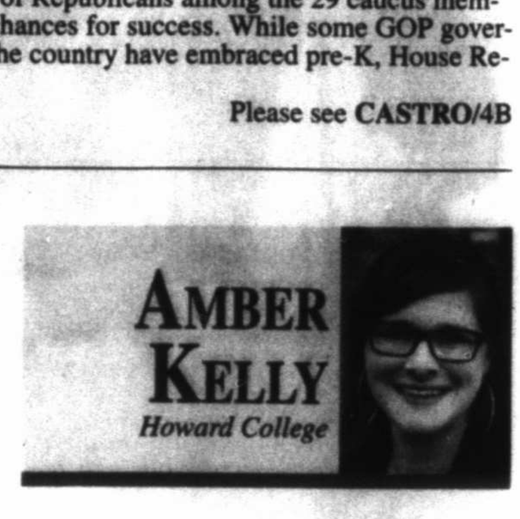

AMBER KELLY
Howard College

Good teachers provide students with tools for life after college

Today is the second day of final exams at Howard College. It marks the last time I will see many of my students, although some will return next year and some will hear me call their names Friday night as they cross the graduation stage. For me, this time of year reminds me of the last scene of "Mary Poppins." I stoically watch them move on in their excitement. If I have done my job, they don't need me anymore. The majority won't remember my name in a few months. I will be just a nameless, faceless grade on a transcript.

To be honest, many of them will just be names to me by this time next year. Hundreds of students come into my classroom, either literally or online, and each year the list of former students grows. That doesn't mean the end of the year isn't hard.

This year, for example, I have had classes packed with engaged, bright, curious students who gasp when I reveal a historical betrayal during the Peloponnesian War or groan the first time two characters meet in "The Importance of Being Earnest." They're the students who stay after class to talk more about what we've been discussing and email me dorky history or literary jokes because they know I love them. I have taught students like this before, but to have all my classes flourish this way — it has been a tremendous gift.

Teaching is, in many ways, the art of making yourself less needed. Yes, teachers impart facts and knowledge applicable to their field; however, more important is the skill set, the mindful inquisitiveness we try to instill. Most of my classes end the semester with a research paper, partly because that is the tried-and-true college level up assignment. More than that, I am preparing them to leave my classroom. All semester we have worked together through the sources I supply, guided by the questions that I ask. I have tried to be the sounding board, devil's advocate and tour guide through all they have encountered. The research paper is time for them to begin doing these things for themselves and to realize the power they possess. They can find things on their own, they can shape their own arguments and they can ask important questions. This is what we want them to do as part of the world after college.

Some students rise to this challenge, but others falter because the assignment is not

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Texas A&M to build $150M research campus

By Benjamin Wermund
Houston Chronicle

Texas A&M officials announced May 2 that the university would spend $150 million converting an abandoned 2,000-acre air base near its campus in a "transformative" move to foster product innovation and recruit thousands of undergraduates to new degree programs.

The college's ambitious, futuristic technology campus will be a place for companies to design and test driverless cars, drones and other autonomous vehicles. As tenants of the research campus, the companies would collaborate with three state agencies, which are part of the A&M system, on research in engineering, transportation and related cybersecurity.

The campus also would house an education center for students who don't quite make the cut for admission to A&M's College Station main campus.

More A&M news

Corps' first female commander reflects on her role.

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This expensive effort underscores the competition among universities in Texas and across the nation to bring together college researchers with commercial enterprises to fast-forward product invention and technology advancement.

"We must offer new, transformative business models whether we are moving our research from the laboratories into the marketplace, or helping more students to achieve a college education," said John Sharp, chancellor of the Texas A&M University System. "It is a big idea, and it is important that the Texas A&M University System nurture big ideas."

At the same time, the University of Texas is in the process of buying about 300 acres in southwest Houston near the Texas Medical Center to build something "bold" and "innovative" to foster collaborative research endeavors.

In 2009, the University of Houston bought the old Schlumberger headquarters near its main campus and has spent millions turning it into an energy research park.

Education center

A key part of the A&M project will be the $38 million education center to offer a new four-year college degree path for students who still want to live in Bryan-College Station. Students could start their degrees at the center and graduate from it or transfer to A&M's main campus.

Although plans for the center are not yet

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Corps' first female commander reflects on her role

■ Texas A&M's Alyssa Michalke credits leadership team for her success

By Steve Kuhlmann
The Eagle

COLLEGE STATION — While she may still have one semester left before she says goodbye to Texas A&M University, outgoing commander of the Corps of Cadets Alyssa Michalke is thankful for her past four years in the longstanding student organization.

Michalke

"It's definitely bittersweet, I've poured a lot of my heart and soul into this organization over the past four years and it's going to be tough to walk away from it all," she said.

The Eagle newspaper reported Michalke said she is particularly glad to have one final semester to make the goodbye a little easier.

"I think that last semester will give me a little bit of closure instead of having to walk away from it so suddenly," Michalke said. "I'll be able to see the cadets walking around on campus, interact with them and see how the class of '17 is doing in their time of leadership as seniors."

She is fully aware, however, of the changes she will face as an ordinary student on campus.

"It's all I've known while I've been in college," Michalke said. "I've gone to every single college class in uniform and it's going to be weird walking around next fall in shorts and a T-shirt watching all the other cadets go to class in uniform."

Leading the largest Corps since 1970 and helping to facilitate the record-high grade point averages throughout the organization, Michalke largely places the credit on her leadership team and subordinates for the successes.

"I can get up on stage and pontificate and motivate cadets all I want, but at the end of the day it comes down to those sophomores, juniors and seniors at the unit level that are responsible for cadets and hold them accountable," Michalke said. "This year hasn't been about me and what I have done, but what my peers and subordinates have been able to accomplish. The Corps would not run nearly as well as it does without those members who work so hard in the shadows, doing their job on a daily basis."

While Michalke is humble about the influence she had over the past year, Corps Commandant Brig. Gen. Joe Ramirez did not shy away from noting her effect.

"She and her leadership team did an exceptional job this year. This was a very good year for our Corps in many ways, and I attribute a lot of that to Alyssa, her leadership and the leadership of her senior leaders in the Corps," Ramirez said.

He added that in her historic legacy as the first woman to hold the position of Corps commander, Michalke "made 40 years of women in the Corps extremely proud this year."

Michalke said she finds it unfair the women who came before her are not given more credit for paving the path ahead of her.

Having brought a first to the organization, Michalke said she hopes 100 years from now there are no firsts left to achieve.

"I hope that people will be able to see past the color of your skin, your gender, your religion and see you for the leader that you are," Michalke said. "I hope that what I've done this year as Corps commander has set a precedent that no matter what the stereotype may be, you can be successful as long as you work hard, you have a vision and a mission, you stick to it, hold those around you accountable and strive for excellence."

As for her immediate successor, Michalke said she has "no doubt" incoming commander Cecille Sorio and her team will succeed.

Among her advice for the incoming leaders, Michalke said she has encouraged them to learn from her experiences and strive to strike a healthy "work-life balance."

"The one piece of advice that I have that I continue to reiterate to them is to slow down next semester, take it in and even when you're up to midnight working on a paper, remember that you signed up for it and that there are people in the organization who would love to be in your shoes and have the opportunity to lead one of the best organizations on campus," Michalke said. "Smile a little bit, have fun and don't be afraid to cut loose every now and then."

As for what she will miss the most, Michalke had a simple answer — the camaraderie.

From down the halls of the dorm to see who wanted to grab dinner to the sometimes grueling runs, Michalke said she is thankful for the time she got to spend so closely with her fellow cadets.

"You get the opportunity to meet and interact with and develop relationships with some of the best people this university has to offer," Michalke said. "I'm definitely going to miss it."

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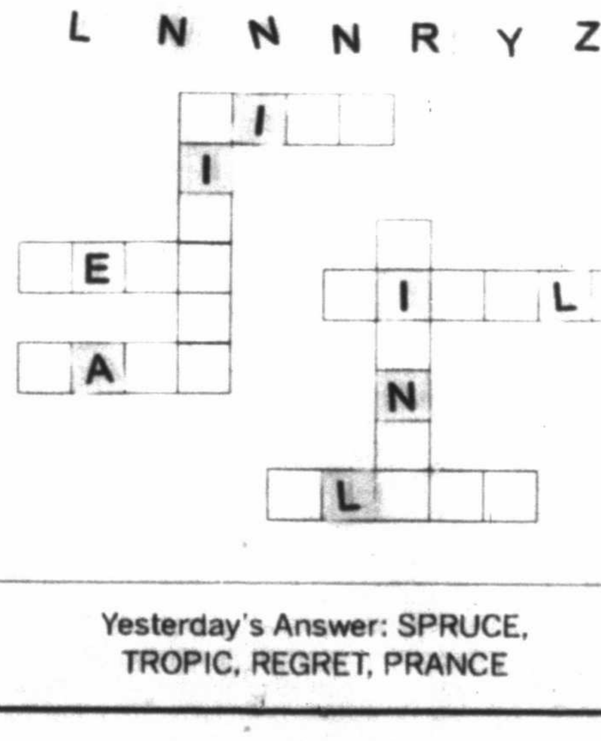

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CASTRO

From 2B

publicans have a general aversion to anything that smacks of big-government spending.

U.S. Rep. Tom Cole of Oklahoma, the fourth-ranking GOP leader in the House, is one of four Pre-K Caucus co-chairs. Oklahoma, which hasn't voted for a Democratic president in more than 60 years, is a leader in pre-K thanks in part to the presence of the George Kaiser Family Foundation in Tulsa. The state ranks fourth in the nation in access to early learning.

Cole, who heads the Appropriations subcommittee that handles education, said he believes that the caucus has strong potential.

"You look for the things that can bring people together. This is one of those things," he said.

Early reviews are positive.

Sarah Rittling, president of the First Five Years Fund, an advocacy group in Washington, said the caucus "really is a good way of showing in an impactful way that there is bipartisan support for pre-K."

In Southern California, Celia Ayala, the daughter of self-educated immigrants, is CEO of Los Angeles Universal Pre-School, with an enrollment of 11,000 children.

Funding is all-important, she said, but so is the message that underpins it. For that reason, she believes that what Castro and the Pre-K Caucus preach will be heard.

"What it says is that there is a bipartisan group of our leadership in Washington, D.C., that believes that early education is a priority, and that sends a strong message across the country," she said.

Ayala observed that the Castros are gaining a reputation as pre-K crusaders.

"They benefited from a mother who believed in making sure that her boys got a solid foundation in terms of their schooling and their achievements. And now they're giving back," she said.

Her Los Angeles County organization, like most others, is fighting for money. Money from a tobacco tax supporting pre-K has steadily declined and will run out next month.

In Kentucky, the state's new GOP governor, Matt Bevin, cited "tight fiscal times" last month in vetoing a $40 million initiative enabling more pre-K participation by children in families of modest means.

The Arkansas Better Chance program for early childhood education was boosted early on by a beer tax. Last month, a legislative committee turned down a $10 million infusion despite supporters' arguments that pre-K yields more high school graduates and ultimately reduces crime.

In Denver, a report this year found wide disparities in pre-K enrollment between low-income and richer parts of the city.

Colorado, one of four states with legalized recreational marijuana, took in $135 million in taxes and license fees last year from nearly $1 billion in sales of pot. That revenue landed in the state's general fund, adding $24 million for schools.

But in Denver, school officials took the unusual step last month of putting up an animated video disputing the notion that marijuana legalization has helped significantly. The school board plans to vote next month on whether to put a tax increase on the November ballot.

CIS

From 2B

guests with a firsthand perspective on what CIS does and the agency's effect on alumni of area high schools. Rice met Gonzalez about a year ago at the annual "Senior Celebration" — when seniors in CIS programs celebrate graduation — and heard his story and about his continued involvement with Communities in Schools.

Gonzalez participates in the male-mentoring program XY Zone and this year chaperoned a visit with about 130 CIS students to Angelo State University, Rice said.

Activities like these work toward CIS' main goal, which is to get a student to graduate from high school, Rice said.

CIS seeks to create academic achievement as well as enrichment through college campus visits, hosting weekly and monthly events and complementing Midland ISD counselors and organizations in the Permian Basin area, Rice said. It also has mentoring programs: the XY Zone, for boys, and FACES, for girls.

"We help kids who, for whatever the reason, are at risk of dropping out. (Reasons) can range from being homeless to having a family grief situation," Rice said. "We help them deal with those situations. If they need professional assistance ... like if it's a grief issue, we go to Rays of Hope. If it has something to do with drugs, then we put them in touch with a counselor at Palmer Drug Abuse. Whatever is causing that young person to be at risk of dropping out of school, that's what we help them with."

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Bob Rice, executive director of Communities in Schools, talks with supporters during a fundraising dinner April 29 at the Petroleum Club.

Rice, who is retiring Dec. 31 after five years with the organization, said last month's fundraiser — Jockeys, Juleps and all that Jazz — appeared to be "very successful."

Rice's fondest memories during his time with CIS are of stories like Gonzalez and another alum, who serves in the U.S. Navy. He credits campus coordinators for their hard work in helping to create as many of these success stories as possible.

"Every year we help over 1,000 young men and women with whatever their challenge might be that causes them to be at risk," Rice said.

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A&M

From 2B

solidified, university officials said there won't be anything exactly like it in Texas. The courses and degrees offered there will require approval from state and education accrediting bodies. Other teaching centers with multiple universities are housed far away from those universities. This one is on the doorstep of A&M's College Station campus and will be located in the research park that will occupy an area more than twice the size of the university's main campus.

It's aimed at keeping the roughly 10,000 applicants a year who are rejected from admission to A&M and choose to attend colleges outside Texas. Officials will start small by enrolling a few hundred in two to three years at the new center.

The university should use the academic end of its new campus to test emerging models for higher education, including offering more affordable degrees, having competency-based programs and training faculty in cognitive science, so they can be better teachers, said Raymund Paredes, the state's commissioner of higher education.

Paredes said he also would like to see A&M use part of its new campus as a type of museum to display the work done there to show young children and spark their interest in science and related fields.

At Monday's news conference in College Station, A&M officials said their research campus will be unprecedented in part because of the sheer size of it. Called the RELLIS campus — an acronym for A&M's core values respect, excellence, leadership, loyalty, integrity and selflessness — it will be built on the World War II base the university acquired in 1962.

"This will be a magnet for technology companies locating their research to the Brazos Valley and for thousands of additional students to study here, contributing to the local economy," Sharp said. "It's a great one-two punch for economic development."

For its transportation study and testing, the research campus will have enough room for driving tracks for autonomous cars, trucks and tractors. Because it's an old air base, it has the runways necessary to test aerial vehicles — namely drones — as well. The campus will be so vast that entire portions of it could be blocked off for private companies to test products and technologies without competitors seeing their work.

The campus also will include a center focused on finding better materials and methods for rebuilding America's ailing infrastructure. Elsewhere there will be room for researchers testing chemical processing safety to do some realistic and explosive tests.

"Perhaps they want to try a new type of technology that would be some sort of indicator there could be an explosion. They can test it out here because they can blow things up," said is M. Katherine Banks, engineering dean at Texas A&M.

Spending outlined

The university will spend $25 million to demolish 32 old buildings on the air base tract, rebuild roads and upgrade utilities. A&M will save the chapel and a couple of hangars in recognition of the historic role of training World War II pilots at the air base.

Another $125 million will go toward building seven new buildings, including the Center for Infrastructure Renewal — a $73 million endeavor funded by the state. The university will build a structure for research focused on automated vehicles, robotics, chemical safety and industrial distribution. The site will remain home to a law enforcement training facility, as well.

University officials expect to begin construction work on the project in September and open the first part of the new campus in 2018. All of the $150 million is committed for the project, either from private donations or state funding, Banks said.

KELLY

From 2B

something with an easy answer for them to accomplish. For every student who relishes the freedom to design his or her own topic, there are those who just want me to keep telling them what to do. That's not how I do things. Like Mary Poppins, by the end of the semester, the wind is changing and they must be prepared for my time with them to end. Last week, I told one of my classes, "I'm not abandoning you guys; we are just at the point in the semester where you have to make this your own. I can answer questions and point you in the right direction, but the rest you have to do for yourselves. The good news is you have the tools."

And they do. Students have the tools to do things for themselves without parents or instructors saving them. It just depends if they want to. I met with some colleagues from another college a few weeks ago who shared that their college was using student grades to evaluate the instructor. If teachers don't have a certain number of students passing, it can impact whether they have a job.

While I am sure the system is more complicated than that, it baffles me that we would quantify a teacher's skill set that way. Honestly, some semesters, my students are so good that the grades look fictional; the next semester I just can't get students to connect. Usually it is a mix of the two. Still, how can any teacher really do his or her job if their employment is based on the willingness of others? Some students just aren't ready or don't want to do the work. Hollywood has taught us that if we just push a little harder or think up a gimmick, the students will respond. Some just won't, no matter how much of your teaching heart you give away.

In the end, I suppose it comes down to what we believe a college education actually represents. Is it a transcript with a series of letters? Is it a certificate with a few signatures? Or is it something documented by those things? For me, it is to take my students a step closer to the best version of themselves. As much as I miss them when they leave, I am thankful for the time I have had with them.

Amber Kelly is assistant professor of English/history and dean of General Studies at Howard College in Big Spring.

MAKINGTHEGRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Warren

Lee High School senior **Taylor Warren** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. She is the daughter of Ryder and Jill Warren.

She is a member of National Honor Society, Senior Girls, Interact Club and choir. She was homecoming queen and named Miss LHS. She is a member of Academic All-District.

She volunteers with Stonegate Kids.

Warren plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in mathematics.

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Crawford

Midland High School senior **Claire Crawford** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. She is the daughter of T. Richard Crawford and Beth Crawford.

She is a member of National Honor Society, Students in Philanthropy and Dawg Pack.

She is involved with Young Life and is a Symphony Belle.

Crawford plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in biochemistry or Texas A&M University and major in public health.

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Lee High School senior **Kyra Mary Lewis** has been honored by the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club. She is the daughter of Monica Ramirez.

She is the captain of the basketball team and is a member of first team All-District, Senior Girls, AVID and Community in Schools and is a Texas Scholar.

She volunteers with Keep Midland Beautiful.

Lewis plans to major in physical therapy.

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Lee High School senior **Roiyl Rachelle Niblett** has been honored by the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club. She is the daughter of Roshauna Niblett.

She is involved in cosmetology and Upward Bound and is football and track trainer.

She volunteers with Meals on Wheels, Feast of Sharing and Keep Midland Beautiful. She attends Community Worship Center and is a member of the youth choir.

Niblett plans to attend Texas State University.

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Midland High School senior **Makayla Gorden** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. She is the daughter of Chris and Doree Gorden.

She is a member of National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and Starz dance team. She is an academic and Starz letterman.

She volunteers at Stonegate Fellowship.

Gorden plans to attend Baylor University and study political science and international studies.

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Lee High School senior **Michaela McClinton** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. She is the daughter of Beau McClinton and Casey McClinton.

She is a member of the golf team.

McClinton plans to attend Midland College.

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Lee High School senior **Chance Trimble** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. He is the son of Raquelle Trimble and Jerry Trimble.

He is a member of the band and orchestra.

Trimble plans to attend Texas Tech University and study music performance.

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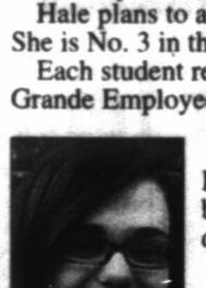

Ganthner

Lee High School senior **Andrea Ganthner** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. She is the daughter of Gabriela Ganthner and Todd Ganthner.

She is a member of the Student Council, National Honor Society and volleyball team. She is an academic letterman and Texas Scholar.

She volunteers with Big Brother Big Sisters, Keep Midland Beautiful and Santa's Little Helpers.

Ganthner plans to attend Texas A&M University.

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Midland High School seniors **Eric Kam** and **Cassidy Hale** have received scholarships from Grande Communications.

Kam, who is valedictorian, plans to major in mechanical engineering at either Harvard University, Stanford University or Princeton University.

Hale plans to attend Texas A&M to major in biology. She is No. 3 in the class.

Each student received a $500 scholarship from the Grande Employee Memorial Scholarship Fund.

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Whiteman

Midland Christian School senior **Katherine Whiteman** has been honored by the Midland Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Ward and Karen Whiteman.

She is Science Club president and is a member of National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Apologetics Club, Hebrew Roots II, First Priority and Be the Change and is involved in Bible study.

Whiteman plans to attend Midland College.

Talina Granado Aguirre

Nov. 29, 1981 — May 10, 2006

Forever In My Heart

I thought of you today,
But that's nothing new.
I thought of you yesterday,
And the day before that too.
I think of you in silence,
I often speak your name.
All I have are memories,
And a picture in a frame.
Your memory is a keepsake,
From which I'll never part.
God has you in his arms,
I have you in my heart.

It's been sixteen incredibly hard and lonely years Mija, that only because of father God's immense love and mercy have we've been able to live with your absence.
We so much miss, love and need you; only waiting on that wonderful day of reunion. Rev 21:4

Te amamos mi amor, from mama, daddy, gaela, apa, family and friends.

TODAY: Sunny High: 84 Low: 63

WEDNESDAY: Sunny High: 84 Low: 62

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny High: 79 Low: 60

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 80 Low: 64

SATURDAY: Partly sunny High: 88 Low: 64

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny High: 91 Low: 64

Local forecast

The National Weather Service is calling for a chance of showers Wednesday night (20 percent), Thursday (30 percent) and Thursday night (20 percent). Until then, expect high temperatures nearly 10 degrees above average for this time of year.

The record high for May 9 is 101 set in 1967. The record low is 42 set in 1969. On May 9 of last year, the high was 89 and the low was 61.

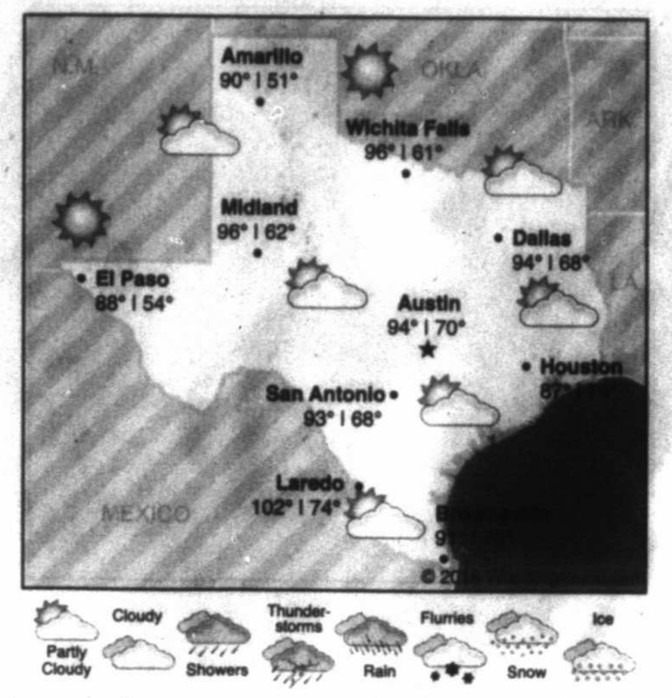
Weather brief

OKLAHOMA

Storm shelter construction begins on 1st of 20 Tulsa schools

TULSA — Construction is underway at the first of 20 Tulsa-area schools receiving new classrooms or library additions that double as storm shelters.

A $415 million bond package that Tulsa voters approved of in 2015 includes $7.5 million to reinforce new building additions as storm shelters at 20 schools, the Tulsa World reported. Springdale Elementary is scheduled to be the first to have a completed addition.



Precipitation

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Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.03 in.
Year total	2.30 in.
Normal total (year to date)	2.82 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	88
Low	60
Normal high	86
Normal low	57
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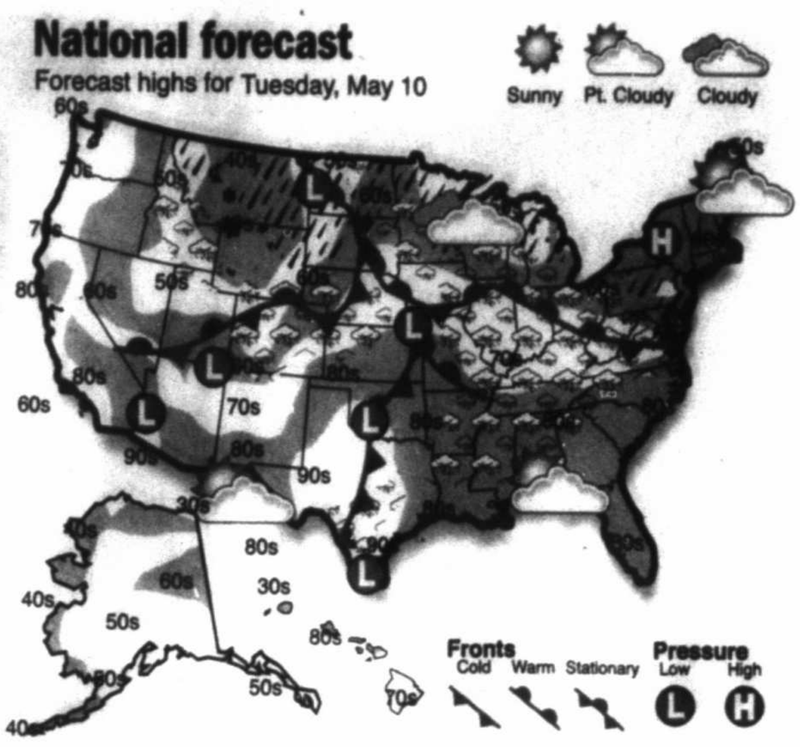
National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, May 10



Readers give breast implants reviews both pro and con

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: "Doesn't Want to Lose Him" (Dec. 16) wants breast implants, but her boyfriend is against it. I had breast augmentation at age 27 for the same reasons she wants them. I was flat-chested, and clothing, especially summer clothing, never fit or looked right.

My husband was supportive, and it turned out to be one of the best things I've done for my self-confidence. I not only became more outgoing, but my career also took off.

I want to urge "'Doesn't'" to talk to her plastic surgeon about her goals. She shouldn't allow herself to be pushed into a larger size than she feels comfortable with, and she shouldn't be unrealistic about how it will change her.

She implied that the surgery wouldn't alter who she is inside, but isn't that her goal — to have more self-assurance? She'll see a big change in her life. It will be gradual, but she'll become a more confident version of herself.

She should forget the boyfriend if he can't find it in himself to be supportive, because if she does get the implants, I predict that in a year, she will have outgrown him anyway. (Pun intended.) — KNOWS WELL IN SAVANNAH

DEAR KNOWS WELL: Thank you for your comments. Readers had various reactions to this letter. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I doubt that implants will give her anything more than a superficial boost in confidence, because external attractiveness is fleeting. I'd suggest she look inward for self-esteem rather than try to paste it onto her outsides. Values such as kindness, compassion, development of her talents, expanding her awareness and being of service to others will give her self-esteem to last a lifetime.

I've been small-breasted all my life and admit that sometimes I have wished I had more "up front," but now at 66, I have a healthy, fit body and have learned self-acceptance. — M.H. IN BERKELEY, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: I was lucky my husband didn't have any objections. I had it done, but never expected the pain to be so bad. I felt better about the way clothes looked on me, but that feeling didn't last.

I recently had them removed because I suspected they were leaking (saline). They were uncomfortable. I could sleep only on my back. Running was not fun. They didn't feel natural, and they didn't look great naked. I realized having them was a big mistake.

Afterward, I found out they HADN'T leaked; they had just "shifted." I feel better now and no one noticed anything. I've heard others love their implants, but I just wanted to let "'Doesn't'" know there are some women who regret having it done. — LEE IN HILO, HAWAII

DEAR ABBY: I wanted breast implants about 10 years ago because my proportions were off and clothes didn't fit well. My then-boyfriend tried to talk me out of it, but I didn't listen.

Abby, I have never once regretted getting implants. I'm happy, healthy and more confident. Looking back, I believe my boyfriend tried to talk me out of it because he was afraid of other men noticing me. He'd say things to make me feel self-conscious about my appearance. I suspect he knew I'd eventually wise up and the surgery would expedite it. Today, I'm married to a wonderful man who doesn't mind my assets at all. — HAPPY IN BRANDON, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: There's a strange irony here. The greatest challenge to the woman's self-esteem is her boyfriend — not because he is against the implants, but because of the belittling way he talks to her. In keeping with her low self-image, she has chosen a mate who feels threatened by her desire to be more confident.

A nurturing boyfriend would lift her up more than any breast enhancement could. If she had a more supportive boyfriend, she would probably decide she didn't need the surgery. What a paradox! — JON IN BALTIMORE

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Couple of extras

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SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
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2♣	Pass	4♡	All pass

Opening lead: Four of ♡

Today's deal was played at a tournament in Tenerife, in the Canary Islands. South was Knut Kiste, from Norway. This deal is from a pairs competition, where overtricks are crucial. Kiste managed two overtricks in his contract despite best defense from East-West.

The opening heart lead was won in dummy with the king and Kiste played a low club from both hands, losing to West's 10. West continued with another heart, ducked in dummy and won by declarer with the jack. The ace of clubs was followed by a club ruff with the queen of trumps. South crossed back to his hand with the ace of spades, cashed the ace of hearts, and then led a diamond for a successful finesse to the board's queen. Kiste cashed the ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond, leaving this position:

NORTH
♠ K 8
♡ Void
◇ 7
♣ Void

WEST
♠ Q 9
♡ Void
◇ K
♣ Void

EAST
♠ J 10
♡ Void
◇ Void
♣ K

SOUTH
♠ 2
♡ 9
◇ Void
♣ 8

Kiste led his last trump and the opponents couldn't defend the position. West had to keep his high diamond and East had to keep his high club. Neither opponent could keep two spades, so the king and eight of spades took the last two tricks. Well played!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, May 10, 2016:

This year you open up to an opportunity to be more expressive and caring. At times you will have difficulty relating to others who are not choosing a similar path as yours. Not only are you different people from different backgrounds, but you also are making choices that point to an even greater intellectual and emotional distance. You are fortunate to be open to unique ideas. If you are single, you will make choices that allow you to meet more people, though an emotional bond could form quite quickly between you and another person. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy more one-on-one time than ever before. Express your tenderness and caring. CANCER stabilizes because of your earthy calmness.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You could see opportunities arise that allow you to take a stand. You'll feel unusually energized and content as a result. Consider your options more carefully. Any effort to get past a problem might force you to reveal a little more than you desire. Tonight: Reach out to a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Keep conversations open. Your strong judgments often put you at a disadvantage, especially if you reveal too much of your thinking. Being willing to listen to others will allow you to understand a friend better, and it will add zest to your relationship. Tonight: Out late.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You could be in a position where you want to do something very different. Your sense of humor emerges when dealing with others. You are likely to see a change in a family member's attitude, or you might have a more positive interaction in your personal life. Tonight: Celebrate!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You seem more willing to have a discussion and root out the real problem rather than getting into all the gossip and sarcastic remarks. Recognize how important it is to hear someone else's perspective. You might have more in common than you realize. Tonight: Be imaginative.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You will cause yourself a lot of trouble if you are not careful. Listen carefully to someone you trust. The news you hear could involve your personal life or a professional manner. You know and understand the importance of first impressions. Tonight: Keep it confidential.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You might want to experience a change of pace and see the effect it has on a relationship. Of course, you could evoke a strong reaction, so be prepared. How you work with a close friend or an associate will be appreciated far more than you realize. Tonight: Follow the crowd.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Avoid a power play at all costs, as you are only likely to get aggravated by it. A family member wants his or her way, and getting caught in the crosswinds of this person's desires would be a mistake. Assess the areas of your life where you have more say. Tonight: At home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ The solution to a controversy won't be apparent until you can calm down and look at the matter from different viewpoints. Make sure you are detached and not being triggered. Communication could become difficult at some point. Tonight: Hang out with a friend or two.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Be aware of the costs of continuing as you have been. Ask yourself what drives you to act in the way that you do. A partner could be very receptive to an offer, whereas you might be insulted by it. Brainstorm with others in order to find a solution. Tonight: Avoid a controversy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You are a lot sassier than you might realize. You want what you want, when you want it. Try not to be angry or uptight if everything doesn't fall into place as you might like. Tonight: It is your call.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ You could be suppressing a need to handle a problem in your own way. A problem is likely to arise if you don't address the issues as you would like to. As a result, you could become very angry. Open up to new perspectives and a more flexible style. Tonight: Pace yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You have the ability to make major changes, if you so choose. Someone close to you could make some suggestions, but in a grumpy and difficult way, which is likely to make you recoil. Stay upbeat, and don't allow this person to get the best of you. Tonight: All smiles.

BORN TODAY

Singer/dancer Fred Astaire (1899), singer/songwriter Bono (1960), actor Kenan Thompson (1978)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Big celebration
5 __ guy: dependable sort
9 Paper size
14 Village People song with arm motions
15 Samoan capital
16 Send packing, as a delinquent tenant
17 "Peanuts" outburst
19 Towel material
20 Arg. neighbor
21 Fruity soft drinks
22 Student's organizer
23 Self-indulgent period
25 Grooves from wagon wheels
26 Distress call at sea
32 Where many a lanyard is woven
35 Two-handed hammer
36 __ Claire, Wisconsin
37 Spectral array
38 Zig when you should have zagged, say
39 Dry as the Mojave
40 Tax-auditing org.
41 Maritime measure
44 Zippo
45 Off-the-cuff comment
48 Hunter's target
49 Discuss again and again
53 Regular on the slopes
56 Slope overlooking a loch
58 "Who, me?"
59 Makes less difficult
60 Oil metaphor
62 Those girls, in Spain
63 Word of honor
64 First chip in a pot
65 Rodeo rope
66 Sledder's cry
67 Pre-weekend shout ... and a hint to the first word of 17-, 26-, 45- and 60-Across

DOWN

1 Old-fashioned "How about that!"
2 Love, to Luciano
3 Talent finder
4 Consumed
5 Flower exhibits
6 TV role for Ronny
7 Garbage bag closers
8 Bungler
9 Beatles title after "Speaking words of wisdom"
10 Despite that
11 Encircle with a belt
12 Orchard measure
13 Space travel dist.
18 Explorer Vasco da __
22 Town
24 Little pranksters
25 "The Shining" mantra
27 Chicago Fire Mrs.
28 Brink
29 Prefix with space
30 Picnic spoiler
31 "C'mon, bro!"
32 Stylish
33 Otherworldly radiance
34 Sticky situation
39 Pharaoh's cross
41 Hall of Fame manager Tony
42 Grade sch. level
43 Common swimmer's ailment
46 In high spirits
47 Smell really bad
50 Mixed in with
51 Conductor Sir Georg
52 Part of HDTV, briefly
53 Visionary
54 Curly cabbage
55 Land surrounded by agua
56 Boring
57 Hourly charge, e.g.
60 Present decoration
61 Thug's gun

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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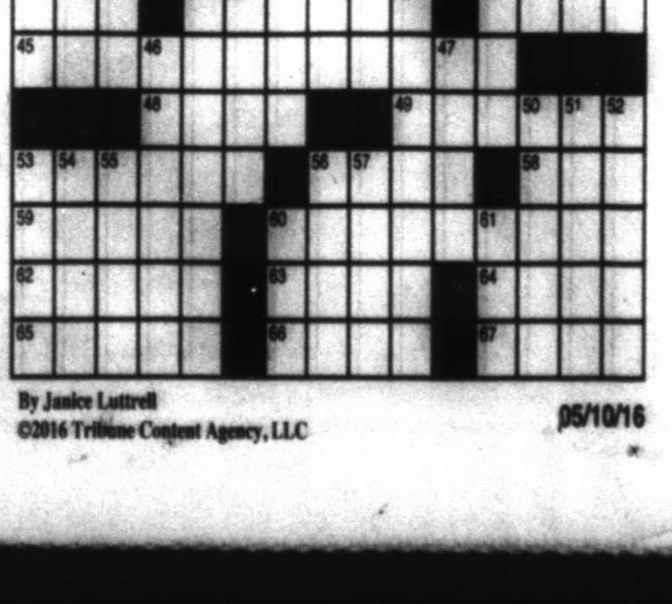

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CASTRO

From 2B

publicans have a general aversion to anything that smacks of big-government spending.

U.S. Rep. Tom Cole of Oklahoma, the fourth-ranking GOP leader in the House, is one of four Pre-K Caucus co-chairs. Oklahoma, which hasn't voted for a Democratic president in more than 60 years, is a leader in pre-K thanks in part to the presence of the George Kaiser Family Foundation in Tulsa. The state ranks fourth in the nation in access to early learning.

Cole, who heads the Appropriations subcommittee that handles education, said he believes that the caucus has strong potential.

"You look for the things that can bring people together. This is one of those things," he said.

Early reviews are positive.

Sarah Rittling, president of the First Five Years Fund, an advocacy group in Washington, said the caucus "really is a good way of showing in an impactful way that there is bipartisan support for pre-K."

In Southern California, Celia Ayala, the daughter of self-educated immigrants, is CEO of Los Angeles Universal Pre-School, with an enrollment of 11,000 children.

Funding is all-important, she said, but so is the message that underpins it. For that reason, she believes that what Castro and the Pre-K Caucus preach will be heard.

"What it says is that there is a bipartisan group of our leadership in Washington, D.C., that believes that early education is a priority, and that sends a strong message across the country," she said.

Ayala observed that the Castros are gaining a reputation as pre-K crusaders.

"They benefited from a mother who believed in making sure that her boys got a solid foundation in terms of their schooling and their achievements. And now they're giving back," she said.

Her Los Angeles County organization, like most others, is fighting for money. Money from a tobacco tax supporting pre-K has steadily declined and will run out next month.

In Kentucky, the state's new GOP governor, Matt Bevin, cited "tight fiscal times" last month in vetoing a $40 million initiative enabling more pre-K participation by children in families of modest means.

The Arkansas Better Chance program for early childhood education was boosted early on by a beer tax. Last month, a legislative committee turned down a $10 million infusion despite supporters' arguments that pre-K yields more high school graduates and ultimately reduces crime.

In Denver, a report this year found wide disparities in pre-K enrollment between low-income and richer parts of the city.

Colorado, one of four states with legalized recreational marijuana, took in $135 million in taxes and license fees last year from nearly $1 billion in sales of pot. That revenue landed in the state's general fund, adding $24 million for schools.

But in Denver, school officials took the unusual step last month of putting up an animated video disputing the notion that marijuana legalization has helped significantly. The school board plans to vote next month on whether to put a tax increase on the November ballot.

CIS

From 2B

guests with a firsthand perspective on what CIS does and the agency's effect on alumni of area high schools. Rice met Gonzalez about a year ago at the annual "Senior Celebration" — when seniors in CIS programs celebrate graduation — and heard his story and about his continued involvement with Communities in Schools.

Gonzalez participates in the male-mentoring program XY Zone and this year chaperoned a visit with about 130 CIS students to Angelo State University, Rice said.

Activities like these work toward CIS' main goal, which is to get a student to graduate from high school, Rice said.

CIS seeks to create academic achievement as well as enrichment through college campus visits, hosting weekly and monthly events and complementing Midland ISD counselors and organizations in the Permian Basin area, Rice said. It also has mentoring programs: the XY Zone, for boys, and FACES, for girls.

"We help kids who, for whatever the reason, are at risk of dropping out. (Reasons) can range from being homeless to having a family grief situation," Rice said. "We help them deal with those situations. If they need professional assistance ... like if it's a grief issue, we go to Rays of Hope. If it has something to do with drugs, then we put them in touch with a counselor at Palmer Drug Abuse. Whatever is causing that young person to be at risk of dropping out of school, that's what we help them with."

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Bob Rice, executive director of Communities in Schools, talks with supporters during a fundraising dinner April 29 at the Petroleum Club.

Rice, who is retiring Dec. 31 after five years with the organization, said last month's fundraiser — Jockeys, Juleps and all that Jazz — appeared to be "very successful."

Rice's fondest memories during his time with CIS are of stories like Gonzalez and another alum, who serves in the U.S. Navy. He credits campus coordinators for their hard work in helping to create as many of these success stories as possible.

"Every year we help over 1,000 young men and women with whatever their challenge might be that causes them to be at risk," Rice said.

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A&M

From 2B

solidified, university officials said there won't be anything exactly like it in Texas. The courses and degrees offered there will require approval from state and education accrediting bodies. Other teaching centers with multiple universities are housed far away from those universities. This one is on the doorstep of A&M's College Station campus and will be located in the research park that will occupy an area more than twice the size of the university's main campus.

It's aimed at keeping the roughly 10,000 applicants a year who are rejected from admission to A&M and choose to attend colleges outside Texas. Officials will start small by enrolling a few hundred in two to three years at the new center.

The university should use the academic end of its new campus to test emerging models for higher education, including offering more affordable degrees, having competency-based programs and training faculty in cognitive science, so they can be better teachers, said Raymund Paredes, the state's commissioner of higher education.

Paredes said he also would like to see A&M use part of its new campus as a type of museum to display the work done there to show young children and spark their interest in science and related fields.

At Monday's news conference in College Station, A&M officials said their research campus will be unprecedented in part because of the sheer size of it. Called the RELLIS campus — an acronym for A&M's core values respect, excellence, leadership, loyalty, integrity and selflessness — it will be built on the World War II base the university acquired in 1962.

"This will be a magnet for technology companies locating their research to the Brazos Valley and for thousands of additional students to study here, contributing to the local economy," Sharp said. "It's a great one-two punch for economic development."

For its transportation study and testing, the research campus will have enough room for driving tracks for autonomous cars, trucks and tractors. Because it's an old air base, it has the runways necessary to test aerial vehicles — namely drones — as well. The campus will be so vast that entire portions of it could be blocked off for private companies to test products and technologies without competitors seeing their work.

The campus also will include a center focused on finding better materials and methods for rebuilding America's ailing infrastructure. Elsewhere there will be room for researchers testing chemical processing safety to do some realistic and explosive tests.

"Perhaps they want to try a new type of technology that would be some sort of indicator there could be an explosion. They can test it out here because they can blow things up," said is M. Katherine Banks, engineering dean at Texas A&M.

Spending outlined

The university will spend $25 million to demolish 32 old buildings on the air base tract, rebuild roads and upgrade utilities. A&M will save the chapel and a couple of hangars in recognition of the historic role of training World War II pilots at the air base.

Another $125 million will go toward building seven new buildings, including the Center for Infrastructure Renewal — a $73 million endeavor funded by the state. The university will build a structure for research focused on automated vehicles, robotics, chemical safety and industrial distribution. The site will remain home to a law enforcement training facility, as well.

University officials expect to begin construction work on the project in September and open the first part of the new campus in 2018. All of the $150 million is committed for the project, either from private donations or state funding, Banks said.

KELLY

From 2B

something with an easy answer for them to accomplish. For every student who relishes the freedom to design his or her own topic, there are those who just want me to keep telling them what to do. That's not how I do things. Like Mary Poppins, by the end of the semester, the wind is changing and they must be prepared for my time with them to end. Last week, I told one of my classes, "I'm not abandoning you guys; we are just at the point in the semester where you have to make this your own. I can answer questions and point you in the right direction, but the rest you have to do for yourselves. The good news is you have the tools."

And they do. Students have the tools to do things for themselves without parents or instructors saving them. It just depends if they want to. I met with some colleagues from another college a few weeks ago who shared that their college was using student grades to evaluate the instructor. If teachers don't have a certain number of students passing, it can impact whether they have a job.

While I am sure the system is more complicated than that, it baffles me that we would quantify a teacher's skill set that way. Honestly, some semesters, my students are so good that the grades look fictional; the next semester I just can't get students to connect. Usually it is a mix of the two. Still, how can any teacher really do his or her job if their employment is based on the willingness of others? Some students just aren't ready or don't want to do the work. Hollywood has taught us that if we just push a little harder or think up a gimmick, the students will respond. Some just won't, no matter how much of your teaching heart you give away.

In the end, I suppose it comes down to what we believe a college education actually represents. Is it a transcript with a series of letters? Is it a certificate with a few signatures? Or is it something documented by those things? For me, it is to take my students a step closer to the best version of themselves. As much as I miss them when they leave, I am thankful for the time I have had with them.

Amber Kelly is assistant professor of English/history and dean of General Studies at Howard College in Big Spring.

MAKINGTHEGRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Warren

Lee High School senior **Taylor Warren** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. She is the daughter of Ryder and Jill Warren.

She is a member of National Honor Society, Senior Girls, Interact Club and choir. She was homecoming queen and named Miss LHS. She is a member of Academic All-District.

She volunteers with Stonegate Kids.

Warren plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in mathematics.

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Crawford

Midland High School senior **Claire Crawford** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. She is the daughter of T. Richard Crawford and Beth Crawford.

She is a member of National Honor Society, Students in Philanthropy and Dawg Pack.

She is involved with Young Life and is a Symphony Belle.

Crawford plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in biochemistry or Texas A&M University and major in public health.

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Lee High School senior **Kyra Mary Lewis** has been honored by the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club. She is the daughter of Monica Ramirez.

She is the captain of the basketball team and is a member of first team All-District, Senior Girls, AVID and Community in Schools and is a Texas Scholar.

She volunteers with Keep Midland Beautiful.

Lewis plans to major in physical therapy.

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Lee High School senior **Roiyl Rachelle Niblett** has been honored by the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club. She is the daughter of Roshauna Niblett.

She is involved in cosmetology and Upward Bound and is football and track trainer.

She volunteers with Meals on Wheels, Feast of Sharing and Keep Midland Beautiful. She attends Community Worship Center and is a member of the youth choir.

Niblett plans to attend Texas State University.

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Midland High School senior **Makayla Gorden** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. She is the daughter of Chris and Doree Gorden.

She is a member of National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and Starz dance team. She is an academic and Starz letterman.

She volunteers at Stonegate Fellowship.

Gorden plans to attend Baylor University and study political science and international studies.

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Lee High School senior **Michaela McClinton** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. She is the daughter of Beau McClinton and Casey McClinton.

She is a member of the golf team.

McClinton plans to attend Midland College.

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Lee High School senior **Chance Trimble** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. He is the son of Raquelle Trimble and Jerry Trimble.

He is a member of the band and orchestra.

Trimble plans to attend Texas Tech University and study music performance.

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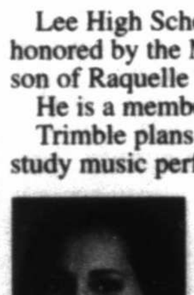

Ganthner

Lee High School senior **Andrea Ganthner** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. She is the daughter of Gabriela Ganthner and Todd Ganthner.

She is a member of the Student Council, National Honor Society and volleyball team. She is an academic letterman and Texas Scholar.

She volunteers with Big Brother Big Sisters, Keep Midland Beautiful and Santa's Little Helpers.

Ganthner plans to attend Texas A&M University.

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Midland High School seniors Eric Kam and Cassidy Hale have received scholarships from Grande Communications.

Kam, who is valedictorian, plans to major in mechanical engineering at either Harvard University, Stanford University or Princeton University.

Hale plans to attend Texas A&M to major in biology. She is No. 3 in the class.

Each student received a $500 scholarship from the Grande Employee Memorial Scholarship Fund.

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Whiteman

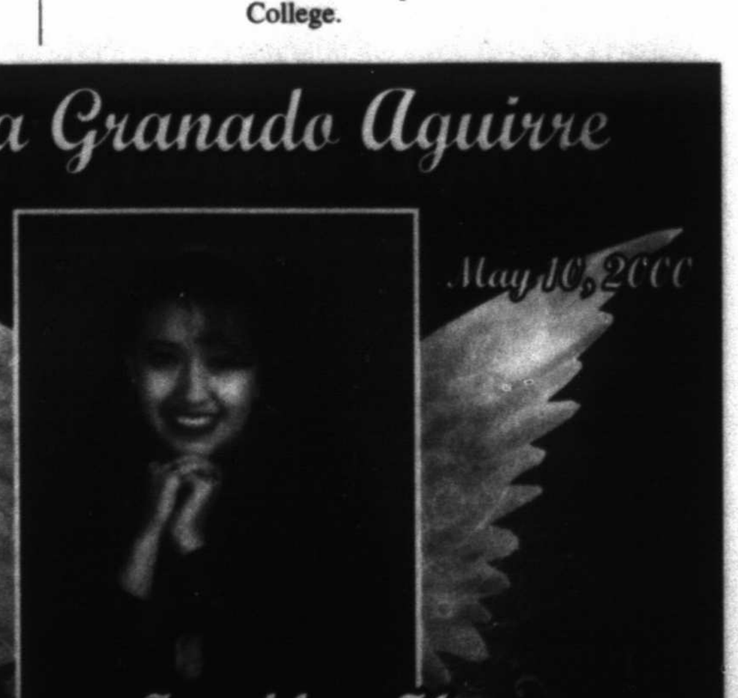
Midland Christian School senior **Katherine Whiteman** has been honored by the Midland Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Ward and Karen Whiteman.

She is Science Club president and is a member of National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Apologetics Club, Hebrew Roots II, First Priority and Be the Change and is involved in Bible study.

Whiteman plans to attend Midland College.

Talina Granado Aguirre

Nov. 29, 1981 — May 10, 2000



Forever In My Heart

I thought of you today,
But that's nothing new.
I thought of you yesterday,
And the day before that too.
I think of you in silence,
I often speak your name.
All I have are memories,
And a picture in a frame.
Your memory is a keepsake,
From which I'll never part.
God has you in his arms,
I have you in my heart.

It's been sixteen incredibly hard and lonely years Mija, that only because of father God's immense love and mercy have we've been able to live with your absence.
We so much miss, love and need you; only waiting on that wonderful day of reunion. Rev 21:4

Te amamos mi amor, from mama, daddy, gaela, apa, family and friends.

TODAY: Sunny High: 84 Low: 63

WEDNESDAY: Sunny High: 84 Low: 62

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny High: 79 Low: 60

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 86 Low: 64

SATURDAY: Partly sunny High: 88 Low: 64

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny High: 91 Low: 64

Local forecast

The National Weather Service is calling for a chance of showers Wednesday night (20 percent), Thursday (30 percent) and Thursday night (20 percent). Until then, expect high temperatures nearly 10 degrees above average for this time of year.

The record high for May 9 is 101 set in 1967. The record low is 42 set in 1969. On May 9 of last year, the high was 89 and the low was 61.

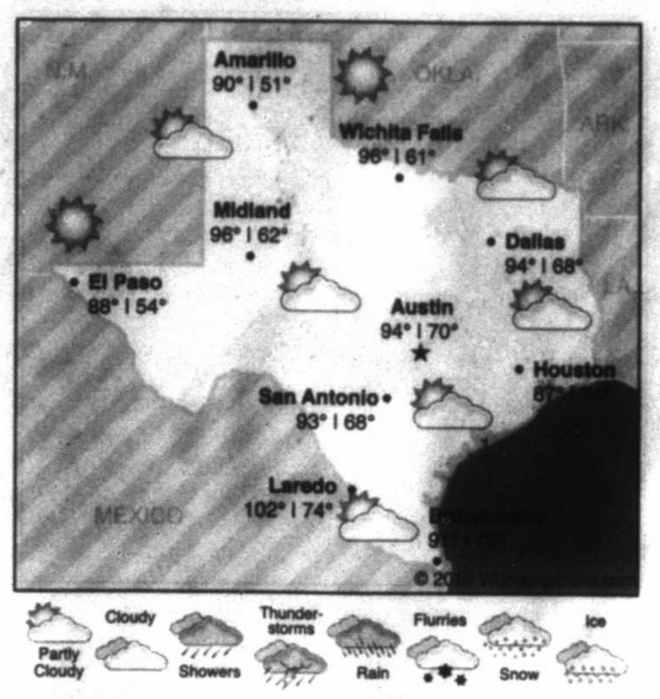
Weather brief

OKLAHOMA

Storm shelter construction begins on 1st of 20 Tulsa schools

TULSA — Construction is underway at the first of 20 Tulsa-area schools receiving new classrooms or library additions that double as storm shelters.

A $415 million bond package that Tulsa voters approved of in 2015 includes $7.5 million to reinforce new building additions as storm shelters at 20 schools, the Tulsa World reported. Springdale Elementary is scheduled to be the first to have a completed addition.



Precipitation

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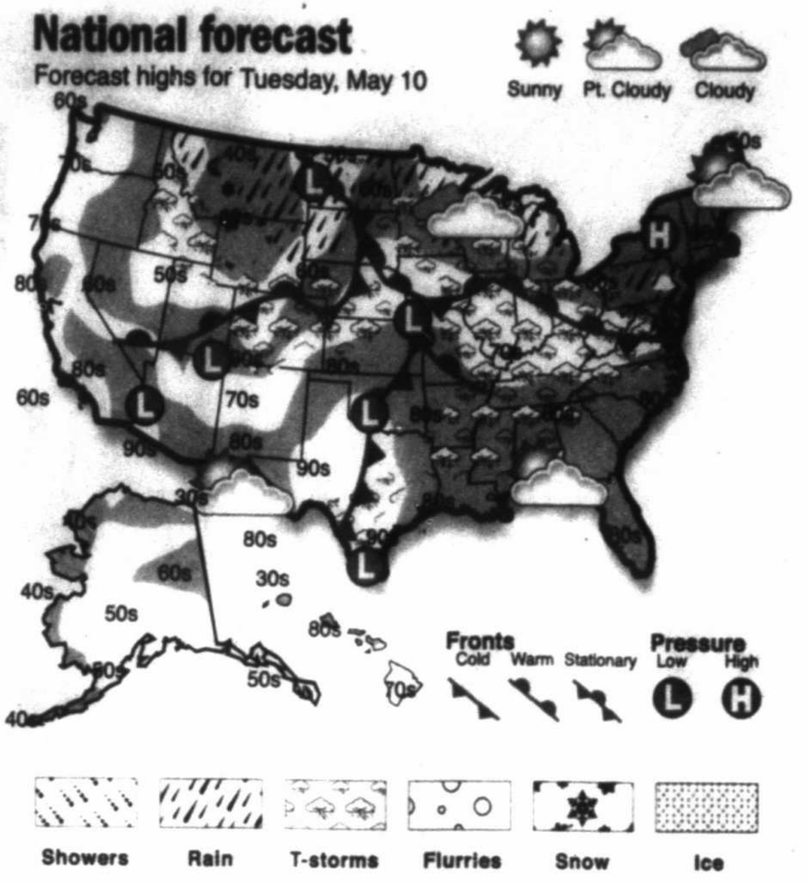
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.03 in.
Year total	2.30 in.
Normal total (year to date)	2.82 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	88
Low	60
Normal high	86
Normal low	57
Sunrise	6:55 a.m.
Sunset	8:36 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, May 10



Readers give breast implants reviews both pro and con

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: "Doesn't Want to Lose Him" (Dec. 16) wants breast implants, but her boyfriend is against it. I had breast augmentation at age 27 for the same reasons she wants them. I was flat-chested, and clothing, especially summer clothing, never fit or looked right.

My husband was supportive, and it turned out to be one of the best things I've done for my self-confidence. I not only became more outgoing, but my career also took off.

I want to urge "'Doesn't'" to talk to her plastic surgeon about her goals. She shouldn't allow herself to be pushed into a larger size than she feels comfortable with, and she shouldn't be unrealistic about how it will change her.

She implied that the surgery wouldn't alter who she is inside, but isn't that her goal — to have more self-assurance? She'll see a big change in her life. It will be gradual, but she'll become a more confident version of herself.

She should forget the boyfriend if he can't find it in himself to be supportive, because if she does get the implants, I predict that in a year, she will have outgrown him anyway. (Pun intended.) — KNOWS WELL IN SAVANNAH

DEAR KNOWS WELL: Thank you for your comments. Readers had various reactions to this letter. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I doubt that implants will give her anything more than a superficial boost in confidence, because external attractiveness is fleeting. I'd suggest she look inward for self-esteem rather than try to paste it onto her outsides. Values such as kindness, compassion, development of her talents, expanding her awareness and being of service to others will give her self-esteem to last a lifetime.

I've been small-breasted all my life and admit that sometimes I have wished I had more "up front," but now at 66, I have a healthy, fit body and have learned self-acceptance. — M.H. IN BERKELEY, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: I was lucky my husband didn't have any objections. I had it done, but never expected the pain to be so bad. I felt better about the way clothes looked on me, but that feeling didn't last.

I recently had them removed because I suspected they were leaking (saline). They were uncomfortable. I could sleep only on my back. Running was not fun. They didn't feel natural, and they didn't look great naked. I realized having them was a big mistake.

Afterward, I found out they HADN'T leaked; they had just "shifted." I feel better now and no one noticed anything. I've heard others love their implants, but I just wanted to let "Doesn't" know there are some women who regret having it done. — LEE IN HILO, HAWAII

DEAR ABBY: I wanted breast implants about 10 years ago because my proportions were off and clothes didn't fit well. My then-boyfriend tried to talk me out of it, but I didn't listen.

Abby, I have never once regretted getting implants. I'm happy, healthy and more confident. Looking back, I believe my boyfriend tried to talk me out of it because he was afraid of other men noticing me. He'd say things to make me feel self-conscious about my appearance. I suspect he knew I'd eventually wise up and the surgery would expedite it. Today, I'm married to a wonderful man who doesn't mind my assets at all. — HAPPY IN BRANDON, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: There's a strange irony here. The greatest challenge to the woman's self-esteem is her boyfriend — not because he is against the implants, but because of the belittling way he talks to her. In keeping with her low self-image, she has chosen a mate who feels threatened by her desire to be more confident.

A nurturing boyfriend would lift her up more than any breast enhancement could. If she had a more supportive boyfriend, she would probably decide she didn't need the surgery. What a paradox! — JON IN BALTIMORE

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, May 10, 2016:

This year you open up to an opportunity to be more expressive and caring. At times you will have difficulty relating to others who are not choosing a similar path as yours. Not only are you different people from different backgrounds, but you also are making choices that point to an even greater intellectual and emotional distance. You are fortunate to be open to unique ideas. If you are single, you will make choices that allow you to meet more people, though an emotional bond could form quite quickly between you and another person. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy more one-on-one time than ever before. Express your tenderness and caring. CANCER stabilizes because of your earthy calmness.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You could see opportunities arise that allow you to take a stand. You'll feel unusually energized and content as a result. Consider your options more carefully. Any effort to get past a problem might force you to reveal a little more than you desire. Tonight: Reach out to a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Keep conversations open. Your strong judgments often put you at a disadvantage, especially if you reveal too much of your thinking. Being willing to listen to others will allow you to understand a friend better, and it will add zest to your relationship. Tonight: Out late.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You could be in a position where you want to do something very different. Your sense of humor emerges when dealing with others. You are likely to see a change in a family member's attitude, or you might have a more positive interaction in your personal life. Tonight: Celebrate!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You seem more willing to have a discussion and root out the real problem rather than getting into all the gossip and sarcastic remarks. Recognize how important it is to hear someone else's perspective. You might have more in common than you realize. Tonight: Be imaginative.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You will cause yourself a lot of trouble if you are not careful. Listen carefully to someone you trust. The news you hear could involve your personal life or a professional manner. You know and understand the importance of first impressions. Tonight: Keep it confidential.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You might want to experience a change of pace and see the effect it has on a relationship. Of course, you could evoke a strong reaction, so be prepared. How you work with a close friend or an associate will be appreciated far more than you realize. Tonight: Follow the crowd.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Avoid a power play at all costs, as you are only likely to get aggravated by it. A family member wants his or her way, and getting caught in the crosswinds of this person's desires would be a mistake. Assess the areas of your life where you have more say. Tonight: At home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ The solution to a controversy won't be apparent until you can calm down and look at the matter from different viewpoints. Make sure you are detached and not being triggered. Communication could become difficult at some point. Tonight: Hang out with a friend or two.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Be aware of the costs of continuing as you have been. Ask yourself what drives you to act in the way that you do. A partner could be very receptive to an offer, whereas you might be insulted by it. Brainstorm with others in order to find a solution. Tonight: Avoid a controversy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You are a lot sassier than you might realize. You want what you want, when you want it. Try not to be angry or uptight if everything doesn't fall into place as you might like. Tonight: It is your call.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ You could be suppressing a need to handle a problem in your own way. A problem is likely to arise if you don't address the issues as you would like to. As a result, you could become very angry. Open up to new perspectives and a more flexible style. Tonight: Pace yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You have the ability to make major changes, if you so choose. Someone close to you could make some suggestions, but in a grumpy and difficult way, which is likely to make you recoil. Stay upbeat, and don't allow this person to get the best of you. Tonight: All smiles.

BORN TODAY

Singer/dancer Fred Astaire (1899), singer/songwriter Bono (1960), actor Kenan Thompson (1978)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Couple of extras

Neither vulnerable, South deals.

NORTH
♠ K 8 7 5
♡ K Q 3
◇ A Q 7 6
♣ 5 2

WEST
♠ Q 9 6 4
♡ 8 4
◇ K 8 5 3
♣ Q 10 7

EAST
♠ J 10 3
♡ 10 7 6
◇ J 9 4
♣ K J 9 6

SOUTH
♠ A 2
♡ A J 9 5 2
◇ 10 2
♣ A 8 4 3

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	4♡	All pass

Opening lead: Four of ♡

Today's deal was played at a tournament in Tenerife, in the Canary Islands. South was Knut Kiste, from Norway. This deal is from a pairs competition, where overtricks are crucial. Kiste managed two overtricks in his contract despite best defense from East-West.

The opening heart lead was won in dummy with the king and Kiste played a low club from both hands, losing to West's 10. West continued with another heart, ducked in dummy and won by declarer with the jack. The ace of clubs was followed by a club ruff with the queen of trumps. South crossed back to his hand with the ace of spades, cashed the ace of hearts, and then led a diamond for a successful finesse to the board's queen. Kiste cashed the ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond, leaving this position:

NORTH
♠ K 8
♡ Void
◇ 7
♣ Void

WEST
♠ Q 9
♡ Void
◇ K
♣ Void

EAST
♠ J 10
♡ Void
◇ Void
♣ K

SOUTH
♠ 2
♡ 9
◇ Void
♣ 8

Kiste led his last trump and the opponents couldn't defend the position. West had to keep his high diamond and East had to keep his high club. Neither opponent could keep two spades, so the king and eight of spades took the last two tricks. Well played!

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Big celebration
5 __ guy: dependable sort
9 Paper size
14 Village People song with arm motions
15 Samoan capital
16 Send packing, as a delinquent tenant
17 "Peanuts" outburst
19 Towel material
20 Arg. neighbor
21 Fruity soft drinks
22 Student's organizer
23 Self-indulgent period
25 Grooves from wagon wheels
26 Distress call at sea
32 Where many a lanyard is woven
35 Two-handed hammer
36 __ Claire, Wisconsin
37 Spectral array
38 Zig when you should have zagged, say
39 Dry as the Mojave
40 Tax-auditing org.
41 Maritime measure
44 Zippo
45 Off-the-cuff comment
48 Hunter's target
49 Discuss again and again
53 Regular on the slopes
56 Slope overlooking a loch
58 "Who, me?"
59 Makes less difficult
60 Oil metaphor
62 Those girls, in Spain
63 Word of honor
64 First chip in a pot
65 Rodeo rope
66 Sledder's cry
67 Pre-weekend shout ... and a hint to the first word of 17-, 26-, 45- and 60-Across

DOWN

1 Old-fashioned "How about that!"
2 Love, to Luciano
3 Talent finder
4 Consumed
5 Flower exhibits
6 TV role for Ronny
7 Garbage bag closers
8 Bungler
9 Beatles title after "Speaking words of wisdom"
10 Despite that
11 Encircle with a belt
12 Orchard measure
13 Space travel dist.
18 Explorer Vasco da __
22 Town
24 Little pranksters
25 "The Shining" mantra
27 Chicago Fire Mrs.
28 Brink
29 Prefix with space
30 Picnic spoiler
31 "C'mon, bro!"
32 Stylish
33 Otherworldly radiance
34 Sticky situation
39 Pharaoh's cross
41 Hall of Fame manager Tony
42 Grade sch. level
43 Common swimmer's ailment
46 In high spirits
47 Smell really bad
50 Mixed in with
51 Conductor Sir Georg
52 Part of HDTV: briefly
53 Visionary
54 Curly cabbage
55 Land surrounded by agua
56 Boring
57 Hourly charge, e.g.
60 Present decoration
61 Thug's gun

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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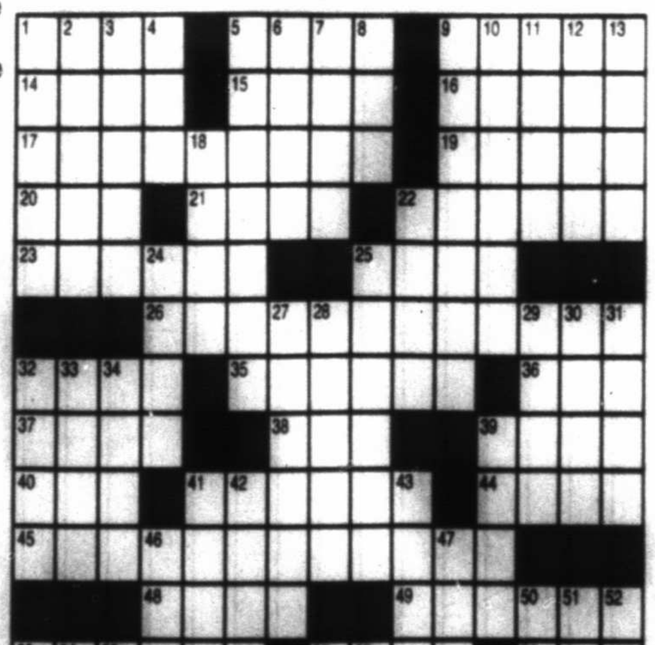

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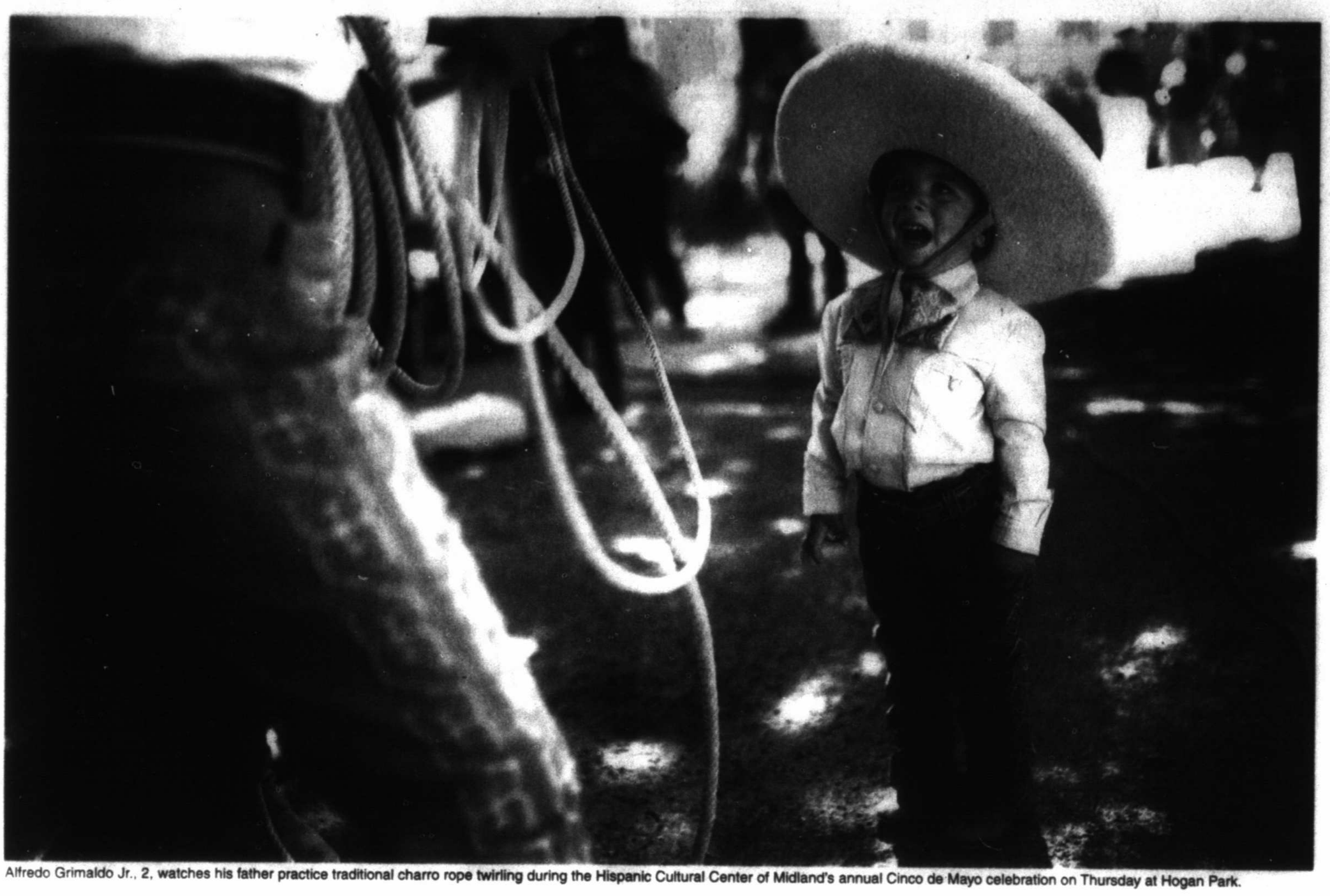

Alfredo Grimaldo Jr., 2, watches his father practice traditional charro rope twirling during the Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland's annual Cinco de Mayo celebration on Thursday at Hogan Park.

CINCO CELEBRACIONS

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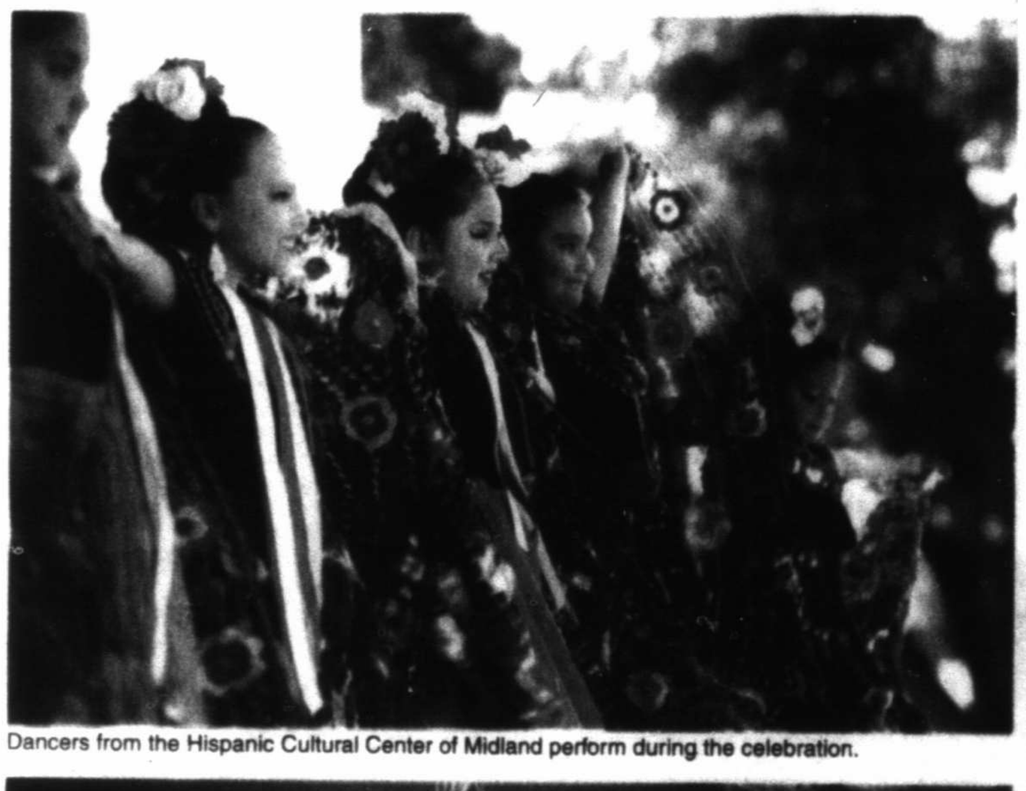
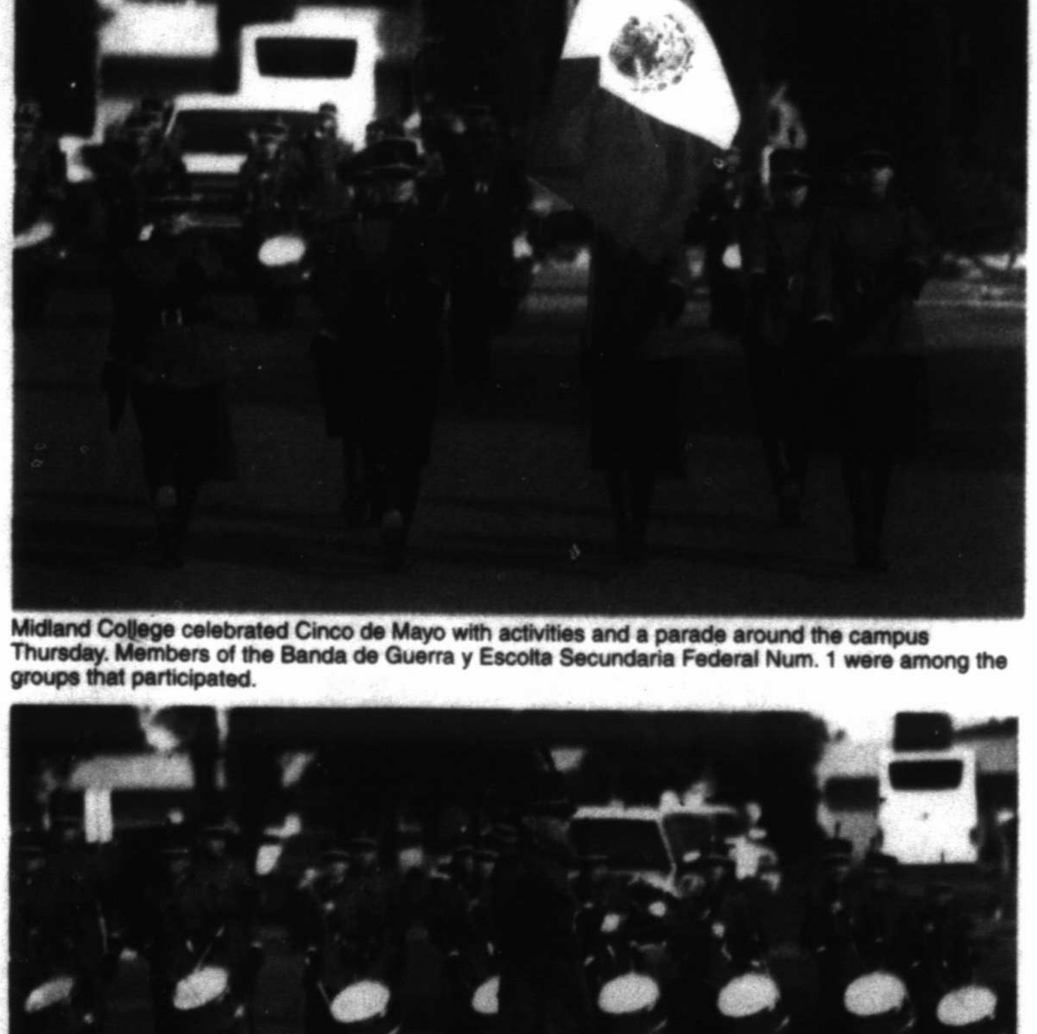


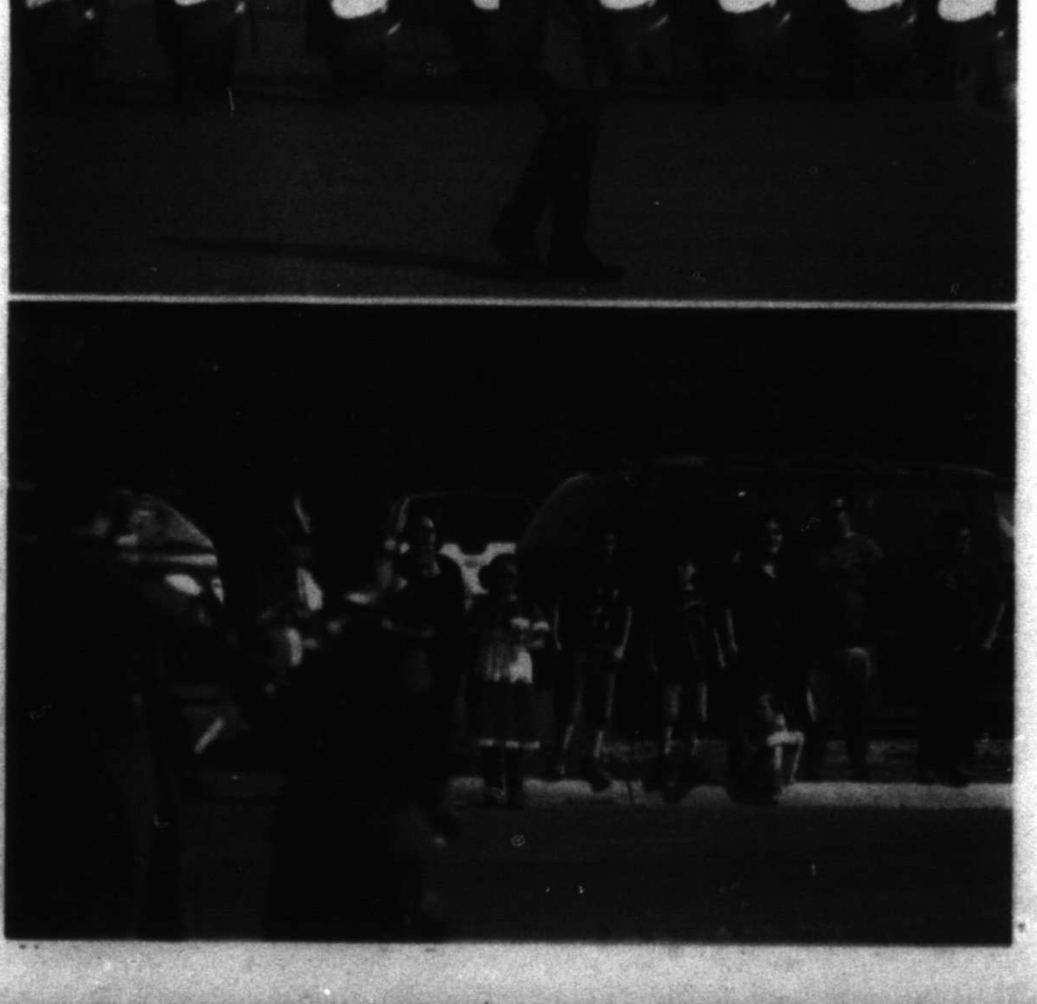
Dancers from the Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland perform during the celebration.

Alfredo Grimaldo performs traditional charro rope twirling during the Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland's celebration.

Costume contest winners during the Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland's annual Cinco de Mayo celebration.



Midland College celebrated Cinco de Mayo with activities and a parade around the campus Thursday. Members of the Banda de Guerra y Escolta Secundaria Federal Num. 1 were among the groups that participated.



Lehtonen makes 35 saves, Stars force Game 7

By R.B. Fallstrom
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Rookie Mattias Janmark ignited a three-goal first period and Kari Lehtonen made 35 saves for the Dallas Stars, who forced Game 7 with a 3-2 victory over the St. Louis Blues on Monday night.

Vernon Fiddler and Jason Spezza also scored for Dallas, which reclaimed home ice for the deciding game on Wednesday night despite getting outshot 37-14 with the Blues dominating the last two periods.

Alexander Steen and Patrik Berglund scored for St. Louis.

Home ice has meant little, given the road team has won three in a row and four of six in the series.

Blues goalie Brian Elliott, who had played well throughout the postseason, was replaced with the Stars leading 3-0 on just seven shots at 16:49 of the first.

Jake Allen finished in his first appearance of this postseason, facing just seven more shots in the final two-plus periods.

St. Louis will be seeking its first trip to the Western Conference final since 2001 and Dallas, which finished first overall in the West, previously made it that far in 2008.

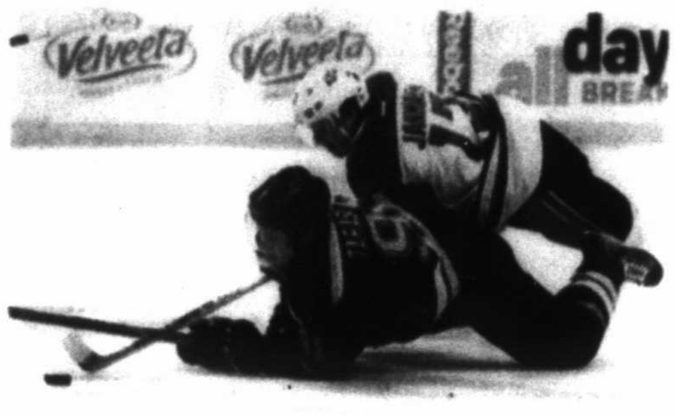
The Stars were ahead 3-0 after the first, their first two- and three-goal leads of the series. That early show of strength muzzled another standing room crowd of 19,808 at the Scottrade Center with the first two goals coming in a span of 20 seconds.

Janmark blocked Colton Parayko's dump-in from just inside the blue line and skated in alone on Elliott, scoring on a high shot. Fiddler made it 2-0 on a deflection at 5:13 not long after Elliott couldn't clear the puck.

Elliott was pulled after the Stars made it three goals on seven shots, with Spezza scoring on a power play from the slot at 16:49. Blues defenseman Jay Bouwmeester fell down seconds before Spezza's first of the series and fifth of the playoffs.

The Blues had several good chances in the first, but often missed the net.

Steen's goal on a rebound of Robert Bortuzzo's shot gave the Blues life in the second period. The Blues had a 14-5 shots advantage in the period, including another good opportunity for Steen on a one-timer off Lehtonen's pads in the final minute.



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St. Louis Blues' Vladimir Tarasenko (91), and Dallas Stars' Mattias Janmark (13), fall as they chase after a loose puck during the second period of Game 6 of the NHL Stanley Cup Western Conference semifinals on Monday in St. Louis.

Keeping the faith

Hard work pays off for Smith in trip to state

By Christopher Hadorn
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STANTON — LaNique Smith has experienced the atmosphere and electricity of the UIL State Track and Field Championships on three occasions in the past, all as a spectator.

From 2013-15, Smith attended the state meet in Austin to cheer on her older sister Latriceia, a three-time qualifier and bronze medalist in the 400 meters as a runner for Stanton.

At 6:45 p.m. Friday, it will be LaNique's time to shine finally as the Stanton senior will be competing in the Class 3A girls 100-meter hurdles state championship race at Mike A. Myers Stadium at the University of Texas.

Smith enters the race with the second-fastest regional time (15.30 seconds) among the nine competitors and her personal best time of 15.03 makes her a serious contender to win.

"When I watched them run the race, I was like 'Wow, I could be down there,'" Smith said of her previous trips as a spectator to Austin. "This year I am going to be down there competing and hopefully get on the medal stand, proving to (people) I could do it in my last year to do it. It's go big or go home."

Stanton head coach Jeff Dunn said Smith has made it to the state meet through pure hard work and persistence, stating she doesn't have as much God-given ability as Latriceia, now a runner at South Plains College. Smith stopped playing basketball for her senior year in order to dedicate the entire school year to bettering her craft of hurdling after her shortcoming at the 2015 regionals.

"I really focused in on working on (hurdles) every single day, no matter how many times I fell," Smith said. "I have to get up and keep going. No matter how tired I was, I have to keep pushing and it finally paid off."

Stanton's LaNique Smith will compete at the state track meet in the girls 100 hurdles. *Tim Fischer\Reporter-Telegram*

In 2015, Smith placed fifth (15.76) at the Region I-3A track meet, missing out on a state berth by three spots.

Two weeks later, Smith watched Latriceia stand on the podium at state with a bronze medal after finishing third in the Class 3A girls 400 meter championship.

"I saw (Latriceia) up there (on the podium), I really wanted to make it too," Smith said.

"Whenever I was at the finish line (at regionals) and crying for the third time, I was like 'OK, next year I'm going to make it,'" Smith said. "'I can't do this. I'm not going to be crying at the finish line again.'"

Smith even survived a scare in her attempt to qualify for the state meet during the Region I-3A Track and Field Championships, April 30 in

Please see SMITH/4C

Warriors G Stephen Curry wins 2nd straight MVP

By Josh Dubow
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Stephen Curry is adding a second straight MVP award to his record-setting season.

A person with knowledge of the award says Curry will be announced as the winner perhaps as soon as Tuesday. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the NBA has not revealed the winner.

With his unmatched long-range shooting and slick ball-handling, Curry led the Warriors to an NBA-record 73 wins in the regular season as both he and his team somehow improved after he won the MVP and led Golden State to its first championship in 40 years the previous season.

Curry

The honor comes as no surprise as Curry has been the front-runner since early in the season. The only drama remaining is whether he will become the first player ever to win the award unanimously.

"I kind of felt bad today because I didn't tell him congratulations because I felt like I knew since December," teammate Draymond Green told reporters at a shootaround before Game 4 of Golden State's second-round series at Portland.

Curry led the league in scoring with 30.1 points per game and shattered his own record for 3-pointers by making 402, becoming the first player in league history to top 300 and 400 in a season.

But Curry is more than just a scorer. He averaged 6.7 assists and 5.4 rebounds per game, led the NBA with 2.1 steals per game, while shooting 50.4 percent from the field, 45.4 percent from 3-point range and 90.8 percent from the foul line.

More than the numbers, Curry put on a show almost every night during Golden State's record-setting season that started with 24 straight wins and ended with the Warriors breaking the single-season wins record of 72 set by Chicago in 1995-96.

With range that extended to halfcourt — and sometimes even beyond — and the ability to create space for his own shots with his ball-handling and opportunities for his teammates by the way he stretched the floor, Curry made the Warriors offense click.

With no-hitter, Simonds leads A&M quest for national seed

By Eric Olson
Associated Press

Fresh off a series win over Vanderbilt that was capped by Kyle Simonds' no-hitter, Texas A&M has the look of a team destined for a top-eight national seed for the NCAA Tournament.

The second-ranked Aggies (37-10, 16-8) have won 15 of their last 18 games, lead the SEC West and are fourth in the RPI. They won't allow themselves to get comfortable, though, not after being passed over for a national seed last year despite a resume that appeared to merit one.

A national seed assures a team of playing at home through super regionals. Last year, the Aggies had to go on the road for super regionals and lost to TCU.

"The older guys, we want to make sure we get past that and punch our ticket to Omaha," Simonds said, "so I can't tell you how much it means to us to be playing well right now. We just have to keep doing what we're doing."

Simonds doesn't deny daydreaming about what it would be like to play in Omaha at the College World Series. He grew up in Grand Island, Nebraska, about 130 miles west of TD Ameritrade Park.

The senior right-hander has played a key role in the Aggies' surge. Since A&M was swept at Florida, Simonds (8-1) has regained command of his breaking ball and allowed just five earned runs over 35 2/3 innings (1.26 ERA) spanning five starts.

On Saturday, he followed his first career complete game, against Arkansas on May 1, with the SEC's first no-hitter in a conference game since 1994. Simonds' bid was aided by two big defensive plays in the ninth inning — center fielder Nick Choruby's diving catch for the second out and Simonds' game-ending catch of Jeren Kendall's hot liner.

Simonds said he thought Kaiser's ball might drop in front of Choruby.

"Sure enough he gave everything he had and laid out," Simonds said. "I can't thank the kid enough for giving everything he had."

Improved pitching the last month has complemented an offense that's batting .320 and scoring 7.4 runs a game. Third baseman Boomer White, a national player-of-the-year candidate, is second in the country with a .441 average — and an incredible .520 in SEC games.

"Early in the year our offense was able to cover up our shortcomings on the mound," Aggies coach Rob Childress said. "The last 2-3 weeks we haven't gone as good offensively as we did early. The (opposing) pitching has been a big part of that. But our pitching has matched the other teams', and that's given us a chance to win series the last month."

Please see SIMONDS/3C

AP file photo

Texas A&M head coach Rob Childress (29) celebrates with Kyle Simonds (14) after defeating California at the College Station Regional baseball tournament in College Station on June 1, 2015. Texas A&M defeated California 3-1. This year, Childress' Aggies are 37-10 and have won 15 of their last 18 games, including 12 of 15 in Southeastern Conference play.

'HOUNDSWATCH

MONDAY'S SCORE
Frisco 6, Midland 5

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

INTERNET
www.milb.com

RECORDS
Midland 19-13
Frisco 23-7

Sunday	Monday	Today	Thursday	Friday
Frisco 3, Midland 2	Frisco 6, Midland 5	Midland at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

College Baseball
Louisville at Vanderbilt, 6 p.m., SEC
IIHF World Championships
Kazakhstan vs. Norway, Noon, OWSPN
Invictus Games
Day 2, 6 p.m., ESPN
Major League Baseball
Kansas City at NY Yankees, 6 p.m., MLB
Chicago White Sox at Texas, 7 p.m., FSSW
Cleveland at Houston, 7 p.m., ROOT
NY Mets at LA Dodgers, 9 p.m., MLB
Men's Soccer
Scottish Premier Playoff, Leg 1: Hibernian vs. Falkirk, 1:40 p.m., FSP
English Premier: West Ham vs. Manchester United, 1:45 p.m., NBCSN, NBCU
National Basketball Association
Western Conference Semi, Game 5: Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 7 p.m., TNT
National Hockey League
Eastern Conference Semi, Game 6: Washington at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m., NBCSN
Tennis
ATP/WTA: Rome, 4 a.m., TENNIS
RADIO
Major League Baseball
Chicago White Sox at Texas, 7 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa)
Texas League Baseball
Midland at Frisco, 7 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM/550 AM

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Recalled RHP Miguel Gonzalez from Charlotte (IL). Designated C Hector Sanchez for assignment. Reinstated C Alex Avila from the 15-day DL.
DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned RHPs Buck Farmer and Angel Nesbitt to Toledo (IL). Recalled OF Tyler Collins from Toledo.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Optioned C Max Stassi to Fresno (PCL).
NEW YORK YANKEES — Reinstated LHP Aroldis Chapman from the restricted list. Optioned RHP Johnny Barbato to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Transferred RHP Branden Pinder from the 15- to the 60-day DL.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Designated RHP Jhan Marinez for assignment. Recalled RHP Matt Andriese from Durham (IL).
National League
CINCINNATI REDS — Optioned OF Scott Schebler to Louisville (IL). Recalled RHP Layne Somsen from Louisville.
COLORADO ROCKIES — Sent SS Daniel Descalso and LHP Jorge De La Rosa to Albuquerque (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Optioned RHP Casey Fien to Oklahoma City (PCL).
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Sent LHP Mario Hollands to Clearwater (FSP), for a rehab assignment and RHP Michael Mariot to Reading (EL) for a rehab assignment.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Optioned OF Mac Williamson to Sacramento (PCL). Recalled OF Jarrett Parker from Sacramento.
American Association
GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Released RHP Fernando Gonzalez.
JOPLIN BLASTERS — Signed C Juan Mendina, LHP Josue Montanez, OF Jesus Solorzano and RHPs Carlos Fuentes, Josh Evans, Matt Swilley and Winston Abreu.
Atlantic League
LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Sold the contract of 1B Nate Freiman to the Boston Red Sox who assigned him to Portland (EL).
Frontier League
EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Placed C J.D. Dorgan on the 14-day injured list. Placed RHP Trevor Walch on the suspended list. Released RHP Tommy Danczyk, UT Buddy Elgin, LHP Andre Martinez and RHP K.D. Patton.
FLORENCE FREEDOM — Traded RHP Austin Delmotte to Sonoma (PA) for future considerations. Released 1B William Beckwith, LHP Nick Bozman, LHP Matt Eshleman and RHP Evan Wolf.
GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Released LHP Jordan Spencer.
JOLIET SLAMMERS — Released RHP Dakota Freese. Traded INF Chris Riopedre to Evansville for future considerations.
LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Released C Chris Cowell, RHP Richard Cruz-Sanchez, INF Alieson Reyes and RHP Randy Wynne.
NORMAL CORNBELTERS — Sold the contract of RHP Braulio Ortiz to Cincinnati (NL). Released OF Tommy Barksdale, C Manuel Boscan, INF Jason Merjano, OF Chris Pagliarulo, OF Bobby Romano, 1B Mitch Sutton and INF Brian Walker.
WASHINGTON WILD THINGS — Released RHP Tyler Bolton, OF Cody Herald, OF Brandon Rawe and C Stephen Sunday.
WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Released C Ryan Gyrion.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
SACRAMENTO KINGS — Named Dave Joerger coach.
Women's National Basketball Association
DALLAS WINGS — Released C Tori Jarosz and G Jude Schimmel.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed CB Brandon Williams. C Evan Boehm and CB to four-year contracts. Signed WR Chris Hubert and RB Elijhaa Penny.
CHICAGO BEARS — Signed TEs Ben Braunecker and Joseph Sommers, OL Dan Buchholz and John Kling, WRs Derrek Kiedon and Darrin Peterson, LBs Don Cherry and Roy Robertson-Harris, DB Tavoze Calhoun and CB Kevin Peterson.
DETROIT LIONS — Named Jay Colvin senior vice president of legal affairs and general counsel. Acquired LB Jon Bostic from New England for an undisclosed conditional draft selection.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed OT Jason Spriggs, TE Casey Pierce, DT Demetrius Anderson, RB Brandon Burks, FB Aaron Ripkowski and G Cory Tucker. Released DT Josh Boyd, DT William Campbell, TE David Grinnage, WR Dennis Parks and DT Jeremy Vujnovich.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed CB Tre Roberson and WR Troy Stoudermire.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed DL Anthony Johnson.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Signed DT Sheldon Rankins. WR Michael Thomas and RB Daniel Lasco to four-year contracts. Released RB Vick Ballard, DE Phillip Hunt and FB Toben Opurum.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed QB B.J. Daniels, WR Kardon Boone, WR Donte Foster and DE Ishaq Williams. Waived-injured WR Ben Edwards. Waived LB James Morris, QB Josh Woodrum and TE Cedrick Lang.
NEW YORK JETS — Signed CB Bryson Keeton. Claimed TE Jerome Cunningham off waivers from the N.Y. Giants. Waived RB-KR Dri Archer and TE Adrien Robinson.
OAKLAND RAIDERS — Signed DE Damontre Moore, QB Connor Cook and G Vadal Alexander.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Released DT A.J. Francis, DT Lars Kohl, S Robert Smith. Waived-injured WR Jeff Fuller and CB Mohammad Seisay. Signed CB Jamal Marshall, LB Pete Robertson, TE Nicolas Shiltz, WR Tyler Slavin and DE Tanviela Tupou.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Signed OTs Tyler Marz, Sam Young and Nick Ritcher. DEs Mesih Abdesmad, Iosia Iosia and Terrell Lathan; S LaMarcus Brutus; WR Rashon Cassar; TE Alex Ellis; PK Aldrick Rosas; and NT Antwaun Woods. Agreed to terms with DL Austin Johnson, RB Derrick Henry, WR Tajae Sharpe, CB LeShaun Sims, LB Aaron Wallace and CB Kalan Reed. Waived WR Damaris Johnson and CB Steven Clarke.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Waived DB Tevin Carter. Signed WR Josh Doctson, S Su'a Cravens, DE Matt Ioannidis, QB Nate Sudfeld, RB Keith Marshall, CB Lloyd Carrington and LBs Sveven Daniels and Reggie Northrup.
Canadian Football League
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Transferred WR Jerrel Jernigan to the retired list.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
EDMONTON OILERS — Signed F Drake Caggiula to a two-year, entry-level contract.
SOCCER
United Soccer League
USL — Suspended former Pittsburgh player Romeo Jones for the remainder of the 2016 regular season and playoffs and fined him an undisclosed amount for his kick to the back of New York D Karl Ouimette during a May 7 game.
COLLEGE
ARKANSAS — Announced junior C Moses Kingsley has withdrawn his name from the NBA draft and will return for his senior season.
INDIANA — Named Janese Banks women's assistant basketball coach.
IOWA STATE — Announced the addition of graduate transfers F Darrell Bowie (Northern Illinois) and F Merrill Holden (Louisiana Tech) to the men's basketball team.
LSU — Named Austin Thomas director of football player personnel.
MISSOURI — Named A.J. Ofodile director of football recruiting operations.
NORTHWESTERN STATE — Named Jordan Dupuy women's basketball coach.
PURCHASE — Named Amy Marron women's soccer coach.
UTSA — Named Shawn Forrest men's assistant basketball coach.

PRO GOLF GLANCE

PGA Tour FedEx Cup Leaders
Through May 8

Rank	Player	Points	YTD Money
1	Adam Scott	1,782	$4,457,724
2	Jason Day	1,440	$3,671,729
3	Brandt Snedeker	1,300	$2,791,611
4	Russell Knox	1,300	$2,851,401
5	Kevin Kisner	1,182	$2,578,280
6	Patrick Reed	1,161	$2,808,491
7	Jordan Spieth	1,132	$2,772,927
8	Kevin Na	1,130	$2,366,916
9	Hideki Matsuyama	1,054	$2,521,510
10	Justin Thomas	1,051	$2,370,087
11	Bubba Watson	1,043	$2,708,050
12	Smylie Kaufman	1,019	$2,075,938
13	Rickie Fowler	938	$2,104,654
14	Graeme McDowell	909	$1,951,529
15	Kevin Chappell	893	$1,826,977
16	Jason Dufner	882	$1,697,599
17	Charley Hoffman	881	$1,809,883
18	Phil Mickelson	870	$2,078,038
19	Fabian Gomez	869	$1,764,526
20	Dustin Johnson	863	$2,136,399
21	Branden Grace	862	$1,811,831
22	Jamie Lovemark	840	$1,724,885
23	Emiliano Grillo	810	$1,672,878
24	Charl Schwartzel	802	$1,691,126
25	Jim Herman	784	$1,725,924
26	James Hahn	770	$1,785,362
27	Charles Howell III	768	$1,543,664
28	Bill Haas	730	$1,530,880
29	Henrik Stenson	693	$1,523,333
30	Rory McIlroy	686	$1,797,506
31	Patton Kizzire	679	$1,330,013
32	Justin Rose	665	$1,616,087
33	Roberto Castro	648	$1,358,048
34	Danny Willett	644	$1,852,853
35	William McGirt	637	$1,259,554
36	Tony Finau	619	$1,043,853
37	David Lingmerth	613	$1,258,057
38	Jason Bohn	607	$1,285,105
39	J.B. Holmes	596	$1,445,482
40	Ryan Moore	587	$1,366,724
41	Jason Kokrak	586	$1,168,114
42	Brian Stuard	573	$1,330,095
43	Vaughn Taylor	566	$1,349,030
44	Sergio Garcia	565	$1,132,023
45	Freddie Jacobson	564	$1,104,533
46	Jimmy Walker	563	$1,173,946
47	K.J. Choi	562	$1,140,315
48	Bi Woo Kim	561	$1,017,265
49	Harris English	547	$969,885
50	Louis Oosthuizen	543	$1,595,986
51	Daniel Berger	540	$1,134,014
52	Brooks Koepka	535	$1,166,516
53	Brendon Steele	530	$994,592
54	Peter Malnati	528	$1,230,590
55	Billy Horschel	523	$1,041,109
56	Luke Donald	519	$907,334
57	Chris Kirk	513	$1,081,365
58	Matt Kuchar	505	$968,035
59	Alex Cejka	495	$914,371
60	Kevin Streelman	488	$899,110
61	Paul Casey	480	$1,081,200
62	Andrew Loupe	482	$992,901
63	Scott Piercy	476	$848,118
64	Scott Brown	473	$896,768
65	Chez Reavie	471	$810,601
66	Harold Varner III	470	$870,095
67	Danny Lee	470	$1,035,746
68	Lucas Glover	469	$800,390
69	Kyle Reifers	461	$706,458
70	Bryce Molder	461	$884,844
71	Zac Blair	457	$737,894
72	Daniel Summerhays	454	$735,262
73	Zach Johnson	454	$992,026
74	Jhonattan Vegas	449	$807,702
75	Marc Leishman	445	$779,586
76	Jonas Blixt	431	$875,587
77	Ryan Palmer	430	$654,946
78	Ricky Barnes	423	$403,496
79	Patrick Rodgers	422	$736,716
80	John Huh	421	$770,169
81	Aaron Baddeley	421	$729,226
82	Graham DeLaet	419	$769,742
83	Mark Hubbard	403	$510,916
84	Spencer Levin	402	$610,268
85	Colt Knost	397	$503,944
86	Gary Woodland	396	$524,592
87	Russell Henley	392	$734,960
88	Sean O'Hair	383	$536,251
89	Brian Harman	381	$676,818
90	Jon Curran	377	$726,534
91	Cameron Tringale	376	$722,178
92	Will Wilcox	371	$231,017
93	Luke List	369	$597,349
94	Chad Campbell	368	$619,708
95	Adam Hadwin	367	$571,953
96	David Hearn	357	$532,220
97	Tyrone Van Aswegen	356	$612,557
98	Troy Merritt	352	$728,130
99	Brett Stegmaier	350	$674,874
100	Derek Fathauer	343	$613,459
101	John Senden	342	$609,889
102	Nick Taylor	337	$461,871
103	Kyle Stanley	336	$366,964
104	David Toms	336	$598,003
105	Boo Weekley	335	$611,988
106	Anirban Lahiri	333	$469,121
107	Robert Streb	330	$464,830
108	Scott Stallings	313	$538,714
109	Hudson Swafford	310	$498,524
110	Sung Kang	308	$590,922
111	Johnson Wagner	292	$505,144
112	Padraig Harrington	292	$405,874
113	Seung-Yul Noh	291	$392,332
114	Michael Kim	283	$367,523
115	Ben Crane	279	$295,395
116	Steven Bowditch	279	$461,615
117	Martin Laird	279	$468,158
118	Brendan Burgoon	279	$377,549
119	Tyler Aldridge	276	$399,808
120	Jason Gore	275	$387,316
121	Chad Collins	274	$581,430
122	Ben Martin	272	$360,851
123	Shane Lowry	266	$578,505
124	Camilo Villegas	260	$360,000
125	Greg Owen	259	$405,654

Courtesy Photo

The Midland Rattlers Baseball team are, top row, left to right: Coach Trey Thompson, Brian Abney, Aidan Beck, Blake Blackmon, Dominic Fernandez, Coach Andrew Becker, Joshua Keating, Case Thompson, Nick Vasquez and Coach Eric Saucedo. Bottom row, left to right: Brayden Wynne, Luke Ingram, Joe Gonzalez, Gilbert Ramirez and Tristen Rice

YOUTHSPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

RATTLERS WIN 2 TOURNAMENTS

The Midland Rattlers Baseball 13AAA team recently placed first in the "Buffalo Wild Wings Midseason Classic" tournament in Lubbock.

They also took first place in the "300 Pt Mother's Day Global" at the Big League Field of Dreams in Mansfield.

CRUSADERS FARE WELL IN AUSTIN

Members of the Crusaders Track Club competed at the AAU Invitational Meet in Austin over the weekend and did well against Austin metro kids in the Youth Boys (ages 13-14) Division.

The 400 relay team of Trey Belcher, Devin Spears, Jose Rivas and Jacary Penn won silver with a time of 49.12 seconds.

Penn also got silver in the 100 meter dash with a time of 11.63 seconds, and got bronze in the long jump with a jump of 17 feet, 6 inches.

Lawrence Hodges got bronze in the shot put with a throw of 27-11.

Local baseball, softball teams set playoff dates

From staff reports

The Lee baseball team's Class 6A area round playoff series against El Paso Montwood has been set for this weekend in Artesia, New Mexico.

The teams will play a best-of-three series beginning at 7:30 p.m. (CDT) Friday at Brainard Baseball Field. Game 2 is scheduled for 2 p.m. (CDT) Saturday, and if necessary, the third game will be 30 minutes following the conclusion of Game 2.

Midland High's best-of-three Class 6A playoff series against Amarillo High will be at Lubbock's Cooper High School, beginning at 7 p.m. Friday. Game 2 is set for noon Saturday, while Game 3, if necessary will be 30 minutes following the conclusion of Game 2.

In the TAPPS 4A state quarterfinal round, Midland Christian will play Colleyville Covenant in a one-game series at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Abilene High School.

In Class 6A softball action, Midland High will face Wolfforth Frenship in a best-of-three regional quarterfinal series at Seminole High School. The first game is at 5 p.m. Friday, Game 2 is at noon Saturday, and if necessary, Game 3 is 30 minutes following the conclusion of Game 2.

If other area teams have set their playoff pairings for this weekend, please email them to sports@mrt.com.

MCA season ends with loss to Lake Country

From staff reports

GRAND PRAIRIE — The Midland Classical Academy's baseball season ended on Monday with a 2-0 loss to Fort Worth Lake Country Christian in a TAPPS 3A area round playoff game at QuickTrip Park.

MCA (7-10) was held to one hit, while Lake Country (17-3) scored all of its runs in the first inning off starter Heath Gladson.

Lake Country only needed four hits and overcame three erorrs to get the win.

LAKE COUNTRY CHRISTIAN 2, MCA 0

MCA	.000	000	0	—0	1	1
Lake Country	.200	000	0	—2	4	3

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HEAT 94 RAPTORS 87

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade scored 30 points, Goran Dragic had a huge three-point play late in overtime and the Miami Heat beat the Toronto Raptors 94-87 on Monday night to tie their Eastern Conference semifinal series at 2-2.

Dragic and Joe Johnson each scored 15 for the Heat, who rallied from a nine-point deficit in the fourth quarter. Game 5 is in Toronto on Wednesday night.

Terrence Ross and Cory Joseph each scored 14 for Toronto, which shot 39 percent. Bismack Biyombo and DeMarre Carroll added 13 apiece, while starting guards DeMar DeRozan and Kyle Lowry combined for 19 points on 6-for-28 shooting.

BUFORD NAMED NBA EXEC. OF THE YEAR

R.C. Buford is the last person to take a victory lap, especially when the San Antonio Spurs are in the middle of a second-round playoff fight with the Oklahoma City Thunder.

The Spurs GM won't be extolling his virtues or patting himself on the back for the remarkable job he did in helping the franchise embark on an uncharacteristic path last summer.

San Antonio Coach Gregg Popovich is happy to do it for him.

KINGS HIRE JOERGER AFTER FIRING IN MEMPHIS

Two days after being jettisoned by the Memphis Grizzlies, Dave Joerger has landed in Sacramento as the latest coach looking to end the Kings' decade-long playoff drought.

Joerger replaces George Karl and becomes the Kings' ninth head coach since the team went to the playoffs in 2006 under Rick Adelman.

Joerger went 147-99 in three seasons with the Grizzlies and took them to the playoffs each year.

He led the injury-ravaged team to 42 wins this season, pushing them to the playoffs, where they were swept by the San Antonio Spurs in the first round.

NBA PLAYOFFS GLANCE

(Best-of-7; y-if necessary)
FIRST ROUND
Friday, May 6
Cleveland 121, Atlanta 108
San Antonio 100, Oklahoma City 96
Saturday, May 7
Toronto 95, Miami 91, Toronto leads series 2-1
Portland 120, Golden State 108, Golden State leads series 2-1
Sunday, May 8
Cleveland 100, Atlanta 99, Cleveland wins series 4-0
Oklahoma City 111, San Antonio 97, series tied 2-2
Monday, May 9
Toronto at Miami, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Portland, late
Tuesday, May 10
Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 11
Miami at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Portland at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 12
San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, May 13
x-Toronto at Miami, 7 p.m.
x-Golden State at Portland, 8 or 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 15
x-Miami at Toronto, TBA
x-Oklahoma City at San Antonio, TBA
Monday, May 16
x-Portland at Golden State, 8 p.m.

NHL PLAYOFFS GLANCE

SECOND ROUND
Wednesday, April 27
N.Y. Islanders 5, Tampa Bay 3
Thursday, April 28
Washington 4, Pittsburgh 3, OT
Friday, April 29
Dallas 2, St. Louis 1
San Jose 5, Nashville 2
Saturday, April 30
Tampa Bay 4, NY Islanders 1
Pittsburgh 2, Washington 1
Sunday, May 1
St. Louis 4, Dallas 3, OT
San Jose 3, Nashville 2
Monday, May 2
Pittsburgh 3, Washington 2
Tuesday, May 3
Tampa Bay 5, NY Islanders 4, OT
Nashville 4, San Jose 1
St. Louis 6, Dallas 1
Wednesday, May 4
Pittsburgh 3, Washington 2, OT, Pittsburgh leads series 3-1
Thursday, May 5
Dallas 3, St. Louis 2, OT, series tied 2-2
Nashville 4, San Jose 3, SOT, series tied 2-2
Friday, May 6
Tampa Bay 2, NY Islanders 1, OT, Tampa Bay leads series 3-1
Saturday
St. Louis 4, Dallas 1, St. Louis leads series 3-2
Washington 3, Pittsburgh 1, Pittsburgh leads series 3-2
Nashville at San Jose, late
Sunday
Tampa Bay 4, NY Islanders 0, Tampa Bay wins series 4-1
Monday
Dallas at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Nashville, 6 p.m.
Today
x-Tampa Bay at NY Islanders, 6:30 p.m.
x-Washington at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 11
x-St. Louis at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 12
x-Pittsburgh at Washington, TBA
x-NY Islanders at Tampa Bay, TBA
x-Nashville at San Jose, TBA

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Chaps to play Hill in first round of Region V tourney

From staff reports

The Midland College baseball team will play Hill College in the first round of the NJCAA Region V Baseball Tournament at Texas Tech's Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park on Friday night.

The first round game is scheduled for 8 p.m. The winner of that game would advance to play either Grayson or Howard College at 8 p.m. Saturday, while the loser would play at 1 p.m. Saturday against either Grayson or Howard in an elimination game.

Midland College comes into the tournament with a 38-17 record and the No. 1 seed out of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference. Hill (36-19) is the No. 4 seed out of the North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference.

The winner of the tournament advances to the JUCO World Series in Grand Junction, Colorado, May 28-June 4.

NJCAA Region V Baseball Tournament at Texas Tech's Dan Law Field/Rip Griffin Park, Lubbock
May 13-17

Friday
Game 1: (W2) New Mexico JC (37-19) vs. (N3) Cisco College (42-14), 10 a.m.
Game 2: (N1) McLennan CC (45-17) vs. (W4) New Mexico Military Institute (28-28), 1 p.m.
Game 3: (N2) Grayson County (40-13) vs. (W3) Howard College (36-20), 5 p.m.
Game 4: (W1) Midland College (38-17) vs. (N4) Hill College (36-19), 8 p.m.

Saturday
Loser's bracket
Game 5: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 10 a.m.
Game 6: Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 1 p.m.

Winner's bracket quarterfinals
Game 7: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 5 p.m.
Game 8: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 8 p.m.

Sunday
Loser's bracket second round
Game 9: Game 6 winner vs. Game 7 loser, 10 a.m.
Game 10: Game 5 winner vs. Game 8 loser, 1 p.m.

Winner's bracket semifinal
Game 11: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 5 p.m.

Loser's bracket third round
Game 12: Game 10 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 8 p.m.

Monday
Loser's bracket final
Game 13: Game 11 loser vs. Game 12 winner, 1 p.m.

Championship game
Game 14: Game 11 winner vs. Game 13 winner, 5 p.m.

Tuesday
If necessary game
Game 15: Game 14 winner vs. Game 14 loser, 1 p.m.

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ROUGHRIDERS 6
ROCKHOUNDS 5
At Dr Pepper Ballpark, Frisco

TOP HITTERS: Midland's Ysiro Munoz was 3-for-4 with a double, two home runs and four RBI. ... Frisco's Ryan Cordell was 2-for-3 with two home runs and three RBI.

TOP PITCHER: Frisco's Jose Leclerc was brilliant in relief as he pitched three perfect innings with four strikeouts to get his first win of the season.

HIGHLIGHTS: After Munoz hit a solo homer for Midland in the top of the first, the RoughRiders answered with a five-run frame. The rally was highlighted by a two-run single by Alberto Triunfel and a two-run homer by Cordell. ... Midland tied the game with four runs in the third, three of which coming on a Munoz home run. ... In the fifth, Cordell hit a go-ahead solo home run to left field off Midland starter Chris Jensen.

NOTES: Two RockHounds received the top weekly honors from the Texas League on Monday. Viosergy Rosa was named Player of the Week and Raul Alcantara was named Pitcher of the Week for the week of May 2-8. Rosa hit .345 (10-for-29) with five doubles, a home run and six RBI. Alcantara threw six no-hit innings against Corpus Christi on May 5 as part of a 13-0 win. ... Rosa increased his on-base streak to 18 straight games after getting a walk on Monday. ... Midland looks to even the four-game series at 7:05 p.m. today.

TODAY'S PROBABLES:

Midland — RHP Raul Alcantara (2-1, 5.53 ERA). Frisco — LHP Frank Lopez (3-0, 3.86).

TL standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Northwest Arkansas (Royals)	16	14	.533	—
Springfield (Cardinals)	16	15	.516	½
Tulsa (Dodgers)	15	17	.469	2
Arkansas (Angels)	12	19	.387	4½
South Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Frisco (Rangers)	23	7	.767	—
Midland (Athletics)	16	13	.551	6½
Corpus Christi (Astros)	15	15	.500	8
San Antonio (Padres)	10	21	.323	13½

Monday's Games
Springfield 9, Tulsa 10
Frisco 6, Midland 5
Corpus Christi 8, San Antonio 5
Northwest Arkansas 6, Arkansas 5
Tuesday's Games
Midland at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.
San Antonio at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
Springfield at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.

ROUGHRIDERS 6, ROCKHOUNDS 5

Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Barreto 2b	5	0	1	0
Brugman cf	5	0	0	0
Healy 3b	3	1	1	0
Chapman ss	3	1	1	1
Rosa 1b	3	1	0	0
Munoz dh	4	2	3	4
Taylor c	3	0	0	0
Oh lf	4	0	0	0
Vartigan rf	4	0	2	0
Totals	34	5	8	5
6				

Frisco	ab	r	h	bi
Falefa ss	3	1	1	1
Cordell lf	3	2	2	3
Brinson cf	3	0	0	0
Guzman 1b	4	0	1	0
Burg dh	3	1	1	0
Beck rf	2	1	1	0
Weber 3b	4	0	0	0
Triunfel 2b	4	1	1	2
Degion c	4	0	0	0
Totals	30	6	7	6

Midland	.014	000	000	—5
Frisco	.050	010	00x	—6

E — Chapman (4), DP — Frisco 1. LOB — Midland 6, Frisco 6. 2B — Vartigan (6), Chapman (6), Munoz (1), Beck (3), Guzman (7). HR — Munoz (3), Cordell 2 (8). SB — Brinson (6). CS — Cordell (3).

Frisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Jensen L, 2-3	5.0	6	6	6	3	3
Bracewell	2.0	1	0	0	1	2
Hall	1.0	1	0	0	1	1
Frisco						
Pena	3.0	6	5	5	2	1
Perez	2.0	2	0	0	0	1
Leclerc W, 1-4	3.0	0	0	0	0	4
Valdespina S, 1	1.0	0	0	0	0	2

WP — Pena. HBP — by Jensen (Beck). T — 2:39. A — 2,606.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Baseball America Top 25

DURHAM, N.C. — The top 25 teams in the Baseball America poll through May 8 (selected by the staff of Baseball America):

	Record	Prv
1. Florida	40-8	1
2. Texas A&M	**37-10**	**2**
3. Mississippi State	33-14	3
4. Miami	35-9	4
5. Texas Tech	**37-13**	**8**
6. Mississippi	36-13	7
7. Florida State	32-13	5
8. South Carolina	36-11	6
9. Louisville	38-10	9
10. Texas Christian	**33-12**	**12**
11. Louisiana State	31-16	13
12. Vanderbilt	36-12	10
13. N.C. State	32-14	11
14. Rice	**31-14**	**14**
15. Virginia	31-17	16
16. Oklahoma State	30-15	18
17. Florida Atlantic	33-13	19
18. Tulane	31-14	20
19. Southern Mississippi	34-14	21
20. Washington	27-16	23
21. Arizona	31-16	NR
22. Cal State Fullerton	30-16	NR
23. Clemson	31-16	NR
24. UC Santa Barbara	31-12	15
25. Creighton	32-10	25

Collegiate Baseball

TUCSON, Ariz. — The Collegiate Baseball poll with records through May 8. Voting is done by coaches, sports writers and sports information directors:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Florida	40-8	493	1
2. Miami, Fla.	35-9	490	3
3. South Carolina	36-11	488	2
4. Florida State	32-13	485	4
5. Texas A&M	**37-10**	**483**	**5**
6. Louisville	38-10	481	7
7. Mississippi State	33-14-1	480	8
8. Vanderbilt	36-12	477	6
9. Texas Tech	**37-13**	**476**	**10**
10. N.C. State	32-14	472	9
11. Virginia	31-17	470	11
12. Oklahoma State	30-15	468	16
13. Texas Christian	**33-12**	**467**	**12**
14. Washington	27-16	465	14
15. Cal State Fullerton	30-16	463	17
16. Southern Mississippi	34-14	460	18
17. Arizona	31-16	458	19
18. Rice	**31-14**	**456**	**21**
19. Tulane	31-14	452	NR
20. Mississippi	36-13	447	26
21. Louisiana State	31-16	446	27
22. Georgia Tech	31-15	444	23
23. South Alabama	36-14	441	22
24. Coastal Carolina	34-14	440	25
25. Indiana	28-17	439	NR
26. UC Santa Barbara	31-12-1	437	13
27. Minnesota	30-15	435	20
28. Arizona State	28-16	433	30
29. Michigan	34-12	431	NR
30. Creighton	32-10	429	29

SIMONDS

From 1C

A look around the country:

RALLY POSSUM: LSU's sweep of Arkansas was highlighted by Saturday's 10-9, 10-inning win in which the Tigers rallied from a 9-1 fifth-inning deficit. It was LSU's biggest comeback win since April 10, 1988. The Tigers were still down 9-5 in the seventh when the game was delayed while a baby possum traipsed through the outfield. Arkansas committed four errors leading to six LSU runs in the final four innings after the possum appeared.

HERE COME THE HUSKIES: Washington will go into this weekend's home series against rival Washington State no worse than tied for first in the Pac-12. The Huskies (27-16, 13-8) took two of three on the road against Southern California, with Ryan Schmitten allowing one hit over seven innings in a 6-0 win Sunday.

FORTY AND COUNTING: Top-ranked Florida (40-8) won two of three against Tennessee and reached 40 wins faster than any other Gators team, needing just 48 games. The previous best was 52 games to reach 40 wins, by the 1996 squad.

SAME OLD, SAME OLD: Clemson has clinched its 52nd consecutive winning season, the third-longest active streak in Division I behind Florida State (69) and Miami (59). The Tigers (31-16) did it by winning two of three against North Carolina State.

CROWDED AT TOP: The top eight teams in the Big Ten are separated by three games or fewer with two weeks left in the regular season. Indiana won its series at Minnesota to take over first place. The Gophers and Michigan, which swept Rutgers, are a half-game behind the Hoosiers.

MLB ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

ASTROS 7
INDIANS 1

HOUSTON — Jose Altuve had three RBIs and Colby Rasmus added two as the Houston Astros jumped on Corey Kluber for five runs in the third and cruised to a 7-1 win over the Cleveland Indians on Monday night.

Altuve drove in two with a double in the third and Rasmus had a two-run single later in the inning to make it 4-0.

Kluber (2-4), coming off the second shutout of his career in his last outing against the Tigers, was chased after just 2 2/3 innings. He entered with a 1.48 ERA in five career appearances against the Astros, and had allowed just five earned runs in 30 1/3 innings against them.

On Monday he gave up five hits and five runs in his first loss since April 17.

Houston starter Mike Fiers (3-1) allowed season lows of one run and three hits in seven innings for his third straight win.

YANKEES 6
ROYALS 3

NEW YORK — Carlos Beltran hit two of New York's five solo homers in the first three innings off an ineffective Chris Young, and Aroldis Chapman allowed a run in his Yankees debut before closing out a 6-3 victory over the slumping Kansas City Royals on Monday night.

Brian McCann, Brett Gardner and Aaron Hicks also went deep to help the Yankees win the opener of a four-game series against the defending World Series champions.

Alex Gordon and Eric Hosmer homered for the Royals, who have lost 10 of 13.

Ivan Nova gave the Yankees a good effort in his first start of the season, pitching in place of injured lefty CC Sabathia. Nova was pulled after 81 pitches — one out short of qualifying for a win — but New York's fortified bullpen held Kansas City at bay.

RED SOX 14
ATHLETICS 7

BOSTON — Jackie Bradley Jr. extended his career-high hitting streak to 15 games with a two-run single in Boston's six-run fourth and added a grand slam two innings later, carrying the Red Sox over the struggling Oakland Athletics 14-7 on Monday night.

Brock Holt hit a two-run homer, and David Ortiz had three hits and two RBIs for Boston, which has won seven of its last 10 games.

Khris Davis hit his seventh homer and drove in two runs for Oakland, which has lost 12 of 16 and fell to 1-7 this month.

Josh Reddick's club-record streak of hits in eight consecutive at-bats was stopped when he grounded out his first time up.

National League

MARLINS 4
BREWERS 1

MIAMI — Jose Fernandez pitched well enough to overcome a teammate's home run that was negated due to a baserunning blunder, and the Miami Marlins beat the Milwaukee Brewers 4-1 Monday night.

Fernandez (4-2) allowed four hits and pitched around four walks in seven shutout innings, his longest start this season. He improved to 20-1 at Marlins Park.

With the game scoreless in the second inning, a home run by J.T. Realmuto was negated when he passed teammate Marcell Ozuna after rounding first base, costing Miami a run.

Realmuto's hit struck the home run sculpture in center field. Ozuna, who was on first base, misjudged the fly and retreated to first, and Realmuto trotted past him.

REDS 3
PIRATES 2

CINCINNATI — Tucker Barnhart hit the last of Cincinnati's three solo homers off Jonathon Niese, and Reds relievers threw three scoreless innings — a rarity for the major leagues' worst bullpen — to close out a 3-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Monday night.

Zack Cozart, Joey Votto and Barnhart connected off Jonathon Niese (3-2), with all three homers barely reaching the stands in left field. Barnhart's tiebreaking homer in the seventh was upheld on review.

Barnhart's first homer since last May 27 ended the seventh-longest active streak without a homer in the major leagues — 270 at-bats. It was the first time this season that Niese allowed three homers in a game.

Interleague

NATIONALS 5
TIGERS 4

WASHINGTON (AP) — One moment, Bryce Harper was getting ejected from the dugout. The next, teammate Clint Robinson was hitting a game-ending homer.

And seconds after that, Harper was rushing onto the field — to join the rest of the Washington Nationals in celebrating a dramatic 5-4 victory over the Detroit Tigers, yes, but also to scream what he acknowledged were "a couple choice words" at the umpire who tossed him in ninth inning Monday night.

Told that TV cameras captured him cursing in the direction of umpire Brian Knight after Robinson's one-out drive off Mark Lowe, Harper replied "Absolutely. I was pretty upset.

So let him hear what I have to say — and let him hear it again. And, you know, so what?"

Asked whether he expects to be fined, Harper said: "If I do, I do. I'll pay it. Maybe he'll get fined, too. So we'll see."

Harper was ejected after Danny Espinosa struck out looking. According to Harper and manager Dusty Baker, several members of the Nationals were complaining about that call.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	18	12	.600	—
Boston	19	13	.594	—
Tampa Bay	15	14	.517	2½
Toronto	16	17	.485	3½
New York	12	18	.400	6
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	22	10	.688	—
Cleveland	15	14	.517	5½
Kansas City	15	16	.484	6½
Detroit	14	17	.452	7½
Minnesota	8	23	.258	13½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	18	13	.581	—
Texas	18	14	.563	½
Oakland	14	19	.424	5
Los Angeles	13	18	.419	5
Houston	13	20	.394	6

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	19	11	.633	—
Washington	20	12	.625	—
Philadelphia	18	14	.563	2
Miami	17	14	.548	2½
Atlanta	7	23	.233	12½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	24	6	.800	—
Pittsburgh	17	15	.531	6
St. Louis	16	16	.500	7
Cincinnati	14	19	.424	9½
Milwaukee	13	19	.406	10
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	18	15	.516	—
San Francisco	17	16	.515	½
Colorado	15	16	.484	1½
Arizona	15	18	.455	2½
San Diego	13	19	.406	3½

Scores & schedule

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Monday's Scores

N.Y. Yankees 6, Kansas City 3
Washington 5, Detroit 4
Boston 14, Oakland 7
Chicago White Sox at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Minnesota, ppd.
Houston 7, Cleveland 1
Tampa Bay at Seattle, late
Toronto at San Francisco, late

Today's Games

Detroit (Fulmer 1-1) at Washington (Ross 3-1), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Medlen 1-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
Oakland (Manaea 0-0) at Boston (O'Sullivan 0-0), 6:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Rodon 1-4) at Texas (Holland 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Gausman 1-1) at Minnesota (Romero 1-1), 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Bauer 2-2) at Houston (Devenski 1-0), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Lackey 0-3) at L.A. Angels (Santiago 2-1), 9:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Smyly 1-3) at Seattle (Miley 2-2), 9:10 p.m.
Toronto (Happ 4-0) at San Francisco (Cain 2-4), 9:15 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Monday's Scores

Washington 5, Detroit 4
Cincinnati 3, Pittsburgh 2
Milwaukee at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
San Diego at Chicago Cubs, ppd.
Arizona at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.
Toronto at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

Today's Games

Detroit (Fulmer 1-1) at Washington (Ross 3-1), 6:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Davies 0-3) at Miami (Conley 2-2), 6:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Morgan 0-0) at Atlanta (Wisler 1-2), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Nicasio 3-3) at Cincinnati (Simon 1-3), 7:10 p.m.
San Diego (Rea 3-1) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 2-2), 8:05 p.m.
Arizona (De La Rosa 3-4) at Colorado (Flande 0-0), 8:40 p.m.
St. Louis (Lackey 0-3) at L.A. Angels (Santiago 2-1), 9:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (deGrom 1-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Wood 1-3), 10:10 p.m.
Toronto (Happ 4-0) at San Francisco (Cain 2-4), 10:15 p.m.

Texas Box

ASTROS 7, INDIANS 1

Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi
C Kmnz lf	3	0	0	0
Kipnis 2b	3	0	0	0
Lindor ss	4	0	1	0
Brntley rf	4	0	0	0
Napoli 1b	3	0	0	0
Jc Rmrz 3b	3	0	0	0
Gomes c	3	0	0	0
Chsnhll pr	0	0	0	0
Ra Dvis cf	3	0	0	0
Totals	30	1	3	1

Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Altuve 2b	4	1	2	2
Springer rf	4	0	0	0
Correa ss	3	0	0	0
Gattis dh	3	0	0	0
Gomez lf	3	0	1	0
Bregman 3b	3	1	1	0
Valbuena lf	3	0	0	0
Castro c	3	0	0	0
Fiers p	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	2	4	2

E — Ma.Gonzalez (2), Gomes (1). LOB — Cleveland 4, Houston 6. 2B — Ramirez (1), Ra.Davis (4), Altuve (15), Tucker (6), Valbuena (4), Castro (3). SB — E.Gomez (3), C.Santana (1). SF — Altuve (1).

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Kluber L,2-4	2 2/3	4	3	3	3	3
Shaw	2/3	0	0	0	0	1
Manship	1 2/3	0	0	0	0	2
Shuttlesworth	1	0	0	0	0	0
Allen	1	0	0	0	0	1
Houston						
Fiers W,3-1	7	3	1	1	1	4
Gregerson H,4	1	0	0	0	0	1
Harris S,1-1	1	1	0	0	0	1

HBP — by Kluber (Altuve). WP — Kluber. T — 2:49. A — 20,222 (42,060).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

											R	H	E
Kansas City	010	000	011	—	3	10	0
New York	113	000	10x	—	6	9	1

Young (1-0), Herrera (4), Hochevar (5), Chapman (6) and Gomes; Tanaka, Layne (6), Mitchell (7), Warren (8), Betances (8) and McCann. W — Young. L — Tanaka. Sv — Chapman (4). HRs — Kansas City, Cain (1). New York, Beltran 2 (4), Gardner (2), Hicks (1).

											R	H	E
Oakland	121	300	102	—	7	11	0
Boston	010	624	13x	—	14	15	1

Doolittle (6), Rodriguez (7), Axford (8), Coulombe (8) and Phegley; Buchholz, Layne (5), Smith (7), Hembree (8) and Vazquez. W — Buchholz, 3-1. L — Axford, 1-1. HRs — Oakland, Lowrie (1). Boston, Bradley Jr. (4), Holt (1).

INTERLEAGUE
NATIONALS 5, TIGERS 4

											R	H	E
Detroit	200	020	000	—	4	7	1
Washington	000	102	101	—	5	7	0

Sanchez, Ryan (7), Wilson (7), Greene (8) and McCann; Sattamachia, Grasboy, Turner (7), Kelley (8) and G.Ramos. W — Kelley, 2-0. L — Greene, 1-1. HRs — Detroit, Castellanos (1). Washington, Robinson (1).

											R	H	E
Pittsburgh	000	002	000	—	2	5	0
Cincinnati	100	001	10x	—	3	9	0

Nicasio, Lobstein (7), Caminero (8) and Cervelli; Simon, Hamilton (7), Diaz (8), Ingram (9) and Barnhart. W — Ramirez, 1-1. L — Nicasio, 3-3. Sv — Ingram (1). HRs — Pittsburgh, Bogaerts (1). Cincinnati, Votto (5).

											R	H	E
Milwaukee	000	000	001	—	1	5	3
Miami	010	001	11x	—	4	12	1

Peralta, Knebel (7), Jones (8) and Maldonado; Fernandez, Phelps (8), A.Ramos (9), Morris (9) and Realmuto. W — Fernandez, 4-2. L — Peralta, 2-4. Sv — Morris (1).

Tough start for most of AL's playoff teams from 2015

By Noah Trister
Associated Press

"We've had a lot of things not go our way this year. Everyone is a little frustrated. ... We want to win. Nobody likes to lose. We aren't coming in every day and putting the time in to lose."

Colby Rasmus, Houston outfielder

If the season ended now, the American League playoffs would look a lot different from last year.

Only one team from the 2015 AL postseason is in position to return based on the current standings, and that's the Texas Rangers. The other four playoff teams — Kansas City, Toronto, Houston and the New York Yankees — are all at or below .500. The Astros and Yankees are in particularly rough shape, in last place in their divisions.

"We've had a lot of things not go our way this year. Everyone is a little frustrated," Houston outfielder Colby Rasmus said recently. "We want to win. Nobody likes to lose. We aren't coming in every day and putting the time in to lose."

Houston beat the Yankees in the wild-card game last year and looked like a young team poised for a long run in contention, but the Astros (12-20) have endured some ugly numbers from their starting rotation so far. Dallas Keuchel, last year's Cy Young Award winner, is 2-4 with a 4.70 ERA. Collin McHugh and Mike Fiers have ERAs over 5.00.

The Yankees (11-18) have dealt with similar problems, although their rotation has been better of late. New York took two of three from Boston and will continue its homestand this coming week against the Royals and Chicago White Sox.

"I think we're going in the right direction. We've dug ourselves a hole," infielder Chase Headley said. "You can't take back what's already happened, you've just got to look forward."

The Yankees and Astros are both 6 1/2 games out of first place, and there's a long way to go. Meanwhile, Toronto (16-17) and Kansas City (15-15) are plodding along after playing each other in the AL Championship Series last season. Aside from corner infielders Eric Hosmer and Mike Moustakas, the Royals aren't getting much offense.

Here are a few other developments from around baseball:

Setting the pace

There are five teams playing at least .600 ball right now at this still-early stage in the season. Only St. Louis and Pittsburgh finished above the .600 mark in 2015, but it's not that unusual to see teams put up impressive records over a smaller sample of games.

On May 8 of last year, there were seven teams above .600 — and that didn't even include the Pirates, one of the teams that ended up there.

Fantasy focus

The AL batting leader at the moment is quite a surprise. Nick Castellanos of Detroit, a career .267 hitter, is out in front now with a .375 mark.

So is Castellanos having a fluky start or is the 24-year-old third baseman maturing into a more complete hitter?

With a batting average on balls in play of .453, Castellanos is clearly enjoying some good fortune so far, but according to Fangraphs.com, his groundball rate is around 22 percent, easily the lowest of his career. The result is more line drives and flyballs, so the power he's shown isn't a huge surprise.

Castellanos has walked only five times all season, so it will be interesting to see how pitchers adjust after his impressive start.

Line of the week

In an episode reminiscent of Barry Bonds' prime, Washington slugger Bryce Harper walked six times Sunday in his team's 13-inning loss to the Chicago Cubs. Harper came around to score only once, and the Nationals fell 4-3 on an exasperating day in which they left 21 men on base and went 1 for 19 with runners in scoring position.

Memories of Barbaro, and a doctor's regret 10 years later

By David Ginsburg
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — The passage of time has trickled ever so slowly for trainer Michael Matz since Barbaro's final gallop at the Preakness.

A decade ago, Matz saddled the frisky Kentucky Derby winner with designs of pulling off an encore at Pimlico Race Course. Soon after emerging from the starting gate, Barbaro stumbled and broke his right hind leg.

Despite the efforts of an esteemed veterinarian, the unrestricted financial backing of the horse's owners and the outpouring of love from racing fans around the world, the injuries Barbaro suffered at the Preakness ultimately led to his death.

For those who knew the whimsical thoroughbred, vivid memories linger.

"When you're looking for another horse like that, it seems like it's been ages," Matz said. "I'm hoping, but I don't have a great deal of confidence I'm going to find it or it's going to find me."

That's because, as Barbaro owner Roy Jackson said, "He was one in a million horse."

Barbaro came into the Preakness unbeaten in six races, but that's not the only reason why Matz loved the dark bay colt.

"Especially this time of year, there are always memories of Barbaro," Matz said. "One minute he wins the Kentucky Derby in front of 160,000 people, and on Monday afternoon he's out in the paddock rolling around in the grass and having a good time. Those are the things that stand out."

After tumbling to the dirt at the Preakness, Barbaro was transported to the New Bolton Center at the University of Pennsylvania's rural Kennett Square campus, where Dr. Dean Richardson performed surgery. Although Barbaro's broken leg healed, he developed laminitis, a painful and often crippling hoof condition, in his left hind leg. Following several more procedures, Barbaro was found to have laminitis in both front legs.

At that point, Richardson, along with owners Roy and Gretchen Jackson, realized the horse could not be saved. Barbaro was euthanized on January 29, 2007.

Though Richardson is confident he did everything possible to keep the horse alive, he looks back at the time with no small measure of regret.

"It's not like there have been evolutionary changes in the technology over the last 10 years to repair this type of fracture," Richardson said. "In retrospect, however, there are certainly some subtle things that I would probably do differently today if I were to approach the same type of fracture.

"If you ask me, would I love to have another chance at saving Barbaro, the answer is categorically yes. That's more because I care so much about him, because he's a real special horse."

Barbaro's situation was unusual in that the Jacksons were willing to spend thousands of dollars for veterinary care to keep him alive — and not necessarily because of his potential as a stud.

"It's not that horses can't be repaired, it's just that many times the economics of repairing a horse's injury are not aligned," Richardson said. "You don't have the combination of an owner who has the resources and a horse that justifies that expense."

The Jacksons and Barbaro fit the description.

"He deserved whatever we could do to try to save him," Roy Jackson said. "The stud thing, it didn't matter."

Barbaro's ashes are buried at Churchill Downs, the site of his biggest victory. A bronze statue of the horse stands atop his remains.

"Sometimes I sit on the sideline there, watch people take pictures in front of the statue," Jackson said. "I think it's a great memorial for him."

Barbaro's mother, La Ville Rouge, lives at the stables on the Jacksons' estate in Chester County, Pennsylvania. That, and the love Barbaro received 10 years ago, have helped his owners move on.

"We don't dwell on it much," Roy Jackson said. "We got letters from people in every state and 14 foreign countries. We think back on the huge outpouring of support we got. That's what I think about more than the injury."

Richardson has taken a similar stance.

"The bitterness of losing him lessens over time," he said. "But I've got a picture of Barbaro on my office wall and a painting of him at home. I certainly do still think about him."

Matz has 70 stalls at the Fair Hill Training Center. He hopes to one day fill one of them with a horse capable of competing for the Triple Crown.

"All trainers are looking for that, and I was lucky enough to get one in Barbaro," he said. "The worst part of it is, we never will really know how good he really was."

AP file photo

Trainer Michael Matz, right, holds onto Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro as he cavorts off the track with assistant trainer Peter Brette aboard at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore on May 20, 2006. A decade ago, Matz saddled the frisky Kentucky Derby winner with designs off pulling off an encore at Pimlico Race Course. Soon after emerging from the starting gate, Barbaro stumbled and broke his right hind leg.

Local diver wins big at national meet

From staff reports

Midland ISD diving coach Jennifer Mangum had a big weekend at the 2016 Masters Diving Spring National Championships in Orlando, Florida.

Mangum won the gold medal in the 50-54 age group on the 1 meter springboard (359.25 for eight dives) and 3 meter springboard (378.15 for eight dives). Jennifer won the gold medal and set a new national record in the 50-59 Women's Platform contest, with a score of 247.30, bettering her own previous record by 12 points, and beating the closest competitor by 51 points.

Mangum also brought home a silver medal in the Women's Grand Masters 3 contest.

Mangum will next compete at the Summer Masters National Championships in Greensboro, North Carolina, at the the end of July.

She was recently voted the UIL 6A State Diving Coach of the Year, and will be recognized at the fall Texas Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association Clinic.

Fryer: NASCAR needs to take stand on North Carolina's law

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Pat McCrory likes to spin a tale meant to illustrate his love for high octane and burned rubber.

It was 30 years ago, when the future governor of North Carolina was a 19-year-old who drove a '72 Fiat. McCrory says he saw the back gate had been left open at Charlotte Motor Speedway, so he slipped on in and watched David Pearson win the World 600.

McCrory draws hearty guffaws when he tells that story during appearances on behalf of NASCAR. He talks about how during his days as mayor of Charlotte, he used NASCAR to help recruit talent to the city, "especially mechanics, electricians, the aerospace engineers, the metallurgy specialists," McCrory said last October.

McCrory also lauded an economic impact study that the speedway said shows a $450 million contribution from the track to the Charlotte-area economy.

It's fair to say that McCrory loves NASCAR and NASCAR loves the governor.

That's now a risky alignment as McCrory has doubled-down on North Carolina's so-called "bathroom law" requiring transgender people to use public restrooms corresponding to the gender on their birth certificate. The governor and the U.S. Justice Department sued each other Monday, with the feds saying the law amounts to "state-sponsored discrimination" and McCrory accusing the Obama administration of rewriting civil rights law to protect transgender people's access to bathrooms everywhere.

The law has been criticized by gay rights groups and led Bruce Springsteen and Pearl Jam to cancel concerts in North Carolina. PayPal reversed plans to open a 400-employee facility in Charlotte, and Deutsche Bank froze expansion plans near Raleigh. Nearly 200 corporate leaders from across the country, including Charlotte-based Bank of America, have called for the law to be repealed.

NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said last month that the All-Star Game won't be played in Charlotte next February if the law does not change.

He also said he sees no reason to move the game now because he'd prefer to first try to work with state officials.

That's sort of the same stance taken by NASCAR, which waited well over a month to weigh in on the topic at all.

NASCAR has offices in downtown Charlotte, its research and development center is located near Charlotte Motor Speedway, and most race teams are based in North Carolina. Yet NASCAR Chairman Brian France has been standoffish regarding the law, choosing to stay out of the fray with a soft stance of having behind-the-scenes discussions.

As always, the debate rages over the mingling of sports and politics. Since sports are supposed to be entertainment and a distraction from real life, many fans prefer their teams and players stay out of the fray.

But NASCAR doesn't get that pass because the series has so openly blurred the lines.

In one calendar year alone, France said the Confederate flag is not welcome at NASCAR race tracks, he endorsed Donald Trump for president and the pre-race invocation at Texas Motor Speedway was used to pray for a "Jesus Man" to win the White House.

NASCAR is so deep into this political cycle that there's no climbing out of it anytime soon.

So what does NASCAR plan to do about a law that McCrory said Monday is not a North Carolina issue but a national issue?

Well, NASCAR could move the All-Star Race scheduled for May 21 at Charlotte Motor Speedway. It would be a dramatic decision, one that would place a significant burden on fans who have already paid for travel arrangements, and a blow to Speedway Motorsports Inc., the owners of the speedway.

It won't happen and NASCAR is just as unlikely to move the Coca-Cola 600 on Memorial Day weekend. But even starting that conversation could get McCrory's attention.

NASCAR SCHEDULE

Through May 9
Feb. 13 — x-Sprint Unlimited (Denny Hamlin)
Feb. 16 — x-Can-Am Duel At Daytona 1 (Dale Earnhardt Jr)
Feb. 18 — x-Can-Am Duel At Daytona 2 (Kyle Busch)
Feb. 21 — Daytona 500 (Denny Hamlin)
Feb. 28 — Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 (Jimmie Johnson)
March 6 — Kobalt 400 (Brad Keselowski)
March 13 — Good Sam 500 (Kevin Harvick)
March 20 — Auto Club 400 (Jimmie Johnson)
April 3 — STP 500 (Kyle Busch)
April 9 — Duck Commander 500 (Kyle Busch)
April 17 — Food City 500 (Carl Edwards)
April 24 — Toyota Owners 400 (Carl Edwards)
May 1 — GEICO 500 (Brad Keselowski)
May 7 — Go Bowling 400 (Kyle Busch)
May 15 — AAA 400 Drive for Autism, Dover, Del.
May 20 — x-Sprint Showdown, Concord, N.C.
May 21 — x-Sprint All-Star Race, Concord, N.C.
May 29 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.
June 5 — Axalta "We Paint Winners" 400, Long Pond, Pa.
June 12 — FirstKeepers Casino 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
June 26 — Toyota/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.
July 2 — Coke Zero 400 Powered by Coca-Cola, Daytona Beach, Fla.
July 9 — Quaker State 400 Presented by Advance Auto Parts, Sparta, Ky.
July 17 — New Hampshire 301, Loudon, N.H.
July 24 — Crown Royal Presents the "Your Hero's Name Here" 400, Speedway, Ind.
July 31 — Pennsylvania 400, Long Pond, Pa.
Aug. 7 — Cheez-It 355 at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 20 — Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race, Bristol, Tenn.
Aug. 28 — Pure Michigan 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
Sept. 4 — Bojangles' Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.
Sept. 10 — Federated Auto Parts 400, Richmond, Va.
Sept. 18 — Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 400, Joliet, Ill.
Sept. 25 — New England 300, Loudon, N.H.
Oct. 2 — AAA 400, Dover, Del.
Oct. 8 — Bank of America 500, Concord, N.C.
Oct. 16 — Hollywood Casino 400, Kansas City, Kan.
Oct. 23 — Alabama 500, Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 30 — Goody's Fast Relief 500, Martinsville, Va.
Nov. 6 — AAA Texas 500, Fort Worth, Texas
Nov. 13 — Can-Am 500, Avondale, Ariz.
Nov. 20 — Ford EcoBoost 400, Homestead, Fla.
x-non-points race

He's here! Kentucky Derby champ Nyquist arrives at Pimlico

By David Ginsburg
Associated Press

"We won't change anything. Again, the beauty with Nyquist mentally is that whatever we put in front of him, he handles it. His whole career, we've kept him on the same training routine, and we're not going to change it now."

Jack Sisterson, assistant trainer

BALTIMORE — When it comes to selecting a stall for his Kentucky Derby winner at Pimlico Race Course, trainer Doug O'Neill doesn't care much for tradition.

He'd rather go with his own tested method for success.

Unbeaten Nyquist arrived at Pimlico on Monday and was eased into Stall 24 of the Stakes Barn with six other horses trained by O'Neill.

The Kentucky Derby winner is usually kept in highly regarded Stall 40 of the Preakness Barn, home of several Triple Crown champions, including Secretariat and Seattle Slew.

O'Neill spurned Stall 40 in 2012 with Derby winner I'll Have Another, choosing instead to keep the horse in the Stakes Barn.

I'll Have Another won the Preakness, and Nyquist's handlers can only hope this horse does likewise.

"It really keeps the horses happy. It worked with I'll Have Another and we're going to do the same thing with Nyquist," assistant trainer Jack Sisterson said.

Nyquist improved to 8-0 after winning by 1¼ lengths at Churchill Downs. He will seek to make in nine a row in the 1 3/16-mile Preakness on May 21.

Nyquist was transported by plane from Kentucky on Monday afternoon. He covered the final leg of the trip with a police escort from Baltimore-Washington International Airport before being led to the barn shortly after 6:30 p.m.

It isn't often that the Derby winner arrives so soon in Baltimore, but that's what O'Neill and owner J. Paul Reddam did four years ago and the strategy proved sound.

"We can do anything with Nyquist," Sisterson said. "It worked with I'll Have Another. So we kept kind of the same routine and got him over here early. He gets acclimated and he gets to turn over the stuff he'll run on."

The plan is to go easy on the horse this week.

"He'll walk the next couple days and then we'll get him back to the track jogging," Sisterson said. "Then he'll do like we've done his whole career. He jogs one day and then gallops the next.

"We won't change anything. Again, the beauty with Nyquist mentally is that whatever we put in front of him, he handles it. His whole career, we've kept him on the same training routine, and we're not going to change it now."

Sisterson will oversee the care and training of Nyquist until O'Neill arrives on Thursday.

SMITH

From 1C

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Smith hit the last hurdle in the 100-meter final, and the ending was so close between Smith and another runner that Dunn nor the Stanton senior was certain about who secured the second-place spot and automatic berth to state.

Smith had to wait nervously until it was officially announced over the public address system that she placed second.

"'Oh my gosh, I can't believe I got second,'" Smith said of her reaction when hearing she made state.

"I was just really excited and happy that I finally did it after three, four years. All the glory goes to God for me."

Dunn said that Smith's impact was felt well beyond the track this year, as she devoted time to helping the future of Stanton track and field.

"She works with all the junior high hurdlers," Dunn said.

"Back in the first of the year, when people weren't running their best times, (LaNique) would tell them, 'It's OK. We'll get better.'

"That's been more gratifying this year for me than anything, to see her grow up and take that leadership role of our team.

I'm proud of her individually, but I'm more proud that she was a leader of the whole team."

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At Mike A. Myers Stadium, Austin
Area qualifiers
Listed is the athlete, their event, school and what time and day they will be competing.
Class 6A
Boys
Bryce Hoppel, 800 meters, Midland High, 6:20 p.m. Saturday
Bryce Hoppel, 1,600 meters, Midland High, 8:45 p.m. Saturday
Girls
Samatra Smith, long jump, Midland High, 4 p.m. Saturday
Class 4A
Boys
Ian Gonzales, 400 meters, Big Spring, 1:45 p.m. Saturday
Ian Gonzales, 800 meters, Big Spring, 12:20 p.m. Saturday
Jeremiah Rushin, 300 hurdles, Big Spring, 2:05 p.m. Saturday
Andrews, 1,600 relay; Marcus Gonzales, Cris Gonzales, Beau Harrell, Mario Garcia, 3:15 p.m. Saturday
Big Spring, 1,600 relay; Ian Gonzales, Jeremiah Rushin, Aaron Martinez, Leon Mathews, 3:15 p.m. Saturday
Jesus Rodriguez, discus, Greenwood, 8 a.m. Saturday
Girls
Kelley Mathews, 100 meters, Big Spring, 1:05 p.m. Saturday
Kaitlyn Mathews, 400 meters, Big Spring, 1:45 p.m. Saturday
Sarah Ives, 100 hurdles, Andrews, 12:40 p.m. Saturday
Big Spring, 400 relay; Rachel McCallister, Lindsey Brooks, Hayley Crawford, Kelley Mathews, noon Saturday
Big Spring, 1,600 relay; Anissa Ramsey, Samantha Solis, Diamonique Mayes, Kaitlyn Mathews, 3:15 p.m. Saturday
Blaike Thompson, high jump, Greenwood, 11 a.m. Friday
Sarah Ives, long jump, Andrews, 5 p.m. Friday
Kaitlyn Mathews, triple jump, Big Spring, 9 a.m. Saturday
Faith Ragland, shot put, Andrews, 3 p.m. Saturday
Carlie Roberts, discus, Big Spring, 10 a.m. Saturday
Class 5A
Girls
LaNique Smith, 100 hurdles, Stanton, 6:45 p.m. Friday
Class 3A
Boys
Forsan, 800 relay; Walker Park, Terrell McKee, Bryce Hergert, Garrett Evans, 7:25 p.m. Saturday
Class 1A
Boys
Michael Rodriguez, 110 hurdles, Rankin, 12:45 p.m. Saturday
Michael Rodriguez, 30x hurdles, Rankin, 2:05 p.m. Saturday
Garden City, 400 relay, Riley Eggemeyer, Tanner Davis, Isaac Enriquez, Isaiah Enriquez, noon Saturday
Garden City, 800 relay, Riley Eggemeyer, Tanner Davis, Isaac Enriquez, Isaiah Enriquez, 1:25 p.m. Saturday
Garden City, 1,600 relay, Riley Eggemeyer, Tanner Davis, Isaac Enriquez, Isaiah Enriquez, 3:15 p.m. Saturday
Michael Rodriguez, high jump, Rankin, 9 p.m. Friday
Michael Rodriguez, long jump, Rankin, 10 a.m. Saturday
Michael Rodriguez, triple jump, Rankin, noon Friday
Girls
Anna Shy, high jump, Rankin, 10 a.m. Friday
Payton Hastings, pole vault, Garden City, 1 p.m. Friday

US Ski Team launches foundation to tackle safety awareness

By Pat Graham
Associated Press

The group of young skiers on that tragic day saw only this: A slope that wasn't roped off and blanketed in fresh snow.

What they didn't know was the region had a level-three warning for avalanches that morning, meaning there was "considerable risk." U.S. Ski Team prospects Bryce Astle and Ronnie Berlack were killed in a slide on January 5, 2015, in Soelden, Austria, while some of their teammates escaped.

As a tribute and a way to better educate skiers, the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA) formed the Bryce and Ronnie Athlete Safety and Security (BRASS) Foundation.

The mission will be to develop a how-to guide to not only keep skiers out of harm's way on the slopes, but to tackle other issues such as what to do in case of a terrorist attack at an airport and travel from city to city given that the racers are on the road so much.

The board members include the parents of Berlack and Astle, along with a sports psychologist, a retired FBI agent, avalanche specialists and security experts.

"This whole thing was driven out of a tragedy and the thought of, 'How can we make sure it doesn't happen again?'" said George "Jory" Macomber, a longtime educator who will chair the committee.

On that day in 2015, Berlack, Astle and the rest of the group spotted an inviting slope after a big snowfall. They didn't realize it hadn't been controlled for avalanche mitigation. They were caught in the massive snow slide.

"We have learned through our investigation and interviews with the group of athletes and coaches on the Soelden trip that the group was unprepared for the risk encountered on that fateful day," USSA President and CEO Tiger Shaw said in a statement.

"Ronnie and Bryce were talented and experienced world-class skiers who would not have taken unnecessary risks."

The USSA will provide the initial seed money to launch the foundation, which will rely on fundraising to support its objective over time.

Macomber said the committee has general goals for now, but will narrow the focus once members begin meeting.

"It's really about everything outside the netting and the course: Training situations, free skiing, travel, lodging, driving," Macomber said.

"This is the next logical step to improving our safety for athletes and coaches."

At the forefront will be avalanche safety. But the committee also wants to address such topics as what to do in case of an attack like the one at the Brussels Airport and subway in March.

"As we collectively mourn the loss of Bryce and Ronnie, we recognize the importance of safety training and planning at all levels of athlete development," Shaw said. "This is why we are launching a nationwide effort in their memory to promote comprehensive, meaningful and continuous safety and security planning.

Platini to find out by May 9 if CAS appeal is successful

By Graham Dunbar
Associated Press

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — Michel Platini will discover by May 9 if he has overturned a six-year ban from FIFA over a $2 million payment approved by Sepp Blatter.

After failing to persuade two FIFA tribunals of his innocence, Michel Platini spent eight hours in a closed-door session at the Court of Arbitration for Sport to try to clear his name before returning as UEFA president and a FIFA vice president.

"I explained the truth. I have nothing to reproach myself for," Platini said in French on leaving the court.

Asked twice how it felt to meet again with Blatter, who spent 90 minutes at the court as a witness for FIFA, Platini merely smiled and said: "Magnifique."

Still, there will be no verdict before Tuesday when UEFA gathers in Budapest, Hungary, for its annual congress. The 54 European soccer federations have been without their leader for seven months ahead of the European Championship kicking off in Platini's native France.

CAS secretary general Matthieu Reeb said Platini did not request an urgent verdict which would have allowed UEFA members to plan for an election to succeed their president since 2007.

"The arbitrators would have worked over the weekend to render a decision," Reeb said.

Instead, a three-member panel who judged the evidence in Platini's case afresh have up to 10 days to give their verdict.

The CAS panel still has the authority to impose a life ban for corruption. Previously, FIFA's ethics and appeals committees ruled out bribery as a factor, and found Platini and Blatter guilty of charges including conflict of interest and disloyalty.

Keystone via AP

UEFA President Michel Platini, right, is surrounded by media after leaving the international Court of Arbitration for Sport, CAS, after a hearing in Lausanne, Switzerland, Friday, April 29, 2016. Platini will discover by May 9 if he has overturned a six-year ban from FIFA over a $2 million payment approved by Sepp Blatter.

Blatter, the former FIFA president, arrived at 10:30 a.m. to be a witness at FIFA's request.

He employed Platini as a presidential adviser from 1999-2002, nine years before FIFA paid Platini the $2 million in uncontracted salary.

"I accepted this task. I'm on good form and I'm happy to be a witness in this matter," Blatter said before going in.

He emerged 90 minutes later.

"It was fair and correct," Blatter said. "I do hope that my participation has helped to find a solution to this problem."

Platini and his former mentor deny wrongdoing, and claim they had a verbal contract for the additional money. FIFA eventually paid Platini three months before Blatter was re-elected as president in 2011.

"I had confidence in Mr. Blatter that he would pay me," Platini said, when asked about the nine-year delay. "What is the problem?"

Both are effectively the star witness in each other's appeal case, and were heard on back-to-back days by the two earlier FIFA tribunals.

This time, Blatter's appeal against his six-year ban will be heard at a later date, and by a separate CAS panel of judges.

Platini's verdict will be announced before a hearing is held for Blatter, despite their cases involving much of the same evidence.

Platini has shown more urgency to go to CAS as he and UEFA seek clarity before the European Championship kicks off on June 10.

Platini hopes to clear his name to oversee the tournament, being played in his native France for the first time since 1984, when he captained the host nation to victory.

UEFA's priorities include organizing a presidential election — in Paris in June, or more likely Athens, Greece, in September — to replace Platini if he remains banned.

One of the potential candidates to succeed Platini was among the witnesses on Friday.

UEFA and FIFA vice president Angel Maria Villar of Spain declined to speak with reporters before and after his 90-minute session in the court.

A third witness is Jacques Lambert, the Euro 2016 tournament director and a longtime friend of Platini.

Lambert and Platini led the 1998 World Cup organizing operation in France before the former France great went to work for FIFA.

Long seen as Blatter's heir apparent, Platini's chance of becoming FIFA president was ended by the payment, which became public knowledge last September when Swiss federal prosecutors opened criminal proceedings against Blatter for suspected mismanagement.

Blatter was replaced as FIFA president two months ago by Gianni Infantino, Platini's long-time right-hand man at UEFA.

Six weeks before Euro 2016 kicks off, UEFA has no working president and an interim secretary general.

CAS appointed Luigi Fumagelli of Italy to chair the panel judging Platini. Fumagelli was a member of the panel which upheld a four-month ban for Barcelona forward Luis Suarez for biting an Italy defender when playing for Uruguay at the 2014 World Cup.

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Baseball

GCM Baseball Academy
What: Professional private baseball lessons & clinics covering pitching, fielding, catching and hitting provided by three former professional players.
For: Ages 5 & up
Cost: Individual lessons $65 an hour or $40 for 30 minutes. Bulk purchases & group lesson rates available at discount.
For more info: Call (432) 425-6108

Private batting and pitching instruction
For more info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0096 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting

Private hitting and catching instruction
For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment.

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 288-2438

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed
For more info: Contact 689-6080

WTX Baseball
What: Instruction for players 5 and up
For more info: wtxbaseball.com; facebook.com/wtxbaseballmidland; 413-0329

Private lessons
For more info: Call Mike Munguia 432-230-6477 or email mmungia@midlandchristianschool.org

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Midland Hoops 32 Basketball Skills Training
Cost: $25 per session, one to two people; $15 for groups of three or more
For more info: Contact Eddie Venzant at 254-6894 or go to midlandhoops32.com; venzanteddie@yahoo.com

Tall City Classic Basketball Tournament
Date: June 17-19
For whom: Boys and girls between the third grade and 12th grade
Website: southwesthoops.com
For more info: Contact Earl at 432-349-8052 or Cory at 806-201-2777.

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Motion Pool 684-5178 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

Edith Wolfmeyer Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Camps/Clinics

Tim Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

COM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Tennis clinics and lessons
Contact Coach Jon Lanier for clinics and lessons at janier@midlandchristianschool.org

Don Eddy Basketball Camp
Featuring: The shooting game and the one on one game
Where: Trinity School gyms
For: Kids age 8 through 12th grade
When: June 13-17, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Cost: $225
For more info: Contact Coach Young at 432-528-5206 or go to www.debb.com to register.

Lady Dawgs Camp of Champs
For: Incoming 2nd through 9th grade girls
When: June 13-15. Incoming 2nd-5th graders, 8:30-10 a.m., incoming 6th-8th graders, 10 a.m.-noon; incoming 9th graders, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Where: Midland High School gym
Instructors: Midland High girls basketball coach Wes Torres, MHS assistant coaches, area coaches and players former MHS Lady Dawgs
Cost: $40 for incoming 3rd-5th graders; $50 for incoming 6th-8th graders; $50 for incoming 9th graders
Deadline: Register by May 30
For more info: Email wesley.torres@midlandisd.net

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m. third Monday of every month
Where: MCH Mission Fitness, corner of Highway 191 and Faudree Road, Odessa
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbats.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Jesse Mendoza at 432-254-9214

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Private Martial Art/Self-Defense Lessons
Ages: Men-Women-Children
What: Learn Basic Skills to Advanced Techniques
Note: Private, Semi-Private and Group Lessons are available.
For more info: Call Master Oscar Jimenez, 432-559-5009, ojimenez@att.net

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9821 or (469) 248-8472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kenpo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships.

For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030

Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up
When/where: 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woolies & Tweeters; 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at Rednecks Drafthouse. Players must be signed in by 6:15 p.m. each night.
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 2-6 p.m. Sunday
Cost: $50 down, $35 a month
For more info: Call Fred 770-7001 or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Football Club
Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Reyes-Washburn Park (north field)
For more info: call 432-697-6418

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hailey, president at haileyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0988

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month; first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m. Also shoot on 6th Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter); Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422.

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 state and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 1-1 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Dist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com.
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodlot Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 634-8474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

Midland United Girls Softball Registration
What: Online registration is now open and registration will only be available online
Fees: T-ball ($75), 8U-18U ($100); late fee $25
For ages: A girl must be 4 by Jan. 1, 2015 to play T-ball. The same date will used to place child in each division. A parent may have opportunity to bump their child up one division.
To register: go to Midlandfastpitch.com or registration will also be available at Midland Park Mall on March 5 and March 14 from 1-5 p.m.

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Midwest Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards of freestyle or backstroke
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times Monday through Saturday.
Who: All skill levels.
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: 684-7755

COM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: 684-7755

COM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team.
What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

COM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of COM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international travel
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Swim Team
Who: Try out for COM Swim Team, tryouts available by appointment
What: Emphasizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
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What: Allows adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours
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COM Water Walking Class
What: Unstructured, self-paced class
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Senior Fitness Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc.
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Jan Hawkins

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, provides and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area
For more info: Call 432-210-2067 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information

Bush Tennis Center Clinics
What: Ballbox Tennis 34, ages 3-4; Redball 58, ages 5-6; Orange and Green Ball 910, ages 7-10; Junior Development 18&-Up, grade 7-freshman; Junior Select, ranked; RSR Adults, adult beginners; Intermediate Adults 4.0-4.5 Adults, advanced adults; 4.5+; Junior Team Tennis registration now open
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Call www.midlandtennis.com and go to call 620-8180

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherri, 620-8613 or Emily, www.midlandtennis@att.com

Midland College Tennis
What: Clinics, lessons, leagues, tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Call 687-4046

Midland College Tennis Club
When: A community tennis club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual Dues: Adults $65, youths $30, families $140
For more info: Call 563-1333 or email midlandtennisclub@att.com
Note: Will be holding its annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 30 at 11 a.m.

Midland Women's Tennis Association
For more info: 559-7208

Ultimate Frisbee

Midland Drought Ultimate Frisbee Club
What: The Club plays weekly casual pick-up games on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and offer occasional opportunities for tourney travel
For: Ages: Males and females from the high school level to adult
For more info: Go to www.midlandultimatefrisbee.weebly.com or call Matt at 432-288-3139

Track

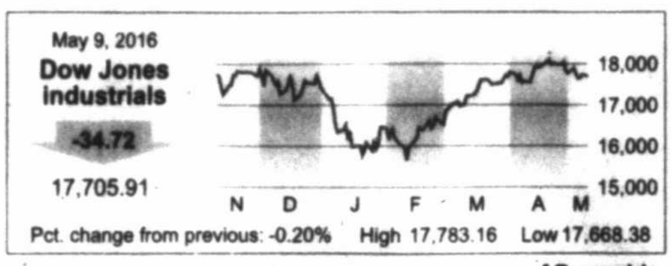
Farris Tall City Christian Track Club
For: ages 7-18 (eligible to compete from level to level) 5 and 6-year-olds welcome and will only compete in 2-3 meets max
When: Will get together Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning May 23 through Aug. 1 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Where: Midland Memorial Stadium, 2001 W. Cuthbert
For more info: Call Tekena Strambler at 432-413-0903 or email tekenas@gmail.com

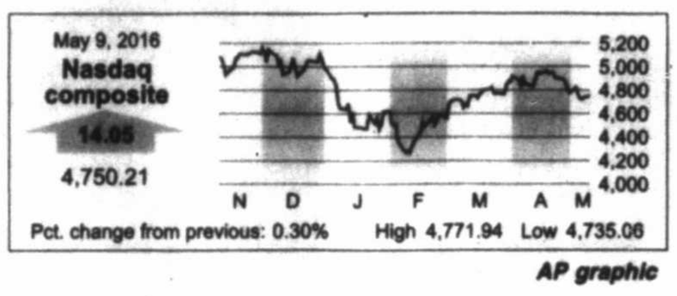
Midland Crusaders Track Club Summer Track and Field
For ages: Boys and girls 7-18 years old.
When: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning May 16 through August 5 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Where: Lee High School track, 3500 Neely Avenue
For more info: Call Tony Goyang at 432-894-2424 or 432-349-1129

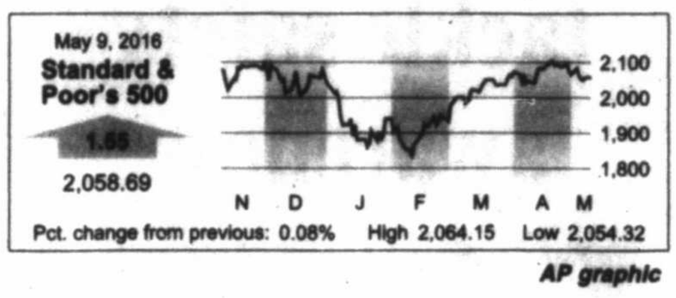
Walking

Midland Walkabout AVA Club
For: All Ages
Annual dues: $15 per family
Walks: One Saturday morning per month
When: First Monday of the month at Murray's Deli on Wadley at 6 p.m.
Who: All ages
For more info: Call 432-697-4310, email ggtorsen3@suddenlink.net or visit midlandwalkabout.wordpress.com

A DAY ON WALL STREET







OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Monday: $43.44
Previous: $44.66

POSTED

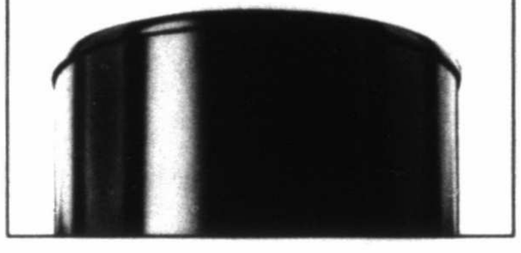
Monday: $39.75
Previous: $41.25

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Monday: $34.95
Previous: $36.45

NATURAL GAS

Monday: $2.098
Previous: $2.101



NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
VanEGold	939500	23.52	-1.61
DrDGldBr	891318	1.62	+.24
LendingCb	845285	4.62	-2.48
iShEMkts	812253	32.41	.42
S&P500ETF	626055205.89		+.17

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
KrispKrm	20.96	+4.10	+24.3
EnzoBio	5.99	+.77	+14.8
WtLyonHm	14.81	+1.65	+12.5
MurphUSA	65.30	+6.94	+11.9
Wayfair	39.65	+3.66	+10.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
LendingCb	4.62	-2.48	-34.9
DrGMBll rs	126.16	-36.58	-22.5
DrGBull rs	87.15	-20.57	-19.1
TetraTech	5.07	-1.13	-18.2
JoyGlbl	15.51	-3.41	-18.0

DIARY

Advanced	1,428
Declined	1,643
Unchanged	89
Total issues	3,160
New Highs	230
New Lows	25
Volume	3,665,601,403

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SynergyRs	105134	5.60	-.15
CheniereEn	36321	32.15	-1.67
TransEnix	36005	2.20	+.25
GastarExp	32890	1.01	-.27
NwGold g	28494	4.31	.29

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AtlasrcAst	17.51	+4.86	+38.4
TransEnix	2.20	+.25	+12.8
AmShrd	2.11	+.15	+7.7
GldFld	2.58	+.18	+7.5
XtantMed	2.15	+.14	+7.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Gastar pfB	8.29	-1.71	-17.1
Gastar pfA	8.21	-1.57	-16.1
YumaE pfA	3.65	.39	-9.7
IncOpR	7.03	.72	-9.3
AskanoG g	3.07	.30	-8.9

DIARY

Advanced	172
Declined	195
Unchanged	23
Total issues	390
New Highs	19
New Lows	4
Volume	94,046,421

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
JD.com	444124	23.43	-1.77
Apple Inc	317459	92.79	-.07
CSVixSh rs	295724	3.28	.17
SiriusXM	213573	3.93	
Facebook	200835	119.24	.25

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Avexis n	31.43	+6.10	+24.1
ArgosTher	6.91	+1.06	+18.1
OvaScience	7.07	+.95	+15.5
Depomed	17.85	+2.34	+15.1
SPI Eng n	8.70	+1.11	+14.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
21Vianet	14.18	-4.48	-24.0
Aemetis	2.38	-.51	-17.6
Momo	12.27	-2.31	-15.8
YY inc	48.80	-7.82	-13.8
KongZhg	5.94	-.95	-13.8

DIARY

Advanced	1,466
Declined	1,310
Unchanged	176
Total issues	2,952
New Highs	57
New Lows	59
Volume	1,570,860,771

Williams-Energy transfer deal is dead in Wall Street's eyes

By Tim Loh
Bloomberg

Seven months. That's how long it took for Energy Transfer Equity LP's deal to buy Williams Cos. to crumble.

In late September, this merger between some of the biggest pipeline operators in the U.S. was touted by analysts as a winning proposition, one that would form a massive empire of oil and gas networks spanning the country.

It was an idea so compelling that Energy Transfer offered to pay $6 billion of what was then a $32.9 billion deal in cash.

Oil's plunge changed everything. It wiped out half the value of both companies.

Suddenly Energy Transfer Chief Executive Officer Kelcy Warren's bet looked expensive.

And then things began to really unravel. Energy Transfer fired its chief financial officer.

Then it held a private unit offering without Williams's blessing — a sale Williams would later call "malicious" and sue over.

Today, the two are fighting each other in court for alleged breaches to the terms of their agreement and are arguing over a tax opinion crucial to getting the deal done.

The drama has Wall Street so convinced the takeover will fail that traders have started pricing the companies individually again instead of as a merged entity. Energy Transfer's latest comments have "solidified for a lot of people that it's unlikely the deal happens on current terms — or at all," Jefferies LLC analyst Chris Sighinolfi said by phone Friday.

The trail of destruction that Energy Transfer will have left in its wake may not bode well for its reputation as a consolidator in the future, Sighinolfi said. What should the market "think about it now — if it may be impairing its ability to do deals with people, simply because people may not want to do deals with it?"

Energy Transfer spokeswoman Vicki Granado deferred to comments Warren made during a conference call with investors last week. Williams spokesman Lance Latham declined to comment.

In a May 5 call, Warren repeated seven times in a response to an analyst that the deal couldn't close in its current form.

In what has proven to be Energy Transfer's most compelling argument against the merger's completion, he stressed that the company couldn't move forward without a tax opinion that it has yet to be granted.

It's called a "721 opinion" and would deem the merger an exchange that frees shareholders from tax liabilities. Energy Transfer has said its adviser Latham & Watkins LLP can't render that opinion and that other tax advisers have given similar feedback. Williams disagreed, saying it knows others who would.

In his four decades of practice, Robert Willens, a tax and accounting consultant in New York, said he's never seen a deal fall apart because of a 721 opinion.

He said he personally would grant Energy Transfer the opinion, while acknowledging that his say isn't the one that counts in this case.

"I don't see anything that will move Latham to the point where they issue the opinion,'" he said.

Officially, the deal isn't over. The closing deadline is June 28, when either party can walk away from the deal if it isn't complete.

Energy Transfer isn't allowed to cancel the deal before then, according to the merger agreement's terms.

And Williams would have to pay a $1.5 billion break-up fee if it chose to do so or it is deemed to have broken the terms of the merger agreement, said Michael Kay, an analyst at Bloomberg Intelligence.

In last week's call, Warren offered up one way in which the deal may be salvaged: A sale involving equity and no cash.

Even that would likely prove futile, as Williams probably won't budge on the terms, Darren Horowitz, an analyst for Raymond James & Associates, wrote in a note to clients Friday.

In a sign of exactly how pessimistic Wall Street has become, Horowitz said he's adjusting his Williams valuation in a way that takes Energy Transfer out of the picture.

It's a stark turnaround from early April, when Evercore ISI analyst Timm Schneider surveyed clients and found nearly half thought the deal would close, 35 percent believed it wouldn't and the rest weren't sure.

Since then, a spread traded by those betting on whether the merger will fall apart has more than doubled.

In late April, it blew out to the biggest since the takeover was announced.

Schneider recently reissued his survey. This time, he included a picture that captures the growing animosity between Energy Transfer and Williams.

It's of a lion and a tiger, circling each other in a pit of water. Their eyes are locked.

The results were announced Sunday: 84 percent of respondents said the current deal won't close and roughly half said it won't even get restructured.

US stocks finish a little higher as health care jumps

U.S. stocks finished just a bit higher Monday as gains for drug companies were almost canceled by sharp losses for metals and energy companies.

Coming off two weeks of losses, stocks traded in a narrow range. Drug company stocks, which have been under pressure recently over concerns they'll have trouble raising prices for medicines, moved sharply higher. The energy market was shaken up and the price of oil fell as Saudi Arabia replaced its oil minister. Metals companies tumbled on renewed worries about China's economy.

"The S&P 500 is kind of stuck in a range and it's been in that range, really, since the middle of March," said Randy Frederick, managing director of trading and derivatives at Charles Schwab.

The Dow Jones industrial average edged down 34.72 points, or 0.2 percent, to 17,705.91 as machinery maker Caterpillar and energy giant Chevron lost ground. The Standard & Poor's 500 index picked up 1.55 points to 2,058.69. The Nasdaq composite index rose 14.05 points, or 0.3 percent, to 4,750.21.

Metal prices fall

Gold dropped $27.40, or 2.1 percent, to $1,266.60 an ounce and silver lost 44 cents, or 2.5 percent, to $17.09 an ounce. Copper sank 5 cents, or 2.2 percent, to $2.11 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $15.49 Down 1.99

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $113.53 Down 1.13

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.77 Down 0.11

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $85.73 Up 0.27

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.53 Down 0.22

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $2.58 Up 0.04

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $21.98 Down 1.09

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $30.48 Down 0.12

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $6.52 Up 0.01

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $18.50 Down 0.10

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel			3.54	.55	+58.0
Abraxas	...	...	1.33	-.04	**+25.5**
AdeDvsEq	**.92e**	...	**12.62**	**+.06**	**-1.6**
AMD			3.65	-.03	+27.2
Alcoa	12	26	9.46	-.58	-4.2
AlonUSA	60		8.62	-.69	-41.9
AlpAlerMLP	1.20e		11.91	-.16	-1.2
Ambev	19e		5.32	-.01	+19.3
Amgen	**4.00**	**16**	**155.41**	**+2.22**	**-4.3**
Anadarko	**.20m**	**...**	**44.99**	**-1.57**	**-7.4**
Apache	**1.00**	**...**	**52.12**	**-1.72**	**+17.2**
Apple Inc	2.28f	10	92.79	+.07	-11.8
ApldMatl	**.40**	**18**	**19.89**	**+.02**	**+6.5**
ArcelorMit			4.76	-.50	+48.1
Archrock	.38m	...	6.49	-.85	-13.7
ATMOS	**1.68**	**23**	**74.30**	**+.71**	**+17.9**
AutoData	2.12	26	87.16	+.31	+2.9
BP PLC	**2.40a**	**...**	**31.08**	**-.50**	**-.6**
BabsCCInv	1.20		17.13	+.05	-.7
BakrHu	.68	...	44.25	-1.63	-4.1
BcoBrad s	.44e	...	7.20	+.06	+64.6
BlkdAm	.20	11	13.99	-.12	-16.9
B iPVixST	...	...	15.61	-.36	-22.3
BarrickG	.08	50	17.39	-1.08	+135.6
BasicEnSv			2.54	-.16	-5.2
Baxalta n	.28	...	42.35	+1.18	+8.5
Baxter s	.52f	32	45.15	+.08	+18.3
BerkHa A	**...**	**152144**	**30.00-2569.98**	**+.84**	**+8.4**
BlkHillsCp	**1.68f**	**37**	**60.78**	**-.49**	**+30.9**
BrMySq	**1.52f**	**50**	**71.34**	**+.12**	**+3.7**
BrownFA	**1.36f**	**33**	**105.55**	**+1.57**	**-4.1**
BrownFB	**1.36f**	**30**	**98.05**	**+.78**	**-1.2**
CVS Health	1.70f	21	105.74	+.89	+8.2
CalifRescs	...	...	1.63	-.10	-30.0
Caterpillar	3.08	18	70.78	-2.58	+4.1
Celsiscp g	...	10	10.15	-.03	-8.0
CntryLink	2.16	14	28.21	.33	+12.1
ChesEng	...	...	4.10	-.49	-8.9
Chevron	**4.28**	**...**	**100.35**	**-1.51**	**+11.5**
Chicos	.32f	44	12.30	+.13	+15.3
Cimarex	.32m	...	110.46	+.27	+23.6
Cisco	1.04f	13	26.51	-.02	-1.6
Citigroup	.20	11	43.89	-.52	-15.2
ClayEng	**...**	**...**	**15.49**	**-1.99**	**-47.6**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
CliffsNRs		34	3.02	-.49	+91.1
CocaCola	**1.40f**	**26**	**45.24**	**-.08**	**+5.3**
ColgPalm	**1.56f**	**26**	**71.76**	**-.06**	+7.7
ConAgra	**1.00**	**26**	**45.68**	**+.89**	**+8.3**
ConchoRes	**...**	**...**	**113.53**	**-1.13**	**+22.3**
ConocoPhil	**1.00m**	**...**	**41.85**	**-1.11**	**-10.8**
CrackerB	4.40a	21	150.48	+1.67	+18.6
CSVelIVST			28.06	+.63	+8.8
CSVLgCrd rs			26.86	-2.25	
CSVixSh rs			3.28	.17	-47.6
CrosTim	**1.36e**	**10**	**15.80**	**-.67**	**+22.1**
DCP Mid	3.12	26	33.74	-1.62	+36.8
DTE	2.92	20	90.34	+.30	+12.7
Dataram h			.65	+.06	-1.5
DevonE	**.24m**	**...**	**30.04**	**-1.36**	**-6.1**
DrGMBr rs			2.21	+.39	-92.6
DirDGldBr			1.62	+.24	-90.2
Disney	**1.42f**	**19**	**105.34**	**-.20**	**+.2**
DowChm	**1.84f**	**17**	**50.84**	**-.32**	**-1.2**
EMC Cp	.76f	21	26.86	+.42	+4.6
EOG Resces	**.67**	**...**	**78.64**	**-.04**	**+11.1**
EmpDist	**1.04**	**25**	**33.56**	**-.03**	**+19.5**
EnCana g	.06	...	5.96	-.27	+17.1
Endo Intl			15.27	-.90	-75.1
Energen	.08		38.85	-1.34	-5.2
EngyTsfr	4.22	...	34.84	-.54	+3.3
EnPro	**.84**	**...**	**46.14**	**-.84**	**+5.2**
EntProdPt	1.56f	20	25.68	-.37	+.4
Ericsson	.46e	...	7.75	+.04	-19.4
ExxonMbl	**3.00f**	**28**	**88.57**	**+.06**	**+13.6**
Facebook	...	56	119.24	-.25	+13.9
FordM	.60a	6	13.32	-.12	-5.5
FrptMcM	...	...	10.52	-1.27	+55.4
GATX	**1.60**	**8**	**44.23**	**+.03**	**+3.9**
GabMulT	**.94e**	**...**	**7.20**	**+.02**	**-4.0**
GAInv	**1.15e**	**...**	**39.71**	**.02**	**-3.9**
GenElec	**.92**	**30**	**29.87**	**-.25**	**-4.1**
GtPlainEn	**1.05**	**22**	**31.69**	**+.60**	**+16.0**
HCP Inc	2.30f	...	35.99	+1.44	-5.9
HalconRs rs			.93	-.12	-26.0
Hallibrtn	**.72**	**51**	**38.69**	**-.75**	**+13.7**
Hertz	...	15	6.76	-.24	-38.4
ICICI Bk	.16e	...	6.73	+.10	-14.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	27.48	-.48	+32.9
iShJapan	.13e	...	11.53	-.01	-4.9
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	31.62	-.49	-10.4
iShEMkts	.84e	...	32.41	-.42	+.7
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	57.26	-.12	-2.5
iShR2K	1.73e	...	111.23	+.32	-1.2
Intel	**1.04**	**13**	**29.80**	**-.24**	**-13.5**
InterDig	.80	17	54.85	-.31	+11.8
ItauUnibH	.45e	...	8.63	+.02	+32.8
JD.com			23.43	-1.77	-27.4
JohnJn	**3.20f**	**18**	**113.72**	**+.98**	**+10.7**
KimbClk	**3.68**	**36**	**128.13**	**+.21**	**+.7**
KindMorg	.50	27	17.01	+.16	+14.0
Kinross g		...	5.20	-.39	+185.7
KrispKrm		43	20.96	+4.10	+39.1
LegacyRes	.60m	...	2.53	-.22	+44.6
LendingCb		...	4.62	-2.48	-58.2
Lubys	**...**	**...**	**4.99**	**-.01**	**+11.6**
MarathnO	.20	...	11.44	-.59	-9.1
McDnlds	3.56f	25	130.83	+.25	+10.7
Merck	1.84f	20	54.10	+.50	+2.4
MerMMed	**...**	**38**	**19.81**	**+.30**	**+6.6**
MexcoEn	...	...	2.58	+.04	-20.2
MicronT			9.67	-.12	-30.3
Microsoft	1.44	35	50.07	-.32	-9.8
Nabors	.24	...	8.00	-.35	-6.0
NatGrid	**3.35e**	**...**	**73.00**	**+.30**	**+5.0**
NOilVarco	1.84	17	31.42	-2.04	-6.2
NobleCorp	.60m	39	9.26	-.87	-12.2
NokiaCp	.16e	...	5.69	+.02	-18.9
NvPhil	**.78e**	**...**	**14.88**	**+.04**	**+8.9**
NuvPI	**.82e**	**...**	**15.12**	**+.03**	**+7.2**
NSTFtl	**.55e**	**...**	**15.27**	**+.07**	**+6.0**
NTXGl	**.55**	**...**	**15.31**	**-.09**	**+6.1**
OcciPet	**3.00**	**57**	**75.64**	**-.92**	**+11.7**
PerTech	**...**	**57**	**5.73**	**-.12**	**-14.9**
ParkDri	**...**	**...**	**2.54**	**-.09**	**+39.6**
PattUTI	**.08m**	**...**	**17.05**	**-.81**	**+13.1**
Penney	...	...	8.43	+.17	+25.6
PennaRE	**.84**	**...**	**23.81**	**+.25**	**+8.9**
Pmian	.34e	17	5.99	-.42	+18.4
PetrbrsA	...	...	5.36	-.34	+57.6
Petrobras	...	...	6.83	-.50	+58.8
Pfizer	**1.20**	**17**	**33.82**	**+.24**	**+4.8**
PioNtrl	.08	76	159.93	+.47	+27.6

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PlainsAAP	**2.80**	**16**	**22.72**	**-.46**	**-1.6**
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	105.88	+.30	-5.3
Praxair	**3.00**	**22**	**113.00**	**-1.27**	**+10.4**
PrmEgy	**...**	**...**	**45.00**	**+2.35**	**-18.1**
PUVixST rs			14.54	-.73	-48.7
ProctGam	**2.88f**	**27**	**82.12**	**-.01**	**+3.4**
Qihoo360	...	44	65.11	-8.31	-10.6
RangeRs	.08m	...	41.70	-.21	+69.4
RegionsFn	.28f	13	9.05	-.03	-5.7
Rowan	.40	23	17.24	-1.10	+1.7
RoyDShlA	3.76	75	49.60	-1.15	+8.3
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	176.98	-.36	+1.7
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	205.89	+.17	+1.0
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	32.62	-.72	+7.9
SpdrMetM	.40e	...	20.98	-1.78	+40.3
SabnR	2.22e	10	32.32	-.03	+23.1
SanderPn	**.88a**	**13**	**94.29**	**+1.71**	**+21.6**
Schlmbrg	2.00	27	72.77	-2.35	+4.3
SiriusXM	...	36	3.93	...	-3.4
Smucker	2.68	35	129.42	+.15	+4.9
SP HlthC	1.01e	...	69.97	+.79	-2.9
SP Engy	2.04e	...	64.32	-.95	+6.6
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	23.07	-.06	-3.2
SunocoLog	1.92f	37	27.46	-.85	+6.8
TelefEsp	**1.03e**	**...**	**10.40**	**-.13**	**-8.0**
Tesoro	2.00	5	75.71	-2.21	-28.1

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
3M Co	4.44f	21	168.52	-.37	+11.9
Torchmark	**.56f**	**14**	**58.26**	**+.06**	**+2.1**
Transocn	...	20	9.96	-.76	-19.5
TriContl	**.82e**	**...**	**20.07**	**+.07**	**+.2**
TylerTech	**...**	**58**	**143.62**	**+1.23**	**-17.6**
UBSI	**1.32**	**19**	**37.74**	**+.21**	**+2.0**
US OilFd	...	...	10.68	-.28	-2.9
USSteel	.20	...	16.23	-2.61	+103.4
Vale SA	.29e	...	4.31	-.47	+31.0
Vale SA pf	.29e	...	3.48	-.35	+36.5
ValeantPh	...	...	28.07	-1.82	-72.4
ValeroE	2.40f	7	54.98	-.38	-22.2
VanEGold	.12e	...	23.52	-1.61	+71.4
VanE JrGld	...	...	34.90	-2.81	+81.7
VangEmg	1.10e	...	32.96	-.51	+.8
VulcanM	**.80f**	**51**	**118.57**	**+1.14**	**+21.7**
WEC Engy	1.98f	21	60.08	+.83	+17.1
WalgBoots	1.44	24	80.89	+1.46	-5.0
WealthInt	...	...	5.27	-.40	-37.2
WellsFargo	**1.52f**	**12**	**48.88**	**-.14**	**-10.1**
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WmsCos	2.56	...	18.94	-.76	-26.3
XcelEngy	**1.38f**	**21**	**41.16**	**+.70**	**+14.6**
Xerox	**.31f**	**19**	**9.35**	**-.13**	**-12.0**
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18,351.36	15,370.33	Dow Jones Industrials	17,705.91	-34.72	-.20	+1.61	-2.21
8,844.48	6,403.31	Dow Jones Transportation	7,738.53	-.43	-.01	+3.06	-11.61
572.40	539.96	Dow Jones Utilities	562.74	+3.45	+.62	+14.70	+14.20
11,254.87	8,837.99	NYSE Composite	10,291.59	-17.24	-.17	+1.46	-7.82
5,231.94	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	4,750.21	+14.05	+.30	-5.14	-4.87
2,134.72	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,058.69	+1.55	+.08	+.72	-2.22
1,551.28	1,215.14	S&P Midcap	1,453.12	+.41	+.03	+3.90	-4.27
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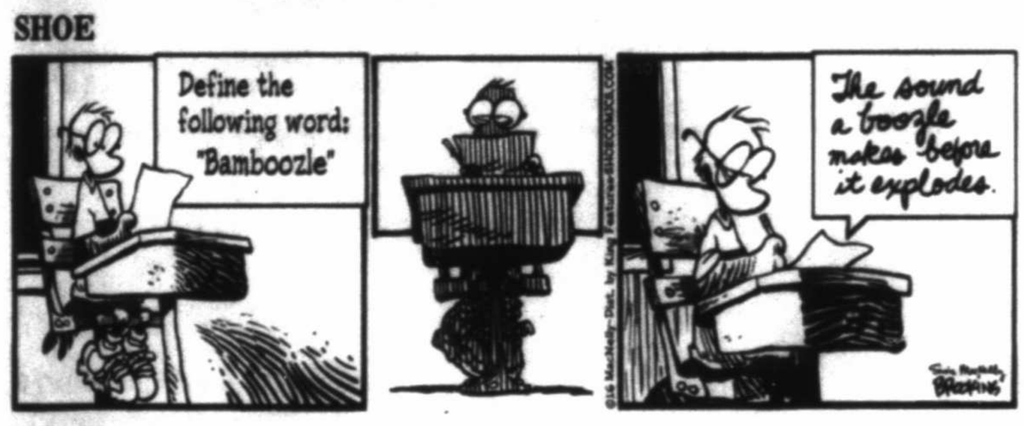

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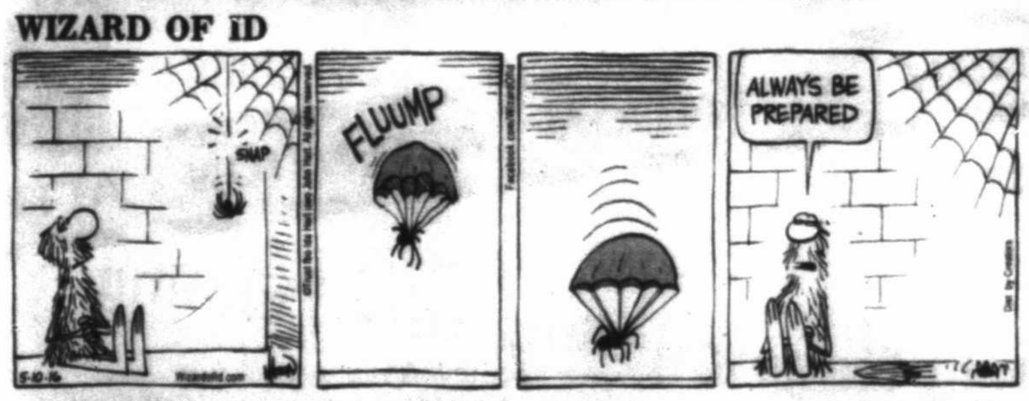

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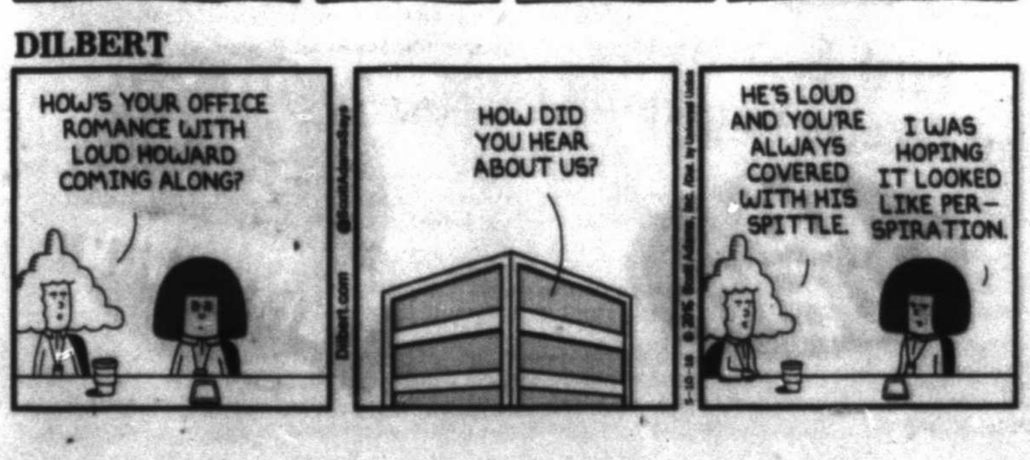

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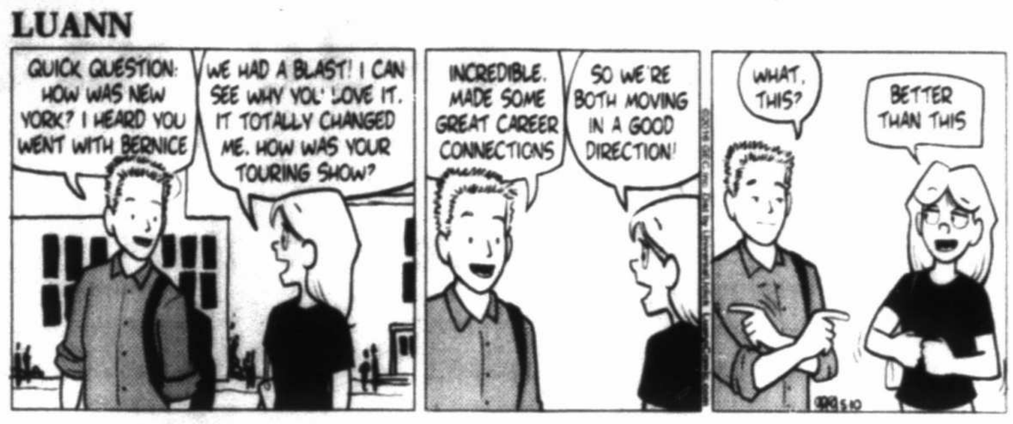

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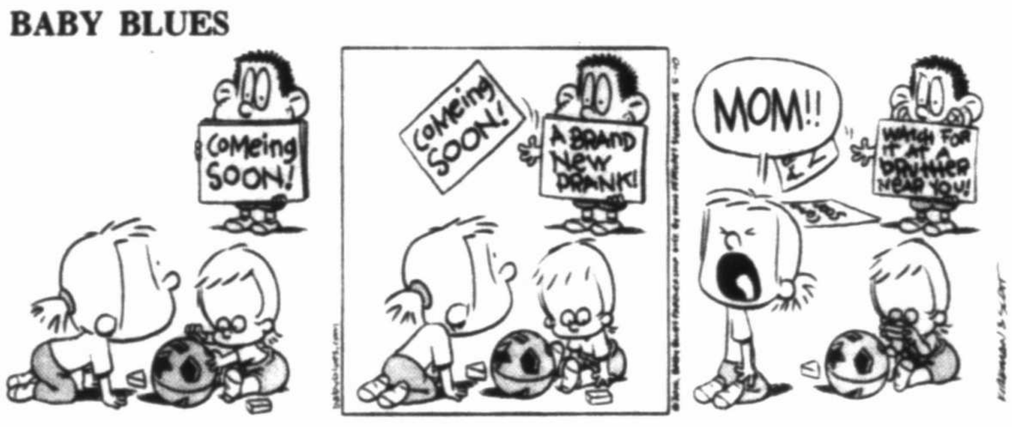

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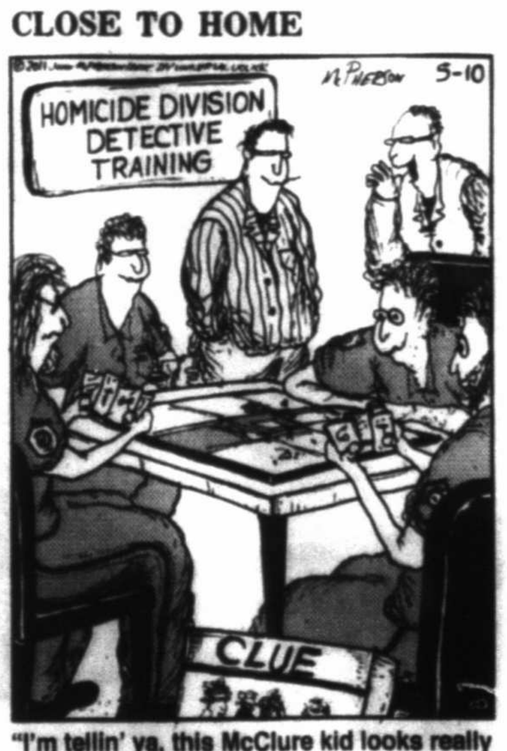

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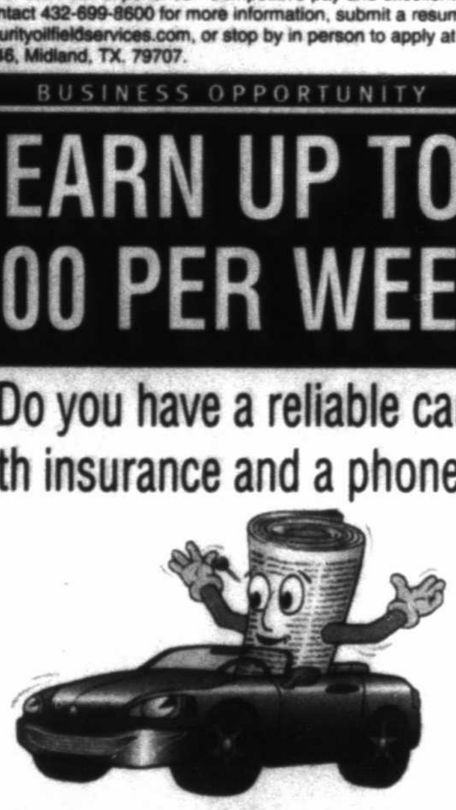

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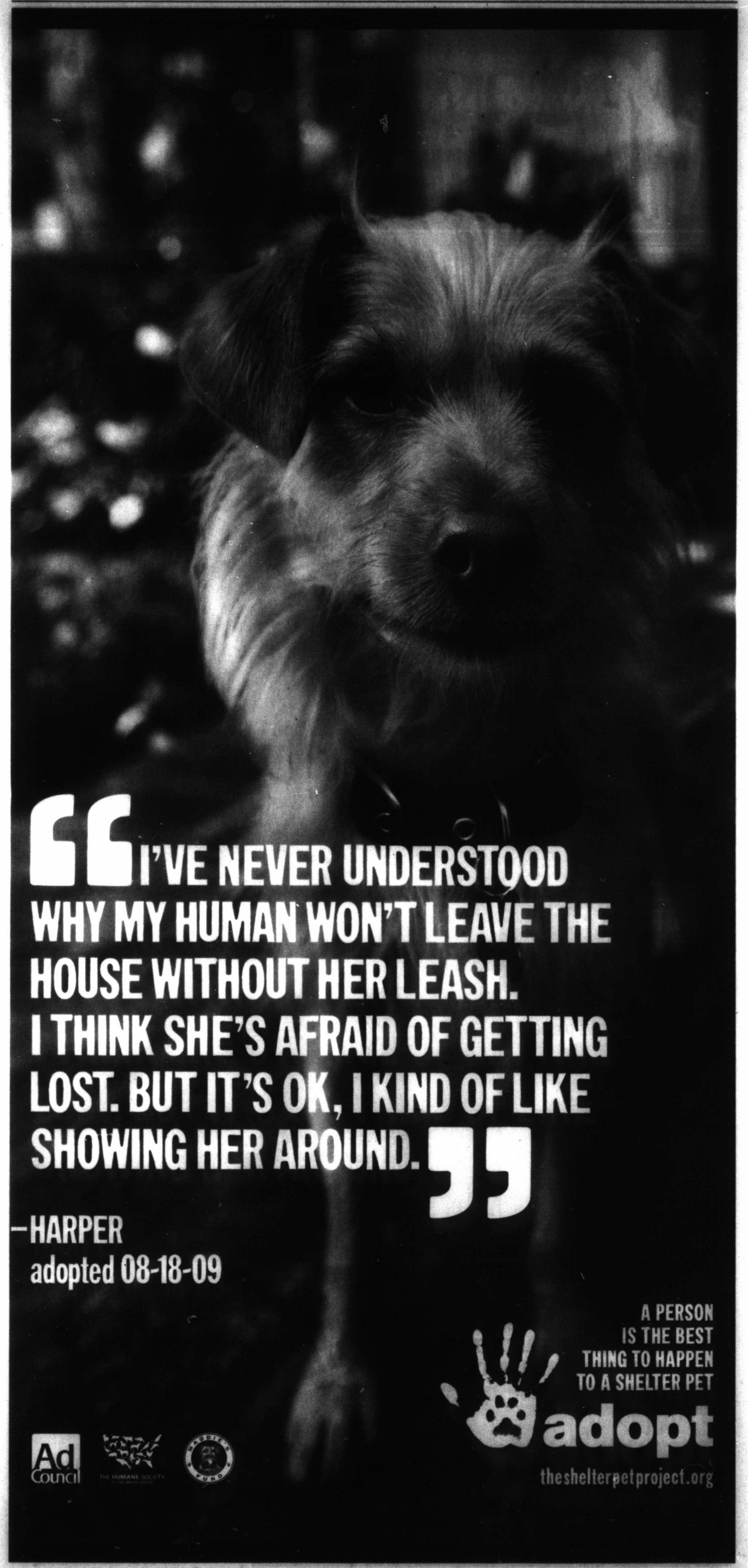
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in care of the Executor.

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The address of record for JOHN H. GLENNAN, JR. is 304 Elm, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79705.

All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 18th day of April, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

LAW OFFICE OF J. BRIAN MARTIN
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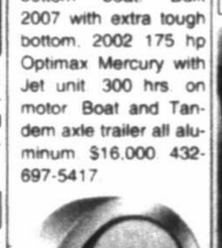

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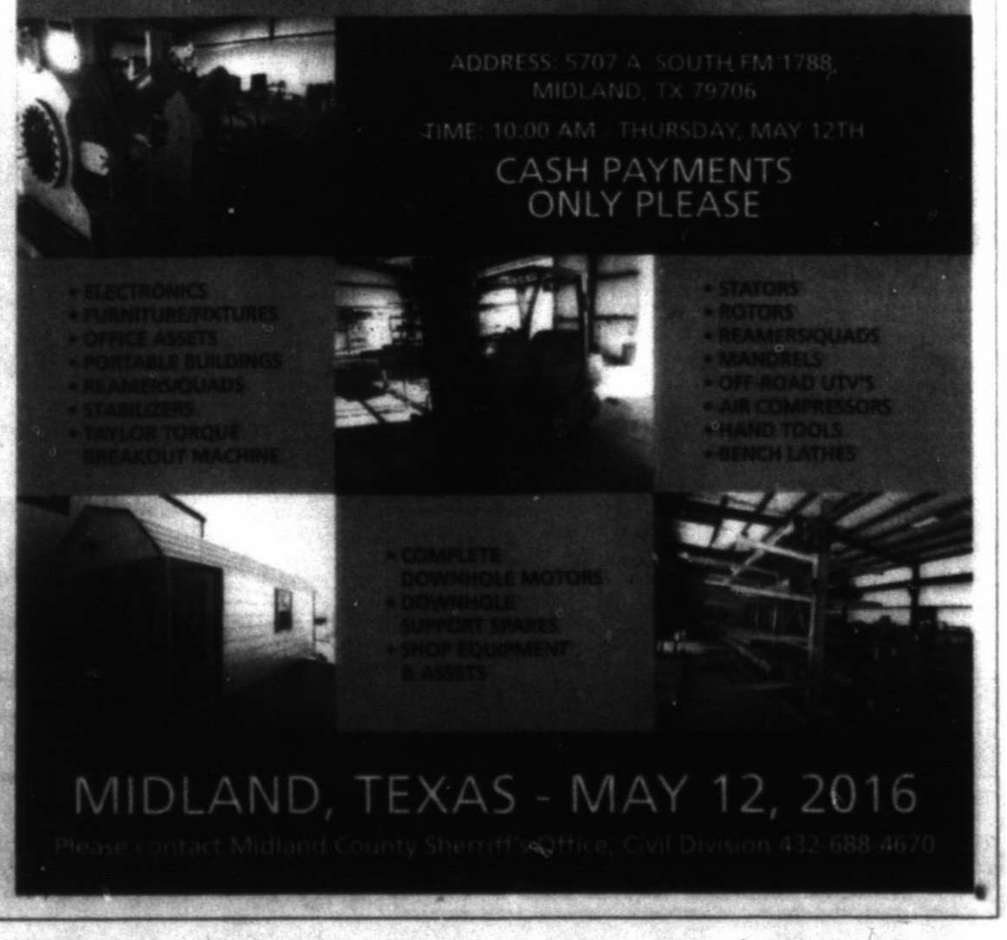

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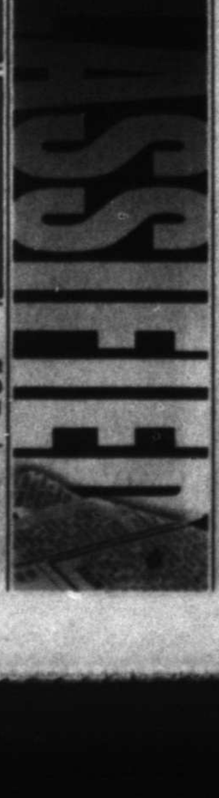

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A bee gathers nectar from a blooming rhododendron flower at the Rhododendron State Park in Fitzwilliam, N.H. University of New Hampshire researchers have completed the first assessment of the state's native bee population showing 118 species, which is high compared to similar surveys conducted in eastern North America, and considering recent bee declines.

Researchers: New Hampshire has over 100 species of bees

By Kathy McCormack
Associated Press

CONCORD — University of New Hampshire researchers say there are more than 100 species of bees buzzing around the state, and that some of them have never been documented.

The university's Agricultural Experiment Station has completed its first assessment of the state's native bee population. Sandra Rehan, who oversees the UNH Bee Lab, said Monday that New Hampshire has a high "bee species richness" compared to other Northeastern states, such as Maine and Pennsylvania.

"There's a lot of diversity of bees here, and we're just really scratching the surface in terms of our understanding," said Rehan, who also is an assistant professor of biological sciences.

Bees are important pollinators of food crops and natural ecosystems. The abundance and diversity of pollinators are declining across the United States. A survey done last year found that beekeepers across the country lost more than 40 percent of their honeybee colonies between April 2014 and April 2015.

Rehan said most bee research focuses on honeybees and bumblebees.

"Usually, people are studying one or a handful of species," she said. "We are targeting, understanding the big picture, what are all the bees," she said.

Initial research found 118 species, including 17 that had never been documented, in the seacoast area. Since then, researchers branched out to areas such as the White Mountain National Forest and have raised that count to 189.

Rehan said 72 species were found in both areas. Some species were found in abundance in the White Mountains, but not found at all in the seacoast area, reflecting a different habitat need.

"Further studies are needed to know what species are where," she said.

The UNH researchers also have found that white clover attracted the largest abundance of bees, and red clover supported the highest diversity of bees.

"These data suggest that increasing the diversity of early season blooming flowers may have a positive impact on the native bee community," Rehan said.

Jodi Turner, a beekeeper in Swanzey, said a lot of people don't realize how many different kinds of insects and pollinators there are out there and should mind their environment for them.

"Everybody has their little expertise; it's just a matter of what the flower is and what they're attracted to," she said.

With 6 cases, Kentucky officials promote Zika awareness

By Adam Beam
Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Six people, including at least one pregnant woman, have been diagnosed with the Zika virus in Kentucky, state officials say.

All of the confirmed cases got the disease while traveling abroad to Zika-infected areas. So far no one has contracted the virus in Kentucky. Health and Family Services Secretary Vickie Yates Brown Glisson warned it is "very possible" the disease will spread in Kentucky this summer unless people take precautions.

The Zika virus is rarely fatal. Symptoms include fever, rash, joint pain and red or burning eyes. But most people who contract the virus, about 80 percent, never show symptoms. The real danger is for pregnant women. Infants born to Zika infected mothers have a high risk for serious defects, including microcephaly, a condition where the baby's head is smaller than normal.

Zika can be transmitted sexually, but it is primarily spread through mosquito bites. On Monday, state officials outlined their plan to combat the virus, including extensive monitoring of infants born to Zika infected mothers and assembling mosquito "strike teams" ready to deploy in areas seeing an outbreak.

But officials spent most of Monday's briefing making sure people are aware of the virus and what they can do to prevent it. They urged people to avoid traveling to Zika infected areas, including South and Central America and the Caribbean. And they said Kentuckians should do whatever they can to eliminate mosquitoes, including getting rid of any standing water where mosquitoes can breed and to treat hedges, shrubs and tall grass to eliminate places for mosquitoes to rest.

Dr. Ardis Hoven, an infectious disease specialist with the Department of Public Health, specifically asked pregnant women not to travel to the Olympics this summer in Brazil.

"We are counting on you, so please take this advice seriously," she said. "As with all public health issues, the best form of protection is prevention, not clean up."

Kentucky is home to 59 species of mosquitoes, according to Grayson Brown, director of the Public Health and Entomology Laboratory at the University of Kentucky. Of those, only five species have been identified as potential carriers of the Zika virus. Of those, just one species — the aedes aegypti — has been confirmed as a Zika carrier. Brown said that mosquito is rare in Kentucky — about 1 out of every 5,000 mosquitoes caught in in the state.

The mosquito threat is so important state officials have launched a public health campaign called "Fight the Bite Day and Night." They even have a mascot, a person wearing a mosquito costume dubbed "Marty Mosquito." The insect has its own account on Instagram, where it is identified as a "creepy human-sized mosquito."

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I jest. I also assume you are coming to us about business incubators because perhaps you are on the edge of your seat for the new season of "Silicon Valley" like we are? You figure nerds, coding, rapid success, and uncomfortable embarrassment might be right up our alley. And, you would be right!

Business incubators, also known as accelerators, can be advantageous to someone needing a nudge or looking to fast-track an idea into a funded business or product. Incubators often have access to key pieces needed for running a business – like access to funding sources, marketing, and legal services — by having a stake in the business' success.

Some models are set up in a physical location to foster collaboration, networking, and sharing of ideas. Some more recent players exist in a virtual space, like Entrepreneur Commons (entrepreneurcommons.org) and Open Coffee Club (opencoffee.ning.com). All incubators are designed to let you take advantage of mentorship, guidance, and networking opportunities with other entrepreneurs and idea men like yourself.

You can check out some greatest hits, like Palo Alto Research Company (www.parc.com), showing how it's been done since 1970. This incubator started by Xerox is responsible for laser printing and Ethernet. I might need a minute.

Institutions of higher education are great resources for incubation opportunities, like Research Park at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign (researchpark.illinois.edu). They house a presence from big dogs like Yahoo! and Sony, typically have an additional forty other start-ups under their roof, and employ upwards of 400 student interns.

Incubators aren't just for techies. You can find ones focusing on fashion design and craftsmanship. Holding the largest part of the non-tech market share is food incubators like the Vermont Food Venture Center (bit.ly/1MR9oBV).

Sounds great, right? You're in. The end.

It's not all brainpower perfection. At times, there are pressures to turn out a product, which may sap creativity. As is the case whenever money is involved, the equity piece can get confusing and sticky, making your success feel not so successful.

Just as you would vet a new D&D partner, you need to do your research to find an incubator that works for you. Interview and visit the incubator you have your eye on. Talk to other start-ups that have had a relationship with the incubator, successful and not so much, and that will give you a snapshot of whether or not there is a creative and cultural fit.

You could start with the International Business Innovation Association (inbia.org) for a listing of incubators, events targeted at entrepreneurs, and resources around incubators and co-working spaces. You could also check out The Indus Entrepreneur (tie.org) which has local chapters globally and could serve as a good resource for incubating opportunities or a way to get the skinny on a local incubator.

If you do your homework, you can avoid getting into business with this — bit.ly/1Ub5ANj.

I will say, I like the idea of adorable returns on my investments. Maybe Cutecoin. I'm going to work on that a little.

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