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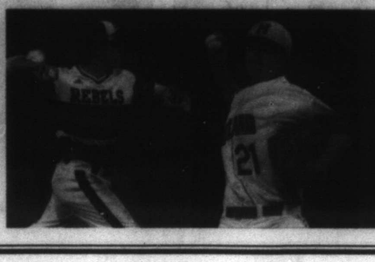

TODAY IN SPORTS

District 2-6A baseball action is expected to be competitive when the slate resumes today. This time around, though, there could very well be at least four teams fully in the race for the district championship. .

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Texting and driving ban to get final vote in House

Legislation sponsored by Rep. Tom Craddick passes 113-32 after four tries

By Sanya Mansoor
Texas Tribune

The Texas House on Wednesday passed a statewide ban on texting while driving.

Members voted 113-32 to tentatively approve the legislation, which will get a final vote in the House before it can proceed to the Senate. A Senate committee has passed a similar measure.

Texas is one of four states that do not have a statewide ban on texting and driving.

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Under the measure passed by the House, offenders would be charged with a misdemeanor and be fined $25 to $99. Repeat offenders would have to pay between $100 and $200 in fines.

For years, the bill's author, state Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, has pushed legislation that would penalize drivers who use their phones on the road.

In 2015 and 2013, Craddick's proposal passed the House but died in the Senate. In 2011, it traveled through both chambers only to be vetoed by former Gov. Rick Perry, who said it would "micromanage the behavior of adults."

In a statement, Craddick called Wednesday "Groundhog Day."

"This is the fourth session that I come before the Texas House to propose life-saving legislation," he said. "I am proud that the Texas House has continued to support our effort. We are one step closer to HB 62 becoming law. Today's vote is a testament to the members desire to prevent

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GET INTO THE GROOVE

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Kids get in formation Wednesday during Midland Festival Ballet's spring break Cinderella Ballet Camp for ages 4 through 6 at Midland County Public Library downtown branch. See more photos from the camp in a future edition of the Reporter-Telegram.

Texas sues feds on nuclear waste facility

- Lawsuit accuses agencies of failing to license repository in Nevada

By Jim Malewitz
Texas Tribune

Texas is trying to take the federal government to task for failing to find a permanent disposal site for thousands of metric tons of radioactive waste piling up at nuclear reactor sites across the country.

In a lawsuit filed Tuesday night, Attorney General Ken Paxton accuses U.S. agencies of violating federal law by failing to license a nuclear waste repository in Nevada — a plan delayed for decades amid a highly politicized fight.

Paxton's petition asks the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit to force the Nuclear Regulatory Committee to cast an up-or-down vote on the Yucca Mountain plan. It also seeks to prevent the federal Department of Energy from spending billions of dollars in fees collected from utilities to fund a permanent nuclear waste disposal site.

"For decades, the federal government has ignored our growing problem of nuclear waste," Paxton said in a statement Wednesday. "The NRC's inaction on licensing Yucca Mountain subjects the public and the environment to potential dangerous risks from radioactive waste. We do not intend to sit quietly anymore."

Paxton filed the lawsuit just two weeks after former Gov. Rick Perry was sworn in as the agency's leader. And it comes as Texas' only radioactive waste site — run by Waste Control Specialists in Andrews County — is asking the NRC to let it temporarily store the nation's spent nuclear fuel.

About 78,000 metric tons of spent uranium rods are stored at operating or closed reactor sites throughout the country, with 2,610 metric tons in Texas. Those sites, mostly meant to be temporary, are filling up.

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Luigi's owner starts community appreciation campaign, acknowledges nurses

- Michael Hochman gives nurses gift certificates to his restaurant

By Simone Jasper
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Restaurant owner Michael Hochman is on a mission to recognize unsung workers in Midland. When he launched an appreciation campaign with nurses at Midland Memorial Hospital, the act had personal significance.

"My late wife was a nurse of 30 years," Hochman said. "I always want to acknowledge them and thank them. I want to show my appreciation for nurses and how special they are."

Hochman gave each nurse a certificate to redeem for a free meal at his business, Luigi's Italian Restaurant.

The restaurant owner plans to deliver additional certificates to local teachers and first responders. He hopes the message of gratitude extends beyond his efforts.

"We want it to grow in the community to show appreciation and respect of police and firemen," Hochman said. "They put their lives on the line every day for us. People take it for granted and don't think about it until something happens. We lost five police in Dallas and a sheriff's deputy locally. They work hard for their money and are passionate about their jobs."

Please see **LUIGI'S**/4A

Weather
Mostly sunny
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Get your complete forecast on 7C

Energy prices

WTI Futures	$48.86	▲	$1.14
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Gasoline	$2.134	▼	$0.010

The big number
An identity fraud study estimates
15.4 million Americans
lost $16 billion through identity theft in 2016. More on Page 5A.

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

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Navajo officer's death reflects dangers for tribal officers

By Mary Hudetz
Associated Press/CJ Project

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The first time Houston Largo faced deadly gunfire as a Navajo police officer, he and other tribal police had swarmed a patch of desert near the Chuska Mountains to pursue an armed domestic violence suspect.

The 40-mile chase that began near Shiprock, New Mexico, had crossed into Arizona, where the suspect armed with an assault rifle crashed his vehicle that March 2015 night and opened fire. One officer was killed and two were wounded, while Largo escaped injury and received a commendation for helping a fellow officer to safety.

On Sunday, Largo again faced gunfire — this time alone on a dark New Mexico road while en route to a domestic violence call on the eastern edge of the United States' largest American Indian reservation. The 27-year-old was found critically wounded, on the ground bleeding about 50 yards from the vehicle he had stopped, sheriff's officials said. He was flown to an Albuquerque hospital where he died.

"He embodied what we ask for from our officers right to the very end," said Amber Kanazbah Crotty, a lawmaker on the Navajo Nation council. "The violence we are seeing is showing our officers are not only stretched thin, but they also are facing challenges with the vastness of the area."

The Navajo Nation covers 27,000 square miles in New Mexico, Arizona and Utah where tribal officers patrol the rural roads alone, Navajo Police Chief Phillip Francisco said. That can leave them without backup during a life-or-death situation, especially in circumstances where the nearest fellow officer is more than an hour away, he said.

Tribal jurisdictions across the West often cover sweeping, remote areas that are larger than some U.S. states, but with far fewer police.

"It's just a fact of geography that creates all sorts of challenges as far as policing reservations," said Tim Purdon, a former U.S. attorney for North Dakota and partner at the Minneapolis law firm Robins Kaplan. "The issue here is both officer safety and public safety."

The FBI has released few details stemming from its investigation into the shooting, including what sparked it. But Largo's death has renewed focus on the dangers that Indian Country's remote landscapes can pose for officers both within the Navajo Nation's chronically understaffed police department and on remote reservations from the Dakotas to the Southwest.

In Montana, there are fewer than 20 Bureau of Indian Affairs officers to serve the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, which spans an area of the Great Plains twice the size of Rhode Island, Tribal Chairman Floyd Azure said.

He called the situation "abysmal," saying the reservation is likely in need of more than twice as many officers than it has.

A high volume of domestic violence calls adds another layer of danger for officers on many reservations. Such calls are statistically considered the most deadly for police.

More than half of Native American women and nearly half of men surveyed by the National Institute of Justice for a report released last year said they had experienced physical violence by a partner.

The Navajo Nation, home to more than 175,000 people, has fewer than 250 patrol officers and investigators. The officers responded to more than 4,600 domestic violence calls in 2015, the most recently available figures.

The last three fatal shootings of Navajo officers, including Largo, happened while responding to reports of domestic disputes. The others included Officer Alex Yazzie in March 2015 near Red Valley, Arizona, and Sgt. Darrell Cervandez Curley in Kaibeto, Arizona, in 2011.

"For the Navajo Nation, they work twice as hard and twice the area with half the staff," Chief Francisco said.

He declined to comment directly on the facts of the case but said the area where Largo was shot Sunday is especially desolate, and the lack of cellphone service there has been a serious safety concern for authorities.

The town closest to the incident is Prewitt, New Mexico, a tiny, unincorporated community in McKinley County. The area is so remote, Francisco said, that sometimes officers' radio transmissions will fail.

"You'll look out and see a couple houses in different areas, but everything is so spread apart," he said. "It can be overwhelming when you drive through."

It remained unclear Wednesday whether another officer also had been called to the same domestic violence dispute as Largo.

A woman who came up on the scene used Largo's radio to call for help, the county sheriff's office said, and the first authorities to arrive found him with a bullet wound in the forehead.

It wasn't yet known how much time elapsed between the shooting and when emergency responders arrived.

The Navajo Times obtained a report from the sheriff's office, one of the law enforcement agencies that initially responded to the shooting, saying that when deputies arrived, the driver of the pickup truck that Largo had stopped on the county road was handcuffed to the steering wheel.

The driver provided information about the suspect, and authorities found him hiding on a ridge nearby.

The FBI has not commented on the report or the suspect, except to say that they had a suspect in custody Sunday.

"Our officers put themselves in highly volatile situations every day in addressing domestic violence situations," Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye said earlier this week in response to Largo's death.

Last year, Begaye had asked U.S. House members to increase the Interior Department's public safety budget for Indian Country, as he testified about how an officer shortage on his reservation was to blame for increasing response times to crimes.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs is responsible for providing law enforcement on reservations that don't have their own police and provides federal funding for those that do.

On the Navajo Nation, there is roughly one officer for every 1,000 residents. The national average is double that rate.

Of the department's officers, Largo — a nearly five-year veteran of the force — was an especially active and passionate officer, the police chief said.

His funeral service is set for 11 a.m. today in Rehoboth, New Mexico.

Obituaries

Charles Horne Priddy, Jr.

Charles Horne Priddy, Jr., 59, of Midland, Texas, passed away on March 8, 2017, in Dallas, Texas.

Charles was born in Midland on August 29, 1957 to Charles Horne Priddy, Sr., and Mary Nell Russell Priddy. Charles attended Midland High School and studied Petroleum Land Management at Texas A & M in Bryan, Texas, and at The University of Texas in Austin. Charles' first career was as a land man in Midland, Texas and Midland, Michigan.

When Charles was in his forties, he decided to turn a love of cooking into a career. He began a new life as a chef after attending the Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts in Dallas.

He had many interests and was licensed as both a multi-engine airplane pilot and a master boat Captain. Charles loved sailing and spent much of his time in Kemah, Texas, where he spent many happy hours on his 38-foot sailboat.

He is survived by his two daughters, Kristen Priddy and Joslyn Priddy, both of California.

Charles is also survived by his sister, Barbara Priddy Clark and her husband, John, of Dallas; twin brother, Walter Priddy and his wife Kim, of Dallas; stepsister, Susan Henderson Askins of Midland; and by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews, for whom he had great affection.

Charles is preceded in death by his mother, Mary Nell Priddy; father, Charles Horne Priddy, Sr.; stepmother, Beth Priddy; brother, Bob Priddy; and stepbrother, Rick Henderson.

The family is especially grateful to Yvonne Scarbrough for her help and support of Charles during his extended illness.

A private ceremony will be held at a later date.

The family requests memorials be directed to the First Presbyterian Church of Midland, Texas.

Jean Hendricks Comer

Jean Hendricks Comer, 83, of Pampa, Texas, died March 15, 2017 in Pampa.

Services will be 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Robert Reeve, Jean's son-in-law and deacon of Fellowship Baptist Church in Athens, and Chris Comer, Jean's son, officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Jean was born November 10, 1933 in Pampa to Fred and Gladys Hendricks. She grew up in Pampa, graduating from Pampa High School in 1952. Upon graduation, she attended Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan, and Lindenwood College in St. Louis, Missouri.

Jean married Harold L. Comer on September. 16, 1955 and they had celebrated 61 years of marriage this last September. She had been a resident of Pampa for 60 years.

She was active in her church, her children and grandchildren's school activities, and offered her talents to anyone at any time. She was a former member of First Presbyterian Church and was a current member of First Christian Church where she formerly taught Kindergarten Sunday school.

Survivors include her husband, Harold Comer of the home; two daughters, Carrie Hearon and husband Don of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Laurie Reeve and husband Robert of Eustace; a son, Chris Comer and wife Stacy of Midland; two granddaughters, Avery Reeve of Eustace and Kennedi Comer of Midland; and five grandsons, Tyler Cunningham of Lubbock, Jordan Cunningham of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Tucker Reeve and Cooper Reeve, both of Eustace, and Jackson Comer of Midland.

Memorials may be made to a charity of choice or a non-profit organization.

The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 17, 2017 at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Sign the online guest register at *www.carmichael-whatley.com*.

Charles (Chuck) William Mussett

Charles (Chuck) William Mussett, 95, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Friday, March 10, 2017.

Visitation will be on Friday, March 17, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Highway, Midland, Texas 79701.

Services will be at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 1:00 p.m., followed by burial at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Cody Brooks Prather

Cody Brooks Prather, 27, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Friday, March 10, 2017.

Viewing will be at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. on Friday, March 17, 2017.

Funeral services will be at 1:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel on Saturday, March 18, 2017. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Cody is survived by his father, Kevin Prather; mother, Karen Kull; and by one brother.

Gwendolyn Joyce Paige

Gwendolyn Joyce Paige, 60, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Sunday, March 12, 2017.

She is survived by her two daughters, Keysha Marie Paige and LaToya L. Paige; three brothers; one sister.

Services are pending with American Heritage Cemetery /Funeral Home /Crematory, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas, 79707.

John Bochniak, Jr.

John Bochniak, Jr., 67, of Odessa, Texas, passed away on Saturday, March 4, 2017.

He is survived by his wife, Laura "Susie" Bochniak; son, Timothy Scott; and by one sister.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at Bethel Assembly of God (Odessa) at 10:00 a.m. followed by a luncheon at 12:00 p.m.

Lennis Ray "Mac" McCollum

Lennis Ray "Mac" McCollum, 90 years old of Midland, Texas, passed away on his 90th birthday, Wednesday, March 15, 2017.

A private graveside service will be held with the family at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland on Saturday, March 18, 2017.

Maria Elena Salgado

Maria Salgado, of Midland, Texas, passed away on March 14, 2017.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 17, 2017 at Hosanna Church in Stanton, Texas. Burial will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery immediately following the services.

Maria is survived by her husband, Felix Salgado, Sr.; daughter, Mary Jane Wagner; sons, Felix Salgado, Jr. and Billy Joe Salgado; and by five sisters and six brothers.

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Death Notices

Bob Herell

Bob Herell, 93, of Midland, Texas, passed away Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

Memorial services will be held at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, March 18, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

Survivors include daughters, Janice Kay Thompson and Dana Lee Kiser.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SAN ANGELO

2nd person charged with murder in death of West Texas woman

Officials say a second suspect has been arrested on a murder charge after the remains of a West Texas woman were found buried at a former speedway.

Tom Green County jail records show Ludonna Gail Yoder was being held Wednesday on $500,000 bond.

Sheriff David Jones says Naomi Miller was last seen alive in 2005. Relatives reported her missing in 2015. Her remains were located March 8 at the ex-San Angelo Speedway.

Jones says Miller's husband, Robert Lamar Miller II, was arrested March 2 and accused of killing her at their home. Yoder was arrested Tuesday after investigators said she provided a statement saying she participated in the slaying.

Autopsy results were pending.

Investigators didn't immediately say how Yoder knows Robert Miller. Online records didn't list an attorney representing her.

HOUSTON

Texas chief: Recommit to safety following firefighter death

The Houston fire chief says the recent death of a firefighter from injuries he suffered four years ago must spur a renewed commitment to firefighter safety to avoid future fatalities.

Chief Samuel Pena spoke Wednesday at a memorial service for retired Houston fire Capt. William Dowling, who died last week of complications from his injuries.

Pena says Dowling's death is an urgent reminder that leaders must improve on the "unacceptable" loss of firefighters' lives.

Dowling responded in May 2013 to a restaurant fire that spread to an adjoining Southwest Inn.

The roof of the structure eventually collapsed, trapping firefighters inside. Four were killed that day and more than a dozen injured.

A federal report later said several factors contributed to the deaths, including communication problems among emergency personnel.

AUSTIN

'Bathroom bill' clears Texas Senate but still faces hurdles

The Texas Senate has passed a North Carolina-style "bathroom bill" that targets transgender people, but the proposal still faces big obstacles from becoming law.

The 21-10 final vote on Wednesday came over opposition from big business, the National Football League and hundreds of people who packed the Texas Capitol last week during 13 hours of public testimony.

The measure would require people to use public bathrooms that correspond with the sex on their birth certificate.

The hot-button issue was a Senate priority. But Republican House Speaker Joe Straus has publicly and repeatedly denounced the proposal as bad for business. He has stopped short of declaring the bill dead on arrival but his opposition is significant.

Republican Gov. Greg Abbott also hasn't taken a clear public stance on the bill.

AUSTIN

New pro-life proposals in Texas get early OK in Senate

New pro-life efforts in Texas that would ban a commonly used second-trimester abortion procedure and prohibit fetal tissue donation for research are close to clearing the Senate.

The measures given preliminary approval Wednesday are two of the most prominent anti-abortion bills in Texas this year. Republicans are pushing efforts they say protect fetuses, which comes after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a major Texas anti-abortion law last summer that was sold as protecting women's health.

One bill bans a procedure known as dilation and evacuation, which abortion-rights supporters contend is the safest and most common procedure used in second-trimester abortions.

Similar bans in Alabama, Kansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma have been put on hold because of legal challenges.

Opponents say the measures prevent doctors from using their best medical judgment.

Rep. Joe Barton questions David Friedman, the acting head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, during his testimony on Capitol Hill on April 1, 2014, in Washington before the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation. Barton told a constituent to "shut up" during a town hall meeting in his home district Saturday. *AP file photo*

Texas congressman to constituent: 'Shut up'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Republican congressman from Texas told a constituent to "shut up" over the weekend during a town hall meeting in his home district.

Congressman Joe Barton, who represents part of the Arlington area, is seen on video calmly explaining that he voted against federal legislation to protect women against violence because he believes that the issue is best left to the states. That prompted several in attendance to yell in disagreement. Barton pointed to one man and told him, "You, sir: shut up."

Barton later said in a statement that that the man "continued to speak over myself and many others who were seeking recognition in orderly fashion."

Chris Lewis, who said he was the target of Barton's remark, tells the Arlington Star-Telegram he wasn't upset and has "heard worse."

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Sacroiliac
[sak-roh-il-ee-ak]
noun
1. the joint where the sacrum and ilium meet.

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This frame grab from video supplied by KFDA-TV shows investigators looking over the broken fuselage of an Air Force plane Wednesday in Clovis, N.M. The Air Force says three service members were killed when the single-engine reconnaissance and surveillance plane crashed in eastern New Mexico during a training flight.

3 service men killed in military plane crash in New Mexico

By Paul Davenport and Susan Montoya Bryan
Associated Press

"We are deeply saddened by this loss within our Air Commando family. Our sympathies are with the loved ones and friends affected by this tragedy, and our team is focused on supporting them during this difficult time."

Cannon Air Force Base col. Ben Maitre

Three service members assigned to a special operations unit were killed after a single-engine reconnaissance and surveillance plane crashed in eastern New Mexico during a training flight, the Air Force said.

Officials at Cannon Air Force Base said the U-28A crashed Tuesday night in a field about a quarter mile east of Clovis Municipal Airport, about 3 miles east of Cannon. The plane was assigned to Cannon.

The identities of the victims will be withheld until 24 hours after the families are notified, Cannon officials said in a statement.

The cause of the crash is under investigation, and base commander Col. Ben Maitre said during a news conference Wednesday that it would be premature to speculate. He said there was no indication of any problems with the plane before the crash, and weather reports for the area suggested clear skies.

"Right now, we're working to secure all of the data from the wreckage and the documentation that went into the preparation and conduct of that sortie," Maitre said.

Investigators also are reviewing maintenance records for the plane.

Maitre described the U-28A as reliable, saying that type of aircraft is used thousands of hours a year and that crew members fly hundreds of hours annually to maintain their proficiency with the plane and its systems.

Capt. Brandon Baccam, chief spokesman for the wing, said the crew was assigned to the 318th Special Operations Squadron, part of the 27th Special Operations Wing based a Cannon.

The wing's units use several types of aircraft to perform missions that include personnel transport, combat support, aerial refueling of helicopters, close air support and drone operations.

Officials said use of the Clovis airport was part of the training mission, but additional information on the mission and circumstances of the crash itself were not immediately available.

The crash caused a fire that was extinguished by local firefighters, officials said.

Two large pieces of the aircraft, including the tail section, were visible Wednesday morning at the crash scene.

"We are deeply saddened by this loss within our Air Commando family," Maitre said. "Our sympathies are with the loved ones and friends affected by this tragedy, and our team is focused on supporting them during this difficult time."

Cannon has about 5,800 military personnel and civilian employees.

It has been several years since the base has had a fatal crash, Maitre said.

The last deadly crash involving a U-28A occurred in Africa in 2012 as the plane was returning from an intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance mission for the war in Afghanistan. Four airmen were killed.

An Air Force fact sheet says the U-28A is used for tactical airborne intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance in support of special operations forces. The plane typically has a four-member crew of two pilots, a combat systems officer and a tactical systems officer.

According to the fact sheet, the U-28A "evolved from commercially available aircraft that were purchased and then modified with communications gear, aircraft survivability equipment, electro-optical sensors, and advanced navigation systems."

REGIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

OKLAHOMA

2 small earthquakes recorded in northern region by USGS

PAWNEE — The U.S. Geological Survey reports two small earthquakes in northern Oklahoma.

A 3.2 magnitude quake was recorded Wednesday near Pawnee, about 70 miles northeast of Oklahoma City and a 3.0 magnitude quake was recorded near Watonga, about 50 miles northwest of Oklahoma City.

No injuries or damage are reported and geologists say damage is not likely in earthquakes below magnitude 4.0.

Thousands of earthquakes have been recorded in Oklahoma in recent years, and many have been linked to the underground injection of wastewater from oil and natural gas operations.

Regulators have directed oil and natural gas producers to close some disposal wells or reduce the volume of fluids they inject.

OKLAHOMA

Historic building to be demolished after quake

CUSHING — Officials have decided to demolish a nearly century-old building in Cushing after its front facade collapsed this week, about four months after it was damaged during an earthquake.

The 1920s Cushing Lion's Den was damaged but remained standing after the 5.0 earthquake hit a few miles outside Cushing and damaged some of the city's downtown area in November, the Stillwater News Press reported.

The building's side brick veneer began to bulge and peel away shortly after the quake, and most of it was later removed. Lions Club president Lou Griffin said the club hasn't occupied the building since November after a structural engineer warned it wasn't safe.

"We had some engineers (say) it could be saved, and we had others who said they wouldn't re-enter it," Griffin said.

Club members salvaged plaques, photos and a large statue of a lion that represent their club history.

But after the building's front facade collapsed on Tuesday, its demolition fate was sealed.

Griffin said she wasn't surprised by the collapse because she noticed the building looked like it had shifted since the earthquake. Griffin said she believes the earthquake, a series of smaller quakes and recent strong winds played a role in the collapse.

The Lions Club aims to take down the building as soon as possible to keep residents safe and prevent further damage. The club lacks funding but is hoping to demolish the building for a low price.

NEW MEXICO

State police search Roswell victim's home again

ROSWELL — Authorities have conducted a second search of a home belonging to a missing woman who was found dead alongside a highway in eastern New Mexico.

The Roswell Daily Record reported Maria Elena Tilton Aragon of Roswell was found dead on the side of U.S. 285 on March 6. State police searched her home the following day and again Tuesday.

The victim's husband, Castulo Aragon Jr., says police returned to the home to see if they missed something the first time.

Police are investigating the 49-year-old woman's death as a homicide.

Police say Castulo Aragon reported his wife missing the night before her body was found.

Castulo Aragon says he last heard from her when she sent him a text message saying she was walking, but she never returned.

6-month-old dies after sitter couldn't reach 911

Associated Press

DALLAS — Dallas public safety officials are pressing T-Mobile for solutions following the death of a 6-month-old boy whose baby sitter couldn't reach 911 operators.

The city said in a statement that the 911 call center was jammed with calls Saturday evening because of an ongoing issue with T-Mobile. Dallas television station WFAA reported that when T-Mobile customers call 911, ghost calls are created that jam the system and operators end up putting callers on hold as they try to catch up.

The boy's mother, Bridget Alex, told the station that she was at her sister's home when her baby sitter frantically called her, saying her 6-month-old son had fallen from a day bed and was unconscious. The baby sitter said she called 911 three times but kept being placed on hold.

Alex said she sped home and took her son to a hospital.

"I jumped in the car with him, and I just kept kissing his lips. He was still warm. I just kept saying, 'Brandon, please wake up. Please wake up.'" she told the station.

The baby was transferred to another hospital, where he died without regaining consciousness.

The city issued a statement Tuesday saying Dallas police found no immediate evidence connecting the death to the ghost-call issue, but confirmed the caller was using T-Mobile service when trying to call 911 on Saturday evening.

City Manager T.C. Broadnax said he spoke with T-Mobile CEO John Legere, and that Legere pledged to send his top engineers to Dallas on Wednesday to address the problem. T-Mobile spokeswoman Stacey DiNuzzo said she had no additional statement from the company.

"This is an unacceptable situation and the citizens of Dallas deserve better," Broadnax said, adding that he was hopeful the issue could be fixed.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ Storytime at the Library.10:30 a.m. (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years). Midland County Public Library downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

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

■ Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595

■ Third Thursday Reading event 4:30 p.m. at the George W. Bush Childhood Home, 1412 W. Ohio Ave. bushchildhoodhome.org.

■ Trivia Night, 7 p.m. at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. noelartmuseum.org.

■ #Hangovertodays, 7 p.m. today at Atrium Lounge, 3904 W. Wall St.

Beal Parkway extension to open Tuesday

A new road in Midland will soon provide relief for nearby residents and allow runners and bicyclists to enjoy three miles of continuous trails in southwest Midland.

City officials will hold a ribbon cutting for the extension of Beal Parkway at 10 a.m. Tuesday near the street's intersection with Leisure Drive. The new portion of road extends from Leisure Drive to the intersection of Illinois Avenue and Thomason Drive, which will reduce neighborhood traffic associated with new developments in a residential area.

Engineers designed the project to be pedestrian- and bike-friendly to connect portions of an existing hike/bike trail system, which created three continuous miles of trail between Beal Park and Lancaster Park.

The total cost of construction for this project was about $1.2 million. Maverick Engineering assisted with the design of the project and construction was completed by Jones Brothers Dirt & Paving.

Source: City of Midland

MPD receives reports of scam

Midland Police Department has received reports about a scam involving someone posing as an employee of the Transportation Security Administration in order to persuade people to send money.

Residents have been contacted by phone by someone who said that a distant family member has been detained at Midland International Air & Space Port by the TSA with a large amount of cash in his or her possession. The caller then asks for money to pay a tax on the cash in order for the family member to be released, according to a press release from the city. Another person — acting as the distant family member — then gets on the phone.

The phone number is usually from Mexico, and the caller requests that the money to be sent to Mexico.

Midland residents who are uncertain whether a request for money is valid are encouraged to call MPD at 685-7108.

Source: City of Midland

Congressman to visit Midland

U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke, a Democrat from El Paso, will be in Midland on Saturday to meet with residents, according to David Rosen, chairman of the Midland Democratic Party.

O'Rourke will be at Grub Burger, Loop 250 and Midland Drive, beginnign wt 5:30 p.m.

Lottery

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Daily 4 night: 1-3-5-6
Cash Five: 2-3-5-23-32
Lotto Texas: 4-11-19-27-32-46
Powerball: 16-30-41-48-53 PB: 16 Power Play: 3
Texas Triple Chance: 2-3-7-13-31-44-48-51-54-55
All or Nothing morning: 1-2-6-9-10-11-13-16-19-21-22-23
All or Nothing day: 3-4-7-8-9-10-11-13-18-19-21-23
All or Nothing evening: 1-3-5-6-7-9-10-13-14-16-22-24
All or Nothing night: 4-5-8-9-11-12-15-18-21-22-23-24

Today in history

Today is Thursday, March 16, the 75th day of 2017. There are 290 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1926, rocket science pioneer Robert H. Goddard successfully tested the first liquid-fueled rocket at his Aunt Effie's farm in Auburn, Massachusetts.

In 1935, Adolf Hitler decided to break the military terms set by the Treaty of Versailles by ordering the rearming of Germany.

In 1968, during the Vietnam War, the My Lai Massacre of Vietnamese civilians was carried out by U.S. Army troops; estimates of the death toll vary between 347 and 504.

In 1974, the Grand Ole Opry House opened in Nashville with a concert attended by President Richard Nixon and his wife, Pat.

In 1987, Massachusetts Gov Michael Dukakis announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Ten years ago:

Former CIA operative Valerie Plame told a House committee that White House and State Department officials had "carelessly and recklessly" blown her cover in a politically motivated smear of her husband, former Ambassador Joseph Wilson, for publicly disputing President George W. Bush's assertion that Saddam Hussein was on the brink of acquiring a nuclear bomb.

Today's birthdays:

Comedian-director Jerry Lewis is 91. Singer-songwriter Jerry Jeff Walker is 75. Country singer Ray Benson (Asleep at the Wheel) is 66.

Federal judge in Hawaii puts travel ban on hold

Associated Press

HONOLULU — Hours before it was to take effect, President Donald Trump's revised travel ban was put on hold Wednesday by a federal judge in Hawaii who questioned whether the administration was motivated by national security concerns.

U.S. District Judge Derrick Watson also said Hawaii would suffer financially if the executive order blocked the flow of students and tourists to the state, and he concluded that Hawaii was likely to succeed on a claim that the ban violates First Amendment protections against religious discrimination.

"The illogic of the government's contentions is palpable," Watson wrote. "The notion that one can demonstrate animus toward any group of people only by targeting all of them at once is fundamentally flawed."

Trump called the ruling an example of "unprecedented judicial overreach" and said his administration would appeal it to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"We're going to win. We're going to keep our citizens safe," the president said at a rally in Nashville. "The danger is clear. The law is clear. The need for my executive order is clear."

The judge issued his 43-page ruling less than two hours after hearing Hawaii's request for a temporary restraining order to stop the ban from being put into practice.

The ruling came as opponents renewed their legal challenges across the country, asking judges in three states to block the executive order that targets people from six predominantly Muslim countries. Federal courts in Maryland, Washington state and Hawaii heard arguments Wednesday about whether it should be allowed to take effect early today as scheduled.

In all, more than half a dozen states are trying to stop the ban.

Watson made it clear that his decision applied nationwide, ruling that the ban could not be enforced at any U.S. borders or ports of entry or in the issuance of visas.

Nominated to the federal bench by President Barack Obama in 2012, he is currently the only Native Hawaiian judge serving on the federal bench and the fourth in U.S. history. He received his law degree from Harvard in 1991.

In Maryland, attorneys told a federal judge that the measure still discriminates against Muslims.

Government attorneys argued that the ban was revised substantially to address legal concerns, including the removal of an exemption for religious minorities from the affected countries.

"It doesn't say anything about religion. It doesn't draw any religious distinctions," said Jeffrey Wall, who argued for the Justice Department.

Attorneys for the ACLU and other groups said that Trump's statements on the campaign trail and statements from his advisers since he took office make clear that the intent of the ban is to ban Muslims. Trump policy adviser Stephen Miller has said the revised order was designed to have "the same basic policy outcome" as the first.

The new version of the ban details more of a national security rationale. It is narrower and eases some concerns about violating the due-process rights of travelers.

It applies only to new visas from Somalia, Iran, Syria, Sudan, Libya and Yemen and temporarily shuts down the U.S. refugee program. It does not apply to travelers who already have visas.

"Generally, courts defer on national security to the government," said U.S. District Judge Theodore Chuang. "Do I need to conclude that the national security purpose is a sham and false?"

In response, ACLU attorney Omar Jadwat pointed to Miller's statement and said the government had put out misleading and contradictory information about whether banning travel from six specific countries would make the nation safer.

The Maryland lawsuit also argues that it's against federal law for the Trump administration to reduce the number of refugees allowed into the United States this year by more than half, from 110,000 to 50,000. Attorneys argued that if that aspect of the ban takes effect, 60,000 people would be stranded in war-torn countries with nowhere else to go.

Chuang made no immediate ruling.

In the Hawaii case, the federal government said there was no need to issue an emergency restraining order because Hawaii officials offered only "generalized allegations" of harm.

Jeffrey Wall of the Office of the Solicitor General challenged Hawaii's claim that the order violates due-process rights of Ismail Elshikh as a U.S. citizen who wants his mother-in-law to visit his family from Syria. He says courts have not extended due-process rights outside of a spousal relationship.

Ex-soldier accused of threatening Fort Hood shooting rampage

Associated Press

WACO — A former soldier from Texas has been accused of making threats to go on a shooting rampage at Fort Hood.

A federal grand jury on Tuesday indicted Thomas Anthony Chestnut on one count of using interstate communications to threaten injury. The 28-year-old man is jailed without bond pending a March 22 detention hearing. If convicted, he faces up to five years in federal prison.

A message left with his attorney Wednesday was not returned.

Court records show Chestnut called Fort Hood saying he's an ex-soldier wrongly accused of a crime. Chestnut said he would shoot soldiers at the post if he didn't receive back pay.

In 2009, 13 people were killed and 31 others wounded in a shooting at Fort Hood. Nidal Hasan, a former U.S. Army major, was convicted and sentenced to death in that shooting.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Michael Hochman, owner of Luigi's, is showing appreciation for nurses by giving them gift certificates to his Italian restaurant. He plans to also present certificates to teachers and first responders.

LUIGI'S

From 1A

When Hochman shared the concept with restaurant workers, many were on board.

"We thought it would be an exceptional idea," said Julian Delgado, assistant general manager. "He mentioned nurses, and I thought that was a really good thing to do. My mom was a nurse, and nurses do a lot. They don't get a lot of appreciation."

Delgado said staff members talk to nurses who redeem their certificates. He said some previously visited the restaurant but others are new customers.

"A lot of responses have been great," Delgado said. "They feel a lot of emotion, especially nurses who have worked with Patsy."

Patsy Hochman, Michael's wife, was killed when a driver struck her car in 2008. After the tragedy, Luigi's adopted a two-drink alcohol limit to encourage safe driving.

"A few people don't like that," Hochman said. "After they read why we do that, they're understanding. Maybe when they go to another restaurant and have drinks, they don't go out and put others at risk."

A contribution to the Midland Memorial Foundation established the Patsy Hochman, R.N., Nursing Scholarship Endowment Fund. The program is open to nurses in various degree programs and requires them to work for the hospital for two years after graduation, according to the foundation.

Hochman said he's grateful for support from foundation contributors and others in the community. As he prepares to distribute more certificates throughout Midland, he wants the gesture to inspire others to do good deeds.

"We're telling them we appreciate them," Hochman said. "We're planting the seed."

Man charged with sexual assault

From staff reports

A Midland man was arrested Tuesday after he allegedly sexually assaulted a child, according to court documents.

Cepeda

Luis Angel Cepeda, 19, was being held Wednesday on a $10,000 bond for a state jail felony charge of theft of property $2,500 or more but less than $30,000. He was also facing a second-degree felony charge of sexual assault of a child, and bond for that charge had not been set.

A Midland Police Department detective responded to Midland Memorial Hospital on Friday in reference to a reported sexual assault.

If convicted, Cepeda could face up to 20 years imprisonment for the second-degree felony charge and up to two years imprisonment for the state jail felony charge.

BAN

From 1A

crashes and save lives."

"I have continued to fight for this legislation because I could not in good conscience ignore this life-threatening safety issue as Texans continue to die in car crashes while other drivers threaten lives as they exchange messages in Facebook, upload a pic to Instagram, or check and read email or texts," he said. "I am confident this statewide law will help to prevent crashes, injuries and tragic deaths."

About three dozen Texas cities already have a texting-and-driving ban in place. Cities would still be allowed to implement ordinances that are stricter than the proposed state law.

In a tweet, House Speaker Joe Straus congratulated Craddick on what he called "common-sense" legislation.

Opponents of the bill raised concerns about how a police officer could tell that a person was texting, especially because the legislation said officers could not take and inspect the phone.

"I find it absolutely incredulous, except for Superman, who can tell what you are doing on your phone," said Rep. Harold Dutton Jr., a Houston Democrat, who noted law enforcement may not be able to distinguish between someone who is texting or using GPS.

In response, Craddick said that law enforcement have said they can consistently tell if people are texting.

Rep. Eric Johnson, D-Dallas, tacked an amendment onto the bill that says police officers cannot arrest people for texting while driving.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that every day in the United States, more than eight people are killed in crashes that involve a distracted driver.

Craddick noted Wednesday that more and more families lose loved ones to distracted driving and no Texas laws target the offense.

"That's the sad part because those families have somehow been affected by some type of accident or death that's happened because of no texting while driving (ban)," Craddick said.

The Reporter-Telegram contributed to this report.

WASTE

From 1A

Though the nuclear energy industry insists that temporary waste disposal — either in pools or sealed in dry casks of metal or concrete — is safe and environmentally sound, it has long agreed that sealing the waste in geologic formations deep underground boosts protection against terrorist attacks and natural disasters, such as the earthquake and tsunami that rocked Japan's Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power station in 2011.

For more than 20 years, Washington saw Yucca Mountain as the solution, and the federal government spent tens of millions of dollars preparing it to accept the waste. But Nevada's congressional delegation — led by now-retired U.S. Sen. Harry Reid, a Democrat — has thwarted the project. And, facing significant political pressure, President Barack Obama's administration abandoned the Yucca Mountain plans.

Since 1983, utility ratepayers across the country chipped in billions of dollars to fund a waste repository — including $815 million collected from Texans. With interest, Texans have contributed $1.5 billion to the fund, managed by the Department of Energy.

A 2013 federal appeals court ruling halted the collections, and the fund now has an unspent balance of $40 billion, according to Paxton's lawsuit, which opens with a comment from Perry during his confirmation hearing as energy secretary:

"My hope of this committee and administration is that we, finally after 35 years of kicking the can for whatever reason, we can start ... moving to temporary or permanent siting of this nuclear waste."

A Perry spokesman did not immediately respond to an emailed request for comment.

During Perry's tenure as governor, Texas became home to one of the nation's few facilities that accept low-level nuclear waste. Since 2012, Waste Control Specialists, a company formerly owned by the late Dallas billionaire and Republican donor Harold Simmons, has disposed of contaminated tools, building materials and protective clothing, among other items, from shuttered reactors and hospitals.

That site in Andrews County grew rapidly during Perry's final years in office. Over the objection of environmental groups, the company is seeking a license to temporarily store spent reactor fuel — high-level nuclear waste.

If Paxton's suit does not force President Donald Trump's administration to restart the Yucca Mountain plans, some observers say the federal government might more closely eye the Andrews County site — a move that would require Congress to change that 1987 law naming Yucca Mountain as the nation's repository.

Asked whether Paxton's lawsuit had anything to do with Waste Control Specialists' expansion plans, Kayleigh Lovvorn, his spokeswoman, said her office had no comment.

Chuck McDonald, a spokesman for Waste Control Specialists, said the company had not yet read the lawsuit, "therefore, we don't know if it will have an impact on our project or not."

But he added: "WCS has always been supportive of a permanent repository, and we believe a consolidated interim storage facility is needed as part of an integrated waste management system in the U.S."

Karen Hadden, executive director of the Sustainable Energy and Economic Development Coalition, a group fighting the Andrews County site's expansion, agreed with Paxton's criticism of the Yucca Mountain process — "a waste of money," she said. But Hadden worries that the lawsuit could force the government to permit a site ill-equipped to protect public health and safety.

"It's really important that we get a permanent repository in place that will isolate this waste so we don't have cancer effects or deaths from contamination today or into the future," Hadden said. "My concern is that (Paxton) has another Texas permanent disposal site in mind."

Russian agents, hackers charged in massive Yahoo breach

By Eric Tucker
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two Russian intelligence agents and a pair of hired hackers have been charged in a devastating criminal breach at Yahoo that affected at least a half billion user accounts, the Justice Department said Wednesday in bringing the first case of its kind against current Russian government officials.

In a scheme that prosecutors say blended intelligence gathering with old-fashioned financial greed, the four men targeted the email accounts of Russian and U.S. government officials, Russian journalists and employees of financial services and other private businesses, U.S. officials said.

Using in some cases a technique known as "spear-phishing" to dupe Yahoo users into thinking they were receiving legitimate emails, the hackers broke into at least 500 million accounts in search of personal information and financial data such as gift card and credit card numbers, prosecutors said.

"We will not allow individuals, groups, nation states or a combination of them to compromise the privacy of our citizens, the economic interests of our companies or the security of our country," said Mary McCord, acting assistant attorney general and the head of the Justice Department's national security division.

One of the defendants, a Canadian and Kazakh national named Karim Baratov, has been taken into custody in Canada. Another, Alexsey Belan, is on the list of the FBI's most wanted cyber criminals and has been indicted multiple times in the U.S. It's not clear whether he or the other two defendants, Dmitry Dokuchaev and Igor Sushchin, will ever step foot in an American courtroom because there's no extradition treaty with Russia.

"I hope they will respect our criminal justice system," McCord said.

The indictment identifies Dokuchaev and Sushchin as officers of the Russian Federal Security Service, or FSB. Belan and Baratov were paid hackers who were directed by the FSB to break into the accounts, prosecutors said.

Dokuchaev has been in custody in Russia since his arrest on treason charges in December, along with his superior and several others. Russian media have reported that Dokuchaev and his superior were accused of passing sensitive information to the CIA. The media reports also have contended that Dokuchaev was arrested by the FSB several years ago and offered a choice: serve a long prison sentence on hacking charges or sign a contract to work for the agency.

The FSB hasn't commented.

Yahoo didn't disclose the breach until last September when it began notifying hundreds of millions of users that their email addresses, birth dates, answers to security questions and other personal information may have been stolen. Three months later, Yahoo revealed it had uncovered a separate hack in 2013 affecting about 1 billion accounts, including some that were also hit in 2014.

U.S. officials said it was especially galling that the scheme involved officers from a Russian counterespionage service that theoretically should be working collaboratively with its FBI counterparts.

"Rather than do that type of work, they actually turned against that type of work," McCord said.

Paul Abbate, an FBI executive assistant director, said the bureau had had only "limited cooperation with that element of the Russian government in the past," noting that prior U.S. demands to turn over Belan had been ignored.

Though the Justice Department has previously charged Russian hackers with cybercrime — as well as hackers sponsored by the Chinese and Iranian governments — this is the first criminal case to implicate the Russian government so directly in cybercrime and to name as defendants sitting members of the FSB for hacking charges.

The announcement comes as federal authorities investigate Russian interference through hacking in the 2016 U.S. presidential election. One of the defendants, Belan, was among the Russians sanctioned last year following those campaign hacking efforts, though U.S. officials said the investigations were separate.

The indictment, which includes charges of economic espionage, trade secret theft and unauthorized access to protected computers, arise from a compromise of Yahoo user accounts that began at least as early as 2014.

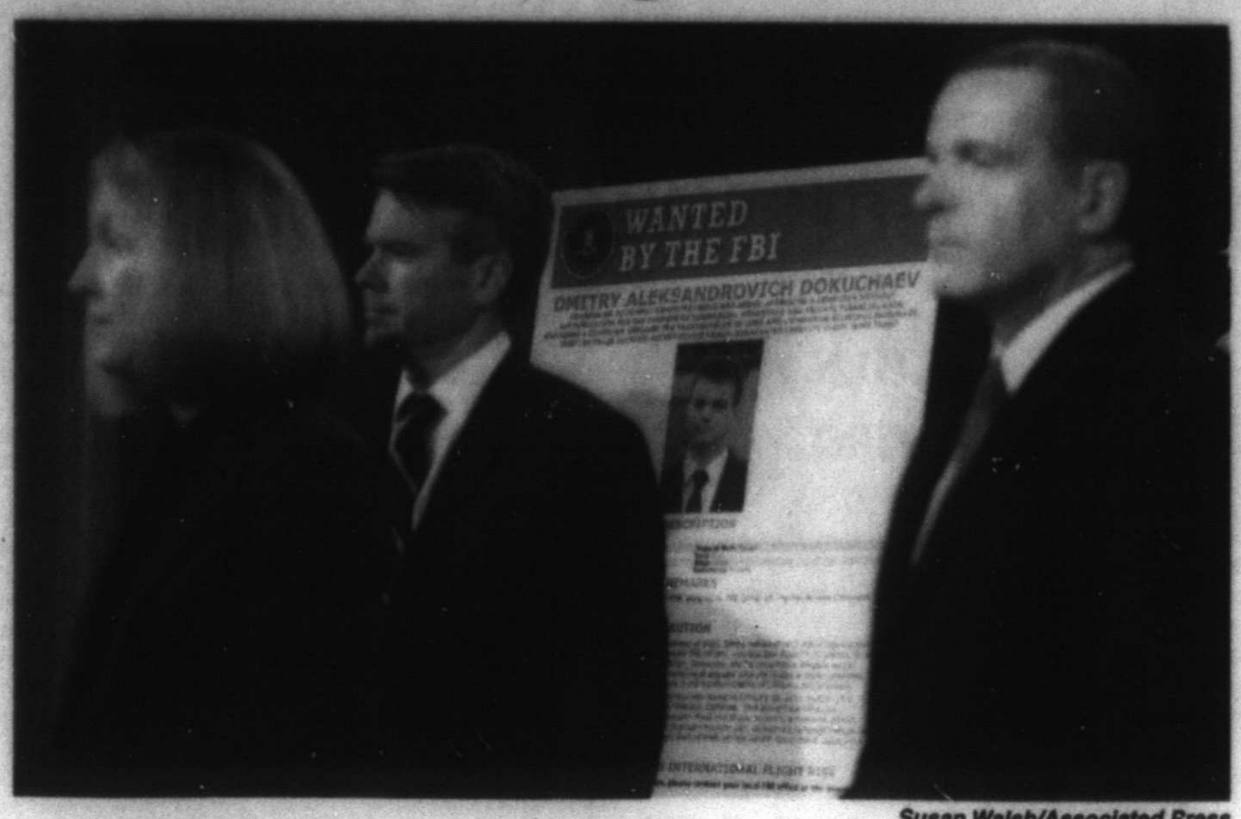
The Justice Department's assertion that the FSB was directing the hacking likely provides significant political and legal cover for Yahoo, which saw its multibillion-dollar deal with Verizon teeter after it was forced to warn consumers that their private information might have been exposed.

Companies are far more likely to be blamed for security incompetence, with all the attending legal and PR exposure, when their networks are compromised by thieves or wayward teenagers than when they become the targets of sophisticated espionage carried out by foreign governments.

In a statement, Chris Madsen, Yahoo's assistant general counsel and head of global security, thanked law enforcement agencies for their work.

"We're committed to keeping our users and our platforms secure and will continue to engage with law enforcement to combat cybercrime," he said.

Rich Mogull, CEO of the security firm Securosis, said the indictment "shows the ties between the Russian security service and basically the criminal underground," something that had been "discussed in security circles for years."



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Acting Assistant Attorney General Mary McCord, left, accompanied by U.S. Attorney for the Northern District Brian Stretch, center, and FBI Executive Director Paul Abbate, speaks during a news conference at the Justice Department in Washington on Wednesday. The Justice Department announced charges against four defendants, including two officers of Russian security services, for a mega data breach at Yahoo.

Cybersecurity expert: Most incidents caused by human error

Events from the massive security breach at Target and at Yahoo, among others, to the November elections have placed cybersecurity high in the nation's consciousness.

The Internal Revenue Service is even issuing warnings to taxpayers to guard their identities lest their tax refund goes elsewhere. An identify fraud study conducted by Javelin Strategy Research estimates that 15.4 million Americans lost $16 billion through identity theft in 2016, up from just over $15 billion from about 13 million Americans in 2015.

Beyond the consumers affected, those losses affect the businesses whose security was breached and the insurers and banks covering those losses.

"If a consumer is affected, we will make them whole," said Sheryl Ryan, assistant vice president and information security officer for Midland-based FirstCapital Bank Texas.

She said 4.2 billion records were exposed in security breaches last year, and identity theft was the top complaint last year for the 16th consecutive year.

Ryan addressed the subject of cybersecurity at a recent Desk and Derrick Club of Midland meeting, telling her audience that a majority of such incidents are because of human error.

"Eighty to 90 percent of the time, a human being didn't do something they should have," she said.

That could include not deleting a suspicious email, not updating their computer's anti-virus program or not updating their smartphone's operating system, she said.

The rise of "the internet of things" — where everything from televisions to refrigerators to thermostats to automobiles are connected — makes protecting oneself from cyber theft more challenging, she said. And consumers may feel under attack from the onslaught of hackers — whether it's commercial hackers who steal personal information to sell, or persistent hacking efforts from other countries, or hacktivists who are looking to make political points.

"The good news is, there are things you can do," Ryan said.

She offered three suggestions:

- Use strong passwords, of at least 10 characters
- Keep your operating system updated, your browser updated, your smartphone systems updated
- Be cognizant of what you're clicking on. In other words, "don't click."

As Ryan put it, "You are a human firewall."

By Mella McEwen
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OPINION

Political violence usually ends in tyranny

■ To remain a free country, ideas must be fought with other ideas rather than fists

BEN SHAPIRO
Creators Syndicate

Two weeks ago, political scientist Charles Murray of the American Enterprise Institute went to speak at Middlebury College. There, he was quickly surrounded by protesters chanting: "Racist, sexist, anti-gay. Charles Murray, go away!" On his way out of the venue, a violent throng surrounded him and his security, as well as a university professor. She ended up in a neck brace. The same week, supporters of President Trump held a rally in Berkeley, California, and anti-Trump protesters threw smoke bombs and began punching people.

This sort of political violence is becoming more and more common around the country. I've personally been smuggled onto and off the California State University, Los Angeles campus during a near-riot caused by one of my speeches. When a fellow guest on CNN's HLN grabbed me by the back of the neck on national television in 2015, leftist commentators celebrated. In Berkeley, we saw Antifa rioters run roughshod through the town in honor of an upcoming visit by provocateur Milo Yiannopoulos. During the presidential campaign, we saw a Trump event in Chicago shut down by leftists who were intent on causing havoc, and we saw Trump supporters beaten in the streets in San Jose. Meanwhile, we saw Trump himself encouraging supporters to punch protesters and vowing to defend those who followed through from legal charges.

When despicable white supremacist Richard Spencer was punched on a city street in Washington, D.C., the media quickly began asking whether it was OK to punch a Nazi. And many Americans concluded that it was fine. After all, Captain America did it!

Here's the problem: Once we start punching one another, there are only two ways such violence ends. First, an overarching powerful government could step in to stop the violence, to the cheers of the group represented by it. Second, one of the sides literally could club the other into submission. Both solutions are anti-American and frightening.

Not all ideas are created equal. Some are terrible and should be dismissed. But that's not the same thing as banning ideas or treating them with violence. In fact, the irony of those who claim to be doing political violence in the name of freedom is that political violence between citizens never ends in freedom — it nearly always ends in tyranny.

The rise of the Nazis was preceded by heavy violence in Weimar Germany between communist bands and brownshirts. The two sides would go to each others' rallies and speeches and launch into serious bloodbaths in which people were killed. Brownshirts deliberately started violence with communists in order to draw supporters to their cause. They used that violence to create martyrs (Horst Wessel was the most famous) and prey on the reality of communist violence to seize power.

America isn't Weimar. Law and order still prevails. But if we want America to remain a free country, we're going to have to back away from violence, condemn it roundly on all sides and kill the notion that ideas must be fought with fists rather than other ideas.

GUEST VIEW

Showing compassion toward immigrants is a smart policy

The Monitor

We want to commend McAllen Mayor Jim Darling for his clarifying statements regarding the city's status, specifically pointing out that McAllen is not a sanctuary city and should not be subject to any penalties if one of Gov. Greg Abbott's legislative priorities should become law.

Darling apparently felt compelled to point out McAllen's status because of the international attention that is being received for the great work of the Humanitarian Relief Center at Sacred Heart, which is located in downtown McAllen.

With the help of both city and county officials, this way station for immigrants seeking refugee status in our country has rightfully become a symbol of the community's compassion. But, as Darling has pointed out, such actions come with critics who question why the city would help people who have entered this country illegally? While we believe showing compassion is answer enough, we appreciate the efforts being made by Darling and other city officials to clarify the city's actions.

First, as the lawyer in Darling has pointed out, the aid that is being provided to these immigrants is being provided to immigrants who have been processed by the U.S. Border Patrol and released into the community.

So while they may have entered into this country illegally, U.S. law provides for people seeking refugee status — the types of people that routinely are being released at the downtown McAllen bus station — to get a judicial hearing before being allowed to stay or being deported.

As such, these immigrants temporarily have the federal government's legal permission to stay in the country pending an immigration court hearing.

But beyond the legalities, there are practicalities that McAllen city officials have demonstrated, the key being that by helping these immigrants get on their way to relatives in other parts of the country, local officials are circumventing potential problems of homelessness or even criminal problems as hundreds of people are dumped by the Border Patrol onto our city streets, essentially to fend for themselves.

The beauty of this tactic is that a private nonprofit, Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley, through Sacred Heart Church, is providing the bulk of this relief and absorbing the bulk of the expense — and not McAllen taxpayers.

Therein lies the brilliance of the Darling strategy in aiding these immigrants and the flaw in the legislation being sought by Gov. Abbott.

Abbott seeks to abolish the notion of sanctuary cities or sanctuary college campuses and make clear that local officials should cooperate with federal immigration authorities — or face punitive measures in the form of state funding being removed.

As McAllen Police Chief Victor Rodriguez also recently made clear: his agency already cooperates with federal immigration authorities without acting as deputies of these federal authorities — which is a clear violation of the law.

It's a fine line that can only be observed through smart policing. It's the notion, as Rodriguez pointed out, that if local police learn that a person is in this country illegally in the course of investigating and upholding state and local regulations, they will alert federal authorities.

But that does not mean that local law enforcement will and is even allowed to be surrogates for federal law enforcement in determining a person's immigration status.

In short, the fact that Mayor Darling and Chief Rodriguez feel compelled to clarify that McAllen is not a sanctuary city despite the compassion it shows immigrants in our midst demonstrates that entities can adopt smart policies as it relates to immigrants — and not need heavy-handed dictums from the state.

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Honesty needed on immigration

■ Both Republicans and Democrats should take responsibility for their actions

RUBEN NAVARRETTE
Washington Post Writers Group

Wanted: A president who will be honest about the fact that he is deporting housekeepers, gardeners, nannies and farmworkers who, while in the country without the proper documents, are non-criminals who pose no threat to anyone.

I want a president who has the character to take responsibility for his actions. And if that means deporting people who are in the country illegally — even if they're harmless, productive and beneficial to society — then I want him to own it, admit to it and not try to spin it.

I'm looking for a president who — instead of pretending he's a better person than he actually is by claiming that he is only removing "gang-bangers" and "bad hombres" — says: "It's true. I deport the people who pick your fruit and care for your kids, the sorts of non-criminals who don't harm anybody. They're here illegally, and I'm enforcing the law. Deal with it."

I can't take any more sanctimony, lying and phoniness. Everyone creates their own reality. They're the saints; anyone who disagrees with them is the sinner.

Whether President Obama was deporting Dreamers while claiming he wasn't, or removing tamale vendors who lacked sales permits, or dumping the U.S.-born children of deportees into foster care, or sticking Central American refugees — mainly women and children — into detention facilities without access to legal counsel, he was horrendous on immigration. While all this was happening, most of his supporters didn't seem to care. To this day, they still believe the revisionist propaganda that only hardened criminals were removed. Only one thing says otherwise: memory.

The Republicans are no better. Even after Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly signed memos essentially declaring that anyone in the country illegally was fair game to be deported, Trump supporters were still claiming that housekeepers, gardeners and other domestic workers will be safe. Really? Based on what evidence?

And here's the really galling part: Many of those blindly loyal Democrats who always gave Obama a pass while he was shipping immigrants out of the country faster than FedEx, and are still giving him a pass by rewriting history, have rediscovered their liberal outrage. And they know just where to aim it — at President Trump and his administration.

After Kelly confirmed that he was considering a plan to separate women and children who illegally cross the U.S.-Mexico border to discourage parents from making the journey, the Obama loyalists fumed and asked: Who would be so cruel as to separate families?

You mean, besides the Democratic president you voted for twice? Obama didn't break up families at the border. He let them get settled in the interior first. Then he broke them up.

One Facebook friend, a Democratic strategist, declared his heart broken and asked: "What type of human being preys on and damages the soul and psyche and self-esteem of children? The voiceless? The powerless?" To Trump supporters, he said: "All of you should be ashamed, and, if there is a hell, there will be a special spot waiting for many of you." He ended his note by imploring: "STOP THE HATE!"

Another Facebook friend, who worked for the Obama administration, declared the Trump team "corrupt, cruel, racist and as they say in Spanish sinverguenzas (shameless)." Then he added: "I rarely say hate, but I HATE this administration" which he called a "freak show" full of "heartless demagogues ushering in a horribly dark chapter in our history."

But my favorite response was from Thomas Perez, the former Labor Secretary and newly elected chair of the Democratic National Committee. When a young girl was apprehended after revealing that she was undocumented, Perez tweeted: "She was arrested after speaking to the media, and now she will be deported without a hearing. This is not America."

To which, I would respond:

"Dear Mr. Perez, someone hasn't been paying attention. You're a fraud and a partisan hack. I'm sorry that recent events in Trump Land have awakened you from your slumber. But, this *is* America and — for the last eight years — it *has* been America. Under the Obama administration that you served — including, ironically, a stint as the assistant attorney general for civil rights — this kind of horror story played out nearly 3 million times. That's not on Trump. That's on you."

It's on all of you. For everyone who stayed quiet for the last eight years, why don't you stick with that approach?

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Trump announces challenge to Obama-era fuel standards

By Jill Colvin
Associated Press

YPSILANTI, Mich. — President Donald Trump announced Wednesday that the administration will re-examine federal requirements governing the fuel efficiency of cars and trucks, moving forcefully against Obama-era environmental regulations that Trump says are stifling economic growth.

Trump revealed his plans during a speech at an automotive testing center near Detroit, where he also met with auto company executives and workers.

"This is going to be a new era for American jobs and job creation," Trump said at a roundtable meeting at the American Center for Mobility.

The EPA under Obama had promulgated a rule for cars and trucks requiring a fleet-wide average of 36 mpg in real-world driving by 2025.

Trump's decision, while having no immediate effect, requires the Environmental Protection Agency to determine no later than April 2018 whether the 2022-2025 standards established are appropriate. If the EPA determines they are not appropriate, the agency will submit a new proposal next year.

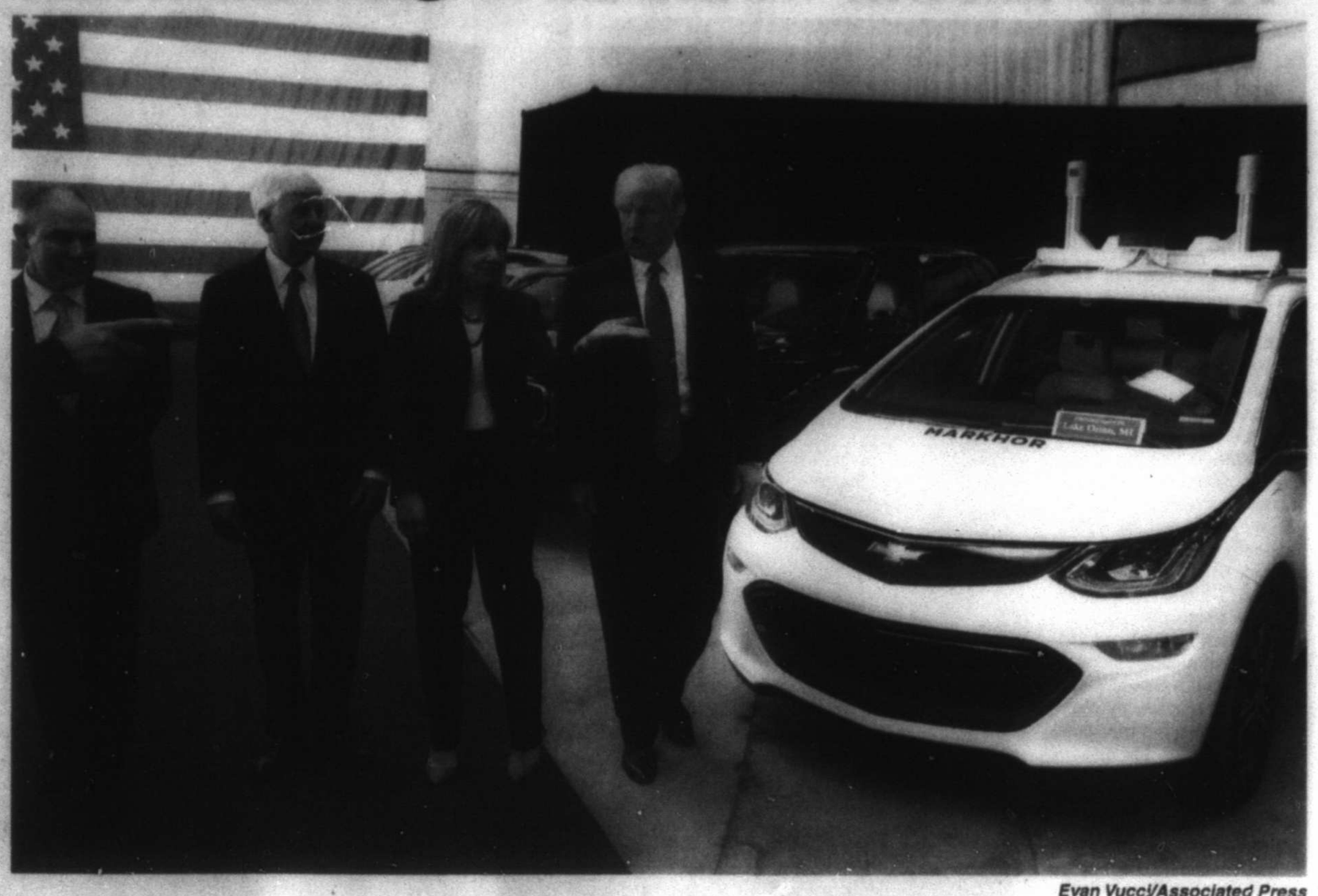
"My administration will work tirelessly to eliminate the industry-killing regulations, to lower the job-crushing taxes and to ensure a level playing field for all American companies and workers," Trump said at the center, which produced B-24 bombers during World War II and is being converted into an automotive testing and product development facility.

Trump's announcement is expected to set the stage for weaker fuel efficiency standards as well as drawn-out legal battles with environmental groups and states such as California that adopted their own tough tailpipe standards for drivers.

"These standards are costly for automakers and the American people," said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. He promised a "thorough review" that will "help ensure this national program is good for consumers and good for the environment

California Gov. Jerry Brown accused Trump and Pruitt of trying to weaken auto-emission standards in what he called "an unconscionable gift to polluters."

Brown and New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman announced their states are intervening in a lawsuit challenging the EPA rule. New York is among more than a dozen, mostly Northeastern states that have adopted California standards.



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President Donald Trump tours the American Center of Mobility on Wednesday in Ypsilanti Township, Mich. From left are, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder, GM CEO Mary Barra, and Trump.

The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers — which represents a dozen major car manufacturers including General Motors, Ford, Fiat Chrysler and Toyota — praised Trump's action. It said he was creating an opportunity for federal and state officials to "reach a thoughtful and coordinated outcome predicated on the best and most current data."

Environmental groups said Trump and his team appeared intent on easing gas-mileage requirements set by Obama.

"If they succeed we'll pay more at the pump, depend more on oil from bad countries, drive up the trade deficit and pollute our kids' atmosphere," said Dan Becker, director of the Safe Climate Campaign.

As a practical matter, Trump's announcement will target the Obama administration's January decision to lock in strict gas mileage requirements for cars and light trucks, ending a review process before the Democrat left office.

Back in 2012, the Obama administration set fuel-economy regulations for model years 2017-2025 and agreed to complete a midterm evaluation by 2018. But seven days before Obama left office, the EPA decided to keep the stringent requirements it had set in place for model years 2022 to 2025. The industry balked at the decision, insisting it was rushed through to beat the change in administrations.

Trump said he's putting that midterm review back on track, so officials can spend another year studying the issue before setting new standards in 2018.

Trump delivered a campaign-style speech in which he railed against big trade agreements, specifically NAFTA and the recent Trans-Pacific Partnership, laying out in stark terms his view of how the pacts had hurt the U.S. auto industry and its workers.

Trump said he had kept his promise to withdraw the U.S. from the TPP, an agreement that former President Barack Obama pursued with 11 other Pacific Rim nations. Trump also wants to renegotiate NAFTA, which includes Canada and Mexico, but he did not mention those plans in Wednesday's remarks.

"The assault on the American auto industry is over," he declared.

Although the administration has not said explicitly it wants to weaken the standards, a senior White House official said the Obama-era EPA had ignored reams of data cited by the automotive industry. The official spoke on condition of anonymity at a White House briefing in order to outline the action, despite the president's criticism of the use of unnamed sources.

The auto alliance last month urged Pruitt to relax the standards, saying they will drive up car costs, price customers out of the market and depress the industry. Obama's EPA had argued the costs to consumers were mitigated by gas savings and that the rules would decrease greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global warming.

Trump told the auto executives that while he's attuned to concerns about the environment, he doesn't want to stifle jobs.

"We want you to make great cars. And if it takes an extra thimble full of fuel, we don't want that to stop making it," he said. "Sometimes it's a tiny amount of fuel. It's a very small thing we're talking about."

Trump campaigned on eliminating "job killing" regulations, and the administration is expected to take additional steps in the coming days to roll back environmental regulations.

Rhea Suh, president of the Natural Resources Defense Council, said the change "makes no sense."

"Mileage standards save consumers money at the gas pump, make Americans less dependent on oil, reduce carbon pollution and advance innovation," she said.

After the speech, Trump was headed to Nashville, Tennessee, to lay a wreath at President Andrew Jackson's tomb to mark what would have been Jackson's 250th birthday, before holding a campaign-style rally in the city.

Trump will tour Jackson's home, according to Howard Kittell, president and CEO of the Hermitage mansion. Jackson has enjoyed something of a resurgence thanks to Trump. During the campaign, some of Trump's aides took to comparing him to the former president — a fellow populist outsider who took on a member of the Washington establishment and ran a campaign railing against corrupt elites

Gov't report: More than 12M signed up for 'Obamacare'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government says more than 12 million people have signed up for coverage this year under former President Barack Obama's health care law, even as the Republican-led Congress debates its repeal.

The official national figure of 12.2 million does not include an additional 765,000 people signed up under an option in the Obama-era law called the Basic Health Plan, which is used by two states, New York and Minnesota.

Traditionally, that figure has been reported separately because of differences in the type of health plan provided. But counting those enrollees as well, sign-ups approach 13 million people.

"This report is a reminder that while there's a big debate in Washington about the future of the Affordable Care Act, the law remains in place for now and is covering millions of people," said Larry Levitt of the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation. The report was issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which also administers the ACA's insurance markets.

Meanwhile, House Speaker Paul Ryan was stressing that President Donald Trump helped congressional Republicans write their beleaguered health care bill. His comments came as GOP leaders struggled to stem defections from conservatives and moderates just a week before he hopes to push the measure through the House, and days after congressional budget analysts said it would lead to 24 million more uninsured people in a decade.

In the Senate, a senior Republican said even if the health bill passes the House, "it wouldn't pass the Senate." On a call with state reporters, Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said his party has to act, but he's concerned that middle-aged and older adults will have to pay more under the House bill.

House GOP leaders met with Senate counterparts recently and "they got a clear message from Senate Republicans that there had to be changes," said Grassley.

The GOP bill — the American Health Care Act— would repeal major elements of Obama's law, cap future federal spending on Medicaid for low-income people, and reverse tax increases on wealthy Americans used to finance coverage expansion.

Conservatives say the bill is an inadequately weak repeal of "Obamacare." Party moderates say it will push too many constituents off coverage, including Obama's expansion of Medicaid for more low-earning people and others who've bought insurance — often with federal subsidies — on government-run online marketplaces.

Gorsuch view on Second Amendment a judicial mystery

By Holbrook Mohr
Associated Press

Despite strong endorsements from some gun rights advocates, Supreme Court nominee Neil Gorsuch has a slim appeals court record on the subject — a record that leaves his views a mystery on how far constitutional firearms rights extend.

The National Rifle Association notes favorably a 2012 case in which Gorsuch wrote for the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that "the Supreme Court has held the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to own firearms and may not be infringed lightly."

Taken with his conservative leanings, originalist views on interpreting the Constitution and comparisons to the late Justice Antonin Scalia, that leads many gun owners to believe Gorsuch would protect their interests.

"He has an impressive record that demonstrates his support for the Second Amendment," Chris W. Cox, executive director of the NRA's Institute for Legislative Action, said in a statement endorsing the nominee.

However, he has not ruled on major Second Amendment cases.

"We don't know, for instance, if he believes people have a right to carry guns in public. We don't know what he thinks about restrictions on assault weapons or high-capacity magazines," said Adam Winkler, a law professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, and author of "Gunfight: The Battle Over the Right to Bear Arms in America."

"Those are the big issues that are likely to come before the Supreme Court with regards to the Second Amendment," Winkler said. "And on those issues Gorsuch is a Second Amendment mystery."

The case cited by the NRA involved a man who appealed his conviction of being a felon in possession of a gun, saying he didn't know he was considered a felon due to a misunderstanding over his deferred prosecution in a previous robbery case.

Although he had signed documents indicating he would be considered guilty of a felony, the state judge told him, among other things, "If I accept your plea today, hopefully you will leave this courtroom not convicted of a felony and instead granted the privilege of a deferred judgment, which means you will be supervised by the Department of Probation for a period of two years."

Miguel Games-Perez was arrested less than a year later with a pistol that had an obliterated serial number.

Gorsuch was on a three-judge panel that found the government had only to prove that Games-Perez knew he had a gun, not that he knew he was prohibited from having one.

Gorsuch said the panel was bound by precedent.

"Our duty to follow precedent sometimes requires us to make mistakes. Unfortunately, this is that sort of case," Gorsuch wrote.

Games-Perez later asked the full appeals court to hear the case, a request that was denied in a 6-4 decision. Gorsuch dissented, saying the full court could reconsider its precedent. He wrote that due to the "repeated misstatements from the court itself, Mr. Games-Perez surely has a triable claim he didn't know his state court deferred judgment amounted to a felony conviction."

Some groups favoring more stringent gun laws refer to the same case when arguing that Gorsuch is unfit for the Supreme Court.

"Judge Gorsuch's views are so outside the mainstream that he has gone out of his way to side with felons over public safety," Peter Ambler, executive director of Americans for Responsible Solutions, said in a statement opposing Gorsuch's nomination.

And not all gun rights advocates are enthusiastic to endorse Gorsuch — because of another case

Larry Pratt, executive director emeritus of Gun Owners of America, said the case that gave him pause involved a police officer in New Mexico disarming Daniel Rodriguez, a convenience store employee who had a pistol tucked into his waistband. The man turned out to be a convicted felon, but Pratt said the officer had no way of knowing that at the time because the man wasn't accused of a crime and the officer didn't question him beforehand.

Gorsuch sided with the appeals panel to uphold the man's conviction.

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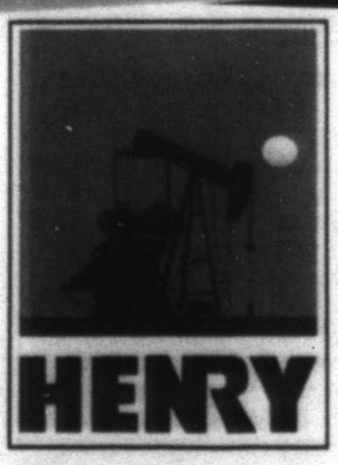

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Isaiah 40 29-31 NIV

"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Trump tax bill would have been slashed by his plans

By Josh Boak and Jeff Horwitz
Associated Press

Pablo Martinez Monsivais/Associated Press

President Donald Trump listens Monday during a meeting on healthcare in the Roosevelt Room of the White House in Washington. Trump campaigned for the presidency by pledging no tax cuts for the wealthy, but newly leaked pages from his 2005 taxes demonstrate how the wealthiest Americans — like Trump — would benefit from some of his tax proposals.

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump campaigned for the presidency by pledging no tax cuts for the wealthy, but newly leaked pages from his 2005 taxes demonstrate how the wealthiest Americans — like Trump — would benefit from some of his tax proposals.

Trump's proposals to eliminate the alternative minimum tax, cut the capital gains tax rate and curb income tax rates would have shrunk his tax bill dramatically if they had been in place over a decade ago. The AMT alone was responsible for roughly 86 percent of his federal tax bill.

The Trump administration has said it would make up for lost revenue by closing loopholes, but the specific deductions Trump's plan would eliminate have not been laid out in detail.

"Any reductions we have in upper-income taxes would be offset by less deductions, so there would be no absolute tax cut for the upper class," Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin told CNBC in November.

Trump's promise to not slash taxes for the rich has already been called into question by the nonpartisan Tax Policy Center and other analysts. According to the group, the top 1 percent of earners would receive a tax break averaging more than $200,000 each. Those gains would be concentrated among the wealthiest: The top 0.1 percent would receive tax breaks averaging around $1.1 million. Meanwhile, middle-income households would receive $1,010 in tax cuts, and the lowest-income earners would receive a benefit of $110.

The summary of Trump's 2005 taxes does not provide a full picture of Trump's finances, the deductions he claimed and the detail of his income earned. Still, the numbers in broad strokes illustrate why his tax plan would be a boon for the ultra-wealthy.

Trump made nearly $1 million in wages and another $32 million in capital gains, according to the two pages obtained by journalist David Cay Johnston. Most of his earnings came from business income, rental real estate, royalties and partnerships. Trump offset much of that income through a tax loophole in the 1990s that enabled him to deduct more than $900 million in past losses on his casinos as past business losses of his own.

Trump has maintained that the publication of the returns was illegal, although he seemed to take pride in the financial results shown in the returns during an interview for Fox News Channel's "Tucker Carlson Tonight" to be aired Wednesday.

"It's certainly not an embarrassing return at all," Trump said.

The first big win for Trump would have come from his proposed elimination of the Alternative Minimum Tax, which was first enacted in 1969 to ensure that top earners could not use tax breaks and deductions to avoid paying any federal taxes.

Had the law not been in effect in 2005, Trump could have avoided almost all of the federal income tax he paid that year. Instead of paying $36.5 million, he would have paid just $5.5 million.

Another smaller benefit would come from a lower tax on the wages Trump pays himself. Under the most recent Trump plan announced during the campaign, the president would pay a lower 33 percent tax rate on his nearly $1 million in 2005 wages.

Other elements of Trump's tax plan would be likely to benefit him as well, his 2005 filing shows. Trump would cut taxes on pass-through income, such as that earned from assets he holds through various holding companies, to 15 percent — a boon for people who have set up businesses in the same way he has, a common practice in the real estate business. As such, it would encourage other taxpayers —including regular wage earners — to set up sole proprietor companies, then declare their income as business income, according to the Tax Policy Center.

If the president's current income is similar to his 2005 tax filings, he may also save money through the House Republican plan to repeal and replace President Barack Obama's health care law.

The replacement would repeal a 0.9 percent Medicare surtax on high earners and a 3.8 percent net investment income tax that would apply to capital gains and rental and royalty income, among other sources. The Congressional Budget Office estimated that repealing these two taxes would amount to a nearly $275 billion tax cut over 10 years.

Those savings would largely accrue to wealthier Americans such as Trump.

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Trump's allies melting away because of his wiretapping claims

By Julie Pace
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's explosive allegation that Barack Obama wiretapped his New York skyscraper during the presidential campaign has left him increasingly isolated, with allies on Capitol Hill and within his own administration offering no evidence to back him up.

On Wednesday, Attorney General Jeff Sessions said he had not given Trump any reason to believe he was wiretapped by President Obama. Republican Rep. Devin Nunes, chairman of the House intelligence committee, said he had seen no information to support the claim and then went further. He suggested the U.S. president's assertion, made in a series of March 4 tweets, should not be taken at face value.

"Are you going to take the tweets literally?" Nunes said. "If so, clearly the president was wrong."

But Trump, in an interview Wednesday with Fox News, predicted there would be "some very interesting items coming to the forefront over the next two weeks."

Trump's allegations have put him in a potentially perilous position as congressional investigations into Russia's involvement in the 2016 election — and possible Russian contacts with Trump associates — ramp up. The FBI is also investigating.

If no evidence of wiretapping at Trump Tower emerges, his credibility would be newly damaged. If there is proof that the Obama administration approved monitoring of Trump or his associates, that would suggest the government had reason to be suspicious of their contacts with Russia and a judge had approved the surveillance.

The president, who appears to have made his allegation in a burst of anger, has asked lawmakers to investigate the claim. Lawmakers have since turned the question back toward the administration, asking the Justice Department to provide evidence of wiretapping activity.

The Justice Department missed a Monday deadline for providing the information to the House and was given a one-week extension.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., who heads the Judiciary Committee's crime and terrorism subcommittee, said the FBI will provide a classified briefing on the matter "at some time in the future." Graham has previously said he would use subpoena power to get information from the FBI about whether a warrant was issued allowing the Obama administration to tap Trump's phones during the campaign.

Longtime Trump adviser Roger Stone told The Associated Press Wednesday that he believes his own online exchanges with a Russian-linked hacker were obtained through a special warrant that allows the government to collect the communications of people suspected of being agents of a foreign nation. Stone communicated through Twitter direct messages with Guccifer 2.0, a hacker who has claimed responsibility for breaching the Democratic National Committee.

Stone said he was unaware at the time that U.S. officials believed the hacker had ties to Russia. He said he is willing to testify before any congressional committee that holds its hearings "in public and not behind closed doors."

The House intelligence committee will begin holding public hearings on Monday. Nunes said FBI Director James Comey and Adm. Mike Rogers, the director of the National Security Agency, will testify.

Ahead of the hearing, the committee sent a letter to the FBI, CIA and the National Security Agency requesting details by Friday about Americans who surfaced in intelligence collections last year.

Identities of Americans who show up in U.S. surveillance against foreign targets are generally concealed, but can be unmasked by intelligence agencies in certain circumstances. Those include situations when the communications contain information that a crime has or is about to be committed, when the Americans' identity is necessary to understand the importance of the foreign intelligence collected or when the communication provides information that an American may be an agent of a foreign power.

Asked whether Trump's communications may have been swept up in surveillance, Nunes said it was "very possible."

Sessions, a staunch supporter of Trump during the campaign, recused himself earlier this month from the Russia investigations after it was revealed that he did not disclose his own contacts with Russia's ambassador to the United States. Asked Wednesday if he had ever briefed Trump on the investigation or given the president any reason to believe he had been wiretapped by the Obama administration, Sessions said, "The answer is no."

Trump has said little about his allegations against Obama, largely leaving it to White House aides to explain his inflammatory statements.

The White House appeared to be backing away from Trump's claims on Monday, with spokesman Sean Spicer saying the president was referring to general surveillance that may have been approved by the Obama administration. On Tuesday, Spicer said the president was "extremely confident" the Justice Department would provide evidence vindicating him.

Graham and Iowa Republican Sen. Chuck Grassley have both said they will hold up hearings for Rod Rosenstein, Trump's nominee to serve as deputy attorney general, unless they get more information from the FBI. Given Sessions' recusal, Rosenstein would take over responsibility for any probes touching the Trump campaign and Russia's election meddling if he's confirmed.

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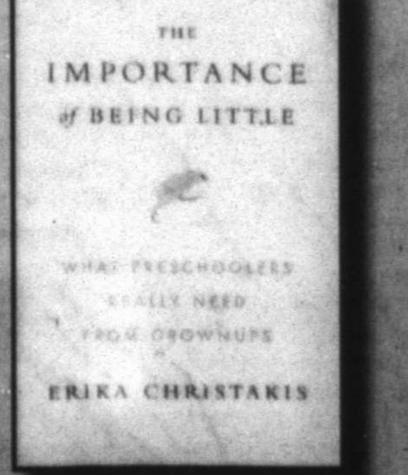

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The inaugural Permian Basin Spring Stampede Rodeo brings two days of competitions to the Horseshoe Arena. 6 p.m. Concert at 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

WHEELS THAT WOW
High Sky Wing's Warbirds and Wheels puts a number of impressive vehicles on display benefiting the Midland Army Air Field Museum. 10 a.m.

EXTRA EXTRA
Popular Christian rockers Newsboys headlines the Andrews County Expo with Emily Faith opening. 6 p.m.

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Closing: "50 Shades Darker," "Before I Fall," "The Great Wall," "John Wick: Chapter 2," "La La Land."

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COMING SOON

From Broadway to Texas, Midtown Men bring the music of the '60s to this jukebox revue at the Wagner Noel on March 23.

'Beauty and the Beast' with a new dimension

JAKE COYLE
Associated Press

The Disney "live-action" remakes, of which the new "Beauty and the Beast" is but one in an assembly line, are starting to resemble an iPhone software update. Click a button and that old cartoon interface changes Belle into Emma Watson, the Beast into Dan Stevens and maybe fixes a few bugs in the system.

"Beauty and the Beast," that "tale as old as time" (or, to pinpoint it, 1740, when the French fairy tale was published), could certainly use a few tweaks. It is, after all, a fable about finding beauty within that ends, curiously, with the once superficial prince falling for a beautiful woman he's kidnapped, whose name literally means beauty. If you'd like to untangle those ironies, please, be our guest.

Director Bill Condon's film — let's call it "Beauty and the Beast 2.0" — often feels in search of a purpose beyond the all-but-certain dollar signs. Much of the live-action/digital effects makeover is less lifelike than the Oscar-winning 1991 animated film: It's gained a dimension but lost a pulse. The merely fine acting and the lavish production design (the sumptuous sets nearly swallow the performers whole) dutifully strive to make this a worthy enterprise.

Opposites attract, of course. And this "Beauty and the Beast" is equal parts dispiriting and enchanting: overflowing in handsome craft but missing a spirit inside. Howard Ashman and Alan Menken's songs still have their infectious kick, but most of the big musical moments feel more like very good covers of the originals. (There are also three less-memorable new songs by Menken and Tim Rice.)

And yet "Beauty and the Beast" finds its own verve — or, to quote Lumiere, "reason d'etre" — late. Condon (the "Dreamgirls" director who, having helmed much of the "Twilight" saga, knows a thing or two about young love and monsters), working from a script by Stephen Chbosky and Evan Spiliotopoulos, has taken many of the old tale's more cringe-worthy gender roles and mixed them up in the movie's bright swirling medley.

Belle's bookishness is more pronounced.

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Courtesy photos

Actor Ryan Hurst ("Sons of Anarchy"), from left, actress Lindsey McKeon ("Supernatural") and wrestling legend Vader will appear at this year's Permian Basin Comic Con.

Permian Basin Comic Con grows to meet fans' needs

By Rich Lopez
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In just its third year in the area, Permian Basin Comic Con X has shown significant growth. Even if it's at the same venue, PBCC is no doubt bigger than before. Founder Chris Slatosch says it's all for fans' sake.

"We've taken what we learned from the previous year and added to it," he said. "We add more content every year."

He said feedback from fans has helped shaped the offerings found at this year's comic con, which kicks off Friday at the Horseshoe Pavilion.

Celebrities, cosplay, wrestling and panel discussions will continue, and the programming has grown to include more workshops.

"This was a response to fans," he said. "People wanted more of that, so we have sessions on how to make costumes or publish comic books and stuff like that."

The life-size puzzle rooms of Get Out join this year's comic con and the new Kidszone will mark an inaugural space for younger fans.

"This is our first year to focus on the little guys coming in," Slatosch said.

Among this year's celebrities attending PBCC include Steve Cardenas (Power Rangers), actor Lindsey McKeon

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Adam Trent raises bar on modern magic

By Rich Lopez
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In recent months, Midland has been quite the hub for big-time magic. Michael Carbonaro of "The Carbonaro Effect" kicked off the year with his signature "everyday magic" in January. Earlier this month, the magic team of The Illusionist delivered the Broadway spectacle to the Tall City. Come Monday, Adam Trent throws his hat into the arena — only don't expect a rabbit to come out of it.

Trent, along with his contemporaries, are changing the face of magic. But the 31 year-old goes further. With high-tech elements, modern choreography and music and a knack for punchlines, Trent is part pop star, comedian and trickster, which makes his show dynamic on a new level.

The Renaissance magic man headlines the Wagner Noel on Sunday. Before his show, he talked about how the aspects of his show come together, keeping a hands-on approach to his career and how today's magic shows are far more of an experience.

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Midland Odessa Symphony & Chorale

CALENDAR & MORE

MCT's 'Murder' is a slow burn into suspense

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REVIEW

One of Agatha Christie's major achievements was her creation of the great literary detective Hercule Poirot. Appearing in more than 30 novels and more than 50 short stories, it's a wonder he did not make it to the stage in "Murder on the Nile." Christie's reworking of her novel "Death on the Nile" omitted him altogether from the story.

In the stage version, now playing at Midland Community Theatre, a culmination of characters play detective to make up for the missing Poirot.

Christie's adaptation of her own novel has often been considered muddled. The story moves mostly through long bouts of exposition delivered in the guise of conversation. There are also unlikely previous encounters by many of the characters that are convenient if anything.

Director Jane Moore seemed to know this and tried working this to her advantage. In three acts, she turned Christie's formulaic mystery into a thrilling — albeit quiet — conclusion.

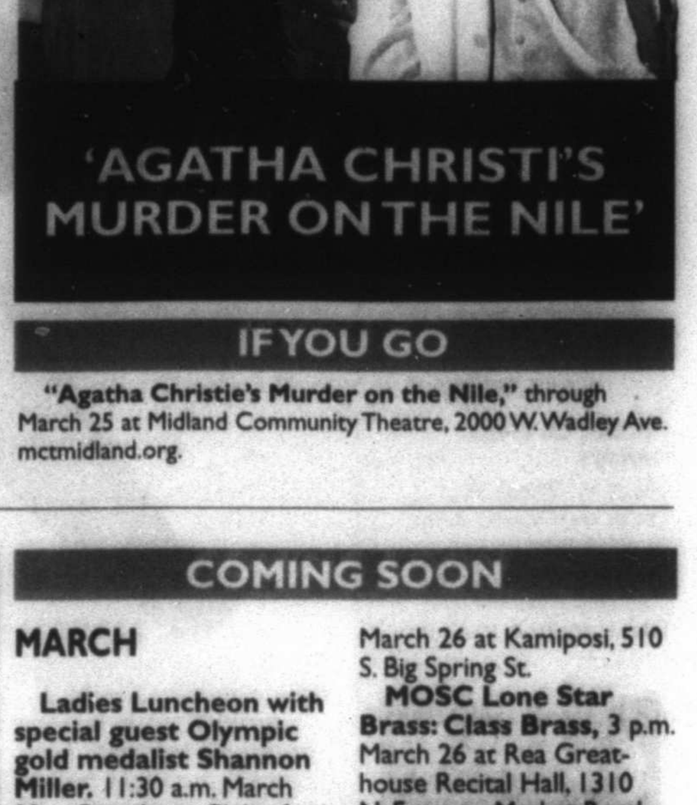
Set on a steamship heading down the Nile River, the first act does its job to introduce a cavalcade of characters. The focus, however, is on newlyweds Kay Ridgeway-Mostyn (Marcy Neely), the richest young woman in England, and her husband, Simon Mostyn (Skye Estes). Kay runs into her uncle, Canon Ambrose Pennefather (Gary Hall), who happened to be on the same trip. They all are ultimately introduced to Dr. Bessner (Nicholas McRae), the snobbishly blue-blooded Helen Folfot-Foulkes (Amy Abbott Stoesser) and her niece, Christina (Elissa Russell), and the bourgeois William Smith (Ben Spencer).

Kay explains to her uncle how her friend — who is Simon's ex-girlfriend — Jacqueline de Severac (Samatha Spencer), has essentially been stalking them. Other details about the remaining characters contain hints on who the killer will be.

Act one was weighed down by the conversations that introduce all of these characters, so the story progressed rather slowly. Subsequent acts worked better — mostly because that's when the action and the murders occurred.

Christie shows can be rich for actors, giving them the opportunity to play with accents and characterizations. The cast was strong and consistent but standouts included Samatha Spencer's icy and unhinged Jacqueline. Her delivery was spot-on, but much of her acting was done simply with her eyes. McRae looked to be having fun with his boisterous German character and gave him a soul with some emotional complexities. Neely brought a lovely sophistication to Kay as a high society staple.

Lauren Lusk's set on the ship was beautiful and clever, and Micheal Willhelm-Waid captured the essence and style of the 1920s-'30s through a nice palette of muted tones.



'AGATHA CHRISTI'S MURDER ON THE NILE'

IF YOU GO

"Agatha Christie's Murder on the Nile," through March 25 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

ART & DANCE

Adult Paint and Sip: "Wine Time." 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at The Wine Rack, 4610 N. Garfield St. $35 per person. kiddsandcanvasparties.com.

"Sum You Some Me: Work by Felice House and Dana Younger" at McCormick Gallery at Midland College, 3600 Garfield St.

"Saints Squared" featuring the works of Sara Drescher and Brad King. Fridays in March at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St.

"On the Rise: Student Artists of the Permian Basin" in the Turner Memorial Art Museum. Through April 24. A public opening and teacher appreciation night will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

EVENTS

Permian Basin Spring Stampede Rodeo is the first-ever Horseshoe Arena sanctioned event by various rodeo associations and will include competitions in bull riding, saddle bronc, bareback, steer wrestling, roping, mutton busting and barrel racing. Entertainment by Showdog the Rodeo Clown and the Dynamite Dames. Friday-Saturday at Midland County Horseshoe Arena, 2514 Arena Trail. $15 plus fees. Etix.com.

Permian Basin Comic Con X. Confirmed guests include Ryan Hurst from "Sons of Anarchy," Steve Cardenas from "Might Morphin Power Rangers," WWE wrestler Big Van Vader and Johnny Yong Bosch from "TriGun." Friday-Sunday at Midland Horseshoe Arena, 2514 Arena Trail. Pbccomicconx.com.

Warbirds and Wheels car, truck and motorcycle show will feature a variety of vehicles on display as well as trophies, onsite food vendors and aircraft rides. 10 a.m. Saturday at Midland Army Air Field Museum, 9612 Wright Drive. $5. highskywing.org.

FAMILY & YOUTH

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

Writing is Magic Teen Writing Club for ages 13-19. Writing is magic is a creative writing club with writing time and weekly topics that will meet monthly. 2:30 p.m. Friday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Nature Club: Maps, Compasses and Geocaching. Learn how to take part in modern treasure hunts. For grades K-3. 10 a.m. Saturday at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave.

Storytime at the Library. 10:30 a.m. (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years). Wednesdays. Tickets required for later sessions because of limited space. Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Storytime at the Library. 10:30 a.m. (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years). Thursdays. Midland County Public Library downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

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

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

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

FOOD & DRINK

Cookies with a Cop, 4 p.m. Wednesday at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

GAMES

Trivia Night, 7 p.m. today at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. noelartmuseum.org.

Bingo Nights. The American Legion Auxiliary hosts weekly play throughout the week. 7 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 4 p.m. Sundays. 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 682-5511.

Zia Park Casino Hotel and Racetrack bus trips by Midland Shuttle Services. Departs at 5 p.m. First Fridays and Saturdays to Hobbs, New Mexico. $55 adults, $45 65 and older. RSVP by calling 260-5428. midlandshuttleservices.com.

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

Bridge lessons, 10 a.m. Saturdays at Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $3. permianbridgeclub.com.

Bingo, 6 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays at the Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.

Bridge game play. 6:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 1 p.m. Tuesdays; 10:30 a.m. Saturdays; 1:30 p.m. Sundays. Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 432-682-8595.

Monday Mayhem features unlimited bowling for $14.09 with free shoe rentals after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

LECTURES, MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

Brown Bag Lunch and Lecture Series with Midland Energy Library's Sheila DeVore. Lunch is encouraged. Drinks and light desserts provided. 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the The Petroleum Museum, 1500 I-20 West. pbpetro.org.

Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher. The class is for all levels. 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. To register, email sara@artbysaradb.com.

MUSIC

CHRISTIAN

Newsboys, Emily Faith, 6 p.m. Saturday at Andrews County Expo, 1441 E. Hwy 176, Andrews.

CLASSICAL

Home Free, concert fundraiser for Midland Odessa Symphony and Chorale. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Wagner Noel, 1310 N. FM 1788. $50-$70. MOSC.org.

DJ/DANCE

#Hangovertodays, 7 p.m. today at Atrium Lounge, 3904 W. Wall St.

DJ Wildman, 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday at The Lift on 7th, 1401 E. 7th St. Odessa.

EXPERIMENTAL

Drum Circle, 7 p.m. Tuesday at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St.

HIP-HOP

Underground Hip-Hop: Snailmate, Is Lo Pro, Hooligan's Qwest. 7 p.m. Sunday at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St.

KARAOKE

Kamiposi Karaoke Night, 6 p.m. Friday at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. $3.

Karaoke, 9 p.m. today at The Detour Bar, 1708 Rankin Highway. thedetourbar.com.

Karaoke with Ali, 8 p.m. Tuesdays at Your Place, 3704 W Wall St.

POP

Short Stories, 10 p.m. Friday at The Boardroom, 3303 N. Midkiff Road.

Short Stories, 7 p.m. Saturday at Brew Street Bakery, 4610 N. Garfield St.

OUTDOORS, SPORTS & FITNESS

CANCELED: Insane Inflatable 5K obstacle run. 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Crude Fest, 5209 S. County Road 1270. $49-$100. insaneinflatable5k.com.

Adult Kickball, 2 p.m. Saturdays. Visit facebook.com/groups/Midlandkickball for more information.

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

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

Yoga at the Museum for museum members. 8 a.m. Wednesdays at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E University Blvd, Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

St. Patrick's Day Party with live DJ, all-day menu and drink specials. Friday at Little Woodrow's 3415 N. Loop 250.

Big Irish Party with live music, DJ and all-day menu and drink specials. Entertainment beginning at 5 p.m. Friday at Tilted Kilt Pub and Eatery, 1119 Tradewinds Blvd.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration with The Stateline Band, crawfish and green beer. 2 p.m. Music begins at 7 p.m. Friday at Mac's Bar-B-Q & Catering, 2400 W. Indiana Ave.

Express Your Inner Leprechaun St. Patrick's' Day event with beer pong, giant jenga and drink and food specials. 4 p.m. Friday at Cafe Nitro Cold Brew and Eatery, 5701 Starboard Drive.

St. Patty's Day at the Library will feature crafts, story time, genealogy and a visit by the Celtic Heritage Society of the Permian Basin. 4:30 p.m. Friday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

St. Patrick's Party with drink specials and costume contest. 5 p.m. Friday at Torino's Pizza Bar, 3303 N. Midkiff Road.

St. Patrick's Day at Rue 432 with Short Stories, 7 p.m. Friday at Rue 432, 106 S. A St.

THEATER, COMEDY & FILM

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Adam Trent, 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $6-$33. Liveonstage-pb.com.

Saturday Movie: "Trolls." Popcorn provided. All children must be accompanied by an adult. 2 p.m. Saturday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Saturday Movie: "Moana." Popcorn provided. All children must be accompanied by an adult. 2 p.m. Saturday at Midland County Public Library downtown, 301 W. Missouri Ave.

COMING SOON

MARCH

Ladies Luncheon with special guest Olympic gold medalist Shannon Miller. 11:30 a.m. March 23 at Petroleum Club of Midland, 501 W. Wall St. $100 general admission, $800 table. Jlmidland.org.

MOSC: Claydesta Brownbag Concert with Lone Star Brass. 11:45 a.m. March 23 at Claydesta Plaza. MOSC.org.

The Midtown Men, 2:30 p.m. March 23 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $39-$69. Wagnernoel.com.

Kaffee Haus with acoustic sounds by local musicians. 6 p.m. March 23 at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

Bachata Spring Bash will include two nights of Latin dancing, a performance, a bachata-kizomba bootcamp, music by DJ Rey and more. March 24 and 25 at The Reserve at Double-Tree, 117 W. Wall St. 21 and older. To schedule lessons call 432-349-1472 or visit wtxsalseros.com.

Country Gold Tour featuring Leroy Van Dyke, TG Sheppard, Barbara Fairchild, T. Graham Brown and David Frizzell. 7 p.m. March 24 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Wagnernoel.com.

Kevin Fowler, The Powell Brothers, 8 p.m. March 24 at Dos Amigos, 4700 N. Golder Ave., Odessa. $20 advance, $25 door. Dosamigos.com.

SciFriday: "Blade Runner" 8 p.m. March 24 at Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. museumsw.org.

"Cabaret," March 25-April 9 at Sul Ross State University, Marshall Auditorium, 400 N. Harrison St., Alpine. $10-$12. Sulross.edu.

Family Free-For-All: "Under the Sea," 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. March 25 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. museumsw.org.

"The Met: Live in HD: "Idomeneo." 11:55 a.m. March 25 at Tall City Stadium, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $25.17 adults, $18.32 child, $23 senior. Fathomevents.com.

Symphony Young Professionals: Creating to Music explores the connection between art, movement and music. Create your own masterpiece at this preview event to the MOSC concert "The Firebird." 6 p.m. March 25 at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St.

Allegro Chorale: "Annelies," a musical setting of selections from "The Diary of Anne Frank." 7 p.m. March 25 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. FM 1788. $12, $2 students. Wagnernoel.com.

Creed Fisher, 8 p.m. March 25 at Corky's 6705 Andrews Highway, Odessa.

Husky Burnette, 9 p.m. March 25 at Riley's Bar & Grill, 3421 W. Wall St.

Spring Market, 11 a.m. March 26 at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St.

MOSC Lone Star Brass: Class Brass, 3 p.m. March 26 at Rea Greathouse Recital Hall, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $14. MOSC.org.

Crawfish and Cocktails will feature four bayou-inspired cocktails, all-you-can-eat crawfish, live music and more. 3 p.m. March 26 at The Hemingway, 3952 E. 42nd St., Odessa. $45. 21 and older.

The Dartts, 6:30 p.m. March 26 at Temple Baptist Church, 4301 Thomason Drive. Nursery for newborns to age 3 will be available along with door prizes. Free.

Popovich's Comedy Pet Theater, 7:30 p.m. March 26 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $23. Wagnernoel.com.

Play Date, 10 and 11 a.m., March 28 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. museumsw.org.

An Evening with Dr. Sanjay Gupta presented by the Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series. Gupta is a practicing neurosurgeon and medical correspondent for CNN. 7:30 p.m. March 28 at the Chaparral Center at Midland College, 3600 Garfield St. Free. midland.edu.

Chicago, 8 p.m. March 28 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $85-$125. wagnernoel.com.

"MindGamers." Cinema audiences will help make neuroscience history: for the first time, one thousand human minds will be simultaneously connected via cloud technology while they watch MindGamers. An image of that mass mind-state will be broadcast to cinemas across the nation as audiences in two locations participate by wearing a cognition headband. 8 p.m. March 28 at Tall City Stadium, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $19.49. fathomevents.com.

An Evening with the Rat Pack. The Basin Big Band performs while guests can enjoy dining and dancing at the benefit for SeniorLink Midland. Cocktail attire requested. 7 p.m. March 30 at The Petroleum Club, 501 W. Wall St. seniorlinkmidland.org.

PERMIAN BASIN Gun Show - Ector County Coliseum, Odessa TX, Building G
Saturday & Sunday, March 18th & 19th
9 am - 5 pm
Guns, knives, reloading supplies, pistol grips, coins, jewelry, Army surplus & complete line of ammunition. Bought, Sold & Traded
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("Supernatural," "One Tree Hill") and centerpiece celebrity actor, Ryan Hurst ("Sons of Anarchy").

Local association Old School Wrestling also returns to the convention. This is the second year OSW will be at Comic Con X.

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Cosplay guests and professionals will also be in attendance.

Projected attendance this year is 6,000, so Slatosch advises people to schedule their time wisely and bring a camera.

"There's more programming than time in the day," he said. "Set aside a few hours of the day to take it all in."

Trevor Hawes contributed to this article

MORE ABOUT OSW

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Though his NFL career was cut short by injury, his wrestling résumé is long. He was a world heavyweight champion in World Championship Wrestling and worked many years in the World Wrestling Federation, now WWE. Vader was also a two-time triple crown heavyweight champion in All Japan Pro Wrestling and a three-time IWGP heavyweight champion in New Japan Pro Wrestling, among others accolades.

Urban said he met Vader in about 2002. "When I lived in Oklahoma, he was working for my home promotion there and his son was attending OU," he said. "I've known him since then and stayed in touch, and I felt the time was right to look for somebody, I picked him."

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PERMIAN BASIN COMIC CON X INFORMATION

Location | Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail.

Tickets | Saturday pass $20.
Sunday pass $20.
Two-day pass $35.
VIP Pass including Friday $100.

Select schedule

Friday (VIP only)
5-9 p.m. | VIP pick-up and information booth
6 p.m. | Funimation screenings
7 p.m. | Star Fall Game
9 p.m. | St. Patrick's Day VIP Party at DoubleTree Hotel (117 W. Wall St.) with DJ Spree. 21 and older only.

Saturday
10 a.m. | Funimation screenings
11 a.m. | Gathering Place Game Zone play (with various events throughout the day)
11:30 a.m. | Art Panel: Coffee with Ken Salinas
Noon | Lindsey McKeon appearance
12:10 p.m. | Meet the OSW Wrestlers panel
12:30 p.m. | OSW Live Wrestling (matches on the half hour through 4:30 p.m.)
1:15 p.m. | ThermoPlastic 101 workshop
2 p.m. | Power Rangers VIP Panel
2 p.m. | Ryan Hurst appearance and panel
2:10 p.m. How to Make a Life Mask workshop
3 p.m. | Ryan Hurst photo opportunity
3:10 p.m. | Costuming: Taking Cosplay Skills to the World Around You panel
3:15 p.m. | "Doll Boy" screening and panel. The film is rated R and for mature audiences only.
4 p.m. | Johnny Young Bosch photo opportunity
4:30 p.m. | Steve Cardenas photo opportunity
5 p.m. | Adult Cosplay contest
10 p.m. | PBCC official after-party at DoubleTree Hotel hosted by Steve Cardenas. The event will feature cosplay lip sync battle, music by DJ Dubb and drink specials. $10. 21 and older only.

Sunday
10 a.m. | Funimation screenings
10 a.m. | Gathering Place Game Zone play (with various events throughout the day)
Noon | Billy Pon indie movie panel
Noon | Creating Comics workshop
Noon | Panel with Marvel artist Sam DeLaRosa
12:30 p.m. | OSW Live Wrestling (matches on the half hour through 4:30 p.m.)
1 p.m. | NeoGeeked: A look into the technologies and skills needed to build computers and create digital content for many platforms.
1:15 p.m. | Johnny Young Bosch voice acting panel
2:25 p.m. | Rocky Red Ranger panel with Steve Cardenas
3 p.m. | Kids Cosplay contest

For a full schedule and more information, visit pbcomicconx.com.

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your shows together, because there are so many elements similar to that of many of today's pop concerts.

Trent: I really start with the end goal. I know I want to be jumping across LED walls, I know what the animation looks like. But then, choreography is the last thing to come into the picture. It all really just falls into place.

MRT: Speaking of concerts, your shows blur the line between pop star and magician.

Trent: When I was growing up, we watched David Copperfield. But then I'd also seen N*Sync. They were both major influences for me. As a kid, I just saw that they were up there doing things and people were applauding.

MRT: Clearly that stuck with you in today's performances.

Trent: I was doing magic, but then I started dancing, too. As I got older, I had to be more practical about it. The magic was the thing that carried me through, but it was always a cool thing to perform.

MRT: You emailed the paper directly to respond to this interview request. How hands-on do you like to be with your career?

Trent: I am a micro-manager. I need to know all of the details, and, really, to get it done right I do it myself. I never wanted to wait for anyone to do anything for me. Early on, in Colorado, there was no real magic community, so I had to do a lot on my own to create a show. There are people who help me now but because of that mentality, I'm very involved in the details.

MRT: Does that ever slow down the process?

Trent: Sometimes, but I have a small team I really trust. I am starting to let go of some of it, but I also need to know exactly what things looks like. I very much oversee everything.

MRT: You were a member of The Illusionists, which just had a show here. Now you're solo. Was there some big, magic drama behind the scenes?

Trent: (Laughs) Not at all. I loved joining up with them and doing Broadway, but doing my own show is what I always wanted. We had a successful run, which also made it a perfect time for me to go back to what I was doing. I used the momentum from that show to carry and ride with my own.

MRT: With Carbonaro and the Illusionists and now you all passing through Midland, is something happening right now in the world of magic entertainment?

Trent: Good magic is good magic. Thankfully there are many good magicians touring right now. It helps me, and I think ultimately, we all help each other as long as our shows are good. I think shows like "America's Got Talent" have opened people up to seeing more magic, and now it's also mixed with comedy and audience interaction.

I'm partnering with the producers of Illusionists to build a much bigger show this fall. I think The Illusionists did to magic what Cirque du Soleil did to the circus. It's not a $10 ticket with balloons and a guy in a tuxedo. Magic can be an evening show with high-price tickets. I think that show made it high end.

MRT: You do stand-up, you dance, you play piano, and of course, magic. Would you venture off into other arenas such as movies or comedy?

Trent: I'd love to follow in the steps of Steve Martin, Johnny Carson and Neil Patrick Harris. They are all great magicians and used it to get better at performing. That's my goal. Within my show. I'll play the piano, do straight-up comedy, tell funny stories, but I love the magic. So I think that's become a reason people come to the show — to see a mix of talents with some really cool magic.

COYLE

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thanks partly to the "Harry Potter" credentials of Watson. Her performance is a little minor key, still, but Watson lends Belle an intelligence and agency that she has lacked. She's less of a Stockholm syndrome Victim and more deserving of young girls' admiration. And the Beast, a pile of horns, makeup and effects on top of the former "Downton Abbey" star Stevens, is more haunted and melancholy.

But as the film nears its celebratory coda, a buoyant pluralism bursts forth. Characters — large parts and small — are freed from their prescribed roles in a glorious dance, shortly after Mrs. Potts (Emma Thompson), Cogsworth (Ian McKellen), Lumiere (Ewan McGregor) and the rest come to life. (Be sure to shake your living room and see which British star tumbles out of the furniture.) Here is where that already much discussed "gay moment," as Condon has called it, arrives. It comes and goes in a flash.

Josh Gad, the MVP of many a Disney movie, plays LeFou, the doting sidekick of the caddish Gaston (Luke Evans), the dopey pursuer of Belle's hand. LeFou spends much of the movie hinting at his affection for his lecherous friend, but LeFou, too, earns a chance for redemption toward the end. That's all it is — an easy to miss suggestion that LeFou might find another love. And yet this slightest wink of homosexuality has drawn the ire of some who, it's worth noting, raised no concerns over a romance between an imprisoned girl and a beast or, for that matter, a candelabra and a feather duster.

In fact, "Beauty and the Beast" would be better if it dared more such moments and went further with them. Nevertheless, the uproar suggests even this must count as progress. Perhaps we'll be ready for a truly up-to-date "Beauty and the Beast 3.0" in another few decades.

"Beauty and the Beast," a Walt Disney Co. release, is rated PG by the Motion Picture Association of America for "some action violence, peril and frightening images." Running time: 129 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

MPAA definition of PG: Parental guidance suggested.

FILM CAPS

"Beauty and the Beast" (PG) The beloved 1991 animated musical is given the live-action treatment with Emma Watson as Belle and Dan Stevens as the prince-turned-monster. With Luke Evans, Kevin Kline, Josh Gad, Ewan McGregor, Stanley Tucci, Audra McDonald, Gugu Mbatha-Raw, Ian McKellen, Emma Thompson. Written by Evan Spiliotopoulos and Stephen Chbosky and Bill Condon. Directed by Condon.

"The Belko Experiment" (R) Unseen forces lock 83 Americans in a Colombian high-rise and force them to play a deadly game of survival. With John Gallagher Jr., Tony Goldwyn, Adria Arjona. Written by James Gunn. Directed by Greg McLean.

"Get Out" (R) A young African-American man's visit to his white girlfriend's country home takes a chilling turn in this thriller. With Daniel Kaluuya, Allison Williams, Bradley Whitford, Caleb Landry Jones, Catherine Keener. Written and directed by Jordan Peele.

"Hidden Figures." (PG) Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer and Janelle Monáe are terrific in this feel-good family movie about a group of black female mathematicians who worked at NASA during the 1960s. The true story is about overqualified scientists who could only get jobs crunching numbers for their white male bosses, but who overcame prejudice to make their own mark on the space program. Where it lacks as serious history, the film makes up for with an empowering social message. The ensemble casts includes Kevin Costner, Glen Powell, Mahershala Ali and Aldis Hodge.

"Kong: Skull Island" (PG-13) Scientists travel to a remote Pacific island and face the enormous ape. With Tom Hiddleston, Samuel L. Jackson, John Goodman, Brie Larson, John C. Reilly. Written by Dan Gilroy and Max Borenstein, story by John Gatins, Gilroy. Directed by Jordan Vogt-Roberts.

"The Lego Batman Movie" (PG) The snarky brick version of the Caped Crusader battles the Joker, learns to be a team player and lighten up a little. Voices by Will Arnett, Zach Galifianakis, Michael Cera, Rosario Dawson, Ralph Fiennes. Written by Seth Grahame-Smith and Chris McKenna & Erik Sommers and Jared Stern & John Whittington, story by Seth Grahame-Smith. Directed by Chris McKay.

"Logan" (R) Hugh Jackman makes his last stand as the razor-clawed Wolverine, protecting a

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KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Grey's Anatomy (N)		Scandal "Extinction" (N)		The Catch "The Hammer" (N)		Local 2 News/ 10 Live	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	NCAA Basketball Division I Tournament First Round (L)				NCAA Basketball Division I Tournament First Round (L)					CBS 7 News	(:35) S. Colbert
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	MacGyver "The Coltons"		Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Potted Planter"	Twilight Zone
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Chef "A Presidential Mystery Box" (N)		Kicking "The Hunger Pains" (N)		Fox 24 News	TMZ	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother
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FLIX		340	575		165		(5:30) ★★ Venom		★★ Skinwalkers Jason Behr.			(:35) ★★ Saw ('04, Hor) Leigh Whannell.			★ Phat Beach		
HBO		300	550	14	14		Movie	Vice News	★ Mike & Dave Need Wedd...			(:45) J.Carmichael		(:45) Big Little Lies	Crashing	(:15) 2 Days	Movie
HBO2		302	551	15	101	23	(5:10) ★ How to Be ...		Girls	Vice	★ Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising			Making	(:50) ★ By the Sea ('15, Dra) Angelina Jolie.		
HBO3		304	552	16	102		(:55) ★★★ Mad Max: Fury Road				★★ My Cousin Vinny Joe Pesci.				★★★ The Secret Life of Bees		
MAX		380	557	17	120	24	(5:10) ★★ Trapped		★★★ Tremors Kevin Bacon.			(:40) ★ Tremors 2: Aftershocks			(:20) ★★ Tremors 3: Back to Perfection		
MAX2		382	558	18	122		(:20) ★★ Max Payne Mark Wahlberg.				★ Popstar: Never Stop Never ...		★★★ RocknRolla ('08, Act) Gerard Butler.				Movie
PLEX				96			(5:30) ★ Frankie & ...		★★ The Cat's Meow Cary Elwes.			(:55) ★★★ Return to Me				(:55) ★★ Jakob the Liar	
SHOW		320	565	19	140	25	★ Out of the Furnace ('13, Act) Christian Bale.				Billions "The Oath"		Homeland "alt.truth"		Gigolos	Dark Net	Billions "The Oath"	
TMC		336	573	22	155	26	(5:00) ★ Drug War		★★ War ('07, Act) Jet Li.			(:45) ★ Good Kill ('15, Dra) Ethan Hawke.				★ Flyboys James Franco.	
A&E		27	58	28	35	47	The First 48 "A Fighting Chance"		The First 48	First48/ First 48	60 Days In "Trust Issues" (N)		Nightwatch "Always Remain Calm" (N)		(:05) The First 48 "House of Cards"	(:05) The First 48	First48/ First 48
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BET		58	-		40		Being Mary Jane		The Quad		★★ Soul Men ('08, Com) Eernie Mac, Samuel L. Jackson.						Daily S.	(:55) Game
BRAVO		65	76		41		★★ Miss Congeniality Sandra Bullock.				★★ Miss Congeniality Sandra Bullock.				Watch (N)	Beverly Hills		Atlanta
CNBC		46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Partner	
CNN		43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		The Messy Truth (L)		Comedy (N)		CNN Tonight		The Messy Truth	
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ESPN		32	35	48	31	30	NCAA Wrestling Division I Tournament Site: Scottrade Center -- St. Louis, Mo. (L)						SportsCenter				SportsCenter	
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FREEFORM		53	63	34	42	33	(5:30) ★★★ Bedtime Stories				★★★ Home Alone 2: Lost in New York				The 700 Club		★ A Cinderella Sto...	
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FX		31	56	59	64	69	(4:30) ★ The Maze ...		★★★★ Let's Be Cops Jake Johnson.				Baskets	Baskets	Baskets	★★★ Ted Mark Wahlberg.		
HALLMARK		54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
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LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	48	(4:00) ★ To Be Announced		★★ Mr. and Mrs. Smith ('05, Act) Brad Pitt. A husband and wife, leading double lives as assassins, become each other's target.						Ballers "Stop the Press Conference!"		★★ Mr. and Mrs. Smith Brad Pitt.	
MSNBC		47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		11thHour	Hardball	Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	43				Grudge	Grudge	Grudge	Grudge	Grudge	Grudge	Grudge	Grudge	Grudge	Grudge	Grudge	Grudge
NICK		55	-	39	34	37	Hunter	Thunder	★★ The Last Airbender Noah Ringer.				F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	Lip Sync	Caraoke	★ The Fast and the Furious ('01, Act) Vin Diesel.						★★ xXx ('02, Act) Samuel L. Jackson, Vin Diesel.			
SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) ★ Drive Angry		★★★ Independence Day ('96, Sci-Fi) Bill Pullman, Will Smith.						★★★ Independence Day Will Smith.			
TBS		25	33	44	66	41	(:15) NCAA Basketball Division I Tournament First Round (L)					(:45) NCAA Basketball Division I Tournament First Round (L)					Conan Kristen Stewart, Bill Burr	
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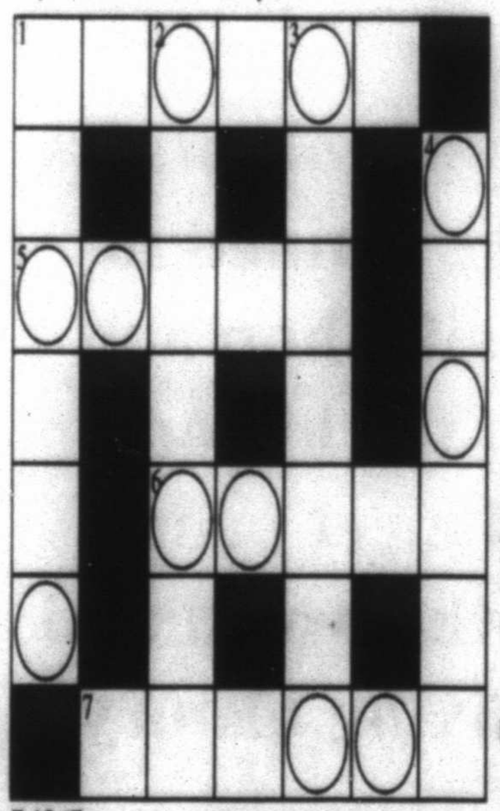

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5. Space ___	TCAED
6. Wooden container	TRECA
7. Revised	DDEEIT

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CLUE	ANSWER
1. Surpass	DECEXE
2. Figured out	DDEDCEU
3. Take back	CARETTR
4. Protect	HLISED

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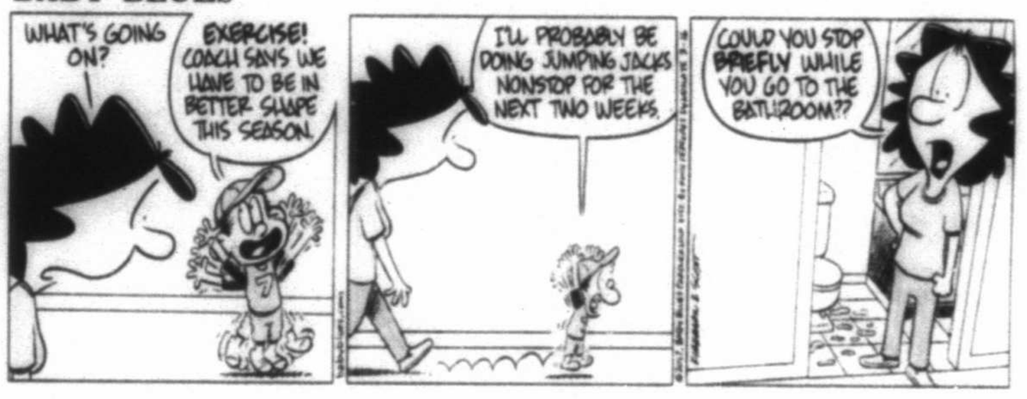

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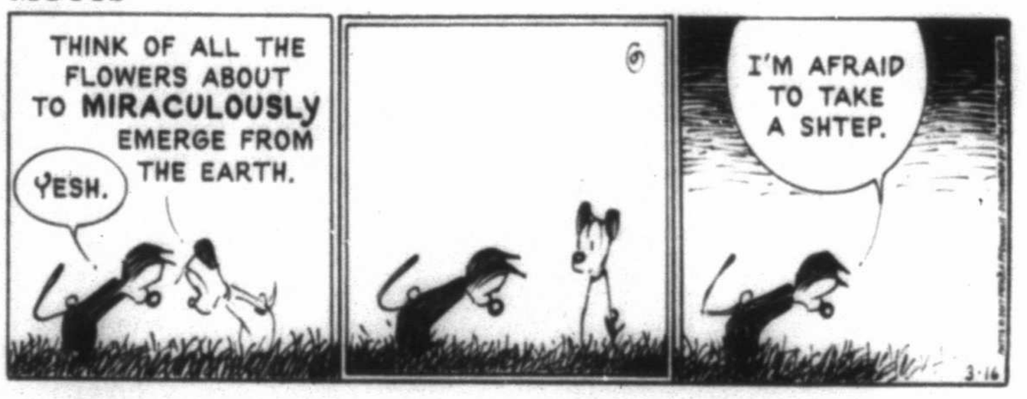

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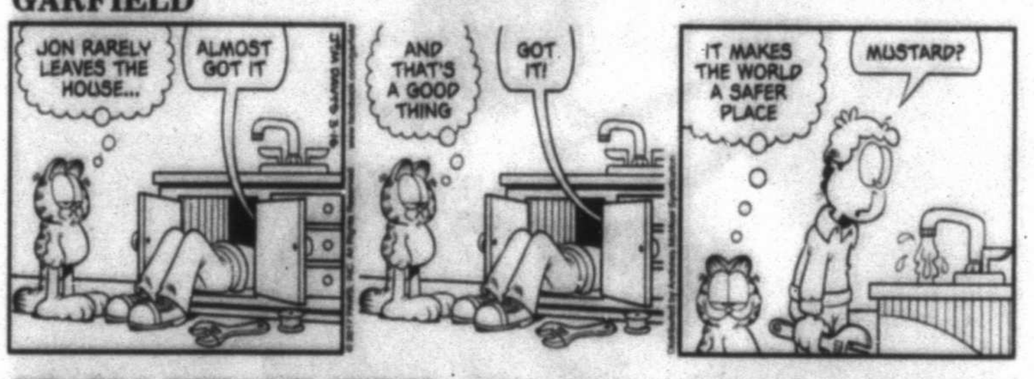

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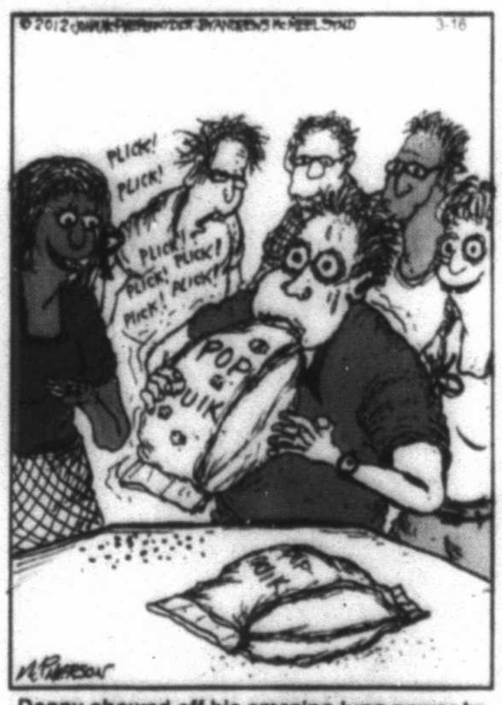

Donny showed off his amazing lung power by compressing popcorn back into its unpopped state.

DENNIS THE MENACE

"MY MOM ALWAYS WANTS TO KNOW WHERE I AM, ESPECIALLY WHEN I'M SOMEWHERE I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO BE."

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

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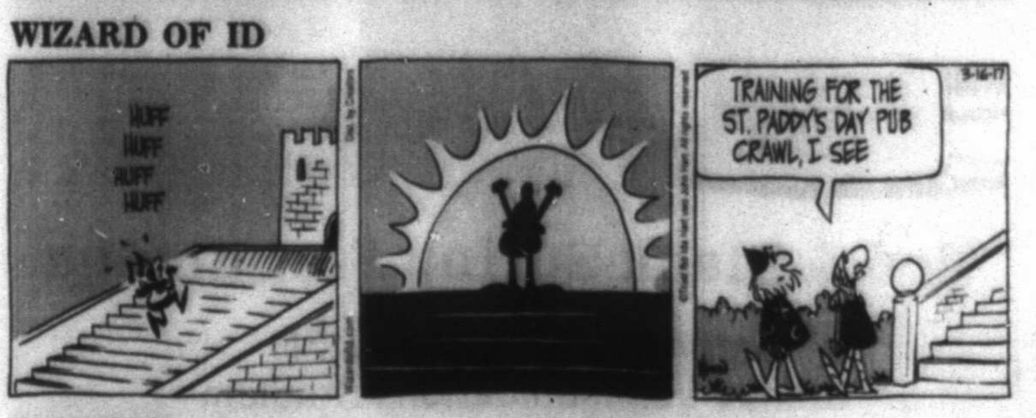

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"I'M NOT OBSESSED WITH WINNING AS MUCH AS I AM WITH NOT LOSING."

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"So, always remember to check Grandma's teeth before you sit in bed with her."

DILBERT

ON SCREEN & DINING

'FENCES'

Dialogue-driven 'Fences' is long and too chatty, but performances are breathtaking

PICK O' THE WEEK

"Fences" (PG-13) Relationships can be complex, but the conversations about them rarely go into the territory this film does. The film's long, diverse journey doesn't always travel to the places real people go, yet it never seems stilted. It does expose its roots as a play, though, and a 20- to 30-minute trim might have improved that tiny flaw. Otherwise, this is the Denzel Washington and Viola Davis show, and they live up to the billing. **A-**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"Man Down" (R) Although this is the best performance of Shia LaBeouf's career, he's given it in a story that reeks of exploitation and manipulation. All of this could have been avoided had the filmmakers actually cared about the military men and women who suffer from PTSD rather than lining their pockets at the emotional expense of those brave people. **F**

MORE REVIEWS

"Chronic" (R) Tim Roth plays an in-home nurse to terminally ill patients in this amazing drama that doesn't pull back from the jobs these angelic people do. It also shows the toll it can take on them. **B-**

Reeler & Stream

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"Justice League Dark" (R) DC Comics resurrects John Constantine, the supernatural superhero it last brought to the screen in a 2005 live-action film starring Keanu Reeves. This time around, the story throws a little Superman, Wonder Woman and Batman in to attract fans, but the bulk of the story takes place in the fantasy realm, leaving the battle against evildoers up to Constantine and Zatanna. In doing so, this is a DC animated feature that goes off the grid, and it's a welcome respite. **B**

"The Legend of Chupacabras" (PG) Unusual animated feature isn't what the title implies. It's the fourth in a series that attempts to teach a little Mexican history but throws in a few monsters to keep your attention. The animation is stylish and colorful but the combination doesn't work. **C+**

"London Town" (unrated) The idea is so bizarre, it sounds like a drug-induced revelation. The film is a musical using lyrics from actual interviews conducted with residents of a small English village that spawned a serial killer. At first glance, it's a little too weird. Suddenly, though, things start to gel and it takes off into a wonderful collage reminiscent of the rock musicals the Brits do so well such as "Tommy" and "Pink Floyd: The Wall." **B+**

"Loving" (PG-13) It's hard to imagine an America in which two people can fall in love but be prohibited from being together because of draconian laws. This film is based on the true story of Richard and Mildred Loving, the couple brave enough to test the system. It's beautifully told and acted. **B+**

"Moana" (PG) There are several hearty laughs to be had in this clever animated feature, but the musical numbers bog it down. **B**

"Two Lovers and a Bear" (R) The extraneous elements of this movie — especially the talking bear — detract from the romance at its center. Set in a region near the North Pole, however, it's understandable how the bear is relevant. The rest becomes clear, as well, as the young couple confront their personal demons. **B+**

FILM CAPS

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young girl who may share some of his traits. With Patrick Stewart, Richard E. Grant, Boyd Holbrook, Stephen Merchant, Dafne Keen. Written by Michael Green and Scott Frank & James Mangold; story by David James Kelly and Mangold. Direczed by Mangold.

"The Shack" (PG-13) Tragedy plunges a man into a deep depression causing him to question his faith, until he's mysteriously summoned to a modest shelter in the wilds of Oregon. With Sam Worthington, Octavia Spencer, Avraham Aviv Alush, Radha Mitchell. Written by John Fusco and Andrew Lanham & Destin Cretton, based on the book by William Paul Young, in collaboration with Wayne Jacobsen and Brad Cummings. Directed by Stuart Hazeldine..

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ASIAN

CHINESE KITCHEN Eat-in or take-out Chinese food. Choose combination meals with one, two or three choices. 4200 W. Illinois Ave. 694-3922 | $ | 3 spoons

FUJIYAMA SUSHI & MORE Offerring an array of fresh seafood many West Texans don't normally have access to, this Japanese restaurant offers exotic fare such as tempura soft shell crab for an appetizer and traditional dishes including fried rice and teppanyaki. Desserts include fried ice cream. A variety of Japanese beers, wines and, of course, sake are also on the menu. 4410 N. Midkiff Road, Suite A-1 727-469-7693 www.fujiyamasushi.net | $ | 4 spoons

GENGHIS GRILL With a buffet that consists of countless raw ingredients to pile into a bowl and hand over for a chef to cook, the food at Genghis Grill is as good as you can make it. If you're knowledgeable in what spices complement what meats, veggies and sauces — or if you're just lucky — count on a great meal. For the not-so-confident, the restaurant offers recipe cards to guide your selections. 4517 Midkiff Road 520-5426 www.genghisgrill.com | $$ | 3 spoons

GRAND BUFFET Extensive "all-you-can-eat" Asian buffet includes hodgepodge of options including Chinese dishes, salads, seafood, Jell-o, fried okra, sushi and a Mongolian grill station. 2510 W. Louisiana Ave. 688-8881 | $ | 2 spoons

THE GREAT WALL Chinese takeout restaurant offers large portions from extensive menu. Try the General Tso's chicken with sesame shrimp and add an order of egg rolls or spring rolls. 2215 N. Midland Drive 694-5555 | $ | 3 spoons

KING & I Authentic Thai food served in the heart of Midland. Try the basil fried rice or Popcorn's special with angel hair pasta, green onions, white onions, tomatoes, broccoli, garlic and jalapenos. There's a reason the lunch crowd is often standing-room-only at the original location near downtown. It's worth the wait. 801 N. Big Spring St. | $ | 4 spoons

KUO'S CHINESE RESTAURANT Friendly service and a relaxed atmosphere. Try the cashew chicken or Mongolian steak with a fried cream cheese wonton. 3303 N. Midkiff Rd., Suite 152 697-8888 | $ | 4 spoons

OSAKA
1207 TRADEWINDS BLVD. | 617-7252

MOON GARDEN Try one of the lunch specials like broccoli with garlic sauce or kung pao shrimp. The Chinese restaurant is housed in what used to be a Red Lobster — just in case you were wondering about the nautical decor. 2319 W. Loop 250 N. 570-1165 or 685-3012 | $ | 2 spoons

OSAKA JAPANESE STEAKHOUSE AND SEAFOOD Try steak, chicken or seafood grilled at Teppan Yaki tables or sushi with fresh seafood. Locations in Midland and Odessa. 1207 Tradewinds Blvd. 617-7252 www.my-osaka.com | $$ | 4 spoons.

SHOGUN RESTAURANT Japanese steak house that's been serving Midlanders for more than 20 years. Watch your food being cooked on the Teppan Yaki tables after you enjoy cucumber and shrimp salad and soup. Lunch prices are very reasonable; be prepared to splurge for dinner. 4610 N. Garfield St. 570-8888 | $$ | 4 spoons

TASTE OF CHINA SUPER BUFFET All-you-can-eat buffet or order from menu. Senior citizen discount and children 3 and younger eat free. 4400 N. Big Spring St., #53. 684-5288 | $ | 2 spoons

THAI HOUSE Strip-center kitchen offering classic Thai and Chinese dishes in a modest, straightforward setting. 9 Meta Dr. 687-3373 | $ | 2 spoons

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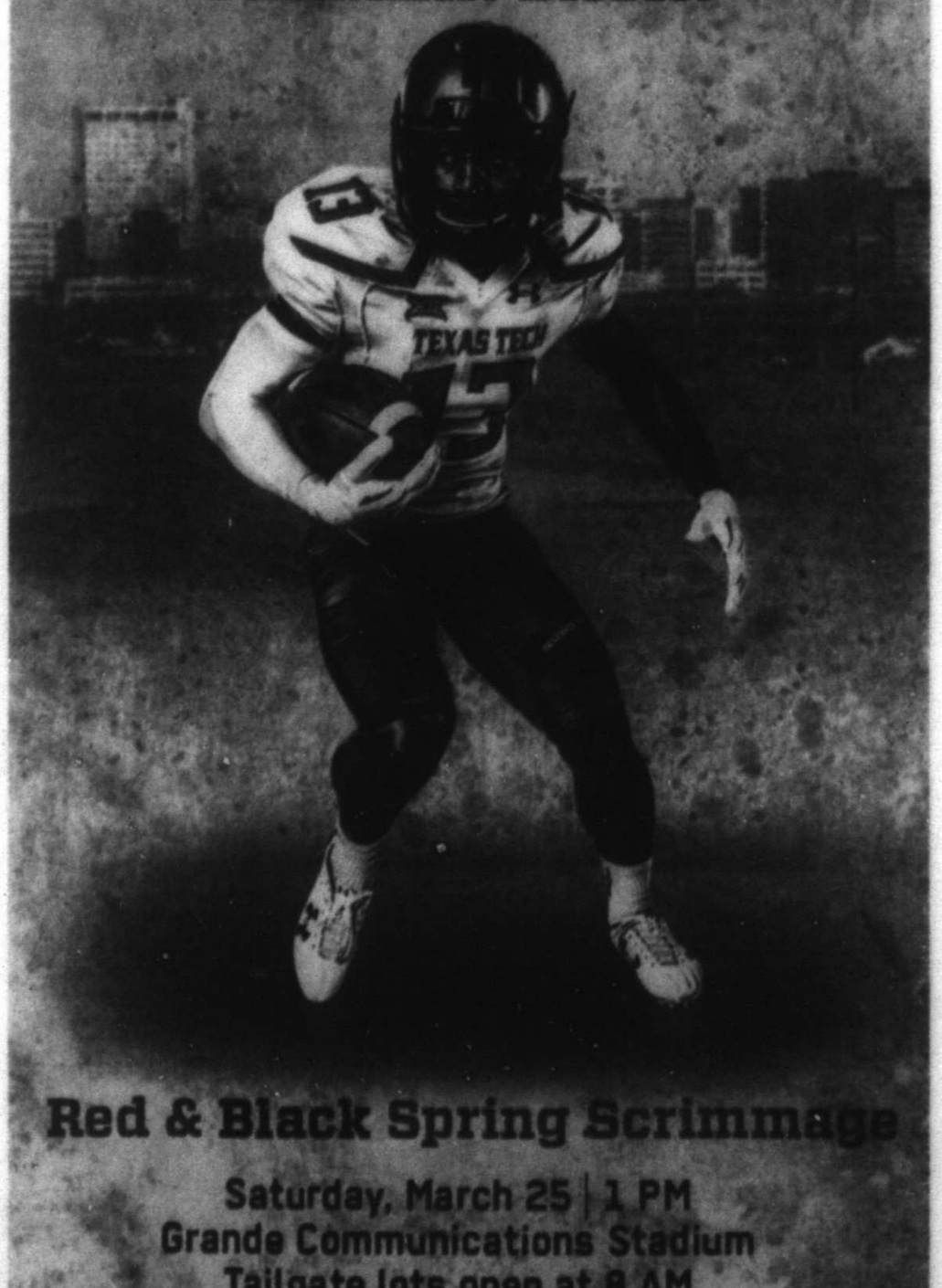

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Red-hot SMU back in the dance

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

DALLAS — SMU coach Tim Jankovich isn't going to complain about a No. 6 seed for his 30-win team.

Sure, the American Athletic Conference champions probably deserved a higher seed. But the Mustangs, who generally put only six players on the court during games, got an extra day and the shortest possible trip for their NCAA Tournament opener Friday in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

"I'd rather stay excited. I hope our team feels exactly the same way. I don't feel cheated at all," Jankovich said. "I was worried we'd get a Thursday game. And we got to go to Tulsa, our closest venue. So it's crazy to stand up here to complain and whine. I'm thankful for all that we got."

Especially when remembering the hurt he felt for his players a year ago, when watching television and hearing all the talk about the NCAA Tournament that SMU was banned from playing in despite winning 25 games in Hall of Fame coach Larry Brown's final season.

"Nobody deserves what has happened this year more than they do," said Jankovich, Brown's top assistant the past four years. "It probably motivated them just a little bit each and every week that we've gone along."

There was also 2015, when in their first NCAA appearance since 1993, the Mustangs lost their opener 60-59 to UCLA after a questionable goaltending call against them on a 3-pointer in the final 13 seconds. And that came a year after watching the NCAA selection show with more than 1,000 fans and never hearing their name called for the 68-team field.

The Mustangs (30-4) take a 16-game winning streak into Friday, when they play the winner of Wednesday night's First Four game between Providence or Southern Cal. SMU lost to USC the day after Thanksgiving, but its only loss in 27 games since November was 66-64 two months ago at Cincinnati, another No. 6 seed from the AAC.

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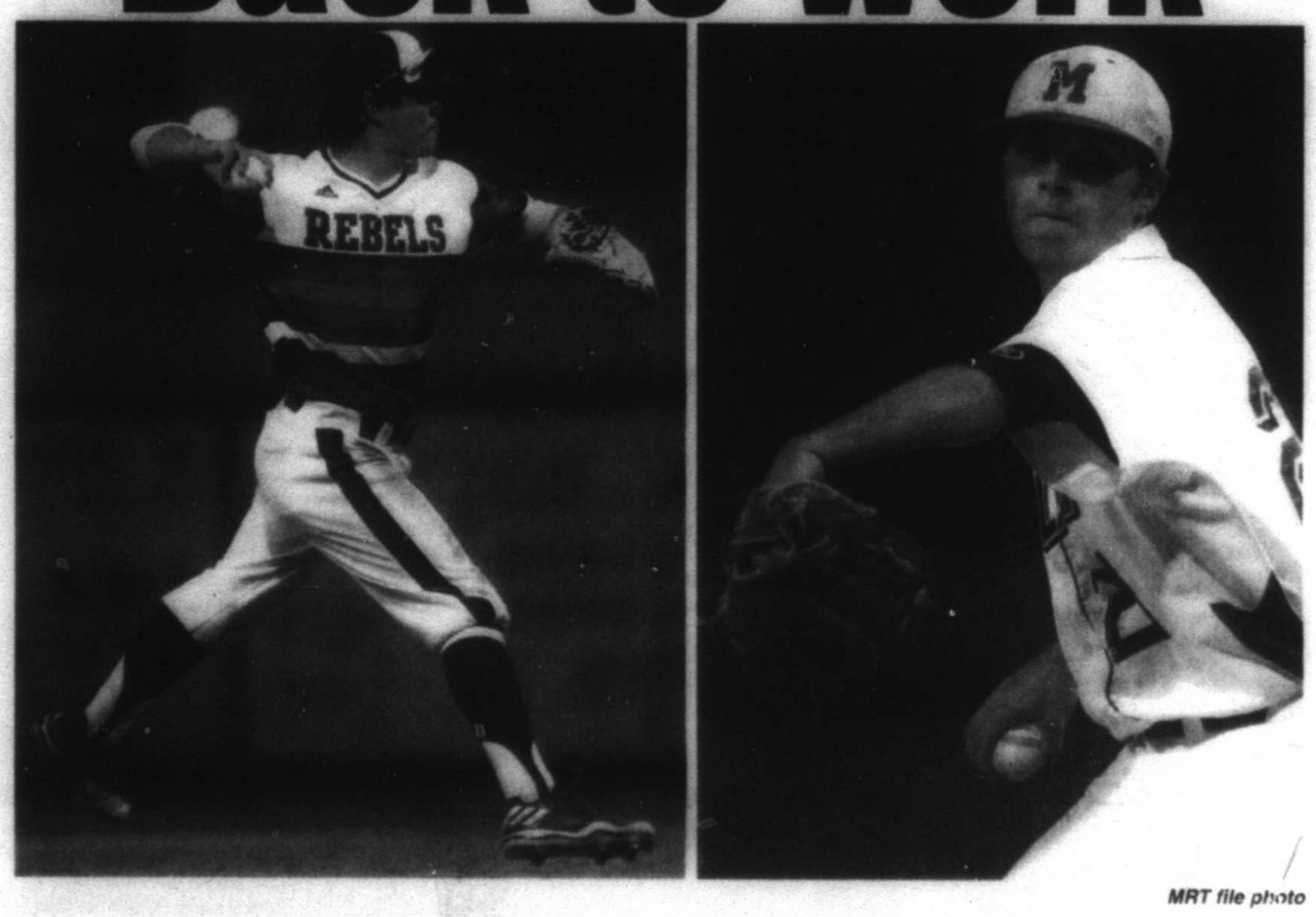
AP file photo

SMU head coach Tim Jankovich, center, celebrates with his players after defeating Memphis 103-62 in the American Athletic conference final March 4 in Dallas. Jankovich isn't going to complain about a No. 6 seed for the AAC champion with a 16-game winning streak.

Back to work



MRT file photo

LEFT: Lee's Ty Coleman (3) throws to first base to end the game with a win against Midland High on March 2 at Security Bank Ballpark.
RIGHT: Midland High pitcher Brooks Betcher (21) throws against Lee on March 2 at Security Bank Ballpark.

Four things to watch as 2-6A play resumes today

By Will Korn
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Two weeks ago, a trio of District 2-6A baseball games took center stage at Security Bank Ballpark on the opening day of the 41st annual Tournament of Champions.

Over the three contests, a total of six runs were scored with the winning teams — Lee, Odessa High and Wolfforth Frenship — victorious 1-0, 1-0 and 4-0, respectively.

The action is expected to be just as competitive when the 2-6A slate resumes today. Midland High (6-10, 0-1 in 2-6A) will host Odessa Permian (5-10-1, 0-1) at noon at Zachery Field, while Lee (4-10, 1-0) travels to Amarillo Tascosa (3-12-1, 0-1) at 4:30 p.m and OHS (11-6, 1-0) hosts Frenship (9-8, 1-0) at 4:30 p.m.

With the addition of the always-relevant Tigers and Tascosa, the district has a bit of a different look since the end of last year, which saw Lee rise to the top with a 13-2 mark. This time around, there could very well be at least four teams fully in the race for the district championship.

Here are four things to watch as district play resumes:

1. Bulldogs focused on the little things

For the second season in a row, MHS has been snakebitten early by one-run losses. Half of the Bulldogs' 16 games thus far have been decided by one run, with MHS losing seven of the eight over

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A look at the best to come in the NCAA Tournament

By John Marshall
Associated Press

This year's NCAA Tournament has a chance to be just as good as 2016, when Kris Jenkins capped March Madness the most dramatic way possible with a buzzer-beating 3-pointer to win Villanova a title.

North Carolina fans may not have liked it, but it was the perfect end to a wild tournament filled with upsets and great games. Plus, the Tar Heels are a No. 1 seed again opposite Villanova on the other side of the 68-team field, setting up the chance for a championship game rematch on April 3.

And so the madness of March revs up all over again — a tournament loaded with great teams, players and marquee matchups.

A few things to look for:

Top teams

Villanova. The defending national champions are the top overall seed and on a roll. No need to start anywhere else.

Kansas. The Jayhawks may have had an early exit in the Big 12 Tournament, but they have one of the most talented rosters anywhere.

North Carolina. So good, even a loss to rival Duke in the ACC Tournament wasn't

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John Minchillo/Associated Press

Kansas State's Isaiah Maurice, left, and Wake Forest's John Collins, right, battle for a rebound in the first half of a First Four game of the NCAA college basketball tournament Tuesday in Dayton, Ohio.

Last chance for Baylor's Nina Davis to get to Final Four

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

WACO — Nina Davis arrived at Baylor as an undersized post player, with an unorthodox style and uncanny ability to get rebounds and slip around defenders to score.

The 5-foot-11 forward became an AP All-American, the Big 12 player of the year and will leave Baylor as only the fifth player in school history with more than 2,000 points and more than 1,000 rebounds.

Davis

But there is still something missing as she faces her last chance for a trip to the NCAA Final Four and a national title.

"I feel like I have accomplished a lot of things as far as player of the year and the things that just happened in the Big 12," Davis said. "But without that Final Four, and us getting into the national championship, that's for sure a huge piece of the puzzle."

Baylor (30-3) opens the NCAA Tournament at home Saturday against SWAC Tournament champion Texas Southern. The Lady Bears are the No. 1 seed in the Oklahoma City Regional , and are trying to get to their first Final Four since an undefeated 40-0 national championship five years ago.

Each of Davis' first three seasons ended with a loss in the Elite Eight. The finale last year was in Dallas, about 100 miles from the Waco campus — and where this year's Final Four will be played.

"It's a little different than it's been in the past three years, I guess, just knowing in the back of my mind that this is my last go-around, there's no more tomorrow," Davis said. "There's not an "Oh, we lost in the Elite Eight this year, but there's still next year.' So it's definitely a sense of urgency."

For the only time in her career, Davis wasn't a first-team All-Big 12 pick this season, though she was on the All-Big 12 Tournament team for the fourth straight year. She won't be an All-American again since her senior-season averages of 12.5 points and 5.6 rebound per game are both career lows.

But there is an easy explanation to why her numbers are down for Baylor, which won its seventh straight Big 12 regular-season title but lost in the conference tournament for the first time in that span.

"She had the carry the load for this program for two or three years, and then as you recruit, you get bigger, you get as-talented players, it's about the team," coach Kim Mulkey said. "Unfortunately, All-America teams are usually selected on stats, and not watching every kid that plays. ... Her name and her legacy will always been an All-American at Baylor."

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FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Alpine Skiing
Audi World Cup, Aspen: Super G, 11 a.m., NBCSN
College Baseball
Oregon State at Arizona State, 8 p.m., P12, P12 AZ, P12 OR
College Wrestling
NCAA Championships, 1st Round, 11 a.m., ESPNU
Golf
PGA: Arnold Palmer Invitational, 1st Round, 1 p.m., GOLF
LPGA: Bank of Hope Founders Cup, 1st Round, 5 p.m., GOLF
Major League Baseball
Spring Training: Minnesota vs. St. Louis, Noon, MLB
Spring Training: Chic. Cubs vs. LA Dodgers, 3 p.m., MLB
Men's College Basketball
NCAA 1st Round: Notre Dame vs. Princeton, 11:15 a.m., CBS
NCAA 1st Round: Virginia vs. UNC Wilmington, 11:40 a.m., truTV
NCAA 1st Round: Butler vs. Winthrop, 12:30 p.m., TNT
NCAA 1st Round: Gonzaga vs. South Dakota State, 1 p.m., TBS
NCAA 1st Round: West Virginia vs. Bucknell, 1:45 p.m., CBS
NCAA 1st Round: Florida vs. East Tennessee State, 2:10 p.m., truTV
NCAA 1st Round: Minnesota vs. Middle Tennessee, 3 p.m., TNT
NCAA 1st Round: Northwestern vs. Vanderbilt, 3:30 p.m., TBS
NCAA 1st Round: Maryland vs. Xavier, 5:50 p.m., TNT
NCAA 1st Round: Villanova vs. Mount St. Mary's, 6:10 p.m., CBS
NCAA 1st Round: Saint Mary's vs. VCU, 6:20 p.m., TBS
NCAA 1st Round: Purdue vs. Vermont, 6:27 p.m., truTV
NCAA 1st Round: Florida State vs. FGCU, 8:20 p.m., TNT
NCAA 1st Round: Wisconsin vs. Virginia Tech, 8:40 p.m., CBS
NCAA 1st Round: Arizona vs. North Dakota, 8:50 p.m., TBS
NCAA 1st Round: Iowa State vs. Nevada, 8:57 p.m., truTV
Men's College Hockey
Big 10 Quarterfinal: Michigan State vs. Ohio State, 3:30 p.m., BTN
Big 10 Quarterfinal: Michigan vs. Penn State, 7 p.m., BTN
Men's Soccer
UEFA Europa: Besiktas JK vs. Olympiacos FC, 1 p.m., FS1, ESPNDEP
UEFA Europa: FC Krasnodar vs. Celta Vigo, 1 p.m., FS2
UEFA Europa: Multimatch 90, 1 p.m., FSP
UEFA Europa: Manchester United FC vs. FC Rostov, 3 p.m., FS1, ESPNDEP
UEFA Europa: Borussia Mönchengladbach vs. 1. FC Schalke 04, 3 p.m., FS2
UEFA Europa: Multimatch 90, 3 p.m., FSP
NBA
Utah at Cleveland, 6 p.m., NBAtv
NHL
Nashville at Washington, 6 p.m., NHL
Rugby
NRL: Canterbury-Bankstown vs. New Zealand, 2 a.m., FS2
Tennis
ATP: BNP Paribas Open, Quarterfinals, 1 p.m., ESPN2
ATP: BNP Paribas Open, Quarterfinals, 7 p.m., ESPN2
Women's College Basketball
WNIT: Washington, 2 a.m., BYU, 8 p.m., BYUtv
World Baseball Classic
Dominican Republic vs. Venezuela, 9 p.m., MLB, ESPNDEP

WHAT'S ON DECK

High School

Baseball
Lee at Amarillo Tascosa, 4:30 p.m.
Odessa Permian at Midland High, noon

Softball
Lubbock Cooper at Lee, 2 p.m.
Midland High at Lubbock High, 2 p.m.
Midland Christian at FW Southwest Christian, 3 p.m.
Lubbock Cooper at Greenwood, 6 p.m.

LATE HS SOFTBALL

TUESDAY'S LATE BOX
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 11, KERMIT 4

MCS	2	3	0	1	11	2
Kermit	0	0	1	2	4	9	6

Clarissa Martinez and Vivian Angelares. Acosta and Madrid. W – Martinez. L – Madrid. 2B – MCS: Martinez 2. Zaitha Suarez 2. Jayda Lucky-Paris. Vivian Angelares: Kermit: Aranda, Madrid, Barrert, Haley 3B – Kermit: Price.
Next: MCS at Fort Worth Southwest Christian. 3 p.m. today

HS GIRLS SOCCER

MHS SETS BI-DISTRICT MATCH VS. EP EL DORADO

The Midland High girls soccer team's Class 6A bi-district playoff match against El Paso El Dorado has been set for 10 a.m., March 24 at Lubbock's Lowrey Field.

MHS (15-3) is the No. 2 seed out of District 2-6A. El Dorado (15-7-1) is the No. 3 seed out of District 1-6A.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Optioned RHP Joe Gunkel to Norfolk (IL). Agreed to terms with RHP Andrew Bellatti on a minor league contract.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Optioned C Alfredo Gonzalez to Birmingham (SL) and OF Willy Garcia, LHP Giovanny Solo and RHPs Chris Beck, Tyler Danish and Brad Goldberg to Charlotte (IL). Reassigned LHP Aaron Bummer and RHP Blake Smith to minor league camp.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Optioned C Francisco Mejia to Akron (EL). Reassigned INF Nellie Rodriguez to minor league camp.
DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned RHP Myles Jaye to Toledo (IL). Reassigned Cs Austin Green and Grayson Greiner and OFs Mike Gerber and Jason Krizan to minor league camp.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Reassigned OF Andrew Aplin, RHP Brady Rodgers and LHPs Reymin Guduan and Ashur Tolliver to minor league camp.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Reassigned OF Michael Hermosillo and INFs David Fletcher and Sherman Johnson to minor league camp.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Optioned LHP Ryan Borucki to Dunedin (FSL) and RHP Chris Smith to Buffalo (IL).
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Optioned 3B Dawel Lugo to Jackson (SL) and RHP Jimmie Sherfy and LHP Anthony Banda to Reno (PCL).
CINCINNATI REDS — Optioned RHP Lisalverto Bonilla and Jackson Stephens and INF Dilson Herrera to Louisville (IL) and OF Aristides Aquino and RHPs Luis Castillo, Keury Mella, Nick Travieso and Ariel Hernandez to Pensacola (SL). Reassigned C Joe Hudson, INF Brandon Dixon, OF Gabby Guerrero, LHPs Ismael Guillon and Nick Routt and RHPs Tyler Mahle, Jimmy Herget and Kevin Shackelford to minor league camp.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Optioned RHPs Nick Pivetta, Mark Appel and Ricardo Pinto to Lehigh Valley (IL).
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Reassigned INF Luis Urias to minor league camp.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Optioned 3B Miguel Gomez and RHPs Dan Slania, Reyes Moronta, Chase Johnson, Ian Gardeck and Kyle Crick to Sacramento (PCL).
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Released C Derek Norris unconditionally.
American Association
SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Signed INF Jake Taylor.
Can-Am League
TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Sold the contract of RHP Dylan Rheault to the San Francisco Giants.
Frontier League
EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Released OF Chris Breen and Denzel Richardson, SS Rolando Gomez and C/3B Julio Rodriguez.
SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS — Signed RHP Derek DeYoung to a contract extension.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Assigned C Deyonta Davis to Iowa (NBADL).
NBA Development League
DELAWARE 87ERS — Acquired F Shane Edwards.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL — Suspended N.Y. Jets TE Austin Seferian-Jenkins two games for violating the league's substance abuse policy.
BALTIMORE RAVENS — Traded C Jeremy Zuttah and a 2017 sixth-round draft pick (No. 198) to San Francisco for a 2017 sixth-round draft pick (No. 188).
DETROIT LIONS — Re-signed LS Don Muhlbach.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed CB Davon House. Re-signed LB Jordan Tripp.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Re-signed RB Robert Turbin.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Agreed to terms with CB Terence Newman.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Re-signed LB Dont'a Hightower to a four-year contract.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Signed WR Justin Hunter to a one-year contract.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Reassigned F Byron Froese to Syracuse (AHL).
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Named Chris O'Hara offensive quality control coach, Bill Callahan assistant head coach/offensive line coach, Chad Grimm outside linebackers coach and Bret Munsey assistant special teams coach. Re-signed DL Ziggy Hood and T Winston Painter. Released DE Ricky Jean Francois.
Arena Football League
WASHINGTON VALOR — Named Benji McDowell, Cos Dematteo and Steve Thonn assistant coaches.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CALGARY FLAMES — Recalled G Jon Gillies from Stockton (AHL) on an emergency basis.
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Agreed to terms with D Luc Snuggerud on a three-year contract beginning next season.
DALLAS STARS — Signed Gavin Bayreuther.
FLORIDA PANTHERS — Recalled F Tim Bozon from Manchester (ECHL) to Springfield (AHL).
MINNESOTA WILD — Assigned F Chase Lang from Iowa (AHL) to Quad City (ECHL).
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Recalled F John Quenneville from Albany (AHL).
American Hockey League
BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Agreed to terms with C Justin Danforth on an amateur tryout agreement.
CHARLOTTE CHECKERS — Recalled F Mitchell Heard from Florida (ECHL).
GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS — Assigned G Cal Heeter to Toledo (ECHL).
TEXAS STARS — Recalled G Landon Bow from Idaho (ECHL).
ECHL
ALASKA ACES — Signed G Davis Jones to an amateur tryout agreement.
ATLANTA GLADIATORS — Released G Mike DeLaVergne.
ELMIRA JACKALS — Loaned G Andy Iles to Binghamton (AHL). Signed G Tim Keegan and D Cam Bellizzato to amateur tryout agreements.
MANCHESTER MONARCHS — Signed D Robert Hamilton and F Marko Puikkanen.
WHEELING NAILERS — Signed F Riley Bourbonnais.
COLLEGE
CALIFORNIA — Announced the resignation of men's basketball coach Cuonzo Martin, who was named coach of Missouri.
NEBRASKA — Announced freshman F Jeriah Horne will transfer.
POST (CONN.) — Promoted assistant women's basketball coach Jon Plefka to head coach.
WASHINGTON — Fired men's basketball coach Lorenzo Romar.

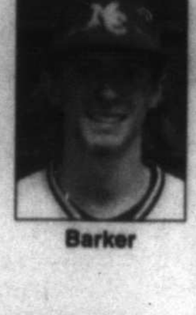
TEXAS FISHING REPORT

CENTRAL
BASTROP: Water stained; 65-69 degrees. Black bass are fair on chartreuse/white soft plastics and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on stinkbait, shrimp, and chicken livers. Yellow catfish are slow.
BELTON: Water stained; 66-70 degrees; 1.25 feet high. Black bass are fair on watermelon Rat-L-Traps and spinnerbaits. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are good on light blue jigs. Crappie are good on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are good on hot dogs, shrimp, and stinkbait at night. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines and throwlines baited with live perch.
BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 65-69 degrees; 0.39 feet high. Black bass are good on craw and black/blue Bass Hogg jigs. Persuader crankbaits, and GrandeBass 4-inch Trickster worms over brush piles. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are fair on LU Fishes, spinnerbaits, and crankbaits off lighted docks. Crappie are fair on LU Fishes and minnows over brush piles. Channel catfish are fair on cut bait and nightcrawlers over baited holes. Yellow catfish are slow.
BUCHANAN: Water stained; 67-71 degrees; 1.96 feet low. Black bass are good on green pumpkin JDC Craws, jerkbaits, and chartreuse Whacky Sticks in 12-20 feet. Striped bass are fair trolling crankbaits and striper jigs, and drifting live bait in 20-30 feet. White bass are fair on Shad Raps. Pink Minnows, and live bait. Crappie are fair on minnows over brush piles in 12-15 feet. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are slow.
CANYON LAKE: Water stained; 65-69 degrees; 0.36 feet high. Black bass are fair on watermelon Curb's hair jigs, JDC drop shot worms, and jerkbaits along break lines and ledges. Striped bass are fair vertically jigging Pink Minnows and Spoon Shads. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and blue tube jigs upriver. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are slow.
COLEMAN: Water stained; 66-70 degrees; 0.17 feet low. Black bass are fair on watermelon soft plastics and Rat-L-Traps. Hybrid striper are good on chartreuse stripe jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows over brush piles. Channel catfish are good on stinkbait and cut bait. Yellow catfish are slow.
COLORADO RIVER: (At Colorado Bend State Park) No report available.
FAYETTE: Water murky. Black bass are good on green pumpkin Carolina rigged soft plastics, crankbaits, and Wacky Worms in reeds. Channel and blue catfish are good on shrimp and shad.
GRANBURY: Water stained; 65-69 degrees; 0.04 feet low. Black bass are fair on watermelon soft plastics, spinnerbaits, crankbaits, and Rat-L-Traps. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows. Catfish are slow.

Howard College scores 10 in ninth, topples MC

From staff reports

The Howard College baseball team scored 15 runs in the final three innings — 10 in the ninth — to topple Midland College, 24-14 in a non-conference game on Wednesday at Christensen Stadium.


Barker

After trailing, 8-1 through two innings, the Hawks (11-9) stormed back with three runs in the fourth and two in the sixth before the huge late rally.

Doug Facendo led the way for Howard College by going 4-for-6 with three doubles, four RBI and a run scored. Bryan Scheker hit a grand slam in the ninth and finished 2-for-2 with four RBI and a pair of runs scored, while Grant Golson was 1-for-2 with a home run, two RBI, four runs scored and four walks for the Hawks.

Rattal

For MC (12-7), Nolan Rattai went 3-for-4 with four runs scored and three walks, while MHS grad Ethan Barker finished 2-for-3 with four runs, two walks and two stolen bases. Braden Hayward, Eric Senior and Chad Curtis each drove in a pair for the Chaps.

The two teams combined to use 17 pitchers in the game, as the two starters — Howard's Brock Figueroa and MC's Levi Hon — totaled just three innings pitched.

Chaparral pitchers issued 16 walks and struck out eight in the loss.

HOWARD COLLEGE 24, MIDLAND COLLEGE 14

Howard						103	3023(10)	24	15	4
Midland						530	003	003	14	12	3

Brock Figueroa, Luke Haynes (2), Jon Schreier (2), Matt Hansen (3), Tristan Torn (6), Cameron Ellis (6), Ryan Williams (8), Isaac Guerrero (7), Parker Towns (8), Shayne Nance (9) and Doug Facendo, Reese O'Farrell (9). Levi Hon, Jose Castro (3), Brandon Hatley (5), Nick Virdo (6), Noel Sola (7), Aaron Weseman (8), Braden Scrivner (9) and Jon Schaulbach. W — Guerrero. L — Weseman. 2B — Howard: Caleb Kyle, Tommy Sepulveda, Doug Facendo 3. Mason Peterson; MC: Chad Curtis, Jordan Gray HR — Howard: Grant Golson, Bryan Scheker.
Record: Midland 12-7; Howard 11-9
Next: New Mexico Military Institute at Midland College (7&9 DH), Noon, Friday

PRO GOLF & TENNIS BRIEFS

GOLF
Bay Hill a tribute to Palmer, a red sweater to the winner

ORLANDO, Fla. — Sam Saunders started the tribute with a drive from the spot on the Bay Hill range where his grandfather, Arnold Palmer, used to practice.

Sixty more players followed, one after the other, ending with defending champion Jason Day.

As soon as one player hit his tee shot, the player next to him began his swing. Thwack! Thwack! Thwack! From right to left down the range, the balls soared against a blue sky. The sequence was golf's version of a 21-gun salute.

The opening ceremony was a new tradition at the Arnold Palmer Invitational, the first without its tournament host and golf's most beloved figure.

"Let's make him proud and hit this one hard," Saunders said.

Wednesday was filled with more stories and more memories of Palmer, who died Sept. 25 in Pittsburgh. It figures to continue through the opening round Thursday, right to the end on Sunday.

BNP Paribas Open Results

Wednesday
At The Indian Wells Tennis Garden
Indian Wells, Calif.
Purse: Men, $8.99 million (Masters 1000); Women, $8.99 million (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Singles
Men
Fourth Round
Kei Nishikori (4), Japan, def. Donald Young, United States, 6-2, 6-4.
Pablo Carreno Busta (21), Spain, def. Dusan Lajovic, Serbia, 6-4, 7-6 (5).
Pablo Cuevas (27), Uruguay, def. David Goffin (11), Belgium, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.
Nick Kyrgios (15), Australia, def. Novak Djokovic (2), Serbia, 6-4, 7-6 (3).
Jack Sock (17), United States, def. Malek Jaziri, Tunisia, 4-6, 7-6 (1), 7-5.
Roger Federer (9), Switzerland, def. Rafael Nadal (5), Spain, 6-2, 6-3

Women
Quarterfinals
Svetlana Kuznetsova (8), Russia, def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (19), Russia, 6-3, 6-2.

Doubles
Men
Quarterfinals
Gilles Muller, Luxembourg, and Sam Querrey, United States, def. Henri Kontinen, Finland, and John Peers (3), Australia, 6-7 (2), 6-3, 10-8.

Women
Quarterfinals
Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina (2), Russia, def. Shuko Aoyama, Japan, and Yang Zhaoxuan, China, 6-2, 6-1.
Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States, and Lucie Safarova (1), Czech Republic, def. Svetlana Kuznetsova, Russia, and Kristina Mladenovic, France, 6-3, 3-6, 10-8.

TENNIS
Federer beats Nadal, Djokovic loses at Indian Wells

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. — Roger Federer defeated Rafael Nadal 6-2, 6-3 at the BNP Paribas Open on Wednesday in a fourth-round match that saw the longtime rivals meeting much earlier in a tournament than usual.

Federer broke Nadal four times in advancing to the quarterfinals in just over an hour. Although Nadal owns a 23-13 lead in their series, Federer has won the past three in a row, including an epic comeback in the Australian Open final two months ago.

Federer faced just one break point on his serve in the match, but he recovered with a big serve and two winning backhands to go up 2-0 in the first set.

Nadal wasn't too shabby either, serving three love games. But Federer's shotmaking was superb, frequently kissing the lines off both sides.

The four-time Indian Wells winner was crafty, too. Leading 5-1, Federer moved in quickly on Nadal's second serve, surprising the Spaniard, whose forehand sailed long. Federer's drop shots were well-timed and even when a scrambling Nadal got to them in time, Federer answered with one of his 26 winners.

The two stars hadn't played each other before the quarterfinals of an event since 2004 when they met in the third round at Miami. Wednesday's match was just the fifth time they weren't opposing each other in a final.

Another one of tennis' Big Four went down, too. Novak Djokovic's 19-match winning streak at the desert tournament ended in a 6-4, 7-6 (3) loss to Nick Kyrgios. Djokovic joined top-ranked Andy Murray, who was beaten in the second round.

It was Kyrgios' second win over the world's second-ranked player in two weeks, having beaten Djokovic in straight sets at Acapulco on March 2.

Djokovic was bidding for a fourth consecutive title at Indian Wells, having won a total of five in his career. But he unraveled with 25 unforced errors, including a forehand service return on Kyrgios' second match point.

Kyrgios advanced to the quarterfinals, where he will face Federer. The 15th-seeded Australian hit 14 aces, with his fastest serve clocking 141 mph, and won 86 percent of his first serve points.

Also joining Kyrgios in the quarterfinals were No. 4 seed Kei Nishikori, who defeated Donald Young 6-2, 6-4; 17th-seeded Jack Sock, a 4-6, 7-6 (1), 7-5 winner over Malek Jaziri; No. 21 Pablo Carreno Busta, who beat qualifier Dusan Lajovic; and No. 27 Pablo Cuevas, who outlasted 11th-seeded David Goffin 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

DISTRICT

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their three pre-district tournaments.

For head coach Barry Russell, the key to breaking what has become somewhat of a curse, is to find a way to execute the game's smaller details and take advantage of opportune situations — getting bunts down, tightening up baserunning and putting the ball in play with runners on base.

"I told the guys this past weekend, it's just one play that bites us," Russell said. "It's always one play. We've just got to do what we do. We've just got to limit those mistakes and start swinging the bats. Our bats have been quiet and it's really weird because I thought that'd be our best strength. We've got to put a bat on the ball and make (the defense) make a play."

2. Rebels seeking the big hit with men on

Lee might have to revisit its 2015 season to solve one of the issues it has been facing in the early goings of the 2017 campaign: getting the clutch hit with runners in scoring position.

Also due in part to a few lingering injuries to key bats, the Rebels' offense has managed only 48 runs in their first 14 games.

DISTRICT 2-6A BASEBALL STANDINGS

	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Odessa High	1	0	11	6	0
Wolfforth Frenship	1	0	9	8	0
Lee	1	0	4	10	0
Midland High	0	1	6	10	0
Odessa Permian	0	1	5	10	1
Amarillo Tascosa	0	1	3	12	1

Thursday, March 2 scores
Lee 1, MHS 0; Odessa High 1, Amarillo Tascosa 0; Wolfforth Frenship 4, Odessa Permian 0
Today's games
Lee at Amarillo Tascosa, 4:30 p.m.; Odessa Permian at MHS, Noon; Wolfforth Frenship at Odessa High, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 18
Odessa Permian at Lee, 4:30 p.m.; MHS at Odessa High, Noon; Amarillo Tascosa at Wolfforth Frenship, 1 p.m.

Eighteen of those runs came in a March 3 TOC win over El Paso Americas.

Lee head coach Brian Roper said he's been emphasizing the importance of focused offensive play with two outs and believes his players will begin to come up with those key hits soon.

"It's all about the process of what we're trying to accomplish through the year and getting ourselves prepared, hopefully, for the postseason," Roper said. "Part of it is we've left a lot of guys in scoring position in those games and what you hope is that we can turn the tables.

"Our kids know what we preach about the game being won and lost with two outs. We just haven't had any big two-out hits this year so far and you've got to keep working and doing the little things to make it happen."

3. Odessa High should contend, will play scrappy as usual

For the last few seasons, the Bronchos have been a resilient bunch that has found a way to hang with the district's blue bloods in any given season.

Under head coach Josh Hulin, OHS returns much experience — including its entire starting outfield, as well as talented infielders Shandon Herrera and Robert Morales — from a team that went 18-13 overall and 9-6 (third) in district play a year ago.

Though they also feature 10 first-time varsity players, if they play to their potential, the Bronchos have the ability to beat any team in this district.

4. Don't be fooled by deceiving records

Entering the bulk of the district schedule, some may look at the records of a majority of district teams with some surprise.

It's no secret that Lee and MHS haven't yet found their stride. Permian, Frenship and Tascosa have combined to post a 17-30-2 record through their respective pre-district schedules.

But as is usually a common theme in district play in high school sports, and especially in baseball, it is wise to disregard overall records. Each of the six district teams has endured a challenging tournament schedule and if the games on March 2 were any indication, there shouldn't be any cakewalks for any team.

For his part, Russell said he's expecting the Panthers to bring their best game to Zachery Field today. He praised the ability of his well-respected counterpart, Permian's first-year head coach Jimmy Webster.

"I'm telling you, Jimmy Webster is a good coach," Russell said. "The dude is good. I've coached against him many, many times and he's going to have his guys ready (Thursday). If we don't match their intensity and excitement, it could be a bad day for us."

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FSU, Florida, Virginia on upset alert in Orlando

By Mark Long
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — With Florida State, Florida, Virginia and Maryland playing in the same venue, the Amway Center has the potential to become Upset Central in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament on Thursday.

All of those higher seeds stumbled down the stretch and have enough flaws that professional and amateur bracketologists across the country have them on upset alert.

"Listen, the way college basketball is now, we always talk about the parity," Virginia coach Tony Bennett said Wednesday. "Every year it shrinks. You've got to be ready. ... It's reality when you're playing this tournament. It really is."

Only once since the NCAA Tournament expanded to 64 teams in 1985 have all four higher seeds in the same arena lost in the first round. It took place about 90 miles west in Tampa in 2008.

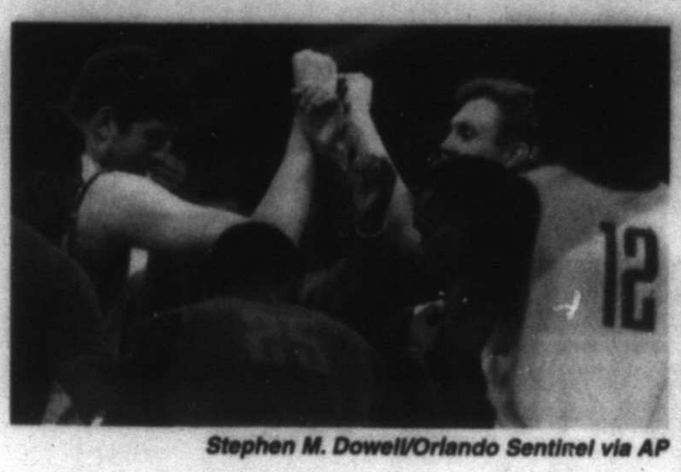
So there's precedent. And the third-seeded Seminoles (25-8), fourth-seeded Gators (24-8), fifth-seeded Cavaliers (22-10) and sixth-seeded Terrapins (24-8) should be concerned.

Florida State has gone 7-6 since winning 14 of 15 in the middle of the season. Florida is 3-3 without center John Egbunu, who tore a knee ligament last month, and has failed to find the best way to play without the 6-foot-11 junior.

Virginia has some big wins on its resume, including North Carolina, Notre Dame and Louisville twice, but Bennett's team enters the tournament having dropped six of its last 11. Maryland has been even worse, losing six of its last 10.

Not coincidentally, all four have been popular picks to get upset.

"I think it's definitely a part of the fun," Florida coach Mike White said. "I think it's one of the things that makes this tournament so special and March Madness such an exciting event is that every game is huge. You win or you go home. People love to see upsets, of course, and upsets happen a bunch. There are a lot of really, really good mid-major teams."



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Florida players huddle during a practice session for the NCAA March Madness Tournament at the Amway Center on Wednesday in Orlando, Fla.

MEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT ROUNDUP

UC DAVIS 67, NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL 63

DAYTON, Ohio — Chima Moneke had 18 points and 12 rebounds as UC Davis won in its first NCAA Tournament appearance, beating North Carolina Central 67-63 in a First Four game on Wednesday night.

The 16th-seeded Aggies rallied in the second half and held off North Carolina Central down the stretch to earn a trip to Tulsa to play No. 1 seed Kansas on Friday.

Brynton Lemar scored 15 points and Lawrence White added 14 for UC Davis, which had earned a trip to the tournament by winning the Big West Conference Tournament.

USC 75, PROVIDENCE 71

DAYTON, Ohio — Bennie Boatwright scored a career-high 24 points as Southern Cal rallied from a 17-point deficit in the second half to beat Providence 75-71 in a First Four game Wednesday night.

The comeback victory was revenge for the Trojans, who lost to Providence by one point in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament last year. They move on to play 6th-seeded SMU at Tulsa, Oklahoma, on Friday.

After Providence led by 15 points at halftime and went up by 17 to start the second half, Southern Cal (25-9) mounted a furious rally. The Trojans closed it to five points at the 10-minute mark, and went up 61-60 on a jumper by Chimezie Metu off a turnover with 6:46 left.

SMU

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"It's something that we owed ourselves from the beginning of the season," sophomore Jarrey Foster said. "We wanted to be very successful."

All five SMU starters range between 6-foot-6 and 6-foot-8, and all average at least 9.9 points a game. Former Duke transfer Semi Ojeleye was named the AAC's player of the year and Ben Emelogu the league's top sixth man.

SMU last season had two-time AAC player of the year Nic Moore and top sixth man Markus Kennedy, but those seniors didn't get a chance to play in another NCAA Tournament because of sanctions that still have the Mustangs short-handed now.

This season's seniors include guard Sterling Brown, who has been part of a school-record 109 wins in his career, one more than forward Ben Moore.

Larry Brown was suspended for nine games and SMU banned from postseason play for one season after a September 2015 report involving academic fraud. The NCAA ruled that a former men's basketball administrative assistant completed online course work for a student to meet NCAA initial eligibility and be admitted to SMU.

Jankovich took over as head coach when Brown unexpectedly left last summer after being unable to agree on a new contract. Jankovich, 39-4 at SMU including the nine games filling in for Brown last season, has been talking to his team about the NCAA Tournament for more than a month.

"We've told them a number of times that we don't have to be anyone different than we are," Jankovich said. "Hopefully we'll play as well as we have been playing."

Ojeleye got in 23 games over two seasons with Duke after going there as a record-scoring prep scorer from Kansas. But he never appeared in a postseason game for the Blue Devils, and hadn't played a college game in nearly two full years before scoring 26 points in SMU's opener this season.'

If the Mustangs win twice this weekend in Tulsa, they could face Duke in the Sweet 16 in New York.

"It would be fun to play against those guys, but we have to take it one game at a time." Ojeleye said. "You want to get there, but if you look too far ahead, it won't happen. ... You have to realize each day is something you have to maximize and take from there."

NBA GLANCE

x-clinched playoff spot

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	43	25	.632	—
Toronto	39	28	.582	3½
New York	27	41	.397	18
Philadelphia	24	43	.358	18½
Brooklyn	12	54	.182	30

Southeast Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	41	26	.612	—
Atlanta	37	30	.552	4
Miami	33	35	.485	8½
Charlotte	29	39	.426	12½
Orlando	24	44	.353	17½

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	44	22	.667	—
Indiana	35	33	.515	10
Milwaukee	32	34	.485	12
Detroit	33	35	.485	12
Chicago	32	36	.471	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	52	15	.776	—
x-Houston	47	21	.691	5½
Memphis	38	30	.559	14½
Dallas	29	38	.433	23
New Orleans	27	41	.397	25½

Northwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	43	25	.632	—
Oklahoma City	38	29	.567	4½
Denver	32	35	.479	10½
Portland	30	37	.448	12½
Minnesota	28	39	.418	14½

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Golden State	53	14	.791	—
L.A. Clippers	40	27	.597	13
Sacramento	26	41	.388	27
Phoenix	22	45	.328	31
L.A. Lakers	20	48	.294	33½

Wednesday's Scores

Dallas 112, Washington 107
Indiana 98, Charlotte 77
Boston 117, Minnesota 104
Miami 120, New Orleans 112
Utah 97, Detroit 83
Houston 139, L.A. Lakers 100
Memphis 98, Chicago 91
Portland 110, San Antonio 106
Sacramento at Phoenix, late
Milwaukee at L.A. Clippers, late

Today's Games

Oklahoma City at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Utah at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Brooklyn at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Memphis at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Denver, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

NBA ROUNDUP

MAVERICKS 112, WIZARDS 105

WASHINGTON — Dirk Nowitzki scored 10 of his 20 points in the fourth quarter, Harrison Barnes finished with 22 and the Dallas Mavericks boosted their slim playoff hopes with a 112-107 win over the Washington Wizards on Wednesday night.

Nicolas Brussino scored eight of his 11 points off the bench in the fourth for the Mavericks, who began the night 3 1/2 games behind Denver for the final postseason spot in the Western Conference. Portland was positioned between Denver and Dallas.

Wizards guard John Wall had 26 points and 11 assists despite briefly leaving the game in the second quarter with a sprained left foot.

Bradley Beal added 24 points as Washington dropped back-to-back games for the second time since its previous loss to Dallas on Jan. 3.

ROCKETS 139, LAKERS 100

HOUSTON — Lou Williams scored 30 points against his former team and James Harden had his 17th triple-double of the season to lead the Houston Rockets over the Los Angeles Lakers 139-100 on Wednesday night.

Harden had 18 points, 13 assists and 12 rebounds as Houston handed the Lakers their 11th loss in 12 games.

Williams broke out of a recent shooting slump against his ex-teammates. Houston sent Corey Brewer and a first-round draft pick to Los Angeles in a trade for Williams three weeks ago.

The deal paid off for the Rockets on Wednesday night as Williams went 7 for 9 from beyond the arc and made his first seven field goal attempts, including four straight 3-pointers.

TRAIL BLAZERS 110, SPURS 106

SAN ANTONIO — Damian Lillard scored 36 points and the Portland Trail Blazers defeated the San Antonio Spurs 110-106 on Wednesday night, spoiling LaMarcus Aldridge's return from a health scare.

C.J. McCollum added 26 points for the Trail Blazers, who were coming off a 23-point loss in New Orleans on Tuesday.

Aldridge had 19 points and seven rebounds after missing two games with a minor heart arrhythmia. He was cleared Wednesday morning and does not have any playing restrictions.

NCAA

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enough to knock them down from a No. 1 seed.

Gonzaga. Call them overrated all you want, these Zags are deep, athletic and probably the best team coach Mark Few has had in the Inland Northwest.

Arizona. Pac-12 Tournament and co-regular season champions have coach Sean Miller eyeing his first Final Four.

Duke. Blue Devils had their share of struggles, but appear to be peaking at the right time.

Top players

Frank Mason III, Kansas. Leader and go-to player for a program that won its 13th straight Big 12 title.

Josh Hart, Villanova. Does it all, already has one national title.

Lonzo Ball, UCLA. One-and-done star plays with poise and flair, led the nation in assists (7.7), could be the No. 1 overall NBA pick.

Caleb Swanigan, Purdue. Double-double machine is doing things that haven't been done in the Big Ten for decades.

Nigel Williams-Goss, Gonzaga. Steady, clutch, engine that makes the Zags go.

Monte Morris, Iowa State. Led the nation with a 6-to-1 assist-to-turnover ratio — and no else was even close.

Must-watch games

Northwestern vs. Vanderbilt, West Region, Thursday in Salt Lake City. The Wildcats waited 78 years to play in the NCAA Tournament and the Commodores want to spoil it.

UNC-Wilmington vs. Virginia, East Region, Friday in Buffalo. The Seahawks were 10th nationally with 85.2 points per game. The Cavaliers barely give that up in two games.

Michigan vs. Oklahoma State, Midwest Region, Friday in Indianapolis. Two of the nation's best in offensive efficiency will put the ball in the basket.

Iona vs. Oregon, Midwest Region, Friday in Sacramento. The cameras may need to stay on wide angles to keep track of these frenetic teams.

Dayton vs. Wichita State, South Region, Friday in Indianapolis. Two mid-majors looking to make a major run through the bracket.

Kentucky vs. UCLA, South Region final. Here's hoping they get that far. The first game in Las Vegas was epic.

Mid-major stars

Mike Daum, South Dakota State. The Summit League player of the year is the top scorer in the NCAA Tournament at 25.3 points per game.

Junior Robinson, Mount Saint Mary's. The smallest player in the bracket — 5-foot-5 — plays big. He had 23 points and the go-ahead jumper in the Mountaineers' 67-66 First Four win over New Orleans.

Keon Johnson, Winthrop. Another little guy — he's 5-7 — who can score in bunches. The Big South player of the year averages 22.5 points per game.

Jimmy Hall, Kent State. He declared for the NBA draft last season before changing his mind. It worked out for the Golden Flashes; he leads them with 18.9 points, 10.5 rebounds, 2.6 assists and 1.4 blocks per game.

JaCorey Williams, Middle Tennessee. Arkansas transfer was the Conference-USA player of the year after averaging 17.3 points and 7.3 rebounds.

Numbers

5-1 — Odds Kansas will win the national title, according to MGM Resorts International. Other casinos disagree, listing North Carolina as the favorite. Some even opened giving No. 2 seed Duke the best odds before switching to the Tar Heels.

9 — ACC teams in the field, most of any conference.

13.1 — Rebounding average of Seton Hall's Angel Delgado, best in the field.

32-1 — Best record in the field, by Gonzaga.

79.9 percent — Free-throw percentage by Notre Dame, highest of the 68 teams.

90.3 — Scoring average of UCLA, leading the nation.

2,900 — Approximate miles of the longest road trip in the tournament, by Rhode Island to Sacramento, California, for games in the East Regional.

10.4 billion — Amount in dollars expected to be bet on this year's tournament, about $1.2 billion more than last season.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL GLANCE

NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Glance

FIRST FOUR
At UD Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Tuesday, March 14
Mount St. Mary's 67, New Orleans 66
Kansas State 95, Wake Forest 89
Wednesday, March 15
UC Davis 67, N.C. Central 63
Southern Cal 75, Providence 71
EAST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 16
At KeyBank Center
Buffalo, N.Y.
Villanova (31-3) vs. Mount St. Mary's (20-15), 6:10 p.m.
Wisconsin (25-9) vs. Virginia Tech (22-10), 8:40 p.m.
At Amway Center
Orlando, Fla.
Virginia (22-10) vs. UNC Wilmington (29-5), 11:40 a.m.
Florida (24-8) vs. ETSU (27-7), 2:10 p.m.
Friday, March 17
At Bon Secours Wellness Arena
Greenville, S.C.
Duke (27-6) vs. Troy (22-14), 7:20 p.m.
South Carolina (22-10) vs. Marquette (19-12), 8:50 p.m.
At BOK Center
Tulsa, Okla.
Baylor (25-7) vs. New Mexico State (28-5), 11:40 a.m.
SMU (29-4) vs. SMU-Southern Cal (25-9), 2:10 p.m.
Second Round
Saturday, March 18
At KeyBank Center
Buffalo, N.Y.
Villanova-Mount St. Mary's winner vs. Wisconsin-Virginia Tech winner
At Amway Center
Orlando, Fla.
Florida-ETSU winner vs. Virginia-UNC Wilmington winner
Sunday, March 19
At Bon Secours Wellness Arena
Greenville, S.C.
Duke-Troy winner vs. South Carolina-Marquette winner
At BOK Center
Tulsa, Okla.
Baylor-New Mexico State winner vs. SMU-Providence-Southern Cal winner
SOUTH REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 16
At BMO Harris Bradley Center
Milwaukee
Butler (23-5) vs. Winthrop (26-6), 12:30 p.m.
Minnesota (24-9) vs. Middle Tennessee (30-4), 3 p.m.
Friday, March 17
At Bon Secours Wellness Arena
Greenville, S.C.
Arkansas (25-9) vs. Seton Hall (21-11), 12:30 p.m.
North Carolina (27-7) vs. Texas Southern (23-11), 3 p.m.
At Bankers Life Fieldhouse
Indianapolis
Dayton (24-7) vs. Wichita State (30-4), 6:10 p.m.
Kentucky (29-5) vs. Northern Kentucky (24-10), 8:40 p.m.
At Golden 1 Center
Sacramento, Calif.
Cincinnati (29-5) vs. Kansas State (21-13), 6:27 p.m.
UCLA (29-4) vs. Kent State (22-13), 8:57 p.m.
Second Round
Saturday, March 18
At BMO Harris Bradley Center
Milwaukee
Butler-Winthrop winner vs. Minnesota-Middle Tennessee winner
Sunday, March 19
At Bon Secours Wellness Arena
Greenville, S.C.
North Carolina-Texas Southern winner vs. Arkansas-Seton Hall winner
At Bankers Life Fieldhouse
Indianapolis
Kentucky-Northern Kentucky winner vs. Dayton-Wichita State winner
At Golden 1 Center
Sacramento, Calif.
UCLA-Kent State winner vs. Cincinnati-Kansas State winner
First Round
Thursday, March 16
At BMO Harris Bradley Center
Milwaukee
Purdue (25-7) vs. Vermont (29-5), 6:27 p.m.
Iowa State (23-10) vs. Nevada (28-6), 8:57 p.m.
Friday, March 17
At Bankers Life Fieldhouse
Indianapolis
Michigan (24-11) vs. Oklahoma State (20-12), 11:15 a.m.
Louisville (24-8) vs. Jacksonville State (20-14), 1:45 p.m.
At BOK Center
Tulsa, Okla.
Kansas (28-4) vs. UC Davis (23-12), 5:50 p.m.
Miami (21-11) vs. Michigan State (19-14), 8:20 p.m.
At Golden 1 Center
Sacramento, Calif.
Oregon (29-5) vs. Iona (22-12), 1 p.m.
Creighton (25-8) vs. Rhode Island (24-8), 3:30 p.m.
Second Round
Saturday, March 18
At BMO Harris Bradley Center
Milwaukee
Purdue-Vermont winner vs. Iowa State-Nevada winner
Sunday, March 19
At Bankers Life Fieldhouse
Indianapolis
Louisville-Jacksonville State winner vs. Michigan-Oklahoma State winner
At BOK Center
Tulsa, Okla.
Kansas-UC Davis winner vs. Miami-Michigan State winner
At Golden 1 Center
Sacramento, Calif.
Oregon-Iona winner vs. Creighton-Rhode Island winner
WEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 16
At KeyBank Center
Buffalo, N.Y.
Notre Dame (25-9) vs. Princeton (23-6), 11:15 a.m.
West Virginia (26-8) vs. Bucknell (26-8), 1:45 p.m.
At Amway Center
Orlando, Fla.
Maryland (24-9) vs. Xavier (21-13), 5:50 p.m.
Florida State (25-8) vs. Florida Gulf Coast (26-7), 8:20 p.m.
At Vivint Smart Home Arena
Salt Lake City
Gonzaga (32-1) vs. South Dakota State (18-16), 1 p.m.
Northwestern (23-11) vs. Vanderbilt (19-15), 3:30 p.m.
Saint Mary's (28-4) vs. VCU (26-6), 6:20 p.m.
Arizona (30-4) vs. North Dakota (22-9), 8:50 p.m.
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Salt Lake City
Gonzaga-South Dakota State winner vs. Northwestern-Vanderbilt winner
Arizona-North Dakota winner vs. Saint Mary's-VCU winner

National Invitation Tournament Glance

First Round
Tuesday, March 14
Illinois 82, Valparaiso 57
Mississippi 91, Monmouth 83
Oakland 74, Clemson 69
Georgia Tech 75, Indiana 63
Colorado State 81, College of Charleston 74
Richmond 71, Alabama 64
Boise St. 73, Utah 68
CS Bakersfield 73, California 66
Wednesday, March 15
Syracuse 90, UNC-Greensboro 77
Belmont 78, Georgia 69
UCF 79, Colorado 74
Akron 78, Houston 75
TCU 66, Fresno St. 59
Iowa 87, South Dakota 75
Illinois State 85, UC Irvine 78
Texas-Arlington (25-8) at BYU (22-11), late
Second Round
March 16-20
Syracuse (19-14) vs. Mississippi (21-13)
Georgia Tech (18-15) vs. Belmont (23-6)
CS Bakersfield (23-9) vs. Colorado State (24-11)
Texas-Arlington-BYU winner vs. Akron-Houston winner
UC Irvine-Illinois State winner vs. UCF (22-11)
Boise St. (20-11) vs. Illinois (19-14)
South Dakota-Iowa winner vs. Fresno St.-TCU winner
Richmond (21-12) vs. Oakland (25-8)
Quarterfinals
March 21-22
Semifinals
At Madison Square Garden
New York
Tuesday, March 28
Semifinal, 6 p.m.
Semifinal 8:30 p.m.
Championship
Thursday, March 29
Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.

College Basketball Invitational Glance

First Round
Wednesday, March 15
Utah Valley 74, Georgia Southern 49
Loyola (Md.) 73, George Mason 58
Coastal Carolina 83, Hampton 67
George Washington 73, Toledo 69
Rice 85, San Francisco 76
UMKC 92, Green Bay 82
Wyoming 91, Eastern Washington 81
Thursday, March 16
Stony Brook (18-13) at UIC (15-18), 7 p.m.
Quarterfinals
Monday, March 20
Loyola (Md.) (18-16) vs. Coastal Carolina (17-17)
Stony Brook-UIC winner vs. George Washington (20-14)
Wyoming (19-14) vs. UMKC (18-16)
Rice (23-11) vs. Utah Valley (16-16)
Semifinals
Wednesday, March 22
TBD
Championship Series
(Best-of-3)
Monday, March 27: TBD
Wednesday, March 29: TBD
Friday, March 31: TBD

NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Glance

BRIDGEPORT REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 17
At College Park, Md.
Maryland (30-2) vs. Bucknell (27-5), 11 a.m.
West Virginia (23-10) vs. Elon (27-6), 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 18
At Storrs, Conn.
UConn (32-0) vs. Albany (NY) (21-10), 10 a.m.
Syracuse (21-1) vs. Iowa State (18-12), 12:30 p.m.
At Los Angeles
UCLA (23-8) vs. Boise State (25-7), 5:30 p.m.
Texas A&M (21-11) vs. Penn (22-7), 8 p.m.
At Durham, N.C.
Temple (24-7) vs. Oregon (20-13), 5:30 p.m.
Duke (27-5) vs. Hampton (20-12), 8 p.m.
Second Round
Sunday, March 19
At College Park, Md.
Maryland-Bucknell winner vs. West Virginia-Elon winner
Monday, March 20
At Storrs, Conn.
UConn-Albany (NY) winner vs. Syracuse-Iowa State winner
At Los Angeles
UCLA-Boise State winner vs. Texas A&M-Penn winner
At Durham, N.C.
Temple-Oregon winner vs. Duke-Hampton winner
OKLAHOMA CITY REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 17
At Starkville, Miss.
DePaul (26-7) vs. Northern Iowa (24-8), 11 a.m.
Mississippi (29-4) vs. Troy (22-10), 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 18
At Waco, Texas
Baylor (30-3) vs. Texas Southern (23-9), 5:30 p.m.
LSU (20-11) vs. California (19-13), 8 p.m.
At Louisville, Ky.
Louisville (27-7) vs. Chattanooga (21-10), 12:30 p.m.
Tennessee (19-11) vs. Dayton (22-9), 3 p.m.
At Seattle
Oklahoma (22-9) vs. Gonzaga (26-6), 5:30 p.m.
Washington (27-5) vs. Montana State (25-6), 8 p.m.
Second Round
Sunday, March 19
At Starkville, Miss.
DePaul-Northern Iowa winner vs. Mississippi-Troy winner
Monday, March 20
At Waco, Texas
Baylor-Texas Southern winner vs. LSU-California winner
At Louisville, Ky.
Louisville-Chattanooga winner vs. Tennessee-Dayton winner
At Seattle
Oklahoma-Gonzaga winner vs. Washington-Montana State winner
LEXINGTON REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 17
At South Bend, Ind.
Green Bay (27-5) vs. Purdue (22-12), 4 p.m.
Notre Dame (30-3) vs. Robert Morris (22-12), 6:30 p.m.
At Lexington, Ky.
Kentucky (21-10) vs. Belmont (27-6), 11 a.m.
Ohio State (26-6) vs. Western Kentucky (27-6), 1:30 p.m.
At Austin, Texas
NC State (22-8) vs. Auburn (17-14), Noon
Texas (23-8) vs. Central Arkansas (26-4), 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 18
At Manhattan, Kan.
Stanford (28-5) vs. New Mexico State (24-6), 12:30 p.m.
Kansas State (22-10) vs. Drake (28-4), 3 p.m.
Second Round
Saturday, March 19
At South Bend, Ind.
Green Bay-Purdue winner vs. Notre Dame-Robert Morris winner
At Lexington, Ky.
Kentucky-Belmont winner vs. Ohio State-Western Kentucky winner
At Austin, Texas
NC State-Auburn winner vs. Texas-Central Arkansas winner
Sunday, March 20
At Manhattan, Kan.
Stanford-New Mexico State winner vs. Kansas State-Drake winner
STOCKTON REGIONAL
Friday, March 17
At Columbia, S.C.
South Carolina (27-4) vs. UNC-Asheville (19-14), 4 p.m.
Arizona State (19-12) vs. Michigan State (21-11), 6:30 p.m.
At Tallahassee, Fla.
Missouri (21-10) vs. South Florida (24-8), 4 p.m.
Florida State (25-6) vs. Western Illinois (26-6), 6:30 p.m.
Corvallis, Ore.
Oregon State (29-4) vs. Long Beach State (23-10), 4 p.m.
Creighton (23-7) vs. Toledo (25-8), 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 18
At Coral Gables, Fla.
Marquette (25-7) vs. Quinnipiac (27-6), 12:30 p.m.
Miami (23-6) vs. Florida Gulf Coast (26-8), 3 p.m.
Second Round
Saturday, March 19
At Columbia, S.C.
South Carolina-UNC Asheville winner vs. Arizona State-Michigan State winner
At Tallahassee, Fla.
Missouri-South Florida winner vs. Florida State-Western Illinois winner
Corvallis, Ore.
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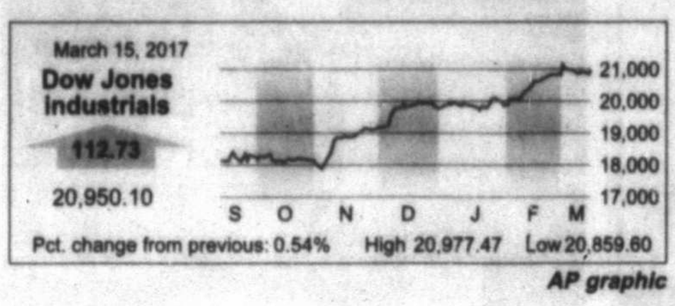

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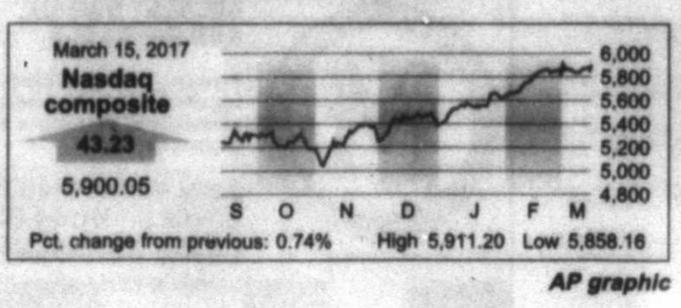

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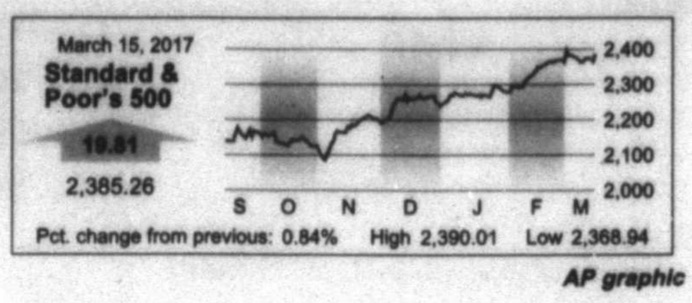

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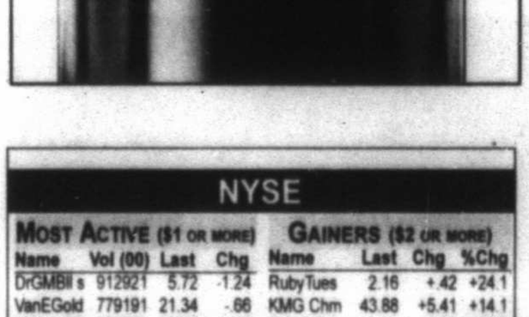

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BkofAm	615018	25.32	+.02
S&P500ETF	5221032	36.90	-.91

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Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
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KMG Chm	43.88	+5.41	+14.1
GreenDot	33.18	+3.02	+10.0
Jupai n	9.50	+.83	+9.6
ChOnIEd n	16.01	+1.07	+7.2

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Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DrGMBll s	5.72	-1.24	-17.8
PatriotN n	2.83	-.58	-17.0
EtrCrdOil n	28.95	-4.11	-12.4
PrUMin rs	57.78	-7.95	-12.1
Tillys	8.97	-1.07	-10.7

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Protalix	62592	1.44	+.01
NDynMin g	62385	1.08	-.12

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
OncoCyte n	5.70	+.75	+15.2
Air Inds	3.78	+.44	+13.2
BIP Tin	45.69	+3.04	+7.1
Flanign	26.65	+1.70	+6.8
AvalonHld	3.01	+.17	+6.0

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GldFld	7.05	-1.00	-12.4
EnrtnEn rs	2.55	-.30	-10.5
GoldResrc	4.15	-.42	-9.2
B2gold g	2.81	-.20	-6.6
MAG Slv g	13.33	-.89	-6.3

Diary

Advanced	103
Declined	231
Unchanged	32
Total issues	366
New Highs	4
New Lows	13
Volume	160,475,372

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
FrontierCm	457183	2.41	-.12
AuriniaPh	319645	7.90	-2.64
SiriusXM	296912	5.39	-.05
Intel	277253	35.18	+.02
CSVxSh rs	160364	4.09	+.14

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MoneyGrm	15.77	+3.11	+24.6
Root66 n	6.99	+1.26	+22.0
NakedBr n	2.60	+.46	+21.5
AdestoTc n	4.10	+.50	+13.9
HighpwrInt	3.15	+.38	+13.5

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AuriniaPh	7.90	-2.64	-25.0
AratanaTh	5.32	-1.63	-23.5
AlliedMot	19.26	-4.15	-17.7
Amphastar	12.20	-2.54	-17.2
CUI Glbl	5.03	-.94	-15.7

Diary

Advanced	898
Declined	1,869
Unchanged	243
Total issues	3,010
New Highs	62
New Lows	82
Volume	1,5[illegible] /63,782

In strengthening economy Fed raises rates

The Washington Post

The Federal Reserve raised its benchmark interest rate by 25 basis points Wednesday, launching into what is expected to be a more rapid series of increases that is intended to ward off inflation but will also raise costs for Americans who borrow money to finance mortgages, auto loans and credit card purchases.

Fed officials voted to raise the central bank's key interest rate for overnight lending by a quarter point, from a range of 0.5 percent to 0.75 percent to a range of 0.75 percent to 1.0 percent. Bank officials announced the decision Wednesday afternoon following a two-day policy meeting in Washington.

The Fed has long planned on raising interest rates to a more normal level, after slashing them to nearly zero during the financial crisis and holding them at an ultra-low level for years to stimulate a sluggish economy. After some tentative steps, Wednesday hike signals a significant transition The Fed's decision could also frustrate the ambitious goals of the Trump administration, including boosting growth rates to a pace not seen in years and reviving manufacturing and exports. By raising the cost of borrowing, higher interest rates tend to dampen growth. They also attract investment to the United States, which pushes up the value of the dollar and makes U.S. exports comparatively expensive abroad.

Investors were well-prepared for the move, as Fed officials have made numerous speeches telegraphing their decision in recent weeks. Before Wednesday's announcement, futures markets pointed to a 95 percent probability of the rate hike.

The Fed carried out its first rate increase since the global financial crisis in December 2015, and another in December 2016. But the uncertainty surrounding the U.S. presidential election and persistent threats to global growth, such as a stock market crash in China last year, persuaded the Fed to otherwise hold off.

"It feels like we are at a transition to somewhat more regular increases," said Michael Feroli, chief U.S. economist at J. P. Morgan. In the past, the Fed "just didn't get the global headroom" to be able to raise rates, he said. "I think for now the coast looks clear."

The Fed has long insisted that it will match the pace of its interest rate hikes to the progress of the economy. And in recent months, the U.S. economy has finally showed signs of heating up. While gross domestic product, a broad measure of economic growth, remains disappointing low, the unemployment rate has fallen below the Fed's long-term projections, companies continue to add hundreds of thousands of jobs per month, and there are signs that a long-absent increase in inflation could be just around the corner.

Given these more encouraging signs, the Fed is eager to move interest rates away from what economists call the zero-lower bound — meaning interest rates hovering at about zero percent.

That would give the Fed room to cut rates to stimulate the economy, in the event of economic troubles in the future.

Some argue that, by raising rates too quickly, the Fed risks choking off progress for the poorest Americans, just as they dig themselves out of the Recession. But others say that, by delaying, the Fed risks inflating asset bubbles in the market or letting inflation get out of hand — something market watchers term "falling behind the curve."

"The Fed still has their foot on the monetary accelerator almost to the floorboard. They have to take that foot off," said Steven Rick, chief economist at CUNA Mutual Group. "We're concerned that maybe they are behind the curve."

"The economy can absorb these rate hikes, and its past time we got on with it," said Joe Brusuelas, chief economist at RSM US.

Market watchers were also keeping a close eye during Wednesday's meeting on the massive balance sheet that the Fed accumulated during the financial crisis. To boost lending in the economy, the Fed bought massive amounts of Treasurys, mortgage-backed securities and other assets during the financial crisis, expanding its balance sheet from less than $900 billion to about $4.5 trillion today.

The Fed has tapered off purchases of these assets, but it has not yet started reducing the size of the massive balance sheet.

The Fed argued that these extraordinary measures were needed to keep the United States out of another Great Depression. But some have criticized the move as exceeding the Fed's congressional mandate, and say that it distorts the market by holding down longer-run interest rates.

The policies of the new administration are clouding the outlook for the Fed. Trump came into office with sweeping plans for the economy, including slashing corporate taxes, cutting regulations and boosting spending on infrastructure. If these policies materialize, they are likely to boost economic growth and spur inflation, potentially forcing the Fed to hike rates more quickly to keep up.

By raising the cost of borrowing, higher interest rates could dampen the economy's growth — and also likely attract global investment, which will push up the dollar and weigh on U.S. exports.

That could set the stage for a conflict between the Fed and a president that is not known for pulling punches — at a time when Trump has substantial opportunity to reshape the Federal Reserve Board.

Stocks climb, led by energy companies, dividend payers

NEW YORK — Stocks clambered higher Wednesday for their biggest gain in two weeks and easily absorbed the Federal Reserve's latest increase in interest rates, a move that was widely expected.

What was perhaps unexpected was the big drop in bond yields and the dollar's value against other currencies following the Fed's announcement. The central bank stressed that it plans to move gradually and stuck to its projection that it will raise rates a total of three times this year. That cooled speculation among some investors that the Fed could move more aggressively.The Standard & Poor's 500 index jumped 19.81 points, or 0.8 percent, to 2,385.26. It had been up through the day, and the gains accelerated immediately after the Fed made its announcement.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 112.73 points, or 0.5 percent, to 20,950.10. The Nasdaq composite picked up 43.23 points, or 0.7 percent, to 5,900.05. The Russell 2000 index of small-company stocks jumped 20.45 points, or 1.5 percent, to 1,382.83.

Metal prices fall

The weaker dollar also helped to lift prices for metals. Gold settled early in the afternoon at $1,200.70 per ounce, down $1.90. Silver and copper also rose following the announcement..

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $131.89 Up 2.41

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $131.62 Up 3.12

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $6.11 Up 0.12

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $102.92 Up 4.57

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.06 Up 0.08

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $3.60 Up 0.08

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $26.35 Up 0.55

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $39.70 Up 1.05

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $10.67 Up 0.55

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $17.81 Up 0.25

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Abraxas	...	...	**1.57**	**-.08**	**-39.9**
AdaDvsEq	**.92e**	...	13.72	-.03	+7.9
AMD			14.10	-.18	+24.3
AlonUSA	.60		12.28	+.06	+7.9
Amgen	**4.60f**	**16**	**180.12**	**-.93**	**+23.2**
Anadarko	**.20**	...	**61.81**	**-1.01**	**-11.4**
AntheraP h			41	-.27	-36.2
Apache	**1.00**	...	**50.33**	**+.17**	**-20.7**
ApyJe Inc	2.28	17	138.99	-.21	+20.0
ApldMatl	**.40**	**19**	**38.27**	**-.17**	**+18.6**
ArcelorMit		9	8.68	-.17	+18.9
Archrock	4R		11.80	-.45	-10.6
ATMOS	**1.80f**	**22**	**78.33**	**+.19**	**+5.6**
AuriniaPh			7.90	-2.64	+276.2
AutoData	2.28	28	103.97	-.87	+1.2
BP PLC	**2.40e**	**40**	**33.43**	**-.64**	**-10.6**
BakrHu	.68	...	56.47	-.21	-13.1
BkofAm	30f	20	25.32	+.02	+14.6
B IPVxST rs			16.96	+.29	-33.5
BaringsCp s	1.20		15.04	-.04	-2.8
BerrickG	.12f	32	17.80	-.47	+11.4
BasicEnS			45		
BerkHa A	...		**172610**00.00	**-1090.00**	**+7.3**
BlkHillsCp	**1.78f**	**21**	**65.15**	**-.05**	**+6.2**
BrMySq	**1.56f**	**34**	**56.69**	**-.24**	**-3.0**
BrownFA s	...	**29**	**47.27**	**-.12**	**+2.2**
BrownFB s	...	...	**46.34**	**+.11**	**+3.2**
CVS Health	2.00f	14	79.89	-.55	+1.2
CallonPet		**52**	**11.40**	**-.20**	**-25.8**
Caterpillar	3.08	28	91.86	-.78	-.9
Celestic g	...	10	13.60	+.01	+14.8
Cemex	.29t	...	8.54	-.19	+6.4
CntryLink	2.16	10	23.34	-.12	-1.9
ChesEng	...	...	5.24	-.09	-25.4
Chevron	**4.32f**	**...**	**107.36**	**-1.99**	**-8.8**
Chicos	.33f	19	13.73	+.14	-4.6
Cimarex	.32	...	120.88	+.29	-11.1
Cisco	1.16	17	34.12	+.02	+12.9
Citigroup	.64	13	61.44	-.09	+3.4
ClayEng	**...**	**...**	**129.40**	**-.87**	**+8.8**
CliffsNRs	...	9	9.07	+.02	+7.8
CobaltEn			.44	-.10	-64.0
CocaCola	**1.68f**	**26**	**41.97**	**-.06**	**+1.2**
ColgPalm	**1.60f**	**26**	**73.65**	**-.25**	**+12.5**
ConAgra	**.80**	**22**	**41.24**	**+.22**	**+4.3**
ConchoRes	...	...	**128.50**	**-.35**	**-3.1**
ConocoPhil	**1.06f**	...	**44.94**	**-.90**	**-10.4**
CrackerB	4.60	25	159.46	+.60	-4.5
CSVInvNG			5.17	+.34	+70.6
CSVixSh rs			4.09	+.14	-57.0
CrosTim	**1.07e**	**13**	**14.72**	**-.38**	**-18.1**
DCP Mid	3.12	18	37.10	-.64	-3.3
DTE	3.30f	23	100.49	-.12	+2.0
Dataram rs			1.13	-.02	-48.6
DeltaAir	.81	8	46.28	-1.07	-5.9
DevonE	**.24**	...	**40.02**	**-.94**	**-12.4**
DxGlMBr rs			19.80	+2.93	-43.6
DrGMBll s			5.72	-1.24	+2.5
DxGBull s	...	...	7.60	-.73	-.5
Disney	**1.56f**	**20**	**112.31**	**+.79**	**+7.8**
DowChm	**1.84**	**20**	**63.68**	**-.43**	**+11.3**
DryShp rs	.08	1	1.80	+.03	-93.9
EOG Resc	**.67**	...	**94.59**	**-.36**	**-6.4**
EnCana g	.06	...	10.32	-.32	-12.1
Endo Intl		6	10.22	-.45	-37.9
Energen	.08	...	50.00	-.59	-13.3
EngyTsfr	4.22	...	35.81	-.59	...
EnPro	**.88f**	**55**	**64.22**	**+.56**	**-4.7**
EntProdPt	1.64	22	27.25	-.28	+.8
Ericsson	.46e		6.54	-.10	+12.2
ExxonMbl	**3.00**	**36**	**80.99**	**-.43**	**-10.3**
Facebook	...	33	139.32	-.28	+21.1
FiatChrys			11.06	-.05	+21.3
FordM	.60e	7	12.55	+.01	+3.5
FrptMcM	...	...	12.27	-.29	-7.0
FrontierCm	.42	...	2.41	-.12	-28.7
GATX	**1.68f**	**10**	**58.86**	**-.36**	**-4.4**
GabMultT	**.94e**	**...**	**8.09**	**+.02**	**+11.7**
GAInv	**1.15e**	**...**	**33.23**	**-.15**	**+6.6**
GenElec	**.96**	**24**	**29.54**	**-.32**	**-6.5**
Gordmans		...	.09	+.01	-86.9
GlPlainEn	**1.10**	**17**	**28.62**	**-.12**	**+4.8**
Hallibrtn	.72	...	49.80	-1.08	-7.9
IAMGld g	...	68	3.39	-.21	-11.9
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	36.65	-.70	+9.9
iSHEMkts	.84e	...	38.32	-.22	+9.5
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	60.90	-.47	+5.5
iShBxHYB	5.09	...	86.11	-.26	-.5
iShR2K	1.77e	...	135.63	-.65	+.6
Intel	**1.04**	**15**	**35.18**	**+.02**	**-3.0**
InterDig	1.20	10	84.95	+.90	-7.1
JohnJn	**3.20**	**19**	**127.05**	**+.37**	**+10.3**
KimbClk	**3.88f**	**22**	**133.54**	**-.20**	**+17.0**
Kinross g	...	64	3.19	-.06	+2.6
LegacyRes	.50m	...	1.98	-.09	-6.6
LloydBkg	.47a	...	3.40	-.03	+9.7
Lubys	**...**	**...**	**3.31**	**+.01**	**-22.7**
MarathnO	.20	...	15.32	-.52	-11.5
McDnlds	3.76	24	127.80	+.19	+5.0
Merck	1.88	17	64.20	+.05	+9.1
MeritMed	**...**	**39**	**30.65**	**+.10**	**+15.3**
MexcoEn		...	3.52	-.01	-29.6
MicronT		...	25.58	-.12	+16.7
Microsoft	1.56f	28	64.41	-.30	+3.7
Mobileye	...	...	60.96	+.34	+59.9
Nabors	.24	...	13.09	-.32	-20.2
NatGrid	**3.35e**	**...**	**60.11**	**-.05**	**+3.1**
NOVArco	.20	29	37.76	-.34	+.9
NSTFI3	**.55e**	**...**	**13.95**	**+.05**	**-1.6**
NTXQI	**.65**	**...**	**14.03**	**+.15**	**+2.3**
Nvidia	.56	38	101.78	-.07	-4.6
OcclPet	**3.04**	**...**	**63.04**	**+.16**	**-11.5**
Oclaro	...	...	8.10	-.31	-9.5
OptoHth	...	...	8.07	+.15	-13.2
PDC Engy	**...**	**...**	**64.41**	**+.20**	**-11.3**
Pandora	...	...	11.59	-.79	-11.1
ParTech	**...**	**20**	**6.76**	**+.06**	**+21.1**
ParkDrl	**...**	**...**	**1.65**	**+.05**	**-36.5**
PattUTI	**.08**	**...**	**25.01**	**-.53**	**-7.1**
Penney	...	...	6.01	+.02	-27.7
PennaRE	**.84**	**10**	**14.73**	**-.03**	**-22.3**
Prmian	.44e	25	9.06	+.01	+17.5
PetrbrsA	...	...	8.60	-.47	-2.4
Petrobras		...	9.04	-.39	-10.6
Pfizer	**1.28f**	**14**	**34.22**	**+.11**	**+6.4**
PlcNtrl	.08	...	179.31	-5.10	-.4
PlainsAAP	**2.20**	**28**	**30.91**	**-.57**	**-4.3**
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	131.29	-.32	+10.8
Praxair	**3.16f**	**21**	**116.66**	**-.07**	**-.5**
PrmEgy	**...**	**...**	**52.00**	**...**	**-3.7**
PUVixST rs	...	...	18.62	+.67	...
PrUCrude rs	...	...	17.50	-.28	...
ProctGam	**2.68**	**24**	**91.00**	**-.31**	**+8.2**
RangeRs	.08	...	27.45	-.63	-20.1
RegionsFn	.26	17	15.09	-.03	+5.1
RexahnPh	...	...	.46	+.01	+223.9
RiteAid	...	44	4.87	+.14	-40.9
Rowan	.40	7	15.35	-.40	-18.7
RoyDShllA	3.76	77	50.95	-1.04	-6.3
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	208.54	-.40	+5.6
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	236.90	-.91	+6.0
SpdrLehHY	2.30	...	36.25	-.14	-.5
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	35.88	-.48	-13.4
SabnR	1.92e	17	36.25	+.10	+3.1
SanderFm	**.96**	**10**	**93.55**	**-.07**	**-.7**
Schlmbrg	2.00	68	78.38	-.21	-6.6
SiriusXM	.01p	41	5.39	-.05	+21.1
Smucker	3.00f	17	138.92	-.19	+8.5
SnapInc A n	...	...	20.58	-.51	-15.9
SwstnEngy	...	...	7.38	-.22	-31.8
SP Engy	2.04e	...	69.23	-.79	-8.1
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	24.78	-.07	+6.6
SP Util	1.55e	...	51.06	-.05	+5.1
SunocoLog	2.08f	25	24.03	-.43	...
TelefEsp	**1.03e**	**...**	**10.79**	**-.19**	**+17.3**
Tesoro	2.20	12	83.09	-.36	-5.0
3M Co	4.70f	23	190.33	-1.19	+6.6
Torchmark	**.60f**	**17**	**78.41**	**+.03**	**+6.3**
Transocn	...	7	12.41	-.20	-15.8
TrContl	**.82e**	**...**	**23.18**	**-.06**	**+6.1**
Twitter	...	...	15.32	+.11	-6.0
TylerTech	**...**	**50**	**155.27**	**-1.22**	**+6.8**
UBSI	**1.32**	**22**	**43.80**	**...**	**-6.3**
US NGas	...	...	7.12	-.16	-23.8
US OilFd	...	...	10.19	-.09	-13.1
USSteel	.20	...	35.72	-.06	+8.2
Vale SA	.29e	...	9.86	+.02	+29.4
Vale SA pf	.29e	...	9.33	+.07	+35.4
ValeantPh	...	3	10.89	-1.22	-25.0
ValeroE	2.80f	18	67.44	-.22	-1.3
VanEGold	.12e	...	21.34	-.66	+2.0
VanE JrGld	...	...	33.99	-2.16	+7.7
VangEmg	1.10e	...	38.92	-.22	+6.8
VulcanM	**1.00f**	**39**	**117.94**	**-1.65**	**-6.8**
WEC Engy	2.08	21	59.17	-.07	+.9
WaldBoots	1.50	18	85.40	-.21	+3.2
Weatherfrd	...	...	5.98	-.34	+19.8
WstnRefin	1.52	29	35.81	-.16	-5.4
WstnUnion	.70f	12	20.27	+.69	-6.7
WhitingPet	...	...	8.94	-.35	-25.6
WmsCos	1.20f	48	28.11	-.74	-9.7
XcelEngy	**1.44f**	**20**	**43.25**	**+.02**	**+6.3**
Xerox	**.25m**	**10**	**7.32**	**+.01**	**+27.3**
Yamana g	.02	51	2.53	-.09	-10.0

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52-Week High	Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
21,169.11	17,063.08	Dow Jones Industrials	20,837.37	-44.11	-.21	+5.44	+20.79
9,639.33	7,029.41	Dow Jones Transportation	9,123.06	-128.62	-1.39	+.88	+19.30
723.83	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	690.95	-.68	-.10	+4.75	+6.41
11,598.45	9,918.72	NYSE Composite	11,459.30	-60.14	-.52	+3.64	+14.44
5,911.79	4,574.25	Nasdaq Composite	5,858.82	-18.96	-.32	+8.80	+23.86
2,400.96	1,991.68	S&P 500	2,385.45	-8.02	-.34	+5.66	+17.34
1,761.08	1,388.38	S&P Midcap	1,707.12	-6.68	-.39	+2.80	+22.59
25,008.97	20,583.79	Wilshire 5000	24,564.78	-85.42	-.35	+4.86	+18.70
1,414.82	1,083.86	Russell 2000	1,382.38	-7.90	-.58	+.39	+27.72

TODAY: Mostly sunny High: 83 Low: 56

FRIDAY: Sunny High: 89 Low: 55

SATURDAY: Sunny High: 80 Low: 58

SUNDAY: Sunny High: 83 Low: 57

MONDAY: Sunny High: 87 Low: 57

TUESDAY: Sunny High: 85 Low: 57

Local forecast

Highs are expected to be in the 80s, and there is a 10 percent to 20 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms today and Saturday, according to the National Weather Service.

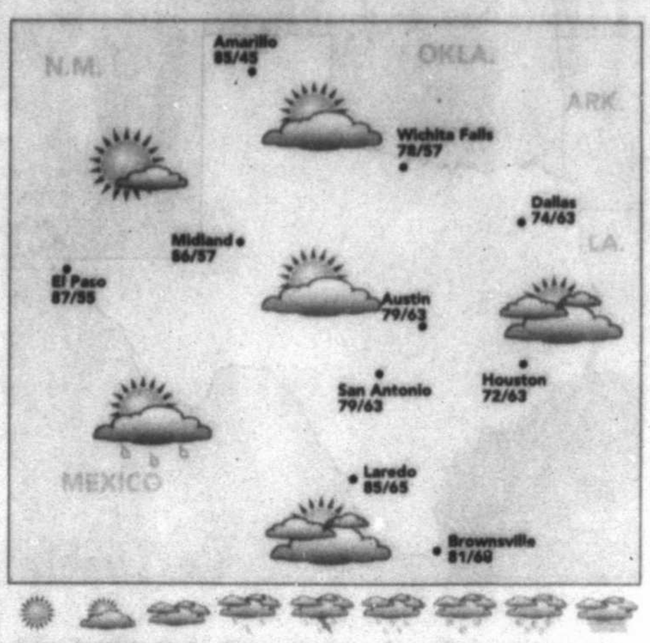
The record high for March 15 is 88, set in 1974. The record low is 22, set in 1962. On March 15 of last year, the high was 80 and the low was 50.

National weather summary

Gusty northwest winds on the back end of the departing nor'easter will promote lake-effect snow in the Northeast tomorrow. Northern New England, much of New York state and the higher elevations of Pennsylvania can expect blowing snow and an overall blustery day.

Elsewhere east of the Mississippi, high pressure will maintain dry and increasingly warm weather. A few showers cannot be ruled out in eastern Texas, the western Midwest and parts of the northern Plains as moisture gets pulled northward out of the Gulf.

Hot, dry weather will continue in the Desert Southwest, contrasting a cool disturbance moving into the interior Northwest.



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Precipitation	
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.01 in.
Year total	1.85 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.55 in.

Wednesday's temperatures	
High	77
Low	47
Normal high	70
Normal low	41
Sunrise	7:57 a.m.
Sunset	7:58 p.m.

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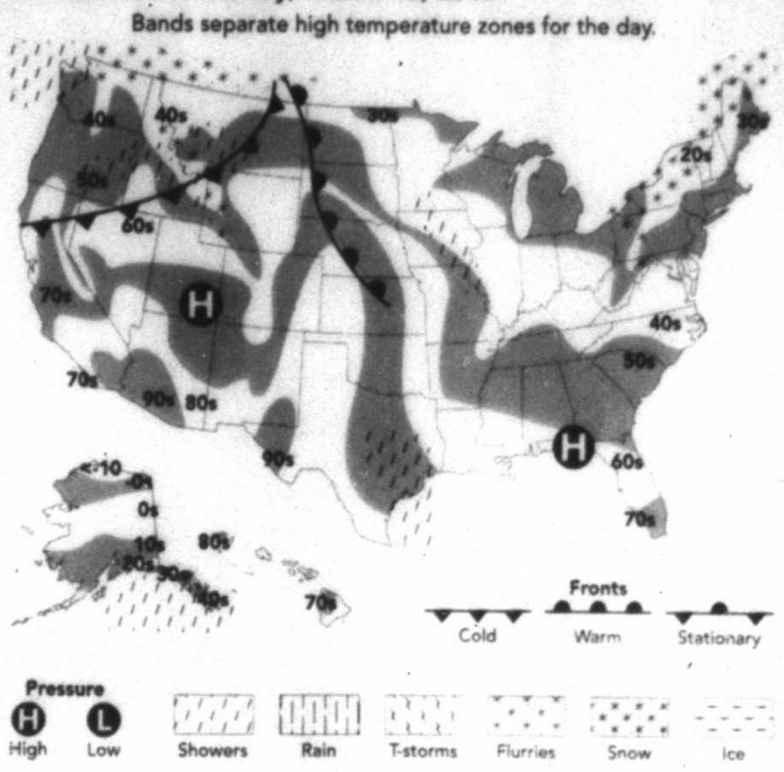
Forecast for Thursday, March 16, 2017

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



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.

Dad's dumpster-diving habit causes his family concern

DEAR ABBY: I have an issue with my father and don't know where to turn. Dad is in his early 80s and — aside from poor eyesight — he's in good health. I'm concerned because he has developed an unusual habit. He likes to look through the dumpsters behind the grocery store.

Initially, he told me it was to get old produce for compost in his garden. But I have learned that he eats some of the things he finds. I have tried telling him this is dangerous. He could cut himself digging through the trash or get food poisoning. He refuses to listen and insists that what he is doing is safe. (He is NOT forced to do this out of economic necessity. He has enough money to buy groceries.)

The situation has become critical because he is now planning to cook something he found in the dumpster for a family gathering. I told him not to do it. If he does prepare food from the trash, I told him he must let people know where it came from, so they can make an informed decision about whether to eat it. Abby, please help. — GROSSED OUT

DEAR GROSSED OUT: If you can't convince your father to disclose to relatives that the food he's serving may have come from a dumpster, YOU should alert them to that possibility.

P.S. A worldwide trend I heard about recently is something called "freeganism." (The term is derived from a cross between "free" and "vegan.") Freegans "rescue" food from behind markets to share among themselves to combat food waste, and in Paris, France, there's even a restaurant that serves food procured this way for a reduced fee.

Caveat emptor: People who consume this food should be aware that the food may be past its nutritional peak, and they may risk a food-borne illness if it wasn't stored properly.

DEAR ABBY: My 9-year-old daughter has several friends whom we love and who are good buddies for her. However, the rules in their homes are different from those at ours. One friend in particular, "Sarah," eats a lot of junk food and watches more TV than we allow. When my daughter asks why she can't have chips and ice cream after school, or why we watch movies only on weekends, I remind her that good food and exercise make her healthy, and with less TV, she does better in school.

I'm not interested in critiquing Sarah or her family, who are lovely people we really like. However, I do want to make the connection between unhealthy lifestyle choices and possible consequences because this is a subject we'll keep revisiting as my daughter grows up.

I have been trying to say things like, "Everyone makes their own decisions. This is why we do it this way," but at 9, my daughter sees things as pretty black or white. If our way is right, then their way must be wrong. I'm totally failing at subtlety. Is there a better approach that I could take to talking about this without invoking comparisons? — LIFESTYLE CHOICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA

DEAR LIFESTYLE CHOICES: Do not attempt to debate this with your 9-year-old. If your daughter argues with you about your parenting style, tell her that different families have different standards and that you are doing what you think is right for yours. Period. If she needs more of an explanation, then fall back on the message you have been sending her, and in time she will understand.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Sound reasoning

Both vulnerable, East deals

NORTH
♠ J 8 7 2
♥ K J 7 6 5
♦ A 7 3
♣ 8

WEST
♠ 5 3
♥ A 10 9 8
♦ Q 6 4
♣ K 10 7 2

EAST
♠ 10
♥ Q 4
♦ J 10 5 2
♣ A Q 9 5 4 3

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 9 6 4
♥ 3 2
♦ K 9 8
♣ J 6

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
Pass	1♣	Pass	4♠*
Dbl	4♣	All pass	

*Splinter bid, at least four spades and at most one club

Opening lead: Two of ♣

Making a splinter bid with the North hand would not be everyone's choice. Many would just bid four spades, showing a big fit with some useful distribution, without a lot of high-card points. Some might not even force to game, settling for an invitational three-spade bid. Note that on a trump lead declarer would easily come to 10 tricks by leading toward dummy's king-jack of hearts, twice if he misguessed the first time. The splinter bid gave East a chance to make a lead directing double and South now had his work cut out for him.

The opening club lead went to East's ace, and East shifted to the jack of diamonds. South won with his king and drew trumps in two rounds. Declarer had to guess the heart position the first time, or the defense would set up their diamond trick before he could lead a second heart.

South took some time to consider what he knew about the hand. West had led the two of clubs, suggesting four-card length with an honor, likely the king from East's play of the ace at trick one. East therefore started with six clubs to the ace-queen along with the jack of diamonds. Should the club inferences be correct, South had to decide whether East, a passed hand, would have opened the bidding if he also held the ace of hearts. South thought that most players would open with 11 points and a good six-card suit, so he led a heart and put up dummy's king when West played low. Good thinking!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, March 16, 2017:

This year you often seem to know what is going to happen next. Many of you might not trust your inner voice, but you'll need to test it out and use it when appropriate. Your intuition is a strength of yours. If you are single, this is a year of romance for you. Be open to many different personality styles. If you are attached, the two of you will want to travel and/or explore a mutual interest together. You also experience an emotional depth and connection with your sweetie that will last for years to come. SCORPIO is as reflective as you are.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Communication seems to reflect a quality of togetherness. Be more forthright with someone you work with. Your strong suit is not diplomacy, so be sure to touch base with a friend or loved one who won't hesitate to give you the lay of the land. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Stay on your chosen path, and you will find out a lot about those around you. Even if others indicate that they are on the same path, their actions might reveal a different story. You can count on feeling very differently about a key person in your life. Tonight: Visit a loved one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Pace yourself, and head in a new direction. You will see events unfurl in a unique way. How you deal with a controlling person who affects your life in multiple ways is important. You cannot avoid a conversation, no matter how much you might want to. Tonight: As you like it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Your creativity emerges after a long discussion with someone who has a lot of interesting ideas. As a result, you are likely to be more dynamic when approaching different situations or when coming up with solutions. Stay more upbeat. Tonight: Be naughty and nice!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Stay close to home, but be ready for a change of atmosphere. A roommate or close family member is likely to express his or her discomfort in a way that is meaningful and direct. Do not have expectations for how others might react. Tonight: Dinner for two.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Keep a conversation from heading in a direction that you are not comfortable with. You have a unique style that might distract others. Tap into your imagination, and you will find an easy resolution. Steer away from controlling people. Tonight: Smile the night away.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You might be in the mood to deal with taxes and other serious matters. A conversation could be intimidating, but you'll prove to be on top of your game. Others seek your understanding and caring. Anything can happen when you open up a door. Tonight: Your treat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You succeed when you are true to your word. You will discover a strong response to this trait, which benefits you in many ways. You tend to be secretive, but if you follow through, others will be less concerned about your elusive ways. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★ You could feel as if you have less going for you than usual. That might be true, or perhaps it's not, but either way, there is no need to be defensive. You'll want to take a step back and decide to schedule a few days off just for you. Tonight: Make it an early night.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Zero in on what you want. You might sense what someone else needs, but you can't be sure unless you ask him or her directly. Being open to others' feedback is necessary. You seem to be able to know who is on the phone before you even answer it. Tonight: Play it like you mean it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ A loved one might be impressed by your strong sense of direction. Consider treating this person to a late lunch and having a heart-to-heart conversation. Over a meal, people tend to relax more. Be sensitive to someone else's demands. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You might want to respond to a friend's inquiry. Make sure you speak in a tone that leaves open the possibility of continuing the discussion at a later date. Clearly, many different ideas can lead to a reasonable resolution. Tonight: Read between the lines with a close loved one.

BORN TODAY

Singer/songwriter Jerry Jeff Walker (1942), actor Jerry Lewis (1926), former U.S. first lady Pat Nixon (1912)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 The Miners of the Lone Star St.
5 Eurasia's __ Mountains
9 Fundraising gps.
13 Caesar's France
14 Manner of fiction
16 Hindustani language
17 What Dobermans do for dinner?
19 Innocent
20 Retro wall unit
21 Titanic undoing
23 Not very bright
24 Super-cold concoction at Baskin-Robbins?
28 Yale alum
31 Longtime Yankees announcer __ Allen
32 First to play James
33 Tall and lean
35 "Sadly ... "
38 Box
41 World's stealthiest detective?
44 Got out of bed
45 "So __ say"
46 Crowd-sourced review site
47 Asian takeout option
49 Little trickster
51 See 56-Down
52 Cutest Baby contest champion?
57 Security briefing org.
58 Clothing part that might split
59 Epic tales
63 Singer James
65 Massage epiphany?
68 Agenda detail
69 Gets mud on
70 Phi __ Kappa
71 Banks of 2000s TV talk
72 Doing business
73 "The Osbournes" patriarch

DOWN

1 Brand of sheepskin boots
2 Biting
3 Italian capital
4 Fallback option
5 __ Today
6 Tease
7 "I was out of town," e.g.
8 Approach midnight
9 Place to hoist a pint
10 DBA followers
11 Madison Ave. field
12 In-your-face challenge
15 Feudal laborers
18 Protective barrier
22 El __
25 Authentic
26 Dole out
27 Like birds with worms, so it's said
28 Designer Schiaparelli
29 Cowardly Lion portrayer
30 Facing serious trouble
34 Singer who formerly stylized her name with a dollar sign
36 "__ du lieber!"
37 Yarn purchase
39 Squeal
40 Catch sight of
42 Raises
43 Many a gospel song
48 Brainstorms
50 Uruguayan money
52 Nail a test
53 Like Oscar Wilde
54 Mackerel relative
55 Beatnik's "With ya"
56 Repeating movie role for 51-Across
60 "Sheesh!"
61 Animated bug film
62 Time at a hotel
64 Org. for docs
66 Pint to drink
67 AOL alternative

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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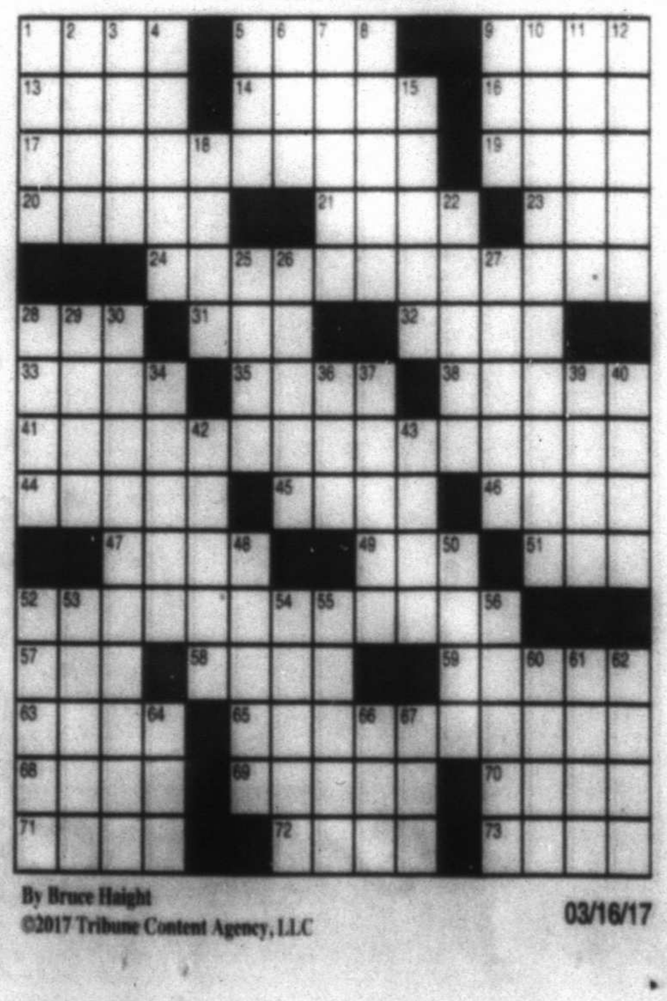

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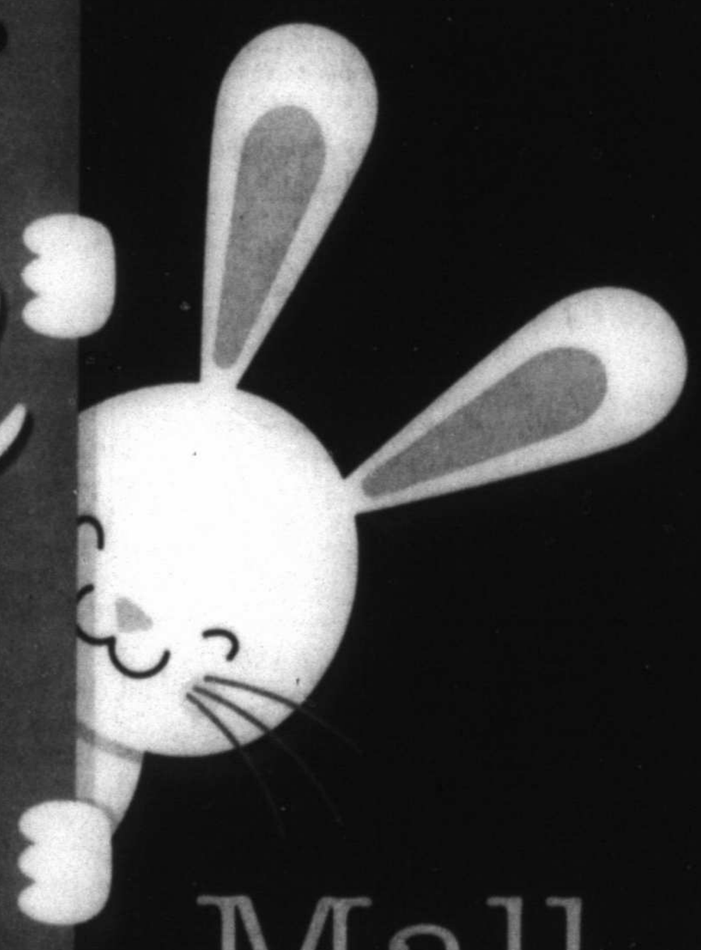

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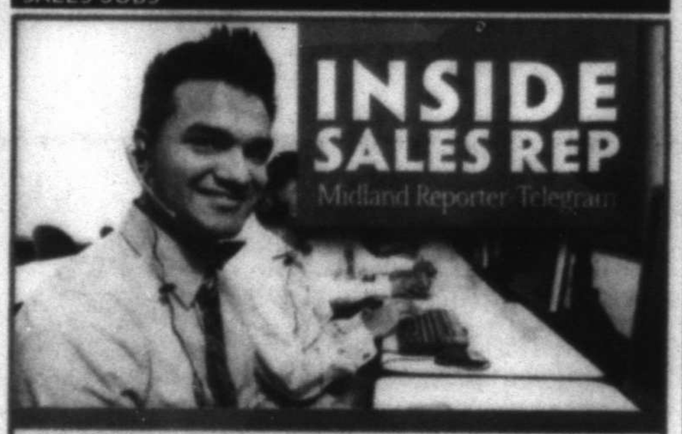

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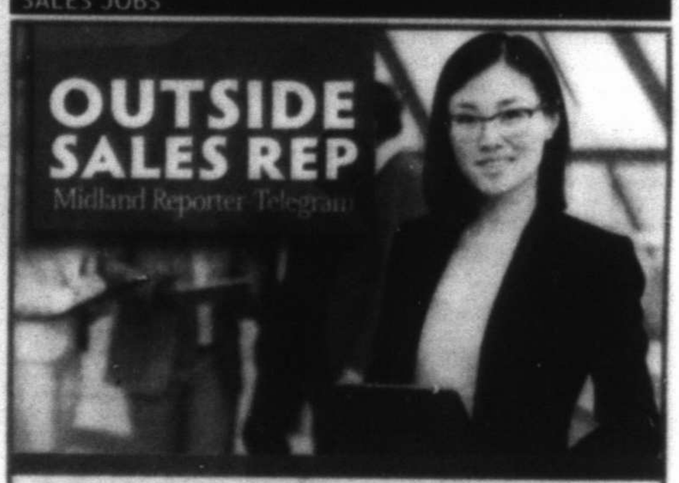

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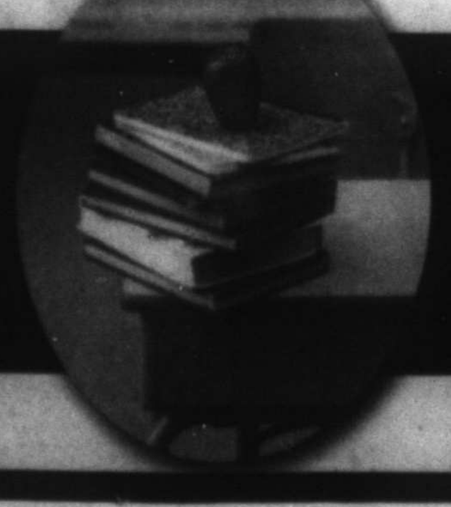

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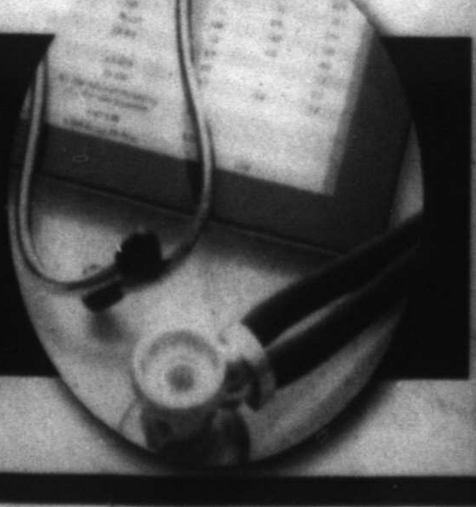

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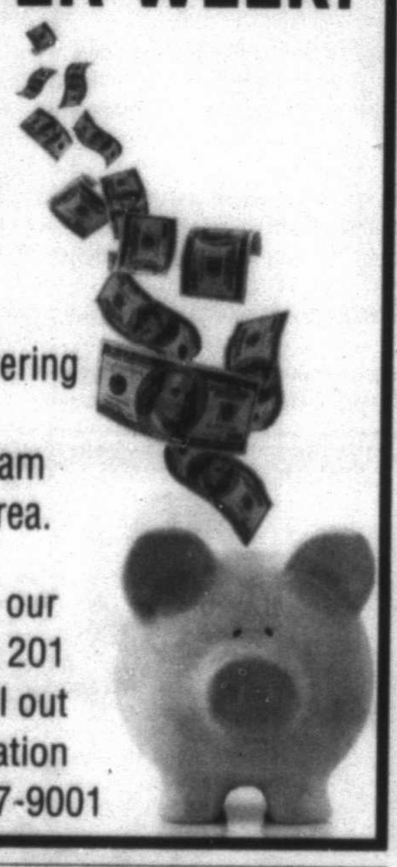

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 21, 2017
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Mar 28, 2017
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

Rule 37 Case No. 0303703
Status/Permit No. 822127

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, [RRC Operator No. 642652] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 9, Bk. 39 T5S, T&P RR CO Survey, A-427, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC Field, UPTON County, being 27.1 miles N direction from RANKIN, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512)463-6848**. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 **(512)463-6751**.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Mar 28, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name	:	ELWOOD (16-21)
Lease/Unit Well No.	:	4107H
Lease/Unit Acres	:	663.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	:	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	:	668.0

Lease Lines	:	500.0 F S (offlease) L,	2310.0 F W (offlease) L
Survey Lines	:	500.0 F S (offlease) L,	2310.0 F W (offlease) L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines : 500.0 F S L
2310.0 F W L

Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 21 Block: 39 T5S Abstract: 433
Survey: T&P RR CO
Lease Lines : 15.0 F S L
330.0 F E L
Survey Lines : 2635.0 F N L
2297.0 F W L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9766 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Monna Coleman, at (737)7042339

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$100 REWARD for the return of Cowboy, a black Schneider & Dammit a brown Chihuahua Terrier mix. In the vicinity of ECR 140 & SCR 1159 on Saturday night. Please call Alan 432-238-9612 or Emma 432-257-9985

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Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR OIL AND GAS WASTE DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

Royalty Land & Dev. Co., Inc., PO Box 37, Wolfforth, Texas 79382 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Glorieta Formation, Blalock, Lois Lease, Well Number 3. The proposed disposal well is located ±13 Miles Northwest of Garden City, Texas in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Glasscock County, Texas. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4,456 to 4,832 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the **Texas Natural Resources Code**, as amended, and the **Statewide Rules** of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

Legal and Public Notices

Notice of Application for Commercial Oil and Gas Waste Disposal Well Permit

Solaris Water Midstream, LLC, 8901 Gaylord Dr., Ste. 210, Houston, TX 77024, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Devonian, Fusselman, Montoya, Ellenburger, and Cambrian Formations, Brown SWD Lease, Well Number 1. The proposed disposal well is located 2.71 miles northwest of Lenorah in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Martin County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 11,600 to 13,500 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO SWR 26/27 SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT Notice is hereby given that SM Energy Company (RRC P-5 # 788997) has filed with the Texas Railroad Commission an amended P-17 Application for an exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to add production from the following oil and gas leases to existing surface commingle Permit No. 6042: Dorcus Janey (SA) Allocation 1831H (RRC Lease No. 18828), Dorcus Janey (SA) A 1833WB (RRC Lease No. 18893), Dorcus Janey (SA) B 1834WB (RRC Lease No. 18894), Dorcus Janey (SA) C 1901LS (RRC Lease No. 19361), Dorcus Janey (SA) D 1902LS (RRC Lease No. 19363), Dorcus Janey (SA) E 1903LS (RRC Lease No. 19396), Dorcus Janey (SA) F 1960WA (RRC Lease No. 817536), Dorcus Janey (SA) G 1961WA (RRC Lease No. 816199), Dorcus Janey (SA) H 1962WA (RRC Lease No. 816190), Dorcus Janey (SA) M 1970WB (RRC Lease No. 817542), Dorcus Janey (SA) N 1971WB (RRC 816201), Dorcus Janey (SA) O 1972WB (RRC Lease No. 816202), Dorcus Janey (SA) P 1973WB (RRC Lease No. 816195), Dorcus Janey (SA) Q 1974WB (RRC Lease No. 816197), Dorcus Janey (SA) W 1940LS (RRC Lease No. 821476), Dorcus Janey (SA) X 1941LS (RRC Lease No. 821483), and Dorcus Janey (SA) Y 1942LS (RRC Lease No. 821485) all in the Spraberry (Trend Area) in Midland and Upton Counties, Texas. The wells and leases are located in Section 19, Block 41, T-4-S, T&P Ry Co. Survey, Midland and Upton Counties, Texas and Section 18, Block 41, T-4-S, T&P Ry Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas. This application is for off lease storage, common storage and casinghead gas metering by allocation by well test. Production will be allocated by W-10 Tests. Any royalty interest owners who have not received written notification, please consider this your Notice of Application. If you have objections to the issuance of this permit, you may submit a letter to P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Railroad Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days following the date of last publication.

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Date: March 20, 2017 5:00 p.m.
Place: Permian Basin MPO
9601 Wright Dr., Suite 1
Midland, TX 79706

The Policy Board of the Permian Basin MPO will hold a regularly scheduled meeting to discuss priority corridors, and to receive updates on planning projects. The Board may conduct an Executive Session as permitted under Chapter 551 of the Texas Administrative Code.

Para ayuda en español por favor envíe un correo electrónico a info@permianbasinmpo.com.

Legal and Public Notices

Notice of Application for Exception to RRC Statewide Rules (SWR) 26 and/or 27

RSP Permian, LLC., 3141 Hood St., Ste. 500, Dallas, TX 75219-5018 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to commingle lease production from the Spraberry (Trend Area) formation on its Spanish Trail leases located in Sections 3, 47 and 48, Block 40, T-1-S, T&P RR Co Survey, Midland County, Texas. This exception is for common storage and common separation of produced oil. The production will be allocated by PD Meter(s)

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Statewide Rules 26 and/or 27 of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within twenty one days of publication to Surface Commingling, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6873).

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DISPOSAL WELL

Adventure Operating Company, LLC, c/o PO Box 953, Midland, TX 79702 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to amend the disposal permit to expand disposal interval permitted for produced formation water/fluid into a formation that is not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of fluids into the Clearfork (formation), Cox 1(lease), Well Number(s): 1SW

The proposed injection well is located 13 miles in a SW direction from Odessa, in the Cowden, South field, in Ector County, TX. This well is currently permitted for disposal in the Upper Clearfork formation.

Fluid will be disposed into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4850 to 6450 feet

Legal Authority: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil & Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, TX 78711-2967 (Telephone # (512-463-6792).

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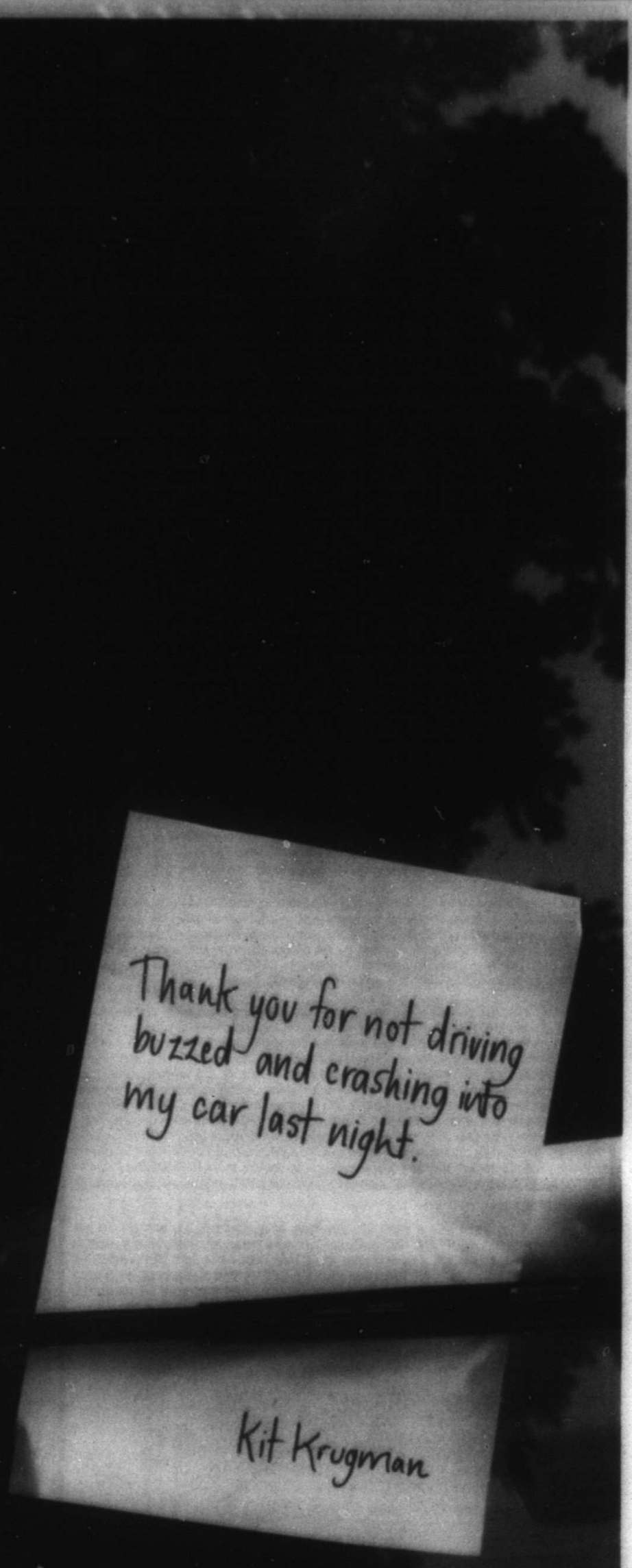

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Leprechaun Planes?

It's a bird! It's a bug? It's waaay too small to hold a person. Who flies in these little planes? Leprechauns?

This is a **drone**. A drone is a flying gadget that is flown by remote control.

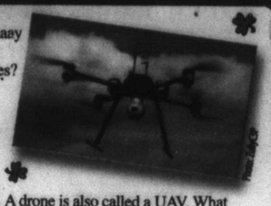
Photo: Jeff Kyle

A drone is also called a UAV. What does that stand for? Use the Leprechaun's Code to find out!

Leprechaun Code

■=A	■=I	■=R
■=C	■=L	■=S
■=D	■=M	■=T
■=E	■=N	■=U
■=H	■=O	■=V

Drones at work

Drones can hover like a hummingbird, swoop like a bat and fly backwards like a dragonfly!

Small drones can carry tiny cameras and they can go places humans can't.

Look at the ways drones are being used. Why is a drone better than a person for each of these jobs?

Firefighters use them to watch forest fires. Why?

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Drones are not toys

While they are often small and cute, drones are not toys. In fact, once you have a vehicle that can fly over the fence and see what's going on at the neighbors, you must follow rules and etiquette about privacy and safety. Be sure to check with your local government officials about drone laws in your area.

Photo: Jason Bramwell

Flying a drone involves thinking and making decisions like a pilot. It takes time to master flying a drone and that means doing a lot of practice in an empty field. (Check local laws before going to a field to practice.)

Bring this drone in for a safe landing.

Meterologists use them to track storms. Why?

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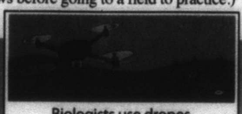

Biologists use drones to observe wildlife. Why?

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Let's Talk!

It is important that people who fly drones follow the laws. There are laws that protect privacy and also laws designed to keep drones out of the paths of airplanes. Why do you think these laws are important? Discuss it with a parent.

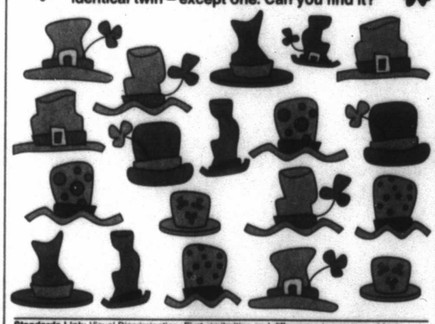
Extra! Extra! Describe a Drone

Look through the newspaper for five or more adjectives that describe a drone. Use these to write three sentences about drones.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Each of these Leprechaun hats has an identical twin – except one. Can you find it?



Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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DECISIONS
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CAMERAS
DRONES
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C	T	B	I	R	D	L	C	O	T
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T	A	R	L	E	V	N	E	R	U
C	F	L	Y	I	N	G	E	M	Q
A	E	O	R	T	P	C	E	S	I
R	T	P	E	T	O	M	E	R	T
P	Y	S	A	R	E	M	A	C	E

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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The Benefits and Problems of Today's Technology

Look through the newspaper for an example of how technology makes life better for people. Then, talk with a parent about ways this same technology could cause problems.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

How many shamrocks can a leprechaun eat on an empty stomach?

ANSWER: One. After eating one shamrock, his stomach is no longer empty.

Weekly Writing Corner

What if ... pigs could fly?

Students describe a woman they admire and their reasons.

If pigs could fly I would get a moon bounce and jump on it so I could fly with them. We would fly over the clouds.
Carmen, 1st grade

If pigs could fly it would be hard for them since they weigh a lot. They would need strong wings and feathers. Bacon would be falling from the sky like bird droppings.
Arthur, 3rd grade

If pigs could fly, then there would be a different saying for never doing something.
Evan, 1st grade

If pigs could fly they could take people places. They could even get lost and fly away from their farm. Maybe if they land in the woods a wolf might eat them. If pigs could fly they could land on top of houses.
Madelyn, 2nd grade

If pigs could fly they could help people and save people from monsters. They could come back home and make me a chocolate cake. The next day, while I was gone, the pigs could clean my house and bedroom. Then they could get me some toys. I wish pigs could fly.
Mariam, 2nd grade

If pigs could fly it would be terrifying. When pigs fly they get really tired and start to fall from the sky. Then they start to cry. I felt really terrified when I saw the pigs falling.
Christopher, 2nd grade

If pigs could fly, that pig would probably by accident bump into a power line and fall to the ground. When he falls to the ground, he would probably wake a bear up. When he wakes the bear up, the pig would probably fly home and eat its magic food again so it could fly. But when the farmer comes and throws away his magic food, the pig won't fly anymore so he would probably run as fast as he could so that he wouldn't get eaten by the bear. That's what the world would be like if pigs could fly!
Sofia, 2nd grade

If pigs could fly I would keep one. It would take me anywhere. When my mom says, "You can have that when pigs fly," I would take out my pig and get whatever I want.
Sydney, 5th grade

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