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LeBron James will one day take his final bow, the brightest spotlight moving on to someone else. James will face the end of his career one day. Just not anytime soon. More inside.

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Riddick's hire comes at better time for MISD

By Stewart Doreen
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For the first time since July 2016, Midland ISD has a permanent superintendent.

The MISD trustees' unanimous vote on Tuesday put the finishing touches on their hiring of the district's 11th superintendent — Orlando Riddick.

But when Riddick starts July 1, he will take the reins of a district that has been anything but leader-less. Interim Superintendent Rod Schroder and a new school board have taken the district through an academic performance assessment and culture change that they believed would help improve the foundation for the next superintendent.

Studying the data and working with the Texas Education Agency — including creating the district's Lone Star Governance Plan — have steered the district in a different direction from the summer of 2016. A plan is in place to address the number of failing campuses and reinforce a no-excuses and growth mindset. The governance report, as it turned out, also showed perspective candidates the district has a better understanding of how to improve student outcomes and that the groundwork for an academic rebound has been accomplished. As Riddick said Tuesday, a "phenomenal foundation" has been set.

Riddick said he talked to TEA Commissioner Mike Morath and Deputy Commissioner A.J. Crabill about the work that has been done at Midland ISD.

"The school district is in a good place," Riddick said. "Everybody understands what they want to go after and what they want to do."

Board President Rick Davis told the Reporter-Telegram after the meeting the board is looking to the superintendent and teaching and learning staff about how to achieve goals set out in the governance report. The goals include measurements for three different sets of students — pre-K through second-graders, third-graders through eighth-graders and high-school students.

"We will hold them accountable as I'm sure the community will hold us accountable," Davis said.

Chief Academic Officer Patrick Jones said Midland ISD is a better district than it was a year ago.

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SPLASHING INTO SUMMER

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

A ribbon-cutting and private opening for the newly renovated Washington Aquatic Center is underway Tuesday.

Law puts Uber, TNCs under state control

■ City: State law trumps ordinance created last year

By Stewart Doreen
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Remember the work the city put in to ordinances for transportation network companies in the past two years? With one signature, Gov. Greg Abbott made it for naught.

On Monday, the governor signed into law a measure creating a statewide regulatory framework for ride-hailing companies such as Uber and Lyft. The bill, according to city officials, said TNCs can't be regulated by municipalities, so the state is the controlling authority on regulations. The law went into effect immediately.

House Bill 100, according to the Texas Tribune, requires ride-hailing companies to have a permit from the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation and pay an annual fee of $5,000 to operate throughout the state. It also calls for companies to perform annual local, state and national criminal background checks on drivers — but doesn't require drivers to be fingerprinted.

In May 2016, the Midland City Council had put the final touches on an ordinance.

In that ordinance, TNCs were told to keep a record of each background check but did not have to show that record to the city. A provision granted the city access to a sample of a TNC's background check records for their drivers to check for compliance, and a mechanism existed to suspend the TNC if a violation was found, according to the city attorney's office.

Other highlights included:

- TNC drivers were not required to be licensed.
- TNCs were not required to share information with the city about drivers and their vehicles.
- TNCs provided certification from a company that specializes in background checks on the drivers.
- The TNC permit fee was reduced from $3,000 to $1,500, and the airport pickup fee was reduced from $2.50 per ride to $1.
- Vehicles didn't have to meet specifications, provided

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Chevron meeting highlights commitment to region

■ COMMENTARY

■ Permian Basin's importance to the U.S. cannot be understated

By John Watson
Chevron CEO

The Permian Basin is an engine of America's energy resurgence that has been providing reliable, affordable resources for decades. Given Chevron's legacy in the Permian — which dates to the early 1920s — it is fitting that we are holding our 2017 annual stockholder meeting today at our new campus in Midland.

Chevron is proud to be one of the largest oil and gas producers in the basin employing thousands of employees and contractors and contributing millions of dollars to support the economic vitality of the region. In turn, the communities within the Permian Basin have provided us immense support, provided us with some of the most talented employees in the world and helped find new ways to produce energy safely and efficiently. It has been a true partnership.

At this year's meeting, we look forward to communicating directly with our stockholders about the company's performance and our plans to create shareholder value. We will highlight the significant role the Permian will play in Chevron's global portfolio.

The importance of the Permian Basin to the United States cannot be understated. The Permian is the most prolific oil-producing basin in the country, currently producing more than 3.8 million barrels of oil and gas equivalent a day and growing. And we know energy is important to Texas, where the oil and natural gas industry paid $9.4 billion in state and local taxes and state royalties for the

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The big number
291 spellers competed in the National Spelling Bee on Tuesday. See how the competition has changed on Page 4A.

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

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Heated immigration debate led to Texas lawmakers' scuffle

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — A Hispanic Texas lawmaker who a Republican colleague threatened to shoot "in self-defense" after the Democrat pushed him said Tuesday that the altercation was a boiling point in a session where minority members were powerless to stop conservative legislation they say is discriminatory.

Tensions erupted on the floor of the Texas House of Representatives on Monday when Republican state Rep. Matt Rinaldi told Democrats he called U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents about demonstrators in the gallery holding signs that read "I am illegal and here to stay."

Hundreds of immigrant-rights activists — many of whom were Hispanic — had jammed the state Capitol on the final day before the Texas Legislature adjourned until 2019. Some came from as far as Arizona to protest a "sanctuary city" crackdown that will allow police starting September to ask people during routine stops whether they're in the U.S. legally.

Democratic state Rep. Poncho Nevarez did not deny pushing Rinaldi, who wrote on Facebook that he told Nevarez after being threatened that "I would shoot him in self-defense." Nevarez said he was "sick of" the attitudes toward Hispanics in the Legislature and was taking a stand.

"Another legislator sidled up to me yesterday and said, 'Those aren't Americans up there,'" said Nevarez, referring to the protesters in the gallery.

"I think there are some people in some moments that bring out racism. They want to believe that they're not racist because when they deal with me I'm one of the 'good' ones. But I'm just one of the folks up there," he said of the protesters.

Ricardo Brazziell/Austin American-Statesman via AP

Hundreds of protesters line the balconies of the state Capitol rotunda in Austin on Monday, the last day of the legislative session, to protest Senate Bill 4 legislation already passed by Gov. Greg Abbott that compels local police to enforce federal immigration law.

A phone message left at Rinaldi's office was not returned Tuesday but GOP colleagues rebuked accusations of racism. Rinaldi wrote on Facebook that he was under the protection of state troopers.

"I think yesterday was the symptom of what's been a difficult, challenging and emotional session. No one has totally clean hands but what happened on the floor with the physical attack on Matt was beyond the pale," Republican state Rep. Jeff Leach said.

Republican Gov. Greg Abbott, who signed the "sanctuary ban" known as SB4 this month, has stayed quiet over the skirmish and a spokesman did not return messages Tuesday. Nevarez said he wanted Abbott to come out and publicly say that Rinaldi calling immigration authorities was wrong.

A Democrat hasn't won a statewide office since 1994 — the nation's longest such political losing streak — frustrating a party that has seen the state's Hispanic population boom but hasn't had its electoral fortunes change. About 43 percent of Texas residents are white, while whites make up the majority of legislators.

The tensions flared at the end of the divisive session in Texas in which race was invoked in debates over immigration, voting rights, border security and policing. Among the bills sent to Abbott's desk are changes to a voter ID law that a federal judge has ruled was intentionally discriminatory. Another was the "Sandra Bland Act," named for a black woman who died in a Texas jail in 2015 following a confrontational traffic stop with a white state trooper. Bland's family were disappointed after police accountability measures were removed.

Democrat state Rep. Helen Giddings, who was first elected in 1992 and heads Texas' black legislative caucus, blamed politics, not race, for the tone of the session.

"In my years in the Texas House I have never seen the kind of disrespect, intolerance, incivility that we are seeing in the Texas Legislature," Giddings said. "Intolerable, became acceptable. Behavior we had never thought of as acceptable became acceptable."

LOCALBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

SHERMAN

Midlander awarded millions in dispute over sale of oilfield company

A judge has ordered a North Texas billionaire to pay $21.3 million to a former owner of Midland-based Yellowjacket Oilfield Services LLC in a dispute over the sale of the company.

Grayson County District Judge Jim Fallon entered the final judgment on May 16 against Denison businessman Lacy Harber, who agreed to purchase Yellowjacket. After an eight-day trial, a jury delivered a 10-2 verdict on April 5, awarding $18.4 million to Gerardus "Jerry" Smith, a previous owner of the oilfield company. The judge added prejudgment interest and attorneys' fees, including amounts for any future appeals to the award.

"We are very pleased with the outcome of this case and the jury's finding that Mr. Smith was in the right," attorney John Scully said in a press release from legal marketing firm Androvett.

Smith initially sold a major share of Yellowjacket to a man named Tommy Robertson in exchange for payments over three years. Harber, through his company LDJH LLC, later purchased Robertson's stake in Yellowjacket, agreeing to assume the future payments due to Smith.

Within a month of executing the transaction documents, Harber and LDJH sought a declaratory judgment against Robertson and Smith, asking the court to determine how much LDJH owed Smith. Harber also alleged breach of contract and fraud. He later dismissed his longtime friend, Robertson, from the suit.

Smith countersued Harber and LDJH for breach of contract and fraud, asking for the $18.4 million owed to him. The jury agreed with Smith and found that both Harber and LDJH LLC, were in breach of contract. The jury did not find fraud by any party, nor did it find breach of contract by Smith.

County commissioners to vote on purchase of real estate

Midland County commissioners on Tuesday took action related to the purchase of real estate but are scheduled to vote again on the matter later this week.

Commissioners' Court voted after conducting an executive session at Tuesday's special meeting. The court will vote again on the purchase after adding it as a single agenda item, according to County Judge Mike Bradford.

The agenda for the upcoming special meeting, scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday, includes an executive session and another item, "discuss and take action on property on purchase of real estate." The building would house county archives, Bradford said.

MDC meeting canceled

The Midland Development Corp. board meeting for June 5 has been canceled. The economic development organization generally meets the first Monday of each month.

The MDC said next week's meeting was canceled because there weren't any action items to vote on other than routine "housekeeping" items such as approving the previous meeting's minutes.

The MDC is an economic development organization funded by the Type A quarter-cent sales tax and was established in January 2002 after voters approved of its creation.

Local Chipotle affected by malware

Chipotle Mexican Grill is urging patrons to keep an eye on their bank and payment card statements after a security breach to its payment card system.

Local stores affected were the Midland location at 2829 W. Loop 250 and the Odessa restaurant at 3810 E. 42nd St, according to the "data security incident" section of the company's website. The Midland store was affected from March 26 to April 18; the Odessa store was affected from March 27 to April 18.

Chipotle reported results from the completion of an investigation into the breach. The company was struck with malware designed to access payment card data from cards used on point-of-sale devices at certain Chipotle restaurants between Mach 24 and April 18, a statement said. The malware searched for data — such as cardholder name, card number, expiration date and internal verification code — from the magnetic strip on payment cards.

The company is advising customers who might be affected to review payment card statements for the possibility of fraud. Unauthorized charges should be reported to your payment card issuer.

More information, including an option to search for stores affected, can be found at www.chipotle.com/security.

UBER

From 1A

they had up-to-date state registration.

The 2016 ordinance appeared to be a very TNC-friendly, one meant to guarantee Uber's return to Midland. Months earlier Uber announced it was leaving Midland because of a previous ordinance it found to be too stringent.

TNCs were a hot-button issue as Midlanders voiced their concerns with their representatives about Uber's departure. One councilman said at the time it was the most response he received on any issue.

In a May 2016 Reporter-Telegram editorial, the Editorial Board offered the following: "it would have been easier if the state had addressed the transportation network companies issue. In the case of the TNCs, it would have saved many communities time and resources having to deal with the bully that has been Uber."

Transportation network companies had fought other municipalities across the state on what it felt was burdensome regulation. This included Austin, where, according to the Texas Tribune, the Austin City Council passed an ordinance in December 2015 requiring ride-hailing companies to perform fingerprint background checks on drivers, a stipulation that already applies to Austin taxi companies.

"What today really is, is a celebration of freedom and free enterprise," said Abbott in a Texas Tribune article. "This is freedom for every Texan — especially those who live in the Austin area — to be able to choose the provider of their choice as it concerns transportation."

Currently, 41 other states have adopted comprehensive ride-hailing laws similar to Texas' new law, according to the Tribune.

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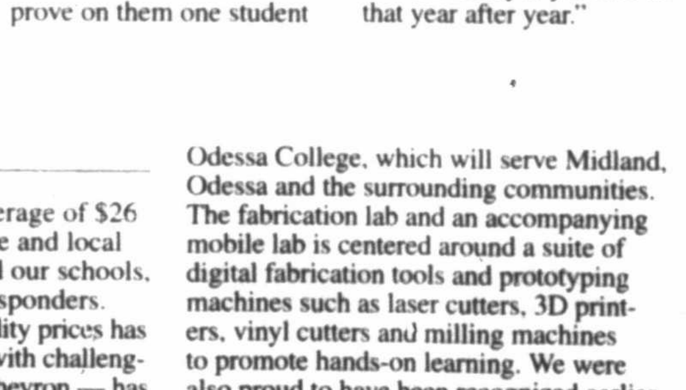
"I hope I can say that a year from now and a year from then I hope we can say that again," he said.

Jones said that Schroder helped put into place a strategic method of improving the culture and morale of the district. He said good systems are in place and that Midland ISD needs a leader who can continue to right the ship.

Riddick said his list of goals beginning on Day 1 include:

- meeting the challenges before the district;
- making sure kids are ready to deliver and are in an "exciting place" on the first day of school;
- making sure kids are reading on grade level and the students' are performing in numeracy and literacy on a high level;
- convincing parents and community members to become involved and "all-in" with efforts taking place inside the district.

"My conversation with Mr. Riddick was about the why," Jones said. "Why are the scores where they are and what can we do to improve on them one student at a time. (Answering those questions) will take care of accountability if you can do that year after year."



MISD officially announces Orlando Riddick as the next MISD superintendent Tuesday during a special board meeting at central administration building. *Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram*

MISD superintendent through the years

1907-1941	W.W. Lackey
1941-1943	George A. Heath
1943-1954	Frank Monroe
1954-1955	William M. Hadley
1955-1968	Harold H. Hilt
1968-1982	James H. Malley
1982-2001	Joseph P. Baresel Jr.
2001-2006	Robert E. Nicks
2006-2010	Sylvester Perez
2010-2016	Ryder Warren
July 1, 2017-current	Orlando Riddick

MEETING

From 1A

2016 fiscal year. That's an average of $26 million a day that goes to state and local revenues used to directly fund our schools, universities, roads and first responders.

Although the fall in commodity prices has presented the energy industry with challenges, the industry — including Chevron — has responded by significantly increasing our efficiency and effectiveness. For example, here in the Permian Basin, we more than doubled our drilling productivity since 2014.

Our industry's success in the Permian underscores that the United States has the natural resources, technology and ingenuity to affirm America's legacy as a global energy superpower. To meet the energy challenge, we are going to need to foster innovation. That's why Chevron is partnering with schools and colleges in the region to advance science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs that prepare students for future careers in one of these fields.

Earlier this year, we opened the Fab Lab Permian Basin (a fabrication lab) with Odessa College, which will serve Midland, Odessa and the surrounding communities. The fabrication lab and an accompanying mobile lab is centered around a suite of digital fabrication tools and prototyping machines such as laser cutters, 3D printers, vinyl cutters and milling machines to promote hands-on learning. We were also proud to have been recognized earlier this month as Partner of the Year by Ector County Independent School District for our partnership to advance STEM curriculum and learning opportunities. The award was especially meaningful because it was designed by a Buice Elementary School fifth-grader who printed it on a 3D printer.

Chevron has called Midland home for almost a century, and we will continue to do so for decades to come. We look forward to continuing to partner with the region to deliver the affordable, reliable energy the world needs.

John Watson is Chevron's chief executive officer and chairman of the board of directors.

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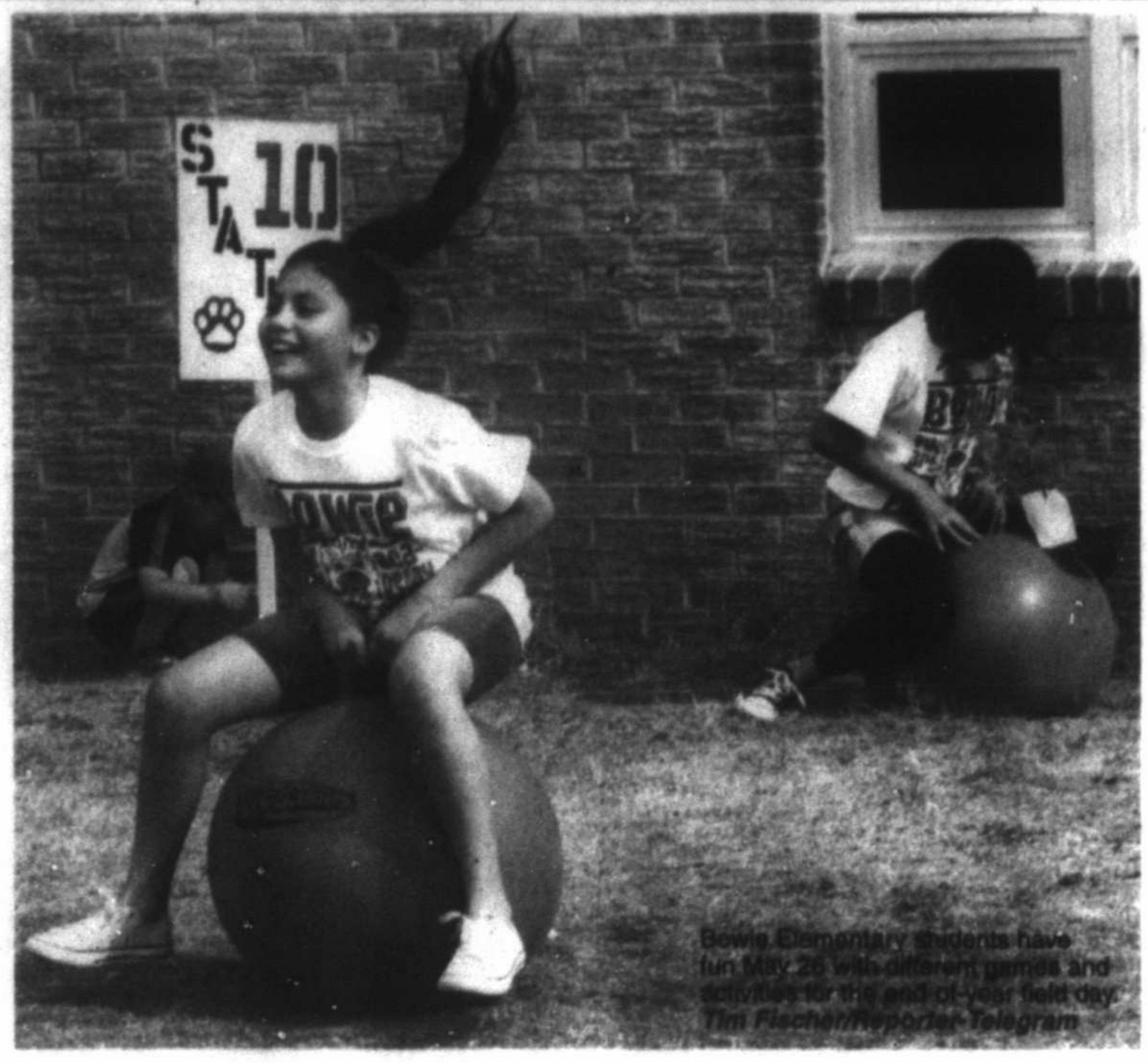

Bowie Elementary students have fun May 26 with different games and activities for the end-of-year field day. *Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram*

Things to do

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

■ Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 432-682-8595.

■ Trivia Game Night, 7 p.m., True Texas BBQ, 5407 Andrews Highway. Free.

■ Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment, 8 p.m., Torino's. challengeentertainment.com.

■ HellYeah, 10 Years, Black Map, 8 p.m., Dos Amigos, 4700 N. Golder Ave., Odessa. dosamigos.com.

Project Graduation

Midland Project Graduation, an all-night alcohol- and drug-free party, is set for 10 p.m. Saturday to 3 a.m. Sunday at the Horseshoe.

Prizes are awarded to those seniors who are present at the end of the party.

The doors will open for students promptly at 10 p.m. and will lock at midnight. They will re-open at 3 a.m. Sunday. No one is admitted after the doors are locked. If someone chooses to leave, they will not be permitted to return to the party.

For more information, go to midlandprojectgraduation.com.

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■ 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday
■ 301 W. Missouri Ave.
■ 432-688-4320

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, May 31, the 151st day of 2017. There are 214 days left in the year.

Today's highlight: On May 31, 1977, the Trans-Alaska oil pipeline, three years in the making despite objections from environmentalists and Alaska Natives, was completed. (The first oil began flowing through the pipeline 20 days later; today the pipeline carries an average of 1.8 million barrels of oil a day, according to the Alaska Public Lands Information Centers website.)

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Texas Triple Chance: 2-7-15-16-18-23-27-41-46-51
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Weather

Tuesday's temperatures

High	89
Low	33
Normal high	91
Normal low	64

May 30's records
Record high: 104 set in 1998
Record low: 46 set in 1947

Precipitation

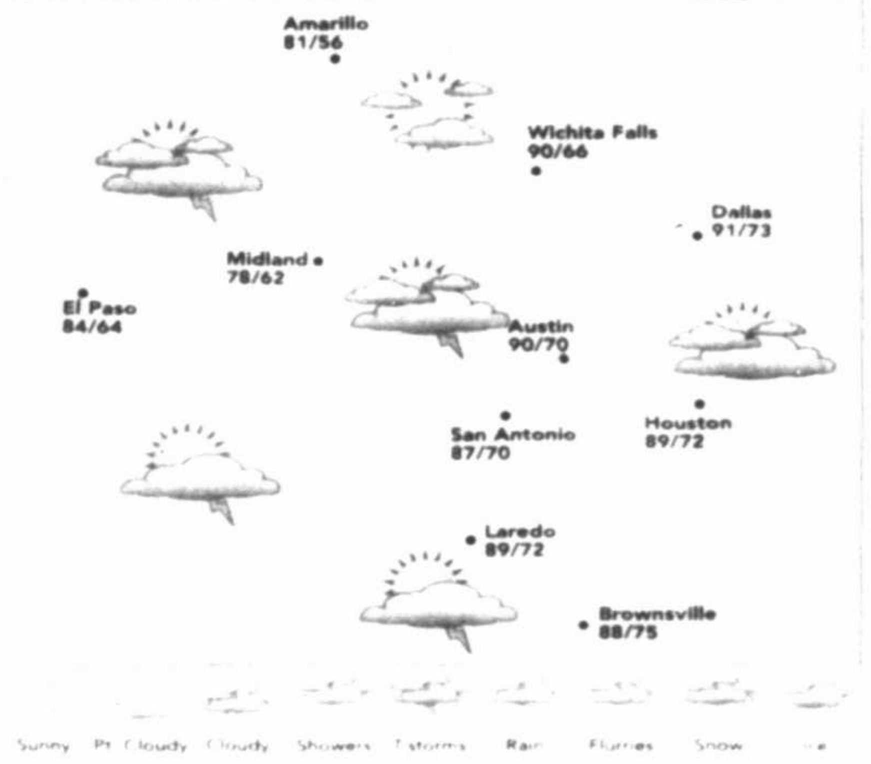
Monday	0.00 in.
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.58 in.
Year total	5.38 in.
Normal total (year to date)	4.18 in.

Winds
Wind speed: 15 mph
Gust speed: 22 mph

May 31 forecast
High: 76
Low: 62
Conditions: Showers during the day and night
Chance of rain: 90 percent today/70 percent tonight

Sunrise 6:44 a.m.
Sunset 8:49 p.m.

Forecast for Wednesday, May 31, 2017



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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

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A baby born today has a Sun in Gemini and a Moon in Leo if born before 12:15 p.m. (ET). Afterward, the Moon will be in Virgo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, May 31, 2017:
This year you incorporate seemingly opposite traits into your life and interactions. You can be easygoing at times, and fussy and demanding at other times. If you are single, several wannabe suitors could express an interest in you, especially through summer and early fall. Be open and see who you most enjoy being with. If you are attached, a loved one might delight in your whimsical behavior most of the time, but he or she also needs to know that you can remain grounded. Be sensitive to your sweetie's needs. VIRGO easily irritates you.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You can charm and cajole others in the morning to achieve the results you desire. In the afternoon, hard work and diligence count. Know that you might have to deal with the unexpected. You could decide to act on your feelings. Tonight: Make it easy.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)
★★★ Stay centered in the morning. Some of you might feel like cocooning at home, at least until the afternoon, when a fun event lures you right out the door. Allow more playfulness into your life. As a result, you are likely to learn a lot about yourself. **Tonight:** Take a midweek break.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Stay centered. Your high energy makes it difficult for others to catch up to you or maintain your same pace. Consider slowing down for an important person. You could feel pushed by a partner who wants to make some fundamental changes. **Tonight:** Listen and brainstorm.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You will be tempted to take a risk. In the afternoon, you'll want to reach out to others. You might not be in contact with your feelings, even though you think you are. Note a discrepancy between what you do and what you feel. Listen to others. **Tonight:** Hang out with a pal or two.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Allow greater give-and-take. You seem unstoppable and right on target in the morning, but more important concerns could slow you down in the evening. You need to be more aware of what someone is really asking you. Make it OK to slow down the pace. **Tonight:** Indulge a little.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Though you could be dragging in the morning, you'll perk up quickly in the afternoon. Others respond more fully as the day goes on. The unexpected colors a relationship and could have financial implications. Pressure builds for you to take a stand. **Tonight:** As you like it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ A meeting becomes a higher priority in the morning. Don't allow a hassle to interfere with your progress. You might not be fortunate in choosing the right time for an important talk. You can't count on the stability of a partner. **Tonight:** Take some much-needed personal time.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Others prove to be highly responsive to you, especially in the morning. By the afternoon, meetings and interactions become much more social and less task-driven. How you feel about certain matters and people could change as a result. **Tonight:** Spend time with friends.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You could be a little crazy about wanting to complete a situation. You might need to think outside the box and take a hard look at what is going on; you will make a strong decision once you do. A partner is likely to become easily irritated. **Tonight:** In the middle of the action.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Make an effort to connect with a loved one. You could be surprised by what is occurring around this person. Attempting to multitask to get through your errands might be challenging, but it will prove effective. **Tonight:** The object of your affection will seize the moment.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You'll have no problem making an effort toward others. You might be overwhelmed by certain individuals who seek you out and make excessive demands. Your creativity reaches a new level as you try to handle your popularity. **Tonight:** A child seems to need your time.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Dive right into whatever you must do as early as possible. By the afternoon, your plans could change, as a personal matter involving a loved one gains your attention. You will feel better if you can stop and give this situation your full attention. **Tonight:** With a favorite person.

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AP explains: Kushner and the back story of back channels

By Nancy Benac
Associated Press

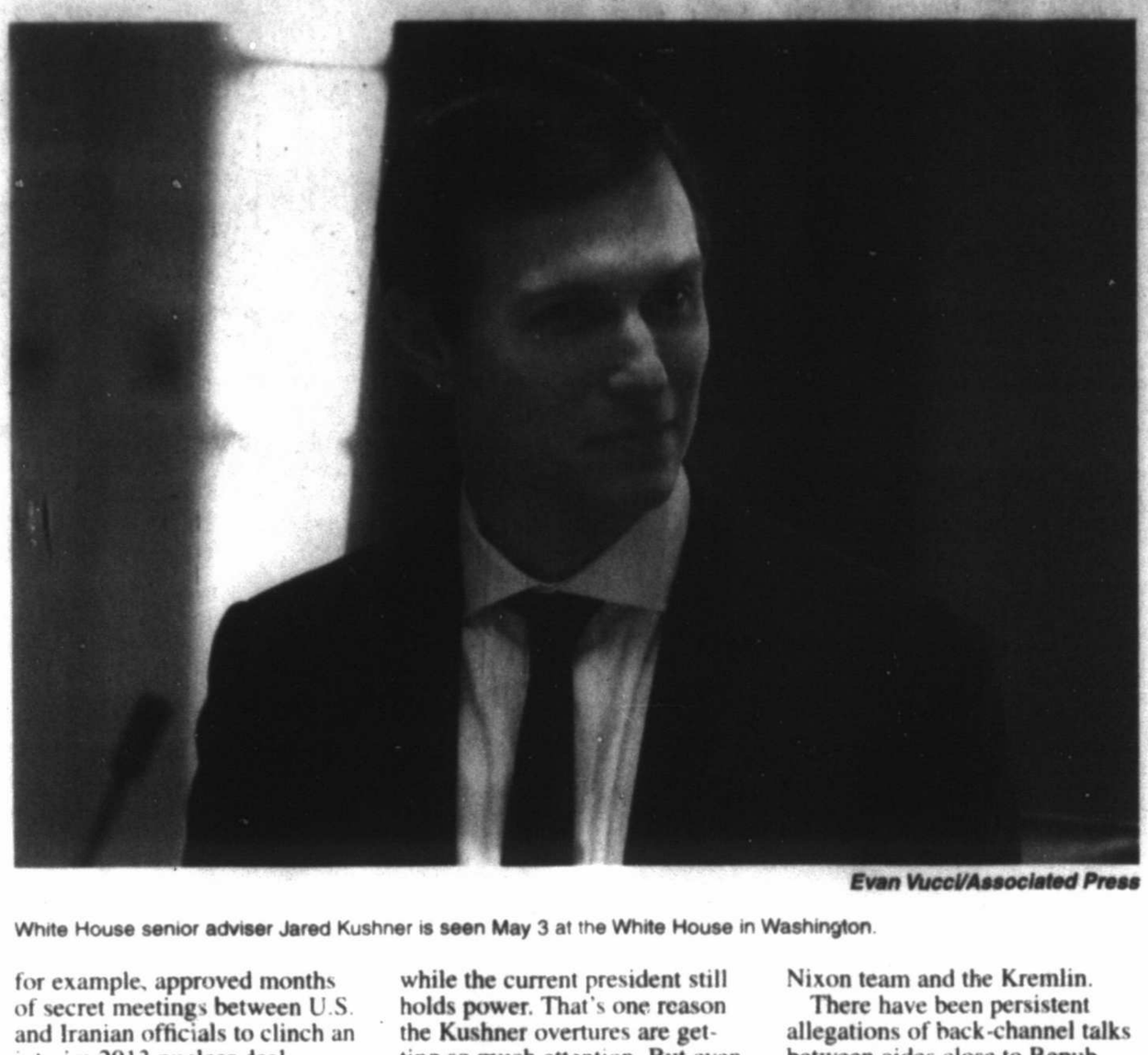
WASHINGTON — Smart diplomacy or inappropriate and possibly illegal?

Jared Kushner's reported attempt to establish a "back-channel" line of communication between Russia and Donald Trump's presidential transition team is proving divisive, even if such talks aren't unusual.

Supporters of the president say it's laudable that Kushner, Trump's son-in-law and a trusted adviser, was working even before the inauguration to foster better relations with Russia.

Critics say it's a matter of context and timing. They call it a giant and arrogant step over the line — perhaps even treasonous — for a private citizen to try to set up covert communications with a hostile power like Russia, particularly after U.S. intelligence agencies accused Moscow of trying to interfere in the 2016 election to help Trump.

A look at what constitutes back-channel diplomacy, some examples from history and the risks and benefits of such informal communications.



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White House senior adviser Jared Kushner is seen May 3 at the White House in Washington.

Definition, please

Back-channel diplomacy refers to unofficial but direct, high-level communications that bypass formal channels, according to "Safire's Political Dictionary." These talks sometimes can help governments work through difficult problems and reduce tensions in lower-pressure settings away from the limelight. "They can be an incredibly effective tool in the diplomatic tool box," says Richard Moss, a professor at the U.S. Naval War College and author of the book, "Nixon's Back Channel to Moscow: Confidential Diplomacy and Detente." But Moss added that such channels "work best when they supplement rather than supplant ... traditional diplomacy."

A common practice

Back-channel talks have been common in U.S. diplomacy, especially when Washington lacks formal ties with another government it wants to speak with.

The Obama administration, for example, approved months of secret meetings between U.S. and Iranian officials to clinch an interim 2013 nuclear deal.

When the deal was done, President Barack Obama said the early informal talks explored "how much room" existed to get something done. Once the work became more technical, they merged into public talks with world powers.

U.S. back-channel diplomacy with Cuba has its own long history. It spans the secret talks leading to Obama's 2014 agreement to re-establish diplomatic ties to the 1962 Cuban missile crisis, when President John Kennedy used his brother, Attorney General Robert Kennedy, to help defuse the crisis. President Richard Nixon used multiple back channels to interact with the Soviet Union.

Transition periods

Back-channel talks during a presidential transition period can be particularly sensitive, as an incoming administration looks to get a head start on diplomacy while the current president still holds power. That's one reason the Kushner overtures are getting so much attention. But even transition back channels aren't unprecedented.

Nixon set up two back channels to the Soviets while waiting to take over from President Lyndon Johnson, Moss says, including talks between Nixon political adviser Henry Kissinger and KGB operative Boris Sedov.

Those talks proved to be a "fruitful back channel between the leadership of our two countries," former KGB general Oleg Kalugin wrote in "Spymaster: My Thirty-two years in Intelligence and Espionage Against the West," adding that Kissinger "began to convey to us that Nixon was no anti-Communist ogre and that he wanted improved relations with USSR."

Moss said longtime Nixon aide Robert Ellsworth also had a back channel with the Soviet ambassador and another Soviet diplomat that Nixon used, among other things, to kill Johnson's idea of a summit involving his outgoing administration, the incoming Nixon team and the Kremlin.

There have been persistent allegations of back-channel talks between aides close to Republican presidential candidate Ronald Reagan and the Iranian government in 1980 amid U.S. negotiations to release American hostages in Iran. Reagan always denied such parallel talks. The hostages were freed hours after Reagan's 1981 inauguration.

Obama wasn't averse to informal diplomatic channels before his 2008 election. When foreign policy adviser Daniel Kurtzer met with Syrian President Bashar Assad's foreign minister in the summer of 2008, Obama's campaign stressed that Kurtzer wasn't a paid adviser or authorized to conduct talks with any government. Still, Obama's Republican rival, Sen. John McCain of Arizona, criticized the outreach. McCain is now among those raising concerns about Kushner's proposed back-channel talks.

Kushner's contacts

What exactly was Kushner up to? He talked to Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak about opening up a line of communication to explore options as the new administration developed a Syria policy, according to a person familiar with the discussions. The intent was to connect Trump's chief national security adviser at the time, Michael Flynn, with Russian military leaders. In Syria's civil war, Russia has backed Assad. The U.S. has supported anti-Assad rebels. Kushner proposed using Russian diplomatic facilities for the discussions, apparently to make them more difficult to monitor, according to The Washington Post. Flynn never ended up using Russian facilities to talk to Moscow, U.S. officials said.

Context is everything

Kushner's outreach, at a time of alleged Russian meddling in the U.S. election, has fed accusations of Trump campaign collusion, which the FBI is investigating.

Eliot Cohen, a veteran of George W. Bush's State Department, tweeted that contacts between a transition team and foreign diplomats are normal. "What is not normal," he added, "is asking a hostile government to provide secure comms to avoid FBI/NSA surveillance."

Former CIA boss Michael Hayden asked on CNN: "What manner of ignorance, chaos, hubris, suspicion, contempt would you have to have to think that doing this with the Russian ambassador was a good or an appropriate idea?"

Back channels are fine, Hayden said, "but you don't do it when you're not the government and I don't think you do it using your adversary's communications system."

Is it legal?

Kushner's contacts have revived talk about the Logan Act, a centuries-old law that prohibits U.S. citizens from trying to influence a foreign government in disputes with the United States. The act has been used so rarely that legal experts say it may no longer be valid. And no one has ever been found guilty of violating it.

3 Mile Island owner threatens to close ill-fated plant

By Marc Levy
Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Cheap natural gas could do what the worst commercial nuclear power accident in U.S. history could not: put Three Mile Island out of business.

Three Mile Island's owner, Exelon Corp., announced Tuesday that the plant that was the site of a terrifying partial meltdown in 1979 will close in 2019 unless the state of Pennsylvania comes to its financial rescue.

Nuclear power plants around the U.S. have been struggling in recent years to compete with generating stations that burn plentiful and inexpensive natural gas to produce electricity.

The Chicago-based energy company's announcement came after what it called more than five years of losses at the single-reactor plant and Three Mile Island's recent failure to be selected as a guaranteed supplier of power to the regional electric grid.

Exelon wants Pennsylvania to give nuclear power the kind of preferential treatment and premium payments that are extended to renewable forms of energy, such as wind and solar. It has not said how much it wants.

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf has made no commitment to a bailout. In a statement Tuesday, Wolf said he is concerned about layoffs at Three Mile Island and open to discussions about the future of nuclear power. Exelon employs 675 people at the plant, whose license does not expire until 2034.

Nuclear bailouts have won approval in Illinois and New York, but the potential for higher utility bills in Pennsylvania is generating resistance from rival energy companies, manufacturers and consumer advocates.

David Hughes, president of the Pittsburgh-based consumer group Citizen Power, said the notion that nuclear power is clean energy, as the industry argues, is laughable.

"It's a myth, and they're trying any way they can to get more money out of ratepayers," he said.

In addition to contending that nuclear power can help fight climate change better than gas or coal, Exelon and other energy companies have argued that their plants are big employers and sources of tax revenue.

"Like New York and Illinois before it, the commonwealth has an opportunity to take a leadership role by implementing a policy solution to preserve its nuclear energy facilities and the clean, reliable energy and good-paying jobs they provide," Chris Crane, Exelon president and CEO, said in a statement.

Around the U.S., nuclear plants have been hammered by the natural gas boom.

In December, Illinois approved $235 million a year for Exelon to prop up nuclear plants in the Quad Cities and Clinton, six months after the company threatened to shut them down.

FirstEnergy Corp. has said it could decide next year to sell or close its three nuclear plants — Davis-Besse and Perry in Ohio and Beaver Valley in Pennsylvania. PSEG of New Jersey, which owns all or parts of four nuclear plants, has said it won't operate ones that are long-term money losers.

Built during a golden age for nuclear power, Three Mile Island's Unit 1 went online in 1974 and Unit 2 in 1978, coughing steam into the air above its sliver of land in the Susquehanna River, about 10 miles from Harrisburg.

One speller's journey shows how tough the national bee has become

By Ben Nuckols
Associated Press

OXON HILL, Md. — Shaheer Imam never thought it would take so long to get back to the National Spelling Bee.

The 13-year-old from Catonsville, Maryland, made his first appearance during Barack Obama's first term as president. Shaheer was just eight years old, and he spelled "capricious" and "quinzaine" correctly on stage.

The following year, he went to a new school that didn't participate in the Scripps bee program. In 5th grade, he was home-schooled and lost a regional bee for home-schoolers — to his older sister. In 6th grade he won his school and finished second at his regional bee. In 7th grade he finished third at regionals.

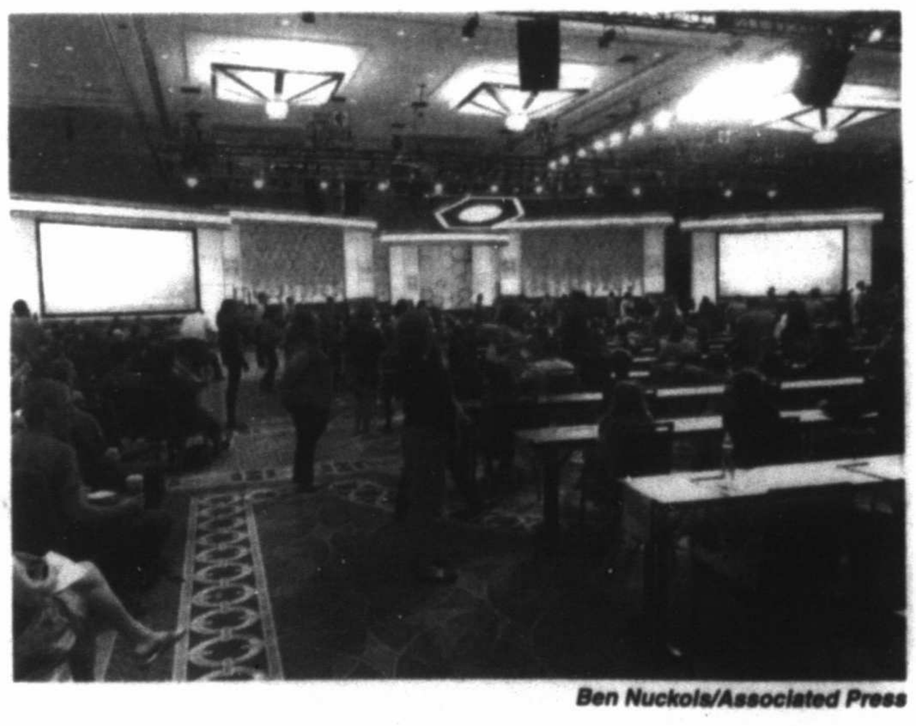
This year, he finally made it back by winning his regional bee over a friend from school and his 9-year-old brother. On Tuesday morning, he took his place among 290 other spellers at a convention center outside Washington as the 90th Scripps National Spelling Bee began with a written spelling and vocabulary test.

In a year when the bee is welcoming its youngest-ever participant, 6-year-old Edith Fuller, Shaheer is setting a more unusual record, for the longest gap — five years — between appearances. His frustrating wait shows just how tough it can be to emerge from a field of 11 million spellers in the U.S. and abroad.

"Every year I would make the goal that I would come back and I would try to come as far as I could. If it didn't happen, then I would say that next year I will improve more upon my vocabulary and then I would make it back," Shaheer said. "But each year, it didn't happen. I came really close sometimes."

Much has changed since Shaheer's previous appearance in 2012. The bee added vocabulary to the written test, forcing spellers for the first time to learn the definitions of words, although the top spellers had been doing that for years. Then the secretive Scripps word team started struggling to dig out words tough enough to identify a single champion. The bee has ended in a tie for three consecutive years.

Last year, the bee made the championship rounds longer and the words tougher, but it still ended with two spellers sharing the title. This year, the bee added a second written and vocabulary test that the remaining spellers will take before the prime time finals on Thursday. The results will be used only if necessary to break a tie. Not everyone is happy about the latest change.



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The 291 elementary- and middle-schoolers competing in the 90th Scripps National Spelling Bee gather at a convention center in Oxon Hill, Md., on Tuesday to take the bee's nerve-wracking written test. The test goes a long way toward determining who will be among the 50 or so spellers to advance beyond the preliminary rounds.

Local tie-in

Abell Junior High seventh-grader Srikar Charmarthi is representing Midland at the 90th Scripps National Spelling Bee. Srikar is speller No. 280. His group and will be on stage beginning 9:15 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. today.
The preliminary rounds will be aired live on ESPN 3.

"It might need a couple tweaks. I don't think there should be vocabulary in it," said Jairam Hathwar, last year's co-champion.

Jairam believes the championship words will be difficult enough this year that the test won't be needed. Then again, that was the point of last year's changes.

"I like co-champions," he said. "It gives a lot of hope for people."

Tuesday was all about surviving the written test, perhaps the most nerve-wracking part of the bee. Competitors were asked to spell 12 words and identify the definitions of 14 more. After turning in their test sheets, they streamed out of the ballroom where the bee is held and began frantically Googling the answers. They lamented their misses and gossiped about what score might be "the cutoff" for making the top 50. Perfect scores on the test are rare, and even two of the favorites, Siyona Mishra and Shourav Dasari, admitted to getting a few vocabulary words wrong.

On Wednesday, all 291 spellers will get an opportunity to spell two words on stage, and those who miss will hear the dreaded bell that signals elimination. Among those who survive, the written test will determine who advances to the final day of competition on Thursday.

Six-year-old Edith, meanwhile, was treated like a celebrity as she walked the halls outside the ballroom. The home-schooled kindergartener from Tulsa, Oklahoma, is the third 6-year-old to make it to the bee since 2012, but she's 5 months younger than the previous record-holder, and she was just 5 when she qualified. The previous 6-year-olds did not get past the preliminary rounds and have not returned to the bee.

Naysa Modi, a veteran at age 11 who's already making her third appearance in the bee, stopped Edith and asked her to pose for a picture.

"You're going to do really good," Naysa said.

Unease about white supremacy grows after Portland stabbings

By Gillian Flaccus and Steven Dubois
Associated Press

Gillian Flaccus/Associated Press

Flowers, candles and chalk tributes are seen Tuesday covering a memorial to two men who were fatally stabbed after shielding two young women from an anti-Muslim tirade on a Portland, Ore., light-rail train. Jeremy Joseph Christian, 35, made a first court appearance on charges of aggravated murder and attempted murder Tuesday in a Portland, Ore., courthouse.

PORTLAND, Ore. — Unease about white supremacist activity in Portland deepened after the fatal stabbings of two men who tried to shield young women from an anti-Muslim tirade, and some people worry that the famously tolerant community could see a resurgence of the hostilities that once earned it the nickname "Skinhead City."

The attack aboard a light-rail train happened Friday, the first day of Ramadan, the holiest time of the year for Muslims. Authorities say Jeremy Joseph Christian started verbally abusing two young women, including one wearing a hijab. When three men on the train intervened, police say, Christian attacked them, killing two and wounding one.

Court documents released Tuesday for the first time mentioned a fourth man who was the first to intervene and was not attacked, but they did not identify him by his full name.

Christian, 35, was defiant during his brief initial court appearance Tuesday, shouting: "You call it terrorism, I call it patriotism!"

He made repeated outbursts, saying, "You've got no safe place!" and "Death to the enemies of America!"

Christian, who faces aggravated murder and other charges, didn't enter a plea. He has been appointed public defenders. Lane Borg, head of the local public defender agency, said the office was "saddened by this tragedy" but urged people to let the justice system take its course.

In the probable cause affidavit, prosecutors said video feeds in the back of a patrol car captured Christian saying after his arrest that he had stabbed three people in the neck. His court-appointed attorney, Gregory Scholl, did not immediately return a call for comment.

The deaths stunned the city, but also underscored nervousness about recent events, including a series of apparent hate crimes in the region and contentious public rallies that have drawn national attention.

The Pacific Northwest has a long and violent history of white supremacist and other racist activities, despite its more recent reputation for being one of the nation's most socially liberal regions.

"The idea that Portland is so liberal supersedes this dark, hidden secret about racism," said Karen Gibson, a professor of urban studies at Portland State University.

Many of the early settlers to Oregon were from Southern states and brought with them negative attitudes about blacks, Gibson said. Only about 6 percent of the Portland population is black, while more than 70 percent is non-Hispanic white, statistics show.

Some residents said President Donald Trump has caused those racist demons to stir again with his administration's travel ban, his promise to build a wall along the border with Mexico and his crackdown on illegal immigration.

Since Trump's election, Portland has led all major metropolitan areas in reported hate crimes, Mayor Ted Wheeler's office said.

"I don't have that feeling like it can't happen here — the way people talk about Portland — because we've got racism. We've got all kinds of things," said Murr Brewster, who came to see a memorial at the city's transit center.

"It's everywhere and the trouble is, it's getting more and more prevalent."

The lone man to survive Friday's stabbings says he's having a difficult time processing what happened. Micah Fletcher told KGW-TV that he's focusing on trying to get better.

"I'm healing," Fletcher told the station. He was released from the hospital Monday and attended the hearing, where a scar on his neck was visible.

On Tuesday, Wheeler reiterated his call to organizers of a June 4 rally to cancel, saying he fears it could further enflame tensions. The event organized by the group Patriot Prayer is billed on its Facebook page as a Trump Free Speech Rally in "one of the most liberal areas of the West Coast." Several counter-protests are planned.

Christian attended a similar rally in late April wearing an American flag around his neck and carrying a baseball bat. Police confiscated the bat, and he was then caught on camera clashing with counter-protesters.

Wheeler has also asked the federal government to cancel a June 10 rally that targets Sharia law out of fears it could create unrest.

"These kinds of rallies ... are typically people who come from elsewhere and hold rallies here because we are a deep blue city. They are intending to be provocative," Wheeler said Tuesday in a phone interview with The AP. "I'm going to do my best to keep the peace here."

Joey Gibson, the rally's organizer, condemned Christian in a phone interview with The AP and said he would not tolerate any Nazi presence at the upcoming event.

He acknowledged that Christian had shown up at a Patriot Prayer rally on April 29 with a baseball bat and had made the Nazi salute. But Gibson said he hurled insults at rally organizers as well as counter-protesters.

"He came yelling at everyone, cussing at everyone. He threatened me and tons of people," Gibson said. "We told him, 'You gotta get out of here.'"

The stabbings cap a series of unsettling events in recent months in and around Portland.

Earlier this year, organizers of a small community parade affiliated with the city's famous Rose Festival canceled the celebration over fears of violence after protesters said the local Republican Party had plans to allow a "neo-Nazi hate group" to march with them. Local GOP leaders denied the charges.

In the suburb of Troutdale, an Iranian refugee found his home painted with racist graffiti and death threats. And in Gresham, another eastern suburb, prosecutors charged a man with a hate crime after police said he chased down a black teenager with his car after a fight and struck him, killing him.

For years, Portland was the home base for Volksfront, a now-defunct white separatist organization founded in 1994, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center, which tracks hate groups.

"There have been skinheads in that region forever," said Heidi Beirich, spokeswoman for the law center.

One of the most infamous attacks in Portland's racial history occurred in November 1988, when an Ethiopian immigrant was beaten to death by three white supremacists in front of his apartment.

Mulugeta Seraw was a student who came to the United States to attend college. The members of the California-based White Aryan Resistance killed him with a baseball bat.

The Southern Poverty Law Center and the Anti-Defamation League won a multimillion-dollar civil case in 1990 against the White Aryan Resistance on behalf of his family, and the damages crippled the organization.

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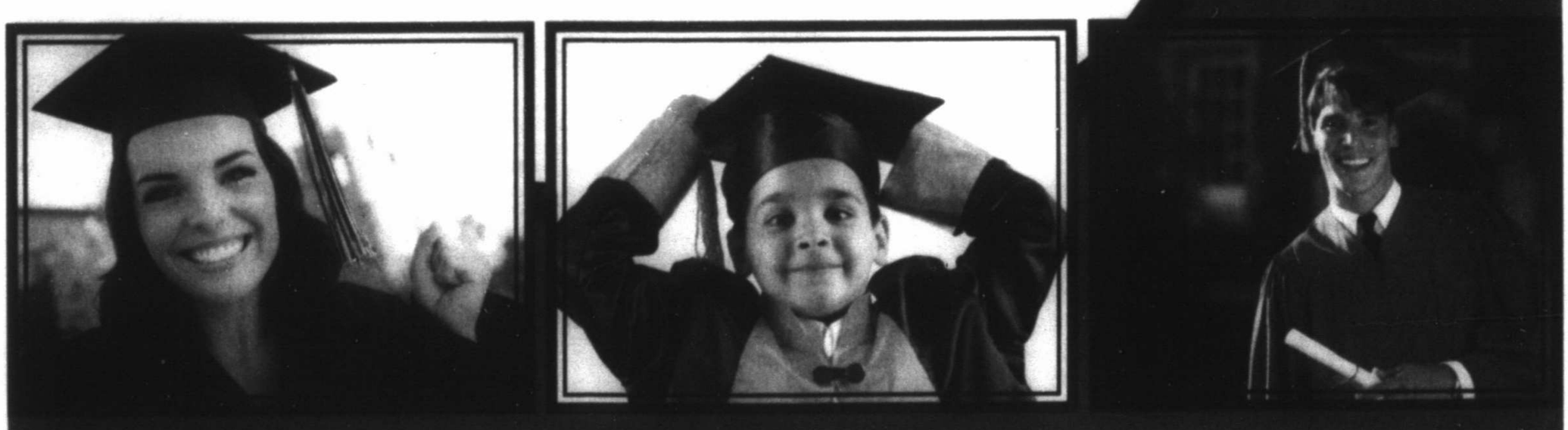

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Texas legislators show that men will be boys

■ The ruckus in the state House punctuated what many lawmakers have called a notably ugly session

ROSS RAMSEY
Texas Tribune

This isn't so much a scolding as an observation: If the Texas Legislature were a person, we'd call him a hothead.

It's not because legislators battle with one another — that's the design. That fancy pink granite building with the funny lid is a monument to disagreement. It's the opposite of "Take your fight outside." It's the place to take your fight inside.

It's the place to put down the guns, unclench the fists and act like decent, full-grown humans willing to solve their differences without violence. And — this is the part that actually makes it work — to abide by the results until the next time to fight, whether that's in court, at the polls or in the next legislative session.

It requires adult temperament, disposition, character — whatever you want to call it. When that goes missing, as it did in an angry outburst on the floor of the Texas House on Monday, it threatens to turn the whole legislative dance back into a brawl and undermines the credibility of the players and the institution.

Some debates make politicians and the government grander and more respectable. Cool, even. Others — this one didn't really ever rise to the level of a debate — make it all seem a couple of sizes smaller.

Let's go back and address the pronoun in the first sentence.

Him.

According to the Legislative Reference Library, 23.9 percent of all of the women — all of them — who ever served in the Texas Legislature are in office right now. That's 37 of the 155 who have served in the Texas Legislature's history.

About 1 in 5 Texas lawmakers is female. Over the state's history, 2.8 percent of the 5,571 people who've served in the Legislature have been women. The 155 women who've served wouldn't be enough — if they were all alive and in office today — to fill all 181 seats in the House and the Senate.

Zero percent of the women who have served in the Texas Legislature were involved in the last day's shoving match. If you know any of them, you know that's not because they were afraid.

Many of them have the same beefs about the immigration legislation that sparked the commotion on the Texas House floor. The anti-"sanctuary cities" legislation came out of that body this year after a searing debate — the kind that tests the notion of "take it inside" that the Capitol was built to serve.

The debate over that legislation was a personal fight for many members, who felt they were witnessing the state reaching back into its racist history. Many of the conservative Anglos in the House were baffled that the opponents were taking the proposal personally and angry that they were being cast as anything other than lawmakers trying to enforce standing immigration laws. The names of the people who shouted and shoved this week are less important than the fight they were still having — and will be having — over immigration.

That debate changed the tenor of the session. It was probably the calling card of the 85th Legislature — unless you want to claim that title for the "bathroom bill."

The content of the new sanctuary law is already bound for court. The arguments over it pulled the Legislature into the political style of the moment. It's no time for calm, reasoned arguments built around mutual respect; the vogue is for hot takes and angry words, for shouting and yelling and — evidently — pushing and shoving and grown men in suits flexing their dramatic chops by trading tough-guy threats lifted from cheesy movies.

It is striking that it was a pack of men who squabbled this week and that it came to a boil over an issue that many legislators feel is well worth the fight. The subject matter is part of the DNA of a state where the dominant political party, itself built of both natives and migrants, is energetically fighting immigration from, among others, the country that begat Texas in the first place. Land, history, class, race, immigration and migration all in one basket. It's hard to imagine a female Legislature devolving into a parking lot rumble like the one that embarrassed Texas nationally this week. Coming as it did on the final day, the ruckus in the House punctuated what many lawmakers have called a notably ugly session.

It follows a notably ugly election cycle that set new standards for obnoxious behavior. Maybe it precedes another one.

They're lucky it fell on the last day of the Legislature's regular session in Austin, and that everybody has gone home for a while.

OPINION EXTRA

Dan Patrick assigns blame, wins with likely special session

And on Sunday, the 139th day of the 140-day regular session of the 2017 Texas Legislature, the blamethrowers came out full blast on both sides of Your State Capitol.

And, as usual, the flames of political rhetoric singed the usual bystanders: me, you and our fellow Texans.

The inevitable bottom line as the session sputtered toward its Monday conclusion is that we're probably headed for a special session. And the bottom line on that bottom line is that that's good for Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and others who failed to win regular-session approval for the so-called bathroom bill they say is needed to keep transgender Texans in the bathrooms and locker rooms that match their birth gender.

Patrick, eager to find a reason for a special session in which the transgender measure could be considered, found a high-value target in the bill needed to keep the Texas Medical Board and several other state agencies in operation.

The House failed to approve that needed legislation but added it to a semi-related Senate bill. Patrick said the fix — a "Hail Mary," he called it — was insufficient and the Senate wouldn't act on it. The problem can be remedied in a few days in a special session, he said. Gov. Greg Abbott probably would have no choice but to call a special session to get it done.

And Patrick is banking on Abbott also telling lawmakers to work on the bathroom bill and property tax reform in a special session.

Whose fault is all this? Each chamber points to the other. That's the way this works — at least when Democrats and Republicans aren't pointing at each other.

"It is the purposeful inaction by the Texas Senate which puts us where we are today," said Rep. Larry Gonzales, R-Round Rock and chairman of the Texas Sunset Commission, adding, "It is the Texas Senate who is playing games with the health and safety of the people of Texas."

Rep. Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, said, "I just want to ask the lieutenant governor one thing: Do you want to jeopardize the senior citizens and the children of this state because there might be some (differences in) ideology or differences in philosophy?"

That sure seemed like a reference to the battle over transgender Texans' use of bathrooms and locker rooms in government buildings. Patrick says the version of that passed by the House is insufficient.

And he said Sunday this whole 11th-hour mess is the fault of House Speaker Joe Straus. R-San Antonio, who, Patrick charged, did a bad job this year of getting the House to pass important measures in a timely fashion.

"The House, under the speaker's leadership, has been slow," Patrick said.

And he reacted to Thompson's comments to him with this: "She's a wonderful lady, but it's your own leadership that put you in this position."

"This is what happens when you wait for a Hail Mary on the last day because you didn't do your work all session," Patrick said, absolving his chamber of any blame.

Sen. Van Taylor, R-Plano and vice chairman of the Texas Sunset Commission, said, "There's no way to catch the Hail Mary they're trying to throw us."

Truth is, there's almost always a way to complete a Hail Mary pass in the closing hours of a Texas legislative session. But both chambers have to want that pass to be caught.

It's clear there's blame enough to go around on this one. But it's also clear Patrick wins by not catching the Hail Mary.

— Ken Herman, Austin American-Statesman

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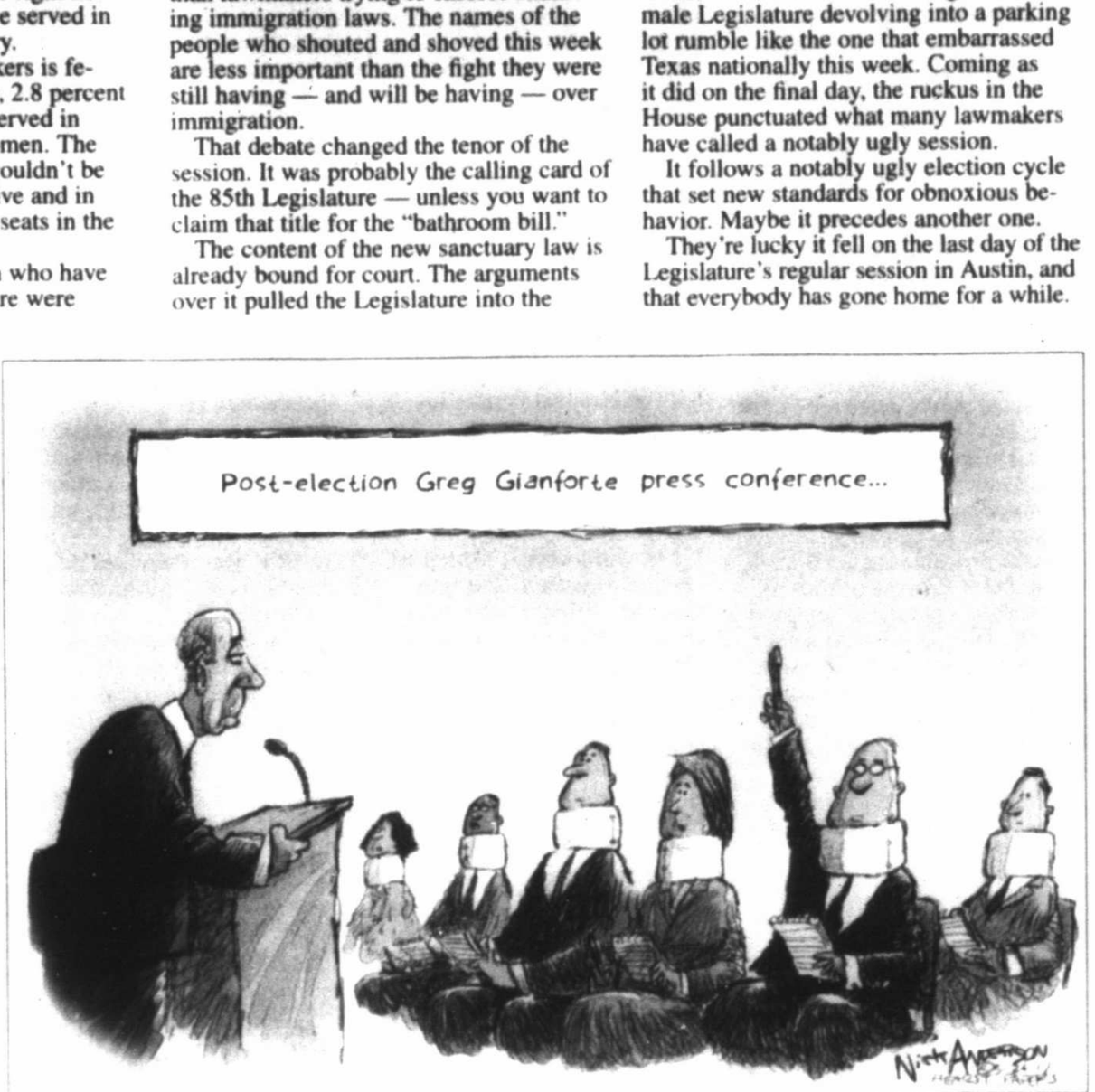

This is the golden age of incivility

■ Did the death of manners happen all at once, or occur gradually over time?

RUBEN NAVARRETTE
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My fellow Americans, I have to ask: What happened to good manners? When did being civil go out of style? When did we decide that kindness equals weakness? When did the idea of conducting yourself well — especially in public — become quaint?

The news is filled with stories of people behaving badly.

■ President Trump boorishly shoved aside the prime minister of Montenegro, Dusko Markovic, during a gathering of NATO leaders. Markovic gracefully described the incident to reporters as an "inoffensive situation." Yet there is no way to spin the gesture as anything but a sign of disrespect — even if it was a thoughtless one. After all, Trump is the leader of the free world and Montenegro is the newest member of the organization. How's that for a warm welcome?

■ Montana Republican Greg Gianforte was elected to the House of Representatives last week less than 24 hours after being charged with misdemeanor assault. The multimillionaire tech entrepreneur is accused of body-slamming Ben Jacobs, a reporter for the British newspaper The Guardian. Gianforte, in his victory speech, admitted that he "should not have treated that reporter that way" and apologized for the incident. We don't know whether voters cared about this story one way or the other, since about 70 percent of ballots had already been cast.

■ Jacobs also seems a quart low on social skills and could himself use a course in basic etiquette. A recording of the incident suggests that he marched up to Gianforte as the candidate was talking to other reporters. He interrupted their conversation, brushed aside his colleagues as if to say that his story was more important than theirs, stuck a recorder in Gianforte's face, and grilled the candidate by repeatedly asking the same question even after Gianforte made clear he wasn't going to answer, all without so much as a "hello" or an "excuse me."

How did we get to this dark place? Did the death of manners happen all at once, or occur gradually over time?

There are degrees of incivility. And if rudeness were an Olympic sport, Texas would win all the medals.

This week, lawmakers in the Lone Star State got into a shoving match and accused each other of leveling death threats. It all started when a Republican legislator bragged to a group of Latino Democrats that he called U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement on protesters who'd been demonstrating at the state capitol, most of whom were Latino.

Clearly, making that sort of announcement took guts. But it doesn't show a lot of brains.

State Rep. Matt Rinaldi later confirmed to reporters that he called ICE because the protesters were "disrupting" legislative business and "breaking the law."

According to CNN, several of the Democratic lawmakers quickly confronted Rinaldi and things got physical. Video of the incident shows legislators from both parties pushing each other. Rinaldi claims that he was assaulted by Rep. Ramon Romero and that Rep. Poncho Nevarez told him he would "get me on the way to my car." Nevarez denied making the threat, although he does acknowledge that he "got in [Rinaldi's] face and put my hands on the guy." Rinaldi confirmed that he threatened to shoot Nevarez, if forced to do so in self-defense.

What came next was predictable. Since the hijinks came to light, a few of the Latino lawmakers say they've been getting racist hate calls from Texans who proudly claim they stand with Rinaldi against the "illegal aliens."

Bad manners all around. As someone who once lived in Dallas, believe me when I tell you this is not just another day in the Southwest. Something has changed for the worse.

Far be it from me to mess with Texas, but one thing still nags at me. If Rinaldi was really concerned about maintaining order, why didn't he call the state police, the FBI or the U.S. Coast Guard? What was it about the fact that many of the protesters were Latino that screamed to him: "Call ICE!"

Could it be that Rinaldi was profiling Latinos? In a state where that group is indigenous and now makes up nearly 40 percent of the population, that would be really disrespectful. I'd even call it offensive. So, in this day and age, it could be enough to get Rinaldi elected governor.

I'm not kidding. Until we start punishing bad behavior, we'll get more of it.

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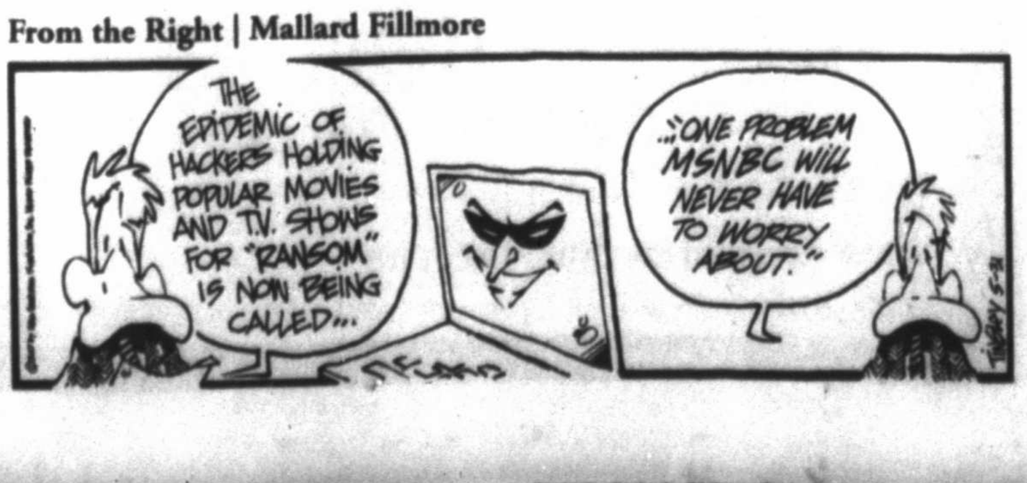
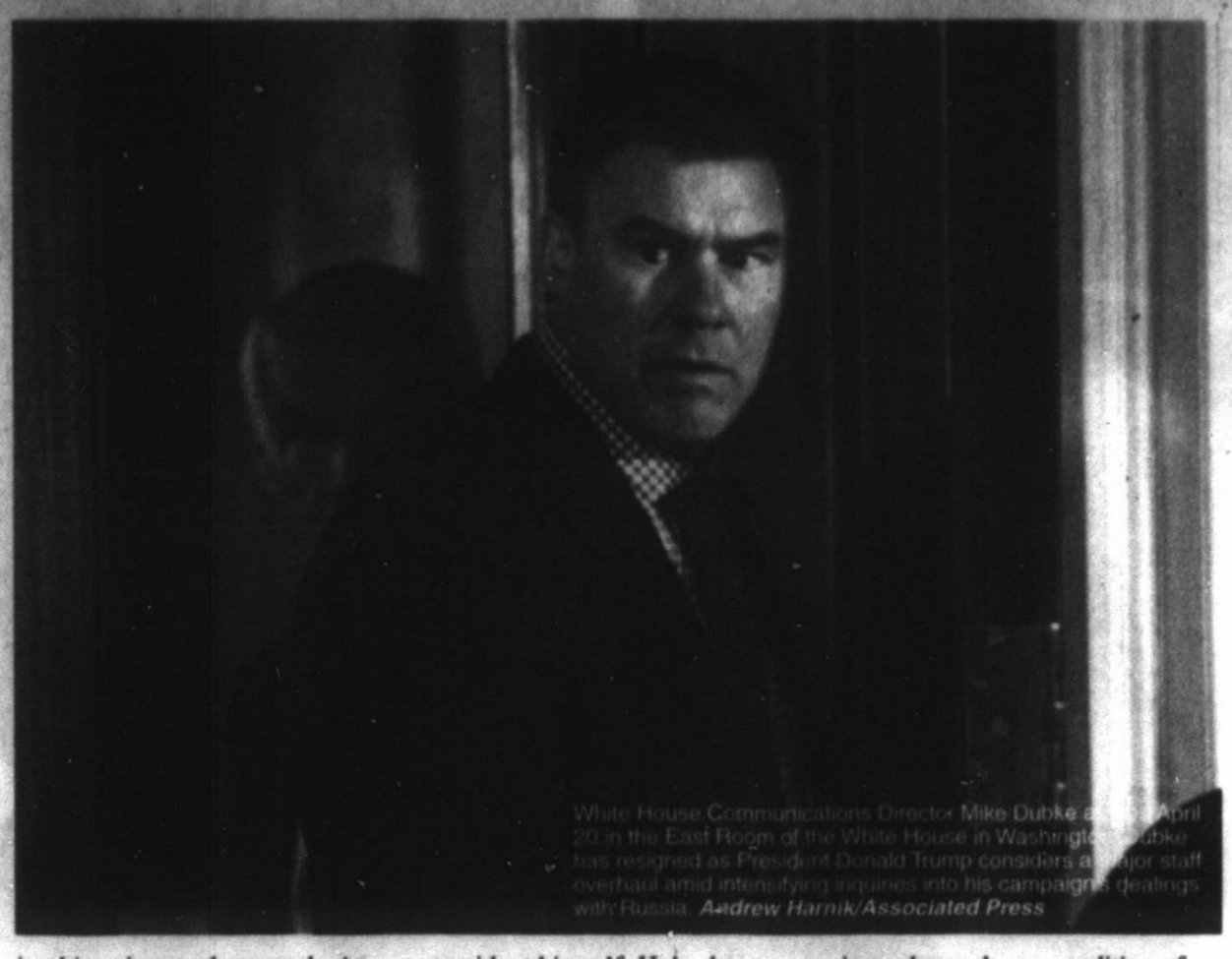


Top Trump aide exiting: First shoe to drop in wider shuffle?

By Jill Colvin and Catherine Lucey
Associated Press



White House Communications Director Mike Dubke arrives April 20 in the East Room of the White House in Washington. Dubke has resigned as President Donald Trump considers a major staff overhaul amid intensifying inquiries into his campaign's dealings with Russia. *Andrew Harnik/Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — A top communications aide to President Donald Trump is exiting the White House as the embattled president considers a broader shake-up amid rising anxiety over investigations into his campaign's contacts with Russia.

Fresh off Trump's first official trip abroad, White House communications director Michael Dubke announced his resignation Tuesday in what many inside and outside the White House see as the first shoe to drop. A wider overhaul is expected, aimed at more aggressively responding to allegations of Russian meddling in the 2016 election and revelations of possible ties between Trump's campaign and Moscow.

Dubke said in a statement it had been an honor to serve Trump and "my distinct pleasure to work side by side, day by day with the staff of the communications and press departments."

However, Trump has privately and publicly pinned much of the blame for his administration's woes on the communications effort.

"In terms of messaging, I would give myself a C or a C plus," Trump said in an interview on Fox News Channel early in his term. "In terms of achievement, I think I'd give myself an A. Because I think I've done great things, but I don't think I have — I and my people, I don't think we've explained it well enough to the American public."

Trump has long believed that he is his most effective spokesperson and has groused about supporters and aides not defending him vigorously enough. At the same time, he often undermines his staffers, contradicting their public statements and derailing their efforts to stay on topic with inflammatory tweets.

White House spokesman Sean Spicer pushed back Tuesday on the idea that a broader reorganization was imminent, but he acknowledged the president is frustrated with news stories "that are absolutely false, that are not based in fact. That is troubling."

Spicer said he thinks the president "is very pleased with his team," but he added, "Ultimately the best messenger is the president himself. He's always proven that."

Rumors of impending shake-ups have come and gone in the Trump White House before. But numerous people close to the president and his team are expecting further changes this time.

For example, Trump has entertained bringing his former campaign manager, Corey Lewandowski, and former deputy campaign manager, David Bossie, more formally back into the fold. Both Lewandowski and Bossie visited the White House on Monday night, according to two people familiar with the meeting, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss a private get-together.

But it remains unclear whether the president might envision them working inside the White House or in outside roles.

Bossie told "Fox & Friends" that the administration has reached out to him but hasn't offered him a job.

"They have talked to many people, including me," Bossie said. He later added: "It's an ongoing conversation, and that's a fair way to put it."

Another person whose name has been raised as a possible addition to the president's team is David Urban, a prominent Republican lobbyist, who also spent time advising Trump's campaign and has remained a trusted adviser.

While overseas, Trump's longtime lawyer, Marc Kasowitz, joined a still-forming legal team to help the president shoulder the intensifying investigations into Russian interference in the election and Trump associates' potential involvement. More attorneys with deep experience in Washington investigations are expected to be added in the weeks ahead.

The latest revelations to emerge last week involved Trump's son-in-law and top aide, Jared Kushner. Shortly after the election, Kushner is reported to have discussed setting up a secret communications channel with the Russian government to facilitate sensitive discussions about the conflict in Syria.

The intent was to connect Trump's chief national security adviser at the time, Michael Flynn, with Russian military leaders, a person familiar with the discussions told the AP. The person wasn't authorized to publicly discuss private policy deliberations and insisted on anonymity.

Flynn handed in his resignation in February, ousted on grounds that he had misled top White House officials about his contacts with Russian officials.

A senior administration official said Kushner was keeping his head down and focusing on work after the foreign trip. The official said Kushner was eager to share what he knows with Congress and other investigators. The official was not authorized to publicly discuss private thinking and spoke on the condition of

O'Reilly blames ouster on ideology, culture with 'no rules'

By Hillel Italie
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Former Fox News personality Bill O'Reilly has lost his nightly show, but he's as busy as ever with his million-selling book career and determined to find new fans online.

In announcing his next book in the best-selling, "Killing" historical series on Tuesday, O'Reilly reiterated his denial of the allegations of sexual harassment that led to his April ouster, blaming them on false, ideological attacks and a vicious culture in which there are "no rules."

"Allegations are not facts. Nobody's searching for the truth anymore," O'Reilly, who was fired in April amid allegations of sexual harassment that he has denied, told The Associated Press in one of his first interviews since his dismissal.

"Killing England: The Brutal Struggle for American Independence," which focuses on the Revolutionary War era, will be published Sept. 19, Henry Holt and Co. told the AP. The book will be co-written by O'Reilly's longtime collaborator, Martin Dugard. The six previous "Killing" books, which include "Killing Lincoln," "Killing Reagan" and "Killing Kennedy," have consistently sold more than 1 million copies each in hardcover, a rare achievement in publishing for nonfiction.

O'Reilly, for years Fox News' most popular and most lucrative anchor, said he wasn't worried that sales would fall off without having his show to promote his books. He hosts his own "No Spin News" podcast on www.billoreilly.com, contributes to Glenn Beck's radio program on The Blaze and said he would do whatever else was needed to publicize "Killing England." He said he was "forming alliances" with internet organizations, although he said no decisions had been made and did not cite any specific companies.

"I'm not an internet person, but I realize that's the market of the future," he said, adding that if people didn't like his books they wouldn't have succeeded, no matter where and how much he talked about them. "I could give you a long list of people who have television and radio shows with books that didn't do well."

O'Reilly's departure has been among several for Fox over the past year, notably the ouster of founding CEO Roger Ailes. O'Reilly called his firing a "business decision" by Fox, where ratings have dropped in recent weeks. Nielsen says Fox's viewership in the 8 p.m. time slot that was O'Reilly's is down 13 percent between April and May.

"There's always cause and effect," he said. "We were doing extraordinarily well, bringing in audiences that were competitive with the networks. You take it out and there's going to be interesting things happening."

Multiple advertisers withdrew from O'Reilly's show before he left, and a similar pattern has developed for Fox host Sean Hannity, who has been strongly criticized for promoting a discredited story involving a murdered Democratic National Committee employee. O'Reilly thinks Hannity will stay on with Fox.

"It's the same thing, the far left going after him, trying to get him off the air," O'Reilly said. "I think Hannity will survive because I don't know if Fox can handle another shake-up like that."

O'Reilly said he chose the American Revolution because he had never read a book that explained it "top to bottom" and was also anxious to show the personal sides of George Washington and other leaders.

"You get to know all the people as people," he said during the recent telephone interview.

USAA to reinstate ads on 'Hannity'

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The USAA financial services firm is reinstating its advertising on Sean Hannity's Fox News Channel program after receiving heavy criticism for its initial decision from many of the military members and veterans that it serves.

The San Antonio-based company said Tuesday it will also start advertising again on other programs where it had suspended ads, including "Hardball" and "The Rachel Maddow Show" on MSNBC, and Jake Tapper's "The Lead" on CNN.

Following Hannity's reporting on a discredited conspiracy theory involving the death of a Democratic National Committee staff member, the liberal advocacy group Media Matters last week posted a list of his show's advertisers — and USAA was one of 10 to say it was pulling its commercials. At the time, the USAA said the company's policy was to avoid politically opinionated shows.

But many of USAA's customers reacted angrily, and it didn't help when the company's advertising on other opinion shows was pointed out.

USAA said it wasn't trying to favor one set of political views over another.

"We heard concerns from many members who watch and listen to these programs," USAA said in a statement on Tuesday. "Our goal in advertising has always been to reach members of the military community who would benefit from USAA's well-known commitment to service. Today, the lines between news and editorial are increasingly blurred."

The advertising is returning while the company reviews its policy about avoiding the opinion shows.

Hannity was due to return to Fox Tuesday following a brief vacation. He had said he would no longer talk about the shooting death of Seth Rich last year following pleas from the man's family, although his network had retracted an online story about Rich because it hadn't met its reporting standards.

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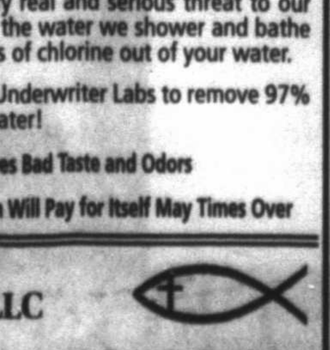

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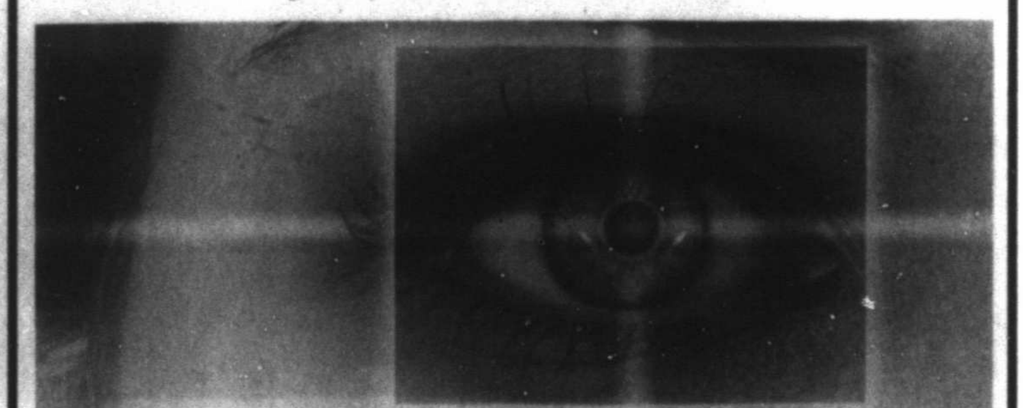

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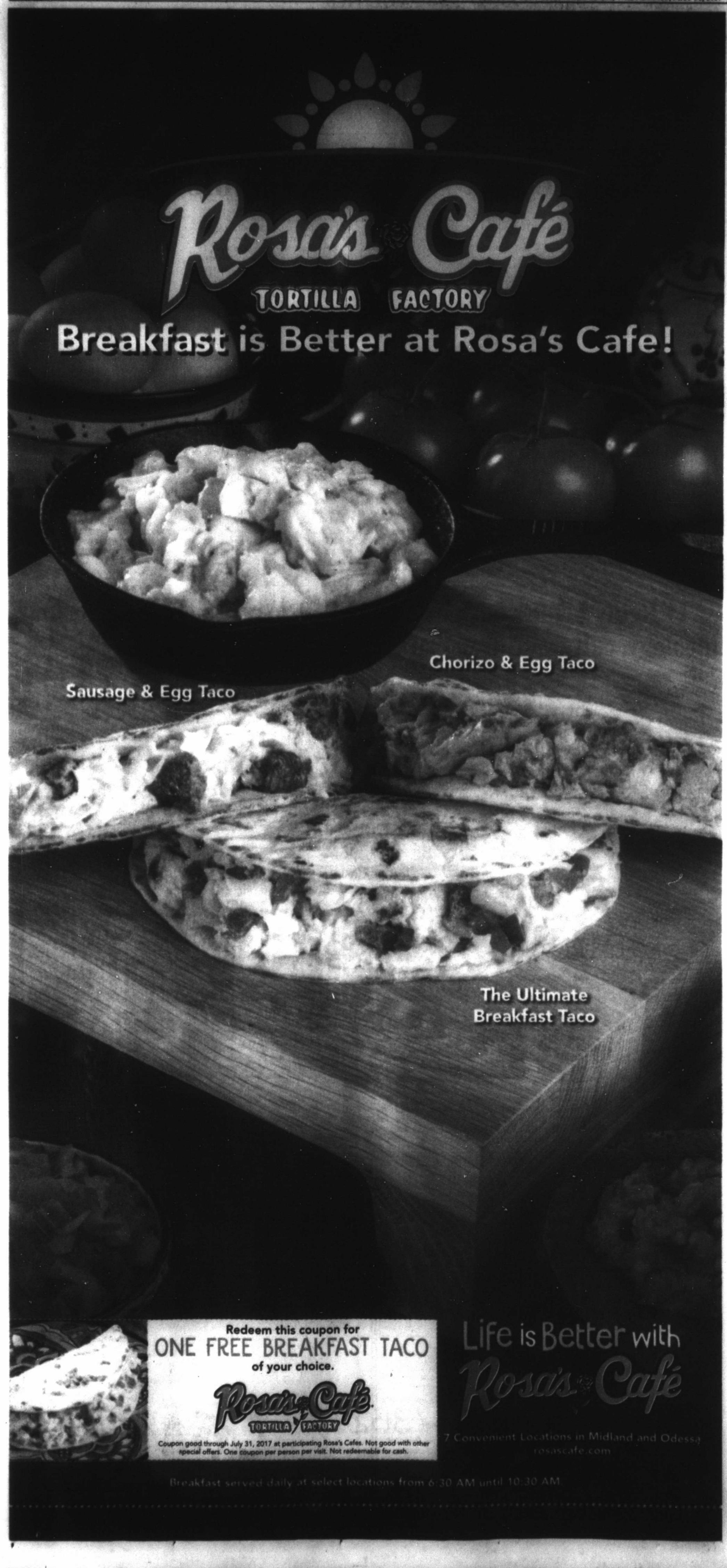
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Medicare plans to replace SS numbers on cards

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Old Medicare cards will be going in the shredder.

Officials said Tuesday the government is on track to meet a 2019 deadline for replacing Social Security numbers on Medicare cards with randomly generated digits and letters to protect seniors against identity theft. Planning for the massive transition has been underway for years.

Beneficiaries and their families should start seeing changes next April, Medicare announced Tuesday. That's when the agency will begin mailing out new cards to more than 57 million elderly and disabled beneficiaries. They'll be instructed to destroy their old cards after they get the new one. New cards may be used right away.

Health care transitions can be notoriously tricky for the government. Remember the "Obamacare" computer system that didn't work at first? Or the Medicare drug program rollout, when millions of low-income beneficiaries couldn't get their prescriptions filled initially?

In a statement Tuesday, Medicare chief Seema Verma said the Trump administration is aiming for "a seamless transition" over a 21-month period that will involve coordination with beneficiaries, family members, hospitals, doctors, insurance companies, pharmacies and state governments.

Congress has set an April 2019 deadline for all beneficiaries to have new cards. Medicare has set up a website that provides some basic information.

True to government form, the new Medicare number already has an acronym: MBI, which stands for Medicare Beneficiary Identifier.

No final prototype of the new card has been unveiled, but the MBI will have 11 characters, a combination of randomly generated numbers and upper-case letters. That will easily distinguish the MBI from the familiar Medicare number, which is based on Social Security numbers.

Using Social Security numbers has been a recognized vulnerability for years, exposing seniors to identity fraud. In a digital society, having a Social Security number stolen can have immediate financial and legal consequences taking months and even years to untangle.

"Most beneficiaries will carry that Medicare card in their wallet, so if their wallet is lost or stolen, that is exactly what the identity thief is looking for," said AARP's Amy Nofziger, a fraud prevention expert. Private insurers have stopped using Social Security numbers on ID cards, she added, and it's imperative that Medicare is gearing up to make the change.

Seniors are increasingly the victims of identity fraud, the government says, with a nearly 24 percent increase in such cases from 2012-14, when 2.6 million incidents were recorded.

Nofziger warned that confusion around the transition to new Medicare cards could become an opportunity for fraudsters.

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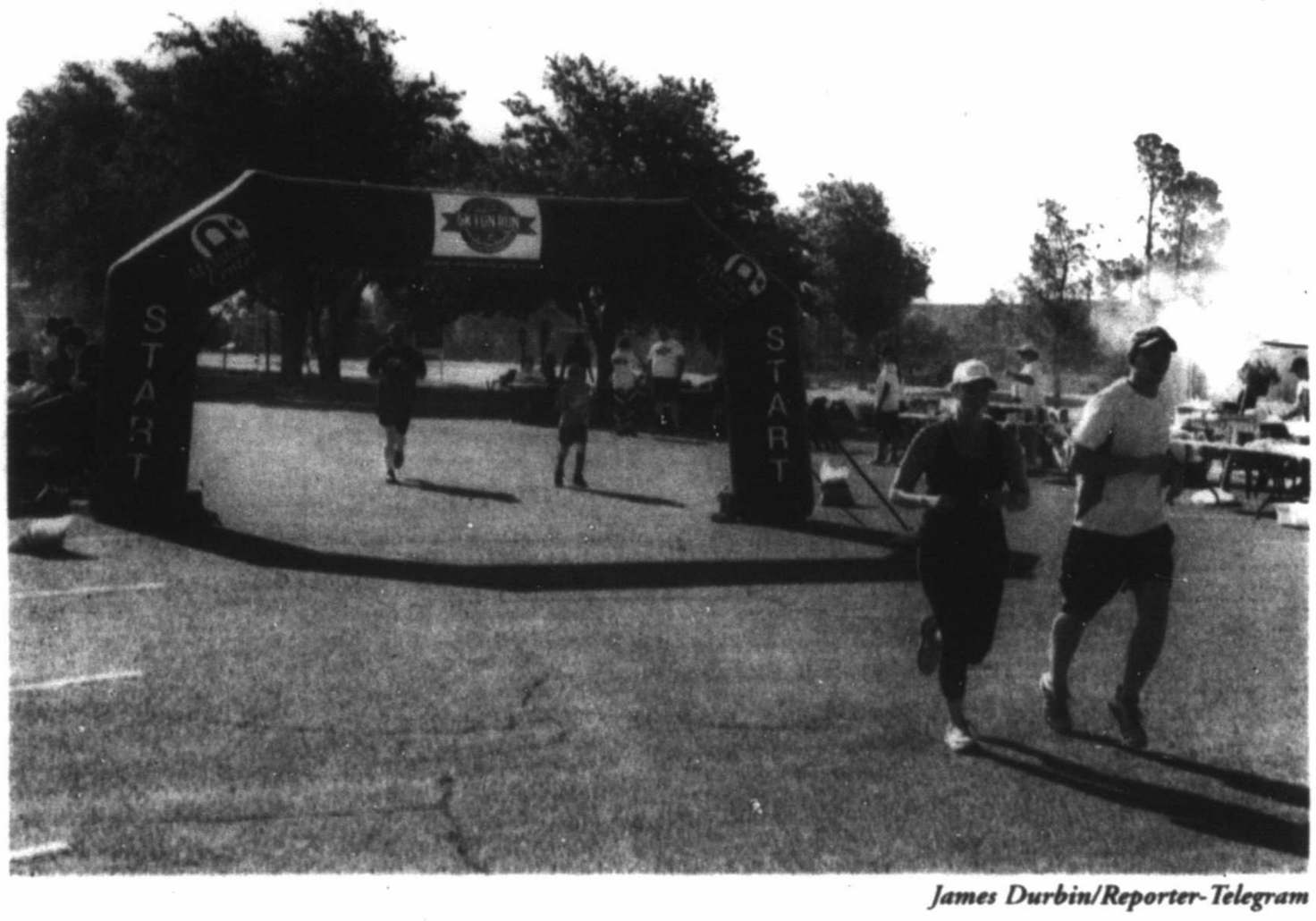

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Participants make their way through the 5K run benefitting Mission Center Adult Day Service and Permian Basin Military Partners Coalition on May 27 at Midland College.

12-year-old makes it big with healthy lollipops

■ Young entrepreneur's candy sold by Amazon, Toys "R" Us

By Darcel Rockett
Chicago Tribune

Have you ever wondered what the prequel to "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" would look like? It may resemble the career trajectory of Alina Morse — the 12-year-old founder/inventor of Zollipops (aka the "clean teeth lollipops").

Zollipops are natural lollipops that contain erythritol, xylitol and stevia (sugar alternatives), which neutralize acid in the mouth and reduce the risk of tooth decay and cavities.

The sixth-grader had the idea for healthier suckers when she was still in the single digits, according to her father and manager, Tom Morse. A simple visit to the bank and a teller offering her a lollipop with sugar led her to ask her father: "Why can't we have candy that's good for you?"

"She kept asking," he said. "After she asked about 100 times, I told her to do some research."

And research she did. A younger Alina questioned her dentist and dental hygienist about natural teeth-cleaning ingredients. She went to YouTube to find out how to make candy. She tried her hand at making lollipops at home, but her father, a business consultant, suggested using a nearby candy manufacturer. Alina's friends helped with the sampling and testing of the pops.

"The requirements she came up with for the product came from her and her friends. She had a friend who was allergic to peanuts and one who was allergic to gluten, so she basically said, 'Dad, it has to be this way because I want my friends to have it,' so it came out of a real need." (Alina is allergic to artificial dyes and colors, so that factored in as well.)

And when it came to the name of the lollipops, younger sister Lola helped.

"She offered her younger sister Lola a pop and asked, "Do you want to try a xylitol lollipop?" said her father. "Her sister had a little challenge saying the name, so she said Zollipop." The rest is "herstory."

Alina invested her savings into Zollipops a few years ago, and now her sugar-free, gluten-free, non-GMO, vegan, dairy-free, natural colored, fruit-flavored lollipops are sold internationally and across the U.S. by retailers like Amazon, Toys "R" Us, Whole Foods, Kroger, Meijer and, as of last week, Dylan's Candy Bar. Ten percent of all Zollipops profits go to support oral health education in schools, and her product has garnered attention from the likes of Michelle Obama and her Let's Move initiative. Zollipops was on site at the 2015 and 2016 White House Easter Egg Rolls.

"Honestly, I just wanted to do something that kids would like," Alina said. "I just thought it would be a good market because there's not really healthy candies out there, and there's not a lot of things parents feel comfortable giving their kids that the kids actually want to eat. So I just figured that I would make something that would be a win-win for everyone."

Alina, a resident of Wolverine Lake, Michigan, was at the annual Sweets and Snacks Expo last week at McCormick Place to show off ZolliPops and her latest natural candy addition, Zaffi Taffy.

"It's kind of amazing how much we've accomplished in such a short amount of time. I would have never dreamed that we would have gotten into Dylan's Candy Bar. Like, that's insanity. It's literally owned by Ralph Lauren's daughter, and they're trillionaires, and that's just crazy," Alina said in an interview at Dylan's Candy Bar on Michigan Avenue. "I want to keep doing this (business) for as long as possible and keep helping kids. I really think it's making an impact."

Alina started asking questions after she and her father read the book "Rich Dad Poor Dad," by Robert Kiyosaki. "Kids ask great questions, and it's easy as a parent to say OK ... but just listen to the questions they ask and help them reach their dreams, reach their potential," Morse said.

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Stress healthy eating rather than weight loss

■ It's parents' job to teach children about proper diet, exercise

One word that I hear too often when discussing weight is the "f" word. Unfortunately, "fat" is often used to describe overweight or obese individuals. Adults describe themselves as fat. I doubt that is how a doctor would describe them. Why are we so harsh and judgmental on ourselves?

More inside

■ Listen to body's signals to determine what to eat.
■ Gyms are in position to spot eating disorders.

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Weight is an issue we think about regularly and potentially is one we have struggled with at one time in our lives.

I know adults who were told as children that they should "watch what they eat or they'll end up fat." There are grandparents who say their grandkid is growing out instead of growing up, yet they continue to feed him sugary treats. The harsh comments we say to our children stay with them, especially regarding their weight. Keep the "f" word out of the healthy eating conversation. Family members' comments have stronger effects than comments made by those who aren't relatives.

I have seen parents scolding kids because they are slower, heavier, always last or may be larger (so "they should be better" than the smaller kids). This is not the way to help our children get in shape. Harsh comments concerning weight can send the message that parents are tying weight to a perception of how the child is valued. Tell your child that making healthier food choices could result in weight loss, and they'll feel better and move easier.

If we set the example of healthy eating and physical activity, our children will learn from our good habits. Make the conversation not about weight loss, but about healthy eating and physical activity becoming a priority. We don't want our children to think that they are not OK as people. These thoughts could easily lead to eating disorders. We need to approach weight in productive ways. We shouldn't tease our children regarding possible weight issues.

Once guidelines are established for healthy eating at home, you will need to discuss what to do when the parent isn't around to help make wise decisions. Being consistent with the rules at home will help the children when they're away from home. There are resources available to help

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Report: More Americans with Alzheimer's dying at home

By Mike Stobbe
Associated Press

NEW YORK — One in 4 Alzheimer's deaths in the United States are now occurring at home — a startling increase that marks a shift away from hospitals and nursing homes, according to a report released last week.

Alzheimer's deaths in hospitals and nursing homes or other long-term care facilities shrank from more than 80 percent to 60 percent over 15 years. Meanwhile, those dying at home rose from 14 percent to 25 percent, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found.

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive brain disorder that impairs memory, judgment and other mental abilities. It's most common in the elderly. In the final stages of the disease, people have trouble eating and carrying on a conversation, are vulnerable to pneumonia and infections, and often need around-the-clock care.

The Alzheimer's death rate has risen nearly 80 percent since 1999 and the disease is the nation's sixth leading cause of death.

Deaths have been climbing for some time. A big reason is declines in other causes of death — particularly heart disease and cancer — are enabling more people to live long enough to die from Alzheimer's, experts say.

In the new report, the CDC analyzed death certificates from 1999 to 2014 and found a surprise — a shift in where people with Alzheimer's are dying.

Experts said it's not clear why more people with Alzheimer's are dying at home than in hospitals or nursing homes.

One possible explanation is patient preference. For people losing their memories, it can be a comfort to remain in familiar surroundings, said Jeff Huber, president of Home Instead Senior Care, an Omaha-based company that provides home care to tens of thousands of clients with Alzheimer's and dementia.

But it can be difficult for families. Even if they have the insurance or money to get home-care workers to help, caring for an Alzheimer's patient can take an exhausting toll, experts said.

As baby boomers age, "the numbers dying from Alzheimer's are just going to get worse," said Keith Fargo, director of scientific programs for the Alzheimer's Association.

The CDC also released Alzheimer's death rates for counties.

The counties with the highest rates over 10 years were tiny Eddy County in east central North Dakota, and Hamlin County in eastern South Dakota. Several counties in the South were near the top of the list.

It's not clear why. Doctors in some places might be better at diagnosing Alzheimer's, or coroners and medical examiners might more commonly put Alzheimer's on death certificates instead of other causes, said Christopher Taylor, a CDC epidemiologist who was the report's lead author.

Obituaries

Ada Marie Butler Frederking

Ada Marie Butler Frederking was born Ada Marie Huelsman to Ada Krughoff and Walter Huelsman on October 9, 1918 in Nashville, Illinois and died May 28, 2017 in Midland at age 98.

She was a resident of Midland since 1955. Our Mama was the oldest of four children and grew up in a small mid-western town where family and community were close. She was raised with traditional American values and went through the Depression, which taught her to be frugal and to waste naught.

She was an active member of Eastern Star and an accomplished cellist, playing in string quartets in St. Louis and southern Illinois. She obtained her teaching certificate from MacMurry College for Women in Jacksonville, Illinois and taught in several one-room schools in Washington and White County, Illinois.

She met her husband, A.D. (Mel) Butler from Albany, Texas, who was working for Oil Well Supply in Nashville, Illinois. They met at a skating rink in Nashville and he immediately swept her off her feet-the cute man from Texas who wore his hat cocked to one side. They were married in 1940 and resided in Carmi, Illinois until World War II began and he joined the Army.

During the war, she moved to Port Arthur, Texas where she worked for the war effort at Gulf Chemical. After the war, she and Mel eventually settled in Midland in 1955 where Mel worked for Oil Well Supply and they raised their three children.

Mama was a faithful servant of God and, from initially moving to Midland until her passing, was an active member of First United Methodist Church. She taught Sunday school and was active in the Buddy Wood Class, played in the hand bell choir, and was active in UMW where she met many life-long friends. Mama was active in the community and worked for Head Start.

She also returned to her love of music by playing cello in the Midland Symphony Orchestra directed by Walter Montani. After Mel's death in 1978, she worked with dear friends at Upstairs Downstairs for 10 years.

In 1986, Mama went back to Nashville, Illinois for her 50th high school reunion and reunited with school friend, Albert Frederking. They were married in 1989 and she moved back to Nashville with Albert but also maintained her long-time home and friendships in Midland.

After Albert's death in 1999, she returned to Midland and continued active membership in FUMC. She was active at Senior Citizens Center of Midland, Midland Garden Club and AnAmi.

She was a fiercely independent and dynamic woman, enjoyed keeping up with the activities of her growing family, travel, several card groups, following world events, politics and public affairs, and was an avid reader and student of the Bible. Being a woman of strong convictions and opinions, she was famously quick to provide family members with advice, instruction, congratulations, or correction as she felt circumstances warranted.

Ada Marie was preceded in death by her parents; her two husbands; her sisters, MaryEllen Lenz and Doris Lang; and her brother, Bob Huelsman.

She is survived by her three children, Gail Butler Berger and husband Byron of southern Colorado, Jim Butler of Dallas, Texas, and Jane Butler Bralley and husband Col. James Bralley (Ret.) of Harker Heights, Texas; six grandchildren, Jonathan Berger and wife Christi of Dallas, Erin Shaw and husband Jim of San Angelo, Texas, Kristen Butler and husband Jason Rymer of Dallas, and Mary Margaret Bralley, Ben Bralley and wife Shannon, and J.D. Bralley and wife Tiffany, all of Harker Heights; eight great-grandchildren, Abigail Berger, Annabel Berger, A.J. Shaw, Axel Shaw, William Bralley, Betsy Bralley, Ella Bralley, and Hudson Bralley; her sister-in-law, Mildred Frederking; three Frederking stepchildren and their families; and by numerous nieces and nephews and their families.

She will truly be missed.

There will be a visitation at Ellis Funeral Home on Thursday, June 1, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and funeral services will be held at First United Methodist Church on Friday, June 2, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Private burial will be in Albany, Texas at 3:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in her remembrance to First United Methodist Church of Midland at 300 N. Main St., Midland, Texas 79701 or to Hospice of Midland at PO Box 2621, Midland, TX 79702.

Online condolences may be offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com*.

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Florence Allison Husa

Florence Allison Husa, a longtime resident of DeKalb, Illinois, passed away on May 24, 2017. Florence was born on February 8, 1931 in Oak Park, Illinois to Donald Bailey Allison and Alberta Slater Allison.

On August 9, 1952, Florence was married to Harold E. Husa of Berwyn, Illinois, whom she first met in September 1948 in the library of Northern Illinois University (her daughters fondly recall their mother's advice that the best place to meet a future husband is in a library.) Florence and Harry's wonderful 64 years of marriage has been an inspiration to many, but particularly to their three children.

Florence received her bachelor's and master's degrees in Speech Pathology, and a certificate of advanced study in early childhood education, all from Northern Illinois University. She first taught in public schools in Illinois and Michigan before returning to Northern as Clinical Supervisor in the Department of Communications Disorders. During her tenure at Northern, she served as an advisor to the Mortar Board National Honor Society and the Alpha Eta National Allied Health Honorary Society. She also was a member of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and the Illinois Speech-Language-Hearing Association and over the years presented several programs on child language and articulation disorders and foreign dialect reduction at their respective conventions.

Florence was tireless in her involvement with church, university, and community activities.

For over 50 years, she was an active member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in DeKalb, where she taught Sunday school and served as chair of the Deacons Committee and co-president of the Women's Fellowship Club.

She was a member and served as president of the DeKalb Chapter of the American Association of University Women, the University Women's Club, the DeKalb Drama Club, and the Thursday Arts Club.

She was a member of Chapter DX of P.E.O. and the Sycamore-DeKalb Panhellenic Association. She was a member and served on the boards of directors of the Northern Illinois University Alumni Association, the Kishwaukee Family YMCA, the Family Service Agency Guild, the Kishwaukee Symphony Associates, and Elder Care Services.

Florence and Harry traveled extensively throughout North America, Europe, Asia, South America, Australia, and Africa, but her favorite trips were the visits to her children and grandchildren and she carefully recorded in her diaries the number of days she had spent with each of them every year on a page entitled *Days I Saw My Loves*.

Florence is survived by her husband, Harry; her children, Christopher Husa (Leslie) of La Cañada, California, Hjordis Snider (Craig) of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Holly McDonnold (Kyle) of Midland, Texas; seven grandchildren; and by her sisters, Deaneann Bonthron of Mount Prospect, Illinois and Carol Triano of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 617 N. 1st Street in DeKalb.

Memorial gifts may be made in her name to the First Congregational United Church of Christ.

For information, visit *www.AndersonFuneralHome Ltd.com* or call 815-756-1022.

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Olga Gonzales Rodriquez

Olga Gonzales Rodriguez, 58, of Midland passed away on Thursday, May 25, 2017 in Midland, Texas. Rosary services will be held Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Midland. Funeral mass will be held Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Midland.

Olga G. Rodriguez was born on February 10, 1959 in Midland, Texas to Caroline Carrasco and Jesse Gonzales. She has been married to her high school sweetheart, Fred, for 39 years where their love for one another blossoms everyday. Olga was a loving wife, mother, grandma, and friend who never met a stranger. She loved being on the go nonstop and always had her husband by her side for the ride. Olga had a contagious smile with dimples that instantly lit up the room. She had the biggest heart and was always willing to lend a helping hand. Olga was a humble soul who always cared for others before herself and was never afraid of hard work. She was a dedicated worker and one you could always count on. She enjoyed being around her grandchildren every second she could by cheering them on at their sporting events and 4-H projects, wrapping hundreds of Christmas gifts for them, and spoiling her grandchildren. Olga was a devoted Catholic and always made sure her family followed the right path. She loved WinStar Casino, going on vacations, fishing, shopping at Stanton Sorehead Trade Days, and being around family and friends.

Although Olga was diagnosed with Breast Cancer, she stayed faithful to God's plan and was brave and courageous every step of the way while also giving strength to the ones she was surrounded by. Olga is a Child of God who will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her.

Olga is survived by her husband, Fred Rodriguez, Jr.; her daughter Priscilla and husband Robert Rodriguez and their 4 children Robertah, Isaac, Mireya, and Nathaniel; Her daughter Jessica and husband Paul Martinez and their two sons Maddox and Matthew; Mother Caroline and husband Senaido Hernandez; Sister Sylvia and husband Jesse Guzman; brother Lupe and wife Lora Gonzales; brother Daniel Gonzales; brother Henry and wife Joyce Gonzales; brother Louis and wife Diana Gonzales; brother Ruben and wife Wanda Gonzales; Numerous family and friends whom she treasured dearly.

She is preceded in death by her father Jesse Gonzales and her brother Jesse Gonzales, Jr.

Pallbearers are Daniel Gonzales, Henry Gonzales, Louis Gonzales, Ruben Gonzales, Raymond Rodriguez, and Ralph Rodriguez.

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

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Maria Dolores Leon

Maria Dolores Leon, 81, of Midland, Texas, was born on January 2, 1936 in Mexico to Domingo Leon and Asuncion Capetillo. She passed away on Friday, May 26, 2017 in Midland.

She is survived by her two daughters, Clara and Catalina Martinez Leon; grandchildren, Nancy, Omar and Goretty; great-grandchildren, Danny, Luismi, and Alex.

A viewing will be held on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., followed by a rosary at American Heritage Funeral Home.

Funeral service will be held Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., with burial immediately following at American Heritage Cemetery.

Online condolences may be posted at *www.thehealingstartshere.com.*

Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery/Funeral Home/Crematory.

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Misti Whitmore (Prater)

Misti Whitmore (Prater), 45, of Midland, Texas, passed away on May 26, 2017.

She is survived by her mother, Nell Whitmore; son, Christopher Ward; daughter, Kayleigh Ward; and by one sister.

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

Paul DeFoe Stuart

Paul DeFoe Stuart, 26, of Midland, Texas, passed away on May 29, 2017.

There will be a visitation on Sunday, June 4, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, June 5, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Peggy Ann Caldwell

Peggy Ann Caldwell, 76, of Midland, Texas, passed away on May 25, 2017.

A funeral service will be held in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 31, 2017. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

GUEST VIEW

Albuquerque Journal

Program cuts ER visits, saves Medicaid dollars

It's well established that the most expensive health care is delivered in an emergency room. So it stands to reason that anyone visiting an emergency room who could be treated just as effectively, and possibly more quickly, in an urgent care center or in their doctor's office is wasting money. If they're a Medicaid patient, they're wasting everyone's money.

That realization prompted a private health insurer, Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Mexico, to start a pilot program that has paramedics making house calls to recently discharged Medicaid patients to check on their health and reduce hospital readmissions. The program also has nurses visiting patients scheduled for hospital discharge who may be at high risk for readmission, including those with chronic illnesses or who are recovering from surgery.

In its first year, the Community Paramedicine initiative has assisted more than 1,100 Medicaid patients in the Albuquerque area, reduced emergency room visits by nearly 62 percent, decreased ambulance use by 63 percent and saved the insurer about $1.7 million. That saves taxpayers money, and it saves time for everyone else waiting to be seen in the ER. No wonder BCBS wants to expand it to other parts of the state.

The program perhaps most importantly safeguards the health of some of our most vulnerable citizens. It focuses on "super utilizers," patients who use 911 or visit hospital emergency rooms four or five times a year. Those patients typically live alone, have a limited support network, lack transportation or have an unsteady housing situation.

Paramedic Shelley Kleinfeld says she visits 10 to 12 patients a week to check their vital signs, help them manage their medications and medical equipment, coordinate doctor's appointments and check if there is enough food in the house. "It's nice to interact with someone other than from the back of an ambulance," she says.

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Listen to your body's signals to determine what to eat

■ Unhealthy diet is result of habit, dietitian says

By Addie Broyles
Austin American-Statesman

It's too bad that the word "diet" has come to mean restricted eating.

The broader idea of a diet — all the foods you eat — is a wonderful idea. It's our personal landscape of the tastes, smells and textures that, over a day, a week, a month and beyond, keep us alive and determine much of our physical and mental health.

But the way we use "diet" now indicates a regimen, not a canvas. Diets are a book of rules that stress us out, not the overall terroir of what we eat. If dietitian Mary Agnew could teach one thing to her students, it's that the big picture matters much more than the plate that's in front of you.

Agnew, who teaches nutrition classes with the Central Texas Food Bank but doesn't counsel clients, says that habits, not necessarily cravings, are what hold us back from having more overall balanced diets.

If we always finish the bag of popcorn, we continue to finish the bag of popcorn. If we have three pieces of chocolate after dinner, we have three pieces of chocolate after dinner. If our lunch companion finishes his or her sandwich, we finish ours.

"We spend so much on diets and books, but we still have this huge obesity issue," she says.

Agnew spent 12 years as a vegetarian until she started to crave turkey sandwiches. (Jimmy John's is her soft spot.) A bite of a cheeseburger at Shake Shack took her off that path completely, so

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Gyms are in position to spot eating disorders

■ Fitness industry trade association: Clubs, trainers should be educated to recognize the signs

"This is not about asking someone who visibly has an eating disorder to leave the gym. It's about being able to understand the dangers and destructiveness of what the disorder is doing and to offer your help."

Jodi Rubin, psychotherapist specializing in eating disorders

By Donna De La Cruz
Special to The Washington Post

During a recent Zumba class at the Washington Sports Club in Dupont Circle, an emaciated woman came in a few minutes late and began to follow the class's movements. One class participant was alarmed enough to tell the front desk.

"I was very concerned she would break a bone or sustain a heart attack," said the woman, who did not wish to be identified. "I don't know what the legal situation is, but ethically it seems to me that for a sports club to let somebody like her exercise is similar to a bar serving drinks to a very drunk customer."

It turns out a fitness club's legal authority when it comes to dealing with people with an eating disorder, such as anorexia or bulimia, is a pretty gray area.

People with eating disorders are protected under the Americans With Disabilities Act, so fitness clubs are prohibited from discriminating against them. In a 2011 briefing paper, the International Health, Racquet & Sportsclub Association (IHRSA), the trade association serving the global health club and fitness industry, stressed the importance of fitness clubs educating themselves to recognize the signs of eating disorders. But the paper also said clubs "do not have a specific obligation" to inform members about anorexia and bulimia but should do so to protect the club and its employees from liability, and to protect a member's health.

IHRSA added that clubs should treat eating disorders like any other medical condition and include eating disorders in disclaimers and medical clearance forms. IHRSA worked with the National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA) on its briefing paper.

Claire Mysko, chief executive of NEDA, said fitness centers, athletic trainers and coaches are really on the front lines in helping people with eating disorders.

"They are in a position to recognize behaviors and certainly if they are witnessing dramatic weight loss in a person, they can intervene to try and help," Mysko said. "But that's a difficult line because fitness instructors and coaches sometimes don't have the information they need to help someone with an eating disorder."

Mysko added that it is not obvious someone has an eating disorder just by looking at them.

"Anorexia is the most visible disorder when a person is severely underweight, but people with eating disorders can be of normal weight or overweight," she said. "Thirty million Americans — 20 million women and 10 million men — struggle with an eating disorder at some point in their lives."

NEDA offers tool kits on its website for athletic trainers and coaches, as well as for parents and educators. The tool kits offer materials on the types of eating disorders, myths about them and tips on how to help someone. And for people who want to see if they have an eating disorder, NEDA offers a free online screening tool.

The issue of how the fitness industry deals with members with eating disorders is Jodi Rubin's mission. Rubin, a psychotherapist specializing in eating disorders, would go to her gym and see people spending hours working out.

"Overexercising is often a sign someone has an eating disorder, and I would see fitness club employees not know how to handle such a situation," Rubin said. "But many clubs want their employees to be trained to understand what eating disorders are and how they can help. This is not about asking someone who visibly has an eating disorder to leave the gym. It's about being able to understand the dangers and destructiveness of what the disorder is doing and to offer your help."

Rubin decided to become certified as a fitness trainer so she could provide online training courses to coaches and instructors through her Destructively Fit website. Her courses also highlight how to spot the signs of overexercising.

"If you never take a day off from exercising, feel depressed or anxious if you miss a day at the gym, or give up social engagements to exercise, those are signs of overexercising," Rubin said. "If you use exercise as a way of purging — running on the treadmill to burn off a 500-calorie meal, for example — that's also a sign."

Rubin said the woman at Washington Sports Club who voiced concern about the emaciated member in her Zumba class did the right thing by speaking up. Rubin cautioned that it is best to approach someone in a private setting, and even better if you have a relationship with them.

Lauryn Lax said if several members of the YMCA in Nashville had not approached her in 2014, she might be dead today. Lax, who had struggled since she was 10 with an eating disorder, weighed 79 pounds in 2014 and was working out up to eight hours a day, going to one of several gyms where she had memberships.

"I call them my YMCA angels," Lax said in a telephone interview. "They said they were worried about me and they wanted to take me to the hospital."

Lax went to the hospital and started her long road to recovery. She now is a doctor of occupational therapy and a nutritional therapy practitioner in Texas.

Lax said the only time she was approached out of concern for her health while at a gym was at the YMCA by other members.

"Fitness instructors would talk to me in a way that did not address my problem outright," she said. "They would see me at the gym all the time and some would say 'Oh, back again?' in a backhanded way. That's why I had several gym memberships."

"That only accelerated my eating disorder even more because I wanted to cling to the exercise even more," Lax said. "Education is the key for trainers so they know how to handle clients with eating disorders and recognize the signs. I would have rather have been shown some love and concern than be ignored."

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children make those difficult decisions.

Our job as parents is to teach our children healthy eating patterns. They did not learn how to read without our help; the same goes for healthy eating habits. This means keeping healthy foods in the house and not buying sodas. It involves getting back to family dinners and participating as a family in physical activities such as walking or riding a bike.

If we eat healthy snacks, our kids are more likely to eat them. Remember to praise your children when they make wise food choices and don't make them feel guilty over the "not so wise" food choices. Supporting your child will go a long way to building their confidence and self-esteem. Don't talk in front of your children about your weight and the constant battle you face. Show your children what you are doing to make positive changes for your health and they will follow that example.

One in 3 children are overweight or obese, according to the American Heart Association. As parents, we should look at what we are feeding our children. We are either setting our children up for a healthy lifestyle or a lifestyle filled with chronic diseases and conditions. It may be difficult to talk to your child if you dealt with being overweight as a child; find the resources you need. Help your child to understand that weight is a matter of health, not how you look. Remember that your child needs you to help them learn healthy behaviors.

Denessa Leary is health and wellness coordinator at the Midland YMCA.

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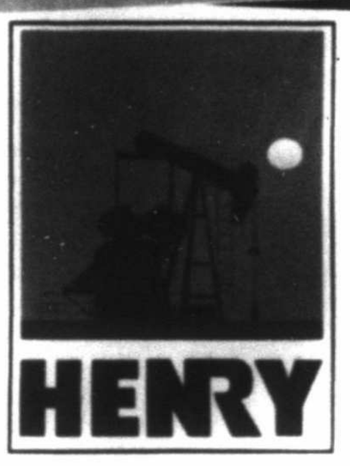

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she understands as much as anyone how tempting "bad" foods can be.

"If you're hungry, your body is telling you something," she says. But if it's 6 p.m. and you're not that hungry, don't make and eat a plate of food just because it's dinnertime.

Agnew blames dieting culture for the prevalence of binge eating. "If you really love fried chicken, and you're like, 'Fried chicken is bad. I'm not going to eat it anymore,' you're going to want it more," she says. "It creates a cycle of binge and restricting. If you have the 'It will always be here' mentality, you're less likely to binge."

Permanently eliminating foods you enjoy is not a healthful way of eating, even if we're talking about sugary cakes and sodas. Being mindful of consumption is a big part of intuitive eating; setting up an unrealistic expectation that you'll never have another Dr Pepper or piece of fried chicken is not.

"A lot of women have some sort of disordered eating because of the way we grow up and seeing what we 'should' be looking like in the media," Agnew says. "It can manifest in different ways. Binge eating disorder was only recently added" to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

If you're in a good place, emotionally and physically, it's easier to figure out what to eat based on what your body and mind need, but listening to your body is a skill we can lose and gain at various times in our lives, depending on the circumstances. When you're in crisis or at the very least stressed out, you tend to stop paying attention to signals of hunger, thirst, low energy or an unhappy stomach.

If you're unfamiliar with listening to your body after eating, try to focus on your physical body in the hours after you eat your next meal. Are you satiated? Are you hydrated? Do you feel full an hour later? Two hours later? Do you crave sweets even though you're full?

If you think about a 3-year-old eating over the course of three days, you'll notice that he or she doesn't eat the same quantity of food at every meal or have the same level of hunger every day. Adults have a similar cycle, so try to think about what you've consumed this week, not just today, when you're making food decisions.

Agnew and I spent a recent lunch break flipping through old nutrition books collected in the Statesman cookbook drive earlier this year.

Among recipes for microwaved roast beef and faux sour cream made with evaporated milk, we saw statistics that felt like numbers you'd see today — for instance, that 1 out of 2 adults is affected by obesity.

In the 1980s, Nathan Pritikin shared that statistic in "The Pritikin Program for Diet and Exercise," a book that warned of the dangers of the Atkins and ketogenic diet — two diets we've seen reappear in American culture. In Pritikin's book, I also learned about how liquid protein diets led to nearly 60 deaths that decade and that people used a hard-to-believe practice of wiring one's jaw shut to prevent overeating.

As Agnew looked through "The Fat Free Living Super Cookbook" from the 1990s, she lamented that the fat-free decade is what led us to having so much sugar in processed foods today. "Fat adds flavor, so sugar was added to replace the flavor, but sugar is a bigger problem than fat," she says. You don't need refined sugar to survive, but you do need fat, not only because it makes you feel satiated but also because fat helps your body absorb many nutrients found in other parts of a meal.

We were surprised by the commonalities between today's nutrition advice and that of yesteryear. Forty years ago, "Slim Gourmet" author Barbara Gibbons, too, was writing about eggs as a controversial ingredient, "even though it's one of the leanest and more affordable proteins."

Gibbons, who died in 2014, also was spot-on about not falling for marketing. "To compound confusion, many dietetic products use fanciful names that imply slimness and some decorate their labels with shapely silhouettes or other illustrations that convey the idea of weight loss. The casual shopper can easily be misled, but thanks to federal regulations, the pertinent information is usually available on the label for those willing to read the fine print."

"Remember the word natural is no guarantee that the food is healthy for you," Gibbons wrote, nearly echoing a statement Agnew had just made over tacos and a Topo Chico.

Food marketing is an easy trap to fall into at the grocery store, but at home, beware of the scale, Agnew says. Constantly focusing on weight as a measure of health might be the hardest American nutrition habit to break.

Agnew is among the many dietitians who are spreading awareness about why weight and body mass index, or BMI, aren't the best measures of health and that you can be healthy at every size.

"The more people diet, the more out of control their weight is," she says. "If you don't find the root cause of the emotional eating, it's not going to be a permanent change."

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Community Development Program
Public Hearing

The City Council of Midland, Texas will hold a **public hearing** in the City Council Chambers, **City Hall**, 300 N Loraine, Midland, Texas, on **June 13, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.** The purpose of the public hearing is to allow the public to participate in the development of the City's 2017/18 Community Development Program. Past usage of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, community development and housing needs, and proposed uses of 2017/18 CDBG funds will be discussed.

The City will receive a grant of approximately $661,412 for 2017/18 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The City also expects to receive $150,000 in program income. A minimum 70% of CDBG funds must be allocated to projects that benefit low and moderate-income persons. Examples of activities eligible for CDBG funding are: housing rehabilitation, sidewalk and street improvement, park improvements, code enforcement, lot clearance, economic development and public services.

For further information, call the City's Community Development Office at 685-7408 or 685-7472.

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HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Aspen Dental to treat veterans

Aspen Dental is offering free dental care for local veterans 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 24 as part of its Healthy Mouth Movement. The Midland Aspen Dental office is at Cornerstone Shopping Center, 4400 N. Midland Drive.

In the past three years, more than 7,000 Aspen Dental team members have volunteered their time and talents to deliver $7.6 million in free dental care to more than 12,000 patients in need.

Appointments are required. To schedule an appointment, 1-844-AspenHMM.

For more information, visit www.HealthyMouthMovement.com.

Town hall will address prescription drug use

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is hosting an event to address prescription drug misuse. The regional town hall is scheduled for 2 - 5 p.m. Friday at the Region 18 Education Service Center.

The event for youth and adults will include remarks and a public comment period. For more information or to register, visit prescriptiondrugsummit.com/regional.html.

Midland Health events

- Weigh to Success, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus cafeteria. Sundae Adkins, 638-8081, sundae.adkins@midland-memorial.com.
- Find a Job Friday, 8 a.m. Friday, Midland Memorial Hospital lobby; 221-4305.
- Basic Childbirth Class, noon Saturday, Midland Memorial Hospital; $40 a couple; includes Birthplace Tour. Amber Cunningham, 221-3283, childbirtheducation@midland-memorial.com; to register, visit midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.
- Birthplace Tour, 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Monday, Midland Memorial Hospital; Amber Cunningham, 221-3283, childbirtheducation@midland-memorial.com; to register, visit midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

Weekly support groups & hotlines

(subject to change)

- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Christian Church of Midland, 2609 Neely Ave. 694-8643.
- Overeaters Anonymous; 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays and 3-4 p.m. Sundays; B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031.
- Survivors of sexual abuse; interactive Bible study to help deal with the consequences of sexual abuse meets Tuesdays. Child care available; House of Hope, 570-5935.
- Peer to Peer support group for veterans, active duty, guard, reserves and their families, 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Permian Basin Community Center, 401 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 403; Wil Hoggard, 213-5342, william.hoggard@wtcmhmr.org.

PDAP meetings

- 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays: Parents group and younger group (12-17), 1208 W. Wall St.; college group (18-26), 2503 W. Ohio Ave.; older group (27 and over), First Presbyterian Church.
- 11:30-1:30 p.m. Wednesdays: older group, 1208 W. Wall St., includes lunch.
- Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.
- Serenity Group, 8 p.m. daily, 3101 N. "A" St., Building C; 685-3100.
- 710 Group, 7 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 710 Ohio Ave.; 682-8162.
- Alpha Omega, 8 p.m Tuesdays and 11 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays, 311 S. Pecos St.
- 12-Step Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays; PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St., 553-7220.
- Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.
- Laundry Group, 8 p.m. daily and noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 104 N. Marshall St.
- Xodus Group, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St., 634-7609.
- CODA Group, 12-step program for relationships, 7 p.m. Fridays and Sundays, PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St., 599-4490.
- La Hacienda Alumni, support group for former patients, 7 p.m. Thursdays, PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St. 553-7220.

Hope Chest

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

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

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

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

MMH payment options

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

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

Source: Midland Memorial Hospital

How sick are you?

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

The program is designed to help people determine whether their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-6773.

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

Help line for long-term or disabled care

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

For more information, call 855-937-2372.

Contact your Hospital District representative

Midland Memorial Hospital

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People with mental illnesses need to be heard

ANGIE MORRIS
Centers for Children and Families

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, an observance that has been around since the 1940s. Each year's observance has a theme; this year's theme is Risky Business.

Mental Health America, the organization that started Mental Health Awareness Month, believes that it's important to educate people about habits and behaviors that increase the risk of developing or exacerbating mental illnesses or could be signs of mental health problems. These factors include risky sex, prescription drug misuse, internet addiction, excessive spending, marijuana use and troublesome exercise patterns.

Mental Health America and other organizations have partnered together and created tools for us to better understand mental illness. These tools can empower us to better assist those who suffer from mental illnesses. Many people suffer from mental illness in silence. One in five adults and one in five adolescents (13 to 18) suffer from a mental disease.

We all can do our part to bring about positive changes that start with conversations about mental health. Ask the difficult questions. Ask your spouse, your child, or a coworker how they are doing and listen, truly listen, to their responses. People suffering from mental illness need to be heard, and if you take the time to do this, you could be saving a life. Be aware of the signs of mental illness, which include:

- confused thinking;
- prolonged depression (sadness or irritability);
- feelings of extreme highs and lows;
- excessive fears, worries and anxieties;
- social withdrawal;
- dramatic changes in eating or sleeping habits;
- strong feelings of anger;
- strange thoughts (delusions);
- seeing or hearing things that aren't there (hallucinations);
- growing inability to cope with daily problems and activities;
- suicidal thoughts;
- numerous unexplained physical ailments; and
- substance use

If we begin to think of mental health like our physical health, I believe the stigma surrounding mental health will decrease. Pay attention to the signs and start a conversation with those in your life, even when that conversation may be difficult.

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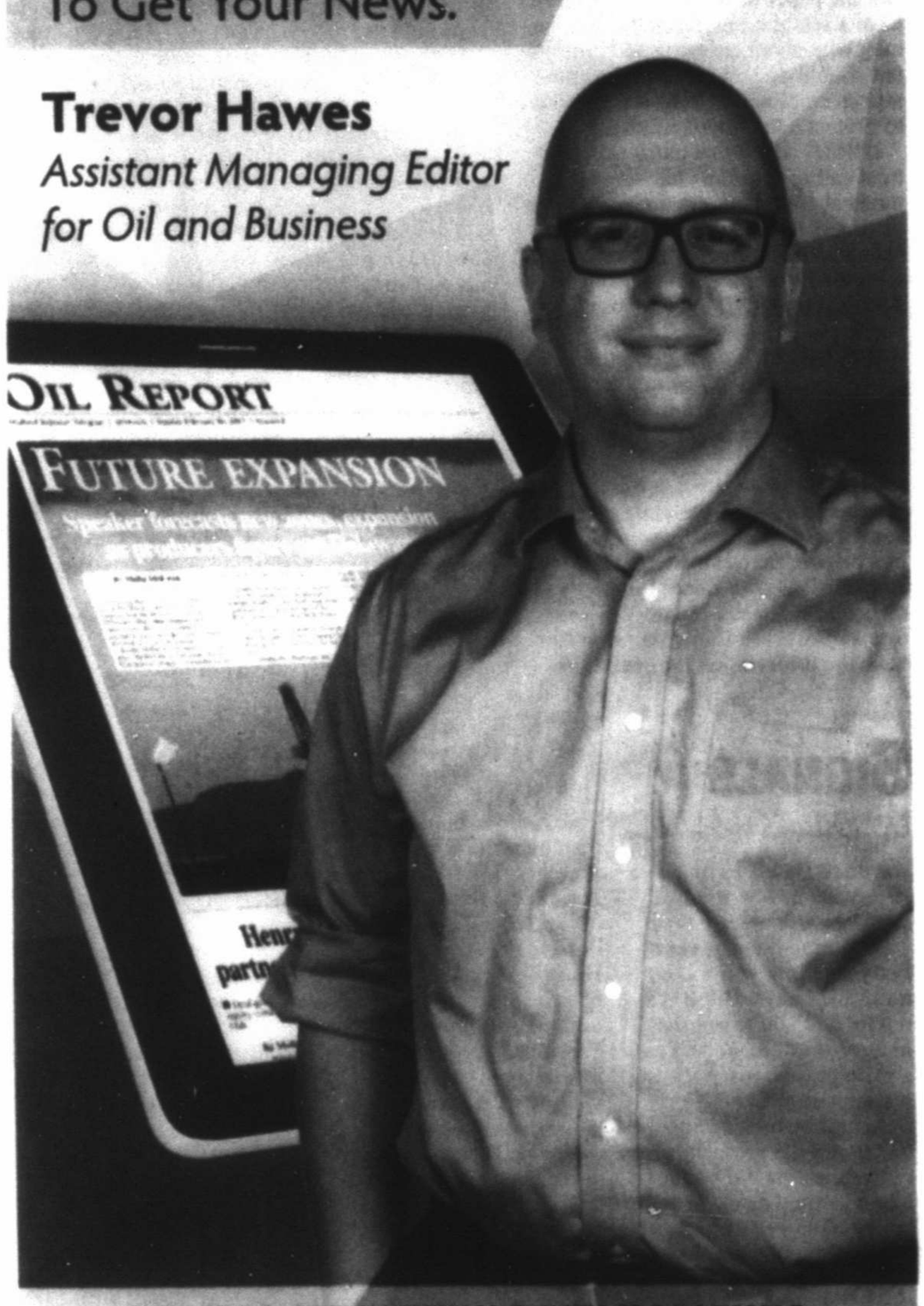

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SOLUTION TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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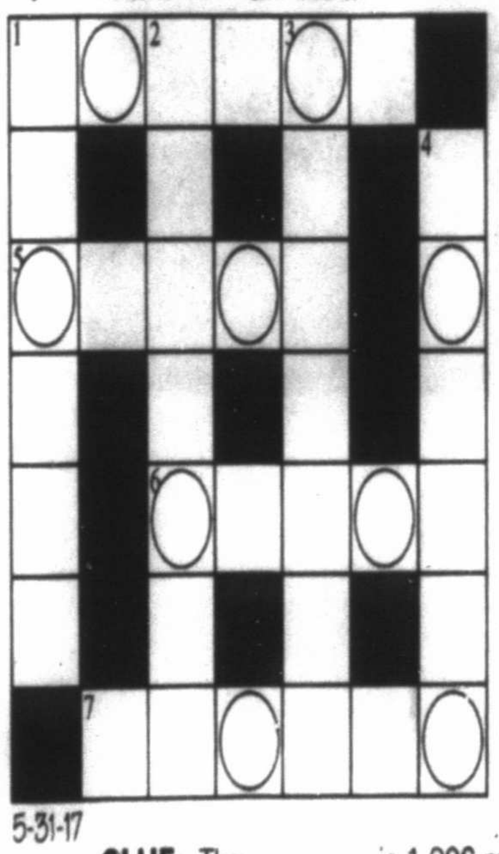
by David L. Hoyt



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CLUE	ANSWER
1. Lecture, lesson	MNSREO
5. Important, celebrated	TRGAE
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7. Concurred	EGAEDR

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Breathed, as in relief	EHDGSI
2. Staggering	NRLGEIE
3. Plan, sketch	NEULOTI
4. Very cold	GFIRDI

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

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DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Resorts with body wraps
5 Hook-shaped ski lift
9 Canon setting
14 Formal agreement
15 Deep sea predator
16 PEN/Faulkner, for one
17 Wastes away
19 Beantown team
20 2010 Best Picture Oscar winner
22 Env. insert
23 Former Mississippi senator Trent
24 Post-J.D. degree
27 Become born-again, perhaps
33 Ready for a kick, with "up"
35 Society page word
36 City bonds, for short
37 United Nations gathering
41 Layer with a hole
42 Pocatello sch.
43 "The Da Vinci Code" priory
44 Self-publishing option
48 Health products chain
49 One who may converse in Erse
50 Top bond rating
52 Source of the freedoms found at the ends of this puzzle's four other longest answers
59 Argue with
60 One selling wheels
61 Online party notice
62 Pelee Island's lake
63 Zilch
64 Decreases in strength
65 Phone-answering asst.
66 Social sci. major

DOWN

1 Cross words
2 Way to go
3 Farm fraction
4 Feed with fuel
5 WWE wrestler in the film "Trainwreck"
6 Naval lockup
7 Pocket rockets, at the poker table
8 Fight, in the sticks
9 Video chat option
10 Trees with fragrant sap
11 Gymnast's powder
12 Straight: Pref.
13 Troopers' gps.
18 Troubling engine sound
21 D.C. figure
24 No. 2 at the statehouse
25 Talk show host who won "The Celebrity Apprentice" in 2015, familiarly
26 Runners occupying bases
28 No. in a contacts list
29 Broadcast again
30 With a lot at stake
31 Rub __: lubricate
32 "Bye Bye Bye" boy band
34 Bad-mouth
38 Samples again, during cooking
39 Memphis-to-Mobile dir.
40 "The Partridge Family" actress
45 To date
46 Pre-curtain call
47 "Smooth Operator" singer
51 Floor
52 Broad bean
53 Triumphant shout
54 Stable mother
55 Old Norse explorer
56 Util. bill
57 Detective Wolfe
58 1982 sci-fi film with a 2010 sequel
59 Passover observer

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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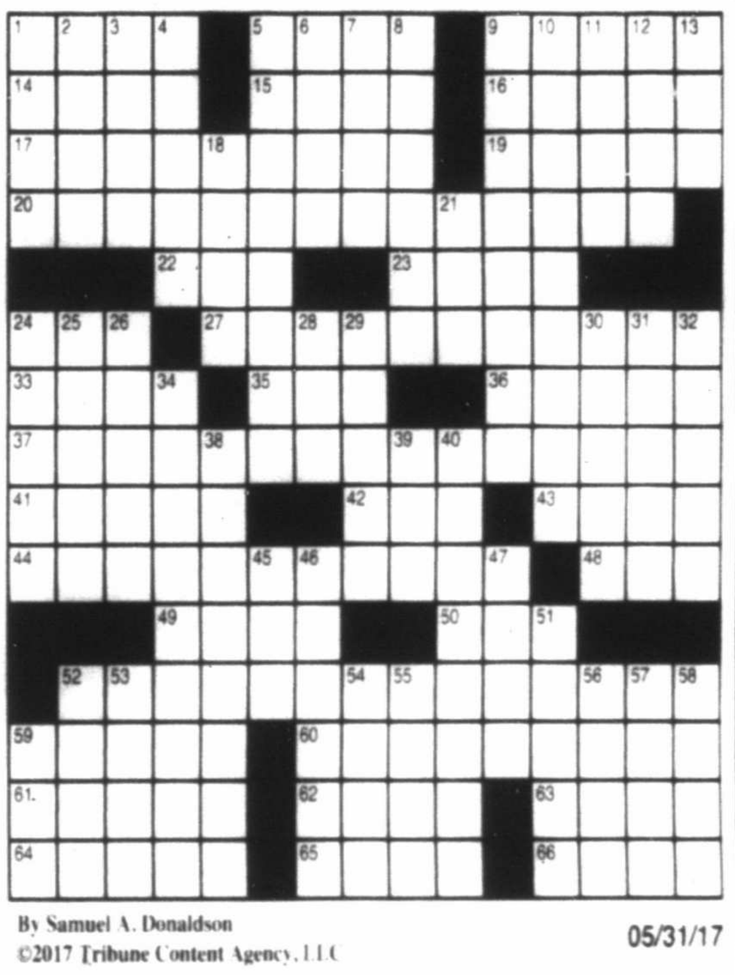

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Popular new workouts target the body, mind and soul

By Kelli Kennedy
Associated Press

NEW YORK — It would be easy to brush off fitness guru Taryn Toomey's The Class as another hippie trend, but you'd miss the magic. (She sprinkled crushed crystals underneath the studio floors, which she says is designed to draw out energy.)

You'd also miss stargazing at celeb devotees like Naomi Watts, Jennifer Aniston and supermodel Christy Turlington Burns.

Within minutes, the music swells, the mirrors in the 85-degree heated room begin to fog and sweaty ponytails come undone as participants perform 5 grueling, uninterrupted minutes of squat jumps while Toomey unleashes occasional expletive-laced insights.

"We're really using the physical body as a metaphor to deal with what's out there," said Toomey, a former fashion executive for Ralph Lauren and Dior, who opened a luxe studio in Tribeca in January.

The goal of her 75-minute class is to train the mind to create new ways to respond — rather than react in the moment — to challenging external triggers. Other spiritual workouts gaining popularity around the U.S. include the intenSati Method, Qoya and Equinox's Headstrong. Yoga and tai chi have drawn from these principles for years, but a new crop of workouts includes more cardio and strength-training moves as many fitness buffs seek more than a six-pack from their workouts.

Toomey leaves a moment at the end of each song to stop the physical movement and encourage participants to reflect. "How are you feeling, not what are you thinking?" she asks the class.

Headstrong uses high-intensity interval training and changing stimuli to challenge the body and brain. The first three sections of the class focus on stretching, agility and intensity; the class ends with a 15-minute guided meditation.

Qoya founder Rochelle Schieck incorporates lots of free movement into her women-only workout that refers to "movement as medicine." It's the least physically challenging of the bunch and is good for beginners, but it has a powerful emotional takeaway.

Jaimie Baird/Jaimie Baird Photography via AP

This April 27 photo provided by Jaimie Baird Photography shows New York celeb fitness guru Taryn Toomey during one of her fitness classes in New York. Toomey says the goal of her workout is to train the mind to create new ways to respond to challenging external triggers instead of just reacting. Similar spiritual workouts are also gaining popularity including IntenSati, Qoya and Equinox's Headspace. They build upon ancient principals of yoga and tai chi, but involve more cardio, strength training and mindfulness cues, as many fitness buffs are seeking more than just a six-pack from their workout.

Each Qoya class has a theme. If the theme is freedom, participants are given a moment to reflect on what it feels like when they don't feel free. Then they express those emotions through free-form dance. Schieck says there's immense value in acknowledging uncomfortable emotions like fear or anger and "letting people embrace their wholeness instead of pretending I always feel free."

Part of the class includes a few minutes of shaking, which is designed to shake fear and discomfort out of the body to calm the nervous system. The class ends with a fun, choreographed dance that might include kickboxing moves to "Eye of the Tiger."

Both Toomey and Schieck followed a similar journey in creating their workouts. Yoga wasn't enough for Toomey, who longed for more fire and cardio. Schieck was a yoga instructor but also felt something was missing. She also took pole dancing classes and loved its physicality, but kept getting injured.

"Women kept saying as I was just developing it, 'I've been waiting my whole life for this,'" said Schieck, who has trained some 300 Qoya teachers.

Nadine Abramcyk, a 38-year-old small business owner and mother of two, attends one or two of Toomey's classes a week, calling it her "personal therapy."

The change was so dramatic, her husband started going.

"I had a very cathartic experience with it. ... It really isn't about the physical for me. It's really about the mental combined with the physical. It's so multidimensional in that way and does something that regular exercise can't."

Natalia Mehlman Petrzela is an associate professor of history at The New School who is researching feminism and group fitness. She spent years working out at the gym, "but as a feminist, I was so disappointed in the culture and the language ... there was this dominant language, 'This is for your bikini body, what did you eat last night, how many inches did you lose ladies?' It just fell short in many ways of the much broader, deeper potential of what exercise can mean to women."

Petrzela started teaching the high-energy cardio and strength intenSati Method, which includes vocal affirmations. "When you're sweating, your heart is pumping (and) there is science that shows you're open or particularly susceptible to your mind-set," she said.

IntenSati, created by Patricia Moreno, starts with an affirmation reminder that you can choose how you react to things. The class includes squats, lunges, side roundhouse kicks and punches while chanting something like "I am strong."

"I felt I finally had the words to express something I'd been feeling but didn't have an outlet to," said Petrzela.

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LeBron soaring into 7th straight NBA Finals

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James will one day take his final bow, the brightest spotlight moving on to someone else.

There will come a time when his legs lose some explosiveness and those vicious dunks will be rendered ordinary. Someday, his jumper won't fall as often, and that astonishing court vision, the key to his game, will become cloudy.

James will face the end of his career one day. Just not anytime soon.

On the eve of his seventh straight NBA Finals appearance, and 10 years since he debuted on basketball's grand stage, James' reign continues: undisputed king of the court.

During a postseason in which he has led the champion Cleveland Cavaliers to a 12-1 record and chased down Michael Jordan as the No. 1 scorer in playoff history, James has not only positioned himself for a fourth title, but intensified the debate over whether he's the greatest player in NBA history.

He isn't slowing down while building his case.

James has always dismissed the Jordan comparisons, saying that kind of talk is "only great for barbershops" and that original gravity-defying No. 23 has been his motivational muse, not a target. But after the Cavs won their third straight conference title, punishing an overmatched Boston team in five games — he supplanted Jordan during the clincher — James discussed his place alongside someone who was "like a god" to him growing up.

"I did pretty much everything that M.J. did when I was a kid," James said. "I shot fadeaways before I should have. I wore black and red shoes with white socks. I wore short shorts so you could see my undershorts underneath. I didn't go bald like Mike, but I'm getting there. ... But other than that, I did everything Mike did. I even wore a wristband on my forearm. I didn't do the hoop earring, either. That was Mike.

"But I did everything Mike did, man."

And he's not done, not by a long shot.

James is on a mission, and it's far from accomplished.

By having one of his finest statistical postseasons — 32.5 points per game, 8.0 rebounds, 7.0 assists, 57 percent shooting through 13 games —

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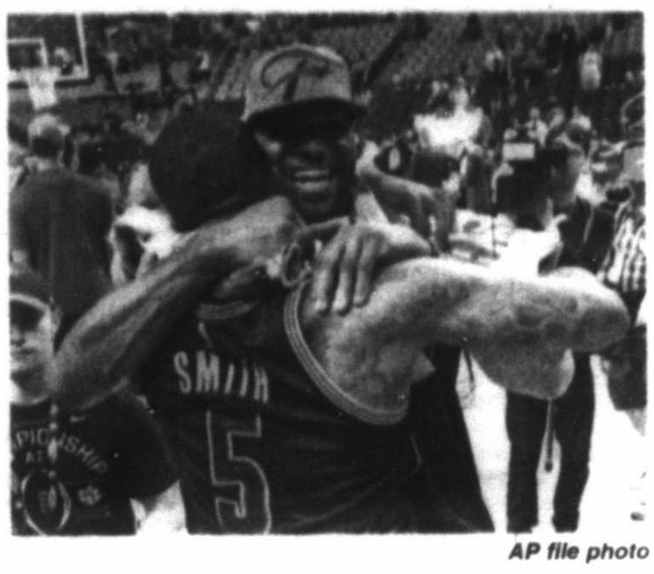

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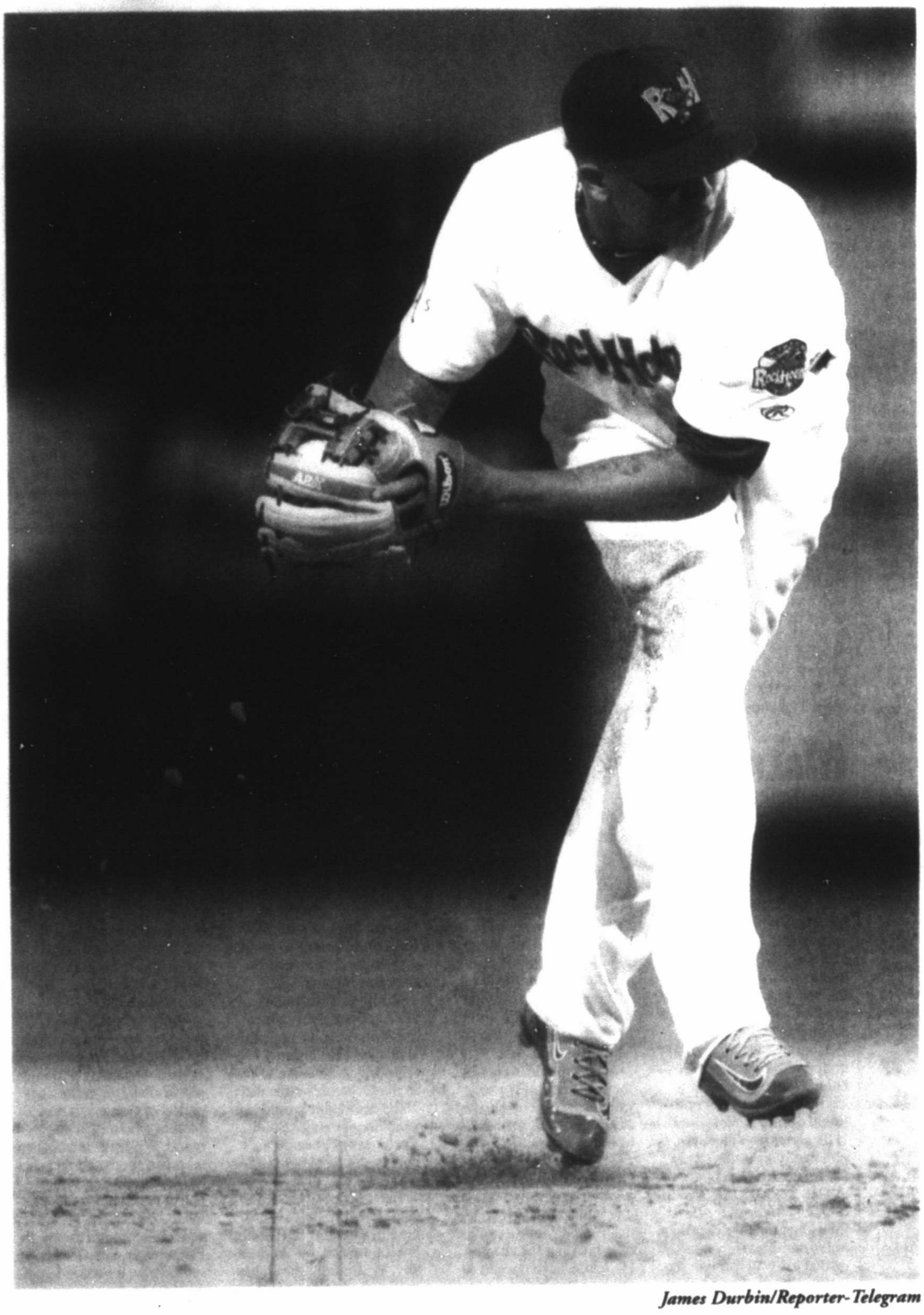
Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James celebrates the team's win over the Toronto Raptors with J.R. Smith after Game 6 of the NBA Eastern Conference finals in Toronto on May 27, 2016.

Night at the ballpark



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The RockHounds' Yairo Munoz fields the ball against Arkansas on Tuesday at Security Bank Ballpark. Read about the game in the RockHounds Report on **Page 3C.**

'My record is Cups' — Malkin focused on titles

By Will Graves
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Just about anywhere else in the NHL, Evgeni Malkin would be "The Guy."

The captain. The unquestioned leader. The brightest star. The fulcrum around which to build a franchise.

Yet he has found comfort, peace and freedom in Pittsburgh, where the player everyone calls "Geno" has spent the last 11 years not as "The Guy" but "The Other Guy."

Malkin

That's not a slight. How can it be when the player a few stalls over in the dressing room happens to be a good friend and the best player in the world?

Sure, if he played in another market, Malkin would be the centerpiece. Why do that when you get to chase Stanley Cups every spring with Sidney Crosby?

"I don't want to be No. 1 in Carolina," Malkin said on the eve of Pittsburgh's Stanley Cup Final date with Nashville. "I want to be better (with) Sid."

And occasionally more dangerous than Sid.

It's Malkin, not Crosby, who leads the league in scoring during the playoffs. The big Russian's power-play goal in Pittsburgh's 5-3 Game 1 victory over the Predators gave him 25 points in 20 games, just ahead of Crosby's 22 in 19. If the Penguins find a way to fend off Nashville and raise the Cup for a second straight year and the third time in the Crosby and Malkin era, it could be Malkin who walks away with a second Conn Smythe Trophy as postseason MVP.

Not that Malkin is keeping track. Point out he won his Hart Trophy as NHL MVP in 2012 during a season in which Crosby was limited to just 22 games due to a concussion, Malkin shrugs. When he was left off the NHL's list of 100 greatest players released at the All-Star Break, he cracked a couple of jokes and moved on. Asked to revisit the omission over the weekend, Malkin responded with typical bluntness.

"No, I don't care, my record is Cups," Malkin said. "If I win like one more Cup, it's like my record. I not think about points. It's only team."

If Crosby is the Penguins' captain and conscience, Malkin is their id. While the unfailingly understated Crosby searches for the right thing to say, Malkin usually

Please see **MALKIN**/2C

Woods found asleep at the wheel, no alcohol in his system

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

Woods

Police found Tiger Woods asleep at the wheel on the side of a six-lane Florida road in the dark of morning, the engine running and his right blinker flashing. His speech was slow and slurred, though there was no alcohol in his system and he didn't know how far away he was from home.

The details contained in a police affidavit released Tuesday did little to clear up the curious circumstances of his whereabouts on Memorial Day morning, only to confirm Woods' statement that he had not been drinking before being arrested for suspicion of DUI.

Police described Woods as "cooperative as much as possible," saying he had trouble keeping his eyes open.

The affidavit was released a day after Woods spent nearly four hours in the Palm Beach County jail on a DUI charge. His mug shot from the jail provided a stark illustration of how much Woods' mystique has been shattered since his decade of domination that golf had never seen.

In a statement Monday evening, Woods attributed the arrest to an "unexpected reaction" to prescription medicine.

"I understand the severity of what I did and I take full responsibility for my actions," he said.

Woods has not competed in four months, and he had fusion surgery on his lower back — his fourth back surgery since April 2014 — on April 20 that will keep him off the PGA Tour for at least the rest of the season.

He told police he had taken several prescriptions.

According to an incident report, police described fresh damage to the driver's side of the car — both tires were flat, along with minor damage to the rims. There also was minor damage to the front driver's side bumper and rear bumper, and the passenger rear tail light appeared to be out.

The affidavit said Woods failed a sobriety test on the side of the road because he couldn't keep his balance or follow instructions. At one point, police said Woods appeared to be on the verge of falling over and one officer rushed over to catch him if he had.

Breath tests, however, showed no alcohol in his system. Police said Woods agreed to a urine test.

Wearing black athletic shorts and a white T-shirt, Woods told police he had returned from playing golf in Los Angeles. Woods

Please see **WOODS**/4C

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TUESDAY'S SCORE
Arkansas 8, Midland 5

TODAY'S GAME
Arkansas at Midland, 6:30 p.m.

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Tuesday	Today	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Arkansas 8, Midland 5	Arkansas at Midland, 6:30 p.m.	Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m.	NW Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m.	NW Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Port Adelaide vs. Hawthorn, 4:30 a.m., FSP

BASEBALL

CanAm League: Rockland vs. Ottawa, 9:30 a.m., ELVN

BASKETBALL

Liga ACB Semifinal, Game 1: Real Madrid vs. Unijaca, 1:30 p.m., ELVN

GOLF

NCAA Men's Championships: Team Match Play National Championship, 3 p.m., GOLF

EPGA: Nordea Masters, 1st Round, 4 a.m., GOLF

MLB

Houston at Minnesota, Noon, ROOT

Philadelphia at Miami, Noon, MLB

LA Dodgers at St. Louis, 7 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

Tampa Bay at Texas, 7 p.m., FSSW

Colorado at Seattle, 10 p.m., MLB

MEN'S SOCCER

Toulon Tournament: Czech Republic vs. Scotland, 9:50 a.m., beIN, beIN2

Toulon Tournament: Brazil vs. Indonesia, 12:20 p.m., beIN, beIN2

Friendly: Italy vs. San Marino, 2:20 p.m., ESPNDEP

FIFA U-20 World Cup, Rd of 16: Mexico vs. Senegal, 2:20 a.m., FS1, TELE

FIFA U-20 World Cup, Rd of 16: USA vs. New Zealand, 5:50 a.m., FS1, NBCU

FIFA U-20 World Cup, Rd of 16: France vs. Italy, 5:50 a.m., FS2

NHL

Stanley Cup Finals, Game 2: Nashville at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m., NBCSNS

SAILING

America's Cup, Noon, NBCSN

TENNIS

French Open, 4 a.m., TENNIS

ON RADIO

MLB

Houston at Minnesota, Noon, KBYG 106.1 FM, 1400 AM (Big Spring)

Tampa Bay at Texas, 7 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring); KPET 105.1 FM, 690 AM (Lamesa)

NHL

Stanley Cup Finals, Game 2: Nashville at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m., KJTV 950 AM

TEXAS LEAGUE BASEBALL

Arkansas at Midland, 6:30 pm., KCRS 97.5 FM, 550 AM

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball

MLB — Suspended San Francisco RHP Hunter Strickland six games and Washington OF Bryce Harper four games, and fined both undisclosed amounts, as a result of the bench-clearing incident that occurred in a May 29 game

American League

BOSTON RED SOX — Placed 2B Dustin Pedroia on the 10-day DL. Reinstated 3B Pablo Sandoval from the 10-day DL.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Agreed to terms with RHP Jake Johansen on a minor league contract.

HOUSTON ASTROS — Placed RHP Joe Musgrove on the 10-day DL, retroactive to May 27. Recalled RHP David Paulino from Fresno (PCL). Optioned RHP Jordan Jankowski to Fresno.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Placed LHP Danny Duffy on the 10-day DL, retroactive to May 29. Optioned RHP Miguel Almonte to Omaha (PCL). Recalled RHP Kevin McCarthy from Omaha. Sent 3B Hunter Dozier to Omaha for a rehab assignment.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Optioned INF Nolan Fontana to Salt Lake (PCL). Recalled RHP Parker Bridwell from Salt Lake.

MINNESOTA TWINS — Placed RHP Justin Haley on the 10-day DL. Assigned LHP Adam Wilk outright to Rochester (IL). Optioned 1B Kennys Vargas and RHP Drew Rucinski to Rochester. Selected the contract of LHP Jason Wheeler from Rochester.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Placed RHP Kendall Graveman on the 10-day DL, retroactive to May 26. Recalled RHP Daniel Mengden from Nashville (PCL).

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Recalled RHP Hunter Wood from Montgomery (SL) and RHPs Chih-Wei Hu and Jose De Leon from Durham (IL). Optioned RHPs Jose De Leon and Ryan Garton to Durham. Placed OF Peter Bourjos on the 10-day DL, retroactive to May 29.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES — Assigned RHP Josh Collmenter outright to Gwinnett (IL).

CINCINNATI REDS — Sent LHP Tony Cingrani to Dayton (MWL) for a rehab assignment. Recalled RHP Jackson Stephens from Louisville (IL). Optioned RHP Robert Stephenson to Louisville.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Placed RHP Adam Ottavino on the 10-day DL. Recalled RHP Carlos Estevez from Albuquerque (PCL).

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Placed LHP Alex Wood on the 10-day DL, retroactive to May 27. Selected the contract of RHP Brandon Morrow from Oklahoma City (PCL). Transferred RHP Brock Stewart to the 60-day DL.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Optioned RHP Zach Eflin to Lehigh Valley (IL). Sent OF Daniel Nava to Lehigh Valley for a rehab assignment.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Placed C Chris Stewart on the 10-day DL. Recalled C Elias Diaz from Indianapolis (IL).

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Optioned OF Randal Grichuk to Palm Beach (FSL). Assigned RHP Miguel Socolovich outright to Memphis (PCL). Reinstated 1B Jose Martinez from the 10-day DL.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Recalled INFs Orlando Calixte and Kelby Tomlinson from Sacramento (PCL). Optioned OF Mac Williamson to Sacramento. Placed INF Michael Morse on the seven-day concussion DL.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Sent OF Chris Heisey to Harrisburg (EL) for a rehab assignment.

American Association

WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Traded RHP Cameron McVey to Lincoln for RHP Josh Laxer.

Atlantic League

LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Signed INF Zach Goldstein.

Can-Am League

QUEBEC CAPITALES — Signed RHP Keegan Yuhl.

SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Signed INF Jay Baum.

Frontier League

GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Released RHP Kevin Jefferis.

LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Released LHP Nick Bozman.

RIVER CITY RASCALS — Signed RHP Joe Iono.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS — Released OF Josh Henderson and RHP Brooks Trujillo.

BASKETBALL

NBA Development League

IOWA ENERGY — Announced they are changing the team nickname to Wolves.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CHICAGO BEARS — Signed WR Victor Cruz to a one-year contract. Waived WR Jhajuan Seales. Rescinded the waiver request on QB Connor Shaw.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed LB Christian Kirksey to a four-year contract extension.

DETROIT LIONS — Waived FB Michael Burton. Waived/injured LB Brandon Chubb. Signed RB Matt Asiata and G Connor Bozick.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed WR Stacy Coley, C Pat Elflein, TE Bucky Hodges, LB Elijah Lee, S Jack Tocho and S Tommy Armstrong. Waived WR Mitch Matthews.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Signed WR Lance Moore and announced his retirement.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Signed LS Kameron Canaday and S Daimion Stafford.

Canadian Football League

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Released DB Chance Casey.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

BOSTON BRUINS — Signed F Anders Bjork to a three-year, entry-level contract.

LOS ANGELES KINGS — Named Dave Lowry assistant coach.

MINNESOTA WILD — Announced the resignation of assistant coach Scott Stevens.

ECHL

WORCESTER RAILERS — Named Terry Bangen assistant coach.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

MLS — Suspended D.C. United F Jose Ortiz one game for simulation/embellishment, Minnesota M Sam Cronin one game for serious foul play that endangered the safety of an opponent and New England F Teal Bunbury two games and Colorado D Bobby Burling and NYCFC D RJ Allen one game for violent conduct. Fined Portland M Sebastian Blanco and Atlanta D Tyrone Mears undisclosed amounts for their actions in their last games.

COLLEGE

BARUCH — Named Andres Guzman Acha director of summer camp.

CHATTANOOGA — Named Chris Cook tackles and tight ends coach.

MARQUETTE — Promoted Stan Johnson and Brett Nelson to men's associate head basketball coaches.

MICHIGAN STATE — Announced the contract of director of college advancement and performance for football Curtis Blackwell will not be renewed.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE — Announced the resignation assistant football coach David Bibee.

PROVIDENCE — Signed men's soccer coach Craig Stewart to a long-term contract extension.

WISCONSIN-OSHKOSH — Named Justin Kinseth men's and women's track and field coach.

STANLEY CUP GLANCE

STANLEY CUP FINAL
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Pittsburgh 1, Nashville 0

Monday: Pittsburgh 5, Nashville 3
Today: Nashville at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 3: Pittsburgh at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Monday, June 5: Pittsburgh at Nashville, 7 p.m.
x-Thursday, June 8: Nashville at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
x-Sunday, June 11: Pittsburgh at Nashville, 7 p.m.
x-Wednesday, June 14: Nashville at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

NBA FINALS

FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Golden State vs. Cleveland

Thursday: Cleveland at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Sunday, June 4: Cleveland at Golden State, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, June 7: Golden State at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Friday, June 9: Golden State at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
x-Monday, June 12: Cleveland at Golden State, 8 p.m.
x-Thursday, June 15: Golden State at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
x-Sunday, June 18: Cleveland at Golden State, 7 p.m.

WNBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	3	1	.750	—
Washington	3	2	.600	½
New York	2	3	.400	1½
Indiana	2	4	.333	2
Connecticut	1	4	.200	2½
Chicago	1	5	.167	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	6	0	1.000	—
Seattle	4	1	.800	1½
Dallas	3	2	.600	2½
Los Angeles	3	2	.600	2½
Phoenix	3	2	.600	2½
San Antonio	0	5	.000	5½

Scores and schedule

Tuesday's Scores
Los Angeles 90, New York 75
Dallas 89, Indiana 62

Today's Games
San Antonio at Atlanta, 10:30 a.m.
Connecticut at Washington, 10:30 a.m.

Thursday's Game
Phoenix at Chicago, 7 p.m.

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Greenwood's Savage named Co-Newcomer on 4-4A list

From staff reports

Greenwood freshman second baseman Karlie Savage was named Co-Newcomer of the Year on the District 4-4A All-District Softball list just released.

Savage shared the award with Monahans sophomore catcher Erykah Wessels.

Monahans junior pitcher Taylor Franco was named District MVP, Offensive MVP was Fort Stockton senior Marly Natividad, Andrews senior Jeseraie Moore and Fort Stockton junior Heliana Bueno shared Co-Defensive MVP, while Pecos' Gary Garcia was named Coach of the Year.

Greenwood had four players named to the first team in sophomore infielder Jaylene Valenzuela, junior outfielders Mollie Snowden and Natalee Karcher and junior catcher Paysle Sims.

In addition to the superlative awards, Fort Stockton had six first team selections, while Region 1-4A finalist Andrews had five first team selections.

District 4-4A Softball All-District

District MVP: Taylor Franco, Jr., Monahans

Offensive MVP: Marly Natividad, Sr., Fort Stockton

Co-Defensive MVP: Jeseraie Moore, Sr., Andrews; Heliana Bueno, Jr., Fort Stockton

Co-Newcomer of the Year: Erykah Wessels, So., Monahans; Karlie Savage, Fr., Greenwood

Coach of the Year: Gary Garcia, Pecos

First Team

Infielders - Jaylene Valenzuela, So., Greenwood; Nohemi Palma, So., Andrews; Hilarie Villanueva, Sr., Pecos; Amber Corral, Sr., Fort Stockton; Anisa Cabazuela, Sr., Monahans; Aubree Hernandez, Jr., Andrews

Outfielders - Mollie Snowden, Jr., Greenwood; Natalee Karcher, Jr., Greenwood; Rebecca Rodriguez, Fr., Caitlin Cadena, Sr., Monahans; Marley Moralez, So., Andrews; Crishna Villarreal, Sr., Fort Stockton

Pitchers - Daisy Mireles, Jr., Andrews; Mariah Bueno, Fr., Fort Stockton

Catchers - Paysle Sims, Jr., Greenwood; Lissette Ortiz, Sr., Pecos

Utility - Jaz Lopez, Sr., Andrews; Raquelle Bernal, Fr., Fort Stockton

Designated Player - Kobi Byrd, Sr., Fort Stockton

Second Team

Desiree Blanco, So., Fort Stockton; Ashton Rowoldt, So., Greenwood; Karina Galindo, So., Greenwood; Vanessa Ruiz, Sr., Monahans; Vanessa Chacon, So., Pecos; Aaliyah Sanchez, Jr., Monahans; Mary Villarreal, Jr., Fort Stockton

Outfielders - Victoria Chacon, Sr., Pecos; Mariah Infant, Jr., Andrews; Kamryn Collins, Jr., Monahans; Kelsie Villegas, Sr., Pecos; Reecie Wright, Sr., Andrews; Prescilla Gonzales, So., Greenwood

Pitchers - Kyndall Dove, Jr., Greenwood; Chloe Rubio, So., Pecos

Catcher - Lexi De La Cruz, Sr., Andrews

Area players selected for THSBCA All-Star Games

From staff reports

Four senior high school baseball players from around the area have been selected by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association to participate in THSBCA All-Star games at Round Rock's Dell Diamond on Saturday, June 17.

Midland High utility player Jaxon Hallmark and Lee outfielder John Wuthrich have been selected as part of the North All-Stars of the THSBCA 5A-6A All-Star Game at 1 p.m. June 17.

Playing for the North in the 2A-4A All-Star Game at 10 a.m. that day will be Greenwood catcher Vance Martinez and Monahans second baseman Neeko Arredondo.

Cowboys player suspected of DWI near welcome party

Associated Press

DALLAS — Newly acquired Cowboys cornerback Nolan Carroll has been arrested on suspicion of driving while intoxicated near a club that held a promotional event welcoming him to Dallas.

Dallas police say the 30-year-old Carroll was arrested early Monday after being stopped for a traffic violation. He was booked into the Dallas County jail and later posted bail.

The Dallas Morning News reports Carroll was arrested near a club in the Uptown neighborhood that hosted the promotion in his honor.

Carroll joined the Cowboys in March as a free agent from NFC East rival Philadelphia on a three-year, $10 million deal.

The team issued a statement saying it's aware of his arrest and is "gathering information at this time."

LeBron

From 1C

James is dismissing any argument about the league's true MVP. Although he'll finish behind Russell Westbrook, James Harden and Kawhi Leonard when the regular-season award is given out next month, James has reminded everyone over the past six weeks that he remains the measuring stick at 32.

He's raising the bar even higher, during a decade in which his actions — on and off the floor — have shaped the league.

"LeBron James has dominated, seriously dominated, this era of basketball. His domination has been about the equivalent to Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's in his time," Hall of Famer Isiah Thomas said. "He's playing for his place in history, to be talked about as one of the best to ever play. The conversation will come down between he, Kareem and Michael Jordan. Then it's just a matter of taste. Who do you want?"

Of all his accomplishments, making seven straight final rounds is near the top of the list. When the ball goes up in Game 1 on Thursday, James will be the seventh player to appear in seven consecutive Finals, and the first since Bill Russell led a handful of Celtics on their dynastic run in the 1960s.

James reluctantly reflects on what he's done. As the Cavs prepared for the Warriors, he took a moment to consider his latest feat.

"It's going to be great for my legacy," he said. "Once I'm done playing the game and can look back on the game and say, 'Oh, this guy went to three straight Finals, four straight Finals, five, six, whatever. It's great to be talked about, see what I was able to accomplish as an individual. When you talk about longevity and being able to just play at a high level for a long period of time, I've been fortunate enough to be able to do that and take two franchises to four Finals apiece — and no one has ever done that either.

"I've always been proud to be part of the biggest stage in our league, and it's the Finals."

And this is Act III of a three-year drama with Golden State.

After ending Cleveland's 52-year championship drought last season, James has been unburdened, free of the criticism or consequences. Early in Game 1, he will become the first player with 6,000 points in the postseason, and there's no reason to think he won't pass 7,000 in due time.

Whatever he finishes with, Cavs veteran forward Richard Jefferson doesn't think anyone will catch him.

"Like the Joe DiMaggio hit streak, Wilt Chamberlain scoring 100, there are certain records that will be unbreakable," Jefferson said. "Whoever tries to get to that is going to have to play in 10 NBA Finals and average 30 points a game to get there. Let's put that in perspective: that's impossible. What he's doing right now is obviously on a level that has never been seen before. To pass Michael Jordan when you're still in the prime of your career, one of the greats of all-time? That record will be unbreakable.

"If he adds another 1,000 points, who's going to be able to come in and go to 10 NBA Finals in this modern age? It's impossible."

Malkin

From 1C

only pipes up when there's something he needs to get off his chest.

After Pittsburgh failed to close out Ottawa in Game 6 of the Eastern Conference finals, Malkin groused about the need for him to be better even though he was the best player in black and gold on a night his sublime second-period goal gave Pittsburgh a lead it couldn't quite hold. That's just Geno being Geno.

"He plays a pretty emotional game," Crosby said. "His game is skilled, but physically he's not afraid to engage."

That fearlessness, however, can make it appear at times that the 30-year-old is indestructible. He's not. He gritted his way through the 2016 playoffs despite searing pain in his right elbow, not that it stopped him from putting up six goals and 12 assists as the Penguins won their fourth Cup.

The victory last spring served as validation for both Crosby and Malkin following a string of spring flameouts that left some wondering if the Penguins would be better off with just one franchise center instead of two. It's a sentiment that always struck Malkin as odd.

Malkin fled Russia and the Kontinental Hockey League a few weeks after his 20th birthday in 2006 to begin a new life 5,500 miles away from home. He forged a bond with another generational talent, one whose own greatness has forced Malkin not to take his own for granted. He could have chosen to explore free agency three years ago but instead signed an eight-year extension with Pittsburgh long before he hit the open market.

"I sign big deal here because I feel we can win every year," Malkin said. "I want to play with Sid long time. I want to be like — it's good competition between me and Sid."

While KHL officials have spoken publically about making a run at Russian stars this summer — dangling the chance to play in the Olympics after the NHL decided it would not send its players to South Korea next February as part of the bait — Malkin wants no part of it.

He'll always be a Russian. His life, however, is now in Pittsburgh. His son, Nikita, turns 1 on Wednesday. While fatherhood has mellowed Malkin off the ice — he joked he's gone out "zero times" since Nikita's birth — he remains fully engaged on it.

"I come to rink every day smiling," Malkin said. "I want to try new sticks, new skates. I'm still (excited) to play. If we win one more Cup, it's amazing. If I win one more MVP, it's amazing. I try and be better."

When he's at his best, there are few who can keep up. When the Penguins were at risk of botching a 5-on-3 power play late in the first period of Game 1, it was Malkin who took command. While his teammates searched for the perfect shot, Malkin opted to just blast one at Nashville goaltender Pekka Rinne. The puck squeezed through to give the Penguins an early lead and set the tone for a three-goal outburst by the time first-period horn sounded.

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION
UPCOMING EVENTS
6/1 Thu. 6:30-8:30 Microchipping at Beer Garden's Yappy Hour
6/5 Mon. 4:00-10:00 Sit, Stay, Sip Profit Share at The Blue Door
6/12 Mon. 6:00 Adoption Center Volunteer Orientation
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LM Otero/Associated Press

Texas Rangers' Elvis Andrus trots the bases after hitting a 3-run homer during the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays in Arlington on Tuesday.

Andrus drives in 5 as Texas Rangers' beat Tampa Bay Rays 9-5

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Elvis Andrus had a career-high five RBIs, including a tying three-run homer in the seventh inning, Jared Hoying hit a tiebreaking single that missed going out by about a foot and the Texas Rangers rallied to beat the Tampa Bay Rays 9-5 on Tuesday night.

Andrus' two-out drive deep into the visiting bullpen ended a stretch of five scoreless innings from the Tampa Bay bullpen after Matt Andriese left in the second with a mild groin strain.

Hoying's liner off the top of the wall in right came with the bases loaded and one out in a four-run eighth against Chase Whitley (1-1), breaking a 5-5 tie. After a sacrifice fly from Shin-Soo Choo, Andrus' single to left scored two more.

Keone Kela (2-1) pitched a scoreless eighth, and Matt Bush had a perfect ninth for his seventh save in eight chances.

Corey Dickerson golfed a pitch after it bounced for a bloop double during a four-run third that gave the Rays a 4-2 lead. Daniel Robertson led off the inning with a homer, and Steven Souza Jr. had a two-run shot, his ninth.

Tampa Bay's Kevin Kiermaier, who tripled in the first, hit a solo homer in the fifth.

Choo hit a leadoff homer for the Rangers. Nomar Mazara was the third straight batter to reach starting the game for Texas with an RBI single before Andriese retired the next five. The right-hander, who was 4-0 in May, left with the injured groin after striking out Ryan Rua.

Texas starter Nick Martinez gave up all three home runs for the Rays, who started the day tied with Washington for the major league lead with 76 homers.

Short hops

Tampa Bay recalled right-hander Hunter Wood from Double-A Montgomery, giving him a chance to be the second Rays reliever this season to make his big league debut after bypassing Triple-A. Jose Alvarado did it against Miami on May 3. ... Rays reliever Chih-Wei Hu was recalled from Triple-A Durham, and Jose De Leon was sent down. ... Texas star Adrian Beltre passed Frank Robinson for 34th place on the career hits list with a bouncing double past third baseman Evan Longoria in the sixth. Beltre has 2,944 hits.

Astros top Twins behind strong start from Fiers

By Dave Campbell
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Jose Altuve had four hits and two RBIs, Mike Fiers struck out eight over six innings in his bid to retain a spot in Houston's banged-up rotation, and the major league-leading Astros beat the Minnesota Twins 7-2 on Tuesday night for their sixth straight victory.

Alex Bregman homered and drove in two runs, providing further support for Fiers (2-2) in his best of 10 starts this season.

Fiers fell behind 2-0 in the first when Eddie Rosario drew a bases-loaded walk and Byron Buxton followed with an infield single, but the Astros (37-16) hacked their way back against Twins starter Jose Berrios (3-1).

Bregman hit a sacrifice fly in the third, and Berrios loaded the bases with nobody out in the fourth. He gave up only one run thanks to a double play.

But in the fifth, Altuve smashed a line drive at third baseman Ehire Adrianza, who missed with a swipe of his glove as the ball landed in left field for a two-run single and a 4-2 Houston lead.

Berrios gave up five hits and four walks in five innings, the shortest of his four starts this year.

The Twins badly needed Berrios, their budding star who turned 23 three days ago, to deliver a dominant performance or at least go deep into the game. They used their bullpen 12 times over the last two days, with a wince-inducing total of 19 runs allowed in 11 2/3 innings. That included an 11-run outburst by the Astros in the eighth on Monday afternoon that erased an 8-2 lead for the Twins and fueled a 16-8 victory.

According to Elias Sports Bureau research, that was the first time in Astros history that they won after trailing by six runs entering the eighth inning. That's an astounding span of 56 seasons and 660 games.

The Astros took an 11-game lead in the AL West into the evening, not yet one-third of the way through the schedule. This was their 20th comeback win, which leads the major leagues.

Fiers was headed to the bullpen to make room for Brad Peacock, until Charlie Morton landed on the disabled list. With Joe Musgrove joining Morton and Collin McHugh on the shelf, the Astros have three-fifths of their rotation absent and space anew for Fiers to stay in the starting five.

The AL Central-leading Twins have lost four of their last five games.

Altuve has a hit in all 13 games he's played at Target Field, going 28 for 57.

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

TRAVELERS 8, ROCKHOUNDS 5
At Security Bank Ballpark

TOP HITTERS: Seven of Midland's nine hits came from two RockHounds. Max Schrock was 4-for-5 with a double, two RBI and a run scored, while Yairo Munoz was 3-for-5 with a double and two runs scored. ... Chuck Taylor led Arkansas by going 3-for-4 with two doubles, two RBI and two runs scored. ... Travelers' teammate Kyle Waldrop was 2-for-5 with two doubles, two RBI and a run scored. ... Darrio Pizzano was 2-for-4 with two RBI and a run scored for Arkansas.

TOP PITCHER: Tyler Herb got the win for Arkansas after he allowed three runs on seven hits, no walks and had seven strikeouts.

HIGHLIGHTS: Arkansas jumped out to a 3-0 lead on Midland and RockHounds starter Grant Holmes with a three runs in the top of the second, highlighted by a two-run double by Taylor. ... Midland cut it to 5-3 before Arkansas had another three-run frame in the sixth that was highlighted by a two-run double by Waldrop. ... The RockHounds added a run in the eighth and another in the ninth.

NOTES: The RockHounds made a few roster moves prior to Tuesday's game. Right-handed pitchers Chris Jensen and Joel Seddon were transferred to Triple-A Nashville. Left-handed pitcher Evan Manarino was transferred from Single-A Stockton to Midland and is expected to start today's game. After the moves, the RockHounds' roster is now at 23 active players, two under the Texas League limit. ... The RockHounds have now lost four straight. ... RockHounds SS Richie Martin left the game in the second inning after getting hit by a pitch in the face. ... Schrock's four-hit game was his first at the Double-A level. ... Arkansas hit five of the combined seven doubles in the game. ... The RockHounds and Travelers meet in the second game of a three-game series at 6:30 p.m. today at Security Bank Ballpark.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland - LHP Evan Manarino (0-0, 0.00); Arkansas - RHP Brett Ash (3-3, 7.11).

TL standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Northwest Arkansas	26	23	.531	—
Springfield	26	23	.531	—
Arkansas	23	27	.460	3½
Tulsa	22	27	.449	4

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	29	21	.580	—
Midland	26	25	.510	3½
Corpus Christi	26	25	.510	3½
Frisco	22	29	.431	7½

Tuesday's Scores
Springfield 4, Corpus Christi 3
Arkansas 8, Midland 5
Northwest Arkansas 5, Frisco 1
San Antonio 11, Tulsa 5

Today's Games
Arkansas at Midland, 6:30 p.m.
Corpus Christi at Springfield, 6:30 p.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.
San Antonio at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.

TRAVELERS 8, ROCKHOUNDS 5

Arkansas	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Taylor cf	4	2	3	2	Boyd lf	5	0	0	0
Pizzano lf	4	1	2	2	Munoz 3b-ss	5	2	3	0
Mias-Bren 3b	4	0	1	0	Schrock 2b	5	1	4	2
Waldrop 1b	5	1	2	2	Marincov rf	4	0	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mariette c	5	0	1	0	Rosa 1b	4	0	0	0
De La Cruz rf	5	0	0	0	Vertigan cf	4	1	[illegible]	0
Littlewood dh	5	2	1	0	Sportman dh	4	0	0	0
Kobernus 2b	4	1	1	0	Martin ss	0	0	0	0
Wong ss	4	1	2	1	Raga pr-3b	3	0	0	0
					Paz c	4	[illegible]	2	1
Totals	40	8	13	5	Totals	38	5	11	3

Arkansas .... 030 113 000 — 8
Midland .... 011 010 011 — 5

E — Herb (1), Raga (2), Munoz (6). DP — Midland 1. LOB — Arkansas 9, Midland 8. 2B — Taylor 2 (13), Waldrop 2 (11), Kobernus (1), Schrock (7), Munoz (9). S — Kobernus.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Arkansas						
Herb W, 3-2	6.0	[illegible]	3	3	[illegible]	[illegible]
Horstman	[illegible]	[illegible]	1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Perry	2.0	3	1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Midland						
Holmes L, 3-5	[illegible]	10	7	6	[illegible]	5
Navas	[illegible]	2	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2
Trivino	[illegible]	1	0	[illegible]	0	0

WP — Perry. Balk — Perry.
T — 3:06. A — 2,980.

MLB ROUNDUP

American League

INDIANS 9, ATHLETICS 4

CLEVELAND — Trevor Bauer struck out an AL-best 14 in seven innings, leading Cleveland to the win.

Bauer's career-best strikeout total was one shy of this season's major league-high of 15 by Washington's Stephen Strasburg against San Diego on Saturday.

Bauer (5-4) allowed three runs and seven hits with one walk. Four Cleveland pitchers combined to strike out 19, tying a franchise record for a nine-inning game.

YANKEES 8, ORIOLES 3

BALTIMORE — Brett Gardner and Matt Holliday each homered twice, Aaron Judge drove in two runs and the Yankees received a solid pitching performance from Luis Severino.

Gardner set the tone for the AL East leaders by connecting on the third pitch from Chris Tillman (1-2), who had not allowed a home run in his previous four starts this season.

Holliday went deep in the first inning and again in the third for his 22nd career multi-homer game. Gardner's second solo shot sparked a three-run fourth that made it 8-0.

National League

DODGERS 9, CARDINALS 4

ST. LOUIS — Chase Utley, Logan Forsythe and Chris Taylor combined to reach base 11 times and totaled six runs, helping the streaking Los Angeles Dodgers rally past the St. Louis Cardinals 9-4 on Tuesday night.

Utley finished a homer shy of the cycle as the Dodgers won their season-high sixth straight game. Forsythe reached five times, including three walks, and Taylor reached three times.

MARLINS 7, PHILLIES 2

MIAMI — Giancarlo Stanton hit his third homer since moving into the No. 2 spot in the batting order, a change that has revived Miami, which won its third game in a row.

Marcell Ozuna also homered for the Marlins, whose modest winning streak is their longest since mid-April.

Stanton hit a two-run homer, his 14th, in a five-run third. Since he moved up to the No. 2 spot, Stanton is 12 for 29 (.414) with three homers and seven RBIs in seven games, and the Marlins are 5-2 while outscoring opponents 48-22.

DIAMONDBACKS 3, PIRATES 0

PITTSBURGH — Arizona left-hander Robbie Ray pitched a four-hitter in his first career complete game.

Ray (5-3) struck out 10, walked none and threw 115 pitches. The left-hander set a career high by winning his third straight start and has pitched 23 2/3 scoreless innings during that run, all on the road, while also beating the San Diego Padres and Milwaukee Brewers.

Interleague

MARINERS 10, ROCKIES 4

DENVER — Kyle Seager homered and drove in four runs for Seattle, and Robinson Cano also connected.

Jean Segura had four hits and Ariel Miranda (5-2) pitched five solid innings to help the Mariners sweep two games in Denver. It was just the Rockies' third loss in 17 series and first since April 24-27 against Washington. They also fell out of first place in the NL West, dropping a half-game behind the streaking Dodgers.

Ben Gamel, who replaced slugger Nelson Cruz in the second inning, and Guillermo Heredia each had three of Seattle's season-high 19 hits.

The Mariners jumped on Rockies lefty Tyler Anderson (3-5). Seager hit a two-run homer in a three-run second, and his two-run double in the third helped the Mariners go up 6-0.

BLUE JAYS 6, REDS 4

TORONTO — Kendrys Morales hit a tiebreaking homer in the eighth inning for Toronto, and Josh Donaldson belted an upper-deck drive.

All six Toronto runs came on homers. Jose Bautista and Russell Martin also connected for the Blue Jays, who have hit 47 homers in May.

Cincinnati's Zack Cozart hit two solo home runs and Joey Votto had a third.

COLLEGE BASEBALL REGIONAL GLANCE

Double Elimination; x-if necessary

At Boshamer Stadium
Chapel Hill, N.C.
Friday
Game 1 — Michigan (42-15) vs. Florida Gulf Coast (42-18), noon
Game 2 — North Carolina (47-12) vs. Davidson (32-24), 5 p.m.

Winston-Salem, N.C.
Friday
Game 1 — Maryland (37-21) vs. West Virginia (34-24), 1 p.m.
Game 2 — Wake Forest (39-18) vs. UMBC (23-23), 5 p.m.

At Cliff Hagan Stadium
Lexington, Ky.
Friday, June 2
Game 1 — N.C. State (34-23) vs. Indiana (33-22), 11 a.m.
Game 2 — Kentucky (39-20) vs. Ohio (31-26), 6 p.m.

Louisville, Ky.
Friday
Game 1 — Xavier (32-25) vs. Oklahoma (34-22), 1 p.m.
Game 2 — Louisville (47-10) vs. Radford (27-30), 5 p.m.

At Doug Kingsmore Stadium
Clemson, S.C.
Friday
Game 1 — St. John's (42-11) vs. Vanderbilt (33-22), 11 a.m.
Game 2 — Clemson (39-19) vs. UNC Greensboro (35-22), 6 p.m.

Gainesville, Fla.
Friday
Game 1 — Bethune-Cookman (33-23) vs. South Florida (41-17), noon
Game 2 — Florida (42-16) vs. Marist (32-21), 6 p.m.

At Dick Howser Stadium
Tallahassee, Fla.
Friday
Game 1 — Auburn (35-24) vs. UCF (40-20), 11 a.m.
Game 2 — Florida State (39-20) vs. Tennessee Tech (40-19), 5 p.m.

At Pete Taylor Park
Hattiesburg, Miss.
Friday, June 2
Game 1 — South Alabama (39-19) vs. Mississippi State (36-24), noon
Game 2 — Southern Miss. (48-14) vs. UIC (39-15), 5 p.m.

At Alex Box Stadium
Baton Rouge, La.
Friday
Game 1 — Rice (31-29) vs. Southeastern Louisiana (36-20), 2:30 p.m.
Game 2 — LSU (43-17) vs. Texas Southern (20-32), 7 p.m.

At Baum Stadium
Fayetteville, Ark.
Friday
Game 1 — Oklahoma State (30-25) vs. Missouri State (40-17), 2 p.m.
Game 2 — Arkansas (42-17) vs. Oral Roberts (42-14), 8 p.m.

At Lupton Baseball Stadium
Fort Worth
Friday, June 2
Game 1 — Dallas Baptist (40-19) vs. Virginia (42-14), 3 p.m.
Game 2 — TCU (42-16) vs. CCSU (30-20), 8 p.m.

At Reckling Park
Houston
Friday, June 2
Game 1 — Texas A&M (36-21) vs. Baylor (34-21), 2 p.m.
Game 2 — Houston (40-19) vs. Iowa (38-20), 7 p.m.

At Rip Griffin Park
Lubbock
Friday, June 2
Game 1 — Texas Tech (43-15) vs. Delaware (34-21), 2 p.m.
Game 2 — Sam Houston State (40-20) vs. Arizona (37-19), 6 p.m.

At Goss Stadium
Corvallis, Ore.
Friday
Game 1 — Yale (32-16) vs. Nebraska (35-20), 3 p.m.
Game 2 — Oregon State (49-4) vs. Holy Cross (23-27), 10 p.m.

At Blair Field
Long Beach, Calif.
Friday
Game 1 — UCLA (30-25) vs. Texas (37-22), 6 p.m.
Game 2 — Long Beach State (37-17) vs. San Diego State (41-19), 10 p.m.

At Sunken Diamond
Stanford, Calif.
Thursday
Game 1 — BYU (37-19) vs. Cal State Fullerton (34-21), 3 p.m.
Game 2 — Stanford (40-14) vs. Sacramento State (32-27), 8 p.m.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	30	19	.612	—
Boston	27	23	.540	3½
Baltimore	26	24	.520	4½
Tampa Bay	28	27	.509	5
Toronto	25	27	.481	6½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	26	22	.542	—
Cleveland	27	23	.540	—
Chicago	24	26	.480	3
Detroit	24	28	.462	4
Kansas City	22	29	.431	5½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	37	16	.698	—
Texas	26	27	.491	11
Los Angeles	26	28	.481	11½
Seattle	24	29	.453	13
Oakland	22	29	.431	14

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	31	19	.620	—
New York	22	27	.449	8½
Atlanta	22	27	.449	8½
Miami	20	30	.400	11
Philadelphia	17	33	.340	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	27	24	.529	—
Chicago	25	25	.500	1½
St. Louis	24	25	.490	2
Cincinnati	24	27	.471	3
Pittsburgh	24	29	.453	4

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	33	20	.623	—
Colorado	33	21	.611	½
Arizona	32	22	.593	1½
San Francisco	22	31	.415	11
San Diego	20	33	.377	13

Scores and Schedules

American League

Tuesday's Scores
Cleveland 9, Oakland 4
N.Y. Yankees 8, Baltimore 3
Toronto 6, Cincinnati 4
Seattle 10, Colorado 4
Texas 9, Tampa Bay 5
Houston 7, Minnesota 2
Kansas City 1, Detroit 0
Boston at Chicago White Sox, late
Atlanta at L.A. Angels, late

Today's Games
Cincinnati (Adleman 3-2) at Toronto (Bolsinger 0-2), 11:37 a.m.
Houston (Musgrove 4-4) at Minnesota (Santiago 4-4), 12:10 p.m.
Oakland (Manaea 3-3) at Cleveland (Clevinger 2-1), 5:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 5-4) at Baltimore (Gausman 2-4), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Archer 4-3) at Texas (TBD), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Pomeranz 4-3) at Chicago White Sox (Pelfrey 2-4), 7:10 p.m.
Detroit (Boyd 2-5) at Kansas City (Kennedy 0-4), 7:15 p.m.
Atlanta (Garcia 2-3) at L.A. Angels (Chavez 4-6), 9:07 p.m.
Colorado (Senzatela 7-1) at Seattle (Paxton 3-0), 9:10 p.m.

National League

Tuesday's Scores
Arizona 3, Pittsburgh 0
Toronto 6, Cincinnati 4
Seattle 10, Colorado 4
Miami 7, Philadelphia 2
L.A. Dodgers at St. Louis, late
Milwaukee at N.Y. Mets, late
Atlanta at L.A. Angels, late
Chicago Cubs at San Diego, late
Washington at San Francisco, late

Today's Games
Arizona (Godley 1-1) at Pittsburgh (Kuhl 1-5), 11:35 a.m.
Cincinnati (Adleman 3-2) at Toronto (Bolsinger 0-2), 11:37 a.m.
Philadelphia (Nola 2-2) at Miami (Straily 3-3), 12:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 5-4) at San Diego (Perdomo 0-2), 2:40 p.m.
Milwaukee (Guerra 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (deGrom 4-1), 6:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 2-5) at St. Louis (Martinez 3-4), 7:15 p.m.
Atlanta (Garcia 2-3) at L.A. Angels (Chavez 4-6), 9:07 p.m.
Colorado (Senzatela 7-1) at Seattle (Paxton 3-0), 9:10 p.m.
Washington (Scherzer 5-3) at San Francisco (Cain 3-3), 9:15 p.m.

Texas boxes

RANGERS 9, RAYS 5

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Dckrson dh	5	1	2	0	Choo rf	2	2	1	2
Krmaier cf	4	1	2	1	Andrus ss	5	2	3	5
Lngoria 3b	2	0	0	1	Mazara dh	5	0	2	1
Mrrison 1b	3	1	0	0	Beltre 3b	3	0	1	0
Sza Jr. rf	4	1	1	2	Odor 2b	4	0	0	0
Rasmus lf	4	0	0	0	Lucroy c	4	0	1	0
Beckham ss	4	0	3	0	Kozma pr	0	1	0	0
Sucre c	4	0	0	0	Chrinos c	0	0	0	0
Daniel 2b	4	1	2	1	Gallo 1b	4	2	2	0
Rua lf	3	1	0	0					
DSheilds cf	3	0	0	0					
Hoying cf	1	1	1	1					
Totals	34	5	10	5	Totals	34	9	11	9

Tampa Bay .... 004 010 000—5
Texas .... 200 000 34x—9

LOB—Tampa Bay 6, Texas 6. 2B—Dickerson (16), Andrus (12), Beltre (1). 3B—Kiermaier (2). HR—Kiermaier (5), Souza Jr. (9), Daniel Robertson (4), Choo (7), Andrus (7). SB—Beckham (3). CS—Beckham (1). SF—Longoria (4), Choo (2). S—Kiermaier (4).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tampa Bay						
Andriese	1 2-3	3	2	2	0	2
Hu	2 1-3	0	0	0	2	3
Hunter	2	1	0	0	0	1
Farquhar	2-3	3	3	3	1	2
Whitley L, 1-1	1	4	4	4	1	2
Wood	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Texas						
Martinez	4 1-3	6	5	5	2	3
Gee	2 2-3	3	0	0	0	1
Kela W, 2-1	1	1	0	0	0	1
Bush	1	0	0	0	0	0

T—3:14. A—22,942 (48,114).

ASTROS 7, TWINS 2

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi
Sprnger cf	5	2	2	0	Dozier 2b	5	0	0	0
Reddick rf	2	1	0	0	Mauer 1b	4	0	1	0
Altuve 2b	5	1	4	2	Grssman dh	4	1	0	0
Correa ss	4	0	1	1	Kepler rf	4	1	1	0
Beltran dh	4	0	0	0	J.Pnco ss	3	0	1	0
B.McCnn c	3	0	0	0	E.Rsrio lf	3	0	0	1
Ma.Gnza lf	3	1	0	0	Buxton cf	3	0	2	1
Y.Grrel 1b	4	0	1	0	J.Catro c	4	0	1	0
Bregman 3b	3	2	2	2	Adranza 3b	4	0	1	0
Totals	33	7	10	5	Totals	34	2	7	2

Houston .... 001 120 102—7
Minnesota .... 200 000 000—2

E—J.Polanco (3). DP—Minnesota 3. LOB—Houston 7, Minnesota 8. 2B—Y.Gurriel (10), J.Castro (7). HR—Bregman (5). SB—Buxton (8), Adrianza (1). SF—Bregman (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Fiers W, 2-2	6	5	2	2	3	8
Devenski	2	1	0	0	0	0
Feliz	1	1	0	0	0	0
Minnesota						
Berrios L, 3-1	5	5	4	4	4	5
Boshers	2	2	1	1	0	3
Wheeler	2	3	2	1	2	0

HBP—by Berrios (Gonzalez). WP—Fiers, Boshers.
T—3:01. A—22,616 (39,021).

Tuesday's linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

INDIANS 9, ATHLETICS 4
Oakland .... 010 200 010 —4 10 0
Cleveland .... 000 430 02x —9 11 1
Gray, Montas (5), J.Smith (8) and Phegley; Bauer, Shaw (8), Miller (8), Goody (9) and R.Perez. W—Bauer 5-4. L—Gray 2-2. HRs—Cleveland, Kipnis, Zimmer.

YANKEES 8, ORIOLES 3
New York .... 212 300 000 —8 14 1
Baltimore .... 000 001 020 —3 9 1
Severino, Layne (7), Warren (7), Mitchell (8), Clippard (8) and Sanchez; Tillman, Verrett (3), Hart (6), Givens (8), Bleier (9) and Castillo. W—Severino 4-2. L—Tillman 1-2. HRs—New York, Gardner 2, Holliday 2.

ROYALS 1, TIGERS 0
Detroit .... 000 000 000 —0 3 0
Kansas City .... 000 001 00x —1 7 0
Verlander, Wilson (8) and J.Hicks; Skoglund, Moylan (7), Minor (8), K.Herrera (9) and S.Perez. W—Skoglund 1-0. L—Verlander 4-4. Sv—K.Herrera (12).

INTERLEAGUE

BLUE JAYS 6, REDS 4
Cincinnati .... 200 010 100 —4 8 0
Toronto .... 000 400 02x —6 7 1
Wojciechowski, Lorenzen (5), Wood (8) and Mesoraco; Happ, D.Barnes (5), Tepera (7), Loup (8), Joe Smith (8), R.Osuna (9) and Martin. W—Joe Smith 1-0. L—Wood 0-3. Sv—R.Osuna (10). HRs—Cincinnati, Cozart 2, Votto. Toronto, Donaldson, Martin, Bautista, Morales.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

DIAMONDBACKS 3, PIRATES 0
Arizona .... 000 001 200 —3 7 0
Pittsburgh .... 000 000 000 —0 4 0
Ray and Herrmann; Nova, Hudson (8), LeBlanc (9) and Cervelli. W—Ray 5-3. L—Nova 5-4.

MARLINS 7, PHILLIES 2
Philadelphia .... 000 100 010 —2 2 2
Miami .... 025 000 00x —7 10 2
Velasquez, Leiter Jr. (2), Rodriguez (3), Garcia (4), Ramos (6), Neris (8) and Rupp; Nicolino, McGowan (4), Ellington (7), Wittgren (8), Worley (9) and Realmuto. W—McGowan 2-0. L—Velasquez 2-5. HRs—Philadelphia, Kendrick. Miami, Ozuna, Stanton.

DODGERS 9, CARDINALS 4
Los Angeles .... 004 030 002 —9 11 3
St. Louis .... 300 000 010 —4 8 1
Maeda, Morrow (5), Romo (6), Liberatore (7), Baez (7), Hatcher (8), Jansen (9) and Grandal; Wacha, Lyons (4), Brebbia (5), Cecil (7), Siegrist (8), Broxton (9) and Molina. W—Morrow 1-0. L—Wacha 2-3. HRs—St. Louis, Molina.

Fair shake? Refusal to clasp hands creates French Open flap

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

Murray

Wawrinka

PARIS — As anyone who ever has played or watched tennis — professional or recreational — knows, the post-match handshake at the net is as much a customary part of the sport as a racket, ball or serve. So when a player who lost at the French Open rebuffed his opponent's attempt at the ritual Tuesday, it became the talk of the tournament.

On a day when No. 1 Andy Murray and No. 3 Stan Wawrinka won, and a couple top-10 players unaccustomed to long stays at Roland Garros — Alexander Zverev in the men's draw, Johanna Konta in the women's — lost, the most buzzworthy development steinmed from a match between one guy who stands 50th in the world and another who is 285th.

After losing to Martin Klizan of Slovakia 7-6 (4), 6-3, 4-6, 0-6, 6-4 in the first round at Roland Garros, wild-card entry Laurent Lokoli of France skipped the usual sign of sportsmanship. Instead, he went to the sideline to pick up his things.

When Klizan approached, right arm extended, Lokoli dismissively waved him off with the back of a hand, motioning to stay away. Afterward, Lokoli said he wasn't being a sore loser but rather that he didn't want to shake because he thought Klizan was faking an injury during the match and was generally "disrespectful."

"I just have (a) problem with his attitude," Lokoli said, "because he wasn't fair. That's it."

French Open Results
Tuesday
At Stade Roland Garros
Paris
Purse: $40.3 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
Men
First Round

Nick Kyrgios (18), Australia, def. Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, 6-3, 7-6 (4), 6-3.
Juan Martin del Potro (29), Argentina, def. Guido Pella, Argentina, 6-2, 6-1, 6-4.
Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, def. Ernesto Escobedo, United States, 7-6 (3), 6-3, 6-4.
Aleksandr Dolgopolov, Ukraine, def. Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4.
Martin Klizan, Slovakia, def. Laurent Lokoli, France, 7-6 (4), 6-3, 4-6, 0-6, 6-4.
Stan Wawrinka (3), Switzerland, def. Jozef Kovalik, Slovakia, 6-2, 7-6 (8), 6-3.
Kei Nishikori (8), Japan, def. Thanasi Kokkinakis, Australia, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4, 6-4.
Nicolas Almagro, Spain, def. Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, 6-7 (3), 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (1).
Chung Hyeon, South Korea, def. Sam Querrey (27), United States, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.
Kevin Anderson, South Africa, def. Malek Jaziri, Tunisia, 7-6 (4), 6-3, 7-6 (4).
Jeremy Chardy, France, def. Radu Albot, Moldova, 6-2, 6-4, 7-6 (3).
Karen Khachanov, Russia, def. Nicolas Jarry, Chile, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6, 6-1.
Fernando Verdasco, Spain, def. Alexander Zverev (9), Germany, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Women
First Round

Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, def. Johanna Konta (7), Britain, 1-6, 7-6 (2), 8-6.
Elina Svitolina (5), Ukraine, def. Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, 6-4, 6-3.
Alize Cornet, France, def. Timea Babos, Hungary, 6-2, 6-7 (5), 6-2.
Taylor Townsend, United States, def. Miyu Kato, Japan, 6-4, 6-0.
Tsvetana Pironkova, Bulgaria, def. Mona Barthel, Germany, 6-0, 6-4.
Sorana Cirstea, Romania, def. Peng Shuai, China, 6-3, 6-1.
Carla Suarez Navarro (21), Spain, def. Maria Sakkari, Greece, 6-4, 6-2.
Madison Keys (12), United States, def. Ashleigh Barty, Australia, 6-3, 6-2.
Barbora Strycova (20), Czech Republic, def. Alison Riske, United States, 6-3, 6-0.
Petra Martic, Croatia, def. Katerina Bondarenko, Ukraine, 6-2, 7-5.
Caroline Garcia (28), France, def. Nao Hibino, Japan, 6-2, 6-2.
Alison Van Uytvanck, Belgium, def. Naomi Osaka, Japan, 6-3, 7-5.
Marketa Vondrousova, Czech Republic, def. Amandine Hesse, France, 6-1, 6-0.

Doubles
Men
First Round

Raven Klaasen, South Africa, and Rajeev Ram (8), United States, def. Kenny de Schepper and Vincent Millot, France, 7-6 (5), 6-0.
Andres Molteni, Argentina, and Adil Shamasdin, Canada, def. Ricardo Bagnis, Argentina, and Albert Ramos-Vinolas, Spain, 6-2, 6-4.
Jamie Murray, Britain, and Bruno Soares (5), Brazil, def. Jonko Tipsarevic and Viktor Troicki, Serbia, 6-3, 7-6 (5).
Roman Jebavy and Jiri Vesely, Czech Republic, def. Gregoire Barrere and Alfanso Olivetti, France, 7-5, 6-4.
David Marrero and Tommy Robredo, Spain, def. Henri Kontinen, Finland, and John Peers (1), Australia, 7-6 (3), 6-3.
OLardin Hollys and Adrian Mannarino, France, def. Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.
Juan Sebastian Cabal and Robert Farah (16), Colombia, def. James Cerretani, United States, and Daniil Medvedev, Russia, 6-2, 6-1.
Ryan Harrison, United States, and Michael Venus, New Zealand, def. Diego Schwartzman, Argentina, and Frances Tiafoe, United States, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Treat Huey, Philippines, and Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, def. Robin Haase, Netherlands, and Dominic Inglot, Britain, 7-6 (10), 3-6, 6-3.
Julian Knowle, Austria, and Florian Mayer, Germany, def. Victor Estrella Burgos, Dominican Republic, and Bernard Tomic, Australia, 1-2, retired.
Julio Peralta, Chile, and Horacio Zeballos, Argentina, def. Feliciano Lopez and Marc Lopez (6), Spain, 6-2, 6-3.
Santiago Gonzalez, Mexico, and Donald Young, United States, def. Fabrice Martin, France, and Daniel Nestor (14), Canada, 7-6 (4), 6-7 (4), 6-3.
Andre Begemann, Germany, and Philipp Oswald, Austria, def. Nikoloz Basilashvili, Georgia, and Matt Reid, Australia, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.
Jean-Julien Rojer, Netherlands, and Horia Tecau (11), Romania, def. Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, and Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, 6-2, 6-1.

Nicklaus now willing to fit Memorial in the schedule puzzle

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

DUBLIN, Ohio — It's not as simple as shifting a couple of tournaments on the PGA Tour schedule.

The concept of moving the PGA Championship from August to May is gaining traction, even though there are so many other pieces of the puzzle that PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan should be believed when he says that it's not a done deal.

The idea is for the PGA Tour to end its lucrative FedEx Cup before the NFL gets going, which the tour can only hope will give the season-ending Tour Championship more pop than a $10 million prize couldn't.

For starters, that would mean moving The Players Championship from May back to March, and slotting the PGA Championship somewhere in May. That also means two other PGA Tour events would have to vacate their spot to allow for the Tour Championship to end around Labor Day.

But that's just the math. That doesn't take into account the squabbling that is sure to follow.

"That's sort of Jay's problem now," Jack Nicklaus said. "And I think Jay is wrestling with it. But I think they'll come up with a solution that nobody's going to agree with. But after you have it for a couple of years, you're going to see the reasons why they're doing what they're doing and what they're trying to do."

Nicklaus met with Monahan and other tour officials Tuesday morning, and Nicklaus seemed agreeable, even though his Memorial Tournament could be affected.

The Memorial began in 1976, the perfect date to commemorate legends of the game with a tournament that tries to imitate the pure standards of golf found at Augusta National and a golf course at Muirfield Village that is rarely anything but pure.

It traditionally is two weeks before the U.S. Open.

Move the PGA Championship to May — already a risky proposal that could rule out so many northern golf courses because of the weather — and suddenly the Memorial could be squeezed between the PGA Championship and the U.S. Open.

Nicklaus said he also has met with PGA of America chief Pete Bevacqua about a potential move. And he thinks the Memorial being held on either side of a major would actually help his tournament.

"Because the Memorial Tournament would be the only tournament they (the PGA Tour) have to promote in there in the middle," Nicklaus said. "So it would probably be better for us."

By saying that, Nicklaus ignored the tournaments before and after his own — Colonial last week, which dates to 1946 and is a shrine to Ben Hogan; the FedEx St. Jude Classic, sponsored by the same company shelling out all that money for the FedEx Cup.

But who knows where any tournament is going to wind up?

The tour went through a miniature exercise in this futility a few years ago when it moved the Dell Technologies Match Play to Austin, Texas. It used to be the anchor of the West Coast Swing. It was deposited on the schedule between the Arnold Palmer Invitational and the Houston Open.

That left both tournaments irate.

Palmer worried that he would lose players to the 64-man field at a World Golf Championship, while Houston figured players would have a reason to skip its tournament ahead of the Masters. Turns out that five players this year ended up skipping the Match Play.

It was March Madness in golf with so many top tournaments.

And now the PGA Tour is trying to find room for The Players Championship?

Nicklaus threw out one other scenario — moving the PGA Championship to Muirfield Village in an Olympic year. That's unlikely, as it would require presenting sponsor Nationwide to sign off on it, and it would risk the Memorial losing some of its identity.

But it's an example of a complicated process that Monahan faces if the tour decides to go through with a revamped schedule.

The PGA Tour looked so much differently when the Memorial began in 1976. The season began in Tucson, Arizona, the first full week in January. It ended the first full week in November with the Walt Disney World National Team Championship.

There were four majors. There were no World Golf Championships. There was no FedEx Cup. Nicklaus won the money title that year with $266,439. That's about $3,000 less than what eighth place pays at the Memorial this week.

Even before Nicklaus spoke, there was more talk about the PGA Championship moving to May when Southern Hills in Tulsa, Oklahoma, was awarded another PGA sometime before 2030. The temperatures hit triple digits the last time the PGA Championship was at Southern Hills in 2007.

More than the heat, Nicklaus thought a move to May would alleviate fatigue.

"I think that golf in August almost starts to get a little bit tired," Nicklaus said. "It's the end of the season — near the end of the season. And I think the FedEx Cup probably falls in that category, a little bit tired from a spectator thing."

Woods

From 1C

had said on his website last week that he would not be able to twist his back for three months because of his surgery.

The report said Woods changed his story on where he was coming from and where he was going. His car was parked in a direction headed the opposite way from his home on Jupiter Island.

The affidavit listed four medications, including Vicodin, that Woods reported taking. Vicodin is an opioid pain medication. The other three drugs appear to be misspelled. One is similar in spelling to Solax (a muscle relaxer) or Solox (for acid reflux). Another is similar in spelling to Etorix, a painkiller not currently approved in the United States.

Painkillers are generally prescribed after such surgeries, and many carry warnings to avoid driving while taking them. Other medicines, including over-the-counter allergy medicine or anti-anxiety medicines, can also cause drowsiness and include warnings about driving.

The FDA warning for Vicodin says it "may impair the mental and/or physical abilities required for the performance of potentially hazardous tasks such as driving a car or operating machinery; patients should be cautioned accordingly."

Woods told police he was recovering from surgery. Before the four back surgeries, Woods had four surgeries on his left knee dating to his freshman year at Stanford in 1994.

The report said Woods was "extremely sleepy," and the officer observed it was hard for Woods to keep his eyes open and to walk. In the incident report filed by the four officers at the scene, Woods kept dozing off even after his initial contact with police.

"I didn't realize the mix of medications had affected me so strongly," Woods said in his statement.

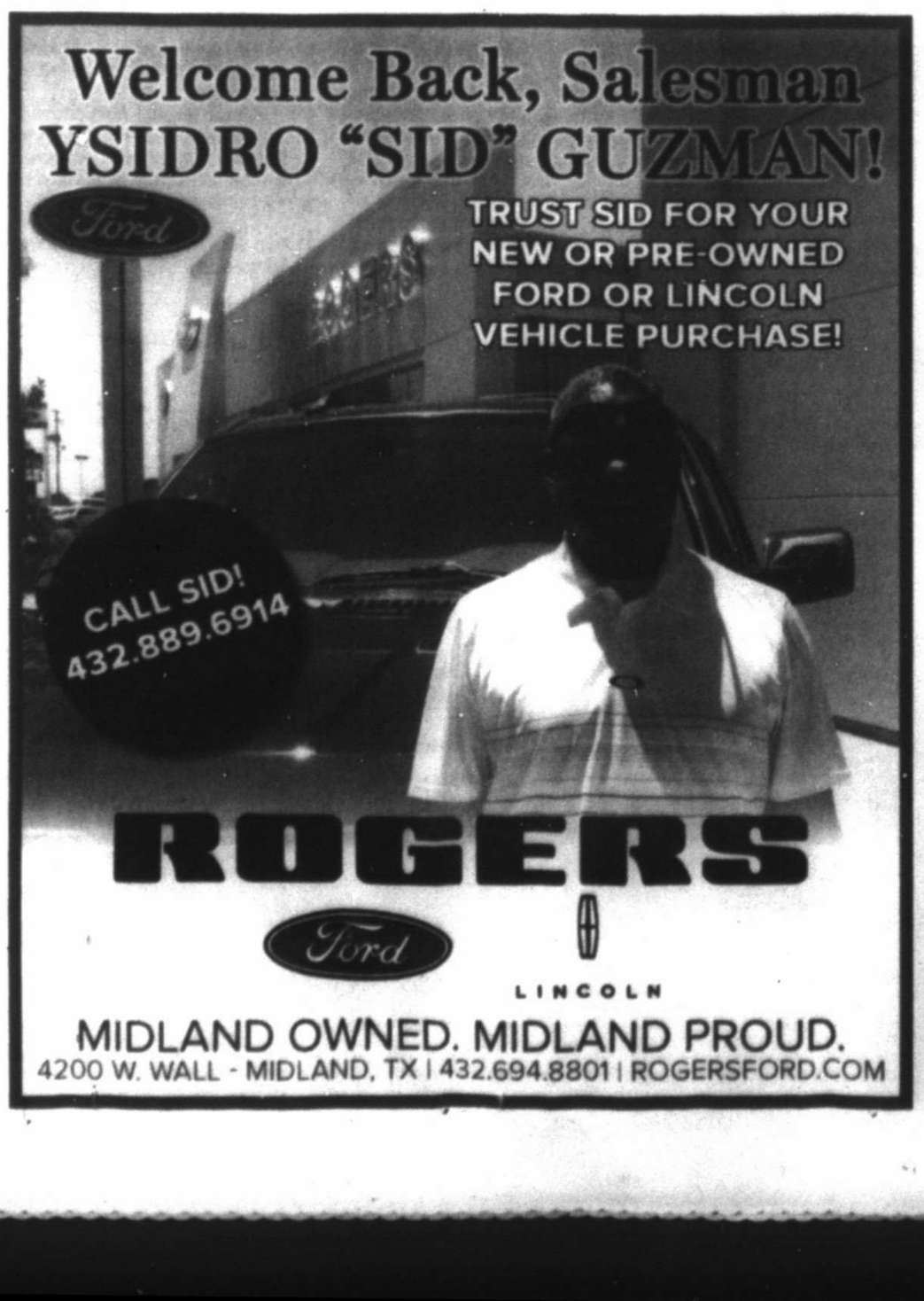
Woods is scheduled to be arraigned July 5 in Palm Beach County on the DUI charge. Police also cited him for improper parking. The report said his Mercedes was parked on the right side of the road with the engine running, the brake lights on and the blinker flashing. He was alone.

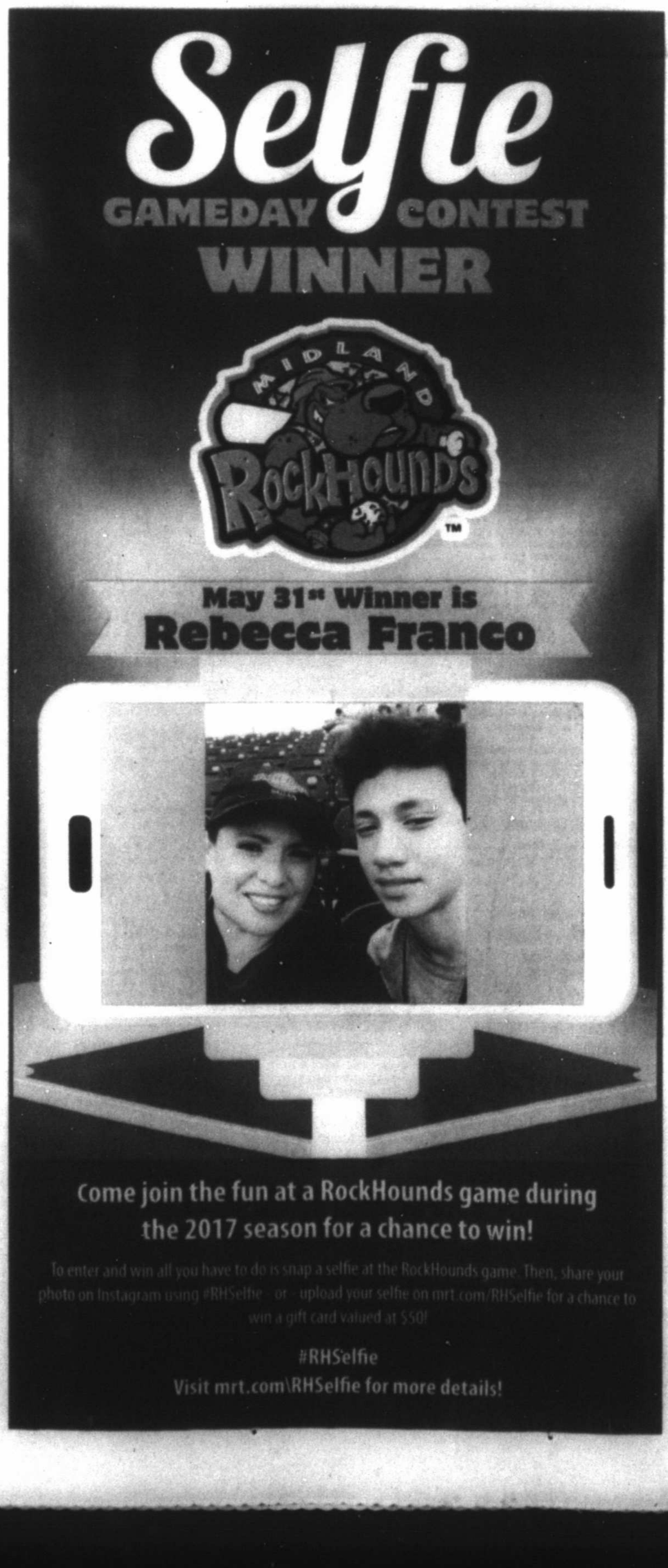
Woods has not been seen at a golf tournament since he opened with a 77 at the Omega Dubai Desert Classic in February, withdrawing the next day because of back spasms. He was in Los Angeles for the Genesis Open, run by his Tiger Woods Foundation, but he did not come to the course at Riviera because of his back.

He was at the Masters, but only to attend the dinner for past champions.

Woods has 79 career victories on the PGA Tour, second only to Sam Snead. He has won 14 majors, the last one the U.S. Open in 2008 at Torrey Pines just one week before his fourth knee surgery, which sidelined him for nearly nine months.

Woods, who had been No. 1 longer than any other golfer, has not been a factor since his last victory in August 2013 as he battled through back surgeries from a week before the 2014 Masters until his most recent fusion surgery on his lower back.





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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Goldberg	Speech-less	Modern Family	Black-ish	Still Star-Crossed		Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	NCIS: LA "Home Is Where the Heart Is"		Criminal Minds "Keeper"		Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders		CBS 7 News	(:35) The Late Show		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Mama's Family	ALF	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Feather Cloak"		Twilight Zone
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Chef "Battle for a White Apron, Pt. 1" (N)		The F Word "Episode One" (P) (N)		Fox 24 News	TMZ	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Hot In Cleveland	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Shepherd's Heart		Update News	Aleph Course	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Update News	In Touch With Dr. Charles Stanley		Walking
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	NewsWest 9 Now	Little Big Shots "Little Big News" (N)		Carmic-hael (N)	Carmic-hael (N)	This Is Us		NewsWe-st 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Nature "Touching the Wild"		Nova "Poisoned Waters" (N)		Food: Delicious "We Are What We Eat" (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		Newsline	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		La reina de la cancion		La doble vida de Estela Carrillo		La piloto		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	SHIELD "Absolution"		SHIELD "Ascension"		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Tosh.0	Access H.
FLIX	340	575		165		(5:30) Rabid		The Hills Have Eyes		Shaun of the Dead				(:10) Frankenhooker			Movie
HBO	300	550	14	14		Movie	Vice News	The Leftovers		The Boss Melissa McCarthy.				(:40) Silicon	(:15) The Nice Guys Ryan Gosling.		
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(5:15) Dragon Blade		The Night Of		The Night Of		Silicon	LastWeek	Suicide Squad Will Smith.			
HBOS	304	552	16	102		Dallas Buyers Club				Sully ('16, Bio) Tom Hanks.			1stLook	Mommy Dead and Dearest			(:25) Veep
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:25) The Take		Our Brand Is Crisis				(:50) Michael Clayton				(:50) Blood and Wine	
MAX2	382	558	18	122		Sudden Impact Clint Eastwood.				The Dead Pool				(:35) Deepwater Horizon Mark Wahlberg.			Movie
PLEX			96			(5:20) Revenge of ...		Driving Lessons				(:40) Fierce Creatures		(:15) Autumn in New York			
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(:05) The Hateful Eight ('15, West) Samuel L. Jackson.								TwinPeak "The Return: Parts Three and Four"			The American
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:00) Zero Days		The Ghost Writer Ewan McGregor.						(:10) I Love You Phillip Morris			Born to Be Blue
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	(:05) S. Wars	(:35) S. Wars	(:05) S. Wars	(:35) S. Wars
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:00) Fury Brad Pitt.		The Day After Tomorrow Dennis Quaid.						The Taking of Pelham 1, 2, 3 John Travolta.			
BET	58	.		40		(5:00) Takers ('10, Act) Chris Brown.				Training Day ('01, Thril) Ethan Hawke, Denzel Washington.						Martin	Martin
BRAVO	65	76		41		The Real Housewives		Real Housewives (N)		Real Housewives (N)		Then and Now (N)		Watch	Real Housewives		Then
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Guide (N)	Guide	Guide	Shark Tank		Shark T.
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Alaskan Bush People		Alaskan Bush People		Alaskan Bush People		Homestead (N)		Alaskan Bush People		Alaskan Bush People	
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ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	NBA Finals Prev. (L)		MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at St. Louis Cardinals (L)						SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	Baseball Tonight (L)		NFL Live		NBA Finals Preview		NBA: The Jump		NBA Finals Preview		E:60	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	The Story		TuckerCarlsonTon		The Five		Hannity		TuckerCarlsonTon		The Five	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Guy's Grocery Games		Bakers vs. Fakers		Bakers vs. Fakers (N)		Cooks vs. Cons (N)		Cooks vs. Cons		Bakers vs. Fakers	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:00) The Proposal				The Devil Wears Prada Meryl Streep.				The 700 Club		10 Things I Ha...	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	(5:30) EuroMag	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Tampa Bay Rays at Texas Rangers Site: Globe Life Park - Arlington, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	Swing Clinic	WPT Poker Bounty Scramble	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	Iron Man 3		('13, Act) Gwyneth Paltrow, Robert Downey Jr..				Fargo (N)		Fargo		Fargo	
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Brother vs. (N)		H.Hunt	House (N)	Property Brothers		Brother vs. Brother	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Little Women: Atlanta "Reunion Part 1" 1/2		LW Atlanta "Reunion, Part Two" 2/2 (N)		Little Women: LA "Fierce Fight" (N)		Little Women: LA "Four Weddings." (N)		Little Women: LA "Fierce Fight"		LW Atlanta "Reunion, Part Two"	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		11thHour	Hardball	Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				(5:00) NHL Live! (L)		NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)						NHL Overtime (L)		American Ninja (N)	
NICK	55	.	39	34	37	The Thundermans		H.Danger	Thunder	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	.	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(4:00) Skyfall		Ghost Rider ('07, Act) Eva Mendes, Nicolas Cage.						Drive Angry ('11, Act) Nicolas Cage.			Movie
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Frontal (N)	Conan David Oyelowo, Angel Olsen		Seinfeld	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:15) The Young ...		Middle of the Night Fredric March.						(:15) Marty Ernest Borgnine.		Separate Tables	
TELE	20	.	10	20		Caso cerrado		El Capo		Querida centauro		Querida centauro		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	Querida centauro	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life "Joe W and Pauline" Pt. 2 of 2		My 600-lb Life "Laura and Chay" (N)				Big "Don't Want a Freak Show" (N)		My 600-lb Life "Laura and Chay"			
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(4:30) Eagle Eye Shia LaBeouf.		Rush Hour 2 (2001, Action) Chris Tucker, Zhang Ziyi, Jackie Chan.				Animal Kingdom "Eat What You Kill"		Rush Hour (1998, Action) Chris Tucker, Tom Wilkinson, Jackie Chan.			
TVLAND	49	.	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	MASH	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Nobodies	Lopez (N)	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Big Star Little Star "Episode 1" (P) (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Star Little Star "Episode 1"	
WGN	19	85				The Curious Case of Benjamin Button ('08, Dra) Cate Blanchett. A man is born in his elder years and proceeds to get younger as he grows up.								The Curious Case of Benjamin Button A man is born in his elder years & proceeds to get younger as he grows up.			

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Age is no barrier to man long in love with neighbor

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: I'm 36, doing very well in business, single and deeply in love with a 58-year-old woman. She has been a neighbor since I was in grade school. She's petite, pretty, intelligent, cheerful and looks my age.

My parents moved to Florida when I turned 27, and I bought their home just so I could be near her. On my 33rd birthday, I begged her to cook for me.

Our families are against this. I'm going crazy trying to convince her I love her. When I told her I've loved her since middle school, she laughed. My parents say I am insane, though they love her dearly. Am I? Help, please. — IN LOVE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR IN LOVE: Insane? No. When people are in love, they sometimes think emotionally rather than rationally. The 22-year difference in your ages may be why your parents are calling you insane.

Rather than try to "buy" your neighbor's love with gifts, try to get her to tell you how she DOES feel about you and about what happened the night she cooked you dinner. If it was only because she had too much to drink, she may be embarrassed that things went as far as they did. If it was because the attraction is mutual, you should explain to her that while it may be unusual, these kinds of relationships can be successful if both parties are mature.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a full-time pet and livestock sitter. I work seven days a week, including holidays, sometimes for weeks at a time, in clients' homes caring for their animals. I have 40 years of care experience, and I'm recommended by every veterinarian in the area. I have worked very hard to build my reputation, and I charge reasonable prices.

On occasion, a client wants a "deal" and tries to bargain down my already reasonable fee. It is nearly always attorneys (who also look for a reason to be disappointed after the fact, but fail) or extremely wealthy people.

Why should it cost me money to care for someone else's animals and home? I need a polite, respectful and definite comeback to decline making deals. — PET SITTER IN THE SOUTH

DEAR PET SITTER: Try this: "I'm the best. My prices are firm. If you're looking for a bargain, hire someone else. Plenty of people will accept what you're offering. But remember, you get what you pay for."

DEAR ABBY: In the midst of planning my wedding, I got pregnant. My family wants to plan for a combination bridal/baby shower, but my mother thinks I should only have a baby shower because I will receive gifts at my wedding. What is your take on this? — UNSURE IN TEXAS

DEAR UNSURE: I agree with your mother for the reason she gave you. You will need baby things in the near future. Your wedding will effectively be your wedding shower.

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Tricky defense

Neither vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
♠ 9 6 2
♡ A K J 7
♢ A 3 2
♣ 7 6 3

WEST
♠ 10 7 5 4
♡ Q 9 3
♢ Q 7 5
♣ Q 4 2

EAST
♠ K Q J 3
♡ 10 4 2
♢ K 6 4
♣ J 10 5

SOUTH
♠ A 8
♡ 8 6 5
♢ J 10 9 8
♣ A K 9 8

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT*	Pass	3NT	All pass

*12-14 points

Opening lead: Four of ♠

The weak no-trump does not enjoy a lot of support in the USA, but it is widely used in other parts of the world. Today's deal is from a match some years ago between Argentina and Chile.

West was the late Alberto Berisso playing with Carlos Cabanne, both from Argentina.

South ducked the jack of spades at trick one, but won the king of spades continuation. The jack of diamonds was led to trick three and passed to East's king. East cashed the queen of spades and then, trying to look like a man who had run out of spades, shifted to the five of clubs. Declarer rose with his ace, and successfully ran the 10 of diamonds.

South continued with a diamond to the ace, picking up the suit, cashed one high heart, and returned to his hand with the king of clubs. South cashed his long diamond, discarding a club from dummy, as West casually shed the nine of hearts! Declarer was at the crossroads and had to decide what to do. He could, of course, lead a heart and take the rest of the tricks, but he didn't know that. The tricky East-West defense had convinced him that East was down to the queen doubleton of hearts and the queen of clubs. He proudly led a club, expecting East to be endplayed and forced to lead a heart into the dummy's king-jack. He was deeply disappointed to see West win the queen of clubs and promptly cash a spade for the setting trick.

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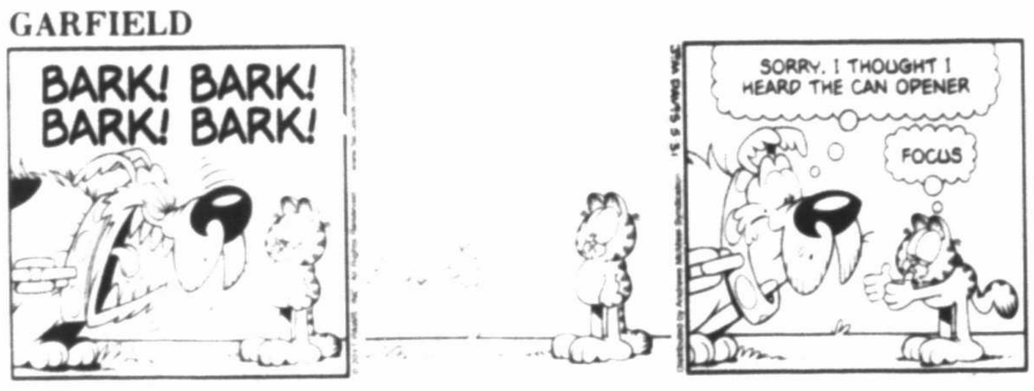
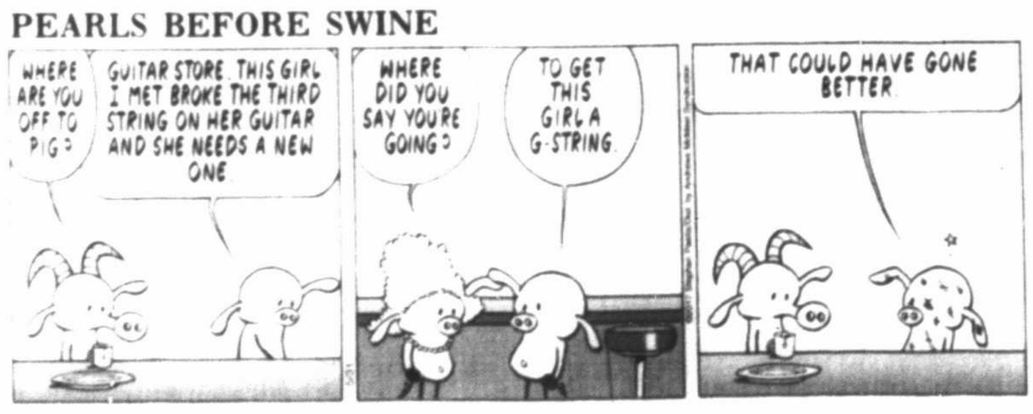


PEARLS BEFORE SWINE



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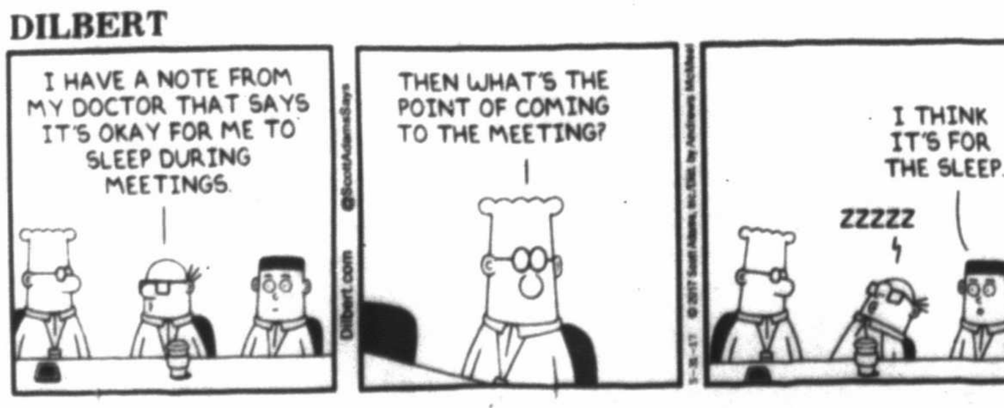

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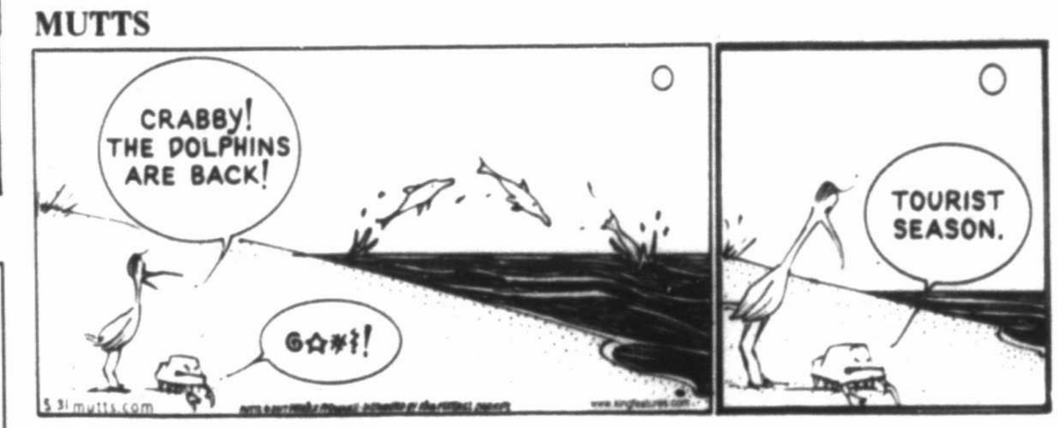

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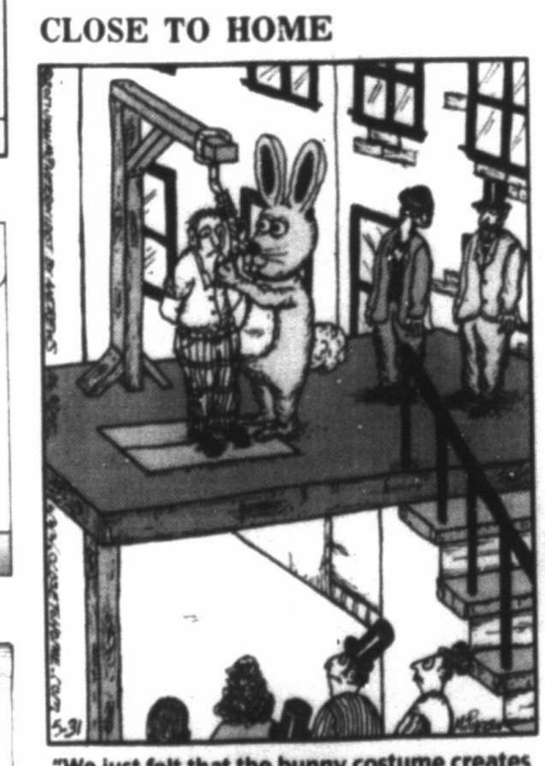
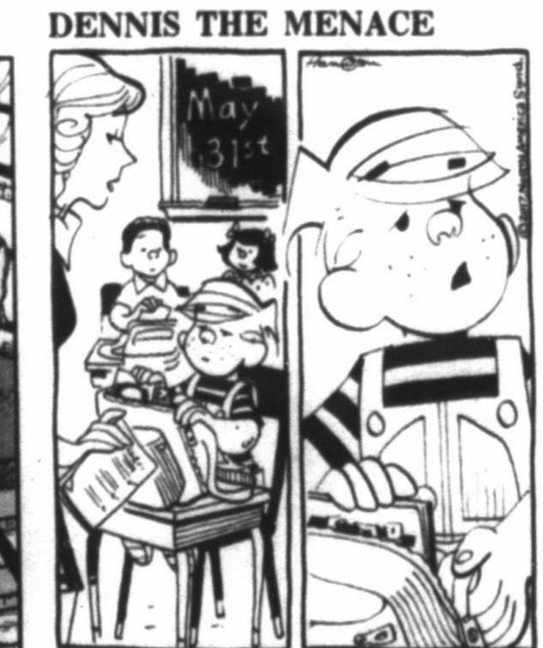


"We just felt that the bunny costume creates a much cheerier atmosphere than the whole hulking-guy-in-a-dark-hood look."

DENNIS THE MENACE



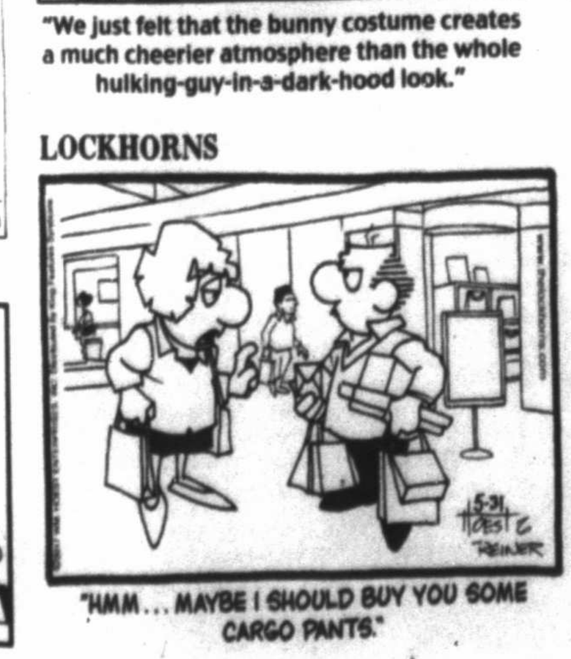
"OH, YOU'RE SAD IT'S THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL?"

"IN JUST 3 MONTHS, WE'RE STUCK HERE AGAIN. THAT'S SAD."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Mommy, I think you put my T-shirt on backwards."

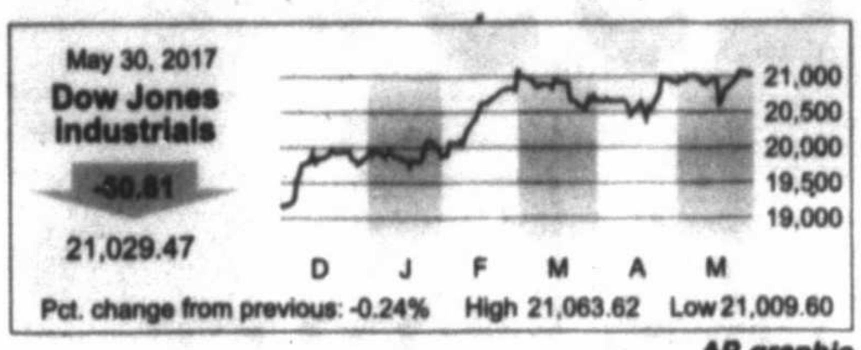
LOCKHORNS



"HMM... MAYBE I SHOULD BUY YOU SOME CARGO PANTS."

BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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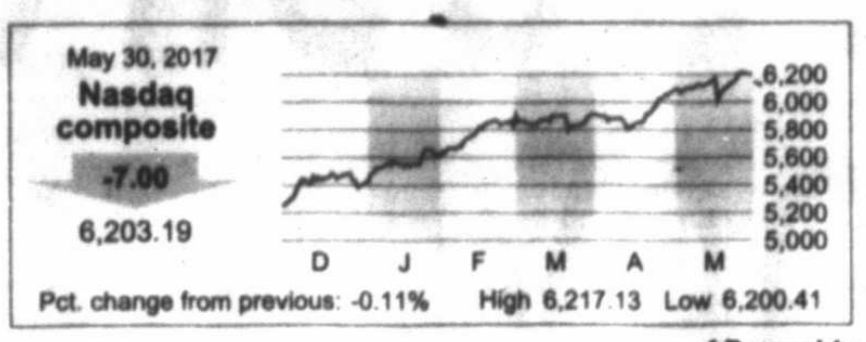

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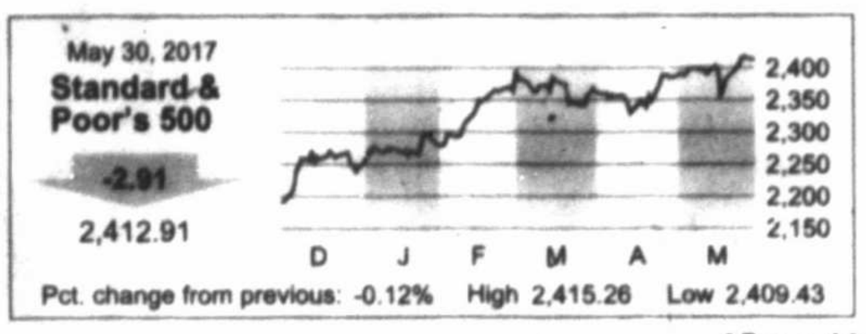

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Tuesday:	$49.66
Previous:	$49.80

POSTED

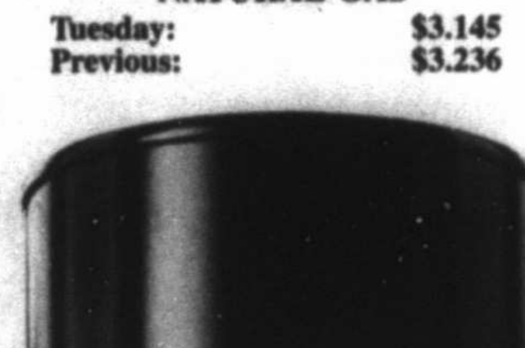
Tuesday:	$46.50
Previous:	$46.25

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Tuesday:	$42.45
Previous:	$42.20

NATURAL GAS

Tuesday:	$3.145
Previous:	$3.236



NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
ENSCO	607110	6.36	-.34
BkofAm	584123	22.91	-.33
SPDR Fncl	459753	23.45	-.16
AtwoodOcn	390764	10.04	+1.96
ChesEng	374988	5.10	-.19

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AtwoodOcn	10.04	+1.96	+24.3
Xactly n	15.55	+2.15	+16.0
LG Display	14.46	+1.05	+7.8
RayAdvM	17.18	+1.13	+7.0
AK Steel	6.20	+.40	+6.9

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ComstkRs rs	5.59	-1.26	-18.4
CSVLgNG rs	16.45	-2.54	-13.4
Seaspan	5.07	-.66	-11.5
GencoSh rs	9.23	-1.09	-10.6
SibanyeG	4.97	-.55	-10.0

Diary

Advanced	1,114
Declined	1,826
Unchanged	113
Total issues	3,053
New Highs	128
New Lows	65
Volume	3,057,533,257

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Globalstar	52716	2.05	-.12
BritATob s	23890	71.56	-.30
SRC Eng	23777	6.82	-.24
NDynMn g	23172	1.65	-.08
iShIndia bt	21528	32.56	+.22

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Ballanty	6.55	+.45	+7.4
StneEn wt	2.19	+.11	+5.3
inTestCorp	8.05	+.35	+4.5
AlphaPro	2.80	+.10	+3.7
PowrREIT	7.10	+.25	+3.6

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MatinasB n	2.66	-.34	-11.3
FlexSolu	2.03	-.25	-11.0
MexcoEn	4.12	-.29	-6.6
SilvrcpMt n	2.89	-.19	-6.2
Globalstar	2.05	-.12	-5.5

Diary

Advanced	134
Declined	197
Unchanged	27
Total issues	358
New Highs	10
New Lows	13
Volume	76,640,045

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
MicronT	337153	30.70	+.94
SiriusXM	255908	5.23	-.06
FrontierCm	255299	1.32	-.01
Comcast s	239899	41.10	+.19
Nvidia	228172	144.87	+3.03

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Pavmed wt	3.00	+1.60	+114.3
Yld10Bio rs	6.33	+2.38	+60.3
ProtagTh n	11.82	+3.60	+43.8
SuperCom	2.53	+.36	+16.6
Pavmed n	4.24	+.54	+14.6

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Celsion rs	2.69	-.53	-16.4
SundEng n	5.08	-.87	-14.6
Intellia n	11.38	-1.89	-14.2
EgaletCp	2.28	-.37	-14.0
Magal	4.98	-.78	-13.5

Diary

Advanced	993
Declined	1,846
Unchanged	199
Total issues	3,038
New Highs	122
New Lows	89
Volume	1,615,090,451

Wal-Mart works to close gap between itself and Amazon

Associated Press

HOBOKEN, N.J. — Even after an online spending spree, it may be hard for Wal-Mart to escape the Amazon in the room.

Wal-Mart's acquisition of Jet.com and brands that appeal to younger shoppers have given it an e-commerce boost as it works to close the gap between itself and the online leader. The world's largest retailer is betting on essentials like cereal and diapers, and has adjusted its shipping strategy to better compete with Amazon's Prime program.

But Amazon keeps innovating, too, implementing new technology and trying to make shopping more convenient.

Marc Lore, a co-founder of Jet.com who is now head of Wal-Mart's U.S. online operations, says he's confident about the company's momentum and that there's plenty of room for it to thrive.

"I can tell you we are happy with the moves we are making, and we are happy with the results," Lore said at the Jet headquarters in Hoboken, New Jersey. "It's about moving fast. It's about innovating. And it's a very big market." He noted that e-commerce sales industrywide are still growing 15 percent per year.

Lore led Wal-Mart's acquisitions of specialty online retailers like ModCloth, Moosejaw and ShoeBuy.com, and said he's still looking at companies that have expertise in categories where Wal-Mart wants to grow faster.

As Wal-Mart prepares to show off some of its innovations this week before its shareholder meeting, there are signs that things are starting to click.

Sales at Walmart.com rose 63 percent in the first quarter, up from 29 percent growth in the previous quarter and marking its fourth straight quarter of increases. Wal-Mart said most of the increase was not through acquisitions but was fueled by changes in its shipping strategy and a discount for shoppers who pick up their online orders. Walmart.com now offers 50 million products including those from third-party sellers, up from 10 million a year ago. In comparison, Amazon has hundreds of millions of products.

David Spitz, CEO of e-commerce technology company ChannelAdvisor, says for some shoppers it has become ingrained that they start and finish their shopping at Amazon, and the Prime program reinforces that. He said Wal-Mart wasn't putting a sufficient emphasis on keeping up.

"If anything, the gap was widening," Spitz said. "Jet.com was intended to be a jolt. Wal-Mart is clearly being more aggressive. There is a sense of urgency, but whether that is enough is the multibillion-dollar question."

Amazon accounted for 33 percent of U.S. online sales last year, according to the research firm Euromonitor. Wal-Mart moved into second place ahead of eBay, with 7.8 percent. Greg Melich, an analyst at research firm Evercore, estimates that Amazon customers spend an average of $800 annually on the site, and members of its $99-a-year Prime program spend on average 2.7 times more than others.

If Amazon's relationship with Prime members continues to grow, Melich said recently, then Amazon's path toward Wal-Mart's 9 percent of the total U.S. retail market from its current 3 percent is "reasonable."

If Lore is worried, he doesn't acknowledge it.

"We don't think specifically about Prime at all," he said. "We think we (have) got a customer base — those customers who want to be able to save money and they want to be able to shop in different ways, whether it be direct-to-home, grocery pick-up or going to the physical store."

Its 4,700 stores are a strength for Wal-Mart, as they buck the larger retail trend in seeing increases in shopper numbers and sales. The discount for store pickup is helping bring shoppers in.

Wal-Mart says even the expansion of stores with curbside pickup for groceries is also helping, since people often realize they forgot an item or two and run into the store. And as rivals like Target struggle to get their grocery departments right, Wal-Mart is placing a priority on essentials like peanut butter, paper towels and fresh produce that shoppers buy often.

Amazon's stores are mainly showcases for gadgets or are textbook- and furniture-pickup locations aimed at college students. But it keeps innovating, and it's testing an Amazon Go convenience store, where sensors track items as shoppers go and there's no need to check out.

Moreover, Amazon also launched two grocery pickup kiosks in Seattle that allow Prime customers to buy fresh items online and pick it up in as little as 15 minutes instead of having them delivered. The service is free, and there's no order minimum.

Shipping remains intensely competitive. Amazon Prime members in more than 5,000 cities and towns can receive orders the same day or the next, depending on the item and location.

"We've had competition every day of our existence at Amazon, and it's never changed our approach," Amazon says. "We obsess over customers and the things we believe customers will always care about — low prices, vast selection, and fast delivery."

Stock winning streak ends

A seven-day winning streak for stocks came to a quiet end Tuesday as banks, especially smaller ones, dropped along with bond yields and interest rates. Energy companies also sank.

Investors snapped up government bonds and high-yield stocks including phone companies and utilities. As bond prices rose, yields and interest rates fell. That reduced the profits financial institutions can make from mortgages and other types of loans. Energy companies fell to their lowest prices in a year. Technology companies continued to soar while airlines slumped as investors worried that the government could expand a ban on laptops in passenger cabins during international flights.

Still, stocks remain close to their record highs. JJ Kinahan, chief market strategist for TD Ameritrade, said he thinks stocks will stay at high levels until more details about the Trump administration's tax proposals become public.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 2.91 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,412.91. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 50.81 points, or 0.2 percent, to 21,029.47. The Nasdaq composite dipped 7 points, or 0.1 percent, to 6,203.19.

Metal prices end mixed

Gold lost $5.70 to $1,265.70 an ounce. Silver added 10 cents to $17.43 an ounce. Copper held still at $2.56 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $129.51 Down 1.77

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $3.90 Down 0.22

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $94.28 Down 4.13

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.00 Down 0.02

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.12 Down 0.29

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $26.10 Down 0.35

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $13.37 Down 0.34

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $36.55 Down 1.19

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.17 Down 0.14

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $17.02 Down 0.48

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	21	6.20	+.40	-39.3
AT&T Inc	1.96	15	38.55	+.43	-9.4
Abraxas	...	...	1.83	-.10	-28.8
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	14.23	...	+12.0
AMD	...	...	11.12	+.12	-1.9
AlonUSA	.60	...	12.65	-.12	+11.2
Ambev	.06e	6	5.72	-.05	+16.5
Amgen	4.60f	14	153.85	-1.16	+5.2
Anadarko	.20	...	50.77	-1.07	-27.2
Apache	1.00	...	47.56	-.63	-25.1
Apple Inc	2.52f	18	153.67	+.06	+32.7
ApldMatl	.40	18	45.56	+.06	+41.2
Archrock	.48	...	10.65	-.40	-19.3
ATMOS	1.80	24	83.19	+.34	+12.2
AtwoodOcn	.30m	3	10.04	+1.96	-23.5
AutoData	2.28	26	101.53	+.18	-1.2
Avon	...	...	3.42	+.01	-32.1
BP PLC	2.38	54	36.27	-.14	-3.0
BakrHu	.68	...	55.07	-.38	-15.2
BcoBrad s	.37e	...	8.60	+.07	+19.6
BkofAm	.30f	15	22.91	-.33	+3.7
B iPVxST rs	...	...	13.39	-.07	-47.5
BaringsCp s	1.20	...	15.15	-.03	-2.1
BasicEnS	...	...	.45	...	...
BerkHa A	...	16	248101.03	-438.99	+1.6
BlkHillsCp	1.78f	21	69.36	+.02	+13.1
BlackBerry	...	...	10.61	-.50	+54.0
BrMySq	1.56f	32	53.93	-.04	-7.7
BrownFA s	...	32	52.36	-.13	+13.2
BrownFB s	...	...	51.46	-.27	+14.6
CVS Health	2.00f	13	76.77	+.13	-2.7
CallonPet	...	37	11.75	-.44	-23.6
Caterpillar	3.08	32	105.47	-.19	+13.7
Celestic g	...	10	13.81	+.03	+16.5
CntryLink	2.16	11	24.98	+.18	+5.0
ChesEng	...	46	5.10	-.19	-27.4
Chevron	4.32	...	104.06	-.86	-11.6
Chicos	.33	13	9.42	+.05	-34.5
Cimarex	.32	51	107.68	-3.27	-20.8
Cisco	1.16	16	31.68	+.18	+4.8
Citigroup	.64	12	61.64	-.43	+3.7
CliffsNRs	...	6	6.20	+.06	-26.3
CocaCola	1.48	28	45.43	+.04	+9.6
ColgPalm	1.60f	27	76.09	+.84	+16.3

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Comcast s	.63	23	41.10	+.19	+19.0
ConAgra	.80	20	38.52	-.51	-2.6
ConchoRes	...	...	129.51	-1.77	-2.3
ConocoPhil	1.06	50	44.79	-.56	-10.7
CrackerB	4.80f	26	165.33	+.27	-1.0
CSVelIVST	...	...	80.00	+.46	+71.1
CSVLgNG rs	...	...	16.45	-2.54	-64.4
CrosTim	1.10e	15	15.20	-.49	-15.4
CytRx h	...	...	.89	+.16	+139.2
DCP Mid	3.12	20	34.43	-1.23	-10.3
DTE	3.30f	25	109.15	+.27	+10.8
Delcath rs	...	...	.02	-.00	-97.5
DeltaAir	.81	9	49.06	-1.74	-.3
DevonE	.24	...	34.49	-1.33	-24.5
DrGMBII rs	...	...	16.66	-.62	...
Disney	1.56f	19	108.34	-.07	+4.0
DowChm	1.84	19	60.89	-.17	+6.4
EOG Rescs	.67	...	89.62	-1.60	-11.4
EnCana g	.06	37	10.05	-.70	-14.4
Energen	.08	...	55.62	-.91	-3.6
EnPro	.88	42	67.67	+2.00	+.5
ENSCO	.04	1	6.36	-.34	-34.6
EntProdPt	1.66f	21	26.80	-.09	-.9
Ericsson	.11e	...	7.19	+.20	+23.3
ExxonMbl	3.08f	36	81.10	-.45	-10.1
Facebook	...	34	152.38	+.25	+32.4
FordM	.60a	6	11.08	+.15	-8.7
FrptMcM	...	...	11.67	...	-11.5
FrontierCm	.16m	...	1.32	-.01	-60.9
GATX	1.68	10	59.32	-.55	-3.7
GabMultT	.94e	...	8.75	...	+20.9
GAInv	1.15e	...	34.00	-.02	+9.0
GenElec	.96	19	27.36	-.09	-13.4
GenMotors	1.52	5	33.53	+.46	-3.8
Gerdau	.02e	...	3.01	+.12	-4.1
GtPlainEn	1.10	18	28.89	+.03	+4.9
HP Inc	.53	12	18.94	+.47	+27.6
Hallibrtn	.72	...	45.15	-.61	-16.5
HP Ent n	.26	10	18.85	+.02	+8.7
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	35.54	+.04	+6.6
iShEMkts	.84e	...	41.52	-.22	+18.6
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	65.98	-.07	+14.3
iShR2K	1.77e	...	136.46	-1.08	+1.2
Intel	1.09f	16	36.18	-.08	-.2

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InterDig	1.20	9	82.50	-.10	-9.7
JPMorgCh	1.92	14	83.90	-1.46	-2.8
JohnJn	3.20	19	127.11	+.19	+10.3
KimbClk	3.88	21	128.97	-.54	+13.0
KindMorg	.50	61	18.42	-.83	-11.1
Kinross g	...	61	4.24	+.02	+36.3
LegacyRes	.60m	...	2.00	-.02	-5.7
LiniuTch	.03e	...	.44	+.23	+57.1
Lubys	...	...	2.46	-.06	-42.5
MarathnO	.20	...	13.12	-.40	-24.2
MarvellTch	.24	54	17.37	-.30	+25.2
McDnlds	3.76	28	149.93	+.07	+23.2
Merck	1.88	17	64.88	-.04	+10.2
MeritMed	...	44	34.85	+.10	+31.5
MexcoEn	...	...	4.12	-.29	-17.6
MicronT	...	37	30.70	+.94	+40.1
Microsoft	1.56	29	70.41	+.45	+13.3
Momo	...	...	37.19	-1.95	+102.3
Nabors	.24	...	8.33	-.42	-49.2
NOilVarco	.20	25	32.60	-.17	-12.9
NobleCorp	.08	4	4.10	+.03	-30.7
NokiaCp	.17e	...	6.34	-.04	+31.8
Nutanix n	...	...	18.14	-1.45	-31.7
NSTFI3	.55e	...	14.69	-.01	+3.7
NTXQI	.65	...	14.35	+.02	+4.6
Nvidia	.56	46	144.87	+3.03	+35.7
OasisPet	...	...	9.70	-.78	-35.9
OcciPet	3.04	...	60.12	-.88	-15.6
Oracle	.60	22	45.42	+.16	+18.6
PDC Engy	...	...	50.76	-1.48	-30.1
Pandora	...	...	8.96	-.26	-31.3
ParTech	...	21	8.59	+.02	+53.9
ParkDrl	...	...	1.40	-.05	-46.2
PattUTI	.08	...	21.23	-.29	-21.1
Penney	...	15	4.71	...	-43.3
PennaRE	.84	7	10.52	-.67	-44.5
Prmian	.46e	27	9.71	-.08	+25.9
Petrobras	...	...	8.70	-.25	-13.9
Pfizer	1.28	13	32.13	-.01	-1.1
PioNtrl	.08	...	165.08	-5.16	-8.3
PlainsAAP	2.20	29	26.76	-.16	-17.1
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	141.34	+.12	+19.3
Praxair	3.15	23	131.59	-.38	+12.3
PrmEgy	...	...	43.60	...	-19.3
PUVixST rs	...	...	10.79	-.16	...

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ProctGam	2.76f	23	87.40	+.15	+3.9
Qualcom	2.28f	17	57.34	-.18	-12.1
RangeRs	.08	33	23.40	-.80	-31.9
RegionsFn	.28f	16	13.97	-.16	-2.7
RiteAid	...	31	3.46	-.21	-58.0
Rowan	.40	6	12.52	+.23	-33.7
RoyDShllA	3.76	83	54.52	+.11	+.3
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	210.21	-.33	+6.4
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	241.50	-.21	+8.0
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	32.98	-.95	-20.4
SabnR	2.13e	18	38.10	-.15	+8.4
SanderFm	.96	12	117.54	-2.49	+24.7
Schlmbrg	2.00	69	68.74	-.85	-18.1
SeadrillLtd	...	1	.46	-.06	-86.5
SiriusXM	.04	35	5.23	-.06	+17.5
Smucker	3.00	16	127.77	-.40	-.2
Snapinc A n	...	...	21.45	+.23	-12.4
SwstnEngy	...	...	6.35	-.26	-41.3
SP Engy	2.04e	...	65.72	-.89	-12.7
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	23.45	-.16	+.9
Symantec	.30	8	30.06	+.45	+25.8
TelefEsp	1.20e	...	11.19	-.07	+21.6
Tesoro	2.20	14	84.00	+.54	-3.9
TevaPhrm	1.36e	10	27.82	-.68	-23.3
3M Co	4.70	25	202.44	+1.77	+13.4
Torchmark	.60	17	75.27	+.04	+2.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Transocn	...	9	9.26	-.30	-37.2
TriContl	.82e	...	24.10	+.03	+9.3
Twitter	...	...	18.43	+.20	+13.1
TylerTech	...	55	170.76	+.26	+19.6
UBSI	1.32	19	38.40	-.45	-17.0
US OilFd	...	...	10.24	-.04	-12.6
USSteel	.20	...	20.77	+1.03	-37.1
Vale SA	.29e	...	8.76	+.23	+15.0
ValeantPh	...	2	12.24	-.59	-15.7
ValeroE	2.80	17	62.09	-.36	-9.1
VanEGold	.12e	...	22.59	-.35	+8.0
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Vereit	.55	11	8.24	-.09	-2.6
VerizonCm	2.31	11	46.20	+.88	-13.5
VulcanM	1.00	39	125.05	-1.38	-.1
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Weathfintl	...	...	4.90	-.19	-1.8
WellsFargo	1.52	13	52.16	-.25	-5.4
WstnRefin	1.81f	28	36.59	+.18	-3.3
WhitingPet	...	...	7.28	-.69	-39.4
WmsCos	1.20	41	28.69	-1.00	-7.9
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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
21,169.11	17,063.08	Dow Jones Industrials	21,029.47	-50.81	-.24	+6.41	+18.23
9,639.33	7,029.41	Dow Jones Transportation	9,163.66	-12.54	-.14	+1.32	+17.51
723.83	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	722.73	+2.51	+.35	+9.57	+9.60
11,688.45	9,918.72	NYSE Composite	11,601.30	-30.57	-.26	+4.92	+11.11
6,217.34	4,574.25	Nasdaq Composite	6,203.19	-7.00	-.11	+15.23	+25.37
2,418.71	1,991.68	S&P 500	2,412.91	-2.91	-.12	+7.78	+15.07
1,761.08	1,409.53	S&P Midcap	1,721.09	-6.18	-.36	+3.64	+15.27
25,147.96	20,583.79	Wilshire 5000	25,053.41	-53.70	-.21	+6.95	+15.47
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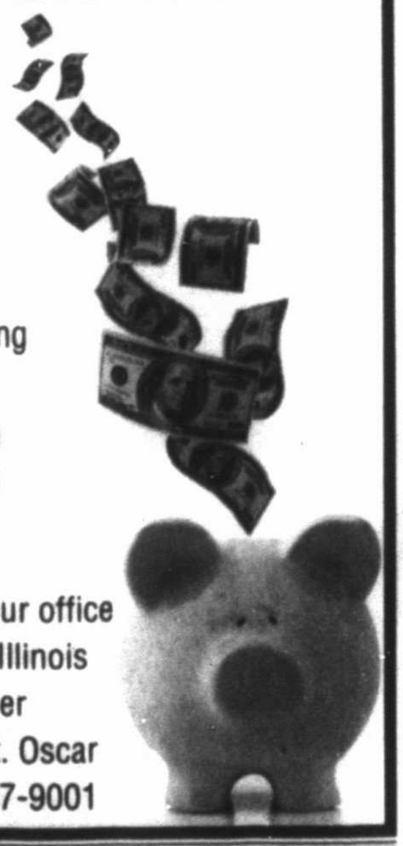

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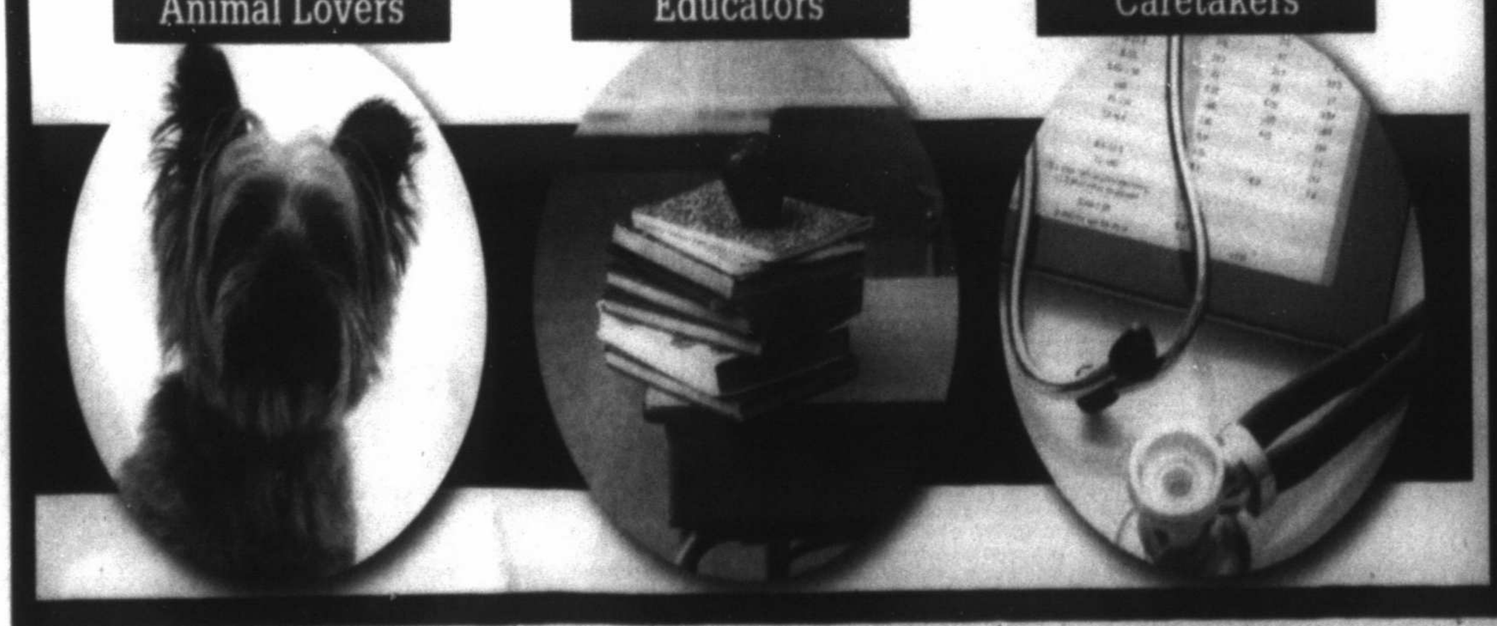

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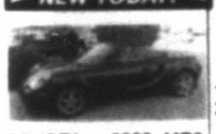

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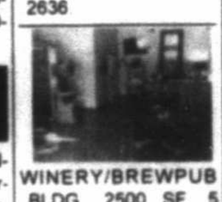

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The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres/Glorieta formation, Moreland Lease, Well No. 4. The proposed disposal well is located 21.8 miles South of Midland in the Spraberry (Trend Area) field, in Midland County.

The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4,600 to 6,000 feet.

Legal Authority: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rule of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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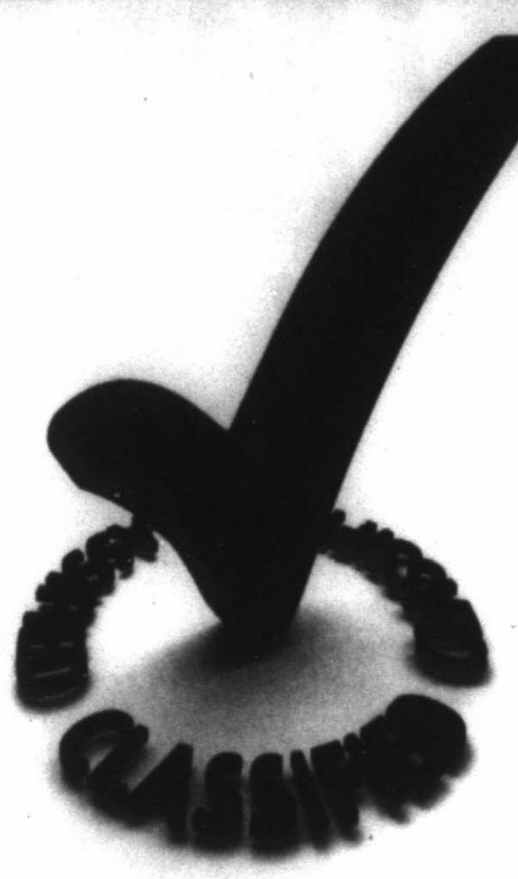

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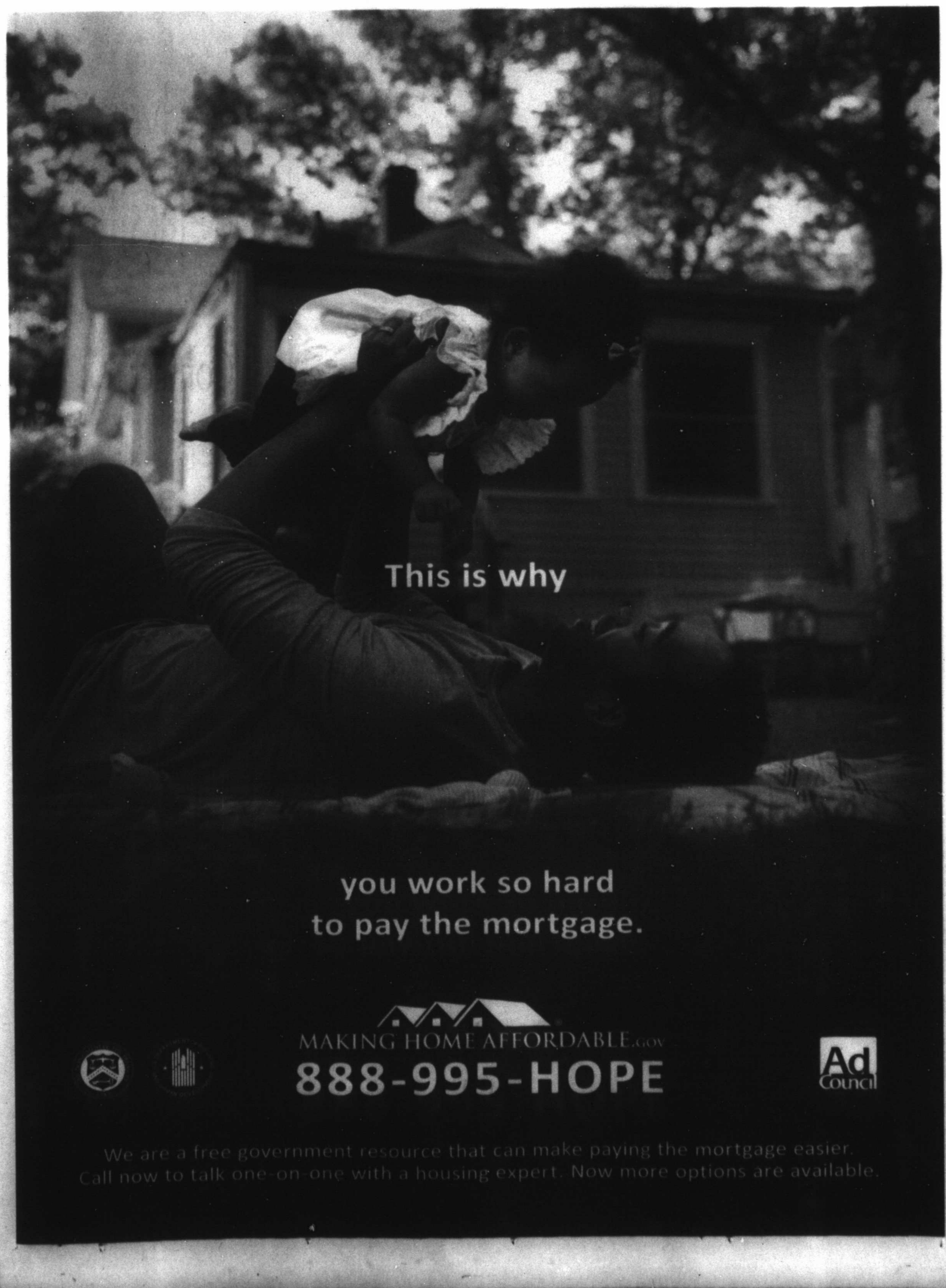

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