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ONE MORE SHOT

The Midland College golf team is headed to the NJCAA National Golf Tournament, which will be longtime coach Delnor Poss' last as he is retiring at the completion of the tournament.

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Saudis, Russia favor extending oil cuts until March

Bloomberg

Saudi Arabia and Russia said they favor prolonging oil-output cuts by global producers through the end of the first quarter of 2018, setting a firmer timeframe for a likely extension of the curbs into next year. Crude prices jumped.

Extending the curbs at already agreed-upon volumes is needed to reach the goal of reducing global inventories to the five-year average, the energy ministers of the world's biggest oil producers said in a joint press conference in Beijing. They will present their position ahead of a meeting between OPEC and other nations that are part of the agreement later this month in Vienna.

Russia and Saudi Arabia, the largest of the 24 nations that agreed to a deal to cut production for six months starting in January, are reaffirming their commitment to the deal amid growing doubts about its effectiveness. Surging U.S. production has raised concern that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and its partners are failing to reduce an oversupply. Oil has surrendered most of its gains since their deal late last year.

"The agreement needs to be extended as we will not reach the desired inventory level by end of June," Saudi Arabia's Khalid Al-Falih said during the event with Russia's Alexander Novak. "Therefore we came to the conclusion that ending will probably be better by the end of first quarter 2018."

Oil futures jumped as the ministers spoke. U.S. West Texas Intermediate added as much as 1.8 percent to $48.70 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, the highest since May 2. Global benchmark Brent crude added 1.7 percent to $51.69 on the ICE Futures Europe exchange. Both are still more than 50 percent below their peaks in 2014.

As OPEC and its allies curb supply, production in the U.S., which is not part of the agreement, has risen to the highest level since August 2015 as drillers pump more from shale fields. But American crude inventories are showing some signs of shrinking, falling for the past five weeks from record levels at the end of March.

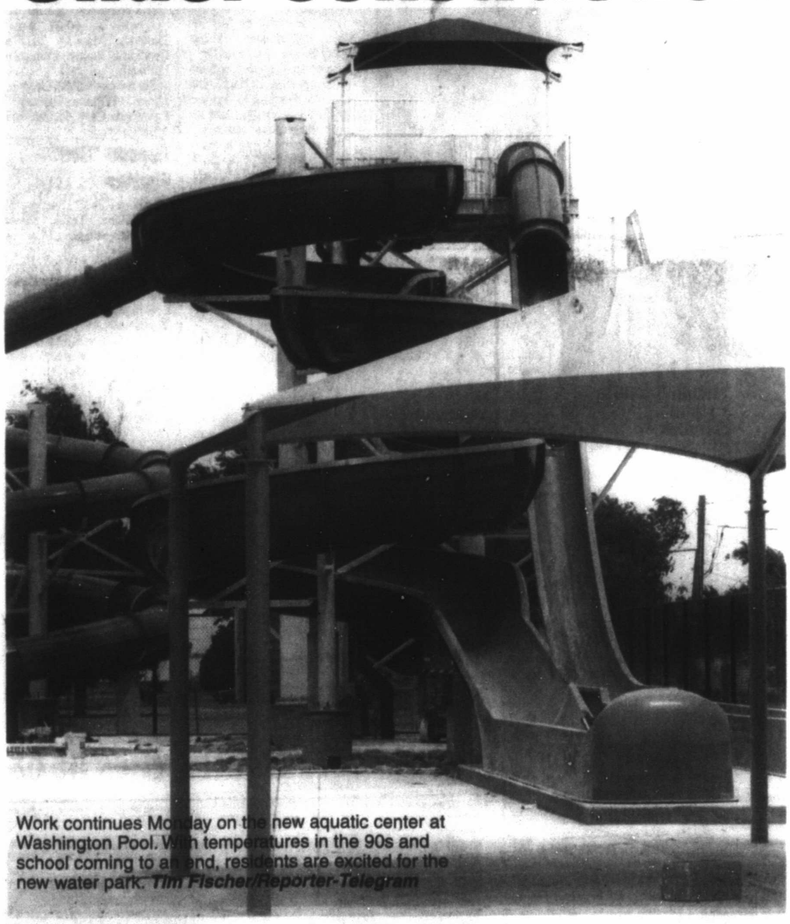
OPEC members agreed in November to cut 1.2 million barrels a day of oil production, and several non-members, including Russia, agreed in December to contribute a combined 600,000 barrels a day of output reductions.

"Preliminary consultations show that everybody is committed" to the output agreement and no country is willing to quit, said Novak. "I don't see reasons for any country to quit." The energy ministry has held preliminary discussions with Russian companies on the matter, he said.

More countries have been invited to the meeting of OPEC and its partners to be

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Under construction



Work continues Monday on the new aquatic center at Washington Pool. With temperatures in the 90s and school coming to an end, residents are excited for the new water park. *Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram*

Texas tests Trump administration over abortion providers

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas is asking the federal government to reverse course and provide funding for a state-run women's health program that excludes abortion providers, an apparent test of the Trump administration that could provide a model for other conservative states.

Since 2011, Texas has chosen to forgo millions in federal Medicare dollars rather than let abortion providers such as Planned Parenthood participate in a statewide program that provides birth control, pregnancy testing and health screenings for low-income women.

Although the move showed the resolve of Republican lawmakers determined to get Texas out of business with abortion providers, a state report found that 30,000 fewer women were served in the program following the changes. More than 80 family planning centers also closed in Texas, a third of which were Planned Parenthood affiliates.

Texas health officials say the

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Proposed piano bar hits wrong note with neighbors

■ Commissioners approve amended alcohol permit request after hour-long hearing

By Mella McEwen
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Plans to open a piano bar in the Plaza Oaks Shopping Center at Garfield Street and Wadley Avenue are apparently striking a sour note with neighbors.

At Monday's Public and Zoning Commission meeting, a public hearing on Midland Piano Partners LLC's application for a specific use permit with term for the sale of all alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption at a restaurant lasted nearly an hour.

Robert Rendall said the bar, which previously had attempted to open in the former Bushido's on Briarwood Avenue across from Wal-Mart and in the former Chelsea Rae's on Loop 250 near Haverty's and PetSmart, plans to open between Mulberry Cafe and Permian Abstract.

He told the five commissioners at the meeting that the goal was to offer a nice place for residents to have a drink and some food — not meals, he stressed — after dinner or after events at Midland College.

"This is something new Midland has not seen before," he said, a view supported by several speakers who applauded plans for a nice place for an evening out. It would not open until 5 p.m.

Residents and some neighboring businesses disagreed, according to Julie Griffis, an attorney who presented the commissioners with copies of petitions signed by 40 households representing 80 people, "all of whom oppose the bar."

Sandra Staley, a nearby homeowner, said, "We've had this problem before with someone wanting to come in with a classy, upscale bar."

She opposed efforts by The Blue Door to open in the shopping center, noting it would have been located 35 feet from her home. The Blue Door eventually opened at 4610 N. Garfield St. in the Polo Park shopping center.

"We're all concerned about safety for our children, for ourselves, for the area. We're concerned about property values. We just don't want a bar in our neighborhood," Staley said.

"It doesn't matter if you pay $100 for your home, or $500, or $75,000, or $500,000 or a million dollars. When you buy that home, you expect, first, safety for your children, yourself, for the area,

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The big number
150 countries had computers paralyzed by a cyberattack demanding victims send money to attackers. Page 4A.

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Jaguar escapes enclosure, attacks monkey at Abilene zoo

Associated Press

ABILENE — Officials insist there was no risk to the public when a jaguar escaped its enclosure and attacked a monkey at a Texas zoo, even though they don't know how the big cat got loose.

Abilene Zoo Executive Director Bill Gersonde (gher-SUN-day) says staff discovered 2-year-old Estrella missing Monday morning before the zoo opened for the day.

Estrella was found soon after atop a neighboring exhibit holding spider monkeys. Gersonde says it appears Estrella reached inside and seriously injured the monkey, which has been euthanized.

Estrella was tranquilized using a dart gun then placed in a holding pen. Another jaguar also was secured.

Gersonde said at a news conference that the doors to the jaguar enclosure are secure and that there was never any threat to the public. He didn't elaborate.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Texas looks to curb improper teacher-student relationships

Texas lawmakers have given final approval to a measure cracking down on inappropriate relationships between teachers and students, sending it to Gov. Greg Abbott.

The bill requires principals and superintendents to report inappropriate teacher-student relationships or face jail time and fines up to $10,000. The teacher's family could also lose access to the teacher's pension.

Under the bill, a teacher would automatically lose their license if they have to register as a sex offender. Teachers would also get training on how to properly handle personal boundaries and relationships with students.

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TESTS

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program has since improved and now want the Trump administration to provide dollars blocked under President Barack Obama.

The stakes potentially extend far beyond Texas. Abortion-rights groups worry that if Texas succeeds, other conservative states will also cut off Planned Parenthood and put clinics in jeopardy.

"There is a new administration, and we're looking at what opportunities may exist for us," said Carrie Williams, a spokeswoman for the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

At a public hearing Monday, Planned Parenthood supporters criticized Texas health officials for seeking the waiver while continuing to exclude the nation's largest abortion provider from the state program, which is now known as Healthy Texas Women. Texas expects to finalize its request this summer to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Only Missouri and, most recently, Iowa have joined Texas in spurning federal dollars rather than let abortion providers into its women's health programs, said Elizabeth Nash, a policy analyst with the Guttmacher Institute, a national organization that supports abortion rights. But Texas is the first state to seek a waiver with the Trump administration, and Nash said other states could follow.

"If Texas is successful there's no reason to think these others states wouldn't try to do the exact same thing," Nash said.

Planned Parenthood currently has about 35 clinics in Texas and served more than 126,000 individual patients last year, including those seeking abortions.

State officials estimate that more than 169,000 women are now enrolled in the Healthy Texas Women program, nearly a two-fold increase over when the revamped program launched last summer.

But the program has seen stumbles. In March, The Associated Press found that an pro-life group that received $1.6 million under the Healthy Texas Women program to bolster smaller clinics had done little of the sweeping outreached or advertising promised. That led the Republican chairwoman of the Texas House ethics committee to demand answers from state health officials.

P&Z

From 1A

and not to be intimidated by people who are intoxicated. Homeowners should be guaranteed that right."

She and others also expressed concern about intoxicated customers finding their way to the alleyway between the bar and their homes, or possibly endangering the families or people walking their dogs through the shopping center. And she said residents don't want to have to clean up after those customers.

Staley said she supports the concept of the piano bar but said it needs to be in an area "where it doesn't affect people."

"I thought all their concerns were expressed well and I felt we had good answers to their concerns," Rendall said after listening to the comments.

He said there is virtually no way those leaving the bar could find their way to the alleyway.

After hearing all comments, commissioners eventually approved the application by a 4-to-1 vote, with two amendments offered by Commissioner Josh Sparks: Security would have to be in place from 11 p.m. until 30 minutes after closing, and he reduced the bar's hours on Thursday through Saturday from 2 a.m. to 1 a.m.

"I'm not a fan of 2 a.m.," he said.

He said he chose the 1 a.m. cut-off because The Turn, also in that shopping center, operates until 1 a.m. "If it had been midnight, that's what I would have said," he said.

In business proposals, "there will be opposition, and there will be some for it," Sparks said. "The best way is to compromise. This way, making a few changes should help and abate some of the fears of the opponents while not changing the business aspect. If we said they could only stay open until 8 p.m., that would end the business plan."

In other business, commissioners:

- paved the way for Longhorn Steakhouse to enter the Midland market.

The commissioners unanimously approved a request by GHA Architecture/Development at Longhorn Steakhouse' proposed location on the north side of Midland Park Mall next to Bubba's 33.

- also approved a request by PEH Investments Ltd. for a zone change from a PD, Planned Shopping District, in part and LR-2, Local Retail District, in part, to Planned District for a Shopping Center at Loop 250 north of Tremont Ave.

The request was made to allow Volkswagen of Midland to proceed with a new building.

Obituaries



Debra Lynn Holst

Debra Lynn Holst, 60, of Dallas, Texas, passed away Friday, May 12, 2017 at Madison on Marsh Nursing Home in Carrollton, Texas.

She was born on May 7, 1957 in Rock Springs, Wyoming to Roger Duane and Myrtle Alma (Rose) Holst. She worked as a bilingual kindergarten teacher for the Carrollton/Farmers Branch ISD until she retired.

She is survived by her siblings, Diana Reaves and husband Bernard (Jack) of Aubrey, Duane Holst of Midland, and Dawne Adamson of Rocklin, California.

She is also survived by nephews, Troy Reaves of Flower Mound and Michael Gratzinger of Bluffdale, Utah; and nieces, Denise Chambers of Denton and Michelle Ross of Washington, D.C.

Debra was preceded in death by her parents and nephews, B.J. Reaves III and Byron Eric Reaves.

A viewing and memorial will be at 10:00 a.m., followed by funeral service at 11:00 a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Chapel at 6545 W. Plano Parkway in Plano, Texas on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 to celebrate her life.

There will be a grave site ceremony in June, 2017 at the Rose Cemetery in South Dakota.

On line condolences may be made at *www.mulkeybowlesmontgomery.com*.



Fidencio Banda

Fidencio Banda, 59 of New Deal, Texas, passed away on Sunday, May 14, 2017.

Fidencio was born on August 11, 1957 in Lubbock, Texas to Benito Q. Banda and Delia Lujan. He was a dedicated employee of Texas Tech University for over 20 years. Fidencio was a lifelong resident of New Deal. He enjoyed spending time with his son and family.

Fidencio is survived by his son, Matthew R. Ortiz and his wife, Vickie Ortiz of Midland, Texas. His pride and joy were his granddaughters, Carly and Mallory; his mother, Delia Jimenez of Lubbock; four brothers, Benito Banda and wife, Yolanda of Houston, Texas, Gilbert Banda of Austin, Texas, Vicente Jimenez of Laredo, Texas, and Jesse Jimenez of Lubbock; five sisters, Janie Wynn and husband, Danny of Mesa, Arizona, Cecilia Tyler and husband, Mark of Cibolo, Texas, Esther Jimenez of Lubbock, Rayetos Valdez and husband, Jesse of Cibolo, and Vivian Dominguez and husband, Raul of Lubbock; sister/cousin, San Juana Delgado of Lubbock; and by numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his father, Benito Q. Banda; and grandmother, Lila Hernandez.

We celebrate his life beginning with a Rosary which will be on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

His son's family wishes to express their gratitude to the staff at Hogan Park Nursing Home who cared for Fidencio. A special thank you to Gilbert, Robert, Toni, Jill, Sharlene, Keisha, and his friend, Mr. Matilde Cortez.

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch
Funeral Home
& Crematory
(432) 550-5800



Janice Cates

Janice Cates, 71, of Midland, passed away on Friday, May 12, 2017.

Janice was born in Cuthbert, Texas on June 7, 1945. She spent her early years in Snyder, Texas where she met the great love of her life, Joe Cates. The two were married and later moved to Midland where they built a life. Joe and Janice were married 55 years.

Janice made things. She grew elaborate gardens and kept exotic birds. She painted beautiful paintings, played dozens of instruments and made jewelry and sculptures from precious stones and metals. She was a teacher, and passed on her gifts to hundreds of people spanning more than three generations.

Janice was an impassioned person who felt great love for people and joy for life. She was generous and kind, compassionate, and graceful. She possessed rare strength and had a fiery temper when she thought someone she loved had been wronged. Janice was a woman of such great character, it took a lifetime to define. Her paintings still hang, her sculptures still sit, and the students she taught still play.

Janice is survived by her husband, Joe Cates; daughters, Tamara Cates and Carmon Spencer and husband Drew; sister, Kay Wardlaw and husband Mike; grandchildren, Taber White and wife Nikki Amiro, Katy Spencer and Braden Spencer; and great-grandchildren, Morgan White and Jack White.

There will be a visitation on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home.

A graveside service will be held at Resthaven Memorial Park at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, 2017.

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

Ellis Funeral Home
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Gilbert "Beto" Sanchez

Gilbert "Beto" Sanchez, 75 of Midland, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday, May 9, 2017.

Beto was born on July 18, 1941 in Midland, Texas, where he was also raised.

Beto was preceded in death by his parents, Manuel and Reyes Sanchez; brother, Manuel Sanchez, Jr.; and his son, Gilbert "Bibo" Sanchez.

He is survived by his son, Enrique Sanchez of Midland; and four daughters, Dianne Sanchez, Joann Carson, and Veronica Baltier all of Midland, and Belinda Brown of North Richland Hills, Texas.

He is also survived by his two brothers, Daniel Stone from Midland and Ramon Sanchez of Albuquerque, New Mexico; and by one sister, Consuelo Stone.

He will be truly missed by all that knew him.

He will be viewed on Tuesday May 16, 2017 at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home and Chapel with a rosary starting at 7:00 p.m. Armando Bonilla will officiate the Rosary.

The family would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support at this time of need.

Services are under the direction of Heavenly Gate Funeral Home and Chapel.

Family messages and condolences may be emailed to *pipkin@nts-online.net* or you can visit our website at *www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com*.

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All Obituaries must be submitted by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.

Death Notices

Adolfo H. Perez

Adolfo H. Perez, 61, of Midland, passed away on Friday, May 12, 2017.

Viewing will be Monday, May 15, 2017 at Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Tuesday, May 16, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Funeral service is set for Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Iglesia Bautista Monte Sinai.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Perez; sons, Noe Perez, Israel Perez, Saul Perez, and Daniel Perez; daughters, Eunice Villafranco and Noemi Perez; mother, Herminia Ramoz; and by three brothers and seven sisters.

Bennie Glynn Patterson

Bennie Glynn Patterson, 79, of Midland, passed away Sunday, May 14, 2017.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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

Survivors include wife, Joyce Patterson; and children, Susie Hodges, Laura Coleman, and Tammie Welch.

Candy Rae Henry

Candy Rae Henry, 53, of Midland, passed away Saturday, May 13, 2017.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 18, 2017 at Crestview Baptist Church in Midland.

Survivors include children, James William Henry, Raymond Cory Henry, and Amanda Wade.

Roscoe "Red" Frazier

Roscoe "Red" Frazier, 89 of Midland, Texas, passed away on Sunday, May 14, 2017.

The family will be accepting guests at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

Graveside services will be at Resthaven Memorial Park on Thursday, May 18, 2017, at 11:00 a.m.

Red is survived by his children, Debra Long and Paula Telford.

Vickie Avila

Vickie Avila, 63, of Midland, passed away on Friday, May 12, 2017.

Family will be receiving friends for visitation Monday, May 22, 2017 at Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home at 1:00 p.m., with a funeral service starting at 2:00 p.m.

She is survived by her husband, Rosendo Avila; sons, Dole Gill and Ricky Gill; mother, Mary Towery; and by one brother and two sisters.

'Deadwood' actor Powers Boothe dies at 68

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Powers Boothe, the character actor known for his villain roles in TV's "Deadwood," and in the movies "Tombstone," "Sin City" and "The Avengers," has died. He was 68.

Boothe's publicist said he died of natural causes at his home in Los Angeles on Sunday.

Fellow actor Beau Bridges tweeted the news and called him "a dear friend, great actor, devoted father and husband."

Boothe won an Emmy in 1980 for playing cult leader Jim Jones in the TV movie "Guyana Tragedy: The Story of Jim Jones." The ceremony was held amid an actors strike, and Boothe was the only acting winner to show up for his award.

"This is either the most courageous moment of my career or the stupidest," he quipped after accepting the prize.

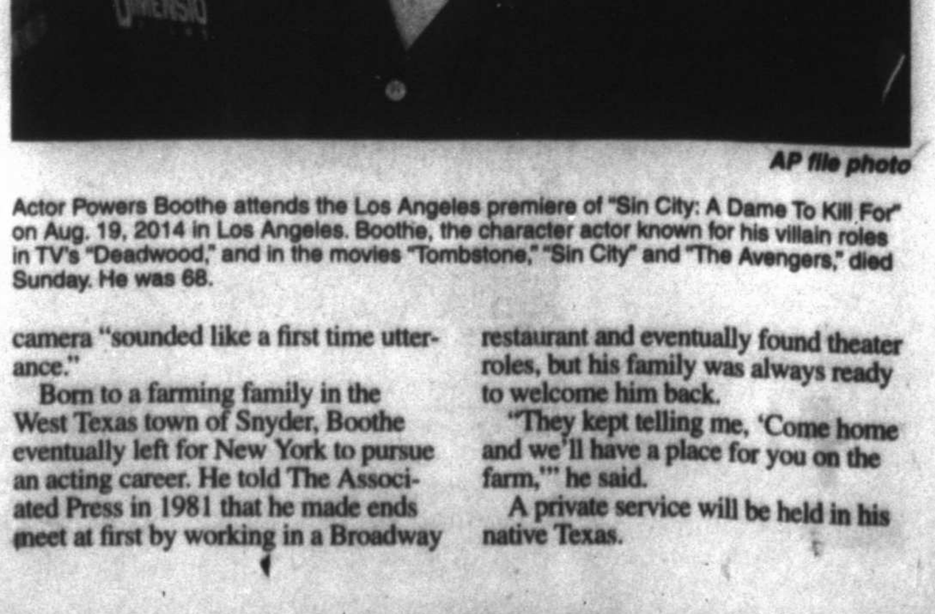
He went on to play other memorable antagonists, including ruthless saloon owner Cy Tolliver in "Deadwood," the gunman Curly Bill Brocius in "Tombstone" and a corrupt senator in "Sin City." More recently he appeared as Gideon Malick in 2012's "The Avengers" and ABC's "Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D."

Peter MacNicol, who acted alongside Boothe on Fox's "24," tweeted Monday that Boothe was a great, old school actor whose every word on camera "sounded like a first time utterance."

Born to a farming family in the West Texas town of Snyder, Boothe eventually left for New York to pursue an acting career. He told The Associated Press in 1981 that he made ends meet at first by working in a Broadway restaurant and eventually found theater roles, but his family was always ready to welcome him back.

"They kept telling me, 'Come home and we'll have a place for you on the farm,'" he said.

A private service will be held in his native Texas.



AP file photo

Actor Powers Boothe attends the Los Angeles premiere of "Sin City: A Dame To Kill For" on Aug. 19, 2014 in Los Angeles. Boothe, the character actor known for his villain roles in TV's "Deadwood," and in the movies "Tombstone," "Sin City" and "The Avengers," died Sunday. He was 68.

TODAY IN MIDLAND

WORD OF THE DAY
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Viscid
[vis-id]
adjective
1. having a glutinous consistency; sticky; adhesive; viscous.



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Things to do

■ Dome shows at Blakemore Planetarium, "Oasis in Space," noon, "Super Volcanoes," 2 p.m., "Astronaut," 4 p.m., 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

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

■ Bridge game play, 1 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 432-682-859

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

■ $2 Tuesdays with the same price for games, shoes, select beers and arcade card after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

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

■ Karaoke and pool tournament at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

■ Might Microgreens Class, 6 p.m., West Texas Food Bank, 411 S. Pagewood Ave. $10.

Meetings today

Midland College
4 p.m.
Gibson Board Room

Community calendar

The Midland Police Department's commemoration of National Police Memorial Week continues with a memorial service at 3 p.m. Thursday at Stonegate Fellowship, 6000 W. Wadley Ave. The names of each officer will be read aloud and a rose will be placed in their memory.

The service is open to the public.

■ Disabled American Veterans Permian Basin Chapter 58 is hosting a veterans military ball at 6 p.m. Friday at VFW Post 4372 in Odessa. Proceeds will help fund a mental health conference that will focus on female veterans and first responders.

To RSVP, call 260-1214. The conference, Heroes in Heels, is noon-6 p.m. Saturday at the Horseshoe. For more information, call 210-3716

Correction

The University of Texas at El Paso has a female president, Diana Natalicio, who has served in that capacity since 1988.

A column in the Viewpoints section in Sunday's edition indicated that Sandra Woodley, who has been named president of UT Permian Basin, is the first female university president in West Texas.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error

Breaking ground on the future



Tim Fischer/ Reporter-Telegram

Brad Barnett, with VisitMidland, was among speakers at the ground breaking ceremony Wednesday at the site of the new Midland Convention Center. He talked about tourism that the new center will bring to Midland.

Today in Midland history

On May 16, 1987, Alysheba, owned by Midlanders Dorothy and Pam Scharbauer, followed up its Kentucky Derby win with another victory over Bet Twice at the Preakness Stakes at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore, Maryland.

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, May 16, the 136th day of 2017. There are 229 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On May 16, 1868, the U.S. Senate failed by one vote to convict President Andrew Johnson as it took its first ballot on the eleven articles of impeachment against him.

On this date:
In 1920, Joan of Arc was canonized by Pope Benedict XV.
In 1988, Surgeon General C. Everett Koop released a report declaring nicotine addictive in ways similar to heroin and cocaine.

Today's birthdays: Actor Pierce Brosnan is 64. Actress Debra Winger is 62. Olympic gold medal gymnast Olga Korbut is 62. Olympic gold medal marathon runner Joan Benoit Samuelson is 60. Singer Janet Jackson is 51. Tucker Carlson is 48. International Tennis Hall of Famer Gabriela Sabatini is 47.

Lottery

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Pick 3 day: 8-7-5
Pick 3 evening: 9-1-4
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Weather

Monday's temperatures
High 94
Low 71
Normal high 87
Normal low 59

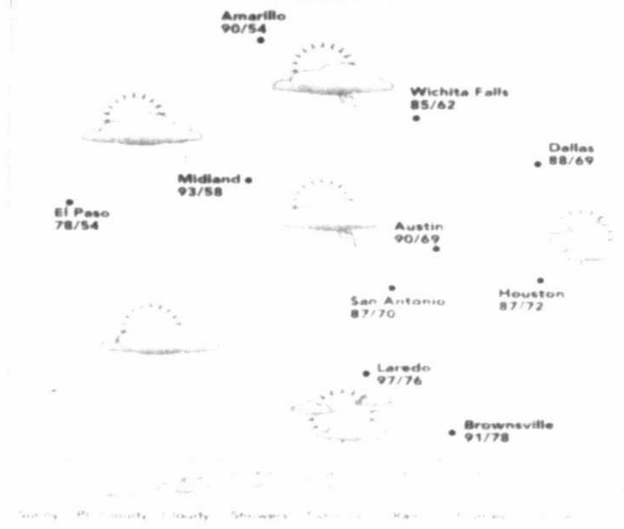
May 15's records
Record high: 103, set in 2003 and 1996
Record low: 40, set in 1967

Precipitation
Saturday ..... 0.00 in.
Sunday ..... Trace
Month total ..... 0.05 in.
Year total ..... 4.85 in.
Normal total (year to date) ..... 3.15 in.

Winds
Wind speed: 24 mph
Gust speed: 31 mph

Today's forecast
High: 94

Forecast for Tuesday, May 16, 2017



Low: 59
Conditions: Mostly sunny today/mostly clear tonight
Winds: Southwest 15-20 mph, with gusts up to 25 mph today and 35 mph tonight

Chance of rain: 20 percent chance today/40 percent chance tonight

Sunrise ..... 6:51 a.m.
Sunset ..... 8:40 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Taurus and a Moon in Capricorn if born before 1:50 p.m. (ET). Afterward, the Moon will be in Aquarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, May 16, 2017:
This year you will waver between being your conservative self and embracing your bohemian side. Your listening skills and ability to communicate are highlighted. If you are single, you will want to date someone who is flexible and who enjoys the many facets of your personality. A major relationship could develop in the next year. If you are attached, the two of you will want to travel more or open up to different ways of thinking. Don't try to convince your sweetie that you are right all the time; respect your differences. AQUARIUS is an offbeat thinker.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your unpredictability emerges and leaves you with a transformed situation, hopefully for the better. A lot of people seek you out with questions about what to do in certain situations. Try to confirm what you hear before offering feedback. **Tonight:** Follow a friend's lead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Maximize a situation and get as much out of it as possible. In the morning, you have time to review certain facts. The afternoon pushes you into the limelight. Almost everyone seems to want time with you. Recognize that you'll need to establish limits. **Tonight:** Easily found.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Deal with a critical financial matter early on in the day. You could be overwhelmed by everything that comes down the pike. A meeting might cause you to be even busier, as you'll be dealing with more people. Be reasonable, and honor your limits. **Tonight:** Enjoy the moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Others seek you out. You might wonder why you need to give someone so much attention and time. Recognize that what is too much for you probably is too much for others. Honor a change of energy, and know when to pull back. **Tonight:** Listen to a loved one let off steam.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Be more forthright with someone who often veers off in different directions. You and this person have very different thoughts and ideas. Respect those differences. Your creativity will be triggered when dealing with someone unusual. **Tonight:** Accept a last-minute invitation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Give your imagination permission to veer off course. You might not be ready to deal with what you must. Sometimes a flight of fancy helps to renew your energy. By the afternoon, you will be ready to charge headfirst into a project. **Tonight:** Stay out as long as you want to.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Be more forthright when dealing with others. If there is a problem, it will be easier to resolve than you initially had thought possible. Be a good listener right now; otherwise, you could hit a problem. You'll be able to make headway if you relax more. **Tonight:** Out and about.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Surprising news heads your way. You might question what to do under the present circumstances. Try asking questions in a way that is not threatening. You have lots of ideas that are noteworthy, but don't present them until others are ready to listen. **Tonight:** As you like it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Deal with financial issues first, and you will be happier as a result. Honor a fast change of pace. Do not let someone else intimidate you or shake you up. You could find a personal matter hard not to react to, but you'll be better off not saying anything. **Tonight:** Meet up with your pals.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You feel good in the morning, so tackle any major problem or issue that arises then. You could feel emotionally exhausted if you let it continue any longer. Do not take any risks in the afternoon, as you are pretty much guaranteed to see them backfire. **Tonight:** Make it your treat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ By midday, despite some confusion, you will feel prepared to make an adjustment if need be. State your message clearly so that the other parties involved can understand where you are coming from. Don't let anyone deter you from taking a stand. **Tonight:** Go for what you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Use the daylight hours to the max. You have a lot to accomplish, which you will. You seem to feel more upbeat than you have in quite a while. You might be concerned about a sudden financial problem that arises. Change is possible. **Tonight:** Only where you want to be.

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Huge cyberattack ebbs as investigators work to find culprits

By Anick Jesdanun and Barbara Ortutay
Associated Press



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A screenshot of the warning screen from a purported ransomware attack, as captured by a computer user in Taiwan, is seen Sunday on laptop in Beijing. Global cyber chaos is spreading Monday as companies boot up computers at work following the weekend's worldwide "ransomware" cyberattack. The extortion scheme has created chaos in 150 countries and could wreak even greater havoc as more malicious variations appear. The initial attack, known as "WannaCry," paralyzed computers running Britain's hospital network, Germany's national railway and scores of other companies and government agencies around the world.

NEW YORK — The global cyberattack that took computer files hostage appeared to slow on Monday as authorities worked to catch the extortionists behind it — a difficult task that involves searching for digital clues and following the money.

Among their findings so far: The first suggestions of a possible link between the "ransomware" known as WannaCry and hackers linked to North Korea. Those findings remain quite tentative; one firm advancing them described them as intriguing but still "weak."

Experts had warned that WannaCry might wreak renewed havoc on Monday, particularly in Asia, which was closed for business on Friday when the malware scrambled data at hospitals, factories, government agencies, banks and other businesses.

But while there were thousands of additional infections there, the expected second-wave outbreak largely failed to materialize, in part because security researchers had already defanged it.

Mikko Hypponen, chief research officer for the Finnish security company F-Secure, said the perpetrators of WannaCry made one crucial mistake.

"The malware became too successful," Hypponen said. "When you are a cybercriminal gang and your mission is to make money, you don't want to infect 200,000 work stations. You don't want to end up on the covers of magazines. There will be no shortage of investigation."

About that North Korea link

WannaCry paralyzed computers running mostly older versions of Microsoft Windows in some 150 countries. It encrypted users' computer files and displayed a message demanding $300 to $600 worth of the digital currency bitcoin to release them; failure to pay would leave the data scrambled and likely beyond repair.

The Russian security firm Kaspersky Lab said Monday that portions of the WannaCry program use the same code as malware previously distributed by the Lazarus Group, a hacker collective behind the 2014 Sony hack blamed on North Korea.

But it's possible the code was simply copied from the Lazarus malware without any other direct connection. Kaspersky said "further research can be crucial to connecting the dots."

Another security company, Symantec, has also found similarities between WannaCry and Lazarus tools, and said it's "continuing to investigate for stronger connections."

Follow the money

Researchers might find some additional clues in the bitcoin accounts accepting the ransom payments. There have been three accounts identified so far, and there's no indication yet that the criminals have touched the funds. But what good is money just sitting there as digital bits?

Although bitcoin is anonymized, researchers can watch it flow from user to user. So investigators can follow the transactions until an anonymous account matches with a real person, said Steve Grobman, chief technology officer with the California security company McAfee.

But that technique is no sure bet. There are ways to convert bitcoins into cash on the sly through third parties.

And even finding a real person might be no help if they're in a jurisdiction that won't cooperate.

Another possible slip-up: Nicholas Weaver, who teaches networking and security at the University of California, Berkeley, said good ransomware usually generates a unique bitcoin address for each payment to make tracing difficult. That didn't seem to happen here.

Tell-tale signs

James Lewis, a cybersecurity expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, said U.S. investigators are collecting forensic information — such as internet addresses, samples of malware or information the culprits might have inadvertently left on computers — that could be matched with the handiwork of known hackers.

Investigators might also be able to extract some information about the attacker from a previously hidden internet address connected to WannaCry's "kill switch." That switch was essentially a beacon sending the message "hey, I'm infected" to the hidden address, Weaver said.

That means the very first attempts to reach that address, which might have been recorded by spy agencies such as the NSA or Russian intelligence, could lead to "patient zero" — the first computer infected with WannaCry. That, in turn, might further narrow the focus on possible suspects.

The players

Forensics, though, will only get investigators so far. One challenge will be sharing intelligence in real time to move as quickly as the criminals — a tricky feat when some of the major nations involved, such as the U.S. and Russia, distrust each other.

Even if the perpetrators can be identified, bringing them to justice could be another matter.

They might be hiding out in countries that wouldn't be willing to extradite suspects for prosecution, said Robert Cattanach, a former U.S. Justice Department attorney and an expert on cybersecurity.

On the other hand, the WannaCry attack hit — and annoyed — many countries. Russia was among the hardest, and Britain among the most high-profile, and both have "some pretty good investigative capabilities," Cattanach said.

Mexican man on Texas death row loses at US Supreme Court

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday refused to review an appeal from a Mexican national sentenced to death for the sledgehammer killings of his wife and two children, who were found buried under the bathroom floor in their Texas home.

The high court didn't include an explanation of its decision not to review the capital murder conviction of 62-year-old Robert Moreno Ramos. His attorneys have argued that Ramos wasn't told when he was arrested for the 1992 killings that he could get legal help from the Mexican government and that he had deficient legal help at his trial and in earlier appeals. The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected their arguments last year.

In 2004, the International Court of Justice in The Hague, Netherlands, found that Ramos, from Aguascalientes, Mexico, and more than four dozen other Mexican citizens awaiting execution in the U.S. weren't advised of their consular rights under the Vienna Convention when they were arrested. It recommended that they be tried again to determine if consular access would have affected their cases. President President George W. Bush agreed and directed states to reopen the cases.

The Supreme Court overruled that directive, saying that only Congress can require states to follow the international court's ruling. That has not happened and several Texas inmates named in the international court ruling have since been executed.

Ramos, who also is identified in some court documents as Roberto Moreno Ramos, does not have an execution date.

Evidence at his 1993 trial in Hidalgo County showed he used a sledge hammer to kill his 42-year-old wife, Leticia, their 7-year-old daughter, Abigail, and their 3-year-old son, Jonathan, at their home in Progreso, which is along the Mexico border about 20 miles (32.19 kilometers) southeast of McAllen.

According to court records, Ramos told a cousin they were killed in a car wreck and their bodies were cremated. After providing other conflicting explanations, though, another relative went to police to report the woman and children missing. Their bodies were found buried under a freshly tiled floor in the home's bathroom.

Evidence also showed Ramos remarried three days after they were killed, telling his new wife that the woman who had been living in his house was a widow and that he'd been providing shelter for her and her two children.

Texas lawmaker: If cities, counties balk at property tax changes, state officials will 'shove it down their throat'

By Peggy Fikac
San Antonio Express-News

AUSTIN — Cities and counties that balk at an effort to more tightly regulate their property tax collections will find that state officials will "shove it down their throat" in a special session, House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dennis Bonnen said Monday.

His comments came as the legislative session races to its May 29 conclusion with a number of leaders' top priorities in limbo — including Senate Bill 2, the property tax measure.

"The cities and counties refuse to accept any version of Senate Bill 2, so I look forward to working with the governor and the lieutenant governor to shove it down their throat in a special session," Bonnen, R-Angleton, told the San Antonio Express-News.

Bonnen said cities and counties are "working feverishly" to keep even a pared-down version of SB 2 from being scheduled for a vote on the House floor.

The bill is a priority of Gov. Greg Abbott and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who say homeowners are strapped by the cost of property taxes.

The Texas Municipal League's executive director, Bennett Sandlin, said his group isn't trying to block the version of the bill that passed Bonnen's committee from House consideration.

The league opposed a version of the bill that passed the Senate, which would have instituted automatic rollback elections if cities or counties increased property tax revenues by more than 5 percent.

Local entities say that would hamstring their ability to raise enough revenue to address needs such as public safety.

Bonnen took that rollback provision out of

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Cuts

From 1A

held May 24-25, according to Novak. While the curbs by the producers is working, "we are not where we want to be" on the initial goal of bringing global inventories down "gently" below the 5-year average, Al-Falih said.

"We have, before coming to this announcement today, reached out to many of our colleagues within and outside OPEC, and I think there is general consensus that this is the right approach and the right thing to do," he said of the proposal to extend the curbs for 9 months.

Analysts including Goldman Sachs have said the global oil market is re-balancing, and the International Energy Agency predicts demand will significantly exceed production if OPEC and its partners extend their cuts into the second half of the year.

Meanwhile, two OPEC members that were exempt from reducing output because of internal strife are boosting supplies. Libya's crude production has risen to more than 800,000 barrels a day as fields restart, the most since 2014. Nigeria's 200,000 barrel-a-day Forcados oil pipeline is ready to export again after being shut down almost continuously since February 2016. It's unclear whether the countries would still be exempted if the deal is prolonged.

"Our joint interest is to bring stability, reduce volatility and serve the interests of producers and consumers for the long term," Al-Falih said on Monday.

Briefs

From 2A

The Texas Education Agency in 2016 opened more than 220 investigations that involved in appropriate teacher-student relationships.

The law now goes to Abbott who can sign it, veto it or allow it to take effect without his signature.

AUSTIN

State Bar oversight sparks religious fight in Texas House

Debate over usually benign State Bar rules has devolved into a bitter "religious liberty" fight in the Texas House.

The chamber approved Monday an oversight law for the Texas Board of Law Examiners, which qualifies applicants for admission to the State Bar.

But tensions rose over an amendment by Fort Worth Republican Rep. Matt Krause saying that when establishing its eligibility requirements, the board will ensure no rule limits admission to practicing law based on "sincerely held religious beliefs."

It passed narrowly, 79-66.

Democrats objected, saying the U.S. Constitution already guarantees such protections.

The amendment follows the American Bar Association last year adopting professional conduct rules barring discriminatory actions by lawyers.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton issued a subsequent, nonbinding opinion saying applying those rules would violate First Amendment rights.

MAGNOLIA

Texas man faces murder charge; authorities blame road rage

Relatives of a Texas man who are distraught over what authorities are calling his road rage killing say a minor traffic accident should not have led to the fatal shooting.

Christopher Delacruz, 21, is charged with murder in the Saturday night killing of 56-year-old Jose Augusto Lozada, who was shot outside his home in Magnolia, about 40 miles (64.37 kilometers) northwest of Houston. Montgomery County District Attorney Blake Enax told The Associated Press on Monday that no court hearing has been set for Delacruz, and he does not know if Delacruz has an attorney.

"All they had to do was turn around and get ... out of the neighborhood," Lisa Rocha, whose daughter Heather Lozada is married to Lozada's son, told The Courier of Montgomery County. "He didn't have to shoot (Jose Lozada)."

Authorities said Jose Lozada was shot in the head and torso when Delacruz, also from Magnolia, followed him home after a minor collision. They said Delacruz pulled a semi-automatic pistol from his vehicle when an argument started and he began to shoot.

Family members of Lozada witnessed the confrontation. Lozada's son and daughter-in-law were in a neighboring yard when Lozada pulled into his driveway. Daughter-in-law Heather Lozada told The Courier that Lozada quickly got out of his vehicle while Delacruz, who had also pulled up, stopped his truck in the street and began yelling that Lozada had hit his vehicle.

She said Lozada responded that Delacruz had broken his window.

She told the newspaper that she spotted a gun in Delacruz's hand and that he shot Lozada, striking him in the torso. She said he fired two more times at Lozada.

Sheriff's deputies said Delacruz's wife and a child were in his truck at the time. He was found near the scene and detained without incident by officers responding to a call about the shooting.

"It should not have escalated to that point," sheriff's Capt. Bryan Carlisle told The Courier. "It's a tragedy that can't be taken back. It's very tragic and completely unnecessary and very concerning."

A DIY resistance tries to keep the fight against Trump fresh

By Nicholas Riccardi
Associated Press

GREENWOOD VILLAGE, Colo. — Stationing herself outside a bank building and holding a sign in the unforgiving midday sun, Katie Farnan was multitasking, as usual. She's a mother of two young children and works for a nonprofit firm but also has a third job: Chair of the town hall committee of the activist group Indivisible Front Range Resistance.

And at noon on this spring Friday, she was the very face of a protest movement run by amateurs that has provided the greatest challenge to President Donald Trump: A distracted mother dispensing fruit snacks to her sons, ages 1 and 3, while hoping to intercept a Republican senator attending a private meeting with bank employees.

"He sticks in my craw," Farnan said of Sen. Cory Gardner, who hasn't held a public town hall this year despite activists' pressure campaign. "It's my responsibility to try to get town halls with him and if I can't get town halls with him, I feel like—" She stopped, cut off by 3-year-old Leo's cries of "Mommy! Mommy! Mommy!"

A few months into Trump's presidency, resistance to it is much like Farnan — exhausted, sometimes exasperated, but determined. The initial electric jolt of the record-setting women's marches against Trump across the country and the spontaneous outpouring of protesters to airports the night Trump announced his initial travel ban on certain immigrants have given way to a long slog of activist trench warfare.

Though there's still plenty of protest aimed at the president, attendance has tapered off, and the self-described resistance has expanded its targets to members of Congress. In doing so, it's following both the tea party playbook and the recommendations of a pair of former Democratic congressional staffers whose Indivisible Guide has become a sort of bible to rookie activists.

The decentralized approach has been effective. Enormous pressure from constituents at town halls preceded the Republican-controlled House's decision to abandon a first bill to revise President Barack Obama's health care law. (A revised bill has since cleared the House.) Videos of angry voters shouting down congressional Republicans have gone viral. Donations to longshot Democratic candidates running for open congressional seats in Republican districts have skyrocketed.

Encouraged, activists are looking for fresh tactics and ways to maintain the energy. In February, Farnan's group held a town hall without Gardner, where constituents fired off questions to a cardboard cutout of the senator. It paid for a plane to fly over the Colorado Rockies' April home opener trailing a banner calling on Gardner to hold a town hall. And Farnan tried to squeeze more out of the bank demonstration by taking cell phone video of demonstrators offering questions they'd ask Gardner at a town hall, for a social media campaign.

Trained as a librarian, briskly efficient and perpetually upbeat, Farnan, 38, produced a box of chalk, drew pictures of a bulldozer and garbage truck on the pavement to captivate her boys, and moved through the protesters, filming quick clips. When, Jack, age 1, wanted to be picked up, she held him with one arm, her cell phone camera with the other. After an hour, she knew she had to go.

Farnan and Lisa Clark, who leads another brand-new activist group in the area, tried to figure out how they'd meet during the next day's tax day protests in Denver. "If anyone else wants to do videos, get them," Farnan called to Clark as she wheeled her stroller toward the car.

Clark, whose full-time job is raising her two children, marveled at Farnan's schedule. "I don't know how she does it," Clark said.

Farnan didn't make the tax protest the following day. She nearly collapsed Friday night and rushed to urgent care, where she was diagnosed with strep throat.

Before Election Day, Farnan was relatively uninvolved in politics. Born and raised in Ohio, she lived there until she and her husband David moved to Boulder in 2011. She was able to tele-commute for her 30-hour-a-week job as director of operations for a New York-based nonprofit. She volunteered for Barack Obama's re-election campaign in 2012, but didn't do the same for Hillary Clinton's presidential run last year. She had two young kids. Plus, she added, "I thought it was in the bag."

For a month after the election, Farnan was heartbroken and adrift. Her husband said, "It was more difficult from Nov. 9 to January because it was impossible to participate in any way."

Then, one day while browsing Twitter, Farnan saw a link to something called the Indivisible Guide. Her life was about to be changed by Ezra Levin and Leah Greenberg.

Levin and Greenberg had met while working as staffers for Rep. Lloyd Doggett, a Democrat from Austin. When Trump won, they were off Capitol Hill and working at liberal organizations.

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Federal judges ask if travel ban is biased against Muslims

By Gene Johnson
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Federal judges on Monday peppered a lawyer for President Donald Trump with questions about whether the administration's travel ban discriminates against Muslims and zeroed in on the president's campaign statements, the second time in a week the rhetoric has faced judicial scrutiny.

Acting Solicitor General Jeffrey Wall, defending the travel ban, told the three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that the executive order should be reinstated because it falls well within the president's authority.

"No one has ever attempted to set aside a law that is neutral on its face and neutral in its operation on the basis of largely campaign trail comments made by a private citizen running for office," he said.

Further, Wall said the president had backed off the comments he made during the campaign, clarifying that "what he was talking about was Islamic terrorist groups and the countries that sponsor or shelter them."

Neal Katyal, who represented Hawaii, a plaintiff in the lawsuit, expressed disbelief at that argument and said Trump had repeatedly spoken of a Muslim ban during the presidential campaign and after.

"This is a repeated pattern of the president," Katyal said.

The 9th Circuit panel was hearing arguments over Hawaii's lawsuit challenging the travel ban, which would suspend the nation's refugee program and temporarily bar new visas for citizens of Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen. The judges will decide whether to uphold a Hawaii judge's decision in March that blocked the ban.

Last week, judges on the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals heard arguments over whether to affirm a Maryland judge's decision putting the ban on ice. They also questioned whether they could consider Trump's campaign statements, with one judge asking if there was anything other than "willful blindness" that would prevent them from doing so.

Dozens of advocates for refugees and immigrants rallied outside the federal courthouse in Seattle, some carrying "No Ban, No Wall" signs.

Wall's insistence that the travel ban should be upheld because it is "neutral," without reference to Islam, drew pointed questions from Judge Richard Paez. An executive order issued by President Franklin Roosevelt that led to the internment of 110,000 Japanese-Americans during World War II similarly was couched as a necessity for national security and made no reference to residents of Japanese heritage, Paez noted.

The U.S. Supreme Court upheld that executive order in a challenge brought by California resident Fred Korematsu. The ruling is now widely considered regrettable.

"Would the Korematsu executive order pass muster under your test today?" Paez grilled Wall.

"No, Judge Paez," he answered

"Why not? 'Facially legitimate' — that's all

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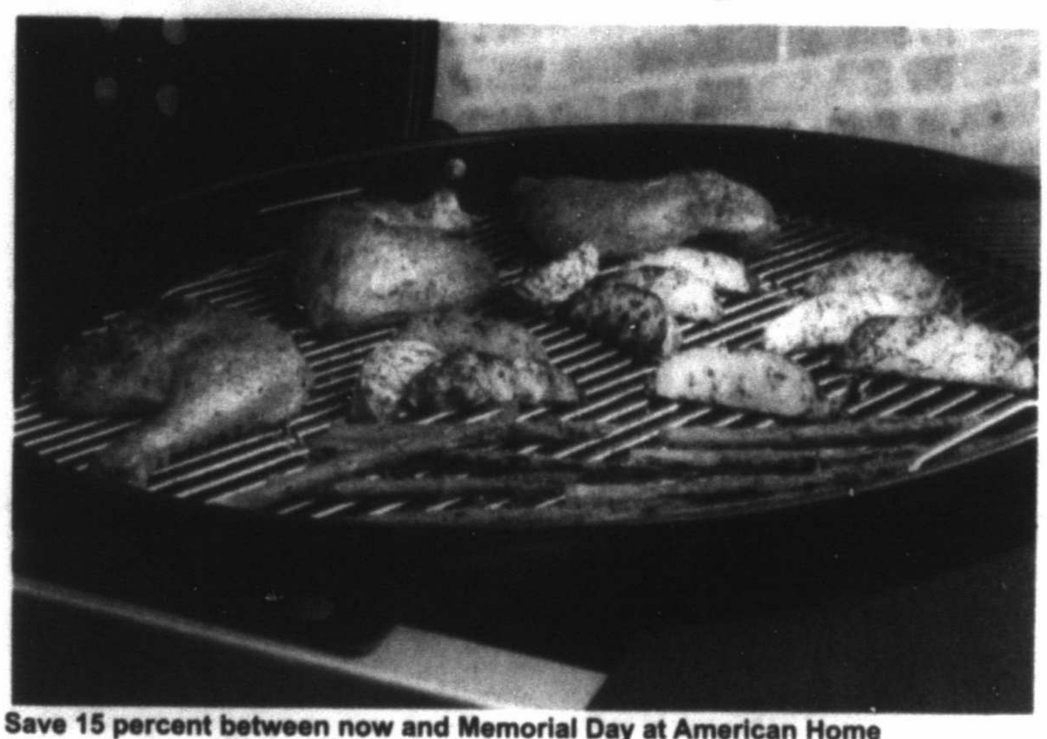
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his bill in order to win his House committee's support. As it now stands, the bill would make changes meant to give voters a better understanding of their tax bills and how they can have a say in the process.

"We support transparency and will be supportive so long as caps aren't added back in," Sandlin said.

But Paul Sugg, legislative director of the Texas Association of Counties, said there is no guarantee that the bill wouldn't be amended on the House floor to reinstate the rollback provisions.

"No one will guarantee anything," Sugg said. "We have consistently opposed concerted efforts to blame cities and counties for a failing school finance system, the real source of pressure on property tax payers ... We support transparency and more information for voters, not the arbitrary lowering of the rollback rate, a strategy long supported by the lieutenant governor and his allies."

Under current law, voters can petition for a rollback election if those entities increase property tax revenue collections by more than 8 percent, with exclusions for items including new construction.

As approved by the Senate, such elections would be automatic if local officials propose a 5 percent increase in revenues.

The bill was pared back in Bonnen's committee. He said he didn't have enough committee support for the rollback changes, so he took those provisions out of the bill.

Bonnen said he has enough votes in the full House to pass the measure, "but the cities and counties are working feverishly to ensure that it doesn't come to the (House) floor, which is fine by me.

"Like I said, I look forward to working with the lieutenant governor and the governor during the summer special session to shove it down their throat so that taxpayers can be protected and informed better than they are currently," Bonnen said.

Only the governor can call a special session, and Abbott hasn't said what issues might prompt him to do so.

"The governor has in fact been working with Chairman Bonnen to achieve property tax reform in Texas. The governor considers it essential that property tax reform pass during the regular session," said Abbott spokesman John Wittman.

OPINION

State's franchise tax needs to be eliminated

■ End of the tax depends on lawmakers demonstrating fiscal responsibility or surprisingly high oil revenues



CHRIS TOMLINSON
Houston Chronicle

Count on the Texas Legislature to come up with a painfully complicated and inefficient way to repeal a painfully complicated and inefficient tax.

Lawmakers deserve praise for targeting the Texas Franchise Tax, but their methods are unsound.

The franchise tax, also called the margins or business tax, ranks consistently as one of the worst taxes anywhere in the country. It was the convoluted response to the Texas Supreme Court declaring the public school finance system unconstitutional.

Lawmakers had to lower property taxes to comply with the court order, so to find replacement funds they rewrote the franchise tax, what businesses pay for the privilege to operate in our great state.

The new tax was based on a company's revenue, not its profit, which would make it an income tax. There are four methods of calculating the taxable margins on acompany's gross receipts.

This unique system forces Texas companies to keep special books, and many pay their accountants to make all four calculations to determine the lower tax. Companies frequently end up paying the tax even when they lose money. This leads to ridiculously high compliance costs, but there's also an additional insult to the injury.

Lawmakers have raised the basic exemption to $1 million, which means only 6 percent of businesses actually have to pay the tax. Yet 100 percent of businesses have to calculate the tax and file a form.

No one can make a reasonable argument in favor of the Texas Franchise Tax, except that it generates 7 percent of state's revenue, or about $8 billion. That's money the state can't afford to lose, so lawmakers have come up with complicated ways to phase out the tax.

Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, has introduced Senate Bill 17.

"Adjustments to the rates of franchise tax would occur if the Comptroller's biennial revenue estimate (BRE) for total general-related funds available for certification for an upcoming biennium exceeds the like estimate for the then current biennium by more than five percent," according to the official explanation.

It only gets more complicated, so here's an example: Say Texas' general revenue was $100 billion in 2016-2017, and the comptroller predicts Texas will bring in $106 billion in 2018-2019. Then the state will have $1 billion in revenue above the 5 percent cutoff, which means the comptroller is required to cut the franchise tax rate by an amount equal to $500 million.

Rep. Dennis Bonnen, R-Angleton, has sponsored House Bill 28, which also compares revenues between consecutive budget cycles. In his plan, when there is money left over from the previous budget cycle, the Legislature can use that money to bring down the franchise tax rate for the next budget cycle, up to $3.5 billion.

That anyone would propose cutting taxes this year, by the way, is pretty cheeky. The state faces a $2 billion budget shortfall and the fight is on over how to bridge it. But Nelson and Bonnen are clever. If these bills pass, they can claim credit for passing a tax cut now that may never actually happen.

Both plans rely on the Texas economy generating more money than expected. That rarely happens.

Texas typically only scores unexpected surpluses when oil and natural gas prices are unexpectedly high. Therefore, the end of the Texas Franchise Tax depends squarely on Texas lawmakers either demonstrating fiscal responsibility or oil revenues surprising to the upside.

Neither of those things happen very often. This year, lawmakers are considering all kinds of accounting tricks and gimmicks to make up for lost oil revenues due to an unexpected price drop. That does not bode well for repealing the franchise tax.

"We're extending our current budget challenges into the next session," said Dale Craymer, executive director of the non-partisan Texas Taxpayers and Research Association. "Voting for either of these bills is a way of going on the record as supporting the repeal of the franchise tax, but there is a real possibility that those triggers may not be hit for four or five years down the road."

If then.

Most business people are willing to help pay for the government services that make commerce possible. But they don't want to pay taxes when they lose money, and they don't want to pay stupidly high compliance costs for a tax they probably don't pay.

That's why most states levy a corporate income tax that is based on federal tax returns. Now before readers flood me with emails, the Texas Constitution prohibits only an individual income tax, not a corporate one.

With one piece of legislation, lawmakers could immediately eliminate the worst business tax in America and replace it with an easy-to-file income tax that protects the state's fiscal health. But that would take real courage, and our lawmakers prefer to draft Rube Goldberg legislation rather than do the simple, necessary and honorable thing.

GUEST VIEW

Legislators should hustle up and do their duty

Beaumont Enterprise

Texans can have mixed emotions over the prospect of a special session for the Legislature this summer. Some will view it as a copout because lawmakers had ample time since January to do the state's business. And they would be correct. Others would be hopeful that a special session would allow the Legislature to pass important bills it dithered over in the regular session. Paradoxically, they would be correct, too.

Here's where we stand. The regular session ends on May 29. If you think that's enough time for lawmakers to get their act together and finish their business, you're on track. The problem, however, is that due to arcane rules in Austin, many bills expired last Thursday. A few might be revived with creative parliamentary moves, but most are moot.

The culprit, as usual, was a slow pace in the House and Senate. Much of January and February was devoted to posturing and non-issues. The Legislature did ramp up in March and April, but here we are again, running up to adjournment with a lot of work undone. Keep in mind, the Texas Legislature, unlike its counterparts in other states, meets only once every two years for a regular session. Basically, anything not accomplished in 2017 waits for 2019, and that's too long for some important bills.

Another wrinkle is that if a special session is called, only the governor can determine the agenda. If Greg Abbott doesn't put a particular bill in the lineup, it sits for two years.

The ideal scenario for these last two weeks of May would be for the House and Senate to hustle up and do their duty. Special sessions cost the taxpayers extra money, and they shouldn't become an easy fall-back for House and Senate members. If anything, the hastening calendar might compel lawmakers to get serious.

Out in the real world, taxpayers show up for work and get their jobs done. The people who represent them in Austin should have the same approach.

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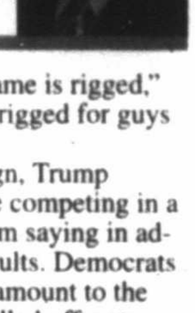
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'Rigged' is worst word in US politics

■ Idea that whatever people don't like about the country is the handiwork of shadowy forces is a form of paranoia



RICH LOWRY
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For the past couple of years, the most important word in American politics has been the worst — "rigged."

Emanating from slang back in the 17th century, developing into a description of financial fraud, and then branching out to apply to cheating in sports and elections, "rigged" had a breakthrough year in 2016, and it shows no sign of loosening its grip.

It is a word of grievance and conspiracy. It is a word of institutional distrust. It is a word of larger forces beyond our control taking advantage of us. It is a word that says, "We wuz robbed — and we will make the bastards pay."

In short, it is the perfect term for a fevered era in our national life.

"Rigged" began to get its currency as a charge thrown around by the anti-globalization movement and left-wing critics of income inequality. The anti-poverty group Oxfam issued a report in 2002 on globalization called "Rigged Rules and Double Standards." The word popped up during the heyday of Occupy Wall Street. So it wasn't unexpected that Bernie Sanders made the "rigged" economy a rallying cry.

What was surprising was that Republicans embraced a candidate for whom the word "rigged" was and is a verbal tic, the all-purpose, ever-ready explanation for any setback or anything he opposes.

Donald Trump has charged, not to put too fine a point on it, that everything is rigged. "It's not just the political system that's rigged, it's the whole economy," he said during the campaign. The rigging specifically encompassed, among other things, "unfair trade, immigration and economic policies," as well as the Republican primary (at least when he was losing ground), the Democratic primary and the race for Democratic National Committee chairman this year.

Since Hillary Clinton picked up on the verbiage from Bernie Sanders, both major-party candidates last year argued that the system had been manipulated by nefarious forces working for their self-interested ends, i.e., "rigged." The election was basically a contest over which party had a better claim on the word. Yes, "the game is rigged," Elizabeth Warren thundered. "It's rigged for guys like Donald Trump."

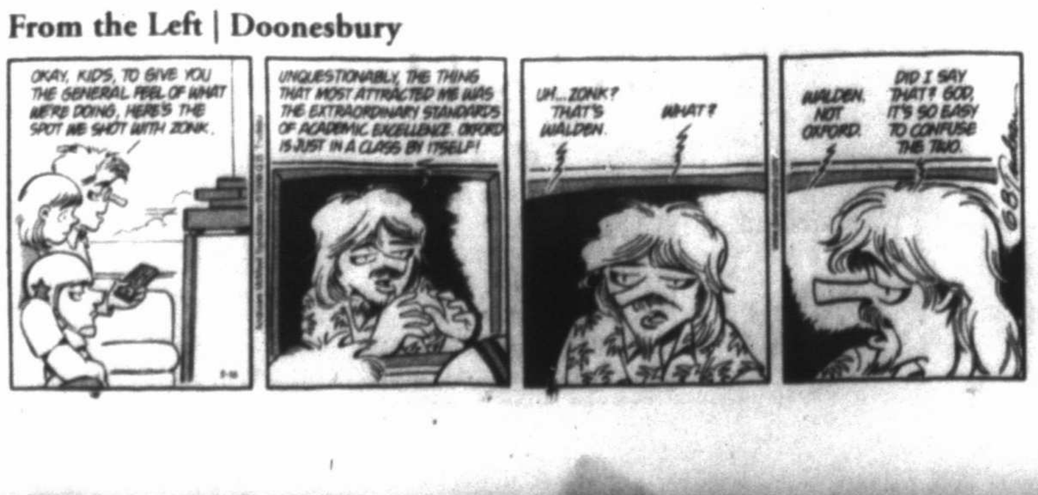
In the stretch run of the campaign, Trump warned his supporters that "we are competing in a rigged election" and demurred from saying in advance that he would accept the results. Democrats lamented Trump's rhetoric as tantamount to the end of democracy, but when he pulled off a stunning upset, they immediately resorted to rigged charges of their own. Trump hadn't really won; the election had been stolen in a smoke-filled room somewhere in the Kremlin.

The charges and countercharges contrast with the bygone era when national politicians avoided public allegations of foul play even when they might legitimately suspect it. Richard Nixon didn't contest his razor-thin defeat in the 1960 presidential election, despite doubts about the vote count in Illinois and Texas. He thought it wouldn't be good for the country, whereas now charges of rigging are the default. With trust in most American institutions badly eroded over the past 40 years, such accusations find a ready audience — and do their part to undermine trust a little bit more.

The idea that whatever we don't like about our country is the handiwork of shadowy forces is a form of paranoia, certainly when it involves systems as large, diverse and uncontrolled as our politics or our economy. But there is a certain comfort in this mindset. It provides a ready, simple explanation for unwelcome trends or outcomes, and fixes responsibility for our troubles on an enemy. It implicitly promises not so much the creation of a set of truly neutral rules or more legitimate institutions than simple vengeance against those who are allegedly responsible for the rigging.

In other words, it heralds a particularly nasty politics, and, increasingly, it's the one thing that unites the right and left.

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Trump, GOP control FBI chief pick despite Democrats' calls

By Eric Tucker and Erica Werner
Associated Press



Susan Walsh/Associated Press

President Donald Trump welcomes Abu Dhabi's Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan to the White House on Monday in Washington.

WASHINGTON — While Democrats may trot out any number of demands or maneuvers to influence the selection of the next director of the FBI, here's a reality check: Republican President Donald Trump fired James Comey, and he and his party will decide who's next.

And they're not wasting time. Trump said Monday the selection process for a nominee for FBI director was "moving rapidly."

Democrats irate over Comey's abrupt ouster, and concerned by the inclusion of politicians on the list of possible replacements, are demanding Trump not select a partisan leader. Although they're likely to mount considerable pressure before and during the confirmation process, they don't control enough votes to influence the outcome since Republicans hold a 52-seat majority in the Senate.

"If they can keep all 52 together, then it won't matter," said Michael Gerhardt, a constitutional law professor at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. If Republicans "start to lose a couple, or two or three look like they're not on board, that could create more pressure on the majority leader and the president to perhaps do something other than what they were planning on doing."

The next director will immediately be confronted with oversight of an FBI investigation into possible coordination between Russia and the Trump campaign, an inquiry the bureau's acting head, Andrew McCabe, has called "highly significant."

The person also will have to win the support of rank-and-file agents angered by the ouster of Comey, who was broadly supported within the FBI. And the new director will almost certainly have to work to maintain the bureau's credibility by asserting political independence in the face of a president known for demanding loyalty from the people he appoints.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein interviewed eight candidates Saturday, including some who were not among the names distributed a day earlier by the White House. The list includes current and former FBI and Justice Department leaders, federal judges and Republicans who have served in Congress.

Among those interviewed was McCabe, though it's not clear how seriously he's being considered.

It'd be unusual for the White House to elevate an FBI agent to the role of director, and McCabe during a Senate hearing last week broke with the White House's explanations for Comey's firing and its dismissive characterization of the Russia investigation.

FBI directors have predominantly been drawn from the ranks of prosecutors and judges. Comey, for instance, was a former United States Attorney in Manhattan before being appointed deputy attorney general by George W. Bush. His predecessor, Robert Mueller, was a U.S. attorney in San Francisco.

One contender who could prove politically palatable is Michael Garcia, a former U.S. attorney in Manhattan with significant experience in terrorism and public corruption investigations. He was appointed by FIFA in 2012 to investigate World Cup bidding contests. He later resigned after he said the global soccer organization had mischaracterized a lengthy investigative report he had produced.

The FBI Agents Association has endorsed former Republican congressman Mike Rogers, an ex-FBI agent and former chair of the House intelligence committee who had collegial relationships with his Democratic counterparts.

Senate Democrats have insisted that Trump should not pick a politician as the next FBI director. Minority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York said on NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday that the choice should be "certainly somebody not of a partisan background, certainly somebody of great experience and certainly somebody of courage."

One Republican whose name had been mentioned as a possible candidate, Rep. Trey Gowdy of South Carolina, said Monday that he had taken himself out of the running.

Given the partisan uproar over Comey's firing, Democrats seem unlikely to support any FBI candidate put forward by Trump. But the nominee will require only a simple majority vote in the 100-member Senate, meaning Republicans can use their 52-48 majority to confirm the next director without needing Democratic votes.

Justice Roberts: 'Uncertainty' sinks voter ID appeal

By Gary D. Robertson and Mark Sherman
Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — The Supreme Court shut the door Monday on North Carolina Republicans' effort to revive a state law that mandated voter identification and scaled back early voting, provisions that a lower court said improperly targeted minority voters.

The justices left in place last summer's ruling by the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals striking down the law's photo ID requirement to vote in person, which the court said targeted African-Americans "with almost surgical precision."

The measure, approved in 2013 by the state's Republican-dominated legislature, also reduced the number of early voting days from 17 to 10 and prohibited same-day registration during the early voting period. Supporters said the measure was necessary to crack down on voter fraud, but opponents said the changes discourage voting by black and Hispanic residents, who use early voting or same-day registration more than white voters and are more likely to lack photo ID.

The North Carolina dispute is similar to a court fight over Texas' voter ID law, which also was struck down as racially discriminatory. The Texas case is making its way through the lower courts and could be the high court's next opportunity to weigh in.

Chief Justice John Roberts cautioned Monday in the two-page order that the rejection of the appeal is not a comment on the court's view about the substance of the law. Thirty-two states already have some kind of voter ID law in force, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

That word of caution seemed to hearten North Carolina's Republican leaders, who pledged to take another crack at passing a voter ID requirement.

State House Speaker Tim Moore and Senate leader Phil Berger said in a statement that "Republican legislators will continue fighting to protect the integrity of our elections by implementing the commonsense requirement to show a photo ID when we vote."

Roberts wrote the political situation created uncertainty over who is authorized to seek review of the lower court ruling. The appeal was first filed when Republican Pat McCrory was governor; Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper and Attorney General Josh Stein then tried to withdraw it.

The high court decision drew praise from Democrats and plaintiffs in the case.

Cooper said in a statement that Monday's "announcement is good news for North Carolina voters. We need to be making it easier to vote, not harder."

The Rev. William Barber, president of the North Carolina NAACP, said it's time for Republicans to stop proposing new restrictions.

"We urge the General Assembly to finally accept that racially discriminatory laws have no place in our democracy, and certainly not when it comes to the sacred right to vote," Barber said.

Republicans in North Carolina and Texas moved to enact new voting measures after the Supreme Court in 2013 struck down a provision of the federal Voting Rights Act that had required them to get advance approval before changing laws dealing with elections. Voters, civil rights groups and the Obama administration quickly filed lawsuits challenging the new laws.

Shortly before President Donald Trump took office in January, the Justice Department urged the Supreme Court to reject the North Carolina appeal.

When the law passed in July 2013, North Carolina Republicans said that requiring voter ID will increase the integrity of elections. But the 4th U.S. Circuit said last July that the state provided no evidence of the kind of in-person voter fraud the ID mandate would address.

The Richmond, Virginia-based court said the law was enacted with intentional bias against black voters. The law had been amended in 2015 to include a method for people unable to get a photo ID to still vote.

Following the appellate ruling, the state asked the high court to allow the challenged provisions to remain in effect in November's election. The justices rejected the request by virtue of a 4-4 tie on most of the challenged provisions, with the four more conservative justices supporting the state's bid.

The State Board of Elections reported last month that about 500 ineligible voters cast ballots out of the 4.8 million recorded in North Carolina during the November election. Most of the number involved felons unable to vote because they had not completed their sentences.

DIY

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Despondent, they went back to Austin for Thanksgiving, and an old friend who told them about the energy among liberals in the wake of Trump's election. Like Farnan, people wanted to do something — they just didn't know what.

Levin and Greenberg did. They remembered how the tea party movement sapped the momentum Democrats had after taking all branches of government in the 2008 election, using smart strategy and tactics, Levin said in an interview. "For a relatively small band of advocates spread out across the country, they were quite successful."

The two began writing a Google document, enlisting friends for input. In mid-December, Levin tweeted a link to it that ricocheted around the internet to thousands like Farnan.

"Immediately I was like, 'Oh, this is super easy, applicable and practicable,'" Farnan recalled. One suggestion was for people not to start their own groups but instead join an existing one — in her case, Indivisible Front Range Resistance. Two days after she signed up, she was at a protest.

The Indivisible Guide advises activists to "stall the Trump agenda" by fighting locally and playing defense. Bombard members of Congress with phone calls and meeting requests, it says: "A day that they spend worrying about you is a day that they're not ending Medicare, privatizing public schools, or preparing a Muslim registry."

Farnan's group deluged Gardner's office with calls and demonstrated outside. When Gardner did not schedule a town hall during Congress' winter recess, Indivisible members found him emerging from a private meeting and confronted him with questions. Days later, Farnan ran the town hall without Gardner, which drew more than 1,000 people. Such absentee town halls have become popular across the country.

As Congress' Easter recess loomed, Farnan was trying to come up with new tactics. After putting her sons to bed, she went to the finished basement of her split-level Boulder house. The only sign that this was the base of the resistance was a bumper sticker reading "#NotNormal Resist." Farnan turned on her MacBook. She and other leaders in her group communicate through 27 different Slack channels. One had proudly posted an image of a tweet he'd fired off that morning. "Brian's wife is in labor now but he's tweeting," Farnan sighed.

Her responsibility that night was to post a daily "call to action" — various tasks the group's 4,000 members could perform the next day. Farnan read reports, memos and emails before settling on her plans. They ranged from calling the Republican leader of the state Senate to support legislation guaranteeing Colorado wouldn't round up Muslims to a health care protest.

But she didn't know what to do about Gardner. She didn't want to repeat herself with another town hall minus the senator. "We don't want to be the group that can't get anyone to show up," she said.

It was nearly 10 p.m. Farnan's gaze drifted to pictures of her sons on the mantel, and she grew downbeat thinking about the world they'd grow up in. "Every time I try to check out, I look at my kids — and I get so depressed," she said. When she became an activist, she gave up her one leisure activity, guitar lessons. "My fingers have gotten all soft," she said.

As Congress' spring recess rolled around, Farnan got some relief from her workload — her group, overloaded, scaled back from a nightly call to action to a weekly one. Other groups spearheaded protests.

Levin says that every congressional district in the country has at least two groups affiliated with the Indivisible movement. These organizations only need to agree to follow certain basic principles like nondiscrimination to get included in the network. Indivisible now has a Washington, D.C., office, which suggests issues to focus on but doesn't dictate tactics.

"These groups are all bottom-up," Levin said. "We're not Subway, we're not franchising."

In Colorado, the benefits of a decentralized resistance were clear. An Indivisible group in Republican Rep. Mike Coffman's district helped pack his first town hall of the year with hostile questioners. Another group affiliated with Indivisible, Clark's Together We Will, Colorado, heard about Gardner's private visit to the bank for a private town hall with employees. The following week, environmental and immigration activists smuggled a mariachi band into Gardner's meeting with members of the local chamber of commerce. Last week, demonstrators massed outside Gardner's office to protest Trump's firing of FBI director James Comey and to demand a special counsel for the Russia investigation.

At the end of the 2-week spring recess, Farnan and her family joined thousands of other demonstrators in Denver for the march for science. Icy grey clouds parted just as the march began. Farnan had 182 videos addressing Gardner in hand, including one she shot of herself, and she would post them. She felt that she and the movement had gotten over a hump — keeping people engaged after the explosion of interest following the Women's March.

"People are looking at midterms. I don't think they're going anywhere," Farnan said, already talking about starting sessions training Indivisible members on how to become canvassers for upcoming elections. "We've passed a couple of critical flameout points."

BAN

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you say!" Paez said. "You emphasize 'facially legitimate.'"

"I want to be very clear about this," Wall said solemnly. "This case is not Korematsu, and if it were I wouldn't be standing here and the United States would not be defending it."

Wall went on to argue that unlike the Korematsu case, Trump's executive order probably wouldn't be questioned but for the statements he made as a candidate.

Paez also questioned Katyal about Trump's statements, calling them "profound." But the judge wondered whether Trump is forever forbidden from adopting an executive order along the lines of his travel ban.

Katyal said no, and suggested the president could begin by repudiating his earlier statements or by working with Congress.

"If you rule for him, you defer to the president in a way that history teaches us is very dangerous," Katyal said.

Monday's arguments marked the second time Trump's efforts to restrict immigration from certain Muslim-majority nations have reached the San Francisco-based 9th Circuit.

After Trump issued his initial travel ban on a Friday in late January, bringing chaos and protests to airports around the country, a Seattle judge blocked its enforcement nationwide — a decision that was unanimously upheld by a three-judge 9th Circuit panel.

The president then rewrote his executive order, rather than appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, and in March, U.S. District Judge Derrick Watson in Honolulu blocked the new version from taking effect, citing what he called "significant and unrebutted evidence of religious animus" in Trump's campaign statements.

"Again, in this court, the President claims a nearly limitless power to make immigration policy 'that is all but immune from judicial review,'" Hawaii Attorney General Douglas Chin wrote to the 9th Circuit. "Again, he must be checked."

At his daily briefing, White House press secretary Sean Spicer expressed confidence that the executive order will be upheld by the appeals court.

"The executive order is fully lawful and will be upheld. We fully believe that," Spicer said.

The travel ban cases are expected to reach the Supreme Court, but that would likely be cemented if the 4th and 9th Circuits reach differing conclusions about its legality. Because of how the courts chose to proceed, a full slate of 13 judges heard the 4th Circuit arguments last week, while just three, all appointees of President Bill Clinton, will consider the case in Seattle.

With the possibility for myriad concurring or dissenting opinions, it could take the 4th Circuit longer to rule, noted Carl Tobias, a law professor at University of Richmond law school in Virginia.

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According to recent research, new friends become better friends over time if they have similar levels of social anxiety.

GOP candidate for FBI says no special counsel for inquiry

By Mary Clare Jalonick
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sen. John Cornyn, one of several candidates President Donald Trump is considering to replace fired FBI Director James Comey, sees no need for a special counsel to investigate possible collusion between Russia and the Trump campaign.

Last year, though, Cornyn said an independent prosecutor was necessary to investigate Democrat Hillary Clinton and her email practices.

His position echoes that of most of the Senate GOP caucus. Cornyn is the Senate majority whip and the No. 2 Republican, a job that often puts him in the position of speaking for the party and defending Trump. That role is outsized for Cornyn because of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's reluctance to publicly weigh in on most issues.

Cornyn is a member of both the Senate Judiciary and Intelligence committees, putting him in the center of Senate investigations into Russian interference.

His comments provide insights on how he might respond if tapped for the FBI post.

A look at Cornyn and his comments on the Russian investigation:

Russian interference in the election

Like most Republicans, Cornyn has supported an investigation into Russian interference in the U.S. elections conducted by the existing GOP-run committees, not a special bicameral panel. At a hearing last week, Cornyn said Russian interference isn't anything new, but "perhaps the level and intensity and the sophistication of both Russian overt and covert operations is really unprecedented."

On CBS's "Face the Nation" last month, Cornyn said investigating ties to the Trump campaign is a "legitimate area of inquiry" and "there is no question that Putin is trying to undermine our democracy and undermine public confidence in our institutions."

After Trump fired Comey last week amid the FBI's investigation, Cornyn said it was "within his authority" to do so. Asked if it was an appropriate move, Cornyn would only say the investigation will continue — and perhaps intensify because of the increased attention.

No special prosecutor

Like most of his GOP colleagues, Cornyn has said a special prosecutor isn't needed and has expressed confidence in Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, who is heading the investigation.

Asked about a special prosecutor last week, Cornyn mentioned Rosenstein and said "certainly that's a possibility, but as long as there's no question about his ability to oversee the investigation, there's no need for it in my view."

He took the opposite position during the 2016 election, joining fellow Republicans in asking for a special prosecutor to investigate Clinton's use of a private email server for government business.

"I have called repeatedly on the attorney general to appoint a special counsel to fully and fairly conduct the investigation," Cornyn said on the Senate floor in March 2016. "It is not just important that a thorough and independent investigation be conducted, it is important that the American people have confidence and believe that a fair and independent investigation is being conducted."

A little more than a year later, Cornyn criticized Democrats who said they would oppose the FBI nominee, once he or she is named, if the administration doesn't appoint a special counsel to oversee the case.

"That's a ridiculous position," Cornyn said May 10, the day after Comey was fired. "The FBI's about more than just one investigation."

Loyal party man

Cornyn, 65, is a popular senator who is liked on both sides of the aisle, but rarely veers from — and often dictates — the party line in the Senate. He's active on Twitter, where he often personally posts articles critical of Democrats. He's a former Texas attorney general and judge on the Texas Supreme Court.

Although Cornyn would likely enjoy support from a majority of his fellow Republicans if Trump were to nominate him to be FBI director, at least one of his colleagues has expressed reservations.

Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham, also a member of the Judiciary Committee, said Sunday that selecting an FBI agent to lead the agency would allow the nation to reset, and dismissed Cornyn and another candidate, former Rep. Mike Rogers of Michigan, as less desirable.

Breaking with Sessions

Cornyn has had some disagreements with the man who would be his boss at the FBI — Jeff Sessions. The former Republican senator from Alabama sharply criticized Cornyn's bipartisan effort last year to overhaul the nation's criminal justice system and revise some 1980s and '90s-era federal "tough on crime" laws. The bill died in the Senate over conservative opposition, and Sessions has ordered the Department of Justice to be tougher, not more lenient on criminals.

Cornyn has also occasionally criticized Trump — albeit gently. During the campaign, Cornyn and McConnell, along with many other Republicans, questioned Trump's tone and suggested that his angry tweets may not always be productive.







ECHS valedictorian happy to call US home

Bernardo Chuecos moved to this country 5 years ago from Venezuela

Editor's note: This is one in a series on Midland College students and alumni.

MIDLAND COLLEGE PROFILES
By Rebecca Bell

Five years ago, Bernardo Chuecos was not only in a new school, but also in a new country. Today, he is valedictorian of Early College High School at Midland College, and he is receiving both his high school diploma and associate degree.


Chuecos

Chuecos and his family are Venezuelan natives. His mother, who was trained as an engineer in Venezuela, accepted a job teaching in 2012 at Zavala Elementary, Ector County ISD's engineering and technology magnet school.

"Living in Venezuela was unsafe and expensive," said Bernardo. "My parents were looking for an opportunity to leave the country so that my older brothers and I could get a better education and have better opportunities."

The family was able to relocate to Midland. Bernardo's father, who is also an engineer, landed a job at Schumann Engineering in Midland. Bernardo's older brothers began studying toward degrees at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, and Bernardo enrolled in the eighth grade at San Jacinto Junior High School.

"It was definitely an adjustment," said Bernardo. "In Venezuela, I had been taking English classes since kindergarten, but I wasn't fluent. I learned a lot of English by watching American TV shows and listening to American music. "

In 2013, Bernardo successfully completed the rigorous application process for ECHS@MC, and in August of that year, he began his high school freshman year. During his four years at ECHS@MC, he has been a member of the National Honor Society and Texas Scholars and has completed more than 140 hours of community service.

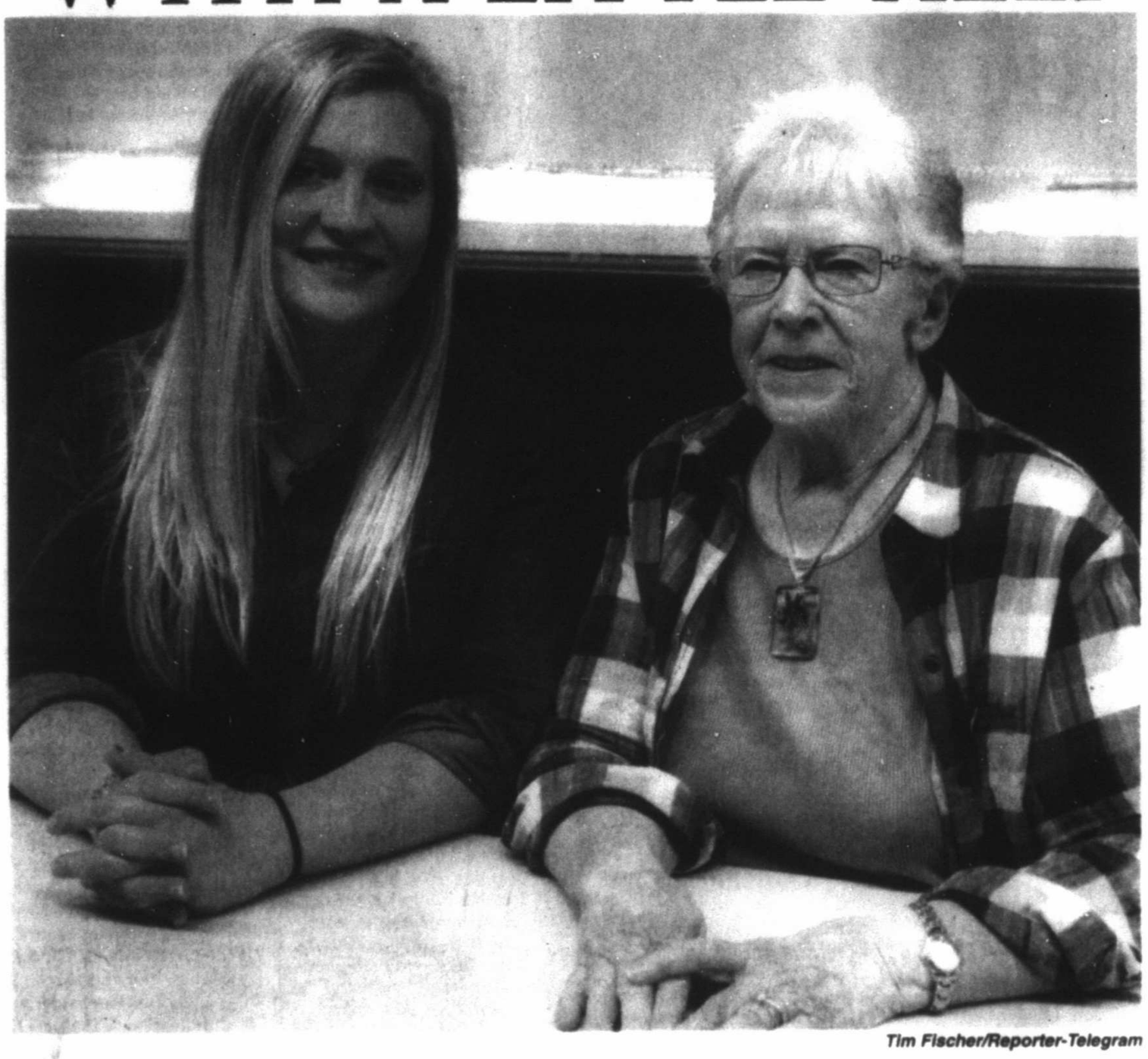
"If I had to do it all over again, I would definitely choose ECHS," said Bernardo. "It has allowed me to complete the first two years toward a baccalaureate degree and has prepared me for an American university."

The accelerated curriculum at ECHS@MC allows for students to take college courses during their 11th- and 12th-grade years. While enrolled in Midland College courses, Bernardo took 12 hours of honors credit as part of the MC Honors Program. He successfully designed an ecosystem habitat for his honors biology project and developed a computer software program to keep track of airline flights for a computer programming project. Because of his honors program work at MC, Bernardo has the distinction of being a Midland College Scholar. In addition to being ranked the top in his class in high school, he has also maintained a 4.0 grade point average in his college courses.

Bernardo credits a great deal of his

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WITH A LITTLE HELP


Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Lindsey Price, left, received tutoring help from Betty Ann Prentice with the 1 to 1 Tutoring program to help pass her TAKS tests and get her diploma

Woman earns diploma with tutors' help

■ Failing one standardized test prevented high school graduation

By Simone Jasper
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For years, Lindsey Price wanted to earn a high school diploma. Though she completed the coursework, one standardized test came between her and graduation.

To prepare for the mathematics portion of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS), Price went to tutoring sessions offered locally through 1 TO 1 Focused Learning. Price, 23, said the guidance helped her pass the test this spring.

"I want kids, anybody, to know no matter what life has come to or what they've been through, they can fix it and pursue their education," Price said. "It's important, and it's never too late to pursue an education."

At 1 TO 1, tutors helped Price practice with individual instruction and sample tests. The tutoring program partners with local churches and volunteers to offer after-school sessions for students attending Midland High School, Lee High School and San Jacinto Junior High School.

Price heard about the program through Mary Janousek, dropout prevention and intervention coordinator for Midland ISD. Janousek said the district increased its support this school year for out-of-school testers — people who completed high school credits but needed to pass tests before graduating.

Though Price received support from MISD, Janousek said she also showed perseverance to excel on the TAKS.

"It's not like the test comes easier when you've been out a couple of years…," Janousek said. "I would like to say we helped. She's the one who put in work."

Betty Ann Prentice, a tutor at 1 TO 1, noticed Price's determination when she started tutoring her less than a month before the test. Prentice focused on test-taking skills, while other volunteers reviewed math fundamentals with Price.

"I find now working with adults is unlike kids working for grades," Prentice said. "They work to improve themselves."

While preparing for TAKS, Price also turned to her faith. After passing the test that gave her difficulty as a Fort Worth high school student, Price looks forward to attending college.

"I want to do something that helps people and is something that gives back to the community — something in the medical profession, even along the lines of wanting to be a nurse," Price said. "I want to start off as a paramedic and go to nursing school."

But the road toward college wasn't easy. Price battled substance abuse and eventually entered a treatment center in Midland. She said she came to the Genesis Center of the Permian Basin when she didn't have a place to stay.

The Genesis Center provides shelter and resources to women and their children for up to one year. Caren Caples, case manager, said Price used her situation to assist others in the program.

"When I first met Lindsey, she was pretty sad, down and scared because her life had taken a turn for the worse," Caples said. "Very quickly her true personality came out, and she made friends. She knew she needed to turn her life around."

Caples and others at the Genesis Center celebrated after Price passed the test. But not long after, the center announced

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HEATHER BROWN
Greenwood ISD



Grouping students by abilities seems to be most effective

As everyone begins to celebrate the end of the school year, dragging out the beach towels and flips flops, campus leadership teams are gearing up for the new year. We are deciding once again what is best for the students on our campuses, which teachers are best for which students, and how to best serve and group the students to provide maximum growth.

The best practice for grouping students has changed over the years and has just about come full circle. In my day as a student, we were grouped by levels into groups such as "red birds" and "blue birds." Regardless of the titles, we all knew which group was the buzzards. As the years passed, teachers were told more heterogeneous groups were best. The idea was that middle- and lower-level students would rise to the abilities of the higher students, guided by their shining example. High-level students would be "fine" anywhere, and would benefit from being grouped with struggling students who they might be able to tutor.

Students are self-segregated by a very early age regarding who the "smart" kids are. They are the students who finish work early, ace their tests and receive commendable marks on their report cards. By second grade, it is known who those students are, as well as who needs extra help and who is an average-level student. Students who are in lower or struggling levels are trying to stay afloat. They are not trying to rise up to the level of the gifted or high-achieving student, especially on the middle and secondary campuses. On those campuses, the smarter students are looked at as "nerds" or "geeks." Their group has been set since the early years. No amount of heterogeneous grouping is going to change that. Their intelligence and level of achievement has become a social as well as an educational identifier. By grouping these students together, students have a chance to grow academically and challenge one another, just as lower-level students will be allowed to grow and shine in a group of students of similar ability.

This next year, our middle school campus is grouping students homogeneously for classes such as chess and robotics. It will be exciting to see the growth in these students and see how working with student of similar abilities on tasks involving critical thinking skills will improve overall student performance.

Another idea leading the charge for heterogeneous grouping is that the higher-level and gifted students will be "fine" wherever they are placed. The question then becomes, is "fine" good enough for the highest-ability students on our campuses? Should they be sitting quietly reading or doing extra worksheets while the lower- and middle-level groups are receiving intervention? By placing students in more homogenous groups, it is possible for higher-level students

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Volunteers read with Rusk kindergartners

■ Rotary clubs' literacy project includes giving books to each student

By Robin Donnelly
Rotary Club of Midland

A major focus of Rotary International is literacy. While each of the four Midland Rotary clubs have had individual literacy service projects throughout the years, this school year, all four clubs collaborated on a literacy project at Rusk Elementary during the spring semester.

The reading specialist at Rusk identified 15 kindergartners who needed extra help in reaching reading goals. Twice a month, Rotarians — along with community volunteers and retired teachers — read with the same child each time.

The four local clubs — Midland Downtown, Midland North, Midland West, and Midland Daybreak — donated $2,525 (including a $475 grant from Rotary International) to the school to purchase enough books for each of the 15 students to take home a new book every time the volunteers read with them. Additionally, the reading specialist was able to purchase Summer Reading Kits for those 15 students, and to purchase enough books for every kindergartner at Rusk.

The books have a Rotary wheel sticker in them, and Rotarians talked to the students about Rotary using simple terms.

It is the intent for all Rotary clubs to continue this service project next school year beginning in the fall. The club presidents agreed that Rotary should "adopt" Rusk Elementary next year and participate in student/family activities at the school in addition to reading with kindergartners.

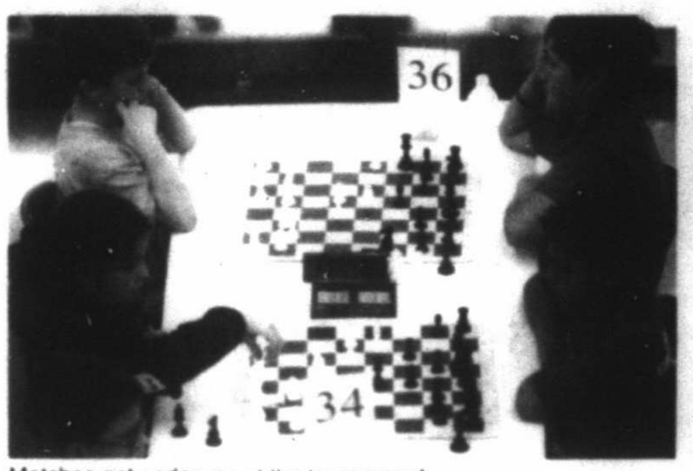
The Rusk kindergartners will receive their books this week.

CHESS CHALLENGE



Tucker Dixon and Luke Van Husen compete as parents look on in the background during the West Texas Scholastic Chess regional tournament Saturday at Trinity School. The event was open to all kindergartners through 12th-graders in Midland, Ector and area counties.

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Matches get underway at the tournament.



Alex Khouri of Trinity School competes.



Curtis Wong of Trinity School competes.



Connor Garcia of Trinity School competes.

UTPB presents degrees to more than 500 graduates

From staff reports

University of Texas of the Permian Basin spring graduation was Saturday at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. Degrees were conferred on 518 graduates.

Following are the graduates from Midland and the area.

Midland

Bachelor of arts in communication: **Ronald D. Marley**

BA in English: **Katie E. Van Curen**

BA in history: **Paul W. Peterson**

BA in political science: **Breanna De La Garza**

BA in psychology: **Laurie L. McLain**

BA in Spanish: **Daisy Ruiz**

Bachelor of social work: **Oscar M. Romo**

Bachelor of science in nursing: **Ashley A. Castillo, Alma E. Copley, Sarah C. Morris, Amy E. Rendon**

Master of arts in English: **Michelle A. Yarbrough**

BS in biology: **Claudia M. Ortiz**

BS in chemistry: **Russell R. Maharaj, Jason M. Snitker**

BS in computer science: **Mark A. Almanza, Katherine C. Boyd, Jerry B. Hedin, Stephen I. Romero**

BS in mathematics: **Megan R. Fuentes**

BA in interdisciplinary studies: **Karina Camacho, Amanda A. Franco, Brittany G. Kennedy, Rebecca M. Long, Lindzey L. Roach**

Master of science in geology: **James I. Akpobome, Steven M. Hayes, Jessey U. Odu**

MA in bilingual education: **Krystal N. Rodriguez**

MA in counseling: **Dawn R. Westby Garcia**

MA in reading: **Amy J. King**

MA in special education: **Alexandria R. Barr, Maria S. Canava**

Bachelor of business administration in accountancy: **Jon M. Fields, Diana M. Macik, Elisa N. Saenz**

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BS in petroleum engineering: **Victoria E. Kuzmich, Ricardo Rico**

Master of business administration: **Kristin S. Cummings, Christian L. Estep, Jason Farnsworth, Vanessa E. Rodriguez**

Master of professional accountancy: **Stephen A. Chieffo, Angie B. Favela**

Area cities

Andrews: **Emily J. Campbell,** BS in athletic training; **Richard L. Crawford,** master of business administration; **Stacy L. Gallier,** BA in multidisciplinary studies; **Nathan D. Martin,** BA in art; **Monica D. Vaughn,** BA in multidisciplinary studies; **Clayton B. Walker,** BS in mechanical engineering.

Big Spring: **Valerie A. Caesar,** BBA in management; **Colton B. Jones,** BS in criminal justice; **Wolen A. Makori,** BA in English; **Jonathan L. Stiles,** BBA in management; **Austin S. Trevino,** BA in sociology.

Garden City: **Taylor B. Thompson,** BBA in management.

Lamesa: **John T. Wiebe,** BS in mechanical engineering.

Monahans: **Raquel L. Carrasco,** BA in history; **Paige D. Forest,** BBA in management; **Daniella Haynes,** MA in English; **Cassidy B. Taylor,** BS in biology.

Stanton: **Katelyn L. Young,** BA in criminology.

EDUCATIONBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Kids' College begins June 5

Superheroes is the theme of this year's Kids' College summer program at Midland College. The sessions are June 5-15 and June 19-29. Participants will receive a T-shirt.

Classes include Awesome Origami, Duck Tape Designs, Ooey Gooey Science, Pipe Cleaner Palooza, Dancin' Feet – Dance Party and Destination Yummy. There also will be in-depth one-week workshops such as Egyptian Dig and CSI and a sewing camp.

For a complete listing of courses and fees, visit www.midland.edu/kc or contact the Midland College Community Programs Continuing Education office at 685-4518.

RMA campuses set graduation

Students at the Midland campuses of Richard Milburn Academy will be graduating next month.

The north Midland campus graduation is 2 p.m. June 4 at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center.

The south Midland campus graduation in June 2.

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MAKINGTHEGRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Midland Christian School senior **Austin Hunter** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. He is the son of Terry and Debra Hunter.

He student body president and is a member of the Apologetics Club .

He attends Stonegate Fellowship and is on the youth leadership team.

Hunter plans to attend Midland College and then transfer to University of Texas and major in government and economics.

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Lee High School senior **Brady Richardson** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. She is the daughter of Cindy Richardson and Jamie and Rose Richardson.

She is a member of the National Honor Society and volleyball team, is president of PALs and the volleyball team and is a member of All-District and All-State academic teams.

She attends Stonegate Fellowship.

Richardson plans to attend the University of Missouri and major in education and psychology.

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Scott

Midland Classical Academy senior **Ally Scott** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. She is the daughter of Tom and Cathy Scott.

She is a member of the volleyball team and participates in Round Table Leadership.

She attends First Baptist Church.

Scott plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in chemical/biochemical engineering.

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Thatcher

Midland High School senior **Abigail Thacher** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. She is the daughter of Daniel and Priscilla Thacher.

She is a member of the Student Council and academic decathlon team, is vice president of the National Honor Society and president of the Latin Club. She is an AP Scholar.

She attends Redeemer Church.

Thacher plans to attend the University of Texas and study anthropology and linguistics.

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SEARCY, Ark. — Midlanders **Maxwell Humphries** and **Bailey Warpula** were named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Harding University.

To be eligible, students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.65.

BROWN

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to move at a more rapid pace and expand and explore topics beyond the minimum expectations, allowing them to adopt a scholarly attitude toward learning. These students are not achieving their maximum potential in the current setup on most campuses. Students who are of highest abilities are not showing maximum growth on standardized testing, but have instead adopted the goal of the majority to "pass" and "get by."

In addition to higher-level students being "fine" anyway, is the idea that they will be a help to students who are academically struggling or on level to rise up. This plan seldom works out as intended. Gifted and higher-level students quickly become impatient with students who aren't "getting it" as quickly as they expect. They want to spend their time learning and thinking — not going over things that seem rote to them. It is the teacher, ultimately, who can provide the best intervention for students — not other students. This is a source of frustration for students across the board.

The best practice for student grouping has just about come full circle since I was in the students' shoes. We are again looking at the benefits of homogeneous grouping as a way to best meet the needs of every student. By having similar-ability groups, we are able to accelerate or re-teach as needed. Gifted and higher-level students are given more opportunities to work with their like-minded peers, especially in classes where higher-level thinking and problem-solving skills are at work. Students who need extra help are given the opportunity to have one-on-one attention from the teacher. Whichever way we choose to group, it is imperative that data including student ability levels is taken in consideration to help everyone soar.

Heather Brown is a counselor and GT coordinator for Greenwood ISD.

PROFILE

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college success to the Midland College faculty, including biology professor Paul Mangum and history professor Todd Houck.

When Bernardo was in the ninth grade, he began a hobby of coding and designing games for mobile apps. Later, he took a Midland College computer programming course from Adriana Lumpkin, and that's when he knew he wanted to pursue a career as a computer software developer.

Bernardo will begin taking classes in August at the University of Texas at Austin toward a bachelor's degree in computer programming, which he plans to complete in two years and then work toward a master's degree.

"My parents moved to the United States so that we would have a better life," Bernardo said. "They told my brothers and me that being successful and having a good life also means working hard. I hope to become a naturalized citizen one day. My family and I are happy to call the United States our home, and I will continue to work hard to ensure my future success in this country."

Rebecca C. Bell is dean, community relations, at Midland College.

HELP

From 1B

to residents it would close at the end of this month. The nonprofit wants to sell its current building and purchase a smaller local facility.

Though the plan won't allow Price to complete the Midland program, Caples said she was an accomplished participant.

"She's not just a graduate of high school but of the Genesis Center program, which is a pretty high honor," Caples said. "Everything we do is life skills."

As Price prepares to continue her education close to relatives in Denton, she values the 1 TO 1 tutors who helped her reach her goals.

"I think with the tutoring that if I would have had a program like that when I was in school, I would have passed it much easier and sooner," Price said. "The kids now have that benefit for their classes and the [State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, which replaced the TAKS] test."

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When man is ready to talk, his wife can't stay awake

DEAR ABBY

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



DEAR ABBY: As the only income earner in our household of five, I work long hours. Sometimes, I would enjoy talking about my day with my wife of 18 years. While she has no problem staying awake to watch TV or going out with her friends on the weekend, she usually falls asleep right in the middle of what I'm saying. It also happens in the car while I'm driving.

Contrast this to a recent trip she took with her friends where they talked and yucked it up for five hours straight. No matter how tired I am at the end of a long work week, I will do everything in my power to stay awake if there's something she needs to talk about. I can't figure out why she's not doing the same for me.

When I tell her it hurts my feelings that she doesn't think I'm important enough to make the effort to stay awake, or at least tell me she's too tired to talk, I get criticized for not being sympathetic to how tired she is. At first, I thought it was true. But now I think her behavior is self-centered. Am I crazy to think this way? — UNHEARD IN ILLINOIS

DEAR UNHEARD: You're not crazy. You seem perfectly rational to me. What your wife is doing when you try to tell her that you are hurt is accuse you of doing exactly what she has been doing. To prevent your anger from building over this, discuss it with her when she's wide awake — in a marriage counselor's office, if necessary. Please do it before you encounter a lady who IS sympathetic and willing to listen, because there are plenty of them out there.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have had two big dogs for several years. In general, they are well-behaved, but they have a lot of energy. I have two kids and limited free time, and my husband no longer walks them. I refuse to do it because the dogs are very strong. They have knocked me over on a couple of occasions. Because the dogs have no release, we have come home several times to find they have destroyed one thing or another in the house (chewed up walls, furniture, carpet).

I suggested dog training and/or a dog walker, but my husband refuses and promises to start walking them again (which usually lasts a couple of weeks, at most). He was raised to believe that dogs are part of the family, while I was not, so when I suggest that we "rehome" the dogs to someone who can devote more time to them, he won't consider it, saying he could never do that to a family member.

I'm at my wit's end. The situation is affecting our marriage in a number of ways. Any advice you can offer would be greatly appreciated. — LOTS OF ENERGY IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR LOTS OF ENERGY: Gladly. Enlist your husband's help once again in walking those "family members" and suggest he take the kids along. They might enjoy the "family" outing, and it would give you some time to yourself. Your reason for not doing it is valid. You should not risk physical injury.

When he stops walking the dogs again in a few weeks — as he will — hire the dog walker. If he objects, ask him which is more expensive, this or fixing the damage the dogs invariably cause when they haven't had enough exercise to tire them out. I'm sure he will see your reasoning.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Great play

Neither vulnerable, East deals

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♡K862
◇QJ83
♣J

WEST
♠9
♡AQJ1073
◇9752
♣103

EAST
♠K76
♡9
◇AK104
♣K9872

SOUTH
♠AQ1032
♡54
◇6
♣AQ654

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
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All pass			

*Pre-emptive

Opening lead: Seven of ◇

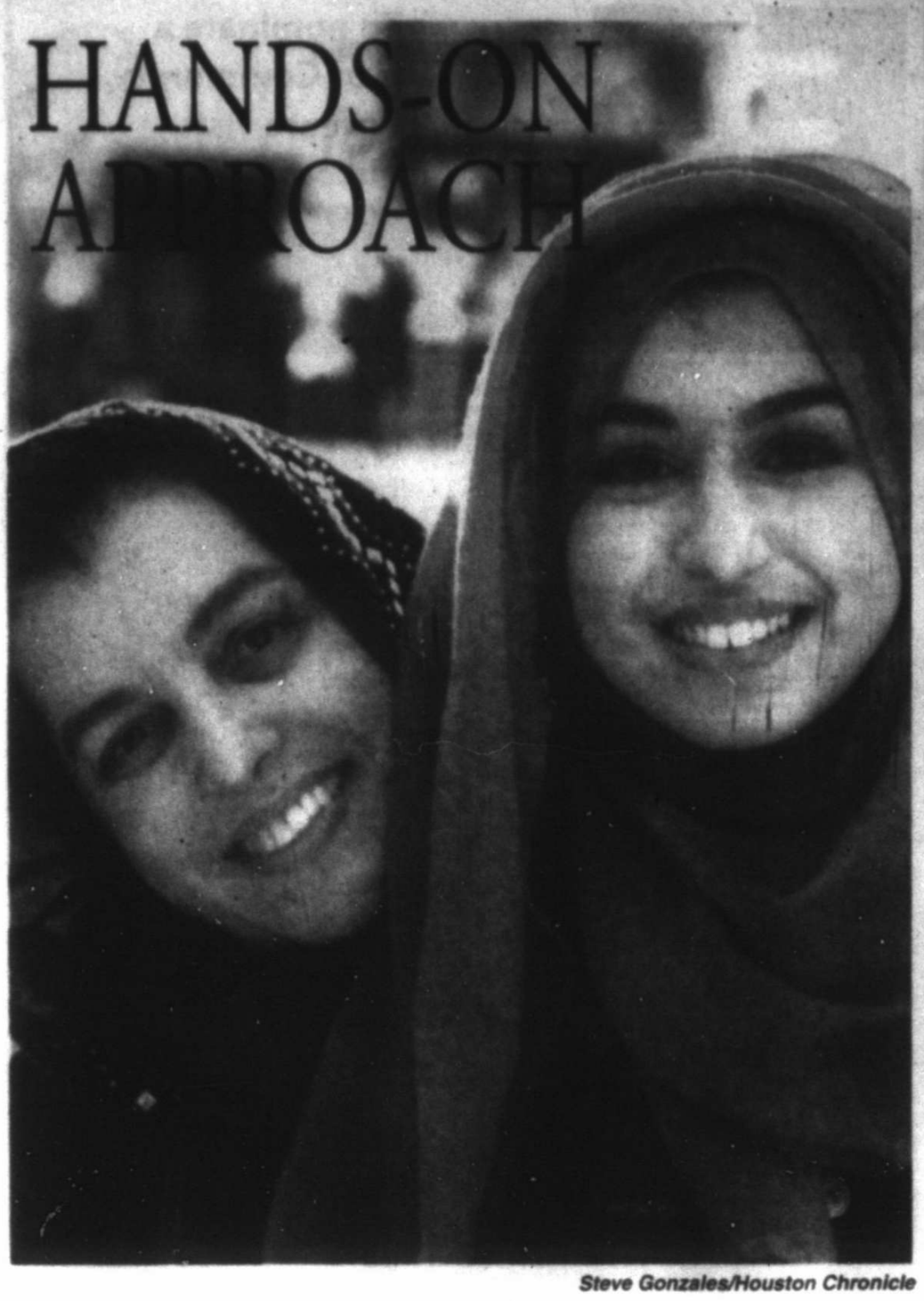
Today's deal is from the Spingold teams in 2001. The Spingold is one of the most prestigious events held in the USA each year, with the winner getting an opportunity to represent the USA in the World Championships. East was Bob Hamman, from Dallas, Texas.

Declarer ducked the opening diamond lead to Hamman's 10, and Hamman shifted to his singleton heart.

West won with the ace and continued with the queen of hearts, covered with the king, and ruffed by Hamman. This left Hamman with a very delicate defensive problem.

The heart position had been resolved, so East needed both black kings to justify his opening bid. Had Hamman tried to cash another diamond, South would have an easy cross-ruff, setting up a diamond trick with a ruffing finesse in the process. A low trump from East and declarer would let that run to dummy's jack, take the marked club finesse, and romp home with a cross-ruff.

Hamman led the only card in his hand that would defeat the contract — the king of trumps! Now South was in the wrong hand to take the club finesse. He had to use up another trump to get to dummy, and the 5-2 club split spelled defeat in the end. Great play!



Steve Gonzales/Houston Chronicle

In a meeting with a kindergarten teacher, Amina Mabizari's mother, Nadia (left), learned her child was struggling and performing at the lowest level of her class. Mabizari's mother took it upon herself to spend most of her waking moments helping Amina master reading, while learning English herself along the way. Now, Amina is at the top of her class at Alief ISD's Elsik High and accomplished something no other student in Texas has this year. She was accepted into seven of eight Ivy League schools, waitlisted only by Harvard University. The pair were photographed April 28 in Houston.

Houston teen accepted at 7of 8 Ivy League Schools

■ Alief ISD senior decides to attend Yale

By Shelby Webb
Houston Chronicle

Amina Mabizari couldn't control her tears after she read the text message from her father.

The 18-year-old's ability to articulate herself earned the Alief ISD senior one of 100 spots in the prestigious United States Senate Youth Program in Washington, D.C., yet in that moment in March, she was unable to compose herself. Her father had opened a letter from Yale University, advising that Amina was likely assured a spot in the incoming freshman class.

And the acceptance letters kept coming. When she checked online in April, she saw a college acceptance letter from Princeton. Then came one from Columbia. Others arrived from Cornell, Brown, Dartmouth and the University of Pennsylvania.

In all, Amina was accepted to seven of the Ivy League's eight institutions, with only Harvard putting her on a wait list. Each university only accepts 5 to 15 percent of applicants a year, making acceptance into just one unlikely for even high-achieving students. The Elsik High School senior is still shocked. She ultimately decided Monday to attend Yale.

"The reason I applied to so many schools is that I didn't think I would get accepted to any of them," Amina said. "It's funny to say now after being accepted, but it's kind of unheard-of in Alief to be accepted to such top-tier schools."

Alief ISD is a diverse district of 47,000 students in southwest Houston and other parts of Harris County.

An Arlington student was accepted into six and a Houston student was accepted into four last year. It's been a long journey for Amina since a kindergarten teacher gave her mother some bad news. Her child was the lowest-performing student in the class, struggling to read and identify letters.

Amina's mother did not speak much English at the time but quickly picked it up after spending countless hours reading with Amina and helping her sound out letters and sounds. By the end of that school year, the kindergarten teacher said Amina had become her highest-achieving student.

The next year, she took a test and was classified as "gifted and talented." But it wasn't just Amina's smarts that likely impressed admissions officers in America's most storied colleges.

She was state president of the Texas Association of Student Councils, overseeing 1,300 schools across the state. She sits on Alief ISD Superintendent H.D. Chambers' advisory council and recently stepped down as president of Elsik High School's National Honor Society.

Amina only started on her college applications during winter break, spending the first week and a half perfecting her personal essay. She wrote about her parents' hands — how her father's had worked to scratch out a living for his family in Algeria after his grandfather was killed in that country's Revolutionary War, and how his father ultimately clutched a scholarship to the University of Texas at Austin.

She wrote of how her mother held books written in an unfamiliar language, practically willing her daughter to read. Amina wrote about her own hands, how they'd leaned on podiums in front of hundreds and how she hoped to use them to help others.

She aspires to get into politics, a departure from her three older siblings, all of whom are on track to become doctors. Amina dreams of perhaps attending law school and becoming a senator.

But whatever she ends up doing, Amina said, she'll always be grateful for the resources and help she's gotten in Alief ISD. She said other students should never underestimate their ability to achieve.

"Never give into this idea that you are in any way less than someone from a different area," Amina said. "You are just as capable as anyone else."





Courtesy photos

Midland ISD seventh-graders had the opportunity to visit the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin on Saturday. Among the exhibits they viewed were remnants of the French ship LaBelle, top, and one that chronicled the life of blues singer Stevie Ray Vaughan, above.

MISD seventh-graders visit Bullock museum in Austin

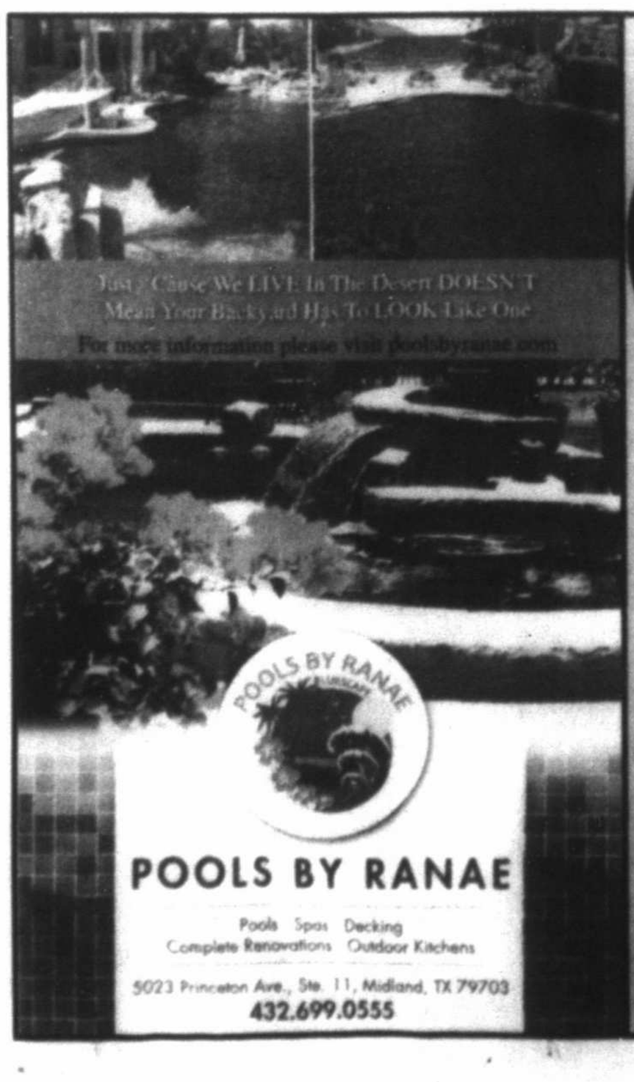
From staff reports

Seventh-graders from Abell, Alamo, Goddard, and San Jacinto junior high schools visited the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin on Saturday. This trip was funded by a community grant sponsored by the Rea and Abell-Hanger foundations and was organized by Chris Hightower, director of social studies for Midland ISD and Jacqui Schraad, executive director of the Texas State History Museum Foundation.

To qualify for the trip, students had to complete an application form, write an essay, complete six hours of community service and create a photographic scavenger hunt detailing the excursion.

Beyond the traditional galleries of Texas history, the students were able to view the remnants of LaBelle, a French ship from 1686 that was found off coast of Texas near Matagorda Bay; "Purchased Lives," an exhibition on the American slave trade from 1808 to 1965; and "Pride & Joy," and an exhibit curated by the Grammy Museum in Los Angles that chronicles the life of blues legend Stevie Ray Vaughan.

"Seeing the excitement on these students' faces and listening to them talk amongst themselves about our history is both encouraging and inspiring," Hightower said.







SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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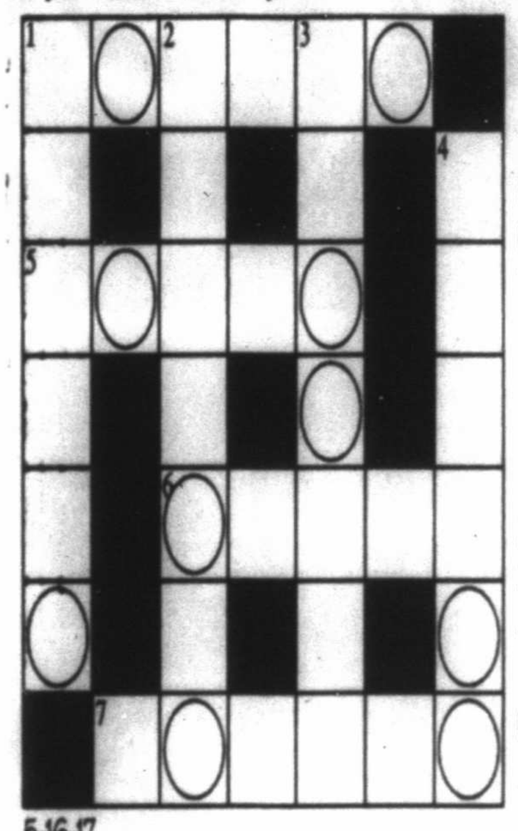
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SOLUTION TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE

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JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt



ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Sentence structure	XYNAST
5. Science of reasoning	OIGLC
6. Choose	CLTEE
7. ___ electricity	IACTST

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Infrequently	DELOMS
2. Ignore	EGCLNTE
3. ___ history	CNTIAEN
4. ___ justice	PIECTO

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

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CLUE: ____ has the second-largest metropolitan area in the Western Hemisphere (21 million people).

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1-Syntax 5A-Logic 6A-Elect 7A-Static 1D-Seldom 2D-Neglect 3D-Ancient 4D-Ethic Bonus City

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JUMBLE

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

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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UYTIN

ONEPIG

GARNDO

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

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: YOUNG BEGAN HERBAL RIPPLE
Answer: The new restaurant in Budapest did well, thanks to all the — "HUNGARY" PEOPLE

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Latvian capital
5 Sites for vows
11 Blues great __ Mahal
14 Turow book set at Harvard
15 __ pork: Chinese dish with pancakes
16 Yellowfin tuna
17 Two-time Emmy winner for "30 Rock"
19 Bart, to Homer
20 Vixen teammate
21 '80s Indiana senator Quayle
22 Underworld river
23 Dug up dandelions, say
25 Like some bank accounts
27 Doles (out)
29 Place for bottom feeders
32 Red gemstone
35 Walked (on)
37 Avoid capture by
38 Artist Yoko
39 San Francisco neighborhood
41 Poorly lit
42 The South
44 Boo Boo's pal
45 Analogy words
46 Squirreled away
48 Records for later watching
50 Castro of Cuba
52 Electric cars named for a physicist
55 Sports officials
57 Chinese chairman
59 Monopoly square with a question mark
61 Former White House Press Secretary Fleischer
62 Unofficial means of communication, and a hint to each set of circled letters
64 Attack, to Fido
65 Five Nations tribe
66 Tennis drop shot
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68 Most weird
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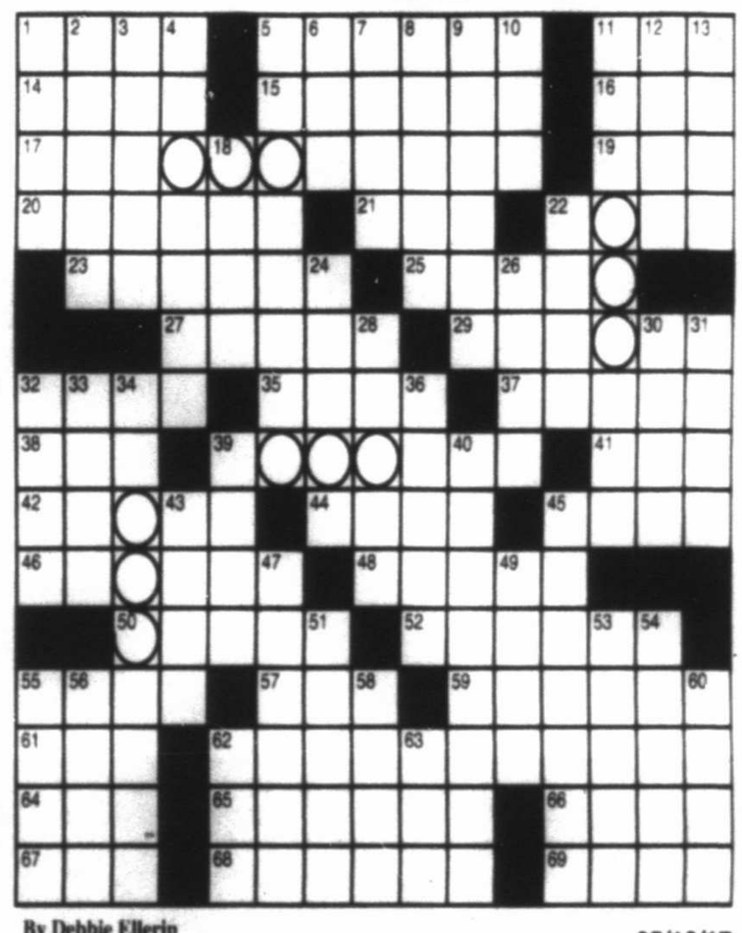
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1 "Rocky __ to Dublin": Irish tune
2 Kin by marriage
3 Sixth-day-of-Christmas gift
4 Lead-to-gold pseudoscience
5 Almond-flavored liqueur
6 Tweeter's titter
7 Broadway barber Sweeney __
8 Dam on the Nile
9 Safari herbivores
10 Word with screen or block
11 Umami detectors
12 Nautical cry
13 Bring bad luck
18 George Eliot's "Adam __"
22 Navy commando
24 Annual Kentucky event
26 Intuit
28 Really sexy
30 Clean up Time?
31 Trade show model
32 Anglers' gear
33 Textbook division
34 Where to pick up "will call" tickets
36 Entry in a sudoku square
39 "All You __ Is Love"
40 Online customer service option
43 Eye part
45 Cruise stops
47 Insist on
49 Labor Dept. arm
51 Tied, as skates
53 "Tomorrow" musical
54 Movie trailer segment
55 Itchy red area
56 Buffalo's Great Lake
58 Seoner migrant
60 Part of BPOE
62 Ghostly greeting
63 Fixed-term investments, briefly

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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1. Good-natured about it
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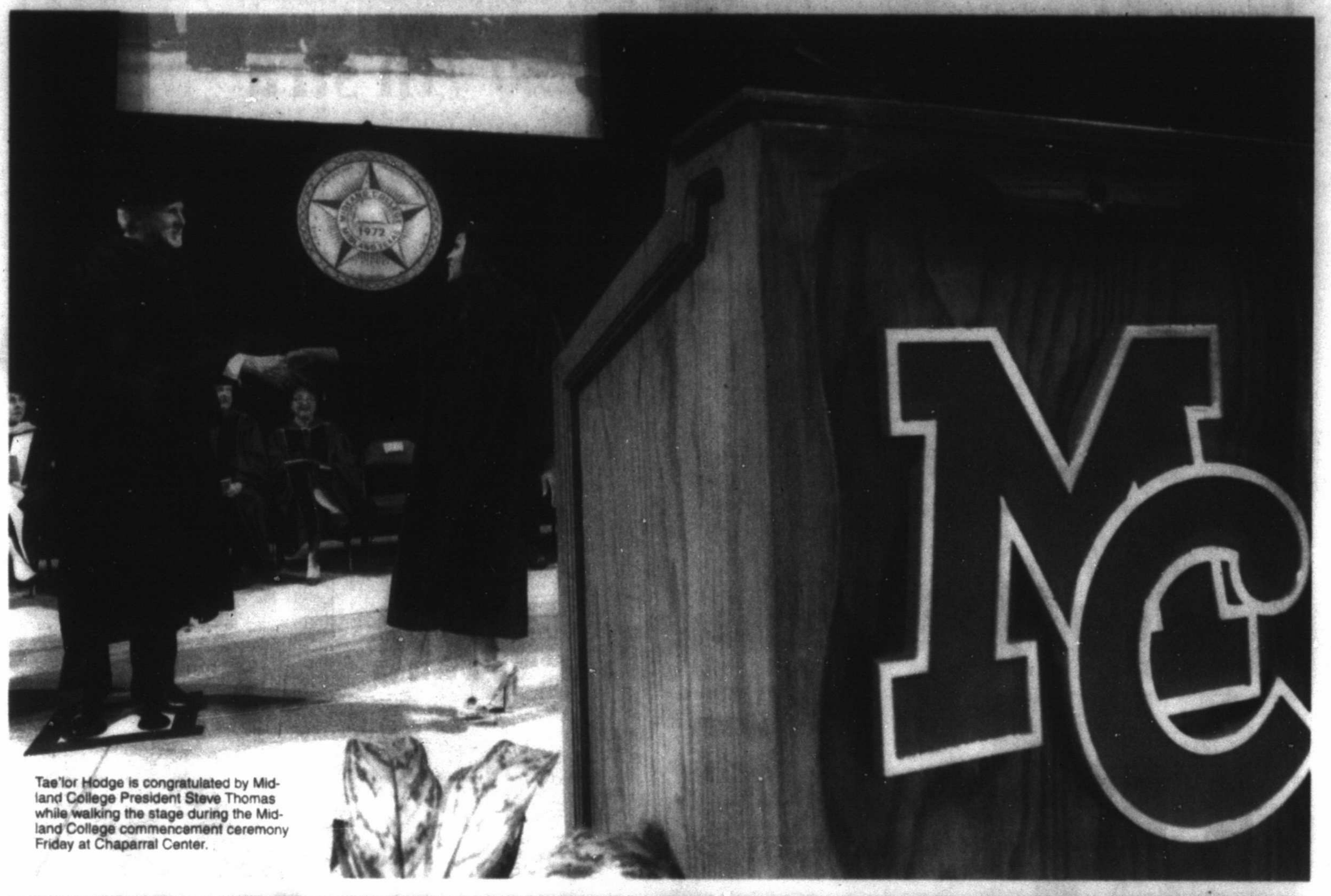
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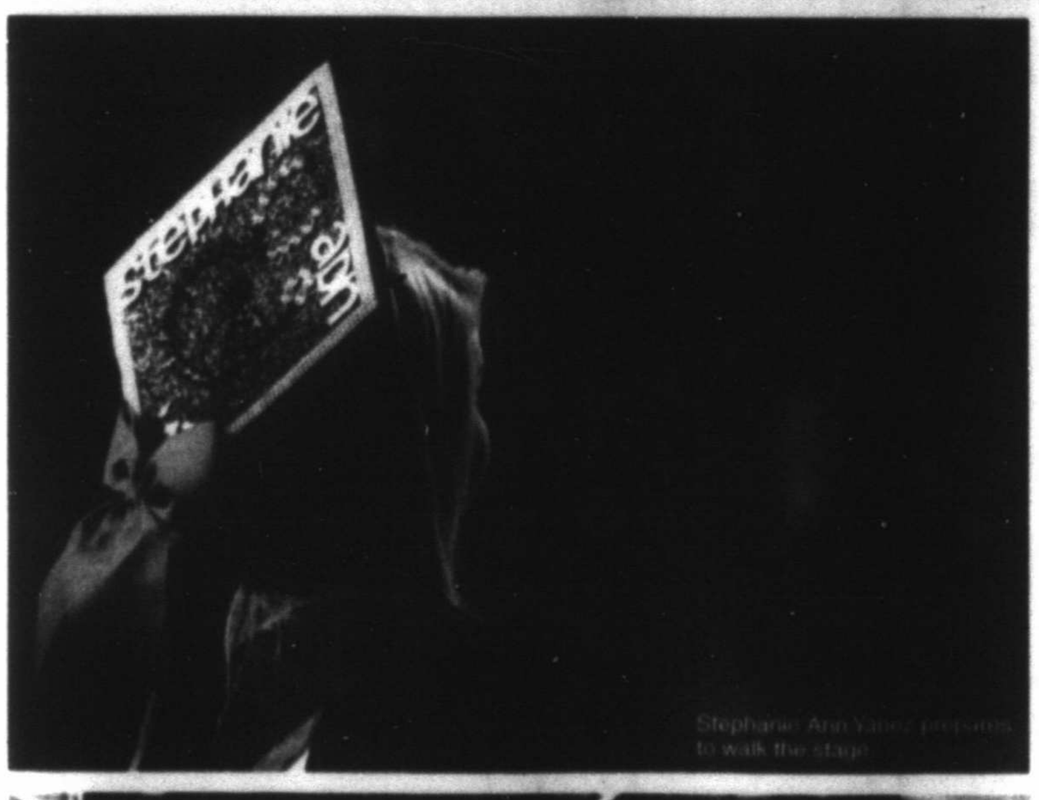
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Tae'lor Hodge is congratulated by Midland College President Steve Thomas while walking the stage during the Midland College commencement ceremony Friday at Chaparral Center.

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Stephanie Ann Vaca pretends to walk the stage.



Senior Stephanie Ann Vaca pretends to walk the stage during Midland College commencement ceremony at Chaparral Center.



A graduate is seen during the ceremony.



Class Poet reads a poem during the Midland College commencement ceremony at Chaparral Center.



Thomas congratulates a graduate.

Andrews girls inch closer to 7th straight title

From staff reports

MINERAL WELLS — The Andrews girls golf team took a big step Monday toward winning its seventh straight Class 4A golf state championship with the Black team's performance.

The Black team shot 334 at Slick Rock Golf Course at Horseshoe Bay and leads the Class 4A Girls State Championship by 21 strokes over none other than Andrews' Gold team, which shot a 355.

Seminole is in third place after shooting 357, while Fredericksburg is fourth with a 366.

The final round tees off at 8 a.m. today and the Lady Mustangs will be shooting for not only a seventh straight state crown but a state record 15th state title in the program's history.

If the Andrews teams finish 1-2, it would also be the first time it would have happened in UIL state golf history.

Rachel Huffman led the Lady Mustangs with a 76 and is currently tied for second in the medalist standings with Bridgeport's Brooke Irion. Abilene Wylie's Maddi Olson leads the field after shooting 2-under par 70.

Seminole's Lauren Franco is in a tie for seventh after shooting an 80.

Fellow Black team member Kinzee McAllister shot an 82, while Macy Shulze shot an 86. Sam Flores and Skyler Strube led the Gold team with an 86 each.

The Andrews girls golfers pressed on after head coach Mark Burgen was reportedly suspended for the tournament, according to CBS 7. Andrews boys coach Todd Handley took over the team's coaching duties.

The suspension comes after a complaint was filed for a Class C misdemeanor under the Texas Transportation Code involving the use of a wireless communication device in a school crossing zone or (while) operating a school bus with a minor passenger.

Andrews ISD told the Andrews County News that it does not comment on individual student or personnel matters.

In an email to the Reporter-Telegram, Burgen wrote that a

Please see **GOLF/4C**



Photo by Scott W. Coleman

Andrews Black Team golfer Macy Schulze watches a drive sail down the par-5 14th fairway during the opening round of the Class 4A girls state golf tournament at Slick Rock Golf Course in Horseshoe Bay on Monday.

Wanting a grand exit



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College men's golf team members from left, Stefan Cronje, Michael Salazar, Ben Murray, Houston Coleman, and Hudson Ross, photographed May 10 at Green Tree Country Club.

Chaps hope to send Poss off as national champs

By Oscar LeRoy
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The Midland College golf team has a little extra motivation heading into this year's NJCAA National Golf Tournament in Garden City, Kansas.

The tournament, which will run today through Friday at Buffalo Dunes Golf Course, will be longtime coach Delnor Poss' last as he is retiring at the completion of the tournament.

Poss had led the Chaparrals to four national titles and the team is making its 30th straight appearance at the tournament.

The coach has had a storied career at MC and the Chaps would love nothing more than to send their coach out on a high note.

"Everyone wants to give him a good sendoff," said sophomore Stefan Cronje. "He's a legend and you don't want to let him down. That will play a role in everyone's mind the whole week and I think the team will give it everything they've got and that should be enough. It's sad seeing him go unfortunately, but I think it's time for him and his wife to just go and have a few years where they can go and just have fun."

NJCAA Division I Men's Golf Championship

When: Today through Friday
Where: Buffalo Dunes Golf Course, Garden City, Kansas
Teams to watch: Indian Hills CC, Midland College, Dodge City CC, Odessa College, Eastern Florida State, Central Alabama, Iowa Western
On the web: Follow the live results on golfstat.com

Added sophomore Ben Murray, a returning NJCAA second team All-American: "Everyone wants to win for him. I'm not going to play anywhere next year, so all I want to do is win it for Coach Poss. I'd rather win it more for him than me. So that's my motivation for this tournament, to go out with a big bang. That would be a great retirement present for him as well. Everybody is in that same mindset as well. We need to do something special."

The team — consisting of not only Cronje and Murray, but fellow sophomores Hudson Ross and Coleman Houston, along with freshman Michael Salazar — seems to be playing well at the right time.

After getting off to a shaky start during the first two rounds of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference tournament and at the Southwest Junior College Championship, the Chaps were sensational at the District 2 Championship, shooting 297, 280 and 289 to win their second straight regional title by eight strokes.

"I think it helps quite a bit," said Houston about his team's momentum. "Everyone seemed to play well in the last tournament. We were behind after the first round and we ended up winning it by close to 10 shots. It was a good finish. We need to have the same mindset."

Added Salazar: "Right now I think it's the best we've all been playing since we've been together. We've all been solid."

Ross said he's also positive about his team's chances this week.

"I feel we've got a great team, great

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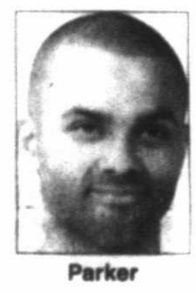
Spurs prepare for Game 2 vs Warriors with no Leonard, Parker

By Josh Dubow
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — If all hope seems lost for the San Antonio Spurs heading into Game 2 of the Western Conference finals without injured stars Kawhi Leonard and Tony Parker, they only need to look back a few days to see what's possible.



Leonard



Parker

But even the Spurs know that beating Houston on the road in a series clincher without those two stars is a far different task than the one they face on Tuesday night against the Golden State Warriors with Leonard and Parker on the sideline.

"I understand the Warriors are a very talented team, so we're going to have to be really sharp tomorrow," forward Pau Gasol said. "We've got to limit our mistakes because those guys really make you pay. They have so many weapons that the game could swing in a heartbeat, as we experienced."

Leonard's injury when he landed on Zaza Pachulia's foot and turned his already tender left ankle severely altered Game 1 and possibly the entire series. Golden State rallied from 23 points down after Leonard left to win 113-111 Sunday as the Spurs struggled on both ends of the court without one of the game's best two-way players.

Leonard had an MRI on Monday and will not play in Game 2, leaving the Spurs angry at what they considered a dirty play by Pachulia and frustrated by their predicament.

"Yesterday in itself was a roller coaster, a lot of different emotional things going on," guard Danny Green said. "The playoffs for us have been rough. No one will feel bad for us. We have to continue to go out there and play. There's no Tony, no Kawhi as of right now. I felt like we've been to hell and back in just three hours. We'll figure it out."

The Warriors are expecting just that after watching role player Jonathan Simmons fill in with 18 points and stellar defense in the 114-75 win at Houston last Thursday and knowing how prepared and professional Gregg Popovich coached teams usually are.

"We have no intention of letting our guard down," said Warriors big man David West, who played for the Spurs last season. "We know that they're very capable and that system is as strong as it's been. There is no deviation in terms of our attack and our game plan. We'll go out and try to protect our home court."

Please see **SPURS/2C**

Streak of comebacks for Rangers in winning MLB-best 6 in row



Tony Gutierrez/Associated Press

Texas Rangers' Carlos Gomez (14) and Rougned Odor (12) celebrate with Elvis Andrus, center, who scored on a two-run double by Nomar Mazara during the seventh inning against the Oakland Athletics on Saturday in Arlington.

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Elvis Andrus and the Texas Rangers are starting to make quite a comeback.

Their six-game winning streak is the longest in the major leagues, and they took the lead in the seventh inning or later in each of the last five games, a run that included game-ending homers on consecutive nights against different teams that capped, four-run ninth innings.

"This past week has been amazing," said Andrus, at nine seasons the team's longest-tenured player. "We know that we didn't start the season the way we wanted, but there's plenty of season ahead, and I think we're trying to find that consistency as a team."

Those five late rallies, all since getting home a week ago after an 11-0 win at San Diego, have gotten Texas within a game of reaching .500 for the first time this season after winning the AL West title each of the past two years.

"We know we're good, but sometimes teams get in ruts," first baseman Mike Napoli said. "I knew once we got a little momentum, things started going right, things would iron out. We're just starting to play really good baseball, and just build off of it on a daily basis."

Texas (19-20) had a day off Monday after playing 17 days in a row and 33 of 34 since an off day at the end of the opening week. The Rangers open a three-game interleague series at home Tuesday night against Philadelphia.

"You need streaks to get back to where you need to be," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said. "For me, it's winning series. That's probably a more important portion of it, because that keeps you on the positive side in everything."

Exactly a year ago Monday, the Rangers were 22-16 after a win over Toronto in the game that Rougned Odor punched Jose Bautista following a hard slide that ignited a benches-clearing brawl. The Rangers went

Please see **RANGERS/3C**

'HOUNDSWATCH

MONDAY'S SCORE
Frisco 5, Midland 0

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

INTERNET
www.milb.com

RECORDS
Midland 19-17
Frisco 16-21

Monday	Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Frisco 5, Midland 0	Midland at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.	San Antonio at Midland, 7 p.m.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Rutgers at Minnesota, 2 p.m., BTN

Furman at Georgia, 5 p.m., SEC

Louisville at Indiana, 5 p.m., BTN

Incarnate Word at Texas, 6:30 p.m., LHN

UT Arlington at TCU, 6:30 p.m., FSSW+, FCSC

Kansas at Creighton, 7 p.m., CBSSN

MLB

Houston at Miami, 6 p.m., ROOT

Philadelphia at Texas, 7 p.m., FSSW

Boston at NY Yankees, 7 p.m., MLB

MEN'S SOCCER

Scottish Premier Playoff, Leg 1: Dundee United/Morton vs. Falkirk, 1:30 p.m., FSP

English Championship: Reading vs. Fulham, 1:40 p.m., beIN2

PL: Arsenal vs. Sunderland, 1:45 p.m., NBCSN

PL: Manchester City vs. West Bromwich Albion, 2 p.m., NBCET

NBA

Western Final, Game 2: San Antonio at Golden State, 8 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

NHL

Western Final, Game 3: Anaheim at Nashville, 7 p.m., NBCSN

ON RADIO

MLB

Houston at Miami, 6 p.m., KXCS 105.5 FM (Big Spring)

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

NBA

Western Final, Game 2: , San Antonio at Golden State, 8 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM, 1400 AM (Big Spring)

NHL

Western Final, Gm 3: Anaheim at Nashville, 7 p.m., KJTV 950 AM

TEXAS LEAGUE BASEBALL

Midland at Frisco, 7 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM, 550 AM

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

GOLF

Andrews girls at Class 4A State Tournament, Slick Rock Golf Couse at Horseshoe Bay, Marble Falls

Forsan girls at Class 2A State Tournament, Roy Kizer Golf Course Austin

Garden City's Logan Wood at Class 1A State Tournament, Lions Municpal Golf Course, Austin

Junior college

NJCAA National Tournament, Garden City, Kan.

Little League Baseball

American League City Tournament, 6:30 p.m., Mid City Little League

National League City Tournament, 6 p.m., Tower Little League

NJCAA REGION V TOURNEY BRACKET

NJCAA REGION V BASEBALL TOURNAMENT
At Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park, Lubbock
May 12-15

Friday

First round

Game 1 : (N2) Grayson College (35-12) 8
(W3) New Mexico Junior College (34-21) 3

Game 2 : (W1) Odessa College (44-11) 10
(N4) Hill College (32-19) 5

Game 3 : (N3) Weatherford College (32-21) 6
(W2) Midland College (39-17) 5

Game 4 : (N1) McLennan Community College (45-10) 10 , (W4) Howard College (36-19) 2

Saturday

Loser's bracket

Game 5 : (W3) New Mexico Junior College (34-21) 7 , (N4) Hill College (32-20) 5 Hill College eliminated

Game 6 : (W2) Midland College (39-18) 6 , (W4) Howard College (36-20) 7 , 10 innings
Howard College eliminated

Winner's bracket quarterfinals

Game 7 : (N2) Grayson College (36-12) 16
(W1) Odessa College (45-11) 9

Game 8 : (N3) Weatherford College (33-21) 4
(N1) McLennan Community College (46-10) 3

Sunday

Loser's bracket quarterfinals

Game 9 : (W1) Odessa College (45-12) 10 , (W2) Midland College (40-18) 6 Midland College eliminated

Game 10 : (N1) McLennan Community College (46-11) 9 , (W3) New Mexico Junior College (35-21) 2 New Mexico JC eliminated

Winner's bracket semifinal

Game 11 : (N3) Weatherford College (34-21) 4 , (N2) Grayson College (37-12) 2

Loser's bracket semifinal

Game 12 : (N1) McLennan Community College (47-11) 9 , (W1) Odessa College (46-12) 2 Odessa College eliminated

Loser's bracket final

Game 13 : (N1) McLennan Community College (48-11) 3 , (N2) Grayson College (37-13) 0 Grayson College eliminated

Championship

Game 14 : (N1) McLennan Community College (49-11) 17 , (N3) Weatherford College (36-21) 9

Tuesday

If necessary game

Game 15 : (N1) McLennan Community College (50-11) vs. (N3) Weatherford College (36-22) 1 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Selected the contract of RHP Gregory Infante from Charlotte (IL). Transferred C Geovany Soto to the 60-day DL.

HOUSTON ASTROS — Optioned RHP Dayan Diaz to Fresno (PCL).

LOS ANGELES ANGELES — Placed INF Yunel Escobar on the 10-day DL. Recalled INF Jefry Marte from Salt Lake (PCL).

NEW YORK YANKEES — Optioned INF-OF Rob Refsnyder to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Reinstated LHP Sean Manaea from the 10-day DL. Optioned C Bruce Maxwell to Nashville (PCL).

SEATTLE MARINERS — Activated RHP Steve Cishek from the 10-day DL. Optioned LHP Zac Curtis to Arkansas (TL).

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Placed OF A.J. Pollock on the 10-day DL. Selected the contract of OF Reymond Fuentes from Reno (PCL). Designated RHP Enrique Burgos for assignment.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Reinstated RHP Brandon McCarthy from the 10-day DL. Optioned OF Brett Eibner to Oklahoma City (PCL).

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Placed OF Hunter Pence on the 10-day DL. Recalled OF Mac Williamson from Sacramento (PCL).

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

L.A. CLIPPERS — Acquired the rights to own and operate an NBA Gatorade League franchise to begin play in their season in Ontario, Calif. and will be called the Agua Caliente Clippers of Ontario.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed WR Larry Dean.

BUFFALO BILLS — Named Brian Gaine vice president of player personnel. Signed LBs Anthony Harrell and Abner Logan. Released LB Junior Sylvestre and DB Jeremy Tyler.

CHICAGO BEARS — Signed DB Eddie Jackson.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed DBs Donte Carey and Nate Murray. Waived OL Josh Boutte.

DETROIT LIONS — Signed OT Arturo Lizdanins. Waived OT Pierce Burton.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed OTs Zach Banner and Andrew Wylie. CB Dante Blackmon. S Tyson Graham and WR Al-Damion Riles. Waived C Austin Blythe, WR Jerome Lane, CBs Frankie Williams and Chris Lyles and G Christopher Muller.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Signed OT Khalif Barnes, RB Trey Edmunds, TE Clay Harbor and Gs Drew Iddings and Josh LeRibeus. Waived WR Ahmad Fulwood. CB Anthony Gaitor, OT Andrew Lauderdale and OL Clint Van Horn. Released DB Shiloh Keo.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed WR Kevin Snead. Waived OL Martin Wallace.

OAKLAND RAIDERS — Signed S Marcus McWilson.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Signed WR Speedy Noil and FB Kyle Coleman. Released QB Skyler Howard and FB Brandon Cottom.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Signed DL Cameron Robbins and Jimmy Staten, LB Johnny Regin, K Jordan Gay and CB Treyon Hartfield. Waived DL Roderick Henderson and LB Reshard Cliett.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed CB Tevin Homer and TE Manasseh Garner. Waived LB Khaon Ford and TE Wes Saxton. Released CB Tharold Simon.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Signed F Taylor Raddysh to a three-year, entry-level contract.

COLLEGE

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE — Signed commissioner Mike Aresco to a contract extension through June 2022.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN — Named Michael Alford athletic director.

IOWA STATE — Announced men's basketball graduate F Hans Brase has transferred from Princeton.

KANSAS — Announced graduate basketball F Dwight Coleby will transfer.

SAINT AUGUSTINE'S — Named Tara Davenport assistant athletic director for compliance.

NBA PLAYOFF GLANCE

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

Sunday

Golden State 113, San Antonio 111. Golden State lead series 1-0

Today

San Antonio at Golden State, 8 p.m.

Wednesday

Cleveland at Boston, 7:30 p.m.

Friday

Cleveland at Boston, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

Golden State at San Antonio, 8 p.m.

Sunday

Boston at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, May 22

Golden State at San Antonio, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, May 23

Boston at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 24

x-San Antonio at Golden State, 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 25

x-Cleveland at Boston, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 26

x-Golden State at San Antonio, 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 27

x-Boston at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 28

x-San Antonio at Golden State, 8 p.m.

Monday, May 29

x-Cleveland at Boston, 7:30 p.m.

NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

Sunday

Anaheim 5, Nashville 3, series tied 1-1

Monday

Pittsburgh 1, Ottawa 0, series tied 1-1

Today

Anaheim at Nashville, 7 p.m.

Wednesday

Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 7 p.m.

Thursday

Anaheim at Nashville, 7 p.m.

Friday

Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 7 p.m.

Saturday

x-Nashville at Anaheim, 6:15 p.m.

Sunday

x-Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 2 p.m.

Monday, May 22

x-Anaheim at Nashville, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 23

x-Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 24

x-Nashville at Anaheim, 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 25

x-Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

SIGNING CAPSULES

3 MHS softball players sign with colleges

TAYLOR CONNER

Signing school: Eastern New Mexico, Portales, N.M., NCAA Division II

Position: Outfielder

Conner on why she picked Eastern New Mexico: "I chose (ENMU) mainly because of the coach (Katie Welborn), she was very friendly and she has the same goals that I do. She wants the better for me and the girls are really a great group of girls and I'm excited to play there next year."



Conner

MHS coach Shawnda Vines on Conner: "She had an injury (to her shoulder) early on in her high school career and she had to overcome that and she was able to. That's just pure heart and pure hard work, being willing to put in the work to do that. She has been a utility player for us. We have had to move her around a little bit, but she's been more than willing. That's a true team player, more than willing to play whatever position that helps the team."

Notes: Conner also considered the University of Dallas, Austin Junior College, The University of the Ozarks, Odessa College and Midland College, ... Conner plans to study biology to become an anesthesiologist. ... Conner was a 2017 All-District 2-6A second team selection.

ASHLEY MCCLELLAN

Signing school: McMurry University, Abilene, NCAA Division III

Position: Outfielder

McClellan on why she picked McMurry: "It was close to home. I went and visited the school and it was really nice. It is kind of small and I like small schools. The coach (David McNally), he was really nice. He went there, so he could tell me a lot about the school. He played there and he told us about it. I like it because it's their first year having a team and so that will be really cool too."



McClellan

Vines on McClellan: "She is a good teammate in the dugout. She is the one leading the cheers most of the time. She's the one that you can kind of hear both from the outfield, as far as being a captain in the outfield, as well as being in the dugout trying to help motivate players and making sure we're still fighting though the ballgames."

Notes: McClellan is interested in studying law. ... McClellan was the 2017 co-District 2-6A Defensive MVP and was a 2016 All-District 3-6A first team honoree.

ALISSA VALLES

Signing school: Mountain View College, Dallas, NJCAA Division III

Position: Outfielder

Valles on why she picked Mountain View: "It wasn't really my first choice, but when I went for a visit, I really liked the coach (Kristine Samaniego) and the teammates and the area around it, so what really drew me in was my visit."



Valles

Vines on Valles: "She's a great outfielder. She has a great arm. She has great speed. She's going to be a true asset to where she's going."

Notes: Valles intends to pursue a career in physical therapy. ... Valles was a 2017 All-District 2-6A honorable mention selection.

Compiled by Christopher Hadorn

Celtics power past Wizards in Game 7

By Kyle Hightower
Associated Press

BOSTON — Isaiah Thomas scored 29 points and had 12 assists, Kelly Olynyk scored a career-playoff high 26 points and the Boston Celtics used a big fourth quarter to outlast the Washington Wizards 115-105 in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference semifinals Monday night.

Boston advances to the Eastern Conference finals, where it will host the Cleveland Cavaliers in Game 1 on Wednesday.

Led by Olynyk the Celtics got a huge lift from their bench, outscoring their Wizards' counterparts 48-5. Boston also connected on 11 3-pointers, including 8 of 13 in the second half.

Bradley Beal led the Wizards, which was playing it its first Game 7 since 1979 with 38 points, including 24 in the second half.

Otto Porter added 20 points. John Wall and Markieff Morris each finished with 18. But Washington also had 15 turnovers, leading to 17 Celtics' points.

Boston trailed 76-72 late in the third quarter before ending the period on a 13-3 spurt. The run grew to 22-5 in the opening minutes of the fourth as the Celtics' lead became 94-81.

But Washington quickly responded, scoring seven straight in just 51 seconds to get back within six.

Washington stayed close as Beal continued to score, including a four-point play. But Olynyk then took over. He scored 11 of 13 points for Boston as the Celtics stretched their advantage to 110-100.

Both teams were a little tight in the early going with neither team scoring a field goal in the first two minutes of action.

The Celtics had the largest lead of the first half at 10-2, but that gap was quickly erased by Washington as Boston started to rack up fouls.

Marcus Smart, Amir Johnson and Olynyk all were whistled for three fouls in the opening 24 minutes, though Smart did inject some life into a second unit that outscored their Wizards' counterparts 19-5.

Celtics seek top pick, Lakers aim to keep theirs in lottery

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Boston Celtics are trying to go from No. 1 seed to No. 1 pick.

The Los Angeles Lakers don't need to be first, but they sure better not be worse than third.

A night that's normally for the NBA's biggest losers has huge consequences this time for its greatest champions as the league holds its annual draft lottery Tuesday night.

There's plenty at stake for teams such as Philadelphia, New Orleans and Sacramento, whose draft strategies can change enormously if the Ping-Pong balls bounce right in a New York hotel ballroom. But for the Celtics and Lakers, who were busy playing each other in the NBA Finals back when the lottery was instituted in 1985, the swings could help determine how quickly they can get back to their former heights.

A night after the East's top seed hosts Game 7 of its second-round series, the Celtics will have a 25 percent chance of landing the top pick, thanks to a trade that keeps paying off for them nearly four years after they made it.

When the Celtics decided to break up the remaining core of their 17th NBA championship team, they dealt Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett to Brooklyn as part of a draft-night deal in 2013. Boston got back first-round picks in 2014, 2016 and 2018, as well as the right to swap picks this year.

The Nets are in a rebuilding mode and had the NBA's worst record this season, so the timing worked out perfectly for the Celtics. After falling back for a decade, the team in the pole position has won the lottery the last two seasons.

That's why team president Danny Ainge refused to make any win-now deals before February's deadline that would have affected their good chances of winning later.

"It's a win-win and when you're the No. 1 seed in the Eastern Conference and you have all these assets, you don't need to be in a hurry and can just take your time," said TNT analyst Kevin McHale, a former coach and executive who played with Ainge in Boston.

The lottery sets the top three picks, and the remainder of the 14 teams in the lottery will select in the inverse order of their finish, so the Celtics can do no worse than the No. 4 pick.

Penguins knot series with Game 2 victory over Senators

By Will Graves
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 23 shots for his second shutout of the playoffs and the Pittsburgh Penguins evened their Eastern Conference final against Ottawa with a 1-0 victory in Game 2 on Monday night.

Phil Kessel beat Craig Anderson with a wrist shot 13:05 into the third period as Pittsburgh finally broke through against the Ottawa's packed-in defense.

The Penguins dominated play for long stretches but couldn't solve Anderson until late in the third. Kessel's initial shot hit Ottawa's Jean-Gabriel Pageau and came right back to him. Kessel fired hard and low by Anderson for his sixth — and certainly most important — goal of the playoffs.

Game 3 is Wednesday in Ottawa.

Anderson finished with 28 saves but received little help in front of him.

SPURS

From 1C

Golden State dominated Game 1 after Leonard went down, outscoring the Spurs 58-33 to earn the comeback win. San Antonio shot just 37 percent after the injury, with twice as many turnovers as assists. The Warriors, who struggled to score in the first half, shot 58 percent after Leonard left.

But with time to prepare a new game plan without Leonard, the Warriors are expecting a different type of challenge in Game 2.

"It makes them less predictable," Golden State forward Draymond Green said. "Obviously, when Kawhi's on the floor, you know it's going to run through him. So it makes it a lot less predictable. But I think we come out on edge from the jump, play our game, and we'll be just fine."

The Warriors are dealing with their own injuries although they aren't as significant as missing an MVP candidate in Leonard. Forward Andre Iguodala was listed as questionable because of a sore left knee that limited him to 10 minutes in Game 1. Acting coach Mike Brown said he noticed Iguodala hobbling so he was cautious not to overuse him.

Iguodala had an MRI but the results weren't yet available when practice ended.

Coach Steve Kerr was back on the court for the Warriors' light workout — they met, watched film and ran through a few sets on the floor — after attending the game and providing a halftime talk with his team down by 20. Recovering from a follow-up procedure May 5 at Duke University to repair a spinal fluid leak that stems from a pair of surgeries following the 2015 championship run, the 51-year-old Kerr returned to practice for the first time in more than three weeks Saturday.

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION

UPCOMING EVENTS

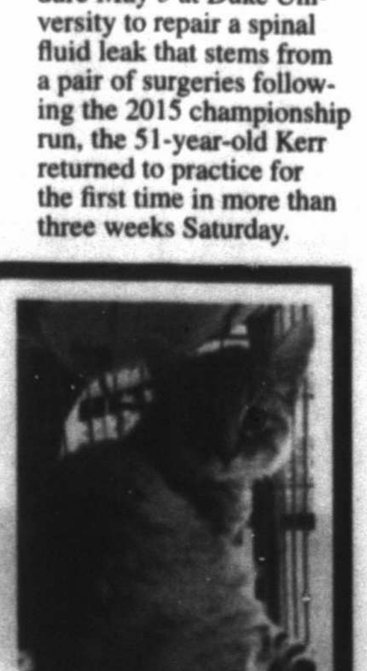
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6/1 Thu. 6:30-8:30 Microchipping at Beer Garden's Yappy Hour
6/5 Mon. 5:00-9:00 Sit, Stay, Sip Profit Share at Blue Door
6/12 Mon. 6:00 Adoption Center Volunteer Orientation
6/24 Sat. 3rd Annual Hot Dog Run 5K and 1K

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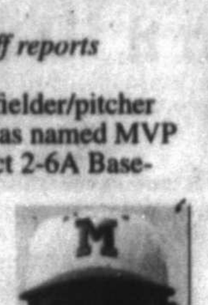
Tippy is a 3 mo old, female Domestic Medium Hair tabby. She's friendly & curious when it comes to her environment & people, but doesn't like other cats.

Wuthrich named district MVP, MHS well represented

From staff reports

Lee senior outfielder/pitcher John Wuthrich was named MVP on the All-District 2-6A Baseball Team that was recently released.

District 2-6A champion Midland High had a heavy presence in the superlatives, headlined by senior Jaxon Hallmark, who shared Co-Pitcher of the Year honors and was the recipient of the Offensive Player of the Year award.


Wuthrich


Hallmark


Bertelson


Wade


Russell

MHS had three other superlatives as Barry Russell was recognized as Coach of the Year, senior Sam Bertleson was named Offensive Player of the Year and sophomore Tyler Wade earned co-Newcomer of the Year honors.

The Bulldogs also landed senior pitcher Brooks Betcher, junior catcher Sam Matchus, senior outfielder Chris Sims and senior outfielder Jackson Anuszkiewicz on the first team.

The Rebels were represented by junior infielder Adam Becker, junior infielder Ty Coleman and senior outfielder Gunnar Blevins on the first team.

Wolfforth Frenship senior Conley Green shared Pitcher of the Year recognition, while Amarillo Tacosa sophomore Jon Cantu was a co-Newcomer of the Year honoree.

ALL-DISTRICT 2-6A BASEBALL TEAM

Superlatives

Coach of the Year — Barry Russell, Midland High
MVP — John Wuthrich, Sr., Lee
Co-Pitchers of the Year — Conley Green, Sr., Wolfforth Frenship; Jaxon Hallmark, Sr., Midland High
Defensive Player of the Year — Hallmark
Offensive Player of the Year — Sam Bertleson, Sr., Midland High
Co-Newcomers of the Year — Jon Cantu, So., Amarillo Tascosa; Tyler Wade, So., Midland High

First team

Pitchers — Brock Erculiani, Jr., Frenship; Shandon Herrera, Sr., Odessa High; Brooks Betcher, Sr., Midland High
Infielders — Adam Becker, Jr., Lee; Ty Coleman, Jr., Lee; Mason Weathers, Jr., Frenship; Landon Everett, Sr., Frenship
Catcher — Sam Matchus, Jr., Midland High
Outfielders — Gunnar Blevins, Sr., Lee; Daniel Enriquez, So., Odessa Permian; Jacob Munoz, Jr., Odessa High; Chris Sims, Sr., Midland High; Jackson Anuszkiewicz, Sr., Midland High
Utility — Robert Morales, Sr., Odessa High

Second team

Pitchers — Wyatt Hernandez, Sr., Lee; Harris Shoemaker, So., Amarillo Tascosa; Payton Hutson, Jr., Permian; Damien Appolla, Jr., Odessa High
Infielders — Justyce Bocanegra, Jr., Frenship; Tony Carrasco, Jr., Odessa High; Payton Tranum, Sr., Lee
Catcher — Colby Standard, Jr., Lee
Outfielders — Chris Arraya, Sr., Odessa High; Adryane Atkins, Sr., Frenship; Evan Enos, So., Tascosa; Jakota Champagne, Jr., Frenship
Utility — Andres Hernandez, Jr., Tascosa

LITTLE LEAGUE TOURNAMENT BRACKET

American League City Tournament at Mid City Little League
Pool play (all games at 6:30 p.m.)
Monday, May 15
N1 Tigers 11, MC5 Astros 0
N6 Marlins 12, MC1 Angels 5
N7 Cubs 11, T1 Royals 3
E1 Monarchs 9, vs. N8 Nationals 3
Tuesday, May 16
N2 A's vs. E3 Rangers Blue, Field 1
MC2 Rays vs. T3 Cardinals, Field 2
T2 Twins vs. MC3 Rangers, Field 3
E2 Rangers Red vs. N3 Rangers, Field 4
Wednesday, May 17
N1 Tigers vs. T4 Yankees, Field 1
MC1 Angels vs. N5 Astros, Field 2
T1 Royals vs. N4 Red Sox, Field 3
E1 Monarchs vs. MC4 Dibacks, Field 4
Thursday, May 18
N2 A's vs. MC5 Astros, Field 1
MC2 Rays vs. N6 Marlins, Field 2
T2 Twins vs. N7 Cubs, Field 3
E2 Rangers Red vs. N8 Nationals, Field 4
Friday, May 19
E3 Rangers Blue vs. T4 Yankees, Field 1
T3 Cardinals vs. N5 Astros, Field 2
MC3 Rangers vs. N4 Red Sox, Field 3
N3 Rangers vs. MC4 Dbacks, Field 4
Bracket Play
at Tower Little League

Monday, May 22
Game 1: Pool 1 No. 1 vs. Pool 3 No. 3, 6 p.m. Tower 3
Game 2: Pool 4 No. 1 bs. Pool 2 No. 2, 6 p.m., Tower 1
Game 3: Pool 2 No. 1 vs. Pool 4 No. 2, 8 p.m. Tower 3
Game 4: Pool 3 No. 1 vs. Pool 1 No. 2, 8 p.m. Tower 1

Tuesday, May 23
Semifinals
Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 7 p.m. Tower 1
Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 7 p.m. Tower 3

Championship
Thursday, May 25
Semifinal winners, 7 p.m., Tower 1

MJBA National Little League City Tournament at Tower Little League
Monday, May 15
Game 1: (7) NL3 Cardinals 20, (10) ELL2 A's 5
Game 2: (6) NLL2 Reds 8, (11) MC4 Giants 0
Game 3: (4) ELL1 Astros vs. (13) NLL4 Braves, 8 p.m., Field 4
Game 4: (5) MC2 Pirates vs. (12) TLL3 Padres, 8 p.m., Field 2
Game 5: (8) MC3 Yankees 15, (9) TLL2 Nationals 12

Tuesday, May 16
Winner's bracket
Game 6: (2) MC1 Red Sox vs. (7) NLL3 Cardinals, 6 p.m., Field 4
Game 7: (3) TLL1 Cubs vs. (6) NLL2 Reds, 6 p.m., Field 2
Game 8: (1) NLL1 Mets vs. (8) MC3 Yankees, 8 p.m., Field 4
Game 9: Game 3 vs. Game 4 winner, 8 p.m., Field 2
Loser's bracket
Game 10: Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 6 p.m., Field 3

Wednesday, May 17
Loser's bracket
Game 11: (9) TLL2 Nationals vs. Game 6 loser, 6 p.m., Field 4
Game 12: (10) ELL2 A's vs. game 8 loser, 8 p.m., Field 2
Game 13: (11) MC4 Giants vs. Game 9 loser, 8 p.m., Field 4
Game 14: Game 7 loser vs. Game 10 loser, 6 p.m., Field 2

Thursday, May 18
Winner's bracket quarterfinals
Game 15: Game 6 winner vs. Game 7 winner, 6 p.m., Field 4
Game 16: Game 9 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 6 p.m., Field 2

Loser's bracket second round
Game 17: Game 14 winner vs. Game 11 winner, 8 p.m., Field 4
Game 18: Game 12 winner vs. Game 13 winner, 8 p.m., Field 2
Friday, May 19
Loser's bracket quarterfinals
Game 19: Game 16 loser vs. Game 17 winner, 6 p.m., Field 4
Game 20: Game 15 loser vs. Game 18 winner, 6 p.m., Field 2
Sunday, May 21
Winner's bracket semifinal
Game 21: Game 15 winner vs. Game 16 winner, 6 p.m., Field 4
Loser's bracket semifinal
Game 22: Game 19 winner vs. Game (Game 20) winner, 6 p.m., Field 2
Monday, May 22
Loser's bracket final
Game 23: Game 21 loser vs. Game 22 winner, 7 p.m., Field 4
Tuesday, May 23
Championship
Game 24: Game 21 winner vs. Game 23 winner, 7 p.m., Field 4
Wednesday, May 24
If necessary game
Game 25: Game 24 winner vs. Game 24 loser, 7 p.m., Field 4

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

FRISCO 5, ROCKHOUNDS 0
At Dr Pepper Ballpark, Frisco

TOP HITTERS: In a game where the teams combined for nine total hits, Frisco's Scott Heineman was the only player with multiple hits as he was 2-for-4 with a triple and two RBI. ... Frisco teammate Luke Tendler also had a triple and an RBI, and Eric Aguilera had a solo home run in the fourth.

TOP PITCHER: Frisco starter Ariel Jurado picked up his third win of the season after he allowed just four hits and struck out four in 6 2/3 innings.

HIGHLIGHTS: After scoring a run in both the third and fourth innings, Frisco put the game away in the seventh with three runs, highlighted by Heineman's two-run triple.

NOTES: Midland suffered its second straight shutout loss after being blanked 4-0 by Corpus Christi on Sunday. ... Midland has also suffered three straight losses. ... Midland and Frisco play the second game of a four-game series at 7:05 tonight.

FRISCO 5, ROCKHOUNDS 0

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Frisco	ab	r	h	bi
Vertigan dh	4	0	1	0	Cardona cf	4	0	2	0
Sportman cf	4	0	0	0	Kinn-Fitts 3b	3	1	1	0
Boyd lf	4	0	0	0	Heineman rf	4	1	2	3
Marincov rf	3	0	1	0	Aguilera 1b	3	1	1	1
Rosa 1b	3	0	1	0	Trevino c	3	1	1	0
Munoz 3b-ss	3	0	0	0	Tendler dh	3	1	2	1
Schrock 2b	3	0	0	0	Pinto 2b	4	0	1	0
Paz c	3	0	0	0	Del Monte ss	4	0	1	0
Martin ss	1	0	1	0	Jefferies lf	4	1	1	0
Tarasovich 3b	2	0	0	0					
Totals	**30**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**Totals**	**27**	**5**	**5**	**5**

Midland	000	000	000	—0
Frisco	010	100	30x	—5

E—Jefferies (10). DP—Midland 1, Frisco 1. LOB—Midland 1, Frisco 8. 3B—Tendler (1), Heineman (3). HR—Aguilera 4 (5). SB—Vertigan 4 (5). CS—Kinn-Fitts (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Holmes, L (1-1)	2	2	3	2	1	1
Fredericks	2	1	1	1	1	1
Mann	2	2	1	1	0	1
Frisco						
Jurado, W (1-1)	6 2/3	4	0	0	1	4
McCain	1	0	0	0	0	1
Garrett	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Fredericks (Kinn-Fitts), by Jurado (Vertigan). WP—Holmes, Fredericks. PB—Trevino (2). Umpires—HP, Jeff Latham; 1B, Jake Day; 2B, Jeff Wilson; 3B, Jeff Nelson. T—2:49. A—1,104.

TL standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Northwest Arkansas	19	16	.543	—
Springfield	19	16	.543	—
Tulsa	18	18	.500	1½
Arkansas	14	22	.389	5½

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	22	15	.595	—
Midland	**20**	**17**	**.541**	**2**
Corpus Christi	17	20	.459	5
Frisco	16	21	.432	6

Monday's Scores
Springfield 7, Tulsa 2
San Antonio 4, Corpus Christi 0
Frisco 5, Midland 0
Northwest Arkansas 6, Arkansas 2
Today's Games
Tulsa at Springfield, 6:35 p.m.
Corpus Christi at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Midland at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.

Gurriel's grand slam helps Astros beat Marlins

By Steven Wine
Associated Press

MIAMI — Short on sleep, the Houston Astros finally stirred in the sixth inning Monday night when Yuli Gurriel hit a grand slam to help beat the Miami Marlins 7-2.

The Astros arrived at their hotel at 5 a.m. after a doubleheader in New York against the Yankees, and were listless and hitless against Dan Straily until the fifth inning.

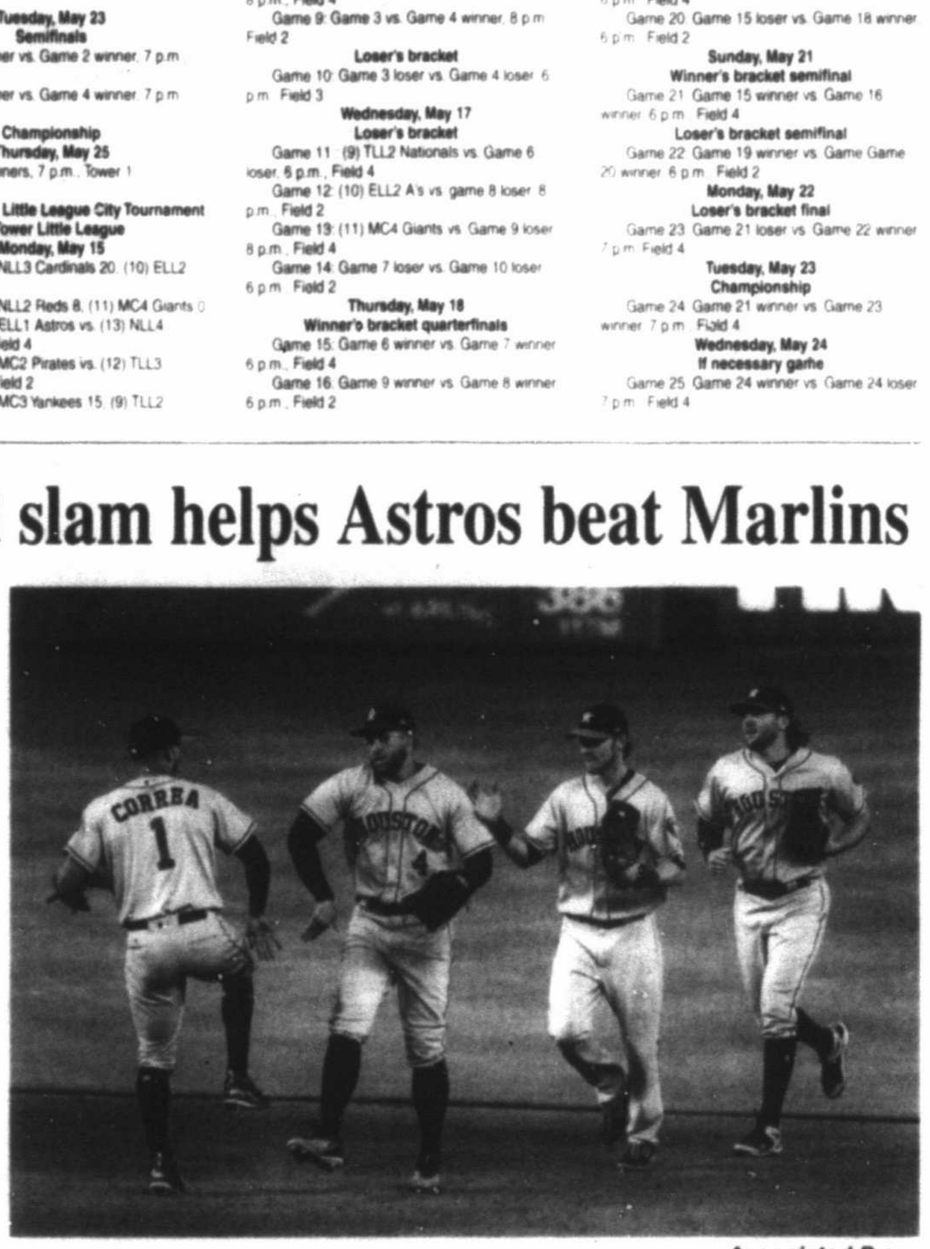
Josh Reddick doubled in the sixth off Junichi Tazawa (1-1), and after a walk and a hit batter loaded the bases, Gurriel pulled a 94 mph fastball over the fence with two out for a 4-1 lead.

It was the Astros' second grand slam of the year, and their second in two games. Alex Bregman hit one in Sunday night's win at Yankee Stadium.

Jose Altuve homered into the Marlins Park home run sculpture in the ninth and drove in three runs.

Joe Musgrove (3-3) allowed one run in 5 2/3 innings for the Astros (27-12), who climbed 15 games above .500 for the first time since 2005. They have the best record in the majors and are off to the best start in franchise history.

Houston began the game leading the American League in hits and batting average but managed only one hit in five innings against Straily.


Associated Press

Houston Astros players celebrate after the Astros defeated the Miami Marlins 7-2 in a baseball game Monday in Miami. Players from left: Carlos Correa, George Springer, Josh Reddick, and Jake Marisnick.

The right-hander left the game as a precaution after he was hit near his pitching elbow by a line drive off Evan Gattis' bat to start the fifth. A bruise just below the elbow was visible almost immediately, but after consulting with a trainer and manager Don Mattingly, Straily finished the inning.

Altuve was hit on the left hand by a 92 mph fastball from Straily in the first inning but stayed in the game and contributed a two-run single in the seventh, then hit his sixth homer in the ninth.

RANGERS

From 1C

on to an AL-high 95 wins last season before getting swept by the Toronto in the AL Division Series.

Texas is coming off a three-game sweep of Oakland after overcoming 4-2, seventh-inning deficits in each of the last two games. Andrus had a tying RBI double and scored the go-ahead run on a single by Nomar Mazara in a 6-4 win Sunday, a day after Andrus' tying two-run single and Mazara's two-run double in a 6-5 win.

That followed consecutive 5-2 wins ended by three-run homers. Joey Gallo went deep to end the series opener against the A's after Napoli had a big blast Thursday night to beat the Padres. Napoli had also homered the inning before his game-ender.

This is the first time since the franchise moved to Texas in 1972 that the Rangers have won five straight games decided in the seventh inning or later, according to STATS. The previous major league team to accomplished the feat was the 2013 San Francisco Giants.

Even with the six-game winning streak, Texas hasn't been able to make up a lot of ground on Houston, a big league-best 26-12 going into Monday's game at Miami. The Rangers were 7 1/2 games back, only one game closer than when they started their streak.

But with 123 games left in the regular season, including 15 against the Astros, the Rangers aren't getting too caught up in the standings.

"Instead of worrying about our record so much, I think we're more worried about day-to-day process of it," catcher Jonathan Lucroy said. "I'm going to think about next game we play. ... We don't contemplate stuff we can't control."

MLB ROUNDUP

American League

INDIANS 8
RAYS 7

CLEVELAND — After Carlos Carrasco left with an injury Monday night, the Indians bullpen managed to close things out.

Cleveland just hopes it doesn't have to cover for the right-hander much longer.

Carrasco exited in the fourth inning because of tightness in his left pectoral muscle, but five relievers kept the lead and helped the Indians hold off the Tampa Bay Rays 8-7.

Carrasco isn't sure if he'll miss a start.

"I don't worry about that," he said. "I'm waiting until tomorrow. We'll see what's going and go from there."

Cleveland's rotation is already missing one pillar, with right-hander Corey Kluber on the disabled list because of a strained lower back.

Carrasco was pulled after a visit by manager Terry Francona following an RBI single to Brad Miller. He allowed five runs in 3 2/3 innings and left with Cleveland ahead 7-4.

"Tito made the right decision to take me out before it got worse," Carrasco said.

"He wasn't letting it go, and it made me start to worry a little bit," Francona said. "We'll certainly look at him more tomorrow. We'll have a much better read."

Boone Logan (1-0), who entered in the fifth, retired both batters he faced. Andrew Miller allowed his first run of the season in the eighth, and Cody Allen gave up a solo homer to Peter Bourjos in the ninth before recording his 10th save.

Lonnie Chisenhall hit a three-run homer when Cleveland scored five times in the first off Chris Archer (3-2). Francisco Lindor added a solo homer in the eighth.

Carrasco was charged with five runs and threw 75 pitches. He was sidelined in spring training with a sore elbow and didn't pitch in last season's playoffs because of a broken right hand after being hit by a line drive in September.

Archer allowed seven runs in five innings. He gave up five hits, walked six, struck out six and threw 101 pitches. Archer is 0-6 lifetime against Cleveland, the only AL team he hasn't defeated.

"I wish I could have given our team more," he said. "The biggest letdown is us putting up seven runs and not winning. Walking six people is unacceptable."

Edwin Encarnacion had an RBI grounder in the first. The slugger, dropped out of the cleanup spot for the first time this season, went 0 for 5 and is now batting .198.

Encarnacion is stuck in an 0-for-17 slump. He hit 42 homers and drove in 127 runs for Toronto last season before signing a $60 million, three-year contract with Cleveland.

Interleague

BRAVES 10
BLUE JAYS 6

TORONTO — Freddie Freeman hit his 13th homer, Nick Markakis had three RBIs and the Atlanta Braves snapped Toronto's five-game win streak with a 10-6 victory over the Blue Jays on Monday night.

Matt Kemp had four hits and scored three times for the Braves, who have won three of four.

Freeman matched Washington's Ryan Zimmerman and Milwaukee's Eric Thames atop the NL home run leaderboard with a three-run shot off Leonel Campos. Freeman's long drive to center was the big blow in Atlanta's four-run sixth.

Freeman has connected against all 10 opposing teams Atlanta has faced this season.

Bartolo Colon (2-4) allowed three runs, two earned, in five innings to win for the first time since April 16. Colon allowed fewer than four runs for the third time in eight starts this season.

Kemp singled and scored in the first, singled in the third, then doubled and scored in the fifth and sixth. He walked in his final plate appearance.

Markakis hit a two-run single in the first and singled home a run in the fifth.

Braves third baseman Adonis Garcia had two RBIs and scored twice. Shortstop Dansby Swanson also had two RBIs.

Making his second start of the season, Blue Jays right-hander Mike Bolsinger (0-2) allowed six runs in 4 2/3 innings.

COLLEGE BASEBALL POLLS

Collegiate Baseball

TUCSON, Ariz. — The Collegiate Baseball poll with records through May 14. Voting is done by coaches, sports writers and sports information directors:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Oregon St.	41-4	497	1
2. Louisville	46-6	496	2
3. North Carolina	41-10	494	3
4. Florida	36-14	491	7
5. Louisiana St.	35-17	489	10
6. Texas Christian	36-13	486	4
7. Texas Tech	39-13	484	5
8. Kentucky	36-16	482	8
9. Mississippi St.	33-19	478	6
10. Stanford	33-13	477	11
11. Long Beach St.	32-19-1	475	12
12. Missouri St.	36-14	473	13
13. Virginia	38-12	470	14
14. Clemson	37-15	468	9
15. Arkansas	37-14	465	15
16. Kent St.	33-14	463	17
17. Southern Mississippi	40-12	461	21
18. Brigham Young	32-15	458	18
19. Arizona	33-17	455	19
20. St. John's	37-8	453	20
21. Cal. St. Fullerton	31-17	451	22
22. Wake Forest	35-16	449	23
23. Nebraska	32-17-1	448	26
24. Coastal Carolina	34-17-1	446	29
25. South Alabama	34-18	445	NR
26. Oklahoma	34-18	442	NR
27. Baylor	32-17	438	NR
28. McNeese St.	34-16	435	NR
29. Michigan	39-12	433	NR
30. South Carolina	30-21	428	30

Baseball America

DURHAM, N.C. — The top 25 teams in the Baseball America poll through May 14 (selected by the staff of Baseball America):

	Record	Prv
1. Oregon State	41-4	1
2. Louisville	46-6	2
3. North Carolina	41-10	3
4. Texas Tech	39-13	4
5. Florida	38-14	7
6. Texas Christian	36-13	5
7. Long Beach State	32-16	8
8. Kentucky	36-16	9
9. Stanford	33-13	10
10. Louisiana State	35-17	15
11. Mississippi State	33-19	6
12. Virginia	38-12	12
13. Cal State Fullerton	31-17	14
14. Clemson	37-15	11
15. Wake Forest	35-16	16
16. Arkansas	37-14	18
17. Arizona	33-17	17
18. Southern Mississippi	40-12	19
19. Michigan	39-12	21
20. Oklahoma	34-18	24
21. St. John's	37-8	22
22. Nebraska	32-17	25
23. Texas A&M	35-17	20
24. Auburn	32-21	13
25. South Florida	39-12	23

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	22	13	.629	—
Baltimore	22	14	.611	½
Boston	19	18	.514	4
Tampa Bay	19	22	.463	6
Toronto	17	22	.436	7

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	19	15	.559	—
Cleveland	20	17	.541	½
Detroit	18	18	.500	2
Chicago	17	18	.486	2½
Kansas City	16	21	.432	4½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	27	12	.692	—
Texas	19	20	.487	8
Los Angeles	19	21	.475	8½
Seattle	17	21	.447	9½
Oakland	16	21	.432	10

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	24	13	.649	—
New York	16	20	.444	7½
Philadelphia	14	21	.400	9
Atlanta	14	21	.400	9
Miami	14	23	.378	10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	21	15	.583	—
Milwaukee	21	17	.553	1
Cincinnati	19	19	.514	2½
Chicago	18	19	.486	3½
Pittsburgh	16	22	.421	6

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	24	15	.615	—
Los Angeles	22	16	.579	1½
Arizona	21	18	.538	3
San Francisco	15	24	.385	9
San Diego	14	25	.359	10

Scores and Schedules

American League
Monday's Scores
Cleveland 8, Tampa Bay 7
Atlanta 10, Toronto 6
Houston 7, Miami 2
Chicago White Sox at L.A. Angels, late
Oakland at Seattle, late
Today's Games
Atlanta (Garcia 1-2) at Toronto (Estrada 2-2), 3:07 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 2-2) at Cleveland (Salazar 2-3), 5:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Jimenez 1-1) at Detroit (Boyd 2-3), 6:10 p.m.
Houston (Keuchel 6-0) at Miami (Koehler 1-1), 6:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Eickhoff 0-3) at Texas (Darvish 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Freeland 3-2) at Minnesota (Hughes 4-1), 7:10 p.m.
Boston (Rodriguez 1-1) at St. Louis (Lynn 4-1), 7:15 p.m.
N.Y.Yankees (Sabathia 2-2) at Kansas City (Hammel 1-4), 7:15 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Holland 3-3) at L.A. Angels (Ramirez 3-3), 9:07 p.m.
Oakland (Triggs 5-2) at Seattle (De Jong 0-3), 9:10 p.m.

National League
Monday's Scores
Atlanta 10, Toronto 6
Houston 7, Miami 2
N.Y. Mets at Arizona, late
Milwaukee at San Diego, late
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, late
Today's Games
Asiáns (Garcia 1-2) at Toronto (Estrada 2-2), 3:07 p.m.
Washington (Strasburg 3-1) at Pittsburgh (Kuhl 1-3), 6:05 p.m.
Houston (Keuchel 6-0) at Miami (Koehler 1-1), 6:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Arroyo 3-2) at Chicago Cubs (Lackey 3-3), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Eickhoff 0-3) at Texas (Darvish 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Freeland 3-2) at Minnesota (Hughes 4-1), 7:10 p.m.
Boston (Rodriguez 1-1) at St. Louis (Lynn 4-1), 7:15 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Milone 1-0) at Arizona (Greinke 4-2), 8:40 p.m.
Milwaukee (Nelson 1-2) at San Diego (Richard 2-4), 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Hill 1-1) at San Francisco (Blach 0-2), 9:15 p.m.

Texas box

ASTROS 7, MARLINS 2

Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Springer cf-rf	5	1	0	0
Reddick rf-lf	4	1	1	0
Altuve 2b	4	1	1	3
Correa ss	3	1	0	0
Gattis c	3	1	0	0
Gurriel 1b	4	1	2	4
Bregman 3b	3	0	1	0
Hoyt p	0	0	0	0
Mrnnds ph-rf	1	0	0	0
Aoki lf	3	1	1	0
Grgrson p	0	0	0	0
Peacock p	0	0	0	0
Maybrry p	2	0	0	0
Ma.Gnzlz 3b	2	0	1	0
Totals	34	7	8	7

Miami	ab	r	h	bi
D.Gordon 2b	5	0	2	0
Yelich cf	5	0	1	1
Ozuna lf	4	0	1	0
Bour 1b	4	1	3	1
Stanton rf	4	0	1	0
Realmuto c	3	0	1	0
Detrich 3b	4	0	0	0
Riddle ss	4	1	3	0
Straily p	1	0	0	0
Tazawa p	0	0	0	0
Ziegler p	0	0	0	0
I.Suzuki ph	1	0	0	0
McGowan p	0	0	0	0
T.Moore ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	35	2	12	2

Houston	000	004	201	—7
Miami	000	010	010	—2

E—Ozuna (3). DP—Houston 1, Miami 1. LOB—Houston 6, Miami 9. 2B—Reddick (6), Y.Gurriel (8), Bregman (8), Bour (5), Riddle (1). HR—Altuve (6), Y.Gurriel (3), Bour (8). S—Straily (3).

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Musgrove W,3-3	5 2-3	8	1	1	1	5
Hoyt	1 1-3	1	0	0	1	2
Gregerson	1	2	1	1	0	2
Peacock	1	1	0	0	0	1

Miami	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Straily	5	1	2	0	1	3
Tazawa L,1-1	1	2	4	4	1	1
Ziegler	1	3	2	2	2	0
McGowan	2	2	1	1	0	2

HBP—by Straily (Altuve), by Tazawa (Gattis). T—2:57. A—16,448 (36,742).

Monday's linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
INDIANS 8, RAYS 7

Tampa Bay	111	200	011	—7	11
Cleveland	511	000	01x	—8	9	0

Archer, Whitley (6), Diaz (8) and Norris; Carrasco, Goody (4), Logan (5), Shaw (6), A.Miller (7), Allen (9) and Gomes. W—Logan 1-0. L—Archer 3-2. Sv—Allen (10). HRs—Tampa Bay, Bourjos, Kiermaier. Cleveland, Chisenhall, Lindor.

INTERLEAGUE
BRAVES 10, BLUE JAYS 6

Atlanta	010	124	000	—10	13	2
Toronto	010	110	102	—6	10	1

Colon, Krol (6), Motte (7), Collmenter (9) and Flowers; Bolsinger, Howell (5), Campos (6), Loup (8), Grilli (9) and Chiman. W—Colon 2-4. L—Bolsinger 0-2. HRs—Atlanta, Freeman. Toronto, Smoak.

Sheriff: Chiefs top draft pick Mahomes unharmed in robbery

By Jim Suhr
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Rookie Kansas Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes escaped injury after being robbed outside a Texas home after attending a college baseball game, authorities said Monday in describing the holdup as random.


Mahomes

Mahomes and the three other people were stepping from a vehicle on a home's driveway outside Tyler on Friday night when a suspect approached, gestured he had a handgun in his waistband and took unspecified items from the victims before speeding away, the Smith County (Texas) Sheriff's Office said.

Deputies later arrested two suspects in the reported getaway car and recovered items taken during the holdup. Michael Pinkerton, 34, was charged with aggravated robbery, while Billy Ray Johnson, 58, was accused of two counts of possession of a controlled substance and with tampering with evidence involving one of the items taken during the holdup, sheriff's Sgt. Darrell Coslin said.

It was not immediately clear Monday whether Pinkerton or Johnson had an attorney.

Coslin said Pinkerton "has a long criminal history and is known to us" and randomly robbed Mahomes and the others as the four returned to a residence after attending a baseball game at the University of Texas-Tyler.

"We have no reason to believe (Mahomes) was being targeted," Coslin told The Associated Press.

Mahomes, 21, played at Texas Tech and last month was selected by the Chiefs with the 10th overall pick in the first round of the NFL draft. Kansas City sent first- and third-round picks this year and their first-round pick next year to Buffalo, climbing from the 27th overall pick to acquire the heir apparent to veteran Alex Smith.

"I can't really get into the details," Mahomes told the Tyler Morning Telegraph. "I'm just glad me and my friends are safe and the cops got the suspects."

Abdul-Jabbar: 1-and-done makes college hoops a 'travesty'

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Kareem Abdul-Jabbar likes experienced players, part of the reason he picked San Antonio to knock off Golden State.

And it's one reason he thinks John Wooden wouldn't have the same enjoyment or success if he were coaching today. His coach at UCLA would have disliked how the one-and-done era has changed the college basketball game that the Bruins ruled under Wooden.

"He wouldn't have been able to do it now," Abdul-Jabbar said Monday in an interview at The Associated Press headquarters. "It's a totally different circumstance now. Kids aren't going to college to get an education and play ball. It's one or the other."

The NBA's draft lottery is Tuesday and the team that gets the No. 1 pick will likely use it on a freshman, such as point guards Markelle Fultz or Lonzo Ball. They might become All-Stars but they won't arrive in the NBA with anywhere near the resume of Abdul-Jabbar, who won three championships in three seasons from 1967-69 — freshman were ineligible at the time — and was the Final Four Most Outstanding Player each time.

"They're there less than six months. It's not even six months and they're gone," Abdul-Jabbar said. "It's a travesty, I think. They're just using the college system as a stepping stone to the NBA and that's really unfortunate. I think an education is vital to having a good life and these guys aren't getting that opportunity. It's sad."

Dressed in a dark blazer, blue tie and khaki slacks, the goateed Abdul-Jabbar spoke in a studio about his relationship with Wooden in his new book "Coach Wooden and Me: Our 50-Year Friendship On and Off the Court." The book details Wooden's influence on his life as a player in college and years later as they became closer when Abdul-Jabbar returned to Los Angeles to play for the Lakers.

Wooden won 10 national championships, most by a men's coach, but Abdul-Jabbar hopes readers will see that many of Wooden's best lessons weren't about sports.

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team camaraderie," said Ross, who also played on last year's national team. "I thought it was good last year but it's even better this year. I think if everybody plays their own game, we'll win."

Poss said his team has come a long way over the season and has even overcome the departure of two key players for personal reasons.

"The guys have come together as a group," Poss said. "We don't have much depth but I think the guys that we have, have responded well. We won the first three tournaments we played, then we had a slump and we came back and won the region. So we should have some good momentum going into the tournament. The key, as always is to be positive individually and be positive as a collective group, including the coaches."

From all indications, the course won't be easy and the Chaps said that mistakes have to be minimized.

"We need to keep the ball in play," said Salazar, who along with Cronje had had a sensational year. "The course is very tight and if you're a little off, you're going to have a hard time finding the ball."

Added Ross: "We need to play our own game and play like we know how to play. If we play up to our potential, we'll win. We got it right (during the last tournament) and hopefully we get it right this week."

Cronje said his team just needs to have a steady week.

"I think the week is going to be about playing consistent and not having a wild round because there's no way you can catch up on that course," he said. "It's a very tough course, demanding off the tee and the greens are tough."

Murray said he's confident his team can give their coach one last hurrah before he rides off into the sunset.

"I think we have a chance to win it this year," he said. "Everybody is starting to play well. I was on a bad form but I'm starting to play a little bit better now. There is not one person who is shooting high anymore, so we're all playing well."

No matter what happens this week, Poss said these young men, have made his last year as their coach a memorable one.

"This group of young men are similar to so many that we've had. They're good citizens, good students, exceptional players and wonderful individuals," he said. "It's good to have a group like this in your last season. They're a joy to be around and they've accomplished a great deal."

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combination of jitters and the overall pressures of the state tournament led to both teams getting off to slow starts, but both teams settled down and played solid on the back nine.

Burger did not comment on his personal situation.

Forsan in contention

AUSTIN — The Forsan girls golf team is in contention at the Class 2A Golf State Championship being played at the Roy Kizer Golf Course.

The Lady Buffaloes shot a 348 on Monday and are just five strokes back in second place of leader Memphis, which shot a 343.

Razyl Yanez led Forsan with a 77 and is tied for second place with Memphis' Maycee Blaydes. Christoval's Taylor Tomlinson leads the medalist standings by just one stroke after shooting a 76.

Forsan's Jillian Jones is in fifth place individually after shooting a 79.

This is only Forsan's second appearance at state after qualifying for the first time ever last year.

The tournament finishes with the final round today.

Garden City's Wood in 13th place

AUSTIN — Garden City's Logan Wood is in 13th place in the medalist standings after the first round of the Class 1A Girls Golf Championship at Lions Municipal Golf Course.

Wood shot a 97 in the first round, which is even better than she shot when she won the Region II-A title last month in San Angelo. Wood is playing in her first state tournament as a freshman.

Wood is 19 strokes behind medalist leader Skylar Mast of Richards, who was the only player to shoot below 80.

Reagan Hamilton of Sands is in a tie for 12th with a 95.

The tournament concludes today when the final round tees off at 8 a.m.

CLASS 4A GIRLS GOLF STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
At Slick Rock Golf Course at Horseshoe Bay, Mineral Wells
Monday's first round
Team standings - 1. Andrews Black 334; 2. Andrews Gold 355; 3. Seminole 357; 4. Fredericksburg 366; 5. La Vernia 373; 6. Lampasas 380; 7. Mabank 381; 8. Salado 384; 9. Bridgeport 396; 10. Hudson 396; 11. Pleasanton 401; 12. Longview Spring Hill 416

Medalist standings (top 10) - 1. Madi Olson, Abilene Wylie, 70; 2. (tie) Brooke Irion, Bridgeport, 76; Rachel Huffman, Andrews Black, 76; 4. (tie) Olivia Mitchell, Frisco Lebanon Trail, 78; Steelle Priest, Lorena, 78; 6. Hannah Halton, Texarkana Pleasant Grove, 79; 7. (tie) Briss Graham, Bushland, 80; Courtney Velasquez, Snyder, 80; Lauren Franco, Seminole, 80; Shawnee Allen, La Vernia, 80

Area team scores
Andrews Black (334) - Rachel Huffman 76; Kinzee Mitchell 82; Macy Schulze 86; Katelynn Savell 90; Savanna Pinson 92

Andrews Gold (355) - Sam Flores 86; Skyler Strube 86; Paige Jennings 90; Sarah Harris 93; Bailey McCarver 94

Seminole (357) - Lauren Franco 80; Alyssa Garcia 89; Juliana Klassen 94; Malorie Duncan 94; Alex Wall 100

CLASS 2A GIRLS GOLF STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
At Roy Kizer Golf Course, Mineral Wells
Monday's first round
Team standings - 1. Memphis 343; 2. Forsan 348; 3. Wellington 368; 4. Grapeland 378; 5. Hamilton 378; 6. Mason 395; 7. Thrall 419; 8. Weimar 422; 9. Martin's Mill 430; 10. Crawford 430; 11. Quanah 434; 12. Moody 463

Medalist standings (top 10) - 1. Taylor Tomlinson, Christoval, 76; 2. (tie) Maycee Blaydes, Memphis, 77; Razyl Yanez, Forsan, 77; 4. Ashley Watts, Wellington, 78; 5. Jillian Jones, Forsan, 79; 6. Caitlyn Fisher, Gladewater Union Grove, 84; 7. (tie) Hanna Chapman, Grapeland, 85; Colby Jaeger, Thrall, 85; Paige DeJong, Hamilton, 85; Sarah Turnbo, Wink, 85; Lezlie Jones, Van Horn, 85

CLASS 1A GIRLS GOLF STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
At Lions Municipal Golf Course, Austin
Monday's first round
Team standings - 1. Blanket 382; 2. Utopia 392; 3. Tioga 404; 4. Iredell 405; 5. Happy 406; 6. Bronte 411; 7. Briscoe Fort Elliott 414; 8. Robert Lee 416; 9. Actlerly Sands 429; 10. Knippa 439; 11. Matador Motley County 465; 12. Moulton 492

Medalist standings (top 10) - 1. Skylar Mast, Richards, 78; 2. Shaley Goad, Briscoe Fort Elliott, 80; 3. (tie) Marki Kincade, Blanket, 81; Mikaela Loman, Utopia, 81; 5. Sierra Jameson, Matador, Motley County, 84; 6. Kristen Cox, Utopia, 86; 7. Kelby Clanson, Robert Lee, 88; 8. Ally Johnson, Iredell, 90; 9. Darby Duncan, Bronte, 93; 10. Emily Adlof, Tioga, 94. Also, 12. Reagan Hamlin, Sands, 95; 13. Logan Wood, Garden City, 97

PLAYER CAPSULES

STEFAN CRONJE
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Delmas, Mpumalanga, Republic of South Africa
Player's quote: "I've been playing well. My short game and my ball striking has been good and I'm just trying to stay consistent. Hopefully the momentum that I and the team have built will carry over into nationals. I'm excited to see what I can do at nationals."
Coach Delnor Poss: "Stefan Cronje has been one of the top players in the country for the last two years. He was a Ping NJCAA first team All-American last year and currently leads the nation in scoring average and is a top ranked player in statistics in our region and the nation. He's got good leadership skills and is a good team leader. He has a good, positive attitude. I think he's objective in making decisions on the golf course to how he plays the course. He can be a contender for national medalist. He's in the same caliber of players and probably as talented or more than Tommy Sykes or David Thomas, who have won individual national championships."
Notables: Cronje is averaging 71.26 per round, which is tops in NJCAA, according to Golfstat. ... Thanks to his great year, Cronje was not only an All-WJCAC selection but is a semifinalist for the NJCAA Jack Nicklaus National Player of the Year. ... Cronje also tied for the District 2 Championship medalist title with Odessa College's Adam Blomme.

BEN MURRAY
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Portlethen, Aberdeen, Scotland
Player's Quote: "My game is getting there. I'm just working on my short game a little more. Hopefully that will help us bring back a national championship. I struggled the last couple of tournaments, and that was probably the worst golf I've played since I've been over here in America. But I'm confident it's getting there."
Coach Delnor Poss: "Ben Murray is a returning NJCAA second team All-American. As the title indicates, he played really well in the national tournament last year. Although we finished third, we were in contention until the last three holes and we didn't play those very well. Ben has won a tournament this spring and he's ranked seventh in the nation in scoring, so he will be an important factor in our performance. We're expecting for him to have a good positive attitude and he should have good, positive results."
Notables: Murray is averaging 73.93 per round. ... Murray was named to the All-WJCAC Golf Team. ... Murray said he played some of the best golf of his life at last year's national tournament and said he hopes for similar results this week. ... Murray said this will likely be his last tournament as he is going back home to Scotland and join the workforce.

MICHAEL SALAZAR
Class: Freshman
Hometown: El Paso
Player's Quote: "I feel good. One of the key things I've been doing this year is ball striking, and that's a key to having success on that course."
Coach Delnor Poss: "Michael Salazar has had a sensational year coming out of El Paso Coronado and accomplishing what he's accomplished. He was on the Ping all-region team and on the watch list for Ping freshman All-American list. His scoring average is outstanding considering some of the weather we've played in. Michael's strong suit is his demeanor and ability to stay positive on the golf course."
Notables: Salazar is averaging 72.48 per round. ... Like Cronje, Salazar was named a semifinalist for the NJCAA Jack Nicklaus Player of the Year Award. ... Was also an All-WJCAC selection.

HUDSON ROSS
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Fredericksburg
Player's Quote: "My game feels pretty good. At the beginning of the year and last semester was not well but it's coming on in the time of year that it matters. Hopefully I can go out, help the team and get a win."
Coach Delnor Poss: "Hudson is one of these guys who makes a lot of birdies but he also makes a lot of bogeys. He's the type of player that he is so long off the tee that when he's got his drive working, can be really good. I hope he has more birdies than bogeys. But he's had a good game the last few rounds and that has really helped us."
Notables: Ross is averaging 74.92 per round. ... Ross' last two rounds of the District 2 Championship were really good as he shot 68 and 73. ... Ross said he will likely play at a four-year school next year but is waiting to finalize things. ... Ross played on last year's MC national team and has experience playing in this tournament.

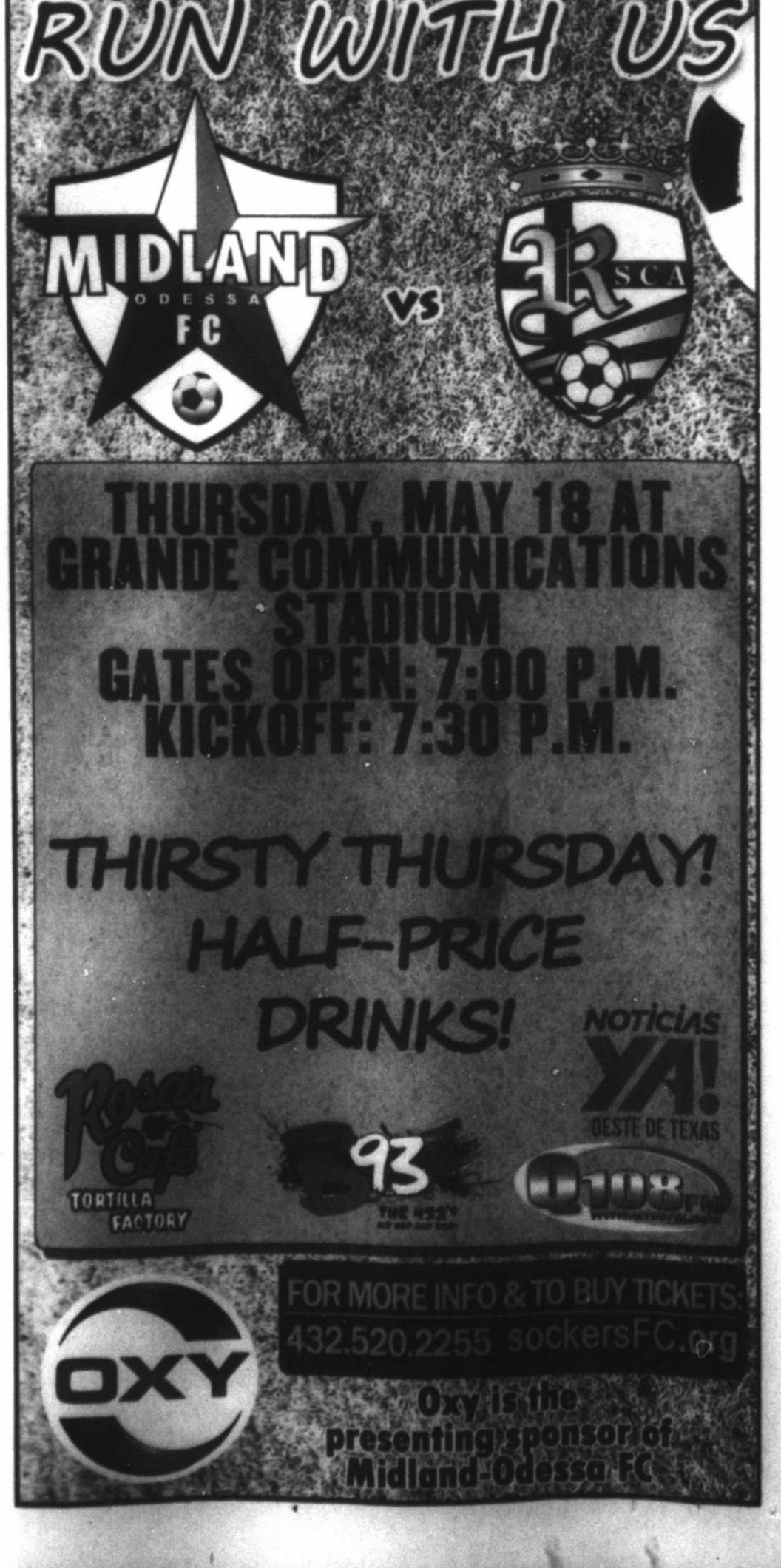
COLEMAN HOUSTON
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Midland
Player's Quote: "I'm playing OK. I'm not shooting really low scores but I'm getting better and better as the days go on. It seems like it's all coming together at the right time."
Coach Delnor Poss: "Coleman Houston will be playing our No. 5 spot probably and he has stepped his game up his last three weeks. He hit a slump when he wasn't being positive or objective about his game. We created a game plan and he executed it in the regional tournament and played really well."
Notables: The Midland Christian grad is averaging 75.23 per round. ... Although Houston didn't play on last year's national team, he was there was a supporter and got a taste of what the atmosphere was like. ... He said is planning on playing at a four-year school next year but is undecided at the moment where he will attend.

MC HISTORY AT NATIONALS

This is the 30th consecutive year Midland College has qualified for the NJCAA Men's Golf Championship Tournament. Here is the history of how the Chaparrals placed with first team all-Americans in parentheses.

Year	Finish
1988	12th
1989	6th
1990	3rd (Dean Robertson)
1991	2nd (Darren Eckhardt, Andrew Collart)
1992	Champion (Steve Armstrong, Grant Thompson)
1993	3rd
1994	2nd (Chad Campbell)
1995	Champion (Derrick Pursley, Graham Davidson)
1996	4th (Davidson)
1997	6th
1998	3rd
1999	4th
2000	2nd (Ernie Rose)
2001	8th
2002	5th
2003	4th
2004	5th
2005	3rd
2006	Champion (Kevin Carrigan, Nils Bjorling)
2007	2nd (Leroux Ferreira)
2008	Champion (David Thomas, medalist champion; Patrick Solberg)
2009	Third (Tommy Sikes, medalist champion)
2010	Tied for 11th
2011	4th
2012	6th
2013	9th
2014	6th (David Wicks)
2015	16th (David Wicks)
2016	3rd

Other Midland College all-American selections
Second team — Ben Murray (2016), Tyson Turnbow (2012), Neil Gowan (2011) Van Snyman (2007, 2008), Hamilton Wheeler (2003), Andrew Lanahan (2003), Lee Rinnd (2001), Kenneth Ferrie (1999, 1998), Derrick Pursley (1996), Eudin Little (1995), Jason Brooks (1994), Stephen Dundas (1993), Shawn Savage (1993), Mark Kochan (1990), Dean Robertson (1989)
Third team — Lucas McCubbin (2016), Heinrich Frylinck (2009), J.R Reyes (2007), James Clive (1998), Jason Gardunio (1995)
Honorable mention — Sean Lawrie (2012), Luke Richardson (2011), Kevin Carrigan (2007), Greg Bowden (2005), Lane Branum (2003), Kevin Hofer (2000), Russell Wrentz (2000), J.C. Hernandez (1992), Mike Johnson (1989)
Runners-up — Wicks (2014), Rose (2000), Pursley (1995), Thompson (1992), Collart (1991) and Robertson (1990)





AP file photo

In this Oct. 10, 2014, file photo, Goodyear racing tires are lined up in the garage during practice for a NASCAR Sprint Cup series auto race at Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C. A person familiar with the contract says the NBA champion Cleveland Cavaliers will wear Goodyear's wing-foot logo on their jerseys starting next season.

NASCAR turns to softer tires to goose All-Star race

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

■ COMMENTARY

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — This is a strange time in NASCAR and one that often feels very close to the Wild West.

In this time of rebuilding, the mindset should be that anything goes and nothing is off the table. NASCAR can tinker with the rules and the regulations and the formats until something absolutely clicks. On Monday, less than two weeks away from the Coca-Cola 600, NASCAR went ahead and added a fourth stage to its longest race of the year.

Which brings us to Saturday night's All-Star Race. If given a blank sheet of paper for a race that is basically a made-for-TV cash grab, why not shake the whole thing up?

Instead, what NASCAR, Charlotte Motor Speedway and the driver council came up with was the optional use of a softer tire for the event. This is as inside baseball as can possibly be. The ability to use a softer tire is something drivers and teams will strategize over, and the true gearheads will get geeked about.

The rest of the world? Well, there are probably a million other options that might have stirred a greater interest.

The race is three segments of 20 laps and one final 10-lap segment. The softer tire should be faster than the other option, but no one is certain how long the speed will last.

Teams are now challenged to decide if they will use the tires early to be one of the 10 cars advancing to the final shootout, or if they will save the tires for the final sprint to the $1 million prize.

Got it?

Marcus Smith, the president and chief operating officer of Speedway Motorsports Inc., believes the "bonus tire" is going to add excitement to the race.

"The teams are constantly engineering their way around the boundaries that are set," Smith said. "That's part of the idea in throwing a challenge at these really smart race car drivers. The bonus tire is going to put on a new challenge for them, force them to bring their creativity and thinking, and it's going to produce a fantastic race."

OK, but we're talking about tires. Even Smith concedes it is not the sexiest fix under the sun.

"We've done the best we know we can do, with the tools we have at this time," he said.

At a time when anything should go, softer tires were the best the industry could come up with for a showcase event. Here are some other ideas, some realistic and some ridiculous:

■ Don't tell teams the rules — segment lengths, inversions, etc. — until the pre-race driver meeting. That gives them roughly 2 hours to figure out a strategy.

■ Stage an iRacing online tournament for the drivers on the infield big screen to set the starting order.

■ Make the drivers have a foot race to their car on pit road. They can begin the race whenever they climb in.

■ Raise the purse to $5 million. Put a playoff berth on the line. Somehow, raise the stakes to make it a meaningful race.

■ Make it be a true head-to-head of short shootouts in which drivers advance until one is left standing.

■ Let it be a true race of technology and drivers get to pilot whatever their team builds, ala "run what you brung."

Smith doesn't dispute that some of the notions are enticing. He personally favors something from a reality TV format, but doesn't know how workable it is just yet.

"I'd like it to be like the show 'Iron Chef,' and teams show up on Monday and get a secret part," Smith said. "There are no rules, whatever you can think of, just figure it out."

So why not let the teams run whatever they can build?

"Because it would be totally crazy and would favor the most well-heeled teams because they have an advantage," he said. "One day, I would love to get there, where we can be totally crazy. But this bonus tire is going to be cool. This bonus tire has that kind of potential."

Smith wouldn't dismiss possibly moving the race to another SMI-owned track: "I won't say never" when it comes to a move out of Charlotte. As for the track's road course, could that be in play for the All-Star race? "It could be," he said.

For now, we've got softer tires. Hopefully, that's enough.

Federer to skip French Open, focus on grass, hard courts

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

"It was a tough decision to take, because he likes to play the French Open, likes to play the big tournaments. But I think it was the best decision for him. It's an investment in his career — for this season and for the coming seasons."

Severin Luthi, Roger Federer's coach



Federer

After spending a few days practicing on clay courts in Switzerland, a healthy and well-rested Roger Federer settled on his upcoming schedule: He will bypass the French Open and turn his focus to Wimbledon, then the U.S. Open.

"It was a tough decision to take, because he likes to play the French Open, likes to play the big tournaments," Severin Luthi, who coaches Federer, said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press on Monday. "But I think it was the best decision for him. It's an investment in his career — for this season and for the coming seasons."

Federer posted a message entitled "Roger to skip Roland Garros" on his website on Monday, announcing that he will stay away from competing on clay entirely in 2017 and instead will prepare for the grass- and hard-court events that follow.

"I've been working really hard, both on and off the court, during the last month," Federer wrote, "but in order to try and play on the ATP World Tour for many years to come, I feel it's best to skip the clay court season this year."

It's the second year in a row that Federer pulled out of the French Open, where main-draw play begins in Paris on May 28. He won the title at the clay-court major in 2009 to complete a career Grand Slam.

His absence a year ago, because of back and knee problems that plagued him in 2016, ended his record streak of appearing in 65 consecutive Grand Slam tournaments — every one since the start of 2000.

Now, though, the owner of a record 18 major championships feels great.

And he wants to keep it that way.

"We are in a good situation. He is (healthier than he's) been in the last five years. We could take the decision out of a position of strength," Luthi said about pulling out of the French Open.

"We talked a few times about it but wanted to give ourselves time to think about it," he added. "We spoke again yesterday and made the final decision today."

Luthi said Federer plans to play at two grass-court tournaments in Germany — at Stuttgard starting June 12, and at Halle the week after that — before heading to Wimbledon, where play begins on July 3.

The 35-year-old Federer has not played in a tournament since April 2, when he won his third title of 2017 at the Miami Open and improved his record this year to 19-1, all on hard courts, his best start in more than a decade. At the time, he said he would be taking a break from the tour and did not commit to returning in time for the French Open.

"The start to the year has been magical for me but I need to recognize that scheduling will be the key to my longevity moving forward," Federer wrote. "Thus, my team and I concluded today that playing just one event on clay was not in the best interest of my tennis and physical preparation for the remainder of the season."

Clay tends to be the most physically demanding of tennis' surfaces, requiring plenty of tricky movement and sliding, along with lengthy, grind-it-out points.

Federer's great rival and the man known as the King of Clay, Rafael Nadal, has been back to his dominant self on the red stuff lately, compiling a 15-match winning streak and three consecutive titles, including at the Madrid Open on Sunday. That has made Nadal the favorite to collect a record 10th trophy at Roland Garros, which would be his 15th overall at majors, three away from Federer.

Luthi said Federer didn't take Nadal's recent play — or anyone else's — into account as he weighed his options.

"It's really more a decision about him than the others," Luthi said. "It would be a mistake to look at them too much."

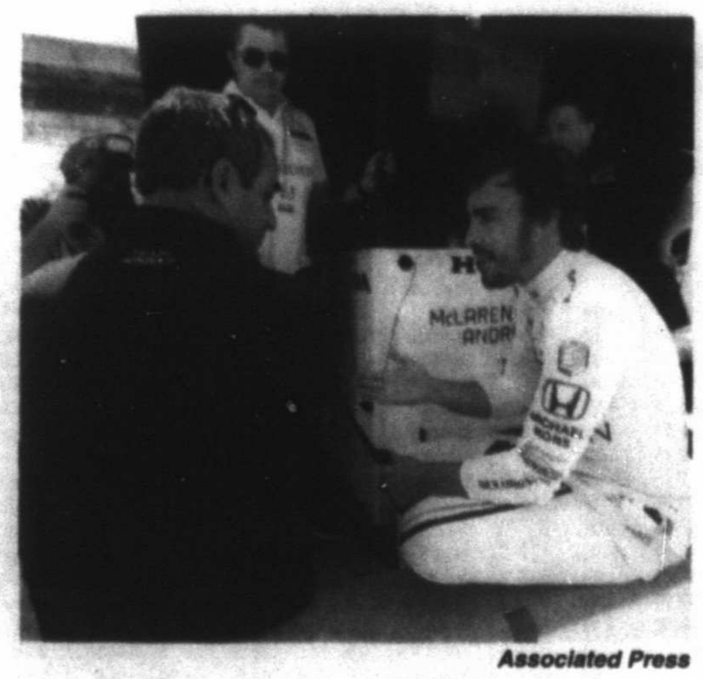
Federer missed the last half of 2016, including the Rio de Janeiro Olympics and the U.S. Open, because of his surgically repaired left knee. He started this season the best way possible, winning the Australian Open in January.

As for Paris, if there were those worrying about whether they might have seen the last of the Swiss superstar there, Federer offered a message about the future.

"I will miss the French fans, who have always been so supportive," Federer said, "and I look forward to seeing them at Roland Garros next year."

Suspension issue shortens Alonso's 1st work day at Indy

By Michael Marot
Associated Press



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Fernando Alonso, right, talks with Juan Pablo Montoya, of Colombia, during a practice session for the Indianapolis 500 IndyCar auto race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Monday in Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS — A rear suspension problem limited two-time Formula One champion Fernando Alonso to just 20 laps in Monday's opening Indianapolis 500 practice.

The Spanish driver posted a fast lap of 223.205 mph and was 19th on the speed chart. He was well off the pace of 226.338 set by his teammate Marco Andretti.

Andretti Autosport took two of the top five spots, and Honda drivers claimed four of the top five spots.

Less than two weeks ago, Alonso made his oval debut at the historic 2.5-mile Brickyard in a solo test.

On Monday, things changed. The overcast skies and cool temperatures were replaced by sunshine and temperatures in the low 80s, and this time Alonso had to contend with 32 other drivers on the track.

The biggest question looming for Alonso was dealing with the traffic.

Andretti's team had planned to give Alonso a small taste of it during the usually chaotic final 60 minutes, known at the track as Happy Hour.

But their strategy was thwarted by the suspension problem. Now Alonso will spend the next four days trying to make up for lost time before qualifying begins Saturday.

Michael Andretti believes Alonso's racing experience will help the IndyCar rookie get up to speed quickly and perhaps even contend for a win.

Before then, though, Alonso acknowledges he has a lot to learn about the course, the changing track conditions, different racing styles and what it takes to put a car in position to win this race.

"I think the most difficult thing will be the race itself," Alonso said. "You know all things that happen in a race like this one, which are the traffic and learning all the little tricks to overtake and to use the performance of your car at which point in the race — all these things that you can only learn with experience.

"I don't have the experience, and I don't have the time. So I have to learn as quick as I can in the next 10 days to try and close that gap."

Qualifying is set for Saturday and Sunday. The 101st running of the 500 is scheduled for May 28.

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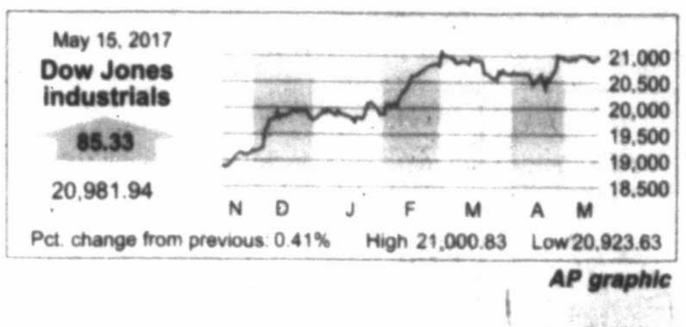
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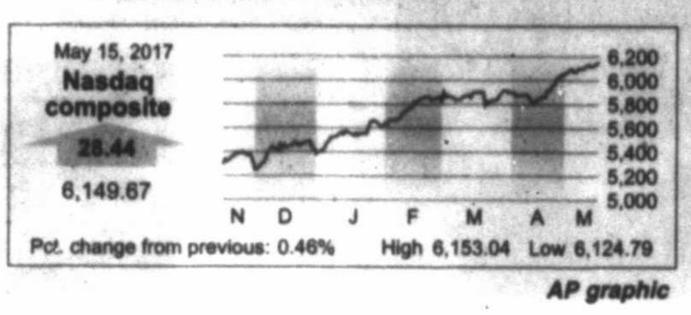


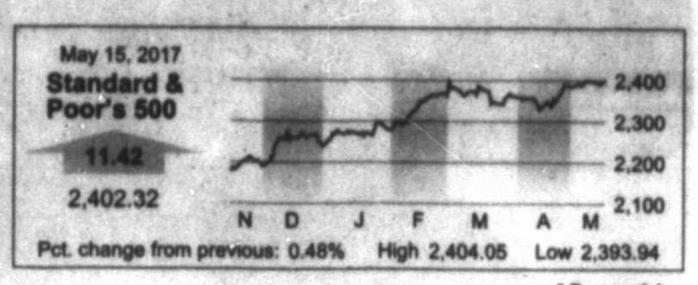
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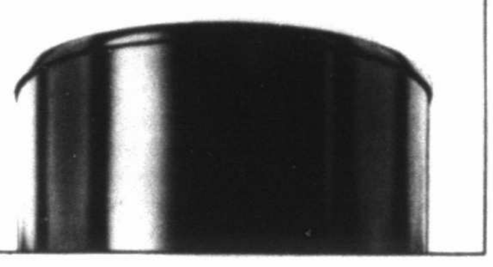
Monday: $45.50
Previous: $44.25

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Monday: $41.45
Previous: $40.20

NATURAL GAS

Monday: $3.349
Previous: $3.424



NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Snapinc A	1639907	20.74	+1.60
S&P500ETF	508852	240.30	+1.32
SPDR Fncl	503894	23.74	+.18
Ambev	479081	6.33	+.07
BkofAm	478370	24.06	+.06

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Patheon n	34.60	+8.60	+33.1
vivaviet	4.50	+.55	+13.9
LaQuinta	15.17	+1.80	+13.5
Lee Ent	2.25	+.25	+12.5
NeoPhotor	9.34	+.91	+10.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Versc Cp	4.83	-1.24	-20.4
QuormHl n	3.15	-.75	-19.2
WestmRs s	3.00	-.51	-14.5
Celador	2.05	-.20	-8.9
UBS 3xInvC	32.29	-2.86	-8.1

DIARY

Advanced	2,193
Declined	722
Unchanged	130
Total issues	3,045
New Highs	154
New Lows	38
Volume	3,257,943,866

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Globalstar	149501	2.23	-.06
NDynMn g	117462	1.83	-.03
NwGold g	60379	3.35	+.25
B2gold g	40566	2.46	-.01
Taseko	32889	1.32	+.17

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
StmrEn wt	2.16	+.26	+13.7
intellicheck	3.87	+.31	+8.7
UltrmtX	3.56	+.23	+6.9
AvalonMed	2.68	+.17	+6.8
AlphaPro	3.20	+.20	+6.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EnvroSy	21.05	-3.30	-13.6
AmShrd	3.85	-.58	-13.1
OrchidPhR	14.99	-1.71	-10.2
VistaroFX	3.55	-.21	-5.6
UnvSeismic	2.55	-.14	-5.2

DIARY

Advanced	241
Declined	96
Unchanged	26
Total issues	363
New Highs	25
New Lows	8
Volume	117,264,520

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
FrontierCm	424380	1.29	-.06
Cisco	291815	34.23	-.78
Microsoft	284319	68.43	-.05
Nvidia	252924	134.31	+6.42
FireEye	251983	15.90	+.11

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BiondVx wt	2.33	+1.02	+78.5
CellularBio	8.60	+3.30	+62.3
EntreroM rs	4.10	+1.45	+31.2
SORL	5.88	+1.32	+29.1
AlnylamP	66.00	+9.23	+16.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Fortemn n	14.93	-4.79	-24.3
US AutoPts	3.11	-.75	-19.6
Westmnts	8.03	-1.79	-18.2
PhrmAg	9.05	-1.47	-14.0
EaglePhrm	82.30	-12.95	-13.6

DIARY

Advanced	898
Declined	942
Unchanged	204
Total issues	3,044
New Highs	206
New Lows	55
Volume	1,755,783,581

Anheuser-Busch will invest in US to push beyond Bud

Bloomberg

The maker of Budweiser, facing more competition in America from craft brews and cocktails, is spending billions to fight back.

Anheuser-Busch InBev will devote $2 billion in U.S. capital spending to bolstering its flagship brands and improving distribution. The money also will help support the company's forays into "near beer," alcoholic sparkling water, and other products — like tea — that are far afield from its original mission.

The investment, which extends through 2020, is a bet that Anheuser-Busch can push into new categories without neglecting its core business: traditional beer brands. Striking that balance will be key to the company's future, Anheuser-Busch Chief Executive Officer Joao Castro Neves said in an interview.

"What we are trying to do is the 'and' and not the 'or,'" he said.

The first $500 million will be spent this year on what Castro Neves calls the company's three pillars: elevating its biggest beer brands, building its presence in craft brews and imports, and pushing beyond regular beer into low-alcohol beverages and other drinks.

Anheuser-Busch has already bought nine U.S. craft-beer brands, and it's in the process of closing a deal for Asheville, North Carolina-based Wicked Weed, which makes beers with names such as Angel of Darkness, Iron Lady and Barrel Aged French Toast.

Castro Neves sees the company's craft and smaller-scale producers as key to keeping up with rapid shifts in customer preferences. "They are very close to consumers, and they help us stay ahead of the curve," he said.

The company's capital spending will help foster some of its smaller brands. Castro Neves cited a $15 million investment at a facility in Fairfield, California, that will allow craft partner Elysian Brewery to produce its Space Dust beer there. (Elysian's website describes the hops flavor as "pure starglow energy.")

Expanding the portfolio is critical because beer volumes are declining, particularly in Anheuser-Busch's top categories. Beer's share of the U.S. alcohol market lost ground to liquor for a seventh straight year in 2016, falling a percentage point to 47 percent, according to the Distilled Spirits Council, a trade organization. Spirits rose to 36 percent from 35 percent.

The shift has led Anheuser-Busch to look outside beer for growth. The brewer has acquired SpikedSeltzer, an alcoholic sparkling water, and formed a partnership with Starbucks Corp. to brew, bottle and sell ready-to-drink Teavana teas. Anheuser-Busch also has a joint venture with JAB Holding Co.'s Keurig to develop an at-home drink maker.

Judge tells Uber to return Waymo files taken by engineer

Associated Press

DETROIT — A federal judge's order that bars Uber from using technology taken by a star engineer before he left Waymo is bad news for Uber and likely will hurt the ride-hailing company's own self-driving research, according to legal experts.

The ruling by District Judge William Alsup in San Francisco Monday was mainly a victory for Waymo, the autonomous car unit spun off from Google, even though the judge refused to order a halt to Uber's autonomous car research as Waymo had requested, the experts said.

Waymo showed "compelling evidence" that a former Waymo engineer named Anthony Levandowski downloaded thousands of confidential files before leaving the company, the order said. Levandowski set up his own firms, which then were sold to Uber for $680 million. Evidence showed that Levandowski and Uber planned the acquisitions before Levandowski left Waymo, Alsup's order said.

"He clearly believes that Levandowski is guilty as sin and that Uber hired him, knowing this full well," said John Coffee, a Columbia University law professor who specializes in white-collar crime and corporate governance. "He is ruling that some of this information is stolen (or 'misappropriated') and in the long run that will likely have a devastating impact on Uber."

Waymo sued Uber in February alleging that the ride-hailing company is using stolen self-driving technology to build its own autonomous cars. Monday's ruling prevents Uber from using Waymo's technology on a laser navigational tool called Lidar that robotic cars use to see what's around them.

S&P 500 reaches record

A spurt in oil prices on Monday revived energy stocks, which have been among the year's worst performers, and helped push the broader market back to record highs.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index climbed 11.42 points, or 0.5 percent, to 2,402.32, edging past its prior record set last week.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 85.33 points, or 0.4 percent, to 20,981.94, the Nasdaq composite gained 28.44, or 0.5 percent, to 6,149.67 and the Russell 2000 index of smaller stocks rose 11.15 points, or 0.8 percent, to 1,393.92.

Energy stocks helped lead the way after the price of oil jumped on expectations that the global glut of crude may ease.

A wide group of oil-producing countries has already cut production in hopes of supporting the price of oil, and Russia and Saudi Arabia said they want to extend the cuts through the first three months of 2018.

The price of oil has swung sharply in recent years, from more than $100 three years ago to less than $30 last year, as concerns wax and wane that supplies will overwhelm demand.

Metal prices rise

In the commodities markets, the price of gold rose $2.30 to settle at $1,230 per ounce, silver rose 20 cents to $16.60 per ounce and copper gained nearly 2 cents to $2.54 per pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $134.01 Up 0.67

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.51 Down 0.02

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $103.28 Up 1.38

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.09 Up 0.04

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $3.96 Up 0.10

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $26.80 Up 0.15

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $12.99 Up 0.42

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $40.99 Up 0.62

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.36 Down 0.14

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $18.25 Up 0.45

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.96	11	38.59	-.10	-9.3
Abraxas			1.93		-24.9
AdaDvsEq	92e		14.12	+.08	+11.1
AMD			11.42	+.16	+.7
Alibaba		39	121.40	+1.06	+38.3
AlonUSA	.60		12.51	.02	+9.9
Ambev	.06e	5	6.33	+.07	+28.9
Amgen	4.60f	14	159.97	**+.90**	**+9.4**
Anadarko	.20	...	51.88	**+.25**	**-25.6**
Apache	1.00	...	50.97	**-.48**	**-19.7**
Apple Inc	2.52f	18	155.70	+.40	+34.4
ApldMatl	.40	22	44.32	**+.88**	**+37.3**
ArcelorMit		7	7.50	+.23	+2.7
Archrock	.48		11.35	+.20	-14.0
ATMOS	1.80	23	81.36	**+.02**	**+9.7**
AutoData	2.28	25	98.45	+1.28	-4.2
BP PLC	2.38	53	35.71	**+.32**	**-4.5**
BakrHu	.68		58.01	-.25	-10.7
BkofAm	.30f	15	24.06	+.06	+8.9
B iPVxST rs			13.79	-.25	-45.9
BaringsCp s	1.20		15.44	-.02	-.2
BasicEnS			45		
BerkHa A	...		162458000.00	**+580.00**	**+.7**
BlkHillsCp	1.78f	21	68.79	**+.26**	**+12.1**
BrMySq	1.56f	33	55.10	**+.07**	**-5.7**
BrownFA s	...	31	50.45	**+.50**	**+9.1**
BrownFB s	...	...	49.47	**+.27**	**+10.1**
CVS Health	2.00f	14	80.47	+.26	+2.0
CallonPet	...	39	12.59	**+.14**	**-18.1**
Caterpillar	3.08	31	102.42	+1.71	+10.4
Celestic g		10	14.10	+.12	+19.0
CntryLink	2.16	11	24.81	+.18	+4.3
ChesEng	...	51	5.57	-.06	-20.7
Chevron	4.32	...	106.85	**-.89**	**-9.2**
Chicos	.33	17	12.50	-.26	-13.1
Cimarex	.32	55	117.19	-.10	-13.8
Cisco	1.16	18	34.23	+.78	+13.3
Citigroup	64	12	61.42	+.35	+3.3
CliffsNRs	...	6	6.34	+.31	-24.6
CobaltEn			.31	+.05	-74.3
CocaCola	1.48	27	43.73	+.14	+5.5
ColgPalm	1.60f	25	71.85	**+.40**	**+9.5**
ConAgra	.80	20	37.85	**+.39**	**-4.3**
ConchoRes	...	...	134.01	**+.87**	**+1.1**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConocoPhil	1.06	53	47.44	+.47	-5.4
CrackerB	4.60	25	161.98	-.31	-3.0
CrosTim	1.10e	15	15.24	+.07	-15.2
DCP Mid	3.12	22	36.34	.26	-5.3
DTE	3.30f	24	105.95	+.53	+7.6
Delcath rs		...	.03	+.00	-96.3
DevonE	.24	...	38.16	**+.30**	**-16.4**
DxGBull rs		...	35.00	+.39	
DrGMBll rs		...	18.75	+.27	
Disney	1.56f	19	109.13	**-.56**	**+4.7**
DowChm	1.84	20	62.40	**+.36**	**+9.1**
EOG Resrc	.67	...	94.73	**4.03**	**-6.3**
EldorGld g	.02e	...	3.40	-.26	+5.6
Energen	.08	...	53.75	+.92	-6.8
EnPro	.88	44	70.48	**+.72**	**+4.6**
EntProdPt	1.66f	21	27.11	+.03	+.3
Ericsson	.11e	...	6.86	+.18	+14.2
ExactSci h		...	32.43	-1.34	+142.7
ExxonMbl	3.08f	37	82.80	**+.25**	**-6.3**
Facebook	...	33	150.19	-.14	+30.5
FireEye		...	15.90	+1.11	+33.6
FordM	.60a	6	10.94	+.02	-9.8
FrptMcM	...	...	11.75	+.24	-10.9
FrontierCm	.16m	...	1.29	+.08	-61.8
GATX	1.68	10	58.99	**+.39**	**-4.2**
GabMultT	.94e	...	8.49	**+.02**	**+17.3**
GAInv	1.15e	...	34.17	**+.11**	**+9.6**
GenElec	.96	20	28.18	**-.09**	**-10.8**
GenMotors	1.52	5	33.82	+.20	-2.9
Gerdau	.02e	...	3.16	+.13	+.6
Globalstar	...	20	2.23	-.06	+41.1
GtPlainEn	1.16	17	28.14	**-.07**	**+2.9**
HalibrTn	.72	...	46.51	+1.37	-14.0
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	40.15	+.41	+20.4
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	39.57	+.51	+14.0
iShEMkts	.84e	...	41.64	+.42	+18.9
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	65.57	+.33	+13.6
iShR2K	1.77e	...	138.58	+1.07	+2.8
Intel	1.09f	16	35.63	**+.10**	**-1.8**
InterDig	1.20	10	85.30	-.65	-6.6
JD.com		...	40.23	-.33	+58.1
JohnsJn	3.20	19	126.99	**+3.36**	**+10.2**
KlmbrClk	3.88	21	128.00	**+.01**	**+12.2**
KindMorg	.50	66	19.90	-.01	-3.9

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Kinross g		60	4.17	+.03	+34.1
LegacyRes	60m	...	2.09	+.04	-1.4
Lubys	...	...	2.72	**-.03**	**-36.4**
Macys	1.51	9	23.21	-.40	-35.2
MarathnO	.20		14.54	+.26	-16.0
McDnlds	3.76	27	146.28	+.92	+20.2
Merck	1.88	17	63.51	-.06	+7.9
MeritMed	...	43	34.15	**+.73**	**+28.9**
MexcoEn			3.96	+.10	-20.8
MicronT		35	28.83	-.10	+31.5
Microsoft	1.56	30	68.43	+.05	+10.1
Mondelez	.76	31	45.81	+.94	+3.3
Nabors	.24		10.04	+.44	-38.8
NatGrid	3.35e	...	67.60	**+.62**	**+15.9**
NOilVarco	.20	26	33.91	+.12	-9.4
NobleCorp	.08	4	4.71	+.19	-20.4
NokiaCp	.17e		6.21	+.04	+29.1
NDynMn g			1.83	-.03	-11.6
Novavax			1.09	+.09	-13.5
NSTPtS	.55e	...	14.52	**-.03**	**+2.5**
NTXQI	.65	...	14.35	**+.06**	**+4.6**
Nvidia	.56	43	134.31	+6.42	+25.8
OcciPet	3.04	...	61.31	**+.44**	**-13.9**
PDC Engy	...	...	52.76	**-.45**	**-27.3**
Pandora			9.72	-.10	-25.5
PerTech	...	25	8.39	**-.02**	**+50.4**
PerkDrl	...	...	1.60	**+.15**	**-38.5**
Patheon n	...	...	34.60	+8.60	+20.5
PetluTI	.00	...	21.71	**+.95**	**-19.4**
Penney		14	4.34	-.21	-47.8
PennaRE	.84	9	10.99	**-.41**	**-42.0**
Prmian	.46e	28	9.91	+.09	+28.5
Petrobras	...	...	10.41	+.17	+3.0
Pfizer	1.28	14	33.12	**+.11**	**+2.0**
PioNtrl	.06	...	173.85	+2.21	-3.5
PlainsAAP	2.20	30	27.84	**+.24**	**-14.4**
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	139.04	+.44	+17.4
Praxair	3.15	23	130.17	**+.45**	**+11.1**
PrmEgy	...	...	40.00	**...**	**-25.9**
PUVixST rs	...	...	11.86	-.55	...
ProctGam	2.76f	23	86.33	**+.14**	**+2.7**
Qualcom	2.28f	17	55.40	+.08	-15.0
RangeRs	.06	35	25.32	+.29	-28.3
RiteAid	...	37	4.11	+.16	-50.1
Rowan	.40	6	13.43	+.24	-28.9

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
RoyDShllA	3.76	84	55.65	+.34	+2.3
SORL		8	5.88	+1.32	+92.8
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	209.93	+.92	+6.3
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	240.30	+1.32	+7.5
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	35.55	+.26	-14.2
SabnR	2.13e	17	37.05	-.55	+5.4
SanderFm	.96	13	113.47	**+.77**	**+20.4**
Schlmbrg	2.00	72	72.00	+.98	-14.2
SiriusXM	.04	32	4.78	+.03	+7.4
Smucker	3.00	15	124.78	+.03	-2.6
SnapInc A	n ...	...	20.74	+1.60	-15.3
SwstnEngy	...	...	7.33	-.33	-32.3
SpiritRltC	.72	9	7.31	-.09	-32.7
Sprint		...	7.88	-.07	-6.4
SP Engy	2.04e	...	68.28	+.53	-9.3
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	23.74	+.18	+2.1
Symantec	.30	9	32.00	+.99	+33.9
Synchrony	.26	10	27.11	+.52	-25.3
TelefEsp	1.20e	...	11.12	**+.07**	**+20.9**
Tesoro	2.20	14	81.96	+1.10	-6.3
3M Co	4.70	24	197.63	+1.06	+10.7
Tidwtr	1.00		.70	-.18	-79.6
Torchmark	.60f	17	76.02	**+.79**	**+3.1**
Transocn		10	10.80	+.18	-26.7
TriContl	.82e	...	23.87	**+.09**	**+8.3**
21stCFoxA	.36	16	27.73	-.21	-1.1

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Twitter	...	...	19.23	+.82	+18.0
TylerTech	...	54	168.93	**+1.71**	**+18.3**
UBSI	1.32	20	38.85	**+.40**	**-16.0**
US OilFd			10.17	+.22	-13.2
USSteel	.20	...	20.14	+.10	-39.0
Vale SA	.29e	...	8.51	+.25	+11.7
ValeantPh	...	2	14.17	+.58	-2.4
ValeroE	2.80	18	65.55	-.17	-4.1
Valvoline n	.05p	...	22.96	+.31	+6.8
VanEGold	.12e	...	22.80	+.08	+9.0
VanE JrGld	...	...	32.76	+.22	+3.8
VangEmg	1.10e	...	41.31	+.36	+15.5
VerizonCm	2.31	11	45.38	-.46	-15.0
VulcanM	1.00	41	130.71	**+2.46**	**+4.4**
WEC Engy	2.08	21	61.01	+.22	+4.0
WalgBoots	1.50	18	84.96	-.29	+2.7
WeathfInt	...	...	5.23	+.19	+4.8
WellsFargo	1.52	13	53.32	+.30	-3.2
WstnRefin	1.81f	27	35.47	+.42	-6.3
WhitingPet	...	...	8.74	+.27	-27.3
WmsCos	1.20f	44	30.78	+.46	-1.2
XcelEngy	1.44f	21	45.81	**+.23**	**+12.6**
Xerox	.25m	10	7.15	**+.10**	**+24.3**
Yamana g	.02	...	2.73	+.01	-2.8
Zynga	...	...	3.39	+.07	+31.9

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21,169.11	17,063.08	Dow Jones Industrials	20,981.94	+85.33	+.41	+6.17	+18.47
9,639.33	7,029.41	Dow Jones Transportation	9,067.23	+66.09	+.73	+.26	+19.90
723.83	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	702.48	+2.19	+.31	+6.50	+5.41
11,688.45	9,918.72	NYSE Composite	11,614.23	+67.18	+.58	+5.04	+12.41
6,133.00	4,574.25	Nasdaq Composite	6,149.67	+28.44	+.46	+14.24	+28.78
2,403.72	1,991.68	S&P 500	2,402.32	+11.42	+.48	+7.30	+16.24
1,761.08	1,409.53	S&P Midcap	1,731.13	+11.80	+.69	+4.25	+19.00
25,052.13	20,583.79	Wilshire 5000	24,981.52	+125.63	+.51	+6.64	+17.06
1,425.69	1,085.88	Russell 2000	1,393.92	+11.15	+.81	+2.71	+24.88

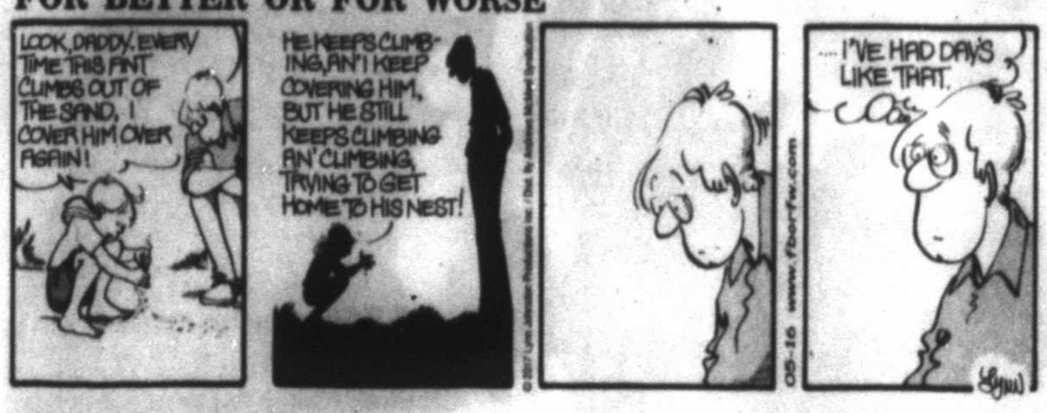
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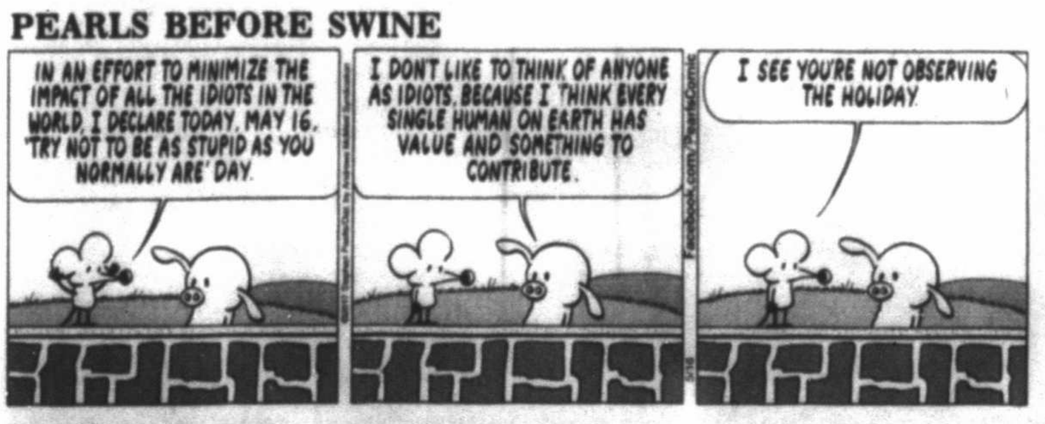
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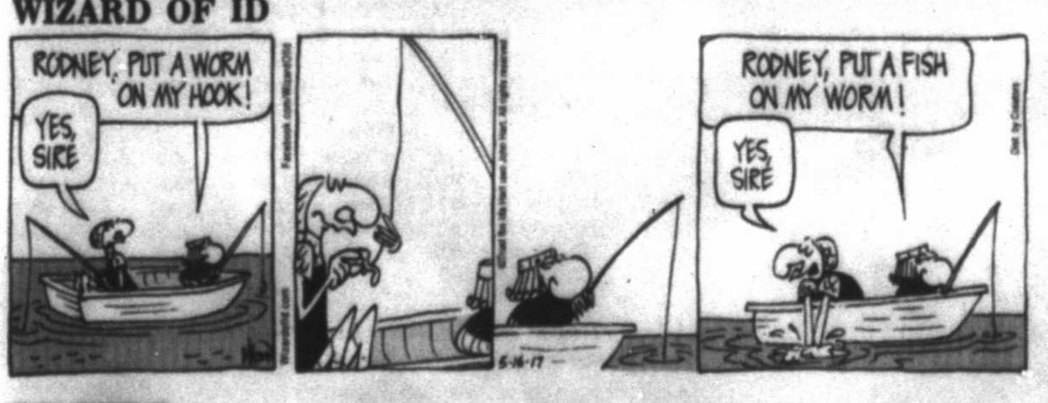
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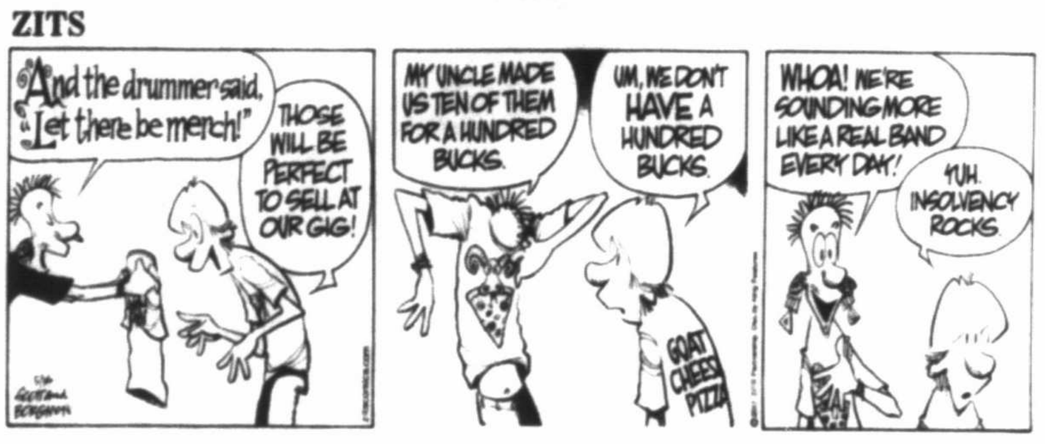
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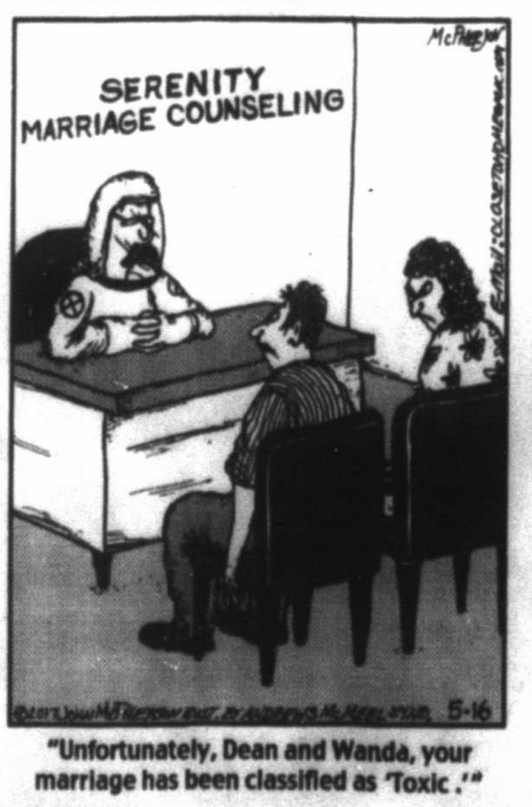
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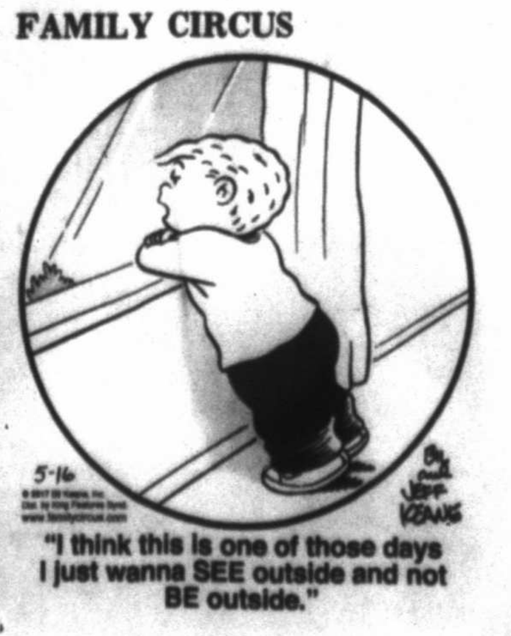
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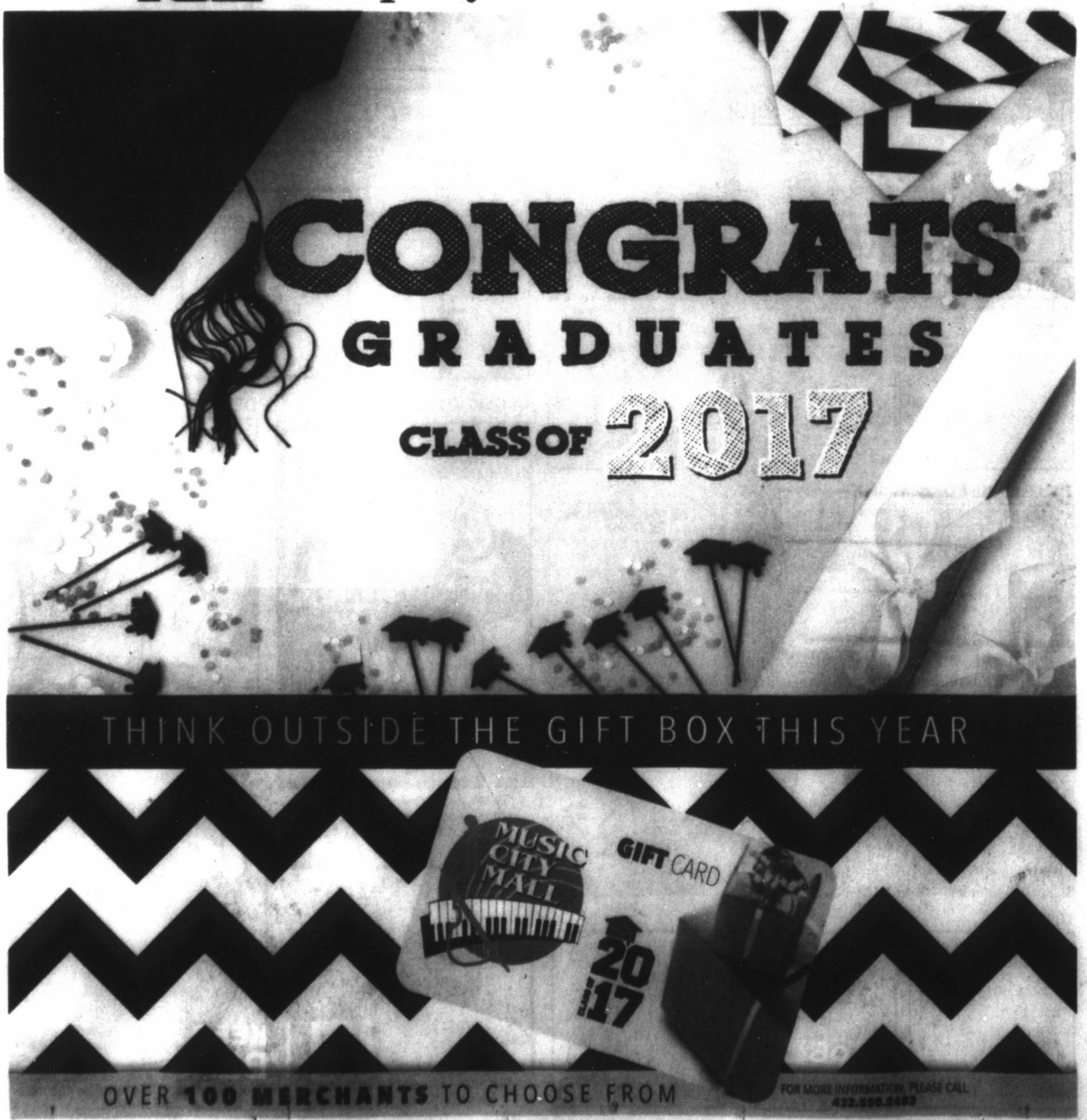


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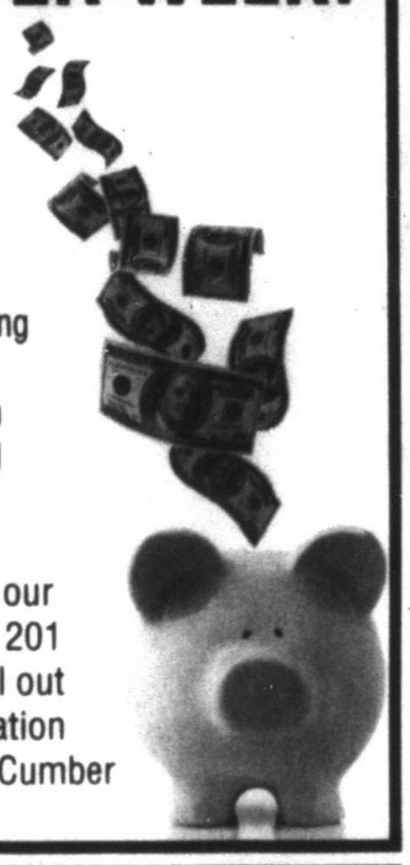
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Gate Attendants needed

Gate Guard Services is looking for Gate Attendants in West Texas area, must have RV or Traveling trailer and must pass background. Requirements needed: Non-Commissioned license. Please call Patty for more information @ 361-949-6992.

GATE GUARD SERVICES, L.P.

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Part Time Pool Monitor, Airline Mobile Home Park. No experience necessary, $10 per hour. Phone 432-694-2534

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Notice to Vendors

VOIP Circuit Service (SIP TRUNK)

The Midland Independent School District invites qualified vendors to submit a sealed bid(s) for **Bid #17-022 VOIP Circuit Service (SIP Trunk)** through the MISD electronic bid system. Bids will be publicly opened and read in accordance with the bid documents in the office of Rebecca Mull, Director of Procurement Services, at 615 W. Missouri Avenue, Suite 707, Midland, Texas at **2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, June 7, 2017.** Bid documents may be obtained by registering as a supplier at www.midlandisd.com/domain/44. For any questions, contact MISD Procurement Services department at (432) 240-1965.

NOTICE OF ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST ESTATE OF ELNA S. CROOK, DECEASED

Administration of the Estate of ELNA S. CROOK, Deceased, has been commenced by the issuance of Original Letters Testamentary to JENNY L. KLATT, on May 10, 2017, by the County Court of Midland County, Texas, acting in Cause No. P-19073 styled the Estate of ELNA S. CROOK, Deceased, in which Court the matter is pending. All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby notified to present the same to JENNY L. KLATT, Independent Executor, in c/o PATRICK S. DUFFY, P.C., 600 N. MARIENFELD. SUITE 310, MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701-3351 within the time prescribed by law

PATRICK S. DUFFY, ATTORNEY FOR
JENNY L. KLATT,
INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR

Legal and Public Notices

Aces Grill, LLC dba Toros Cafe is making application to the TABC for an On Premise Wine and Beer Retailer's Permit located at 5701 Starboard Dr, Ste 9, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79705. Officer is Antonio Frescaz.

Notice of Sale of Personal Property to satisfy a landlords lien for CASH ONLY.

Sale date is Thursday June 8, 2017 @ 10:25am.

Aztec A-1 Storage
1219 S Midland Dr
Midland TX 79703

#210 Wendel Lewis*
#352 Petra Lucio*

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Aztec Storage Center
500 S Midland DR
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Time 10:00am

173 Monica Vasquez

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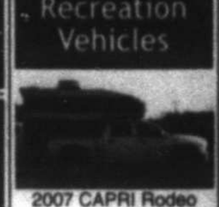
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RV Vehicles

2015 36' trailer, 2 slides, fairly new, washer & dryer, 2 A/C's, Never had pets, children or smoking. $20,000. 817-846-7675



Recreation Vehicles



2007 CAPRI Rodeo truck camper, has shower, cook top, sink, hot water heater, water storage with water pump, propane compartment, microwave, refrigerator, & A/C. All works great & in very good condition. $4,500.00 Call 432-413-9190.

2013 MONTE Carlo 5th wheel, 2 bedroom, 3 slide outs, washer & dryer, 2 A/C, fully loaded. Must sell! 682-241-3228.

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HARLEY DAVIDSON 2013, Road King Classic. Two-tone red/merlot. 380 miles. Garage kept. Mint condition. Asking $15,000. 432-254-0025.

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Autos For Sale-Lease

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2001 MAZDA Tribute all wheel drive. Excellent condition must see. Engine recently replaced. Warranty $4,500. 432-349-0041.

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Commercial Vehicles

Tractors and Trailers

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RV Vehicles

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ROYAL TRAVELER 2016 38', 2 slide outs, 2 Airs, electric awning, fireplace, washer & dryer, many extras. Excellent condition. $26,500 OBO. 817-689-2127

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Furniture

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Miscellaneous 4-Sale

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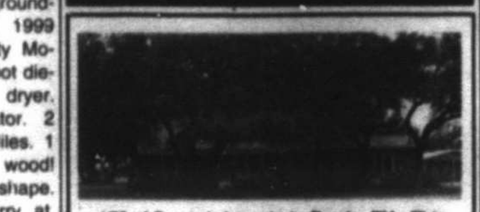
TWO MANNEQUINS 1 male 1 female on stands. Full body, life like faces. Comes with wigs. $ 50 each. Call 432-689-8871

Pets-Animals

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Residential Sales

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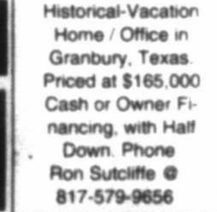
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Lots and Land

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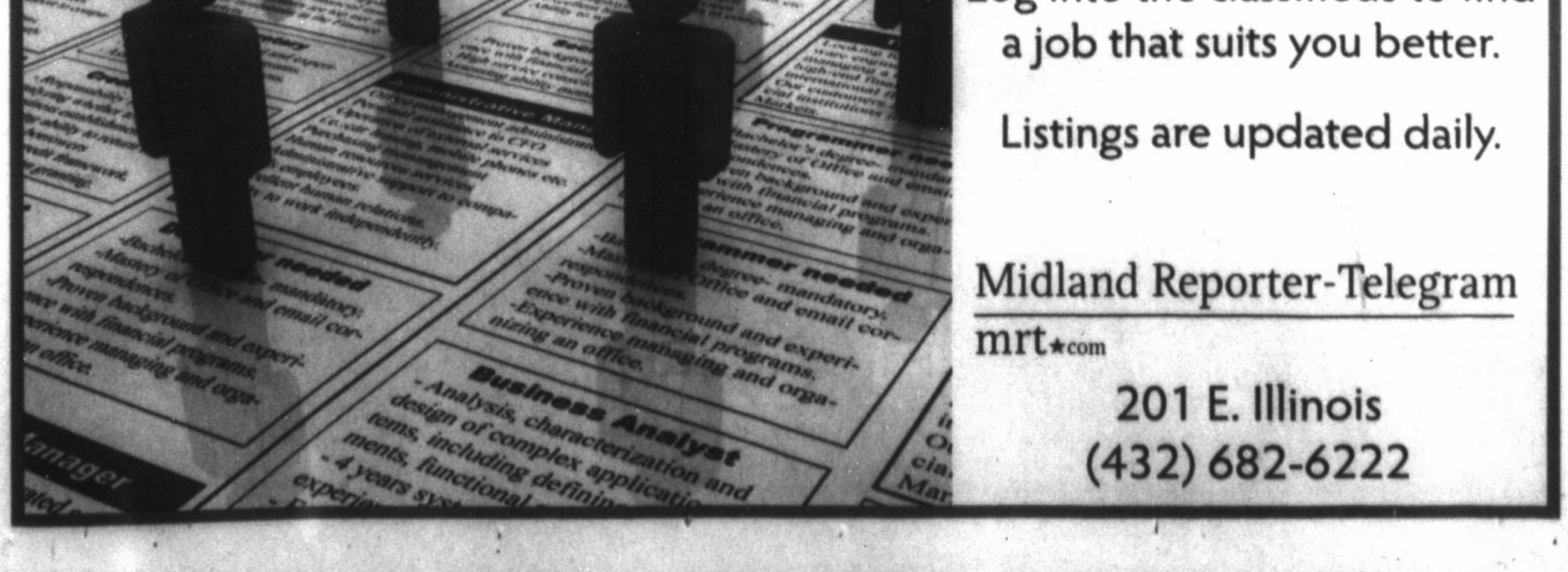
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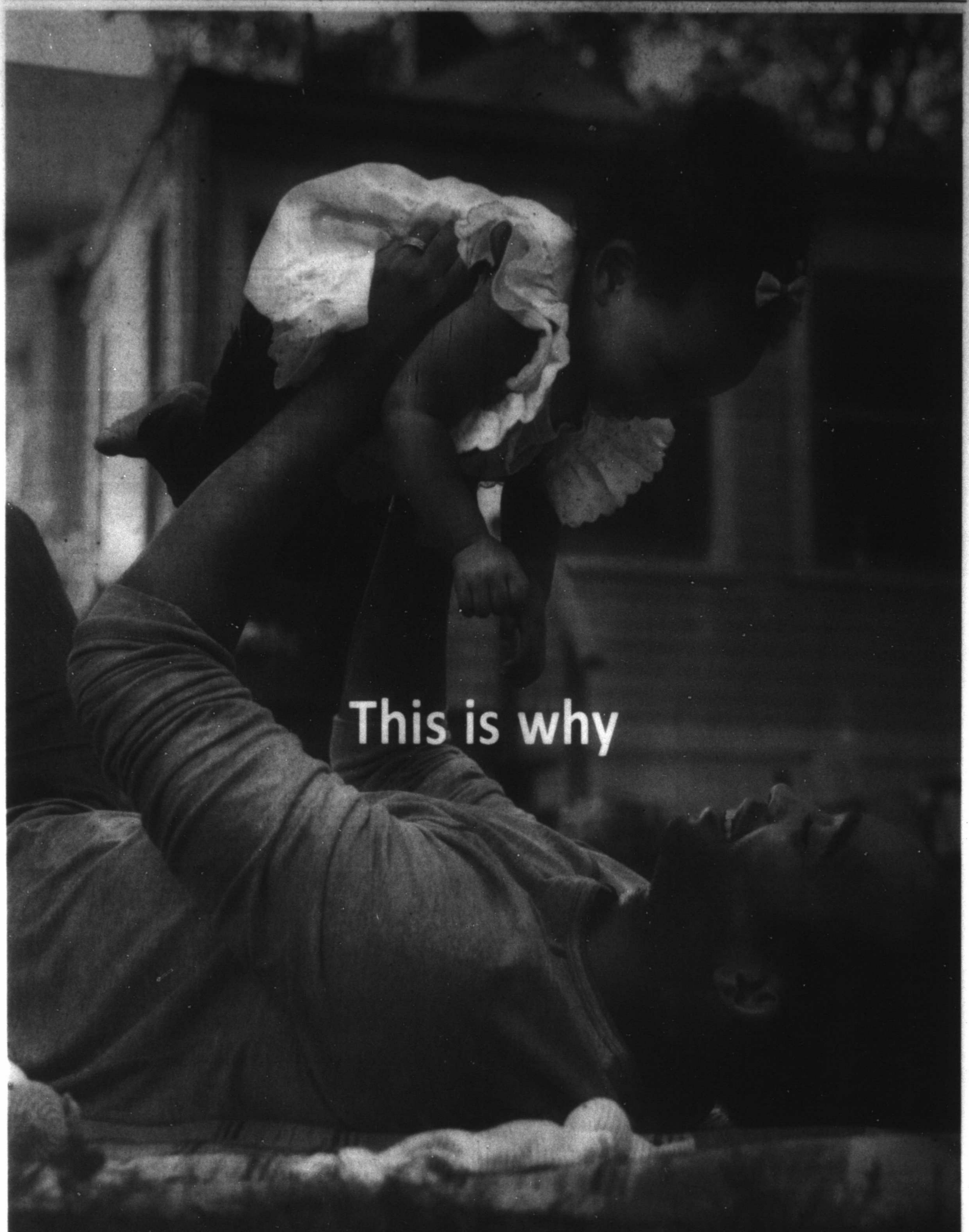


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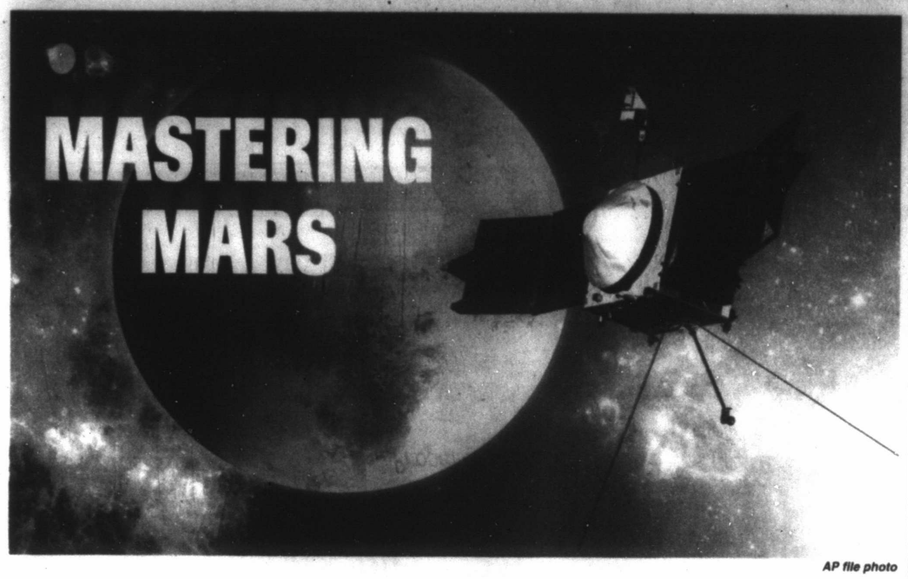
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In this artist concept provided by NASA, the MAVEN spacecraft approaches Mars on a mission to study its upper atmosphere. On Sept. 21, 2014, NASA's Maven spacecraft entered orbit around Mars for an unprecedented study of the red planet's atmosphere following a 442 million-mile journey that began nearly a year before.

Mining the moon for rocket fuel to get us to Mars

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Forty-five years have passed since humans last set foot on an extraterrestrial body. Now, the moon is back at the center of efforts not only to explore space, but to create a permanent, independent space-faring society.

Planning expeditions to Earth's nearest celestial neighbor is no longer just a NASA effort, though the U.S. space agency has plans for a moon-orbiting space station that would serve as a staging ground for Mars missions in the early 2030s. The United Launch Alliance, a joint venture between Lockheed Martin and Boeing, is planning a lunar fueling station for spacecraft, capable of supporting 1,000 people living in space within 30 years.

Billionaires Elon Musk, Jeff Bezos and Robert Bigelow all have companies aiming to deliver people or goods to the moon. Several teams competing for a share of Google's US$30 million cash prize are planning to launch rovers to the moon.

We and 27 other students from around the world recently participated in the 2017 Caltech Space Challenge, proposing designs of what a lunar launch and supply station for deep space missions might look like, and how it would work.

Right now, all space missions are based on, and launched from, Earth. But Earth's gravitational pull is strong. To get into orbit, a rocket has to be traveling 11 kilometers a second — 25,000 miles per hour.

Any rocket leaving Earth has to carry all the fuel it will ever use to get to its destination and, if needed, back again. That fuel is heavy — and getting it moving at such high speeds takes a lot of energy. If we could refuel in orbit, that launch energy could lift more people or cargo or scientific equipment into orbit. Then the spacecraft could refuel in space, where Earth's gravity is less powerful.

The moon has one-sixth the gravity of Earth, which makes it an attractive alternative base. The moon also has ice, which we already know how to process into a hydrogen-oxygen propellant that we use in many modern rockets.

Roving LunaNASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter and Lunar Crater Observation and Sensing Satellite missions have already found substantial amounts of ice in permanently shadowed craters on the moon.

Those locations would be tricky to mine because they are colder and offer no sunlight to power roving vehicles. However, we could install big mirrors on the craters' rims to illuminate solar panels in the permanently shadowed regions.

Rovers from Google's Lunar X Prize competition and NASA's Lunar Resource Prospector, set to launch in 2020, would also contribute to finding good locations to mine ice.

Depending on where the best ice reserves are, we might need to build several small robotic moon bases. Each one would mine ice, manufacture liquid propellant and transfer it to passing spacecraft. Our team developed plans to accomplish those tasks with three different types of rovers. Our plans also require a few small robotic shuttles to meet up with nearby deep-space mission vehicles in lunar orbit.

One rover, which we call the Prospector, would explore the moon and find ice-bearing locations. A second rover, the Constructor, would follow along behind, building a launch pad and packing down roadways to ease movements for the third rover type, the Miners, which actually collect the ice and deliver it to nearby storage tanks and an electrolysis processing plant that splits water into hydrogen and oxygen.

The Constructor would also build a landing pad where the small near-moon transport spacecraft we call Lunar Resupply Shuttles would arrive to collect fuel for delivery as newly launched spacecraft pass by the moon. The shuttles would burn moon-made fuel and would have advanced guidance and navigation systems to travel between lunar bases and their target spacecraft.

When enough fuel is being produced, and the shuttle delivery system is tested and reliable, our plan calls for building a gas station in space. The shuttles would deliver ice directly to the orbiting fuel depot, where it would be processed into fuel and where rockets heading to Mars or elsewhere could dock to top up.

The depot would have large solar arrays powering an electrolysis module for melting the ice and then turning the water into fuel, and large fuel tanks to store what's made. NASA is already working on most of the technology needed for a depot like this, including docking and fuel transfer. We anticipate a working depot could be ready in the early 2030s, just in time for the first human missions to Mars.

To be most useful and efficient, the depot should be located in a stable orbit relatively near both the Earth and the moon. The Earth-moon Lagrangian Point 1 (L1) is a point in space about 85 percent of the way from Earth to the moon, where the force of Earth's gravity would exactly equal the force of the moon's gravity pulling in the other direction. It's the perfect pit stop for a spacecraft on its way to Mars or the outer planets.

Our team also found a fuel-efficient way to get spacecraft from Earth orbit to the depot at L1, requiring even less launch fuel and freeing up more lift energy for cargo items. First, the spacecraft would launch from Earth into Low Earth Orbit with an empty propellant tank.

Then, the spacecraft and its cargo could be towed from Low Earth Orbit to the depot at L1 using a solar electric propulsion tug, a spacecraft largely propelled by solar-powered electric thrusters.

This would let us triple the payload delivery to Mars. At present, a human Mars mission is estimated to cost as much as US$100 billion, and will need hundreds of tons of cargo. Delivering more cargo from Earth to Mars with fewer rocket launches would save billions of dollars and years of time.

Building a gas station between Earth and the moon would also reduce costs for missions beyond Mars. NASA is looking for extraterrestrial life on the moons of Saturn and Jupiter. Future spacecraft could carry much more cargo if they could refuel in space — who knows what scientific discoveries sending large exploration vehicles to these moons could enable?

By helping us escape both Earth's gravity and dependence on its resources, a lunar gas station could be the first small step toward the giant leap into making humanity an interplanetary civilization.

Program hopes to bring on more science teachers

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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — In an effort to bring more teachers to the classrooms, the University of Alabama will partner with local schools and educators over the next few years.

A number of city and county schools will be taking part of the Developing Leaders in Science Teachers program starting in the 2017-18 school year, the Tuscaloosa News reported. Students from the University of Alabama will be brought into classroom to shadow science teachers in hopes of becoming teachers in the future.

"They will either be assigned to the city or the county for those four years," said Dennis Sunal, director of the local program.

The program will include 15 scholarship students. They will spend the first year completing an Alternative Teacher Certification master's degree program. Afterward, the students will spend the next four years teaching biology, chemistry and physics in high school.

Each student will receive about $17,000 in scholarships. Once each student is working in a high school, they will get a $10,500 supplement in addition to their regular salary.

The program is funded through nearly a $2 million grant from the National Science Foundation. It will be funded through 2023.

Sunal said it's a struggle to find certified science teachers in Alabama and across the country in schools. He said that many who graduate from college last no longer than five years in academia.

"If you consistently lose a number of teachers, there won't be enough teachers to fill those positions," Sunal said.

Last year, the school board approved giving certified math and science teachers a $1,667 bonus per year and a $1,334 bonus per year for those with alternative baccalaureate certification.

Allison Mays, senior director of human resources at the Tuscaloosa County School System, hopes the program can be a pipeline to bring on more teachers who want to stay.

"We're excited for the possibilities this has for our students," Mays said.

There are cheaper alternatives to Adobe Photoshop rental fees

Q: Everything is "Photoshop this" or "Photoshop that." Well, have you seen how much Photoshop costs?! How can I get better bang for my buck?

A: Don't you be dissin' my Photoshop, mister! I've been using Photoshop for… well, going back to the last millennium. It was a steep learning curve, but even now, years later, I remember all the tricks I acquired over time and can just about Photoshop anything you need. I love my Photoshop.

My Photoshop version is CS5, which our family astutely acquired (via my wife's educational discount) for under $300. It is already over five years old. I was unaware of the shenanigans Adobe (adobe.com) has been up to since then.

Evidently, starting in 2013, Adobe released Photoshop CC (Creative Cloud) and instead of owning Photoshop, you now rent it on a monthly basis. Current rates for CC2017 are $10/month for the privilege of using Photoshop (bit.ly/2q3RchE). If Adobe had this model in place back in 2011, I'd have spent about $1,000 on subscription fees by now. To me, that is ridiculous. Shame on you, Adobe, shame on you.

Adobe does offer a standalone product in Photoshop Elements for under $100. Of course, what you are getting is a limited edition of the full Photoshop. bit.ly/1vqeOFB has a nice review comparing the various editions of Photoshop available.

So, now I understand your frustration with Photoshop, but what else is out there? See bit.ly/1DVAJc2 for a good overview of free, cheap, and cloud-based alternatives to Photoshop. Let's look at some of these free options more closely.

First up is GIMP (gimp.org), short for GNU Image Manipulation Program. This guy has been around for a long time and is available for any platform that isn't a handheld device. While free, donations are appreciated.

GIMP is pretty powerful. Besides the basics of cutting, pasting, resizing, cropping and distorting, it has the requisite selection tools: rectangle, circle, lasso, color range, and scissors (magnetic lasso in Photoshop-speak). It possesses an abundance of filters, so you can turn any photo into a Monet masterpiece or a Matisse mess.

Most importantly, it leverages the concept of layers and masks, which I'm very fond of in Photoshop, and allows you to get pretty sophisticated pretty quickly in image manipulation. While many of the terms and concepts are familiar to Photoshop users, it will take some time to learn the nuances and limitations of the user interface. The GIMP website has a number of helpful tutorials to get you up to speed though.

Another option in the same league as GIMP is Krita (krita.org), as in "get this krita outta here!" Chirp ... chirp. Yeah, that was bad, I have to admit. But what isn't bad is Krita. In fact, I liked it much better than GIMP. It has pretty much the same tools that GIMP has, but is presented in a much more pleasing and less confusing manner. In other words, it is more like Photoshop than GIMP is and where it differs, it is intuitive enough for a user to know what to do.

One thing that Krita does better than GIMP, or at least made easier for me to identify how to do, is layer styles. This feature allows you to add nifty effects like shadows, glows and overlays to layers. Doesn't sound like much, but trust me when I say that this makes things so much easier. Krita is available for Linux and Windows.

A much lighter option for the Windows platform is Paint.NET (getpaint.net). While it has a lot of the same selection, filtering, and layering options that the other two have, as a whole, it just feels lighter in its feature set. It also felt lighter in its processing power than the others did. So yes, while the download is smaller and its memory footprint may be smaller, the flip-side is it may take longer to do the same thing. Reminded me of working on my 486.

So there you have it. Photoshop without the Photoshopped prices!

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