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HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND

Jay Leno in town

Comedian, actor, producer and TV personality Jay Leno will take the stage Friday at Chap Center.

Dokken to play

'80s heavy metal band Dokken will rock Midland tonight at Hacienda Event Center.

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$100 for a barrel of oil? EIA says not for years

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

The collapse of oil prices might force out only a fraction of U.S. crude production in the next few years, government researchers said Tuesday, even as oil rallied on signs a global supply glut will ease.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration said a barrel of crude isn't likely to fetch $100 again for several years, in part because the nation's fields will produce 9.8 million barrels of oil a day by 2022, even at today's depressed prices. That daily production is only about 6 percent less than it would have been without the price collapse.

The Energy Department agency said production levels won't change much because the regions where oil companies have stopped drilling in response to lower prices produce only a small portion of the nation's oil. Last year, 70 percent of U.S. wells accounted for 16 percent of the nation's crude output, according to analytics firm IHS.

"The productivity of wells brought on each week has been on the rise," said Jim Burkhard, the firm's head of global oil market research. "What that means is each dollar spent this year is going to bring on significantly more oil supply than in 2014. But there's 40 percent fewer dollars being spent this year."

The Energy Information Administration said surging U.S. shale oil fields could hold the price of international crude below $80 a barrel for the next five years.

The price is still well below that now. A gain of $1.89 in trading Wednesday brought international Brent crude to $60.32. It hasn't topped $80 since November. U.S. benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude rose $3.10 to $56.39 a barrel.

Oil markets have embraced a separate EIA report earlier this week that showed U.S. shale production is set to fall by 57,000 barrels a day in May, suggesting domestic output soon will peak and then fall. That could be the first time the American shale boom has stumbled after several booming years.

But the agency's message on Tuesday seemed to downplay expectations for a big slide in production. It said if oil stays cheap, bad investment returns will prompt oil producers to stop drilling in regions they expect will yield less oil. This would have "little impact" on the nation's production, it said.

There's still a strong case that prices could erode further and put lots of pressure on producers to manage their spending, said Micheile Michot Foss, chief energy economist for the Bureau of Economic Geology's Center for Energy Economics at the University of Texas.

"There is a big difference between the top five to 10 or so shale players and everyone else," Foss said.

Low oil prices might have a bigger impact over the next 25 years, according to the government report Tuesday. It projected that domestic daily production will be down to 7.1 million barrels by 2040.

The agency predicted even as U.S. crude production tapers off after 2020, oil exporting countries could bolster global supplies and keep Brent prices below $100 a barrel through most of the next decade. But oil prices could rise to $140 a barrel by 2040 on growing global demand.

Blaze destroys trailer

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

A backyard trailer home in northeast Midland was destroyed by fire Wednesday, but no one was injured, and the source of the fire has yet to be determined, according to fire investigators.

The Midland Fire Department responded to the fire shortly before 11:40 a.m. Wednesday in the 1200 block of East Pecan Avenue. By the time firefighters extinguished the fire, the trailer was reduced to cinders. A portion of a fence surrounding the property, along with a nearby pickup, were also destroyed in the blaze.

No one was in the backyard trailer when the fire started, MFD Battalion Chief Brian McGary said.

Residents of another house on the property called 911, he said. That home was not damaged.

Minority populations became majority in 2013

By Rye Druzin
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Midland County officially broke the majority-minority barrier in 2013, according to U.S. Census Bureau and Pew Research Center figures.

The county became majority-minority as Hispanics, Asians, Native Americans and blacks/African-Americans grew to 50.6 percent of the county's population, eclipsing whites for the first time in the county's history. The Midland Development Corp. estimates that in 2015, Hispanics will make up at least 58 percent of the population.

The switch happened decades sooner than previous estimates. Texas demographer Karl Eschbach said in a presentation that Midland County would become majority-minority by 2040, according to a 2009 Reporter-Telegram article.

The census numbers show that the Tall City still had a white majority in 2010, the most recent figures available. Minorities made up 47.6 percent of city residents, but a rapid increase in Midland's population since 2010 could have changed that balance.

Despite Hispanics' growing numbers in Texas, those numbers have not turned into a political advantage. While more than 50 percent of Hispanics in Texas are registered to vote, fewer than 40 percent

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Horseshoe Pavilion's opening night runs $88,000 deficit

By Stewart Doreen
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Midland County's debut of the Horseshoe Pavilion ran a deficit of more than $88,000.

The county spent more than $187,000 on opening night, which was Feb. 7. The county reported spending $160,000 on comedian Jeff Foxworthy to headline the opening of the $24 million Horseshoe facility addition. More than $27,000 was spent on food, labor and equipment rental, according to the county.

County Judge Mike Bradford said the decision to build the Pavilion was because of the number of public requests over the years.

Opening night by the numbers

Expenditures: $187,665 ($160,000 on performer, $4,700 on food, $16,619 on labor, $6,346 on equipment rental and miscellaneous).
Ticket revenue: 99,595
Deficit: $88,070

"It was built for the public; they ought to see what it could do," Bradford said of the opening night event. "For the time and effort (it took to build the Pavilion), you don't just turn on the AC, the lights and say here it is."

Bradford said that the residents have told county officials they are amazed at the venue's "flexibility," "size" and how well it was built.

County officials told the Reporter-Telegram that they were hoping ticket revenue would make up for the cost of opening weekend expenditures. The county reported $99,595 in ticket revenue. Promotional material listed tickets in the $45 to $75 range. The event did not sell out.

The county provided the figures to the Reporter-Telegram on Tuesday. County officials as early as February said that final numbers wouldn't be released until after those numbers were approved by commissioners during a regular meeting. That approval came Monday.

In February, county officials had said they previously contacted Foxworthy to perform at the opening night show. Foxworthy's schedule on his website showed an event the night before (Feb. 6) in San Antonio. The Midland event was not listed on Foxworthy's site, as Midland County and Horseshoe operators, Dooley Management Co., produced the show.

At the time, Bradford told the Reporter-Telegram the county spent $160,000 for Foxworthy to perform his stand-up act but that final numbers related to the show were unknown.

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Weather
Mostly sunny
81/56
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Energy prices

WTI Futures	$56.39	▲ $3.10
WTI Posted	$53.00	▲ $3.30
WTS Posted	$49.50	▲ $3.25
Natural Gas	$2.210	▲ $0.080
Gasoline	$2.575	▲ $0.010

The big number
U.S. consumers spent
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Obituaries

Bobby Dean Storey

Bobby Dean Storey, age 84, of the English Community, passed away Monday, April 13, 2015, at Clarksville Nursing Center. Mr. Storey was born February 19, 1931, in the English Community of Red River County to Joseph N. and Bennie Bryant Storey. Bob was preceded in death by a son, Larry D. Storey; and 3 brothers, Quillard, Joseph N. and Ben Bryant Storey. He married Annie P. Burrow on August 13, 1949. Bob served as a police officer with the Midland Police Department from 1958 until 1974. While there he was in charge of the first canine unit that the department had. He and Annie Pearl moved back in 1974 and he joined the Bowie County Sheriff's office from 1975 until 1978. Bob joined the Red River County Sheriff's office and was appointed Red River County Sheriff in 1978 and served until 1992. He was elected Sheriff of Red River County in 2000 and served until his retirement in 2001. Bob was a member of the Texas National Guard and was a member of Friendship Lodge #16 AF&AM. He and Annie Pearl are members of the Williams Chapel United Methodist Church.

Funeral services are set for 11:00 a.m., Thursday, April 16, 2015, in Lindeman Chapel of Clarksville Funeral Home with Rev. James Brown and Rev. Jack Cloyd officiating. Burial will follow in English Cemetery under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home.

Pallbearers are Beau Brown, Gerrod Hadley, Jerry Murphy, Matt Reed, Chris Howerter, Val Varley and Brad Varley.

Honorary Pallbearers are Bill Minter, Dale Hines, Danny Hines, Eddie Cuiksa, Gene Simmons, George English, Bobby George and Ronnie Richardson.

The family will receive friends Wednesday night from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., at Clarksville Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Annie P. Storey of the English Community; 1 son, Tony Bob Storey of the English Community; 3 daughters, Sandra Embrey of Clarksville, Rhonda Reed and husband, Guy of Odessa and Lisa Hadley and husband, Glen of Midland; 1 sister, Wanda Varley of Clarksville; 1 brother, Wayne Storey of New Boston; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the English Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 6, Clarksville, Texas 75426.

The family would like to thank the staff of Clarksville Nursing Center, Paris Regional Medical Center and to the Cypress Basin Hospice for their professional care.

Online condolences may be made to the Storey family at www.clarksvillefuneralhome.com.

Christopher Digges Odum

Christopher Digges Odum, 49, of Gardendale, Texas, passed away on Monday, April 13, 2015. Graveside services will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland. Memorial services will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Midland with Dr. Steve Schorr officiating.

He was born on October 11, 1965 to Arthur and Dr. Marillyn K. "Bitsy" Odum in Washington, D.C. Christopher attended Flint Hill prep school in Virginia, where he was active in soccer for several years. Christopher loved the outdoor sports and became an experienced and expert fisherman. Christopher was united in marriage with Sherry Boyd on August 19, 2013.

Christopher was the ultimate outdoorsman, master huntsman and fisherman; he was the epitome of the guy that would never hunt an animal that he did not intend to eat. After moving from Virginia, Christopher lived a very adventurous life. Christopher explored many crafts before he applied his talents to his landscaping and Expert Tree Service. He took extreme pride in his work; it was an art with Christopher with his Tree Service to make sure it was perfect and beautiful. Christopher enjoyed being behind the camera and catching special moments; he had an eye for the perfect photo, to include many sunsets with his best friend and wife, Sherry.

Christopher was also a true patriot that had a very deep love for his country. He was proud of his American Heritage and was very engaged and informed of the state of our country, and was eager to inform others. Christopher had a big forgiving heart, he loved his family with all his heart.

He is survived by his wife, Sherry Boyd Odum of Gardendale, Texas; father, Arthur M. Odum of Midland, Texas; brother, John A. Odum; dear close relative and friend Mrs. Sue Bedford and his Aunt, Nan Kirkpatrick; also stepson, Britt Harbin of Snyder, Texas; and stepdaughter, BranDee Harbin of Abilene, Texas.

Christopher is preceded in death by his mother, Dr. Marillyn K. "Bitsy" Odum; and dear friend, Mr. H. G. Bedford.

Honorary pallbearers will be John Odum, Britt Harbin, Tim Truett, Shawn Smith, Arthur Ray Boyd, and Lourcey Sams.

The family suggests memorials be donated to The Heritage Foundation 214 Massachusetts Ave NE, Washington DC 20002-4999 or a charity of your choice.

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

Jan Riley Brockett

Jan Riley Brockett peacefully passed away on April 14, 2015, at her home surrounded by her family. She was born on December 31, 1928 to Ruth Hales Riley and Jewel Riley in Wichita Falls. She spent her preschool years living on a farm within walking distance of her much loved grandparents.

After finishing first grade she moved with her parents to Wichita Falls and lived there, with the exception of two years spent on the family ranch in Clay County, Texas, until she graduated from high school. College followed at Texas Tech where she met and, after graduation, married C.H. (Broc) Brockett. She graduated from Texas Tech with a Bachelors of Business Administration. After brief stints in Snyder and Fort Worth, Jan and C.H. settled in Midland in 1955 where they spent the rest of their lives.

While C.H. established and ran several oil field services and supply businesses, Jan's time was occupied by raising their two children, Hal and Bonny. This involved active support in all of their school and extracurricular activities. She assisted C.H. with his various businesses over the years and she was also very involved with his civic service duties, including the Jaycees. In 1968, she was named Midland's Outstanding Jaycette.

Jan was an active member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church for years, holding many offices in the church and its women's organizations. In her later years, she moved to First United Methodist Church and enjoyed the many opportunities it offered.

Midlife brought the pleasure of watching her son Hal flourish in his chosen field of law and happy times spent at their home on Lake LBJ.

After Jan's daughter Bonny passed away from complications resulting from juvenile diabetes, some of her heartbreak was offset by the joy that her two granddaughters, Jennifer and Becky, brought to her life. Jan was actively involved in the girls' lives and felt abundantly blessed that she got to watch the girls grow up, complete their educations, and make happy marriages complete with the arrival of her four great grand-children, Brock, Hudson, Jack and Lane.

After Jan was widowed, she moved to Manor Park. She enjoyed international travel and much bridge.

Jan is preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Bonny; and husband, C. H. Brockett.

She is survived by her son, Hal Brockett; granddaughter, Jennifer McNeel, her husband, Ryan McNeel and their sons, Brock and Hudson; granddaughter, Becky Martin, her husband, Jarred Martin and their sons, Jack and Lane; Jennifer and Becky's mother, Sheri Brockett; her brother, J.B. Riley and his wife, Beverly of Burkburnett; nieces, Kenda Draper, her husband Buzz Draper and their sons, Evan and Aaron of Plano, Kayonne Riley of Orlando, Florida; and nephew, Matt Riley and his wife Christina of Dallas.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2015 at First United Methodist Church of Midland, with Dr. Tim Walker officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to Hospice of Midland, 911 W Texas Ave, Midland, TX 79701, or American Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

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

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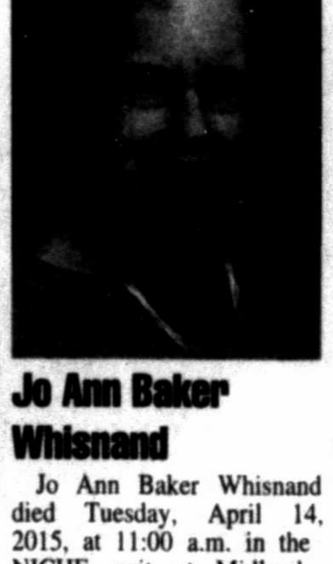

Jo Ann Baker Whisnand

Jo Ann Baker Whisnand died Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. in the NICHE unit at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Jo Ann lived a life committed to her faith and her family. On July 14, 1927, she was born to Jodie Earl Baker and Harriet Ruth Stephenson Baker in Santa Anna, Texas. She and her younger brother, Billy Don Baker, grew up learning about the Christian faith and their world from their parents, who were educators active in the Baptist church and the community.

Jo Ann graduated from Baylor University in 1948 with a degree in Home Economics and worked as a Home Demonstration Agent for the gas company. While at Baylor, she met Earl William Whisnand, and they married in March 1949. They were married for forty years and had three children, Deborah Jo, Philip Earl and Deanna Kay.

Jo Ann was active at First Baptist Church Midland and did almost everything a woman could in the Baptist Church in her day. She served in various positions in the Women's Missionary Union, too many to list, and loved teaching missions to girls in Girls' Auxiliary and Acteens. She taught preschoolers at the Child Development Center for many years. She was on the FBC pulpit committee and on the Texas Baptist Executive Board nominating committee. She never turned down an opportunity to talk about missions work to any audience.

In 1990, one of her dreams came true. She became a Mission Service Corp Volunteer for the Southern Baptist Convention. For two years, she worked at the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She would never be the same as she ministered to persons that were homeless and coordinated the church's weekly meal for the community. She made good friends among the transplanted Southern Baptists in the church who were attending Harvard and MIT, as well as local neighbors.

Jo Ann returned to FBC Midland, initially working with Reverend Banky Stocks in Benevolence Ministries. She consistently ministered there for the next 13 years. Living modestly in an apartment, she loved helping the homeless, mentally ill, and destitute in a community where they were invisible to many. After moving into the Mabee nursing facility at Manor Park in 2008, she continued reaching out to others - her fellow residents who were sad or suffering.

Both parents and her younger brother, Billy Don Baker, died before Jo Ann.

She is survived by her daughter, Reverend Deborah Whisnand; granddaughter, Elizabeth Stinson Yanev and son-in-law, Andrew Yanev; her son, Dr. Philip Whisnand and daughter-in-law, Diann Berry Whisnand; grandson Jay Whisnand and his wife, Becky, and great grandchildren Nathaniel and Bethany; grandson Wade Whisnand and his wife Tara, and great granddaughter Ruthie; and by her daughter Deanna Whisnand Rutherford and her husband John Rutherford, and grandsons Will and Kaden. Jo Ann has numerous nieces, nephews, other extended family members and good friends.

Memorial service will be Friday, April 17, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel at First Baptist Church, Midland. Graveside services will be on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at Santa Anna Cemetery in Santa Anna, Texas.

Memorials may be made to Benevolence Ministries of First Baptist Church, Midland, or Mabee Center at Manor Park, Midland.

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

Joe (Buggar Red) Burl Scott

Joe (Buggar Red) Burl Scott was born on November 15, 1928 in Rowlett, Texas to Dave Walter and Ruby Jones Scott. He spent his younger days in northeast Texas, attending school at Mt. Vernon, Greenville, and Cooper.

He moved to Childress, Texas in 1944 where he attended high school and was a member of the Childress Bobcats Team. He moved to Midland in 1948 and worked at Stuart Photo Shop and Riley Reproduction. He enlisted in the United States Army in November of 1950 and served 13 months in Korea and Japan with the 63rd Field Artillery of the 34th Regiment and 24th Division. He was discharged in October of 1952.

In 1954, he married Nell Curran and together they had four children, Doak, Randy, Sandi, and Shari. In 1955, Joe started working for the United States Post Office until his retirement in 1987 after 35 years of service. He was a little league baseball coach for 13 years, high junior for four years, and a YMCA football coach for six years.

Joe is preceded in death by two brothers, Gene Scott of Tyler, Texas and Glen Wright of Midland, Texas; wife, Nell Scott of Midland, Texas; father, Walter Scott of San Angelo, Texas; and his mother, Ruby Wright of Midland, Texas.

He is survived by his children, Doak Scott, Randy Scott, Sandi Price, and Shari Aguilar, all of Midland, Texas; 12 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

His greatest loves in life was his family, the Lee Rebels, Texas Longhorn Football; and Country Western Dancing.

Graveside services were held on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at Fairview Cemetery in Midland. Honorary pallbearers were David Perry, Monty McLane, Gaylord Morgan, Gary Vandergriff, Max McLane, and Jerry Ewing.

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

Paula Sue Bell Beshears

Paula Sue Bell Beshears of Midland, Texas passed away Sunday morning, April 12, 2015. She was born June 27, 1944 to the late H.H. and Ivon Bell in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

In 1962, Paula graduated from Pine Bluff High School, and then earned her B.A. and M.A. Ed at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro. She was a member of Phi Mu Sorority. Paula then relocated to Midland, Texas in 1968, where she began teaching special education. She was passionate about her special needs students.

Paula was a gifted flutist and enjoyed playing in the Midland-Odessa Symphony in the 1960's. She was a devoted member of the P.E.O. as well as the D.A.R.

Paula is survived by her daughter, Holly B. Trotta and her husband, David, of North Little Rock; her son, Arthur Bradley Beshears and his wife, Shay, of Midland, Texas; her older sister, Norma Hetzel; her twin sister, Vonna Wood and her husband, Ike; nephews Allen Hetzel and Stephen Hetzel and his wife, Kristy and daughter, Jordan.

The family would like to thank Dr. Morgan Sauer and every single staff member at Hospice Home Care in Little Rock, Arkansas. Your love, kindness, and compassion will not be forgotten. We would also like to thank Gillian Glover for her unfailing support and love.

Because teaching was Paula's passion and life's work, she requested memorial gifts be made to Kids Need to Read, in order to facilitate the education of children through literacy support. Donations may be made at http://www.kidsneedtoread.org/donate/ or mailed to Kids Need to Read, 2450 West Broadway Road, Mesa, Arizona 85202.

A memorial service celebrating Paula's life will be held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, April 16, 2015 at St. James United Methodist Church, 321 Pleasant Valley Drive in Little Rock.

Online obituary at www.SmithFamilyCares.com.

Sybil Luther Browning Brown

Sybil Luther Browning Brown, long-time resident of Rankin, passed away April 13, 2015 at the age of 91 in Lubbock, Texas. She was born Sybil Geneva Luther in Barnhart, Texas on March 22, 1924 to C.C. and Vera Luther.

She is preceded in death by her parents; two husbands, Bert R. Browning and Preston V. Brown; one son, Robert Browning; one step daughter, Phyllis Stephens; and by three sisters, Myrle Brown, Mertis Evans, and Pauline Barbee.

She is survived by three children, Richard Browning and wife Patricia, of Wolfforth, Texas, Lou Browning Bloxom and husband Tom of Rankin, Texas, and Roy Browning and wife Karina of Wasilla, Alaska; two step children, Don Brown of Lubbock, Texas and Dana Hopkins and husband Jim of Richardson, Texas; and by one sister, Florence Hoshall of Marietta, Georgia.

She was the loving "Granny" to nine grandchildren, Shayne Browning Tatum, Cole Browning, Cindy Browning Ben -Saadon, Sha Bloxom Thomas, Chase Browning, Wade Browning, Emily Salinas, Marina Salinas, and Madison Salinas; seven great grandchildren; and by numerous nieces and nephews.

Sybil graduated from Ozona High School in 1943 and worked at the post office until moving to San Angelo to attend business college.

After graduating, she married her first husband, Bert Browning, on December 19, 1942 in Sabinal, Texas. They moved to Hondo, Texas and worked at the Air Base there for the remainder of World War II.

After the war, they followed the oil field throughout Texas and New Mexico, finally settling in Rankin to manage the Rankin Ice House for her father. She also worked at the Rankin Post Office, Abstract Office, and retired from the Upton County Clerk's Office in 1986 where she served as Deputy Chief County Clerk for 20 years.

After Bert passed away, she married the second love of her life, P.V. Brown, in 1979. They danced through 23 wonderful years together before his death on July 30, 2003.

Sybil loved to plan parties, often writing and illustrating all the invitations, as well as baking and decorating the cake. She had a wonderful talent for writing prose and poetry and could draw or paint whatever the occasion warranted. These talents were put to good use in special fund raisers and activities for the community, especially for Berta Sigma Phi Sorority, where she held various offices and was an active member for over 30 years.

She loved music, dancing, cooking, traveling, crossword puzzles but most of all her family and friends. We will miss her attention to detail, cream gravy, banana pudding, and her willing ear. She was intelligent, loving, kind, tolerant, and generous to a fault. She was the matriarch of our family and will be missed more than words can express.

We would like to extend our special thanks to Mary and David Caballero, Sarah and Juanita at Mary's Mission; Petie and Brent Lowrey; Dr. Brown, Darla and all those compassionate caregivers at Hospice of Lubbock. You will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Family visitation will be held Thursday, April 16, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home in Crane, Texas.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, April 17, 2015 at First United Methodist Church in Rankin, Texas. Burial Service will immediately follow at the Rankin Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Danny Michum, Ricky Kelly, Tim Tatum, Jim Hopkins, Craig Thomas, and Tommy Ernest.

Donations may be made to Mary's Mission, 4615 28th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79410 and Hospice of Lubbock, 3702 21st Street, Lubbock, Texas 79420.

A guestbook is available to share your condolences with the family at www.shaffer-nichols.com.

Death Notices

Karen A. Bailey

Karen A. Bailey, 61, of Midland, died March 27, 2015.

She is survived by her husband, Scott Bailey of Midland; and parents, Rodney and Barbara Lewis of Midland.

Services are pending with American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home.

Death Notices

Nancy Keeling Sparks

Nancy Keeling Sparks, 83, passed away on April 15, 2015.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at Memorial Christian Church - Disciples of Christ.

Pamela Carter

Pamela Carter, 62, of Midland, passed away on Wednesday, April 15, 2015. The family will receive friends on Sunday, April 19, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Funeral services will be held on Monday, April 20, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Bellview Heights Baptist Church in Midland. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

She is survived by her husband, Dale Carte; mother, Margaret "Beth" Sams; children, Carise Brown, Ashley Driver, Billy Brown, Kevin Carter, Angela Vantine, and Kristen Griffin; and by two sisters.

Rodney Darnell Hendrix

Rodney Darnell Hendrix, 48, of Arlington, died April 6, 2015.

He is survived by his wife, Teresa M. Hendrix; son, K'Thano Smith; parents, Clarence Redic and Artie Hendrix; one brother, and four sisters.

Viewing is April 16 and 17 beginning at 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home.

Funeral service will be held Saturday, April 18, 2015, 11:00 a.m. at Fellowship Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1000 Clements St. in Odessa; interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

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OTHER DEATHS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LUFKIN

Ex-Railroad Commissioner Buddy Temple dies at 73

Former Railroad Commissioner Buddy Temple, who withdrew from the 1982 Democratic primary for governor and unified the party behind state Attorney General Mark White's eventual winning campaign, has died at age 73.

Buddy Zeagler, executive director for the Temple family's philanthropic foundation, told The Lufkin Daily News that Temple died at his Lufkin home Tuesday.

CALIFORNIA

Horse trainer Mike Mitchell dies of brain cancer at 66

ARCADIA — Mike Mitchell, the all-time leading thoroughbred trainer at Del Mar racetrack with 476 victories, has died after a long struggle with brain cancer. He was 66.

He died Tuesday at his home in Monrovia, not far from Santa Anita racetrack, where he won two training titles and 659 races. Track officials confirmed his death Wednesday. Mitchell had turned his stable over to longtime assistant Phil D'Amato last April and retired because of his illness.

Mitchell won 19 training titles on the Southern California circuit, including seven at Del Mar.

State's franchise tax is universally despised in Capitol

By Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

■ COMMENTARY

AUSTIN — Happy tax day from the Texas Capitol, where lawmakers are debating revisions to one of the most ill-conceived business taxes in the country.

The law in question is the Texas Franchise Tax, a fee of sorts conceived by lawmakers in the 1800s as a simple, low-cost way to collect revenue from businesses. The tax, which is based on assets and revenue, was last revised in 2006 in response to a court-ordered reduction in property taxes.

Lawmakers, though, love to cut taxes. So even before the 2006 revision became law, legislators had stuffed in so many loopholes and exemptions that it instantly fell $1 billion short of generating the cash the state comptroller was expecting.

Since then, every time the Legislature meets, lawmakers add new exemptions to help major donors or to claim credit for cutting taxes. Meanwhile, the method of determining a business's taxes has become so complicated that businesses need at least two audits to file their tax returns.

"Some companies say they spend as much complying with this tax as they spend paying it," Will Newton, state executive director of the National Federation of Independent Businesses, told the Texas House Ways and Means Committee on Tuesday. The complexity of the tax puts Texas 39th in the nation in corporate tax complexity and burden, according to the Tax Foundation, a conservative think tank.

There is no law today more universally despised in Austin than the franchise tax, but some of the proposals to change it are clearly better than others. Republican lawmakers who control the Legislature are committed to eventually eliminating the tax, but for now they must answer two questions: Will every business see a tax cut, or just a few? And should more businesses get special dispensation?

Currently there are 13 categories of businesses exempted from the tax, including sole proprietorships, general partnerships and Real Estate Investment Trusts. Additional exemptions apply to 18 types of nonprofit corporations and 17 other types of businesses, such as cooperatives. About 900,000 businesses do not pay the franchise tax, according to state figures.

The Texas Senate's tax cut involves raising the standard deduction from $1 million to $4 million, thus exempting 52 percent of the businesses that currently pay. That would drop 61,000 businesses from the tax rolls while decreasing franchise tax collections by 1 percent, or $760 million, over the next two years.

The problem with that approach is that it defeats the original concept of a small tax paid by many. The bill also doesn't address the tax's complexity.

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dennis Bonnen, R-Angleton, is taking the smarter approach. His bill would reduce the tax rate for every business by 25 percent and increase the number of businesses eligible to file the EZ form, which simplifies filing. His plan would cut business taxes by nearly $1.3 billion in 2016-17.

"With the goal to eliminate it, we're better off making across-the-board cuts until we have ended the tax altogether," Bonnen told me.

The real gamesmanship in the franchise tax, though, comes when computing a company's taxable margin. The state law that provides special rules for making the calculation is 13 pages long and includes unique exclusions for crop dusters, low-production oil wells, courier services, logistics companies, law firms, banks, concert promoters, trucking companies, management services and health care providers.

This year lawmakers want to pass additional loopholes to help lumberjacks, digital broadcasters, veteran-owned businesses, companies that hire ex-convicts and even locomotive salesmen. Under House Bill 2637, authored by Flower Mound Republican Rep. Tan Parker, the calculation for the tax on revenue from a locomotive sold for interstate use would involve "a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of miles of railway track in this state and the denominator of which is the number of miles of railway track in the United States." In other words, the taxable revenue would be a very small number.

When I spoke to San Antonio Democrat Trey Martinez Fischer, who serves on the Ways and Means Committee, he shook his head at the franchise tax's Frankenstein nature, which he blames on Republicans.

"Because it's riddled with exemptions and loopholes, and it doesn't apply to everyone, it is under attack from the very people who created it," he said. "Our tax policy is written by whoever has the most influential lobbyist. We have a system that picks winners and losers and doesn't use sound policy."

Martinez Fischer worries that the state is cutting taxes when it should be spending more on public services. But if there must be tax cuts, he agrees with Bonnen.

"You have the Senate that wants to isolate certain businesses under a certain amount of money ... then you have the House where we're going to cut it for everybody," he said. "You get more bang for your buck on the House side."

When Bonnen laid out his bill Tuesday, the business community's support was almost unanimous, including the Texas Taxpayers and Research Association, Texas Association of Business and trade groups representing manufacturers, retailers, apartment owners, and the oil and gas industry. The Senate bill was opposed by the Texas Retailers Association, Shell Oil Co., Chevron Corp., Exxon Mobil Corp., Dow Chemical Co. and a host of trade groups.

Not all tax cuts are created equal. Business people need to talk to their lawmakers and make sure they go beyond campaign slogans to create sound public policy.

CAPITOL ALMANAC

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Highlights from around the Capitol on Wednesday:

Transgender bathrooms

A top House Republican delayed a hearing on controversial legislation Wednesday that would limit transgender students' use of school bathrooms and locker rooms, saying the author needed to soften its language.

The bill's author, Pasadena Republican Rep. Gilbert Pena, said the legislation would be "toned down" — but didn't offer many specifics — after the chairman of the powerful House State Affairs Committee removed it from the panel's agenda because the language was too harsh.

"It needed a whole lot of work," Rep. Byron Cook, the committee chairman, told The Associated Press in an interview. He declined to elaborate, but said: "These sorts of bills need to be extremely well thought-out."

As it currently reads, Pena's bill would require school districts to adopt a policy to ensure only people of the same "biological sex" may be in the same bathroom or locker room at any given time. It also specifies that students could sue their school district and recover as much as $2,000 in damages if they encounter a peer of the opposite sex in the bathroom or locker room.

Pena suggested he may lower the allowed money damages, but didn't elaborate. He also declined to talk about his motivation behind the bill.

The legislation is among four so-called bathroom bills introduced in the Legislature this year that would specify which facilities transgender students use and punish erroneous users. None of the other three bills — which would criminally charge transgender students who use the wrong public bathroom, shower or locker room — have been scheduled for a hearing. All four have been assigned to Cook's committee.

Pena said he expects the proposal to be rescheduled for a hearing next week.

Truancy

The Texas Senate has voted to make skipping school no longer a criminal offense for students, following lengthy, sometimes testy debate.

Houston Democratic Sen. John Whitmire's proposal passed 26-5 Wednesday and now heads to the House. It makes truancy a misdemeanor punishable by graduated fines for parents starting at $100.

Current law says students with three unexcused absences in four weeks, or 10 unexcused absences in six months, can face fines up to $500.

Whitmire argued that was too harsh, and got emotional when some Republicans suggested that many law enforcement officials in their home counties support the current system. He further responded that too many officials were "getting enriched" by steep current fines.

School closures

The Texas Senate has approved a proposal allowing a majority of parents in a school district to petition for closing struggling public schools in three years — rather than the current five.

Texas was one of the first states to pass a "parent trigger" law when it was approved in 2011. That allows parents to collect signatures that can force changes in administrators, or even close schools, after five years of poor state ratings.

But Friendswood Republican Sen. Larry Taylor wants that process to start faster. The chairman of the Senate Education Committee, he said parent trigger campaigns energize communities and force improvements at schools even without having to close them.

Taylor's plan passed 25-6 Wednesday and heads to the House. He introduced a similar measure that stalled in 2013.

Health agency consolidation

The Texas Senate has voted to partially consolidate the state's health and human services bureaucracy — but stopped short of creating a single, super entity as proposed amid a no-bid contract scandal.

Senators unanimously approved merging three agencies beginning next year — the Health and Human Services Commission, the Department of Aging and Disability Services and the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services.

But consolidation of the Department of State Health Services and the Department of Family and Protective Services will only be studied by a committee of lawmakers and citizens.

Creating one super agency was proposed following a multimillion dollar, no-bid contract state health officials signed with an Austin tech firm in 2012.

Meanwhile, a Democratic amendment expanding Medicaid in Texas under the White House-backed health care law failed.

Shark fin sales

The Texas House has voted to criminalize the sale of shark fins amid no shortage of "Jaws" jokes.

Shark fins are used in Chinese soup eaten commonly in some parts of Texas. Lawmakers voted Wednesday to make possessing fins punishable by fines and 180 days maximum in jail.

A final, technical vote sends the measure to the Senate.

Federal law prohibits shark finning, or severing fins and discarding shark carcasses.

Lawmakers circled a floor microphone, made lawyer jokes and played the theme from the 1975 thriller "Jaws," before approving Brownsville Democratic Rep. Eddie Lucio III's bill.

Nine other states already ban shark fin sales. The House passed a similar bill in 2013, but it stalled in the Senate.

On deck

The House reconvenes at 10 a.m. today, and the Senate returns an hour later.

Quote of the day

"The House is better has more dignity and integrity — than what we're showing right now with respect to these children. These are adopted children, members, and they happened, in their adoption, to not pick the right parents." — Dallas Democratic Rep. Rafael Anchia, urging his colleagues to pass his bill that would list both same-sex parents on an adopted child's updated birth certificate. It is currently stuck in committee and looks unlikely to reach the House floor.

MAJORITY

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turned out to vote in 2012. This compares to the more than 60 percent voting rates for both whites and blacks/African-Americans in the Lone Star State in the same year.

In 2011, for every one non-Hispanic white child in Midland County there were 1.44 Hispanic children, according to a Texas Tribune article from 2012. When all minorities were considered, that number grew to 1.72 minority children for every non-Hispanic white child. The Census Bureau estimated that Texas became a majority minority state around 2011 when its minority population reached 55.2 percent.

Hospital says woman has given birth to 5 girls

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A Houston hospital says a woman has delivered five girls in what it believes is the first set of all-female quintuplets born in the U.S.

The Woman's Hospital of Texas said Danielle Busby had her babies by cesarean section April 8. Doctors said the children, born premature at 28 weeks, were doing well on Wednesday.

Their birth weights ranged from 2 pounds, to 2 pounds 6 ounces.

The family already had one daughter.

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JUDGE HATTEN SWORN IN

Retiring municipal court Judge Robin Smith, left, swears in Judge Sharon Hatten, center, standing alongside her father, during an investiture ceremony Wednesday in the courtroom at Municipal Court.

Texas lawmakers press to shield suppliers of execution drugs

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Saying that executions in Texas are becoming "increasingly difficult to carry out," state officials Wednesday urged lawmakers to send Republican Gov. Greg Abbott a bill that would prevent even death row inmates from knowing the identity of lethal injection drug suppliers.

The debate in the Legislature took place just hours before the sixth person this year was set to die in Texas, where the nation's busiest death chamber is again running low on inventory.

The office of Republican Attorney General Ken Paxton told a Texas House committee that execution drug manufacturers won't sell to the state anymore unless their identities are kept completely confidential. Suppliers have reported being threatened by death penalty opponents and say they won't take the risk.

Attorneys for death row inmates are pressing Republicans to at least make supplier names available to them, saying their clients have a right to scrutinize the companies making the drugs that will end their lives.

But state officials say drug suppliers are scared off by even that prospect.

"We cannot support that compromise," said Adrienne McFarland, a prosecutor with the Texas attorney general's office.

A court challenge is already currently barring Texas from disclosing its supplier. That came after state investigators determined there had been a credible threat of violence against an execution drug maker.

Last year, The Associated Press reported that Texas officials have offered scant evidence to support their claim that compounding pharmacies supplying the state with execution drugs would be in danger of violence if their identities were made public. The AP has found no evidence of any investigations in Texas into threats against such companies.

But even Republicans who ran on promises to increase government transparency questioned why the public needs to know who's making the drugs.

"It's just not worth the risk of personal violence and other retaliation that may occur," said Republican John Smithee, who is carrying the bill.

The bill did not immediately receive a vote, and its prospects for passage are unclear, even in a Legislature that overwhelmingly supports capital punishment.

As Texas' attorney general for a decade, Abbott had long argued that the benefits of government transparency outweighed the Department of Criminal Justice's desire to keep information secret about its execution-drug supplier. But last year, months before being elected to governor, Abbott changed course while citing the undisclosed threats.

"We're talking about the ultimate punishment for a crime in our state. So the citizens really need the information," said Kelley Shannon, executive director of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas.

Counting Wednesday's execution of Manuel Garza Jr., who ws convicted 14 years of of killing a police officer with the officer's own gun, Texas is only three executions away from having to replenish its inventory of pentobarbital or find a new chemical.

"It's becoming increasingly difficult to carry out executions, which is to say carry out state law, because a critical member of the state's execution team is under threat," McFarland said.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CORPUS CHRISTI

Reaction to medication kills fish at Texas State Aquarium

A reaction to an anti-parasite medication is being blamed for a die-off of the indoor fish collection at the Texas State Aquarium in Corpus Christi.

In a statement issued Wednesday, aquarium officials say the die-off happened late Tuesday night and early Wednesday. Aquarium staff members worked through the night to save as much of the collection as possible, but officials described the loss as "considerable."

The die-off affected the Islands of Steel, Flower Gardens and Lionfish exhibits. Unaffected were the Living Shores, Nearshore and Floating Phantoms exhibits, as well as outdoor and numerous smaller exhibits.

According to the statement, staff members had tested the treatment on a smaller exhibit previously without any adverse reaction. Aquarium spokesman Richard Glover said an investigation is underway to determine what caused the adverse reaction.

RICHMOND

Texas teacher quits after complaints of anti-Muslim items

A Houston-area teacher has quit after parents complained that he gave students anti-Muslim documents during class.

The Lamar Consolidated Independent School District on Tuesday night announced the educator's resignation. His name wasn't immediately released.

Authorities last week said the handout, with references to terrorism and beheadings, was not approved by administrators at Foster High School in Richmond.

The teacher was facing unspecified discipline over the eight-page document that children received in late March, then showed to their parents.

District officials said the teacher made independent changes to a lesson guide with information that did not follow curriculum plans. The district said it's still investigating.

CRIME BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Midland man found guilty of sexual assault

A Midland jury on Wednesday sentenced 51-year-old Gary Don Click to 30 years in prison for sexually assaulting a woman last summer.

Midland police arrested Click in June 2014 on a first-degree felony charge of aggravated sexual assault. A woman he knew told police that Click became angry with her after dinner and tried to engage in sexual intercourse against her will.

Click

At one point during the assault, court documents show the woman ran naked out of Click's residence before being pulled back inside. Details revealed during the trial show Click dragged her by the hair, according to a press release from the Midland County District Attorney's Office.

A sexual assault exam performed last year at Midland Memorial Hospital found skin tearing — indicative of sexual assault — and drag marks on the woman's toes and knees, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article.

While being interviewed by police, Click admitted to dragging the woman back inside for more sexual activity, according to court documents. He claimed the victim never told him "no" and that her running away from him naked in public wasn't a "sufficient enough no."

Assistant district attorneys Michael McCarthy and Whitney Griffith prosecuted the case, with District Judge Robin Darr presiding. Click was represented by attorney Ed Shelby.

MPD: Woman found in possession of stolen AC unit

A 52 year-old Midland woman was arrested Tuesday after Midland Police Department detectives discovered she was in possession of a stolen AC unit, valued at $3,500, according to court documents.

Deida Ortiz was held Wednesday morning on a $10,000 bond for the third-degree state felony of theft, according to her arrest affidavit.

A MPD detective was informed that Ortiz's residence off Cunningham Drive had a stolen AC unit, according to the affidavit. The detective discovered that the unit had allegedly been stolen from the Bosworth Co., where four of Ortiz's family members were employed.

Ortiz, however, stated that a man in a blue truck stopped at her residence and asked her if she wanted to purchase an AC unit. Ortiz stated in her arrest affidavit that the she had purchased the AC unit from the man three weeks later for $3,500, which was from her tax refund.

If convicted of the state felony, Ortiz could face up to two years in prison.

MPD: Best Buy employee takes laptop, iPhone

An 18-year-old Midland woman was arrested Tuesday after admitting to stealing from her employer, according to court documents.

Lisa Hennig was held Wednesday on a state jail felony charge of theft. Bond for the offense has been set at $10,000.

Hennig

A Justice of the Peace officer was called out to Best Buy on Tuesday to investigate a reported theft, according to the arrest affidavit. The general manager informed the officer that Hennig, an employee, allegedly had admitted to the theft.

Hennig explained that a customer had returned an Apple laptop and an Apple iPhone 6 Plus, both opened and without a box or a store sensor, and that she placed the two items in her purse and took them home with her at the end of her shift, according to the affidavit.

The iPhone was recovered at the time of her arrest, and Hennig informed the officer that the laptop was at her house, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the state jail felony, Hennig could face up to two years in a state jail.

TODAY IN MIDLAND

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Things to do

■ Laura Bush Literacy Program Reading Event, 4:30-5:30 p.m., George W. Bush Childhood Home visitor center. bushchildhoodhome.org.

■ "To Kill a Mockingbird" discussion, 5 p.m., Barnes and Noble Booksellers. barnesandnoble.com.

■ Tessy Lou & The Shotgun Stars, 7:30 p.m., Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

■ Dokken, 8 p.m., Hacienda. haciendamidland.com.

■ Crobot & Convoy, 9 p.m., Blue Max. facebook.com/bluemaxrocks

■ Petroleum Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Dinner at Midland Center. petroleummuseum.org.

■ An Evening with Slaid Cleaves at ArtiZen. talltownes.com.

Support groups, club meetings today

■ New Beginnings cancer support group, 8:30 a.m., Texas Oncology — Allison Cancer Center, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Suite 100, 218-8714, latina@giftsofhopemidland.org.

■ Diabetes Support Group for Spanish Speakers, 2-3 p.m., Casa de Amigos; sponsored by Midland Memorial Hospital; 221-3286.

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

■ Permian Basin Chess Club, 6 p.m., University of Texas of the Permian Basin student union; Steve Dudley, 556-1920; Brian Farrell, 288-7141; pbcc.50gigs.net; odessachess@cableone.net.

■ Diabetes support group, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch; sponsored by Midland Memorial Hospital; 221-3286.

■ Oops Alley Clowns of West Texas; 520-3512.

Community calendar

■ The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) group will be holding a Forget Me not fundraiser at the Furr's restaurant locations in Midland and Odessa. The fundraiser will take place 10 a.m.-5 p.m. today through Sunday.

The Forget Me Nots are made by veterans, and the proceeds will go directly to helping local veterans in need, according to local DAV chapter commander Paul Reed.

■ The Midland League of Women Voters is hosting a forum on early childhood education at 7 p.m. Monday at the Scharbauer Student Center at Midland College. The event is free and open to the public.

Panelists are Della Frye, director of early childhood education for Midland ISD; Emma Galindo, MISD Head Start; and Angie Morris, registered play therapist with Centers for Children and Families.

MRT on the radio

Editor Stewart Doreen discusses local news at 9:40 a.m. Thursdays on KWEL (AM 1070, FM 107.1).

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Today in history

In 1940, Major League Baseball's first (and, to date, only) opening day no-hitter took place as Bob Feller of the Cleveland Indians pitched a no-no against the Chicago White Sox, 1-0, at Comiskey Park.

In 1947, the French ship Grandcamp blew up at the harbor in Texas City; another ship, the High Flyer, exploded the following day (the blasts and fires killed nearly 600 people).

In 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. wrote his "Letter from Birmingham Jail" in which he said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

In 2007, in the deadliest shooting rampage in modern U.S. history, student Seung-Hui Cho killed 32 people on the campus of Virginia Tech before taking his own life.

NEWSBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CALIFORNIA

Marine helicopter is forced to land on beach

SOLANA BEACH — A 100-foot-long Marine Corps helicopter that made an emergency landing on a Southern California beach has taken off again, creating a storm of swirling sand and deafening noise as it departed.

The huge helicopter lifted off from Solana Beach near San Diego about 3:30 p.m. Wednesday and headed back to Marine Corp Air station Miramar, about four hours after the emergency landing that brought no injuries or damages.

The air base said the CH-53E Super Stallion had a low oil-pressure indicator that led the crew that was doing routine training to make the emergency landing.

The Super Stallion is the largest and heaviest helicopter in the U.S. military. Its main job is transporting heavy equipment.

WASHINGTON

Small aircraft lands on Capitol lawn; pilot in custody

Police arrested a man who steered his tiny aircraft onto the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol after flying through restricted airspace around the National Mall on Wednesday.

The pilot was Doug Hughes, 61, a Postal Service worker from Ruskin, Florida, according to a person who was briefed by Capitol Police and revealed the information on condition of anonymity. On his website, Hughes took responsibility for the stunt and said he was delivering letters to all 535 members of Congress to draw attention to campaign finance corruption.

"As I have informed the authorities, I have no violent inclinations or intent," Hughes wrote on his website, thedemocracyclub.org. "An ultralight aircraft poses no major physical threat — it may present a political threat to graft. I hope so. There's no need to worry — I'm just delivering the mail."

A second source, a Senate aide, said Capitol Police knew of the plan shortly before Hughes took off, and said he had previously been interviewed by the U.S. Secret Service. The sources spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss details of the investigation. Capitol Police declined to publicly confirm the man's identity.

WASHINGTON

Consumers buying more organic products despite high prices

The higher price of organic foods and other products doesn't seem to be deterring consumers: Sales jumped 11 percent last year, an industry report says.

Sales of organics have been rapidly growing since the United States put strict rules in place and began certifying organic products in 2002. According to the Agriculture Department, the number of U.S. organic operations has more than tripled since then; the number grew 5 percent just last year.

The Organic Trade Association estimated in a report released Wednesday that organics now make up almost 5 percent of total food sales in the United States, with sales for all organic products totaling more than $39 billion last year.

As the industry has grown, giants like General Mills and Kellogg have entered the organic game and many small organic food companies have become large businesses. Laura Batcha, head of the trade association, said that growth has helped the industry move beyond a niche market.

"The only way to create change is for there to be widespread adoption," Batcha said.

Organic foods generally are grown with fewer chemicals and artificial ingredients and are produced according to a strict set of government standards. A food cannot be labeled organic unless its production adheres to those rules, and those extra steps mean higher prices at the grocery store.

Much of organics' growth is in nonfood items like textiles and personal care items. The Organic Trade Association says those nonfood sales jumped almost 14 percent last year and totaled more than $3 billion.

Despite its success, the industry is facing some major challenges, including struggles to find enough organic ingredients for its products. Much of the shortage is in organic milk and eggs because of low U.S. inventories of organic corn and soybeans that feed cattle and poultry. The industry says there have also been some domestic shortages of fruits and vegetables, which make up the largest sector of the organic market, due to difficulties finding enough land suitable for organic farming.

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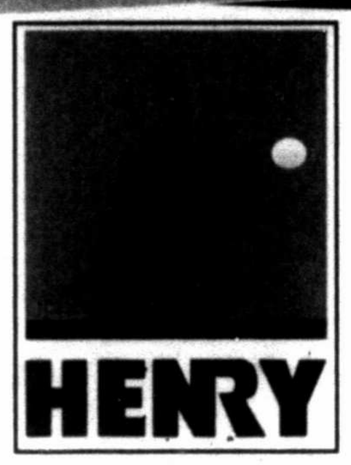

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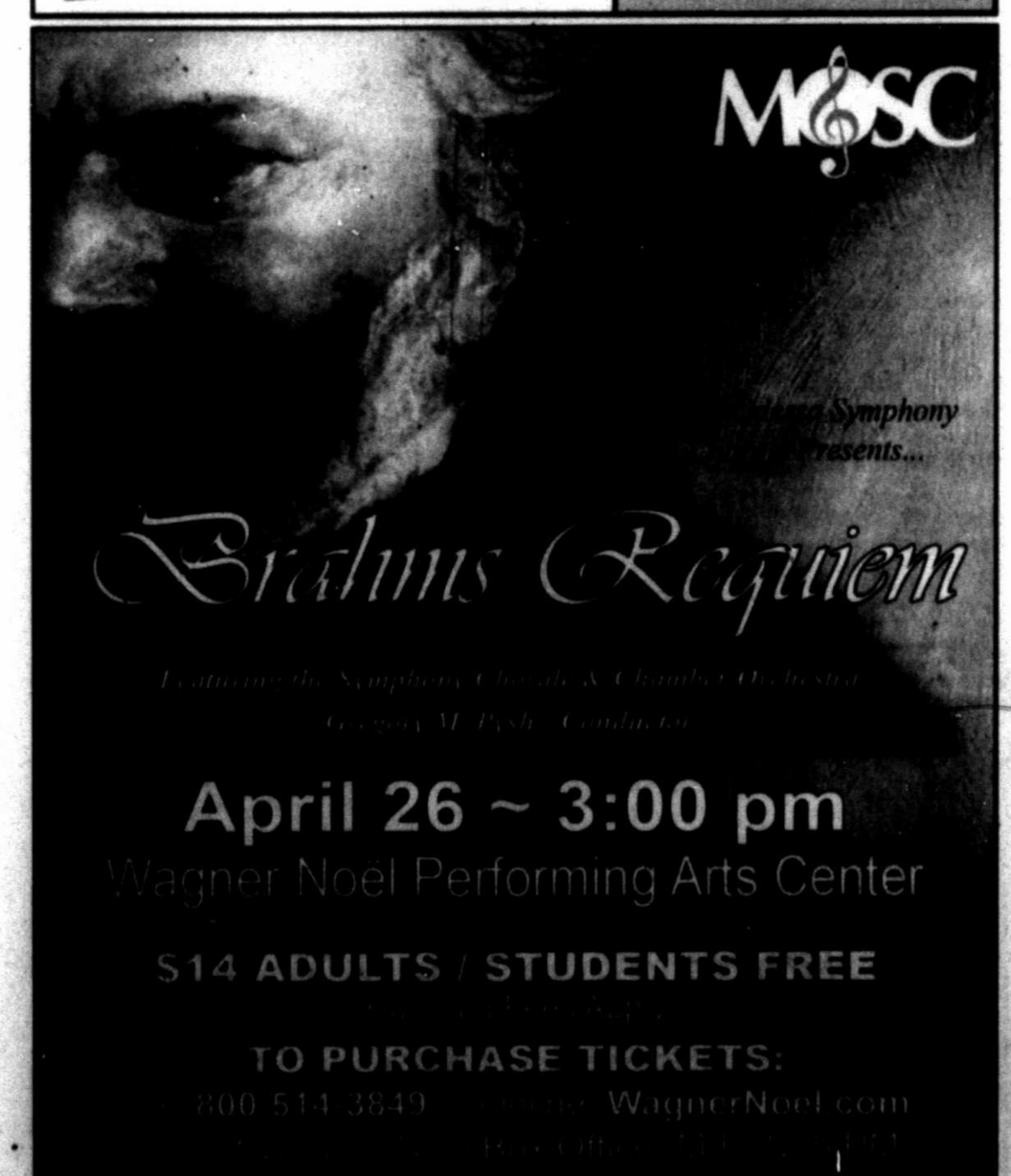

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Rubio, not Clinton, knows the point of America

■ The next generation is represented and it's not a matter of privilege but appreciation

RUBEN NAVARRETTE

Washington Post Writers Group

Like any presidential candidate, Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida has strengths and weaknesses.

Sometimes they overlap. For instance, the 43-year-old is a gifted communicator, whether he is dissecting policy or telling stories. But he can also talk in circles, as when he tries to explain how he came to oppose his own immigration bill or how he wanted to help undocumented young people stay in this country and then criticized President Obama for doing just that.

Yet in what will likely be a crowded field of perhaps a dozen or more 2016 GOP presidential hopefuls, Rubio has a great shot at finishing in one of the top three spots. He might even win the nomination and wind up facing off against Hillary Clinton, the presumptive Democratic nominee.

It's not just because Rubio has youth and energy. Both of these qualities could provide a sharp contrast to Clinton, who will be 69 on Election Day. That's the same age that Ronald Reagan was when he defeated President Jimmy Carter in 1980 despite warnings from liberals that Reagan was too old. If Rubio is the nominee, Clinton might borrow Reagan's 1984 quip and pledge not to "exploit, for political purposes, my opponent's youth and inexperience." Now that Democrats could be backing a senior citizen instead of running against one, their argument could be that "69 is the new 39."

Rubio got in the first dig at Clinton when, in announcing his candidacy from Freedom Tower in Miami, he defined the election as "a generational choice about what kind of country we will be." Then came the zinger.

"Now just yesterday, a leader from yesterday began a campaign for president by promising to take us back to yesterday," he told supporters. "Yesterday is over. And we are never going back."

The generational appeal is strong messaging, and it should serve Rubio well — just like it did Bill Clinton when the baby boomer ran against World War II veterans in 1992 and 1996. Turnabout is fair play.

But the main reason that Rubio is sure to do well is because — while other presidential contenders try to convince voters that they can lead America — this son of Cuban immigrants understands the point of America.

In announcing his candidacy, Rubio warned that "our very identity as an exceptional nation is at stake." He noted that, in this country, "a collection of immigrants and exiles, of former slaves and refugees, together built the freest and most prosperous nation ever." He said that America is a place of miracles shaped by those "who refused to accept" that people are "trapped by the circumstances of their birth."

All elected officials should sing this song, but unfortunately very few of them know the words. Instead of exploring big themes, they play the small ball of partisan games and petty politics. Maybe they spend so much time around the rich, famous and powerful that they forget that the glue that holds everyday families together, even in tough times, is the faith that our children will one day have better jobs, higher pay and softer hands. This is the great hope of America, and it still endures.

Rubio seems to understand this concept not because he read it in a book but because he saw it growing up as the son of a bartender and a maid. And it will carry him far as he travels the country in the coming months.

It is Rubio's appreciation of America as a mighty transformative force that will provide the sharpest contrast to Hillary Clinton 2.0 — the latest power grab of the former first lady, former architect of proposed health care reform, and former secretary of state.

When NBC's "Saturday Night Live" recently lampooned Clinton, she was portrayed as cravenly looking into the camera and screaming: "Citizens, you will elect me! I will be your leader!" When you hear Clinton talk about her experiences and accomplishments, listen for the subliminal message: "You people owe me!"

Rubio comes from another place.

"I'm humbled by the realization that America doesn't owe me anything," he told supporters. "But I have a debt to America I must try to repay. This isn't just the country where I was born; America's literally the place that changed my family's history."

The message is all about gratitude. If it resonates, then a new generation has someone you need to meet.

OUR VIEW

Sometimes businesses close to fix plumbing

The Wal-Mart on the north side of Midland is closing for an undetermined amount of time.

You probably already know this. Judging by the response at mrt.com and our Facebook page, all of Midland and most of West Texas already knows this.

We were blown away by the interest in this story. And we were shocked by some of the comments because there are Midlanders who don't believe Wal-Mart is letting Midland's residents in on a secret. The conspiracy theories are out.

Did you hear Wal-Mart is really closing down its northside location for good?

Did you hear Wal-Mart is closing so it can stop paying its workers $14 an hour?

There has to be more to a store closing for a long period of time than the fixing of plumbing, right?

The slowdown claimed another victim, one reader wrote.

Reading these comments is entertaining, even if they come across as being written by a tinfoil antenna-wearing person in a dark basement. In our view, that is why you take with a grain of salt what you read on social media.

But back to Wal-Mart. Maybe there is an ulterior motive, but if there is — from a fiscal sense — it has to be a good one. It is hard to imagine that the store doesn't bring in a ton of revenue. Anyone who has driven through that Wal-Mart parking lot on a weekend afternoon or after work on a weekday knows it is packed. So why would a corporation close down a store for maybe up to six months and lose the type of money one would expect? So they could pay workers — who are bound to turnover — less an hour? Come on conspiracy theorists, do better than that.

Maybe, just maybe, a corporation is taking care of stores for the long term. Maybe they are willing to lose money now to guarantee that location's long-term success. Maybe Midlanders could support a major employer and taxpayer to make a decision because it is in the best interest of the corporation.

A lot of people hate Wal-Mart. When a company becomes the force that Wal-Mart has, haters spring up out of the woodwork. But Wal-Mart has an impact on its communities. Evidence of this is the explosion on Midland's southside after Wal-Mart built its store near Interstate 20 and Ranking Highway.

Maybe we are wrong. Maybe Wal-Mart doesn't make a profit that would make other stores in our city envious. Maybe the store is closing down for good, the government was involved and martial law can be expected.

Then again, maybe not.

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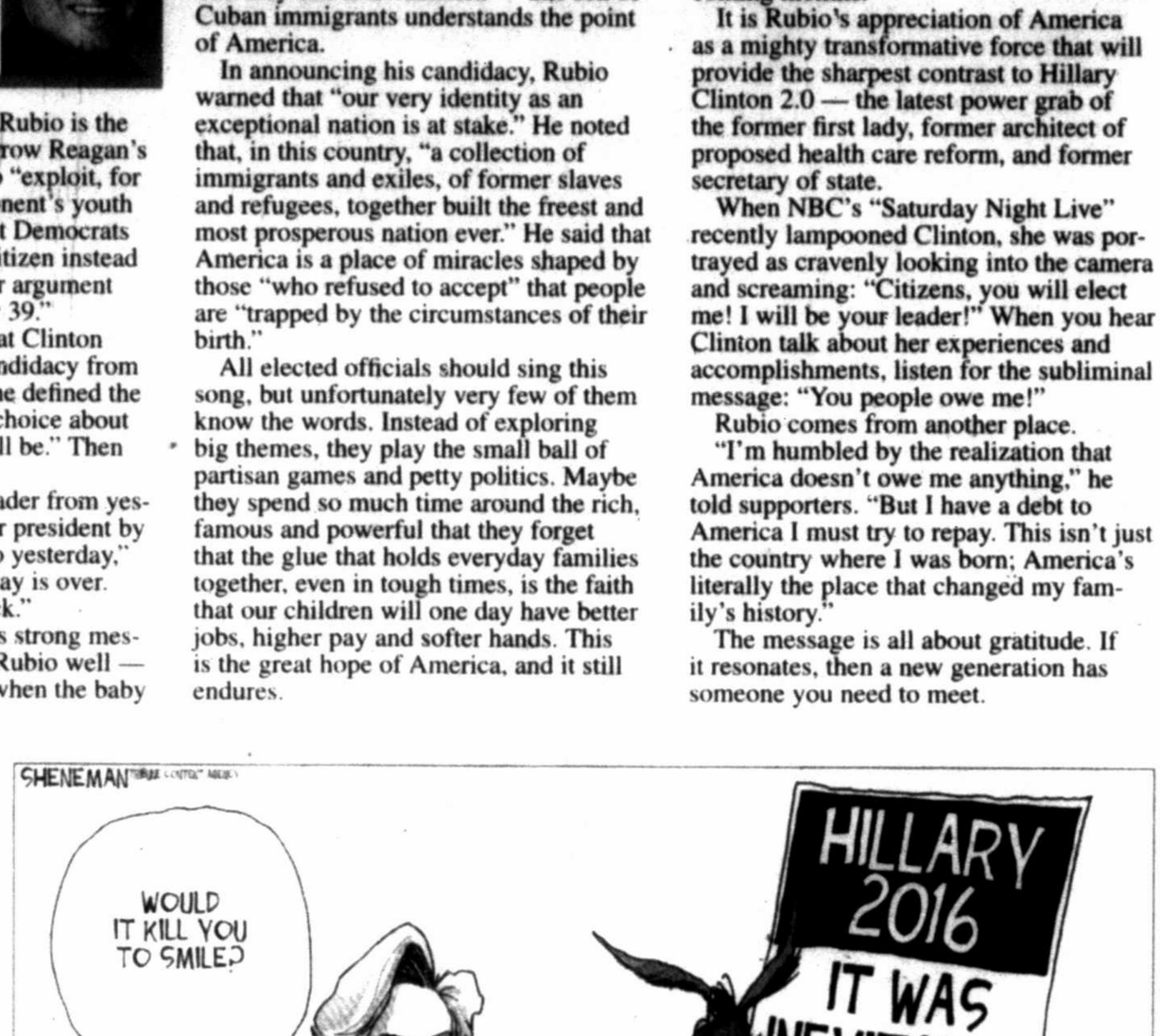

Dems sling 'POO' on open carry bill

■ When you don't have the votes to stop legislation, you will try anything

KEN HERMAN

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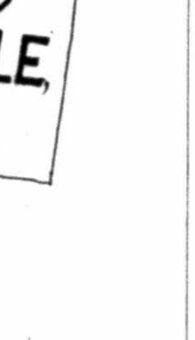

Counterintuitively, the Texas House and Senate — though packed with big-ego folks who know what's best for us — are largely drama-free chambers.

I take that back. There is the occasional drama when Democrats flee the state because they have more impact when they're absent or when one legislator asks another about his sex life.

The former hasn't happened in a while. The latter happened this year.

But there's little drama about the outcome of floor action on any particular piece of legislation. Here's the deal: If it's on the agenda, it's passing. Feel free to use that tip when wagering on legislation.

At the Texas Capitol, the rarest of the rare — almost to the point of nonexistent — is a bill that's defeated on the floor. I hear you saying this: "So, Herman, you're telling me the fix is in?" Sort of. The system is set up not to waste floor time on bills that won't pass.

In both chambers, through different procedures, nothing gets to the floor before the sponsor proving the votes are there for passage.

Yes, there can be debates over amendments, but the bill itself is going to pass. And, more likely than not, amendments won't be approved without the sponsor's OK. The most drama happens in conference committees that hammer out differences in House and Senate versions of bills. And much of that happens in private. Pity.

So, armed with this insider info, let's see if you can look at the menu of bills on the House's Wednesday agenda and predict which ones will pass.

Correct answer: All of them, unless postponed, including measures concerning shark fins and free parking for those of you who've earned the Distinguished Flying Cross. Thank you for your service.

I tell you all of this as a wordy prelude to reporting on why the House on Tuesday did not approve HB 910: the "open carry" bill that would allow us concealed handgun license holders to carry unconcealed, a concept already approved in the Senate. Like every bill that gets to the floor, HB 910 had more than enough votes for approval. So opponents' last chance was to somehow keep it from getting to the floor even though it was scheduled for debate and action.

That's when those hopelessly on the losing side begin tossing POO — Twitterverse shorthand for points of order — the procedural last gasp for folks about to be run over on the floor. In this case, as it often is these days, that's Democrats, many of whom oppose open carry.

Most POO are overruled by Speaker Joe Straus, acting based on recommendations from House parliamentarian and rules know-it-all Chris Griesel. Knowing there were pending POO, open carry sponsor Larry Phillips, R-Sherman, didn't waste any time when he went to the front microphone to offer his bill.

"Move passage. Thank you members," Phillips said.

Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer, D-San Antonio, was ready at the back microphone to reel off three House rules he contended were violated in the committee hearing on the bill.

A POO scrum ensued near the speaker's rostrum. Griesel did most of the talking. Post-scrum, Straus sustained the POO, which meant the bill had to go back to committee for another vote to send it back to the House floor. Phillips' committee quickly did just that, meaning the bill could be back on the floor by Friday.

As an open-carry foe, Martinez Fischer said, "my aim was to confront that piece of legislation by any means possible."

Turns out his POO affected about 125 other bills, too.

"There are many ways to have an impact on legislation," Martinez Fischer said.

Actually, when you're a Democrat there aren't all that many. These days for them, a stall is a victory.

Back on the House floor, Phillips shook this stall off as "part of the process."

"These things happen," he said, later adding: "When they don't have the votes, they look for every other way to kill it."

Phillips acknowledged he might do the same in that situation. "You can't be angry," he said. "This happens."

Good thing he's not angry. You wouldn't want him to retool the bill to make open carry mandatory for all Texans.

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Fact check: Rubio rhetoric breaks with past, but ideas don't

By Steve Peoples
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Florida Sen. Marco Rubio launched a Republican presidential campaign this week with a promise to reject "the leaders and ideas of the past."

It was a not-so-subtle jab from a 43-year-old fresh-faced senator at his likely 2016 competitors, Republican Jeb Bush and Democrat Hillary Clinton, whose families were cemented as political dynasties in the 1990s. A closer look at Rubio's early priorities, however, suggests that many of his policy prescriptions were born in the same era he's vowing to leave behind.

Moreover, he confused his opening argument by comparing today's taxes and government spending to 1999, the year Bush took office as Florida governor and Bill Clinton was president.

A look at a few facts behind his rhetoric:

RUBIO: "Too many of our leaders and their ideas are stuck in the 20th century."

THE FACTS: On foreign policy, taxes and government spending, many of Rubio's policies are rooted in Republican positions from the 1990s or even earlier.

Foreign policy stands out in particular for Rubio, who embraces the same muscular approach that dominated the Reagan and last Bush administrations.

While some conservatives now favor a reduced international footprint, Rubio has shown an appetite for pre-emptive military action against the Islamic State group and has not ruled out ground forces. He has also become Congress' leading opponent of Obama's plans to normalize relations with Cuba. The senator said in an interview Tuesday that the United States should not open an embassy on the island and should continue its longstanding policy that has isolated Cuba since the early 1960s.

On spending, Rubio has repeatedly endorsed a constitutional amendment to balance the federal budget. Republican calls for such an amendment persisted throughout the Clinton years in the late 1990s after being embraced by President Ronald Reagan in the 1980s.

Rubio is also calling for sweeping changes to entitlement programs such as Medicare and Social Security to control government spending. While the push for "premium supports" to control Medicare costs was born this century, pieces of Rubio's plans to change Social Security are decades old. Specifically, he would repeal the "earnings test" for anyone who claims Social Security before full retirement age but keeps working.

The GOP's 1992 platform outlined the same position. Rubio also wants to raise the retirement age, something George W. Bush suggested as a presidential candidate before the 2000 election.

On taxes, Rubio recently proposed a comprehensive plan that would maintain a 35-percent rate for top earners but would reduce taxes on corporations and eliminate the capital gains tax altogether. He departs from a long-held GOP position that the rate for top earners should be lower. But calls for reduced corporate and capital gains taxes dominated the GOP's tax platform throughout the 1990s.

On education, Rubio says the nation needs "a 21st century approach" to education. He supports an expansion of digital and online courses as part of a larger focus on school choice. The technology may be new, but calls for school choice are not. Republicans throughout the 1990s wanted to give parents more educational choices.

Rubio this week said more high school students need to graduate "ready to work" in jobs such as mechanics, plumbers and welders. For decades, political leaders — including Jeb Bush during his time as Florida governor — have promoted stronger vocational education.

RUBIO: "Our leaders put us at a disadvantage by taxing, borrowing and regulating like it's 1999."

THE FACTS: While Rubio was surely trying to have fun with a popular Prince song, he's wrong to liken the government's current taxing and borrowing to that of 1999.

The nation's national debt was in far better shape at that time, when the federal government carried budget surpluses during the final years of the Clinton presidency. Taxes were far higher in 1999 as well. Tax revenues then exceeded 19 percent as a percentage of the gross domestic product compared with 17.5 percent in 2014, according to the Congressional Budget Office. Today's lower taxes come from Bush-era tax cuts and President Barack Obama's decision to extend them permanently.

House uses Tax Day to pass bills package to 'rein in IRS abuse'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House leaders used Wednesday's tax filing deadline to pass a package of bills designed to protect taxpayers from potential abuse by the IRS, a response to recent scandals at the agency.

One bill would prevent IRS employees from using personal email accounts for official business. One would enact a taxpayers' bill of rights, and another would require the tax agency to fire employees caught targeting individuals or groups based on their politics.

In all, the House passed eight bills and sent them to the Senate. Seven were passed without recorded votes, with no opposition. The other bill was passed by a vote of 424-0. It would require federal contractors to certify that they don't have a "seriously delinquent tax debt."

House Republicans said the bills were part of their efforts to "rein in the IRS."

"This marks a major step forward in our common quest to strengthen transparency and accountability at the IRS, an agency in desperate need for a complete makeover and cultural change," said Rep. Peter Roskam, R-Ill., chairman of Ways and Means' Subcommittee on Oversight.

In 2013, the IRS acknowledged that agents had improperly singled out conservative groups for extra scrutiny when they applied for tax-exempt status during the 2010 and 2012 elections. An inspector general's report cited poor management in allowing it to happen, and the Justice Department and several committees in Congress launched investigations.

Much of the agency's leadership has since been replaced, including the commissioner. None of the investigations has publicly produced evidence that people outside the IRS directed the targeting of conservative groups or knew about it.

IRS Commissioner John Koskinen said the IRS has already addressed many of the issues raised by the bills.

"We've put in place all the recommendations of the inspector general to make sure that the mistakes that happened in properly looking at criteria for how to respond to an application shouldn't have happened and it shouldn't happen again," Koskinen said Wednesday.

"At this point I think my response is that it's important for the public to understand that we've taken these responsibilities seriously and wherever there were legitimate points raised, we've fixed them," Koskinen said.

House Democrats blocked a bill that would prohibit federal workers from having a "seriously delinquent tax debt."

Federal workers and retirees owed more than $3.5 billion in unpaid taxes last year, according to IRS statistics. However, the delinquency rate was 3.1 percent, well below the rate for the general public, which was about 8 percent.

"My Republican colleagues seem to believe there is a serious problem with federal employees not paying their taxes. There is not," said Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md. "This legislation is designed to demonize federal employees rather than help the government collect taxes."

The vote on the bill was 266-160 in favor. However, Republican leaders took up the bill under a procedure that requires a two-thirds majority to pass, and it fell short. The procedure is usually reserved for noncontroversial bills.

The bill concerning personal email accounts came from a Ways and Means investigation that found several IRS workers had sent confidential taxpayer information to personal email accounts. Among them was former IRS official Lois Lerner, a central figure in the committee's investigation.

Lerner, who has retired, headed the division that processed applications for tax-exempt status.

IRS policy already prohibits workers from using a personal email account to transmit confidential taxpayer information. The bill would make the policy law.

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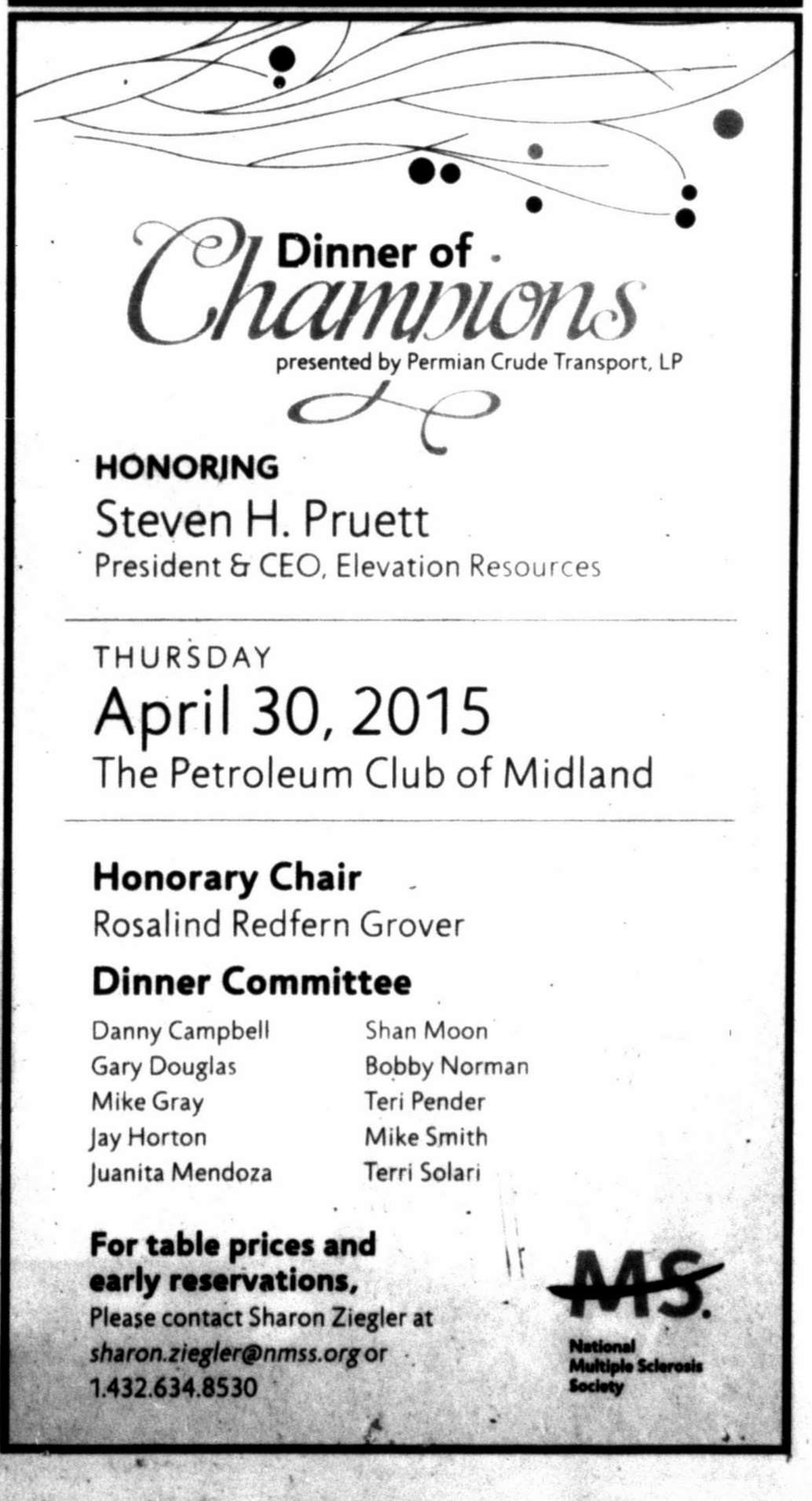

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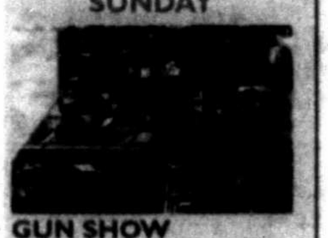

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ONLINE

DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE Midland Festival Ballet presents 'Alice In Wonderland' this weekend. Read more at mrt.com.

'BUYING THE MOOSE' REVIEW Check out Entertainment Writer Rich Lopez' thoughts on the recent Mavericks production.

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Opening: "Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2"
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STAYING IN? Find out which movies are worth watching from the comfort of your couch. **Page 3**

COMING SOON

LISTEN TO THE MUSIC The Doobie Brothers play Wagner Noel on Wednesday.

THEY WERE THE Dixie Chicks on Sunday, before Stephen Fischer brings [illegible] visit.

'West Side Story' opening marks several debuts

By Rich Lopez
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As part of the Yucca's reopening, the stage will be taken over by the Sharks and the Jets as Midland Community Theatre presents its spring show, "West Side Story."

While the classic musical will mark the first show of the Yucca's new chapter, the show will also be a first for many onstage with Midland Community Theatre. By last count, seven actors will make their MCT debut Friday. When asked about their experience, words such as "excited," "nervous" and "honored" were prevalent, but they also had poignant views on the significance not of just their first MCT show, but stepping onto the Yucca stage.

One actress was taken by the history of it all.

"The Yucca has a unique part within the historical theater district. From the plight of the women's suffrage movement, civil rights and entertainment, this theater has seen it all," said Lisa Maddox, who plays Francisca, one of the Sharks' ladies. "To be able to perform makes me very proud. I am thankful of those who fought against injustice on all levels to give me the opportunity to make one of my dreams come true."

"West Side Story" will also be Maddox's stage debut outside of school. She said that besides one high school production of "A Letter To My Soldier," readings, church and dance competitions, this is her first time acting in local theater.

As Velma, Aimee Tittlemier has found a new family within MCT after moving here from California in August 2014.

"I found that my days consisted of work life and home life. MCT offers the opportunity to immerse myself in the community arts, build valuable relationships and really be a part of the heart of Midland," she said.

Ironically, Tittlemier describes herself as an introvert, but when onstage, magic happens for her.

"Theater allows me to get lost in a story from another time and to have my own time in the lights — it's a very public private moment," she said.

Both Breanna Carrasco and Regina Bejarano delivered monumental performances in Permian Playhouse's "In the Heights" last year. They find themselves on the same team again with Maddox as Shark ladies.

For Carrasco, who plays Estella, the show marks a new chapter of her own.

"I went in not knowing what to expect and I'm coming out with new friends, mentors and family. I couldn't be happier, and I'm taking in what I can and putting my heart into this show," she said. "I can't wait to show this baby off and hear the applause as that final curtain goes down."

Along the way, she's also found an appreciation for the role of community theater in places like Midland and Odessa.

"It's opened my mind to how important theater is and how powerful it can be when you bring a group of strangers to work together and create something so beautiful and exciting," she said.

For Bejarano, this is only her second production after "In the Heights." As Rosalia, the Odessa College student is enjoying the ride.

"I'm really excited for my first show here," she said. "I'm honored to be part of this opening, and I'm glad that everything I learned about being an actor just last summer has helped me feel comfortable on stage here."

Female leads Carmina Aguilar and Sara Hone are front and center come Friday. As Anita and Maria respectively, they will deliver signature Sondheim songs "America," "Tonight" and "I Feel Pretty."

Aguilar was also part of last year's "In the Heights." She said she applies a certain depth to the roles she performs because the stories are often reflected in real life.

"I have usually acted in shows with a message of love at its core. You have this classic story but with the societal issue of racism that is still a struggle today," she said. "I hope audiences will take away the lesson that we are all the same, and that hate can only bring heartbreak. All we have to do is read a newspaper or turn on the news to see that we still are struggling with the same issues. Isn't it time to learn from the past?"

Like Tittlemier, Hone is a Midland newbie. She worked in both professional and community theater in California for more than 20 years, but in all that time, she discovered the embrace of her locally established castmates.

"I have never experienced a cast so supportive and hardworking. My first taste of southern charm has really been meeting this incredible cast that has made extra rehearsal time to make the show and themselves better," she said. "I've also had people make sure I felt welcome and invited me into their homes and to their events. I've never felt such a quick family environment in a community theater in my whole life."

WANT TO GO?

"West Side Story" at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. through May 2. Tickets are $28 for adults, $20 for seniors and youth. For more info, log on to mctmidland.org.

Don Dokken is more than his '80s legacy

By Rich Lopez
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Full disclosure: Dokken was my absolute favorite of metal bands back in their heyday. I thought I was the only one who knew them in Mesquite. While everyone else listened to Judas Priest or Iron Maiden, I discovered this small band that had incredible harmonies and amazing lyrics.

So receiving an email from frontman Don Dokken and then calling his home phone was quite a surreal experience.

But surreal isn't really a thing for Dokken.

He's traded in days of drugs and drinking for a solid relationship and a Buddhist lifestyle.

"This philosophy of how to live your life, it's an inspiration," he said. "Elizabeth is a Buddhist priest, and we've been together for 28 years, and our house is like a monastery, so it truly affects my lifestyle."

When he met "Lady E," Dokken had already formed a curiosity about Eastern philosophy. But as they grew together, his transition, albeit admittedly a slow one, made him more calm, patient and tolerant.

This perhaps is what also keeps him going with his band for more than 30 years. Dokken, the band, has continued recording albums and live shows. They headline Hacienda today.

Courtesy photo

Don Dokken's band, Doken, will perform at Hacienda Event Center tonight.

"You're going to hear all the hits," he said before rattling off a string of them such as "Alone Again," "In My Dreams" and "Just Got Lucky." "But we have some obscure songs that we'll play because we like them. We're lucky to have those hits that can fill up our time onstage."

The band released "Broken Bones" in 2012, which featured Dokken and original drummer Mick Jones. Famed guitarist George Lynch had split with the band over very loud differences with the singer. Jon Levin has since stepped in on guitar with Mark Boals on bass, who replaced Jeff Pilson, now in Foreigner.

Band changes can be a death knell for a band — or it can force them to rise up, and Dokken did.

"When I wrote songs for that album, I was trying to put myself in that mindset of our earlier, bigger albums. So it did sort of throwback to that sound, but Jon stepped right up with his guitar work. People see that as a full-on Dokken album regardless of the lineup."

But he doesn't want to rest on those laurels. Dokken admits he can't understand why industry types only want him to write another "Tooth and Nail," the band's breakthrough album from 1984. His attempts into other sounds like his 2008 acoustic solo album "Solitary" never got off the ground with major labels. The album was only available to concertgoers and is out of print, but it also contained some of the singer's most innovative work.

"I love rock, but we weren't a one-trick pony," he said. "We weren't allowed

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Jay Leno

Friday at Chaparral Center

Comedian, actor, producer and TV personality Jay Leno will take the stage at 8 p.m. on Friday at Chap Center. The free ticketed show is presented by Midland College Foundation and Phyllis & Bob Cowan Performing Arts Series and Friends of the Series. For information, call Midland College Foundation at 685-4765.

CALENDAR

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

MUSIC

An Evening with Slaid Cleaves, April 16 at Arti-Zen. talltownes.com.

Tessy Lou & The Shotgun Stars, 7:30 p.m. April 16 at Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

Imagine open mic night for contemporary Christian music, 6-9 p.m. Friday at Tea2Go. 689-5451.

White Ghost Shivers at 1920s Fashion Show and Garden Party, 6:30-10:30 p.m. April 17 at Ellen Noel Art Museum. noelartmuseum.org.

Robert Earl Keen at Best of the Basin barbecue cookoff and concert benefiting Bynum School, April 17-18 at CAF. bynumschool.org.

The Sharks to benefit Eastern European Mission, 7 p.m. April 18 at Golf Course Road Church of Christ. gcrcc.org.

3OG, 7:30 p.m. April 18 at Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

ART & DANCE

Midland Festival Ballet's "Alice in Wonderland," 2:30 p.m. April 19 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center.

GAMES & SPORTS

Play bridge at Allison Bridge Center, 682-8595.

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

Senior bingo, 10 a.m. Fridays at Cimarron House.

THEATER, COMEDY & FILM

SciFriday show: "Jurassic Park," 8:15 p.m. April 17 at Blakemore Planetarium. museumsw.org.

"Pillow Talk" film screening, 7:30 p.m. April 17-18 at Ector Theatre. ectortheatre.com.

"West Side Story," April 17-25 at Yucca Theatre. mctmidland.org.

"Buying the Moose" Maverick Players production, April 10-26 at VFW Hall. 522-5225.

EVENTS

"To Kill a Mockingbird" discussion, 5 p.m. April 16 at Barnes and Noble Booksellers. barnesandnoble.com.

Petroleum Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Dinner, April 16 at Midland Center. petroleummuseum.org.

Forrest Fest annual poetry festival, April 16-18 at Forrest Park in Lamesa. forrestfest.org.

Midland Downtown Farmers Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest. midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com.

Walk MS: Permian Basin for National Multiple Sclerosis Society, April 18 at Sherwood Park in Odessa. nationalmssociety.org.

Permian Basin Master Gardeners Plant Sale, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. April 18 at the Horseshoe. westtexasgardening.org.

West Texas Iris Society show with viewing, noon-4:30 p.m. Saturday at Midland Park Mall. simon.com/mall/midland-park-mall.

Silver Spur Gun and Knife Show, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. April 18 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 19 at the Horseshoe Pavilion. silverspurtradeshows.com.

KID-FRIENDLY

Laura Bush Literacy Program Reading Event, 4:30-5:30 p.m. April 16 at George W. Bush Childhood Home visitor center. bushchildhoodhome.org.

Basin PBS Explore the Outdoors, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. April 18 at I-20 Wildlife Preserve. basinpbs.org.

Simon Kidgets Music Mania, 2-4 p.m. Saturday at Midland Park Mall. simon.com/mall/midland-park-mall.

Cookie Mouse visits Midland, noon April 18 at Barnes and Noble Booksellers. barnesandnoble.com.

Storytime for birth-2 years, 9:30 a.m. today at Midland County Public Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Storytime for ages 2-6, 10:30 a.m. today at Midland County Public Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Storytime for ages 2-6, 11 a.m. Saturdays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Storytime for 2-6 years, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

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Storytime for preschool, 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Barnes and Noble Booksellers. barnesandnoble.com.

COMING SOON

APRIL

Lunch and Lecture with Bobby Burns of Midland Chamber of Commerce, 11:30 a.m. April 21 at Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Texas Tech vs Abilene Christian, 6:30 p.m. April 21 at Security Ballpark. milb.com.

Wendy Davis on "Educating Texas: Complex Challenges - New Perspectives," 7 p.m. April 21 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center wagnernoel.com.

The Doobie Brothers, 7:30 p.m. April 22 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Live on Stage: Those Were the Days featuring William Florian, 7 p.m. April 23 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

RockHounds baseball, 7 p.m. April 23 at Security Ballpark. milb.com.

Troy Cartwright, 7:30 p.m. April 23 at Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

Art of the Heart sale with opening reception, 6-9 p.m. April 24 at Midland Palette Club. paletteclubmidland.com.

RockHounds baseball, 7 p.m. April 24 at Security Ballpark. milb.com.

Rieleros y Polo, April 24 at Hacienda Event Center. haciendamidland.com.

The Peddlars Show, April 24-25 at the Horseshoe Pavilion. midlandhorseshoe.com.

George Lopez, 8 p.m. April 24-25 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

11th annual Buffalo Gap Wine and Food Summit, April 24-26 at Perini Ranch in Buffalo Gap. periniranch.com.

Kenny Rogers, Dustin Lynch, Rae Lynn and The Swon Brothers, April 24-26 at Las Cruces Country Music Festival in Las Cruces, New Mexico. lascrucescountrymusic.com.

6th annual Permian Basin Autism SHARE Walk, 9 a.m. April 25 at Scharbauer Sports Complex. spc.convio.net/autismsharewalk.

Midland Opera Theater brunch before the MET Opera Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana/ Leoncavillo's Pagliacci," 10-11:30 a.m. April 25 at Harvest Caffe. midlandoperatheater.org.

American Girl craft program, 5 p.m. April 25 at Barnes and Noble Booksellers. barnesandnoble.com.

RockHounds baseball, 7 p.m. April 25 at Security Ballpark. milb.com.

Funkster, 7:30 p.m. April 25 at Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

Sandhills Quarter Horse Show, April 25-26 at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

RockHounds baseball, 2 p.m. April 26 at Security Ballpark. milb.com.

MOSC Chorale: "Brahms Requiem," 3 p.m. April 26 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Trip Lee, Derek Minor and Social Club, 7 p.m. April 26 at Midland First Assembly of God. firstagmidland.com.

RockHounds baseball, 6:30 p.m. April 27 at Security Ballpark. milb.com.

RockHounds baseball, 11 a.m. April 28 at Security Ballpark. milb.com.

RockHounds baseball, 6:30 p.m. April 29 at Security Ballpark. milb.com.

Uptown Midland Business & Professional Women Bunco Fundraiser, 6 p.m. April 30 at Garden View Beer Garden. 687-1777.

RockHounds baseball, 7 p.m. April 30 at Security Ballpark. milb.com.

Thomas Craig Elliott, 7:30 p.m. April 30 at Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

An Evening with Casting Crowns, 7 p.m. April 30 at Ace Arena in Andrews. whatyeshuacando.com.

MAY

"Permian Monsters: Life Before the Dinosaurs" opening, May 1 at Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum and the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. museumsw.org.

First Friday with Molly Roberts and Katie Pack, 6 p.m. May 1 at Kamiposi. facebook.com/kamiposi.

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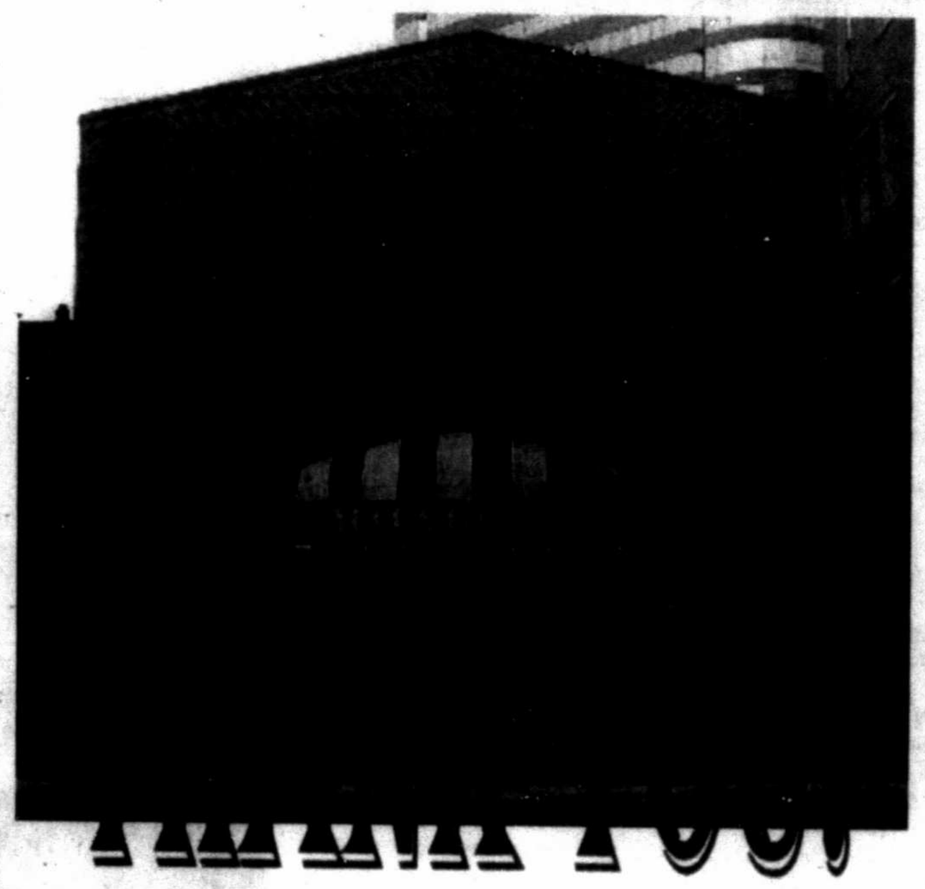

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MUSIC & MOVIES

Don't miss overlooked 'A Most Violent Year'

Reeled & Stream

By Nancy Adamson | nadamson@mrt.com

PICK O' THE WEEK

"A Most Violent Year" (R) Who know the heating oil sales industry could be so cutthroat? Nearly every element of this film — the story, the acting, the production design —is flawless, yet it slipped under the radar. Don't let it get away now that it's available on smaller screens. **A**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"Muck" (R) If the filmmakers had actually fully realized the project rather than being unable to focus on little else than showing so much female nudity as possible, there might have been a decent slasher film here. The dialogue was funny and the plot was respectable. Next time, guys, think more with your big heads and try to cast more legitimate actors rather than your frat brothers and former low-level beauty queens. **D**

MORE REVIEWS

"Allies" (unrated) World War II film based on real events does a terrific job with production design. The look of the film is realistic. But the story is emotionally detached and the battle scenes are generic. **C+**

"Bad Ass 3: Bad Asses on the Bayou" (R) Who would have thought a 3-minute YouTube video of an old man fighting for his seat on a public bus would lead to a three-film — and counting? — franchise? The newest installment continues the humor-based action series, but while good for a laugh or two, it won't make a lasting impression. **B-**

"Common Outlaws" (unrated) Muddled film crosses years and generations with no clear breaks, making the viewing experience confusing. **C**

"Felony" (unrated) Uneven Australian cop drama takes a terrific premise and then drags it out through too many scenes that do nothing to advance the story. **B-**

"Going Clear: Scientology and the Prison of Belief" (unrated) The most edge-of-your-seat thriller this year doesn't have any car chases, explosions or gunfights, but it does have former Scientologists and other analysts telling one horror story after another about the "religion" and its two most famous spokesmen, John Travolta and Tom Cruise. **A**

"Happy Valley" (unrated) Interviews with Joe Paterno's widow and Jerry Sandusky's adopted son shed new light on the tragedy that occurred at Penn State. **A-**

"Home Sweet Hell" (R) Painfully unfunny comedy is lasting proof Katherine Heigl should never have left "Grey's Anatomy." **D**

"The Immigrant" (R) Marion Cotillard and Joaquin Phoenix deliver tour de force performances in this intriguing tale of life in America for those desperate to make it their home. As for the the sepia tone used throughout the film, it gets old fast. **B**

"Late Phases: Night of the Lone Wolf" (unrated) The special effects are dreadful and the acting is suspect but there's a campy vibe to the film that makes it kinda fun. **B-**

"Pioneer" (R) Best underwater thriller since "The Abyss." **B**

Slaid Cleaves is just fine with his fame

By Rich Lopez
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By the time Austin-based singer Slaid Cleaves hits Midland today for his sold-out peformance at ArtiZen Ourlet, he said he'd be back to 100 percent. He dubbed his recent slate of dates on the West Coast as the "Tour from Hell" because he, his wife and his crew all suffered from the flu. As a cherry on top, Cleaves then came down with bronchitis.

Needless to say, he's been resting up proper for his upcoming Texas dates.

"There's definitely been a regrouping," he said from his Austin home. "I think my voice is OK. That was only bad for a few days but I haven't used it in a while. When we hit Midland, it should be just right."

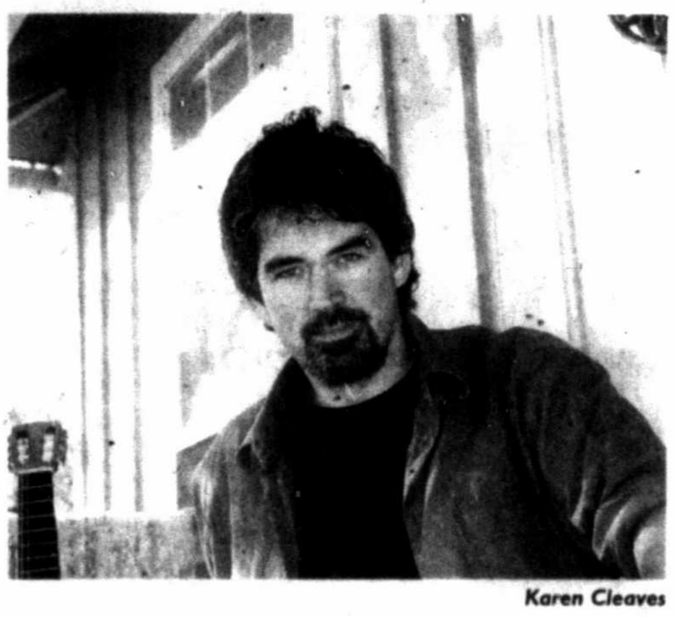
Cleaves said he enjoys being on the road or performing live, but when it comes to albums, he sounds a bit irresolute.

According to his website, Cleaves mentioned he would start posting more music whether it was radio or live performances, outtakes, demos or new music, but he has trepidations about that.

"I wrestle with it and wonder if there's enough demand for it. The problem I'm facing is that I'm much more interested in new material, but when I think about albums, I think about putting in all the time and expense toward it. Then I get paralyzed and unsure what to do next," he said.

His last album, "Still Fighting the War," was released in 2013.

Cleaves is rather open about his frustrations with the challenges of his place in music as an independent — and yet, he'd probably have it no other way.



Karen Cleaves

Staid Cleaves will performa at ArtiZen Outlet tonight. The show is sold out.

He is somewhat soft-spoken about his career trajectory. He doesn't have a beef with not being America's Top Folk Superstar, but he also learned that dreams change. These days, he sounds content with where he falls on the music continuum.

"It's hard to talk about the success of my career because you can look at it two different ways," he said. "I make a decent, respectable living, I'm my own boss, my wife is a part of that and we control our own destiny. On the other hand, I really haven't made the tiniest dent or scratch in the modern American culture or even my genre."

He reflects on the usual musician struggles he experienced in the '90s. That changed with 2000's "Brokedown" which was Cleaves' breakthrough. With the exposure it received on NPR and subsequent attention, the singer asked himself a poignant question.

"The album came out, it went well, but in the middle of that career boost, it became a question I asked if whether this is the peak of my career," he said. "So I worked really hard to get as much as I could at that time."

Cleaves comfortably says his career has plateaued since then.

"This is a good place to be. Sure, I had intentions to take things further, but I've also accepted the fact that my drive means this where I've landed. Sure, I'd like to think of selling a million records, but then I'd be just like McDonalds," he said with a laugh.

Despite his position in music, he's still selling out venues which still says something about his draw — even if they are smaller venues.

"I don't strive to play bigger theaters necessarily, but it blows my mind to still have the number of fans I have," he said.

Tall Townes Entertainment is hosting Cleaves' show at ArtiZen Outlet with an option to have dinner and music, thanks to an Asian-inspired menu provided by Chef Chip Hight. The menu can be seen on Tall Townes' website.

DOKKEN

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departure while Zeppelin did that with 'Houses of the Holy' or Beatles with 'Sgt. Peppers.' We were a very valid band. We weren't writing 'Unskinny Bop,' you know? I wasn't buying it."

And he didn't have to. His career in the band has made life comfortable for Dokken, which gives him the luxury to do whatever he wants.

"Labels wanted something I'd already done. They wouldn't ask McCartney to write 'Yesterday' again. That was a different me then anyway. Now, without the labels, I can play and write what interests me," he said.

Metal is no mainstay on radio anymore, and MTV is no longer the music video outlet, so how does Dokken see the band's future? Philosophically, of course.

"I'm in a very interesting place in my life," he said. "I love being onstage and it's rewarding to see the fans singing along with me, but I don't know what the future holds. All I know is that I love doing music because I'm an artist. I don't have to make it for financial reasons, but just for the love of music."

WANT TO GO?

Dokken at Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. Doors open at 8 p.m. tonight. Tickets are $20. With Jack Russsell's Great White. For more info, log on to Haciendamidland.com.

LIVE WIRE

MIDLAND-ODESSA-BIG SPRING - ANDREWS

APRIL

16 **3OG's** @ Cafe at Alldredge Garden
16 **Crobot, Convoy** @ Blue Max
16 **Staid Cleaves** @ ArtiZen
16 **Johnny & Susie** @ West Texas Dance Club
16 **Dokken, Jack Russell's Great White** @ Hacienda Event Center
16 **Tessy Lou and the Shotgun Stars** @ Basin Burger House
16 **Chris Brazeal Band** @ Rockin Rodeo
17 **Flashback** @ The Detour
17 **TJ Broscoff** @ Lone Star Bar
17 **Barb Wire Dolls** @ Blue Max
17 **Mister Happy** @ Ranchland Hills
17 **Mildred Rubio** @ Music City Mall
17-18 **Dirty Glass** @ Hot Shots
17-18 **Bobby Champion and the New Revolution Band** @ Your Place
17-18 **Electric Gypsies** @ The Bar
18 **Big Daddy Weave, Jason Gray, Citizen Way, Lauren Daigle** @ First Baptist Church of Odessa
18 **3 OG's** @ Basin Burger House
18 **Emily King, Kathy Lollar** @ Music City Mall
19 **Jeremy and Rachel Chupp Ministries** @ Calvary Baptist (Odessa)
19 **Pullman Standard** @ Riley's
18 **WB Quartet, Emily King, Tucker Binkley** @ Music City Mall
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BURGERS & BARBECUE

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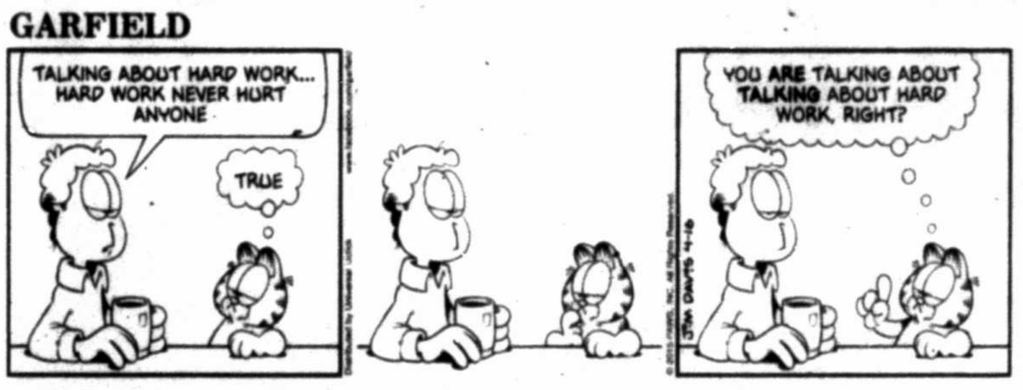

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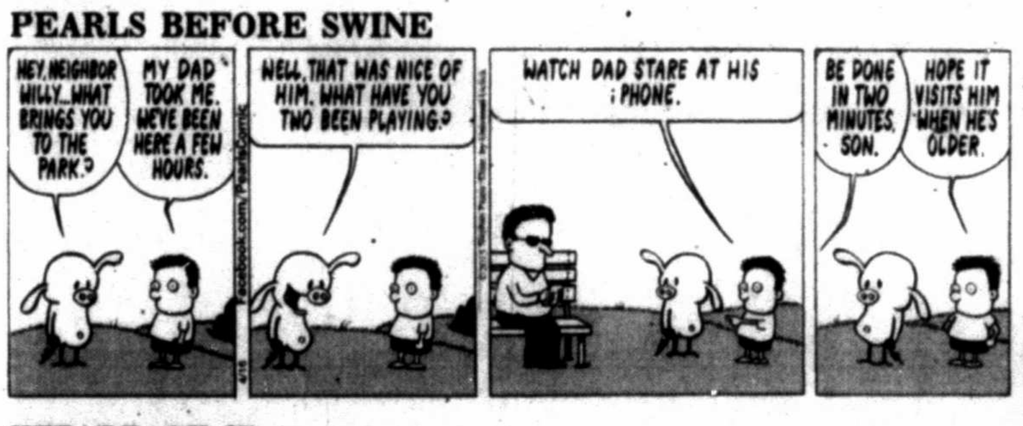

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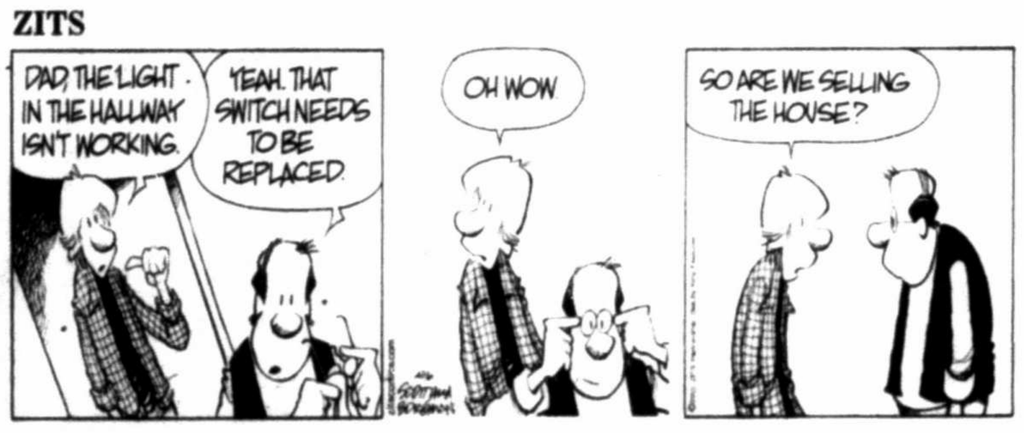

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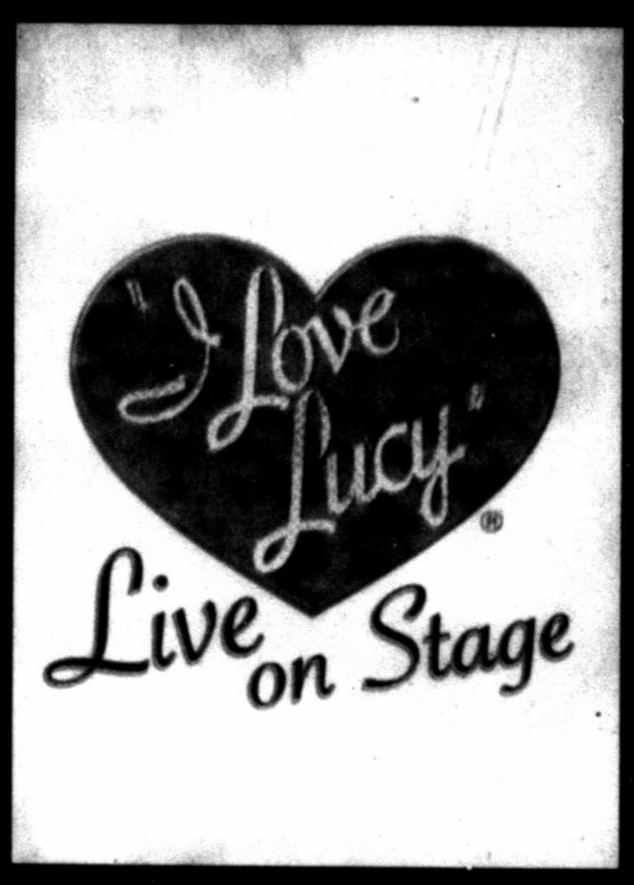

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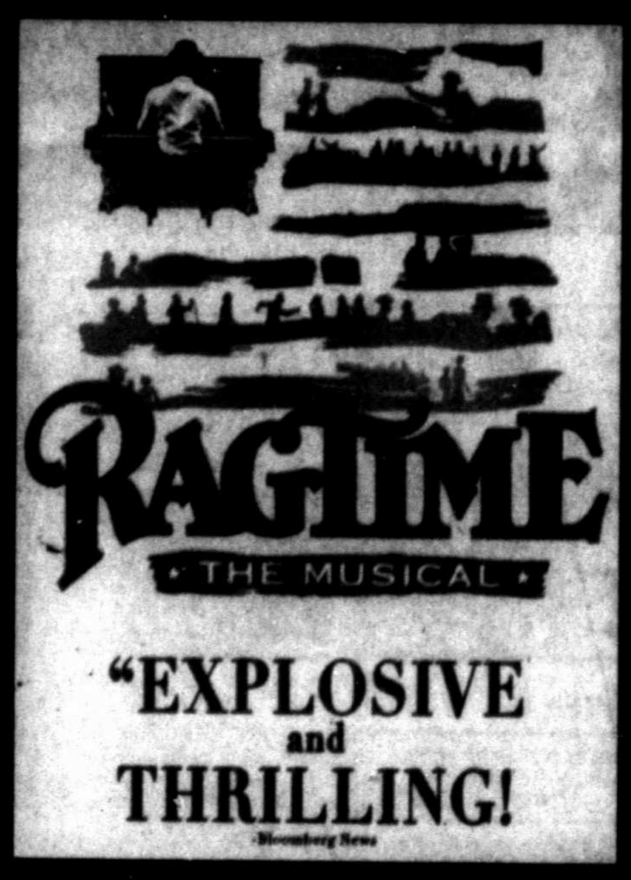

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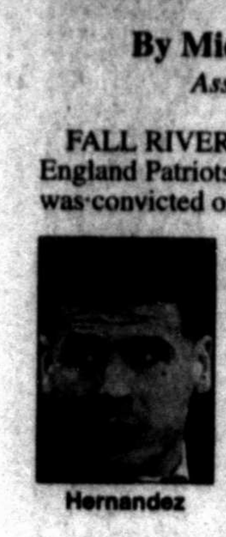
Ex-NFL star Hernandez convicted of murder

By Michelle R. Smith
Associated Press

FALL RIVER, Mass. — Former New England Patriots star Aaron Hernandez was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison Wednesday for a deadly late-night shooting, sealing the downfall of an athlete who once had a $40 million contract and a standout career ahead of him.


Hernandez

Hernandez, 25, who had been considered one of the top tight ends in professional football, shook his head, pursed his lips and sat down after the jury forewoman pronounced him guilty in the slaying of Odin Lloyd, a 27-year-old landscaper and amateur weekend football player who was dating the sister of Hernandez's fiancee.

Hernandez's mother, Terri, and his fiancee, Shayanna Jenkins, cried and gasped when they heard the verdict. Hernandez, his eyes red, mouthed to them: "Be strong. Be strong." Lloyd's mother also cried.

Jurors deliberated for 36 hours over seven days before rendering their decision, which also included convictions on weapons charges.

"The jury found that he was just a man who committed a brutal murder," District Attorney Thomas Quinn said after the verdict. "The fact that he was a professional athlete meant nothing in the end."

Lloyd was shot six times early on June 17, 2013, in a deserted industrial park near Hernandez's home in North Attleborough. The motive has never been explained.

Police almost immediately zeroed in on the former Pro Bowl athlete because they found in Lloyd's pocket the key to a car the NFL player had rented. Within hours of Hernandez's arrest, the Patriots cut him from the team. The team declined to comment on the verdict.

Prosecutors presented a wealth of evidence that Hernandez was with Lloyd at the time he was killed, including home security video from Hernandez's mansion, witness testimony and cellphone records that tracked Lloyd's movements.

Hernandez's lawyer, James Sultan, acknowledged for the first time during closing arguments that Hernandez was there when Lloyd was killed.

But the attorney pinned the shooting on two of Hernandez's friends, Ernest Wallace and Carlos Ortiz, saying his client was a "23-year-old kid" who witnessed a shocking crime and did not know what to do. Wallace and Ortiz will stand trial later.

Prosecutors have suggested Lloyd may have been killed because he knew too much about Hernandez's alleged involvement in a 2012 drive-by shooting in Boston that killed two. But they were not allowed to tell the jury that because the judge said it was speculation.

As a result, they never offered jurors a motive beyond saying Hernandez appeared angry with Lloyd at a nightclub two nights before the killing.

In the 2012 case, Hernandez is accused of gunning down a pair of men over a spilled drink at a nightclub.

All 12 jurors and three alternates spoke to reporters Wednesday, saying they were shocked by the defense admission that Hernandez was at the scene of the killing — an acknowledgement that they said helped confirm that he was guilty.

They also described how the judge talked to them privately after they reached their decision and told them about other allegations and evidence not presented in the case, including the 2012 slayings and the last texts Lloyd sent minutes before he died saying that said he was with "NFL."

The jurors said that information reaffirmed their feeling that they had made the

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Competing for the love of track

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

The Midland High girls 400 relay team of Tammie Hickey, Shea'Teria Robinson, Jimmiriyia Goodley and Zakymbria "Bria" Lewis is shown in this photo taken Monday.

Girls 400 relay the heart of MHS squad

By Christopher Hadorn
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Midland High girls track and field head coach Hil Ochoa calls the 400 relay team the heart of his squad.

The quartet of Tammie Hickey, Shea'teria Robinson, Jimmiriyia Goodley and Zakymbria Lewis have left an indelible legacy at MHS.

Last year, the 400 relay girls finished second at the district championships, and followed with a fourth-place finish at the area meet, qualifying them for the regionals.

Even though they didn't reach state, the relay team's achievements helped set a standard for all the younger, impressionable Lady Bulldogs track athletes to look up to.

Today and Friday, Hickey, Robinson and Goodley, all seniors, will compete in their final district meet during the District 3-6A Track and Field Championships at Memorial Stadium.

"It's emotional for me since I've watched them grow," MHS relays coach Mitzi Bell said. "Not only as athletes, but as young ladies. Them being so responsible as they have jobs and have lives outside of track, and I have seen them grow to be leaders.

"Who's going to fill those shoes? Not only as athletes, but as the legacy of Midland High track," Bell added. "We're building it and they're a huge part of that whole process of building. The rest of these girls watched these girls be so successful last year. Sometimes they don't realize how much the girls look up to them because they are so successful and they work so hard, so it's going to be hard to move on without them. But right now we're just worried about finishing strong this year."

"Finish strong" is the team's motto as Bell and the relay team don bracelets with those words inscribed.

Despite the team's success, it hasn't always been a smooth road with bumps along the way for the four girls. Ochoa

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Lee's Rogers thrives on competing in multiple events

By Christopher Hadorn
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University Interscholastic League rules specify that a high school track and field athlete cannot compete in more than five events.

Therefore, the five-event athlete is typically a special breed of competitor, one with the potential to compile sizable point totals for a team.

Rogers

Denim Rogers serves that unique role for Lee boys track and field.

The Rebels junior is slated to compete in the high jump, long jump, 110-meter hurdles, 300-meter hurdles and the 1,600 relay during the District 3-6A Track and Field Championships to be held at Memorial Stadium today and Friday.

"He's a track guy," Lee boys head coach Jeff Pair said. "He wants to do as much as he can do, but he's obviously limited in the amount of events he can do. He's got a full boat and he just enjoys it. It's good to have people like that."

Rogers is a track enthusiast. He took up the sport at the tender age of 5 when he lived in Whitesboro. Throughout the years, Rogers has competed in the decathlon during summer meets, and even swears that he is a capable thrower.

"I am super skinny but I actually threw shot put and discus and I did actually pretty well in them, way back a long time ago," Rogers said.

Even though Rogers is open minded to a collegiate career in the decathlon, he only competed in one UIL event, the high jump, prior to moving to Midland.

"I didn't do anything else, no running or anything," Rogers said. "I moved here, I got put in five events. It was kind of a shock, but it's just what Coach (Pair) thought I could do. He's pushed me and brought me to where I'm at right now.

"It's difficult, but it's something I can handle. There's not many people that do it but I'm glad that I do. I can't think of doing it any other way."

With a top four finish in his events,

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Church bells, kind acts mark 2 years since Boston bombings

By Philip Marcelo
Associated Press

BOSTON — With a moment of silence, the tolling of church bells and a call for kindness, Boston marked the second anniversary of the marathon bombings Wednesday, the emotions clearly still raw from the devastating attack during one of this city's most cherished events.

On Boylston Street, people openly wept and hugged as church bells tolled at 2:49 p.m., the time the first bomb went off at the race's finish line April 15, 2013.

"It still feels like yesterday, to be honest," said Aleksander Jonca, a Boston resident who ran the marathon in 2013 and plans to run this year's on April 20. "Two years later I feel like we're still struggling to find the words to describe what happened that day."

Large crowds formed at the two roadside spots where the bombs detonated, killing three people and injuring 260 others.

Runners wearing Boston Marathon gear and bystanders with "Boston Strong" shirts fixed their eyes on the commemorative banners that had been revealed in a silent ceremony hours earlier.

More than 100 blue and yellow balloons — the marathon's colors — were released into a cloudless sky as the church bells faded.

"As a mom, I still haven't moved on," said Liz Norden, a Stoneham resident whose two adult sons — J.P. and Paul — each lost a leg in the attack. "I know my boys have moved on. But it's hard. I see them put on a leg every day. It's still raw."

At the Old South Church near the finish line, hundreds gathered for an interfaith service with Christian, Muslim and Jewish leaders who focused on healing.

"We turn now to acknowledge that life goes on," said the Rev. Demetrios Tonias, dean of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Boston. "Living goes on. Our prayers go on. Our grief goes on. But so, too, does our resiliency go on."

Earlier Wednesday, Mayor Marty Walsh, Gov. Charlie Baker and bombing survivors unveiled commemorative banners marking the blast sites on Boylston Street with the plaintive wail of bagpipes in the background.

The orange banners, which were hung up on light posts, bear a white heart with a road receding into the distance and the word "Boston."

Elsewhere in the crowd, Jeff Bauman, who lost his legs above the knee in the blasts, exchanged a big hug with Carlos Arredondo, who helped save his life two years ago.

Bauman, who was able to describe to police one of the two brothers accused of carrying out the attack, also threw out the ceremonial first pitch later that day as the Boston Red Sox faced the Washington Nationals.

The afternoon game at Fenway Park was among the prominent locations people in Boston paused out of respect for the anniversary.

The mayor and the Richard family observed the moment at City Hall Plaza.

Baker and other top state officials formed a circle in Memorial Hall at the Statehouse.

"In many respects, those most affected by the events of two years ago have shown us all the way back — with their courage, grace and determination," Baker said in a statement. "They honor the past, remember and treasure loved ones lost and

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'HOUNDSWATCH

TUESDAY'S SCORE
Arkansas 6, Midland 4

TODAY'S GAME
Midland at NW Arkansas, 6:05 p.m., Arvest Ballpark

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Monday	Tuesday	Today	Friday	Saturday
Arkansas 8, Midland 7	Arkansas 6, Midland 4	Midland at NW Arkansas	Midland at NW Arkansas	Midland at NW Arkansas

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FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL
Collingwood vs. St. Kilda, 4:30 a.m., FS2

COLLEGE BASEBALL
Vanderbilt at South Carolina, 6:30 p.m., SEC
California at UCLA, 9 p.m., P12/P12 BAY/P12 LA

COLLEGE SOFTBALL
Game 1: Southern Utah at BYU, 5 p.m., BYUtv
Game 2: Southern Utah at BYU, 7:30 p.m., BYUtv
Baylor at Oklahoma, 8 p.m., ESPN2

GOLF
PGA: RBC Heritage, 1st Round, 2 p.m., GOLF
LPGA: LOTTE Championship, 2nd Round, 6 p.m., GOLF

MLB
Milwaukee at St. Louis, 12:30 p.m., MLB
Miami at NY Mets, 6 p.m., MLB
Arizona at San Francisco, 9 p.m., MLB

MEN'S SOCCER
UEFA Europa Quarterfinal, Leg 1: VfL Wolfsburg vs. SSC Napoli, 2 p.m., FS1
UEFA Europa Quarterfinal, Leg 1: Sevilla vs. Zenit St. Petersburg, 2 p.m., FS2
UEFA Europa Quarterfinal, Leg 1: Dynamo Kyiv vs. ACF Fiorentina, 2 p.m., FOXSOCP
Copa Libertadores: Boca Juniors vs. CD Palestino, 5:30 p.m., FOXDEP
Copa Libertadores: SC Corinthians vs. San Lorenzo de Almagro, 8 p.m., FOXDEP

NHL
East Quarterfinals, Game 1: Pittsburgh at NY Rangers, 6 p.m., NBCSN
East Quarterfinals, Game 1: Detroit at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m., CNBC
West Quarterfinals, Game 1: Minnesota at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m., NBCSN
West Quarterfinals, Game 1: Winnipeg at Anaheim, 9 p.m., CNBC

RUGBY
NRL: Dragons vs. Broncos, 4:30 a.m., FOXSOCP

TENNIS
Women's College: UCLA at USC, 3 p.m., P12/P12 BAY/P12 LA
Men's College: USC at UCLA, 5 p.m., P12/P12 BAY/P12 LA
ATP: Monte Carlo Rolex Masters, Quarterfinals, 3:30 a.m., TENNIS

WOMEN'S COLLEGE LACROSSE
Rutgers at Ohio State, 6 p.m., BTN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE WATER POLO
Stanford at Cal, 7 p.m., P12/P12 BAY/P12 LA

WNBA
2015 WNBA Draft, 6 p.m., ESPN2

WHAT'S ON RADIO

TEXAS LEAGUE BASEBALL
Midland at Northwest Arkansas, 6 p.m., KCRS 550 AM

WHAT'S ON DECK

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF
Girls, Region I-6A Tournament, Rolling Hills CC, Arlington
Boys, Region I-4A Tournament, Lubbock
Girls, Region I-3A Tournament, Baird

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK
District 3-6A Meet, Memorial Stadium
District 4-4A Meet, Andrews
TAPPS 1-4A Meet, Fort Worth

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS
TAPPS 3A, 4A State Tournament, Waco

LOCAL SPORTS

ANDREWS TRIO SIGNS WITH 4-YEAR SCHOOLS

Andrews High School announced that three of its athletes signed to continue their careers at a university.

Track athlete Braden Grimsley signed with Angelo State University, track athlete John Ives is going to Tarleton State University and Zayra Gomez is heading to McMurry University.

TEXAS LEAGUE

First half

North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	6	0	1.000	
Tulsa	3	3	.500	3
Northwest Arkansas	2	4	.333	4
Springfield	1	5	.167	5

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Corpus Christi	4	2	.667	
San Antonio	3	3	.500	2
Frisco	2	4	.333	3
Midland	2	4	.333	3

Tuesday's Scores
Northwest Arkansas 6, Frisco 2
San Antonio 3, Springfield 0
Tulsa 2, Corpus Christi 1
Arkansas 6, Midland 4

Thursday's Games
Midland at Northwest Arkansas, 6:05 p.m.
Tulsa at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Springfield at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
Frisco at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE — Suspended N.Y. Yankees minor league RHP Wilking Rodriguez (Scranton/Wilkes-Barre) 80 games, without pay, for a positive test for Furosemide, a performance-enhancing substance in violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

American League
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Recalled OF Terrance Gore from Northwest Arkansas (Texas).
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Recalled LHP Adam Wilk from Salt Lake (PCL). Optioned RHP Drew Rucinski to Salt Lake. Selected the contract of LHP Adam Wilk from Salt Lake. Assigned RHP Garrett Richards on a rehab assignment to Salt Lake.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Recalled RHP Branden Pinder from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Optioned RHP Joel De La Cruz to Trenton (EL). Assigned RHP Kyle Davies outright to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Recalled RHP Jose Dominguez from Durham (IL). Optioned RHP Kirby Yates to Durham.
TEXAS RANGERS — Recalled RHP Anthony Ranaudo from Round Rock (PCL) and optioned Ranaudo and RHP Phil Klein to Round Rock. Assigned LHP Sam Freeman outright to Round Rock.

National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Recalled OF Yasmany Tomas from the Reno (PCL). Optioned RHP A.J. Schugel to Reno.
CINCINNATI REDS — Recalled RHP Pedro Villarreal from Louisville (IL). Optioned RHP Josh Smith to Louisville.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Claimed LHP Ryan Dennick off waivers from Cincinnati. Designated LHP David Huff for assignment. Recalled RHP Carlos Frias from Oklahoma City (PCL).
NEW YORK METS — Placed 3B David Wright on the 15-day DL. Recalled INF-OF Eric Campbell from Las Vegas (PCL).
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Recalled RHP Taylor Jordan from Syracuse (IL). Placed RHP Craig Stammen on the 15-day DL.

American Association
FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Signed RHP Seth Harvey.
SLARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Signed 1B Nick Howell.
GRAND PRAIRIE AIR HOGS — Signed OF Hayden Jennings. Traded LHP Jared Gaynor to Lincoln to complete an earlier trade.
LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Released INF Kevin Howard and RHP Joe Biasenus.

Can-Am League
NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Signed RHP John Walter.
OTTAWA CHAMPIONS — Signed RHP Drew Cisco.
TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Signed LHP Jeff Lorick.

Frontier League
FRONTIER GREYS — Signed RHP Justin D'Alessandro.
JOLIET SLAMMERS — Signed RHP Jake Butler.
NORMAL CORNBELTERS — Signed LHP Santos Rodriguez.

FOOTBALL

National Football League
DETROIT LIONS — Traded DE George Johnson and a 2015 seventh-round draft pick to Tampa Bay for a 2015 fifth-round draft pick.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed QB Matt Blanchard.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed DB Josh Gordy and LB Ryan Jones.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League
BOSTON BRUINS — Fired general manager Peter Chiarelli.

American Hockey League
HAMILTON BULLDOGS — Announced Montreal (MHL) recalled G Joey MacDonald.

ECHL
ECHL — Suspended Tulsa D Kevin Noble for one game and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions in a game on Tuesday.

COLLEGE
INDIANA — Announced junior G Teri Moren has transferred from Wabash Valley.
LANDER: Announced the resignation of men's basketball coach Jeff Burkhamer.
ROBERT MORRIS — Signed men's basketball coach Andy Toole to a contract extension through the 2019-20 season.

FISHING REPORT

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water stained; 63-66 degrees; 9.88 feet low. Black bass are fair on Senkos, Rat-L-Traps, shaky heads and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs under a slip cork. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 62-67 degrees; 19.3 feet low. Only ramp open and few anglers have been on the lake.

COLORADO CITY: 29.15 feet low. No report available.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 61-66 degrees; 16.83 feet low. Black bass are fair on flukes, Rat-L-Traps and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and live minnows. Catfish are fair on cut bait.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 62-67 degrees; 30.5 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on drop shot rigs, Rat-L-Traps and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and live shad.

NASWORTHY: No report available.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 61-66 degrees; 25.77 feet low. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs under a slip cork. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 62-67 degrees; 44.85 feet low. Black bass are fair on shallow running crankbaits, Rat-L-Traps and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs (moving shallow). Catfish are fair to good on live bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear; 62-66 degrees; 14.28 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on Texas rigs, split shot weighted flukes and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on Road Runners. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on live shad and nightcrawlers.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water murky; 65-69 degrees; 28.75 feet low. Black bass are good on crankbaits, jerkbaits, soft plastics, and jigs. Striped bass are fair on slabs, small crankbaits, and spoons. White bass are good on slabs, small crankbaits, and minnows. Crappie are fair on live minnows up Devil's River in the trees. Catfish are fair on chicken liver, shrimp, and nightcrawlers over baited holes. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (Fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

Chaps blow lead, fall to Howard College

From staff reports

BIG SPRING — Howard College came back from a four-run deficit to beat Midland College in a non-conference baseball game, 11-9, at Jack Barber Field on Wednesday.

MC (24-18) was up 7-3 when the Hawks ralled for four runs in the bottom of the sixth. Howard added four runs over the next two innings to hold off the Chaparrals.

Hawks 11
Chaparrals 9

The Chaps had 13 hits, including five home runs in the game. Josh Narvaiz was 2-for-5 with a home run and two RBI; Tony Reyes was 2-for-5 with a double, home run, an RBI and two runs scored; Colton Chalker was 2-for-4 with a home run and two RBI; and Chris Thibideau and Cody Bower also homered for MC.

Ryan McCarvel led Howard's 13-hit attack by going 4-for-5 with a double and four RBI, while Jarret Dehart was 4-for-4 with two doubles, a home run, an RBI and three runs scored.

Sebastian Palacios took the loss in relief for MC.

Midland College returns to Western Junior College Athletic Conference play this weekend with a four-game series against New Mexico Junior College.

The first doubleheader is at 1 p.m. Friday in Hobbs, New Mexico, before the series switches to Christensen Stadium for a 1 p.m. doubleheader on Saturday.

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Zach Murphy, Jesse Borden (4), Bryce Kidwell (5), Coleman Watts (6), Jacob Blevins (8), Sebastian Palacios (8) and Brandan Arredondo. Senicka, McKinnon (4), Wynn (5), Maine (6), Maley (7), Pennington (8), Quezada (9) and McCarvel. W — Pennington. L — Palacios. Sv — Quezada. 2B — MC: Tony Reyes; HC: Edwards, Wagner, Dehart, McCarvel. HR — MC: Colton Chalker, Reyes, Josh Narvaiz, Chris Thibideau, Cody Bower; HC: Wagner, Dehart.

REGIONALGOLFROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girls

DELAGARZA IN CONTENTION IN I-6A TOURNEY

ARLINGTON — Midland High freshman Faith DeLaGarza is in contention to qualify for one of three individual spots for the state tournament after shooting a 75 in the first round of the Region I-6A Tournament at Rolling Hills Country Club on Wednesday.

DeLaGarza is in a four-way tie for fifth place in the individual standings. The three lowest scoring individuals not on a qualifying team qualify for the state tournament.

Lee's Alexis Adkisson shot a 105 in the first round.

Allen leads the team standings after a 298, while Coppell and Southlake Carroll are tied for second after each shot 304. Odessa Permian is in 10th after shooting 350, while Odessa High is 14th with a 367 score.

The tournament concludes today.

REGION 1-6A TOURNAMENT
Rolling Hills Country Club, Arlington
Wednesday's first round results

Team standings — 1. Allen 298; T-2. Coppell 304; T-2. Southlake Carroll 304; 4. Plano West 316; 5. Byrdon Nelson 320; 6. Midlothian 327; 7. Arlington Martin, 337; 8. Fort Worth Paschal 341; 9. El Paso Coronado 341; 10. Odessa Permian 350; 11. Denton Guyer 351; 12. Mansfield 354; 13. Amarillo High 362; 14. Odessa High 367; 15. El Paso Eastwood 380; 16. Wolfforth Frenship 382

Individual standings — T1. Amber Pair, Allen, 70; T-1. Malak Bouraeda, Southlake Carroll, 70; 3. Alexandra Batista, Byron Nelson, 71; 4 Camille Enright, Plano West, 74; T-5. Julie Houston, Allen, 75; T-5. Grace Do, Coppell, 75; T-5. Faith DeLaGarza, Midland High 75; T-8. Tori Ramirez, Allen, 75; T-9. Chaithra Kalamreni, Coppell, 76; T-9. Christina Gilchrest, Southlake Carroll, 76; T-9 Emily Zhou, Carroll, 76; T-9. Tai Barber, Colleyville Heritage; 76; Also, Alexis Adkisson, Lee, 105

STANTON GIRLS STRUGGLE IN FIRST ROUND OF 1-3A TOURNEY

BAIRD — The Stanton girls golf team is currently sitting in 13th place after the first round of the Region 1-3A tournament, Wednesday at Shady Oaks Country Club.

The Lady Buffaloes carded a team score of 455 on the first day of action. No Stanton golfers are currently in the top 10 individual standings.

The tournament concludes with the second round today, as Stanton will be looking to climb the team standings.

REGION 1-3A TOURNAMENT
Shady Oaks Country Club, Baird
Wednesday's first round results

Team standings — 1. Sonora, 347; 2. Childress, 371; 3. Alpine, 373; 4. Tuscola Jim Ned, 374; 5. Clyde, 390; 6. Shallowater, 403; 7. Kermit, 412; 8. Spearman, 418; 9. Brady, 419; 10. Muleshoe, 422; 11. Comanche 423; 12. Wall, 433; 13. Stanton, 455; 14. Roosevelt, 467; 15. Brownfield, 475; 16. Eastland, 501

Individual standings — 1. Darby Ramsdell, Sonora, 74; 2. Landry Allyn, Tuscola Jim Ned, 77; 3. Summer Pearson, Shallowater, 79; T-3. Kaitlin Cox, Brady, 79; 5. Ann Knight, Breckenridge, 81; 6. Mikaela Cates, Clyde, 84; 7. Holly Sparks, Sonora, 85; T-7. Kendalyn Ferguson, Childress, 85; 9 Logan Tounget, Ballinger, 87; 10. Madison Gore, Comanche, 89; T-10. Janae Latimer, Childress, 89

Boys

ANDREWS IN THE LEAD AT 1-4A TOURNEY

LUBBOCK — The Andrews boys golf team is sitting in first place with a team score of 295, following the conclusion of the first round of the Region 1-4A tournament, Wednesday at Shadow Hills Golf Course.

The Mustangs currently hold a 10-stroke lead over second-place Monahans and are in good position to advance to the Class 4A state tournament.

Andrews' Ivan Armendariz is in second place with a first round score of 70, while Bracston Parker is in a two-way tie for third place after shooting a 72 in the first round.

Landon Mack and Logan Upton, both of Andrews, found themselves in a six-way tie for ninth place after recording a score of 76 on the first day.

Monahans' Jacob Lair is in a three-way tie for fifth place with a first round score of 74. Meanwhile, Big Spring's Tyler Bryan is contention to advance to the state tournament. He's in eighth place with a first round score of 75, just three strokes out of third place.

The tournament concludes today with the second round.

REGION 1-4A TOURNAMENT
Shadow Hills Golf Course, Lubbock
Wednesday's first round results

Team standings — 1. Andrews, 295; 2. Monahans, 305; 3. Decatur, 306; 4. Stephenville, 319; 5. Graham, 323; 6. Big Spring, 324; 7. Perryton, 327; 8. Snyder, 328; 9. Bridgeport, 329; 10. Borger, 335; 11. Godley, 342; 12. Kennedale, 344; 13. Iowa Park, 353; 14. Burkburnett, 374; 15. Clint, 461; 16. Fabens, 463

Individual standings — 1. Drew Jones, Decatur, 68; 2. Ivan Armendariz, Andrews, 70; 3. T-3. Michael Hunt, Sweetwater, Bracston Parker, Andrews, 72; T-5. Bryce Parker, Pampa, Tyler Bilbo, Abilene Wylie, Jacob Lair, Monahans, 74; 8. Tyler Bryan, Big Spring, 75; T-9. Landon Mack, Andrews, Luke Wimmer, Seminole, Ty Wright, Godley, Joey Kirk, Monahans, Logan Upton, Andrews, Sam Harris, Big Spring, 76.

Other Andrews individuals: Austin Lovato, 80; McKenna Rochell, 77.

Other Monahans individuals: Blane Heflin, 81; Dante Grimer, 77; Cameron Eddings, 78.

Other Big Spring individuals: Nolan Otto, 87; Nolan Dominguez, 88; Tyan Dirjedjian, 92.

MCA looking strong at regional tournament

From staff reports

WACO — Midland Classical Academy has two doubles teams advancing to the state semifinal round of the TAPPS 3A State Tennis Tournament at the Waco Regional Tennis Center.

The boys team of Max Sivalls and Marshall McCray only dropped one set on the day as they beat the Irving Highlands team of Sebastian Reyes and Baxter Coronado 6-0, 6-1 in the first round. Then in the quarterfinals, they defeated Nathan Lebenz and Nick Singleton from Arlington Grace Prep, 6-0, 6-0.

Sivalls and McCray will play a team from Sugarland Logos in the semifinals.

The girls team of Beth Ann Holmes and Tracy Fu defeated Micah Dial and Jessica Robinson from The Woodlands Christian Academy, 6-4, 6-4 in the first round. Then in the quarters, they knocked off a team from Kerrville Our Lady of the Hills, 6-1, 6-3.

MCA coach Tracy Sivalls said Homes has been battling a stomach bug for the past few days and hasn't been at full strength, but added that they were proud of how hard she fought.

Holmes and Fu will play a team from Houston St. Thomas in the semifinals at 10 a.m. today.

Masters champion Jordan Spieth gets back to work at RBC Heritage

By Pete Iacobelli
Associated Press

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — Masters champion Jordan Spieth is back to work this week at the RBC Heritage Classic after two days celebrating his victory at Augusta National and being showered with attention.

Spieth arrived at Sea Pines Resort late Tuesday night after a media whirlwind in New York since tying Tiger Woods' Masters record of 18-under 270 to capture the green jacket. The 21-year-old said it was a dizzying stretch with 26 appearances and interviews in 25 hours.

"It was a little crazy in New York having paparazzi know where we were going to eat dinner even though we never told anybody," Spieth said Wednesday.

Spieth doesn't believe the success will change him. In fact, he said he upheld his commitment to the RBC Heritage in part to chase down Rory McIlroy for world No. 1.

"I wouldn't come to a tournament just to come to a tournament, especially with that goal still in mind," said Spieth, who moved to No. 2 in the world rankings with the Masters' win.

Spieth has had two victories and two runner-up finishes in his past four events. He would have liked to have had his more pre-tournament preparations at Harbour Town Golf Links. Instead, he'll go into his first-round tee time Thursday not having played a hole of practice on the tricky, Pete Dye-designed layout.

"I'm sure Jordan's wiped," said Kevin Streelman, the Par-3 contest winner at Augusta National last week who finished tied for 12th behind Spieth. "But he's 21 years old, he can handle it."

Spieth has had success here the previous two years, finishing ninth in 2013 and 12th last year. The RBC Heritage gave him an invite two years ago when Spieth was a rising, yet largely unknown 19-year-old trying to make his way on tour. The top-10 finish, Spieth said, helped his confidence and status on the PGA Tour.

"This tournament helped with job security," Spieth said. "So it's a tournament that's close to me and I love it here."

Most Masters champions — and many of the game's best players — take the next week off after a pressure-packed week at Augusta National. Spieth heads a group of five ranked in the top 20 of the world (No. 10 Jim Furyk, No. 14 Patrick Reed, No. 17 Matt Kuchar and No. 19 Billy Horschel are the others) to compete this week.

Streelman enjoys playing right after a major, knowing his game is honed in and peaking after a Grand Slam event.

"Your game is really primed and amped up," he said. "I'm very prepared."

Kuchar is the tournament's defending champion, holing out from a green-side bunker on the 72nd hole to defeat Luke Donald by a stroke.

Spieth's success has him atop the FedEx Cup standings, the youngest player ever to lead that category.

There have only been two Masters winners the past 15 years to follow up their victories by playing Harbour Town. Vijay Singh tied for third here in 2000 a week after winning the Masters while Zach Johnson was sixth in 2007.

Only Bernhard Langer is 1985 followed a Masters victory with a triumph a week later at the RBC Heritage.

Spieth believes he'll be the same driven, focused competitor he's always been after winning the major he dreamed of as a child. That might be difficult after this week's spotlight. Spieth got congratulatory Tweets from stars like Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant and about 200 texts and emails since the victory.

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MLBTEXASROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

ANGELS 10 RANGERS 2

ARLINGTON — Mike Trout helped convince Hector Santiago into getting a reverse Mohawk after the left-hander lost his first start and the Los Angeles Angels were swept in their first home series.

"Stay in your lane," Santiago said, explaining what the haircut symbolized. "Just like I draw the lane out on the mound. Stay straight ahead."

Santiago never seems to need much direction in Texas, where he has never lost as a starter after the Angels' series-clinching 10-2 win over the Rangers on Wednesday.

Trout had three hits, scored twice and drove in a run for the Angels, who took two of three at Texas after losing three straight at home to defending AL champion Kansas City.

ASTROS 6 ATHLETICS 1

HOUSTON — Collin McHugh struck out 11, and Jed Lowrie hit one of the Houston Astros' three homers in a 6-1 win over the Oakland Athletics on Wednesday night.

Luis Valbuena and Evan Gattis also homered for the Astros, who matched their season high in scoring.

Houston's bats are finally starting to show signs of life after being held to two runs or less in six of their first eight games.

The A's have been outscored 32-14 in their five losses, compared to a 42-1 margin in their five wins.

McHugh (2-0) allowed six hits and one run in 5 2-3 innings. McHugh is the only Astros starter to earn a win since Dallas Keuchel's opening-day victory.

INDIANS 4 WHITE SOX 2

CLEVELAND — Trevor Bauer won consecutive starts for the first time in his three-plus seasons in the major leagues, helping the Cleveland Indians beat the Chicago White Sox 4-2 Wednesday to stop a four-game losing streak.

Bauer (2-0), who pitched six hitless innings against Houston in his first start this season, held the White Sox without a hit until Jose Abreu singled leading off the fourth. Chicago loaded the bases with one out, but J.B. Shuck fouled out and Geovany Soto struck out.

Making his 36th big league start, Bauer gave up two runs, four hits and four walks in six innings with eight strikeouts.

ORIOLES 7 YANKEES 5

BALTIMORE — The New York Yankees had a one-run lead when manager Joe Girardi turned to his bullpen against the Baltimore Orioles at the start of the sixth inning.

Two outs and three relievers later, Baltimore was well on its way to a 7-5 victory Wednesday night.

Jonathan Schoop homered to spark a five-run sixth and Chris Davis had three RBIs for the Orioles, who took two of three from New York.

"It's big," Davis said. "It's nice to be tested early in the year. We're playing our division pretty much this whole month, and it's good to kind of see where we're at and get a chance to see these guys."

Manny Machado hit his first home run of the season and Caleb Joseph went 3 for 4 with an RBI for the Orioles.

Alex Rodriguez homered for the Yankees, his second following a yearlong drug suspension. But last-place New York lost its third straight series to start the season, all within the AL East.

TWINS 3 ROYALS 1

MINNEAPOLIS — Kansas City became the last team in the majors to lose this season, as Kyle Gibson pitched into the seventh inning and Oswaldo Arcia hit a two-run homer for the Minnesota Twins in a 3-1 victory over the Royals on Wednesday night.

The Royals (7-1) were chasing the 2003 team's 9-0 start as the best in franchise history, but Gibson (1-1) used 12 groundball outs and three strikeouts to keep the highest-scoring team in the majors quiet for a night.

BLUE JAYS 12 RAYS 7

TORONTO — Jose Bautista and rookies Devon Travis and Dalton Pompey homered to back Mark Buehrle. Kevin Pillar made a leaping catch at the left-field wall to deny a home run and the Toronto Blue Jays beat Tampa Bay 12-7 Wednesday night to stop the Rays' four-game winning streak.

Bautista hit a two-run homer in the first off Erasmo Ramirez (0-2), sparking the Blue Jays to what would be an 9-0 lead after four innings. Donaldson hit a two-run single in a three-run second after narrowly missing a grand slam down the left-field line.

Pillar and Travis added RBI singles in the third, and Justin Smoak singled in two runs in the fourth — his first RBIs for the Blue Jays.

National League

MARLINS 6 BRAVES 2

ATLANTA — Dan Haren needed one inning-to get used to home plate umpire Alan Porter's strike zone.

Once he started hitting his spots, Haren built momentum to keep Atlanta's hitters guessing.

Haren had two walks in the first. He approached the umpire after the third out to discuss pitch location.

"I just asked him where he had them," Haren said. "He said they were close. I told him, 'I'm going to stay right there and keep pounding it.' After a while he was calling them. (and I) got in a good groove."

Haren gave up three hits in seven innings, Adeiny Hechavarria went 3 for 3 with a homer and three RBIs and the Miami Marlins beat the Atlanta Braves 6-2 on Wednesday.

With its second straight victory, Miami has its first winning streak of the season.

METS 6 PHILLIES 1

NEW YORK — There was the home opener a couple of days ago. Matt Harvey's return to Citi Field. And then the first game since David Wright got hurt.

The New York Mets rose to every occasion.

Travis d'Arnaud homered after assuming Wright's spot in the lineup, Lucas Duda also went deep and the Mets defeated the Philadelphia Phillies 6-1 Wednesday night for a three-game sweep in their first home series this season.

"I look at today's game as a very big game for us with the loss of David," manager Terry Collins said. "I wanted to see how the guys came out. They came out this afternoon ready to go."

Jonathon Niese pitched out of trouble for 6 1-3 innings and helped himself with a run-scoring single.

Interleague

NATIONALS 10 RED SOX 5

BOSTON — Considering the way the first two games went, the Washington Nationals found a reason to leave Boston feeling pleased.

Wilson Ramos hit a three-run double and Ian Desmond a solo homer during Washington's six-run third inning, and the Nationals beat the Red Sox 10-5 Wednesday to avoid a three-game sweep.

After losing six of their first eight games and misplaying a pair of flyballs and committing four errors during two losses at Fenway Park, the Nationals headed home after an easy win.

"Leaving now on a positive note," winning pitcher Gio Gonzalez said. "We should have a happy flight."

Tyler Moore had a two-run homer that helped back Gonzalez (1-1), who gave up five runs — four earned — and six hits in six innings. Nationals right-hander Rafael Martin pitched two scoreless innings in his major league debut, striking out his last five batters.

"We just continue to work hard and try to get better everyday," said Desmond, whose bobble in the series opener led to a run. "It's just baseball. It's crazy. It'll rack your brain and make your food taste bad."

TIGERS 1 PIRATES 0

PITTSBURGH — There's nothing fancy about the way Alfredo Simon does his job. The Detroit Tigers' right-hander doesn't overwhelm batters with power or baffle them with deception. Instead, Simon just rears back and throws, trusting his defense to handle the bulk of the work.

"He doesn't get rattled," manager Brad Ausmus said. "I don't think his heartbeat gets up over 60 beats a minute."

Considering how easily Simon dispatched the Pittsburgh Pirates on Wednesday, over-exertion was hardly necessary. Simon held Pittsburgh to two hits over eight solid innings as the Tigers held on for a 1-0 win to improve to 8-1 on the season.

"I just felt really comfortable today," Simon said. "When I was behind in counts I just tried to throw my slider for a strike, tried to throw that and tried to put the ball in play. The key was, when I was behind in the count, just try a different pitch."

NBARONDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MAVERICKS 114 TRAIL BLAZERS 98

DALLAS — Tyson Chandler had 22 points and 15 rebounds and the Dallas Mavericks beat the Portland Trail Blazers 114-98 on Wednesday night while learning they will play Houston in the first round of the playoffs.

The Mavericks (50-32) have been locked into the seventh seed in the Western Conference for a week. They had to wait until the final night of the regular season to find out their opponent, which was settled with the Rockets' 117-91 win over Utah and San Antonio's 108-103 loss to New Orleans.

The Blazers (51-31) have the fourth seed as Northwest Division champions but will open the postseason on the road against the No. 5 seed, either San Antonio or Memphis.

PELICANS 108 SPURS 103

NEW ORLEANS — Anthony Davis had 31 points and 13 rebounds and the New Orleans Pelicans earned their first playoff berth since 2011 with a 108-103 victory over the San Antonio Spurs on Wednesday night.

Davis, who'll make his playoff debut against Golden State next weekend, came through in the waning minutes with a pair of clutch jumpers, two blocks and two rebounds to prevent the Spurs from pulling off a 23-point comeback.

Tyreke Evans had 19 points and 11 assists, and Eric Gordon added 14 points for New Orleans, which had to win to make the postseason because Oklahoma City also won in Minnesota. The teams finished with identical records, but the Pelicans held the tiebreaker on head-to-head results.

Jrue Holiday added 11 points, capped by game-sealing free throws with 9.5 seconds left.

ROCKETS 117 JAZZ 91

HOUSTON — James Harden had 16 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists in just three quarters for his fourth triple-double of the season and the Houston Rockets never trailed in a 117-91 victory over the Utah Jazz on Wednesday night in the regular-season finale.

Houston won the Southwest Division and got the No. 2 seed in the Western Conference when San Antonio lost to New Orleans a few minutes later. The Rockets will face No. 7 seed Dallas in the first round of the playoffs.

Harden's four triple-doubles this season are the most by a Rocket since Hakeem Olajuwon also had four in 1989-90.

CELTICS 105 BUCKS 100

MILWAUKEE — Gigi Datome scored 22 points, including two key buckets in the final 3 minutes, and the Boston Celtics ended the regular season with their sixth straight win following a 105-100 victory Wednesday night over the Milwaukee Bucks.

Kelly Olynyk added 16 for the Celtics, who are locked into the seventh seed in the Eastern Conference when the playoffs begin this weekend.

Ersan Ilyasova had 21 to lead Milwaukee, the sixth seed in the East.

NETS 101 MAGIC 88

NEW YORK — The Brooklyn Nets kept alive their hopes for the final Eastern Conference playoff spot, beating the Orlando Magic 101-88 on Wednesday night behind a career-high 28 points from Bojan Bogdanovic.

The Nets waited to see if the Memphis Grizzlies — coach Lionel Hollins' former team — could beat the Indiana Pacers later Wednesday, which would send Brooklyn to top-seeded Atlanta on Sunday for the opener of the playoffs.

If Indiana won, the Nets would miss the postseason for the first time since moving to Brooklyn in 2012.

Brooklyn snapped a two-game skid that put its postseason hopes in jeopardy after a playoff spot looked secure last week. The Nets finished 38-44 with a league-high payroll of nearly $90 million.

RAPTORS 92 HORNETS 87

TORONTO — Kyle Lowry scored 26 points and the Toronto Raptors wrapped up the regular season with their franchise record 49th victory, beating the Charlotte Hornets 92-87 on Wednesday night.

Jonas Valanciunas added 18 points, DeMar DeRozan had 16 and Terrence Ross 13 for the Raptors. They will open the playoffs at home Saturday against Washington.

Tory Daniels scored a season-high 24 points for Charlotte. Kemba Walker had 17 points, and Gerald Henderson 15 for the Hornets. They lost their last six games to finish at 33-29. After holding the No. 7 spot in the Eastern Conference on March 8, they lost 15 of 20 to fall out of postseason contention.

THUNDER 138 TIMBERWOLVES 113

MINNEAPOLIS — Russell Westbrook went out with a bang.

Westbrook scored 37 points in Oklahoma City's 138-113 victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Wednesday night that was rendered moot by New Orleans' playoff-clinching in over San Antonio.

The Thunder needed a win in the regular season finale and a loss from the Pelicans against the Spurs to get into the playoffs. Westbrook locked up his first scoring title to hold up his end of the bargain, but the Pelicans beat the Spurs 108-103. That means the Thunder will miss the playoffs for the first time since Westbrook's rookie season in 2008-09.

PISTONS 112 KNICKS 90

NEW YORK — Reggie Jackson had 24 points and 11 assists and the Detroit Pistons closed out the season with a 112-90 victory over the New York Knicks on Wednesday night.

Andre Drummond and Kentavious Caldwell-Pope each had 17 points for Detroit. Caron Butler had 14, and Greg Monroe, Anthony Tolliver and Jodie Meeks each had 10.

Tim Hardaway Jr. led the Knicks with 25 points, and Cole Aldrich added a career-high 24.

CAVALIERS 113 WIZARDS 110

CLEVELAND — LeBron James sat out Cleveland's regular-season finale to rest for the playoffs and the Cavaliers rallied to beat the Washington Wizards 113-110 in overtime Wednesday night.

James spent the night dressed as if he was headed to a business meeting, not the postseason, and the Cavs only played their other starters in the first half.

Matthew Dellavedova scored 18 with 12 assists for Cleveland. His two free throws with 9.1 seconds gave Cleveland a 111-108 lead, and Shawn Marion sealed it with a steal and dunk. After the final horn, Marion was playfully mobbed his teammates, who are hoping for bigger celebrations in the weeks ahead.

BULLS 91 HAWKS 85

CHICAGO — Aaron Brooks scored 23 points, and the Chicago Bulls rallied from 18 down to beat the Atlanta Hawks 91-85 on Wednesday night in the regular-season finale.

The Bulls locked up the third seed in the Eastern Conference and a first-round matchup with the Milwaukee Bucks with their fourth straight win.

MLB STANDINGS, BOXES & LINESCORES

STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	6	3	.667	—
Baltimore	5	4	.556	1
Tampa Bay	5	4	.556	1
Toronto	5	4	.556	1
New York	4	6	.333	3

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	8	1	.889	—
Kansas City	7	1	.875	½
Chicago	3	5	.375	4½
Cleveland	2	5	.375	4½
Minnesota	2	6	.250	5½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	5	5	.500	—
Houston	4	5	.444	½
Los Angeles	4	5	.444	½
Texas	4	6	.400	1
Seattle	3	5	.375	1

Wednesday's Scores

Cleveland 4, Chicago White Sox 2
Washington 10, Boston 5
L.A. Angels 10, Texas 2
Detroit 1, Pittsburgh 0
Baltimore 7, N.Y. Yankees 5
Toronto 12, Tampa Bay 7
Minnesota 3, Kansas City 1
Houston 6, Oakland 1
Seattle at L.A. Dodgers, late

Today's Games

Kansas City (J.Vargas 1-0) at Minnesota (Milone 1-0), 12:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Archer 1-1) at Toronto (Aa Sanchez 0-1), 6:07 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	6	3	.667	—
New York	6	3	.667	—
Miami	3	6	.333	3
Philadelphia	3	6	.333	3
Washington	3	6	.333	3

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	5	3	.625	—
St. Louis	4	3	.571	½
Cincinnati	5	4	.556	½
Pittsburgh	3	6	.333	2½
Milwaukee	2	6	.250	3

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	6	2	.750	—
Los Angeles	5	3	.625	1
San Diego	5	4	.556	1½
Arizona	4	4	.500	2
San Francisco	3	4	.333	3½

Wednesday's Scores

Miami 6, Atlanta 2
Washington 10, Boston 5
Detroit 1, Pittsburgh 0
N.Y. Mets 6, Philadelphia 1
Chicago Cubs 5, Cincinnati 0
St. Louis 4, Milwaukee 2
Arizona at San Diego, late
Seattle at L.A. Dodgers, late
Colorado at San Francisco, late

Today's Games

Milwaukee (Fiers 0-1) at St. Louis (Lackey 0-0), 12:45 p.m.
Philadelphia (Hamels 0-1) at Washington (Fister 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
Miami (Cosart 0-1) at N.Y. Mets (Gee 0-1), 6:10 p.m.
Arizona (Bradley 1-0) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 1-1), 9:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S TEXAS BOXES

ANGELS 10, RANGERS 2

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
Aybar ss	3	1	0	1
Trout cf	4	2	3	1
Pujols dh	5	2	2	2
Joyce rf	3	0	2	2
Freese 3b	4	1	2	2
Pennington ph-3b	1	0	0	0
Iannetta c	5	1	1	0
E.Navarro lf	5	0	0	0
Cowgill rf	4	1	1	0
Giavotella 2b	4	1	2	1
Corporan c	4	1	1	1
Totals	39	10	13	10

Los Angeles	000	100	000	— 1
Texas	000	010	001	— 2

E—DeShields (1). LOB—Los Angeles 8, Texas 8. 2B—Joyce (3), Iannetta (1), Cowgill (2), Giavotella (1), Smoleniak (1). HR—Rosales (1), Corporan (1). SB—Trout (2), Cowgill (1). S—Aybar.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles						
Santiago W,1-1	7	4	1	1	2	5
Wilk	2	1	1	1	1	2
Texas						
Ranaudo L,0-1	1-2-3	6	6	6	2	2
Bass	3-2-3	4	4	4	2	4
Verrett	2-2-3	3	0	0	1	0
Pimentel	1	0	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Wilk (Odor).
T—3:13. A—25,757 (48,114).

Astros 6, Athletics 1						
Oakland	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Fuld cf	1	0	1	0	Altuve 2b	4	1	2	1
Canha lf	4	0	1	0	Springer rf	4	1	1	0
Reddick rf	4	0	0	0	Lowrie ss	3	1	2	3
Bil.Butler dh	4	1	1	0	Gattis dh	4	1	1	1
J.Davis 1b	4	0	2	0	Carter 1b	4	0	0	0
Vogt c	4	0	0	0	Valuen 3b	3	1	1	1
Lowrie 3b	4	0	1	0	Crisp rf	3	0	0	0
Sogard 2b	4	0	1	0	J.Castro c	2	0	0	0
Semien ss	3	0	1	1	Mrsnick cf	3	1	1	0
Totals	35	1	8	1	Totals	30	6	8	6

Oakland	.010	000	000	— 1
Houston	.201	010	11x	— 6

LOB—Oakland 7, Houston 2. 2B—I.Davis (4). Altuve (1), Lowrie (1). 3B—Fuld (2). Marisnick (1). HR—Lowrie (3), Gattis (1), Valbuena (2). SB—Reddick (1), Altuve (3). CS—Lowrie (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland						
Pomeranz L,1-1	5	6	4	4	1	5
Scherzer	2	1	1	1	1	3
R.Alvarez	1	1	0	0	0	3
Houston						
McHugh W,2-0	5 2-3	6	1	1	0	11
Sipp	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Qualls	1	1	0	0	0	1
Gregerson	1	1	0	0	0	0

Pomeranz pitched to 1 batter in the 6th.
T—2:42. A—19,777 (41,574).

WEDNESDAY'S LINESCORES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

INDIANS 4, WHITE SOX 2

Chicago	000	002	000 — 2 6 1
Cleveland	001	210	00x — 4 8 0

Danks, Albers (5), Da.Jennings (7), Putnam (8) and Soto; Bauer, Atchison(7), Rzepczynski (8), Shaw (8), Allen (9) and R.Perez. W—Bauer 2-0. L—Danks 0-2. Sv—Allen (2).

ORIOLES 7, YANKEES 5

New York	000	100	200 — 5 8 0
Baltimore	100	105	00x — 7 15 0

Eovaldi, D.Carpenter (6), J.Wilson (6), Ch.Martin (6), Pindor (7), Betances (8) and B.McCann; B.Norris, Brach (6), Tom.Hunter (8), Britton (9) and Joseph. W—Brach 1-0. L—D. Carpenter 0-1. Sv—Britton (3). HRs—New York, A.Rodriguez (2). Baltimore, Machado (1), Schoop (3).

BLUE JAYS 12, RAYS 7.

Tampa Bay	000	012	004— 7 11 1
Toronto	232	220	10x—12 13 1

E.Ramirez, Beliveau (4), J.Domingo (6), Friel (7), Balfour (8) and Rivera; Buehrle, Redmond (2), Hynes (9), Cecil (9) and D.Navarro. W—Buehrle 2-0. L—E.Ramirez 0-1. HRs—Tampa Bay, Souza Jr. (2). Marrero (1). Toronto, Bautista (2), Travis (2), Pompey (2).

TWINS 3, ROYALS 1

Kansas City	000	100	000 — 1 9 1
Minnesota	100	200	00x — 3 5 0

Volquez, F.Morales (8) and S.Perez; Gibson, Duensing (9), Fien (8), Perkins and K.Suzuki. W—Gibson 1-1. L—Volquez 1-1. Sv—Perkins (1). HRs—Minnesota, Arcia (1).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

MARLINS 6, BRAVES 2

Miami	002	021	001 — 6 8 1
Atlanta	000	000	100 — 2 3 0

Haren, Dunn (8), Cishek (9) and Realmuto; Skults, Co.Martin (6), Avilan (7), Cunniff (9) and Bethancourt. W—Haren 1-0. L—Skults 0-1. HRs—Miami, Hechavarria (1), Morse (1). Atlanta, Maybin (2), K.Johnson (1).

METS 6, PHILLIES 1

Philadelphia	100	000	000 — 1 9 1
New York	011	121	00x — 6 12 1

Williams, De.Fratus (6), McGowan (7) and Rupp; Niese, C.Torres (7), A.Torres (8) and d'Arnaud. W—Niese 1-0. L—Williams 0-1. HRs—New York, d'Arnaud (1), Duda (1).

CUBS 5, REDS 0

Cincinnati	000	000	000 — 0 4 2
Chicago	220	100	00x — 5 11 0

Marquis, Badenhop (5), L.Parra (6), Villarreal (7) and Pena; T.Wood, Coke (8), N.Ramirez (9), Schlitter (9) and M.Montero. W—T.Wood 1-1. L—Marquis 0-1. HRs—Chicago, Rizzo (1).

CARDINALS 4, BREWERS 2

Milwaukee	001	000	001 — 2 10 1
St. Louis	200	200	00x — 4 10 1

W.Peralta, Cotts (6), Blazek (7) and Lucroy; Lynn, Siegrist (6), Maness (6), Belisle (7), Choate (7), Walden (8), Rosenthal (9) and Molina. W—Lynn 1-1. L—W.Peralta 0-1. Sv—Rosenthal (3).

INTERLEAGUE

NATIONALS 10, WHITE SOX 5

Washington	206	000	200— 10 12 1
Boston	020	021	000— 5 7 0

G.Gonzalez, Ra.Martin (7), Storen (9) and W.Ramos; Miley, Varvaro (3), Ross Jr. (6), Breslow (8) and Leon. W—G.Gonzalez 1-1. L—Miley 0-1. HRs—Washington, Desmond (1). T.Moore (1). Boston, H.Ramirez (4).

TIGERS 1, PIRATES 0

Detroit	000	001	000 — 1 5 0
Pittsburgh	000	000	000 — 0 2 0

Simon, Soria (9) and J.McCann; Liriano, J.Hughes (7), Watson (8), Melancon (9) and Cervelli. W—Simon 2-0. L—Liriano 0-1. Sv—Soria (4). HRs—Detroit, R.Davis (1).

TUESDAY'S LATE LINESCORES

DODGERS 6, MARINERS 5

Seattle	300	110	000 —5 10 1
Los Angeles	001	201	002 —6 12 0

Iwakuma, C.Smith (6), Furbush (7), Medina (7), Rodney (8) and Zunino; Hall, Nicasio (6), Howell (7), Hatcher (7), Y.Garcia (9) and Grandal. W—Y.Garcia 2-0. L—Rodney 1-1. HRs—Seattle, Cano (1), N.Cruz (5). Los Angeles, Guerrero (2), Ethier (1).

ROCKIES 4, GIANTS 1

Colorado	000	100	001 —4 9 0
San Francisco	000	000	010 —1 6 0

Bergman, Oberg (5), Hawkins (6), Friedrich (7), Belisario(8), Ottavino (9) and Hundley; T.Hudson, Machi (8), Casilla (9), Lopez (9) and H.Sanchez. Powell W—Oberg 1-0. L—T.Hudson 0-1. Sv—Ottavino (1).

PADRES 5, DIAMONDBACKS 1

Arizona	000	000	100 —1 3 0
San Diego	300	010	10x —5 8 1

Hellickson, Delgado (7), Chafin (8) and Gosewisch; Despaigne, Benoit (8), Thayer (9) and Da.Norris. W—Despaigne 1-0. L—Hellickson 0-2. HRs—San Diego, Upton (4).

NBA STANDINGS AND BOXES

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Toronto	49	33	.598	—
x-Boston	40	42	.488	9
Brooklyn	38	44	.463	11
Philadelphia	18	64	.220	31
New York	17	65	.207	32

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Atlanta	60	22	.732	—
x-Washington	46	36	.561	14
Miami	37	45	.451	23
Charlotte	33	49	.402	27
Orlando	25	57	.305	35

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Cleveland	53	29	.646	—
y-Chicago	50	32	.610	3
x-Milwaukee	41	41	.500	12
Indiana	38	43	.469	14
Detroit	32	50	.390	20½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Houston	56	26	.683	—
x-San Antonio	55	27	.671	1
x-Memphis	54	27	.667	1½
x-Dallas	50	32	.610	6
x-New Orleans	45	37	.549	11

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Portland	51	31	.622	—
Oklahoma City	45	37	.549	6
Utah	38	44	.463	13
Denver	30	51	.370	20½
Minnesota	16	66	.195	35

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Golden State	67	15	.817	—
x-L.A. Clippers	56	26	.683	11
Phoenix	39	43	.476	28
Sacramento	28	53	.346	38
L.A. Lakers	27	55	.329	40

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

Wednesday's Scores

Toronto 92, Charlotte 87
New Orleans 108, San Antonio 103
Chicago 91, Atlanta 85
Houston 117, Utah 91
Dallas 114, Portland 98
Boston 105, Milwaukee 100
Oklahoma City 138, Minnesota 113
Miami 105, Philadelphia 101
Cleveland 113, Washington 106, OT
Brooklyn 101, Orlando 88
Detroit 112, New York 90
Indiana at Memphis, late
Denver at Golden State, late
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, late

WEDNESDAY'S BOX SCORES

MAVERICKS 114, TRAIL BLAZERS 98

PORTLAND (98): Gee 4-13 0-0 8, Aldridge 8-24 2-3 19, Lopez 1-2 0-0 2, Lillard 5-11 6-7 17, Crabbe 4-13 0-1 8, Frazier 4-6 4-4 13, Freeland 4-7 2-2 10, Leonard 3-7 1-1 7, Blake 5-8 0-0 14. Totals 38-91 15-18 98

DALLAS (114): Jefferson 2-4 2-2 6, Nowitzki 5-14 4-4 16, Chandler 5-7 12-15 22, Rondo 4-11 2-9 10, Ellis 7-13 1-2 15, AmINu 2-4 2-2 7, Stoudemire 5-12 3-4 13, Barea 1-6 0-0 3, Felton 4-9 1-2 10, Villanueva 3-8 0-0 8, James 1-2 1-3 3, Powell 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-86 27-34 114

Portland 19 32 21 26 — 98
Dallas 29 27 35 23 — 114

3-Point Goals—Portland 7-25 (Blake 4-7, Frazier 1-2, Aldridge 1-3, Lillard 1-3, Gee 0-3, Leonard 0-3, Crabbe 0-4). Dallas 9-25 (Jefferson 2-3, Villanueva 2-4, Nowitzki 2-6, AmINu 1-2, Barea 1-3, Felton 1-6, Ellis 0-1, Rondo 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Portland 48 (Leonard 9), Dallas 62 (Chandler 15). Assists—Portland 20 (Frazier 10), Dallas 18 (Rondo 7). Total Fouls—Portland 22, Dallas 17. Technicals—Dallas defensive three second. A—20,352 (19,200)

PELICANS 108, SPURS 103

SAN ANTONIO (103): Leonard 6-14 2-2 14, Duncan 6-9 3-4 15, Baynes 4-6 0-0 8, Parker 11-17 1-2 23, Green 0-0 0-0 0, Gibobli 1-7 1-2 4, Diaw 10-14 0-0 20, Belinelli 0-2 2-2 2, Joseph 0-1 0-0 0, Mills 6-8 1-1 15, Ayres 1-1 0-0 2, K.Anderson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 45-79 10-13 103.

NEW ORLEANS (108): Pondexter 1-3 2-3 4, David 12-26 7-9 31, Ask 3-3 3-8 9, Evans 9-15 0-0 19, Gordon 5-12 3-3 14, Cunningham 1-1 0-0 2, Holiday 4-9 2-2 11, R.Anderson 2-3 0-0 5, Cole 6-10 1-1 13, Ajinca 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 43-83 17-25 108

San Antonio 19 28 24 32 — 103
New Orleans 34 29 19 26 — 108

3-Point Goals—San Antonio 3-10 (Mills 2-4, Gibobli 1-5, Diaw 0-1). New Orleans 5-10 (Gordon 2-4, Holiday 1-1, R.Anderson 1-1, Evans 1-2, Pondexter 0-1, Cole 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—San Antonio 41 (Duncan, Leonard 10), New Orleans 44 (Davis 13). Assists—San Antonio 33 (Parker, Duncan 6), New Orleans 23 (Evans 11). Total Fouls—San Antonio 20, New Orleans 18. A—18,524 (16,867).

ROCKETS 117, JAZZ 91

UTAH (91): Ingles 0-6 0-0 0, Favors 2-6 2-4 6, Gobert 1-6 2-2 4, Trump 2-4 1-4 5, Hood 4-11 0-0 8, Burke 1-11 1-2 4, Evans 4-9 2-3 10, Millsap 3-8 2-4 9, Cochinour 5-10 0-0 15, Cotton 7-14 0-0 14, Cooley 3-7 2-5 8, Jenkins 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 38-101 13-24 91

HOUSTON (117): Anderson 2-6 2-6 6, Jones 4-6 4-15, Howard 6-7 2-4 14, Terry 3-5 0-0 7, Harden 13-18 6-16, Dwyane 1-4 2-4 4, Price 4-9 2-4 12, Pregon 3-3 0-0 8, Brewer 6-11 0-0 14, Dorsey 1-1 1-2 3, Nunnelee 2-3 2-2 6, Papanikolaou 0-2 0-0 0, McDaniels 2-4 1-2 5. Totals 47-76 21-34 117

Utah 20 15 25 31 — 91
Houston 31 34 28 24 — 117

3-Point Goals—Utah 5-22 (Hood 1-4, Johnson 1-4, Millsap 1-4, Burke 1-4, Jenkins 1-1, Evans 0-1, Favors 0-1, Cotton 0-2, Ingles 0-3). Houston 12-28 (Terry 3-4, Smith 2-3, Pregon 2, Harden 2-5, Jones 1-4, Price 1-4, McDaniels 0-1, Papanikolaou 0-1, Brewer 1-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Utah 55 (Hood 8), Houston 62 (Howard 13). Assists—Utah 18 (Millsap 7), Houston 28 (Harden 10). Total Fouls—Utah 21, Houston 14. A—18,104 (18,043)

RAPTORS 92, HORNETS 87

CHARLOTTE (87): Taylor 4-6 2-2 11, Ma.Williams 3-7 0-0 6, Biyombo 1-1 0-0 2, Walker 4-15 4-4 17, Henderson 5-12 5-5 15, James 7-15 4-4 24, Vonleh 3-7 2-2 8, Maxiell 1, Roberts 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 43-93 18-18 87

TORONTO (92): Ross 3-7 3-4 11, Hansbrough 2-2 0-0 4, Valanciunas 9-11 0-0 18, Lowry 8-15 4-4 26, DeRozan 8-13 0-0 16, Patterson 1-4 0-3 3, Johnson 1-4 0-2 2, Vasquez 2-8 0-0 5, Johnson 2-6 0-4 4. Totals 38-78 7-17 92

Charlotte	20	24	23	20	— 87
Toronto	26	15	30	23	— 92

3-Point Goals—Charlotte 12-23 (James 4-11, Ma.Williams 2-4, Henderson 1-1, Walker 1-5, Roberts 1-6, Taylor 1-2, Vonleh 1-3). Toronto 8-20 (Ross 3-11, Vasquez 2-4, Johnson 1-3, DeRozan 0-1, Johnson 0-2, Hansbrough 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Charlotte 42 (Jones 7), Toronto 38 (Valanciunas 8). Assists—Charlotte 17 (Roberts 5), Toronto 27 (Lowry 7). Total Fouls—Charlotte 10, Toronto 14. A—19,800 (19,800)

NETS 101, MAGIC 88

ORLANDO (88): A.Gordon 3-11 0-0 7, Vucevic 8-10 0-0 18, Vucevic 1-2 2-2 4, Payton 4-15 2-2 10, Oladipo 7-17 2-5 19, Dedmon 1-3 0-0 2, Harkless 2-7 0-0 5, O.Quinn 4-6 1-2 9, Harkless 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 38-79 5-13 88

BROOKLYN (101): Johnson 7-15 0-1 14, Young 5-13 6-12 16, Teletovic 4-8 6-7 14

The return is unknown

Associated Press

NASCAR Sprint Cup Series driver Kyle Busch describes his wreck at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla., during a news conference in Huntersville, N.C., Wednesday. The NASCAR driver broke his left foot and right leg in the Feb. 21 crash, which has sidelined him for an undetermined length of time.

Busch has no timetable for return after Daytona wreck

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

"It stinks to be sitting on the sideline. It hasn't been traumatic, it had been a very difficult time in the beginning, but we dealt with it."

Kyle Busch, NASCAR driver

HUNTERSVILLE, N.C. — As he pulled off pit road at Daytona International Speedway moments before the season-opening Xfinity Series race, Kyle Busch said he looked to the left and noticed for the first time a concrete wall along the race track.

"If someone hits that, it's really going to hurt," he recalled thinking that day.

Roughly two hours later, it was Busch who slammed into that wall in what he called "a whale of a hit, the hardest I've ever had."

The NASCAR driver broke his left foot and right leg in the Feb. 21 crash, which has sidelined him for an undetermined length of time.

In his first news conference since the accident, Busch on Wednesday entered Joe Gibbs Racing on both feet. He's out of a wheelchair and off crutches, making a large gray walking boot on his left leg the only indicator that Busch is even injured.

He took the assembled crowd frame-by-frame through a video of the crash, and had a sharp recollection of the accident and everything he thought and did inside the car as it hurtled toward the wall that was not protected by an energy-absorbing SAFER barrier.

He said he left the racing surface at 176 mph, and had slowed only to 90 mph when he hit the wall. Busch said he knew he was likely going to break one leg and removed his right foot from the brake pedal.

"I am bracing for the hit now, and I put both feet on the brake pedal," Busch said as he slowed video of the accident. "I thought, 'Why do I want to break both legs?' So I took my right foot off, but kept my left foot down.

"I am bracing for the hit, 'this is going to hurt, this is going to hurt,' and I thought to myself, 'Pull your legs back when you get closer to the wall,'" he said.

But the hit was so hard, Busch said, that both his helmet and chest area slammed into his steering wheel. He said the throttle stop was pushed back closer to him and smacked his right leg, breaking it.

Busch took responsibility for the accident, saying he was being greedy when he tried to push Joe Gibbs Racing development driver Erik Jones in an effort for either himself or Jones to win the race. But he wasn't properly lined up to push Jones, which set in motion the accident.

He knew it was going to be bad when his car slid through the grass into the wall, and he knew immediately that both his leg and foot were broken. The wind knocked out of him, he initially thought he would sit in the car and wait for help.

A flash fire forced him to climb out of his window, and he said he four times alerted safety workers to the extent of his injuries. Since then, he has seen the crumpled car and video of the accident numerous times.

"I'm thankful it wasn't worse. I could have had a serious neck or head injury, or even worse," he said.

There's no timetable for his return. Busch said he won't rush his way back into the No. 18 Toyota because, with his 30th birthday approaching next month, he's got a long career ahead of him.

He also believes he's handled his time out of the car well, and praised wife Samantha, "my rock," for her assistance during his recovery. They are expecting their first child, a boy, next month and Busch said they've found a silver lining in spending extended time together preparing for the arrival.

"It stinks to be sitting on the sideline," Busch said. "It hasn't been traumatic, it had been a very difficult time in the beginning, but we dealt with it."

What his racing schedule will look like upon his return is unclear. Busch races at all three of NASCAR's national levels, but said his immediate priority has got to be on getting back to Sprint Cup competition.

Racing again in the Xfinity Series, where he drives for JGR, or the Truck Series for his own Kyle Busch Motorsports, will be a "wait-and-see decision.

"The first time I tried to walk, I about passed out," he said. "So we'll play it out and wait and see how I feel."

Busch also praised NASCAR and the race tracks for the renewed focus on safety since his accident. Daytona immediately said it would update its SAFER barriers after Busch's accident, and nearly every week another track reveals plans to protect walls with tire barriers until the steel-and-foam walls can be installed where needed.

Relay

From 1C

said last year he had to teach the ladies about hard work and discipline.

"He keeps our heads on right," Robinson said of Ochoa. "Let's just say that. He keeps our heads on strong."

Even this year, Ochoa had to talk a few girls out of quitting track when life outside of track became too overwhelming.

And the difficult journey will certainly be worth it for the four when they attempt to win their first district championship at 2:30 p.m. Friday.

Bell says the team's goal is to shave a second off each pass of the baton.

Last week, the team recorded a first-place time of 49.78 at the Ron Singleton Invitational in Carlsbad, New Mexico, which eclipsed their time of 50.43 they registered at their area meet in 2014.

The success hasn't affected the girls' egos as they are very grounded in talking about expectations or their accomplishments.

"Even though we get off the track and we don't win, we still keep our heads up high and just show up the next meet," Robinson said. "If we win, tell the other teams 'congratulations'. Just like we always say, 'stay humble, stay hungry'. That's all we can do."

Hickey says the right mindset is needed to run a good race.

"You can never go in too confident because once you go in too confident, something will always happen or you can mess up, drop the baton so you always got to stay humble and stay hungry," Hickey said. "Each person has to have a good mindset at the moment and everything can go as planned, everything could fall into place."

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MISD athletes to watch at District 3-6A Track and Field Championships

Boys

Lee

Terry Sims, 100 meters: Sims is the favorite to be District 3-6A's fastest man.

Midland High

Bryce Hoppel, 800 meters, 1,600: Hoppel is a perfect 5-for-5 in wins in both races this year.

Ruben Guerra, 3,600 meters: Has won four straight races dating back to the West Texas Relays on March 7.

Slade Harrell, Ryan Giddens and Chandler Berrones, pole vault: All are capable of winning gold.

Courtney McMarylon, high jump and long jump: Enters district with two straight golds in the long jump.

Girls

Lee

Bri'An Washington, long jump, triple jump: This is the last hurrah for the Lady Rebels senior.

Kristian Ruiz and Heavyn Burnett, 300 hurdles: Teammates finished 1-2 at the West Texas Relays.

Midland

Jimmiriyia Goodley, 200 meters: Senior is drawing interest from college track programs.

Rogers

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Rogers can qualify for the District 3-6A/4-6A Area Meet at Abilene Christian University on April 24.

The 110-meter hurdles is Rogers' best event, but it's also the race where he faces his stiffest competition, which includes Abilene High's Jesus Serrano, the defending district champion who finished third at regionals last year.

Rogers says he has recorded an impressive 6-foot, 6- inch mark in the high jump before, but hasn't matched it this year.

Rogers says the grueling five-event schedule doesn't really hit him energy wise until he runs the 300 hurdles and 1,600 relay late in the day on Friday.

"(The 300 hurdles) takes all your energy," Rogers said. "It's one of the hardest races to run in track."

In the 1,600 relay, Rogers will be joined by Gage Burkhart, Tristan Telesca and C.J. Robles.

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Hernandez

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right decision.

In the Lloyd killing, the defense argued that investigators fixated on Hernandez because of his celebrity and conducted a shoddy investigation in their zeal to confirm their suspicions.

Prosecutors said Hernandez organized the killing, summoned his two friends to help carry it out and drove Lloyd and the others to the secluded spot in the industrial park. During closing arguments, prosecutors also accused Hernandez of pulling the trigger, though under the law it was not necessary to prove who fired the shots to convict him.

Security video from inside Hernandez's home showed him holding what appeared to be a gun less than 10 minutes after Lloyd was killed. The surveillance system also captured Hernandez, Wallace and Ortiz relaxing at his home hours after Lloyd was shot, hanging out in the basement "man cave," lounging by the pool and cuddling Hernandez's baby daughter.

The conviction carries a mandatory sentence of life without parole and automatically triggers an appeal to Massachusetts' highest court.

Hernandez was initially taken to the state's Cedar Junction prison, a maximum-security facility less than a 4-mile drive from Gillette Stadium, where he once caught touchdown passes from Tom Brady in front of tens of thousands of fans.

He was to processed there and eventually taken to Souza Baranowski prison in Shirley, another maximum-security institution, according to Darren Duarte, a spokesman for the Massachusetts Department of Corrections.

Lloyd's sister, Olivia Thibou, said Wednesday that prosecutors in the trial were her "dream team." Lloyd's mother, Ursula Ward, told the judge she forgave Hernandez and everyone else "who had a hand in my son's murder, either before or after."

Defense lawyers left the courthouse without commenting.

Hernandez, who grew up in Bristol, Connecticut, was an All-American from the University of Florida who was drafted by the Patriots in the fourth round in 2010.

Boston

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injured, and look forward to a better future. We should strive to do the same."

Walsh declared April 15 "One Boston Day," calling on Bostonians to embrace a new way of remembering the attacks.

People donated blood to the Red Cross and helped clean up neighborhood parks while schoolchildren wrote thank-you cards and delivered pizzas to police and fire departments in recognition for their service.

Next week, the federal death penalty trial of surviving bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev resumes.

The 21-year-old ethnic Chechen was convicted last week of 30 counts. Jurors will soon decide whether he should be sentenced to life in prison or to death.

Tsarnaev's older brother, Tamerlan, died following a shootout with police days after the attacks.

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Mayweather: Fans will have to decide if fight worth $99.95

By Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Floyd Mayweather Jr. says fans will have to decide for themselves whether it's worth $99.95 to pay to watch his fight with Manny Pacquiao at home.

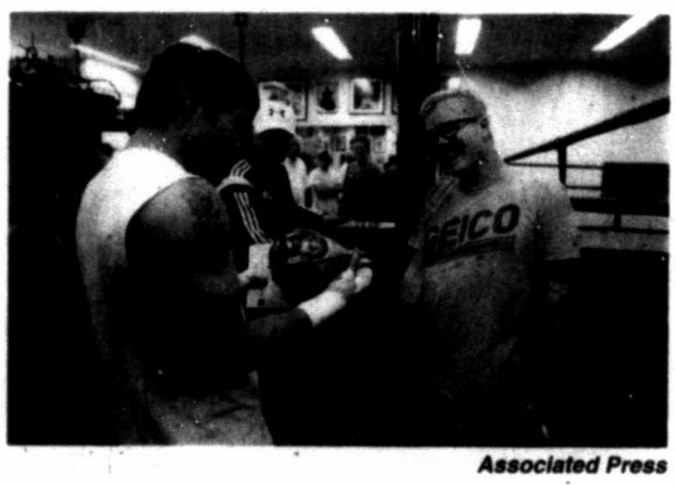
Personally, though, he believes the richest fight in boxing history will be must see TV.

"From the matchup it seems like an exciting fight," Mayweather said Tuesday. "When I mentally picture the fight, to me it looks like it's going to be a very exciting fight."

Mayweather, who could make $180 million for the May 2 bout, said he doesn't think the fight is overhyped, mostly because it's a matchup fans have waited five years to see. Even if it isn't the so-called Fight of the Century, he said, it will likely go down as one of the biggest fights ever.

Mayweather said no one is forced to buy his fights, and that he won't change his style in any fight just to please the fans. Unbeaten in 47 fights as a pro, his biggest goal is to remain that way.

"I'm just thankful and I'm appreciative of whoever has bought pay-per-view, whether they were pleased or they weren't pleased," he said. "When it's all said and done, when the book is written, they're not going to say he was a defensive wizard. They're going to say Floyd Mayweather was a winner."



Associated Press

Boxer Manny Pacquiao, left, of the Philippines, and his trainer Freddie Roach share a laugh as they look at a speed bag showing an images of Floyd Mayweather Jr., a gift from lawyer Robert Shapiro, background center, on Monday in Los Angeles.

Less than three weeks before the two greats meet for the welterweight title, Mayweather took some time off from training for a media day outside the gym he owns near the Las Vegas Strip. He arrived more than 90 minutes late, but seemed eager to keep answering questions even as a desert windstorm threatened to undo the tent in the parking lot set up for his impromptu news conference.

"There's no storm coming," he said at one point.

Mayweather said he is treating Pacquiao as just another opponent, even as he acknowledged the awkward lefty poses some problems in the ring. The difference, he said, is that he will be able to adapt to Pacquiao's style as the fight goes on.

"We'll see what he brings to the table," Mayweather said. "Our styles are totally different. I fight with smarts. Every move is calculated. Every move is thought out. I'm always 5-10 steps ahead of my opponent."

By contrast, Mayweather said Pacquiao fights the same way every fight.

"I don't know if he can make adjustments," he said. "I'm able to make adjustments. He comes at different angles so we'll have to see. But he's facing a solid, strong welterweight."

Mayweather said Pacquiao may have been surprised last month at the Los Angeles news conference announcing the fight that he looked to be the much smaller fighter when the two stood together. That, he said, was even though Pacquiao was cheating a bit for the cameras.

"He wears the lifts in the shoes," Mayweather said. "I know all the secrets he does."

Mayweather said he wasn't sure how the fight would play out in the opening rounds, though the consensus among most in boxing is that Pacquiao would try to land big punches early. Pacquiao's trainer, Freddie Roach, has said the goal is to make Mayweather work every second of every round and not be able to take any time off.

Mayweather's manager and confidante, Leonard Ellerbe, was more specific, saying Mayweather is looking to make a career-defining statement against Pacquiao. Mayweather will still use all his defensive skills, Ellerbe said, but won't be afraid to attack Pacquiao from the opening bell.

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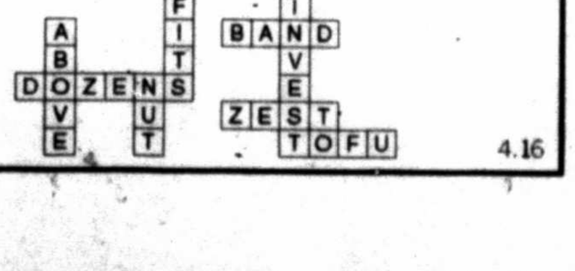

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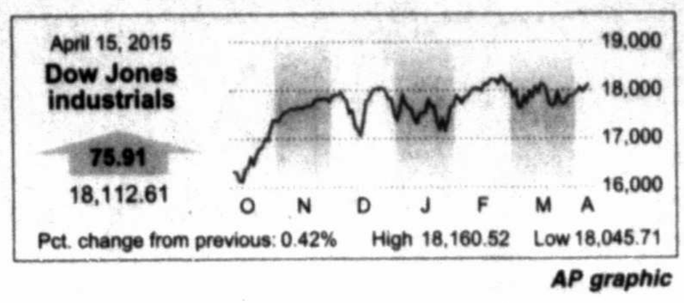

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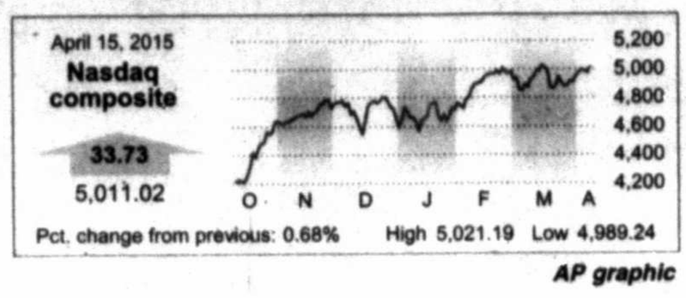

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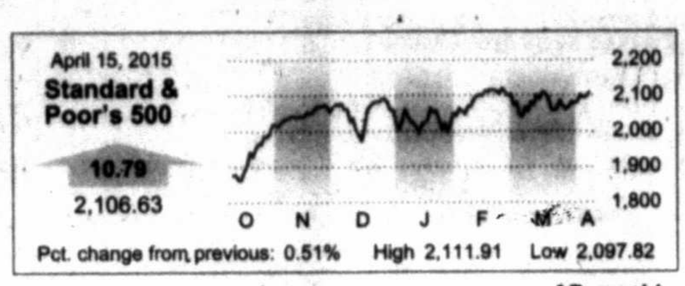

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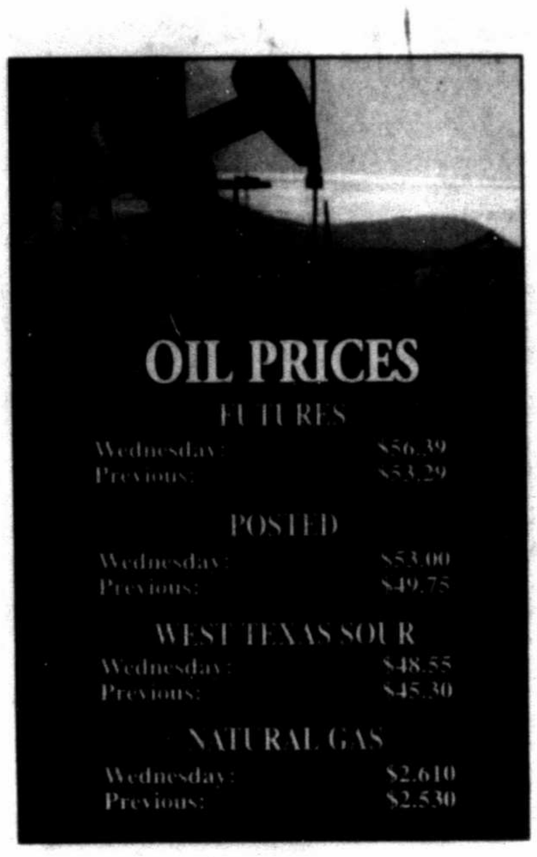

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Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1152921	15.64	-.18
CSVLgCrde1	1066487	3.32	+.41
Petrobras	1043210	8.90	+.68
NokiaCp	1038334	7.84	-.12
S&P500ETF	861328	210.43	+.94

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AlcatelLuc	4.02	-.91	-18.5
DnRiskaBear	6.54	-1.17	-15.2
CSVInvCrd	75.50	-13.00	-14.7
PSCrudeDS	73.03	-11.51	-13.6
DrGMBear	8.60	-1.31	-13.2

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
KeyEngy	2.30	+.30	+15.0
SeviSesE n	3.27	+.67	+14.6
CarboCer	39.46	+4.83	+13.9
SwftEng	3.26	+.38	+13.2
BasicEnSv	9.29	+1.04	+12.6

Diary

Advanced	2,082
Declined	1,037
Unchanged	109
Total issues	3,228
New Highs	124
New Lows	8
Volume	3,910,663,584

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BarcGSOil	75852	11.89	+.60
GranTrra g	46593	3.54	+.23
NwGold g	37188	3.57	+.19
Globalstar	31431	3.25	+.13
TriangPet	30035	6.18	+.32

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Pfenex n	16.87	-1.38	-7.6
CT Ptrs	3.80	-.23	-5.7
Barnwell	2.47	-.11	-4.3
LadThalFn	3.59	-.15	-4.0
CPI Aero	10.13	-.34	-3.2

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NewConcEn	2.53	+.24	+10.5
IGI Labs	9.15	+.70	+8.3
GastarExp	3.27	+.22	+7.2
SupDrill n	3.58	+.24	+7.1
GranTrra g	3.54	+.23	+6.9

Diary

Advanced	269
Declined	133
Unchanged	27
Total issues	429
New Highs	9
New Lows	9
Volume	155,937,994

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Intel	591188	32.83	+1.34
Cisco	297320	28.25	+.44
Apple Inc s	282728	126.78	+.48
Microsoft	268696	42.26	+.61
SiriusXM	222609	3.95	+.02

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ForceFdE	6.05	-1.66	-21.5
QKL Strs	2.71	-.44	-14.0
Advaxis wt	14.88	-2.32	-13.5
Advaxis	19.06	-2.72	-12.5
Athersys	2.63	-.35	-11.7

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Viggle n	2.19	+.68	+45.0
GalmedPh	10.50	+1.72	+19.6
Erickson h	4.63	+.73	+18.7
Celsion	3.15	+.49	+18.6
ContF wtA	2.01	+.31	+18.2

Diary

Advanced	1,813
Declined	923
Unchanged	142
Total issues	2,878
New Highs	126
New Lows	17
Volume	1,754,086,836

Exxon: $8.9B sought in New Jersey pollution case 'not real'

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Exxon Mobil's top lawyer said Wednesday that a heavily criticized $225 million pollution settlement with New Jersey was reasonable and that the nearly $9 billion initially sought by the state shouldn't be used as a barometer because it was calculated using faulty methodology.

The settlement announced in March has drawn criticism from environmentalists and lawmakers in both parties who have said the state should have waited for a judge's ruling instead of settling for what they have a characterized as pennies on the dollar.

"The critics who complain about settling an $8.9 billion case of $225 million are ignoring the reality of how that $8.9 billion was calculated," Jack Balagia, ExxonMobil's general counsel, told The Associated Press.

Balagia called the $8.9 billion "not a real number" because it vastly overstated the amount of damage and didn't demonstrate a direct link between the pollution at refinery sites in Linden and Bayonne and ground contamination.

"They assume if there's a drop of contamination on the soil it results in 100 percent of the injury," he said. "They don't relate the circumstance on the ground to what the real injury was."

The yearslong battle wound up in front of a judge last year and he was due to rule on the amount Exxon Mobil was liable to pay when the settlement was reached.

If approved by the judge after a 60-day public comment period and a review by the state Department of Environmental Protection, the settlement would be the second-largest natural resource settlement against a corporate defendant in the country's history and the largest in state history, the DEP said in a statement this month. Only the Exxon-Valdez payout was larger.

Balagia said Exxon Mobil felt it presented "a great case" at trial but that the settlement avoided lengthy and costly appeals and provided finality.

"The state gets a record settlement and we get to move forward," he said.

Democratic state Sen. Raymond Lesniak, an outspoken critic of the settlement, noted Wednesday that the settlement allows Exxon Mobil to resolve pollution claims at 16 other Exxon Mobil facilities, as well as hundreds of service stations where little or no damage was detected. Lesniak has requested public records for the results of testing done at those stations.

Lesniak, a practicing lawyer, said he would have preferred to see the litigation play out.

"They went through a series of motions, then they went through an eight-month trial," he said. "The only thing left would have been an appeal of the judge's decision, which would have taken a year or two. I'd be more than willing to wait. It would have been well worth it."

Fight for $15 protests expand for low-wage workers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Fight for $15 campaign to win higher pay and a union for fast-food workers is expanding to represent a variety of low-wage workers and become more of a social justice movement.

In New York City on Wednesday, more than 100 chanting protesters gathered outside a McDonald's around noon, prompting the store to lock its doors to prevent the crowd from streaming in.

Demonstrators laid on the sidewalk outside to stage a "die-in," which became popular during the "Black Lives Matter" protests after recent police shootings of black men. Several wore sweatshirts that said "I Can't Breathe," a nod to the last words of a black man in New York City who died after he was put in a police chokehold.

Timothy Roach, a 21-year-old Wendy's worker from Milwaukee, said the police brutality black men face is linked to the lack of economic opportunity they're given. He said the protests were necessary to send a message to companies.

"If they don't see that it matters to us, then it won't matter to them," Roach said.

Organizers said demonstrations were planned for more than 230 U.S. cities and college campuses, as well as dozens of cities overseas. Among those who joined the latest day of protests were airport workers, Walmart workers and adjunct professors.

The campaign began in late 2012 and is being spearheaded by the Service Employees International Union, which represents low-wage workers in areas like home care, child care and building cleaning services. Mary Kay Henry, the SEIU's president, said the push has already helped prompt local governments to consider higher minimum wages, nudged companies to announce pay hikes and made it easier for SEIU members to win better contracts. Those results are inspiring other groups of workers, she said.

"It has defied a sense of hopelessness," she said.

Even if fast-food workers and others never become union members, winning higher pay for them would benefit the SEIU by helping lift pay for its members, said Susan Schurman, dean of Rutgers School of Management and Labor Relations.

"By raising the wage floor, it really benefits everyone," she said.

Stocks end higher

Rising corporate profits and a jump in oil prices helped push the stock market to a modest gain on Wednesday. Delta and Intel led the way up after turning in results that beat Wall Street's forecasts. The price of oil soared to its highest price this year, driving up energy stocks.

For investors, any good news comes as a welcome surprise this earnings season, which is widely expected to be the worst in years. Analysts predict that companies in the S&P 500 will report a 3 percent drop in profits. Most of the blame lies with the slump in oil prices over the past year, which has squeezed oil and gas companies, and a strong dollar, which diminishes the value of profits earned abroad when they're brought back home.

"So far, there's no signal that this quarter is really a harbinger of a profit recession," said Jeremy Zirin, head of investment strategy at UBS Wealth Management. "I think that's why the market is reacting positively today."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 10.79 points, or 0.5 percent, to close at 2,106.63. Transocean, an operator of drilling rigs, soared 10 percent, the biggest gain in the index.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 75.91 points, or 0.4 percent, to 18,112.61, while the Nasdaq composite added 33.73 points, or 0.7 percent, to 5,011.02.

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Closing Price $12.42 Up 0.65

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.65 Up 0.36

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Closing Price $25.16 Up 1.52

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $29.08 Up 1.06

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $11.90 Up 0.57

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $21.42 Up 1.17

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel			5.15	+.42	13.3
AT&T Inc	1.88	28	32.89	+.20	-2.1
Abraxas	...	6	3.88	+.29	+32.0
AdaDvsEq	1.18e	...	14.08	+.06	+2.9
AMD			2.70	+.03	+1.1
AlcatelLuc			4.02	-.91	+13.2
Alcoa	.12	21	13.34	-.03	-15.5
AlonUSA	.40a	29	15.75	+.05	+24.3
Ambev	.24e		6.28	+.03	+1.8
Amgen	3.16	25	165.47	+2.90	+3.9
Anadarko	1.08	...	94.54	+3.71	+14.6
Apache	1.00	...	71.40	+1.59	+13.9
Apple Inc s	1.88	17	126.78	+.48	+14.9
ApidMatl	.40	23	22.55	+.36	-9.5
ATMOS	1.56	18	54.77	-.11	-1.7
AutoData	1.96	29	85.76	+.14	+2.9
Avon	.24		8.94	-.21	-4.8
AxionPw h			.04	-.01	-95.6
BP PLC	2.40	35	42.42	+.62	+11.3
BabsCCInv	1.20		15.70		-1.2
BakrHu	.68	17	68.92	+2.29	+22.9
BkofAm	.20	23	15.64	-.18	-12.6
B IPVixST			21.98	-.49	-30.2
BarrickG	.20	68	12.85	+.34	+19.5
BasicEnSv			9.29	+1.04	+32.5
BerkHe A	...		172146	75.00	+255.00
BlkHillsCp	1.62f	18	51.46	+.39	-3.0
BrklySq	1.48	53	63.43	-.60	+7.5
BrownFA	1.26	30	94.38	+.33	+7.5
BrownFB	1.26	29	93.04	+.33	+5.9
CSX	.72f	17	32.86	-.35	-9.3
CVS Health	1.40	26	101.73	-.38	+5.6
Cameron	...	13	51.43	+2.55	+3.0
Caterpillar	2.80	15	85.16	+2.16	-7.0
Celestic g	...	13	11.81	+.05	+.6
Cemex	.52t	...	10.07	+.27	-1.2
CntryLink	2.16	27	36.19	+.51	-8.6
ChesEng	.35	8	16.02	+.77	-18.1
Chevron	4.28	11	110.41	+1.57	-1.5
Chicos	.31f	...	17.45	+.04	+7.6
Cimarex	.64	23	129.44	+2.43	+22.1
Cisco	.84f	17	28.25	+.44	+2.3
Citigroup	.04	24	53.21	+.48	-1.7
ClayEng	...	16	58.74	+2.75	-7.9
CocaCola	1.32f	25	40.40	-.11	-4.3
ColgPalm	1.52f	30	69.88	+.25	+1.0
Comcast	1.00f	19	59.91	+.94	+3.3
ConAgra	1.00	...	37.57	-.22	+3.6
ConchoRes	...	26	125.04	+2.78	+25.4
ConocoPhil	2.92	13	69.40	+1.04	+.5
CrackerB	4.00	23	141.88	-2.71	+.8
CSVLgNGs			2.10	+.14	-47.2
CSVLgCrde			3.32	+.41	-32.1
CSVixSht			1.25	-.06	-54.7
CrosTim	2.52e	8	21.47	+1.25	+24.0
DCP Mid	3.12f	14	39.86	+1.12	-12.3
DTE	2.76	16	81.48	+.06	-5.7
Dataram h			2.16	-.05	+27.1
DeltaAir	.36	15	44.20	+1.12	-10.1
DenburyR	.25	4	9.44	+.58	+16.1
DevonE	.96	17	66.95	+.79	+9.4
DxGrBull			12.10	+.93	+8.4
DrxSCBear			9.56	-.23	-20.3
Disney	1.15f	24	106.98	+.32	+13.6
DowChm	1.68	17	50.11	+1.28	+9.9
EMC Cp	.46	20	26.22	+.02	-11.8
EOG Resc s	.67	18	97.96	+1.50	+6.4
EmpDist	1.04	16	24.79	-.02	-16.6
Energen	.08	29	69.66	+2.17	+9.3
EngyTsfr	3.98f	34	55.81	+.41	-14.1
EnPro	.80	81	68.76	+.18	+9.6
EntProPt s	1.50f	23	34.03	+.31	-5.8
Ericsson	.39e	...	12.76	+.26	+5.5
ExterranH	.60	25	36.31	+1.74	+11.4
ExxonMbl	2.76	12	86.08	+1.45	-4.7
Facebook	...	75	82.71	-.81	+6.0
FordM	.60	20	16.07	+.10	+3.7
FrptMcM	.20m	...	20.67	+1.72	-11.5
GATX	1.52f	14	60.76	+.01	+5.5
GabMult(T	1.06e	...	9.43	...	-5.8
GAInv	3.50e	...	35.45	+.30	+1.3
GenElec	.92	18	27.46	-.27	+8.7
GenMotors	1.44f	23	36.94	+.46	+5.8
GtPlainEn	.98	17	26.80	-.10	-5.7
HalconRes	...	...	1.93	+.17	+8.4
Halliblrtn	.72	11	48.26	+2.06	+22.7
HudsCity	.16	29	9.38	-.04	-7.3
iShBrazil	1.38e	...	35.24	+.86	-3.6
iShJapan	.15e		13.00	+.07	+15.7
iShEMkts	.88e		43.12	+.30	+9.7
iShR2K	1.59e		126.55	+.88	+5.8
IntegrysE	2.72	21	72.67	+.23	-6.7
Intel	.96	14	32.83	+1.34	-9.5
InterDig	.80		50.88	+.63	-3.8
JPMorgCh	1.60	12	64.21	+1.17	+3.3
JohnJn	2.80	18	100.60	+.08	-3.8
KimbClk	3.52f	27	107.61	-.04	-6.9
LegacyRes	2.44		12.42	+.65	+8.7
Lubys	...	...	5.37	-.05	+18.0
MVJrGold			25.02	+1.08	+4.6
MktVGold	.12e		19.98	+.57	+8.7
MV OilSvc	.86e		38.48	+1.63	+7.1
MktVRus	.64e		20.54	+.99	+40.4
McDnlds	3.40	20	96.44	-1.14	+2.9
Merck	1.80	14	58.45	+.69	+2.9
MeritMed	...	36	19.26	...	+11.1
MexcoEn			5.65	+.36	+4.1
MicronT		9	28.17	+.45	-19.5
Microsoft	1.24	17	42.26	+.61	-9.0
Molycorp			.95	+.41	+7.8
Nabors	.24	13	15.50	+.17	+19.4
NatGrid	3.48e	...	66.53	-.33	-5.8
NOVVaroo	1.84	9	56.00	+1.64	-14.5
NobleCorp	1.50	...	18.16	+1.22	+9.6
NokiaCp	.51e		7.84	-.12	-.3
NA Pall g			.10	-.10	-24.6
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Praxair	2.86f	22	121.50	+.50	-6.2
PrmEgy	...	6	50.01	...	-31.2
PUIRVixST			11.04	-.51	-56.1
PrUltCrude			9.03	+.72	-12.9
ProctGam	2.57	25	83.51	-.09	-8.3
RangeRs	.16	25	61.40	+3.67	+14.9
RegionsFn	.20	12	9.71	+.17	-8.0
RiteAid		4	8.28	-.08	+10.1
Rowan	.40	...	21.04	+.98	-9.8
RoyDShllA	3.76	12	62.17	+1.72	-7.1
SpdrDJIA	3.55e	...	180.88	+.70	+1.7
S&P500ETF	3.94e	...	210.43	+.94	+2.4
SpdrOGEx	.69e		55.63	+2.00	+16.2
SabrR	4.12e	10	41.47	+1.49	+15.9
SanderFm	.88e	6	80.28	+1.43	-4.5
SandRidge	...	5	2.19	+.12	+20.3
Schlmbrg	2.00f	22	92.00	+3.20	+7.7
SeadrillLtd	...	2	12.59	+.97	+5.4
SigmaAld	.92	33	138.38	-.03	+.8
SiriusXM	...	44	3.95	+.02	+12.9
Smucker	2.56	21	118.08	+.29	+16.9
SP Engy	1.94e	...	82.70	+1.93	+4.5
SPDR Fncl	.41e	...	24.42	+.09	-1.3
SunocoL s	1.60f	76	42.50	+.24	+1.7
TaiwSemi	.50e	...	23.51	+.33	+5.0
TelefEsp	.97e	...	14.70	+.22	+3.4
Tesoro	1.70f	13	83.33	+.54	+12.1
3M Co	4.10f	22	166.44	+.45	+1.3
Torchmrk s	.54f	14	56.41	+.41	+4.1
Transocn	3.00	...	18.90	+1.74	+3.1
TriContl	.78e	...	21.90	+.08	+2.3
TylerTech	...	71	124.87	+.81	+14.1
UBWV	1.28	20	37.59	+.38	+.4
US OilFd	...	...	19.71	+.89	-3.2
Vale SA	.60e	...	6.19	+.25	-24.3
Vale SA pf	.60e	...	5.11	+.15	-29.6
ValeroE	1.60f	8	57.11	-.08	+15.4
Voltari h	...	...	8.37	+.44	+1168.2
VulcanM	.40f	52	83.81	+.56	+27.5
WalgBoots	1.35	36	91.54	-.44	+20.1
WellsFargo	1.40	13	54.81	+.62	...
WstnRefin	1.20	8	42.70	-.49	+13.0
WhitingPet	...	9	37.15	+1.40	+12.6
WmsCos	2.32f	79	51.82	+1.03	+15.3
Windstrm	1.00	...	7.64	-.22	-7.3
XcelEngy	1.28f	17	34.49	+.02	-4.0
Xerox	.28f	16	13.11	+.02	-5.4
Yahoo	...	6	45.73	+.21	-9.5

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,288.63	15,855.12	Dow Jones Industrials	18,112.61	+75.91	+.42	+1.62	+10.28
9,310.22	7,346.24	Dow Jones Transportation	8,704.81	+7.02	+.08	-4.76	+14.66
667.17	524.82	Dow Jones Utilities	588.90	+1.14	+.19	-4.72	+7.32
11,142.56	9,886.08	NYSE Composite	11,171.06	+62.99	+.57	+3.06	+6.33
5,042.14	3,946.03	Nasdaq Composite	5,011.02	+33.73	+.68	+5.81	+22.63
2,119.59	1,815.80	S&P 500	2,106.63	+10.79	+.51	+2.32	+13.12
1,542.16	1,269.45	S&P Midcap	1,537.67	+6.61	+.43	+5.67	+14.04
22,388.10	19,160.13	Wilshire 5000	22,339.08	+120.25	+.54	+3.09	+12.87
1,271.74	1,040.47	Russell 2000	1,275.35	+10.00	+.79	+5.85	+12.89

TODAY: Mostly sunny — High: 60 Low: 49

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 61 Low: 58

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 59 Low: 53

SUNDAY: Sunny — High: 59 Low: 54

MONDAY: Sunny — High: 68 Low: 61

TUESDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 82 Low: 53

Local forecast

There's a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms today and tonight, a 20 percent chance Friday and a slight chance early next week.

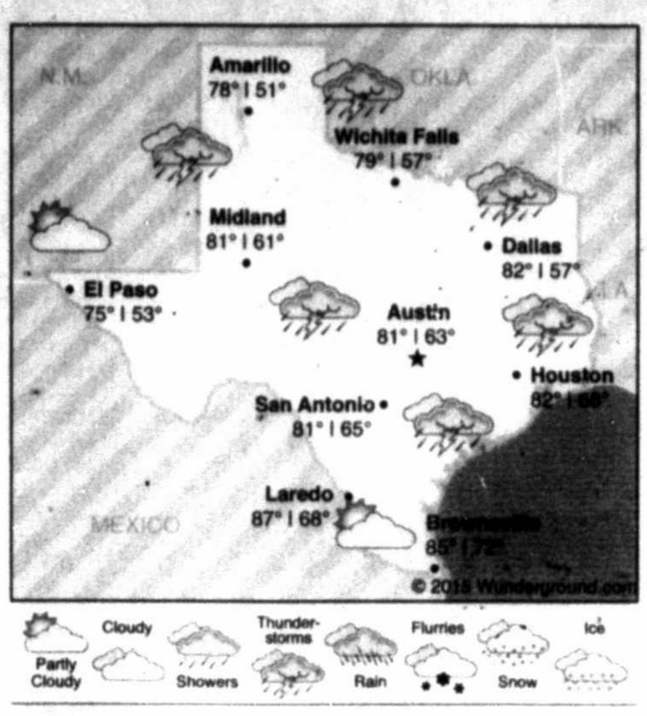
Otherwise, expect mostly sunny skies today and Friday and partly cloudy skies tonight and Friday night. The forecasted high is 81 today and 76 Friday; the low is 56 and 53, respectively.

The high on Wednesday reached 81, while the low dropped to 47. The record high for April 15 is 95 set in 2006 and 1990. The record low is 27 set in 1933.

National forecast

Drenching showers and thunderstorms will remain along the Gulf Coast from northern Florida to Texas today. A front will interact with moisture moving in from the Gulf of Mexico.

An area of lesser showers will extend farther north over the Ohio Valley and Virginia. Even though the rain will be less intense than that in the Deep South, the combination of saturated ground and high stream levels could lead to localized flooding in the Ohio Valley.

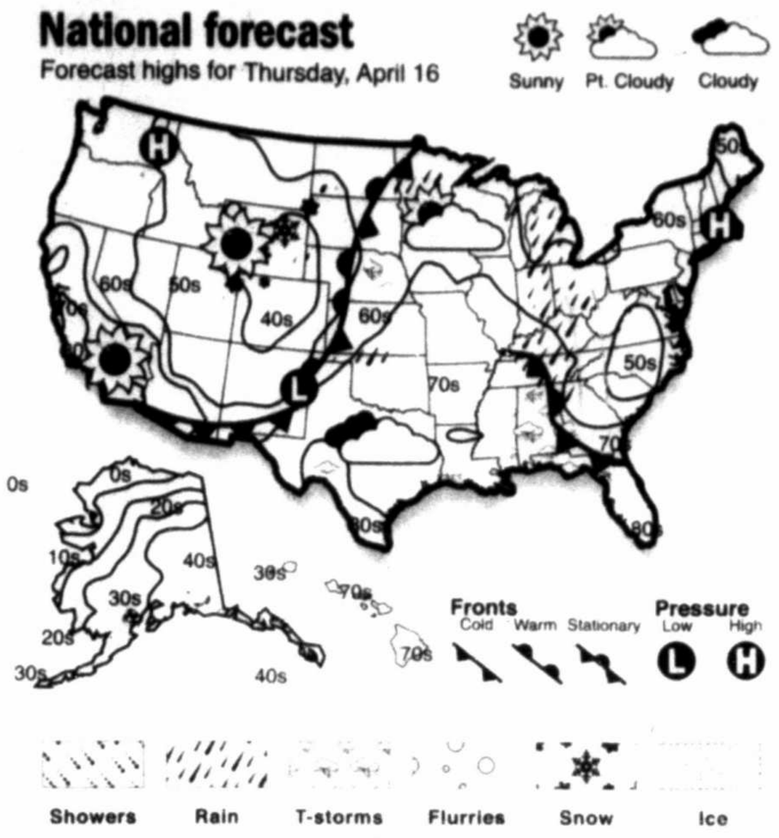


Precipitation	
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.85 in.
Year total	5.19 in.
Normal total (year to date)	2.20 in.

Wednesday's temperatures	
High	81
Low	47
Normal high	79
Normal low	49
Sunrise	7:19 a.m.
Sunset	8:19 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, April 16



Dear Abby

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Girl's embarrassment a signal it's time for a shaving lesson

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are having a disagreement about one of our daughters (we have three). Our 8-year-old is very hairy. It is noticeable, and she doesn't like wearing shorts, skirts or dresses because of it. Her classmates tease her about it.

I want to teach her how to shave her legs or show her how to use hair remover. Her father is angry that I want to "do this" to his little girl.

I was a hairy child, as well, and I was teased about my hairy legs and my unibrow, which my parents wouldn't let me shave or pluck. I remember how painful it was, how upset it made me and how different I felt from my classmates because of it. I told myself as a child that when I grew up, I'd never let my daughter go through the same torment. I still feel that way.

Should we wait a few more years, or should I buy the products I need and teach her what she'll be doing for the rest of her life? — HAIRY SITUATION IN ARIZONA

DEAR H.S.: Your husband may mean well, but he may not realize what being the object of ridicule can do to a little girl's self-esteem. You're that child's mother, and you know what to do — so do it. Sometimes girls have to stick together, and this is one of them.

DEAR ABBY: After 26 years of marriage, I recently left my husband. We live only a few blocks away from each other, so we run into each other often at the store, the gas station, everywhere.

My problem is more about running into some of the women he cheated on me with. One of them always ends up at the same shopping center or restaurant I happen to be at. She thinks I don't know who she is.

At first I didn't want to say anything to her, but now it has really gotten to me. What can I tell her the next time she meets up with me? I want to keep myself from yelling at her. Please help me. — CAN'T FIND THE WORDS IN HOUSTON

DEAR CAN'T: You don't know whether the woman your ex cheated with is stable or some kind of wing nut. Sometimes it's safer not to be able to "find the words" rather than pick a fight. My advice is to avoid her as much as possible.

DEAR ABBY: I recently took a long international flight. The man sitting next to me coughed during the eight-hour flight without once covering his mouth.

What is a polite way to tell someone to cover his/her mouth when coughing? Two days into my trip, I developed a fever and a bad cough, so it seems he passed his illness on to me. — FEVERISH FLIER

DEAR FLIER: Your seat partner showed an extreme lack of consideration not only for you, but also for other passengers seated in-his immediate vicinity — and it's very possible he infected others besides you. It is not impolite to ASK people who cough and sneeze to please cover their mouth so you won't catch what they have, and that's what you should have done right away, or ask to change your seat if an unoccupied one was available.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 8 7 5
♥ K Q J 10 9 6
♦ Q 7 5 3
♣ Void

WEST
♠ K 4 3 2
♥ 7 5 3
♦ 4
♣ A 10 9 7 5

EAST
♠ J 10 9 6
♥ 2
♦ K J 10
♣ 8 6 4 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A Q
♥ A 8 4
♦ A 9 8 6 2
♣ K Q J

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2NT	Pass	3 ♥*	Pass
3	Pass	4	Pass
6	All pass		

*Transfer to hearts

Opening lead: Three of

Most modern tournament players use two different transfers over a one or two no-trump opening. A Jacoby transfer is a non-jump bid at the two or three level, and a Texas transfer is a jump to the four level — four diamonds transferring to hearts and four hearts transferring to spades. Why both? When a player who had a Texas transfer available, uses a Jacoby transfer and then raises immediately to game, he is showing at least some slam interest. Partner is invited to go on, which is what happened here.

Holding an ace and a king, West thought it was pointless to lead his singleton, so he started with a trump. South won this in hand with the eight and led the king of clubs. West covered with the ace, but instead of ruffing, declarer discarded a diamond from dummy. West persevered with trumps, this time won on the board with the king. South led a diamond to his ace and discarded both of dummy's remaining diamonds on the queen and jack of clubs.

Declarer next ruffed a diamond in dummy, crossed back to his hand with a trump to the ace, drawing the outstanding trump, and ruffed another diamond. Both of his low diamonds were now established, and South came back to his hand with a spade to the ace and discarded dummy's two remaining spades on the good diamonds. Six hearts, bid and made!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, April 16, 2015:

This year you will have a great deal of energy to initiate activities, projects or any other priority that is important to you. As a result, you might change your role in the public or at work. If you are single, you are in a period when you could meet someone quite special to your life's history. If you are attached, you feel more connected to your sweetie than you have in a long time. You will enjoy spending a lot more one-on-one time together. Go off and re-create a first date, or take off for a few days. A fellow ARIES can be explosive, especially over money matters.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Your feelings might be much more intense than usual. Note what is going on with your emotions. You might want to have a discussion with someone who is involved. Don't worry so much — this, too, will pass. Tonight: Blaze a new trail.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You might feel uncomfortable dealing with a particular person. Understand what is happening with a loved one. Plans around a trip could change. It would be best to avoid making any major decisions right now. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Zero in on a key priority this morning, and you will be able to wade through a lot of paperwork as a result. You might want to vanish in the late afternoon and join a dear loved one. You will feel much better if you take more time off for yourself. Tonight: Not to be found.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You are on top of your game, and you know what you want. A meeting of friends will add to the fun of the afternoon. You might not have expected to run into a special person. Changes that come to the forefront could affect how you deal with others. Tonight: Where people are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You might be listening to some interesting tales that don't seem to make sense. Detach and try to get a different perspective. A loved one will make sure that you don't forget to spend some quality time with him or her. Tonight: You can't avoid someone else's request.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Remain sure of yourself. You might find that someone is determined to have his or her way, and all the talk in the world won't seem to make a difference. Detach. Once you see the big picture, you will see a humorous quality to the situation. Tonight: With a favorite person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You could be in a situation where you have no choice but to go along with someone else's wishes. This person often thinks that his or her way is the only way. Even logical explanations won't be able to make a dent in this person's mental armor. Tonight: Speak your mind.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Allow your imagination to add to conversations in the morning. By the afternoon, you'll have to act. Use caution regarding a money matter. You could make a bad choice without intending to or even realizing it. Tonight: Run errands, then squeeze in a walk.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You might decide to approach a matter quite differently from how you've handled it in the past. Honor your feelings, especially when dealing with a friend or loved one. Try to be more open. Make an important decision after having a long-overdue chat. Tonight: At home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You could feel as if you have gone beyond your normal limits with offering a new opportunity to a family member. You have boundaries, and at this moment, you might feel pushed to the max. Share your feelings. Tonight: Maintain a sense of humor.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You say what you think, and others come forward as a result. People often tap into your resourcefulness in search of solutions. Ask for what you want, but know that you could have mixed feelings once you get it. Tonight: Swap news with a new friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Recognize the costs of continuing as you have been. You could go overboard trying to appease someone. A new friend might enjoy spending time with you more than you realize. Be more aware of what is happening between the two of you. Tonight: Make it your treat.

BORN TODAY

Basketball player Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (1947), aviation pioneer Wilbur Wright (1867), actor Jon Cryer (1965)

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DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Determination
5 One often schmeared
10 Get entangled (with)
14 "It depends"
15 Have __ for news
16 Ended a flight
17 Blue
18 Suppress
19 George Lucas group
20 Semiprecious stone
21 Sends out
22 Roast's roost
23 2014 U.S. Women's Open champ
24 Hamlet, for one
25 Succumb to pressure
26 Choose not to pick?
29 Bit of cheering
31 __ kwon do
32 Tiff
34 Computer outlet supply
35 Bruin legend
36 Furniture designed for portability ... or, what are found in this puzzle's circles
40 Swung thing
41 Winged god
42 Alf and Mork, briefly
43 Aegean Airlines hub, on itineraries
44 Dauphins' play area
45 Really beat
49 Relatives of emus
51 Exchange
55 Frito go-with?
56 Muppet with a unibrow
57 Hosiery shade
58 Unusual
59 "__ la Douce"
60 Playground denial
61 "Metamorphoses" poet
62 Operation Solomon carrier
63 Symbol of authority
64 "See you around!"
65 Word sung on New Year's Day
66 Belgian expressionist James
67 46-Down, for one

DOWN

1 Isolated lines, in typesetting
2 Go-getter's phrase
3 Many a character on "The Good Wife"
4 Web browser since 1992
5 Derived from, with "on"
6 Jungian concept
7 Was accepted as a member
8 Abstruse
9 Eye part
10 Significant
11 Vertical shuttle
12 Auxiliary seating units
13 Really tough puzzle, say
25 Has an ace up one's sleeve
27 Healthcare.gov, for one
28 Computer outlet supplies
30 Workout woe
33 Telegram
34 British sports cars
36 Like some advice
37 2008 love triangle film, with "The"
38 Viking
39 Follower's suffix
40 The first ones were introduced in blonde and brunette in 1959
46 Eleventh-century Scandinavian leader
47 Contralto Anderson
48 Half-wild Asian canine
50 "And thereby hangs __" Shak.
52 They may be measured in knots
53 Disco era term
54 Pan on Broadway
57 Immortal Yankee with "The"
58 Sway

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

C	A	R	D		B	O	S	C	O		M	E	A	S
A	T	O	I		R	A	K	E	R		R	A	N	T
M	A	S	T	E	R	F	I	L	E		S	T	A	Y
P	R	I	Z	E		I	N	S	I	N	U	A	T	E
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B	R	A		E	R	L	E		T	S	E	T	S	E
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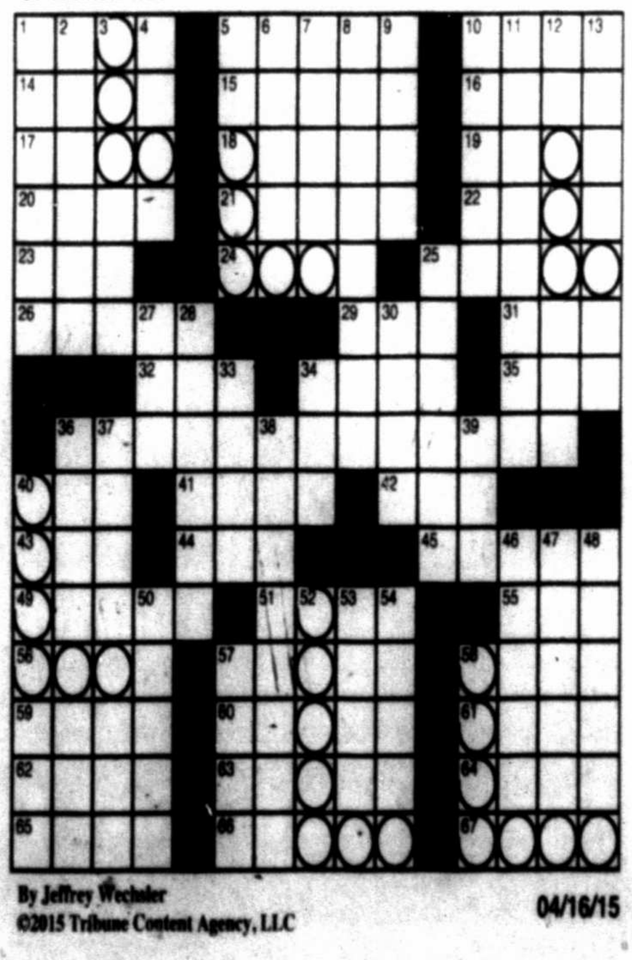

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Morris scores in 1st US start in 2-0 win over Mexico

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Stanford sophomore Jordan Morris scored early in the second half in his first start for the U.S. national team. Juan Agudelo added his first international goal in four years and the Americans dispatched Mexico by their traditional 2-0 score in an exhibition game Wednesday night.

Morris, a 20-year-old thought to be the first collegian to start for the U.S. in at least two decades, pounced on a ball that ricocheted off defender Mario Osuna in the 49th minute and beat goalkeeper Cirilo Saucedo from close range.

Agudelo replaced Morris in the 65th and scored seven minutes later with a low shot from just outside the penalty area, his third international goal and first since March 2011. He was playing his second international match since November 2012 and his first since March last year.

Before a sellout crowd of 64,369, U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann improved to 3-0-3 against his team's regional rival.

The U.S. has defeated Mexico by dos a cero in four straight home World Cup qualifiers, all in Columbus, Ohio.

Michael Phelps confirms he's aiming for 5th Olympics in Rio

By Beth Harris
Associated Press

MESA, Ariz. — Michael Phelps is aiming to compete in a fifth Olympics next year in Rio, although the 18-time Olympic champion won't swim in the world championships this summer.

Phelps confirmed his intention to make one last run at the Olympics on Wednesday.

"You guys heard it here first," he told reporters at Skyline Aquatic Center, where he will be competing in his first meet since serving a six-month suspension by USA Swimming after a second drunken driving arrest last fall. "I am looking forward to next year. I don't think it's too hard to really realize why I came back."

But Phelps said he won't be swimming at the world meet in Russia in August as part of the punishment set forth by the sport's U.S. governing body. He had already qualified in three events before being banned from the last major international meet before the Rio de Janeiro Olympics.

"I really enjoy being on those trips," he said. "That's why it is painful to think that I won't have the chance to compete at worlds."

There had been informal discussions about Phelps being reinstated to the U.S. team for worlds, but it would have meant removing swimmers that were named to the team in his absence.

"By no means do I want this to be a distraction from the team," he said. "No way would I ever want to displace a member of that team."

Instead, he plans to compete at U.S. summer nationals in San Antonio, Texas, during the same time as worlds.

Phelps is back in Arizona, where he attended 45 days of inpatient alcohol rehabilitation after being arrested on DUI charges in his hometown of Baltimore last September. He offered no specifics about his treatment, which he continued in Maryland. He also enrolled in Alcoholics Anonymous.

"The last couple of months have probably been the hardest I've ever had to go through in my entire life," he said. "I take full responsibility for all of my actions. I've hurt a lot of people and it's been terrible."

The 29-year-old swimmer was sentenced to 18 months of probation. He said he's done more growing up in recent months than he has in his entire life.

"I have been able to come out on a better end, have a clear head," he said. "I don't think I've ever been like this once in my life."

Phelps' longtime coach, Bob Bowman, acknowledged his star swimmer's second arrest for drunken driving made it "pretty hard to convince me that anything was going to lead us back to something that we'd be proud of."

Phelps called Bowman a few times from rehab, which the coach described as "really weird" because he typically never heard from Phelps away from the pool. Bowman visited Phelps during treatment, still skeptical that the swimmer was there for any reason other than he had to be. But Bowman left thinking differently.

"I just had no doubt that he had changed in a way that was really meaningful," Bowman said. "He was completely different and it's been that way every day since he's been back."

Phelps pleaded guilty after his first drunken driving arrest in 2004. Five years later, a photo was published of him using a marijuana pipe at a party, which drew a three-month suspension and caused some sponsors to drop him.

Phelps knows not everyone will believe he's contrite and has changed.

"If somebody doesn't believe the words that are coming out of my mouth that's their choice," he said. "I, of course, would like to show everybody in the world that I am in a different place and I am much better than I ever have been. I understand that's going to take a lot of time. This week will be the first week that I can start that."

Phelps will be competing in Mesa for the first time since the Pan Pacific Championships last August. The Arizona meet was where Phelps made his comeback a year ago after an extended retirement following the 2012 Olympics.

NHL ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CANADIENS 4 SENATORS 3

MONTREAL — Brian Flynn scored a tie-breaking goal late in the second period and the Montreal Canadiens held on to edge the Ottawa Senators 4-3 on Wednesday night in a wild opening game of their first-round playoff series.

Flynn also had two assists for the first three-point game of his career.

Canadiens star defenseman P.K. Subban was given a five-minute major and game misconduct after slashing Ottawa rookie Mark Stone in the wrist midway through the second period.

Tomas Plekanec and Torrey Mitchell scored 15 seconds apart in a frenetic second period that saw five players get goals in less than five minutes. Lars Eller scored short-handed as part of the barrage.

Mika Zibanejad and Kyle Turris got power-play goals in the middle period for the Senators. Milan Michalek was credited with the game's first goal, which Montreal's Andre Markov tipped into his own net 12 minutes in.

Montreal has a 1-0 lead in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference series heading into Game 2 on Friday night.

The nasty, emotion-filled match featured the first goals as Canadiens by late-season pick-ups Flynn and Mitchell.

ISLANDERS 4 CAPITALS 1

WASHINGTON — Ryan Strome is 21 years old, Brock Nelson is 23, and Josh Bailey is 25. Entering Wednesday night, the trio of New York Islanders forwards owned these combined career NHL playoff numbers: seven games, zero goals.

So much for the supposed importance of postseason experience.

Nelson scored twice, Strome and Bailey added a goal apiece, Jaroslav Halak made 24 saves against a familiar foe, and the Islanders beat Alex Ovechkin and the Washington Capitals 4-1 in Game 1 of their Eastern Conference first-round series.

Bailey (2008), Nelson (2010) and Strome (2011) were all first-round draft picks by New York, far-less-heralded than their teammate who went No. 1 overall in 2009, John Tavares, who finished second in the league in points this season. But while Tavares did have an assist, it was that other trio that made the biggest impact in the series opener.

NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE

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

Montreal 1, Ottawa 0
Wednesday: Montreal 4, Ottawa 3
Friday: Ottawa at Montreal, 6 p.m.
Sunday, April 19: Montreal at Ottawa, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, April 22: Montreal at Ottawa, 6 p.m.
x-Friday, April 24: Ottawa at Montreal, TBA
x-Sunday, April 26: Montreal at Ottawa, TBA
x-Tuesday, April 28: Ottawa at Montreal, TBA

Tampa Bay vs. Detroit
Today: Detroit at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 18: Detroit at Tampa Bay, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, April 21: Tampa Bay at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Thursday, April 23: Tampa Bay at Detroit, 6 p.m.
x-Saturday, April 25: Detroit at Tampa Bay, TBA
x-Monday, April 27: Tampa Bay at Detroit, TBA
x-Wednesday, April 29: Detroit at Tampa Bay, TBA

N.Y. Rangers vs. Pittsburgh
Today: Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Saturday, April 18: Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Monday, April 20: N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, April 22: N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
x-Friday, April 24: Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, TBA
x-Sunday, April 26: N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, TBA
x-Tuesday, April 28: Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, TBA

N.Y. Islanders 1, Washington 0
Wednesday: N.Y. Islanders 4, Washington 1
Friday: N.Y. Islanders at Washington, 6 p.m.
Sunday, April 19: Washington at N.Y. Islanders, 11 a.m.
Tuesday, April 21: Washington at N.Y. Islanders, 6:30 p.m.
x-Thursday, April 23: N.Y. Islanders at Washington, TBA
x-Saturday, April 25: Washington at N.Y. Islanders, TBA
x-Monday, April 27: N.Y. Islanders at Washington, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

St. Louis vs. Minnesota
Today: Minnesota at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday: Minnesota at St. Louis, 2 p.m.
Monday, April 20: St. Louis at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 22: St. Louis at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
x-Friday, April 24: Minnesota at St. Louis, TBA
x-Sunday, April 26: St. Louis at Minnesota, TBA
x-Wednesday, April 29: Minnesota at St. Louis, TBA

Nashville vs. Chicago
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Friday: Chicago at Nashville, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 19: Nashville at Chicago, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, April 21: Nashville at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
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x-Saturday, April 25: Nashville at Chicago, TBA
x-Monday, April 27: Chicago at Nashville, TBA

Anaheim vs-Winnipeg
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Wednesday, April 22: Anaheim at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
x-Friday, April 24: Winnipeg at Anaheim, TBA
x-Sunday, April 26: Anaheim at Winnipeg, TBA
x-Tuesday, April 28: Winnipeg at Anaheim, TBA

Vancouver vs. Calgary
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Friday: Calgary at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Sunday, April 19: Vancouver at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Tuesday, April 21: Vancouver at Calgary, 9 p.m.
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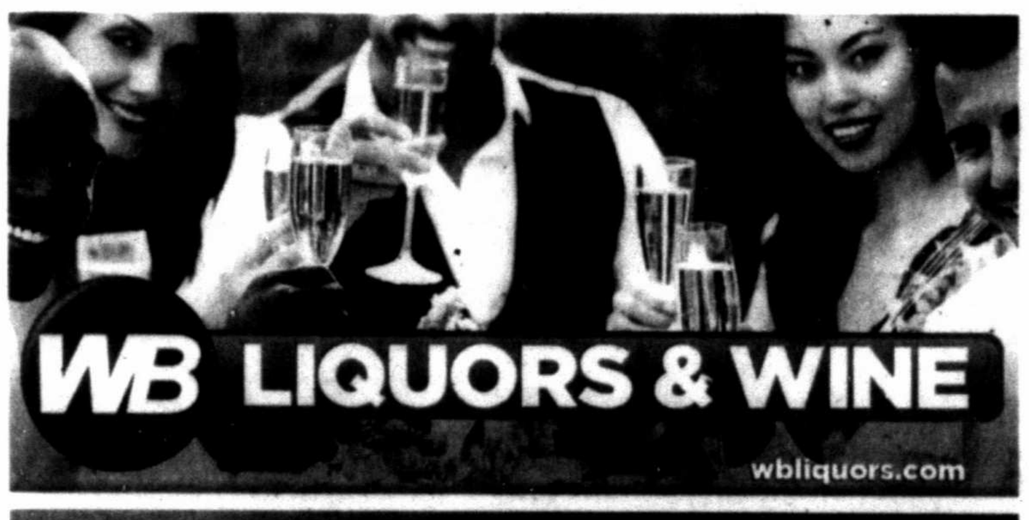

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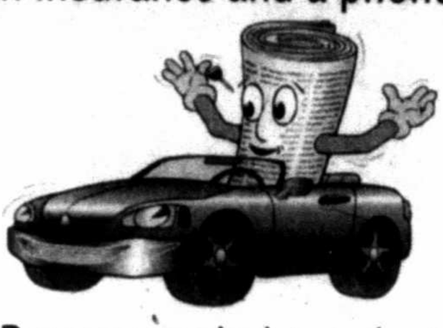

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Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or **after Thursday, April 16, 2015**

All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **12:00 (Noon) on Tuesday, May 05, 2015.**

All proposals must be sealed and labeled **"RFP # 1159 - 041615"**

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All proposals must be price protected for a period of **twelve (12) months.**

All proposals will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the proposals in the purchasing office according to the policy/procedure of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Proposals shall be addressed to:
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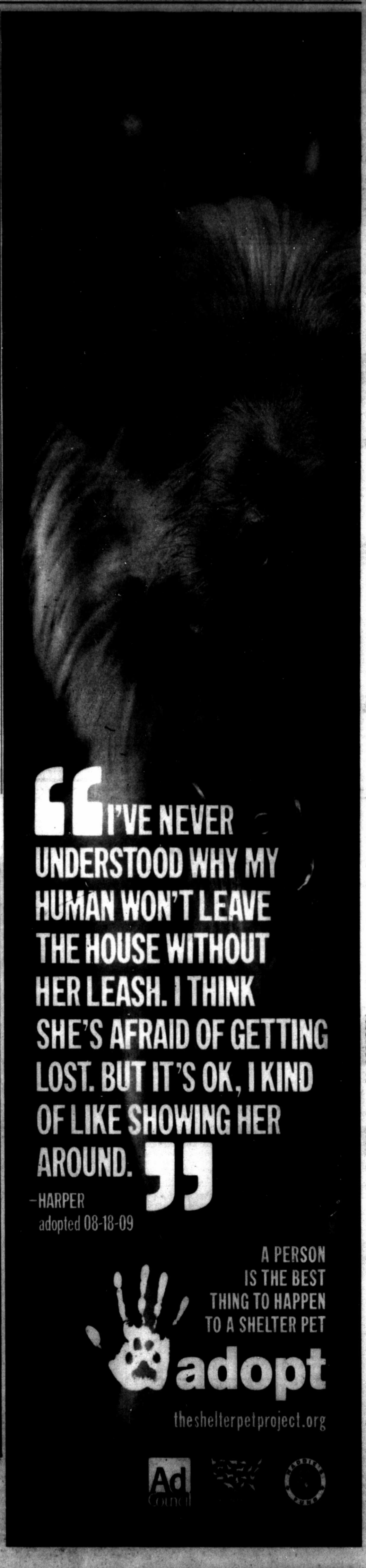

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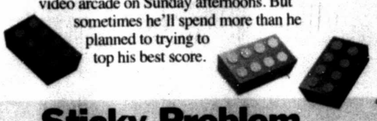
What to do?

Each of these kids need some advice from YOU. Read each story and write down your advice. Talk about your advice with a parent. Do they agree with you?

Savings Shortage

David is trying to save money to buy a new LEGO set that costs $29.00. Each Friday, he gets an allowance of $5.00 from his mom and dad.

David tries to save at least $3.00 every week. He spends about $2.00 when he visits the video arcade on Sunday afternoons. But sometimes he'll spend more than he planned to trying to top his best score.

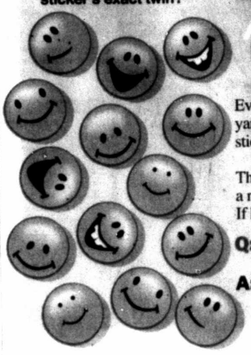


Last Sunday, he spent $8.50, which ate into his LEGO savings. Now he only has about $4.00 saved up for the LEGO set.

Q: What can David do to save the $29.00 faster?

A: _____

Can you find each sticker's exact twin?



Sticky Problem

Evan collects stickers from the grocery store vending machine. Each costs 50¢. He buys one each time his family shops, which is usually three times a week.

Evan earns $3.00 a week pulling weeds in his neighbor's yard, so he spends half of his money each week on stickers and saves the rest in his piggy bank.

The grocery store just replaced the old sticker machine with a new one. The stickers are bigger, but they cost $1.00 each. If he buys three, he'll spend all his money every week.

Q: What should Evan do to keep saving some money each week?

A: _____

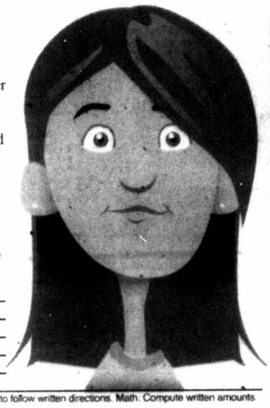
Bike Lane Pain

Maria walks and feeds her Aunt Meridith's dog, Zinger, every day after school. Maria gets $2.00 per day for taking such good care of Zinger.

Maria wants a new bike that costs $75. If she saved all her money each week, she could buy the bike in about two months. But Maria downloads music from her favorite bands at $1.30 per song a couple times a week. She also buys a smoothie for $3.95 on Saturdays with her friend Katie. Sometimes they go to a movie, which costs $7.00 per ticket.

Q: What advice would you give Maria about how to reach her goal of buying that new bike?

A: _____



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use the skills and strategies of the reading process to follow written directions. Math: Compute written amounts.

Extra! Extra!

The Bucks Add Up!

Look through the newspaper for prices. Can you find five or more prices, that when added together equal $100? Now try to find prices in the newspaper that add up to $1,000. What's the largest amount you can reach?

Standards Link: Math: Compute sums up to 1,000.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Mario and Maya are selling their toys at a yard sale to raise money for their local fire department. Oops! Someone dripped lemonade on the sales slips. Can you fill in the missing numbers?

Blocks	$1.3[illegible]	Golf Ball	[illegible]	Bat	$[illegible]
Puppet	[illegible]5	Postcard	.05	Paints	$[illegible]
Book	.30	Puzzle	.70	Clay	$2.00
Total:	$2.41	Total:	.85	Total:	$9.00

TOTAL RAISED: _____

Standards Link: Number Sense: Students compute sums and differences with money. Algebra: Solve number sentences that express relationships involving addition and subtraction.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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GROCERY
PROBLEM
FASTER
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ARCADE
MUSIC
EARNS
EQUAL
MONEY
SCORE
COST
PAIN
GOAL
BIKE

E	M	O	G	N	P	E	E	E	T
C	Y	M	R	R	R	R	K	S	A
N	C	T	E	T	O	I	O	E	M
A	N	I	T	C	B	C	R	S	O
W	S	I	S	O	L	O	E	N	N
O	N	S	A	U	E	U	G	R	E
L	A	V	F	P	M	P	O	A	Y
L	A	U	Q	E	I	L	A	E	N
A	R	C	A	D	E	E	L	G	S

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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New and Used

Find five items for sale in the newspaper. Chart the items and their prices. Can you find the same items for sale used? What is the difference in price? What are the advantages/disadvantages of buying new vs. used?

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate

When does it rain money?

ANSWER: When there is change in the weather.

Weekly Writing Corner

Saving Money

If I had saved all my money, I would buy something special. That something special would be a Corvette, Mustang, or a Ford. How I would save all my money is by getting a job, throwing the trash, and mowing the lawn in the neighborhood. Another is by starting a charity, helping the poor, and getting good grades. These are all the reasons I would save all my money. As you can see, if I had done this I would get something special.

John Andrew Gomez,
4th grade, St Ann's

I would want to save money for a great university. I would save money by collecting tooth fairy money. Getting into a great university is hard. Saving money is also hard. Sometimes you need things and sometimes you want things. All in all, saving money is hard and fun.

Katelyn Saenz,
4th grade, St Ann's

I'm saving up money for a generous cause. I am saving my money up for our sister's school in Honduras. They need a lot of help and support so I'm willing to do what it takes. To save money, I will do my chores, and I could mow other people's lawns. As you can see, I will do what it takes to get money and send it to the sister school in Honduras.

Alejandro Hinojos,
4th grade, St Ann's

I would save up for a remote control helicopter. Remote control helicopters are fun to play with. I can earn money by doing chores and help cutting the grass. As I earn my money, I would save it away in a jar or a bank. In conclusion, I hope to save money to buy a remote control helicopter. Josh Guebara, 4th grade, St Ann's

I want to save money up for a new basketball. I want to save up for a new basketball because I always wear my other basketballs out. I really like basketball, as you can see. I will save money by not spending it on candy. I will also save it by not using money. As you can see, I need to save every cent I have.

Brad Hale,
4th grade, St Ann's

I am saving up money to get a game. The game I want cost $200 but in my wallet I just have $150. I needed $50 more. I can clean around the house to get paid. I can also help my grandma. I can help clean the house to earn more money. Now you know how to save up money.

Brian Rivas,
4th grade, St Ann's

Write On!

When I Grow Up

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