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Texan Jordan Spieth, in search for back-to-back green jackets, collapses down the stretch during the final round of The Masters on Sunday at Augusta National.

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State needs to dump its unfair, unwieldy franchise tax

By Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

■ COMMENTARY

Texas' franchise tax is the worst business tax in the nation.

Companies have to keep a special set of books because the tax is like no other. Accountants have to run the numbers four ways to determine how much is owed. Losing money doesn't mean you don't have to write a check. Lawmakers have carved out special exemptions for the state's most powerful industries. And the tax has never generated as much revenue as the state needed from it.

Even more frustrating, lawmakers have raised the tax's exemption so high that only 124,000 companies have to pay it, but most of Texas' 3.5 million businesses must still file returns.

Politicians of all stripes and businesspeople from every industry know the franchise tax needs to go away, but there is little chance that will happen based on a meeting of the Texas Senate Finance Committee last week.

"We must be mindful of the budgetary constraints of the declining oil and gas prices and the effects that will have on our revenues," said Sen. Jane Nelson, the Republican chair of the committee. "We're going to continue to provide an environment in Texas that helps our economy to thrive, but we've got to balance that with our obligations to meet the needs of our state."

The franchise tax dates to 1907 and was premised on the idea that companies

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A HELPING HEART

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Volunteers with Kelview Heights Baptist Church work with the Christmas In Action program at a house on North Weatherford Street on Saturday. Christmas in Action, according to its website, works to preserve and revitalize houses and communities, assuring that low-income elderly and disabled homeowners live in warmth, safety and independence. More information can be found at christmasinaction.org.

County trails budgeted sales tax projections

By Stewart Doreen
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A drop in sales tax this fiscal year is impacting another taxing entity as Midland County is behind pace to meet its budgeted sales tax projection.

Through five months of collections, the county has received $13.425 million. The county received $19.331 million through five months last year, which means there has been drop of nearly $6 million (or more than 30 percent) already this fiscal year.

Commissioners budgeted for $30.8 million for the current fiscal year; however, according to the current trend, Midland County is set to take in $28.833 million. That would be a drop from last year's collection of $41.1 million.

To meet its budgeted sales tax projection this fiscal year, it appears Midland County must collect $17.35 million over the last seven months. That amount would be 21 percent lower than the $21.8 million collected through the last seven months of the previous fiscal year.

If February's collection is any indication, there are challenges for the county. The payment received this month — representing the February collection — was $2.165 million, which is nearly $1 million

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Stores with gas pumps find convenient profit in cheaper fuel

■ Lower gasoline prices add up as drivers have more money to spend in the stores.

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

Drivers may be saving at the pump, but low fuel prices also are benefiting the convenience stores and gasoline marketers.

Gasoline demand is up, and people might have a few more dollars in their pockets, so that often translates into more foot traffic and spending in convenience stores connected to the filling stations, said Will Speer, senior petroleum analyst for GasBuddy in Texas.

Cheap gas

Cheapest gas in Midland: $1.71 (Murphy USA, Belmont/Longview)
Next lowest price: $1.72 (Sunoco, Rankin Highway/I-20)
Average prices in Midland-Odessa: $1.859

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

Products inside the stores yield much higher profit margins than the gasoline itself, Speer said, and many sellers make most of their money from the convenience store sales.

"You're seeing more of these retail gasoline wars," he said. "It speaks to them thinking there's more money to be made there."

For instance, Shell made a big marketing push on its V-Power Nitro-plus improved fuel formulation last year to attract more drivers, he said, and BP responded in February by announcing an effort to upgrade its stores, signs, lighting and paint scheme to "improve curb appeal."

Convenience stores are profiting from "better-than-expected industry margins," Raymond James analysts said Friday, so they are raising quarterly earnings projections for companies like San Antonio-based CST Brands, including CST's Corner Store brand. CST did not respond to interview requests Friday.

Gasoline prices in the Houston area were up to an average on Friday of $1.86 a gallon. While prices have risen in recent weeks, that still compares favorably with regular unleaded gasoline in early April selling for $2.22 a gallon in 2015, $3.39 in 2014, $3.54 in 2013, and $3.88 in 2012, according to historical GasBuddy survey data.

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The U.S. has lost **1 in 5 oil jobs** since prices have started falling.
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Obituaries

Rebecca Lorraine Thomas Cude

December 3, 1978 - March 31, 2016

In loving memory of our beautiful daughter, sister, wife, mother, and friend, "Becca" Cude. She was born on December 3, 1978 to Erin Thomas and Randall Thomas in Lawton, Oklahoma. She grew up in Midland, Texas and was a graduate of Midland High School.

Becca is survived by her loving husband, Edward Cude of Marble Falls, Texas; and by four children, Emily, Kelsey, and Kasen Cude of Marble Falls and Hailey Avery of Midland, who were her world.

She also leaves behind her mother, Erin Thomas of Stephenville, Texas; her father, Randall Thomas of Big Spring, Texas; sister, Jenna Dahlberg of Abilene, Texas; in-laws, Joe and Pat Cude of Stephenville; and other family members, as well as a large circle of friends and "adopted" family.

Becca will always be remembered for her larger than life personality, amazing irreverent wit, fantastic meals, and contagious laugh. She was happiest at the family ranch in Marble Falls, riding horses, taking a dip in the creek, hunting, playing with her babies, and entertaining friends.

She was "precious and amazing and we loved her with all our hearts and souls."

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to The American Heart Association; *22Q.org* (The International 22q11.2 Foundation); or the National Blood Clot Alliance.

The family plans a private memorial service.

Death Notices

LaVerne Allen-Barker

LaVerne Allen-Barker, 86, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, April 9, 2016. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crestview Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Ralph Barker; and children, Pam Allen Ausmus, Mike Allen, and Belinda Allen Newton.

1 in 5 oil jobs lost in U.S.

■ Federal Reserve Bank tallies losses in energy industry

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

The U.S. oil industry handed out 23,200 pink slips in the first three months of the year as companies began cutting their once-flush spending budgets deeper than in the ferocious mid-1980s oil bust.

The latest round of layoffs, including recent cuts by Chevron Corp., BP and Anadarko Petroleum Corp., has brought oil-and-gas job cuts across the nation to nearly 118,000 since the beginning of 2015. That's more than one in every five workers the industry had when crude prices began to tumble, the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas said Friday.

"You won't see job cuts bottom out until the middle of the year, if then," said John Graves, a Houston oil consultant who has tracked the industry's layoffs.

The dramatic and ongoing exit of more than a fifth of the industry's workforce comes as drillers sideline three-quarters of the drilling rigs they used to power the nation's biggest oil boom in decades. Analysts expect the number of active U.S. drilling rigs to continue dropping for the next few months, even after a recent fall to the lowest level ever recorded. Each U.S. land rig keeps about 30 oil field workers employed.

The workforce is also tied to the industry's decline in exploration-and-production spending. Cowen & Co., a financial services company that has tracked oil company spending since 1982, said domestic drillers are trimming budgets 51 percent compared to 2014, slashing investments more than in the mid-1980s bust.

Still, domestic drillers and their equipment suppliers haven't cut as many jobs this time around. In the earlier bust, the first round of oil industry layoffs claimed 172,000 jobs from early 1982 to mid-1983, about the same proportion of the oil and gas workforce that companies cut over the past 15 months. But another series of cuts came from 1984 until early 1987. It cost the industry 224,000 jobs, all told.

But automation and the rise of computer technology have replaced many of the jobs that were necessary 30 years ago. For example, a small oil company Graves worked for in the mid-'80s had nine accountants managing the company's books manually. By the time the industry had recovered a few years later, the same company needed only two accountants.

The current oil slump is affecting new regions like in North Dakota, where drillers have tapped into once-inaccessible shale rock. In Texas, where oil companies are probing similar shale formations, the oil company head count fell by a fifth last year. In the first two months of this year, oil producers and service companies have laid off 7,300 across the state.

"We're going to see further cuts in Texas employment," said Michael Plante, a senior research economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. "We've seen a general slowdown in oil producing areas out in West Texas and in the Eagle Ford. Those places are really dependent on this activity."

Graves estimates that worldwide, the oil industry's job cuts have reached 342,000 since the downturn began.

Beyond the oil industry, falling crude prices haven't hit the state of Texas nearly as hard as during the 1980s bust, economists said.

Some big companies including Exxon Mobil Corp. have kept up their recruiting efforts at many college campuses, recognizing "they can't have a complete break in hiring for a whole generation," said Jamie Belinne, assistant dean for career services at the C.T. Bauer College of Business at the University of Houston.

"We still see the hiring. It's just in much, much smaller numbers than we were seeing before," she said.

On Friday, U.S. crude prices climbed $2.46 to $39.72 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Global benchmark Brent closed at $41.94, up $2.51. Major producers from Saudi Arabia to Russia will meet April 17 to discuss freezing output in a bid to stabilize prices.

Crestview: Executive pastor dies in car accident

From staff reports

Crestview Baptist Church reported on its Facebook page that Executive Pastor Michael Menasco died in an automobile accident on Saturday morning.

The post asks for prayers for Menasco's wife, April, and children, Kylie and Brett. The post also references a fund through the church's financial office to help the Menasco family. To contribute, email cbc@cbctx.org for details.

Menasco has been with Crestview since 2012.

Analysis: Nuclear deal puts US between Iran and a hard place

By Matthew Lee
Associated Press

AP Photo/Susan Walsh, File

President Barack Obama speaks in the Rose Garden of the White House on April 2 in Washington, to talk about the breakthrough in the Iranian nuclear talks. The Obama administration is in a bind. As it seeks to implement, preserve and strengthen the landmark nuclear deal it negotiated with Iran, the administration is being buffeted by criticism from all sides: Iran, Europe, Asia, the Middle East, not to mention members of Congress, including some who supported the agreement.

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration is in a bind. Between Iran and a hard place.

As it seeks to implement, preserve and strengthen the landmark nuclear deal it negotiated with Iran, the administration is being buffeted by criticism from all sides: Iran, Europe, Asia, the Middle East, not to mention members of Congress, including some who supported the agreement.

Eager that a successful deal and a new era in the U.S.-Iran relationship be part of President Barack Obama's legacy, his administration finds itself encouraging foreign trade with Iran even as it forbids most American commerce with the Islamic Republic. Those efforts are complicated by the fact that the United States continues to condemn and try to punish Iranian actions in non-nuclear arenas such as Tehran's support of terrorist groups and belligerence toward Israel.

Under the nuclear deal that took effect in January, Iran curtailed its nuclear program in exchange for billions of dollars in sanctions relief. Iran has complied with its obligations to date.

But Iran said the economic boon isn't enough because of remaining U.S. economic penalties for its other behavior, and some officials have threatened to walk away from one of Obama's chief foreign policy achievements — the other is the rapprochement with Cuba

Asian and European governments and companies, primarily banks, are balking at doing now-legal business with Iran, because of uncertainty over those remaining sanctions. They want written clarification about what current U.S. laws and financial regulations allow them to do. Essentially, they want a promise that the U.S. will not prosecute or punish them for transactions that involve Iran.

Adding to their unease is the 2016 U.S. presidential election, in which the top Republican prospects have pledged to rip up the nuclear deal.

At the same time, Israel, its supporters and Arab nations are crying foul over Iran's continued testing of ballistic missiles as well as its ongoing support for Lebanon's Hezbollah movement, Syrian President Bashar Assad's government and Yemen's Houthi rebels.

They said Iran is as dangerous as ever. Many members of Congress agree and are demanding new sanctions.

While the administration said it remains vehemently opposed to Iran's missile tests and destabilizing activities throughout the Middle East, it insists the nuclear deal has made Iran less of a threat. The cost of walking away from the deal, U.S. officials maintain, will be even more destabilization and a graver threat.

Thus, the U.S. has been thrust into a role of defending Iran on its nuclear deal compliance and condemning its other actions as it simultaneously promotes business with Iran in the context of the new leeway afforded by sanctions relief.

Obama and his national security aides have ruled out allowing Iran access to the U.S. financial system or direct access to U.S. dollars — still prohibited by U.S. law. But they are considering whether, and how, to respond to the Iranian complaints and the European and Asian demands for clarity on the financial rules.

The administration has sent State Department and Treasury officials to try to explain the regulations, but questions remain. Some European leaders, notably French President Francois Hollande, have personally raised the matter with Obama, diplomats said.

Treasury Secretary Jack Lew and Secretary of State John Kerry, who negotiated the nuclear deal, argue that the administration must live up to the "letter and spirit" of the sanctions relief. They said Iran has complied and must get the benefits of the agreement even if Tehran continues other objectionable activities. They have left the door open to further sanctions relief, primarily as it concerns foreign businesses trading with Iran.

U.S. lawmakers, many of whom opposed the nuclear deal on principle, have moved to prevent what they said is an administration overreach: a proposal to ease rules relating to the use of the dollar in third-party foreign currency exchanges in support of deals with Iran. Administration officials said such an easing is unnecessary because those transactions are allowed. Still, the suggestion of a change has Capitol Hill on edge.

Despite the uncertainty, the administration has refused so far to say what, if anything, it will do to clear the air.

Analysis: Tuition rose faster when lawmakers set prices

Associated Press

DALLAS — While a bipartisan group of Texas lawmakers said college students would get a better deal if politicians set tuition and fees, a newspaper analysis shows that costs rose faster at most public colleges and universities in the state when lawmakers set the prices.

The Dallas Morning News reported its analysis of average undergraduate tuition and fees over the last quarter-century run counter to much of the narrative from Austin politicians, who cite increases since four-year public university administrators started deciding 13 years ago. The Legislature ceded the power of controlling tuition and fees to schools in 2003.

Those leading the charge for the "re-regulation" of tuition and fees — giving that power back to lawmakers — cite steep increases since 2003.

But that's based on incomplete data published by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, which didn't track data for the years preceding deregulation.

The newspaper analyzed all 37 Texas four-year public colleges and relied on federal data from the National Center for Education Statistics, which goes back much farther than what the state maintains.

The trends — and how lawmakers choose to look at them — will be a crucial factor in a looming showdown over whether the Legislature should take tuition-setting power from university officials.

When presented with the newspaper's findings, David E. Daniel, deputy chancellor of the University of Texas System, said regents are the "best positioned" to make tuition decisions. "They have a deep understanding of each institution's unique circumstances," he said.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick has led a push to examine tuition in next year's legislative session.

He's blamed "outrageous spending" on top leaders' salaries and bonuses, sports programs and administrative expenses for driving up costs.

He said schools "seem not to be focused on controlling spending."

Asked about The News' findings, Patrick, a Republican, said Democrats who controlled the Legislature at the time might be to blame.

"The difference between that year that you point to, 2003, is (that is) when the Democrats no longer had control of spending and the Republicans took control of spending," Patrick said.

Average costs for full-time undergraduates rose at a higher clip at 12 of the 37 Texas campuses analyzed, or less than one-third, when school administrators

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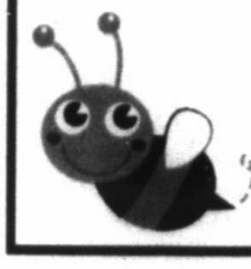

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Shiite rebels, known as Houthis, pray at portrait adorned graves of Houthi fighters and supporters who were killed in the ongoing conflict in Yemen, a few hours before the start of a fresh cease-fire in Sanaa, Yemen, Sunday.

Saudi-led coalition says it will adhere to Yemen cease-fire

By Ahmed Al-Haj
Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen — The Saudi-led coalition that has been bombing Yemen's Houthi rebels for more than a year said it will adhere to a cease-fire that took effect just before midnight Sunday, and the rebels also pledged to halt hostilities.

The coalition said in a statement carried by the official Saudi Press Agency that it retains the right to respond to any violations of the cease-fire, but that it intends to halt all airstrikes and hostilities in preparation for U.N.-sponsored peace talks scheduled to take place in Kuwait on April 18.

The Houthis later issued their own statement in which they promised to abide by the cease-fire while reserving the right to respond to any potential violations.

There have been previous rounds of cease-fires between the warring sides. This latest attempt, announced by the U.N. envoy to Yemen last month, is scheduled to begin at 11:59 p.m. (2059 GMT) Sunday.

Just hours before the cease-fire was to go into effect, Yemeni security officials said clashes were going on between the Shiite Houthi rebels and forces allied with the internationally recognized government that is backed by the Saudi-led coalition.

The officials said Sunday's clashes took place in several areas, including the provinces of Jawf, Sanaa, and Taiz, where the Houthis have gained ground despite Saudi-led airstrikes. The officials, who are neutral in a conflict that has split the armed forces, spoke anonymously because they were not authorized to brief reporters.

The Saudi-led coalition, comprised of mostly Arab countries, launched its campaign against Yemen's Houthis in March 2015, several months after the Houthis overran the capital Sanaa and forced the internationally-backed government into exile. Since then, more than 6,000 people in Yemen have been killed. Sporadic cross-border shelling also has killed and wounded civilians in Saudi Arabia.

Exit polls say Peru's presidential race heading to runoff

By Franklin Briceno
Associated Press

LIMA, Peru — Peruvians cast ballots for a new president Sunday, and exit polls pointed to the daughter of jailed former President Alberto Fujimori emerging with the most votes, though not the simple majority needed to avoid a runoff election.

Local pollster Ipsos-Apoyo said center-right candidate Keiko Fujimori would get about 38 percent of the votes, meaning she would have to face the No. 2 finisher in June 5 ballot.

The fight for second place was tight, with Ipsos and two other pollsters giving Wall Street investor Pedro Kuczynski a slight edge over leftist congresswoman Veronika Mendoza. Each was predicted to finish with about 20 percent.

Official results weren't expected until after 9 p.m. local time. Also being decided were all 130 seats in Peru's congress.

Opinion polls for months gave Fujimori a double-digit lead over her nearest rival among 10 presidential candidates, but not getting the 50 percent required to win outright and avoid the runoff.

Analysts have said either Mendoza or Kuczynski would have a shot at victory in a second round of balloting because of how polarizing a figure Fujimori is among Peruvians, who either adore her father for defeating Maoist-inspired Shining Path rebels and taming hyperinflation or loathe him for human rights abuses and ordering tanks to shut down Congress.

Almost half of Peruvians polled had said they would never vote for anyone associated with the imprisoned Fujimori, who governed from 1990 to 2000 and is serving a 25-year sentence for authorizing death squads and corruption.

AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd

Quechua Indian women stand in line to vote in the general elections, in Uchuraccay, Peru onSunday. With Keiko Fujimori, the daughter of Peru's jailed former strongman the runaway favorite to get the most votes in Sunday's election, all eyes are on the race for second place and the right to face Keiko Fujimori in an expected presidential runoff. Also up for grabs on Sunday are all the seats in Peru's congress.

While he beat back the guerrillas, a few holdouts remain. On Saturday, suspected Shining Path rebels killed five soldiers and two drivers on their way to a polling place in a mountain town, army officials said.

In a bid to project a more moderate image, the center-right Keiko Fujimori promised not to pardon her father if elected.

Maritza Sacsara, one of the many rural voters who cast votes for Fujimori in the Quecha-speaking village of Iquicha, called her "a born leader" and credited the candidate with campaigning fiercely in small towns and villages often ignored by Peruvian politicians.

In the campaign's final weeks, Fujimori's opponents took to city streets by the thousands to warn against what they said would be a return of authoritarian rule if Fujimori became president.

Adding bitterness to the election, two candidates, including Fujimori's strongest rival, were barred from the race by Peru's electoral tribunal for campaign violations or technicalities, decisions questioned by the Organization of American States.

Of Fujimori's two main challengers still in the race, Mendoza represents the biggest shift from the status quo under President Ollanta Humala, who was prevented by the constitution from seeking a second, consecutive term. An admirer of the late Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, Mendoza fell out with Humala's government over its crackdown on anti-mining protesters.

While corruption scandals and economic stress sparked by the end of the commodities boom have pushed much of South America to the right, as evidenced by the defeat of leftist candidates in Argentina and Venezuela, polls have said that more than half of Peruvians are clamoring for more state intervention in the economy — the sort of policy Mendoza favors.

She vowed to radically change the pro-business economic model that propelled record growth over the past decade by ramping up government spending and reducing Peru's dependence on the extraction of natural resources that she said degrades the environment. Peru is among the world's top three silver producers.

Ukraine's embattled prime minister resigns

By Yuras Karmanau
Associated Press

MINSK, Belarus — Ukraine's embattled prime minister announced Sunday that he is resigning, opening the way for the formation of a new government to end a drawn-out political crisis.

In his weekly televised address, Arseniy Yatsenyuk said his resignation would be formally submitted to parliament on Tuesday. The same day, parliament was expected to vote to elect the current speaker, Volodymyr Groysman, as the new prime minister.

Yatsenyuk's Cabinet survived a no-confidence vote in February, but two parties left the governing coalition to protest the failure to oust the prime minister, who is under fire over the worsening economy and slow pace of reforms.

The withdrawal deprived the coalition of its majority in the Ukrainian parliament. If lawmakers had failed to form a new coalition and unite behind a new prime minister, that could have led to early elections, which President Petro Poroshenko had sought to avoid for fear of further destabilizing the situation in the country.

"From today I see my goals as broader than the powers of the head of the government," Yatsenyuk said. He said he would focus on passing a new electoral law, enacting constitutional and judicial reform, and ensuring "the coalition's control over the course of the new government."

Yatsenyuk said the two factions remaining in the coalition — one led by him and the other by Poroshenko — had won the support of a sufficient number of other parliament members to restore their majority in the 450-seat parliament. He said Poroshenko's party has nominated Groysman as his replacement.

Political analyst Volodymyr Fesenko said it was now clear that Groysman would become prime minister, a step that should help to restore stability.

"I am confident that Yatsenyuk consulted with the Western partners and was told that now the matter of political stability in Ukraine needs not games around the post of prime minister but a quick resolution of the political crisis," Fesenko said.

Yatsenyuk became prime minister after Ukraine's former Russia-friendly president was chased from power in February 2014 following massive street protests.

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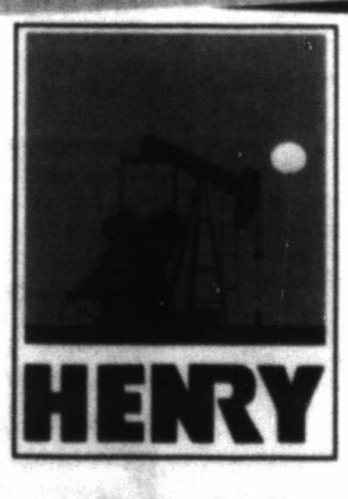

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24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

TODAY IN MIDLAND

Crime Victims' Rights Week ceremony

The Midland Crime Victims Coalition is observing National Crime Victims' Rights Week with a ceremony planned for 2 p.m. Tuesday at the lobby of the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 117 W. Wall St.

Also during the week, Midland Police Sgt. Jimmy Young will be receiving an award for his work with the group.

From April 10-16, the national Office of Victims of Crime helps lead communities throughout the country in their annual observances of NCVRW by promoting victims' rights and honoring crime victims and those who advocate on their behalf. The week also celebrates the achievements over the past 30 years in securing rights, protections, and services for victims.

For more information on NCVRW, please visit the Office for Victims of Crime website.

Thing to do

Sibley and PBS Film Series: "The Great Math Mystery," noon, at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. sibleynaturecenter.org. NOVA explores math's power across the centuries.

Meetings

Commissioners' Court
9 a.m.
Midland County Courthouse auxiliary courtroom.
500 N. Loraine Ave.

MISD
5:30 p.m.
First floor boardroom
615 W. Missouri Ave.

Greenwood ISD
7:30 p.m.
Distance Learning Center, Greenwood High School.
2700 Farm-to-Market Road 1379

Club meetings today

■ Barbershop Harmony Chorus, 7 p.m., Rea Greathouse Room at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 553-1952 or 425-5662.
■ Tall City VFW Post 7208, 7 p.m., 1303 E. Taylor, bingo games
■ Midland Amateur Radio Club, 7:30 p.m., clubhouse, Loop 250 and Lamesa Road; 561-9729.

Job fair

Experience Works hosts a job fair for workers 55 and older 9 a.m.-noon today at Midland Workforce Solutions, 3600 N. Garfield St., Technology Center Room 138. The agency focuses on people who desire to learn new skills. For more information, call toll free 855-307-1171, or email liz_cox@experienceworks.org.

What's on the radio

News talk
KCRS (AM 550)
■ 6-9 a.m. The Morning Drive with Robert Hallmark and Kurt Verlei
■ 9-11 a.m. Lynn Woolley
■ 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Rush Limbaugh
■ 2-5 p.m. Dave Ramsey
■ 5-6 p.m. Local news reports
■ 6-9 p.m. Roger Hedgecock
■ 9-midnight Hugh Hewitt
■ Midnight-6 a.m. Coast to Coast with George Noory
Web: http://www.newstalkkcrs.com

KWEL (AM 1070, FM 107.1)
■ 6-10 a.m. The Morning Show with Craig Anderson
■ 10 a.m.-noon, Herman Cain
■ Noon-2 p.m. Glenn Beck
■ 2-5 p.m. Sean Hannity
■ 5-7 p.m. The West Texas Round-Up of News and Talk
Web: http://www.kwel.com

Sport talk
KMND (AM 1510)
■ 6-9 a.m. Mike and Mike in the Morning
■ 9 a.m.-noon Dan Le Batard Show
■ Noon-3 p.m. The Dan Patrick Show

Other options
Contemporary Christian: KFRI (FM 88.7), KLVW (FM 90.5)
NPR: KDCV (FM 91.3)

Today in history

Today is Monday, April 11, the 102nd day of 2016. There are 264 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:
On April 11, 1966, Frank Sinatra recorded the song "Strangers in the Night" for his label, Reprise records.

On this date:
In 1921, Iowa became the first state to impose a cigarette tax, at 2 cents a package.
In 1965, dozens of tornadoes raked six Midwestern states on Palm Sunday, killing 271 people.
In 1989, Mexican officials began unearthing the remains of victims of a drug-trafficking cult near Matamoros; one of the dead was University of Texas student Mark Kilroy, who had disappeared while on spring break. (Several cult members were later convicted of premeditated murder and sentenced to 50 years in prison.)

Watering schedule

The current outdoor watering schedule allows residents and businesses in the city of Midland to water twice per week.

Even-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Saturdays and Wednesdays.

Odd-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Fridays and Tuesdays.

Any violation may result in a fine up to $500.

The washing outdoor surfaces ban is still in effect.

Source: City of Midland

Photos by Ana Ramirez/The Victoria Advocate via AP

This Wednesday photo shows part of The Grand Theater on March 30 in Yoakum. It was recently purchased by the Steinmann family and is currently being remodeled. The original theater opened in 1922 and showed silent films. Pictured on the right is a soundbox from the old theater.

Residents look to revive Yoakum's Grand Theater

By Rye Druzin
Victoria Advocate

YOAKUM — Tammy Steinmann stood in the lobby of the shuttered Grand Theater, recounting stories from the building's past about people's first dates and the times they first held hands.

"How can you not bring it back?" she said with a grin as she stood in the building, which has been stripped mostly to the studs. "You can't bring back the Grand outside of town; you have to bring it back here."

Tammy and her husband, Phillip, both Yoakum natives, are looking to bring the long-dormant Grand Theater back to life decades after it shut its door as a movie theater.

The Steinmanns purchased the building at 212 W. May St. in November. Its doors closed as a movie theater in the early 1990s, and for some time served as the Believers Christian Center.

"It's been, like, the last 12 years that I've been really interested in fixing it because it's just been sitting there," Steinmann told the Victoria Advocate. "I'm an educator, and I believe that kids need something to do. There's not much to do in Yoakum."

Steinmann said they hope the theater will have at least 194 seats on the ground floor and will open by the end of summer. The upstairs balcony may hold 40 to 50 seats, but Steinmann is waiting on a structural analysis that will determine whether the balcony will be able to stay.

She said she also wants to bring plays to the theater once or twice a year after it opens.

The building, which was constructed in 1922, was a theater for decades, and Steinmann said she did not realize how many lives the theater had touched before she and her husband bought it.

"It goes back to silent movies. My grandma went there, and she remembers it; it has a history," she said. "I think some of these old things need to be revived because a lot of our grandparents and our parents went there. To me, that's where it touches me because my grandparents went there. Some of the aged people out there, some of them had their first date there."

The couple hired Weaver and Jacobs General Contractors, of Cuero, for the remodeling work, which includes asbestos removal and replacing the roof. The large neon sign has been taken down and sent to Dallas-based Yesco Sign and Lighting Service, which removed the sign to refurbish it.

Tammy Steinmann stands by a window in the old Grand Theater on March 31 in Yoakum.

The Yoakum Economic Development Corporation loaned the Steinmanns $150,000, what city manager Kevin Coleman called "seed money" for the project. He said such remodeling projects are more intensive than constructing a new building.

"Getting that building back in use, just like any other kind of building downtown. That is a labor of love," Coleman said. "Those projects don't happen unless the right group of people get ahold of a building that really want to see that thing happen."

Coleman hopes the theater will become a destination spot, attracting people from the surrounding communities.

For Steinmann, the theater will be an attraction for locals who otherwise have few things to do in Yoakum.

"I wanted to do this for the kids in the community, and we're going to try to get every age, but mainly for the kids in the community, so they can have something to do and for parents to have somewhere to take them," she said.

SALES TAX

From 1A

less than the amount received in April 2015 ($3.143 million).

Barring a change in the economy — and therefore a change in spending habits — the surplus of sales tax revenue as in previous years isn't likely. Commissioners have used excess sales tax revenue in previous years to fund tens of millions of dollars in projects such as the new Midland County Courthouse, the expansion of the Horseshoe complex and its roads project.

It remains to be seen what impact this could have on ad valorem (property tax) rates. County Judge Mike Bradford has warned about an expected drop in valuations and its impact on next year's budget.

The city is also having its sales tax issues, collecting nearly 20 percent less sales tax revenue compared to last year.

County sales tax

February 2016 collection:	**$2.165 million**
February 2015 collection:	**$3.143 million**
Fiscal year-to-date:	**$13.425 million**
Fiscal year-to-date last year:	**$19.331 million**

Monthly numbers

October	$4,171,529.15	$2,668,196.04
November	$3,589,349.57	$2,605,711.12
December	$4,737,161.57	$3,539,439.90
January	$3,689,351.18	$2,446,054.75
February	$3,143,687.49	$2,165,759.00

Source: Midland County

FUEL

From 1A

Convenience Stores touted new bullish data on Friday. Hospitality and travel sectors saw strong growth in 2015 as overall driving and vehicles sales set records — many from gas-guzzling trucks and sport-utility vehicles.

And, for the first time Americans spent more money eating out than in their homes.

'80 percent of the gas'

"The best news may be for convenience stores, which are closely aligned with both the food and transportation industries and are already benefiting from the growth of these two sectors," Jeff Lenard, the association's vice president of strategic industry initiatives, said in a prepared statement. "With convenience stores selling 80 percent of the gas purchased in the United States, they are well positioned to capture in-store sales from consumers who may spend more in stores because of lower gas prices."

Higher and lower

Sixty-seven percent of convenience retailers say in-store sales in the first quarter of the year were higher than in early 2015 because of lower fuel prices, according to the association's survey data. Nearly 60 percent responded that fuel sales are higher, too. Only 11 percent of retailers said in-store sales decreased.

Lenard said the projections remain strong for the rest of 2016 with fuel prices staying relatively low and gasoline demand remaining strong.

Stores also are doing more to offer better prepared meals to consumers as they eat more meals outside the home, he said.

Biggest winners'

"Convenience stores are among the biggest winners, especially as travel remains strong, since they sell both the fuel for vehicles and the snacks and drinks for on-the-go consumers," he added.

In-store sales typically rise in the spring and summer as Americans spend more time driving during the warmer weather. Seventy-eight percent of responding retailers expect this summer's sales to exceed 2015, which already was considered a strong year.

A majority of retailers said they expect sandwich and meal sales to drive the growth, more so than even drinks and snacks. More than 100 member companies, representing more than 2,000 stores, participated in the survey.

TUITION

From 2A

were in control.

But those dozen campuses were catching up with the rest of the state, the data suggested. At the time of deregulation, they were charging on average nearly $1,000 less than the rest of the schools.

On average, Texas college students paid just less than $1,000 a year in 1990, compared with more than $7,000 now.

The skyrocketing costs have coincided with significant cuts in what the state spends on public colleges and universities.

Staunch conservatives such as Patrick and his Senate leaders want to control costs but offer no indication of wanting to invest significant state money. Meanwhile, there are Democrats who also want to control costs but seem more willing to allocate state dollars.

"Some of our most liberal members as well as some of our most conservative members want to either cap tuition or take control of it back at the legislative level," said Patrick, whose chamber is leading the discussion. "I support both. You know, regulating tuition again at the state level is something we shouldn't have to do, but we're going to do it, I believe, if they don't start acting much more responsibly."

TOMLINSON

From 1A

should pay something for the privilege of doing business in Texas. Over the years, it evolved into a payment made by some companies in return for state laws that limited their legal liabilities. These fees and costs were generally low and spread out across the business community.

That changed in 2006 when the Texas Supreme Court declared that because the Legislature limited what local authorities could charge in property tax rates — forcing almost all of them to charge the maximum rate — the Legislature had created a de facto state property tax. Since the Texas Constitution forbids such a thing, the court ordered the Legislature to find new ways to pay for things like schools.

The solution was a franchise tax based on margins of revenues, not on income. There are four methods of calculating the taxable margins on gross receipts in Texas, and companies are allowed to pick the one that is best for them. Unfortunately, that requires many companies to make all four calculations using an accountant with specialized training.

Compliance is therefore expensive, but the good news is that with a $1 million exemption, 94 percent of Texas companies will not have to pay any tax.

That doesn't make Texas a low-tax state for businesses, though. Businesses pay 64 percent of the taxes collected in Texas, compared with the 45 percent national average. Texas' effective tax rate on business is 5 percent, higher than the national average of 4.7 percent.

The business community let out a cheer last year when the Legislature came close to eliminating the franchise tax, but Republican Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick insisted on raising the homestead exemption on personal property taxes. Instead, lawmakers only cut the franchise tax rate by 25 percent with a promise to ultimately phase out the tax.

That was 2015, though, when 1,600 oil and gas rigs were drilling in Texas, sales tax collections were jumping and appraisal districts were raising property values at a breakneck pace. Lawmakers know 2017 will be different.

"We're going to have a tight budget session next year," said Nelson, who helps to write the state budget.

Rather than have an open conversation, though, Nelson limited her committee hearing to discussing how much the franchise tax can be reduced without hurting state programs. There's another option.

True, eliminating the franchise tax takes away a key revenue source, which in the 2016-2017 budget cycle accounts for 7 percent of state revenue. And the Texas Constitution does forbid the state government from collecting property taxes or a personal income tax without voter approval.

There is no prohibition, though, on a state business income tax, which is much simpler to calculate and would broaden the tax base. State income taxes can also follow the same rules as the federal income tax, with the corporation merely transcribing numbers from one form to another. The best part is that property and sales taxes would be deductible, decreasing their impact on a company's bottom line.

An income tax would also eliminate the biggest complaint about the franchise tax, which is that you have to pay even when you lose money.

A clever lawmaker might also calculate the tax rate so that it decreases the tax burden on businesses and reduces compliance costs while maintaining current revenue levels for the state.

Businesses expect to pay taxes to operate in Texas and to pay for the liability protection that many companies enjoy. But those taxes should be fairly apportioned and easily paid. Swapping the franchise tax for an income tax is the fairest and most convenient option, and one Texas lawmakers should make for the economic future of the state.

2 years after cemetery shutdown, families still seek answers

By Adrian Sainz
Associated Press

AP Photo/Karen Pulfer Focht

People visit Galilee Memorial Gardens cemetery May 25, 2015 in Memphis, Tenn. The cemetery was temporarily opened to visitors on Memorial Day. It was closed in 2014 after owner Jemar Lambert was accused of misplacing hundreds of bodies, burying multiple cadavers in the same grave, and crushing caskets to fit them into single plots.

BARTLETT, Tenn. — Jackie Hughes longs to grieve over her sister's death in simple ways: visit her grave, lay out flowers, and pour a can of Bud Light — her sister's favorite — on the spot. But three years after Tawana Hillard's death, Hughes hasn't been able to spill a drop.

Hillard is missing. Since her graveside service at Galilee Memorial Gardens near Memphis in 2012, her body has been lost, along with hundreds of others whose remains were entrusted to the cemetery.

"I want to be able to walk in, to put flowers down, to just kneel and talk with her, whatever," Hughes said. Instead she leafs through photo albums at home, smiling as she remembers Saturday mornings spent talking with her sister about their love of blues music.

Two years ago, state officials closed Galilee. Owner Jemar Lambert was accused of misplacing hundreds of bodies, burying multiple cadavers in the same grave, and crushing caskets to fit them into single plots. Lambert received 10 years' probation in a plea deal.

He left behind disorganized records, an investigation that continues today, and families who don't know where their loved ones are buried.

Hughes said Lambert told her family that several burials were scheduled the day of her sister's ceremony, so he would put Hillard in her grave later.

Other families said Lambert told them the same story. Hughes is among hundreds now suing Galilee and the funeral homes that sent bodies there. She said she would use any damages awarded to find her sister and relocate her body to another cemetery.

"How much longer do we have to wait?" Hughes said. "I'm still in limbo."

What happened at Galilee is not all that rare. From Washington, D.C., to Chicago and elsewhere, lawsuits have been filed and charges pursued over mismanaged cemeteries, with accusations of unmarked graves, burial urns unearthed and dumped, plots resold, and vaults broken to make room for more remains.

Critics and families want more rigorous oversight nationwide, from small, family-run operations like Galilee to well-known national sites such as Arlington National Cemetery.

The federal government leaves cemetery regulation largely to states, which vary dramatically in approach, according to an Associated Press analysis of statutes, enforcement and lawsuits. Most states regulate cemeteries that are run as businesses, such as Galilee, but not religious, municipal or family cemeteries. State laws, however, are largely limited to licensing, establishing funeral director boards, developing a complaint process and providing financial protections for consumers who buy plots.

Many laws said officials reserve the right to inspect cemeteries, but that occurs only when regulators act on complaints. Few states — California is one, Florida another — require annual on-site inspections.

"Cemetery regulation is almost uniformly awful, where it exists at all," said Joshua Slocum, director of the nonprofit Funeral Consumers Alliance, which has pushed for more federal regulation.

A lack of oversight

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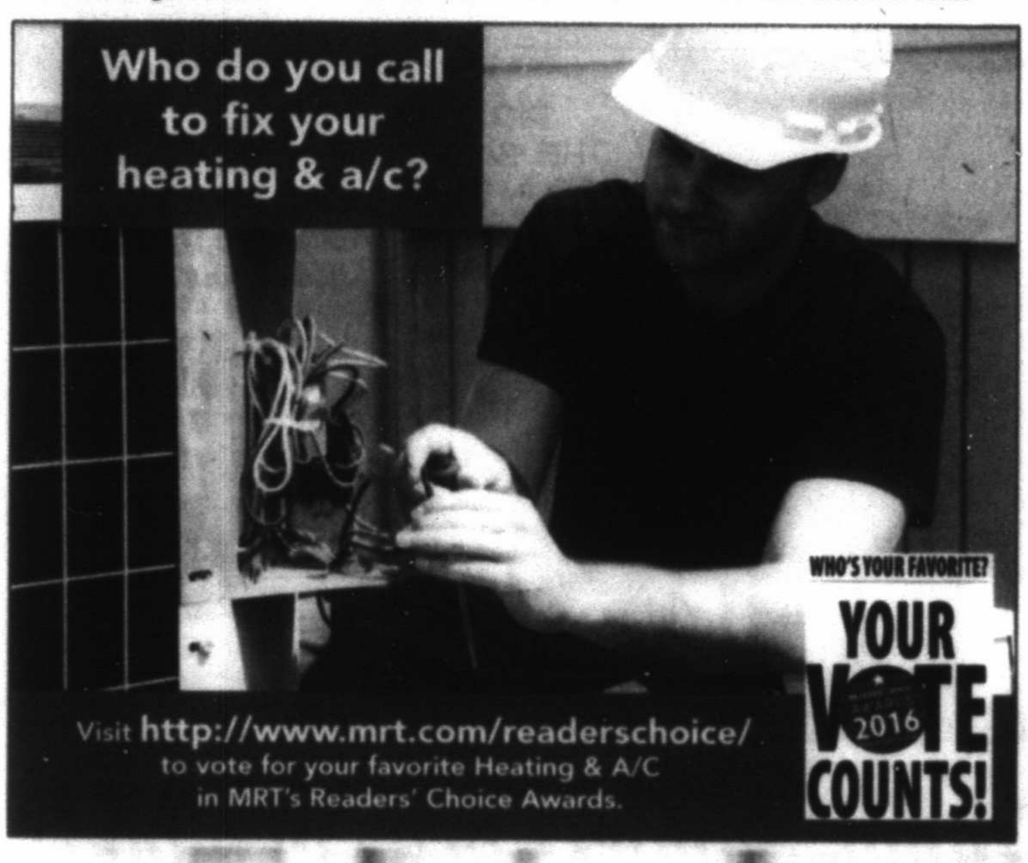

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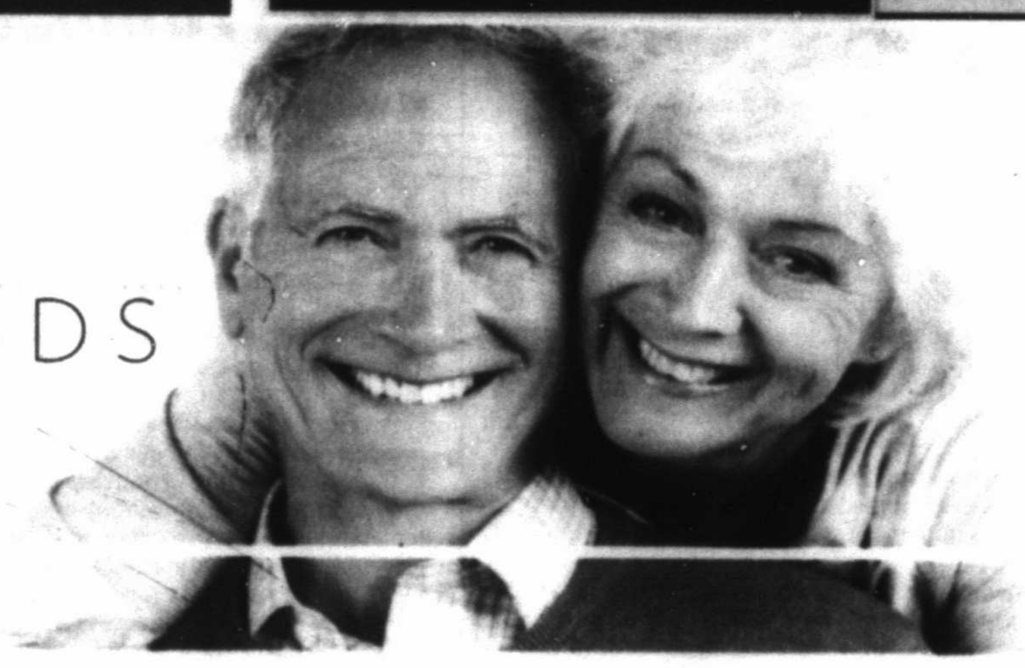

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OPINION

Sanders, Pope Francis share common cause

■ Still, the imposition of equality by third parties never works very well

KATHLEEN PARKER
Washington Post Writers Group

Imagine emerging from a rocky political week only to announce, as Bernie Sanders did, that, oh, by the way, the Vatican called. Actually, it was the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, but close enough, I suppose.

Hillary Clinton thought bubble: *He's Jewish for crying out loud. What am I, chopped liver? No, I'm Methodist! But if I can become a New Yorker, I can become a Catholic!*

Some people have all the kismet. Or, maybe sometimes people just happen to agree that communism isn't really so bad. OK, I'm exaggerating, but only a smidgeon.

It should surprise no one that the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences — or especially Pope Francis — might find common cause with Sanders' worldview. Both the pope and the Bern speak of helping the disenfranchised and the poor.

But Sanders is a democratic socialist who wants to be president of the United States. And the pope is, well, the pope.

A pastoral leader who washes the feet of the homeless and eschews the elaborate trappings of the corner office, he's the real deal, as in living as Christ did, spiritually if not physically. Also like Christ, he's a radical. Just ask Sanders.

"People think Bernie Sanders is radical," Sanders said Friday on MSNBC's "Morning Joe." "Uh-uh. Read what the pope is writing [these days]."

What's radical about this pope is that he, like both Sanders and Jesus, says fresh, untraditional things that sound an awful lot like liberal ideas. What he says (and writes) is aspirational both in scope and application. As popes often do, Francis asks us to love one another, which makes us uncomfortable because loving others ultimately means sacrificing our interests to others. This comes naturally with our children but not so much with strangers, whose behavior probably annoys us and, oftentimes, costs us money.

Sanders, who thinks more or less as Francis does, just makes us nervous. Some of us, anyway.

The core difference between the two men is that one wants to raise consciousness about our obligation to the less fortunate; the other wants to restructure America's economic institutions to ensure that money trickles down — mandatorily rather than charitably.

Theoretically, this is a noble concept. It's how you do it that causes taxpaying citizens to seek shelter. Let's face it, most of us work hard not for the satisfaction of a well-made widget but for a paycheck. As the taxman chisels away at such monetary rewards, where goes the incentive to work hard? This is common sense, obviously, but less common than it once was, judging by the popularity of Sanders' proposals.

His bid to break up the too-big-to-fail banks sounds awesome enough: Let's stick it to the fat cats and watch 'em squirm. But will it really help the poor, or might such draconian action ultimately hurt more than it helps?

To the larger point, the highest priest urging morality in all human endeavors, including economic policies that fail to adequately address the needs of the poor, plainly comes from the heart. It's important for Francis to speak out as a messenger for the greater good. It's important, too, that we be reminded of our moral obligation to each other.

It's his job. It's our job not to conflate a pope's message of Christian charity with a political candidate's promise to remake America's economic system. The "rampant individualism" that Francis condemns is precisely what has driven American ingenuity, entrepreneurship, and a level of prosperity unmatched in human history.

That more people are doing less well — and the middle class has suffered — means there's work to do, but it doesn't necessarily require radical restructuring. The striving for greater equality is always a proper operating principle, but what Sanders is aiming for without saying so is equal outcomes. The imposition of equality by third parties never works very well and inevitably carries the unwelcome penalty of less freedom. Greater effort toward raising the bottom rather than tearing down the top would seem a better approach than extreme measures that likely would have a destabilizing effect.

A pope needn't worry about such things and is free to ponder the universe through the pulpit's lens. He is also free to chat with politicians who share his worldview, though it isn't clear whether he and Sanders will convene.

Still, a visit to the Vatican a couple of days ahead of the New York primary surely can't hurt. If Sanders wins, one might even say it was divine intervention.

GUEST VIEW

Fish at your own risk ... Overregulation is killing liberty

A society without laws to protect its citizens is a terrifying idea. Yet, a society with a law for practically everything we do can be equally disturbing. From controlling the angle on our pineapple slices, to criminalizing advertising wine as intoxicating, (seriously - Google 21 USC §333, 21 CFR §145.180(b)(1)(ii)(c), 27 USC §§ 205, 207 and 27 CFR §4.64(a)(8)) our national leaders' desire to police every move we make is insatiable.

Further, this appetite for complete control carries extreme consequences. History establishes that overregulation stifles free speech, economic freedom and property rights. More recent cases demonstrate the government can target any of us, with unfettered discretion and armed with an endless array of regulations from which to choose. Such arbitrary rules undercut our faith, essential for laws to have meaning and be effective, which makes our collective need to slam the brakes on this nasty habit downright emergent.

When frightened, offended or even slightly uncomfortable, the all-too-often knee-jerk response is "There ought to be a law!" We have unwittingly unleashed an overregulating monster that turns on its own. Alleged violations of obscure laws are used against its own citizens far too often. As "we the people" it is our responsibility to grab the leash and get overregulation under control.

For instance, Bobby Unser, known for racing cars, is now also known for his criminal record. In 1996 the government went after him for operating a motor vehicle in a wilderness area after he was caught in a blizzard while riding a snowmobile in New Mexico. Losing his way in the blizzard, he ended up in a National Wilderness area before being found, two days later.

Surviving such an ordeal turned out to be easy, compared to the subsequent successful prosecution for a federal crime that didn't require proof of intent. Unser appealed his case all the way to the Supreme Court, but as even they refused to hear it, the conviction remains on his record.

It isn't just celebrities on the government's radar. In 2007, fisherman John Yates was fined by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission after a routine inspection alleged 72 out of the 3,000 fish on his boat were smaller than allowed. He returned the smaller fish to the sea and paid his fine.

Three years later, Yates was charged with destroying evidence under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, a law originally designed for convicting Wall Street financial fraud after the Enron scandal. He faced three felonies that carried 30 years of prison. Yates served 30 days in jail and took his case to the Supreme Court before finding vindication. The nightmare consumed eight years and inflicted enough stress to destroy his fishing business.

For those of us confidently assuring ourselves we aren't in any danger because we don't ride snowmobiles or fish, there are countless other laws out there just waiting for the government to make its move. For instance, the State Department has now criminalized posting any information online that can be obscurely linked back to weapon building technology.

Not a computer nerd? That's OK, because overregulation loves the great outdoors too. For example, watch where you step while enjoying sunshine and fresh air in Travis or Williamson counties. A critter regulated under the Endangered Species Act called the Bone Cave Harvestman lives there. It can barely be seen, but anyone disturbing its habitat faces fines of up to $50,000 and a year in federal prison.

It is all too easy for us to unwittingly step on one of the many regulatory landmines. Overregulation turns too quickly to tyranny. Instead, let's uphold our Constitution, under which we the people seek to secure the blessings of liberty.

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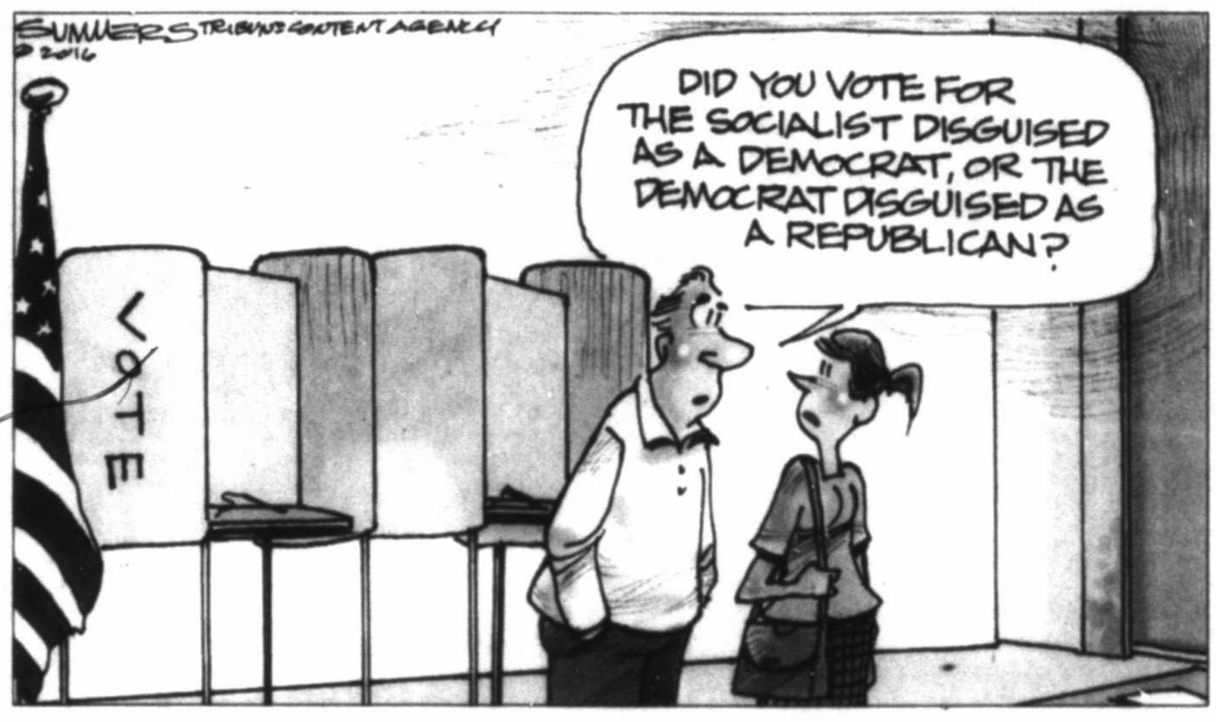

Are Trump, Sanders peas in a pod?

■ Want to increase the nation's debt? Elect one of these two

DANA MILBANK
Washington Post Writers Group

Free trade agreements "have been disastrous" for America, the candidate said, and have sent jobs to Mexico and China. "I will stop it by renegotiating all of the trade agreements that we have."

It sounded like just another threat from Donald Trump to tear up trade deals and make good ones instead.

Actually, the candidate who said this was Bernie Sanders, last week in New York. And that's no coincidence: He and Trump are peas in a pod.

In their political philosophy and temperament, they couldn't be more opposite. Trump is a billionaire with strongman tendencies who preys on the weak and has run the coarsest political campaign in modern memory. Sanders is a socialist and champion of the little guy who talks with compassion about the poor and who refuses to get into the gutter.

But the two are the yin and yang of outlandish policy proposals. Both men — and to a great extent Ted Cruz, too — have grounded their platforms in fantasy.

Trump talks about deporting all 11 million illegal immigrants — and yet, contradictorily, about seizing the remittances these immigrants send home so he can force Mexico to pay for a border wall. He says he'll eliminate the $19 trillion federal debt in eight years — easy peasy — a pledge The Washington Post's fact checker, Glenn Kessler, calls "wildly impossible" and "insulting [to] the intelligence of Americans."

Sanders, like Trump, would throw out all trade deals -- and then renegotiate deals only with countries that have wages comparable to America's, a policy that could, Vox's Zack Beauchamp wrote, "devastate economies in the developing world." Sanders promises health care and free college for all and has plans that would increase the size of the federal government by 50 percent — no sweat.

Cruz agrees with Trump on deporting all illegal immigrants. For good measure, he vows to eliminate the IRS and to gut the federal income tax, then have an astronomical increase in military spending.

This presidential race is typically cast in conventional terms: Democrats vs. Republicans. But it might be better cast as the responsible vs. the reckless. The reckless — Republicans Trump and Cruz and Democrat Sanders — are exciting voters by promising things that will never happen. The responsible — Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican John Kasich — are failing to fire up the masses because they are acknowledging the limits of the real world.

This is corrosive. The pie-in-the-sky proposals from Trump, Sanders and Cruz build up unrealistic hopes among their followers — and will fuel cynicism when those hopes, inevitably, are not met.

I asked Maya MacGuineas, head of the nonpartisan Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, to rank the candidates in terms of irresponsibility. Trump was tops, with Sanders and Cruz competing for second place. The Sanders proposals would increase federal spending most, but in second and third place on that measure are Trump and Cruz because their huge tax cuts would cause the debt to soar. Clinton and Kasich would grow government least.

MacGuineas' group calculates that Sanders would increase government spending to unimaginable levels: to as much as 35 percent of gross domestic product, from the current 22 percent. His initiatives would cost up to $28 trillion, and even after massive tax increases would add as much as $15 trillion to the national debt.

Trump, too, would increase the national debt over a decade by as much as $15 trillion more than under current law because he doesn't pay for the tax cuts he envisions. To pay for those, spending would need to be cut by as much as 80 percent. Among Trump's risible proposals to cut costs: He claims he would save $300 billion a year from reducing waste in a prescription-drug program, but the entire program costs only a third that much. To pay down the debt over eight years, without cutting Social Security, he would have to cut government by 93 percent.

Then there's Cruz, who would increase the debt over the decade by an additional $12.5 trillion above current policies, though MacGuineas' group says the number could go as high as $21 trillion.

Clinton and Kasich, by comparison, are "very fiscally responsible," MacGuineas said. Cruz and Trump are "outlandish in the amount of revenue they're talking about cutting," while Sanders talks about "growing government by 50 percent without a penny for the debt. That's not only unrealistic, that's dangerous."

These proposals aren't dangerous because they might happen; they can't. They're dangerous because supporters of these three men, believing these fantasies masquerading as policies, are headed for disillusionment.

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

AP File Photo

Kendrick Cloyd, 8, holds a rose as he looks for the graves of his uncle and his sister at the Galilee Memorial Gardens cemetery May 25, 2015 in Memphis, Tenn. The cemetery was temporarily opened to visitors on Memorial Day. It was closed in 2014 after owner Jemar Lambert was accused of misplacing hundreds of bodies, burying multiple cadavers in the same grave, and crushing caskets to fit them into single plots.

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appears to have led to the malfeasance at Galilee, families and attorneys suing the cemetery said.

Tennessee law requires records inspections every two years at cemeteries, but not annual inspections of grounds. Aside from revoking or suspending a license, performing random or quarterly inspections, and issuing fines up to about $1,000, Tennessee has little power to punish cemetery owners.

In 2010, Jemar Lambert took over the tree-lined Galilee cemetery from his father, whose grave sits unperturbed near the entrance. It catered to working- and middle-class families, most of whom are black. But record-keeping became a problem, according to investigators' reports.

Galilee's registration certificate expired in December 2010. The state didn't renew it after auditors discovered Lambert's disorganized records. The state started investigating, but Lambert kept burying bodies at Galilee for three years as he appealed for a license renewal.

By 2013, investigators had accused Lambert of burying up to 200 bodies in land adjacent to Galilee that he didn't own. In 2014, he faced more charges. Relatives of three people buried at Galilee complained to him that they couldn't find the graves.

Lambert and two funeral directors searched records, and disinterred and opened caskets — finding some that were crushed and stacked in single gravesites.

They never found the bodies. The funeral directors informed the state. Investigators charged Lambert with abuse of a corpse and theft, and took over management of the cemetery.

In March 2015, Lambert accepted a plea deal. To Hughes, his punishment isn't enough. "Ten years' probation?" she said. "Well, hell. Go on fixin' to do what you was doin', because you're not going to get no time behind it."

Investigators have reviewed Galilee's slipshod paper records against the plots and inspected the adjacent land.

Experts jabbed a 10-foot pole into the ground in front of grave markers — if it didn't go down as far as it should, they'd probably find another set of stacked coffins. Burial areas have been tightened to fit more bodies, some graves are marked occupied but appear empty, and many are too shallow, according to court records.

Through his lawyer, Lambert declined an interview. Attorney William J. Haynes III said in a statement that problems at Galilee existed before Lambert was born.

"Many of the allegations surrounding Jemar's tenure at Galilee do not take these facts into account. That is highly unfair to Jemar and his family, who have cooperated with the Galilee receivership to the best of their ability," the statement said.

State Sen. Mark Norris, who represents the Memphis suburb Bartlett, home to Galilee, said the state needs to look further into what happened and said officials could consider reviewing cemetery records more frequently.

"Perhaps at the beginning of the next General Assembly we'll be able to make some changes that will give people comfort," he said. "It may be cold comfort and it's not going to be enough to really address the suffering of these particular families, but maybe ... because of this terrible experience they've had, others may not experience the same fate."

The Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance declined to provide an interview with Commissioner Julie Mix McPeak about Galilee and cemetery oversight. Instead, in an email, spokesman Kevin Walters placed blame on Lambert, accusing him of falsifying records to deceive auditors and customers.

"We empathize with the people who have been grievously affected by Mr. Lambert's reckless and criminal behavior," Walters wrote. "Today, it is easy for anyone to second guess."

Changes in oversight would be unfair to cemeteries "attempting to operate their businesses honorably," Walters wrote.

Many of those affected by Galilee think the state hasn't done enough. Wanda Chambers, whose mother and other relatives are buried there, filed a complaint in 2013 with the state, more than two years after Galilee's license expired. She said Lambert was still burying people and Galilee was poorly maintained. She's not satisfied with the state's response.

"They should have been able to move a little faster and do a better job to open the cemetery back up to let us go back in," Chambers said.

The state said no decision regarding Galilee's future will be made until investigators determine how many grave spaces are occupied.

Today at Galilee, friends and family can rarely visit loved ones. Last Memorial Day, the state reopened Galilee for a few hours — the only time the gates have opened to the public since February 2014.

Visitors navigated uneven grounds, broken headstones and trash. They tiptoed among ragged plots, searching for those they had lost once, and then again. A pastor stood on top of old graves and prayed. A man played "Amazing Grace" on his saxophone. One woman stepped in a hole and fell.

Hughes again searched for her sister's gravesite. She cried, holding flowers and balloons.

"I can't find my sister," she screamed.

Minutes later, she gave up, releasing the balloons toward the heavens.

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Darnell Bonner plays "Amazing Grace" during a memorial ceremony at Galilee Memorial Gardens cemetery May 25, 2015 in Memphis, Tenn.

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Jackie Hughes poses with a photo of her deceased sister, Tawana Hillard, March 22 in Memphis, Tenn. Hughes longs to grieve over her sister's death in simple ways: visit her grave, lay out flowers, and pour a can of Bud Light, her sister's favorite, on the spot. But three years after Tawana Hillard's death, Hughes hasn't been able to spill a drop.

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JUMON AND NE"SHUN HAILEY

UPWARD BASKETBALL COACHES

Professional and community involvement: Jumon is finishing his 15th year of working in the education field. Ne"Shun currently runs a children's daycare named PaPa's House Daycare. We will celebrate our 17th wedding anniversary in April and have always worked with children. We volunteer at Stonegate Fellowship and work in the children's nursery with the Crawlers. For the last five years we have coached Upward Basketball together.

How did you become involved with Upward Basketball?
Jumon began volunteering as assistant coach when his youngest son, Jeremiah, began kindergarten. Because of my job, I didn't think that I would be able to spare much of my time. When Jeremiah began first grade, we began coaching as husband and wife in tandem.

Does giving back to the community enrich your lives? How so?
Yes. It is a joy getting to work with children and getting to know the different families, because they are all unique. The children and families enrich our lives, and make us better people. It is a blessing from God that we get the opportunity to volunteer, in this season of our lives.

What unexpected lessons have you learned through various volunteer experiences?
We should never give up on children because they are worth every minute of our time.

How long has Midland been your home, and why have you stayed?
Jumon has been here 37 years and Ne"Shun 35 years. We both have stayed here because this is the place where the Lord has placed us. Our family includes niece, Amber; son, Lamark; son, Devorrick; niece, Moriah, and son, Jeremiah.

"HE IS ADAMANT TO HAVE THE BOYS LEARN AND ACT WITH COMMON DECENCY, SPORTSMANSHIP, MANNERS AND CHRIST-LIKE ATTITUDES"

Jumon Hailey, and his wife, Ne"Shun, coach an Upward Basketball team, which is a Christian league through First Presbyterian Church. Of course he teaches basic skills and encourages them to work as a team, learn the drills, practice, etc. But, he also is adamant to have the boys learn and act with common decency, sportsmanship, manners, Christ -like attitudes and to always keep striving for the goals they set for themselves. He holds each child accountable for their responsibilities on the court. He does this without belittling or yelling but instead by reminding them of their duties, and if they do not do their job the team isn't playing to its fullest potential. Jumon has the ability to coach with discipline while showing the kids that he loves each and every one of them. In a society that has fallen to an elitist mentality, it is a wonderful thing to see him work with each child and teach them that we help each other, we work together and we do it with integrity.

Jumon is a principal at Lee High School so he is surrounded by kids all day and still he volunteers his and his family's time unselfishly to instill great values into our sons. Jumon is a true leader and mentor and our community is blessed to have him in our midst.

***Taresa Kellogg**, Upward Basketball parent*

"NOT ONLY ARE THEY A DYNAMIC DUO IN THEIR PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP BUT AS VOLUNTEERS IN THE COMMUNITY"

Understated in his approach to children, Jumon Hailey nevertheless announces his presence with authority. Few people have this talent. With a gentle demeanor, Mr. Hailey and his wife, Ne"Shun, diligently work to help children evolve as individuals, athletes and students. Not only are they a dynamic duo in their personal relationship but as volunteers in the community.

I have had the privilege of seeing this approach on the basketball court. I have seen the look on our boys' faces looking up to Coach Hailey and listening to his advice and guidance ... both on and off the court. He strives to reach our boys through the word of God and his own personal experiences. The Haileys have encouraged the boys to demonstrate the true spirit of a team coming together and never giving up hope.

In addition to volunteering time with the Upward Basketball program, Mr. Hailey serves as an assistant principal at Lee High School. Coupling volunteer work with the demands of an educator is a delicate balancing act, but he pulls it off. Ne"Shun is busy with her home child care business, but she, too, finds the time to contribute to young people's lives.

Mr. Hailey (Coach) and Ne"Shun truly do love the children.

***Katie Yost**, Upward Basketball parent*

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Karmen Bryant, left, and Valerie Tinker.

SAFE PLACE

Anne Warren, from left, Shelley Harper, Mikell Abney, Kimmee Brandon, Melissa Wicker, Alison King, Melissa Ware and Michelle Ingram.

HILLCREST SCHOOL

Paige Sumner, from left, Kimberley Sheffield, Scott Sheffield, Susan Spratlen and Betty Starnes.

SAFE PLACE

Linda Stephens, from left, LaVerne Watson, Pat Henderson, Susie Hitchcock-Hall, Norma Pine and Connie Glasscock.

HILLCREST SCHOOL

Mayor Jerry Morales with Hillcrest parents and students. See page 3B for more photos from this event.

SAFE PLACE

Sharon Talley, from left,Kendra Self, Leslie Vashler, Liz Weaver and Lisa Pullen.

SAFE PLACE STYLE SHOW

Safe Place of the Permian Basin recently held its 21st annual style show and luncheon at Midland County Club. This year's theme was Colors of Hope.

The event kicked off with guests bidding on silent auction items, such as Lilly Pulitzer from Trio and tickets to Summer Mummers. **Melissa Wicker,** president of the board, welcomed guests and spoke about the mission of Safe Place. Carla Smith sang "The Prayer" for the invocation.

As guests dined on salad, chicken-fried steak and mashed potatoes, it was announced that Rosalind Redfern Grover won the raffle — earrings donated by Cathy Eastham Fine Jewelry. Attendees were then treated to the main event: a style show presented by Julian Gold.

Among those seen in the crowd were **Ann Bradford, Kenye Kay Butts, Mary Blake,** and incoming board president **Chad Cooksey** and his wife, **Elizabeth.**

HILLCREST GROUNDBREAKING

Hillcrest School celebrated raising more than $2.2 million by breaking ground on its new 15,000-square-foot addition. Donors, students and staff gathered March 17 in the area where the new academic wing and gymnasium will soon be built.

The new building will house six spacious classrooms, a concession area, weight room and a teacher workroom. The final plan also includes a new playground fir lower- and middle-school, an outdoor fitness area for upper-school students, an open green space for active play and an outdoor learning area for classes.

After Todd Westmoreland, board president, welcomed those in attendance, **Betty Starnes,** executive director, talked about Hillcrest and the impact it has on its students. **Paige Sumner,** director of philanthropy, recognized and thanked the generous donors who helped make the groundbreaking possible. After the ceremony, a reception was held in Marble Hall.

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Carty Beal, left, and Todd Westmoreland.

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Students in Kasey Claxton's fourth-grade advisory class

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Sharla Hotchkiss, from left, Elizabeth Woodside Stout and Lynda Beal.

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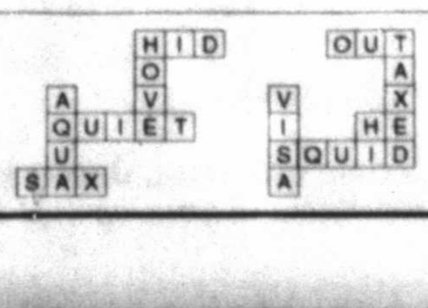

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MARATHON MASTER

Courtesy photo

Gene Woodward ran in the Energy City Half Marathon on April 2, and after crossing the finish line with his granddaughters, Brooklyn, from left, Ailey and Claire Woodward, he presented them with medals and flowers.

70-year-old man runs for his granddaughters

A 70-year-old Frisco man surprised his three granddaughters at the end of the Energy City Half Marathon, which was April 2.

Gene Woodward had asked his granddaughters — Ailey, 7; Claire, 5; and Brooklynn, 2, Woodward — to accompany him on the final segment of the race. When they crossed the finish line at Fasken Oil and Ranch, Woodward placed a medal around the neck of each of the girls.

The medals were ones that he received after running marathons in Dallas, Houston and Austin. Woodward had never run a marathon before December. He began training in July with the goal of running in three official marathons — one in honor of each granddaughter.

The girls are the daughters of Midlanders Erik and Tiffany Woodward.

Source: Kay Woodward, the girls' grandmother

BRIDGERESULTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Permian Bridge Club

March 21
Belle Harris-Don Troy, Charlie Grimes-Ann Servatius, Linda Scarpelli-Greg Keys, Sandy Hill-Sarah Ellis, Ann Brooks-Mary Tift

March 22
Patti Heard-Flo Curry, Gloria Crites-Jean Pistole, Kay Arrell-Grimes, Ricki Perry-Tommie Strack, Martha Poss-Paula Baggett, Marilyn Higgins-Brenda Brauner

March 23
Higgins-Curry, Servatius-Grimes, Ann Parish-Harris, Dorothy Brenneman-Baggett, Lonnie Yee-Ellis, Kay Sewell-Heard

March 24
Troy-Harris, Keys-Richard Stein, Nancy Ward-Parish, Hill-Peggy Cook, Betty Moore-Patricia Kern, Chuck Mundy-Helen Davis

March 25
Curry-Scott Vaughan, Jean Pistole-Strack, Dale Beck-James Hawkins, Anita Albert-Shirley Davenport, Heard-Perry

March 26
Dorothy Blair, Moore, P. Kern, Tift-Brooks, William Kern

March 28
Betty Moore-Sewell, Vaughan-Curry, Servatius-Grimes, Keys-Scarpelli, Stein-Carol Hastings

March 29
Brenda Leonard-Pistole, Higgins-Brauner, Servatius-Grimes, Heard-Poss-Janet Stoltz-Frances Mills

March 30
Grimes-Servatius, Yee-Frances Levin, Marty Massie-Higgins, Brenneman-Heard, Parish-Harris

March 31
Mundy-Yee, David Hudson-Brenneman, Vaughan-Servatius, Linda Farrar-Ellis,Tift-Brooks, Dorothy Baird-Blair, Georgia Temple-Higgins

April 1
Debbie Kemp-Perry, Beck-Hawkins, Poss-Strack, Bonnie Hubbard-Stoltz, Sue Marshall-Sally Reeder

April 2
P. Kern-Tift-W. Kern-Moore

April 3
Poss-Vaughan, Curry-Albert, Grimes-Servatius, K.C. Evans-Kemp, Ward-Harris

MORENAMES

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Negro Business and Professional Women Club of Midland recently recognized five women with the Founder and Trailblazer awards.

FOUNDER AWARD

■ Margaret Williams
Williams has lived in Midland for more than 40 years. She was a guidance counselor at Midland ISD for 34 years and worked at Crockett, Milam, Bunche, Pease and Washington elementaries and Midland and Lee high schools.

She and her husband, Johnny Williams, have two children, Michael Williams of Arlington and Pamela Williams of Fort Worth, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

TRAILBLAZER AWARD

■ Maggie Cornelius
Cornelius, who died Dec. 24, moved to Midland in 1951 to teach typing and journalism at Carver High School. She also taught at Midland High School and Midland College.

She is a charter member of NBPWC and Mount Calvary Baptist Church, which honored her in 2015 with the dedication of the Maggie L. Cornelius Career Development Center.

■ Golden Gibbs
Gibbs taught math and science at Carver High School and served as science department chair at Carver and Midland Freshman High School. She retired from MISD in 1989.

She and her husband, Samuel Gibbs, have two sons. She is a longtime member of Visionary Hollowell United Methodist Church.

■ Mary Johnson
Johnson taught at MISD for 29 years and worked at Washington, Bunche and Houston elementaries.

She is a longtime volunteer at Midland Memorial Hospital and is a member of Mount Calvary Baptist Church.

She has two daughters, Shawna Edgerton and Omega Chew, and two grandchildren.

■ Annie Wright
Wright taught second grade in MISD for 18 years beginning in 1955. She taught at Washington, Bunche and Travis elementaries.

She is a member of Greater Ideal Baptist Church. She has one daughter, Gwendolyn Colvin, one son, Melvin Wright, four grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

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Two granddaughters of Midlander **Joy Graham** recently received recognition.

Taylor Joy Graham of Friendswood was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Texas State University. She is a sophomore majoring in chemistry and minoring in biology.

To be eligible, students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.5.

Lindsey Marie Graham, a high school senioir in Aurora, Illinois, won a national championship title at the GLCC Cheerleading National Showdown last month.

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AUDIO ACOUSTICS

The impact of hearing loss on relationships

By Orland Purcell
Au. D., CCC-A

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Think your hearing loss only affects you? Ask yourself: Is your hearing loss causing relationship problems?

Treating your hearing loss with hearing aids can improve your communication skills with loved ones.

Hearing loss affects not only the person with hearing loss, but everyone around him. Studies show that untreated hearing loss can negatively impact our relationships with family and friends, particularly with those closest to us.

According to the Center for Hearing and Communication, over 48 million people in the U.S. have hearing loss but only one out of four of those wears hearing aids. That means 75 percent of those with hearing loss are putting their relationships at risk. Research proves it: A 2009 British study revealed that out of 1,500 people with hearing loss surveyed, 44 percent reported that their hearing loss had damaged relationships with others. And 34 percent reported that the breakdown in communication had actually destroyed relationships, including marriages.

Daily communication among couples anchors a healthy relationship. Hearing loss can remove those small but important reflections and events. Then frustration creeps in, which can lead to resentment, leading to further breakdown in communication and intimacy. The result? A sense of loneliness and isolation for both partners.

Also, 35 percent of participants in to a 2007 survey published in the ASHA Leader reported that of all of their relationships, the one with their significant other suffered the most.

A recent report titled "In it together: The impact of hearing loss on personal relationships" by Action on Hearing Loss revealed the results of 23 interviews conducted with those with hearing loss and their partners. The goal of the interviews was to answer the basic question, "How do partners and their families respond to hearing loss?"

While those with hearing loss viewed their partners as having an important role in creating awareness of hearing loss and encouraging treatment, there was a downside: They stated that even the most supportive partners seemed to have difficulty truly understanding hearing loss, i.e. how tiredness and background noise affect how much their partner could hear at various times. Both partners agreed on this: There had been a significant change in the nature and content of their communication due to hearing loss.

So even the smallest communications build intimacy and connection between partners. Those small asides, including jokes and humor, are significant, bringing about shared companionship and reflection. Relationships lose a lot in their absence.

Hearing loss can cause a cascade of detrimental effects between partners. Among these:

- Frustration
- Resentment
- Loneliness, i.e. hearing partners feel that they are missing out on companionship
- Curtailing of social activities, withdrawal from social interaction
- Decrease in intimate talk, joking with family
- Shared communication difficulties
- Decrease in shared activities such as watching TV
- Loss of companionship
- Decrease in communication

On the positive side, the studies show that interventions such as hearing aids can not only improve quality of life, but can improve relationship satisfaction, communication and social functioning. From having intimate conversations with their partners to watching TV together or socializing, people who get hearing aids find that they are once again able to enjoy life. And more importantly, they are able to enjoy life once again as a part of a couple.

So consider your important relationships. Has communication suffered with those you love? If so, don't wait—call Audio Acoustics today.

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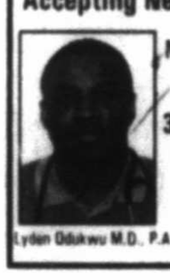
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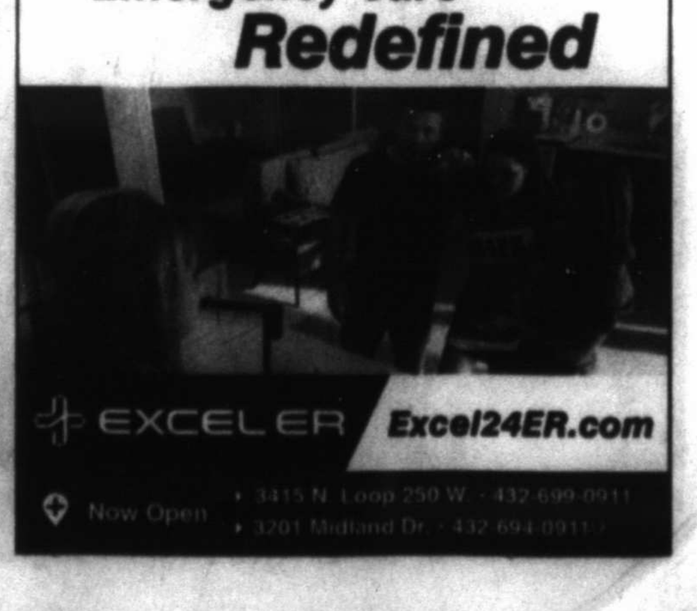
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Warriors tie record with 72nd win, end Spurs' home streak

By Raul Dominguez
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — The Golden State Warriors got a momentous victory in the one place they hadn't won in nearly two decades.

Now, they're one victory away from topping Michael Jordan and the 1995-96 Chicago Bulls.

Stephen Curry had 37 points and the Warriors beat the San Antonio Spurs 92-86 on Sunday night for their 72nd victory, tying Jordan's Bulls for the season record.

"We can get to 73," forward Draymond Green said. "That's the significance for me of 72."

The defending champions will finish the regular season at home against Memphis on Wednesday night.

"Obviously, we're in the moment, enjoying the ride," Curry said. "The goal is to win a championship. That's the goal. But we put ourselves in a great position to end the season with a win and do something no team has done in the history. That's an amazing accomplishment."

The Warriors got No. 72 by doing what nobody else had this season — beating the Spurs in San Antonio.

The Spurs had won 48 consecutive regular-season games at home, including an NBA-record 39 straight to this season. Golden State also ended a 33-game skid in San Antonio that dated to 1997.

"Definitely sweet because we broke the streak," Warriors guard Klay Thompson said. "That's all the media would talk about for the last few years. It's tough to win here. It definitely was huge for us."

San Antonio sat Tim Duncan for rest and was without an injured Boris Diaw. It had not lost at home since March 2015. The Spurs also fell to Golden State on Thursday night in Oakland, 112-101.

The Warriors dominated the fourth quarter in taking the season series 3-1. Curry controlled the action with a series of layups when San Antonio's defense attempted to run him off the 3-point line.

"They just exploded," Spurs forward David West said. "Steph just took over the game. We weren't able to get to him, keep bodies in front of him."

Curry had 20 points in the second half.

In their lone victory over Golden State this season, San Antonio managed to slow down the game. The Spurs tried to match the Warriors' pace Sunday, though, leading to a tense and at times sloppy game.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 24 points to lead the Spurs, who have lost three straight for the first time this season.

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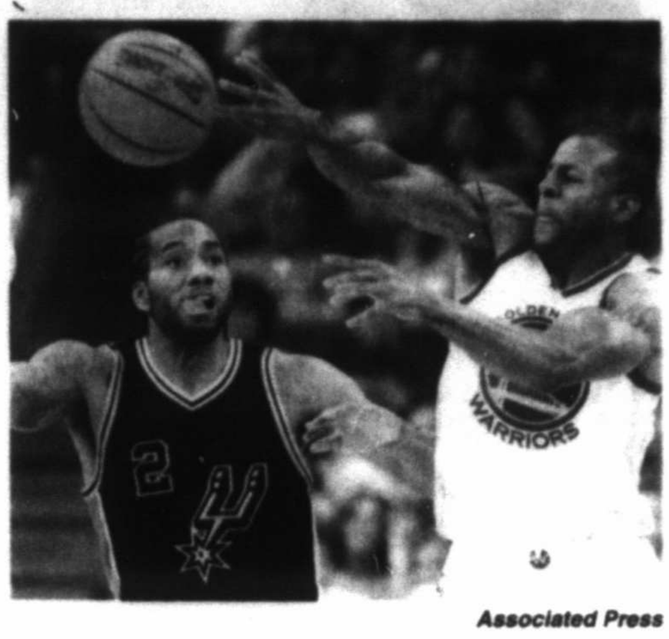

Associated Press

Golden State Warriors forward Andre Iguodala, right, passes around Kawhi Leonard during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Sunday, in San Antonio. Golden State won 92-86.

Associated Press

Masters champion Danny Willett, of England, gives a thumbs up while being driven in a golf cart following his win of the Masters golf tournament Sunday, in Augusta, Ga.

Willett wins the Masters after shocking Spieth collapse

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Danny Willett in a green jacket was hard to believe considering he wasn't even sure he could play the Masters two weeks ago.

No one was more stunned than Jordan Spieth.

Nine holes away from another wire-to-wire victory, the defending Masters champion threw it away Sunday with a collapse around Amen Corner that was shocking even by Augusta National standards. With a five-shot lead heading to the 10th tee, he dropped six shots in three holes and could never catch up.

"It was a really tough 30 minutes for me that hopefully I never experience again," Spieth said.

Even more painful for Spieth?

He had to go to Butler Cabin and to the 18th green ceremony to present the green jacket to Willett.

"I feel very fortunate to be standing here, and you not putting the jacket on yourself again," Willett said to Spieth at the trophy presentation.

Willett always had this Sunday circled on his calendar — the due date of his first child. He wasn't planning to be at Augusta National until his wife gave birth to their son, Zachariah James, on March 30 and sent the 28-year-old Englishman on an improbable path to becoming a major champion.

It was a comeback that ranks among the most surprising at the Masters.

Five shots behind with six holes to play, Willett birdied three of his last six holes to polish off a round that might not get its due because of the unforgettable images of Spieth's meltdown. Willett closed with a 5-under 67, with no bogeys on his card, to match the best score of the weekend.

He won by three shots at 5-under 283, the highest winning score at the Masters in nine years.

It already was early Monday in England — his wife Nicole's 28th birthday.

"We talk about fate, talk about everything else that goes with it," Willett said. "It's just a crazy, crazy week."

Willett ended Europe's 17-year drought at Augusta National, and he became the first player from England in a green jacket since Nick Faldo in 1996.

How fitting.

Twenty years ago, Faldo also shot a bogey-free 67 in a final round remembered just as much for Greg Norman throwing away a six-shot lead.

Spieth was trying to become only the fourth back-to-back winner of the Masters, and the first player in 156 years of championship golf to go wire-to-wire in successive years in a major. And it looked inevitable when he ran off four straight birdies to end the front nine and build a five-shot lead.

This didn't look like one of those Masters that would start on the back nine Sunday.

But it did — quickly.

Spieth made bogey from the bunker on No. 10. A tee shot into the trees on the 11th, missing an 8-foot par putt. He still had a two-shot lead and only needed

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Police: Ex-Saint Will Smith gunned down

By Janet McConnaughey
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Former New Orleans Saints player Will Smith was shot and killed in a case of road rage by a man who had rear-ended his car, police said Sunday.

Smith was beloved by fans for his role in bringing a Super Bowl championship to New Orleans in 2009, though the defensive captain also found himself at the center of the NFL's bounty probe in 2012.

Smith

Smith's slaying rippled across the sports world, with figures from NBA star LeBron James to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell offering their condolences. James said on Twitter: "So sad man. Good dude he was man!"

There was no indication Smith, 34, knew 28-year-old Cordell Hayes before the deadly confrontation, or that anything except the car wreck led to the shooting. Hayes waited for police to arrive after the shooting and was arrested on a charge of second-degree murder. Police Superintendent Michael Harrison would not say whether Hayes claimed self-defense, citing the ongoing investigation.

Harrison said the former defensive end had dined just hours before the Saturday night crash with a police officer who had once been sued by Hayes, whose father was shot and killed by police in 2005. However, it was not clear if that played any role in the confrontation.

Hayes' Humvee H2 rear-ended Smith's Mercedes G63 about 11:30 p.m. Saturday in the upscale Lower Garden District, pushing it into a Chevrolet Impala driven by two of Smith's acquaintances. The two argued, and Hayes shot both Smith and Smith's wife, Racquel, police said. She was wounded in the leg and taken to a hospital.

The Smith family said in a statement that they were thankful for the outpouring of support but requested privacy as the family grieves for a "devoted husband, father and friend." Will and Racquel Smith

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Column: Spieth's masterful miss 'Should have played a draw'

By Jim Litke
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Golf has seen bigger collapses. Some were probably tougher to watch.

"I can't imagine that was fun for anyone to experience, other than maybe Danny's team," Jordan Spieth said when it was over, with a nod to eventual winner Danny Willett.

Nothing describes Spieth's slow-motion wreck Sunday at the Masters better than the way a character in "The Sun Also Rises" answers the question "How did you go bankrupt?"

"Two ways," he replies. "Gradually, then suddenly."

Just past 5 p.m. on a crisp Sunday afternoon, Spieth had just made the last of four straight birdies at No. 9 to reach 7 under. He was holding a five-shot lead, apparently cruising toward a second straight Masters win in only his third start.

Just as impressive, that run of birdies appeared to have buried the memory of Spieth's mini-collapse just a day earlier, when he bogeyed No. 17 and made double bogey at the last hole to close out the third round.

Defending champion Jordan Spieth, left, helps 2016 Masters champion Danny Willett, of England, put on his green jacket following the final round of the Masters golf tournament Sunday, in Augusta, Ga. *Associated Press*

Then came the pushed drive to the right at No. 10, followed by an approach shot into a greenside bunker and a bogey. Next, Spieth pushed it even farther right off the 11th tee, punched it back into the fairway and then onto the green; two putts later, he made another bogey, shrinking his lead over Willett to two shots.

His troubles were just beginning.

The par-3 12th green already held bad memories for Spieth, lingering from his debut. In 2014, he put a ball into Rae's Creek, but put his next shot on the ribbon-shaped green and walked off with a bogey. This time, he pulled a 9-iron to cover the 155 yards and hit it only 148. His second try, unlike two years ago, went even worse.

Trying to avoid a slope, Spieth dropped 68 yards from the flag.

"I'm not really sure what happened on the next shot," he said. "I just hit it fat."

Small wonder he blocked out the memory. In fact, Spieth stuck the wedge

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Wake Forest at NC State, 6 p.m., ESPNU

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Kentucky at LSU, 6 p.m., SEC

Major League Baseball
Pittsburgh at Detroit, Noon, MLB
Milwaukee at St. Louis, 3 p.m., MLB
Miami at NY Mets, 6 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP
Kansas City at Houston, 7 p.m., ROOT
Texas at Seattle, 9 p.m., FSSW

National Basketball Association
Atlanta at Cleveland, 6 p.m., NBAtv
Sacramento at Phoenix, 9 p.m., NBAtv

Tennis
ATP: Monte Carlo, 3:30 a.m., TENNIS

RADIO

Major League Baseball
Texas at Seattle, 9 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 690 AM (Lamesa)

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

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American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Placed RHP Michael Ynoa from Birmingham (SL). Placed OF Adam Eaton on the paternity list.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Placed OF-INF Danny Santana on the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Max Kepler from Rochester (IL).
TEXAS RANGERS — Placed OF Shin-Soo Choo on the 15-day DL, retroactive to April 9. Placed C Robinson Chirinos on the 60-day DL. Recalled OF Nomar Mazara from Round Rock (PCL). Purchased the contract of C Brett Nicholas from Round Rock. Assigned OF Justin Ruggiano outright to Round Rock.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Activated RHP Marco Estrada from the 15-day DL. Placed LHP Franklin Morales on the 15-day DL, retroactive to April 7.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Placed OF Ender Inciarte on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Chris Withrow from Gwinnett (IL). Optioned RHP John Gant to Gwinnett. Agreed to terms with INF-OF Emilio Bonifacio on a minor league contract.
CINCINNATI REDS — Selected the contract of RHP Tim Melville from Louisville (IL). Designated 1B Brandon Allen for assignment.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Acquired OF James Ramsey and INF-OF Zach Walters from Cleveland Indians for cash considerations and assigned them to Oklahoma City (PCL).
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Placed INF Yangervis Solarte on the 15-day DL. Recalled INF-OF Alex Amarista from El Paso (PCL). BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
MIAMI HEAT — Signed G Briante Weber.
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Named Bryan Colangelo president of basketball operations. FOOTBALL
National Football League
NEW YORK JETS — Acquired OT Ryan Clady and a 2016 seventh-round draft pick from Denver for a 2016 fifth-round draft pick. HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CALGARY FLAMES — Assigned F Turner Elson, F Hunter Shinkaruk, F Drew Shore, D Oliver Kylington and D Pat Sieloff to Stockton (AHL).
CAROLINA HURRICANES — Assigned F Brendan Woods to Charlotte (AHL).
COLORADO AVALANCHE — Reassigned F Andrew Agozzino to San Antonio (AHL).
DETROIT RED WINGS — Assigned LW Anthony Mantha to Grand Rapids (AHL).
NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Recalled F Ross Johnston from Bridgeport (AHL).
OTTAWA SENATORS — Announced the resignation of general manager Bryan Murray to take on an advisory role within the organization. Named Pierre Dorion general manager.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Recalled F Zach Sill from Hershey (AHL). American Hockey League
ALBANY DEVILS — Signed D Ryan Rehill to an amateur tryout agreement.
SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Reassigned F Troy Bourke to Fort Wayne (ECHL). ECHL
ELMIRA JACKALS — Loaned D Jacob MacDonald to Springfield (AHL). SOCCER
Major League Soccer
NEW YORK RED BULLS — Loaned F Anatole Abang and D Justin Bilyeu to New York (USL). United Soccer League
NEW YORK RED BULLS II — Announced D Amobi Okugo was loaned to the team by Major League Soccer. North American Soccer League
JACKSONVILLE ARMADA FC — Signing M Kevan George. COLLEGE
DUKE — Announced men's freshman basketball G Derryck Thornton is transferring.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-Florida	82	47	26	9	103	239	203
x-Tampa Bay	82	46	31	5	97	227	201
x-Detroit	82	41	30	11	93	211	224
Boston	82	42	31	9	93	240	230
Ottawa	82	38	35	9	85	236	247
Montreal	82	38	36	6	82	221	236
Buffalo	82	35	36	11	81	201	222
Toronto	82	29	42	11	69	198	246

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
z-Washington	82	56	18	8	120	252	193
x-Pittsburgh	82	48	26	8	104	245	203
x-N.Y. Rangers	82	46	27	9	101	236	217
x-N.Y. Islanders	82	45	27	10	100	232	216
x-Philadelphia	82	41	27	14	96	214	218
Carolina	82	35	31	16	86	198	226
New Jersey	82	38	36	8	84	184	208
Columbus	82	34	40	8	76	219	252

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
z-Dallas	82	50	23	9	109	267	230
x-St. Louis	82	49	24	9	107	224	201
x-Chicago	82	47	26	9	103	235	209
x-Nashville	82	41	27	14	96	228	215
x-Minnesota	82	38	33	11	87	216	206
Colorado	82	39	39	4	82	216	240
Winnipeg	82	35	39	8	78	215	239

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-Anaheim	82	46	25	11	103	218	192
x-Los Angeles	82	48	28	6	102	225	195
x-San Jose	82	46	30	6	98	241	210
Arizona	82	35	39	8	78	209	245
Calgary	82	35	40	7	77	231	269
Vancouver	82	31	38	13	75	191	243
Edmonton	82	31	43	8	70	203	245

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.
x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

Scores and schedule

Sunday's Games
Philadelphia 5, N.Y. Islanders 2
Anaheim 2, Washington 0
Monday's Games
No games scheduled

COLLEGE BASEBALL

SOUTHWEST
Houston 1, UCF 0
Kansas State 3, Texas 2
Oklahoma 7, Baylor 6
Rice 3, UAB 0
TCU 2, Kansas 1
Texas A&M 10, Georgia 2
Texas-Arlington 8, Louisiana Monroe 4
Texas Tech 15, Oklahoma St. 5
FAR WEST
Air Force 8, San Jose St. 7
Long Beach St. 6, CS Northridge 3
EAST
Holy Cross 6, Lehigh 1
LIU Brooklyn 5, Wagner 3
Manhattan 4, Canisius 3
Michigan St. 5-6, Penn St. 2-7
Navy 7, Lafayette 0
Pittsburgh 13, Georgia Tech 6
St. John's 5, Georgetown 4
Villanova 3, Butler 2
SOUTH
Alabama 2, Kentucky 1
Alcorn St. 12, MVSU 4
Augusta 6, S.C. Aiken 2
Bellarmine 5-6, St. Joseph's (Ind.) 0-5
Charlotte 7, FAU 6, 15 innings
Coastal Carolina 7, Radford 4
Duke 2, Clemson 1
East Carolina 7, Tulane 3
Florida St. 6, Louisville 5
Gardner-Webb 5, Campbell 0
High Point 2, Longwood 1
Lindsey Wilson 8, Cumberland (Tenn.) 2
Lipscomb 5, USC Upstate 4
Mississippi 8, Arkansas 7
SE Missouri 7, Austin Peay 3
South Carolina 4, Tennessee 3
Spring Hill 21, LeMoyne-Owen 2
Towson 3, James Madison 2
Virginia Tech 4, North Carolina 3
West Georgia 12, Christian Brothers 2
MIDWEST
Iowa 4, Illinois 3
Miami (O) 10, Notre Dame 2
Miami (Ohio) 7, Bowling Green 5
Morehead St. 3, Xavier 2
Ohio 3, Buffalo 1
UConn 4, Cincinnati 2
William Penn 7, Cent. Methodist 6

MLS GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	3	2	0	9	8	5
Philadelphia	3	2	0	9	7	5
Orlando City	2	1	2	8	9	6
New England	1	1	4	7	6	8
New York City FC	1	1	3	6	7	7
Chicago	1	1	3	6	5	5
D.C. United	1	2	3	6	7	9
Toronto FC	1	2	2	5	5	5
New York	1	4	0	3	4	11
Columbus	0	3	2	2	3	7

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Sporting Kansas City	4	1	0	12	7	3
Real Salt Lake	3	0	2	11	9	6
FC Dallas	3	1	2	11	10	8
Los Angeles	2	1	2	8	8	4
San Jose	2	1	2	8	7	7
Colorado	2	2	1	7	3	3
Vancouver	2	3	1	7	6	10
Houston	1	1	2	5	12	9
Portland	1	2	2	5	7	10
Seattle	1	3	1	4	4	6

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Scores & schedule

Sunday's Games
Houston 1, Seattle 1, tie
New York City FC 0, Chicago 0, tie
Los Angeles 1, Portland 1, tie

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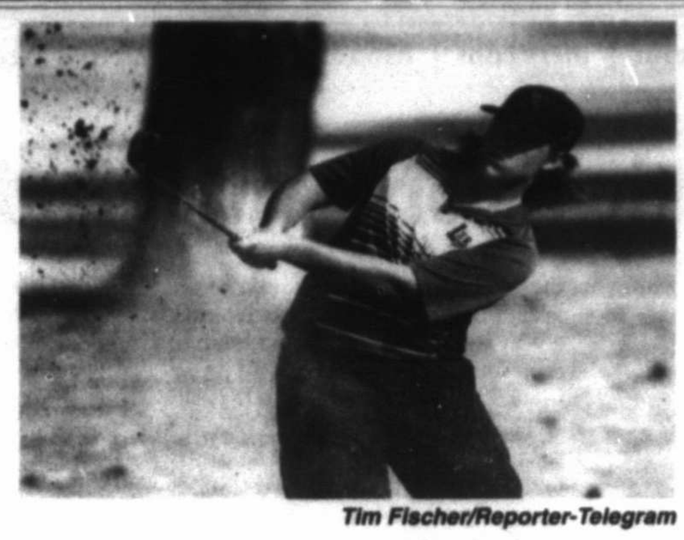
JARED ARRAS
School: Lee
What: Region I-6A Tournament, individual qualifier
When/where: Today-Tuesday, The Links at Waterchase, Fort Worth
Notes: After narrowly missing out on an individual regional bid last season as a sophomore, Arras secured a spot in Fort Worth by finishing in a tie for fifth (797-77--156) at the District 3-6A tournament last week. .. .The junior said he's excited to finally have the opportunity to compete in the regional tournament. "It feels good," Arras said. "I played good (in the district tournament) for how the conditions were and I'll take it. Hopefully next year I can do it again and keep with it, keep playing good." ... Arras said he got a bit of a scouting report on the Links at Waterchase from Lee teammate Jared Valdez, who was a regional qualifier last season and played on that course. "From what he told me, there's just a lot of water and I've got to hit fairways and play smart. There's a lot of water. There's a reason why it's called Waterchase." ... Arras added that he needs to continue hitting his driver well and capitalize on easy opportunities in order to give himself the best possible chance of advancing to the state tournament. "I've got to hit my driver good and I've been hitting it good," Arras said. "In both rounds of district, I hit probably 34 out of 36 fairways with my driver. I've got to make the simple birdie putts and par putts and I should be pretty good to get there." ... Lee (320-326--646) finished in third at the district tournament, 17 strokes behind second-place San Angelo Central.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Lee High's Jared Arras chips toward the green, February 19, during the Bobby Dunn Golf Invitational at Greentree Country Club

LANDON MACK, TANNER STOKES
School: Andrews
What: Region I-4A Tournament, individual berth
When/where: Today-Tuesday, Shadow Hills Golf Course, Lubbock
Notes: The Andrews boys, who nearly won a third consecutive Class 4A state championship last season, failed to qualify for this year's Region I-4A tournament as a team. ... Still, both of the District 4-4A qualifiers are Andrews golfers -- Landon Mack and Tanner Stokes. ... Stokes 76-71-79--226) finished third at the district tournament after losing a playoff to Monahans' Joey Kirk, while Mack (76-75-76--227) placed fifth to earn the second individual spot in Lubbock.

REGION 1-3A TOURNAMENT
Participants: Stanton team, Coahoma's Tyler McFall
When/where: Today-Tuesday, Diamondback Golf Course, Abilene
Notes: The Stanton boys earned a berth in the Region I-3A tournament by placing second in the District 5-3A tournament last week ... Stanton (377-364--741) was led by Benjamin Crockett. He won the tournament's medalist title by shooting a 74-73--147, 21 strokes ahead of the second-place finisher. ... Coahoma's McFall shot a 93-90--183 and finished in fifth place overall at the District 5-3A tournament. He earned the district's second individual qualification after coming in four strokes behind Regan County's Johnathan Hester. ... Coahoma placed third as a team at the district tournament with a 409-354--763.

Pacquiao says he's retiring, but it may not last

By Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Like any good entertainer, Manny Pacquiao was good enough against Timothy Bradley to leave his fans wanting a little more.

Whether they get it depends on how serious Pacquiao is about walking away from the sport he loves and the spotlight that will be hard to leave behind.

Even the fighter himself doesn't seem totally convinced that this is the end.

"I can still give a good fight," Pacquiao said. "I'm still OK."

Bradley will certainly attest to that, after being dropped by Pacquiao and then dropping a unanimous 12-round decision Saturday night in their welterweight showdown at the MGM Grand arena. The third fight between the two men showed evidence that even at the age of 37, Pacquiao still resembles the fighter who thrilled so many with his romp to titles in eight different weight classes.

"He's the best fighter I ever fought," Bradley said. "I fought the best I could tonight. It just seemed like Manny was always in the right spot, always a step ahead of me."

What Pacquiao says was likely his last fight wasn't his best, though it had moments where he seemed to still be at his best. He put Bradley down twice, the second with a left hand in the ninth round that flashed some of the power that used to be a signature of his fights.

When the scores were totaled — all three judges had it 116-110 — Pacquiao had a win in his first fight since he disappointed his fans with a lackluster performance against Floyd Mayweather Jr. last May. If this was the end, it ended with his hand held high in a victory that took some of the sting out of his loss in boxing's richest fight ever.

In a way, though, Pacquiao may have looked too good. Despite the urging of his family to retire, the lure of even more big money fights ahead might be too much to resist.

"When I see Manny Pacquiao like that, this is the best Manny Pacquiao," trainer Freddie Roach said. "He hasn't missed a beat. I would like to see him fight again."

Before Pacquiao even begins to consider that, he has a different fight just ahead he is intent on winning. Already a congressman in the Philippines, he is running for Senate in next month's elections, a position that would take far more of his time and energy.

He talks of helping people, spending time with his family, and serving his country. But boxing is the only thing he has known since first lacing up the gloves at the age of 12, and giving it up will be difficult.

That's especially true after proving to everyone — including himself — that he can still fight at the highest level.

"He was strong, man," Bradley said. "Strong and fast."

Pacquiao said in the days leading up to the fight that he felt rejuvenated after getting his shoulder repaired and taking off nearly a year from the ring. He looked it against Bradley, shaking off some early ring rust to dominate the rubber match of the trilogy between the two fighters.

In a way, Pacquiao said, it seemed a lot like when he came to the United States to pair up with Roach and become one of the biggest — and most unlikely — pay-per-view attractions ever.

"What I felt tonight was I feel fresh," he said. "I remember when I started boxing here in America in 2001. That was my feeling."

If Pacquiao does return to the ring, he won't have trouble finding opponents. Roach said he would like to see him fight unbeaten super lightweight champion Terence Crawford at 140 pounds, and there is always the possibility that Mayweather will end his own retirement if there is a lucrative rematch to be had.

For now, though, he says he's focused on the upcoming election, and making sure his family is happy. There will be time for reflection later, he said, once he figures out just how he will spend his time away from the sport.

"Let me enjoy first a retired life," Pacquiao said about his chances of fighting again. "If you ask me to come back I don't know. I may be enjoying retired life. I'm not there yet so I just don't know."

SMITH

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have three children.

The couple had been at the French Quarter festival, an event that features local music and food, in the hours before the shooting. He posted a photo of himself and his wife on Twitter and Instagram with the caption: "Having a blast at the #fqf2016 @ French Quarter Fest."

Online court records show Hayes pleaded guilty in 2014 to one count each of possessing an illegal weapon and possessing drug paraphernalia.

He sued the New Orleans Police Department and six officers after police killed his father in 2005. The former officer who dined with Smith, William Ceravolo, was not present at the time of the crash, police spokesman Tyler Gamble said.

Police settled the lawsuit in 2011. The settlement is confidential, said attorney Ike Spears, who represented Hayes in that suit.

Smith, a native of Queens, New York, played for Ohio State's 2002 national championship team and graduated in 2005 with a degree in criminology.

Ohio State athletics has "lost one of its best" — someone who led a defensive line that powered the team to the championship, the school said in a statement.

Smith was a first-round draft choice by New Orleans in 2004.

He led the Saints with a career-high 13 sacks in 2009, when the club won its only Super Bowl. Smith's 67 ½ career sacks rank fourth in Saints history.

He last played in an NFL regular season game in 2012.

During the 2013 preseason, a knee injury forced him onto injured reserve. He was signed in the 2014 offseason by New England but did not make the Patriots' regular season roster.

Smith was defensive captain for much of his career, but it was also that leadership role that landed him at the center of the NFL's bounty probe in 2012.

The league concluded that Smith and fellow defensive captain Jonathan Vilma helped run a locker-room pool that paid cash bonuses for heavy and even injurious hits.

Smith was initially suspended four games but, with three other players, successfully appealed their suspensions and were never compelled to miss games, even as Saints coach Sean Payton was suspended the entire 2012 season.

A year earlier, however, Smith served a two-game suspension that stemmed from findings in 2008 that he and several other NFL players used a weight-loss product called StarCaps, which contained a diuretic banned by the league because it was known to mask steroid use. That suspension was enforced after legal challenges spanning several seasons.

Off the field, Smith took an active role in trying to improve children's lives, establishing a foundation called, Where There's A Will, There's A Way. Its stated mission is "to motivate, educate and provide opportunities for women and children."

"The Saints family is hurting and devastated as it has lost a member too young and too soon," Saints owner Tom Benson said in a statement.

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ROCKHOUNDSREPORT

FROM STAFF REPORTS

NATURALS 16 ROCKHOUNDS 2
At Arvest Ballpark, Springdale, Ark.

HITTERS OF THE NIGHT: Six of the 10 Naturals who went to bat had multiple hits but Bubba Starling had two home runs, four RBI and three runs scored; Hunter Dozier had two home runs, three RBI and three runs scored; and Orlando Calixte added three hits with two doubles, three RBI and three runs scored.

PITCHERS OF THE NIGHT: The Naturals' Yender Caramo got the win in relief as he allowed one unearned run on two hits, with three strikeouts and no walks in 3 2/3 innings. Northwest Arkansas starting pitcher just went 4 1/3 innings and allowed one run on five hits with three walks and five strikeouts.

HIGHLIGHTS: The Naturals put this one away early as they had a five-run second inning and a five-run third. ... Midland's Joel Seddon and Sam Bragg, who are piggybacking the fourth spot in the RockHounds' rotation, each allowed eight earned runs in their Double-A debuts.

TL standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield (Cardinals)	3	1	.750	—
Arkansas (Angels)	1	2	.333	1½
Northwest Arkansas (Royals)	1	3	.250	2
Tulsa (Dodgers)	1	3	.250	2

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Frisco (Rangers)	3	0	1.000	—
Corpus Christi (Astros)	2	2	.500	1½
Midland (Athletics)	2	2	.500	1½
San Antonio (Padres)	2	2	.500	1½

Sunday's Scores
San Antonio 3, Tulsa 0
Northwest Arkansas 16, Midland 2
Springfield 6, Corpus Christi 4
Frisco at Arkansas, late

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

NOTES: The RockHounds and Naturals play the second game of their three-game series at 7:05 p.m. today.

NATURALS 16, ROCKHOUNDS 2

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	NW Arkansas	r	h	bi
Sportman rf	4	0	2	0	Torres 2b	5	1	1
Rodriguez 2b-3	0	1	0	0	Mondesi ss	4	3	3
Healy 3b	3	0	0	0	Starling cf	4	3	2
Chapman dh	4	0	0	0	Dozier 3b	3	3	2
Brugman rf	4	0	0	0	Lopez 3b	1	0	0
Grace c	4	1	1	0	Calixte rf	4	3	3
Vertigan cf	3	1	1	0	Ramos 1b	3	1	3
Ross 1b	4	0	2	2	Gallagher c	4	0	0
Kirkland ss	4	0	0	0	Schwindel dh	5	1	2
Garcia lf	5	1	1	0				
Totals	33	2	7	2	Totals	40	16	17

Midland ..... 000 101 000 —2
NW Arkansas ..... 005 520 22x —16

E — Modesi (2). DP — NW Arkansas 2. LOB — Midland 7, NW Arkansas 5. 2B — Sportman (2), Blair (1), Vertigan (1), Ross (2), Calixte 2 (2), Ramos (2), Torres (1). HR — Starling 2 (2), Dozier 2 (2), Mondesi (2), Ramos (1). SB — Mondesi (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Seddon L, 0-1	3.2	8	8	8	2	2
Bragg	4.1	9	8	6	2	1
NW Arkansas						
Junis	4.1	5	1	1	3	5
Carrano W, 1-0	3.2	2	1	0	0	3
Selman	1.0	0	0	0	0	2

WP — Junis. HBP — by Seddon.
T — 2:46. A — 4,587.

Angels' Weaver beats Rangers in season debut 3-1

By Joe Resnick
Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — It sounds as if a delayed start to the season for Jered Weaver was a wise call.

Weaver pitched six effective innings, and the Los Angeles Angels beat the Texas Rangers 3-1 on Sunday to earn a split of the four-game series.

"I was happy to get back out there. I pitched like I did the last 11 years," said Weaver, whose outing was held up because of nerve problems in his neck and shoulder. "My arm slot is coming back. There's no tightness in my shoulder, no tightness in my back, no tightness in my hip, so I'm feeling healthy.

"It makes me look forward to my future in baseball, as opposed to maybe thinking about shutting it down. I can pitch like that for the rest of the season, but I know it's only going to get better."

Mike Trout got his first two RBIs of the season and Albert Pujols singled home a run for Los Angeles, which bounced back after losing two in a row.

Weaver (1-0) allowed a run and six hits in his 139th career win — passing Nolan Ryan for second on the franchise list behind Chuck Finley's 165.

"I didn't come here for personal accolades. I came here to win championships. And today's win was a step toward getting to that goal," Weaver said. "But with that being said, it's very humbling to be put in the same sentence as guys that have done great things for this organization."

Weaver also improved to 11-0 with a 2.22 ERA in 18 career starts against the Rangers at Angel Stadium.

"It's kind of tough facing Jered. He's not what you see on an everyday basis for our hitters," Texas manager Jeff Banister said. "He's been challenging for us in the past. It's almost like facing a knuckleballer at times. You know the velocity is not there, but he makes his pitches. We had limited opportunities today and didn't capitalize on them."

The defending AL West champions put two men on base in three of the first four innings, helping run Weaver's pitch count up to 64. In the fourth, the three-time All-Star struck out Bryan Holaday with runners to second and third.

Fernando Salas and Joe Smith each pitched a scoreless inning before Huston Street worked a perfect ninth for his first save.

Texas left-hander Martin Perez (0-1) was charged with three runs, seven hits and a career-worst five walks in 6 1-3 innings. Two of the hits were on line-drive singles off his body by Andrelton Simmons in the second and Yunel Escobar in the fifth.

Mazara's day

Nomar Mazara, 20, made his major league debut for the Rangers, singling his first two times up and hitting a first-pitch homer to center field his next time at-bat in the fifth. He batted second in the order and started in right field for Shin-Soo Choo, who was placed on the 15-day disabled list Sunday because of a strained calf muscle.

Mazara became the eighth player in Rangers history to homer in his first big league game.

"I knew nothing really about him, except that he kind of had a long swing," Weaver said. "He had a good approach today. It took me more than three at-bats to figure him out. He did a good job of keeping his hands back and dunked a couple in. The fastball in to him (on the home run) was not a bad pitch. He just did a good job of getting his hands inside of it and put a good swing on it."

Trainer's room

Rangers: Choo, whose injury occurred while he was running on the wet outfield grass after batting practice on Saturday, is expected to be out at least four to six weeks. ... C Robinson Chirinos was placed on the 60-day DL because of a broken right forearm, and is expected to be sidelined approximately 10 to 12 weeks.

Up next

Rangers: RHP Colby Lewis (0-0) opposes Hisashi Iwakuma on Monday night in the opener of a three-game series at Seattle.

Angels: RHP Nick Tropeano makes his season debut Monday night against Sonny Gray in the opener of a three-game set at Oakland. Tropeano was recalled on Thursday from Triple-A Salt Lake after LHP Andrew Heaney went on the DL with a flexor muscle strain.

Brewers get to wild Astros ace Dallas Keuchel for 3-2 win

By Genaro C. Armas
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Jeremy Jeffress had barely finished his follow-through when Preston Tucker sent a hard liner right into his glove for the final out of the game.

Saw it the whole time, Jeffress said.

Milwaukee's bullpen worked out of jams in seventh and eighth before Jeffress pitched a perfect ninth, backing a solid start by Jimmy Nelson in a 3-2 win Sunday over the Houston Astros.

"Everybody down there is doing a nice job," manager Craig Counsell said.

The Brewers took two of three in the interleague series against the AL West contenders and finished a six-game homestand with a .500 record after losing two of three to the potent Giants in the season-opening series.

"Houston and San Fran, those are both quality teams and we showed that even in all the losses pretty much we were close," Nelson said. "We showed even with a young team that we can compete and we have some really good talent."

The bullpen has performed well despite injuries to key relievers Will Smith and Corey Knebel.

Jeffress, in his first season closing, threw 11 pitches while recording his third save. But the most impressive part of his outing might have been his quick reflexes on Tucker's screamer.

"That was a rocket, man. I saw it off the bat, and fortunately I caught it, I alligator-armed it and it went right in," Jeffress said.

Trailing by a run, Houston had runners on second and third with one out in the eighth after a throwing error by pitcher Michael Blazek. The reliever got George Springer to fly out to short center and Carlos Correa to bounce out to shortstop to escape the jam.

"Missed opportunities in the eighth after they made a mistake, which is unfortunate," Houston manager A.J. Hinch said.

Nelson (1-1) struck out nine in six-plus innings. He was charged with two runs and three hits with four walks.

Tyler Thornburg struck out the last two hitters in the seventh with a runner on second following a wild pitch.

The Astros missed out on their late chances to bail out ace Dallas Keuchel, who walked four in the first. He finished with a career high-tying six walks, including an intentional pass to Ryan Braun in the fourth.

Milwaukee took advantage of the early wildness when Aaron Hill hit a two-run single.

Keuchel (1-1) left with two outs in the sixth, striking out eight and allowing six hits and three runs.

"I had some good late movement but I couldn't really corral it in the strike zone," Keuchel said.

Control

Walks have an early problem for Keuchel, who won the AL Cy Young Award last season. The left-hander has been uncharacteristically wild to start the season, having walked four in seven innings during his season-opening, 5-3 victory last week against the Yankees.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	5	0	1.000	—
Boston	3	2	.600	2
New York	3	2	.600	2
Toronto	3	4	.429	3
Tampa Bay	2	4	.333	3½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	4	1	.800	—
Detroit	3	1	.750	½
Chicago	4	2	.667	½
Cleveland	2	2	.500	1½
Minnesota	0	6	.000	4½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	4	3	.571	—
Texas	3	4	.429	1
Houston	2	4	.333	1½
Los Angeles	2	4	.333	1½
Seattle	2	4	.333	1½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	3	1	.750	—
New York	2	1	.667	1½
Philadelphia	2	4	.333	2
Miami	1	3	.250	2
Atlanta	0	5	.000	3½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	5	1	.833	—
Cincinnati	5	1	.833	—
Pittsburgh	4	2	.667	1
Milwaukee	3	3	.500	2
St. Louis	3	3	.500	2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	5	2	.714	—
Los Angeles	4	3	.571	1
Colorado	3	3	.500	1½
San Diego	2	4	.333	2½
Arizona	2	5	.286	3

Scores and schedules

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Sunday's Games
Toronto 3, Boston 0
Baltimore 5, Tampa Bay 3
Milwaukee 3, Houston 2
Cleveland at Chicago, ppd., rain
Kansas City 4, Minnesota 3, 10 innings
L.A. Angels 3, Texas 1
Oakland 2, Seattle 1, 10 innings
N.Y. Yankees at Detroit, ppd., rain

Today's Games
Pittsburgh (Nesse 0-0) at Detroit (Verlander 0-0), 12:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Gallardo 1-0) at Boston (Price 1-0), 1:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Quintana 0-0) at Minnesota (Gibson 0-1), 3:10 p.m.
Kansas City (C.Young 0-1) at Houston (McHugh 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Tropeano 0-0) at Oakland (Gray 1-0), 9:05 p.m.
Texas (Lewis 0-0) at Seattle (Iwakuma 0-0), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Sunday's Scores
Philadelphia 5, N.Y. Mets 2
Cincinnati 2, Pittsburgh 1
Washington 4, Miami 2
St. Louis 12, Atlanta 7
Milwaukee 3, Houston 2
San Francisco 9, L.A. Dodgers 6
Chicago Cubs 7, Arizona 3
Colorado 6, San Diego 3

Today's Games
Pittsburgh (Nesse 0-0) at Detroit (Verlander 0-0), 12:10 p.m.
San Diego (Cashner 0-1) at Philadelphia (Nola 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Jungmann 0-0) at St. Louis (Wacha 0-0), 3:15 p.m.
Atlanta (B.Norris 0-1) at Washington (Scherzer 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
Miami (Ureña 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Matz 0-0), 6:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Finnegan 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Lester 1-0), 7:05 p.m.

Texas Boxes

ANGELS 3, RANGERS 1

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
DShields cf	4	0	0	0	YEscobar 3b	3	1	1	0
Mazara rf	4	1	3	1	Gentry lf	1	0	0	0
Fielder dh	3	0	1	0	Trout cf	1	0	0	2
Beltre 3b	4	0	1	0	Pujols dh	4	0	1	1
Morlnd 1b	3	0	1	0	Cron 1b	4	0	0	0
Desmnd lf	4	0	1	0	Calhoun rf	3	0	1	0
Andrus ss	4	0	0	0	ASimns ss	4	0	1	0
Alberto 2b	3	0	0	0	Soto c	3	1	1	0
Odor ph	1	0	0	0	Giavotl 2b	3	1	1	0
Holaday c	3	0	0	0	Pinngtn 2b	2	0	0	0
Totals	33	1	7	1	Totals	26	3	7	3

Texas ..... 000 010 000—1
Los Angeles ..... 002 000 10x—3

E—Desmond (1). DP—Texas 3. Los Angeles 1. LOB—Texas 7. Los Angeles 7. 2B—Beltre (3). HR—Mazara (1). SB—Desmond (1). S—Gentry. SF—Trout.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
M.Perez L, 0-1	6 1-3	7	3	3	5	3
Barnette	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Klein	1	0	0	0	0	1
Los Angeles						
Weaver W, 1-0	6	6	1	1	1	4
Salas H, 1	1	0	0	0	0	1
J.Smith H, 1	1	1	0	0	0	1
Street S, 1-1	1	0	0	0	0	2

HBP—by M.Perez (Gentry), by Weaver (Moreland).
T—2:43. A—35,097 (45,493).

BREWERS 3, ASTROS 2

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Milwaukee	ab	r	h	bi
Altuve 2b	3	1	1	1	DoStern rf	3	1	2	1
Springr rf	4	0	1	0	Villar ss	4	0	0	0
Wharns p	0	0	0	0	Braun lf	2	1	0	2
Correa ss	3	0	0	0	Carter 1b	3	0	1	0
CRivns cf-rf	3	0	0	0	A.Hill 3b	4	0	1	2
White 1b	3	0	0	0	Maldnd c	3	0	0	0
Tucker lf	4	1	1	1	Rivera 2b	3	1	1	0
MGnzlz 3b	3	0	0	0	Nelson p	3	0	1	0
JCastro c	2	0	0	0	Thmbg p	0	0	0	0
CGomz ph-cf	1	0	0	0	Blazek p	0	0	0	0
Keuchl p	2	0	0	0	Walsh ph	0	0	0	0
Neshek p	0	0	0	0	Niwnhs cf	0	0	0	0
Fields p	0	0	0	0	KBrsn cf	3	0	0	0
Valuen ph	0	0	0	0	Gennett ph	1	0	0	0
Mrsnck pr	0	0	0	0	Jeffress p	0	0	0	0
Kratz c	0	0	0	0					
Totals	26	2	3	2	Totals	29	3	6	3

Houston ..... 100 010 000—2
Milwaukee ..... 200 100 00x—3

E—White (1). Blazek (1). DP—Houston 2. LOB—Houston 4. Milwaukee 9. 2B—Do.Santana (2). Carter (2). Rivera (2). HR—Altuve (1). Tucker (2). SB—Altuve (4). CS—Altuve (1). Springer (1). Correa (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Keuchel L, 1-1	5	2-3	6	3	3	6
Neshek	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Fields	1	0	0	0	0	2
W.Harris	1	0	0	0	0	1
Milwaukee						
Nelson W, 1-1	6	3	2	2	4	9
Thornburg	1	0	0	0	0	2
Blazek	1	0	0	0	1	1
Jeffress S,3-3	1	0	0	0	0	1

Nelson pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.
WP—Thornburg.
T—3:08. A—28,441 (41,900).

SATURDAY'S LATE BOX

RANGERS 4, ANGELS 1

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
DShields cf	4	1	1	0	YEscobar 3b	3	2	1	0
Odor 2b	4	0	1	1	Gentry lf	2	0	1	0
Fielder dh	4	0	1	1	Nava ph	1	0	0	0
Beltre 3b	4	1	3	1	Trout cf	4	0	1	0
Morlnd 1b	4	0	1	0	Pujols dh	4	0	0	1
Desmnd lf	4	0	0	0	Cron 1b	4	0	0	0
Andrus ss	4	1	1	0	Calhoun rf	3	0	1	0
Rua rf	4	0	1	0	A.Simmons ss	3	0	1	0
Chirinos c	2	0	0	0	C.Perez c	3	0	0	0
Holaday c	2	1	1	1	Giavotella 2b	3	0	0	0
Totals	36	4	10	4	Totals	29	1	5	1

Texas ..... 100 100 200—4
Los Angeles ..... 100 000 000—1

E—YEscobar (3). Giavotella (1). DP—Texas 3. Los Angeles 1. LOB—Texas 6. Los Angeles 4. 2B—DShields (1). Beltre 2 (2). Rua (1). Holaday (1). Trout (1). HR—Beltre (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Harrels W,2-0	6	4	1	1	3	4
Kela	1	0	0	0	0	2
S.Dyson	1	0	0	0	0	1
Tolleson S,2-3	1	1	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles						
Richards L,0-2	6	2-3	9	4	2	1
J.Alvarez	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Morin	1	1	0	0	0	1
Achter	1	0	0	0	0	1

WP—Richards.
T—2:53. A—38,106 (45,483).

Sunday's Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

RED SOX 0, BLUE JAYS 3

Boston ..... 000 000 000 —0 7 1
Toronto ..... 200 000 01x —3 7 0

S.Wright, Ne.Ramirez (7) and Swihart; Estrada, Storen (8). Osuna (9) and R.Martin. W—Estrada 1-0. L—S.Wright 0-1. Sv—Osuna (3). HRs—Toronto, Bautista (4).

ORIOLES 5, RAYS 3

Tampa Bay ..... 000 120 000 —3 9 0
Baltimore ..... 040 000 01x —5 11 1

Odorizzi, E.Ramirez (7) and Casali; Gonzalez, Worley, Brach (5), Givens (7), O'Day (8), Britton (9) and Wieters. W—Brach 1-0. L—Odorizzi 2-1. Sv—Britton (2). HRs—Tampa Bay, Dickerson (3). Baltimore, Machado (3).

ROYALS 4, TWINS 3, 10 INNINGS

Minnesota ..... 000 002 100—3 11 1
Kansas City ..... 000 001 002—4 7 2

Nolasco, Jepsen (8), Perkins (9), May (10) and J.Murphy; Volquez, Hochevar (6), Gee (8), W.Davis (10) and S.Perez. W—W.Davis 1-0. L—May 0-1. HRs—Minnesota, Dozier (1). Kansas City, Moustakas (2).

ATHLETICS 2, MARINERS 1, 10 INNINGS

Oakland ..... 000 000 010—2 5 1
Seattle ..... 000 001 0000—1 6 0

Bassitt, Madson (8), Axford (9), Doolittle (10) and Phegley; Vogt, F.Hernandez, Ja.Peralta (8), Cishek (9), Vincent (10) and Clevenger. W—Axford 1-0. L—Vincent 1-1. Sv—Doolittle (1). HRs—Oakland, Semien (1). Crisp (1).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

PHILLIES 5, METS 2

Philadelphia ..... 001 002 011 —5 9 0
New York ..... 000 002 000 —2 4 0

Hellickson, J.Russell (6), Nieto (7), J.Gomez (9) and Ruiz; Harvey, Henderson (7), Reed (8), Verrett (9) and Plawecki. W—Hellickson 1-0. L—Harvey 0-2. Sv—J.Gomez (2). HRs—Philadelphia, O.Herrera (1). New York, Cespedes (1).

REDS 2, PIRATES 1

Pittsburgh ..... 010 000 000 —1 9 0
Cincinnati ..... 000 001 001 —2 10 0

Locke, N.Feliz (7), Watson (8), Caminero (9) and Stewart; Melville, Straily (5), Ju.Diaz (8), Ohlendorf (9) and Mesoraco. W—Ohlendorf 2-0. L—Caminero 0-1. HRs—Pittsburgh, Stewart (1). Cincinnati, Suarez (4).

NATIONALS 4, MARLINS 2

Miami ..... 100 000 001 —2 7 0
Washington ..... 100 000 30x —4 11 0

Koehler, Narveson (7), E.Jackson (7), McGowan (8) and Realmuto; J.Ross, Treinen (8), Papelbon (9) and W.Ramos. W—J.Ross 1-0. L—Koehler 0-1. Sv—Papelbon (3). HRs—Miami, Yelich (1).

CARDINALS 12, BRAVES 7

St. Louis ..... 004 001 025—12 10 1
Atlanta ..... 100 311 001 —7 11 0

Wainwright, Maness (6), Siegrist (6), Oh (7), J.Boston (8), Rosenthal (8) and Molina; W.Perez, O'Flaherty (5), Withrow (6), Winkler (8), a.Johnson (7), J.Ramirez (9) and Flowers. W—Oh 1-0. L—J.Johnson 0-1. Sv—Rosenthal (2). HRs—St. Louis, Moss (1). Carpenter (1). Atlanta, Stubbs (1).

GIANTS 9, SAN FRANCISCO 6

Los Angeles ..... 000 100 000 —6 10 0
San Francisco ..... 203 103 00x —9 12 0

Kazmir, Coleman (5), Howell (6), Y.Garcia (6), Stanton (7) and A.Barnes; Cueto, Romo (8), Osich (8), Casilla (9) and Posey. W—Cueto 2-0. L—Coleman 0-1. Sv—Casilla (2). HRs—San Francisco, Posey (2). Belt (1). Pagan (1).

ROCKIES 6, PADRES 3

San Diego ..... 011 000 010 —3 8 0
Colorado ..... 200 010 12x —6 8 1

Shields, Maurer (8) and Bethancourt; Bettis, Logan (8), M.Castro (8), McGee (9) and Wolters. W—Bettis 1-0. L—Shields 0-2. Sv—McGee (2). HRs—Colorado, C.Gonzalez 2 (3), Arenado (2), Rabiun (2), Story (7).

CUBS 7, DIAMONDBACKS 3

Chicago ..... 020 101 210 —7 12 0
Arizona ..... 000 210 000 —3 8 0

Arrieta, Grimm (8), Ne.Ramirez (9) and Montero; S.Miller, Delgado (6), J.Barrett (7), Buschmann (9) and Hermann. W—Arrieta 2-0. L—S.Miller 0-1. HRs—Chicago, Arrieta (1), Soler (1). Arizona, Goldschmidt (2), Brito (1).

MLBROUNDUP

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Interleague

BREWERS 3
ASTROS 2

MILWAUKEE — Jimmy Nelson struck out nine in six-plus innings, and Milwaukee took advantage of early wildness by Houston ace Dallas Keuchel in a win.

The AL Cy Young Award winner walked four in the first inning and gave up a two-run single to Aaron Hill. Keuchel (1-1) left with two outs in the sixth with a career high-tying six walks, including an intentional pass to Ryan Braun in the fourth.

American League

ORIOLES 5
RAYS 3

BALTIMORE — Manny Machado went 4 for 4 with a two-run homer, and Baltimore beat Tampa Bay to remain the only undefeated team in the majors.

The 5-0 start matches the 1970 team for the best in Orioles history. After sweeping Minnesota in three games to open the season, Baltimore completed the homestand by taking two from Tampa Bay in a rain-abbreviated series.

ROYALS 4
TWINS 3, 10 INNINGS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Speedy pinch runner Terrance Gore streaked home on a wild pitch with two outs in the 10th inning, scoring with a headfirst slide to lift Kansas City over winless Minnesota.

The World Series champion Royals rallied for two runs in the ninth to tie it, then dropped the Twins to 0-6. This is Minnesota's worst start since the Washington Senators moved to the Twin Cities in 1961.

Christian Colon drew a leadoff walk in the 10th from Trevor May (0-1). Gore then made his first appearance of the season, running for Colon, and dashed to third on May's throwing error on a pickoff attempt.

ATHLETICS 2
MARINERS 1, 10 INNINGS

SEATTLE — Coco Crisp hit a two-out homer in the 10th inning to help Oakland overcome a dominant outing from Seattle ace Felix Hernandez and sweep the three-game series.

Hernandez struck out 10 over seven scoreless innings, allowing three hits and two walks.

Oakland's Marcus Semien hit a homer to lead off the eighth against Joel Peralta, tying the game 1-1.

Crisp hit his no-doubter to right field off Nick Vincent (1-1).

YANKEES-TIGERS, PPD

DETROIT — The Detroit Tigers' game against the New York Yankees was postponed because of rain.

With light rain falling and no end in sight, the game was called off several hours before the scheduled first pitch.

Justin Verlander had been scheduled to make his second start of the season for the Tigers, while the Yankees planned to send Masahiro Tanaka to the mound.

BLUE JAYS 3
RED SOX 0

TORONTO — Marco Estrada pitched seven shutout innings. Josh Donaldson hit a solo home run and Toronto beat Boston, avoiding a three-game sweep.

Activated off the 15-day disabled list before the game after missing the start of the season with a sore lower back, Estrada (1-0) gave up five hits, walked two and struck out eight, helping Toronto win for the first time in five games.

INDIANS-WHITE SOX, PPD

CHICAGO — The Chicago White Sox's game against the Cleveland Indians was postponed because of rain.

The game will be made up on May 23 as part of a doubleheader.

The Indians have had three games rained out so far this season. The White Sox and Indians split the first two games of their series.

National League

ROCKIES 6
PADRES 3

DENVER — Rookie Trevor Story capped his amazing first week in the majors by hitting his seventh home run, helping the Colorado Rockies beat the San Diego Padres 6-3 Sunday.

Story's homer was one of five solo shots by the Rockies. Carlos Gonzalez went deep twice and Nolan Arenado and Ryan Raburn also connected for Colorado, which salvaged the finale of its three-game series.

CUBS 7
DIAMONDBACKS 3

PHOENIX — Jake Arrieta homered and pitched seven innings, helping Chicago finish off an impressive first week by beating Arizona.

Chicago is tied with Cincinnati for the best record in the NL at 5-1. The Cubs host the Reds in their home opener Monday night at Wrigley Field.

GIANTS 9
DODGERS 6

SAN FRANCISCO — Joe Panik hit a tiebreaking two-run double in the sixth inning and San Francisco homered three times to overcome an early five-run deficit and beat Los Angeles.

Buster Posey, Brandon Belt and Angel Pagan all homered as the Giants rallied after falling behind 5-0 before they even came up to bat. San Francisco has 14 homers in the opening week of the season and the Giants have hit at least one homer in the first seven games for the first time since at least 1913.

PHILLIES 5
METS 2

NEW YORK — Odubel Herrera hit a two-run homer off Matt Harvey in the first appearance at Citi Field for the Mets ace since he failed to close out Game 5 of last year's World Series, and Philadelphia beat New York.

Philadelphia won the last two games of the three-game series after an 0-4 start. The Phillies already have more wins at Citi Field this season than last, when they went 1-8.

REDS 2
PIRATES 1

CINCINNATI — Jay Bruce hit an RBI triple in the ninth inning and Cincinnati capped a strong season-opening homestand, beating Pittsburgh.

The Reds took two of three from the Pirates and are off to a 5-1 start.

Brandon Phillips led off the ninth with a single. After a popout, Bruce tripled down the right field line against Arquimedes Caminero (0-1).

CARDINALS 12
BRAVES 7

ATLANTA — Brandon Moss and Matt Carpenter hit three-run homers and St. Louis kept Atlanta as the only NL team without a win.

The Braves (0-5) also lost right-hander Dan Winkler, who suffered a fractured right elbow while throwing a pitch in the seventh. He left the mound in obvious pain after throwing a pitch behind Randal Grichuk.

The Cardinals completed the three-game sweep despite a poor start from Adam Wainwright, who allowed five runs in five innings.

NATIONALS 4
MARLINS 2

WASHINGTON — Jayson Werth had an RBI single for his first hit of the season and Joe Ross allowed a run in seven innings to help Washington to a victory over Miami.

Bryce Harper hit the 99th and 100th doubles of his career and drove in the Nationals' first run as Washington split a two-game series after Saturday's postponement because of cold weather.

Anthony Rendon went 3 for 5 with a double and scored twice. Clint Robinson's two-run single completed Washington's three-run seventh.

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Drive and win: Kyle Busch sweep is NASCAR's 1st in 25 years

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Four races in NASCAR's top three series over eight days — and Kyle Busch won them all.

From Martinsville to Texas, Busch had consecutive weekend sweeps, something last done in NASCAR 25 years ago.

"I think the magic is Kyle Busch, but that's just me," Busch said with a smile before looking to car owner Joe Gibbs, who started laughing and told the No. 18 Toyota driver to not freak out on him.

"I'd admit I think it's everything," Busch then said. "You've got to have all the pieces of the puzzle put together, but I think more importantly we've got good cars, but the crew chiefs are just doing a really good job right now."

Plus, the defending Sprint Cup champion can win races in whatever he drives. The 30-year-old Busch has already won 36 Sprint Cup races, with 80 Xfinity Series wins and 45 more in the Camping World Truck Series.

Along with his second consecutive Cup victory, taking the checkered flag just after midnight into Sunday morning, his Texas two-step included winning for the fourth time in his five Xfinity starts of 2016. His sweep at Martinsville was a truck victory and the Cup race.

"The guy is good. He's got a great team behind him, and they put themselves in position at the end," said Dale Earnhardt Jr., the runner-up in the first Cup night race this season. "I ain't surprised by any means."

Associated Press

Kyle Busch (18) celebrates winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth on Sunday.

The next Sprint Cup and Xfinity races are at Bristol, where Busch swept all three national series races in the same weekend in August 2010. The trucks don't race again until May 6.

Harry Gant had consecutive weekend sweeps at Richmond and Dover in 1991, during a stretch when he won four Cup races in a row at age 51. It was Busch's second weekend sweep at Texas, after doing it in the spring of 2013.

Busch, now the cup Series points leader, led only 34 of 334 laps in the rain-delayed Duck Commander 500 on Saturday night — one lap in the middle of the race and the last 33 following a 13-car incident for the final caution.

On Lap 302, the first after the final restart, Busch went high through Turn 4 to pass Martin Truex Jr., who led six times for 141 laps before finishing sixth at the high-banked, 1 1/2-mile Texas track. Busch stayed ahead and went on to beat Earnhardt by nearly 4 seconds.

Truex and Austin Dillon, whose spin triggered the backstretch melee, had stayed out during a caution only a few laps before that when everyone else went to pit road to get fresh tires.

"When the race restarted for the final time we just didn't have the grip everybody else had," Truex said. "We were just sliding around."

Jimmie Johnson, who had his three-race Texas winning streak snapped, finished fourth to stay second in series points. Previous points leader Kevin Harvick slid to third after a 10th-place finish.

Busch won his seventh Cup race in 32 starts since returning last year from a compound fracture of his lower right leg and a broken left foot sustained in a crash in the 2015 season-opening Xfinity race at Daytona.

"I think that it's just a part of everyone coming together. It's a part of the whole team," he said. "It's not just me. It's not just (wife) Samantha, but it's (crew chief) Adam Stevens, it's coach Gibbs, it's the organization and everyone rallying around us. It's my medical team, everyone that helped me.

"I think too, things are clicking. It's been exciting to have the success that we've had as of late, and let's just keep it going."

NASCAR RESULTS

NASCAR Sprint Cup-Duck Commander 500 Results
Saturday
At Texas Motor Speedway
Fort Worth, Texas
Lap length: 1.5 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (15) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 334 laps, 44 points.
2. (16) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 334, 39.
3. (2) Joey Logano, Ford, 334, 38.
4. (11) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 334, 37.
5. (4) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 334, 37.
6. (3) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 334, 37.
7. (1) Carl Edwards, Toyota, 334, 35.
8. (17) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 334, 33.
9. (21) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 334, 32.
10. (22) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 334, 32.
11. (9) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 334, 31.
12. (6) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 334, 29
13. (18) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 334, 28.
14. (20) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 334, 27.
15. (12) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 334, 27.
16. (5) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 334, 25.
17. (19) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 333, 24.
18. (8) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 332, 23.
19. (10) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 332, 22.
20. (30) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 332, 0.
21. (26) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 332, 20.
22. (23) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 332, 19
23. (32) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 332, 18.
24. (24) Aric Almirola, Ford, 331, 17.
25. (33) Landon Cassill, Ford, 330, 16.
26. (25) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 330, 15.
27. (27) Brian Scott, Ford, 330, 14.
28. (34) Chris Buescher, Ford, 330, 13.
29. (7) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 330, 12.
30. (37) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet, 329, 11.
31. (28) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 329, 10
32. (35) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 329, 9.
33. (31) David Ragan, Toyota, 328, 9.
34. (29) Matt DiBenedetto, Toyota, 327, 7
35. (38) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Ford, 323, 6.
36. (40) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 315, 5
37. (13) Brian Vickers, Chevrolet, accident, 290, 4.
38. (36) Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet, accident, 289, 3.
39. (14) Greg Biffle, Ford, accident, 288, 2.
40. (39) Josh Wise, Chevrolet, accident, 178, 1.

Race Statistics

Average Speed of Race Winner: 138.355 mph.
Time of Race: 3 hours, 37 minutes, 16 seconds.

Margin of Victory: 3.904 seconds.
Caution Flags: 7 for 41 laps.
Lead Changes: 17 among 8 drivers.
Lap Leaders: C.Edwards 1-30; D.Ragan 31; C.Edwards 32-58; M.Truex Jr. 59-72; M.Kenseth 73; C.Elliott 74; M.Truex Jr. 75-137; C.Edwards 138-174; M.Truex Jr. 175-176; Ky.Busch 177; K.Harvick 178; C.Edwards 179-208; M.Truex Jr. 209-216; M.Kenseth 217-235; M.Truex Jr. 236-259; T.Bayne 260-271; M.Truex Jr. 272-301; Ky.Busch 302-334.

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): M.Truex Jr., 6 times for 141 laps; C.Edwards, 4 times for 124 laps; Ky.Busch, 2 times for 34 laps; M.Kenseth, 2 times for 20 laps; T.Bayne, 1 time for 12 laps; C.Elliott, 1 time for 1 lap; K.Harvick, 1 time for 1 lap; D.Ragan, 1 time for 1 lap.

Wins: Ky.Busch, 2; J.Johnson, 2; D.Hamlin, 1; K.Harvick, 1; B.Keselowski, 1.

Top 16 in Points: 1. Ky.Busch, 259; 2. J.Johnson, 253; 3. K.Harvick, 252; 4. C.Edwards, 241; 5. J.Logano, 234; 6. D.Earnhardt Jr., 211; 7. Ku.Busch, 208; 8. D.Hamlin, 201; 9. B.Keselowski, 201; 10. A.Dillon, 198; 11. M.Truex Jr., 187; 12. M.Kenseth, 171; 13. J.McMurray, 171; 14. C.Elliott, 168; 15. A.Allmendinger, 166; 16. K.Kahne, 161.

NASCAR Driver Rating Formula

A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race.

The formula combines the following categories: Wins, Finishes, Top-15 Finishes, Average Running Position While on Lead Lap, Average Speed Under Green, Fastest Lap, Led Most Laps, Lead-Lap Finish.

Marquez wins 4th consecutive Grand Prix of the Americas

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Spanish conqueror dominated Texas once again.

Repsol Honda's Marc Marquez grabbed an early lead Sunday and coasted to a fourth straight win at the Grand Prix of the Americas, ruthlessly dispatching any riders who thought they could challenge his supremacy in a state and a country where he's never lost in MotoGP.

Marquez' 26th victory extended his winning streak in the U.S. to eight races since 2013. His only problem in America may be figuring out what to do with his expanding collection of black cowboy hats given to the Texas winner.

"I love Austin, the people, American style," Marquez said before his champagne podium celebration.

And well he should. He seems to grow more dominant every time he races here. Sunday's 6-second margin was his biggest yet and came against a field that after qualifying thought it finally had the pace to catch him.

Any hopes of that faded quickly. A slippery track caused several crashes and once Marquez was safety in the lead, the riders who were still upright figured it was best to just make it home safely.

Movistar Yamaha's Jorge Lorenzo started second but struggled after a morning warmup lap crash and a mistake in the first turn that surrendered the lead to Marquez.

Lorenzo's only real chance to make it race came at the start. He rocketed off the start an up the 130-foot incline in the hairpin left first turn. But he pushed wide, Marquez slipped underneath and was off and running.

"I'm very happy to finish the race. After the crash in warmups it was hard to convince myself I could be competitive," Lorenzo said. "I thought I could be faster but it was impossible. I knew that from lap seven or eight."

That was a vastly different mindset after qualifying when Lorenzo and teammate Valentino Rossi joined Marquez on the front row and the tandem hoped to find a way to finally beat him. But Rossi was one of the first casualties, crashing out in the third lap and his race ended in a cloud of dust as his cycle slid into the gravel safety area.

Ducati's Andrea Dovizioso, who was knocked off the podium a week earlier in Argentina by a last-lap crash with teammate Andrea Iannone, was knocked out of the race Sunday in a violent crash on the sixth lap.

Marquez's Repsol Honda teammate, Dani Pedrosa, wobbled his rear wheel and bounced to his right, straight into Dovizioso as they slowed into the first turn. Pedrosa immediately jumped up to check on Dovizioso, who was shaken but was able to walk off the track aided by marshals.

Iannone finished third Sunday, a result he called a relief after taking out his teammate a week ago.

"I needed this," Iannone said. "For us, it was very important. I had a lot of pressure."

Marquez said he told his crew not to tell him about the crashes behind him. All he wanted to hear about was his distance in front of whoever was in second.

"I was concentrating on my pace and I could see the distance increase step by step," Marquez said.

The victory sets up Marquez as the rider to catch for the championship after just three races. The 2013 and 2014 champion slipped back to third in 2015 when a wild season went all the way to a final race duel between Lorenzo and Rossi.

After crashing out in Argentina, Lorenzo needed the podium finish to keep pace with Marquez. The series now heads for Europe, where Lorenzo made his championship run last season. He trails leader Marquez by 21 points.

Kentucky Derby field taking shape after weekend prep races

By Richard Rosenblatt
Associated Press

NEW YORK — In just over an hour, in three races from coast to coast, the field for the Kentucky Derby mostly came into focus.

Outwork is in. So are Brody's Cause and Exaggerator.

"Anytime you've won one of these major preps, it puts you in the top area," trainer Todd Pletcher said Sunday, a day after Outwork outlasted Trojan Nation in the $1 million Wood Memorial at Aqueduct and clinched a spot in the Derby field.

Over at Keeneland in Lexington, Kentucky, about a half-hour later Saturday, Brody's Cause pulled off a come-from-behind victory in the Blue Grass and earned his spot in the Derby.

And out West a little later, Exaggerator capped the biggest day of Derby preps when he blew away the field in the stretch and won the Santa Anita Derby.

The results added 100 Derby qualifying points to each colt's total, guaranteeing them spots in what likely will be a full field of 20 3-year-olds running for the roses May 7.

Despite the results, unbeaten Nyquist remains the likely favorite for the Derby after his showdown win against Mohaymen in the Florida Derby on April 2. Nyquist — a son of Uncle Mo, as is Outwork — has 130 points, with Gun Runner the points leader at 151.

After Nyquist, though, it's anyone's guess who the second-leading contender might be.

"We haven't been able to beat him (Nyquist), what, five times?" Exaggerator trainer Keith Desormeaux said — exaggerating since it's really three times. "I don't know if we can or not."

Added Pletcher, who also plans to send Tampa Bay Derby winner Destin to Churchill Downs: Nyquist "certainly deserves that top seed right now. It seems to be a fairly consistent group. The horses in California are consistently doing well and Nyquist as well. It wasn't a big surprise that Brody's Cause came back and ran well, and then you have the Arkansas Derby to go."

Nyquist will face no shortage of challengers, including a few who stormed into contention Saturday.

The biggest surprise came in the Wood, where 81-1 long shot Trojan Nation finished second by a head to Outwork. Winless in six starts, Trojan Nation earned 40 points to qualify for the Derby. The last maiden to win the Derby was Brokers Tip in 1933; the last to run was Nationalore in 1998, finishing ninth. Trainer Paddy Gallagher says the Derby is a go.

Adventist ran third in the Wood for 20 points and now totals 32 points — good for 20th and likely enough to make the field. Wood favorite Shagaf finished fifth in his first loss but already had 50 points and is Derby-bound.

Brody's Cause won the Blue Grass by 1 3/4 lengths over My Man Sam. Cherry Wine was third and Laoban fourth. Dale Romans trains Brody's Cause (114 points) and Cherry Wine (25 points) and is hoping his third-place finisher has enough points to make the Derby. My Man Sam could give Shagaf's trainer, Chad Brown, a second Derby starter. Laoban, like Trojan Nation, a maiden, has 32 points and is ranked 21st.

"This is home, this is the second-biggest race in Kentucky in my opinion, and it's great to win," Romans said. "On to the Kentucky Derby with a real chance."

At Santa Anita, Exaggerator (126 points) comes into the Derby with four wins in nine starts after his 6 1/4-length victory. Ridden by Desormeaux's brother, Hall of Famer Kent Desormeaux, the colt would attempt to become the third Santa Anita Derby winner in five years to win the Kentucky Derby. I'll Have Another did it in 2012, and California Chrome came through in 2014.

Don't feel too bad for Santa Anita Derby runner-up Mor Spirit. With an additional 40 points, the colt from Triple Crown-winning trainer Bob Baffert's barn moved up to 84 points. Baffert also trains Rebel winner Cupid (50 points), who is set to run next weekend in the Arkansas Derby.

Uncle Lino's third-place finish pushed his points total to 29, but trainer Gary Sherlock said the horse is off the Derby trail. Danzing Candy was fourth for 10 points and now has 60 points. Trainer Cliff Sise Jr. said Sunday his colt's Derby status is uncertain.

With two preps left, it looks as though at least 30 points will be needed to make the Derby field. In previous years, the number was about 20.

The Arkansas Derby offers 100-40-20-10 points, the Lexington Stakes 50-20-10-5 points.

For 3-year-old star filly Songbird, the answer is still no to the Derby. She ran her record to 7 for 7 with another cruise-control victory in the Santa Anita Oaks. Owner Rick Porter said once again his filly will run next in the Kentucky Oaks on the day before the Derby.

NOTES: Triple Crown-winning jockey Victor Espinoza, who finished seventh aboard Smokey Image in the Santa Anita Derby, is looking for a Derby mount a year after riding American Pharoah to victory in the Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes. ... Nyquist, who missed a day of training last week with an elevated white blood cell count, jogged for a second day at Keeneland on Sunday, reported Jack Sisterson, trainer Doug O'Neill's assistant.

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RECORD

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Kawhi Leonard added 20 points but shot 7 for 22 while continually being harried by Green.

Green got a technical for charging directly toward Monty McCutcheon at the scorer's table after the official ruled he fouled Leonard in the first half. With Andrew Bogut screaming from the Warriors' bench for teammates to grab Green, the energetic forward followed McCutcheon across the court to continue his argument. A second technical was not issued.

Green finished with 11 points, and Thompson added 14 for Golden State.

Tip-ins

Warriors: Golden State's previous victory in San Antonio was Feb. 14, 1997. Latrell Sprewell had 32 points in leading the Warriors to a 108-94 victory. The Spurs were without injured David Robinson and were months away from drafting Duncan. ... Curry made a 3-pointer in his 151st straight regular-season game, extending his own NBA record. Curry was 4 for 9 on 3-pointers and also banked in a shot from the opposite 3-point line to close the third quarter, but the attempt came after the buzzer.

Spurs: Duncan has missed 20 games this season, including 10 for rest. San Antonio is 16-4 without Duncan, who turns 40 on April 25. ... Duncan averaged 2.5 points, 2.5 rebounds and 13.5 minutes in two games against Golden State this season. He missed the team's initial meeting with a sore right knee. ... San Antonio trailed for only 11:13 in 468 minutes played in the fourth quarter entering Sunday's game.

No bother

Even though San Antonio dropped three of four to Golden State this season, there isn't much concern from the Spurs.

"It's a whole new ballgame in the playoffs," West said. "Hopefully, it will be another two months, month and a half before we see them again. Our job is just to keep improving and prepare ourselves now for a tough first-round matchup against whoever."

As vitas would say

Kerr claimed he forgot the Warriors had lost 33 straight in San Antonio until a reporter reminded him during his postgame interview. Either way, he had a funny remark ready.

"With apologies to (Vitas Gerulaitis), I'll use his line," Kerr said, paraphrasing the late tennis great. "Nobody, and I mean nobody, beats the Golden State Warriors 34 straight times. Nobody, you got that?"

Gerulaitis famously uttered a similar quote after snapping a 16-match skid to Jimmy Connors in 1980.

Up next

Warriors: Host Memphis on Wednesday night.

Spurs: At Oklahoma City on Tuesday night.

MASTERS

From 1C

to get past the dangerous par-3 12th to settle himself, especially with two par 5s in front of him.

His 9-iron sailed to the right, bounded off the slope and into the water. His wedge from the drop area was fat, and Spieth turned his head as the ball plopped into the water again. He had to get up-and-down from a bunker just to make a quadruple-bogey 7.

"It was a lack of discipline to hit it over the bunker coming off two bogeys, instead of recognizing I was still leading the Masters," Spieth said.

The turnaround left him dazed. Spieth was five shots ahead on the 10th tee and three shots behind when he walked to the 13th tee.

Willett poured it on with a shot into the 14th to about 4 feet, and a tee shot on the par-3 16th to 7 feet for a birdie that stretched his lead. Spieth still had a chance when he birdied both par 5s to get within two shots, and then hit his tee shot to 8 feet behind the hole on the 16th. But he missed the birdie putt, and when he hit into a bunker and failed to save par on the 17th, it was over.

Spieth had led after seven straight rounds at the Masters, a streak that ended in a most cruel fashion. He shot 41 on the back nine for a 73, and was runner-up for the second time in three years.

Lee Westwood, playing with Willett, closed with a 69. He made eagle on the 15th hole to get within one shot of the lead, and then three-putted the 16th hole to fall away. Westwood has played in 72 majors without winning.

Dustin Johnson also had an outside chance, even after four putts for a double bogey on the fifth hole. He missed eagle putts from 15 feet and 20 feet on the par 5s on the back nine, and then took double bogey on the 17th. Johnson closed with a 71 and tied for fourth with Paul Casey (67) and J.B. Holmes (68).

Smylie Kaufman, one shot out of the lead in his Masters debut, closed with an 81.

Willett moves to No. 9 in the world. He once was the leading amateur in the world, only for his professional career to be slowed by back injuries. But he began to show his form on a big stage last year in the Match Play, and by winning in Dubai this year.

MASTERS SCORES

Sunday
At Augusta National Golf Club
Augusta, Ga.
Purse: TBA (last year: $10 million)
Yardage: 7,435; Par: 72
Final
a-amateur

Danny Willett, $1,800,000	67—283
Jordan Spieth (270), $880,000	73—286
Lee Westwood, $880,000	69—286
Paul Casey (127), $413,333	67—287
J.B. Holmes (127), $413,333	68—287
Dustin Johnson (127), $413,333	71—287
Matthew Fitzpatrick, $311,667	67—288
Soren Kjeldsen, $311,667	71—288
Hideki Matsuyama (94), $311,667	73—288
Daniel Berger (73), $230,000	71—289
Jason Day (73), $230,000	73—289
Rory McIlroy (73), $230,000	71—289
Justin Rose (73), $230,000	70—289
Brandt Snedeker (73), $230,000	72—289
Kiradech Aphibarnrat, $175,000	70—291
Louis Oosthuizen (60), $175,000	71—291
Rafa Cabrera Bello, $145,000	70—292
Emiliano Grillo (54), $145,000	72—292
Billy Horschel (54), $145,000	72—292
Danny Lee (54), $145,000	71—292
Jamie Donaldson (49), $116,000	72—293
Brooks Koepka (49), $116,000	72—293
a-Bryson DeChambeau, $0	72—293
Angel Cabrera (45), $89,000	75—294
Bill Haas (45), $89,000	73—294
Matt Kuchar (45), $89,000	74—294
Bernhard Langer (45), $89,000	79—294
Henrik Stenson (45), $89,000	69—294
Charley Hoffman (40), $68,000	74—295
Smylie Kaufman (40), $68,000	81—295
Scott Piercy (40), $68,000	74—295
Webb Simpson (40), $68,000	72—295
Jimmy Walker (40), $68,000	75—295
Sergio Garcia (36), $56,500	71—296
Kevin Streelman (36), $56,500	71—296
Bernd Wiesberger, $56,500	72—296
Kevin Kisner (34), $50,250	72—297
Bubba Watson (34), $50,250	71—297
Shane Lowry (31), $46,000	75—298
Justin Thomas (31), $46,000	71—298
a-Roman Langasque, $0	68—298
Victor Dubuisson, $37,000	74—299
Harris English (26), $37,000	76—299
Anirban Lahiri (26), $37,000	75—299
Davis Love III (26), $37,000	77—299
Troy Merritt (26), $37,000	75—299
Adam Scott (26), $37,000	76—299
Chris Wood, $37,000	79—299
Martin Kaymer, $27,467	72—300
Jon Rahm (21), $27,467	71—300
Patrick Reed (21), $27,467	76—300
Keegan Bradley (19), $24,900	77—301
Larry Mize (19), $24,900	74—301
Hunter Mahan (17), $24,200	76—302
Kevin Na (16), $23,400	72—303
Cameron Smith (16), $23,400	74—303
Thongchai Jaidee, $23,000	78—307

SPIETH

From 1C

deep enough in the ground to dislodge a piece of turf the size of toupee, and sent the ball ballooning a measly 48.

Kerplunk!

Spieth's third try was from 70 yards and this one flew 80, into a back bunker. An explosion shot, another putt, a quadruple bogey and though seven holes remained — enough for Willett to pile on three birdies — the tournament was basically decided. The deficit was too big.

Though Spieth's total for the day was only 73, little else about it felt respectable.

As he walked off the 18th and toward the scoring office, the gallery ropes pulled taut to hold back the crowd, that small corner of Augusta National became an echo chamber. Applause from fans lining both sides built to a roar. For the rest of the walk to the clubhouse, Spieth kept his nose stuck in the notebook holding his scorecard.

It wasn't that the math was so difficult; more likely, Spieth was still having some difficulty believing what he saw. A few moments later, after signing his scorecard, he turned up in Butler Cabin to put the green jacket on Willett and in one last indignity, nearly tripped getting out of his chair.

He expects to have that falling feeling for some time.

"Big picture," Spieth said finally, "this one will hurt. It will take a while."

NBAROUNDUP

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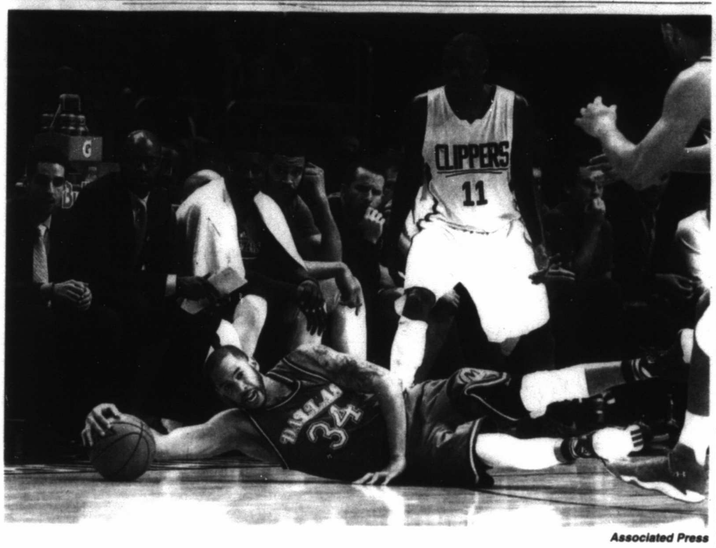

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Dallas Mavericks guard Devin Harris, left, dives for the ball as Los Angeles Clippers guard Jamal Crawford watches during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Sunday, in Los Angeles.

CLIPPERS 98
MAVERICKS 91

LOS ANGELES — Jamal Crawford scored 22 points and Los Angeles beat Dallas, snapping the Mavericks' six-game winning streak and preventing them from clinching a playoff berth.

J.J. Redick added 20 points and Blake Griffin had 17 points and 11 rebounds in his best game since returning a week ago from a three-month absence to help the playoff-bound Clippers win their fifth in a row.

Raymond Felton led Dallas with 21 points, Deron Williams added 15, and Dirk Nowitzki 14.

The loss kept the Mavs (41-39) in seventh place in the Western Conference, a game behind Memphis with two games to play. Dallas needs either a victory or a Houston loss to clinch a playoff berth for the 15th time in 16 years. The Rockets beat the Lakers 130-110 on Sunday.

ROCKETS 130
LAKERS 110

HOUSTON — James Harden scored 20 of his 40 points in the fourth quarter, and Houston kept its playoff hopes alive with a victory over Los Angeles.

Harden also had 13 assists. Trevor Ariza and Patrick Beverley each 19 points for the Rockets.

Kobe Bryant, who has just two games left before his retirement, had 35 points for Los Angeles. Jordan Clarkson had 21 points and eight rebounds.

PACERS 129
NETS 105

INDIANAPOLIS — Myles Turner had 28 points and 10 rebounds and Indiana beat Brooklyn to clinch a playoff berth.

Solomon Hill had 13 points and 12 rebounds, George Hill had 18 points, Ian Mahinmi 16, and Paul George 15. The Pacers jumped ahead 17-5 in the first quarter and led by as many as 42 points.

Sean Kilpatrick led the Nets with 26 points. Markel Brown had 18 points and 11 rebounds.

The Pacers have two games left and can still finish as high as seventh in the Eastern Conference if they finish with the same record as Detroit.

JAZZ 100
NUGGETS 84

DENVER — Trey Lyles scored a career-high 22 points in an unexpected start, Gordon Hayward helped fuel a 24-0 third-quarter run and Utah beat Denver to maintain its one-game lead over Houston for the last Western Conference playoff spot.

Lyles got the start when Derrick Favors was a late scratch because of right knee soreness. Hayward scored 10 of his 22 points in a pivotal third quarter that saw Utah turn the game into a rout.

RAPTORS 93
KNICKS 89

NEW YORK — DeMar DeRozan converted a tie-breaking three-point play with 1:05 left on a night he became Toronto's No. 2 career scorer, and the Raptors beat New York to stay alive for the No. 1 seed in the Eastern Conference.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
y-Toronto	54	26	.675	—
x-Boston	47	32	.588	7
New York	32	49	.395	22 1/2
Brooklyn	21	59	.263	33
Philadelphia	10	70	.125	44
Southeast Division				
x-Atlanta	48	32	.600	—
x-Miami	47	33	.588	1
x-Charlotte	46	34	.575	2
Washington	39	41	.488	9
Orlando	34	46	.425	14
Central Division				
y-Cleveland	56	24	.700	—
x-Indiana	43	37	.538	13
x-Detroit	43	37	.538	13
Chicago	40	40	.500	16
Milwaukee	33	47	.413	23

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Southwest Division				
y-San Antonio	65	15	.813	—
x-Memphis	42	38	.525	23
Dallas	41	39	.513	24
Houston	39	41	.488	26
New Orleans	30	50	.375	35
Northwest Division				
y-Oklahoma City	54	26	.675	—
x-Portland	43	38	.531	11 1/2
Utah	40	40	.500	14
Denver	33	48	.407	21 1/2
Minnesota	28	52	.350	26
Pacific Division				
z-Golden State	72	9	.889	—
x-L.A. Clippers	52	28	.650	19 1/2
Sacramento	32	48	.400	39 1/2
Phoenix	22	58	.275	49 1/2
L.A. Lakers	16	64	.200	55 1/2

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

Scores & schedule

Sunday's Games
Washington 113, Charlotte 98
L.A. Clippers 98, Dallas 91
Houston 130, L.A. Lakers 110
Utah 100, Denver 84
Milwaukee 109, Philadelphia 108, OT
Miami 118, Orlando 96
Indiana 129, Brooklyn 105
Golden State 92, San Antonio 86
Toronto 93, New York 89

Monday's Games
Atlanta at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Milwaukee at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Washington at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Chicago at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Utah, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

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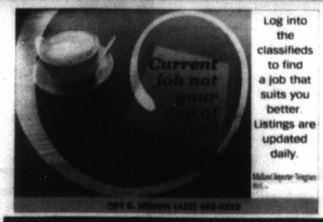

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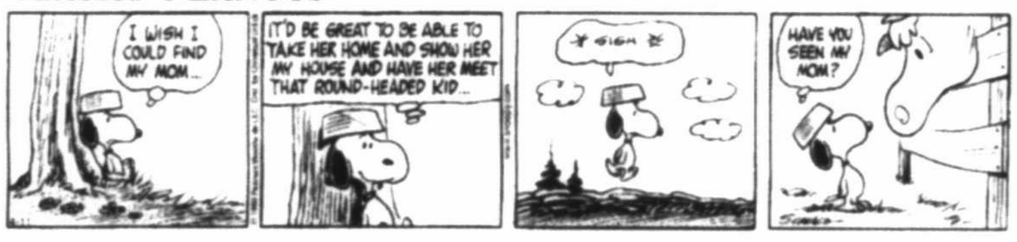

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GARFIELD

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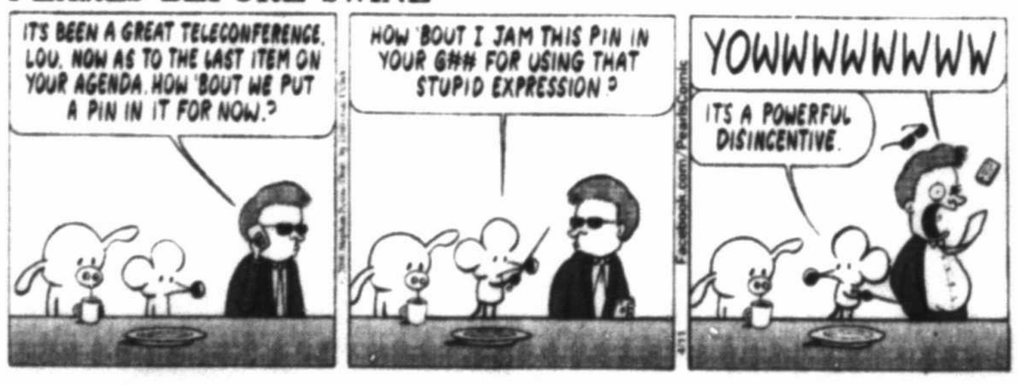

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Hearing that their neighbors had set up a remote wildlife camera, Phil and Mary decided to spice things up a bit

DENNIS THE MENACE

"MRS. WILSON BROUGHT US SOME FRESH VEGETABLES FROM HER GARDEN."

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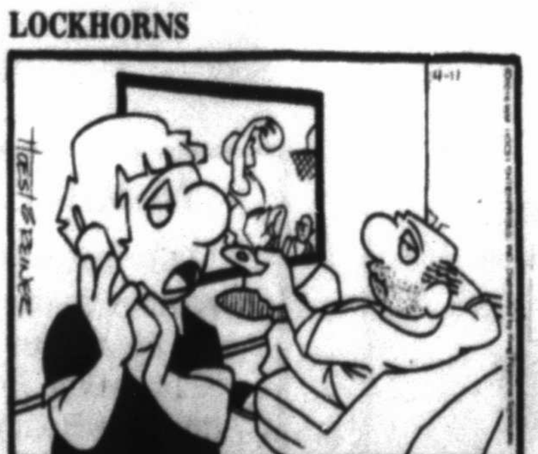

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FAMILY CIRCUS

"We'll be back next week, Grandma! You can enjoy us again then."

TODAY: Mostly sunny	TUESDAY: Showers	WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny	THURSDAY: Sunny	FRIDAY: Mostly sunny	SATURDAY: Sunny
High: 78 Low: 45	High: 66 Low: 49	High: 73 Low: 54	High: 81 Low: 57	High: 81 Low: 58	High: 79 Low: 61

Local forecast

The National Weather Service forecast for the week includes a 50 percent chance of showers on Tuesday night and 20 percent chance during the day on Tuesday and Wednesday. There also is a chance of showers on Friday.

The record high for April 10 is 95 set in 1948. The record low is 30 set in 1952. On April 10 of last year, the high was 75 and the low was 52.

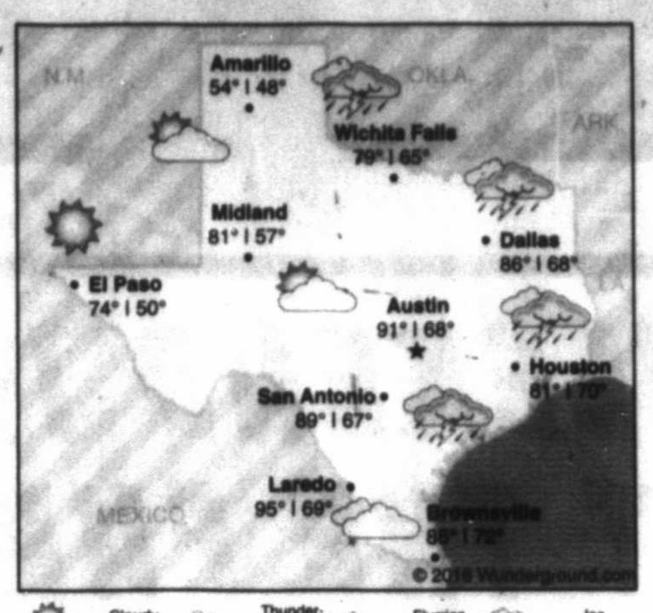
Weather brief

To Help Curb Climate Change, Stop Wasting Food

Reducing food waste around the world would help curb emissions of planet-warming gases, lessening some of the impacts of climate change such as more extreme weather and rising seas, scientists said in a new study.

Up to 14 percent of emissions from agriculture in 2050 could be avoided by managing food use and distribution better, according to the study from the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK).

"Agriculture is a major driver of climate change, accounting for more than 20 percent of overall global greenhouse gas emissions in 2010," said co-author Prajal Pradhan.



Cloudy, Partly Cloudy, Showers, Thunderstorms, Rain, Flurries, Snow, Ice

Precipitation

Saturday	0.46 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	1.08 in.
Year total	1.90 in.
Normal total (year to date)	2.09 in.

Sunday's temperatures

High	86
Low	62
Normal high	78
Normal low	47
Sunrise	7:24 a.m.
Sunset	8:16 p.m. p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Monday, April 11

Sunny, Pt. Cloudy, Cloudy

Showers, Rain, T-storms, Flurries, Snow, Ice

Friend of abused husband hesitates to get involved

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: I have a friend, "Ed," who dated a woman who put him down regularly. He was often depressed, and we would discuss what was wrong. Eventually I told him I didn't think she was good for him and he should end it. Instead, he became reluctant to tell me if anything was wrong.

When they got engaged, everyone was shocked. Ed explained it by saying they had been dating for several years so an engagement seemed "logical." Although many of his friends thought he was making a mistake, we offered our congratulations and support.

The other day, by coincidence, I read an article on the subject of female-on-male domestic abuse and realized that Ed's wife — although she doesn't physically harm him — demonstrates all the signs of an abuser. Part of me wants to discuss my concerns with Ed, but part of me thinks it's too late because they're already married. And maybe it's none of my business. What would YOU do? — FEARFUL FRIEND

DEAR FRIEND: I would try a more subtle approach than your past efforts. I would share that article with my friend Ed and let him draw his own conclusions.

DEAR ABBY: I work and live in an ethnically and religiously diverse community. There is also a welcoming and open LGBT community here.

While I was having lunch with a new employee, she mentioned that she was married. My first thought was that she was married to a woman, but later it sounded like her spouse was male. I didn't want to be rude so I kept my mouth shut. Is it ever OK to ask the gender of someone's spouse? — POLITE BUT CONFUSED IN OREGON

DEAR POLITE: I don't think so. It would be more tactful to ask the person her spouse's name. However, if the name is gender-neutral, then you should wait till you know the woman better for the answer. Time will tell, even if your co-worker doesn't.

DEAR ABBY: My wife is a nurse who works 36 hours a week. Two years ago she got duped into working for a multilevel marketing company. All she does now in her spare time is try to recruit people. She is never home.

We have two kids. She spends $700 a month on products and makes only $250 a month. Her so-called business is everything to her. She won't get marriage counseling. She says she isn't a quitter. I want a divorce, but I hate the consequences of ending a 15-year marriage.

I need help. It would be so easy to cheat, and I have been tempted more than once, but haven't done it. We are in our 40s, and I feel like a single parent. What do I do? I'm so frustrated. She is basically working for free and thinks she'll be able to retire rich from it. — BRAINWASHED

DEAR BRAINWASHED: The business venture you have described may be a pyramid scheme. Many people have ended up with garages filled with inventory they can't unload and nothing to show for it. If she refuses counseling, then YOU should consider it for yourself, because what has been going on in your marriage for the last two years is unfair to you and your children. Then you can get a clearer picture of what your next steps should be.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 9 ♡ K Q 8 7 6 ◇ Q 10 6 5 ♣ K J 9

As dealer, what call would you make?

A — This hand, with a five-card suit, a singleton, and an easy rebid, is well worth an opening bid, despite only 11 high-card points. Bid one heart.

Q 2 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A K Q 5 ♡ 10 9 ◇ Q 10 ♣ Q 10 8 5 2

Right-hand opponent opens one club. What call would you make?

A — A pass can't be faulted, but the decent overall values and the excellent four-card suit would cause us to overcall. Bid one spade.

Q 3 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q 3 2 ♡ A 8 7 ◇ J 5 ♣ A K Q 9 3

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	2♡*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	Pass

*Transfer to spades

What call would you make?

A — Any call other than pass in this situation is a preference to four spades. Partner might have some slam interest once a fit is found. Why not let him know that you have a good hand for him. Bid four clubs.

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q J 9 6 5 2 ♡ K J ◇ Q 6 ♣ Q 5 2

Right-hand opponent opens one diamond. What call would you make?

A — This hand is worth a simple overcall of one spade, but the isolated queens and the soft values would cause us to pre-empt. Should you agree, bid two spades.

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 Monday, April 11, 2016:

This year you enjoy more levity and your communication skills soar. You are capable of doing the unexpected, surprising others, but also opening new pathways at the same time. Often you have to make choices about your schedule and daily life. If you are single, your social attributes emerge, often making you the life of the party. Others clearly enjoy your company. Expect to keep your dating life light and fun through the summer. After that period, you could meet someone who is quite significant to your life history. If you are attached, the two of you often can be seen swapping news, laughing and enjoying each other's company. Plan on some old-fashioned dates; go out to dinner just the two of you or take off for the weekend. Your bond is enhanced by these special periods. GEMINI makes you laugh and gain a perspective.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You could feel off at first today, but after all, it is Monday. Make calls, reach out to another person, and indulge in one seemingly impulsive act you have been considering. You find that you naturally gravitate to doing what you want, as it seems to work well for you. Tonight: Visiting with a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You could be at the end of the line and wondering what would be best to do. A close associate or partner points to a new direction and choice. You could feel let down by this person, as you feel he or she doesn't get where you are coming from. Tonight: Be open to fast changes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ A personal situation could be even more irritated by the other party, who in some sense seems relentless. Don't allow this situation to drag you down. You cannot change this person; he or she needs to make a decision. Tonight: As you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You will choose to say very little and listen a lot. You might feel tired or out of sorts. Is it time for a checkup? The unexpected occurs when you least anticipate it. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You might want to get past an immediate hassle involving what you feel is a wonderfully creative idea. A child also could be challenging. You might opt to schedule a vacation after your experience this morning. Your fuse seems to have shortened considerably. Someone around you could surprise you with his or her reaction. Tonight: Read between the lines.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ You want to take a stand, but a matter involving your domestic life could be coloring your actions and decisions. You might not be able to change someone's attitude. The unexpected occurs when dealing with a matter that involves you and another person. Tonight: The center of action.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Look beyond the obvious when dealing with another person you really care about. Listen to feedback that comes forward from another party. Still, a loved one or a partner takes off in an unexpected direction or says what is close to impossible. Tonight: Read between the lines.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Your intensity could be marked by a quick change of pace. You could be tired of hitting the same log jam. Certainly being reasonable and having endurance has not worked. Tonight: Allow someone else to make the first gesture.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You might go to excess trying to deal with others. You could feel pushed to the extreme as you juggle different concerns. A child or new friend could be creating a lot of uproar. This person enjoys being somewhat impulsive. Stay mellow in your dealings. Tonight: Sort through the possibilities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You could be rather tired and drawn. You might not be sure which way to go with a child or loved one. You see a personal matter very differently from in the recent past. However, you still might feel somewhat down by what you are visualizing. Let go of the emotions. Tonight: Full of fun.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Allow your imagination to flow. Pressure becomes impossible to walk away from. A friend could become very demanding, knowing exactly what he or she wants or desires. You might not be up for pursuing this course. Tonight: Acting as if you do not have a care in the world.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★ Stay close to home. It might be difficult to complete a project. You will want to find a way around that problem. Be careful with your spending, especially when it comes to making a purchase. Tonight: Allow someone else to make the choice.

BORN TODAY

TV broadcaster Jeremy Clarkson (1960), fashion designer Oleg Cassini (1913), actor Joel Grey (1932)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Spaghetti or ziti
6 In different places
11 What a steamroller steamrolls
14 Moral standard
15 Capital of Yemen
16 Thrilla in Manila winner
17 Understand, finally
19 Caboodle go-with
20 Bill at the bar
21 Tehran native
22 German auto engineer Karl
23 Zone out
27 Mined rock
28 Ticklish Muppet
29 Boom's opposite
32 ID card feature
35 Point de __: opinion, in Paris
38 Revival leader's query ... and hint to the starts of 17-, 23-, 49- and 60-Across
42 Corp. ladder leader
43 En __: as a group
44 Spoken
45 WWII female enlistee
47 Org. with a "100 Greatest Movie Quotes of All Time" list
49 Photographer's instruction
56 Had a bawl
57 Track jockey, e.g.
58 Building wing
59 Swiss peak
60 "Didn't think I could do it, did ya?!"
63 Under the weather
64 Speck in the ocean
65 Beethoven's "Für __"
66 Lao-__: Taoism founder
67 Heart rate
68 Thin coins

DOWN

1 Ones who won't leave you alone
2 Really bugged
3 Biblical queen's land
4 Little songbird
5 More sore
6 Lion of Narnia
7 Sherwin-Williams product
8 Cardio procedure
9 Word of support
10 Skin art, briefly
11 Seek shelter
12 Flared skirt
13 Big name in hotels and crackers
18 Buffalo's lake
22 Emeril catchword
24 __ de boeuf: French roast
25 Alien-seeking org.
26 Underhanded plan
29 Secretly keep in the email loop, briefly
30 Abu Dhabi's fed.
31 Suspected McIntosh relative with pure white flesh
32 TD's six
33 Gives birth to
34 What borrowers do
36 __ Today
37 Subj. for some green-card holders
39 Former auto financing co.
40 A pop
41 Roulette color
46 Verizon rival
47 Aid in a felony
48 Solidified, as plans, with "up"
49 H.G. who wrote "The War of the Worlds"
50 Internet forum troublemaker
51 Backpacking outings
52 Online social appointment
53 Jeans material
54 Admission of defeat
55 Cary of "Glory"
56 Cool one's heels
60 One of a kissing pair
61 Buckeyes' sch.
62 Yale Blue wearer

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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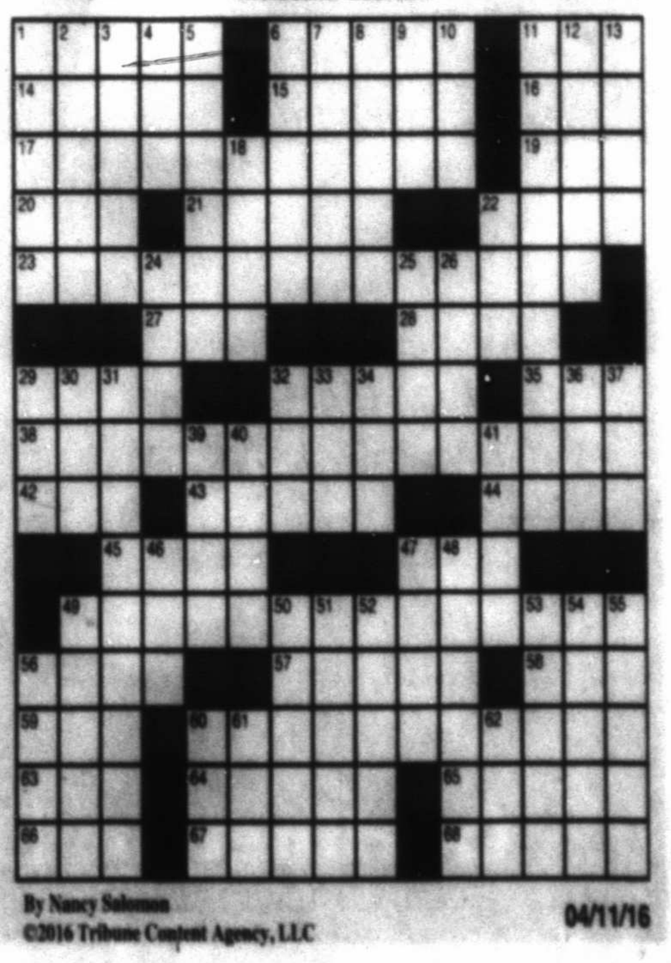

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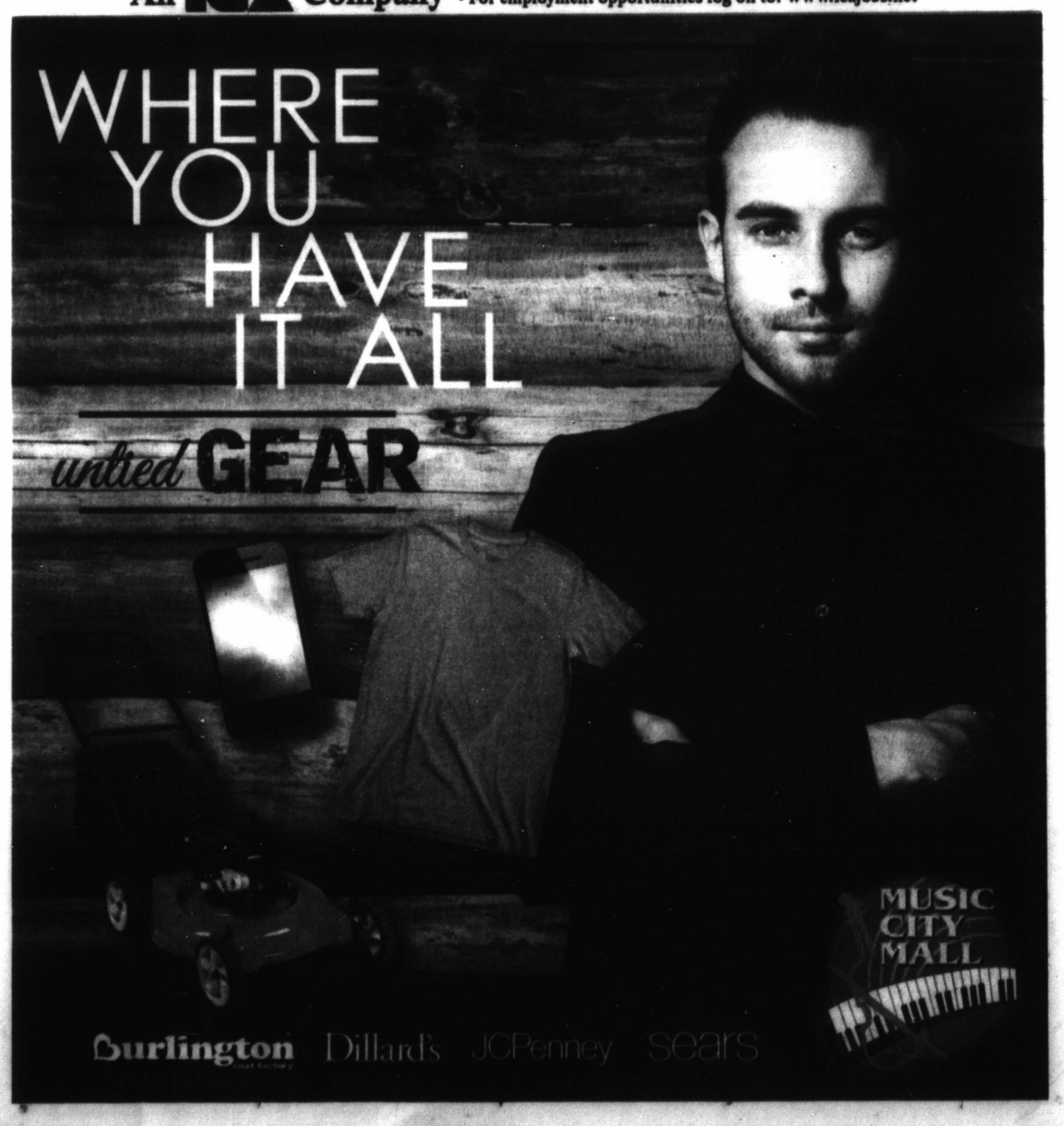

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Legal & Public Notices

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A 2.831 square foot portion of Lot 5, Block 1, Amaron Addition, Section 7, City and County of Midland, Texas

Generally located on the north side of W. Interstate 20, approximately 400 feet east of Johnston Street. (Council District 2)

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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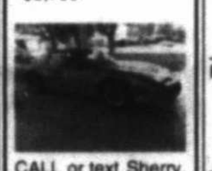

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The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 am on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by request by Arturo Trillo for approval of a Specific Use Permit on:

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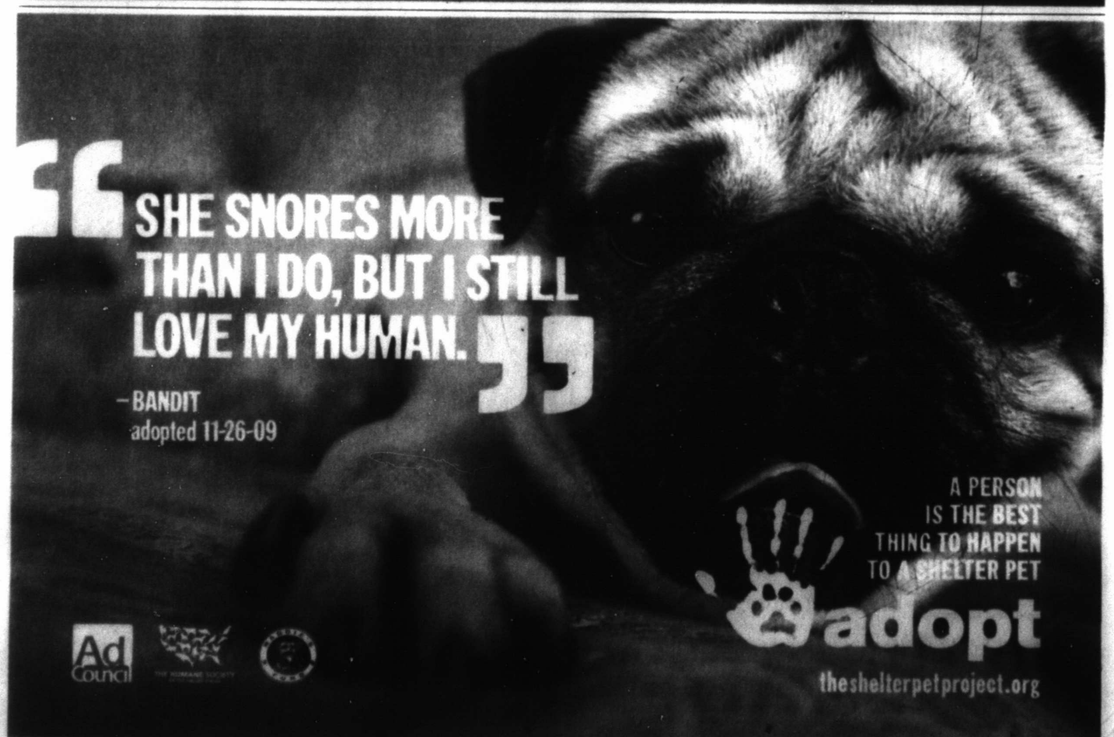
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