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Having lost three consecutive District 3-6A games by one run, the Midland High baseball team entered Wednesday's action in search of some answers. Read more in Sports.

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RRC candidates not up-to-speed on lizard

Gates: 'I haven't read the study to find out why (Hegar)' decided to remove the THCF

Editor's Note: More information from conversations with both the RRC candidates can be found in Sunday's Reporter-Telegram

By Trevor Hawes
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The saga of the dunes sagebrush lizard sat quietly on the shelf for the past few years until recent action by the Texas Comptroller's Office put the story back into headlines.

Comptroller Glenn Hegar in February removed the Texas Habitat Conservation Foundation from monitoring the protection preservation of the dunes sagebrush lizard in West Texas.

The Comptroller's Office made the move because the foundation, set up by lobby group the Texas Oil and Gas Association, failed to perform its duties, such as habitat restoration work and monitoring "drillers and other landowners to ensure they were performing conservation measures to protect the dunes sagebrush lizard," according to an Austin American-Statesman report that broke the news.

The Comptroller's Office has been charged with overseeing Texas' endangered-species issues since the 2011 legislative session, amid concerns at that time that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would list the dunes sagebrush lizard as a threatened species.

Such action would have put several areas of eastern New Mexico and West Texas off-limits to oil and natural gas production.

While oversight of the dunes sagebrush lizard is not under its direct purview, the Railroad Commission has an interest in matters involving the oil and gas industry, which it regulates.

Republican RRC run-off primary candidates were in Midland on Wednesday to speak briefly to attendees at the Midland County Republican Women luncheon about why voters should choose them for the general election. Former state Rep. Wayne Christian and businessman Gary Gates are looking to replace Railroad Commissioner David Porter, who is not seeking re-election.

Christian and Gates shared a few minutes with the Reporter-Telegram to discuss issues facing the RRC and the oil and gas industry. Neither was particularly familiar with the recent dunes sagebrush lizard issue.

"I haven't read the study to find out why (Hegar) did that," Gates said when asked about the Comptroller's Office decision to remove the THCF and the effectiveness of the Texas Conservation Plan.

When asked if the Comptroller's Office or another agency should oversee Texas' endangered-species matters, Gates said, "I don't know what agency best handles that."

Christian was asked about the same

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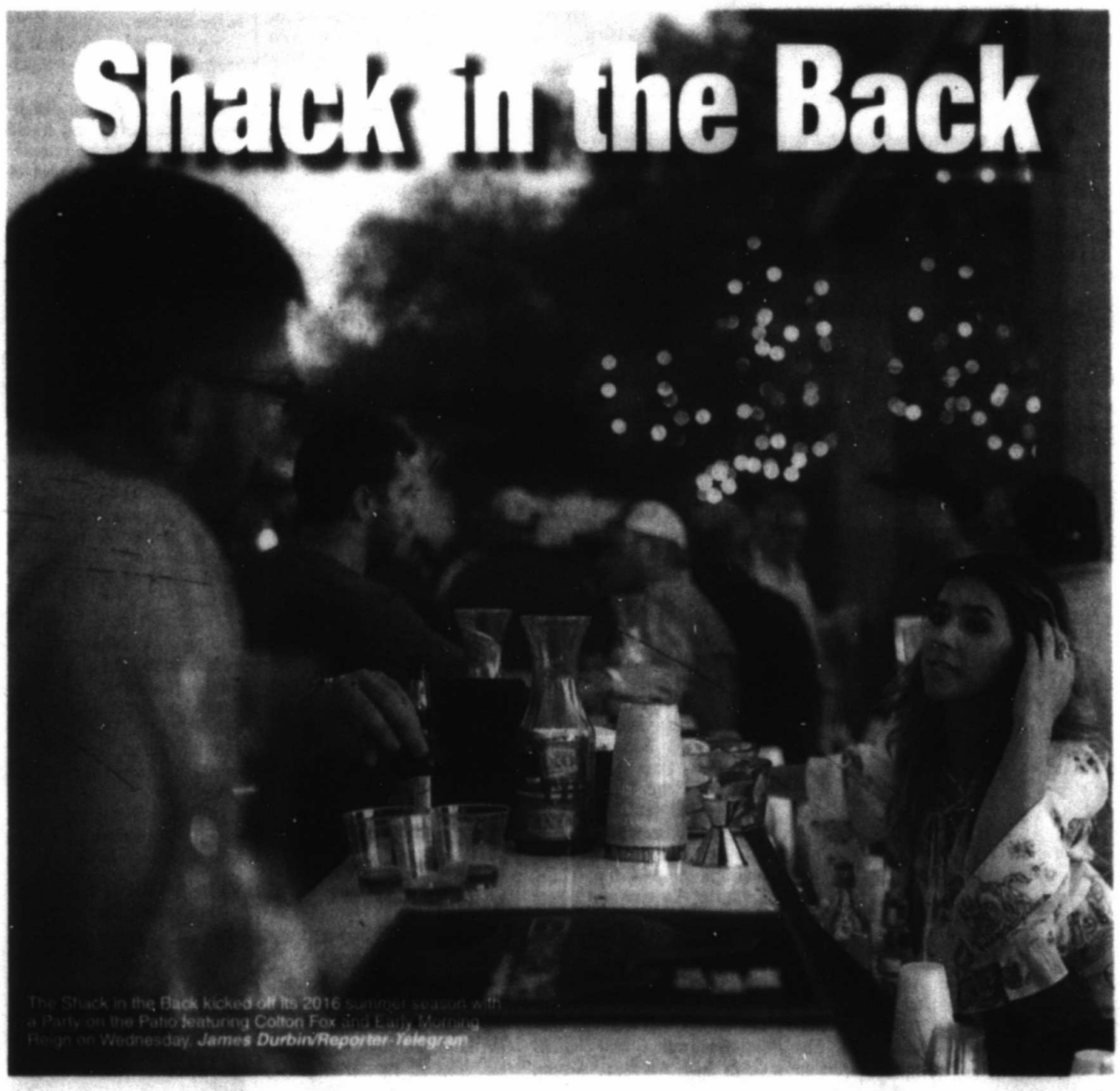

Shack in the Back

The Shack in the Back kicked off its 2016 summer season with a Party on the Patio featuring Colton Fox and Easy Morning Reign on Wednesday. *James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram*

UTPB releases 'exclusion zone' recommendations for campus carry

By Cassie Burton
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ODESSA — In accordance with Senate Bill 11, which allows individuals to carry concealed handguns on public university campuses, the University of Texas of the Permian Basin created a "Campus Carry Committee" and on Wednesday released a list of recommendations for implementing the new law.

The law goes into effect on Aug. 1 and allows for institution presidents to "establish reasonable rules" so long as they do not "have the effect of generally prohibiting license holders" from campus carry, according to a press release.

The recommendations were to ban concealed carry on: the campus' STEM Academy; two wings in the Founders Building where Early College High School takes place; the Counseling Center, also located inside a wing of the Founders Building; the Child Care Center, but not the Student Activities Center (where the CCC is located) because little traffic exists between the two facilities; ticketed sporting events on campus; research labs because they contain volatile chemicals; chemical and biology labs while they are in use by students (with temporary signage acting as sufficient notice during those hours); the Student Testing and Accommodations Center, and UTPB housing units that include shared rooms (but not single units).

The document released by UTPB clarified each of the measures where needed. Child care centers have licensing regulations by the state that prohibit carrying weapons, which is why the CCC was listed. Sporting events are automatically excluded as a concealed carry zone by law. Some testing organizations such as the Educational Testing Service prohibit weapons so the testing center was included to avoid the difficulty of handling students taking other

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MPD officer arrested for alleged assault

By Erin Stone
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A Midland Police Department officer was arrested in Odessa on Monday for allegedly assaulting a woman, according to court documents.

Rudy Robles, 23, was released Tuesday on bond for a charge of simple assault.

OPD officers were called to an apartment complex in Odessa in reference to a disturbance, according to the arrest affidavit. A woman stated that she was assaulted by Robles, according to the affidavit.

Robles allegedly started drinking alcoholic beverages Sunday evening and had continued to drink throughout the night, according to the affidavit. The woman and Robles got into a verbal argument about how much alcohol he was consuming and she started to pour out the alcohol, according to the affidavit.

Robles

Robles then grabbed her right arm and wrist and began to pull her, according to the affidavit. She told him to let her go, but he would not, according to the affidavit.

OPD officers observed small scratches on the woman's right wrist and underarm.

Officers could detect a strong odor of alcohol emitting from Robles' breath and observed that his eyes were red and his speech was slurred, according to the affidavit.

Robles, who has been with the department for three years, is currently on paid administrative leave, which is standard protocol while MPD Internal Affairs completes an investigation, said Midland public information officer Sara Bustilloz. There haven't been any previous issues with Robles, Bustilloz said.

"The decision could include a variety of things, so usually while the investigation is happening the employee is on paid administrative leave," Bustilloz said. "We usually wait until there's a decision made before we send out a news release on it."

In addition to Robles, two other Midland police officers were arrested in the past 10 years, Bustilloz said in response to a public information request.

Former MPD officer Jason R. Moore was terminated in August 2008 for a misdemeanor charge of official oppression, according to a previous Reporter-Tele-

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Energy prices

WTI Futures	$41.70	▼ $0.41
WTI Posted	$39.25	▼ $0.60
WTB Posted	$35.70	▼ $0.80
Natural Gas	$2.095	▲ $0.032
Gasoline	$1.833	▲ $0.021

The big number
A man will serve
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Word of the Day: cortaceous
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Obituaries

Carol Yates Switzer

Carol A. Hayes Yates Switzer, beloved mother, grandmother, and sister, departed this world March 28, 2016 surrounded by her family. She was 81 years old.

Carol was born August 21, 1934 in Springfield, Illinois to parents Kenneth E. and Carrie Grooms Hayes. She resided in Decatur, Illinois for many years. In 1969, she married Jack D. Switzer and moved to Midland, Texas. Carol loved Texas and said she may not be a native, but got here as fast as she could.

Carol lovingly raised seven children. She was an amazing mother with never-ending patience and an understanding heart. She nurtured, encouraged, and supported her children, instilling values and integrity. She saw the good in everyone, and people were naturally drawn to her. Her zest for life, sense of humor, and wonderful laugh were well known.

Carol was brilliant in mind and spirit, artistic, outgoing, with a broad range of interests. She had a passion for family history and genealogy, was an avid reader, gardener, hobbyist, and birdwatcher. She studied the birds of Texas, enjoying many birding expeditions with her daughter Caryn.

In her younger days, she enjoyed camping and fishing with her family, and outfished everyone. She was a champion carp fisherwoman. She loved playing indoor and outdoor games with her children and their friends at a home where everyone was welcome.

Carol had an unquenchable thirst for knowledge, travel, places and people. Her greatest love was her family, all of whom adored her.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Jack Switzer; her stepdaughter, Nancy New; son, Cary Yates; sister, Linda Blair; and brother William Hayes.

Carol is survived by her brother, Charles Hayes of Shelbyville, Indiana; her children: daughters, Tracy Yates of Midland and Caryn Stoner of Odessa; sons, Kenneth Yates and wife Leslie of Utah, and Kevin Yates and wife Paula, and Chris Yates and wife Cheryl, all of Midland; grandchildren, Karrie Yates, Shay Wright, Tyler Yates, Phillip Yates, Mandy Marquez, Misty Yates, Samantha Lopez, Adria Sowell, Taylor Rountree, Bailey Yates, Misty Pace, and Marissa Lovera; as well as many step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Carol touched many lives and will be deeply mourned and missed.

A memorial service will take place at St Paul United Methodist Church in Midland on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Clifton Wilderspin

Clifton "Cliff" Wilderspin, 94, passed peacefully in his sleep on the morning of April 7, 2016. He was born February 23, 1922 to Clifton and Alta "Estelle" Wilderspin in Grand Saline, Texas. It was the challenging experiences of his youth that inspired him to strike out into the world.

After graduating from Paschal High School in Ft. Worth Texas, Cliff joined the National Guard in 1938, and was then assigned to the 56th Army Calvary Brigade, where he served as Platoon Sergeant at Fort Brown in Brownsville Texas, until 1942. Later he served with the Army Air Corps where he trained bombardiers. Upon moving to Midland in 1947, Cliff worked with Pure Oil Co. as a scout, and for Honolulu Oil Co. and ultimately transitioned into a lengthy career as an Independent Landman. In 1965 Cliff partnered with Bernie House to form the independent land brokerage company called Wilderspin & House, Inc. He remained in the oil and gas industry for the rest of his days. Cliff was a member of the American Association of Petroleum Landmen; Permian Basin Landman's Association and New Mexico Landman's Association. Cliff was a member of the Masons and he was an active supporter of the Shriners Children's Hospitals.

He married Terrence Kearney in November of 1943 in San Angelo and had one daughter, Cheryl. Cliff and Terry bought a ranch in Las Vegas, New Mexico in the early 1980's. They raised cattle and bred and raised race horses, which was a passion of Cliff's for 36 years. In his younger days, he enjoyed playing Polo, golfing, hunting and fishing. He also acquired his pilot's license in 1956 and enjoyed flying planes for many years. Cliff and Terry loved Midland, their friends, family and of course, their dogs.

Those who knew him best remember Cliff as a kind but strong man. Cliff will always be remembered for his ornery personality and eyebrow raising advice. He was always quick to help a friend, and was equally as quick to tease a friend in good natured jest. He was a master story-teller and captivated many an audience with tales ranging from humorous to heartbreaking. His second home was found out at Midland Country Club, where his wit and company was most often shared around a game of gin.

We thank you all for your generosity, friendship and support of "Cliff". A special thank you to the staff and volunteers at Hospice of Midland. We appreciate all of your time and thoughtfulness. He was in great hands with all of you and we are grateful to have had such loving, caring people around to help.

Cliff is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, daughter and sister, Roberta Reuter. He is survived by three grandsons, Dustin Pannell and wife Christine of Midland, Texas; Colton Pannell and wife Melissa of Aledo, Texas; and Nathan Pannell of Midland, Texas. Also, three great grandchildren, Sydney Pannell, Ryan Pannell and Katelynn Pannell. His nephew, Bob and wife Karen Reuter and family, and cousin Jack Wilderspin and family, from Cambridge England.

Cliff was an oilman, rancher, cowboy and friend who lived a long and fulfilling life, bringing laughter and love to all who knew him. He will be deeply missed.

Cliff's wishes were to have his ashes spread at the family ranch in New Mexico. A memorial service will be held at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel in Midland Texas, Saturday April 16, 2016 at 1:00 pm. Immediately following the service, the family will receive friends to honor and celebrate the life of Cliff, at the Midland Country Club. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Hospice of Midland or charity of your choice.

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

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

David Moffatt

David K. Moffatt was born in Lamesa, Texas on May 27, 1954 and died on April 6, 2016.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mike Moffatt and Olene Stephens Moffatt; and by his brother, Larry Moffatt of Midland.

David spent his childhood in Seminole and Lamesa, Texas. He was graduated from Lamesa High School and attended North Texas University.

David was an accomplished carpenter, performing many finishing carpenter jobs in the Midland area over the last 30 years. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his brother, John M. Moffatt; nieces, Tambera, Dana, and Susan; and a nephew, Brandt and by their children.

Please note the service date change:

A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 15, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at American Heritage Cemetery, Funeral Home, Crematory, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas, 79707. Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage.

American Heritage Cemetery & Funeral Home — The Healing Starts Here.

Donnette Schwisow

Donnette Schwisow was born November 22, 1940 in Elk City, Oklahoma to Donovan and Sadie Martin. She was a graduate of Harlingen High School and Southern Methodist University. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in French and Spanish. She also attended the University of Mexico in Mexico City.

Donnette was co-owner with Barbara Tom Jowell of Life Strategies, a seminar/consulting firm for people facing life changes. She and Ms. Jowell authored the book After He's Gone: A Guide for Widowed and Divorced Women.

Donnette was an active member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church and served as chairwoman and coordinator of the Lay Shepherd Program. Additionally, she actively volunteered and served the community of Midland. As part of the steering committee, she helped to establish The Family Wellness Center and Hospice of Midland. She also served as president of the Junior League of Midland and The Minuet Club. She served as secretary-treasurer on the board of Clearview Hospital.

Additionally, she was involved with MOHRE, the Museum of the Southwest, Community and Senior Citizens Inc. and the Midland College Advisory Council. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

Donnette loved the sports of tennis, jogging, and walking. She and husband Ron were avid travelers. She gathered weekly with a group of women who came to be known as the "Lunch Bunch." Donnette was truly a faithful and devoted wife, stepmom, grandma and friend.

Donnette is preceded in death by her parents, Don and Sadie Martin; her brother, George Martin; her first, husband Mac Williams; and her stepson, Tom Schwisow.

She is survived by her husband, Ron Schwisow; her stepson, Jay Schwisow and his wife Kristi; and her grandchildren, Neil, Kayla, Amber, Joshua, Mercy, and Melissa; and by her great-grandchildren, Lacy, Jerusha, Norah, and Emory.

Memorials may be directed to St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3011 West Kansas, Midland, Texas 79701 or Hospice of Midland, Inc. P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702.

A memorial service will be held at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3011 West Kansas, Midland, Texas at 10:00 am Saturday April 16, 2016.

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Doris Munger

Doris Munger, 85, of Midland passed away on April 6, 2016. A memorial service will be held at 2:00pm on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 North Midkiff Road, Midland, TX 79705. Prelude music beginning at 1:45pm by cousin Andrew Callimahos and daughter Marilyn Munger.

Doris Amaryllis Dritsas was born on August 4, 1930 in New York City, New York to Athanasios Constantine Dritsas and Helene Andreou. She was a first generation American of Greek descent and lived a life filled with the joy of music. She grew up in a very musical home and received her early training in violin and voice from Haig Papazian and Zvi Zeitlin of the Julliard School. She graduated from Music and Art High School and Hunter College in New York City and received a scholarship to study orchestra and chamber music at the Berkshire Music Center of Tanglewood where she met her future husband, clarinetist Leland Munger. Throughout her life and career, Doris performed in numerous professional orchestral, choral, and chamber music organizations and churches in San Antonio, Austin, Big Spring, and Midland, Texas, St. Louis, Missouri, Boulder, Littleton, Vail, and Aspen, Colorado, Incline Village, Carson City and Reno, Nevada and Rome, Italy. In addition to performing, she taught music in public and private schools and colleges as well as private lessons in her home. Doris was a loving mother and aunt and instilled a love of music in her children and was a joyful participant in life with her large extended family and friends. She had a generous and adventurous spirit and she loved to travel and inspired all who knew her with her wit and enthusiasm.

She is preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Aurelia Marie Horner and Gloria Gene Tchor; and brother Constantine Athanasios Dritsas.

She is survived by her son, David Munger; daughter, Marilyn Munger; daughter and son-in-law Diana and Steve Manweiler; grandson, Zack Manweiler; sister, Anna Theresa Tough; former husband Leland Munger; cousins; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be donated in her name to Christ Church Anglican Music Ministry.

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

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

Frances Vitale Harte Wallace

Frances Vitale Harte Wallace, 73, of Midland, passed away on April 12, 2016.

Frances was born on November 8, 1942 to Virginia Marteny Vitale and Leo S. Vitale in Canton, Ohio. She lived most of her life in the Canton, Massillon, and Cleveland, Ohio area.

Fran graduated from Timken Vocational High School in Canton. She retired from Barbco, Inc. of E Canton in 2005.

She moved to Midland in January of 2005 and married Richard H. Wallace on April 14, 2005.

Fran was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband, Richard H Wallace of Midland; her children, Leo James Vitale Harte of North Carolina, Ernest Reed Harte of Midland, and Richard Earle Harte of Ohio. Fran has four sisters and one brother: Leona Peddicord, Judy Willard, Sharon Graf, Cindy Kelly, and Leo Vitale. She has 12 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

There are no services scheduled at this time.

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

Ellis Funeral Home Funerals & Cremations — Dignity — 801 Andrews Hwy. (432) 683-3335

Genevieve Irene Ketter

November 6, 1920 - April 11, 2016

Genevieve Irene Ketter, daughter of James and Anna Fleming, is predeceased by her husband, John R. Ketter, on December 25, 1990; brothers, John, Archie, Clarence, Boots, and Francis; and by sisters, Florence and Grace.

She is survived by her children, Bob (YoYo), Jim (Yolanda), Mike, Pat Snyder (Wes), Mary Ketter, and Beth Frederickson (Bill); 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and by several nieces and nephews.

Ginny arrived in Texas in 1952. She and John purchased Green Acres Miniature Golf Course in 1956. They enjoyed many years at Green Acres and retired in 1984.

Ginny was a lifelong member of Parent-Teacher Association and spent several years as a Pink Lady at Midland Memorial Hospital.

She was a parishioner of St. Ann's Catholic Church and volunteered there often. She played many rounds of bridge and poker with her pals.

We would like to thank the staff at Serenity Living for taking such great care of MeMe. We truly appreciate it.

There will be a Rosary at St. Ann's Catholic Church on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

A Mass will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2016 also at St. Ann's.

In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to St. Ann's Catholic School to the attention of Joan Wilmes at 2000 W. Texas, Midland, Texas 79701.

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

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Linda Cote

Linda Cote, age 63, went to be with our Lord April 10, 2016 in Midland, TX. Linda was born in San Angelo, Texas on May 28th, 1952.

She worked most of her life in the service of others as a hospice nurse and home caregiver, which was fitting of her caring and loving nature. Throughout her career she touched many lives and made many lifelong friends. Over the last several years she became close friends with Mrs. Mary Lou Wilson and her family of Midland. When she was not helping others, Linda enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

She loved working on arts and craft projects and going to the movies.

She was especially fond of spoiling her two dogs Shadow and Summer.

Linda was a loving daughter, mother, sister and friend and she will be deeply missed by those she leaves behind.

Linda is survived by her mother Jean Knittel; her brother Joey Knittel, sister in law Tonya Knittel all of Midland; daughter, Kimberly and son in law David Binyon of San Angelo; son, William Cote and daughter in law Sarah Cote, granddaughters Addison and Avery Cote all of Dallas; nephews Mike and Chris Knittel and nieces Amanda Knittel-Fitting and Sterling Knittel-Kelly.

She was preceded in death by her father Bill Knittel, husband Earl Cote, and brother Johnny Knittel all of Midland.

There will be a Visitation held on Thursday, April 14th, from 6pm to 8pm at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland Texas. A Graveside service will be held Friday, April 15th at 1pm at Serenity Memorial Gardens in Midland Texas.

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

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Susan Margaret Tennis

Susan Margaret Tennis was born in Liverpool, England on June 17, 1955 and died peacefully at home in Everman, Texas, encircled by her loving family, on April 9, 2016 after months of struggle with ovarian cancer.

Sue was brought up on crofts in Aberdeenshire, Scotland and worked in Aberdeen during the early days of the North Sea oil fields. She came to live in Odessa in 1979. Sue's career included spells at the Petroleum Club, the Plaza Club, and Greentree Country Club in Midland and ended at The Colonial Club, Fort Worth, where she was

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She was preceded in death by her son, Mike Lawhon; her mother, Barbara Stephen; and her father, John Des Fountain.

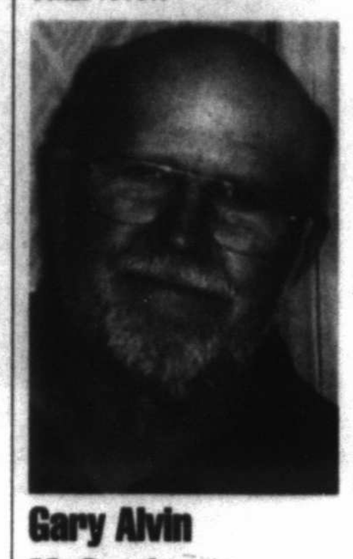
She was a beloved mother to Barbara, Brian and Katrina, and by extension to Jeff, Morgan, Jared and Sarah. She adored her grandchildren, Ethan, Logan, and Callum; Tyler and Clara; and Sabrina. Her cherished sister Jenny, brother-in-law Gordon, step-father Brian, and Jen join with them in mourning her loss.

Throughout her life, she was a fierce protector of animals and enjoyed their company, at times preferring animal to human companionship. In lieu of flowers, Sue asked that donations in her memory could be made to *SPCA.org*.

Sue was beautiful in every way. She always knew when to be kind or when to fight for what was right, and was always doing one of the two. Her work ethic was insurmountable and contagious. Her wisecracks, her wisdom and her huge heart stay with us and will sustain us.

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever
Its loveliness increases; it will never
Pass into nothingness; but still will keep
A bower quiet for us, and a sleep
Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing"
(John Keats)

There will be an informal gathering to celebrate Sue's life from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home, 4100 N FM 1788 Midland, Texas 79707.



Gary Alvin McCumber

Gary Alvin McCumber Born December 5, 1946, passed away Monday, April 11, 2016.

Gary was born, raised and educated in Carrollton, Missouri. Gary was preceded in death by his parents Lawrence A. McCumber and Francis Houseworth; sister, Lois Conner; son, Sam A. McCumber; step-daughter, Alicia M. Frix. Survivors' include wife, Linda M. McCumber; children, Pamela Tracy (Jason); grandchildren, Alex, Tristan, Rowen of San Diego, California, Willie N. Frix (Kortney), grandchildren Aliza, Brenden of Lamesa, Texas, sisters, Sharon Eicker, Kansas City, Missouri and June Stanley, Kansas City, Kansas, numerous nieces and nephews. Gary is also survived by many loving and lifetime friends and acquaintances.

Gary joined the Navy at age seventeen and spent the next fifteen years serving his country. Gary and Linda were married in October of 1968 for eleven years and lived in the San Diego, California area. Life took them in different directions and reunited them in 1999 in Midland, Texas. Gary was a man of many talents, trained and certified in welding, a carpenter and craftsman, always looking for the next project.

In his younger years, Gary was interested in softball and played in many softball leagues. Bowling also followed him through his life and in recent years golfing was his passion and addiction. After retirement two years ago, Gary found his dream job as Golf Marshall at Hogan Park Golf Course in Midland, Texas.

A husband, a father, a grandfather, a brother and a dear friend, Gary will be greatly missed and forever in our hearts.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel, 801 Andrews Hwy. Midland, TX.

Death Notices

Ramona Shults Schall

Ramona Shults Schall died Wednesday, April 13, 2016 in Midland, Texas. A memorial service will be held at 4:00 pm, Saturday, April 16, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland Texas with interment in Seminole OK at a later date.

Survivors include daughter, Karla Schall Colle, one granddaughter; a daughter-in-law; one cousin; and a sister-in-law.

Man gets 20 years, stole purse during Odessa church service

Associated Press

ODESSA — A man convicted of stealing a purse from a West Texas church must serve 20 years in prison for the theft that prompted some worshippers to chase and catch him.

Nicholas Kempf was convicted Tuesday of aggravated robbery and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Prosecutors in Odessa say the purse was hanging from a woman's walker during a 2014 service at Sherwood Baptist Church. Kempf and another man were chased and captured after the purse was snatched.

The bag was returned intact to the owner.

KWES-TV reported Kempf received 20 years for robbery and five years for assault, to be served concurrently. Investigators say Kempf pulled a knife on one of the people chasing him. Nobody was hurt.

The second suspect was being held Wednesday on theft charges.

TODAYINMIDLAND

Things to do

■ Mix at Six by Young Professionals of Midland, 6 p.m., The Blue Door, 4610 N. Garfield St.

■ Midland RockHounds home opener vs. Arkansas Travelers, 7 p.m., Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Drive.

■ Tracing My European Ancestors: A Family Story by Doug Swift Midland Genealogy Society, 7 p.m. Midland County Public Library Centennial, 2503 Loop 250. Free.

■ Aaron Einhouse, 9 p.m., Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. rockinrodeomidland.com.

■ Locash Cowboys, Cody Bryan Band, 9 p.m., Dos Amigos, 4700 Golder Ave., Odessa.$12 advance, $15 door. Dosamigos.com.

■ Cameran Nelson, 10 p.m., The Patio at La Hacienda, 12610 SH 191 haciendamidland.com.

Educate Midland meeting

6-7:30 p.m. today
Greater Ideal Family Life Center
301 S. Tyler St.

Club meetings, support groups today

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

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

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

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

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

■ Permian Basin Needle Arts Chapter of The Embroiderers' Guild of America, 7 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church, 3000 W. Golf Course Road. Paula Millhollon, 770-3156.

■ Bingo, 7-10 p.m., American Legion Post 19, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 682-5511.

■ Oops Alley Clowns of West Texas: 520-3512

Tax day treat

Market Street and Albertsons stores are treating customers to free beans and cornbread on Tax Day. The comfort food will be available from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday in the deli section.

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Baseball skills competition

The city of Midland's Parks and Recreation Department is inviting area youth to test their baseball skills with Major League Baseball's Pitch, Hit, and Run skills competition on April 20.

Children between the ages of 7 and 14 are invited to the free event from 6-8 p.m. on April 20 at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Drive.

Pitch, Hit and Run is the official skills competition of Major League Baseball and is presented by Scott's Boys and girls are divided into four age divisions: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14 and will have the chance to advance levels of competition all the way to the Team Championships at Major League ballparks.

For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 432-685-7355 or contact Recreation Superintendent Joey Jolly by email at jajolly@midlandtexas.gov.

Source: City of Midland

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Today in history

Today is Thursday, April 14, the 105th day of 2016. There are 261 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On April 14, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded by John Wilkes Booth during a performance of "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theater in Washington.

On this date:

In 1828, the first edition of Noah Webster's "American Dictionary of the English Language" was published.

In 1912, the British liner RMS Titanic collided with an iceberg in the North Atlantic at 11:40 p.m. ship's time and began sinking. (The ship went under two hours and 40 minutes later with the loss of 1,514 lives.)

In 1935, the "Black Sunday" dust storm descended upon the central Plains, turning a sunny afternoon into total darkness.

In 1939, the John Steinbeck novel "The Grapes of Wrath" was first published by Viking Press.

In 1956, Ampex Corp. demonstrated the first practical videotape recorder at the National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters Convention in Chicago.

Company proposes nuclear waste storage in New Mexico

Associated Press

HOBBS, N.M. — An energy equipment company has taken steps toward opening a long-term storage facility for spent nuclear fuel in southeastern New Mexico.

Holtec International has submitted a letter of intent to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission about its bid to open a $5 billion Consolidated Interim Storage Facility in Lea County, The News-Sun reported.

Holtec is proposing a long-term facility that could have a lifespan of 100 years. Company officials have said they anticipate initial licensing for the first 40 years.

The company's letter to the NRC says it hopes to submit a site-specific license application by the end of November.

Hobbs Mayor Sam Cobb says the formal notice to the NRC is the latest development in a yearslong process. Cobb is a member of the Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance board, a group of four southeastern New Mexico governments that is selling the 1,000 acres of land in western Lea County and Eddy County that Holtec has its eye on.

The alliance includes the city of Hobbs, Lea County, Eddy County and the city of Carlsbad.

The alliance has entered a tentative agreement to sell the land to Holtec that is contingent upon Holtec receiving the NRC license.

Both houses of the New Mexico Legislature have also passed non-binding measures supporting the alliance's effort to establish an interim storage site for spent nuclear fuel in the area.

Carlsbad Economic Development Director John Waters said he hasn't heard any opposition to the deal yet.

OTHERDEATH

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW YORK

Lucky the Leprechaun voice actor dies in NY at age 93

The actor who gave a sprightly voice to cereal mascot Lucky the Leprechaun in TV commercials for three decades has died in New York. Arthur Anderson was 93.

Anderson stopped singing that Lucky Charms are "magically delicious" in 1992. He said he was constantly stopped in public and asked to sing the tagline, but noted that he never got any free Lucky Charms himself.

Before taking on the role of Lucky, Anderson started in the theater at the age of 10 and later on to radio shows. He also appeared on Broadway with Orson Welles in Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar," in the movies "Midnight Cowboy" and Woody Allen's "Zelig," and on TV's "Law & Order."

Judge gives 'affluenza' teen nearly 2 years in jail

By Nomaan Merchant
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — A judge on Wednesday ordered a Texas teenager who used an "affluenza" defense in a fatal drunken-driving wreck to serve nearly two years in jail, a surprising sanction that far exceeds the several months in jail that prosecutors initially said they would pursue.

Ethan Couch, who was appearing in adult court for the first time after he turned 19 on Monday, received 180 days for each of the four deaths in the June 2013 crash.

Initially, state District Judge Wayne Salvant said he would not immediately rule on how much longer Couch, already in custody since he was arrested in Mexico last year, would spend in the Tarrant County Jail. But he reconsidered his ruling after prosecutors convinced him that Couch should be sentenced not to 120 days in jail for the crash, but to 180 days for each of four counts of intoxication manslaughter under a separate part of Texas code.

Couch had always faced the prospect of adult jail time as part of his probation once his case had moved out of the juvenile system. Prosecutors didn't ask the judge to declare Couch had violated his juvenile probation by fleeing to Mexico with his mother, or to consider it in his ruling.

Each 180-day term will be served consecutively, Salvant ordered. Tarrant County Sheriff Dee Anderson said Wednesday that it was not clear if that would include the time Couch has already spent in jail.

Prosecutors declined to comment afterward on their strategy, citing a gag order Salvant has issued in the case. For months, they had indicated they wouldn't be able to get more than a few months in jail for Couch, though they said he might face decades in prison if he violated his probation as an adult.

But as the hearing Wednesday neared an end, prosecutors said they wanted Salvant to consider a section under the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure that allows a judge to give a defendant facing probation for a felony crime up to 180 days. Prosecutors asked Salvant to issue a "stacked" sentence, running each of the four punishments consecutively.

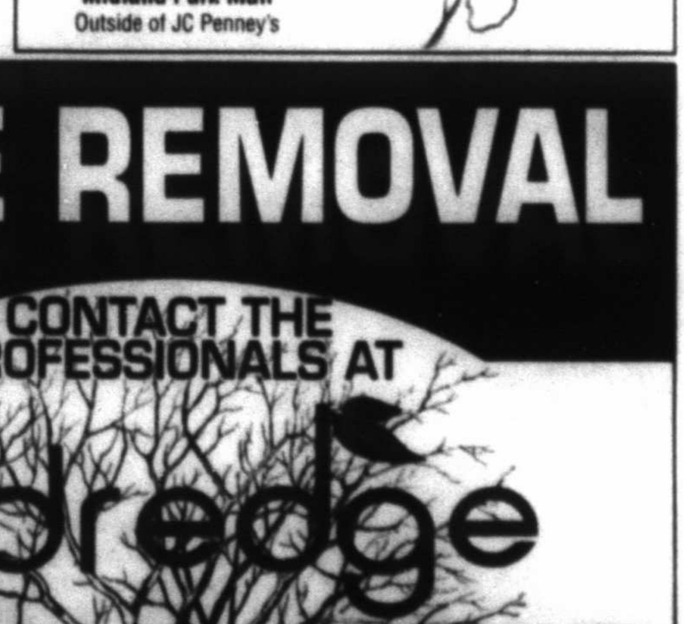
Salvant agreed over the objections of Reagan Wynn, one of Couch's attorneys. But he said he would give both sides two weeks to file any response to his sentence, suggesting that he might reconsider.

The initial sentence of 10 years of probation that Couch received in juvenile court outraged prosecutors and relatives of the victims, which include one teenager who was paralyzed and uses a wheelchair.

The new jail time surprised Greg Coontz, a lawyer who represented one person killed in the crash and another who was injured. Coontz said it was good news that Couch received more punishment, but he questioned whether it was enough to rehabilitate Couch.

"In some ways, it's kind of ironic that at this point he gets so much more time than he did initially," Coontz said. "It almost seems like it worked backward."

Couch lost control of his family's pickup truck after he and his friends had played beer pong and drank beer that some of them had stolen from a Wal-Mart. He veered into a crowd of people helping the driver of a disabled vehicle on the side of the road. Authorities later estimated that he was going 70 mph in a 40 mph zone.



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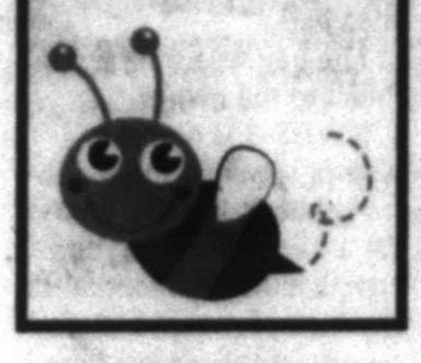

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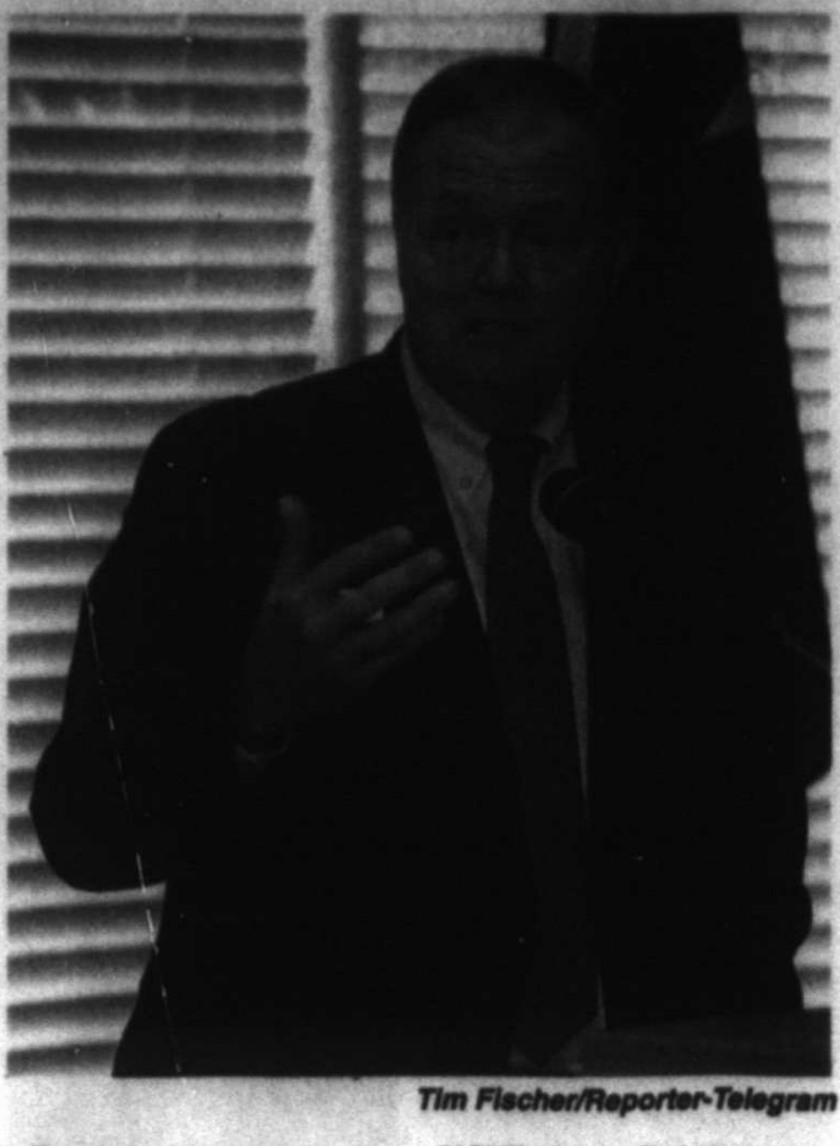

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LEFT: Gary Gates, candidate for Texas Railroad Commission, speaks Wednesday at the Midland County Republican Women's luncheon. **RIGHT:** Wayne Christian, candidate for Texas Railroad Commission, speaks Wednesday at the Midland County Republican Women's luncheon.

LIZARD

From 1A

matters. As for whether the Texas Conservation Plan has failed, "I don't think that it's failed ... but it's a legislative problem," he said, adding that the issue is "not a direct oversight" of the Railroad Commission.

"Now, the (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) is directly involved there," he said. "They will monitor what the Railroad Commission does or any other agency. Glenn Hegar might not want to do it from his end of the building, (but) TCEQ will."

In discussing oversight of endangered-species matters statewide, "The main agency it's addressed for is, again, the TCEQ," he said.

"That's our environmental agency. So, Glenn's probably right for moving it from the Comptroller's Office and do the funding and fiscal issues. If you're trying for environmental causes, the TCEQ is the place he is correct it should go."

Hegar spokeswoman Lauren Willis told the Reporter-Telegram on Wednesday afternoon that the comptroller's dunes sagebrush lizard action was not made so that the office could cede oversight of endangered-species matters to the TCEQ or any other agency. She said the Comptroller's Office has no intention of requesting any changes to its duties and that such changes would have to be decided by the state legislature.

Like Trevor on Facebook and follow him on Twitter at @HowdyHawes.

UTPB

From 1A

tests concurrently with students taking standardized tests.

Family members of housing residents in shared rooming units can carry a concealed weapon while visiting, and staff members required to enter student housing on job-related business may carry.

The committee also included recommendations beyond just gun-free zones. It emphasized teaching basic gun safety, specifically about accidental discharge while cleaning a firearm, and safe handling. It also recommended that students be required to have a combination or biometric gun safe, "acceptable to UTPB" police, for gun storage.

Any resident hall utilized by minors attending campus should become exclusion zones while they are in there, the document said.

As stated in the law and other state laws regulating concealed carry, notice in the form of signage must be given when an area is a "gun-free" zone. The signage can be large signs (in English and Spanish) or be printed on the back of a sporting event ticket, the document said.

The plan will be submitted for approval to the UT Board of Regents on May 11. Students, faculty and staff were part of the weekly committee to consider "implementation of the statute, the safety of the campus and the individual rights," according to an email from UTPB spokeswoman Travis Woodward.

UTPB campus carry recommended exclusion zones

1. UTPB STEM Academy
2. The presence of the Early College High School (ECHS) in wings A and B of the Founders Building will automatically be designated as an exclusion zone based on law.
3. The Counseling Center, which resides in wing C of the Founders Building, is recommended to be declared an exclusion zone based on analogous outside entities.
4. Based on licensing regulations by the state, the committee recommends that the Child Care Center be designated as an exclusion zone. Although the center is located inside the Student Activity Center, there is no traffic between to two facilities and therefore the SAC is not included in this recommendation.
5. Ticketed collegiate sporting events are excluded by law. Therefore, the committee recommends that all locations of sporting events, collegiate or otherwise be designated as exclusion zones.
6. Research labs containing volatile chemicals are considered to be high-risk in the risk management arena. The students using the labs have little to no supervision while they are in the labs. Spillage of chemicals could result in very dangerous conditions, requiring multiple experts to remediate chemical spills, fires, corrosive substances and cancer-causing organics in addition to EMT's for personal physical injury. Some labs have chemicals that are highly corrosive and/or that could present serious inhalation dangers. Research labs containing volatile chemicals are high-risk areas with periodic inspections by university safety officers and difficult enough to manage without adding factors. Research labs with volatile chemical should be designated as exclusion zones.
7. All chemistry and biology labs may not have volatile substances within them; however, the risk in this area is considered to be minimal. If the teaching science labs are used by the ECHS students, they will become an exclusion zone while in use by those students. Temporary signage should suffice as notice.
8. The committee respects the rights of individuals to protect their property such as their domicile. However, some of the UTPB student housing units include shared rooms, and therefore these rooms that are shared are recommended to be exclusions zones. Family members of housing residents should be permitted to carry a concealed weapon while visiting. Also, staff members whose job responsibilities require them to enter student housing should be permitted to carry a gun on or about their person while present in student housing for business purposes.

Students who choose to carry their gun in student housing must provide a combination or biometric gun safe, acceptable to UTPB police, in which the gun shall be stored when it is not on or about the person. Buildings utilized by minors attending camps should become exclusion zones during the times they are used by students of minor age. The committee highly recommends education for students that addresses accidental discharge, particularly while cleaning a gun, in addition to safe and prudent handling of a firearm. Student housing contracts should include a statement that a violation of the concealed carry license or of the university storage requirements could result in termination of the student's contract.

9. The Student Testing and Accommodations Center is recommended to be an exclusion zone because of the stipulations established by certain testing agencies. For example, Educational Testing Service (ETS) mandates that weapons of any kind are prohibited from testing centers. Students taking other tests do so concurrently with students taking standardized tests. Rather than disrupt testing availability for students, the center should be designated as an exclusion zone.

ASSAULT

From 1A

gram article. Early in the morning of June 26, 2008, Moore, along with other patrol officers, responded to a domestic disturbance between a husband and wife, according to the article.

The officers separated the couple and the husband left the scene with the other officers, according to the article. When Moore went with the woman to her vehicle to obtain more information, he subjected her to unwanted sexual advances and asked for sexual favors, according to the article.

The woman reported the incident to MPD and Moore was fired after an investigation, according to the article.

Jaren Speck, a former MPD probation officer, was terminated and arrested and charged with online impersonation on Dec. 13, 2013, according to an MPD press release.

A woman contacted Midland Police Department on Dec. 11 and said Speck had posted seven nude, sexually explicit photographs of her on a website, according to a Reporter-Telegram article.

Speck was placed on administrative suspension on Dec. 12, pending the outcome of the investigation. Speck was charged with online impersonation, which is a third-degree felony.

There is no timeline for the Internal Affairs investigation of Robles, Bustilloz said.

NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MONTANA

Can't hold up this lip-lock: Couple kisses through robbery

BILLINGS — Nothing can stop true love, or at least a good kiss. Not even armed robbers.

Police in Montana's largest city are looking for three suspects who robbed a bar at gunpoint, but they didn't seem to disturb a couple who kissed through the commotion.

An employee of the Tap Inn and several patrons told police in Billings that two men and a woman wearing bandannas and gloves stormed the bar and casino early Monday and demanded money.

Surveillance video from the business shows the bartender quickly opening the cash register and putting his hands in the air, as did other bar patrons, while the amorous couple kept hugging and kissing.

The robbers left with an undisclosed amount of cash, and the bartender called 911.

LOS ANGELES

The Black Keys: Steve Miller 'really disappointed us'

LOS ANGELES — Black Keys' frontman Dan Auerbach says he lost sleep after inducting an openly ungrateful Steve Miller into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame last week, telling Rolling Stone magazine Wednesday he "hated the feeling in my gut of being connected to that negativity."

US says Russian planes buzzed Navy ship in Baltic Sea

By Robert Burns
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Russian attack planes buzzed a U.S. Navy destroyer in the Baltic Sea multiple times Monday and Tuesday, coming as close as an estimated 30 feet from the ship and twice passing below the ship's navigation bridge, U.S. officials said Wednesday.

The Russian Su-24 planes appeared unarmed but on Tuesday flew what the commander of the USS Donald Cook deemed to be a simulated attack profile. The Cook's commander judged the actions unsafe and unprofessional, but the ship took no action beyond trying unsuccessfully to communicate with the aircraft by radio, according to a statement by U.S. European Command.

The U.S. European Command, which oversees U.S. military operations in that area, said the Cook was conducting deck landing drills with an allied military helicopter when two Su-24s made numerous close-range and low-altitude passes Monday afternoon. One pass occurred while the helicopter was refueling on the Cook's deck.

"As a safety precaution, flight operations were suspended until the Su-24s departed the area," it said.

European Command did not identify the ally involved but other officials said the helicopter was Polish.

It was unclear when or if the U.S. government would formally protest the Russian actions, which come at a time of tensions between Washington and Moscow over Russia's annexation of Crimea, its military intervention in eastern Ukraine and fears among former Soviet states in eastern Europe that Russian aggression could threaten their independence.

White House press secretary Josh Earnest said the incident was part of a pattern of unsafe Russian aircraft action.

"There have been repeated incidents over the last year where the Russian military, including Russian military aircraft, have come close enough to each other or have come close enough to other air and sea traffic to raise serious safety concerns. We continue to be concerned about this behavior," he said.

European Command released a Navy photo showing one Su-24 soaring past the Cook at close range.

A Navy video clip shows another low-altitude pass with a U.S. sailor shouting, "Below the bridge wing," meaning the Russian plane was flying below the level of the Cook's navigation bridge.

"We have deep concerns about the unsafe and unprofessional Russian flight maneuvers," European Command said in its written statement. "These actions have the potential to unnecessarily escalate tensions between countries, and could result in a miscalculation or accident that could cause serious injury or death."

It said U.S. officials are using diplomatic channels to address the matter. The incidents also are under review by the Navy.

The incident began Monday with a pair of Russian Su-24 planes making 20 close passes over the Cook, coming as close as 1,000 yards at an altitude of about 100 feet, according to a U.S. defense official. The official was not authorized to discuss some details by name and so spoke on condition of anonymity.

On Tuesday a Russian KA-26 submarine-hunting helicopter circled the Cook at low altitude seven times, taking photographs, the official said. About 40 minutes later, another pair of Su-24 attack planes, apparently unarmed, buzzed the Cook 11 times, the European Command statement said. At one point, at least one of the planes came within 30 feet of the ship, according to a Pentagon spokeswoman, Lt. Col. Michelle L. Baldanza.

Bathroom access for transgender people debated across South

By Seanna Adcox
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Louisiana's governor issued an executive order Wednesday banning discrimination in state government based on sexual orientation and gender identity, and transgender people in South Carolina told state senators that a bill requiring them to use a public bathroom corresponding to their "biological sex" puts them in danger of harassment.

The overwhelming majority of people at the Senate hearing opposed the measure, which mimics part of a North Carolina law signed last month that has brought a national backlash. No vote was taken.

In Tennessee, 60 business leaders — including the CEOs of Williams-Sonoma, Airbnb, Alcoa, T-Mobile and Dow Chemical — signed a letter asking lawmakers to kill similar legislation.

The events seemed to unfold across the South almost simultaneously as the fight over LGBT rights raged on.

The South Carolina bill introduced by Sen. Lee Bright would require multistall bathrooms on public property to be designated and used "based on biological sex."

It specifically includes student bathrooms, locker rooms and showers in public schools. It would also bar local governments from requiring businesses to let transgender people use the bathroom of their choice.

Bright said he's had enough of tolerance if that means "men who claim to be women" going into a bathroom with children.

"I don't believe transgender people are pedophiles," the Republican said.

"I think grown adult men would use this as protection to violate women in the restroom."

U.S. Attorney Bill Nettles, who was invited to the hearing to discuss instances in South Carolina of transgender people verbally or physically assaulting someone, had a simple answer: "I can find none."

He declined to give any position on the bill, but when asked whether current laws protect people from being victimized, he said, "the state of South Carolina has laws to address assault and battery."

Dex Sexton, 17, of Blythewood, said people don't undress openly in women's restrooms, as stalls provide privacy. If the issue is fear of assault, he asked, then why are men who have abused little boys not forced to use a different bathroom?

"It's protections against sexual assault that stop them, not because they can't use the men's bathroom," he said.

In Louisiana, the LGBT protection order signed by Democratic Gov. John Bel Edwards prohibits state agencies, boards and contractors from harassment or discrimination based on race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, political affiliation, disability or age. State contracts will be required to include a similar anti-discrimination provision.

Edwards, in office since January, also terminated a religious objections executive order issued by former Republican Gov. Bobby Jindal last year.

That "Marriage and Conscience" order from Jindal prohibited state agencies under the governor's control from denying licenses, benefits, contracts or tax deductions to businesses and people that take actions because of a "religious belief that marriage is or should be recognized as the union of one man and one woman."

At the South Carolina hearing, opponents said the proposal would do the opposite of its purported intention.

"Look at me and tell me I belong in the men's restroom," said Culpepper, who was wearing a blue, low-cut dress with red fingernails.

Last year, she settled a lawsuit against the state Department of Motor Vehicles after being told to remove her makeup for a driver's license photo. "Our community is already at risk for sexual assault and violence."

Culpepper was among nine transgender people who stood in a show of support.

Opponents also questioned how the bill would be enforced.

"In everyday life, how do we determine whether someone we're with is male or female? We look at them. We don't inspect their genitalia," said University of South Carolina law professor Gregory Adams. "Are we going to start looking at their birth certificate?"

The bill has little chance this year. House GOP leaders have said they won't deal with the issue, and Republican Gov. Nikki Haley has called it unnecessary.

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>
> **Gregory Adams,** University of South Carolina law professor

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OPINION

Trump satire shows newspaper's hypocrisy

■ A bad idea was made worse when the Boston Globe overlooked deportations during the Obama years

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Newspapers ought to focus on doing good journalism and leave the satire to professionals.

Just look at the ruckus that ensued when The Boston Globe created a mock front-page postdated a year from now, in April 2017. Running this past Sunday in the paper's "Ideas" section, and put together by the editorial board, the parody imagined what the world might be like if Donald Trump were elected president.

In what could have been called the newspaper's doomsday edition, the page's headlines included: "U.S. soldiers refuse orders to kill ISIS families" and "Markets sink as trade war looms."

In the lower left-hand corner, there was a note that read: "What you read on this page is what might happen if the GOP front-runner can put his ideas into practice, his words into action. Many Americans might find this vision appealing, but the Globe's editorial board finds it deeply troubling."

Trump supporters were more troubled by the stunt. Many of those who called into conservative radio shows condemned it as unfair, biased and needlessly provocative. Conservative media watchdogs called the whole idea "sophomoric" and "absurd."

The candidate was certainly outraged. During a rally Sunday in upstate New York, Trump tore into the newspaper.

"How about that stupid Boston Globe," Trump said to the crowd. He noted that the newspaper had, four years ago, been sold for a fraction of what it had been worth a couple of decades earlier.

The billionaire called the newspaper "totally dishonest" and essentially claimed that there wasn't a shred of truth in anything that was printed.

"The whole front page is a make-believe story, which is really no different from the whole paper, the whole thing," Trump said. "I mean the whole thing is made up."

Well, not quite. Many of these farcical stories were rooted in things that Trump has said, promises he has made or policies he has proposed. He has to own that. It's long past time that he takes responsibility for what comes out of his mouth.

Honestly, I was glad that the satire made Trump supporters and other conservatives squirm. They're entitled to support whomever they like for president, but they should be forced to confront the likely consequences of their choice. If those who support Trump are uncomfortable with seeing his proposals down on paper in black and white, this should tell them something. Maybe they need to take another look at whom they're supporting.

But that doesn't mean the parody was a good idea. It wasn't.

What made me most uncomfortable was the banner headline: "DEPORTATIONS TO BEGIN."

This was journalistic laziness at its worst. The editorial board wanted to suggest that, if Trump were president, homes would be raided and scores of undocumented immigrants would be rounded up and deported. As if that isn't already happening, under the president we have now — a president whom, by the way, this same editorial board endorsed in both 2008 and 2012. Talk about a lack of self-awareness.

What happened to challenging readers by digging deeper into a story? When you do that in the immigration debate, you will, before long, run across something the left doesn't talk about — blue-collar union members who oppose immigration because they fear it costs jobs and lowers wages, and the Democratic politicians who cater to that fear by discreetly undermining reform efforts when everyone is distracted by the outrageous things that Republicans are saying.

Rather than worry about what could happen under a President Trump, the Globe should be concerned about what has actually under President Obama.

It's not like it's a secret. In a recent interview in the Globe, Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Junot Diaz was asked what has most disappointed him about the Obama presidency. His response: "The fact that he deported everyone and their grandmother."

I monitor the immigration debate, and I take note of who is writing what. While I often see editorials in The Washington Post and The New York Times condemning the administration for its heavy-handed approach to immigration enforcement — which includes nearly 3 million deportations in the last 7 1/2 years, and hundreds of thousands of families that have been divided — I have only seen a few such editorials in the Globe.

Now, all of a sudden, the Globe's editorial board is concerned about immigrants? Why? Because it gives its members the chance to poke at Trump. Thanks for nothing, folks.

OPINION EXTRA

Cruz has become anyone-but-Trump candidate for GOP

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Dallas Morning News

If Donald Trump's success is the biggest surprise of the Republican presidential race, the emergence of Sen. Ted Cruz as the billionaire businessman's chief rival might rank second.

After all, when the Texan became the first announced GOP hopeful 13 months ago, most analysts and even some supporters agreed he, for a variety of reasons, faced a distinctly uphill fight.

A year later, some of those factors still exist. Cruz's views are to the right of both his party and the broader fall electorate, many top Republicans remain turned off by his scorched earth tactics as a freshman senator, and history still shows that parties lose when nominating their most liberal or most conservative candidates.

But Cruz has overcome many barriers to the nomination due to having the smartest, best-organized campaign, his growing skill as a candidate, his rivals' missteps, plus the good luck successful White House bids often attract.

However, perhaps the most important reason his nomination no longer seems impossible is that he has become the vehicle for party leaders eager to stop Trump.

Initially, Cruz faced strong competition for support from religious conservatives fitting the archetype of those who generally have dominated early-voting states such as Iowa and South Carolina. But one by one, potential rivals faltered, including Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, former Texas Gov. Rick Perry, Ben Carson, and 2008 and 2012 Iowa winners Mike Huckabee and Rick Santorum.

So did the main alternatives for political and financial support from his Texas base — Perry, Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul and former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush.

His relative lack of experience in office, a major GOP criticism for seven years of President Barack Obama, seemed less important with the emergence as the GOP front-runner of a businessman who had never held political office.

Meanwhile, Cruz used his strong organization and mastery of political mechanics to win the Iowa caucuses. But he faltered in South Carolina, finishing third amid signs he was having trouble broadening his base beyond evangelicals and other conservatives whose influence diminishes in primaries of larger, more diverse states.

But fortune intervened in New Hampshire. Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, considered a likely establishment anti-Trump choice, self-destructed. Heading for a second place finish in the first primary state, Rubio froze under a withering assault from New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie in a crucial debate, then compounded his problems by enmeshing himself in a messy, self-defeating exchange with Trump over various irrelevant personal characteristics.

Meanwhile, Cruz kept his focus, managed his resources well and targeted them intelligently, including strong efforts in caucus states. There, his conservative base has greater clout, exemplified by his success in capturing most Colorado delegates last weekend.

On the stump, he bolstered his innate confidence with an increasing sense of humor that is helping mitigate the angry visage he often displays. His detailed knowledge of issues and superior debating skills, honed in years of practice back to high school, has helped him rival Trump as a political counter-puncher.

But his biggest boost has come from onetime GOP establishment critics, including five former rivals, who see him as the best way to prevent the unmitigated political disaster they fear from a Trump nomination.

Many say they doubt he'd win a general election against Hillary Clinton; former Bush White House communications director Nicolle Wallace and others call it the "Lose with Cruz" movement, contending he would protect other GOP candidates better than Trump.

Current poll matchups show Cruz trailing, though often within the margin of error. But many Republicans fear that, if he were matched against Clinton without the distraction of Trump, his hard-line views — an abortion ban without exceptions, patrolling Muslim neighborhoods, opposing any measures helping illegal immigrants and supporting Trump's wall — would turn off women and minorities as much as the New York businessman has.

Cruz sometimes likens himself to Ronald Reagan, contending he showed a true conservative can be elected president. But Reagan benefited from a buoyant personality and always tempered his advocacy of conservative principles with flexibility in governing that Cruz has never showed.

His shortcomings might not prevent Cruz from winning the GOP nomination, but they still loom as major handicaps in a general election against the quintessential pragmatist, Hillary Clinton.

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N.C. suffers backlash from HB2

■ State's biggest economic event will be next test of impact from "bathroom bill"

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EASTON, Md. —

It's been a long while since South Carolina could look down upon its neighbor to the north.

Thanks to North Carolina's anti-LGBT legislation (HB2), also referred to as the "bathroom bill," the state effectively has begun redefining itself from its long-popular characterization as a "valley of humility between two mountains of conceit" (South Carolina and Virginia).

The new law, which ludicrously requires transgender people to use the restroom consistent with the sex on their birth certificates, has liberated South Carolina from its persistent place as the brunt of late-night jokes. Remarking on the law, South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley said her state doesn't have "that problem." Brava.

The law in question was hurriedly passed last month and signed by North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory in response to what one state official called a restroom free-for-all, referring to sudden hysteria over the possibility of transgender individuals using the "wrong" restroom. How would anyone know? Will officials now post monitors at public restrooms to check birth certificates and human bladder-evacuation portals?

This would be riotously funny if it weren't so patently discriminatory.

Many bad deeds go unpunished, but not this one. The economic fallout from the law already is being felt and the price of not doing business is about to go up. Bruce Springsteen recently canceled a concert in Greensboro and Deutsche Bank has frozen a planned 250-job expansion in the state. But the real showdown will be this weekend when not nearly as many buyers and designers as usual will attend the biannual High Point furniture market — the largest in the nation and the state's biggest economic event.

A recent study by Duke University placed the annual economic impact of the High Point market at $5.38 billion. The furnishings industry also generates more than 600,000 visitor days to the state each year and accounts for 37,000 jobs.

If there were a Darwin Award for states, North Carolina would win hands-down. Already the High Point Market Authority reports that hundreds or thousands of the 75,000 retailers and designers who annually attend the market won't be visiting this year because of HB2, which, come to think of it, sounds appropriately like a disease.

Many of those who plan to attend have expressed deep reservations amid likely plans to go to the relatively new Las Vegas furniture market next go-round. Among these is Don Wooters, interior designer and co-owner of Easton's Dwelling and Design, who told me he feels guilt about going to North Carolina.

"I feel like a traitor going to High Point, putting capitalism before human rights," he said. "I don't feel good about that and I know it's wrong."

Wooters is baffled not only by the bigotry of the legislation but also by whatever generates the fear behind it.

"Why do people feel they have to be afraid? It's a big sign of how uneducated America is."

Another local designer, Jamie Merida, owner of Bountiful, told me he decided to go if only to make his case to vendors that they have six months to straighten out this mess or he, too, will be off to Las Vegas next time.

Although North Carolina has been noted in recent years for its increasingly hard-right politics, it is still shocking that a state that boasts several of the nation's top colleges and universities and is home to the famed Research Triangle, could codify what is so plainly a discriminatory law. In comments Tuesday, McCrory, feeling the pressure, softened his defense of the law but stopped short of opposing the provision on bathroom use by transsexual people.

As in all other times when bigotry raises its hideous head, better angels will prevail. Either the courts will overturn the law or the state will come to its senses, if only for economic reasons.

As to that valley of humility? In 1900, when Mary Oates Spratt Van Landingham, a cultural leader and author, first conjured the image in a speech, she was bemoaning her state's then-lesser "native literature."

"Could it be that being located between Virginia and South Carolina, our people for so long have been furnished such conspicuous illustrations of self-appreciation that they have, by contrast, learned modesty and silence?" she said. "Where there are mountains of conceit, there are apt to be valleys of humility."

Today, those mountains have good reason for self-appreciation by comparison. And North Carolina has proved itself a valley of ignorance, whose legislators and governor could use a moment of silence to consider their ill-conceived conceit.

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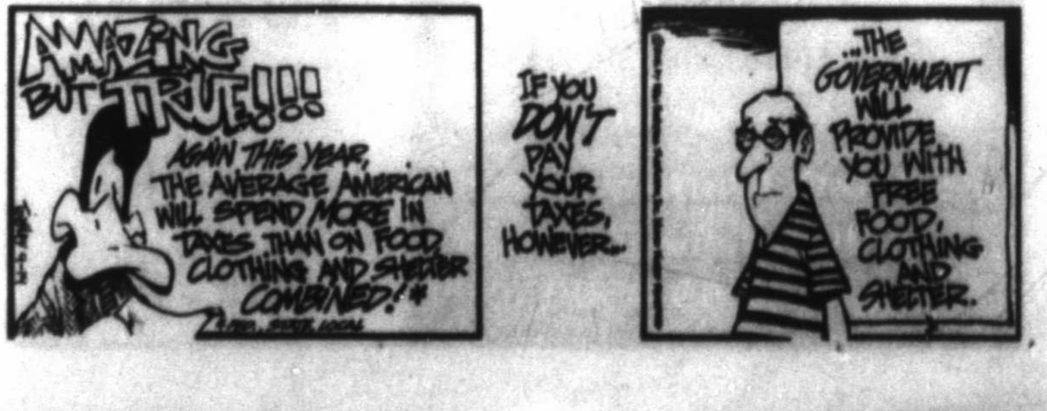

TRUMPBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PITTSBURGH

Former 'Apprentice' contestants planning to denounce Trump

A handful of former contestants on the reality show "The Apprentice" say Republican Donald Trump should not be president.

Half-a-dozen past hopefuls contestants of the hit show, including Season 4 winner Randal Pinkett and Season 1 runner-up Kwame Jackson, are planning a press conference Friday in New York to denounce the GOP front-runner's bid ahead of the state's April 19 primary.

In statements, the contestants slammed Trump's rhetoric as divisive and accused him of running a "campaign of sexism, xenophobia, racism, violence and hate."

"Trump is passionately and strategically reigniting a dirty and divisive culture soaked in a history of prejudice, fear and hate. It is unpatriotic, anti-American, self-serving, regressive and downright lazy," said Marshawn Evans Daniels in a statement.

"As alums of 'The Apprentice,' we have had the opportunity to work with Donald in various capacities, including as employees of the Trump Organization," added Pinkett. "Based on that experience and Donald's campaign, we do not believe he is worthy of becoming president of the United States."

A campaign spokeswoman did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Trump has the support of other former contenders, including Omarosa Manigault-Stallworth, who has served as a surrogate and frequent defender on television news shows.

KENTUCKY

Donald Trump returning to Kentucky for NRA forum in May

LOUISVILLE — The National Rifle Association says Donald Trump will appear at the group's annual Leadership Forum next month in Louisville.

The Republican presidential candidate is listed as confirmed on the NRA's website, along with U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence and Sens. Rand Paul of Kentucky and Marco Rubio of Florida.

The NRA Institute for Legislative Action event takes place May 20 at Freedom Hall during the NRA's annual meeting of members. The event is only open to members, with tickets ranging from $20 to $40.

Trump won the Kentucky Republican presidential caucus in March and was in Kentucky four days before for a rally. Three protesters who alleged Trump supporters assaulted them at the rally have filed a lawsuit.

CONNECTICUT

Donald Trump to make campaign stop in Connecticut

HARTFORD — Donald Trump is bringing his presidential campaign to Connecticut.

The Republican primary front-runner is scheduled to appear Friday for a 7 p.m. rally planned at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford. According to Trump's campaign website, doors open for the event at 4 p.m.

People who wish to attend can sign up for tickets online at www.donaldjtrump.com under the campaign's "schedule" section of the website.

Trump's visit comes one week after another GOP candidate, Ohio Gov. John Kasich, appeared in Fairfield. It's unclear whether Sen. Ted Cruz will campaign in Connecticut, where 28 GOP delegates are stake.

The state's Republican and Democratic primaries will be held on April 26.

Connecticut Democrats used Trump's visit as a fundraising opportunity, requesting $10 contributions to "keep him out of the White House."

LOS ANGELES

Trump to speak at GOP convention ahead of California primary

Donald Trump, who has been sharply criticizing the Republican Party's system for selecting delegates, will speak at a California convention of party members later this month.

The California Republican Party announced Wednesday that the billionaire businessman will deliver a speech April 29 at the group's convention in Burlingame, just outside San Francisco.

Ted Cruz and John Kasich are also scheduled to speak at the weekend-long conclave.

The state primary is June 7.

Trump has spent several days denouncing the GOP's delegate-selection process as "unfair."

At a rally in Rome, New York on Tuesday, Trump criticized the allocation of all of Colorado's delegates to Cruz and called the party's system "rigged" and "corrupt."

In a statement Trump said California "has struggled to regain its full economic success" and promised a "pro-jobs" agenda.

RHODE ISLAND

Donald Trump campaign says he never booked Rhode Island trip

PROVIDENCE — Donald Trump's campaign chairman in Rhode Island says reports that the GOP presidential candidate is not coming to the state on Friday are overblown because he never booked a visit.

Republican state Rep. Joseph Trillo, honorary campaign chairman, also denies that security concerns are preventing Trump from coming.

State Police Col. Steven O'Donnell said earlier Wednesday that Trump canceled the trip. He said police were alerted by the Secret Service.

Trillo told The Providence Journal that Trump was looking to hold an event at the Dunkin' Donuts Center or Rhode Island Convention Center.

Larry Lepore, the general manager of both facilities, says no one from the Trump campaign ever spoke with them. He said security would not be an issue because they have plenty of experience with protests at events.

NEW YORK

Fox says Megyn Kelly meets with Trump

Donald Trump met with Fox News Channel anchor Megyn Kelly on Wednesday, who he has been badmouthing on social media since he was angered by a question she asked him last summer.

Fox said the meeting, in New York's Trump Tower, will be discussed on Kelly's Fox show Wednesday night.

Trump skipped a Fox-televised debate in January after Fox refused to remove Kelly as a moderator. He was upset with Kelly for asking him in an August debate about statements that he had made about women.

While Kelly recently criticized both CNN and her Fox colleague, Bill O'Reilly, for not being more supportive after Trump pulled out of the debate, she said Trump is welcome on her show.

Fox said that its chief executive, Roger Ailes, has been trying to get Trump to appear on a prime-time special Kelly is hosting on the Fox broadcasting network on May 23.

A Trump representative did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

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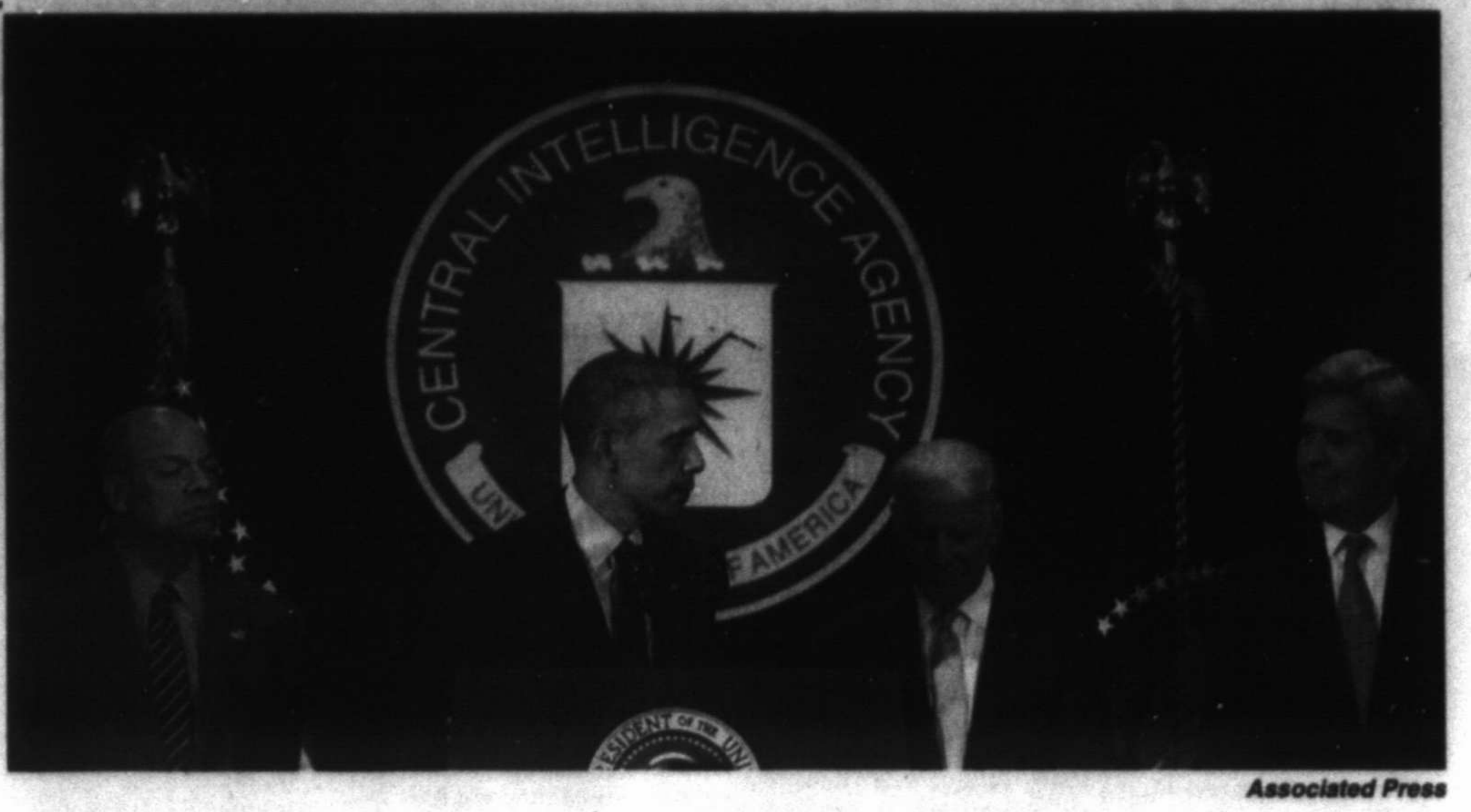

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President Barack Obama, joined by from left, Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson, Vice President Joe Biden, and Secretary of State John Kerry, turns from the podium after speaking at the CIA Headquarters in Langley, Va., on Wednesday, after a meeting with his National Security Council. Obama pays a rare visit to CIA headquarters as the United States weighs sending more forces to Iraq to fight the Islamic State group.

Obama claims progress on Islamic State group amid worrying signs

By Josh Lederman and Kevin Freking
Associated Press

LANGLEY, Va. — President Barack Obama claimed progress Wednesday in the U.S.-led fight against the Islamic State group, even as political turmoil in Iraq and renewed violence in Syria threatened to jeopardize hard-fought gains.

During a rare presidential visit to CIA headquarters, Obama said it had been "a bad few months" for the Islamic State and gave a detailed account of areas where U.S.-backed forces have wrested territory back from the extremist group. Though he acknowledged the fight remains difficult and complex, he said IS was on the defensive and that the U.S. intends to "keep that momentum."

"Every day, ISIL leaders wake up and understand that it could be their last," Obama said, using an acronym for the extremist group.

Obama offered no new steps or specifics about how the U.S. will beef up the fight against IS, although U.S. officials have suggested those steps are in the works. Defense Secretary Ash Carter has said the Pentagon is seeking ways to increase military support for the fight, including a likely increase in U.S. forces, along with the possible use of Apache helicopters for Iraqi-led combat missions.

The visit to the CIA's campus in suburban Virginia was designed to assure Americans that the U.S. is fully engaged in the fight, despite persistent complaints from Obama's critics that his strategy isn't aggressive enough. Indeed, in recent months Obama has made similar field trips to the Pentagon and the State Department to illustrate how all facets of the U.S. government are on the case.

"They are working around the clock to keep us safe," Obama said, adding that CIA operatives had thwarted terrorists repeatedly without being able to acknowledge it publicly. "They don't get a lot of attention."

Though Obama gave an optimistic portrayal of progress in both Iraq and Syria, the picture on the ground remains muddled at best.

In Syria, escalating fighting between the government and militants has threatened to jeopardize a fragile cease-fire the U.S. and Russia brokered earlier this year. Peace talks resumed Wednesday in Geneva aimed at resolving Syria's civil war, though deep disagreements about who should participate have continued to plague that process.

Syrians living in parts of the country still under government control also voted Wednesday in parliamentary elections that Syrian President Bashar Assad's opponents dismissed as a sham intended to lend an air of legitimacy to his beleaguered government, in yet another worrying sign for the peace talks.

The uptick in violence in Syria has raised difficult questions about how to proceed if the truce falls apart and frees Assad and his Russian backers to resume attacks on U.S.-supported opposition groups. Russia, which had been bolstering Assad with an air campaign against his opponents, recently ordered a drawdown in warplanes, but said strikes would continue against IS and the al-Qaida-linked Nusra Front. Both of those groups are excluded from the cease-fire.

In Iraq, Obama pointed to the Iraqi military's preparations to retake the IS stronghold of Mosul as an example of increased momentum in the fight. Yet modest signs of progress have been tempered by ongoing sectarian challenges and a political crisis in Baghdad that have threatened to further destabilize the country.

Obama's remarks at the CIA came the week before he travels to Saudi Arabia for a summit with Persian Gulf leaders focused largely on the threat from the Islamic State. Previewing his request to countries attending that summit, Obama said "the entire world" must step up to help Iraq restore stability "so that ISIL cannot return."

Home in NY, Trump aims for a rout but faces questions

By Jill Colvin and Jonathan Lemire
Associated Press

NEW YORK — After several difficult weeks that have called into question his front-runner standing, Donald Trump has arrived in friendlier territory: his home state of New York.

Polls show Trump with a commanding lead in a state that is likely to play a major role in determining whether the billionaire businessman can clinch the Republican presidential nomination before this summer's national convention. And his team has been touting a campaign reboot, including a new laser focus on racking up delegates.

On Wednesday, they announced that campaign veteran Rick Wiley would be joining the team as national political director. And Trump appeared to take a step toward thawing the chilly standoff with Fox News Channel's Megyn Kelly, meeting with her Trump Tower.

But Trump is also facing a strong challenge from rivals who are working strategically to deny Trump delegates anywhere they can. And he does not appear to be doing all he can, despite the high stakes of the contest.

New York uses a complicated electoral system in which a candidate must win an overall majority of votes statewide as well as in each of the state's congressional districts to walk away with all of its 95 delegates. That means that votes in GOP deserts like Brooklyn and the Bronx are arguably even more valuable than in Republican-rich counties like Nassau and Suffolk.

Spokeswoman Hope Hicks said the campaign has been busy door-knocking, phone-banking and holding rallies. Trump has "a huge group of influential people in NY supporting our candidacy with their local GOP committees," she said in an email. "We see an opportunity to shut out Governor Kasich and Senator Cruz in the entire state of NY."

But the campaign has made some curious decisions. It chose not to bring in a specialized paid state director, as it just did in California. Instead, its Northeast regional political director, Michael Rubino, who also led the campaign's Virginia efforts, is serving as acting state director.

Trump has also scaled back his public schedule, holding just four rallies to date. He has not stormed local news shows or editorial boards and has yet to air any television commercials here, according to ad tracker Kantar Media CMAG.

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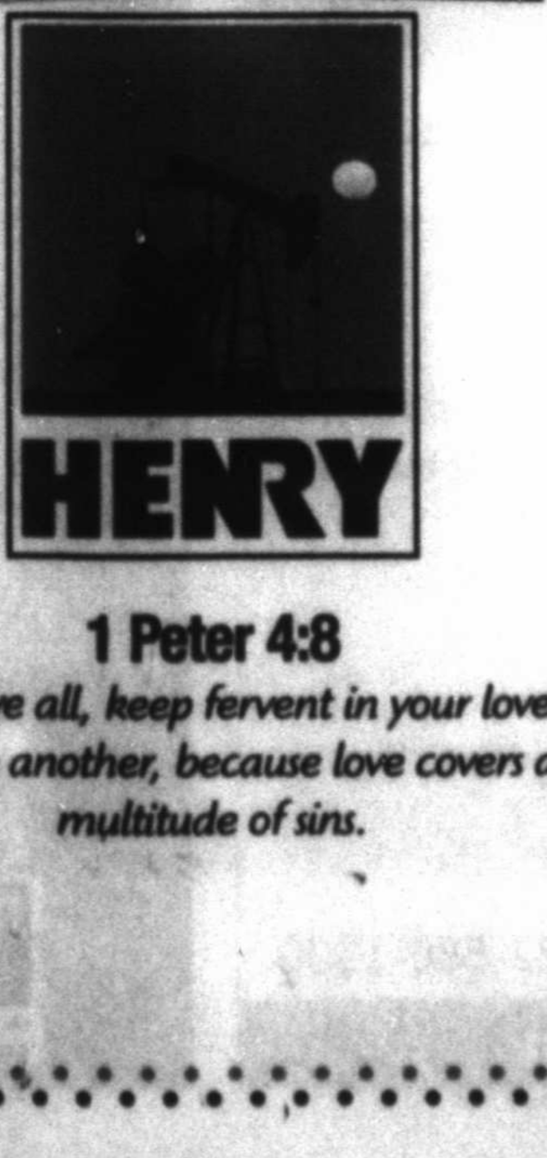

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Wal-Mart expands free curbside grocery pickup service

By Anne D'Innocenzio
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The online grocery wars are getting fiercer.

Wal-Mart said Wednesday it's expanding its service that allows customers to order groceries online and then pick them up in the parking lot of their local store.

The nation's largest food retailer said it is adding eight new markets this month to its free curbside grocery pickup service. They include Kansas City, Missouri; Austin; and Charleston, South Carolina.

Wal-Mart, based in Bentonville, Arkansas, has been offering the service in roughly 150 stores in 22 markets. By the end of April, it will offer it in roughly 200 stores in 30 markets. Wal-Mart operates more than 4,500 namesake stores in the U.S.

It says it will to add more locations offering the curbside service over the course of the year.

The move comes as Wal-Mart Stores Inc. aims to further capitalize on its power to combine its brick-and-mortar stores with online shopping. That focus is different from other rivals like Amazon.com and Instacart, which are delivering groceries directly to shoppers' homes.

Wal-Mart says more than 30,000 fresh groceries, baby products and household items can be ordered online and picked up at the participating stores.

It works this way: Shoppers order groceries online and can get same-day pick up if ordered by 10 a.m.. Wal-Mart workers load the customer's car.

Wal-Mart says 90 percent of its curbside customers are repeat users and more than 90 percent of its baskets include fresh grocery items like dairy and produce.

The other new markets for the curbside service are: Boise, Idaho; Richmond and Virginia Beach, Virginia; Provo, Utah; and Daphne, Alabama.

NATIONBRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MISSISSIPPI

Toddler shot in hospital waiting room when mom's gun fires

JACKSON — A 2-year-old girl was grazed by a bullet when her mother dropped her purse and a gun inside of it discharged while the two of them were in a hospital ER waiting room.

Jackson Police spokeswoman Officer Colendula Green told multiple news media outlets the woman and her daughter were at a vending machine at Merit Health Central Medical Center on Wednesday morning when the gun went off. Green said a bullet ricocheted off the machine and grazed the child's face. She said the wound was superficial and the child is expected to be fine.

Hospital officials said weapons are prohibited on the campuses of Merit Health facilities.

It was unclear whether the mother had a license to carry the gun, and police said they didn't know yet whether she would be charged with any crime.

Public wants Senate action on court, but interest is modest

By Alan Fram and Emily Swanson
Associated Press

"It gets me irritated, the bickering and all that kind of stuff."

Julie Christopher, Republican and flight attendant from Fort Worth

WASHINGTON — Nearly 2 in 3 Americans back Democrats' demands that the Republican-run Senate hold hearings and a vote on President Barack Obama's pick for the Supreme Court. But an Associated Press-GfK poll also suggests that GOP defiance against considering the nominee may not hurt the party much because to many people, the election-year fight is simply not a big deal.

Just 1 in 5 in the survey released Wednesday said they've been following the battle over Obama's nomination of federal judge Merrick Garland extremely or very closely.

That included just 26 percent of Democrats and 22 percent of Republicans expressing intense interest, along with a scant 8 percent of independents. That aligns with the political reading of the issue by many Republicans that while it motivates each side's most committed partisans, people in the middle consider it a yawner — making the fight essentially a wash.

Another clue that voters not dedicated to either party find the court fight tiresome: While just over half of Democrats and Republicans said the issue is extremely or very important, only around a third of independents said so.

Among people overall, half said the nomination battle is of top-tier importance. But 8 in 10 said that about the economy, and 7 in 10 said so about health care and the threat posed by the Islamic State group. Immigration and the U.S. role in world affairs both attracted slightly more intensity of interest than the court battle.

"It gets me irritated, the bickering and all that kind of stuff," Julie Christopher, 49, a Republican and flight attendant from Fort Worth said in a follow-up interview, describing her modest attention to the issue.

Christopher said that while she agrees with the GOP's refusal to hold hearings on Garland, when it comes to backing candidates in November, "That's not going to be my only thing, like boom, I'm not going to vote for them."

Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H., was among several senators who met privately Wednesday with Garland as he continues courtesy calls on lawmakers.

Ayotte, who faces a competitive re-election this fall, said in a statement that she told him with a "vigorous" presidential campaign underway, "the confirmation process should wait until the people have spoken in November" and a new president is chosen.

Hours after Justice Antonin Scalia's death in February, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said his chamber would not consider an Obama nominee and would instead wait until the president elected this November makes a pick. With the remaining justices split 4-4 between those leaning conservative or liberal, most GOP senators have lined up behind McConnell.

Democrats have been spewing outrage ever since. Along with liberal groups, they've been using television ads, news conferences, public demonstrations and Senate speeches to ratchet up pressure on GOP senators, especially those facing re-election this fall in swing and Democratic-leaning states like Illinois, New Hampshire, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Democrats' theory is that the public wants Republicans to end their obstruction and let the Senate do its job, forcing GOP senators to relent on Garland or risk defeat in November. The AP-GfK poll has some data backing that up.

The 64 percent who favor hearings and a vote this year on Garland include an overwhelming proportion of Democrats and a sizable minority of Republicans, 40 percent. Independents, who can be pivotal in closely divided states, back action this year, 52 percent to 36 percent.

"I'd rather see at least deliberations, and see Congress do its job," said Marc Frigon, 33, a high-tech worker from Beverly, Massachusetts, who leans Republican and wants the Senate to reject Garland's confirmation. "I feel like that's why we elected them in the first place."

Just over half of moderate and liberal Republicans want the Senate to hold hearings this year, while fewer than 3 in 10 GOP conservatives say that.

Overall, people say by 59 percent to 36 percent that they want the Senate to approve Garland should a vote be held. Nearly 9 in 10 Democrats favor confirmation and independents tilt slightly that way, while 69 percent of Republicans favor rejecting him.

The AP-GfK Poll of 1,076 adults was conducted online March 31-April 4, using a sample drawn from GfK's probability-based KnowledgePanel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 3.3 percentage points.

Respondents were first selected randomly using telephone or mail survey methods and later interviewed online. People selected for KnowledgePanel who didn't have access to the Internet were provided access for free.

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WEEKENDER

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

BEST BETS

TODAY

CAKE WARS The Maverick Players take audiences to Sweetgum, Texas in the hilarious romp "The Red Velvet Cake War" about a family reunion gone awry and a lifechanging wager. At the VFW Post 4149. 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

BIG SHOW Popular pop/rock Christian band For King and Country headlines the ACE Arena in Andrews. 7 p.m.

See complete schedule of weekend events on Page 2.

ONLINE

Read our Heat Index of top things to do this weekend, including an appearance by the members of "West Texas Buyer's Club" at Wagner Noel, and our review of "The Red Velvet Cake War" at mrt.com.

MOVIES

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

TALL CITY 14
Opening: "Barbershop: The Next Cut," "Criminal," "The Jungle Book"
Closing: "10 Cloverfield Lane"

CINERGY CINEMAS
Opening: "Barbershop: The Next Cut," "Criminal," "The Jungle Book"

STAYING IN?
Find out which movies are worth watching from the comfort of your couch. **Page 4**

COMING SOON

Dos Amigos reopens with a fresh new inside and a big concert. Chris Young will perform at the venue's opening night.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

From left, Samatha Spencer, Mitchell Smith and Max Vis sparkle and shine in Midland Community Theatre's "La Cage aux Folles." Smith plays Zaza with Spencer and Vis as part of his Les Cagelles background performers.

NOT PLAYING IT STRAIGHT

'La Cage' cast brings on the high heels, make-up to the Yucca stage

By Rich Lopez
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Life is no drag for the cast of Midland Community Theatre's new production of "La Cage aux Folles." But for Zaza and the Cagelles, life is nothing but — especially for the next two weekends. The show opens Friday at the Yucca Theatre and runs through April 23.

The classic drag musical centers on Jean-Michel (Aiden Bonacci), who begins dating Anne Dindon (Victoria Gonzales). Jean Michel's father, Georges (Bill Kersh), a nightclub owner, and his partner Albin (Mitchell Smith) ultimately meet the more straight-laced parents of Anne (Andy Salcedo and Caroline Englestad) where a clash of cultures occurs — particularly when Albin, who is also the club's headlining drag queen, Zaza, tries to fit in.

Drag has become quite the art in mainstream media primarily because of shows such as "RuPaul's Drag Race" and movies like "Hairspray."

In some word association, Smith and Les Cagelles cast Max Vis, Samatha Spencer, Bert Garza and Dylan Watson talked about their experience putting on the costumes and transforming into someone fabulous.

DRAG

Smith: I have worn a dress on stage before in a show called "Love, Sex and the IRS." I played the friend of a man who claimed to be married on his taxes and asked my character to play his wife. So, I didn't have to be pretty.

Vis: I hadn't even seen a drag show until we went to Club 20/20 in Odessa for research.

Spencer: I have never worn so much makeup in my life.

HIGH HEELS

Smith: I like towering over people but my feet hurt by the end of the night.

Watson: The first time I saw my heels I thought they would be what was going to kill me. However, with time, walking in them has just become natural. It honestly feels weird not to dance in the heels.

MAKE-UP

Garza: Drag makeup is what Dolly Parton does for a casual look.

Smith: Unlike Les Cagelles, my character switches back and forth between male and female, so I don't get to do a lot of the fun stuff they are doing.

Spencer: It's not just makeup; it's painting your face to create a work of art. Contouring to change the shape of your face, just the right eyeliner to make your eyes look huge, and primer, powder, and setting spray so it doesn't sweat off. It's so much work.

Watson: The downside is, no matter how hard I try to clean it off, I always have glitter somewhere on my face

BEING A MAN IN WOMEN'S CLOTHES

Garza: It feels like a vacation. You have fun while you're there, but you want to go home after a few days. I have way more respect for women who do this every day. I will no longer judge anyone who doesn't want to get "all dolled up." And I have an even bigger appreciation for real drag queens who do this and make it an art form.

Watson: It's made me see a lot of things in different ways. I think that's the best thing I take away from this show — how much I've learned and how many things have been put in perspective. Being able to play such a different character gives you the chance to understand not only what drag queens go through but what women in general go through on a daily basis.

BEING A WOMAN BEING A MAN IN WOMEN'S CLOTHES

Spencer: It took me a little bit to change my mind set. We were just starting to work with makeup and I kept missing the mark with my eye makeup. I couldn't figure out

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IF YOU GO

"La Cage aux Folles" by Midland Community Theatre. Opens Friday and runs through April 23. For 12 and older due to language. The Yucca, 208 N Colorado St. $28. mctmidland.org.

Choreographer works to transport audiences to a magical 'Midsummer'

By Rich Lopez
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Transforming William Shakespeare's words into dance was no easy task for Katia Garza. As the guest choreographer for Midland Festival Ballet's production of "A Midsummer's Night Dream," Garza brings to life a world filled with imagination by one of history's greatest writers. And, as it turns out, she nailed it.

"I think it's some of my best work because everything comes together so well," she said.

MFB will perform the ballet, accompanied by the Midland Odessa Symphony and Chorale, Sunday at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center.

The complicated story centers on young lovers and the actors play out their story in an enchanted forest inhabited by fairies. But with so many characters and overlapping storylines, Garza had to do some major editing.

"The ballet was choreographed first by George Balanchine, and there have been many versions. I've danced it as well," she said. "When I was with the Orlando Ballet, they asked me to do my own

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RJ Vandygriff brings cowboy tales to Vintage Harmony

By Rich Lopez
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For this year's Vintage Harmony, the Midland Odessa Symphony and Chorale brings a cowboy flair to its annual fundraiser with cowboy poet R.J. Vandygriff. His stories, songs and poems are proof that the culture is still alive. Even in modern times, there's still a code among cowboys.

Vandygriff

"Cowboy songs aren't necessarily country music. We get lumped into it a lot," he said by phone from his Lipscomb County family ranch. "But the music focuses on the cowboy life and the way of the West."

Vandygriff will bring his songs and stories to the event, which is Saturday

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CALENDAR

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

ART & DANCE

Artizen Pop-Up Art Show, 10 a.m. Friday and Saturday at Palette Club, 907 W. Wadley Ave.

Random Acts of Art: Art Quilts. Coinciding with the "Dust and Depression" exhibition, this class is inspired by Depression-era quilts, which were often made from old clothing and repurposed materials. Supplies provided but participants can bring their own textiles. Advance registration is required. For ages 15 and older. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. $89. Noelartmuseum.org.

The Works of Fabian Molinar and Melody Hernandez. Fridays throughout April at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. facebook.com/kamiposi.

"Otra Vez" featuring works by Wayne Hilton. Using recycled materials, Hilton focuses his works on Mexican arts and culture. The works were commissioned for the Centennial branch's public gallery space. The art will display through April 30 with a series of programming. MCPL Centennial, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us.

"Dust and Depression" features historic photographic works of the country after the Stock Market Crash of 1929. The exhibition includes works by John Collier Jr., Walker Evans, Dorothea Lange and more. Runs through June 6. Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. noelartmuseum.org.

The Gallery at Midland Shared Spaces Spring Art Show will feature new art by local artists through June 16. 3500 N. A St. midlandsharedspaces.org.

CLASSES, LECTURES & MEETINGS

Tracing My European Ancestors: A Family Story by Doug Swift. Midland Genealogy Society hosts this in-depth look at one man's search across the ocean for his heritage. 7 p.m. today at Midland County Public Library Centennial, 2503 Loop 250. Free.

Texas Master Naturalist Training, 9 a.m. -3 p.m. Saturday at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Brown Bag Lecture Series: James Beauchamp, president of MOTRAN Alliances Inc. Drinks and desserts provided. 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Petroleum Museum, 1500 W. Interstate 20. Free. petroleummuseum.org.

Permian Basin Outdoor Club April trip meeting, 6 p.m. Tuesday at Murray's, 3211 W. Wadley Ave. sibleynaturecenter.org.

EVENTS

Mix at Six by Young Professionals of Midland is a casual networking event and will feature speakers Jessica Smith from Midland Need to Read and Staci Roseberry, the group's community outreach director. 6 p.m. today at The Blue Door, 4610 N. Garfield St. ypmidland.org.

Star Party with the West Texas Astronomers. The group offers an educational look up at the night sky at Haley Park. Dusk. Friday. Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. museumsw.org.

Midland Downtown Farmers Market opening day. Weekly until Oct. 29. Live music by The Dirt Storm Drifters. The Lone Star Animal Sanctuary will be in attendance with adoptable animals. 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Rave Toga-ether is a charity toga party benefiting the American Diabetes Association. Saturday at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. facebook.com/kamiposi.

West Texas Live! with Mike "Rooster" McConaughey, Wayne "Butch" Gilliam and Gil Prather discussing their stories and taking pitches for million dollar ideas from the audience. 7:30 p.m. Monday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $27-$57. wagnernoel.org.

FAMILY FUN

Eco-Friendly Craft Fair ties both to the current exhibition "Otra Vez" at Midland County Public Library and Earth Day. MCPL and Keep Midland Beautiful invite people to craft using recycled, reused and earth friendly materials. 10 a.m. Saturday at MCPL Centennial 2503 Loop 250.

Cupcake Decorating Class with Midland area chefs. Children can enjoy lunch and decorate cupcakes with local chefs. Pre-registration is preferred and parents are required to stay. 10 a.m. Saturday at First Methodist Church, 300 N. Main St. $5. RSVP to angelomccoy@firstmethodistmidland.com.

Galactic Golf returns to the museum. The indoor exhibition combines a fun exploration of space amid a putt-putt golf course. Opens Tuesday. Durham Children's Museum, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Building Bots classes available for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. Pre-registration required. 4 p.m. for grades K-3, 5:30 p.m. for grades 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Petroleum Museum, 1500 W. Interstate 20. $10. petroleummuseum.org.

Old Miner's Maze interactive adventure features a maze, rock walls, mechanical bull and more. Winter hours: Fridays 5-8 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday noon to 6 p.m. 4305 N. County Rd. 1140. oldminersmaze.com.

GAMES

Bingo Nights. The American Legion Auxiliary hosts weekly play throughout the week. 7 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 4 p.m. Sundays. 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 432-682-5511.

Zia Park Casino Hotel and Racetrack bus trips by Midland Shuttle Services . Departs at 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays to Hobbs, New Mexico. $55 adults, $45 65 and older. RSVP by calling 432-260-5428. midlandshuttleservices.com.

Friday Night Magic at Hastings, 3111 W. Cuthbert Ave. Fridays at 7 p.m. Free.

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

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

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

Tabletop players group at Astral Castle, 10 Meta Drive. 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 1 p.m. Tuesdays; 10:30 a.m. Saturdays; 1:30 p.m. Sundays. Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. permianbridgeclub.com.

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

Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 8 p.m. Wednesdays at Torino's. challengeentertainment.com.

MUSIC

Aaron Einhouse, 9 p.m. today at Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. rockinrodeomidland.com.

Locash Cowboys, Cody Bryan Band 9 p.m. today at Dos Amigos, 4700 Golder Ave., Odessa. $12 advance, $15 door. Dosamigos.com.

Cameran Nelson, 10 p.m. today at The Patio at La Hacienda, 12610 State Highway 191. haciendamidland.com.

Clayton Gardner, 7 p.m. Friday at Beer Garden, 7112 West Highway 80.

Here Lies the Hero, Divides, RVLS, Moving Forward and Midnight Society. 7:30 p.m. Friday at Kamiposi, 410 S. Big Spring St. $5. All ages. facebook.com/kamiposi.

Gerardo Ortiz, Adriel Favela 8 p.m., Friday at Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. $50. Midessamusicfestival.com.

Dix Hat Band, 8 p.m. Friday at Fire Water Bar and Grill, 3113 W. Industrial Ave.

Texas Heat Band, 9 p.m. Friday at Detour Bar, 1708 Rankin Highway.

Whitman Drive, 9 p.m. Friday at Your Place, 3704 W. Wall St.

Dan Patterson, 10 p.m. Friday at The Boardroom, 3303 N. Midkiff Road.

Electric Cowboys, Friday and Saturday at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

Glovebox, 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Hot Shots, 615 W. Wall St.

Godswayonline, Big Perk, Saved, Dago, 3 p.m. Saturday at Junior League Midland, 902 W. Dengar Road.

For King and Country, 7 p.m. Saturday at ACE Arena, 1441 State Highway 176, Andrews. $20-$30. Whatyeshuacando.

Stephen Chadwick, 8 p.m. Saturday at Fire Water Bar and Grill, 3113 W. Industrial Ave.

Jerrod Niemann, Zane Williams, 9 p.m. Saturday at Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. $35-$45. Midessamusicfetival.com.

Drake Hayes, 9 p.m. Saturday at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

Laberinto, Los Migueles, 7 p.m. Sunday at Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. $35. Midessamusicfetival.com.

Pop Evil, Falling Through April, 8 p.m. Tuesday at Club Patron, 5850 W. University Blvd. Odessa.

OUTDOORS, SPORTS & FITNESS

Blue Ribbon Run: The Race to End Child Abuse is in its eighth year. Participants can run in the 1K run, the 5K run or both. 7:30 a.m. Saturday at Midland College. Register online at midlandchildwelfare.com or on the day of the event.

Midland RockHounds vs. Arkansas Travelers. 7 p.m. April 14-Saturday at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Drive.

OSW: The Warriors Way will feature WWE superstar Chavo Guerrero Jr. and WWE Diva Jackie Gayda-Haas along with Old School Wrestling's own superstars. 6 p.m. Saturday at Wilson and Young Medal of Honor Middle School, 601 E. 38th St., Odessa. $5-$25. Oswwrestling.com.

Midland RockHounds vs. Northwest Arkansas Naturals. 2 p.m. Sunday at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Drive.

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Midland RockHounds vs. Northwest Arkansas Naturals. 11 a.m. Tuesday at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Drive.

Adult Kickball, 4 p.m. Saturdays. Visit facebook.com/groups/Midlandkickball for more information.

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

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

THEATER, COMEDY & FILM

"La Cage aux Folles" is the classic drag musical that follows the colliding worlds of a club owner's son engaged to a politician's daughter. For 12 and older because of language. Presented by Midland Community Theatre. Opens Friday and runs through April 23 at The Yucca, 208 N. Colorado St. mctmidland.org.

Stand-Up Comedy Night featuring Jerry Karnes El Malkreado. The touring comedian will also have support by Israel Garcia, Gus Pando and Hector Garcia. 8 p.m. Saturday at Wyndham Garden Midland, 3100 W. Wall St. $5.

Auditiond: The Summer Mummers Kickoff Party is open to those interested in volunteering as crew or onstage with Mummers are invited to the party which will offer food and drinks and signing up for your volunteering position. To be onstage, auditions will follow at 5 p.m. for the Melodrama and 7 p.m. for the Olio. Subsequent auditions will follow 6:30 p.m. April 18 (melodrama) and 6:30 p.m. April 19 (Olio). Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. mctmidland.org.

"The Red Velvet Cake War" by the Maverick Players. Runs through April 24 at VFW Hall, 409 Veterans Airpark Lane. $10-$15. Mavericklayers.org.

"Glowena" is a children's musical written and composed by local West Texas Ronald Bennett. Runs through Saturday at Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., Odessa. permianplayhouse.com.

COMING SOON

APRIL

MOSC: Permian Basin String Quartet performs a Brown Bag Concert in the ClayDesta Atrium. 11:45 a.m. April 21 at Clay Desta, 6 Desta Drive. Free.

Third Thursday Reading will feature the book "Extraordinary Warren Saves the Day" with copies of the book given to each child. The monthly event is part of the Laura Bush Literacy Program. Free but space is limited so reservations are encouraged. Refreshments provided. 4:30 p.m. April 21 at the George W. Bush Childhood Home, 1412 W. Ohio Ave. bushchildhoodhome.org.

2016 Family Fair will feature games, carnival rides, food and live entertainment by Emilio Navaira, The Latin Breed and David Marez. April 21-24 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Shrine, 1401 Garden Lane. $3.

Shane Smith and the Saints, 10:30 p.m. April 21 at Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. rockinrodeomidland.com.

Permian Basin Outdoor Club: Enchanted Rock State Park hiking and rock climbing trip. April 22-24. Sibleynaturecenter.org.

Spring into Summer party with hula-hoop contest, boat racing and more. 7 p.m. April 22 at K.C's Nutty Roller, 1004 Andrews Highway.

Chris Young, 7 p.m. April 22 at Dos Amigos, 4700 Golder Ave., Odessa .$30 advance, $35 door. dosamigos.com.

Caleb Young, 8 p.m. April 22 at Fire Water Bar and Grill, 3113 W. Industrial Ave.

Grady Spencer and the Work, The Justin Kemp Band, 8 p.m. April 22 at Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

Forgotten Road Band, 9 p.m. April 22 at Detour Bar, 1708 Rankin Highway.

Remedy, 9 p.m. April 22 and 23 at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

The Unsweet T's, 9 p.m. April 22 and 23 at Your Place, 3704 W. Wall St.

Midland Downtown Farmers Market. Weekly until Oct. 29. Live music by The Midlandaires. 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Insane Inflatable 5K. The inflatable obstacle run returns. Waves or runs begin 8:30 a.m. April 23 at Crude Fest grounds, 5209 S. County Road 1270. $75 event day. insaneinflatable5k.com.

Autism SHARE Walk, a .9 mile walk benefiting Sharing Hands, A Respite Experience. Registration at 8:30 a.m., opening ceremonies at 9:30 a.m. and the walk begins at 10 a.m. April 23 at the Scharbauer Sports Complex, 5514 Champions Drive. Donations appreciated. spc.convio.net/share.

Midland's Spring Vendor Blender will feature goods by local small businesses as well as networking opportunities. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. April 23 at Security Bank Tower, 600 N. Marienfeld Road.

Nature Club Earth Day Celebration is a fun learning experience for students grades K-6. 10 a.m. April 23 at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. $7. Sibleynaturecenter.org.

Second annual March of Dimes Carnival by Coleman High School invites people to come dressed as a superhero and enjoy food, face painting, a cake walk and games. 1-3 p.m. April 23 at 1600 E Golf Course Road.

Texas Heritage Story and Craft with the Genealogy Department for San Jacinto Day. 2 p.m. April 23 at Midland County Public Library Centennial, 2503 Loop 250.

25th Anniversary Ribbons of Light MAASquerade Ball. The dinner will honor philanthropist and MAAS supporter Nancy Anguish as well as feature dinner, dancing, auction, wine pull and music by Jumping Giants. 6:30 p.m. April 23 at Midland Country Club, 6101 N. State Highway 349.

"The Marriage of Figaro" by Permian Basin Opera. 7 p.m. April 23 at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $25. midlandoperatheater.org.

Amy Grant, Ellie Holcomb. 7 p.m. April 23 at First Baptist Church Odessa, 709 N. Lee Ave., Odessa. $21-$70. Fbcodessa.com.

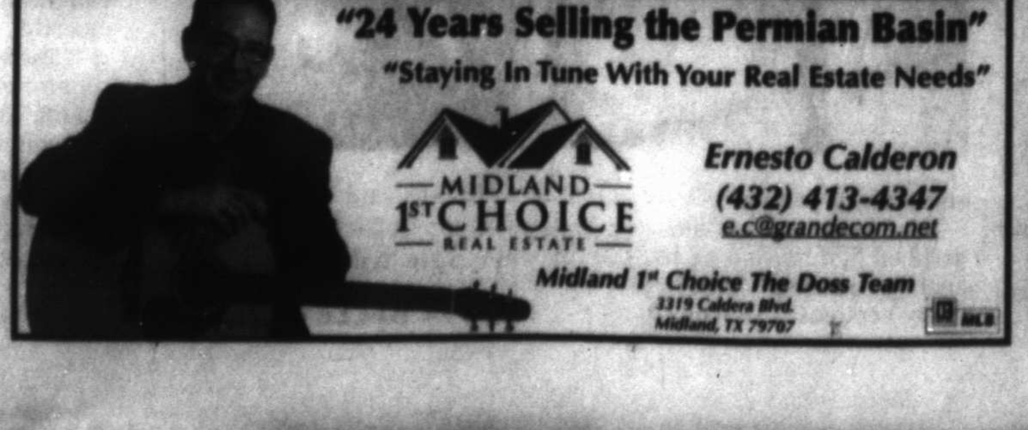
Truck Stop Gamblers, 9 p.m. April 23 at Fire Water Bar and Grill, 3113 W. Industrial Ave.

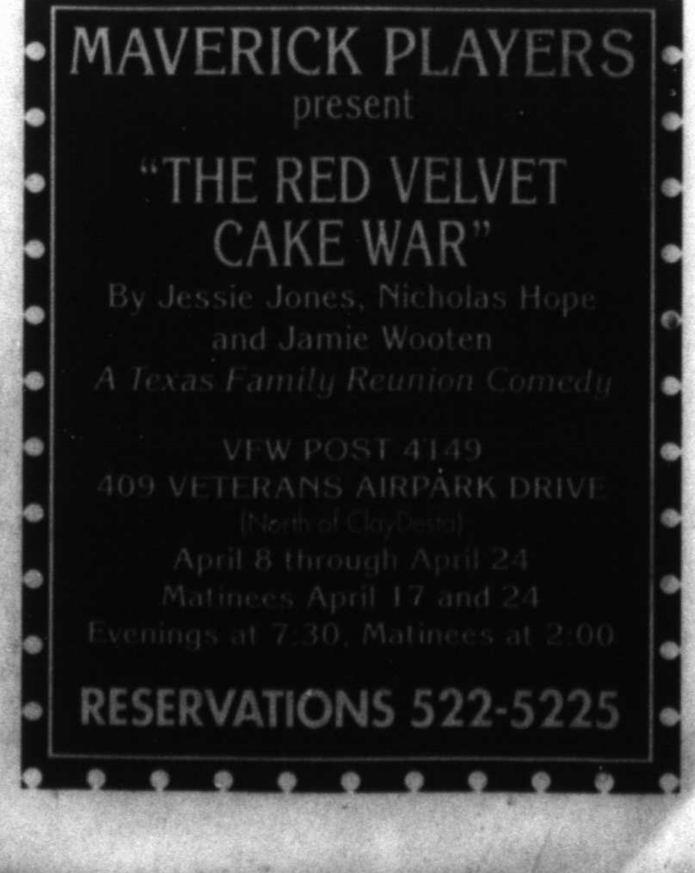
"Elections in Midland County," a League of Women Voters forum, will feature speakers Deborah Land, elections administrator and Stella Flores, voter registrar, to discuss voting information and registration assistance to help citizens get involved with this year's elections. 7 p.m. April 25 at Midland County Public Library Centennial, 2503 Loop 250.

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," 7:30 p.m. April 25 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $40.50-$88. broadwayinthebasin.com.

The Moscow Festival Ballet performing "Cinderella" presented by the Cowan Performing Arts Series. 8 p.m. April 26 at the Chaparral Center at Midland College. Free.

Matt Dusk, 7 p.m. April 26 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $11-$35. liveonstagepb.com.





EVENTS & MORE

'Jungle Book' is dazzling re-creation of classic

KATIE WALSH
Tribune News Service

How does director Jon Favreau update Rudyard Kipling's classic story "The Jungle Book," already a Disney animated favorite from 1967? He looks to "Planet Earth." The animals rendered in stunningly dazzling 3-D are so realistic, you feel as if you're watching National Geographic. Favreau even places his camera in shots and angles that seem reminiscent of nonfiction nature programs.

That's why it's so jarring when Ben Kingsley's voice pops out of the mouth of a sleek muscled panther, Bagheera, chatting amiably with man cub Mowgli (astonishingly good newcomer Neel Sethi). The realistic character designs — you can see Bagheera's fuzzy soft fur perfectly — highlight the dissonance between Mowgli and his adopted wild animal family, a stark gulf between them. It offers a rather different feel to the story, which is otherwise quite faithful to the original source material and the original Disney film.

If you're less than familiar with "The Jungle Book," it's about Mowgli, a young man cub (aka boy) rescued by Bagheera, raised by wolves, and stalked out of his home by the threatening Shere Khan (Idris Elba), a tiger with a chip on his shoulder about men. Mowgli has to leave the pack, and as he sets off on his own, he befriends the affable bear Baloo (Bill Murray) and tangles with King Louie the Orangutan (Christopher Walken). Adapted by Justin Marks, it's a story about relying on oneself and others, and learning to stand up to, rather than run away from, your fears.

The draw here is the incredible visual design, though Favreau has amassed a stellar cast of voice actors to play these beloved characters. Scarlett Johansson has a memorable few minutes on screen as the seductive python Kaa. Murray seems born to be Baloo, and even sings "The Bare Necessities," while Walken's take on King Louie and his number "I Wanna Be Like You," is unexpectedly great. Louie is designed as a great hulking beast, making him that much more of a power and a threat, crumbling the entire monkey temple with his heft.

Sethi is a perfect Mowgli and gives a remarkable performance against the CGI animals. He's the only human actor on screen, the animals and landscapes created by the animation teams behind the visuals in "Avatar" and "Gravity." But Sethi makes it feel real — real running across gnarled roots, up and down trees and cliffs, into muddy ravines. He also makes the relationships real, with tenderly felt connections between Mowgli and Bagheera and Baloo, as well as his wolf mother Raksha (Lupita Nyong'o).

The themes and story beats hew close to "The Jungle Book" that we expect, but it's fascinating how the technological advancements and creature design, so startlingly real, changes the story. It underlines just how different Mowgli is from his pack with his "tricks" — vines as ropes and pulley systems and buckets — that come naturally to him as a resourceful, problem-solving human. It doesn't quite seem like he totally belongs, despite the obvious affection and respect for animals. Regardless, there are important life lessons in the jungle that anyone can take away, especially the idea that "the strength of the wolf is the pack, and the strength of the pack is the wolf."

'The Jungle Book'

3 out of 4 stars
Cast: Neel Sethi, Ben Kingsley, Bill Murray, Christopher Walken, Lupita Nyong'o, Scarlett Johansson
Directed by Jon Favreau
Running time: 1 hour, 45 minutes
Rated PG for some sequences of scary action and peril.

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Stage

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what exactly I was doing wrong. Finally, one of the guys told me that I need to quit doing makeup like a woman and do it like a man would. It helped me realize that I needed to change the way I approach all of the things I had been doing for years and realize that drag isn't simply men dressing up like women; it is its own genre.

DOING IT AGAIN

Spencer: Makeup and heels? Every day. Four pairs of tights, padding, two corsets, two leotards, wig, fabulous hat, heels and a colorful flowing heavy cape thing all on at the same time? Only for the love of theater.

IN YOUR EYES

Vis: Drag is art. Drag is funny. If you're taking it too seriously, you might throw your back out.
Spencer: To me, drag is the creation of a persona. Doing this show has made me give more thought to the fact that women do a smaller version of this every day and it's almost frowned upon if you don't get up every day and 'put on your face,' do up your hair, and wear some Spanx, and at the same time, it's not socially acceptable for men to do it.
Watson: Drag is like theater is for many people it's a place of love and acceptance.

AUDIENCE TAKEAWAYS

Smith: The spectacle is important and a fun element to the show but I hope the audience can appreciate the deeper message about love, family and acceptance that is key to the plot of the show.
Spencer: I think there are a few people who will just see the "gay men" but what I hope they get from the show is love, forgiveness and unconditional acceptance. George is stuck between love for his child and for Albin, who he's been married to for 20 years. Albin is caught between love for his husband and stepson and the pain of being told that everything he is and has worked for is not enough anymore. Jean-Michel wants to impress his fiancée's family and he forgets what is really important.
Watson: Throughout this process, I was much stressed. People asked why I do it if it just causes stress. But if this show can change one person's opinion or see things in a different light, then all of the hard work and sweat and tears will all be worth it.
Garza: This show is a fun, campy time, but with heart and soul. It has a message of self-acceptance and what unconditional love is. Plus, I'm the prettiest one out of Les Cagelles, so people can soak that up

Ballet

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version. It took me some time to find a nice and correct way to tell the story."

Where big companies have up to 100 dancers, she tailored it to a troupe of 25 to 30 and kept the story straightforward and quick. Garza's version is about an hour long.

Originally from Mexico, Garza followed her ballet director to Orlando with her filmmaker husband, Israel Rodriguez. She spent most of her professional ballet career there as the principal dancer before going freelance. In a version of "Midsummer's" that was produced in Corpus Christi, dancer Edward McPherson — currently Education and Program coordinator of Midland County Public Library — introduced her to Midland Festival Ballet.

"He told the ballet here about my show," she said. "(Artistic director) Susan Clark called me and she felt it was a good fit for her company."

But in all her productions, the Midland performance will still be a first for Garza.

"When I see it, I become a little kid. The dancers wearing beautiful costumes from the Boston Ballet and the music is so pretty, there's no way you can't feel something. But in all that, this will be my first time seeing it with live music," she said.

IF YOU GO

"A Midsummer's Night Dream" by Midland Festival Ballet, 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $8 to $47 Midlandfestivalballet.org

Tales

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evening at the Petroleum Museum.

"I'll probably throw in a little bit of everything. I have my stories and old cowboy songs and, hopefully, get the audience to participate. There's quite a bit of humor in cowboy culture, so I have my jokes, too," he said.

Vandygriff is a throwback to the days of Gene Autry, Will Rogers and Marty Robbins. He made his attempt at country music, but was swayed by the code of the cowboy. Through his career, he's seen a resurgence of the music in modern days.

"There are festivals for it. Groups like Riders in the Sky do a great job of it and Baxter Black is really the Will Rogers of our era. I think when Michael Martin Murphey came out with his 'Cowboy Songs' in 1990 that it really took off," he said.

And now, it's the theme of MOSC's fundraiser.

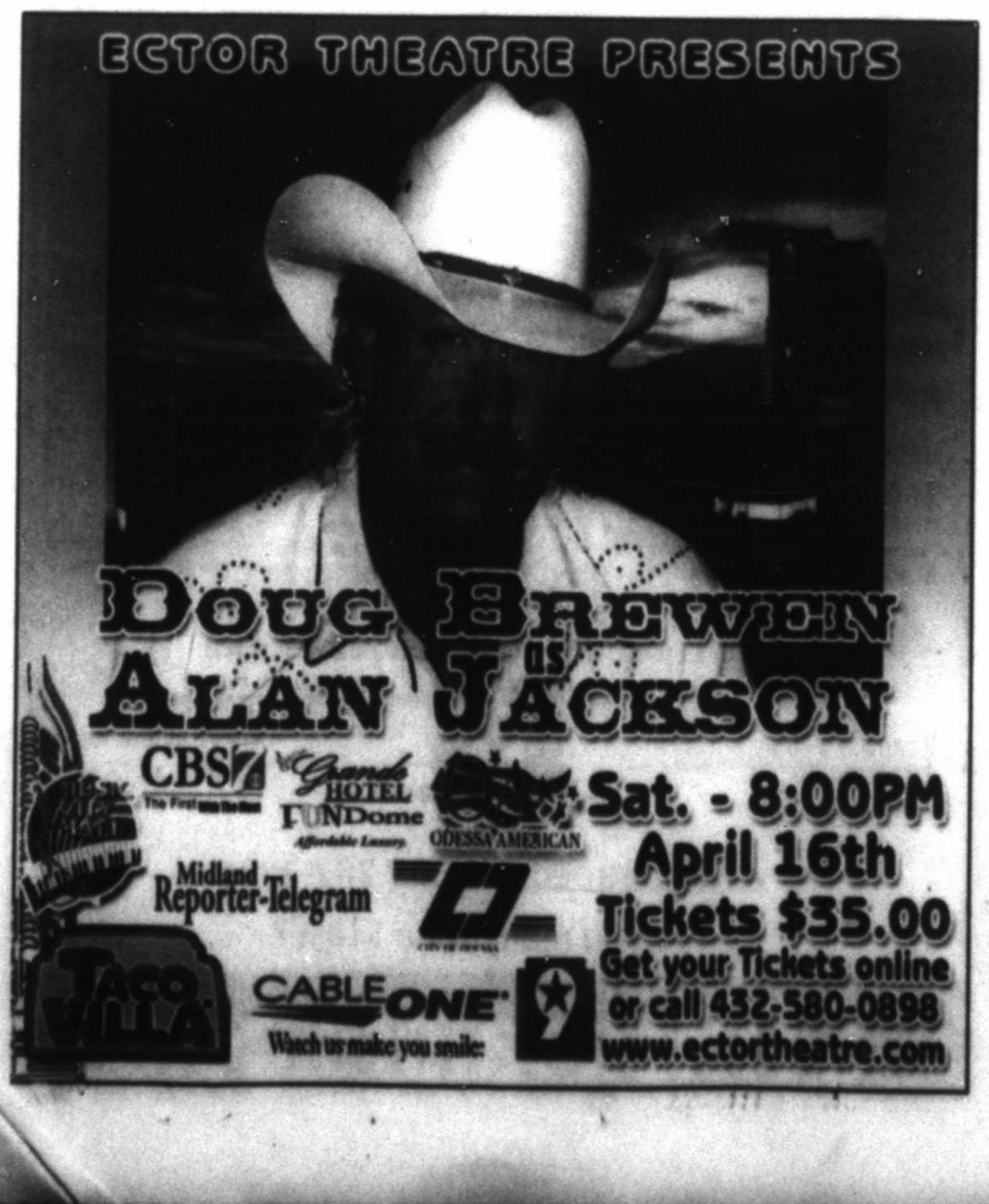
Along with Vandygriff's performance, the night will include a live auction offering a Dallas Cowboys helmet autographed by Roger Staubach and dinner for six prepared by MOSC conductor Gary Lewis, a silent auction, wine and beer tastings and food.

"Every year, Vintage Harmony gets better," MOSC executive director Jeanette Kolokoff said. "Attendees will be treated to a fun-filled evening with R.J. He's appeared on stage with some of country music's biggest artists such as George Strait, Garth Brooks, Alabama and The Judds. So it's sure to be a fantastic event."

Ticket sales cover a quarter of the MOSC's costs; the organization hosts Vintage Harmony to raise funds to cover the remainder of its needs.

IF YOU GO

Vintage Harmony featuring R.J. Vandygriff, 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, 1500 W. Interstate 20. $85. Mosc.org. The event is business casual but western wear is encouraged.



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ON SCREEN

Moving Spanish film shows reality of relationships

PICK O' THE WEEK

"10,000 Km" (R) Vexing Spanish film shows a realistic look at relationships and the sacrifices necessary to maintain them. **B+**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"Countdown" (R) If you're not already sick of the rogue cop who bends the rules to solve crimes, a la Dirty Harry, then this film will test your resolve. **F**

MORE REVIEWS

"Ava's Possessions" (R) Dark comedy is clever and features a remarkably catchy score by John and Yoko's little boy, Sean Lennon. **B-**

"Boost" (unrated) Not even Danny Trejo can make up for the lousy, uneven story. **D**

"Curve" (R) Teddy Sears, a journeyman character actor with leading-actor good looks, absolutely shines in this film. Too bad the movie is little more than a low-budget rip-off of 2010's "Wrecked." **B-**

"# Horror" (R) Tara Subkoff's directorial debut is technically impressive but hard to appreciate, thanks to a group of foul-mouthed tweens who are so obnoxious in the first act that you will root for evil to befall them. **C+**

"The Hoarder" (unrated) If you try not to think about how implausible some of the situations are, the twists in this horror fare are pretty effective. **B-**

'Identicals" (R) The look of this movie is spectacular. The rest? Not so much. **D**

"The Masked Saint" (PG-13) The plot is so far-fetched, it has to be true. Story centers around a pro wrestler who retires to be a minister, then dons his wrestling mask at night to foil crime. It marks one of the last films of Roddy Piper, so if you're a fan of the wrestling legend, you will want to remember him more for 1988's "They Live" than this well-meaning but botched effort. **C-**

"Mojave" (R) Deadly game of cat and mouse doesn't reach its full potential but it's still fun watching it try. **B**

"Riot" (unrated) As fun as it is to watch and hear former UFC stud Chuck Liddell embrace his inner Russian gangster, this film is no better than the worst episode of HBO's groundbreaking prison drama "Oz." **C**

"Tumbledown" (R) Smart and funny, but a needed element of realism is lacking. **B**

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FILM CAPS

"Barbershop: The Next Cut" (PG-13) More than a decade later, the Chicago hangout has gone coed in this sequel to the 2002 comedy. With Ice Cube, Cedric the Entertainer, Regina Hall. Written by Kenya Barris & Tracy Oliver. Directed by Malcolm D. Lee.

"Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" (PG-13) Ben Affleck dons the cowl to take on Henry Cavill's Man of Steel in the duo's first big-screen pairing. With Amy Adams, Jesse Eisenberg. Written by Chris Terrio and David S. Goyer. Directed by Zack Snyder.

"The Boss" (R) Melissa McCarthy stars as a high-profile businesswoman who is sent to prison then tries to rebuild her image. With Kristen Bell, Peter Dinklage, Kathy Bates. Written by McCarthy & Ben Falcone & Steve Mallory. Directed by Falcone.

"Criminal" (R) The memories, secrets and skills of a dead CIA operative are implanted into the brain of a death-row inmate. With Kevin Costner, Gary Oldman, Tommy Lee Jones. Written by Douglas Cook & David Weisberg. Directed by Ariel Vromen. (1:53) R.

"Deadpool" (R) Ryan Reynolds stars as the former Special Forces operative-turned unconventional antihero in the Marvel Comics adaptation. With Ryan Reynolds, Morena Baccarin, Ed Skrein. Written by Rhett Reese & Paul Wernick. Directed by Tim Miller.

"Hardcore Henry" (R) An amnesiac awakens, only to be immediately shot at before his wife is kidnapped by a vicious Moscow warlord. With Sharlto Copley, Danila Kozlovsky and Haley Bennett. Written and directed by Ilya Naishuller. In English and Russian with Russian with English subtitles.

"The Jungle Book" (PG) Director Jon Favreau guides this live action and CGI version of Rudyard Kipling's tale, which follows the adventures of the raised-by-wolves boy Mowgli. With the voices of Bill Murray, Ben Kingsley, Idris Elba. Written by Justin Marks.

"London Has Fallen" (R) The funeral of the British prime minister is the target of terrorists in this sequel to 2013's "Olympus Has Fallen." With Gerard Butler, Aaron Eckhart, Morgan Freeman. Directed by Babak Najafi.

"Miracles From Heaven" (PG) After an accident, a young girl with an incurable disease experiences a reversal unexplainable by medical experts. With Jennifer Garner, Martin Henderson, John Carroll Lynch. Written by Randy Brown. Directed by Patricia Riggen.

"My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2" (PG) Nia Vardalos returns in this follow-up to the highest-grossing romantic comedy of all time. With John Corbett,. Written by Vardalos. Directed by Kirk Jones.

"10 Cloverfield Lane" (R) A woman wakes up to find herself imprisoned in a cellar, unsure whether to believe her captor who claims the outside world has been rendered uninhabitable. With John Goodman, Mary Elizabeth Winstead, John Gallagher Jr. Directed by Dan Trachtenberg.

"Zootopia" (PG) Rookie cop Judy Hopps — a bunny — teams with slick con-artist fox Nick Wilde to solve a mystery in Disney's 55th animated feature. Voices by Ginnifer Goodwin, Jason Bateman, Shakira. Directed by Byron Howard, Rich Moore, co-directed by Jared Bush.

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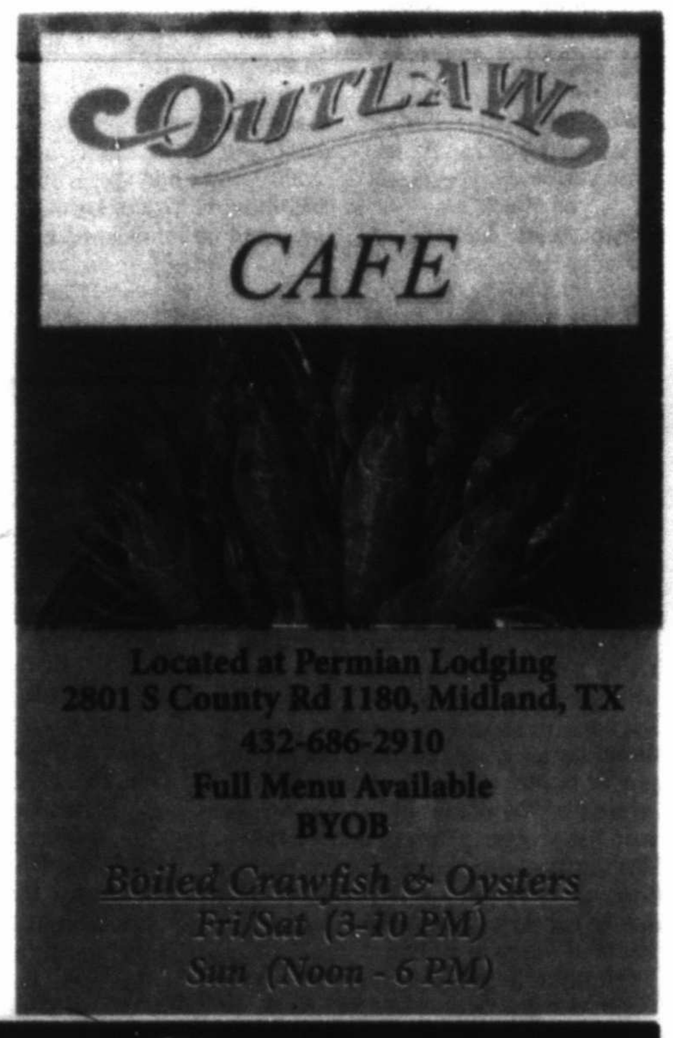

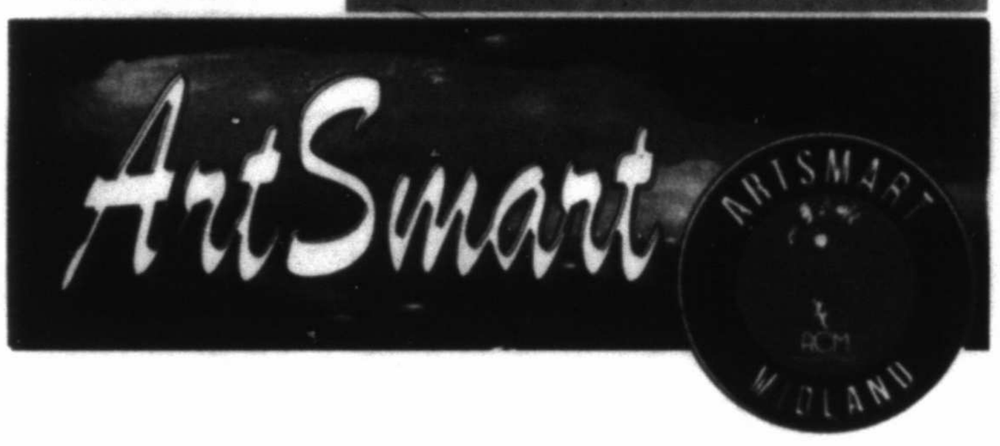

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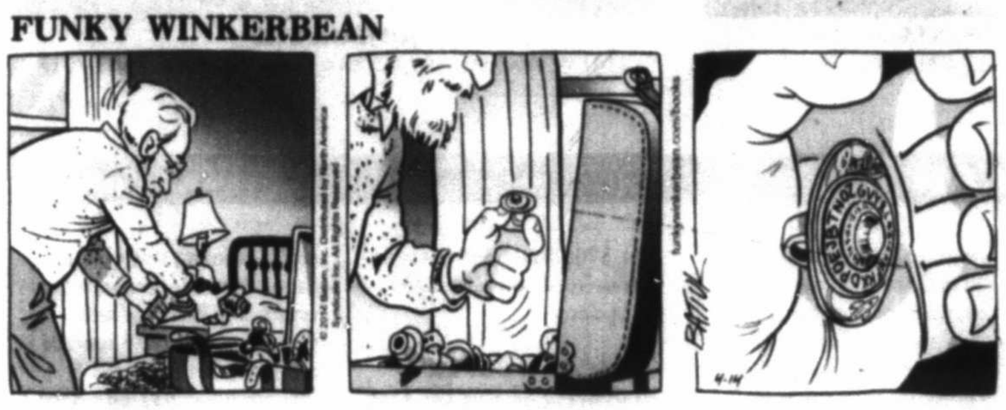

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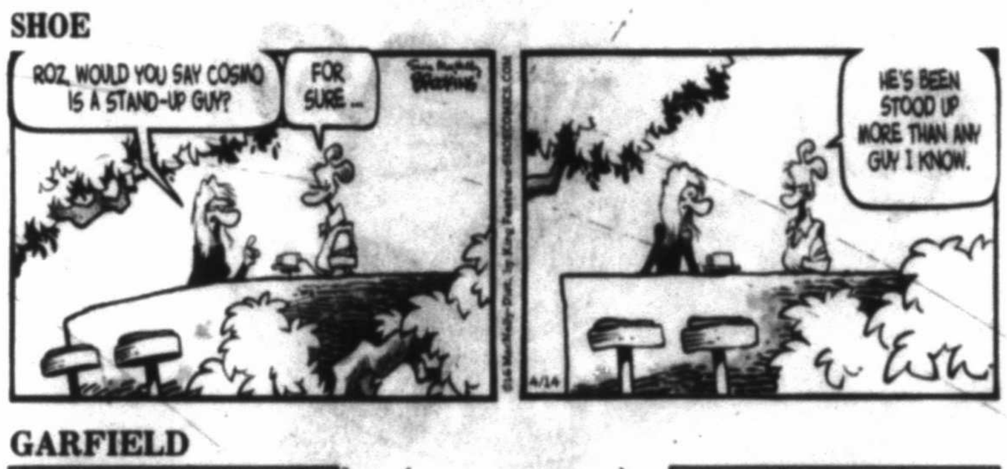

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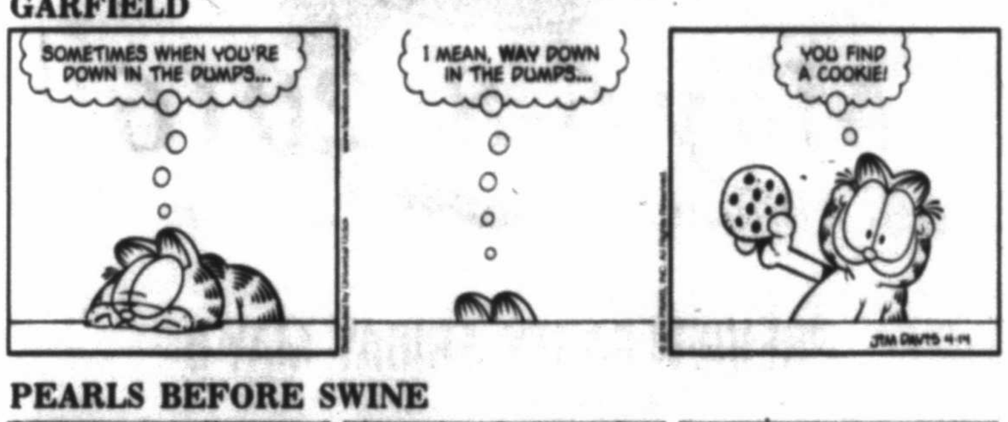

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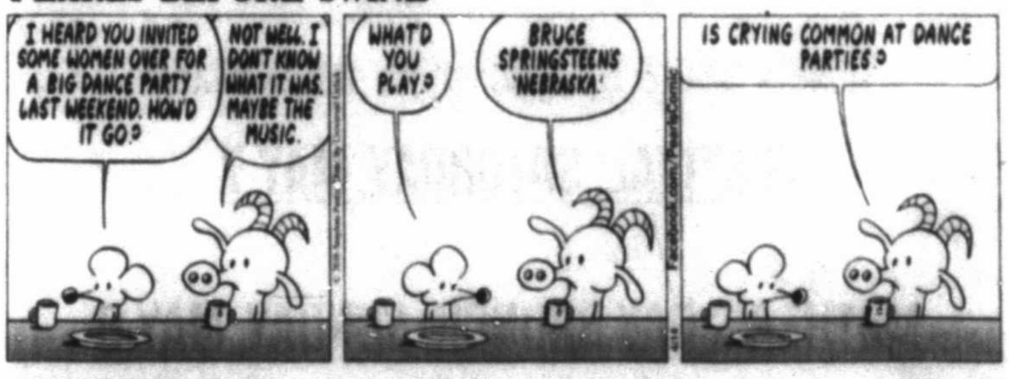

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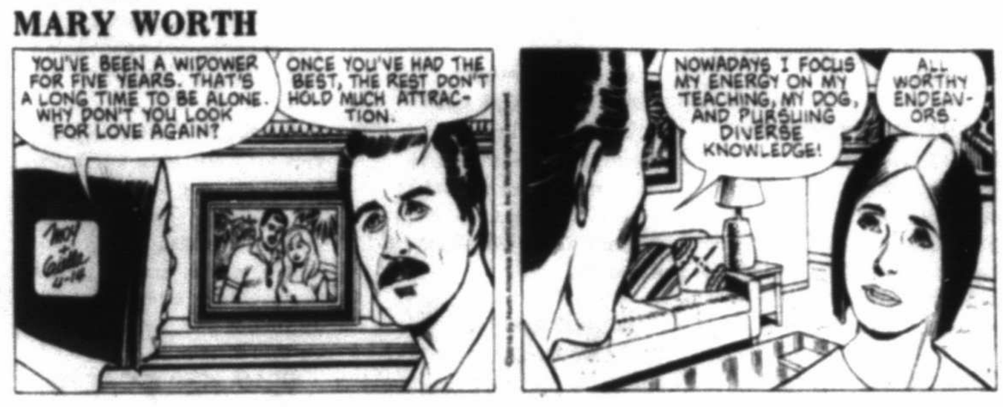

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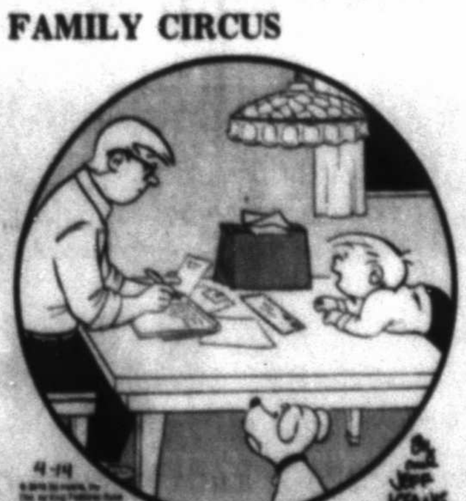
DENNIS THE MENACE

"I DIDN'T GET THAT 'BLONDE' JOKE. I'M GONNA ASK MOM TO EXPLAIN IT TO ME."

FAMILY CIRCUS



"Daddy, if you want to take a break, I'd be willing to interrupt you right now."

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"I DIDN'T KNOW I WAS TALKING TO THE FAX MACHINE WHEN I CALLED... IT SOUNDED LIKE YOU."

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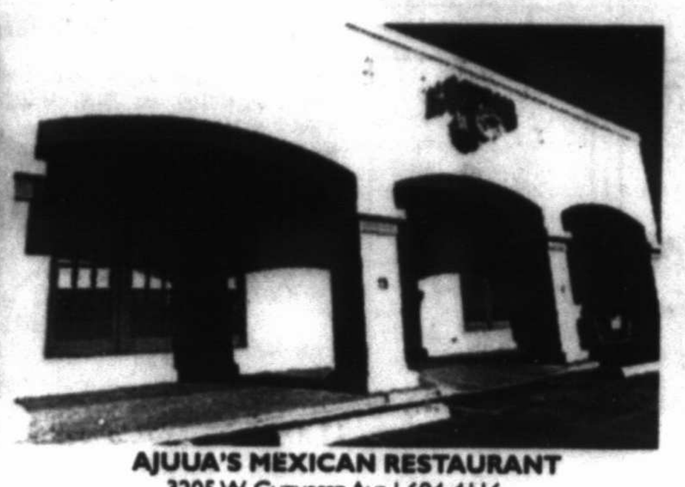

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MEXICAN

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MHS edges Abilene despite stranding 11

By Will Korn
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Having lost three consecutive District 3-6A games by one run, the Midland High baseball team entered Wednesday's action in search of some answers.

Yet they may have actually ended the day with more questions.

With the help of a sparkling complete-game effort from starter Jacob Mata, the Bulldogs survived stranding 11 base runners to edge visiting Abilene High, 2-1, in a pivotal district contest at Zachery Field.

MHS head coach Barry Russell said his team badly needed the win to stop the skid, as well as what was a four-game losing streak against the Eagles dating back to last season.

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But he added that far too many runners were left stranded for his liking as a deciding clutch hit remained out of reach.

"We left too many people on and we can't do that," Russell said. "We had people on base the whole game and just could not (score them). We're kind of snake bitten right now. We had some other stuff we didn't do well, but that stuff like that. Somebody has to step up and get a hit for us. (But) Jacob (Mata) pitched his tail off."

With the victory, the Bulldogs (17-9, 5-5 in District 3-6A) moved into a tie for second place with Odessa High, which fell 4-3 to Odessa Permian on Tuesday.

AHS (10-12, 4-6) dropped back into a tie for third with Permian and San Angelo Central.

All of the game's scoring was conducted in the first two innings. The Bulldogs struck first in the bottom of the first thanks to four consecutive hits, including RBI singles by Mata and Jaxon Hallmark.

The Eagles responded in the top half of the second with an RBI double to right field by Tyler Baker, which cut the Bulldogs' lead to 2-1.

After that, the Eagles' pitching

Please see **BULLDOGS**/3C

Midland High's Jacob Mata (13) attempts a pick-off against Abilene on Wednesday at Zachery Field.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

MHS' TIME TO SHINE

MHS boys look to overtake Abilene for 3-6A title

By Christopher Hadorn
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The time is now for the Midland High boys track and field team.

The MHS boys appear ready to compete for a team title at the District 3-6A Track and Field Championships, today and Friday at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa, after finishing second in their previous two district meets.

The Midland High boys won the West Texas Relays in Odessa on March 5 and their host Tall City Invitational on March 24, but neither meet was attended by defending 3-6A champion Abilene High, who edged MHS by three points at the 2015 district meet.

"In my nine years, we haven't done it yet so now that's the time," Midland High boys head coach Jeff Streun said. "On paper it looks good, but we still got to go out and do it."

Bryce Hoppel leads the way for MHS, as the senior enters the district meet with the fifth-fastest time (1:51.67) in the country in the 800 meters according to athletic.net.

Hoppel's goal has been to break the 1:50 mark this season, but the University of Kansas signee's top time remains the mark he set in Odessa on March 5.

Hoppel has set the bar so high that it's easy to forget how well he has performed to date. In 2015, Hoppel ran a 1:53.24 to claim a silver medal at the UIL state meet. This year Hoppel has ran 1:53 or lower in every race.

Midland High distance coach Hil Ochoa says Hoppel is running slower in the first quarter of the 800, and he believes the lack of high end competition that Hoppel is facing is making it difficult for him to get out of the blocks at a faster pace.

"I think as he gets pushed, he will respond," Ochoa said. "We tend to get kind of spoiled with Bryce, with our expectations. He will have another gear. He's the kind of competitor that will turn it on when he needs to."

The MHS girls are also in contention for the district championship, thanks to the emergence of sophomore Sametria Smith and a burgeoning group of long-distance runners, which includes Jenia Mitchell, Kandus Box and Logan Ellis.

Ochoa says Smith is poised to produce between 25-30 points by herself in the long jump, triple jump, 100 hurdles and 300 hurdles.

The Midland High girls are expected to get competition for the team championship from San Angelo Central, Odessa Permian and Lee.

The backbone of the Lee girls are its relays teams, the 400, 800 and 1,600.

"I really have a chance to get them all out to area," Lee girls coach Mike Connelly said. "We have a chance to be top four in all three of them."

Connelly added that sophomore Chelsea Adams and junior Hillary Johnson are strictly running relays, and have both embraced the role.

Kristian Ruiz, the Lady Rebels' best athlete, has been added to 400 relay to serve as an anchor.

Ruiz's best event is the 300 hurdles, an event that she has won in every meet with an exception of a second-place finish at Georgetown on April 1.

On the boys side, Lee is spearheaded by its multi-event, point machine Denim Rogers and discus and shot put thrower Michael Marsh, both seniors.

Rogers is a threat to finish first or second in the 110 hurdles, 300 hurdles, high jump and long jump.

While both Rogers and Marsh have established themselves, Lee head coach Floyd White says Isaiah Terrell has surfaced as his team's unsung hero for his role on both the 400 relay and 800 relay teams, and his running in the 200 meters.

In the Tall City Invitational, Terrell earned a silver

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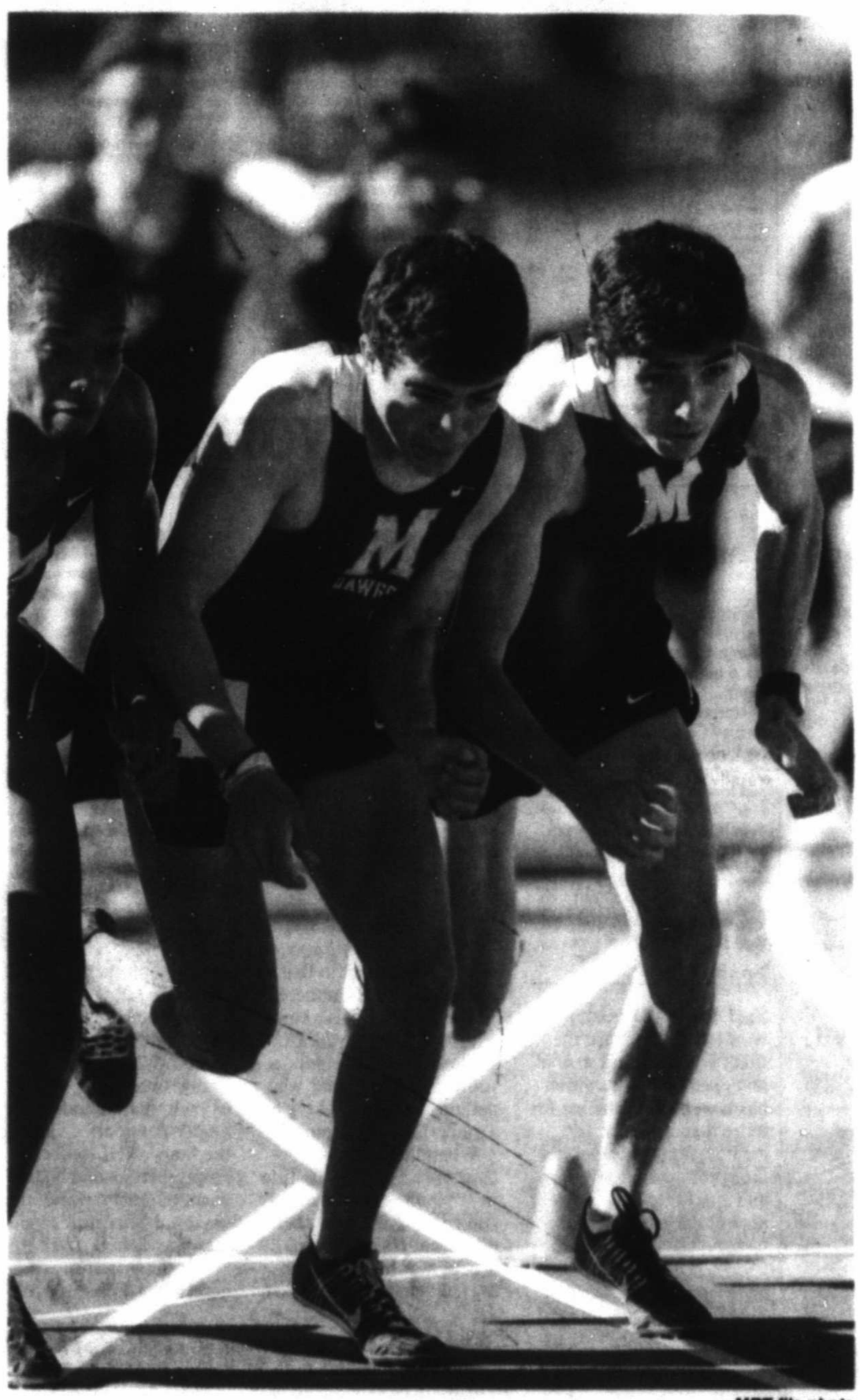

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Midland High 800 meter runners from left, Jayten Tryon, Cade Michael, and Bryce Hoppel take off from the start during the Tall City Relays track and field meet on March 24 at Memorial Stadium.

MCA girls tennis team wins State

From staff reports

WACO — The Midland Classical Academy girls tennis team captured the team title at the TAPPS 3A State Tennis Championships at the Waco Regional Tennis Center on Wednesday.

MCA acquired 33 points, followed by Geneva School of Boerne with 20.5 points, Sugar Land Logos Prep had 19 points, and Kerrville Our Lady of the Hills had 14.5 points.

First-year MCA coach Lance Armstrong said this is the first-ever team tennis title in school history.

MCA's day was highlighted by the girls doubles team of Beth Ann Holmes and Tracy Fu defeating fellow teammates in the championship match.

Holmes and Fu defeated the MCA team of Alissa Beatti and Elleri Haest, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 to win the title. That was the only time in the tournament that either team went to three sets.

"Both teams played a fantastic match," Armstrong said. "It was one of the best

Please see **MCA**/4C

Wild playoff matchup for Stars vs Minnesota replacement

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

DALLAS — Patrick Sharp is getting ready to face Minnesota in a playoff series for the fourth year in a row. It will be the first for the Dallas Stars, the franchise with roots in the Twin Cities.

Known as the North Stars before moving south to Dallas in 1993, the Stars are the top seed in the Western Conference. They open their first-round series at home Thursday night against the Wild, the team that eventually replaced them in Minnesota.

"I'm sure it means something to the fans," Stars center Jason Spezza said. "For us as players, it's a little different generation for us, we weren't directly involved in it."

Spezza and Sharp were acquired in trades the past two offseasons, and with the high-scoring young All-Star duo of Jamie Benn and Tyler Seguin helped lead Dallas to its first No. 1 seed since 2003.

The Wild, in their 15th season since entering the NHL as an expansion team, are hurting going into their fourth consecutive playoff appearance. Top scorer

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Midland at NW Arkansas, 7 p.m.

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Tuesday	Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
NW Arkansas 9, Midland 2	Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m.	Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m.	Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m.	Arkansas at Midland, 2 p.m.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Tennessee at Auburn, 6 p.m., SEC

Florida at Arkansas, 8 p.m., ESPNU

Oregon State at Washington State, 9 p.m., P12, P12 OR, P12 WA

COLLEGE BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Arizona State at Arizona, 5 p.m., P12, P12 AZ

Pepperdine at USC, 6:30 p.m., P12, P12 LA

GOLF

PGA: RBC Heritage, 1st Round, 2 p.m., GOLF

LPGA: LOTTE Championship, 2nd Round, 6 p.m., GOLF

EPGA: Real Club Valderrama Open de Espana, 2nd Round, 4:30 a.m., GOLF

MLB

Detroit at Pittsburgh, 11:30 a.m., MLB

NY Yankees at Toronto, 6 p.m., MLB

Baltimore at Texas, 7 p.m., FSSW+

Kansas City at Houston, 7 p.m., ROOT

MEN'S SOCCER

UEFA Europa: Liverpool vs. Borussia Dortmund, 2 p.m., FS1, ESPNDEP

UEFA Europa: Sevilla vs. Athletic Club de Bilbao, 2 p.m., FS2

UEFA Europa: AC Sparta Praha vs. Villarreal CF, 2 p.m., FSP

Copa Libertadores: CS y D Colo-Colo vs. Independiente del Valle, 5 p.m., FXDEP

Copa Libertadores: Deportivo Cali vs. Club Bolivar, 7:30 p.m., FXDEP

MOTORSPORTS

F1: Chinese Grand Prix, Practice, 1 a.m., NBCSN

NHL

East Quarterfinal, Gm 1: Philadelphia at Washington, 6 p.m., NBCSN

East Quarterfinal, Gm 1: NY Islanders at Florida, 7 p.m., CNBC

West Quarterfinal, Gm 1: Minnesota at Dallas, 8:30 p.m., NBCSN, FSSW

West Quarterfinal, Gm 1: San Jose at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m., CNBC

RUGBY

NRL: South Sydney at North Queensland, 4:30 a.m., FSP

SOFTBALL

2016 National Pro Fastpitch Draft, 7 p.m., CBSSN

TENNIS

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

WNBA

2016 Draft, 6 p.m., ESPN2

2016 Draft, 7 p.m., ESPNU

ON RADIO

MLB

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

TEXAS LEAGUE BASEBALL

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

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

BASEBALL

Arlington Pantego vs. Midland Christian, 6 p.m., Christensen Stadium

GOLF

Region I-6A Girls Tournament, Arlington

Region I-4A Girls Tournament, Shadow Hills GC, Lubbock

Region I-3A Girls Tournament, Abilene

TRACK

District 3-6A Meet, Odessa

District 4-4A Meet, Andrews

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BOSTON RED SOX — Placed 3B Pablo Sandoval on the 15-day DL, retroactive to April 11. Selected the contract of INF Josh Rutledge from Pawtucket (IL). Agreed to terms with LHP Wesley Wright on a minor league contract.

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Sent OF Michael Brantley to Columbus (IL) for a rehab assignment.

DETROIT TIGERS — Sent RHP Alex Wilson and OF Cameron Maybin to Toledo (IL) for a rehab assignment.

MINNESOTA TWINS — Placed LHP Glen Perkins on the 15-day DL, retroactive to April 11. Recalled LHP Taylor Rogers from Rochester (IL).

NEW YORK YANKEES — Signed 1B-OF Nick Swisher to a minor league contract.

TEXAS RANGERS — Recalled LHP Alex Claudio from Round Rock (PCL). Optioned RHP Phil Klein to Round Rock. Reinstated RHP Luke Jackson from the 15-day DL and optioned him to Round Rock.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Designated RHP Arnold Leon for assignment. Recalled L/RHP Pat Venditte from Buffalo (IL). Agreed to a two-year extension of their affiliation with Buffalo (IL) through the 2018 season.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES — Placed OF Hector Olivera on the restricted list. Recalled INF Daniel Castro from Gwinnett (IL). Transferred LHP Jesse Biddle from the 15- to the 60-day DL.

CINCINNATI REDS — Sent RHP Jon Moscot to Louisville (IL) for a rehab assignment.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Designated OF/1B Michael Morse for assignment. Assigned INF Pedro Florimon outright to Indianapolis (IL). RHP John Holdzkom cleared unconditional release waivers and is a free agent. Selected the contract of RHP A.J. Schugel from Indianapolis.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Returned RHP Josh Martin to Cleveland.

American Association

LAREDO LEMURS — Signed INF Alvaro Rondon, LHPs Henry Garcia and Cody Forsythe and RHP Luis DeLaCruz.

SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS — Signed LHP Nick Lomascolo, RHP Connor Overton and INF Jarek Cunningham.

TEXAS AIRHOGS — Released RHP Victor Beriguete.

Can-Am League

NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Signed RHP John Walter.

ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Signed OF Hunter Lockwood. Traded LHP Shawn Gilblair to New Britain for future considerations.

TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Signed RHPs Edilson Alvarez and Scott Kazminsky.

Frontier League

LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Acquired C Corey Caswell from Ottawa (Can-Am) for future considerations.

TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS — Traded OF Jay Austin to Sioux Falls (AA) for INF Brett Balkan and a player to be named.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

DETROIT PISTONS — Signed G Lorenzo Brown.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Claimed TE Chase Ford off waivers from Baltimore.

DALLAS COWBOYS — Re-signed S Jeff Heath.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Named John Park football research/analytics director.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Released LBs Terrance Plummer and Alex Singleton.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Released DL Dominique Easley.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed CB Greg Toler to a one-year contract.

Canadian Football League

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Released QB Quentin Williams, RB Martese Jackson and WR Evan Pszczonak.

Arena Football League

PORTLAND STEEL — Placed WR Colt Lyerla on inactive reserve. Signed WR Tyrone Goard.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

LOS ANGELES KINGS — Assigned F Nic Dowd and D Kevin Gravel to Ontario (OHL).

MINNESOTA WILD — Signed F Alex Tuch to a three-year, entry-level contract.

NEW YORK RANGERS — Recalled F Marek Hrivik from Hartford (AHL).

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Signed F Nazem Kadri and D Morgan Rielly to six-year contracts.

American Hockey League

CHICAGO WOLVES — Signed D Nick Petrecki to a professional tryout agreement. Released D Jared Nightingale from his professional tryout agreement and F Mark Cooper from his amateur tryout agreement.

GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS — Signed F Alex Globke to a one-year contract.

SAN DIEGO GULLS — Signed LW Kevin Roy and RW Deven Sideroff to amateur tryout agreements.

COLLEGE

NCAA — Fined Arkansas State $5,000 and vacated one men's basketball win after it was discovered a staff member provided more than $5,000 in apparel to a player.

ALABAMA — Named John Pelphrey men's associate head basketball coach.

ILLINOIS STATE — Promoted Brittney Marshall to women's assistant basketball coach.

NJIT — Named Brian Kennedy men's basketball coach.

OKLAHOMA — Named Kevin Kruger men's assistant basketball coach.

SOUTHERN CAL — Named Lynn Swann athletic director.

UTAH — Sophomore F Jakob Poeltl will enter the NBA draft.

FISHING REPORT

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water fairly clear; 58-65 degrees; 2.92 feet low. Black bass to 10.86 pounds are good shallow (bass are spawning). Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs in 10-20 feet. Catfish to 70 pounds are good on live perch.

ARROWHEAD: Water fairly clear; 64-66 degrees; 0.51 feet low. No reports on black bass. Crappie are slow on jigs and minnows in the shallows. Catfish are good on worms and stinkbait.

COLORADO CITY: 20.47 feet low. No report available.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water murky; 59-65 degrees; 0.02 feet high. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, spinnerbaits and Senkos. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows around shallow cover. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 61-69 degrees; 14.56 feet low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, jigs and small swimbaits. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and split shot weighted minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

NASWORTHY: 59-65 degrees; 1.48 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on jigs, Texas rigged lizards and weightless flukes. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 58-66 degrees; 15.23 feet low. Black bass are fair on jigs, Senkos and Texas rigged creature baits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs in the shallows. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 59-67 degrees; 46.79 feet low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished shallow. Catfish are fair to good on live bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water off color; 58-67 degrees; 0.17 feet low. Black bass are fair on chatterbaits, Texas rigs, drop shot rigs and Senkos. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

SPENCE: 56.45 feet low. No report available.

STAMFORD: 0.14 feet high. No report available.

SWEETWATER: Water off color; 59-67 degrees; 27.24 feet low. No report available.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 58-66 degrees; 17.13 feet low. No report available.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water murky; 63-67 degrees; 24.58 feet low. Black bass are very good on jerkbaits, spinnerbaits, crankbaits, spinnerbaits, and jigs. Striped bass are fair on jigging spoons, and small crankbaits. White bass are fair on jigging spoons, minnows, white grubs, and small crankbaits. Catfish are good on cheesebait, shrimp, and nightcrawlers over baited holes in 12-15 feet. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines, throwlines, and droplines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water clear; 63-67 degrees. Black bass are good on watermelon crankbaits, spinnerbaits, and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on live bait, shrimp, and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

BELTON: Water murky; 61-65 degrees; 0.84 feet high. Black bass are good on watermelon crankbaits, spinnerbaits, and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are good on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are good on live bait, shrimp, and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 60-64 degrees; 0.11 feet low. Black bass are good on red bug spinnerbaits and Shaky heads with Grande Bass Finesse worms in 3-6 feet. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are fair on Li'l Fishies and Rat-L-Traps under lights at night. Crappie are very good on minnows over brush piles in 16-25 feet. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

SIGNINGCAPSULE

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ZACH BREEDING

Signing college: McKendree University, Lebanon, Ill., Division II

School: Midland High

Sport: Boys swimming

Breeding on why he chose McKendree: "It's a brand new program, first year that it's ever existed, that's one of the main reasons I am going there. Also, it's D2, that sounds pretty cool going to a D2 college to swim. It's a liberal arts university, which is what I am studying and I like the location being in Illinois, right by St. Louis. It has a lot of opportunities for pre-law, which is what I am going into."

MHS head coach Sarah Esquivel on Breeding: "I remember when he was a little freshman. He's just worked so hard to accomplish all of his goals that he set for high school. He really wanted to go to state and he did that. We're so proud of him. I know he will do wonderful things in his college career. I'm very proud of him."

Breeding

Notes: Breeding is going to major in philosophy. ... Breeding chose McKendree over Southwestern University in Georgetown. ... Breeding was a team captain on MHS swimming team as a senior. He qualified for the UIL Class 6A State Swimming and Diving Championships in the 100 breaststroke, earning second-team, all-state honors. He says he will swim the 100 and 200 breaststroke at McKendree. ... "Sophomore year, that's whenever I started to take (swimming) really seriously," said Breeding of when he knew he had a chance to swim at college. "That's when I got really into it I suppose." ... Esquivel believes Breeding is the first MHS swimmer to sign with a college since NCAA All-American Natalie Hinds went to the University of Florida in 2012-13. "We haven't had a boy go swim (college) in a while," Esquivel said.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SPURS 96
MAVERICKS 91

DALLAS — Rookies Boban Marjanovic and Jonathon Simmons set career scoring highs and San Antonio rallied past Dallas despite leaving home four starters and two key reserves.

The loss left the Mavericks at risk of falling to the No. 7 seed in the Western Conference and having to face the second-seeded Spurs again in the first round of the playoffs after San Antonio's 4-0 sweep of its Texas rival in the regular season.

Marjanovic, a 7-foot-3 Serbian center making his fourth start, had 22 points and matched a career high with 12 rebounds as the Spurs erased an 18-point halftime deficit in the third quarter and finished off the rally in the fourth. Simmons scored 19.

ROCKETS 116
KINGS 81

HOUSTON — James Harden scored 38 points and the Houston Rockets took the final Western Conference playoff spot with an easy 116-81 victory over the Sacramento Kings on Wednesday night.

The Rockets never trailed and had a 64-44 lead at halftime behind 16 points from Harden and 10 each from Dwight Howard and Michael Beasley.

PISTONS 112
CAVALIERS 110, OT

CLEVELAND — LeBron James wore a black blazer and watched from the bench and all the starters for Cleveland and Detroit rested for their first-round playoff matchup as Jodie Meeks scored 20 to lead the Pistons past the Cavaliers.

James rushed onto the court to celebrate when Jordan McRae's 3-pointer tied it 103-all and forced OT. But Meeks, who played just 17 minutes all season because of a foot injury, scored four in the extra session. McRae scored 36 and had a chance to tie it in the final second, but missed two free throws after being fouled on a 3-pointer.

RAPTORS 103
NETS 96

NEW YORK — Rookie Norman Powell scored a career-high 30 points and Toronto wrapped up the best regular season in franchise history by beating Brooklyn.

With the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Conference already secured, the Raptors didn't even bring All-Star guards Kyle Lowry and DeMar DeRozan, plus Jonas Valanciunas, James Johnson and DeMarre Carroll to the game.

NBA PLAYOFF GLANCE

Standings

	W	L	Pct	GB
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
y-Toronto	56	26	.683	—
x-Boston	48	34	.585	8
New York	32	50	.390	24
Brooklyn	21	61	.256	35
Philadelphia	10	72	.122	46
Southeast Division				
y-Miami	48	34	.585	—
x-Atlanta	48	34	.585	—
x-Charlotte	48	34	.585	—
Washington	41	41	.500	7
Orlando	35	47	.427	13
Central Division				
z-Cleveland	57	25	.695	—
x-Indiana	45	37	.549	12
x-Detroit	44	38	.537	13
Chicago	42	40	.512	15
Milwaukee	33	49	.402	24
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
y-San Antonio	67	15	.817	—
x-Memphis	42	39	.519	24½
x-Dallas	42	40	.512	25
x-Houston	41	41	.500	26
New Orleans	30	52	.366	37
Northwest Division				
y-Oklahoma City	55	27	.671	—
x-Portland	43	38	.531	11½
Utah	40	41	.494	14½
Denver	33	48	.407	21½
Minnesota	29	53	.354	26
Pacific Division				
z-Golden State	72	9	.889	—
x-L.A. Clippers	53	28	.654	19
Sacramento	33	49	.402	39½
Phoenix	22	59	.272	50
L.A. Lakers	16	65	.198	56

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

Scores and schedule

Wednesday's Scores

Chicago 115, Philadelphia 105
Minnesota 144, New Orleans 109
Indiana 97, Milwaukee 92
Houston 116, Sacramento 81
San Antonio 96, Dallas 91
Detroit 112, Cleveland 110, OT
Toronto 103, Brooklyn 96
Boston 98, Miami 88
Washington 109, Atlanta 98
Charlotte 117, Orlando 103
Memphis at Golden State, late
Utah at L.A. Lakers, late
L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, late
Denver at Portland, late

Today's Games

No games scheduled

NHLPLAYOFFROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PENGUINS 5
RANGERS 2

PITTSBURGH — Patric Hornqvist had his first playoff hat trick and the Pittsburgh Penguins pulled away from the New York Rangers 5-2 in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference quarterfinals Wednesday night.

Hornqvist added an assist, Sidney Crosby had a goal and two assists and backup goaltender Jeff Zatkoff did just fine in his first postseason start, finishing with 35 saves. Tom Kuhnhackl also scored for Pittsburgh, which took advantage when New York goalie Henrik Lundqvist left with a facial injury after the first period.

Game 3 is Saturday in Pittsburgh.

Lundqvist played just 20 minutes after taking a stick to the face from teammate Marc Staal. Antti Raanta was shaky in Lundqvist's place, stopping 16 of 19 shots.

Derek Stepan scored twice for the Rangers but New York never led as its quest to knock the Penguins out of the playoffs for a third straight year got off to an underwhelming start.

LIGHTNING 3
RED WINGS 2

TAMPA, Fla. — Nikita Kucherov scored twice and Alex Killorn snapped a third-period tie with his 11th career playoff goal, giving the Tampa Bay Lightning a 3-2 victory over the Detroit Red Wings in Game 1 of their first-round series Wednesday night.

Ben Bishop had 34 saves for the defending Eastern Conference champions, who got the winner from Killorn less than two minutes after a potential go-ahead goal was waived off when Detroit coach Jeff Blashill successfully challenged that Tampa Bay should have been called for offsides before Victor Hedman scored.

Tyler Johnson picked up a loose puck along the boards and fed Killorn, who slipped the puck past Jimmy Howard at 8:52 of the third.

Kucherov scored in the first and second periods and also assisted on the winner.

Mike Green and Justin Abdelkader scored for Detroit, which outshot the Lightning 36-34 but had few real scoring opportunities after taking a 2-1 lead in the second period.

STARS

From 1C

Zach Parise (25 goals) won't even travel for the first two games because of an upper-body injury that has kept him off the ice for more than a week.

"It changes lines and the combinations we have and special teams. In every area of the game, it will have an effect," center Mikko Koivu said. "But if he's in, if he's not, then we've got to react to that as a team and go from there."

The Wild will also be without Thomas Vanek (18 goals) while Erik Haula, a solid third-line center who defends well, will likely be a game-time decision.

When the Stars won their only Stanley Cup title in 1999, they beat Buffalo and Lindy Ruff, now their third-year coach. Sharp was part of his third Stanley Cup championship last season with the Chicago Blackhawks.

The Stars won four of five meetings this season against Minnesota, three in overtime along with a 6-3 win that included two empty-net goals — among the Stars' NHL-record 24 empty-netters and NHL-best 265 goals overall this season. Minnesota's victory was 2-1.

But the last of those games was Feb. 9, before the Wild fired Mike Yeo and named John Torchetti the interim coach.

"Their defense is involved a little bit more ... Offensively, I think they've got a little bit more giddy-up and go in them," Ruff said. "There's going to be some structure changes for them and there might be personnel that are in or out. The playoffs, I wipe the slate clean and you start from Game 1."

NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
(x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Florida vs. N.Y. Islanders

Today: N.Y. Islanders at Florida, 7 p.m.
Friday, April 15: N.Y. Islanders at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 17: Florida at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 20: Florida at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
x-Friday, April 22: N.Y. Islanders at Florida, TBD
x-Sunday, April 24: Florida at N.Y. Islanders, TBD
x-Tuesday, April 26: N.Y. Islanders at Florida, TBD

Tampa Bay 1, Detroit 0

Wednesday: Tampa Bay 3, Detroit 2
Friday, April 15: Detroit at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
Sunday, April 17: Tampa Bay at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, April 19: Tampa Bay at Detroit, 6 p.m.
x-Thursday, April 21: Detroit at Tampa Bay, TBD
x-Sunday, April 24: Tampa Bay at Detroit, TBD
x-Tuesday, April 26: Detroit at Tampa Bay, TBD

Washington vs. Philadelphia

Today: Philadelphia at Washington, 6 p.m.
Saturday, April 16: Philadelphia at Washington, 6 p.m.
Monday, April 18: Washington at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, April 20: Washington at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
x-Friday, April 22: Philadelphia at Washington, TBD
x-Sunday, April 24: Washington at Philadelphia, TBD
x-Wednesday, April 27: Philadelphia at Washington, TBD

Pittsburgh 1, N.Y. Rangers 0

Wednesday: Pittsburgh 5, N.Y. Rangers 2
Saturday: N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, April 19: Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 21: Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, TBD
x-Saturday, April 23: N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, TBD
x-Monday, April 25: Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, TBD
x-Wednesday, April 27: N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Dallas vs. Minnesota

Today: Minnesota at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 16: Minnesota at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Monday, April 18: Dallas at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 20: Dallas at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
x-Friday, April 22: Minnesota at Dallas, TBD
x-Sunday, April 24: Dallas at Minnesota, TBD
x-Tuesday, April 26: Minnesota at Dallas, TBD

St. Louis vs. Chicago

Wednesday: Chicago at St. Louis, late
Friday: Chicago at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Sunday, April 17: St. Louis at Chicago, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, April 19: St. Louis at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
x-Thursday, April 21: Chicago at St. Louis, TBD
x-Saturday, April 23: St. Louis at Chicago, TBD
x-Monday, April 25: Chicago at St. Louis, TBD

Anaheim vs. Nashville

Friday: Nashville at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 17: Nashville at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 19: Anaheim at Nashville, 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 21: Anaheim at Nashville, 7 p.m.
x-Saturday, April 23: Nashville at Anaheim, TBD
x-Monday, April 25: Anaheim at Nashville, TBD
x-Wednesday, April 27: Nashville at Anaheim, TBD

Los Angeles vs. San Jose

Today: San Jose at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday: San Jose at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.
Monday, April 18: Los Angeles at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 20: Los Angeles at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
x-Friday, April 22: San Jose at Los Angeles, TBD
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Three-run 6th helps Central defeat Lee

From staff reports

Bobcats	3
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SAN ANGELO — San Angelo Central scored three runs in the sixth inning and held on for a 3-2 win against No. 23-ranked Lee in a District 3-6A game Wednesday.

Even after the loss, Lee (15-6, 8-2 in District 3-6A) still has a three-game hold on first place in the district.

The Rebels led 1-0 after Hunter Coleman smacked an RBI double in the bottom of the third.

Central took control in the bottom of the sixth. In the top of the seventh, Garrett Chalker hit a solo home run to cut the Bobcats' lead to 3-2. But the Rebels couldn't find the tying run.

Jonathan Limon pitched a complete game for Central (9-14-1, 4-6 in District 3-6A). He struck out 10 and walked five Rebel batters while firing 139 pitches.

Blake Blessie got the start for Lee and allowed all three runs on four hits in 5 1/3 innings before being relieved by John Wuthrich.

The two teams will meet for the last time this regular season at 4:30 p.m Friday at Ernie Johnson Field.

SAN ANGELO CENTRAL 3, NO. 23 LEE 2

Lee ..... 001 000 1 —2 6 4
Central ..... 000 003 x —3 4 1

Blake Blessie, John Wuthrich (6) and Hunter Coleman. Limon and Madrid. W — Limon. L — Blessie. 2B — Lee: Hunter Coleman. HR — Lee: Garrett Chalker.

Records: Lee 15-6, 8-2 in District 3-6A. Central 9-14-1, 4-6 in District 3-6A.

Next: San Angelo Central at Lee, 4:30 p.m Friday

HSBASEBALL/SOFTBALL

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Baseball

MOORE'S CLUTCH HIT PROPELS RANGERS

SEMINOLE — Peyton Moore hit the go-ahead single in the top of the ninth and Greenwood held on to edge Seminole, 5-4, in nine innings in a District 4-4A contest on Wednesday.

Dawson Merryman started and went the distance for the Rangers (12-11, 4-2 in District 4-4A). He struck out 13 Indian batters and walked seven in his nine innings.

Seminole (1-5 in District 4-4A) took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first, but the Rangers tied the game in the top of the third.

Seminole grabbed a 4-2 lead in the bottom of the sixth, before Nick Medrano's single knotted things up again in the top of the seventh.

GREENWOOD 5, SEMINOLE 4, 9 INNINGS

Greenwood ..... 002 010 101 —5 7 5
Seminole ..... 200 002 000 —4 6 2

Dawson Merryman and Vance Martinez. Estepan, Dominguez (6) and Dominguez. W — Merryman. L — Dominguez. 2B — Greenwood: Nick Medrano, Sam Shaw; Seminole: Dominguez.

Record: 12-11, 4-2 in District 4-4A; Seminole 1-5 in 4-4A.

Next: Pecos at Greenwood, 1 p.m. Saturday

Softball

SEMINOLE ROLLS TO WIN OVER GHS

SEMINOLE — Seminole used seven extra-base hits to down Greenwood, 15-4, in a run-rule District 4-4A victory in six innings on Wednesday.

Kelsey Minre and Melanie Sendajo both homered for the Maidens (14-12, 5-3 in District 4-4A) in their 14-hit barrage.

Payslee Sims had two doubles for the Rangerettes (7-19, 1-7 District 4-4A).

GHS committed 10 errors in the loss.

SEMINOLE 15, GREENWOOD 4, 6 INNINGS

Greenwood ..... 3000 010 —4 5 10
Seminole ..... 061 035—15 14 2

Kyndall Dove and Payslee Sims. Melanie Sendajo and Lexi Hernandez. 2B — GHS: Payslee Sims 2; Seminole: Kiera Mendoza 2, Alyssa Wade, Kenna Currie, Jodie Vaughn. HR — Seminole: Kelsey Minre, Melanie Sendajo

Records: Greenwood 7-19, 1-7 District 4-4A; Seminole 14-12, 5-3

Next: Greenwood at Pecos, 1 p.m. Saturday

MHS homers its way to win over No. 17 Permian

Lady Bulldogs	4
Lady Panthers	0

By Christopher Hadorn

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Gamboa

ODESSA — Midland High catcher Natalie Gamboa said her team was fired up to play No. 17-ranked Odessa Permian with sole possession of first place at stake.

It didn't take long for Gamboa and Lady Bulldogs to show they were indeed ready to play as they shell-shocked the Lady Panthers with a pair of home runs in the first inning.

Behind three home runs, Midland High blanked the No. 17-ranked Lady Panthers, 4-0, at the Ratliff Softball Complex.

The Lady Bulldogs (20-7-1, 7-1 in District 3-6A) moved one game ahead of Permian (22-6, 6-2) in the District 3-6A standings with two games remaining.

MHS right fielder Brooke Ryan led off the contest by launching a hard fly ball to center field off Lady Panthers ace Miranda Martinez.

"It was very big," Ryan said. "I just thought, I'm the first batter so I set the tone for the game so I knew I had to do something big. It was definitely unexpected to hit a home run."

Two batters later, Gamboa followed suit by cracking a two-run homer to center, and MHS led Permian 3-0 just moments after the game's first pitch.

"Our girls are ready, they were fired up," Gamboa said. "When Brooke and me hit those home runs, that's the most fired up we've been playing them."

Both Ryan and Gamboa hit their first-inning homers on 3-2 counts.

"On the 3-2 counts, I am always nervous, but I always tell myself, you got to battle," Gamboa said. "If (the pitch is) yours, you got to hit it hard."

In the top of the seventh inning, Ryan swatted a second home run to left field, giving MHS an insurance run.

Ryan went 3-for-4 with two solo home runs and a triple in the victory.

In the sixth inning, Ryan was summoned to the circle to relieve Midland High starting pitcher Deandra Allen, who had been throwing a one-hitter through 5 1/3 innings.

Ryan recorded the Lady Bulldogs' last five outs to record the save, baffling Permian's batters with her left-handed, off-speed offerings.

Allen and Ryan combined on a two-hit shutout. Both Lady Panthers hits were infield singles.

"Especially since we were in a (first-place) tie, I was like, we really want this game," Ryan said. "I think our team came out and showed that we wanted it."

Permian's best opportunity occurred in the fifth inning when Monique Pando broke up Allen's no-hit bid with a one-out single to the pitcher, and Martinez followed with a walk.

After a strikeout, Allen got out of trouble by getting Permian's Jaci Williams to fly out, as left fielder Alyssa Flores made a inning-ending catch in front of the fence.

Allen struck out seven Lady Panthers, while Ryan registered three strikeouts in relief.

Gamboa and Rani Guerra each had two hits for MHS.

Gamboa hit the ball hard in all four of her at-bats, but her most damaging batted ball was her hard-hit, line-drive that traveled over the center-field fence in the first inning.

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MIDLAND HIGH 4, ODESSA PERMIAN 0

MHS ..... 300 000 1 —4 8 0
Permian ..... 000 000 0 —0 2 1

Deandra Allen, Brooke Ryan (6) and Natalie Gamboa. Miranda Martinez, Elecza Hernandez (7) and Hannah Banker. W — Allen. L — Martinez. S — Ryan. 3B — MHS: Ryan. HR — MHS: Ryan 2, Gamboa. RBI — MHS: Ryan 2, Gamboa 2.

Records: MHS 20-7-1, 7-1 in District 3-6A; Permian 22-6, 6-2

Postponement

LEE VS. SA CENTRAL RESCHEDULED AGAIN

The Lee softball home game against High was postponed again on Wednesday because of a wet field.

The game is now scheduled to be played at 4:30 p.m. today at Gene Smith Field.

2016 District 3-6A Softball standings

	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
x-Midland High	7	1	20	7	1
x-Odessa Permian	6	2	22	6	0
x-Odessa High	5	2	21	6	1
Abilene High	3	4	14	8	2
San Angelo Central	1	6	7	15	0
Lee	0	7	9	17	1

x- clinched playoff berth

Wednesday's Scores
Midland High 4, Odessa Permian 0
Today's Game
Abilene High at Lee, 4:30 p.m.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High baseball players walk onto the field to shake hands after a win against Abilene on Wednesday at Zachery Field.

BULLDOGS

From 1C

tandem of starter Sage Valenzuela and submariner reliever Jeb Bishop morphed into escape artists.

They consistently found themselves in a jam with two, or even three Bulldog base runners threatening to add to the MHS lead.

But each and every time, the pair navigated its way out of trouble and kept the Eagles in the game until the final out. They stranded two Bulldog runners in each of the fourth, fifth and sixth innings.

AHS head coach Ryan Lewis said he was proud of his pitchers for staying mentally composed despite the losing result.

"The pitchers threw well," Lewis said. "That was a great high school baseball game. You can't be disappointed in the kids after that. They competed, we worked out of jams, the energy in the dugout was good, the energy on the field was good.

"We made plays when we had to, they (MHS) made plays when they had to. They were just a little bit better. Tip your hat to them."

Despite his stellar line, Mata battled through a few high-stress innings due to the Eagles' ability to keep things close all afternoon.

"As a pitcher, it's real tough because you have no room for error," said Mata, who struck out nine Eagle batters and walked one in his seven innings. "You have to be hitting the strike (zone) because that pressure is on you. We're not finding the hits right now, but luckily we got out with the 'W.'"

At the plate, Mata finished 2-for-4 with an RBI. Jaxon Hallmark went 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Sam Bertelson and Cort Hale each finished 1-for-2 with a run and two walks.

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2016 District 3-6A Baseball standings

	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Lee	8	2	15	8	0
Midland High	5	5	17	9	0
Odessa High	5	5	14	12	0
Abilene High	4	6	10	12	0
San Angelo Central	4	6	9	14	1
Odessa Permian	4	6	9	10	3

Wednesday's Scores
MHS 2, Abilene High 1; San Angelo Central 3, Lee 2; Odessa Permian 4, Odessa High 3
Friday's Games
MHS at Abilene High; San Angelo Central at Lee; Odessa High at Odessa Permian. All games at 4:30 p.m.

MIDLAND HIGH 2, ABILENE HIGH 1

AHS ..... 010 000 0 —1 2 0
MHS ..... 200 000 x —2 6 1

Sage Valenzuela, Jeb Bishop (4) and Terrell Franklin. Jacob Mata and Cole Dickie. W — Mata. L — Valenzuela. 2B — AHS: Tyler Baker. MHS: Cort Hale, Jacob Mata.

Records: AHS 10-12, 4-6 in District 3-6A; MHS 17-9, 5-5 in District 3-6A

Next: MHS at AHS, 4:30 p.m. Friday

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

MARINERS 4 RANGERS 2

SEATTLE — Even after another tough loss, Texas manager Jeff Banister was pleased as his team headed home following a winning road trip.

Delino DeShields hit a tying home run in the eighth inning for Texas, but Seattle newcomer Dae-Ho Lee delivered a two-run, pinch-homer with two outs in the 10th inning off Jake Diekman to give the Mariners a 4-2 victory Wednesday.

"I like the way we played, 4-3 going home, win a series against division foes, I like the way we went about it. I like our approaches at the plate," Banister said. "Offense got going a little bit, so we'll take the 4-3 and go back and go to work in our ballpark."

ROYALS 4 ASTROS 2

HOUSTON — Salvador Perez tagged Houston reliever Ken Giles for a tiebreaking two-run homer in the eighth inning, lifting the Kansas City Royals over the Houston Astros 4-2 Wednesday night.

The World Series champion Royals have taken two of the three from the team they beat in the decisive Game 5 of the AL Division Series last October. This four-game set wraps up Thursday.

Giles (0-1) retired the first two batters in the eighth before walking Alex Gordon on a full count. Perez followed with a drive off the facade above the Crawford Boxes in left field for his first homer of the year.

INDIANS 4 RAYS 1

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Once Carlos Carrasco settled down his stomach, he could concentrate on taming the Tampa Bay Rays.

Carrasco worked eight efficient innings, giving up three hits and one run while throwing 93 pitches, and the Cleveland Indians topped the Rays 4-1 Wednesday night.

Cleveland manager Terry Francona said Carrasco was battling some "intestinal turmoil."

"A little bit at the beginning, it was my stomach, but you have to make an adjustment," Carrasco said. "I think I might have ate something bad last night, but it's fine now."

BLUE JAYS 7 YANKEES 2

TORONTO — After a hot start in cold conditions, the New York Yankees' offense has cooled off inside a climate-controlled dome.

Jose Bautista had two hits and collected his 800th RBI, J.A. Happ worked six innings for his first victory of the season and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Yankees 7-2 on Wednesday night.

New York came in averaging 6.3 runs per game, the third highest mark in the majors, after five frigid games at home and in Detroit. For the second straight game, they managed less than half that amount.

Still, manager Joe Girardi wasn't worried.

National League

METS 2 MARLINS 1

NEW YORK — Ahead by two runs, Mets manager Terry Collins brought in Jeurys Familia for the third straight day.

For a five-out save.

On the 11th day of the season.

After a 2-5 start, the defending NL champions were feeling pressure.

"This is a game we had to have. We couldn't sacrifice another game," Collins said after Wednesday's 2-1 win over the Miami Marlins, which stopped a four-game losing streak.

Kevin Plawecki grounded a tiebreaking, two-run single through a drawn-in infield in the seventh inning, and after throwing 36 pitches the previous two nights, Familia tossed 23 more.

PHILLIES 2 PADRES 1

PHILADELPHIA — The San Diego Padres avoided another shutout, barely. Another loss, they couldn't prevent that.

San Diego ended its 20-inning scoreless streak when Brett Wallace hit an RBI single with two outs in the ninth before falling to the Philadelphia Phillies 2-1 Wednesday night.

Padres starter Colin Rea pitched seven strong innings, but San Diego was shut down by Jerad Eickhoff. The Padres had been blanked in four of their previous eight games.

"We had opportunities to score," San Diego manager Andy Green said. "We've got to focus on our hitting and not be concerned about the pitcher."

Rea (0-1), making his eighth big league start, gave San Diego a chance to win. He allowed one earned run on five hits and two walks, striking out five.

Interleague

TIGERS 7 PIRATES 3

PITTSBURGH — Jarrod Saltalamacchia reached h home run milestone in big way.

Saltalamacchia hit a grand slam for his 100th career homer, Shane Greene pitched six strong innings in his first start since undergoing shoulder surgery last August, and the Detroit Tigers beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 7-3 Wednesday night.

Saltalamacchia connected off Arquimedes Caminero (0-2) with two outs in the sixth inning, hitting a drive into the right-field bleachers that enabled the Tigers to erase a 2-1 deficit. Detroit loaded the bases on a double by Miguel Cabrera, a walk to J.D. Martinez and Nick Castellanos' single.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	7	1	.875	—
New York	4	3	.571	2½
Boston	4	4	.500	3
Toronto	4	5	.444	3½
Tampa Bay	3	5	.375	4

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	6	2	.750	—
Kansas City	6	2	.750	—
Detroit	5	2	.714	½
Cleveland	3	3	.500	2
Minnesota	0	8	.000	6

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	5	4	.556	—
Texas	5	5	.500	½
Oakland	4	6	.400	1½
Houston	3	6	.333	2
Seattle	3	6	.333	2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	6	1	.857	—
Philadelphia	4	5	.444	3
Miami	3	4	.429	3
New York	3	5	.375	3½
Atlanta	0	8	.000	6½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	7	1	.875	—
Cincinnati	5	3	.625	2
Pittsburgh	5	4	.556	2½
Milwaukee	4	4	.500	3
St. Louis	4	4	.500	3

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	6	2	.750	—
Los Angeles	4	4	.500	2
Colorado	3	4	.429	2½
Arizona	3	5	.375	3
San Diego	3	6	.333	3½

Scores and schedules

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Wednesday's Scores

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

Today's Games

Detroit (Zimmermann 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Cole 0-1), 11:35 a.m.
Chicago White Sox (Latos 1-0) at Minnesota (E.Santana 0-0), 12:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Salazar 1-0) at Tampa Bay (Archer 0-2), 12:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Eovaldi 0-0) at Toronto (Stroman 1-0), 6:07 p.m.
Baltimore (Tillman 1-0) at Texas (Hamels 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Kennedy 1-0) at Houston (Fister 1-0), 7:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Wednesday's Scores

N.Y. Mets 2, Miami 1
Washington 3, Atlanta 0
Detroit 7, Pittsburgh 3
Philadelphia 2, San Diego 1
Chicago Cubs 9, Cincinnati 2
Milwaukee 6, St. Louis 4
San Francisco at Colorado, late
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, late

Today's Games

Detroit (Zimmermann 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Cole 0-1), 11:35 a.m.
San Diego (Pomeranz 1-0) at Philadelphia (Velasquez 1-0), 12:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (W.Peralta 0-2) at St. Louis (J.Garcia 0-0), 12:45 p.m.
San Francisco (M.Cain 0-0) at Colorado (Bergman 0-1), 2:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Teheran 0-1) at Washington (Undecided), 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (R.Iglesias 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Hammel 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Ray 0-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Stripling 0-0), 9:10 p.m.

Texas box scores

MARINERS 4, RANGERS 2, 10 INNINGS

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Seattle	ab	r	h	bi
DShids cf	5	2	3	1	Aoki lf	5	1	2	0
Mazara rf	3	0	0	0	S.Smith dh	3	0	1	1
Fielder dh	4	0	1	0	Gutirrz ph-dh	2	0	1	0
Beltre 3b	4	0	1	1	Cano 2b	4	1	1	1
Morlnd 1b	3	0	0	0	Cruz rf	4	0	0	0
Dsmnd lf	4	0	0	0	KSeagr 3b	5	1	0	0
Odor 2b	4	0	0	0	Lind 1b	4	0	1	0
Alberto ss	4	0	1	0	Lee ph	1	1	1	2
Nichols c	4	0	0	0	Iannett c	4	0	0	0
LMartn cf	2	0	0	0					
KMarte ss	4	0	1	0					
Totals	35	2	6	2	Totals	38	4	8	4

Texas ..... 001 000 010 0—2
Seattle ..... 001 010 000 2—4

Two outs when winning run scored.
E—Desmond (2), DeShields (1), Odor (2), Lind (1). DP—Texas 2, Seattle 2. LOB—Texas 5, Seattle 9. 2B—Aoki (2). HR—DeShields (1), Cano (5), Lee (2). SB—L.Martin (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Griffin	5	3	2	1	4	5
Claudio	1 2-3	3	0	0	0	2
Barnette	2 1-3	1	0	0	0	2
Diekman L,0-1	2-3	1	2	0	0	0
Seattle						
T.Walker	6	5	1	1	2	4
Nuno	1	0	0	0	0	0
Jo.Peralta	1	1	1	1	0	0
Cishek W,1-1	2	0	0	0	0	3

PB—Nicholas.
T—3:20. A—15,075 (47,943).

ROYALS 4, ASTROS 2

Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
AEscor ss	5	0	1	0	Altuve 2b	5	1	3	2
Mostks 3b	5	0	1	0	Springr rf	4	0	0	0
L.Cain cf	4	1	1	0	Correa ss	4	0	0	0
Hosmer 1b	4	1	2	0	ClRsms lf	2	0	0	0
KMorls dh	4	0	1	0	White 1b	4	0	1	0
AGordn lf	2	1	0	0	Tucker dh	4	0	1	0
S.Perez c	3	1	1	3	CGomz cf	4	0	0	0
Infante 2b	4	0	1	0	Valuen 3b	3	0	0	0
Orland rf	4	0	0	0	JCastro c	2	0	1	0
Mrsnck pr	0	1	0	0					
Kratz c	0	0	0	0					
MGnzlz ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	35	4	8	3	Totals	33	2	6	2

Kansas City ..... 000 002 020—4
Houston ..... 000 001 100—2

E—A.Escobar (1), Feldman (1). DP—Kansas City 1. LOB—Kansas City 7, Houston 8. 2B—Moustakas (2), K.Morales (2), Infante (3), Altuve 2 (3). 3B—J.Castro (2). HR—S.Perez (1), Altuve (2). SF—S.Perez.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Kansas City						
Ventura	6	4	1	1	3	6
Hochevar W,1-0	1	2	1	1	0	2
K.Herrera	1	0	0	0	1	2
Soria S,1-1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Houston						
Feldman	6 1-3	7	2	0	1	4
Sipp	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Neshek	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Giles L,0-1	1	1	2	2	1	2
Devenski	1	0	0	0	0	3

PB—J.Castro.
T—3:03. A—24,109 (41,676).

TUESDAY'S LATE BOX
RANGERS 8, MARINERS 0

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Seattle	ab	r	h	bi
DShids cf	4	2	2	0	Aoki lf	4	0	1	0
Mazara rf	5	0	1	0	Sardins ss	4	0	1	0
Fielder dh	4	0	0	1	Cano 2b	4	0	0	0
Beltre 3b	4	1	2	5	Cruz rf	4	0	0	0
Dsmnd lf	4	0	0	0	KSeagr 3b	3	0	0	0
Odor 2b	4	1	1	0	Iannett c	4	0	1	0
Andrus ss	4	1	3	1	Gutirrz dh	3	0	0	0
Rua 1b	4	1	2	0	Lee 1b	3	0	1	0
Holady c	3	2	1	1	LMartn cf	3	0	0	0
Totals	36	8	12	8	Totals	32	0	4	0

Texas ..... 005 001 200—8
Seattle ..... 000 000 000—0

E—Odor (1). DP—Seattle 2. LOB—Texas 4, Seattle 7. 2B—Beltre (5), Odor (2), Andrus (1). HR—Beltre (2). SF—Fielder.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Holland W,1-0	6 2-3	4	0	0	2	4
Faulkner	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Klein	2	0	0	0	0	2
Seattle						
Miley L,0-1	6	10	6	6	0	7
Zych	1	1	2	2	1	1
Vincent	1	0	0	0	0	1
Nuno	1	1	0	0	0	2

HBP—by Zych (Holaday). WP—Miley.
T—2:35. A—13,376 (47,943).

Wednesday's linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
ANGELS 5, ATHLETICS 1

Los Angeles ..... 001 010 012 —5 11 1
Oakland ..... 000 000 010 —1 3 0

Shoemaker, Mahle (7), Salas (8), J.Alvarez (8), J.Smith (9) and C.Perez. Surkamp, Dull (5), Fe.Rodriguez (7), Hendriks (9), Rzepczynski (9) and Vogt. W—Shoemaker 1-1. L—Surkamp 0-1. HRs—Oakland, Semien (4).

BLUE JAYS 7, YANKEES 2

New York ..... 000 010 010 —2 8 1
Toronto ..... 010 020 04x —7 10 0

Pineda, Yates (7), Nova (8) and Au.Romine. Happ, Cecil (7), Storen (8), Venditte (9) and R.Martin. W—Happ 1-0. L—Pineda 1-1. HRs—New York, Teixeira (3).

INDIANS 4, RAYS 1

Cleveland ..... 000 300 010 —4 5 0
Tampa Bay ..... 000 000 010 —1 5 2

Carrasco, C.Allen (9) and Gomes. Smyly, E.Ramirez (8) and Casali. W—Carrasco 1-0. L—Smyly 0-2. Sv—C.Allen (2). HRs—Cleveland, Kipnis (2).

RED SOX 4, ORIOLES 2

Baltimore ..... 002 000 000 —2 9 0
Boston ..... 002 200 00x —4 8 0

Jimenez, T.Wilson (6) and Joseph; Kelly, M.Barnes (6), Layne (6), Tazawa (7), Uehara (8), Kimbrel (9) and Hanigan. W—Kelly 1-0. L—Jimenez 1-1. Sv—Kimbrel (2). HRs—Baltimore, C.Davis (4).

WHITE SOX 3, TWINS 0

Chicago ..... 000 001 200 —3 9 0
Minnesota ..... 000 000 000 —0 4 0

Rodon, Petricka (7), Duke (7), N.Jones (7), Robertson (9) and Avila. P.Hughes, Abad (7), Pressly (8), Tonkin (9) and K.Suzuki. W—Rodon 1-1. L—P.Hughes 0-2. Sv—Robertson (4). HRs—Chicago, Sands (1).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
METS 2, MARLINS 1

Miami ..... 000 000 010 —1 7 0
New York ..... 000 000 20x —2 7 0

Conley, McGowan (7), Morris (8) and Realmuto. Verrett, Henderson (7), Robles (7), Blevins (7), Familia (8) and Plawecki. W—Blevins 1-0. L—McGowan 0-1. Sv—Familia (2).

NATIONALS 3, BRAVES 1

Atlanta ..... 000 000 000 —0 5 0
Washington ..... 000 300 00x —3 4 0

Wisler, Withrow (7), Cervenka (8) and Pierzynski; Roark, O.Perez (8), Papelbon (9) and W.Ramos. W—Roark 1-1. L—Wisler 0-1. Sv—Papelbon (5). HRs—Washington, Drew (1), Werth (1).

PHILLIES 2, PADRES 1

San Diego ..... 000 000 001 —1 6 3
Philadelphia ..... 101 000 00x —2 5 1

Rea, Buchter (8) and Bethancourt. Eickhoff, D.Hernandez (8), J.Gomez (9) and Rupp. W—Eickhoff 1-1. L—Rea 0-1. Sv—J.Gomez (4). HRs—Philadelphia, Franco (2).

CUBS 9, REDS 2

Cincinnati ..... 100 000 100 —2 7 0
Chicago ..... 502 200 00x —9 8 0

Simon, Straily (1), Sampson (4), B.Wood (6), Ohlendorf (7), Cingrani (8) and Barnhart. Lackey, Cahill (7), Richard (8), Ha.Ramirez (9) and M.Montero. W—Lackey 2-0. L—Simon 0-1. HRs—Chicago, Bryant (1).

BREWERS 6, CARDINALS 4

Milwaukee ..... 100 120 002 —6 9 1
St. Louis ..... 300 000 010 —4 6 2

Ch.Anderson, Thornburg (7), Blazek (8), Jeffress (9) and Lucroy; Leake, Oh (7), Siegrist (8), Rosenthal (9), Maness (9) and Molina. W—Blazek 1-0. L—Rosenthal 0-1. Sv—Jeffress (4). HRs—Milwaukee, Do.Santana (1). St. Louis, Moss (2).

INTERLEAGUE
TIGERS 7, PIRATES 3

Detroit ..... 000 104 002 —7 10 0
Pittsburgh ..... 200 000 010 —3 4 0

Greene, J.Wilson (7), Lowe (8), Fr.Rodriguez (9) and Saltalamacchia. Vogelsong, Caminero (6), Schugel (6), Luebke (9), N.Feliz (9) and Cervelli. W—Greene 1-0. L—Caminero 0-2. HRs—Detroit, Kinsler (3), Saltalamacchia (2).

Courtesy photo

The Midland Classical Academy girls tennis team poses with its TAPPS 3A state championship trophy on Wednesday afternoon at the Waco Regional Tennis Center.

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matches I've seen all year."

These two doubles teams had also played in for the TAPPS District 1-3A championship and that match was also won by Holmes and Fu in three sets.

In the semifinal round, Holmes and Fu defeated the team of Peyton Ford and Clara Nenstiel, of Amarillo San Jacinto, 6-1, 6-2. Meanwhile, Beattie and Heast defeated the team of Ashton Rodgers and Kathryn Sladky, of Boerne Geneva, 6-2, 6-0.

In the boys division, both Trinity doubles teams fell in the semifinal round.

The team of Justin Hofman and Dylan Hofman lost to the eventual state champions Richard Coleman and Reagan Hanish, of Marble Falls Academy, 6-2, 6-4.

In the other semifinal, Trinity's Anthony Fago and Porter Hankins were defeated by the team of Zachary Haper and Ray Clark, from Fort Worth Lake Country, 6-0, 6-2.

Fort Worth Lake Country won the boys team title with 22 points, Trinity was second with 17 points, Arlington Grace Prep had 16, and MCA had 15.5 points.

REGIONAL GOLF ROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

REGION I-6A LEE GIRLS IN 8TH

ARLINGTON — The Lee girls golf team is in eighth place after the first round of the Region I-6A Girls Golf Championships at Rolling Hills Country Club.

The Lady Rebels shot a 355 on Wednesday and are 38 strokes back of third place Arlington Martin Black. Allen leads the tournament after shooting a 300.

Odessa Permian is ninth with a 364.

Rebecca Reed had the best day of the Lady Rebels with an 81 to put her in a tie for 21st place in the individual standings. Midland High's Faith DeLaGarza is tied for 32nd after carding an 84. Coppell's Grace Do leads the field after a 72.

The final round concludes today with the top three teams and top three individuals not on a qualifying team heading to the state tournament April 25-26 in Georgetown.

Region I-6A Girls Golf Championships
At Rolling Hills Country Club, Arlington
Wednesday's first round results
Team standings

1. Allen 300 2. Southlake Carroll 310 3. Lewisville Hebron 313 4. Arlington Martin Black 317 5. Coppell 329 6. Denton Guyer 336 7. Byron Nelson 339 8. Lee 355 9. Odessa Permian 364 10. (tie) Midlothian 369, and Arlington Martin Red 369 12. Wolfforth Frenship 371 13. Mansfield Black 372 14. (tie) El Paso Eastwood 373, and El Paso Coronado 373 16. Amarillo High 400

Lee individuals — Rebecca Reed 81. Ryleigh Stump 85. Alexis Adkisson 92. Chloe Bice 97. Alex Sparks 100.

Midland High individual — Faith DeLaGarza 84.

REGION I-4A ANDREWS BLACK, WALINDER IN FIRST

LUBBOCK — Libby Walinder led the Andrews Black with a strong first round at the Region I-4A Girls Golf Championships on Wednesday at Shadow Hills Golf Course.

Walinder shot the low score of day with a 72 to help Andrews Black shoot 305 as a team, 15 strokes better than second place Bridgeport. Sweetwater (323) is third and Andrews Gold is fourth with a 329.

Walinder is two shots ahead of Brownwood's Sydney Roberts in the individual standings. Greenwood's Ryan Pate is in a five-way tie for fourth, along with Andrews Black's Madee McAllister and Kinzee McAllister after each shooting a 77.

The tournament concludes today as five-time state champion Andrews looks to return to state.

Region I-4A Girls Golf Championships
At Shadow Hills Golf Course, Lubbock
Team standings

1. Andrews Black 305 2. Bridgeport 320. 3 Sweetwater 323. 4. Andrews Gold 329. 5. Midlothian Heritage 344. 6. Snyder 356. 7. Borger 360. 8. Graham 371. Pampa 379. 10. Brownwood 384. 11. Godley 418. 12. Decatur 422. 13. Burkburnett 432. 14. Vernon 462.

Medalist standings

1. Libby Walinder, Andrews Black, 72. 2. Sydney Roberts, Brownwood, 74. 3. Brooke Inor, Bridgeport 75. 4. (tie) Ryan Pate, Greenwood, 77; Alexis Read, Bridgeport, 77; Ashley Choate, Bridgeport, 77; Kinzee McAllister, Andrews Black 77; Madee McAllister, Andrews Black 77. 9. (tie) Lauren Franco, Seminole, 78; Katie Hudson, Bridgeport 78; Caroline Traylor, Midlothian Heritage, 78.

Andrews Black (305) — Walinder 72, M. McAllister 77, Savannah Pinson 85, Rachel Huffman 79, K. McAllister 77.

Andrews Gold (329) — Sam Flores 80, Bailey McCarver 83, Katelynn Savell 86, Mikala Hayne 82, Macy Schulze 84.

REGION I-2A FORSAN IN SECOND

ODESSA — Led by Jillian Jones, Forsan is in second place after the first round of the Region I-2A Girls Golf Championships played Wednesday at Ratliff Ranch Golf Links.

Forsan shot a 368 and is two shots back of leader Wellington.

Jones leads the individual standings with a 79, one shot ahead of Wellington's Taylor Martin. Forsan's Razyl Yanez is in a tie for fifth with an 84.

Region I-2A Girls Golf Championships
At Ratliff Ranch Golf Links, Odessa
Wednesday's first round results
Team standings

1. Wellington 366. 2. Forsan 368. 3. Memphis 375. 4. Plains 392. 5. Gruver 418. 6. Anson 420. 7. McCamey 424. 8. (tie) Haskell 429, Vega 429. 10. Van Horn 435. Panhandle 443. 11. Sundown 447. 12. Olton 449.

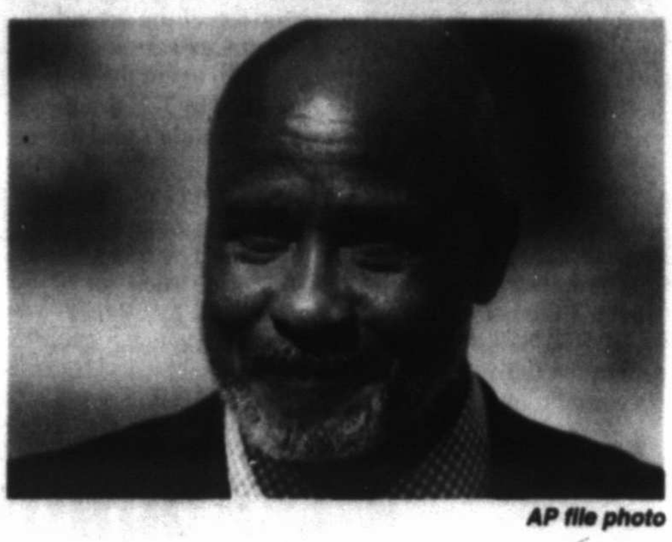
Individual standings

1. Jillian Jones, Forsan, 79. 2. Taylor Martin, Wellington 80. 3. (tie) Ashley Watts, Wellington 81, Lezlie Jones, Van Horn, 81. 5. (tie) Razyl Yanez, Forsan, 84, Renee Mollow, Memphis, 84. 7. Madison Davis, Plains, 86. 8. (tie) Klaye Georges, Hamlin, 87, and Mattie Mayfield, Gruver, 87. 10. Hannah Anderson, Canadian, 88.

Forsan (368) — Jones 79, Yanez 84, Sierra Darling 89, Alexis Stercks 116, Alyssa Lee 121.

Hall of Famer Lynn Swann named athletic director at USC

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press



AP file photo

Former Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Lynn Swann watches from the sideline before a game between the Steelers and the San Francisco 49ers in Pittsburgh in 2015.

LOS ANGELES — Lynn Swann is the next Southern California football great to get the chance to run the Trojans' athletic department.

The Pro Football Hall of Famer was named USC's athletic director on Wednesday.

USC President Max Nikias announced the appointment of the former Trojans receiver, who will succeed Pat Haden on July 1.

Swann was among more than 200 candidates considered for the position atop the high-profile department, Nikias said. Although the Pro Football Hall of Famer has no experience in collegiate athletic administration, Swann is the third straight former USC football player to get the post.

"This new role as AD fits with my life focus of leadership, mentoring young people, helping others and giving them the tools they need to grow and achieve," Swann said in a statement.

The 64-year-old Swann returns to the school where he played on two Rose Bowl teams and won a national championship in 1972 while earning a degree in public relations.

"To his new role, Lynn Swann will bring the heart and soul of a Trojan," Nikias said. "He shares our profound dedication to combining academic excellence with athletic excellence."

Swann became an NFL star with the Pittsburgh Steelers, winning four championships and the 1976 Super Bowl MVP award during a nine-year career. He joined the Hall of Fame in 2001.

Swann went on to a lengthy broadcasting career, and he served as the chairman of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports from 2002-05. He has also served on the boards of several large corporations, but USC said he will drop most of those commitments in the next few months after Haden drew criticism for his extensive outside corporate interests.

Swann ran for governor in Pennsylvania in 2006 as the Republican candidate, losing to incumbent Ed Rendell.

"USC opened doors for me," Swann said. "I learned about myself, and my education created a pathway to go forward. I was always looking toward preparing for that career beyond football."

Haden resigned earlier this year after a series of minor health scares, ending a 5 1/2-year tenure that included the successful navigation of heavy NCAA sanctions against the school stemming from the tenure of former coach Pete Carroll and running back Reggie Bush.

While USC football is still a consistent winner, it hasn't returned to its best days under Carroll, struggling through multiple coaching changes and failing to win a Pac-12 title since 2008.

Carroll hailed Swann's hire on his Twitter account.

"He will be an outstanding leader and great champion for the Trojan cause!" the Seattle Seahawks coach wrote.

At least Swann doesn't have to handle an immediate crisis in the football program. Haden fired football coach Steve Sarkisian last October and eventually promoted longtime assistant Clay Helton to the full-time job.

Outside of the dominant football program, the school's athletic department won 10 national titles during Haden's tenure, second only to Florida in that span. Men's basketball coach Andy Enfield has revived the USC program since Haden surprisingly hired him, culminating in an NCAA Tournament bid this year and a contract extension through 2021.

Haden, the former USC quarterback, replaced Heisman Trophy winner Mike Garrett as athletic director. Haden will stay at the school for another year to guide the renovations of the Coliseum.

Born in Tennessee, Swann graduated from the Bay Area's Junipero Serra High School, the same school that produced fellow Super Bowl MVP Tom Brady and home run king Barry Bonds.

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Baylor football player Oakman arrested on sex assault charge

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — NFL prospect and former Baylor football player Shawn Oakman was arrested Wednesday on a charge of sexually assaulting a woman at his Texas apartment earlier this month, Waco police said.

The arrest of the record-setting defensive end is the latest troubling incident for the Baylor football program. Two former players were convicted of sexual assault in 2014 and 2015, and the school faces a federal lawsuit from one of the victims claiming the school didn't protect her.

A woman told police that Oakman, 24, attacked her April 3 after they met at a Waco nightclub. According to a police affidavit, Oakman told investigating officers they had consensual sex.

In a statement announcing the arrest, police also said they served two search warrants for Oakman's cellphone and his DNA while questioning him Wednesday afternoon.

Baylor's career sacks leader finished his college eligibility in December.

Oakman's agent did not immediately respond to requests for comment on the arrest. Attorney information for Oakman was not immediately available. Waco police did not immediately respond to messages seeking comment beyond the written statement.

The woman told police she walked with Oakman to his apartment after meeting him at the club and he attacked her in his bedroom. According to a police affidavit, the woman said she was able to leave the apartment after she was assaulted.

The affidavit says the woman was "treated for her injuries" at a medical center, where a sexual assault examination was performed. Investigators searched the apartment several hours later.

Baylor, the largest Baptist university in the country, faces a federal lawsuit and questions over whether it failed to act effectively against football players accused of sexual assault. A former student accused the university of deliberate indifference in its handling of her complaints about one player, Tevin Elliott, who was eventually charged and convicted in 2014 of two counts of sexual assault. He was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

A year later, a jury ruled that another Baylor football player, Sam Ukwuachu, assaulted a former Baylor women's soccer player; he received a six-month jail sentence.

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medal with a second-place showing in the 200 meters (22.74), finishing just behind Odessa Permian football star Kobe Robinson (22.61).

In addition to Robinson, non-Midland ISD athletes to watch are Permian's Dexter Neboh, Abilene High long-distance runner Ashton Endsley, Abilene High hurdler Jesus Serrano and Permian high jumper and triple jumper Akor Maywin.

Neboh recently won the prestigious Texas Relays with a triple jump of 48 feet, 10 1/2 inches.

Follow Christopher on Twitter: @chris_MRTsports

District 3-6A Track and Field Championships
At Ratliff Stadium, Odessa
Today
Field events

11 a.m. — Boys shot put, boys high jump, girls discus, girls triple jump, girls pole vault

1 p.m. — Boys discus, boys long jump, boys pole vault, girls shot put, girls high jump

Running events, finals

5 p.m. — Girls and boys 3,200 meters

Running events, prelims

3:30 p.m. — Girls 100 hurdles, boys 110 hurdles

4 p.m. — Girls and boys 100 meters

4:30 p.m. — Girls and boys 400 meters

5:45 p.m. — Girls and boys 300 hurdles

6:15 p.m. — Girls and boys 200 meters

Friday
Field events

9 a.m. — Boys triple jump, girls long jump

Running events, finals

1:30 p.m. — Girls and boys 400 relay

1:45 p.m. — Girls and boys 800 meters

2:15 p.m. — Girls 100 hurdles

2:30 p.m. — Boys 110 hurdles

2:45 p.m. — Girls and boys 100 meters

3:05 p.m. — Girls and boys 800 meters

3:30 p.m. — Girls and boys 400 meters

4 p.m. — Girls and boys 300 meters

4:30 p.m. — Girls and boys 200 meters

5 p.m. — Girls and boys 1,600 meters

5:40 p.m. — Girls and boys 1,600 relay

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Grey's A. "There's a Fine, Fine Line" (N)		Grey's Anatomy (N)		Catch "The Princess and the I.P." (N)		Local 2 News/ TG	(:20) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Couple (N)	Mom (N)	2 Broke Girls (N)	Rush Hour "Captain Cole's Playlist" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) Stephen Colbert		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H "The Kids"	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Happy Days	Laverne & Shirley	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Tandem Target"	Two and Half Men	Twilight "The Fear"
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Bones "The Death in the Defense" (N) —		American Grit "Ruck Up" (P) (N)		News/Jms News	TMZ	2 Broke Girls	Modern Family	Two and Half Men	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Lars Enarson	Zola Levitt Presents	Update News	HaYesod	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Joshua Caleb	Wings of Truth	Faith for Families	Biblical Israel
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	NewsWest 9 Now	Strong "Friends and Frenemies" (N)		The Blacklist (N)		Game of Silence "Blood Brothers" (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Daytripper TV	Arts in Context	Masterpiece "Grantchester"		MAKERS "Women in Hollywood"		Charlie Rose (N)		World News	Yavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Sueño de amor		Un camino hacia el destino		Pasion y poder		El Hotel de los Secretos		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
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FLIX	340	575			165	(9:30) ★★ They		★★ The Last Days of Disco				★★ Duets Gwyneth Paltrow.				★ Grosse Pointe B...	
HBO	300	590	14	14		(5:00) ★★ Step Up All In		★★ Get Hard Will Ferrell.		1stLook		Together	Girls		★★ American Pie Chris Klein.		Movie
HBO2	302	591	15	101	23	(5:15) ★★ Tammy		Fight		★★ Lucy Scarlett Johansson.		Game of Thrones		Taxicab	(:50) Animals.		OnlyDead
HBOS	304	552	16	102		(:30) ★ Out on a Limb		Vice		★★ Barbershop Ice Cube.		(:45) ★ Barbershop 2: Back in Business					Movie
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:10) ★★ Black Sea		(:20) ★★ The Maze Runner Dylan O'Brien.				★★★ The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies					Movie
MAX2	382	598	18	122		(5:40) ★★★ Windtalkers Nicolas Cage.				★★★ Titanic (97, Dra) Kate Winslet, Leonardo DiCaprio.					(:20) ★ Get on Up		
FLIX			96			(:35) ★★ Seems Like Old Times				(:05) ★★ Aces N' Eights		(:35) ★ The Legend of Hell's Gate: An A...					Movie
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(5:00) ★ Black Snak...		Lies	Dice	Billions		Lies	Dice	Gigolos	Dice	Gigolos	Billions
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:20) ★ Molly Moo...		★★ Snow Day Chevy Chase.		★★ The Pink Panther				(:05) ★ ★ Delta Farce			Movie
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	The First 48 "Senior Year"		The First 48		The First 48 "Bloodline" (N)		60 Days In "Pod Drama" (N)		The First 48 "Cranked"		The First 48	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	★★★ Lethal Weapon 4 ('98, Act) Danny Glover, Mel Gibson.						★★★ The Hunt for Red October ('90, Act) Sean Connery.					
BET	58	-		40		Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Chasing Destiny		Chasing Destiny		Martin	Martin	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	76		41		Real Wives Dallas		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Beverly Hills		Watch (N)	Housewives Atlanta		Housew.
CNBC	46	52		39	72	American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed (N)		American Greed		American Greed	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		The Eighties (N)		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		The Eighties	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	(5:00) Naked		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked "Primal Fear"	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Underc.	Bunk'd	★★ Bolt John Travolta.		(:45) Austin		Friends	(:35) Girl M.	Liv/Mad	S.Middle	Jessie	Jessie
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	(5:00) SportsCenter		SportsCenter (N)		30 for 30 "This Magic Moment" (N)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	WNBA Draft (L)		E:60		NFL Live		Rookie	SportsCenter	Special	SportsC.	NFL Live	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Cooks vs. Cons (N)		BeatFlay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Cooks vs. Cons	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:00) ★ The Lucky O...		★★★ The Notebook ('04, Rom) Rachel McAdams, Ryan Gosling.						The 700 Club		★★ 17 Again	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Sport-sDay (N)	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Baltimore Orioles at Texas Rangers Site: Globe Life Park - Arlington, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	Championship Spot. "Girls Basketball"		SportsD-ay OnAir
FX	31	56	59	64	69	Movie		★★★ Men in Black 3 ('12, Act) Will Smith.				Archer (N)	Archer	Archer	★★★ Men in Black 3		
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	H.Hunt	House (N)	Masters of Flip (N)		FlipFlop	FlipFlop
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Pawn S.	Pawn Star	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Alone (N)		Vikings (N)		Join/Die	(:35) Class	Pawn S.	Pawn S.
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Project Runway "Once Upon a Runway"		PR All Stars Social "A Touch of Style" (N)		Runway "Rebel With a Cause" (N)		Runway "Rebel With a Cause" (N)		Project Runway "A Touch of Style"		PR All Stars Social "A Touch of Style"	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				NHLLive	NHL Hockey	Stanley Cup Playoffs				NHL Hockey	Stanley Cup Playoffs				Overtime
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	H.Danger	Thunder	★★ Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!				F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	(5:30) ★★ Ender's Game Asa Butterfield.				Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	★ The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe						★ The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch & the Wardro...					
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinf. "The Little Jerry"	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Conan Jason Jones	Emilia Clarke.	Full Frontal	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:30) ★ Slaughter T...		★★★★ West Side Story ('61, Mus) Natalie Wood.				(:45) ★★★ The Young Girls of Rochefort					
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		Quien es quien?		Eva, La Trailera		El señor de los cielos		Al rojo	Titulares	Eva, La Trailera	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life: Now "Chuck and Paula"		Save My Life: Boston Trauma		Extreme Weight Loss athlete now weighs over 300 pounds.		Extreme Weight Loss "Cassandra" A former		Extreme Weight Loss to lose half her weight in one year	"Ashley" Ashley hopes		
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Castle "Murder Most Fowl"		★★★ 50 First Dates ('04, Romance) Drew Barrymore, Rob Schneider, Adam Sandler.				★★ The Break Up ('06, Comedy) Jennifer Aniston, Joey Lauren Adams, Vince Vaughn.				CSI: NY "Party Down"	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Griffith	(:35) Griffith	(:10) Ray	(:50) Ray	(:25) Loves Ray		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Shattered"		WWE Smackdown! WWE superstars do battle in long-running rivalries.				Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern "Snip"	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family
WGN	19	85				Met Your Mother	Mother "Sorry, Bro"	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Elementary "Flight Risk"		Elementary "One Way to Get Off"	

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Danny Willett: Dedicated golfer, family man, Masters winner

By Steve Douglas
Associated Press

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Danny Willett arrives at Manchester Airport, England, on Tuesday after his victory at the Masters on Sunday. Willett arrived back in Britain having become the first European to win the Masters since 1999 and only the second English player to receive the green jacket.

MANCHESTER, England — Danny Willett's journey to the green jacket began 16 years ago when he signed up with some friends for an inner-city golf scheme, designed to get kids off the street and give them something constructive to do.

Four thousand miles from the perfectly manicured greens of Augusta National, these sessions took place next to a housing development in Sheffield, northern England, with some run-down homes nearby. It was a tough part of a city weighed down by the decline of its steel industry.

Willett, about 12 at the time, had just been introduced to golf through his father on a family trip to Wales. But it was on the municipal course at Birley Wood where he would put in the hours to really learn his future trade.

Peter Ball, Willett's first coach, told The Associated Press that the future Masters champion became devoted to the sport from a young age.

"The most noticeable thing was in the winter when he was getting better, he'd stay there until it was absolutely pitch black, chipping and putting under the lights of the club," Ball said. "I'd said to him, 'It's pitch black, freezing cold, you should really be going home.'

"His ability to work was incredible."

Willett was one of hundreds of local kids to come under the stewardship of Ball, but this youngster clearly had something special.

About four years later, Willett quit college after just a month and headed to Jacksonville State University in the United States, where he dedicated his life to golf.

On Tuesday, he was returning to Britain as the country's latest sporting superstar, having won the Masters for his first major championship title.

"He's a nice, lively young man," said Ball, who spoke to Willett soon after he'd donned the green jacket in Butler Cabin on Sunday. "I'm very proud of what he achieved."

Ball remembers Willett having a "nice family around him," and that family has been thrust into the limelight in Britain since Sunday.

Willett's father, Stephen, is a vicar and his mother, Elisabet, is a Swedish-born mathematics teacher. They have recalled allowing Danny to miss school and taking him to the golf course to let him play until late evening as a teenager.

The down-to-earth Willett remains close to his parents. As recently as last year, when he was contending at the British Open, he told reporters eager to know more about him that he liked nothing better than walking his dog and having dinner at his parents' house.

While Willett was putting together the round of his life on Sunday at the Masters, his brother, Paul, was becoming an unlikely star on Twitter and occasionally giving some insight into his relationship with his sibling.

"3 putt this & you might as well stay in America," Paul tweeted as Danny finished off his round. He had earlier posted: "If the boy does what he should, I will be able to say 'I've shared a bath with a Masters winner' — brilliant."

But it's nothing on the scale of his brother's fame.

Danny Willett is not just a major winner but also a new dad. His son, Zachariah, was born shortly before the Masters started. Speaking to reporters at Manchester airport on Tuesday after flying in from New York, Willett — still in the green jacket — said he is looking forward to some family time.

"Get home, put the kettle on, and change some nappies," Willett explained of his immediate plans. "I'm looking forward to spending time with (wife) Nicole and the little man. It's been a tough week, obviously, leaving him when he was only just born."

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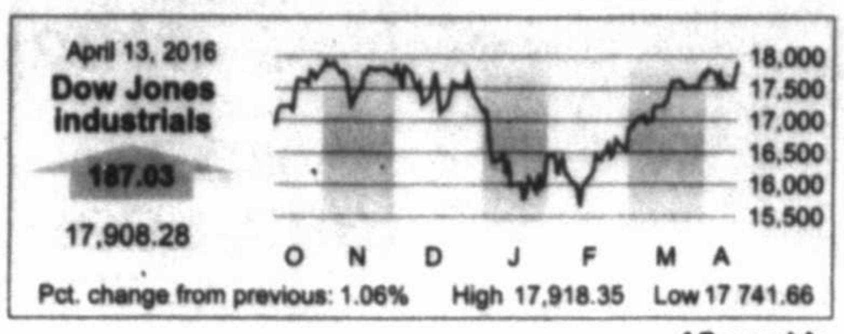

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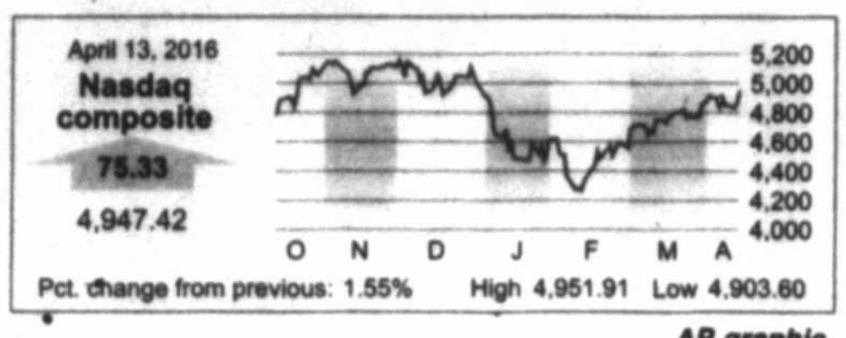

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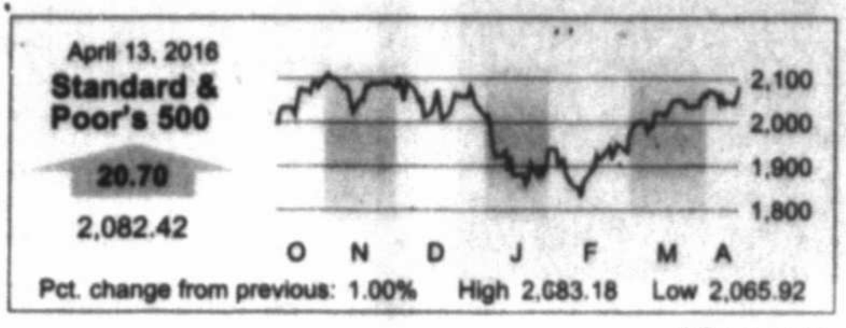

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FUTURES

Wednesday:	$41.76
Previous:	$42.17

POSTED

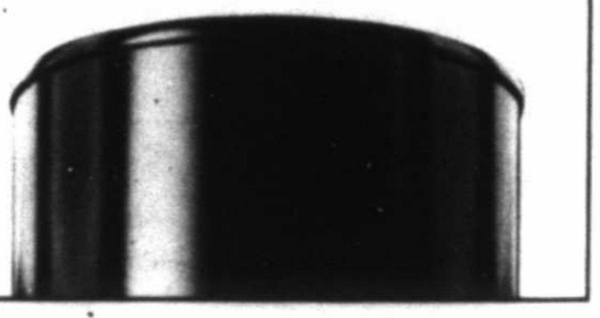
Wednesday:	$38.25
Previous:	$36.75

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Wednesday:	$33.70
Previous:	$34.20

NATURAL GAS

Wednesday:	$2.036
Previous:	$2.004



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MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1322507	13.79	+.52
ChesEng	1021016	6.06	+.01
iShEMkts	917548	34.94	+.61
S&P500ETF	871301	208.00	+2.08
DirDGldBr	705748	2.22	+.16

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SunTr wtB	3.90	+.78	+25.0
SafeBk pfC	14.83	+2.58	+21.1
SafeB pfD	14.53	+2.52	+21.0
SiderurNac	3.72	+.60	+19.2
Xerium	5.36	+.78	+17.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DxRBkBear	34.22	-5.14	-13.1
Comcst29	50.00	-7.00	-12.3
DxChiBear s	21.51	-2.83	-11.6
PUVixST rs	18.06	-2.02	-10.1
EmergeES	5.25	-.52	-9.0

DIARY

Advanced	2,401
Declined	709
Unchanged	77
Total issues	3,187
New Highs	111
New Lows	3
Volume	4,095,938,515

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BarcGSOil	35250	5.62	
SynergyRs	33743	7.68	-.41
NwGold g	28692	4.14	-.08
NovaGld g	28131	5.96	-.16
CheniereEn	25342	37.92	+.75

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Tofutti	3.35	+.33	+11.0
NobilisH n	3.83	+.36	+10.4
ImpacMtg	15.06	+1.42	+10.4
Medgenics	4.89	+.34	+7.5
Organovo	2.50	+.17	+7.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EnviroStr	3.69	-.37	-9.1
LucasE rs	5.12	-.48	-8.6
PlatGpM rs	3.33	-.29	-8.0
NanoViric	2.31	-.18	-7.2
SynergyRs	7.68	-.41	-5.1

DIARY

Advanced	217
Declined	147
Unchanged	28
Total issues	392
New Highs	21
New Lows	
Volume	80,396,888

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Facebook	871830	110.51	-.10
SiriusXM	581327	3.92	+.06
CSVixSh rs	424792	4.16	-.39
Apple Inc	317444	112.04	+1.60
MicronT	257542	10.88	+.71

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ReprosTh	2.25	+1.43	+175.4
VoyagerT n	13.49	+2.51	+22.9
PayData rs	2.10	+.39	+22.8
Resonant	3.46	+.58	+20.3
Emcore	6.08	+1.00	+19.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AdestoTc n	4.80	-.67	-12.2
Hailiang n	8.15	-.90	-9.9
OceanPw rs	2.10	-.21	-9.1
CorbusPhm	2.36	-.23	-8.9
EV Engy	2.20	-.21	-8.7

DIARY

Advanced	2,204
Declined	613
Unchanged	154
Total issues	2,971
New Highs	53
New Lows	13
Volume	1,880,912,012

Schlumberger to pare Venezuela services on a lack of payments

By David Wethe
Bloomberg

Schlumberger will reduce activity in Venezuela after the world's largest oil services provider failed to collect enough payments from the national oil company.

The reduction will take place this month in close coordination with all customers in Venezuela to continue servicing those with available cash flow, the Houston- and Paris-based contractor said in a statement Tuesday. Venezuela, which holds the biggest oil reserves of any country, has been battered by the collapse of prices as most of the government's revenue comes from petrodollars.

In October, Schlumberger was said to be shifting some of its workers from Brazil to Venezuela, reinforcing the contractor's commitment at the time as others in the industry pulled back. By late January, Schlumberger said it had entered into a deal with Petroleos de Venezuela during the fourth quarter to receive certain fixed assets in lieu of payment of about $200 million of accounts receivable.

"Schlumberger appreciates the efforts of its main customer in the country to find alternative payment solutions and remains fully committed to supporting the Venezuelan exploration and production industry," the company said in the statement. "However, Schlumberger is unable to increase its accounts receivable balances beyond their current level."

Venezuelan authorities have struggled to make the country's currency controls work for foreign oil partners. Venezuelan Energy Minister Eulogio Del Pino said earlier this month that partners of PDVSA, as the state-owned producer is known, would be allowed to use a new floating rate that last sold dollars for 312 bolivars. On the black market, however, one U.S. dollar can buy almost four times as much. With triple-digit inflation, spending in bolivars can look very expensive when transacted at the official rate of 10 bolivars per dollar or the newer floating rate.

Still, the Venezuelan oil giant denied it's struggling to pay its bills. In a statement late Tuesday, PDVSA rejected the cutbacks, labeling them a "manipulation" by the media and said it would continue to make payments in "various forms" to the service provider.

The issue of collecting payment in Venezuela has only grown worse and demonstrates a difficult predicament for the national oil company, J. David Anderson, an analyst at Barclays, wrote Wednesday in a note to investors. Baker Hughes began to reduce its footprint in the Latin American country in late 2014, while Weatherford International announced self-imposed cuts there last quarter.

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> *Schlumberger company statement*

"PDVSA doesn't have the cash flow to pay oilfield service companies," Anderson wrote. "And yet, it needs oilfield service companies to maximize production to increase cash flow."

Kelley Hughes, a spokeswoman at Weatherford, declined to comment, while Melanie Kania, a spokeswoman at Baker Hughes, wasn't immediately able to comment. Emily Mir, a spokeswoman at Halliburton, didn't immediately return phone and e-mail messages seeking comment.

Schlumberger has laid off about 34,000 workers since the third quarter of 2014 as it seeks to cut costs to weather the rout. Crude has fallen about 60 percent from its 2014 peak. The activity cutbacks in Venezuela are a result of insufficient payments received in recent quarters and a lack of progress in establishing new mechanisms to address the issue, Schlumberger said.

In March 2013, Schlumberger said it would reduce work in Venezuela because of mounting overdue payments from PDVSA. The company subsequently reached an agreement and announced two months later that it would provide a $1 billion rolling credit for a joint venture in Venezuela.

Schlumberger is estimated to have generated the most sales in Venezuela, with the country accounting for about 3 percent of its $35.5 billion in total revenue last year, Kurt Hallead, an analyst at RBC Capital Markets, wrote Wednesday in a note to investors. The country represented more than 10 percent of Schlumberger's $8.8 billion in total accounts receivable last year.

For Halliburton, the world's second-largest oil services provider, Venezuela accounted for $704 million in accounts receivable, or 13 percent of the company's total bills yet to be paid, Hallead wrote.

Stocks jump

U.S. stocks climbed again Wednesday as quarterly results from JPMorgan Chase gave banks a big lift. Economic news from China powered industrial and technology companies in the U.S. and stock exchanges overseas.

JPMorgan Chase, the largest bank in the U.S., led a rally in financial stocks after its first-quarter results came in better than analysts expected. Railroad operators and auto parts suppliers also gained ground.

Julian Emanuel, U.S. equities and derivatives strategist for UBS, said it didn't take much to send banks, the worst-performing sector in the market this year, higher.

"Bank stocks have been so beaten up that any good news, either on better credit conditions driven by higher energy prices or news on cost-cutting, is likely to underpin those stocks," he said.

The Dow Jones industrial average jumped 187.03 points, or 1.1 percent, to 17,908.28. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 20.70 points, or 1 percent, to 2,082.42. The Nasdaq composite index advanced 75.33 points, or 1.6 percent, to 4,947.42.

Metals end mixed

Precious and industrial metals futures ended mixed. Gold lost $12.60 to $1,248.30 an ounce, silver edged up 10 cents to $16.33 an ounce and copper rose two cents to $2.17 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $17.60 Down 0.58

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $107.28 Up 0.19

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.80 Down 0.10

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $81.40 Down 0.65

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.40 Down 0.15

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $2.59 Up 0.03

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $22.03 Up 0.10

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $30.71 Down 0.08

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $6.34 Up 0.14

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $17.81 Down 0.32

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.92	16	38.25	-.42	+11.2
Abraxas	...	...	1.04	-.02	-1.9
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	12.79	+.09	-.3
Alcoa	.12	26	9.79	+.31	-.8
AlonUSA	.60	15	10.66	+.24	-28.2
Ambev	.19e		5.24	+.04	+17.5
Amgen	4.00	17	160.06	+1.46	-1.4
Anadarko	.20m	...	49.32	-.79	+1.5
Apache	1.00	...	52.46	-.83	+18.0
Apple Inc	2.08	12	112.04	+1.60	+6.4
ApldMatl	.40	20	21.31	+.38	+14.1
ArcelorMit	...		5.53	+.34	+72.0
Archrock	.75f		8.00	+.20	+6.4
ATMOS	1.68f	24	73.89	-.10	+17.2
AutoData	2.12	29	90.24	+.13	+6.5
BP PLC	2.40e	...	31.38	+.18	+.4
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	17.42	+.07	+1.0
BakrHu	.68	...	41.30	+.07	-10.5
BcoBrad s	.44e	...	8.39	+.08	+74.4
BkofAm	.20	10	13.79	+.52	-18.1
B iPVixST	...	...	17.21	-.91	-14.4
BasicEnSv	...	...	2.50	+.10	-6.7
BerkHa A	...	15	216130.00	+2430.00	+9.3
BlkHillsCp	1.68f	39	58.44	-.68	+25.9
BrMySq	1.52f	48	67.57	+.73	-1.8
BrownFA	1.36f	32	102.56	-.18	-6.9
BrownFB	1.36f	29	95.04	-.97	-4.3
CSX	.72	13	26.03	+1.04	+.3
CVS Health	1.70f	21	101.13	-.10	+3.4
CalifResrcs	...	...	1.56	+.10	-33.0
Caterpillar	3.08	16	79.13	+3.03	+16.4
Celestic g	...	13	10.71	+.22	-2.9
CntryLink	2.16	20	32.19	+.19	+27.9
ChesEng	...	...	6.06	+.01	+34.7
Chevron	4.28	40	97.60	+.09	+8.5
Chicos	.32f	45	12.61	+.30	+18.2
Cimarex	.32m	...	106.31	-.73	+18.9
Cisco	1.04f	14	28.23	+.59	+4.8
Citigroup	.20	10	44.25	+2.35	-14.5
ClayEng	...	...	17.60	-.58	-40.5
CliffsNRs	...	...	3.98	...	+151.9
CocaCola	1.40f	26	46.04	-.61	+7.2
ColgPalm	1.56f	26	70.83	-.40	+6.3
ConAgra	1.00	26	45.71	-.60	+8.4

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConchoRes	...	...	107.28	+.19	+15.5
ConocoPhil	1.00m	...	43.58	+.11	-6.7
CrackerB	4.40a	21	153.13	+1.38	+20.7
CSVelIVST	...		25.90	+1.24	+.4
CSVLgCrd rs				26.36	-.96
CSVixSh rs			4.16	-.39	-33.5
CrosTim	1.45e	10	15.89	-.30	+22.1
DCP Mid	3.12	33	29.30	+.07	+18.8
DTE	2.92f	19	88.69	-.40	+10.6
Dataram h			64	-.03	-2.7
DevonE	.24m	...	30.96	...	-3.3
DirDGldBr			2.22	+.16	-86.6
Disney	1.42f	18	99.48	+2.13	-5.3
DowChm	1.84f	13	52.21	+.59	+1.4
eBay s		16	25.08	+.66	-8.7
EOG Rescs	.67	...	77.78	+.44	+9.9
EmpDist	1.04	26	33.54	+.04	+19.5
EnCana g	.06m	...	6.86	-.06	+34.8
Energen	.08	...	39.01	-.78	-4.8
EgyTrEq s	1.14f	8	9.36	+.76	-31.9
EngyTsfr	4.22f	...	33.11	-.13	-1.8
EnPro	.84f	...	58.39	+1.28	+33.2
EntProdPt	1.56f	19	25.06	+.05	-2.0
Ericsson	.43e	...	10.16	+.26	+5.7
ExxonMbl	2.92	22	84.83	+.48	+8.8
Facebook	...	72	110.51	-.10	+5.6
Fitbit n	...	19	17.01	+1.86	-42.5
FordM	.60a	7	13.06	+.25	-7.3
FreeSea rs	...	...	.01	+.00	-98.4
FrptMcM	...	...	10.82	+.39	+59.8
FrontierCm	.42	...	5.36	+.02	+14.8
GATX	1.60f	9	49.06	+.22	+15.3
GabMultT	.94e	...	7.13	+.09	-4.9
GAInv	1.15e	...	31.28	+.35	-2.1
GenElec	.92	...	30.98	+.17	-.5
Gerdau	.07e	...	2.35	+.18	+95.8
GoPro	...	60	13.90	+2.22	-22.8
GtPlainEn	1.05f	23	21.66	-.08	+15.9
HalconRs rs	...	...	1.15	+.02	-8.7
Hallibrtn	.72	...	38.31	+.65	+12.5
Hertz	...	16	9.02	+.58	-36.6
HorizPhm	...	...	14.08	+.66	-35.0
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	28.92	+.82	+39.8

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShJapan	.13e		11.84	+.32	-2.3
iShChinaLC	.76e		34.99	+1.32	-.9
iShEMkts	.84e		34.94	+.61	+8.5
iS Eafe	1.70e		58.24	+.91	-.8
iShR2K	1.73e		112.31	+2.37	-.3
Intel	1.04	14	32.13	+.27	-6.7
InterDig	.80	18	57.31	+.71	+16.9
ItauUnibH	.45e		9.64	+.15	+48.3
JPMorgCh	1.76	11	61.79	+2.51	-5.8
JohnJn	3.00	18	109.87	+.27	+7.0
Keycorp	.30	11	11.50	+.48	-12.8
KimbClk	3.68f	39	135.66	-2.47	+6.6
Kinross g	...		4.33	-.13	+137.9
LegacyRes	.60m		1.40	-.15	-20.0
LinnEngy	...		.43	-.05	-66.7
Lubys	...	...	4.98	+.03	+11.4
MarathnO	.20m		12.92	-.20	+2.6
MktVGold	.12e		22.25	-.63	+62.2
McDnlds	3.56f	25	126.89	-.72	+7.4
Merck	1.84f	26	55.96	+.62	+5.9
MeritMed	...	35	19.13	+.70	+2.9
MexcoEn			2.59	+.03	-19.7
MicronT	...	12	10.88	+.71	-23.2
Microsoft	1.44	35	55.35	+.70	-.2
MorgStan	.60	9	25.88	+1.30	-18.6
Nabors	.24		10.20	+.16	+19.9
NatGrid	3.35e	...	71.35	+.01	+2.6
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Netflix s	...		109.65	+2.67	-4.1
NvPMI	.78a	...	14.37	-.02	+5.2
NuvPI	.82a	...	14.75	-.05	+4.6
NSTFI3	.55a	...	15.08	-.09	+3.7
NTXQI	.65	...	14.95	-.06	+3.6
OcciPet	3.00	54	72.24	-.21	+6.8
ParTech	...	...	6.53	+.18	-3.0
ParkDrl	...	...	2.76	+.08	+51.6
PattUTI	.40	...	18.65	+.03	+23.7
PennaRE	.84	...	22.70	+.12	+3.8
Prmian	.35e	19	6.61	+.07	+30.6
PetrbrsA	...	...	5.43	+.31	+59.7
Petrobras	...	...	6.73	+.30	+56.5
Pfizer	1.20f	19	32.54	+.58	+.8
PioNtrl	.08	70	146.65	-.76	+17.0
PlainsAAP	2.80	15	23.15	+.10	+.2

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	110.91	+1.40	-.8
Praxair	3.00f	22	115.57	+1.51	+12.9
PrmEgy	...	...	32.00	...	-39.6
PUVixST rs	...	...	18.06	-2.02	-36.3
ProctGam	2.68f	27	82.46	-.37	+3.8
RangeRs	.08m	...	37.75	-.26	+53.4
RegionsFn	.24	13	8.40	+.43	-12.5
ReprosTh			2.25	+1.43	+86.0
RiceEngy			15.96	-.70	+46.4
Rowan	.40	23	17.28	+.05	+1.9
RoyDShllA	3.76	78	51.32	+.46	+12.1
SpdrDJIA	3.98e		178.92	+1.83	+2.8
S&P500ETF	4.13e		208.00	+2.08	+2.0
SpdrOGEx	.73e		33.11	-.37	+9.6
SabnR	2.22e	10	31.83	+.70	+21.2
SanderFm	.88a	13	90.70	-1.11	+17.0
Schlmbrg	2.00	23	77.37	+1.47	+10.9
SeadrillLtd	...	...	3.90	+.07	+15.0
SiriusXM		39	3.92	+.06	-3.7
Smucker	2.68	34	128.22	+.25	+4.0
SwstnEngy	...		10.48	-.06	+47.4
Sprint			3.42	-.07	-5.5
SP Engy	2.04e		64.26	+.30	+6.5
SPDR Fncl	.46e		22.93	+.51	-3.8
SunEdison	...	...	.37	-.03	-92.7
SunocoLog	1.92f	39	25.90	-.41	+.8

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
TelefEsp	1.03e	...	10.73	+.04	-3.0
Tesoro	2.00	6	85.55	+1.75	-18.8
3M Co	4.44f	22	168.59	+.56	+11.9
Torchmark	.56f	14	55.40	+.64	-2.8
Transocn			9.89	+.30	-20.1
TriContl	.82e	...	20.16	+.16	+.7
Twitter	...	...	17.37	+.80	-24.9
TylerTech	...	64	136.40	+3.60	-21.8
UBSI	1.32	19	37.08	+1.23	+.2
US OilFd	...	...	10.51	-.13	-4.5
USSteel	.20	...	19.02	+1.40	+138.3
Vale SA	.29e		5.64	+.32	+71.4
Vale SA pf	.29e		4.24	+.24	+66.3
ValeantPh	...	...	33.10	+1.11	-67.4
ValeroE	2.40f	7	62.55	+1.65	-11.5
VangEmg	1.10e	...	35.50	+.65	+8.5
VerizonCm	2.26	12	51.29	-.66	+11.0
VulcanM	.80f	61	106.78	+.24	+12.4
WEC Engy	1.98f	25	58.60	-.53	+14.2
WalgBoots	1.44	24	81.08	-.23	-4.8
WellsFargo	1.50	12	49.03	+1.26	-9.8
WstnRefin	1.52f	7	28.78	+.07	-19.2
WhitingPet	...	...	10.43	-.46	+10.5
WmsCos	2.56	92	18.35	+.64	-28.6
XcelEngy	1.36f	21	40.69	-.30	+13.3
Xerox	.31f	23	11.20	+.06	+5.4

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INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,351.36	15,370.33	Dow Jones Industrials	17,908.28	+187.03	+1.06	+2.77	-1.13
8,953.18	6,403.31	Dow Jones Transportation	7,980.74	+202.05	+2.60	+6.02	-8.55
672.28	539.96	Dow Jones Utilities	658.22	-4.55	-.69	+13.91	+11.77
11,254.87	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	10,359.51	+120.82	+1.18	+2.13	-7.26
5,231.94	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	4,947.42	+75.33	+1.55	-1.20	-1.27
2,134.72	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,082.42	+20.70	+1.00	+1.88	-1.15
1,551.28	1,215.14	S&P Midcap	1,463.98	+24.23	+1.68	+4.68	-4.79
22,537.15	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	21,469.59	+240.72	+1.13	+1.43	-3.89
1,296.00	943.09	Russell 2000	1,129.93	+24.22	+2.19	-.52	-11.40

TODAY: Sunny High: 83 Low: 60

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 83 Low: 61

SATURDAY: Showers High: 77 Low: 58

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny High: 73 Low: 52

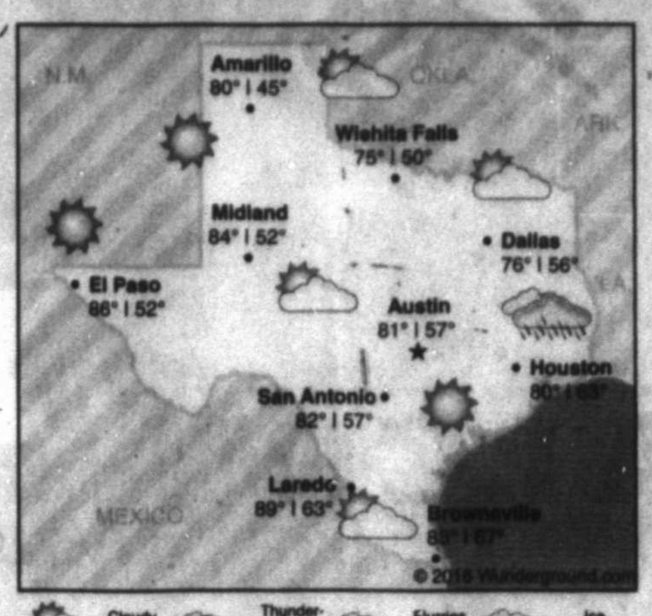
MONDAY: Mostly sunny High: 73 Low: 49

TUESDAY: Mostly sunny High: 77 Low: 55

Local forecast

Showers return to the forecast, beginning Friday and continuing through at least the middle of next week, according to the National Weather Service. The best chance of rain — a 70 percent chance — is expected Saturday night, according to the NWS. Winds on Friday could gust as high as 40 percent. Otherwise, expect a 30 percent chance on Friday night and 30 percent chance on Saturday.

The record high for April 13 is 97 set in 1972. The record low is 28 set in 1957. On April 13 of last year, the high was 69 and the low was 51.



National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, April 14

Weather brief

PHILADELPHIA

Group releasing undercover video for cage-free egg push

An animal welfare group said it hopes undercover video filmed inside a farm showing how hens are treated will get more U.S. food sellers behind cage-free eggs.

Mercy for Animals on Wednesday released video clips recorded by an investigator who posed as a farm employee.

Precipitation

Tuesday	0.14 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	1.02 in.
Year total	2.04 in.
Normal total (year to date)	2.15 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	73
Low	51
Normal high	79
Normal low	48
Sunrise	7:21 a.m.
Sunset	8:18 p.m.

Keeping wealth quiet causes millionaire to suffer anxiety

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 29-year-old self-made millionaire who has spent the last decade saving and investing my middle-class income. I grew up dirt poor, so at 18 I left home with $5, went straight to work and never looked back.

Recently, I've realized that I struggle to make friends for fear they'll find out about my financial situation. Those who know only want to talk about money or treat me differently. Most of my peers are broke and it makes me feel guilty. Those with high incomes blow their money on fancy dinners and luxury vehicles. I'm just a working-class woman who likes driving my 10-year-old car, and I don't feel like I fit in with anyone. In fact, I'm developing an anxiety.

A few months ago I went to the bank to deposit a large sum of money and was mortified to see that the bank teller was a friend of the family. I have gone to the extreme of lying about owning homes and going on vacations, and it's making me crazy. I even have issues with letting my young daughter's friends come over for playdates, for fear that the other moms will think our house is "too nice." Do I need counseling or is this just a turning point in my life that I need to grasp? — MONEY WORRIES

DEAR MONEY WORRIES: If someone has to have money worries, yours are the nicest kind to have. It would be interesting to know how many successful people share your feelings, because I suspect that you are far from alone in experiencing them. (A psychiatrist once told me that many of her successful patients feel like frauds despite their considerable accomplishments.) A licensed mental health professional can help you to get past these feelings before they cause your daughter to be isolated, and I think the money would be well spent.

P.S. If you feel your banking transactions are not being kept confidential, either change financial institutions or arrange for private banking, which is available for high-net-worth individuals.

DEAR ABBY: I am raising two of my grandchildren because their parents can't take care of them. The kids are still learning acceptable behavior because they were never taught.

I'll give you an example of something that happens often: I was paying for an item at a store and my granddaughter sneaked behind the counter and reached into the display case. Cupcakes were involved. The saleslady asked her to stop. I immediately got ahold of my wayward offender, glued her to my side until I was finished and then made her apologize.

The problem was, the saleslady immediately said, "Oh, it's OK." I then had to ask the saleslady to please NOT tell my granddaughter that it was OK, but instead to accept my granddaughter's apology, because my granddaughter really would think it WAS OK. Your thoughts? — RAISING GRANDKIDS

DEAR RAISING: I think the salesperson was simply being polite and professional, and that those children are lucky to have such a caring grandmother watching out for them.

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Dubious double

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A J 10 8
♡ Q 9
♢ K 7 6 5 4 3
♣ A

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

EAST
♠ 9 6 4 3
♡ 10 5 2
♢ J 2
♣ 9 7 4 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q 7
♡ A K 8 7
♢ Q 9 8
♣ 8 6 3

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Pass	1♢	Pass
1♡	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
5	Dbl	Pass	Pass
5	Pass	6♢	All pass

Opening lead: King of ♣

West doubled three no-trump with supreme confidence, certain that he could take five tricks before the opponents could take nine. South had opened the bidding on an anemic club suit and knew exactly why West had doubled — massive clubs. South made the creative decision to change the contract to five diamonds. North, with an unusually good hand for this development, raised smoothly to six.

This was well judged all around, except by West. The 2-2 split in diamonds made the play a snap. Declarer carefully led the first round of diamonds through West, but it didn't matter. North-South quickly scored up their slam.

You might think that West was unlucky to have his double work out so poorly. We think that a stronger word is needed to describe the double. Consider the play in a three no-trump contract. Declarer wins the opening club lead and cashes four rounds of spades. What should West discard? He can safely part with the 10 of diamonds, but what about his second discard? A heart discard would give South four heart tricks and a club discard would allow declarer to safely attack diamonds. He would not even have defeated the three no-trump contract that he doubled.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, April 14, 2016:

This year others seem to naturally head in the same direction as you. You appear so full of life and enjoyment that many people want to know or understand this newfound magic. You worry less; you take risks more often. Your risks reflect your judgment, and many of you will have a good outcome. If you are single, you will find that your popularity attracts new friends and potential sweeties. If you are attached, the two of you express a newfound vitality. Often you can be seen acting like new lovers. LEO, like you, knows how to have a good time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You have a lot to say and share. Your delivery and style of communication is reflected in how well others listen to you. Express your vivacious personality when expressing yourself. Tonight: Go into weekend mode.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You might have every intention of walking out the door ASAP, but someone or some issue might hold you back. Could it be that you would rather be at home? In that environment, you often become more creative and intuitive. Tonight: Indulge a loved one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Reach out for another person and express your caring. Your ability to move through a problem emerges. Keep dialoguing with those who are in the know. You will learn a lot, and you will feel far more on target than you have in a while. Tonight: Say what you think.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Your ability to converse and get to the bottom of a problem will be highlighted. Consider your options, especially concerning your funds. Communication soars between you and another person. Tonight: Do some spring shopping.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Beam in more of what you want. Others like the way you think and your approach to life. You might find that you not only have an admirer, but also someone who imitates your style and sometimes repeats your words. Tonight: It's your call.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Much could be happening behind the scenes. You also might choose not to share this information with others. Staying mum might be hard, so hard that you pick up the phone to contact a confidant. You can count on this friend honoring your request not to discuss this matter with anyone else. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Eye the long term and what is important. Think twice about a personal matter and where you are heading. Be more direct in how you deal with a key issue; be willing to discuss where you might feel vulnerable. Tonight: Be a duo.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You might want to rethink a personal matter more carefully, yet another responsibility or person demands instant attention. You have no choice but to handle the issue at hand. Pull back and rethink a decision with greater care. Others turn to you for leadership in a jam. Tonight: A must appearance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You might want to change course and handle a personal matter directly. However, if you get too much into the story, you might miss a major point. That experience happens to you often. Listen to an offer that heads in your direction that might involve some new knowledge or a new experience. Tonight: Buy tickets to a concert.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ The cards are not stacked in your favor. It appears that a partner or associate has what you might wish for. Let this person deal with an issue rather than you. Sometimes letting others handle your responsibilities helps you not only get past a problem, but also helps others understand what responsibilities you meet regularly. Tonight: Be a duo.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Let someone who seems more vested handle today's issues, especially if personalities are involved and there is a personal element running through it. You will be pleased with what a close loved one offers you. Understand the limits that a situation naturally imposes on you. Tonight: Accept another person's invitation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Face facts. See how much you need to get done. You will be able to understand what you must do before you socialize or get together with a bunch of friends. Share your boundaries with your friends, and they will understand if you join them later. Tonight: Just say yes.

BORN TODAY

Singer/songwriter Loretta Lynn (1932), baseball player Pete Rose (1941), actor Rod Steiger (1925)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Tousle
5 F and G, e.g.
10 Soaks (up)
14 Bad thing to be caught in
15 Spells
16 Virginie, par exemple
17 "Need You Tonight" band
18 Start of an old news announcement
20 Frequent Lemmon co-star
22 Chimney
23 Dublin-born poet
24 AWOL trackers
26 Tiny
27 Shine, in Cambridge
29 Ammunition dumps
31 Request to Sajak
32 Stipulation on le menu
34 Numerical prefix
36 Progressive pitcher?
37 When there's no turning back
41 Where gas and lodging may be found
46 Tulsa sch.
47 Brings to light
50 Pitcher, for one
52 Cambodia's Lon __
53 Enzyme suffix
54 Moisten, in a way
55 Northeastern octet
57 Old but coveted
60 Nachos, e.g.
64 Peach __
65 Landed
66 Ken Jenkins' "Scrubs" role
67 CVI halved
68 Old map divs.
69 "Dallas" Miss
70 North-of-the-border gas

DOWN

1 Injure badly
2 Radius neighbor
3 Historic Chicago-to-Santa Monica route
4 Largish combo
5 Proctor's concern
6 Infiniti competitor
7 No. after a phone no.
8 Not agin
9 Fed. benefits agency
10 Stimulating message
11 Senators' home
12 Part of UPS
13 Betting specifications
19 County bordering Suffolk
21 Dwell annoyingly (on)
24 "Fantastic" Dahl character
25 Initials on a radial
27 "Well, __-di-dah!"
28 Lyon article
29 Weigh station counts
30 Composer Rorem
33 "__ shoe fits ..."
35 Literary assortment
38 When translated to English, beer brand that hints at the common feature of the five other longest puzzle answers
39 "We __ Marshall": 2006 film
40 Brynner of filmdom
42 Wipe off
43 Some Cadillacs
44 Scott classic
45 Try
47 Hall of Fame Colts quarterback
48 Grisham output
49 Potion
51 Suppress
54 Low voices
56 First responders, initially
58 Israeli arms
59 Opera star Pinza
61 Classic Jag
62 "Small Wonder" state: Abbr.
63 In need of treatment

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

C	O	R	N	Y		N	E	S	T		R	A	I	D
A	R	E	A	S		O	A	T	H		E	L	L	E
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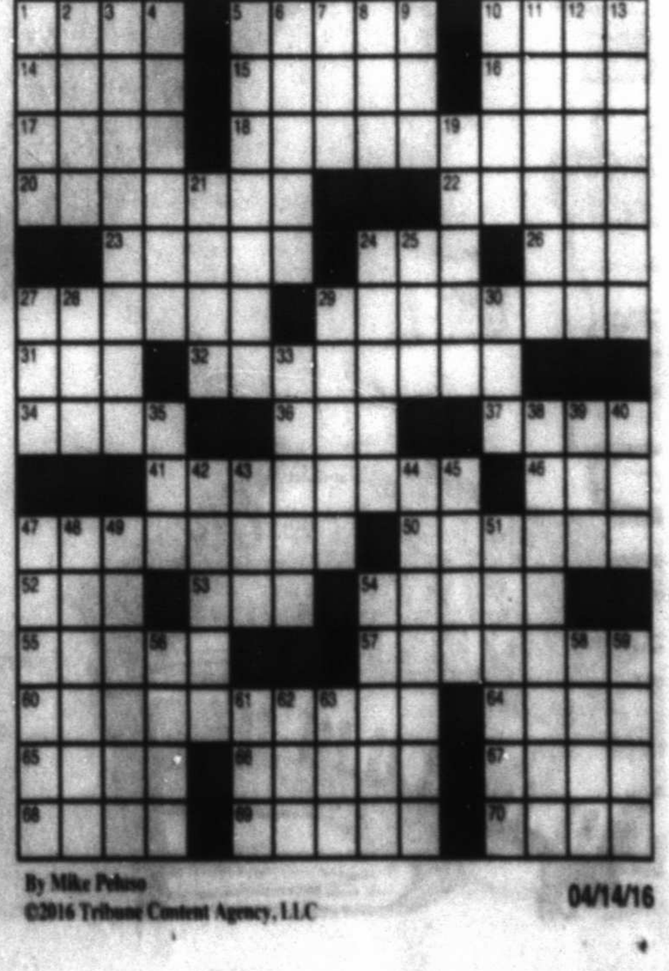

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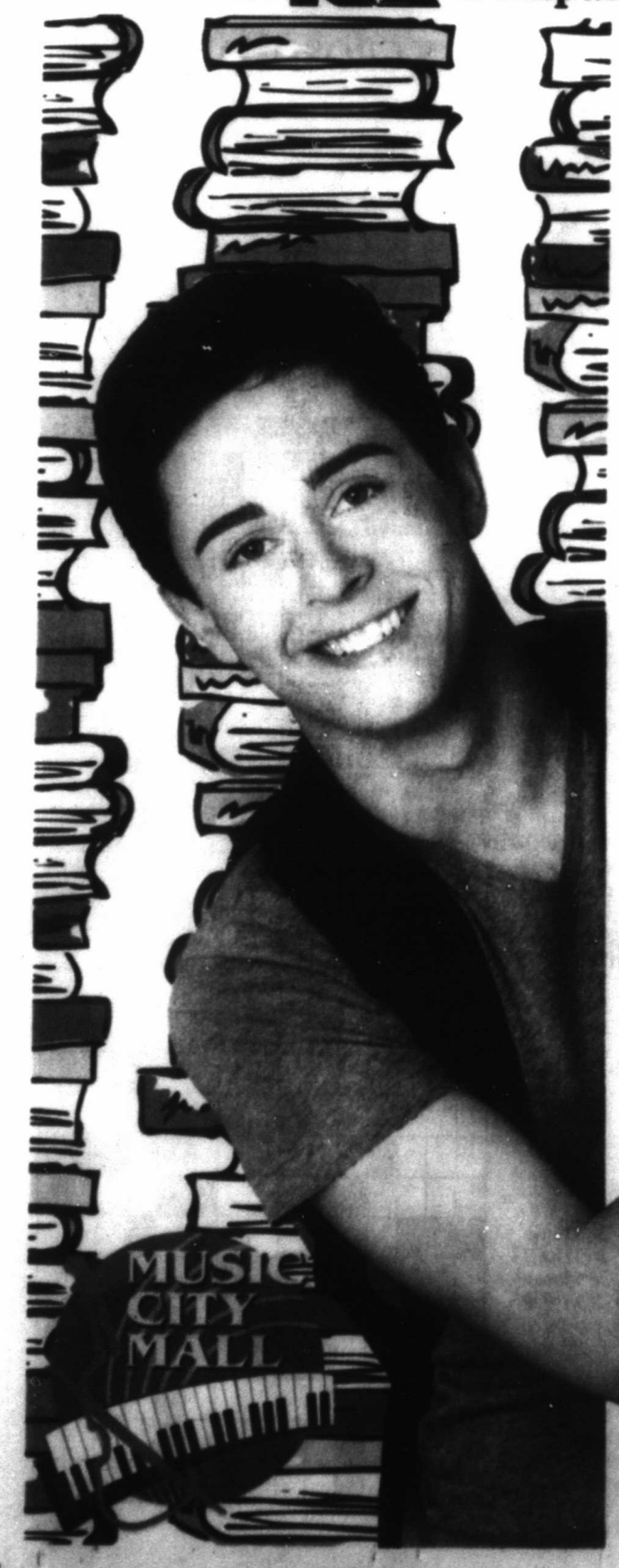

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Place: Wright Office Complex, Suite 1
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Midland, Texas 79706

The Policy Board of the Permian Basin MPO will hold a regularly scheduled meeting to discuss the draft FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program and to hear updates on planning projects. The Board may conduct an Executive Session as permitted under Chapter 551 of the Texas Administrative Code.

Para asistencia en español por favor llame a 432-617-0129.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE of property to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale is Tuesday - May 3, 2016 11:30am at 3420 Thomason Drive - Midland, TX. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash; immediate removal is required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale. Property includes the contents of the following delinquent tenants: Benjamin Adams, Household Goods; Leamon Grant West, Household Goods; Floyd Carrell "Steve", Household Goods; Daniel Parra, Household Goods; Tim Jones, Household Goods; Raymond Bryant, Household Goods; Bobby Hodges, Household Goods; Merlin McCalister, Household Goods; Curtis Sparks, Household Goods. Property from the above listed delinquent tenants will be sold as individual units. For further information, contact Affordable Self Storage at 432-694-4444.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF HERSCHEL O'KELLEY, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Herschel O'Kelley, deceased, were issued to Melissa Kay O'Kelley, Independent Executrix, on April 12, 2016, in the proceeding styled "Estate of Herschel O'Kelley, Deceased," Cause No. P18616 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas which is still pending and that said person now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in Midland County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same to Melissa Kay O'Kelley, c/o W. Scott Ryburn, 300 N. Marienfeld, Ste. 700, Midland, Texas 79701, before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Melissa Kay O'Kelley, as Independent
Executrix of the Estate of
Herschel O'Kelley, Deceased,
Cause No. P18616 in the County Court of
Midland County, Texas

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Kathryn Jessica Morrison, Deceased, were issued on April 12, 2016, in Cause No. P18596 pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Claudia Joy Lann.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Claudia Joy Lann**
5503 ECR 57
Midland, Texas 79705

DATED the 12th day of April, 2016.

/s/ AUSTIN L. RAMSEY
Austin L. Ramsey
Attorney for Claudia Joy Lann
State Bar No.: 24073484
300 N. Marienfeld Suite 700
MIDLAND, TX 79701
Telephone: (432) 683-3351
Facsimile: (432) 683-2587
E-mail: aramsey@lcalawfirm.com

Legal & Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 2:00 P.M., May 4, 2016 to be opened at 2:00 P.M., in the Office of the City Secretary City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

16002809 Asbestos Abatement for Midland Center & Chamber

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ALFRED T. CARLETON, JR., DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Alfred T. Carleton, Jr., deceased, were issued to Carolyn Elaine Carleton, Independent Executrix, on April 12, 2016, in the proceeding styled "Estate of Alfred T. Carleton, Jr., Deceased," Cause No. P18618 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, which is still pending and that said person now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in Midland County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same to Carolyn Elaine Carleton, c/o W. Scott Ryburn, 300 N. Marienfeld, Ste. 700, Midland, Texas 79701, before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Carolyn Elaine Carleton, as Independent
Executrix of the Estate of
Alfred T. Carleton, Jr., Deceased,
Cause No. P18618 in the County Court
of Midland County, Texas

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE

Notice of public sale of property to satisfy landlord's lien.
Sale is at 1:00 pm Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 4011 N. Midland Dr., Midland, TX 79707.

Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. Cleanup and removal deposit may be required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from the sale.
Property includes contents of spaces of following tennats

Contents of unit(s).

AUCTION INFORMATION: Thursday, April 14, 2016 @ 1:00 PM

UNIT #	TENANT	DESCRIPION OF PROPERTY
464	Meagan Epley	Boxes of winter clothes, gardening tools, and misc. boxes

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR
EXCEPTION TO SWR 26/27 SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that Diamondback E&P LLC (RRC P-5 # 217012) has filed with the Texas Railroad Commission the following P-17 Application for the Exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to surface commingle production from oil and gas leases: ST W wells 4103LS, 4304LS, 4305LS, 4306LS, 4308LS, 4309LS, 4310LS, 4301H, 4301LS, 4302H, 4302LS, 4303H, 4304H, 4305H, 4306H, 4307H, 4307LS (RRC Lease #41340); ST wells 4103H, 4104H, 4104LS, 4105H, 4105LS, 4106H, 4106LS, 4405LS, 4406LS (RRC Lease #39560); ST-ST S B 4405H (RRC Lease #47212); ST-ST S C 4406H (RRC Lease #46988); and ST-ST S D 4404LS. All wells are in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field in Midland County, Texas. This application is for off lease storage, common separation, common storage and casinghead gas metering by allocation by well test. Production will be allocated by W-10 Tests. Any royalty or working interest owners or offset operators who have not received written notification, please consider this your Notice of Application. If you have objections to the issuance of this permit, you may submit a letter to P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, PO Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Railroad Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days following the date of last publication.

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GARAGE SALES

Estate Sales

LIQUIDATION SALE OF MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
1001 ANDREWS HWY (MIDLAND)
THURSDAY & FRIDAY 8AM-3PM
SATURDAY 8AM-12PM

You really need to look at the pictures on this sale. There is too much to list. Some items include..Church and Worship items, Nativities, Christmas decor, crosses, art, floral arrangements, Church pews, oak chairs, punch bowls, class room supplies, kitchen items, gas stove, fridge (2), freezer, sofa tables, sofas, upholstered chairs, dining tables/chairs, buffet, stacking chairs, folding chairs, folding banquet tables, podiums, cement benches, office furniture and equipment, air hockey table, TV's, ping pong table, play ground equip., riding lawnmower, yard tools, much much more.

For pictures go to... https://www.estatesales.net/TX/Midland/79701/1158646

79707

LARGE INDOOR garage sale fundraiser this Saturday, April 16th starting at 9AM benefiting the LEE Dixie Doll Drill Team! At the Lee Youth Center 3500 Neely Ave. in the Lee parking lot. Great deals on household items, toys, clothing & more.. ALL proceeds will benefit the Dixie Doll drill team

Yard & Garage Sales

79701

1701 E. Walnut Thursday & Friday 10am-?. Barbecue pit, freezer, dishes, comforter sets, purses, home decor, lots of misc. items.

79705

COMMUNITY YARD SALE. Daybreak Estates, off of Highway 349. Sat and Sun 8am to 2pm.

79707

3300 GREENBRIAR Moving Sale Friday April 15th only 730am-1pm. CD players, Western art, silver plated flatware, household, kitchen glassware & dishes, bakers rack, propane tanks, books, VHS tapes, yard tools, & too much to list. Use front side yard entry - no parking in alley.

Yard & Garage Sales

79707

3603 W. Wadley Friday 9am-3pm & Saturday 9am-1pm. 2 TV's, Dorm refrigerator, Playmate II organ, hummingbird collection, pictures, plastic storage drawers, Beam bottles, cocktail & evening wear, shoes, purses and jewelry, some vintage, and much more household misc.

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Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Midland County Commissioners Court will hold a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 25, 2016 in the Commissioners Court at the Midland County Courthouse, located at 500 N. Loraine, Midland, TX 79701. The purpose of the hearing is to consider removing a four-way stop sign at the intersection of South County Road 1180 and East County Road 125.

The public is invited to attend the meeting. Interested persons will be allowed to speak and present evidence for or against the proposed action.

Legal & Public Notices

PUBLIC LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that OXY USA Inc., Operator Number 630591, PO Box 4294, Houston, TX 77210 has filed with the Texas Railroad Commission an Application for Exception to SWR 26/SWR 27 (P-17) in order to commingle the May lease located in Section 11, and the May 1102, May 1105 and May 1108 leases in Sections 11, 14 and 23, all in Block 33, T-1S, T & P RR Co Survey, Howard County. Any affected royalty or working interest owner that needs additional information, please call Austin Danford at (713)985-6925.

Passenger Cars

CADILLAC EXT 2007. 67,800 miles. $24,900.

FIREBIRD GTA Transam 1989. 91,800 miles. $6,750.

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CHEVROLET 1/2 ton pickup, 2004. For sale by owner. $4,200. See at 1501 W. Illinois. Phone 432-557-3366.

FORD F250, 2002. 7.3 Lariat Power Stroke. Good condition. Red w/gooseneck hitch in bed. Blue Book is $10,800. Asking $9,800. Call 432-230-2354.

FORD Ranger 2000, ext cab, V6, in good condition. Newer tires with a lift. 432-413-9575.

GMC 3/4 ton, 2007. With tool box. $7,900. 432-349-7576.

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Motorcycles

2013 HALEY Davidson Sportster, Iron 883. 1,700 k miles. $8,500 OBO. 432-813-7554

RVs

RV SPACES for rent fenced, clean safe in Northeast Midland area. Utilities furnished. We do background checks. Call 432-894-8234.

Watercraft

16' LONG 6' wide flat bottom boat. Built 2007 with extra tough bottom, 2002 175 hp Optimax Mercury with Jet unit. 300 hrs. on motor. Boat and Tandem axle trailer all aluminum. $16,000. 432-697-5417.

Recreational Vehicles

2014 36 FOOT FIBERGLASS Sprinter. 3 slideouts, 2 A/C's, W/D, awning, microwave & Ashley leather furniture. Four Seasons RV, all climate control, much more! $26,200. In Midland. 214-534-4937.

CASITA 2010, 17' Spirit Deluxe, fully loaded, new tires, and lots of extras. $16,550. 432-683-6639.

FOREST RIVER 2011 Wildcat fifth wheel 30' sleeps 6. Excellent condition. $16,500. 432-553-0296

FOR SALE: 2015 Little Guy T&G trailer. Queen size bed, A/C, clamshell kitchen w/ sink. $10,000. 432-889-6640.

Travel Supreme Express 1998 5th wheel trailer, 3 slides, lots of room, includes fifth wheel hitch. 432-683-2675, 2412 W. Shandon, Midland.

Merchandise

Miscellaneous for Sale

1994 CHEVY LIFT Van, good condition. $3,500. Go-Go Elite Scooter, like new $600. 432-695-4734.

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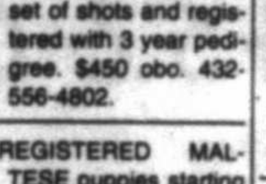
Animals & Pets

Pets



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1123 B Carrizo 2 bedroom, 1 bath No pets. $745 month & $600 deposit. Must have good work & rental history. 522-1166 9am-6pm only!!!

2 BEDROOM 1 bath Midland High area, new paint & tile, fenced backyard,. No indoor pets. $1,300 month, $1,000 deposit. 432-557-6699

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402 EASTWOOD Drive. 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 1 car, $1250/mo. $1000 deposit. No pets. Call 432-599-0442.

Residential Rentals

Houses for Rent Unfurnished

3403 Tanner 3 bedroom, 1 bath No pets. $995 month & $700 deposit. Must have good work & rental history. 522-1166 9am-6pm only!!!

3BD, 2BA house for rent in Old Midland. Quite street, large backyard with storage $1,600 month plus deposit. Outside pets okay. Call 325-207-0942

3 BEDROOMS, 2 bath, 301 South Dewberry. No pets, no smoking. $1250/mo. $1250 deposit. 702-281-2284.

405 PLAYER COURT. Downsizing? Just as nice only smaller. Single Family home, 3 br, 2 ba, double garage, NS, no outside pets. $1750 + deposit. Credit reports plus credit scores & proof of income required. 432-528-8350.

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Acreage

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Commercial

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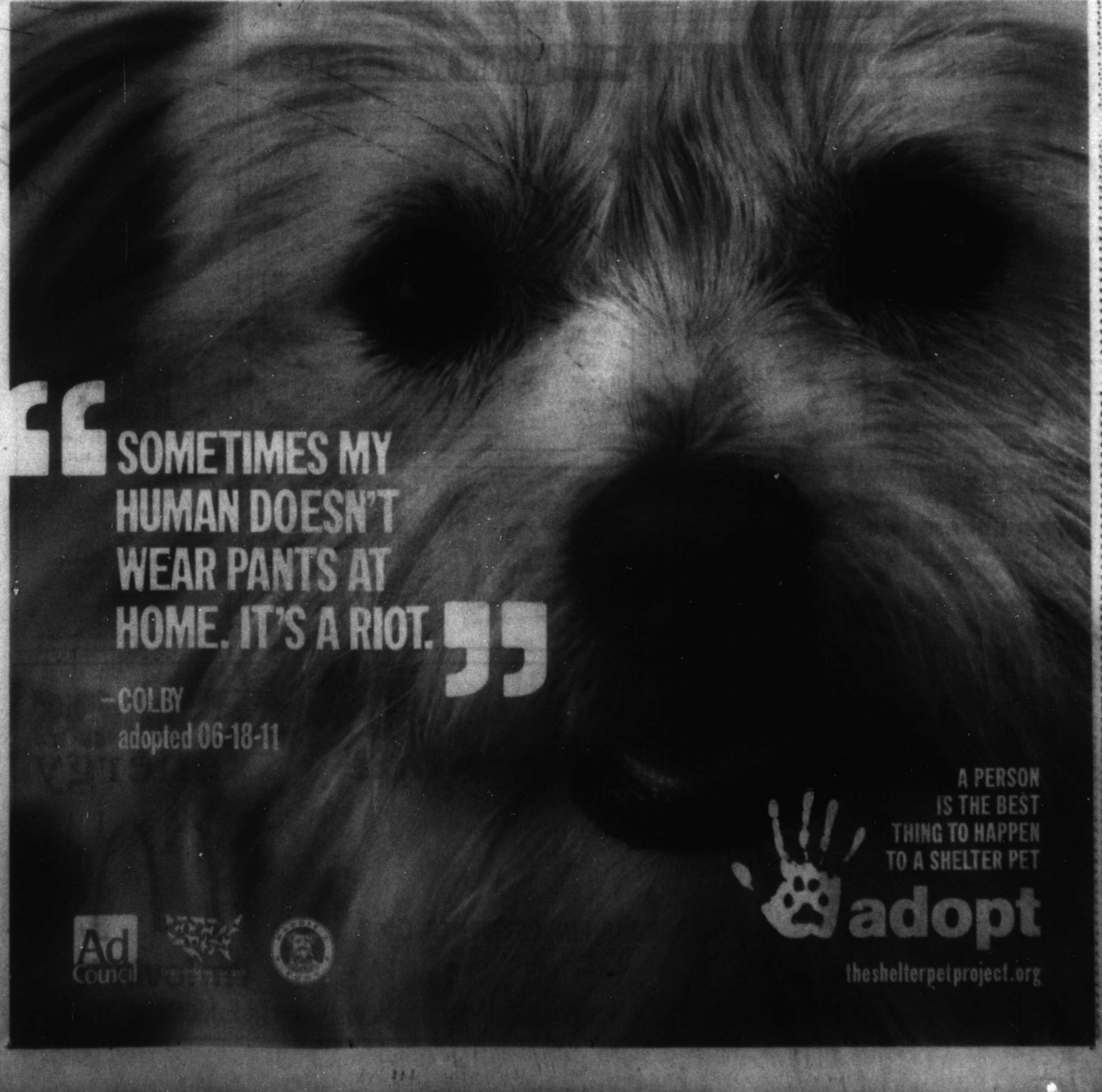

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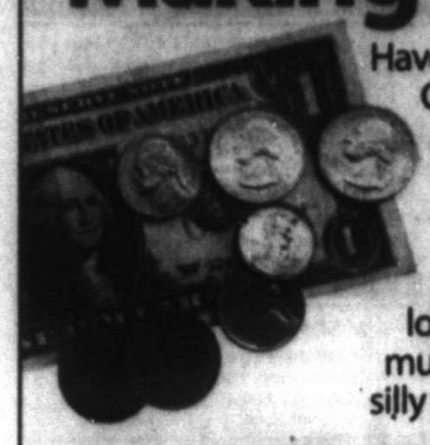
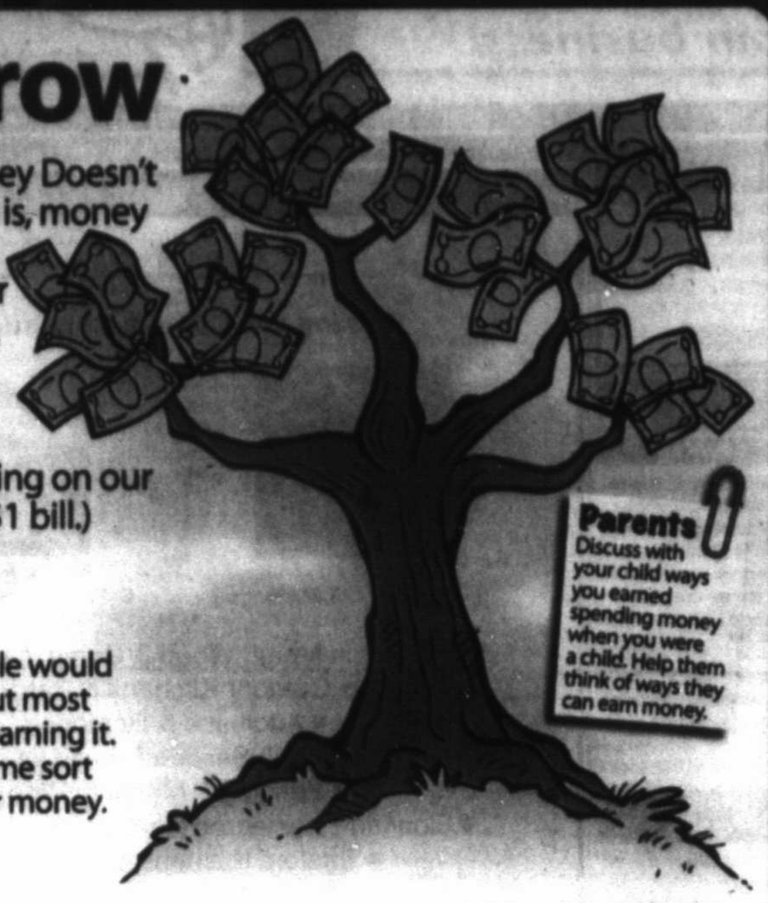
Making Money Grow



Have you heard the phrase, "Money Doesn't Grow on Trees"? The sad truth is, money does not grow on trees. We have searched the world over and can't find one anywhere.

But what if we did? It might look something like this. How much money can you find growing on our silly money tree? (Each "leaf" is a $1 bill.)



Parents Discuss with your child ways you earned spending money when you were a child. Help them think of ways they can earn money.

The Big Question

Do you plan how to use your money wisely — for spending, saving, investing and donating? But how do you get money to put in the bank?

Earn it!

It might be nice if people would just give you money. But most people get money by earning it. That means they do some sort of work in exchange for money. This is called **income**.

Complete each of these rhymes to discover ideas about ways kids can earn money.

Try this to earn some money:
Ask the neighbors on your block
If you can take their pooches
For a nice long
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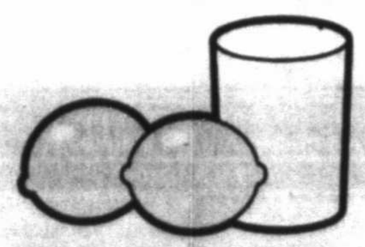

With a box for a counter,
There's money to be made
From lemons, water, sugar
By selling
_____

Earning money around the house
Really isn't *super* hard.
Just ask a parent if you can help
By weeding in the
_____

Can you think of three more ways you could earn some money?

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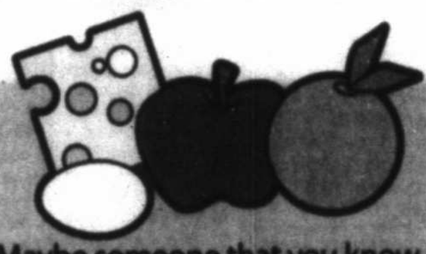

Maybe someone that you know,
Maybe even right next door,
Would pay you a buck or two
To pick up something from the
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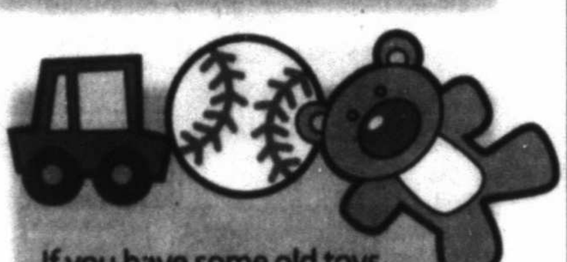

If you have some old toys
Here's an idea that will not fail:
You can make yourself money
By having a garage
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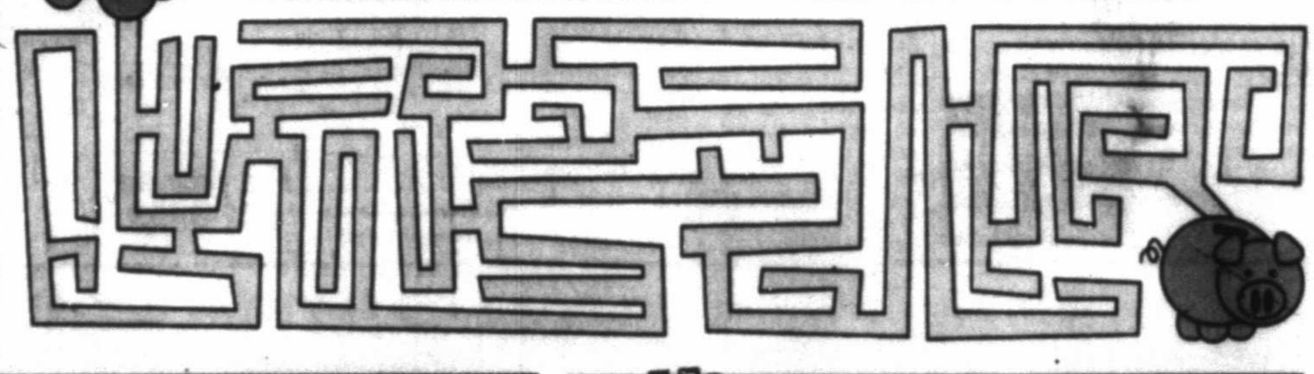
Extra! Extra!

Rhyming Words

Look through the newspaper for pairs of words that rhyme. Can you find five or more pairs in a short time?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.

Put these coins in the bank.



Kid Scoop Puzzler

Olivia and Logan each set up a lemonade stand. Count how much money they each made. Who made the most?

$_____ $_____

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Weekly Writing Corner

How I Earn Money

Students describe what they do to earn money.

I have been painting rocks to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. I have been selling them for $2 per rock. I did this because a couple of years back, my Nana died because she had leukemia. Every year, my team for the Light the Night Walk for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society walks two miles just because of that. So far, selling rocks, I have made $73. Now we walk and raise money for other people that have cancer.

Madisyn, 4th grade

When I do chores, I make my bed and vacuum the stairs. And when I'm done, I earn money.

Regan, 2nd grade

You can go to work. You can be in a movie. You can pick up trash all around the world. You can be a super star. You can work for other people. You can do your chores. You can pick up trash off the floor. You can find people's money. You can help people who are sick.

Dylan, 2nd grade

I earn money by watching my baby brother. I also get money by doing chores and cleaning my room.

Britton, 3rd grade

Since I'm not working right now, I'll tell you what I would do in the spring. I would get a job by cutting someone's grass or watering gardens. In summer, I would get a job working as a lifeguard at a pool. In the fall, raking leaves. In winter, shoveling driveways. These are my ideas for getting a job.

Isabela, 5th grade

I do chores, but I don't get paid, but I would love to get paid or have an allowance. My chores are cleaning my room, doing the dishes, feeding and letting out my dog,Sandy. I would like an allowance because I want to have some money once in a while or I could get paid just a little bit for doing my chores. I'm just saying that I would like to get an allowance for my work.

Erin, 5th grade

I feed the cat and the dogs. I make my bed. I clean my room. I get the mail. I do the dishes. I make $5 a day. I clean the windows and the doors, too.

Jade, 2nd grade

One thing I do to earn money is help my mom with chores. Something else I do is help my neighbors with a lot of different things. My most favorite thing to do is help people organize their house for parties or celebrations. Sometimes I like to clean my house but sometimes I feel too lazy. That's how I earn money.

Cristina, 5th grade

My mom and dad told me that if I want something, I have to earn it. I learned the hard way.

Somnang, 4th grade

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Are numbers needed?

Find an advertisement in your newspaper. Rewrite the ad and substitute the words ***many***, ***few***, ***several***, etc. for the numbers. Are the numbers necessary? Why or why not?

Standards Link: Math: Students solve problems and justify their reasoning.

What's the difference between a fake dollar bill and an angry rabbit?

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