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Billionaires face off in renewed Texas space race

Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin LLC and Elon Musk's Space X battle for supremacy

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press

VAN HORN — An isolated edge of vast West Texas is home to a highly secretive part of the 21st-century space race, one of two being directed in the Lone Star State by Internet billionaires whose personalities and corporate strategies seem worlds apart.

The presence of Blue Origin LLC, the brainchild of Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, barely registers in nearby Van Horn, a way station along Interstate 10, a full decade after he began buying land in one of Texas' largest and most remote counties.

Few visitors are allowed beyond the "No Trespassing" sign and a remote-controlled gate and into the desert and mountain environment reminiscent of the Air Force's renowned Area 51 in Nevada. The privileged who do get inside decline to describe what they've seen, typically citing confidentiality agreements.

"No one gets in other than employees," says Robert Morales, editor of the weekly Van Horn Advocate newspaper.

At the opposite end — of Texas and the competition — is the highly visible SpaceX venture, led by PayPal co-founder and electric car maker Elon Musk. His company contracts with NASA to resupply the International Space Station and is building a launch site about 600 miles from Van Horn, on the southernmost Texas Gulf coast, with the much-publicized goal of sending humans to Mars.

SpaceX and Blue Origin are among several U.S. companies engaged in the private space business. Both men have seemingly unlimited resources — Bezos' wealth is estimated at nearly $35 billion, Musk's at $12 billion — and lofty aspirations: launching a new era of commercial space operations, in part by cutting costs through reusable rockets.

Texas' glory days of space exploration, when "Right Stuff" Mercury astronauts trained in Houston and the city's name was the first word spoken on the moon by Neil Armstrong, are long gone. The utilitarian Space Shuttle fell to budget cuts, depletion and age, leaving astronauts to hitch rides on Russian rockets.

Any success by the newcomers would offer "significant potential for re-invigorating space research and development in the state," said John Junkins, director

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A VERY BIGG EVENT

TOP: Second-graders in Morgan Adams' class partnered with Keep Midland Beautiful for a trash cleanup day.

RIGHT: Sherry Malouf's third-grade class had a bake sale for Food-2Kids. They raised more than $540.

Courtesy photos

Trinity students celebrate year of philanthropy with red-carpet event

By Steve Kuhlmann
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While math, science, history, reading and writing are all valuable fundamentals in early education, what if students were given the opportunity to learn what it is like to think outside of themselves, to understand the value of philanthropy? What kind of world might we see if every child grew up instilled with the desire to lend their neighbor a hand?

This year, Trinity School attempted just that, as all of the students in the lower and intermediate schools were encouraged to come up with projects in which they could give back. By class in the lower school and advisory group in the intermediate school, students worked together to come up with and follow through on ideas that they saw as addressing some need in the community.

"We've always had a great

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A BIGG event

Trinity School's red-carpet event to commemorate a year-long community service project is Tuesday at Stonegate Fellowship.

The children will walk the red carpet at 5 p.m.; the "movie" will premier at 5:30 p.m.

What to watch: Abortion restrictions, budget and schools

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Abortion politics roared back to life in the Texas Legislature and after some wrangling on the House floor could loom over the final five weeks of the 2015 session.

Although the issue had been mostly quiet after 2013's Senate filibuster and rallies at the Capitol when lawmakers passed some of the toughest abortion restriction in the country, House Republicans reignited a push for even tighter controls with a vote to end abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy when the fetus has severe health abnormalities.

While the plan was derailed — for now — by technical objections from Democrats, the amendment's strong backing by the House's Republican majority sent a signal that the issue could return before the session ends June 1.

While portions of the 2013 abortion restrictions are still being challenged in federal court, Rep. Matt Schaefer, R-Tyler, introduced the new amendment on a bill that reviewed the state Department of State Health Services.

Schaefer had filed the same issue with a bill that hasn't yet been given a hearing.

How Schaefer and others in the tea party wing of House Republicans attack the issue the rest of the session will be closely watched.

Here are other issues to watch this week at the Texas Capitol:

BUDGET BATTLE: The two-year state budget is the one bill lawmakers must pass every session. Both chambers have now each passed their own versions and the real negotiations begin. Both chambers appointed their negotiating teams to wrestle over differences in spending plans.

The Senate's $211 billion plan would cut property and franchise taxes. The House version spends $210 billion, but that chamber wants instead to cut sales taxes.

SANCTUARY CITIES: The contentious immigration proposal has been eligible for Senate debate for two weeks but hasn't come up. The Republican-backed plan has faced staunch opposition from Democrats and Hispanic advocacy groups. While it has no legal meaning, "sanctuary cities" typically describe local governments that forbid police from asking about a person's immigration status.

Lubbock Republican Sen. Charles Perry's proposal would ban local governments from implementing such policies — a move critics say could lead to racial profiling by police.

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TAKING LIBERTY TO THE PROM

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Amarillo Caprock High School senior Liberty Jennings, right, poses with her date, Jake Clements, left, on April 14 in Amarillo. Jennings, suffering from debilitating Lyme disease, fulfilled one of her dreams when she accepted an invitation from Clements to go to the prom.

Belle of the ball was ready for her big night

By Jon Mark Beilue
Amarillo Globe-News

AMARILLO — Not often does a sophomore ask a senior to the prom, so if Jake Clement was going to do this, he was going to do this right.

So on a Monday — March 23, the first day after spring break — Jake walked into a first-period science class at Amarillo Caprock High School where Liberty Jennings was in her wheelchair. He had with him a poster with the big question on it, and some flowers to seal the deal.

"Liberty is sweet, friendly, fun to hang around with," Jake told the Amarillo Globe-News.

After he formally asked her to Caprock's April 18 prom, classmates squealed. Liberty let out a nervous and excited giggle before, of course, indicating yes.

It was not always this way — not this way at all — but Liberty has extreme difficulty in communicating. Often, it's in a way only a mother can know. Ileana Jennings, an English teacher at Caprock, knows.

Back in seventh grade, when Liberty was healthy and energetic, back when she could sing in church choir and was first-chair trumpet at Happy, back when she passed her physical to play basketball, she had big plans.

She wanted to be a bounty hunter and rock star. If for some reason that failed, an artist. Then came the mysterious tick bite.

And so these days her goals are a bit more modest, but just as meaningful. She wants to graduate. She wants to somehow walk the stage to get her diploma. She wants to attend Amarillo College.

And, oh yes, like any 18-year-old senior girl, she wants to be the belle of the ball. She wants to go to prom.

"It is the only thing she can talk about or focus on right now," said Ileana. "It is all about the prom."

Liberty's life has been robbed of so many basic things the last five years. But inside the body that is failing her remains the spirit of a young girl where prom is a rite of passage, a night to look and be special.

"A few years ago, we didn't know if we would make it this far," Ileana said. "We were asked by a doctor if we wanted quantity or quality of life. We definitely said quality, and that's what we're getting."

Liberty was as normal as a young girl can be growing up in Happy. Then the first six weeks of her seventh grade year, she began to slur words. Her hands started lightly shaking.

That began a long series of visits to first a diagnostician in Swisher County, then to doctors in Canyon, Amarillo and Lubbock; to a child neurologist at Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth. All the while, Liberty's health worsened.

There were more tests than can be recalled, including a 10-day stretch in Fort Worth. There was testing for muscular dystrophy, Parkinson's disease, cerebral palsy.

Nothing definitive until Amarillo ophthalmologist Dr. John Klein suggested she be tested for a biological disease. After all, this was a family of campers. Maybe Liberty caught something that way.

On Jan. 10, 2010, she was, as her mother said, "off the charts positive" for Lyme disease. It is an infectious disease transmitted by a tick bite that, in its worst state, can severely damage the nervous system.

Jennings said so much damage was done to her daughter's nervous system that no antibiotics can heal her now.

Lyme disease has robbed Liberty of much of her memory. Tests showed her brain shrunk 10 percent in the last year. She has lost the ability to function on her own.

For the most part, she has lost her speech. She cannot feed herself or walk, dress herself or bathe.

"Every day is a battle because this disease is progressing beyond anything we can control," Jennings said.

It is a blessing, her mother said, that Liberty's memory is such that she can't remember what normal was, what hiking in Palo Duro Canyon was like, playing an instrument, or singing.

But while the abnormal rages, normalcy still speaks. They drive the 30 miles daily from Happy to Caprock. Libby carries a 95 average in a combination of mainstream and inclusionary special classes where someone will perform simple but vital tasks for her, like turning a book page.

In anticipation of prom, Mom bought her a dress in Fort Worth the first weekend of March, a reward for a good doctor's report and even better grades. All she needed was a date.

That came from young Jake. Because Jake's mother, Eliza Clement, also teaches at Caprock, she and Ileana often had after-school meetings. Often, Liberty and Jake would wait on them.

Before Liberty's motor skills limited her speech, they would talk about all things, most especially Harry Potter books.

So on a Saturday night, a friend with a nice sports car picked up Jake and Liberty, who was a prom queen candidate. They rode to a Mexican food restaurant, where a group of 25 students and teachers met for dinner.

Then they headed to Amarillo Civic Center Complex. There her radiant face will be untouched by disease.

And, in her own mind and own way, Liberty and Jake will dance the night away.

Those aren't gargoyles on the Haskell County Courthouse

By Ronald W. Erdrich
Abilene Reporter-News

HASKELL — Spring babies are everywhere in West Texas. On the heels of bobcat kittens at Fort Griffin on the old West Texas frontier comes the reappearance of baby owls on the south side of the Haskell County Courthouse.

"Every year, they come back," said Susan Cockerell, who has worked in the courthouse for a decade.

This year, a clutch of four eggs produced an equivalent number of fluffy, downy, horned owl chicks tucked into the corner of a second-story ledge. Cockerell can look down on them from her desk in the county judge's office on the floor above.

"I know it's not the same mom, but it's the same family," she told the Abilene Reporter-News. "They lay their eggs about the first of January in that area and hatch them out. Then they go off, and the next year they come right back to the same place."

Ronald W. Erdrich/Abilene Reporter-News

Horned owl chicks rest in the corner of a ledge on the south side of the Haskell County Courthouse on March 5. Four of the baby birds have hatched there this winter, the spot has long been a favorite place for owls to lay their eggs.

It's the first time anyone can recall four chicks on the ledge; usually it's just two. The parents come and go regularly, bringing bits of meat to their young and checking on their welfare. When they aren't hunting, they usually can be spotted hanging out on the water tower a few blocks over, or elsewhere at the courthouse.

Four owl chicks, plus the parents, qualifies as a group, and as with other animals a grouping of owls has its own unique name — a parliament. Mythology considered the owl to be a wise bird, exemplified by Athena, the Greek goddess of wisdom whose symbol was the owl and who often was depicted with one of the birds by her side.

Though opinions may vary, a parliament theoretically is filled with wise and learned people, hence the name for a group of owls. It's fitting then, that they chose a courthouse as the place to bear their young.

You may draw your own conclusions, however, over the term origins regarding a murder of crows, a mob of emus, a troubling of goldfish or a rhumba of rattlesnakes.

Donna Weise's desk in the district attorney's office sits right across from the owls' nest. Usually she keeps the blinds drawn to prevent the glare from the afternoon sun from obscuring her computer screen.

On occasion, she might leave her blinds open after checking on the chicks and then walking away. But if Mom shows up, it's not long until Weise notices something just doesn't feel right.

"She gives you that evil eye," Weise said. "Their sense of hearing is unbelievable."

Cockerell laughed.

"She does — you just glance over without even touching anything, and she's looking right straight at you," she said. "She's just giving you that eye."

The far side of the ledge near the nest is a veritable crime scene of missing critters. Justice of the Peace Lynn Ward Dodson, whose office is on the other side of the building but still has a south-facing window, said there's a lot of DNA over there.

She's seen the owl parents in action.

"We've watched them swoop down and hit dogs crossing the lawn," she said. "It was bad enough one time that the dog's hair on its backside was fluffed up."

Weise's voice took on an air of contemplation.

"Yeah, but think about it. We don't have a lot of dogs running around, do we?" she asked.

"Not anymore," Cockerell answered. "And we used to have cats, but not anymore."

AP file photo

U.S. Rep. Filemon Vela, left, SpaceX founder and CEO Elon Musk, center, and former Texas Gov. Rick Perry turn the first shovel-full of sand at the groundbreaking ceremony for the SpaceX launch pad at Boca Chica Beach in 2014. The SpaceX venture, led by PayPal co-founder and electric car maker Musk, is one of two parts of the 21st-century space race being directed in the Texas by Internet billionaires.

SPACE RACE

From 1A

of the Center for Mechanics and Control at Texas A&M's Department of Aerospace Engineering.

Earlier this month, Bezos announced his company's new hydrogen rocket engine, designed for suborbital missions, had completed hundreds of tests at the West Texas site, adding, "soon we'll put it to the ultimate test of flight." That could come late this year.

A more powerful engine for orbital flights, fueled by liquid oxygen and liquid natural gas, is being developed with United Launch Alliance, a venture of aerospace veterans Boeing Co. and Lockheed Martin Corp.

Blue Origin officials declined requests for an interview and site visit. "I'm so sorry," spokeswoman Brooke Crawford said. "It's just the way it is."

Bezos' love of space originated in Texas in the 1960s when his family moved to Houston, which dubbed itself "Space City USA."

"For me, space is something that I have been in love with since I was 5 years old," Bezos, 51, said in a September interview with The Washington Post, which he purchased in 2013. "I watched Neil Armstrong step onto the surface of the moon, and I guess it imprinted me."

Over the last decade, he has bought at least seven ranches, totaling 1,900 square miles, near the Texas-New Mexico border and Guadalupe Mountains National Park.

"It's very secretive out there," said Maricel Gonzalez, chief appraiser for the Culberson County Appraisal District. She declined to describe it, citing a nondisclosure agreement. A UPS driver who recently emerged from the compound also declined to talk.

Nuny Morriss, a Van Horn city council member and FedEx delivery driver, said the site includes a "big warehouse-looking building and some offices ... But they don't let us go around in the back."

Blue Origin's presence in Van Horn is minimal. Morriss recalled word getting out a few years ago about a scheduled launch. Traffic at the local airstrip suggested that VIPs were coming in, and local officials were eager to join them. "No one in town got invited," Morriss said.

By contrast, SpaceX is frequently in the headlines thanks to its nearly $2 billion federal contract. Attempts to reuse booster rockets have been rocky; it's failed three times to land them on a platform off the Florida coast.

SpaceX already has a rocket plant near Waco. With more than $15 million in state incentives, it's also building a launch site at Boca Chica Beach, near Brownsville. Musk hopes for at least 12 rocket launches a year, starting late next year.

"The long-term goal is to create technology necessary to take humanity beyond Earth," said the 43-year-old South Africa native.

David Kanipe, a former NASA division chief now teaching at Texas A&M, said Musk and Bezos were cool to his offers of assistance.

"A lot of time these companies, maybe for good reason, they don't really want to use or benefit from the lessons learned from what NASA did for 40 years, 50 years," Kanipe said. "I pleaded with them: 'Let us help, use our experience.' But they have other ideas."

All of the private space businesses have had setbacks, such as Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic, which lost a spacecraft and a pilot in October over California's Mojave Desert.

"There's just a million ways it can go wrong," Kanipe said. "I think it's doable, but it's just going to take a while."

Prescription drug deaths in Texas vastly undercounted

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Prescription drug deaths in Texas have been widely undercounted even as officials try to crack down on overprescribing and prescription drug-dealing.

Data from the Texas Department of State Health Services only counts overdose deaths involving certain painkillers, not all prescription drugs, a joint investigation by the Houston Chronicle and the Austin American-Statesman has found. The newspapers reported that the data does not include information from medical examiners whose drug screenings identify many more overdoses.

The state's method of tracking cases undercounts deaths in every major county across Texas, and often does not include deaths that involve multiple medications or prescription drugs mixed with alcohol or other illegal substances, the newspapers reported.

Carrie Williams, a spokeswoman for the health services department, said the agency is not trying to obscure the numbers. There is no death certificate code that captures all prescription overdoses, she said.

According to the newspapers, medical examiner reports in Harris, Travis, Dallas, Tarrant and El Paso counties, as well as some smaller counties, attribute many more deaths to prescription drug overdoses than the state has counted in opioid overdoses.

In 2013, only 622 deaths in Texas were specifically blamed on opioids, mostly painkillers, according to the health services department. But the newspapers tallied 798 prescription-drug related deaths recorded by local medical examiners that year in just 17 of the state's 254 counties.

The state tallied 179 deaths from painkillers in Harris County, which includes Houston, but the medical examiner's office reported 275 deaths involving all prescription drugs in 2013. In Travis County, which includes Austin, the state reported 17 deaths from prescription painkillers in its preliminary count of death certificates, but the administrator of the county's Medical Examiner's Office hand-counted 114 deaths involving all prescription drugs that year, the newspapers reported.

It's not just Texas that is having trouble accounting for prescription drug deaths. It's a nationwide problem, Bob Anderson, chief of mortality statistics for the National Center for Health Statistics at the Center for Disease Control Prevention, told the newspapers. The federal government has no way to capture complete data from approximately 2,300 medical examiners, justices of the peace and coroners all over the country, he said.

ISSUES

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GRADING SCHOOLS: The House will take a look at the Senate's plan to assign A through F performance ratings to public schools. The Senate has already approved such a change, and the bill is scheduled for a House committee hearing on Tuesday.

Some Republicans say the letter grades are easy to understand and will spur parents to force changes at failing schools. Democratic opponents worry that attending an F-graded school could stigmatize students and that poor school ratings more reflect inadequate classroom funding than education quality.

VOTER ID: Over in New Orleans, the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals will hear oral arguments over whether Texas' tough voter ID law is constitutional. The Department of Justice has condemned the law as a means of suppressing minority voter turnout.

A lower court judge ruled the law unconstitutional, but the U.S. Supreme Court allowed the state to use the law in the November 2014 general election.

Lauer, DeGeneres team for racy Daytime Emmys opening

By Lynn Elber
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Matt Lauer and Ellen DeGeneres helped the Daytime Emmys make a gender-bending return to television with a comedy bit involving pasties and black stockings — and not worn by DeGeneres.

The ceremony Sunday opened with a pretaped segment in which the pair agreed to end their faux feud. The punchline: DeGeneres had sneakily edited it to put Lauer's head atop a man's chiseled body clad only in tasseled pasties, briefs and lace-topped stockings.

The "Today" host, or his slimmying facsimile, agreed to donate a thousand dollars to an unspecified charity each time he was thanked by winners during the ceremony.

"CBS Sunday Morning" host Charles Osgood, whose show was honored as best morning program, offered a heartfelt shoutout to Lauer.

The ceremony took a dignified turn when Betty White was honored with a lifetime achievement award.

"Hello, beautiful," she said to her trophy. "When I started in 1949 I had no idea that I'd still be around at this point, for one thing, or that I'd still be privileged enough to still be in this business. And it is such a privilege."

Associated Press

Melissa Rivers speaks during a tribute to her mother Joan Rivers at the 42nd annual Daytime Emmy Awards at Warner Bros. Studios on Sunday in Burbank, Calif.

Tyra Banks hosted the ceremony that aired on the Pop cable channel. The Daytime Emmys, which once had a secure home on the broadcast networks, settled for streaming online last year after a two-year turn on the cable news channel HLN.

The change in fortune reflected the dwindling daytime audience and programming shifts, but that didn't diminish the winners' enthusiasm.

A beaming Craig Ferguson, replaced by James Corden as host of CBS' "The Late Late Show," accepted the trophy for best game show host for "Celebrity Name Game."

"I never win anything. This is fantastic," Ferguson said, adding, "Thank you, Hollywood, for a job."

Freddie Smith was honored as best younger actor in a drame for his role as Sonny in "Days of Our Lives." His character and that of Will (played by Guy Wilson) were part of daytime TV's first gay wedding with two men.

The ceremony featured the reunion of Anthony Geary and Genie Francis, the former "General Hospital" couple of Luke and Laura, who presented the trophy for best drama series, a tie, to "Days of Our Lives" and "The Young and the Restless."

Geary was a winner as well, accepting his eighth Emmy for his "General Hospital" role. Maura West of "General Hospital" was named best lead drama actress.

Other winners included Amelia Heinle, best supporting actress in a drama series for "The Young and the Restless," and Chad Duell, best supporting actor for "General Hospital."

"Un Nuevo Dia" received the award for best Spanish-language morning program.

An in memoriam tribute was introduced by Melissa Rivers, who said her mother's career was reinvigorated by a daytime talk show after her late-night show was canceled. "The Joan Rivers Show" won a Daytime Emmy in 1990, the only Emmy her mother ever got, Melissa Rivers noted.

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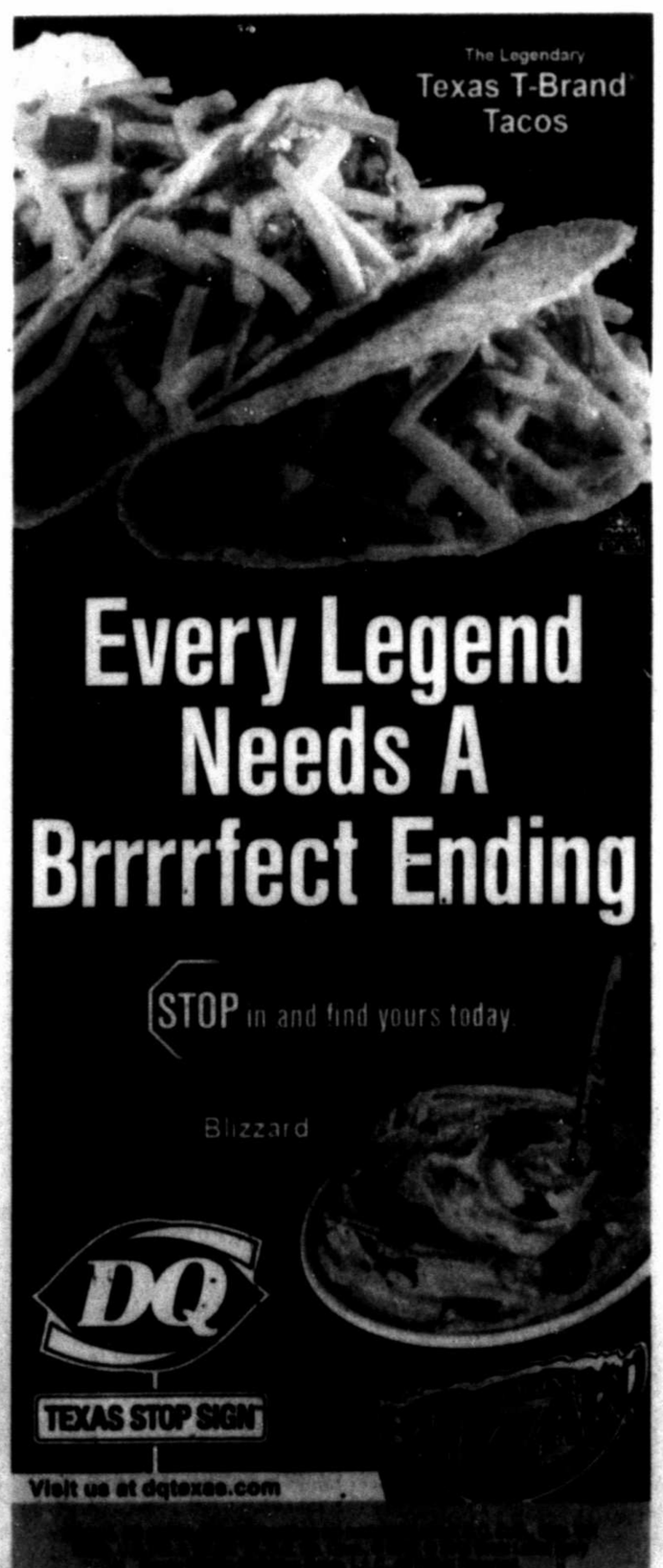

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Community calendar

■ Camp Fire West Texas will be providing a summer day camp June 1 through Aug. 14 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. The camp is for kids 5-12 and will be 7:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Fee is $70 for each child. Children will need to bring lunch; snacks will be provided. Registration can be done online at www.campfirewtx.org. For more information, call 570-4144.

■ Experience Works hosts a job fair for workers 55 and older 9 a.m.-noon at Midland Workforce Solutions, 3600 N. Garfield St., Technology Center Room138. The agency focuses on people who desire to learn new skills.

For more information, call toll free 855-307-1171, or email liz_cox@experienceworks.org.

■ Midland Senior Center, Illinois Avenue at Midkiff Road, will be hosting a barbecue dinner 6-10 p.m. June 20 in honor of Purple Heart recipients.

Purple Heart recipients who wish to attend should call Buck Main at 553-9566. Each veteran may bring one guest, he said. Deadline to RSVP is June 15.

■ An Arbor Day celebration is planned for the benefit of the West Texas Food Bank Saturday at the Petroleum Museum. The event includes '80s Costume 5K and Disco Fun Run, tree-seedling giveaway and car show.

Race registration is set for 7:30 a.m. and the race will begin at 8:30 a.m. The entry fee is $10 or 10 canned food items. The city will give away 1,000 tree seedlings, and the Petroleum Museum will be hosting a car show during the event.

For more information, visit www.midlandtexas.gov or contact Joey Jolly jajolly@midlandtexas.gov or 685-7379.

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Today in history

Today is Monday, April 27, the 117th day of 2015. There are 248 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1965, broadcast journalist Edward R. Murrow died in Pawling, New York, two days after turning 57.

In 1973, Acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray resigned after it was revealed that he'd destroyed files removed from the safe of Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt.

In 1994, former President Richard M. Nixon was remembered at an outdoor funeral service attended by all five of his successors at the Nixon presidential library in Yorba Linda, California.

One year ago: Two 20th-century popes who'd changed the course of the Roman Catholic church become saints as Pope Francis honored John XXIII and John Paul II; Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI joined him in the first celebration of Mass by a serving and retired pontiff in the church's 2,000-year history. In a rare acknowledgement, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas called the Nazi Holocaust "the most heinous crime" of modern history.

Yearlong project is indicative of what selfless kids can do

PATRICIA MAURER
Trinity School

Tuesday is a BIGG day for young children at Trinity School. We are gathering at Stonegate Fellowship to celebrate a year of service. The children have worked on nearly 30 different service projects this school year — ideas that have become meaningful to them. They've tried on the "mantle" of servant leadership, and been encouraged to think first about the needs of others. At our "red carpet" event, and as a way of inspiring new ideas for the coming year, we'll premier a movie highlighting what's been accomplished thus far.

"Inspiring servant leadership" represents an important part of Trinity School's mission. We believe children need to practice being good and to have time to reflect about what kindness could mean to our community, to our nation and even to the world. I used the word "could" in the last sentence because you don't need to look very far to see what happens when people are unkind, disrespectful and unconscious of the needs and feelings of others.

To organize our projects, we have been privileged to take up a challenge extended by Chris Rosati of Durham, North Carolina. His initiative, BIGG — Big Ideas for the Greater Good — is becoming ever more a part of the fabric of how we think. Chris first asked children in his community to think boldly and creatively about extending a caring hand to those in need, and in doing so, to be part of a movement to change the world. We used his model and asked our students to do the same.

We've enjoyed amazing take-a-ways this first year. We focused on working in small groups, developed more personal projects and included a local connection in anything planned. We've partnered with some 24 local agencies — organizations that embrace needs in our community with amazing energy. They have all been generous in supporting the children's efforts, a tribute to the heart for philanthropy evidenced in Midland.

Is this idea worth replicating? I'd like to share one story that answers the question. Ashley Pargmann teaches second grade at Trinity School. Her mother is undergoing treatment for breast cancer. When she shared her mother's story with her class, the children became interested in knowing how they could help people in our community engaged in similar struggles. From their discussions, a project began to take shape.

During Breast Cancer Awareness Week, the children — who dubbed themselves "Kids of Hope" — sold pink bracelets to classmates for a nominal charge. Money earned was used to stuff "Chemo Survival" bags with things such as lip balm, mints, magazines, water bottles, Bible verses, and — most importantly — personal notes of encouragement.

Now here's where the story becomes truly special. The Allison Cancer Center staff welcomed the children and their teacher, allowing them to deliver their gift bags to patients receiving therapy. One man was so touched by his gift that he insisted on giving Mrs. Pargmann a $100 bill with the admonition to, "Buy these sweet children ice cream."

It's not that the children don't like ice cream, but they decided the money should be put to better use, so they brought it to me and asked that it be applied to promote BIGG ideas in a new way. Here's what we intend to do with the money. At the end of our red carpet event on Tuesday, we intend to randomly award the "ice cream" money to two students in the audience. We're going to challenge these children to go out and to do "good" with the $50 gifts they've been given.

Why would we do that? We're taking the next step and putting the "butterfly effect" into motion, another idea we've borrowed from the Rosati's work. The butterfly effect is a physics principle. In theory, a butterfly flapping its wings on one side of the globe can start a hurricane on the other side of the globe. Rosati tested the principle with acts of kindness. He met two young sisters in a diner in Durham, North Carolina, and gave each of them a $50 bill. He told them to use it for something good.

Some months later, Rosati got an e-mail and a picture of villagers from Africa holding up signs that said, "The Butterfly Effect, and Thank you Chris Rosati." It seems the girls donated the money to sponsor a banquet in a village in Sierra Leone where the people were celebrating being Ebola-free. Can you hear the wings?

Next year, we'll ask the recipients of our $50 "kindness grants" to report about what they accomplished with the money they were given. We hope this will be the start of something really BIGG and that Midland can get ready for a hurricane of kindness.

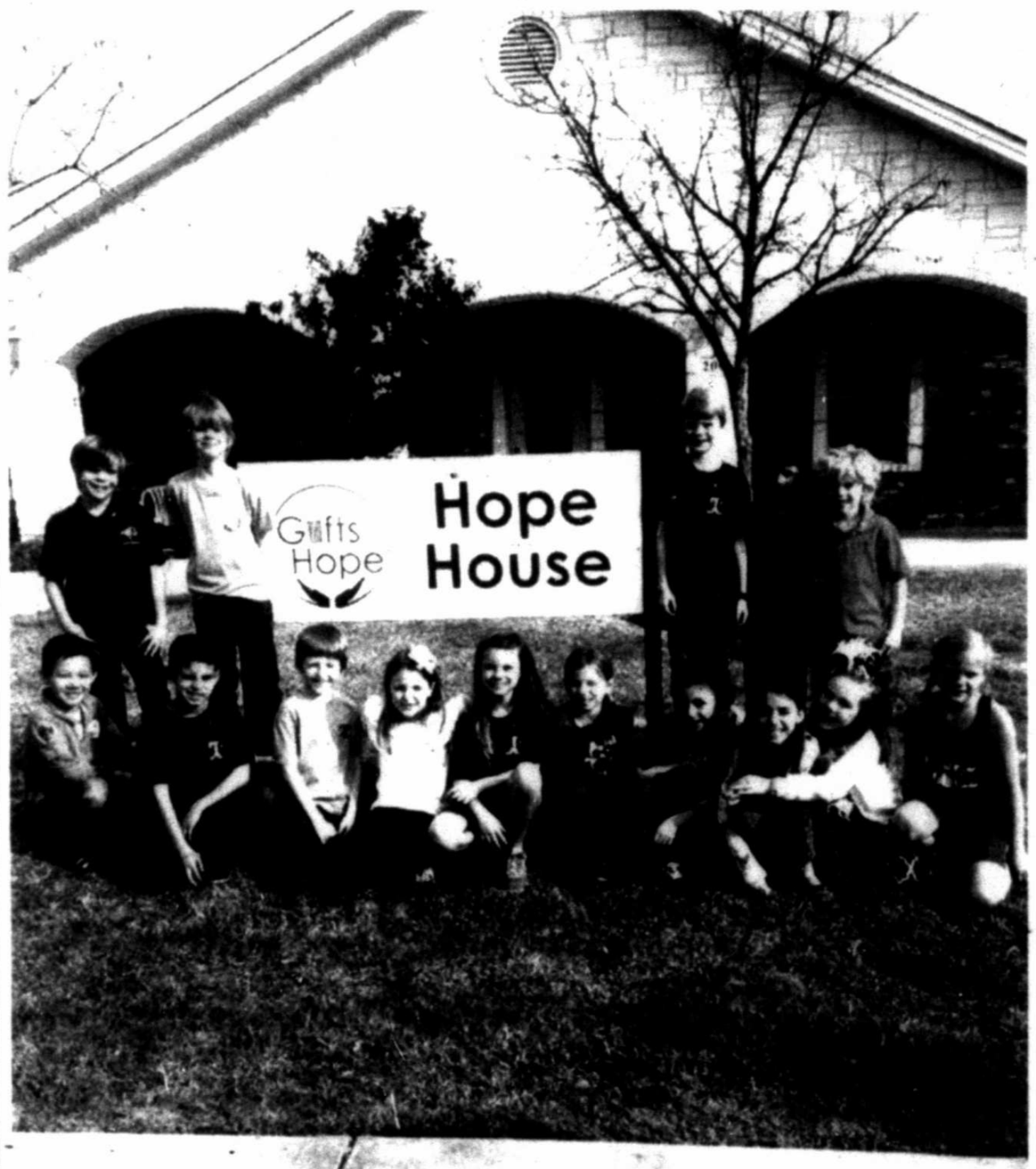
It is important that children's academic lives include something in addition to the three R's because look at what happens when they understand and own — in their thoughts, words and deeds — the difference between selfishness and selflessness.

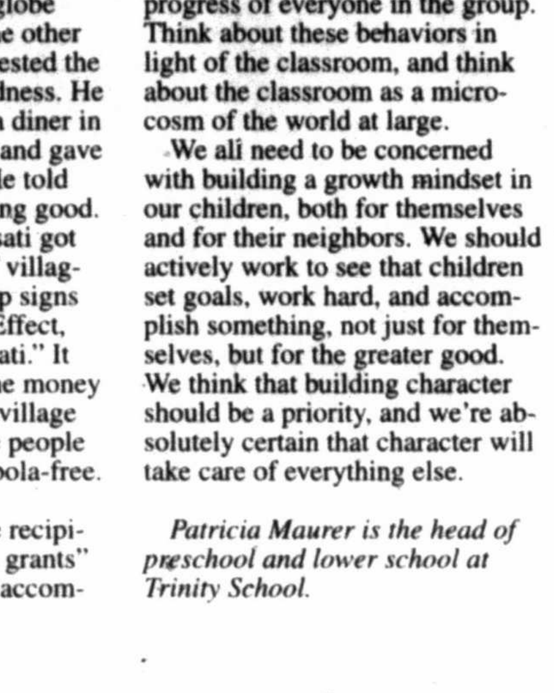
When a child — or an adult — is selfish, they are far more likely to fall prey to impulsive and me-centered behavior. They are more likely to do the things that bring them instant satisfaction and reward, and less likely to dig in and work to make real changes in their own lives, much less the lives of others.

When a child is selfless, they are passionate about what is right and what is good, willing to step out and lead, able to see the big picture, committed to getting the job done, and concerned about the progress of everyone in the group. Think about these behaviors in light of the classroom, and think about the classroom as a microcosm of the world at large.

We all need to be concerned with building a growth mindset in our children, both for themselves and for their neighbors. We should actively work to see that children set goals, work hard, and accomplish something, not just for themselves, but for the greater good. We think that building character should be a priority, and we're absolutely certain that character will take care of everything else.

Patricia Maurer is the head of preschool and lower school at Trinity School.





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LEFT: Second-graders in Ashley Pargmann's class visited Hope House, donated bags of needed items and then delivered Chemo Survival Bags to the patients who were receiving treatment at Allison Cancer Center.

TOP: Sixth-graders in Kelly Thompson's class raised money for Midland Humane Coalitioin by running on the school track for 30 minutes and getting donations for each lap they ran. The students raised $643.

BOTTOM: Elizabeth Adamson and her fourth-grade advisory students handed out lunches at Church Under the Bridge Midland.

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commitment to service of all kinds at Trinity School, but we were looking for a way to do two things — to be more intentional about it and to organize our efforts around something that young children could understand," said Patricia Maurer, head of lower school at Trinity. "We asked (the students) how they might solve, if not an entire problem, part of a problem, and the idea just proliferated from there.

"Each class and each advisory came up with individual projects, and because they were smaller projects they help put the children more in touch with the client, and that's what we wanted. We wanted children to really experience what it was to serve somebody else," Maurer said.

While the service project was initially inspired by Chris Rosati, a North Carolina ALS patient who founded Big Ideas for the Greater Good (BIGG), and his campaign to "encourage students to do good in their community," Maurer said that she also found inspiration from someone a little closer to home.

"Libby Campbell (executive director of the West Texas Food Bank) really inspired me to get to working at this and to encourage teachers to develop those connections with community leaders because she believes — and I agree with her — that nonprofit organizations that serve others need people who are committed to the idea of philanthropy," Maurer said. "We are such a wealthy and privileged community in so many ways, but underneath that privilege, there is an enormous amount of need. Our children need to understand where the need is."

The school will host a "red-carpet event" Tuesday to recognize the work of the lower and intermediate school students put into their projects, said event chair Liz McWilliams.

"We're going to actually have a red carpet for the kids to walk on so that they know that their work was worthy of stars," McWilliams said. "They are going to walk down the red carpet, have their pictures taken and we're going to have a slideshow — we're calling it a movie premier — of all of what they've done in the year put to pictures."

Maurer said she hopes that by seeing the projects of fellow students, new ideas may begin to form for next year.

"When kids have a chance to sit down and look at everybody else's big ideas from this year, that may spark an idea for them to do next year," Maurer said. "One of the things that we will learn over time as adults working with young children is that they get more excited about an idea if we're willing to release that idea back to them — if it's really their idea."

The students worked with several local nonprofit agencies on projects such as:

■ collecting and donating teddy bears to children at Rays of Hope;

■ putting together "bedtime bags" — complete with a book, blanket, stuffed animal, toothbrush and toothpaste — for children placed with foster families at Buckner Children and Family services;

■ meeting on Saturdays to pick up trash with Keep Midland Beautiful; and

■ providing food at the weekly service at Church Under the Bridge Midland.

Dan Marchione, head of intermediate school at Trinity, said that the project that impacted him most was the one between a fourth-grade advisory group and Allison Cancer Center.

"They called their group the Hope Squad," Marchione said. "They made blankets for the chemo patients, and then they went over there and actually delivered them. The kids were just touched and spent an hour and a half just hanging out in the chemo ward talking to these people who were going through chemotherapy. The whole experience was just remarkable to them because they were able to reach out and have this kind of life-changing moment interacting with these people who, before they showed up, were complete strangers."

Marchione said that the real value of the project has been that it enables the students to believe in the ideas that they have and understand that they have the ability to make a difference.

"My hope going forward with this is that by having these experiences these kids will really be empowered to follow their hearts and make a lasting impact here in Midland or wherever they go with their lives," Marchione said.

Although she is appreciative of the attention and thank yous that the school and its students have recieved, Maurer stressed that they are not celebrating themselves.

"The year-end celebration is not of ourselves, but of the idea of service," Maurer said. "We didn't do it to be thanked."

AP file photo

In this Jan. 20 courtroom file sketch, James Holmes, left, and defense attorney Tamara Brady are depicted, as they sit in court on the first day of jury selection in Holmes' trial, at the Arapahoe County Justice Center, in Centennial, Colo.

Alleged 'Batman' killer studied brain disorders before mass murder

By Sadie Gurman
Associated Press

CENTENNIAL, Colo. — James Holmes was growing volatile well before he put on a gas mask and body armor, strapped on a rifle, shotgun, pistol and ammunition, and slipped into a midnight premiere of the Batman film "The Dark Knight Rises."

He was a sought-after neuroscientist-in-training, but he was falling apart. He told a classmate he wanted to kill people, prosecutors say. He fell out of favor with his professors, who suggested he find a new career. He stopped seeing his psychiatrist, then sent her text messages so threatening that she alerted University of Colorado campus police. He even mailed her his journal, in a package with burned $20 bills.

Months before Holmes opened fire on the audience on July 20, 2012, killing 12 and injuring 70 more in one of America's deadliest mass shootings, the 24-year-old doctoral student was preparing for violence.

He stockpiled weapons, ammunition, tear gas grenades and riot gear, and rigged his apartment to become a potentially lethal booby trap, cranking techno music in an apparent attempt to lure someone into opening his door. One neighbor who came to complain narrowly avoided a fiery explosion by walking away.

Many observers hope Holmes' death penalty trial beginning today will finally show what twisted a seemingly dedicated scholar into a sadistic killer. Prosecutors have suggested he was angry over his academic decline. But anyone looking for a trigger or tipping point with mass killers is usually disappointed, said J. Reid Meloy, a forensic psychiatrist at the University of California, San Diego.

"There's no such thing as someone snapping," said Meloy, who is not involved in the Holmes case. "What we know now is that even if a person is psychotic, they can still plan and methodically go about the preparations to carry out a mass murder."

Mass violence is usually premeditated, following a path that begins with a personal grievance and is complicated by narcissism and paranoia. But only 1 in 5 of these killers is psychotic, Meloy said.

Psychosis is something Holmes knew all about. Before the shooting, he was preparing to give a class presentation on "MicroRNA Biomarkers" that provide a biological basis for psychiatric and neurological disorders.

About the same time, he was amassing deadly firepower: Two Glock pistols. A shotgun. An AR-15 rifle. Boxes upon boxes of ammunition — 6,295 rounds in all.

Police who searched his apartment also found prescription medications for anxiety and depression, 50 cans and bottles of beer, paper shooting targets, and a "Batman" mask.

"He was absolutely out of his mind," said Denver defense attorney Iris Eytan, who initially represented Holmes but is no longer involved.

She compared Holmes to schizophrenics she has defended: They are erratic and irrational; they hallucinate.

"Look at his eyes, they're completely dilated," she said, referencing a mug shot showing Holmes with hair dyed comic-book orange.

"He was under the influence of something, and I believe it was mental illness," she said.

Prosecutors say the meticulous plotting shows Holmes was deliberate and calculated, and that evidence suggests he knew right from wrong. For example, Holmes searched online for "rational insanity," and took haunting selfies the night of the shooting, sticking out his tongue and smiling with a Glock under his face.

"He didn't care who he killed or how many he killed, because he wanted to kill all of them," Prosecutor Karen Pearson said.

After an emotionally wrenching trial lasting four months or more, the 12 final jurors, chosen from a pool of 9,000, will have to decide whether he was insane at the time.

If so, the 27-year-old inmate with a doughy face and vacant eyes who sits tethered to a courtroom floor will be committed indefinitely to a state psychiatric hospital.

If not, prosecutors will press for the death penalty over life in prison without parole.

Holmes' former psychiatrist and two court-appointed doctors who spent days interviewing him will likely be asked questions that could explain how a seemingly harmless college student without so much as a traffic ticket on his record could march up and down the aisles of a stadium-style theater, mercilessly shooting down those who tried to flee.

His mother apparently has no idea. He didn't do drugs or gamble or even stay out late, she says in a recently published book of poems and reflections.

"What the hell happened?" Arlene Holmes writes in one, titled "Home Videos."

"How can the kid who read about the Berenstain Bears and John Stewart's Earth and Uncle John's Bathroom Reader, how could he change?" she asks in another, "Jim's Room." "I leave his room untouched because I need the memories and tangible evidence that he was a good person."

"People think he is a monster, but he has a disease that changed his brain," she writes in another poem.

If Holmes' mother knows more about a mental illness, her book doesn't say. The family and their lawyers didn't respond to requests for comment.

Holmes was a shy teen who rarely started conversations but graduated with highest honors from the University of California, Riverside, and then applied for elite doctoral programs. In one essay, he wrote of mentoring a schizophrenic as a summer camp counselor. The boy "vacuumed the ceiling of our cabin. These kids were heavily medicated but this did not solve their problems, only create new ones. ... I wanted to help them but couldn't."

In another, Holmes hinted at how his own mind worked, writing that he was "fascinated by the complexities of a long lost thought seemingly arising out of nowhere into a stream of awareness. These fascinations likely stemmed from my interest in puzzles and paradoxes as an adolescent and continued through my curiosity in academic research."

He landed at the University of Colorado's Anschutz Medical Campus near Denver, one of just six students awarded entry into the exclusive doctoral program in June 2011. He also earned a National Institutes of Health grant for top performers. But by his second semester, his world was crumbling.

His professors sought to keep him out of their labs. He flunked a key oral exam on June 7, and withdrew from the university three days later. He saw his psychiatrist a final time, then pretty much fell out of sight, his former classmates said.

Outside his 800-square-foot apartment in the suburb of Aurora, neighbors recalled seeing him alone, sometimes drinking beers at a nearby bar.

From July 5 to July 18 — two days before the attack — he logged onto a dating website with the handle "classicjimbo." His profile said he was seeking "casual sex" and asked "Will you visit me in prison?"

When he showed up at the "Batman" movie dressed head to toe in protective gear, some theatergoers assumed he was part of the show.

Then, he tossed tear gas canisters into the crowd and started shooting.

Family, friends in Baltimore mourn death of arrested man

By Jessica Gresko and Tom Foreman
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — A night of violence gave way to a day of mourning Sunday for a man who died after sustaining serious injuries while in the custody of Baltimore police.

Over several hours on Sunday afternoon, a steady stream of mourners filed into the Vaughn Green East funeral home for a wake for Freddie Gray, the 25-year-old black man who died a week after an encounter with police left him with grave spinal injuries.

Mourners passed by Gray's silk-draped, white coffin where he lay dressed in a white shirt, black pants, white sneakers and an all-white Los Angeles Dodgers baseball cap.

Above the lid to the coffin was a floral arrangement and inside the lid was a pillow with a screen-printed picture of Gray flanked by doves and the quote, "Peace, Y'all" at the bottom edge.

Mourners also gathered outside. Some held up signs that read, "We remember Freddie" and "Our Hearts Are With The Gray Family."

Melissa McDonald, 36, who said she was Gray's cousin, wore a shirt with "Freddie Forever" printed on the back. She described her cousin as a nonviolent person.

"He didn't deserve to die the way he did," she said.

A number of mourners like Tina Covington, 46, said they didn't know the family but came to express their condolences. Covington said she has a son near Freddie Gray's age.

"It hits home. It really does. It's a reality check," said Covington, whose son is 27.

Covington said that "there is something going on in the police department that needs to change."

Gray's funeral is planned for Monday.

At a church service earlier Sunday, Pastor Jamal Bryant told churchgoers, including members of Gray's family, at Empowerment Temple AME Church that "somebody is going to have to pay" for Gray's death.

Bryant told churchgoers that if "you're black in America your life is always under threat." Bryant also talked about the violence that erupted Saturday night during what began as a peaceful demonstration attended by more than a thousand people.

Some 34 people were arrested, according to Baltimore Police Department, and six police officers sustained minor injuries.

J.M. Giordano, a photo editor at Baltimore's City Paper, said Baltimore police beat him as he covered one of the protests in west Baltimore. A video posted to the newspaper's website Sunday shows at least two police officers in riot gear hitting and kicking Giordano as the person filming screams, "He's a photographer! He's press!"

Sait Serkan Gurbuz, a photographer with Reuters, said police detained him as he was shooting photographs of the scuffle. He declined to comment further. A statement from Reuters said police also cited Gurbuz for failure to obey orders.

"We hope that the department will dismiss the citation and, going forward, respect the First Amendment right of the press to lawfully take images in the public interest," Reuters said.

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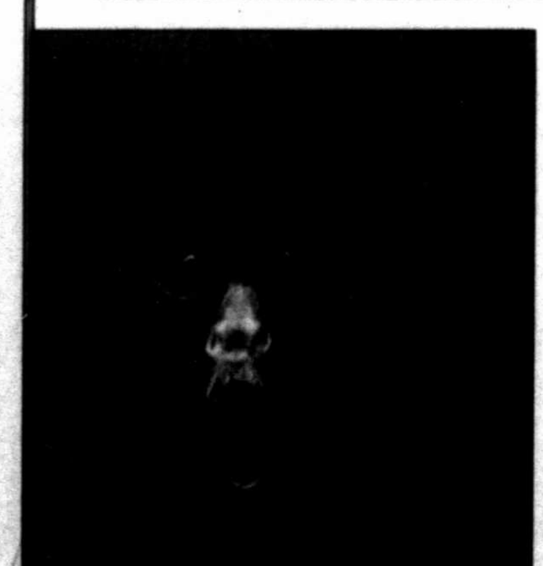

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OPINION

Trans-Pacific Partnership is an abomination

■ The president has it wrong; an opportunity could be lost

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No, President Obama, Elizabeth Warren isn't wrong.

Obama told MSNBC's Chris Matthews on Tuesday that the populist Democratic senator from Massachusetts is in error in opposing a free-trade agreement his administration negotiated with 11 other Pacific nations.

Warren is right: The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is an abomination — not because of the deal itself, and not because free trade in general is a bad idea. The TPP is an abomination because Obama had a chance to protect American workers from the harm that would inevitably come from such a pact, and he didn't take it, or at least he hasn't.

As bad, Obama's anointed successor, Hillary Clinton, waffled on the trade pact last week, only offering the banality that "any trade deal has to produce jobs and raise wages" — which, of course, they all claim to do.

Clinton, and Obama, *should* champion the trade bill — but only after congressional Republicans do what's needed to protect low-wage American workers from the dislocation that will occur: approving some serious new spending on worker training and infrastructure, to keep the United States in line with the rest of the industrialized world.

Now, more than 20 years after NAFTA and 14 years after China joined the World Trade Organization, there is no real question among economists that expanding trade has been good for the world and has helped to reduce poverty. It has also unquestionably been good for American corporations as they grow their global reach. But there is equally no doubt that trade liberalization has hurt low-skill manufacturing workers and aggravated income inequality, which is now at its worst since the 1920s.

The top 1 percent of American earners has seen income grow by 200 percent since the late 1970s, according to the Congressional Budget Office, but the figure is only 48 percent for the bottom 20 percent. And there is really no disputing that at least some of that growing divide between rich and poor has been caused by the regressive effects of trade.

Thea Lee, a trade economist who is deputy chief of staff at the AFL-CIO, argues that 40 percent to 60 percent of that growth in income inequality is because of globalization, including free-trade deals. That may be high, but even Peter Petri, a pro-trade finance professor at Brandeis University whose research is often cited by business, estimates 10 percent to 20 percent of the increase in income inequality can be attributed to trade overall.

Trade agreements aren't the primary culprit; at worst they accelerate a trend from labor-intensive to capital-intensive industry that would have happened anyway. "Trade agreements are fine; they bring rules, and that's progress," Council on Foreign Relations trade expert Edward Alden says. "But then the question is: What do you do to make sure your people benefit after those rules are in place? And I think that's where the United States has really fallen down tremendously. We haven't done a lot to help our labor force make that transition."

America spends just 0.1 percent of GDP on worker training and similar efforts, the CFR finds, one-eighth of what Germany spends and one-twenty-third of what Denmark spends. Corporate America has all but abandoned the notion of apprenticeships, and Obama, though he speaks often about the issue, has made only modest gains.

At the same time, U.S. policy has compounded the flight of labor-intensive jobs by devoting dramatically less to infrastructure than competitors do. The United States spends 1.6 percent of GDP on transportation infrastructure, for example, while the rest of the developed world spends on average 53 percent more.

That's a huge problem, no matter where you stand on the trade deal (and more consequential than whatever labor, environmental and currency provisions are in the trade deal itself). Brandeis professor Petri, who calls the TPP a "huge opportunity," believes it essential that the United States combine trade liberalization with more spending on training and infrastructure. "I don't think we have a choice," he says, "if only to make sure that we can let our economy keep the innovations and the new opportunities at home and abroad." Without such spending to counteract the blows American workers have suffered, "you just don't have the degree of political cohesion you have to run after new opportunities."

Obama had a rare opportunity to force major congressional action on worker training and infrastructure, by tying it to the Pacific trade pact, which Republicans broadly support. He had leverage — and he failed to use it.

Now the noncommittal Clinton, in deciding whether to weigh in on the trade bill, faces the first real test of her candidacy. Her decision will demonstrate whether the Warren-style populism that has crept into her stump speech is real, or just talk.

GUEST VIEW

Don't move along yet from UT admissions scandal

Dallas Morning News

Remember that shopworn scene where something terrible happens on the street and the cop comes along to shoo people away?

"OK, show's over. Nothing to see here, folks. Move along."

Today at the University of Texas, the cop is being played by Chancellor William McRaven.

The thing he wants us all to move along from is an investigative report showing that political influence played a role in the admissions process to UT-Austin and UT Law School.

It's important, though, that we get a chance to decide for ourselves whether there's anything more to be learned from the report issued by the investigative firm Kroll in February.

Why? The Kroll report makes it clear that politicians influenced admissions at UT, but it failed to publicly answer some important questions.

Why would our politicians get involved in admissions at UT? Who exactly did it, and who benefited?

These are critical questions because we know how hard it is now to gain admission to the state's flagship school.

Imagine if someone powerful could help get an applicant into UT when that student otherwise had no real hope of getting in. That would be something very valuable.

UT Regent Wallace Hall pushed for disclosure of information that led to the Kroll investigation.

Now, Hall is trying to get McRaven to provide him with all documents related to that investigation. And, bizarrely, the request is being refused.

Much of the information Hall is seeking appears to be subject to public review. This newspaper has made a similar request of the university, which UT is fighting before the attorney general.

Remember that Hall is not John Q. Public. He sits on the governing board of the UT System. It is his duty, and the duty of his fellow regents, to have the fullest understanding possible of what happened regarding admissions in order to craft policy to protect the university.

At a special meeting of the regents on April 8, Hall requested the release of the information. McRaven stonewalled and walked up to the point of outright refusal.

"If you want to reopen all the information that we got from the Kroll report and take a look at all that data, I'm not inclined to go there," he said.

At that meeting, Hall won the necessary votes to have his request fulfilled. The next day, UT lawyers declined to fulfill his request. A UT spokeswoman on Tuesday said, "Additional issues emerged with respect to Regent Hall's request." She provided no detail.

Hall is now asking the attorney general to intervene.

Many inside UT, as well as some regents, appear to view Hall as a rogue out to sink UT. Others view him as a hero shedding light on a scandal that reaches deep into the Texas Legislature.

Whatever view you hold, he is clearly entitled to review the material he is seeking, and UT's chancellor should provide it.

That McRaven won't suggests there is something important to see here, and Hall is right not to just move along.

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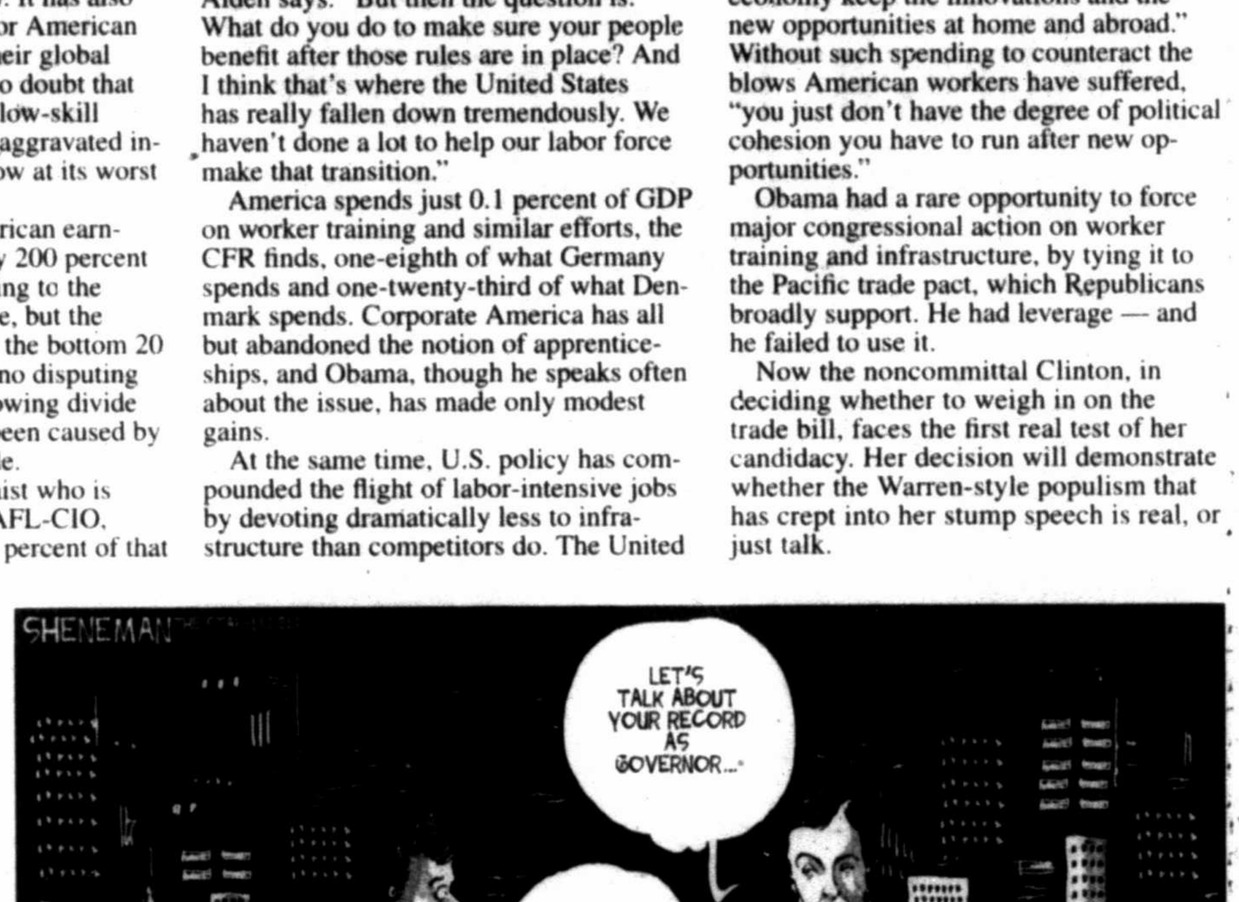

Gov. Chris Christie is who he is

■ Forget what typical politicans offer; we need more honesty and authenticity

RUBEN NAVARRETTE
Washington Post Writers Group

What if it turns out the media are wrong about Chris Christie? Where does the New Jersey governor go to set the record straight?

That's right. There is no such place. And once the media stick a label on you, it doesn't come off easily.

The dominant narrative pushed by most outlets is that Christie is a loudmouth bully who delights in lashing out at reporters and citizens at town hall meetings. He is usually direct, we are told, and sometimes downright mean.

This seems to have been how Christie came across to Cheryl Meyer, a 45-year-old kindergarten teacher who recently scolded him at a town hall forum in Old Bridge, New Jersey. After Christie finished his remarks, Meyer told the governor that she had trouble explaining to her students why it was fine for the man who holds the state's highest office to use words like "shut up" and "idiot" when they can't.

The potential 2016 GOP presidential candidate politely thanked Meyer for her question and acknowledged that there were times in the past when he could have used different words. He said he is "trying to get better every day." Still, he also claimed that this kind of language was part of who he is and insisted that he would never be some "vanilla" politician who just tells people what they want to hear.

"I think we've had too much of people in public life pretending to be something," the governor said.

Indeed. That kind of phoniness is probably one of the top six things that Americans hate about politicians. The others are lying, flip-flopping, ducking tough issues, talking but not saying anything, and putting their interests ahead of voters.

But all is not lost for Christie when it comes to relating to people. A recent visit to New Hampshire showed something that few political observers saw coming: Far from being a liability, when used correctly, Christie's mouth can be a valuable asset.

In the city of Londonderry, Christie launched what he called his "Tell It Like It Is" tour with another town hall meeting. It could have gone badly. Just one day earlier, Christie had jumped into the contentious debate over entitlement reform by suggesting that the retirement age be raised to 69. Seniors might not like that, and they aren't shy in expressing their views about efforts to tinker with Social Security. Yet Christie waded in.

He loosened up the crowd by taking a shot at Hillary Clinton. Christie noted that she plans to raise $2.5 billion for her presidential campaign "and then get the corrupting money out of politics." The crowd roared with laughter.

This is a forum that Christie has mastered. He told the gathering in Londonderry that, since taking office in New Jersey, he has held about 130 town halls throughout the Garden State.

The governor earned applause for refusing to go along with an audience member's request to support a conscientious exemption from vaccinations. Instead, he said, he would "err on the side of protecting public health through vaccine unless that vaccine has proven to be harmful to the public."

But where Christie hit it out of the park was when he opened up and talked about his late mother, who passed away 11 years ago from lung cancer. He credits his mom for his straight-talking ways, and for being a tremendous influence in his life.

"As I enter into a national conversation, I enter into it with those traits: someone who's willing to speak their mind, who's not going to [make you] wait for deathbed confessions — you're gonna hear it now," he said.

Christie said that, at one point, his mother gave him some great advice that continues to serve him well to this day: "Be yourself because then tomorrow you don't have to try to remember who you pretended to be yesterday."

Finally, as for being outspoken and a little rough around the edges, he told the crowd, "That's who I am and that's who I will always be because we are always part of our childhood and our parents."

That sounds honest and authentic, two words that you don't often hear used to describe politicians — especially when they're out hunting for support and will say just about anything to get it.

Remember when Christie said that he's trying to get better every day? It's working. He's getting better.

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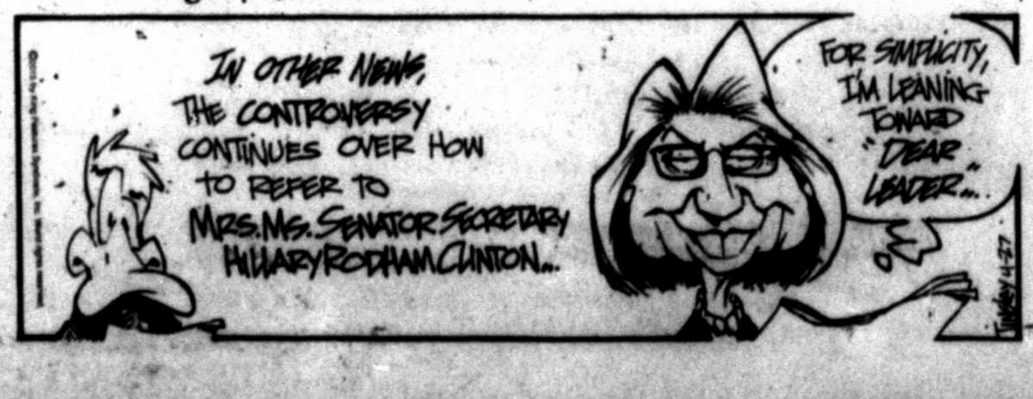
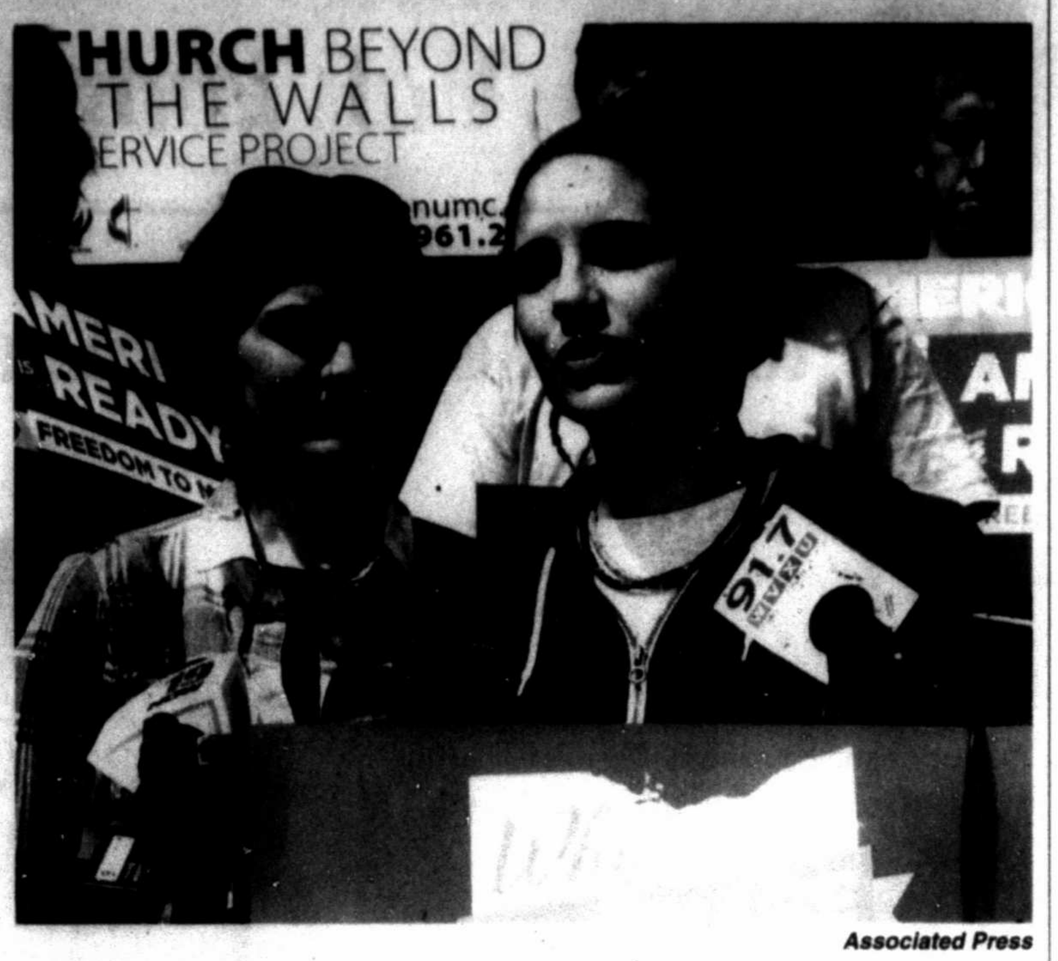


Q&A: What's at stake in Supreme Court gay marriage arguments

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press



Associated Press

Kelly Noe, left, listens to her partner Kelly McCraken speak to supporters during a send-off event in support of plaintiffs in gay marriage cases that will be argued on Tuesday before the U.S. Supreme Court on the steps of City Hall in downtown Cincinnati, Friday.

WASHINGTON — Just two years ago, the Supreme Court struck down part of the federal anti-gay marriage law that denied a range of government benefits to legally married same-sex couples.

The decision in United States v. Windsor did not address the validity of state marriage bans, but courts across the country, with few exceptions, said its logic compelled them to invalidate state laws that prohibited gay and lesbian couples from marrying.

The number of states allowing same-sex marriage has grown rapidly. As recently as October, just over one-third of the states permitted same-sex marriage. Now, same-sex couples can marry in 36 states and the District of Columbia. A look at what is now before the Supreme Court, and the status of same-sex marriage around the country:

WHAT'S LEFT FOR THE SUPREME COURT TO DO AMID ALL THIS CHANGE?

The justices on Tuesday are hearing extended arguments, scheduled to run 2½ hours, in highly anticipated cases about the right of same-sex couples to marry. The cases before the court come from Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee, all of which had their marriage bans upheld by the federal appeals court in Cincinnati in November. That appeals court is the only one that has ruled in favor of the states since the 2013 Windsor decision.

WHAT'S AT STAKE?

Two related issues would expand the marriage rights of same-sex couples. The bigger one: Do same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marry or can states continue to define marriage as the union of a man and a woman? The second: Even if states won't allow some couples to marry, must they recognize valid same-sex marriages from elsewhere?

WHAT ARE THE MAIN ARGUMENTS ON EACH SIDE?

The arguments of marriage-rights supporters boil down to a claim that states lack any valid reason to deny the right to marry, which the court has earlier described as fundamental to the pursuit of happiness. They say state laws that allow only some people to marry violate the Constitution's guarantee of equal protection under the law and make second-class citizens of same-sex couples and their families. Same-sex couples say that preventing them from marrying is akin to a past ban on interracial marriage, which the Supreme Court struck down in 1967.

The states respond that they have always set the rules for marriage and that voters in many states have backed, sometimes overwhelmingly, changes to their constitutions to limit marriage to a man and a woman. They say a lively national debate is underway and there is no reason for courts to impose a solution that should be left to the political process. The states also argue that they have a good reason to keep defining marriage as they do. Because only heterosexual couples can produce children, it is in the states' interest to make marriage laws that encourage those couples to enter a union that supports raising children.

IS THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION PLAYING A ROLE?

The administration is backing the right of same-sex couples to marry, although its argument differs in one respect. The plaintiffs say that the state laws should fall, no matter what standard the court applies. The administration calls for more rigorous scrutiny than courts ordinarily apply to most laws, saying it is appropriate when governments discriminate against a group of people. That already is the case for claims that laws discriminate on the basis of race, sex and other factors. But the administration is silent about what the outcome should be if the court does not give gays the special protection it has afforded women and minorities.

The Justice Department's decision to stop defending the federal anti-marriage law in 2011 was an important moment for gay rights and President Barack Obama declared his support for same-sex marriage in 2012.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE COURT STRIKES DOWN THE STATE BANS?

A ruling that same-sex couples have a right to marry would invalidate the remaining anti-gay marriage laws in the country. If the court limits its ruling to requiring states to recognize same-sex unions, couples in states without same-sex marriage presumably could get married elsewhere and then demand recognition at home.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE COURT RULES FOR THE STATES ON BOTH QUESTIONS?

The bans in 14 states would survive. Beyond that, confusion probably would reign. Some states that had their marriage laws struck down by federal courts might seek to reinstate prohibitions on gay and lesbian unions. Questions also could be raised about the validity of some same-sex weddings. Many of these problems would be of the Supreme Court's own making.

WHY IS THAT?

From October to January, the justices first rejected appeals from states seeking to preserve their marriage bans, then allowed court rulings to take effect even as other states appealed those decisions. The result is that the court essentially allowed the number of states with same-sex marriage to double.

WHERE IS SAME-SEX MARRIAGE LEGAL?

Same-sex couples can marry in 36 states, the District of Columbia and parts of Missouri. More than 500 marriage licenses were issued to same-sex couples in Alabama this year after a federal court struck down the state's ban. But probate judges have not issued any more licenses to gay and lesbian couples since the Alabama Supreme Court ordered a halt to same-sex unions in early March.

Gay and lesbian couples may not marry in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, most of Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Tennessee and Texas.

HOW MANY MARRIED SAME-SEX COUPLES ARE THERE IN THE U.S.?

Gary Gates, an expert at UCLA's Williams Institute on the demography of gays and lesbians in the U.S., estimated that there were 350,000 married same-sex couples as of February. Gates relied on Gallup Inc. survey data and Census Bureau information to arrive at his estimate. That's just 0.3 percent of the nation's 242 million adults, Gates said. Almost as many same-sex couples are unmarried, Gates said.

WHAT ARE THE NEXT ISSUES FACING GAY RIGHTS?

One fight in the news this year is over efforts to carve out religious exemptions for people and institutions that object to same-sex marriage. It is clear that churches do not have to marry same-sex couples if doing so violates their religious tenets, but what about county clerks? Can photographers refuse to shoot same-sex weddings? Can bakers decline to bake a cake for two men? Civil rights groups say they will continue pressing for other protections from discrimination against LGBT people in employment and housing, among other areas. Even if same-sex couples win the right to marry everywhere, people still can be fired because of their sexual orientation in more than half the states.

Supporters of Senate Iran bill swatting away amendments

By Deb Riechmann
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate proponents of a bill empowering Congress to review and potentially reject any Iran nuclear deal must first win a battle with some colleagues determined to change the legislation in ways that could sink it.

"Anybody who monkeys with this bill is going to run into a buzz saw," Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina warned ahead of this week's debate.

Also trying to discourage any changes, Democratic Sen. Bob Menendez of New Jersey urged senators to stick with the plan as it emerged from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The high-profile debate comes as negotiators from the U.S. and five other nations are rushing to finalize, by the end of June, an agreement requiring Iran to curb its nuclear program in exchange for relief from sanctions choking its economy. The parties will meet again this week on the sidelines of a U.N. conference in New York.

The bill was approved, 19-0, by the Senate committee has 62 co-sponsors from both parties.

Some lawmakers, however, want changes that could cost them the support of President Barack Obama, who grudgingly backed the measure, and his fellow Democrats.

If there is a final deal with Iran, Obama can use his executive authority to ease some sanctions on his own and work with the European Union and the United Nations to lift others. Obama also can waive sanctions that Congress has imposed on Iran, but he cannot formally lift them.

The bill would block Obama from waiving congressional sanctions for at least 30 days while lawmakers weigh in.

If 60 senators vote to disapprove of the deal, Obama would lose his waiver power altogether. The president is betting he will not.

If Congress disapproves, the president will almost assuredly respond with a veto. As long as he can get more than one-third of the Senate to side with him, he can prevent his veto from being overridden.

Backers of the bill are trying to keep lawmakers focused on how it would give Congress a say on a critical national security issue. They say the measure is not meant to be about how Iran increasingly is wielding influence in the Middle East, its support of terrorist groups or human rights violations. They worry that adding too many divisive amendments would cause Democrats to drop their support.

Even so, some senators are proposing amendments to pressure Iran to end its support of such groups, stop threatening to destroy Israel and recognize its right to exist, and release U.S. citizens held in Iran.

Other amendments would prevent sanctions relief if Iran cooperates with nuclear-armed North Korea or until international nuclear inspectors are guaranteed access to Iranian military sites.

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Late spring complicates already perilous amphibian migration

By Holly Ramer
Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — Northern New England's annual amphibian migration is always perilous, but critters that cross roads to breed are facing an additional challenge this year: a delayed start after the long winter.

Every spring, several species of salamanders and frogs travel to vernal pools — temporary bodies of water created by melted snow — to mate and lay eggs, and the resulting offspring need several months to develop and grow legs before the pools dry up in summer. Wildlife officials say the migration is running a week or two behind this year, cutting into that critical development time.

That could affect millions of animals across Vermont, Maine and New Hampshire, said Eric Orff, a wildlife biologist with the National Wildlife Federation.

"With a late spring and climate change predicting hotter, drier summers, we're really in a race against time before these vernal pools dry up, leaving these animals stranded to die," he said.

Mike Marchand, a wildlife biologist with New Hampshire Fish and Game, said the state is home to five species that depend solely on vernal pools: the wood frog and four types of salamanders, including one that is endangered in the state and two that are "of conservation concern." All serve key ecosystem roles — salamanders eat mosquito larvae, and the frogs are an important food source for other animals at all stages of their development, he said.

The critters start moving on rainy nights when temperatures are in the 40s and 50s, and officials are urging residents to do what they can to help the amphibians survive their trek.

In southwestern New Hampshire, last Monday was what those in the know call "Big Night," — the season's first significant migration. Nearly 100 volunteers took to the streets, shuttling nearly 3,000 amphibians across the road. Wearing reflective vests and holding flashlights, they scooped up spring peepers, wood frogs and salamanders and carried them either in their hands or buckets, then documented each find.

'Call of Duty: Black Ops 3': 5 ways it's different

By Derrik J. Lang
Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — "Call of Duty: Black Ops 3" is enlisting a few new recruits.

The third installment in Treyarch's popular military shooter saga is adding the option to play cooperatively with other gamers in the plot-driven campaign. The developer is also ditching traditional avatar customization in its multiplayer mode, instead opting for players to pick among nine distinct characters, each with their own unique weapon and ability.

"We wanted it to have a little more soul to it," said game director Dan Bunting after a recent demonstration. "We were talking about voices and giving them personalities. It was kind of a leap of faith to say, 'You're going to pick this character who is this guy or girl, and that is the character you're gonna be.' That was the direction we started to explore."

Other additions planned for the futuristic "Black Ops 3," which is scheduled for release Nov. 6 for PlayStation 4, Xbox One and PC, include the ability to swim and shoot at opponents underwater in the multiplayer mode, as well as analyze the campaign's more expansive battlefields with high-tech perspectives culled from teammates' intel.

"With co-op players, they can be in multiple places," said campaign director Jason Blundell. "In these larger environments, they can be at different heights and positions in the battlefield, so to ensure those engagements are just as riveting and just as cinematic, we had to create a brand-new, goal-oriented animation system."

Here's a look at five of the biggest changes coming to Activision's blockbuster shooter franchise:

Fantastic four

The campaign mode has been overhauled to encourage re-playability with up to four available co-op players. The levels will be more open than past "Call of Duty" titles, and players will be able to customize their weapons, loadout, gender, outfit and enhancements. That creativity can be shown off between levels inside a new virtual safe house.

Staying around

The new entry follows the events of "Black Ops II," when drones hijacked by a terrorist in 2025 crippled the world. In the campaign, which begins five years later, soldiers can be upgraded with about 40 cybernetic modifications, which allow players to accomplish such high-tech feats as remotely hacking enemy robots or chaining together melee strikes.

Jump around

Following the injection of rocket-thrusting soldiers in last year's "Call of Duty: Advance Warfare," the troops in "Black Ops 3" have similarly been granted wings. The game's 360-degree, momentum-based movement system allows multiplayer combatants to quickly grapple environmental surfaces, power slide across landscapes and cling to walls.

Special someone

Treyarch has dubbed its new multiplayer characters "specialists." That's because each operative comes equipped with their own personal weapon and ability outside the tried-and-true create-a-class system. For example, bow-wielding Brazilian Special Forces agent Outrider is outfitted with explosive bolts and the power to detect nearby enemies.

Open arms

While the developers have done away with multiplayer character customization, they've greatly expanded weapon personalization, providing players with more tools to trick out munitions. The game's guns can be equipped with an optic and up to 5 attachments; camouflage and user-designed paint jobs with up to 64 different layers on three sides.

GUIDE

How to Choose the Best Audiologist

Have you or a loved one been experiencing a hearing loss? If so, an audiologist can help.

More than 38 million Americans have some form of hearing impairment. And many people don't even realize they have a problem because hearing loss can happen gradually, unless it is caused by an accident.

On average, it takes seven years before someone seeks help after first noticing a problem. And usually, the condition only worsens with time and without treatment.

The good news is, hearing loss is not difficult to treat.

The first step is to visit your primary care doctor. The doctor can determine if there is a physical reason for the hearing impairment, such as an infection or ear wax buildup. If the loss isn't caused by an infection or other easily treated methods, your doctor will usually recommend a secondary visit to an ear, nose and throat doctor or an audiologist.

Your primary care physician may provide several audiologists to choose from. It's time to do some research.

Audiologists may have a specialty. For example, some professionals see elderly patients while others may focus on helping young people. The audiologist might have a special skill, such as cochlear implants.

Consult your friends and family who have experienced hearing loss. Perhaps they have seen an audiologist in your area and can give you a good recommendation.

When you have narrowed your choices down to two or three professionals, call their offices and conduct a preliminary interview. Before anything else, make sure they accept new patients as well as your insurance. You don't want to spend a lot of time on an audiologist you won't be able to see.

They should inform you about the audiologist's background and specialization, along with the wait time for new patients.

Ensure that the professional has the proper license and reliable references to patients he has treated.

Before making an appointment, consider your goals. You might want a complete hearing evaluation. Perhaps you need a fitting for a new hearing aid or a replacement. Or maybe you need more information about ear care and preventing hearing loss.

It is usually impossible to resolve an issue with one appointment. Follow up visits for tests, consultations and fittings, will likely be necessary.

If you have experienced hearing loss, then your relationship with your audiologist should be ongoing. Make sure you are comfortable with this person.

While you're at it, it is never too early to have a child's ears checked by a qualified practitioner. Children who have a hard time hearing will have a difficult time in school, and the sooner the condition is tended to, the better it is for the child.

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Community involvement: Habitat ReSTORE, Habitat Family Selection Committee, Friends of Libraries and Literacy, Southeast Senior Center, St. Paul's CME Church choir, quilting and community gardening.

How did you get involved with Habitat for Humanity and what role do you play? After retiring from the Chicago Public School System, I moved to Midland after being recently widowed. I was looking for something to do.

For someone looking to make a difference but doesn't know how, what would you recommend? Volunteer in one of the many organizations that help people who need some encouragement and hope.

What have you gained through your experiences? I have made many friends from all walks of life and I have learned that there are may wonderful people in Midland who are very generous.

How long has Midland been your home and why have you stayed? I moved to Midland in 1996 after being away for 29 years. I graduated from Carver High School in Midland in 1960. My family is very important to me and I wanted to remain close to them. Staying in Midland allows me to be involved in a number of community activities which make life interesting.

***Midland Habitat for Humanity** is a non-profit housing assistance organization that has put more than 500 individuals in affordable homes since its inception in 1991. For more information, visit habitatmidland.org.*

'INDISPENSABLE TO MIDLAND HABITAT'

Emma Threat retired as a school teacher in Chicago and returned home to Midland in 1996. By late 2002, Emma began volunteering in the brand new Habitat ReSTORE, helping this fledgling business start-up make a name for itself. The Habitat ReSTORE is a business that takes donations of furniture and building supplies, and sells them to the general public. Proceeds from the ReSTORE contribute to the Habitat housing ministry, while offering a place for the community to recycle usable items. It wasn't long before Emma became indispensable to Midland Habitat for Humanity in other ways, by volunteering on the Family Selection Committee and eventually serving on the Board of Directors. Her calm, quiet demeanor doesn't show the courage and discernment that served her well as a school teacher. Her strengths and perseverance also translate to a guiding hand that she has offered to Midland Habitat over the years. She serves where she is needed, not asking for recognition or tribute. We at Habitat commend Emma Threat as an unsung hero who has provided help and guidance on the many fronts of Habitat for Humanity.

***Alynda Best**, Midland Habitat for Humanity executive director*

'AMBASSADOR FOR HABITAT RESTORE'

The Habitat for Humanity ReSTORE opened in February 2002, and Emma Threat followed soon after, volunteering her time each week to ensure its success. In addition to working in the store, Emma has always sat on the ReSTORE committee, providing guidance and making suggestions that ensure our profitability.

Emma is reliable, polite and personable. She is accountable when she is on the cash register, and she can always be counted on to work weekly in the store. If she cannot help a customer, she takes excellent notes so we can get back with that person with the needed information. Because she is so involved in the Midland community through her volunteer work, she has developed an amazing network of friends. Often, people come into the store saying they were referred by Emma to come and look at a particular thing to buy. Emma will also keep a list of items that someone is searching for and if it comes into the store, she will give them a call. She is truly an ambassador for the ReSTORE.

***Scott Thissen**, Midland Habitat for Humanity ReSTORE manager*

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BY MARILYN MCKNIGHT HARRISON

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Jay Leno talks with Bill Pennebaker, 97, about his 1912 Ford Model T on April 17 at the Midland College Student Government Association's Cruisers and Chaps car show.

LENO RECEPTION

Margaret Cloyd, from left, Pat Batie and Sharon Yeager.

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Gayle and Doc Dodson, from left, and Annette and Jeannie Mayne.

LENO RECEPTION

Catherine and Michael Oestmann, from left, Barbara and Tommy Hill and Suzanne and Ed Rathbun.

ONSTAGE PROPOSAL

Tyler Lillestol and Sara Hone.

LENO RECEPTION

Don and Kay Bishop, from left, Jay Leno and Margaret and Burgess Wade.

CATOICO

Marilyn Harrison, from left, Jenny LaCroix, Mark LaCroix and Avery LaCroix.

RECEPTION FOR LENO

Before his performance at Midland College on April 17, comedian Jay Leno was seen out and about on campus. Known for his passion for automobiles, he attended the MC Student Government Association's car show that afternoon. Before he went on stage that evening, he stopped by a reception for college donors and their guests in the McCormick Gallery at the Allison Fine Arts Building.

At the car show, Leno could be seen talking with 97-year-old **Bill Pennebaker**, who was displaying his 1912 Model T Ford. When asked when he became the owner, Pennebaker said, "It was 1938. Just two more payments, and it's all mine," causing the entertainer to break into a fit of laughter.

The Phyllis & Bob Cowan Performing Arts Series and Midland College Foundation invited Friends of the Series and Distinguished Chaparral Circle Donors to the reception, which was hosted by **June Cowden** and her daughter, **Linda Cowden**.

Guests had the opportunity to meet and be photographed with the former "Tonight Show" host.

Among those seen in the crowd were **Fred Newman** with his son and daughter-in-law, **Jim and Lara Newman** of Fort Worth; **Ann and Ralph Way, Linda and Michael Melson, Anne and Tom Hyde, Patty and Tevis Herd, Sandy and George Thomas, Paula Cahoon, Shirley Miller, Ann Kleine** and **Msgr. Larry Droll.**

CATOICO 2015

Midland High School's Catoico (acronym for cattle, oil and cotton) was April 16 at the school auditorium. **King Jacob Granado and Queen Brianna Ortiz** were crowned and their court was presented.

Court members are **Macy Alvarez and Slade Harrell, Madison Jordan and Kohl Fritschen, Caleigh Anuszkiewicz and Britt Boler, Kathleen Holland and Matthew Gallegos, Hope Barnett and Juan Rodriguez, Kyndal Cowan and Ryan Goodrum, Lauren Elizabeth Bell and Ethan Smith and Avery Sauer and Park Gibs.**

A reception followed in the Bulldog Room with **Allison Rhone** and **Lisa Lamb** providing the refreshments. Many of the court were photographed with **Doc Dodson**, former longtime trainer at MHS, and his wife, **Gayle.**

Two days later at prom, the king and queen and their court were formally introduced. They danced the first song of the evening with their mother or father.

The celebration began the weekend of April 11 when the queen and her family hosted a breakfast at Chuck E Cheese's, where the queen works part-time. The king's dinner was held at the Junior League headquarters and catered by Granado Cafe and Catering, which is owned by Granado's family.

ONSTAGE PROPOSAL

Although it was not intended as such, what occurred after the April 18 performance of Midland Community Theatre's production of "West Side Story" turned out to be an encore.

As the audience was leaving, they noticed some activity onstage. **Sara Hone** and **Tyler Lillestol**, who portray the star-crossed lovers Maria and Tony in the show, are a couple offstage, as well. After the cast took their bows and the stage went dark, Hone was called to center stage. The spotlight came up, and there was Lillestol on one knee with an engagement ring in hand. He proposed, and she said yes, with a sold-out house as witness.

Lillestol even had arranged with the orchestra to play "One Hand One Heart" during the proposal. It is the song he and Hone sing to one another during the show's wedding scene.

Happy 27th Birthday Samantha.

Today it's hard to believe you would turn 27 Samantha. Today just as the day you went away we have emotions of every kind. We could not let this day go by Without marking it in some special way. So as each year since you went away we are standing here today as we place our flowers on your grave. We try to smile and be brave just as we know you would want us to be. So Samantha please know we will never forget you on your birthday or any day.

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					6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Dancing With the Stars (N)			Castle "In Plane Sight" (N)		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	2 Broke Girls (N)	Mike & Molly (N)	Stalker	NCIS: Los Angeles "In the Line of Duty"		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	MASH "The Kids"	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Hogan's Heroes	Twilight Zone	B.New-hart	B.New-hart	P. Mason "The Case of the Thermal Thief"		McMillan and Wife
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Gotham "The Anvil or the Hammer" (N)		The Following "Evermore" (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KNLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. William	Dr. R.Booker	Update News	Day of Discovery	Light of the Southwest				House Call	Mani Erfan	Rocks/Manuscripts	Y.Salamanca
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		The Voice "Live Top 8 Performances" The top 8 artists perform live. (N)			The Night Shift "Hold On" (N)			NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show	(:35) Late Night (N)
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Antiques Rd. "Santa Cibra (Hour Two)" (N)		The Draft (N)	Dick Cavett's Vietnam (N)			Charlie Rose (N)		Tavis Smiley (N)	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La sombra del pasado		Amores con trampa		Hasta el fin del mundo	Que te perdone Dios... Yo no			Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
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FLIX	340	65			165	(5:10) Mindhunters		★★ Kill Bill Vol. 2 ('04, Act) Uma Thurman.					Night of the Living Dead			(:10) Silent Night...
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:45) ★★ The Wolverine Hugh Jackman.				Tales of the Gizm Sleeper (P)		Mayweath	(:20) Thrones "High Sparrow"			(:25) Veep
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Silicon	Last Week	Real Sports		Game of Thrones		Veep	Bill Maher		WBC Boxing	
HBO5	304	70	16	102		(:10) ★★ The Break-Up Vince Vaughn.				★★★ 12 Years a Slave Chiwetel Ejiofor.				(:15) ★ 42 ('13, Bio) Chadwick Boseman.		
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	Movie	(:45) ★★ Pacific Rim ('13, Act) Idris Elba.				★★★ True Lies ('94, Act) Jamie Lee Curtis.					LifeTop
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:15) ★ Closed Circuit ('13, Dra) Eric Bana.				★★★★ Her Joaquin Phoenix.				(:10) Spring	(:45) Spring	(:20) ★ Enemy of t...
PLEX			96			(5:10) ★ Impromptu		★★ Joe Dirt David Spade.		(:35) ★★ Labor Pains				(:05) ★ Private Valentine		Movie
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:00) ★ Need for Speed ('14, Act) Aaron Paul.			HAPPYish	Nurse J.	HAPPYish	Nurse J.	Inside	HAPPYish		The Opposite Sex
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:20) ★ Olympia		★ Byzantium ('12, Hor) Saoirse Ronan.			★★ Mercury Rising Bruce Willis.					★ Red Riding: In t...
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Bates Motel "Norma Louise"		Bates Motel "The Last Supper"		Bates Motel "The Pit" (N)	The Returned "Claire" (N)		Bates Motel "The Pit"		Bates Motel "The Last Supper"	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(5:00) ★★★★ The Godfather ('72, Dra) Al Pacino, Marlon Brando.					TURN: WA Spies (N)		TURN "Men of Blood"		★★★ Rambo III	
BET	58	26		40		(4:00) ★ What's Lov...		★ Four Seasons ('14, Com) Keith Robinson.			Being "Signing Off"		Xperim.	Xperim.	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Shahs of Sunset		Housewives Atlanta		Shahs of Sunset (N)	Southern Charm (N)		Watch (N)	Shahs of Sunset		S. Charm
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Coca-Cola		Shark Tank		Secrets of Mexico's	American Greed		American Greed		American Greed	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Blindsided: ISIS (N)	CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		Blindsided: ISIS	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud 2/2 (N)		Fast N' Loud (N)	Misfit Garage (N)		Fast N' Loud		Misfit Garage	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Austin	Girl	Jessie	Dog Blog	KC Under	Liv/Mad	Jessie	Liv/Mad	Dog Blog	I Didn't	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	MLB Baseball Washington Nationals at Atlanta Braves (L)						Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Sport Science		SportsC. "NFL Nation Mock Draft"			Spike Lee Lil' Joints		Year Quarterback		SportsC.	Baseball Tonight (L)
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★★★ The Little Mermaid Jodi Benson.				★ Mirror Mirror ('12, Adv) Lily Collins.				The 700 Club		Boy MW	Boy MW
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Diners...	Diners, Dr.	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Sport-sDay (N)	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Texas Rangers Site: Globe Life Park -- Arlington, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	Championship Spot. "Boys Basketball"		SportsD-ay OnAir
FX	31	31	59	64	69	M&M	M&M	★★★ X-Men: First Class ('11, Act) James McAvoy.							★★★ X-Men: First Class James McAvoy.	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Waltons "The Tailspin"		The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It		H.Hunt	House (N)	Love It or List It		Love It or List It	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Swamp People		Swamp People		Swamp People (N)		(:05) Rivermen (N)		(:05) Swamp People		Swamp People	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	(5:00) ★★ The Perfect Neighbour		★★ The Perfect Assistant (2007, Thriller) Chris Potter, Rachel Hunter, Josie Davis.			★ The Perfect Boyfriend (2013, Drama) Jennifer Taylor, Susan Blakely, Aiden Turner.				★★ The Perfect Assistant Josie Davis.	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	39				NHLLive	NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)					Overtime	Blazers	Barclays Review (N)		Blazers	Soccer
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	MakePop	Sam & Cat	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	(:10) Lopez	(:50) Lopez
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Jail	Jail	Jail
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:30) ★★ Saw ('04, Hor) Leigh Whannell.				★★ Saw II ('05, Hor) Donnie Wahlberg.				★★ Saw III ('06, Cri) Tobin Bell.			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Opera"	Seinf. "The Shoes"	Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad	American Dad	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Cedric the Entertainer		The Office	Conan
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ The Corsica...		★★ Up the Down Staircase				(:15) ★★★ The Miracle Worker				(:15) ★ Night Moves	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Avenida Brasil		Tierra de reyes		El señor de los cielos		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	Tierra de reyes	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Hoarding "You're Not Taking My Kids"		Hoarding: Buried Al. "Ronda" (N)		Hoarding: Buried Al. "Susie" (N)		Str. Addiction "Top 10 Most Shocking"		Hoarding: Buried Al. "Susie" (N)		Str. Addiction "Top 10 Most Shocking"	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Almost Famous"		NBA Basketball Playoffs Atlanta vs. Brooklyn or Milwaukee vs. Chicago (L)					NBA Basketball Playoffs Memphis Grizzlies at Portland Trail Blazers Western Conference Quarter-final Game 4 (L)				
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Home Videos		Fam.Feud	Fam.Feud	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Friends	Friends
USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Road Kill"		WWE Monday Night Raw						(:05) DIG "Sisters of Dinah"		(:05) CSI: Crime Scene "Meat Jekyll"	
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		Salem "Book of Shadows"		★★ John Q (2002, Drama) Gabriela Oltean, Kimberly Elise, Denzel Washington.			

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'Hounds fan

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A young RockHounds fan looks on during the game against San Antonio on Thursday at Security Bank Ballpark.

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Dash For Cash

A young fan competes against Rocky in Dash For Cash between innings of the Texas Tech game against Abilene Christian on Tuesday at Security Bank Ballpark

BRIDGERESULTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Permian Bridge Club

April 13
Marilyn Higgins-Patti Heard, Jeanne Lantz-Gloria Jackson, Flo Curry-Dorothy Brenneman, Dorothy Blair-Jeanie Marsh, Ann Brook-Mary Tift

April 14
Ricki Perry-Bob Baker, Ann Parish-Bitsy Loewenstein, Higgins-Brenda Brauner, Martha Poss-Helen South

April 15
Curry-Marlene Blumentritt, Belle Harris-Parish, Ann Servatius-Higgins, Liza Philpy-Shirley Davenport, Don Troy-Lonnie Yee

April 16
Sarana Savage-Dorothy Baird, Lantz-Helen Davis, Edward McPherson-Parish, Linda Farrar-Philpy, Bill Perkins-Jan Perkins, Kelly Murphy-Jeanie Marsh

April 17
Sandy Thomas-Blumentritt, KC Evans-Marilyn Matthews, Curry-Jane Myers, Tommie Strack-Perry, Frances Mills-Janet Stoltz, Sue Marshall-Sally Reeder, Kay Arrell-Philpy

April 19
Evans-Baker, Brenneman-South, Scott Vaughan-Poss, Thomas-Blumentritt

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BANANA BITE: Type of plane

Yesterday's Answer: CLAPTRAP, NIGHTCAP, RAINDROP

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RALLY FOR LIFE WITH RAFAEL CRUZ

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Rafael Cruz, father of Sen. Ted Cruz, speaks with supporters April 16 before a dinner and speech for Texas Right to Life at Midland Country Club.

Judge ceremony

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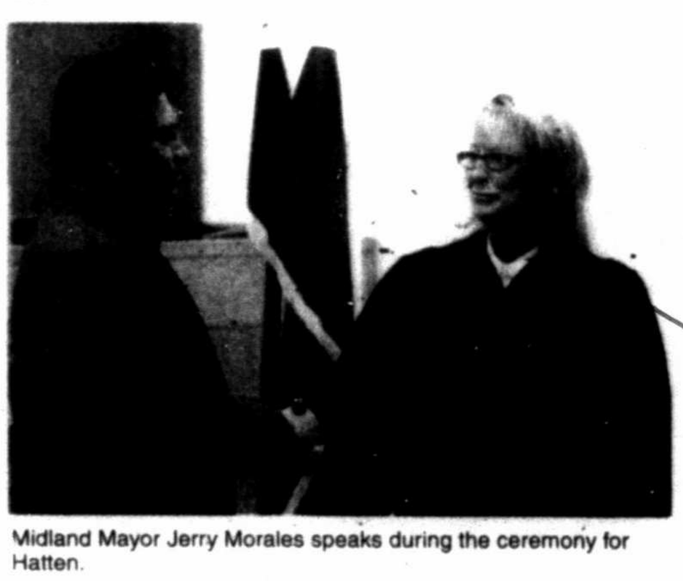
District 3 Councilwoman Sharla Hotchkiss speaks during an investiture ceremony for Judge Sharon Hatten, now presiding judge at Municipal Court, on April 15 in the courtroom at Municipal Court.



Midland Mayor Jerry Morales speaks during the ceremony for Hatten.

Hotchkiss and Morales applaud during the ceremony for Hatten.

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Are you at risk for noise-induced hearing loss?

Tractors, pneumatic percussion drills, jackhammers, loud music. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC,) every day up to four million people are subjected to damaging noise as a routine part of their jobs. That translates to a lot of people at a high risk of noise-induced hearing loss (NIHL).

New research, however, is shedding light on exactly what physiological changes occur during NIHL, specifically to the hearing parts of the brain, in an effort to create new prevention and treatment options.

According to the National Institute on Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)Ð¿, certain occupations come with a higher risk of noise induced hearing loss than others. Among these occupations are:

- Farmers
- Miners
- Construction workers
- Factory workers
- Transportation workers (i.e. aircraft marshals)
- Military personnel
- Musicians
- Night club workers/ bartenders
- Firemen/police officers

Neuroscientists at The University of Texas at Dallas recently found that prolonged exposure to loud noise alters how the brain processes speech, potentially increasing the difficulty in distinguishing speech sounds. After exposure to loud noise, the neurons in the auditory cortex slowed down, effectively becoming more sluggish and less sensitive and responded

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to a much narrower frequency range than neurons that had not been exposed to loud noise. Distinguishing speech sounds necessary to complete a behavioral task then became impossible. «Although the ear is critical to hearing, it is just the first step of many processing stages needed to hold a conversation,» said Dr. Michael Kilgard, professor in the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences. «We are beginning to understand how hearing damage alters the brain and makes it hard to process speech, especially in noisy environments.»

The implications are far-reaching. When the brain has trouble processing speech, NIHL becomes more than just a physical problem. It has a negative effect on the quality of life, often creating social isolation. Depression is common among those with NIHL and relationships with loved ones can suffer.

There is hope in possible new prevention options for NIHL, though. Research into certain amino acids such as d-methionine and in vitamin supplements such as nicotinamide riboside shows that in the future, it might be possible to prevent noise induced hearing loss by offering protection to the microscopic hair cells that transmit sound waves to the brain.

Although these prevention options could be years away, other steps are being taken now to lower the risk of NIHL.

Workplaces that present a high risk of NIHL should follow Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) guidelines for noise levels and have controls in place. These controls include eliminating the noise or reducing the noise level when possible and providing proper hearing protection equipment such as earplugs or earmuffs. All workers should be informed about the risks of NIHL and should be cognizant of their exposure times. They should get hearing checked on a regular basis.

What about participants in occupations that are without OSHA oversight? Musicians, for example, are four times more likely to suffer NIHL than any other profession, but are far more unlikely to be concerned about hearing loss and to take proper precautions. Aware that artistic people needed a more creative, unconventional approach, NIOSH decided to use targeted marketing campaigns that highlight the value of hearing, and to emphasize products and companies that help musicians improve sound quality and reduce noise.

Farmers are another group at an increased risk of NIHL due to prolonged exposure to high decibel equipment. It is estimated that up to 78 percent of farmers suffer from some level of hearing loss. The good news is that NIOSH has made an effort to create partnerships with organizations that farmers trust and those that have connections to farming communities.

Noisy occupations will always exist; but the good news is that from medicine to science to marketing, experts are working to make noise-induced hearing loss a thing of the past.

Another part of the effort to reduce hearing loss is Better Hearing and Speech Month, which is in May (starting later this week). Its purpose is to increase awareness of the hearing threats and precautions discussed above.

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MHS, Lee commence spring football practices

Yenzer appreciates the chance to evaluate players

By Christopher Hadorn
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Midland High officially embarks on its 2015 football season today when it starts spring football practice at Memorial Stadium.

Spring football provides an opportunity for head coach Craig Yenzer and his staff to work with a vast array of players, extending from experienced returners to soon-to-be sophomores from the freshman school.

"You get a chance to see what the kids are really capable of doing," said Yenzer, whose Bulldogs finished fourth in District 3-6A with a 2-3 record and earned a playoff berth in 2014. "We really can evaluate them because you're not trying to get ready for a game. You're trying to get ready to get your program better and be able to execute what you do. We're excited about that."

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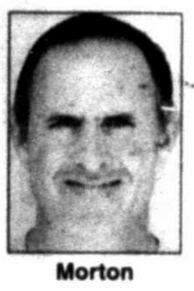
Yenzer


Morton

Rebels look to improve

By Will Korn
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After a tough year that saw it go 1-9 overall and 0-5 in District 3-6A, the Lee football team is getting back to work with spring practices starting today.

The Rebels won their 2014 season opener against Keller, 28-26, at Grande Communications Stadium. But then they tumbled quickly and lost their next nine games. Lee was outscored by an average of 20.3 points over that nine game losing streak.

Head coach James Morton, now in his seventh year on Lee's sideline, will be looking to return the Rebels to their 2013 form. That year, Lee went 9-3 overall, 7-1 in district play and made it to the area round of the Class 5A state playoffs.

There's going to be a lot of competition going on at all positions," said Morton about the start of spring practices. "There are no secure jobs. We've moved some kids around, it's going to be fun to watch. Our athletic

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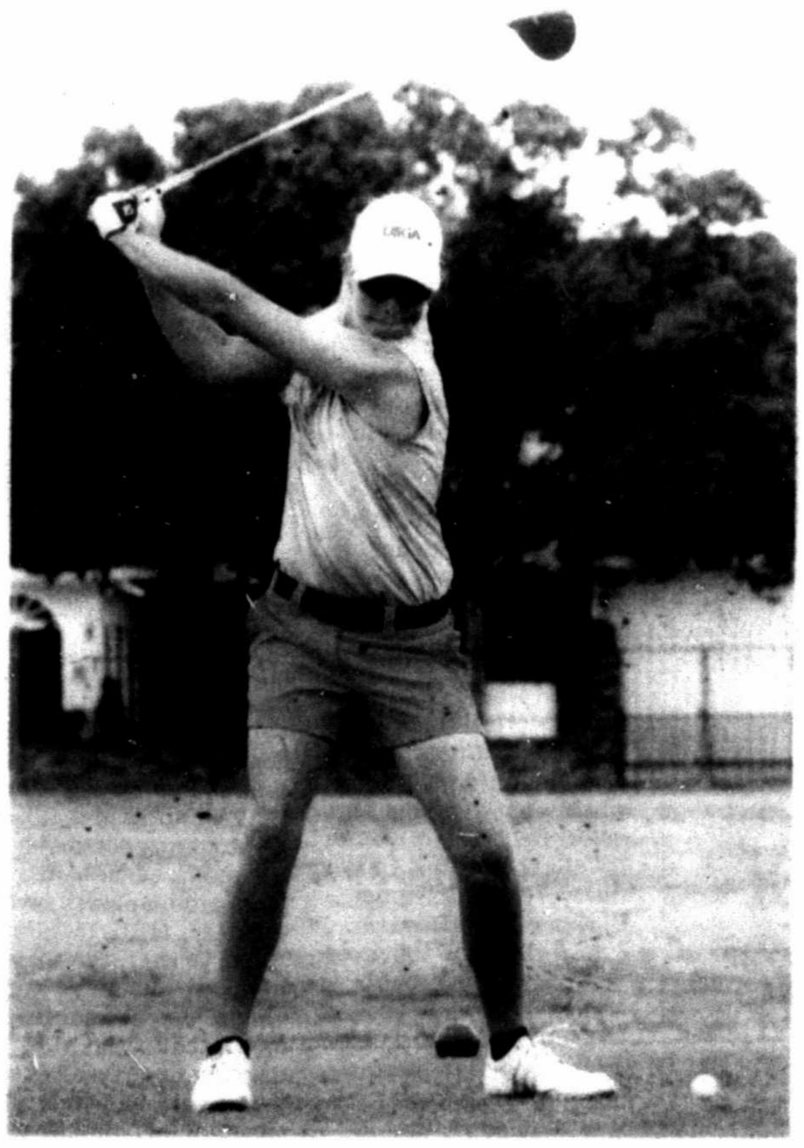
Looking for another title

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

TOP: Andrews golfer Ivan Armendariz makes an approach shot during a practice road Thursday at Green Tree Country Club. **RIGHT:** Andrews golfer Kallie Jennings practices her swing. The Andrews boys and girls golf teams are looking for another state title run.



Andrews girls on drive for five; boys aim for 3rd straight at state

By Will Korn
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The event

CLASS 4A STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT

When: Today and Tuesday
Location: Onion Creek Golf Club, Austin

The Andrews golf program is one that has been intimately familiar with success for a while now.

But Andrews has been far more than just "successful" — it's completely dominated the West Texas golf scene over the last few years.

And nothing has changed this year for the Permian Basin's premier golf program.

The girls team, fresh off of a 22-stroke win at the Regional I-4A Tournament in Lubbock, is headed back to the Class 4A state tournament in search of its fifth straight state championship, something Andrews has never done.

The boys team, equally convincing in its regional tournament championship, will be looking to capture its third consecutive state title and make history as the only Andrews boys team ever to win three straight.

Please see **ANDREWS**/2C

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Jensen recovers from rough start to set up Pinder's heroics

Things did not look good early for Chris Jensen and the Midland RockHounds against the San Antonio Missions on a breezy Sunday afternoon at Security Bank Ballpark.

Jensen had labored through the top of the first inning and the Missions jumped out to a 2-0 lead.

But Jensen settled down and the Midland bullpen was sensational, setting up Chad Pinder's heroics in the bottom of the 12th inning.

With two runners in scoring position and one out, Pinder lined a single to center field to score Jaycob Brugman with the winning run of a 3-2 victory.

It took almost four hours to complete this game that was loaded with great pitching and missed opportunities, but the RockHounds walked away with a 3-1 series win against the Missions.

Jensen

Pinder

The man who finally ended this Sunday afternoon marathon said Missions pitcher Tayron Guerrero threw him a slider and he was just trying to make good enough contact to score Brugman from third.

"I was trying to get something up in the zone and elevate it," said Pinder, the Midland shortstop who was 2-for-5 in the game. "Guys on second and third, a sac fly situation, so I was trying to drive something up in the air and trying to get it up in the wind. Luckily I got a really good pitch to hit. That guys is a great arm. You don't see many arms like that, a special talent."

It was probably appropriate that the inning started off with Brugman getting a single to center. Brugman has been one of the hottest RockHounds hitters, and he came up big again on Sunday with a 3-for-6 day at the plate to elevate his batting average above .300 after starting the season 2-for-25.

"It's been awesome to watch," said Pinder of Brugman's recent tear at the plate. "Me and Bruggy, we got drafted together and he's a great friend of mine. In the first week, he was really struggling, and he didn't let himself get down. He's been awesome. All it takes is one hit, and it's been contagious since then."

Midland manager Ryan Christenson

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Clippers even series with San Antonio

By Jeff McDonald
San Antonio Express-News

For two days, the Los Angeles Clippers holed up in a hotel in downtown San Antonio turning a deaf ear to those who had come to bury them.

They had been blown out in Game 3 of the Western Conference finals, and faced another game against the Spurs in a building where the defending champions have been almost playoff-invincible.

Like Tom Sawyer grinning at his own funeral, Doc Rivers didn't see what the fuss was about.

Clippers	114
Spurs	105

Series tied, 2-2

"That's what makes the playoffs so cool," the Clippers coach said. "The ebbs and flows of it emotionally. That's how it should be."

After the Clippers responded to their Game 3 humiliation with a 114-105 haymaker in Game 4 on Sunday at the AT&T Center, now it becomes the Spurs' turn to shrug off a gathering funeral procession.

With Chris Paul responding to one of the worst playoff games of his life to post a series-high 34 points, Blake Griffin totaling 20 points and 19 rebounds, and their much maligned role players chipping in outsized contributions, the Clippers evened the series at 2-2 as it heads back to Los Angeles.

Game 5 is Tuesday at the Staples Center.

Instead of returning to Southern California to deliver a knockout blow, the Spurs will be aiming to slug their way off the ropes.

"We have won there before," said Spurs forward Tim Duncan, whose team claimed Game 2 of the series at the Staples Center in overtime. "We

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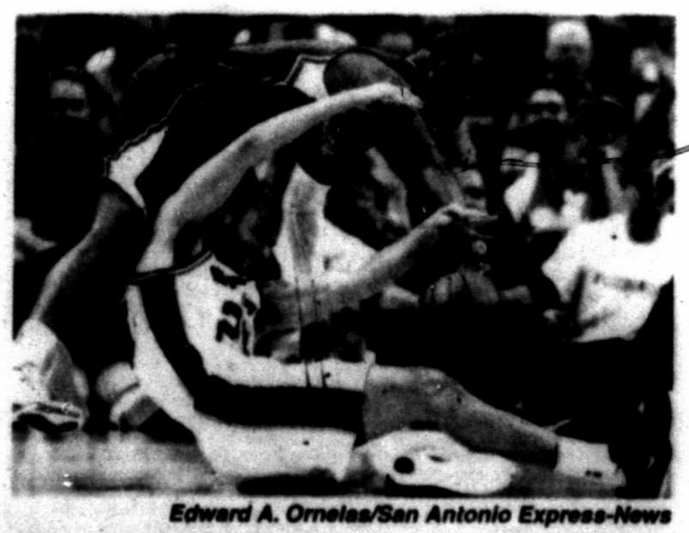

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Los Angeles' Chris Paul, top, and San Antonio's Manu Ginobili chase after a loose ball during Game 4 of a first-round NBA playoff game Sunday at the AT&T Center.

'HOUNDSWATCH

SUNDAY'S SCORE
Midland 3, San Antonio 2, 12 innings

TODAY'S GAME
Corpus Christi at Midland, 6:30 p.m., Security Bank Ballpark

RADIO/INTERNET
www.mlb.com
KCRS (550 AM)

RECORDS
Midland 8-8, Corpus Christi 12-4

Saturday	Sunday	Today	Tuesday	Wednesday
San Antonio 8, Midland 7	Midland 3, San Antonio 2, 12 innings	Corpus Christi at Midland	Corpus Christi at Midland	Corpus Christi at Midland

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV
BOXING
USA vs. Puerto Rico, 7 p.m., UDN
COLLEGE BASEBALL
Washington State at Washington, 9 p.m., P12/P12 BAY/ P12 LA
COLLEGE SOFTBALL
NC State at Virginia Tech, 6 p.m., ESPNU
UCLA at Oregon State, 6 p.m., P12/P12 BAY/ P12 LA
LSU at Missouri, 6 p.m., SEC
GOLF
WGC-Cadillac Match Play Selection, 11 a.m., GOLF
MLB
Washington at Atlanta, 6 p.m., ESPN
Seattle at Texas, 7 p.m., FSSW
San Francisco at LA Dodgers, 9 p.m., MLB
Houston at San Diego, 9 p.m., ROOT
MEN'S SOCCER
La Liga: Valencia vs. Granada, 1:45 p.m., beIN/beIN2
Superliga Portugesa: Moreirense vs. Sporting CP, 1:55 p.m., UDN
NBA
Eastern Conference Quarterfinal, Game 4: Atlanta at Brooklyn, 6 p.m., NBAtv
Eastern Conference Quarterfinal, Game 5: Milwaukee at Chicago, 7 p.m., TNT
Western Conference Quarterfinal, Game 4: Memphis at Portland, 9:30 p.m., TNT
NBA D-LEAGUE
Finals, Game 3 (if necessary): Fort Wayne at Santa Cruz, 9 p.m., ESPNU
NHL
Eastern Conference Quarterfinal, Game 6: Tampa Bay at Detroit, 6 p.m., CNBC
Eastern Conference Quarterfinal, Game 7: NY Islanders at Washington, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY
HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL
Midland Classical at Amarillo San Jacinto, 4:30 p.m.
HIGH SCHOOL GOLF
Class 4A State Tournament, Austin
TAPPS 4A State Tournament, Glen Rose
JUNIOR COLLEGE GOLF
NJCAA District Tournament, Diamondback GC, Abilene

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Optioned RHP Matt Barnes to Pawtucket (IL). Recalled RHP Heath Hembree from Pawtucket.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Placed RHP Matt Albers on the 15-day DL, retroactive to April 20. Selected the contract of RHP Scott Carroll from Charlotte (IL). Designated LHP Eric Surkamp for assignment.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Recalled RHP Aaron Brooks from Omaha (PCL) as 26th man.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Sent RHP Ricky Nolasco to Cedar Rapids (MWL) for a rehab assignment.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Sent INF Jose Pirela to Tampa (FSL) for a rehab assignment.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Optioned RHP Kendall Graveman to Nashville (PCL). Recalled RHP Ryan Cook from Nashville.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Designated 1B Allan Dykstra for assignment. Selected the contract of LHP Everett Teaford from Durham (IL).
National League
CHICAGO CUBS — Sent RHP Dallas Beeler to Iowa (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
COLORADO ROCKIES — Sent RHP David Hale to Albuquerque (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Placed OF Yasiel Puig and RHP Joe Peralta on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHPs Scott Baker and Carlos Frias from Oklahoma City (PCL).
NEW YORK METS — Agreed to terms with 2B Brooks Conrad on a minor league contract.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Sent SS Justin Sellers to Indianapolis (IL) for a rehab assignment.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Placed RHP Adam Wainwright on the 15-day DL. Recalled C Cody Stanley from Memphis (PCL).
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Optioned LHP Chris Rusin to El Paso (PCL). Recalled RHP Cory Mazzoni from El Paso.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Sent RHP Erik Cordier to Sacramento (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
HOCKEY
ECHL
ECHL — Fined Ontario D Kyle Bigos and Florida D Mike Lee.
WHEELING NAILERS — Released G Mike Nepsa as emergency backup. Signed G Philippe Cadorette to an amateur tryout agreement.
COLLEGE
KENNESAW STATE — Named Al Skinner men's basketball coach.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

SOUTHWEST
Angelo St. 10, Tarleton St. 2
Arkansas St. 7, Appalachian St. 6
Cent. Arkansas 5, New Orleans 0
N. Colorado 8, Texas-Pan American 7
Southern Miss. 10, UTSA 7
Angelo St. 10, Tarleton St. 2
Texas A&M-CC 2, Northwestern St. 1
SOUTH
Birmingham-Southern 10-10, Berry 9-2, 1st game 10 innings
Charlotte 3, UAB 1, 12 innings
Coll. of Charleston 7, Furman 6
Delaware St. 12, Copper St. 0
Duke 4-3, Virginia Tech 3-11
East Carolina 6, UCF 5
ETSU 10, W. Carolina 7
Florida 10, Kentucky 1
Florida Gulf Coast 5, UMass 4
Georgia Tech 5, Clemson 4, 10 innings
High Point 4, Radford 1
Kennesaw St. 12, Lipscomb 5
Liberty 3, Gardner-Webb 0
Louisiana-Monroe 11, Georgia Southern 1
Louisville 5, Bethune-Cookman 4
Miami 12, Florida St. 0
North Carolina 6, Boston College 0
NC State 4-5, Virginia 3-3, game 2, 10 innings
Rice 3, W. Kentucky 2
SE Missouri 10, Murray St. 2
Tennessee 10, South Carolina 4
Tenn. Wesleyan 17-20, Union (Ky.) 10-10
Thomas More 12, St. Vincent 4
Troy 9, Texas St. 6
UNC Pembroke 7, GRU Augusta 5
Vanderbilt 5, Missouri 2
VMI 10, The Citadel 4
Wake Forest 5, Notre Dame 4, 11 innings
MIDWEST
Bowling Green 5, Cent. Michigan 1
Butler 2, Creighton 1
Concordia-St. Paul 3, Winona St. 2
Emporia St. 9, Pittsburg St. 8
Evansville 10, Bradley 0
Indiana St. 2, UALR 1
Lindenwood 4, Cent. Missouri 3
Marian (Wis.) 5, Dominican (Ill.) 0
Michigan St. 7, Indiana 0
Missouri Southern 5, Northeastern St. 2
North Dakota 2, Sacramento St. 1
Saint Joseph's 14, Dayton 3
S. Indiana 7, McKendree 6
W. Michigan 8, Buffalo 0
Youngstown St. 6, Wright St. 3
Wichita St. 6, New Mexico 2
FAR WEST
CSU Monterey Bay 8, CSU Dominguez Hills 4
Grand Canyon 4, Utah Valley 3
EAST
American International 6, Adelphi 2
Binghamton 5, NYIT 1
Castleton 2, 7, Maine-Farmington 1, 6
CCNY 6-2, W. Connecticut 4, 15
Davidson 16, St. Bonaventure 1
Delaware 14, William & Mary 8
Dominican (NY) 9, St. Rose 8
Fairleigh Dickinson 3-0, NJIT 1, 8
Fordham 3, Saint Louis 0
Franklin Pierce 4, Assumption 0
LA Salle 8, Richmond 6
LIU Brooklyn 13
Lyndon St. 11, St. Thomas (Maine) 2, 5
Memphis 3, UConn 2, 15 innings
Nichols 11, Clark U. 6
Northeastern 8, Hofstra 3
Pittsburgh 5, Fairfield 2
Queens (N.Y.) 7, LIU Post 2
Rider 6, Iona 1
Scranton 8, Drew 2
Stony Brook 12, Albany (N.Y.) 2
Susquehanna 4, Elizabethtown 3
UMass-Lowell 3, Hartford 1
W. New England 4, Springfield 1
TOURNAMENTS
Conference Carolinas
Belmont Abbey 6, Erskine 2; Erskine eliminated
Old Dominion Athletic Conference
Virginia Wesleyan 5, Randolph-Macon 3

MLS STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New England	4	2	2	14	10	7
D.C. United	4	1	2	14	8	6
New York	3	0	3	12	10	5
Columbus	3	2	2	11	12	6
Chicago	3	3	0	9	6	7
Orlando City	2	4	2	8	6	10
Toronto FC	2	4	0	6	10	11
New York City FC	1	4	3	6	5	7
Philadelphia	1	5	3	6	10	17
Montreal	0	2	2	2	2	6

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	5	3	1	16	11	9
FC Dallas	4	2	2	14	11	11
Los Angeles	3	2	3	12	9	8
Seattle	3	2	1	10	9	5
Houston	2	2	4	10	10	8
Sporting Kansas City	2	4	0	10	11	12
San Jose	3	4	0	9	7	9
Portland	2	2	3	9	7	7
Real Salt Lake	2	1	4	10	9	6
Colorado	1	2	4	7	6	6

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

Sunday's Scores
New York 1, Los Angeles 1, tie
Toronto FC 2, Orlando City 0
Portland at Seattle, late
Wednesday's Game
Colorado at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
FC Dallas at Houston, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.
Saturday, May 2
Toronto FC at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
Columbus at D.C. United, 6 p.m.
New York at New England, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Portland, 9:30 p.m.
Colorado at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 3
Chicago at Sporting Kansas City, 4 p.m.
Seattle at New York City FC, 6 p.m.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Thursday
At Palms Casino Resort, Las Vegas (ESPN2). Mickey Bey vs. Denis Shafikov, 12, for Bey's IBF lightweight title.
At Fantasy Springs Casino, Indio, Calif. (FS1). Merdis Gesta vs. Carlos Molina, 10, junior welterweights.
Friday
At Tokyo, Takashi Miura vs. Billy Dib, 12, for Miura's WBC junior lightweight title; Ryota Murata vs. Douglas Damiao Alaide, 10, middleweights.
At The Cosmopolitan, Las Vegas (truTV), Takahiro Ao vs. Raymundo Beltran, 12, for the vacant WBO lightweight title; Mikael Zewski vs. Konstantin Ponomarev, 10, welterweights.
Saturday
At MGM Grand, Las Vegas (PPV), Floyd Mayweather vs. Manny Pacquiao, 12, for Mayweather's WBC-WBA Super World welterweight title and Pacquiao's WBO World welterweight title; Vasyl Lomachenko vs. Gamaliel Rodriguez, 12, for Lomachenko's WBO featherweight title; Jesse Hart vs. Willie Jimenez, 10, for the vacant USBA super middleweight title; Christopher Pearson vs. Said El Harrak, 10, super welterweights.
May 6
At Tokyo, Takashi Uchiyama vs. Jonthong Chuwatana, 12, for Uchiyama's WBA Super World junior lightweight title.
At Tokyo, Ryoichi Taguchi vs. Kwanthai Sitmonsang, 12, for Taguchi's WBA junior flyweight title.
May 7
At the Belasco Theatre (FS1), Los Angeles, Manuel Avila vs. Rolly Lunas, 10, super bantamweights.
May 8
At Philadelphia (ESPN2), Amir Mansour vs. Joey Dawejko, 10, heavyweights.
May 9
At Frankfurt, Germany, Fedor Chudinov vs. Felix Sturm, 12, for the vacant WBA interim super middleweight title; Jack Culcay vs. Maurice Weber, 12, for the interim WBA junior middleweight title.
At Wembley Arena, London, Chris Eubank, Jr. vs. Les Sherrington, 12, for Eubank's WBA interim middleweight title.
At Minute Maid Park, Houston (HBO), Canelo Alvarez vs. James Kirkland, 12, super welterweights; Frankie Gomez vs. Humberto Soto, 10, junior welterweights.
At State Farm Arena, San Antonio (CBS), Omar Figueroa vs. Ricky Burns, 10, super lightweights; Jamie McDonnell vs. Tomoki Kameda, 12, for McDonnell's WBA and Kameda's WBO bantamweight titles; Anthony Mundine vs. Austin Trout, 12, for Mundine's WBC Silver super welterweight title.
At Tijuana, Mexico, Javier Mendoza vs. Milan Melindo, 12, for Mendoza's IBF junior flyweight title; Byron Rojas vs. Eduardo Martinez, 12, minimumweights.

Witten wins Racquet Club Invite

By Christopher Hadorn
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Tennis enthusiasts were treated to an entertaining, high-quality match between two pros at the Midland Racquet Club on Sunday afternoon.

The men's singles final of The Racquet Club Invitational Tennis Tournament pitted No. 2 seed and Floridian Jesse Witten versus Bulgaria's Dimitar Kutrovsky, the No. 1 seed.

Witten once lost to ATP No. 1 Novak Djokovic in the third round of the 2009 U.S. Open, while Kutrovsky is the all-time wins leader at the University of Texas in Austin.

In a hotly contested match, Witten rallied to defeat Kutrovsky, 2-6, 7-6 (8-6), 6-2, to claim the tournament championship.

In the second set tiebreaker, Witten turned the tide by breaking serve at 6-6 and capped the set with an ace.

Down 0-2 in the third set, Witten finished with a flurry by winning six consecutive games, two of them ending with aces.

Despite his late success with serves, Witten was not going to gloat about the way he played.

"I never like the way I serve," Witten said. "I just kind of hope it goes in. The wind makes it difficult so I just get it in and hope for the best."

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Jesse Witten hits during a match Friday at the Racquet Club. Witten won the Racquet Club Invitational, defeating Dimitar Kutrovsky in the singles final.

Witten, now a 32-year-old coach in Naples, Florida, said he was just trying to have fun and put on a show for the tennis fans of Midland.

"I am not even playing anymore, so just to be able to come out here and play with these guys that are younger and playing full time, I surprise myself every once in awhile," Witten said. "It makes it a lot more fun. Even though it doesn't look like it, it's a little torturous, but it's still fun out there.

"It wasn't pretty, I was going back and forth between finding energy and not finding energy, and then I somehow put a couple games together."

When Witten was at his best Sunday, he was able to use his forehand to return hard shots past the baseline.

Witten complemented Kutrovsky for being a player that rarely makes mistakes and gives easy opportunities to his opponents.

Kutrovsky, who now resides in Austin, soared to an ATP world singles ranking of 296 in late March, his highest ever. Kutrovsky holds two International Tennis Foundation Futures tournament wins and represented Bulgaria in the Davis Cup in both 2011 and 2014.

The 27-year-old from Sofia, Bulgaria has his mind set on playing high-profile matches during the rest of the year.

"(My goal is to) try to get around 250 and make some Grand Slam qualifiers," Kutrovsky said. "Hopefully that can happen."

In Sunday's Pro-Am doubles championship, amateur Jeremy Earl and Hans Hach defeated Midland Classical Academy's Max Sivalls and Kutrovsky, 6-3, 7-6.

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HSGOLFCAPSULES

BY OSCAR LEROY

TAPPS 4A STATE TOURNAMENT
When: Today-Tuesday
Where: Squaw Valley Golf Course
Local competitors
Midland Christian boys: Reagan Brown, Coleman Houston, Bryce Waters, Gunnar Gault, Joe Smith
Midland Christian girls: Christian Curnutte, Chloe Brice, Blair Netherlin, Abby Flatt, Gabbi Lyson
How they got here: The Midland Christian girls placed second at the North Regional with a 386 score with Dallas Baptist signee Curnutte winning the medalist title with a 76. ... The MCS boys qualified for state with a fourth place finish at North Regional with a 324 score. Reagan Brown led the way with a 78, good for sixth in the medalist standings.
Last year: Curnutte went as an individual and finished second at state.
MCS coach Cooper Schoolcraft on the state tournament: "We're excited to make it back to the state tournament. The kids have been working hard by putting in a lot of hours. We're starting to see some consistency, and our scores are starting to reflect what we're capable of. I'm excited to see what the kids are able to do at this stage.
Notes: Schoolcraft said the teams to beat at the tournament should be District 1 foes Fort Worth Southwest, Grapevine Faith and Fort Worth Christian. ... Schoolcraft said Squaw Valley is an open course, but the weather may play a bigger factor. There is at least a 50 percent chance of rain today and Tuesday. "We've played in rough weather a lot this year," Schoolcraft said. "I'm hoping that will give us an advantage."

TAPPS 3A STATE TOURNAMENT
When: Today-Tuesday
Where: Stonetree Golf Course, Killeen
Local competitors
Midland Classical Academy girls: Madison Sheets, Jaden Crow, Lexy Carter, Rachel Boyt, Samantha Carter
Trinity boys: Austin Escamilla, Phillip Beal, Will Farish, Gage Morrow, Christopher Palacios
How they got here: The MCA girls finished second at the North Regional with a 402 score, while Sheets led the Lady Knights with an 88 to finish third in the medalist standings. Lexy Carter was fifth in the medalist standings with a 95. ... The Trinity boys also finished in second place at the North Regional as they shot a 316. Escamilla, a freshman, finished in second in the medalist standings with a 74, while teammates Beal and Farish each shot a 79 to finish in a tie for 10th individually.
Last year: Both the MCA girls and Trinity boys finished second at the state tournament. The Lady Knights finished behind Frisco Legacy Christian, while Madison Sheets finished seventh in the medalist standings. ... The Trinity boys finished 20 shots behind Bullard Brook Hill as the Chargers struggled on the second day. Farish finished in third place, while Morrow was fourth in the individual standings.
MCA coach Stephen Johns on the Lady Knights' chances at state: "I feel pretty good. We have two freshmen (Crow and Samantha Carter) on the team, and they may be the only question marks we have. Also none of the girls have played this course before, so I will be interesting to see how they adjust to the new surroundings."
Trinity coach Chris Jauz on his team's chances at state: "Waco Vanguard was the team to beat going into regionals, and we knew that going in, and they should be again in this tournament. We're going to have to shoot two rounds around 300, which we're capable of. It's doable, but they're going to have to play some of the best golf at this tournament."

ANDREWS

From 1C

The Class 4A state tournament is scheduled for today and Tuesday at Onion Creek Golf Club in Austin.

After such an impressive state title streak, it's possible to wonder how the Andrews teams stay motivated on a day-to-day basis.

"We're trying to for five this year," girls coach Mark Burgen said. "I'm not treating this year any differently than when we started this run in 2011. There's a certain set of expectations I have for every team member. We have 14 girls and I expect the same thing out of No. 14 as I do out of No. 1."

The Andrews girls are certainly in fine form heading into Monday. Bad weather on the first day of the regional tournament shortened the tournament to 27 holes, and the Andrews girls handled the hiccup seamlessly.

Senior Hailey Burgen, who will play at Missouri State next year, ended up in a three-way tie for second place at regionals after shooting a 110. She will be Andrews' No. 1 girls golfer at state.

"I just stay motivated because I want to be better tomorrow than I am today," said Burgen, who has hopes to play on the LPGA tour one day.

Senior Kalli Jennings, who will be the Lady Mustangs' No. 2 at state, finished in fourth place at regionals with a score of 113. Jennings, who will play at North Texas next year and who also aspires to play on the LPGA tour, said that her greater personal goals has provided built-in motivation at every level she plays at.

Locals competing

ANDREWS BOYS
Ivan Armendariz, Austin Lovato, Bracston Parker, Logan Upton, Mac Rochell and Landon Mack (individual medalist)
ANDREWS GIRLS
Hailey Burgen, Kalli Jennings, Libby Walinder, Lexi Lopez and Madee McAllister

"Just the bigger goals I look at," Jennings said. "In previous years, I was motivated to play well to get college coaches to look at me. Now that I've signed with North Texas, I'm getting prepared for college and I want to be at my best level going in. It's the little things we do every day that propel us to be state champions. You can't take any day for granted."

Mark Burgen says he believes that there is certain sense of pride among the girls team about continuing the winning tradition that also serves to keep it motivated.

"One of these years, that roll of consecutive state titles, it's going to come to an end," Burgen said. "I think each group comes in with the mentality, 'We don't want that to be us.' It's going to catch up with somebody one of these days. Hopefully it's not this year."

BOYS ALSO HEADING TO STATE WITH MOMENTUM

Meanwhile, the Andrews boys squad is also in excellent shape after winning its last five tournaments, most notably the District 4-4A tournament and a full 36-hole regional tournament by 21 strokes. With this year's district championship, the Andrews boys have won nine consecutive district titles dating back to 2007.

Andrews boys coach Todd Handley said that even with that kind of pedigree, motivation isn't a problem at all for his team. His golfers are as hungry as ever.

"The motivation is there," Handley said. "If you're a competitor and you compete, that's what you show up and do every day. These guys, trying to keep them motivated isn't a big issue.

Instead, Handley has put an emphasis on maintaining his team's mental focus on the course.

"Late in the season, we're working on controlling our emotions and making good decisions," Handley said.

Senior Ivan Armendariz, who shot a 143 over two rounds at regionals and came in second, will tee off as Andrews' No. 1 golfer on Monday. A soft spoken player, Armendariz didn't have much to say when asked how he stays motivated.

"Just keep on working hard, practicing and focusing on your game," Armendariz said.

Instead, Armendariz prefers to let his game, which at regionals earned him the No. 1 spot at state, do the talking.

Junior Landon Mack, who played on the Andrews JV team at the district and regional tournament, qualified for the state tournament thanks to his two-round score of 146 and third-place finish at regionals. As he'll be competing as an individual at state, he says his source of motivation is to see his team break another school record.

"We want to break another record," Mack said. "We've won nine district championships in a row and that was the record this year. Our school has never won three (state titles) in a row. So we're going for that next record."

Austin Lovato, who played on Andrews' 2014 state championship team as a junior, said that the seniors on that team blazed a path for this year's all-senior varsity team to follow.

"I think last year after winning the state tournament, the guys that graduated and left, left some big footprints for us to follow," Lovato, who shot a 152 at regionals, said. "We're trying to go out with a bang. We just want to leave with our own legacy."

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BULLDOGS

From 1C

Yenzer said spring practice also allows the coaching staff to add wrinkles and tweaks to both the offensive playbook and defensive scheme. However, Yenzer said there won't be any wholesale changes to Midland High's I-formation/shotgun offense or its 4-2-5 defense.

"We want our guys to know what to do so well that they are able to play fast and be able to be effective and be successful," Yenzer said.

MHS practices at 6 p.m. from Monday through Thursday of this week, May 4-7, May 11-15 and May 18-20.

The Bulldogs play their spring game at Grande Communications Stadium on May 21 at 7 p.m.

Here is what to keep an eye out for on both the offensive and defensive side of the ball.

OFFENSE

In 2014, Midland High averaged a respectable 28.5 points per game, scoring at least 33 points or more in four games.

This season MHS will have to replace previous starting quarterback Ryan Goodrum, who accounted for 292 of the Bulldogs' 301 total passing attempts.

Senior Brady Bolger is the only quarterback candidate with varsity experience under center.

Bolger will be competing with juniors Brooks Betcher, Jackson Anuszkiewicz and Ryan Perales.

Anuszkiewicz spent 2014 as a wide receiver. Betcher and Perales spent time on the junior varsity team last year.

Yenzer is also looking for new bodies to open up running lanes and protect the quarterback.

"It's no secret we graduated four out of five offensive line seniors, so we need to see who those guys are that are going to step up to fill in those slots," Yenzer said. "I think that's a big key."

DEFENSE

The Bulldogs' defense appears to be the more stable side at the start of spring ball, welcoming back defensive end Dillon Springer, defensive end Traver Vliem, defensive tackle Devon Miller and inside linebacker Jack Youngblood in the front seven. Springer recorded 11 tackles for loss to earn newcomer of the year honors.

Youngblood was both active and disruptive, registering 91 tackles, four sacks and seven tackles for a loss.

Yenzer likes his experience at cornerback, too, with Noah Marquez and Hernan Lujan.

Midland High's glaring area of need is safety after losing three to graduation. With no true outside linebackers, safeties play an integral role in the team's 4-2-5 defense.

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REBELS

From 1C

ability is getting better. The more competition you can create, the better you can become at certain positions and the harder the guys have to work."

Here's an early look at the 2015 Rebels as spring practice begins.

OFFENSE

Immediately, the Rebel offense will have to contend with the loss of star running back Aron Dobbins, who rushed 224 times for 1,388 yards and 15 scores last season. Dobbins was a unanimous selection to the 2014 All-District 3-6A First Team as well as an honorable mention selection to the Associated Press Sports Editors Class 6A All-State Team. So his production will be missed.

Lee will still be looking to shore up its quarterback play, which was an issue last season. Morton says that this spring, the major competitors for the position are sophomore Sema'i Davis, senior and last year's starter Wesley Hall, as well as newcomer Nicco Sorrianelo.

Morton said that Lee will still be running a spread offense, but he would like to change some of the specific formations his offense runs within the spread.

"All of our O-line is back and that can be a strength," Morton said. "We should have a great wide receiver corps with some depth. The quarterback position has to come around and have the ability to manage a game."

DEFENSE

Morton says the biggest point of improvement for his defensive unit needs to be tackling.

The return of inside linebacker Tyler Thames should help in that area. Last season as a junior, Thames led the Rebels with 100 tackles and was All-District 3-6A Honorable Mention.

Junior defensive end Ryan Dean was fourth on the team in total tackles, but first in tackles for a loss with nine last season. If he returns, he should help even more with tackling.

Defensively, the Rebels struggled in the first half in particular last season, giving up 104 points on the year in both the first and second quarters. Lee's defense improved slightly in the second half, but consistency is the key.

"We need tackle better," he said. "The biggest thing is our confidence level. The numbers showed that we didn't play well early and we need to be able to jump on people sooner."

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SPURS

From 1C

know how to win on the road. We have some stuff we can clean up easily, so we have to do that and by ready for their best shot."

Kawhi Leonard scored 26 points to lead the Spurs, while Duncan had 20 of his 22 points in the second half to go with 14 points and three blocks.

The Spurs had six players score in double figures, but also had two starters — Tiago Splitter and Danny Green — finish scoreless.

L.A. got a series high from J.J. Redick, who shook free of Leonard and Green long enough to score 17 points.

Austin Rivers, the coach's son, chipped in 16 points off the bench after totaling 17 in the previous three games.

"He was an offensive punch we did not expect," Manu Ginobili said.

The Spurs did not shoot well from the 3-point line (6 of 25) and missed 10 free throws, resuming trends that plagued them in Games 1 and 2 in L.A.

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich, meanwhile, bemoaned his team's lack of attention to detail.

"I thought we were just not very wise in a lot of situations," Popovich said.

One example came late in the third quarter, when the Clippers grabbed the lead for good.

The Spurs had put themselves in the bonus hacking DeAndre Jordan, a strategy that about half worked.

Jordan missed a pair of foul shots — one of them an airball — leading Rivers to remove his best shot-blocker from the game. Point, Spurs.

But ...

Then the Spurs committed three consecutive accidental fouls against Paul, putting a 90-percent shooter on the line for six free throws in 32 seconds.

Popovich called those fouls — which began a 24-10 run for L.A. — "absolutely meaningless, for no reason."

Leonard described the Spurs' Game 4 experience in similar terms.

"We played hard," he said, "but not smart."

Beginning with his six-pack of third-quarter foul shots, Paul scored 16 points in the game's final 14:14.

He hit every big shot down the stretch, including a pair of free throws and back-to-back jumpers after the Spurs had pulled within seven with five minutes to go.

Paul's rebirth mirrored that of his team. He was coming a 7-point, 6-turnover performance in the Clippers' 27-point loss in Game 3.

"We have to find a way to not let things like Game 3 have to happen for us to respond like this," Paul said after his highest-scoring playoff game since 2013. "The great teams come out like that regardless."

NBA PLAYOFFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MAVERICKS 121 ROCKETS 109

DALLAS — Monta Ellis scored 31 points, J.J. Barea had 17 points and 13 assists in his first playoff start since boosting Dallas' run to the 2011 championship and the Mavericks avoided elimination with a 121-109 victory over the Houston Rockets on Sunday night.

Dallas cut Houston's lead to 3-1 in the first-round series. Game 5 is Tuesday night in Houston.

The Rockets, trying to wrap up their first postseason series victory since 2009, missed 17 consecutive shots covering the second and third quarters. The most-prolific 3-point shooting team in NBA history in the regular season was 7 of 31 from long range.

James Harden scored 24 points, and Dwight Howard had 13. But the big man was kept under control after scoring 10 points with two more alley-oop dunks in the first quarter.

CAVALIERS 101 CELTICS 93

BOSTON — LeBron James scored 27 points and the Cleveland Cavaliers overcame a shoulder injury to Kevin Love to complete a first-round sweep of the Boston Celtics with a 101-93 victory Sunday.

Love left the court in the first quarter after hurting his left shoulder, and J.R. Smith was ejected for swinging his arm at Jae Crowder, but the Cavaliers held on to win a series for the first time since 2010, before James left for Miami.

WIZARDS 125 RAPTORS 94

WASHINGTON — The Washington Wizards emphatically completed the first sweep of a seven-game series in club history, getting 23 points from Bradley Beal and 21 points and 11 rebounds from Marcin Gortat to beat the Toronto Raptors 125-94 Sunday night.

Paul Pierce, who repeatedly said he didn't want to have to go back through U.S. Customs for any more games in Canada, added 14 points, including a pair of 3-pointers in the third quarter as Washington's lead reached 32 entering the fourth.

NBA PLAYOFF SCHEDULE AND BOXES

SCHEDULE

FIRST ROUND

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

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlanta 2, Brooklyn 1

Sunday, April 19: Atlanta 99, Brooklyn 87

Wednesday, April 22: Atlanta 96, Brooklyn 91

Saturday, April 25: Brooklyn 91, Atlanta 85

Today: Atlanta at Brooklyn, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, April 29: Brooklyn at Atlanta, TBA

x-Friday, May 1: Atlanta at Brooklyn, TBA

x-Sunday, May 3: Brooklyn at Atlanta, TBA

Cleveland 4, Boston 0

Sunday, April 19: Cleveland 113, Boston 77

Tuesday, April 21: Cleveland 99, Boston 77

Thursday, April 23: Cleveland 103, Boston 90

Sunday, April 26: Cleveland 101, Boston 93

Chicago 3, Milwaukee 1

Saturday, April 18: Chicago 103, Milwaukee 91

Monday, April 20: Chicago 91, Milwaukee 82

Thursday, April 23: Chicago 113, Milwaukee 106, 2OT

Saturday, April 25: Milwaukee 92, Chicago 90

Today: Milwaukee at Chicago, 7 p.m.

x-Thursday, April 30: Chicago at Milwaukee, TBA

x-Saturday, May 2: Milwaukee at Chicago, TBA

Washington 4, Toronto 0

Saturday, April 18: Washington 93, Toronto 79, OT

Tuesday, April 21: Washington 117, Toronto 106

Friday, April 24: Washington 106, Toronto 99

Sunday, April 26: Washington 125, Toronto 94

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Golden State 4, New Orleans 0

Saturday, April 18: Golden State 106, New Orleans 99

Monday, April 20: Golden State 97, New Orleans 87

Thursday, April 23: Golden State 123, New Orleans 119, OT

Saturday, April 25: Golden State 109, New Orleans 98

Houston 3, Dallas 1

Saturday, April 18: Houston 118, Dallas 108

Tuesday, April 21: Houston 111, Dallas 99

Friday, April 24: Houston 130, Dallas 128

Sunday, April 26: Dallas 121, Houston 109

x-Tuesday, April 28: Dallas at Houston, TBA

x-Thursday, April 30: Houston at Dallas, TBA

x-Saturday, May 2: Dallas at Houston, TBA

San Antonio 2, L.A. Clippers 2

Sunday, April 19: L.A. Clippers 107, San Antonio 92

Wednesday, April 22: San Antonio 111, L.A. Clippers 107, OT

Friday, April 24: San Antonio 100, L.A. Clippers 75

Sunday, April 26: L.A. Clippers 114, San Antonio 105

Tuesday, April 28: San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, TBA

Thursday, April 30: L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, TBA

x-Saturday, May 2: San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, TBA

Memphis 3, Portland 0

Sunday, April 19: Memphis 100, Portland 86

Wednesday, April 22: Memphis 97, Portland 82

Saturday, April 25: Memphis 115, Portland 109

Today: Memphis at Portland, 9:30 p.m.

x-Wednesday, April 29: Portland at Memphis, TBA

x-Friday, May 1: Memphis at Portland, TBA

x-Sunday, May 3: Portland at Memphis, TBA

SUNDAY'S BOXES

CLIPPERS 114, SPURS 105

L.A. CLIPPERS (114): Barnes 2-8 0-0 4, Griffin 9-17 2-5 20, Jordan 3-6 0-4 6, Paul 11-19 10-10 34, Redick 6-12 2-2 17, Crawford 6-13 3-3 15, Davis 1-2 0-0 2, Rivers 7-8 2-2 16, Turkoglu 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 45-84 19-26 114.

SAN ANTONIO (105): Leonard 10-19 3-4 26, Duncan 8-13 6-10 22, Splitter 0-5 0-0 0, Parker 7-15 4-6 18, Green 0-6 0-0 0, Diaw 4-7 2-2 10, Ginobili 3-6 3-4 10, Mills 4-10 4-4 14, Bonner 0-0 0-0 0, Belinelli 0-2 3-3 3, Joseph 1-1 0-0 2, Ayres 0-0 0-0 0, Baynes 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-84 25-35 105.

L.A. Clippers	25	26	30	33—114
San Antonio	25	22	29	29—105

3-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 5-18 (Redick 3-6, Paul 2-6, Crawford 0-3, Barnes 0-3). San Antonio 6-25 (Leonard 3-6, Mills 2-5, Ginobili 1-2, Diaw 0-1, Belinelli 0-2, Parker 0-3, Green 0-6). Fouled Out—Duncan. Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 50 (Griffin 19), San Antonio 53 (Duncan 14). Assists—L.A. Clippers 24 (Paul, Griffin 7), San Antonio 20 (Leonard 5). Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 24, San Antonio 24. A—18,581 (18,797).

MAVERICKS 121, ROCKETS 109

HOUSTON (109): Anderson 6-10 1-3 13, Jones 5-12 3-3 13, Howard 5-7 3-3 13, Terry 7-15 0-0 14, Harden 7-15 9-9 24, J.Smith 4-10 3-6 23, Capela 1-2 2-4, Brewer 3-15 3-4 22, Pargom 0-4 0-0 0, Johnson 0-2 0-0 0, Papanikolaou 0-0 0-0 0, Dorsey 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-81 26-40 109.

DALLAS (121): Amnu 6-10 1-3 16, Nowitzki 7-14 2-2 16, Chandler 4-4 2-6 10, Barea 7-15 2-2 17, Ellis 13-21 3-5 31, Stoudemire 6-11 0-3 12, Villanueva 3-7 0-0 8, Harris 2-5 0-0 4, Jefferson 2-4 0-0 5, Felton 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 51-94 9-21 121.

Houston	34	19	22	34	—109
Dallas	25	36	33	27	—121

3-Point Goals—Houston 7-31 (J.Smith 4-8, Brewer 1-3, Terry 1-4, Harden 1-7, Johnson 0-1, Jones 0-2, Pargom 0-4, Anderson 0-5). Dallas 10-29 (Amnu 3-5, Villanueva 2-5, Barea 2-6, Ellis 2-6, Jefferson 1-3, Felton 0-1, Nowitzki 0-1, Harris 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Houston 53 (Howard 17), Dallas 59 (Chandler 14). Assists—Houston 21 (Harden, Pargom 5), Dallas 25 (Barea 13). Total Fouls—Houston 24, Dallas 26. Technicals—Howard, J.Smith, Dallas Coach Carlisle, Chandler, Jefferson. Flagrant Fouls—Harris. A—20,589 (19,200).

CAVALIERS 101, CELTICS 93

CLEVELAND (101): James 10-24 4-11 24, Love 1-3 0-0 2, Mozgov 4-7 4-5 12, Irving 8-19 6-8 24, Smith 3-8 0-0 8, Jones 0-4 0-2 2, Thompson 1-3 4-5, Shumpert 3-4 8-8 15, Deliavedova 1-6 0-2 3, Perkins 0-0 3-4 3. Totals 31-78 32-43 101.

BOSTON (93): Crowder 2-4 3-5 7, Bass 2-5 0-4 4, Zeller 4-7 0-0 8, Turner 1-6 0-0 2, Bradley 6-13 3-4 16, Thomas 4-17 12-12 21, Olynyk 0-1 0-2 1, Jerebko 0-2 0-0 0, Sullinger 3-17 2-5 8, Wallace 0-1 0-0 0, Smart 4-8 3-5 11, Dalembert 1-3 0-0 2, Pressey 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 33-85 24-37 93.

Cleveland	29	28	13	31	—101
Boston	19	17	25	32	—93

3-Point Goals—Cleveland 7-33 (Irving 2-5, Smith 2-7, Shumpert 1-2, Deliavedova 1-4, James 1-7, Love 0-2, Jones 0-4). Boston 3-23 (Sullinger 1-4, Bradley 1-5, Thomas 1-7, Dalembert 0-1, Jerebko 0-2, Smart 0-2, Crowder 0-2). Fouled Out—Thomas. Rebounds—Cleveland 59 (Irving, Mozgov 11), Boston 64 (Sullinger 11). Assists—Cleveland 13 (James 8), Boston 17 (Thomas 9). Total Fouls—Cleveland 30, Boston 33. Technicals—Perkins, Crowder. Flagrant Fouls—Smith, Perkins. Ejected—Smith. A—18,624 (18,624).

WIZARDS 125, RAPTORS 94

TORONTO (94): Ross 1-3 0-0 3, A.Johnson 2-5 0-0 4, Valanciunas 7-10 2-2 16, Lowry 8-15 3-3 21, DeRozan 6-13 2-2 14, Williams 4-11 4-6 14, Vasquez 4-11 1-1 11, Patterson 2-8 2-2 6, Hansbrough 0-1 0-0 0, J.Johnson 0-3 0-0 0, Steemsma 2-2 1-2 5. Totals 36-82 15-20 94.

WASHINGTON (125): Pierce 5-7 0-0 14, Nene 3-7 4-7 10, Gortat 8-9 5-7 21, Wall 3-11 7-7 14, Beal 5-15 10-11 23, Gooden 5-8 0-0 13, Sessions 5-7 2-2 15, Porter 3-8 0-0 7, Butler 0-1 6-0 0, Seraphin 2-3 0-0 4, Humphries 1-1 0-0 2, Webster 1-2 0-0 2, Bynum 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 41-74 28-34 125.

Toronto	22	28	20	24	—94
Washington	36	30	36	23	—125

3-Point Goals—Toronto 7-25 (Vasquez 2-5, Williams 2-6, Lowry 2-7, Ross 1-3, Patterson 0-4). Washington 15-26 (Pierce 4-6, Gooden 3-4, Sessions 3-4, Beal 3-6, Porter 1-2, Wall 1-2, Webster 0-1, Butler 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 45 (Valanciunas 9), Washington 45 (Gortat 11). Assists—Toronto 17 (DeRozan, Vasquez, Lowry 4), Washington 30 (Wall 10). Total Fouls—Toronto 24, Washington 18. Technicals—Lowry, Beal, Washington defensive three second, Flagrant Fouls—Hansbrough. A—20,356 (20,308).

NHL PLAYOFFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WILD 4 BLUES 1

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Minnesota was killing an early penalty when Zach Parise snagged a loose puck in the neutral zone, raced away from St. Louis and triggered a huge roar from the home crowd with his highlight-reel goal off a bad-angle shot.

That was a bad sign for the Blues. Game 6 belonged to Parise and the Wild.

Parise scored twice, including that short-handed goal to get the Wild going in the first period on their way to a 4-1 victory over the Blues in Game 6 of the series on Sunday for a spot in the Western Conference semifinals.

Justin Fontaine also scored, Nino Niederreiter added an empty-net goal and the Wild set up a rematch with Chicago. The Blackhawks, who beat Nashville in six games to move on, knocked the Wild out in six games in the second round last year and in five games in the first round the year before that.

CANADIENS 2 SENATORS 0

OTTAWA, Ontario — Carey Price made 43 saves, Brendan Gallagher scored in the first period, and the Montreal Canadiens defeated the Ottawa Senators 2-0 Sunday night to advance to the second round of the NHL playoffs.

Max Pacioretty sealed the win with an empty-net goal with 1 second remaining.

Montreal won the best-of-seven series in six games, but lost two in a row after taking a 3-0 series lead — and Ottawa nearly sent it to a deciding seventh game.

Price, nominated for the Vezina Trophy as the league's top goalie, rebounded after allowing five goals in Game 5 with a masterful effort as the Senators outshot the Canadiens 43-20.

Montreal, which reached the Eastern Conference finals last spring, is in the second round for a second consecutive year for the first time since 1992 and '93.

NHL PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

FIRST ROUND

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

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Montreal 4, Ottawa 2

Wednesday, April 15: Montreal 4, Ottawa 1

Friday, April 17: Montreal 3, Ottawa 2, OT

Sunday, April 19: Montreal 2, Ottawa 1, OT

Wednesday, April 22: Ottawa 1, Montreal 0

Friday, April 24: Ottawa 5, Montreal 1

Sunday, April 26: Montreal 2, Ottawa 0

Detroit 3, Tampa Bay 2

Thursday, April 16: Detroit 3, Tampa Bay 2

Saturday, April 18: Tampa Bay 5, Detroit 1

Tuesday, April 21: Detroit 5, Tampa Bay 1

Thursday, April 23: Tampa Bay 3, Detroit 2, OT

Saturday, April 25: Detroit 4, Tampa Bay 1

Today: Tampa Bay at Detroit, 6 p.m.

x-Wednesday, April 29: Detroit at Tampa Bay, TBA

N.Y. Rangers 4, Pittsburgh 1

Thursday, April 16: N.Y. Rangers 3, Pittsburgh 1

Saturday, April 18: Pittsburgh 4, N.Y. Rangers 3

Monday, April 20: N.Y. Rangers 2, Pittsburgh 1

Wednesday, April 22: N.Y. Rangers 1, Pittsburgh 0, OT

Friday, April 24: N.Y. Rangers 1, Pittsburgh 0

Washington 3, N.Y. Islanders 3

Wednesday, April 15: N.Y. Islanders 3, Washington 1

Friday, April 17: Washington 4, N.Y. Islanders 1

Sunday, April 19: N.Y. Islanders 3, Washington 1, OT

Tuesday, April 21: Washington 2, N.Y. Islanders 1

Thursday, April 23: Washington 1, N.Y. Islanders 3

Saturday, April 25: N.Y. Islanders 3, Washington 1

Today: N.Y. Islanders at Washington, 6:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Minnesota 4, St. Louis 2

Thursday, April 16: Minnesota 4, St. Louis 1

Saturday, April 18: St. Louis 4, Minnesota 1

Monday, April 20: Minnesota 1, St. Louis 0

Wednesday, April 22: St. Louis 0, Minnesota 1

Friday, April 24: Minnesota 4, St. Louis 1

Sunday, April 26: Minnesota 4, St. Louis 1

Chicago 4, Nashville 2

Wednesday, April 15: Chicago 4, Nashville 1, OT

Friday, April 17: Nashville 2, Chicago 1

Sunday, April 19: Chicago 4, Nashville 1

Tuesday, April 21: Chicago 3, Nashville 2, OT

Thursday, April 23: Nashville 1, Chicago 4

Saturday, April 25: Chicago 4, Nashville 1

Anaheim 4, Winnipeg 0

Thursday, April 16: Anaheim 4, Winnipeg 1

Saturday, April 18: Anaheim 2, Winnipeg 1

Monday, April 20: Anaheim 5, Winnipeg 4, OT

Wednesday, April 22: Anaheim 3, Winnipeg 2

Calgary 4, Vancouver 2

Wednesday, April 15: Calgary 1, Vancouver 4

Friday, April 17: Vancouver 4, Calgary 3

Sunday, April 19: Calgary 4, Vancouver 3

Tuesday, April 21: Calgary 1, Vancouver 3

Thursday, April 23: Vancouver 1, Calgary 4

Saturday, April 25: Calgary 1, Vancouver 4

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'HOUNDSREPORT

BY OSCAR LEROY

ROCKHOUNDS 3 MISSIONS 2, 12 INNINGS at Security Bank Ballpark

TOP HITTERS: Chad Pinder came up with the game-winning hit, but the Rock-Hounds had two players who had three-hit games. Jacqueb Brugman was 3-for-6, while Carson Blair was 3-for-4 with a double, RBI and a run score. ... Missions leadoff hitter Travis Jankowski had the biggest day at the plate as he went 4-for-6 with two stolen bases and a run scored.

TOP PITCHERS: The Rock-Hounds' bullpen combined for 6 1/3 scoreless inning, but Seth Frankoff led the way as he pitched a perfect 2 1/3 scoreless innings.

HIGHLIGHTS: The Missions got all their runs in the top of the first with a sacrifice fly by Hunter Renfroe and an RBI single by Diego Goris. ... The RockHounds answered with a sacrifice fly by Carson Blair in the third and a sac fly by Bruce Maxwell in the fourth.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: On his team going 3-for-13 with runners in scoring position, Midland manager Ryan Christenson said, "That's kind of been the story of our season up to this point. Our situational hitting and producing there with runners at third base is not where we want it to be early. It's something we're working on in batting practice and trying to get that approach. Like we saw with Pinder on the game-winning hit, that was perfect. Just looking for ball in the zone, where he could get it in the air with a runner in third base. That's what we're looking for."

NOTES: This was the first extra-inning game for the RockHounds this season ... San Antonio is now 0-2 in extra-inning games this year. ... The RockHound evened their record to 8-8 on the season. ... Midland welcomes Corpus Christi for a four-game series, beginning 6:30 p.m. today at Security Bank Ballpark.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Corpus Christi — TBA; Midland — RHP Nate Long (0-0; 0.00)

Texas League

First half

North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	11	5	.688	—
Tulsa	10	6	.625	1
Northwest Arkansas	7	7	.438	4
Springfield	5	11	.313	6

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Corpus Christi	12	4	.750	—
Midland	8	8	.500	4
San Antonio	6	10	.375	6
Frisco	5	11	.313	7

Sunday's Scores

Midland 3, San Antonio 2, 12 innings
Northwest Arkansas 10, Tulsa 5
Arkansas 8, Springfield 6
Corpus Christi 5, Frisco 2

Today's Games

Corpus Christi at Midland, 6:30 p.m.
Springfield at Northwest Arkansas, 7:05 p.m.
Frisco at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Tulsa at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.

ROCKHOUNDS 3, MISSIONS 2, 12 INNINGS

San Antonio	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Jankowski cf	6	1	4	0	Obercacher cf	6	0	1	0
Martinez dh	6	0	1	0	Brugman lf	6	1	3	0
McElroy 3b	3	1	0	0	Olson 1b	5	0	1	0
Renfroe rf	5	0	1	1	Whitaker 1b	5	0	0	0
Goris ss-1b	4	0	2	1	Pinder ss	5	1	2	1
Erickson c	5	0	3	0	Healy 3b	4	0	1	0
Asencio rf	4	0	0	0	Maxwell dh	4	0	0	0
Domorino 1b	3	0	0	0	Kirkland 2b	5	1	2	0
Turner ss	3	0	0	0	Blair c	4	0	3	1
Bruguera 2b	5	0	0	0	Angle pr	0	0	0	0
					Pohl c	0	0	0	0
Totals	43	211	2		Totals	44	3 13	3	

San Antonio ..... 200 000 000 000 —2
Midland ..... 001 100 000 001 —3

One out when winning run scored.

E — Pinder (3). DP — Midland 2. LOB — San Antonio 11, Midland 13. 2B — Erickson (2), Obercacher (6), Blair (4). SB — Jankowski 2 (8), Kirkland (1), Brugman (2), Pinder (2), Angle (2). CS — Goris (1). SF — Renfroe (1), Blair (1), Maxwell (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Antonio						
Hancock	6	9	2	2	2	3
Kelly	1	0	0	0	1	2
Dimock	3	0	0	0	0	4
Guarnero L, 0-1	1 1	4	1	1	0	2
Midland						
Jensen	5.2	2	7	7	3	2
Frankoff	2 1	0	0	0	0	0
Wahl	2	3	0	0	1	3
Dull W, 1-0	2	1	0	0	1	1

WP — Jensen. HBP — by Hancock (Pinder).
T — 3:46. A — 3,260.

LeRoy

From 1C

said Brugman just continues to put up good at-bats.

"He's finding the barrel a lot," he said. "The ball that he hit to right-center (in the ninth inning), that ball was crushed. That was about as good as he could hit it, but obviously the wind always wins here. It's still good to see a guy go up there and have a quality at-bat. That's mainly what we're about as far as the development side."

While Pinder is one that most will remember for being Sunday's hero, the shortstop had to give major props to Jensen, who shook off that tough start to the game and proceeded to pitch 5 2/3 innings and give his team a chance.

"To me that was the biggest performance of the day," Pinder said. "The first inning, things weren't going his way. But he battled through it, he grinded it out and he got five scoreless more. You can't ask for much more than that."

Christensen couldn't agree more.

"That was big for him to go as far in the game as he did, starting the way he did with that rough first inning," Christenson said. "But he settled down, he mixed his pitches up and kept them off balance enough to put up zeros from there. And then the bullpen held their ground. They were lights out."

The RockHounds got a thrilling win to close out a series, just in time to welcome the first place Corpus Christi Hooks for four games.

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Busch dominating in Richmond victory

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Kurt Busch dominated once he took the lead and won the rain-delayed NASCAR Sprint Cup race at Richmond International Raceway on Sunday.

Busch led 291 of the 400 laps on the 0.75-mile oval, and outran Stewart-Haas Racing teammate Kevin Harvick over the final dozen laps to end a 35-race winless streak.

The race looked much like the Xfinity Series' event Friday night in which Denny Hamlin led 248 of 250 laps and only lost the lead during green flag pits stops. This time, there were actual green flag lead changes, but only two — when Busch passed Joey Logano after 94 laps to take the lead, and when Jamie McMurray passed Busch after 262 laps. Busch regained the lead under caution and never relinquished it.

AUTO RACING RESULTS

Sprint Cup

Toyota Owners 400 Results
Sunday
At Richmond International Raceway
Richmond, Va.
Lap length: .75 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (3) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 400 laps, 148.1 rating, 4s points, $221,240.
2. (6) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 400, 122.8, 43, $211,050.
3. (36) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 400, 103.5, 41, $176,861.
4. (9) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 400, 108.8, 41, $154,491.
5. (1) Joey Logano, Ford, 400, 114.7, 40, $163,233.
6. (40) Casey Kahne, Chevrolet, 400, 96.3, 38, $115,840.
7. (8) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 400, 107.7, 37, $132,501.
8. (11) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 400, 101.7, 36, $135,026.
9. (17) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 400, 96.3, 35, $123,923.
10. (6) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 400, 107.1, 34, $114,710.
11. (23) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 400, 84.3, 33, $125,490.
12. (13) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 400, 89.2, 32, $114,433.
13. (4) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 400, 84.3, 31, $122,908.
14. (26) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 400, 86.4, 30, $99,525.
15. (15) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 400, 75.2, 29, $91,750.
16. (16) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 400, 76.9, 0, $78,800.
17. (7) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 400, 105, 28, $127,166.
18. (22) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 400, 72.3, 26, $106,608.
19. (18) Carl Edwards, Toyota, 400, 63.9, 25, $77,825.
20. (27) Aric Almirola, Ford, 399, 67.5, 24, $118,936.
21. (32) Greg Biffle, Ford, 398, 56.1, 23, $112,258.
22. (2) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 398, 71.6, 22, $95,350.
23. (10) David Ragan, Toyota, 398, 67.5, 21, $122,141.
24. (34) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 398, 57.6, 20, $121,575.
25. (21) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 398, 56.5, 19, $88,450.
26. (19) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 398, 62.6, 0, $80,225.
27. (20) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 398, 56.4, 17, $116,886.
28. (24) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 398, 51.2, 16, $87,725.
29. (14) Brett Moffitt, Toyota, 396, 64.2, 15, $108,214.
30. (25) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 396, 53, 14, $102,883.
31. (30) David Gilliland, Ford, 396, 42, 13, $98,658.
32. (41) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 396, 38.5, 12, $88,397.
33. (38) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 395, 42.4, 11, $75,725.
34. (43) Reed Sorenson, Ford, 395, 37.9, 10, $75,600.
35. (29) Sam Hornish Jr., Ford, 394, 42.5, 9, $104,245.
36. (31) Cole Whitt, Ford, 394, 42.5, 8, $75,215.
37. (37) Matt DiBenedetto, Toyota, 394, 32.7, 7, $75,074.
38. (39) Jeb Burton, Toyota, 393, 28.5, 6, $70,112.
39. (42) Alex Kennedy, Chevrolet, 392, 26.3, 5, $66,040.
40. (33) Jeff Green, Chevrolet, 386, 25.9, 0, $62,040.
41. (13) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, accident, 359, 70.3, $85,254.
42. (28) Josh Wise, Ford, engine, 137, 35.7, 2, $54,040.
43. (35) Joey Gase, Ford, accident, 124, 27.9, 0, $50,540.

Race Statistics

Average Speed of Race Winner: 97.157 mph.
Time of Race: 3 hours, 5 minutes, 16 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 0.754 seconds.
Caution Flags: 6 for 53 laps.
Lead Changes: 12 among 5 drivers.
Lap Leaders: J.Logano 1-94; K.Busch 95-129; K.Harvick 130; K.Busch 131-184; K.Harvick 185; K.Busch 186-258; J.McMurray 259; K.Busch 260-261; J.McMurray 262-264; B.Keselowski 265-272; K.Busch 273-352; B.Keselowski 353; K.Busch 354-400.

Leaders Summary (Drivers, Times Led, Laps Led): K.Busch, 6 times for 291 laps; J.Logano, 1 time for 94 laps; B.Keselowski, 2 times for 9 laps; J.McMurray, 2 times for 4 laps; K.Harvick, 2 times for 2 laps.

Wins: K.Harvick, 2; J.Johnson, 2; Ku.Busch, 1; D.Hamlin, 1; M.Kenseth, 1; B.Keselowski, 1; J.Logano, 1.

Top 16 in Points: 1. K.Harvick, 357; 2. J.Logano, 324; 3. M.Truex Jr., 315; 4. J.Johnson, 299; 5. B.Keselowski, 285; 6. K.Kahne, 275; 7. M.Kenseth, 273; 8. D.Earnhardt Jr., 271; 9. J.McMurray, 264; 10. J.Gordon, 263; 11. A.Almirola, 252; 12. D.Hamlin, 245; 13. P.Menard, 239; 14. C.Bowyer, 235; 15. R.Newman, 234; 16. D.Patrick, 230.

NASCAR Driver Rating Formula
A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race.
The formula combines the following categories: Wins, Finishes, Top-15 Finishes, Average Running Position While on Lead Lap, Average Speed Under Green, Fastest Lap, Led Most Laps, Lead-Lap Finish.

Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama Results
Sunday
At Barber Motorsports Park
Birmingham, Ala.
Lap length: 2.38 miles
(Starting position in parentheses)

1. (5) Josef Newgarden, Dallara-Chevrolet, 90, Running.
2. (8) Graham Rahal, Dallara-Honda, 90, Running.
3. (4) Scott Dixon, Dallara-Chevrolet, 90, Running.
4. (2) Will Power, Dallara-Chevrolet, 90, Running.
5. (18) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Dallara-Honda, 90, Running.
6. (22) Carlos Munoz, Dallara-Honda, 90, Running.
7. (10) James Hinchcliffe, Dallara-Honda, 90, Running.
8. (7) Sebastien Bourdais, Dallara-Chevrolet, 90, Running.
9. (3) Simon Pagenaud, Dallara-Chevrolet, 90, Running.
10. (13) Marco Andretti, Dallara-Honda, 90, Running.
11. (9) Luca Filippi, Dallara-Chevrolet, 90, Running.
12. (11) Charlie Kimball, Dallara-Chevrolet, 90, Running.
13. (6) Tony Kanaan, Dallara-Chevrolet, 90, Running.
14. (15) Juan Pablo Montoya, Dallara-Chevrolet, 90, Running.
15. (1) Helio Castroneves, Dallara-Chevrolet, 90, Running.
16. (17) Gabby Chaves, Dallara-Honda, 90, Running.
17. (20) Takuma Sato, Dallara-Honda, 90, Running.
18. (12) Sage Karam, Dallara-Chevrolet, 90, Running.
19. (16) Stefano Coletti, Dallara-Chevrolet, 90, Running.
20. (21) Rodolfo Gonzalez, Dallara-Honda, 90, Running.
21. (19) Jack Hawksworth, Dallara-Honda, 90, Running.
22. (14) James Jakes, Dallara-Honda, 89, Running.
23. (23) Francesco Dracone, Dallara-Honda, 89, Running.

Race Statistics

Winners average speed: 107.176.
Time of Race: 1:55:53.0630.
Margin of Victory: 2.2061 seconds.
Cautions: 2 for 9 laps.
Lead Changes: 10 among 8 drivers.
Lap Leaders: Castroneves 1-18, Pagenaud 19-21, Newgarden 22-34, Rahal 35-46, Hinchcliffe 47, Bourdais 48-49, Montoya 50, Newgarden 51-62, Dixon 63-64, Rahal 65-89, Newgarden 70-90.
Points: Montoya 136, Castroneves 133, Dixon 123, Newgarden 119, Power 112, Hinchcliffe 110, Kanaan 110, Rahal 103, Pagenaud 96, Bourdais 91.

NHRA

SpringNationale Results
Sunday
At Royal Purple Raceway
Baytown
Final Finish Order

Top Fuel
1. Doug Kalitta. 2. Tony Schumacher. 3. Spencer Massey. 4. Clay Millican. 5. Brittany Force. 6. Larry Dixon. 7. Steve Torrence. 8. Antron Brown. 9. J.R. Todd. 10. Richie Crampton. 11. Shawn Langdon. 12. Dave Connolly. 13. Troy Buff. 14. Jenna Haddock. 15. Leah Pritchett. 16. Kebin Kinsley.

Funny Car
1. Ron Capps. 2. Jack Beckman. 3. Robert Hight. 4. Courtney Force. 5. Alexis DeJoria. 6. Matt Hagan. 7. John Force. & Tommy Johnson Jr. 9. Tim Wilkerson. 10. Chad Head. 11. Bob Bode. 12. Del Worsham. 13. John Hale. 14. Tony Pedregon. 15. Cruz Pedregon. 16. Terry Haddock.

Pro Stock
1. Erica Enders-Stevens. 2. Chris McGaha. 3. Jonathan Gray. 4. Greg Anderson. 5. Jason Line. 6. Larry Morgan. 7. Shane Gray. 8. Vincent Nobile. 9. Rodger Brogdon. 10. Drew Skillman. 11. V Gaines. 12. Richie Stevens. 13. Allen Johnson. 14. Richard Freeman. 15. Deric Kramer. 16. Jimmy Alund

Final Results
Top Fuel—Doug Kalitta, 3.820 seconds, 324.98 mph def. Tony Schumacher, 4.014 seconds, 225.80 mph.
Funny Car—Ron Capps, Dodge Charger, 4.244, 298.32 def. Jack Beckman, Charger, 4.480, 205.16.
Pro Stock—Erica Enders-Stevens, Chevy Camaro, 6.571, 211.73 def. Chris McGaha, Camaro, 6.598, 211.66
Pro Modified—Don Walsh, Chevy Camaro, 5.872, 249.12 def. Bill Glidden, Ford Mustang, 8.945, 123.41
Top Alcohol Dragster—Randy Meyer, 5.327, 271.73 def. Dgwd Brounkowski, foul.
Top Alcohol Funny Car—Doug Gordon, Chevy Camaro, 5.813, 241.76 def. Ulf Leanders, Chevy Monte Carlo, 8.666, 98.79
Competition Eliminator—David Rampy, Roadster, 7.268, 181.98 def. Joey Tanksley, Dragster, 6.397, 211.66
Super Stock—Jimmy Hildago Jr. Pontiac Firebird, 9.865, 120.32 def. Gary Emmons, Chevy Camaro, foul.
Stock Eliminator—David Latino, Chevy Corvette, 10.586, 124.65 def. Brett Candies, Chevy Camaro, broke.
Super Comp—Jeff Lopez, Dragster, 8.896, 164.21 def. Dan Foley, Dragster, 8.869, 171.14
Super Gas—Robby Lopez, Chevy Corvette, 9.941, 138.02 def. Steve Collier, Chevy Vega, 9.916, 168.32
Super Street—Rick Huffman, Chevy Camaro, 10.887, 143.57 def. Frank Kohutek, Chevy Vega, foul.
Top Dragster—J.R. Baxter, 6.628, 192.69 def. William Kruse, 6.960, 147.33
Top Sportsman—Bob Gullitt, Chevy Camaro, 6.695, 208.46 def. Trent Wilson, Camaro, 6.984, 193.13

PROGOLFSCORES

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PGA

Zurich Classic of New Orleans Scores
Sunday
At TPC Louisiana
Avondale, La.
Purse: $6.9 million
Yardage: 7,425; Par: 72
Final

Justin Rose (500) $1,242,000 69-66-65-66—266
Cameron Tringale (300) $745,200 69-65-68-65—267
Boo Weekley (190) $469,200 64-70-69-65—268
Jason Day (123) $303,600 67-65-68-69—269
Jim Herman (123) $303,600 69-68-67-65—269
Daniel Berger (95) $239,775 66-67-68-69—270
David Hearn (95) $239,775 65-70-67-68—270
Blayne Barber (78) $193,200 67-70-64-70—271
Chad Campbell (78) $193,200 67-68-68-68—271
Chesson Hadley (78) $193,200 67-72-66-66—271
Whee Kim (78) $193,200 68-71-68-64—271
Steven Bowditch (55) $115,920 68-67-71-66—272
Erik Compton (55) $115,920 66-69-68-69—272
Jason Gore (55) $115,920 70-68-66-68—272
George McNeill (55) $115,920 74-64-66-68—272
Sean O'Hair (55) $115,920 65-71-68-68—272
Scott Pinckney (55) $115,920 69-70-65-68—272
D.A. Points (55) $115,920 70-69-68-65—272
Hudson Swafford (55) $115,920 67-66-70-69—272
Justin Thomas (55) $115,920 68-68-72-66—272
Steve Wheatcroft (55) $115,920 72-66-69-65—272
Keegan Bradley (41) $64,055 69-70-66-68—273
Brendon de Jonge (41) $64,055 64-70-68-71—273
Jerry Kelly (41) $64,055 70-64-70-69—273
Danny Lee (41) $64,055 70-64-68-71—273
Scott Stallings (41) $64,055 74-65-69-65—273
Chris Stroud (41) $64,055 67-66-73-67—273
Rafael Gosseen (41) $46,920 70-66-71-67—274
Freddie Jacobson (41) $46,920 68-71-69-66—274
Kevin Kisner (41) $46,920 69-68-70-67—274
Marc Leishman (41) $46,920 74-63-70-67—274
Spencer Levin (41) $46,920 70-69-69-66—274
D.H. Lee (37) $38,985 70-67-71-67—275
Bryce Molder (37) $38,985 69-67-70-69—275
Bernd Wiesberger (37) $38,985 69-68-69-69—275
Scott Brown (32) $31,099 70-68-72-66—276
Brian Davis (32) $31,099 66-71-70-69—276
Carl Pettersson (32) $31,099 72-66-69-69—276
Jhonattan Vegas (32) $31,099 67-71-69-69—276
K.J. Choi (32) $31,099 67-70-69-70—276
Morgan Hoffmann (32) $31,099 68-66-69-73—276
Michael Smith (32) $31,099 70-68-67-71—276
Chad Collins (26) $22,770 70-69-68-70—277
Dustin Johnson (26) $22,770 67-70-68-72—277
Russell Knox (26) $22,770 69-70-68-70—277
Greg Owen (26) $22,770 66-70-70-71—277
Cameron Smith $22,770 69-70-69-69—277
Tommy Gainey (20) $16,991 73-66-68-71—278
Billy Horschel (20) $16,991 71-68-70-69—278
John Huh (20) $16,991 69-70-66-73—278
John Peterson (20) $16,991 70-68-71-69—278
Nick Taylor (20) $16,991 70-69-68-71—278
Michael Thompson (20) $16,991 70-68-70-70—278
Johnson Wagner (20) $16,991 68-69-73-68—278
Tim Wilkinson (20) $16,991 69-69-70-70—278
Woody Austin (14) $15,594 70-66-70-73—279
Ben Crane (14) $15,594 67-71-72-69—279
Mark Hubbard (14) $15,594 66-73-72-68—279
Fabian Gomez (11) $15,180 69-70-71-70—280
Carlos Ortiz (11) $15,180 67-67-73-73—280
Mark Wilson (11) $15,180 69-68-73-70—280
Jonathan Byrd (8) $14,766 69-70-68-74—281
Lucas Glover (8) $14,766 71-68-76-66—281
Ryo Ishikawa (8) $14,766 70-67-72-72—281
Alex Cejka (5) $14,283 68-69-75-71—283
Max Homa (5) $14,283 70-68-69-76—283
Colt Knost (5) $14,283 71-69-74-70—283
Brian Stuard (5) $14,283 69-69-74-71—283
David Toms (2) $13,938 72-67-73-73—285
Andres Gonzales (1) $13,731 71-68-72-77—288
Roger Sloan (1) $13,731 71-68-71-78—288

PGA

Volvo China Open Leading Scores
Sunday
At Tomson Shanghai Pudong Golf Club
Shanghai
Purse: $3.23 million
Yardage: 7,296; Par: 72
Final Round

Wu Ashun/ China 73-66-69-71—279
David Howell/ England 68-72-68-72—280
Emiliano Grillo/ Argentina 73-70-69-69—281
Alexander Levy/ France 69-68-71-73—281
Prom Meesawat/ Thailand 72-70-68-71—281
Li Hao-tong/ China 71-68-69-74—282
Richie Ramsay/ Scotland 72-68-70-73—283
An Byeong-hun/ South Korea 72-68-76-68—284
Magnus A Carlsson/ Sweden 73-72-65-74—284
Tyrrell Hatton/ England 75-69-69-71—284
Julien Quesne/ France 69-67-76-72—284
Peter Uihlein/ United States 70-67-76-71—284
Romain Wattel/ France 72-67-74-71—284
Seve Benson/ England 75-69-66-75—285
Lucas Bjerregaard/ Denmark 75-70-70-70—285
Bradley Dredge/ Wales 68-74-72-71—285
Mark Foster/ England 72-71-74-68—285

Also

Matteo Manassero/ Italy 71-68-73-74—286
Kiradech Aphibarnrat/ Thailand 71-68-76-72—287
Scott Strange/ Australia 71-72-69-77—289
Ryan C Carter/ United States 71-73-77-69—290

Champions

Bass Pro Shops Legends Scores
Sunday
At I-Big Cedar Lodge Resort, Top of the Rock (2,940 yards, par 54)
At b-Buffalo Ridge (6,714 yards, par 70)
Ridgedale, Missouri
Purse: $2.4 million
Final

Champions Division

Andride/Durnt (230), $230,000 each63-5-11-46—159
Lyle/Woosnam (130), $130,000 47-64-51—162
Calcavecchia/Lowery (91), $91,250 51-65b-47—163
Roberts/Wiebe (91), $91,250 48-67b-48—163
Gilder/Watkins (47), $46,500 50-66b-48—164
Chapman/Cochran (47), $46,500 50-66b-48—164
Lehman/Sluman (47), $46,500 65b-49f-50—164
Pavin/Waldorf (47), $46,500 62b-51s-51—164
Cook/Sindelar (47), $46,500 60b-53b-51—164
Janzen/Medlate (32), $32,000 64b-53b-48—165
Kite/Morgan (32), $32,000 53b-64b-48—165
Armour III/Pamevik (32), $32,000 54b-63b-48—165
Forsman/Reid (32), $32,000 49f-65b-51—165
Perrice Jr./Tway (0), $27,000 62b-55b-49f—166
Montgomerie/O'Meara (0), $23,167 66b-51s-50s—167
Mize/Sutton (0), $23,167 49f-69b-50s—167
Brooks/Huston (0), $23,167 61b-53b-53b—167
Blake/Frost (0), $18,125 61b-57s-50s—168
Jenkins/Daley (0), $18,125 48-70b-50—168
North/Watson (0), $18,125 51s-66b-51s—168
Goydos/Sutherland (0), $18,125 65s-52s-51s—168
Haas/Jacobsen (0), $15,500 64b-54r-51s—169
Bogey/S Pate (0), $14,000 67b-54r-50s—171
Irwin/Short, Jr. (0), $14,000 59-65b-51s—171
Garrigus/J Pate (0), $14,000 52r-68b-53b—171
Hatalsky/Pooley (0), $12,500 53r-68b-51s—172
Hoch/Stadler (0), $12,500 64b-58r-52s—172
Lewi/Simpson (0), $12,500 68b-52r-54s—172
Ba.Bryant/Br.Bryant (0), $11,500 64b-55r-54s—173
Funk/Romero (0), $11,000 70b-58r-54s—180
Jacobs/Zoeller (0), $10,500 53r-71b-58r—182

Legends Division (65 and older)

At I-Big Cedar Lodge Resort, Top of the Rock (2,430 yards, par 54/1,125, par 27)
At b-Buffalo Ridge (5,647 yards, par 70)

Flesher/Nelson, $60,000 47r-66b-26b-139
Nicklaus/Player, $34,000 51r-66b-25s-142
Colbert/Thorpe, $19,000 67b-52r-24s-143
Gelberger/Baird, $19,000 68b-49r-26b-143
Marsh/Bland, $12,000 66b-53r-28r-147
Snead/Eichelberger, $10,500 67b-55r-26b-148
Jacklin/Graham, $9,750 57r-67b-25s-149
Trevino/Hill, $9,500 54r-72b-25s-151
Green/Doyle, $9,125 69b-58r-26b-153
Coody/Douglass, $9,125 70b-55r-28s-153
Murphy/Rodriguez, $8,750 56r-73b-26b-155

LPGA

Swinging Skirts Classic Scores
Sunday
At Lake Merced Golf Club
Daly City, Calif.
Purse: $2 million
Yardage: 6,507; Par: 72
Final

a-amateur; x-won on 2nd playoff hole

x-Lydia Ko, $300,000 67-72-71-70—280
Morgan Pressel, $182,956 69-72-67-72—280
Brooke M. Henderson, $132,721 70-65-72-74—281
Min Seo Kwak, $102,670 72-67-70-73—282
Shanshan Feng, $82,638 70-70-71-72—283
Ha Na Jang, $57,930 68-71-77-68—284
Amy Yang, $57,930 72-68-75-69—284
Stacy Lewis, $57,930 69-71-71-73—284
Mirim Lee, $42,571 74-68-73-70—285
Sei Young Kim, $42,571 74-69-70-72—285
Na Yeon Choi, $36,310 69-68-78-71—286
Sakura Yokomine, $36,310 71-67-77-71—286
P.K. Kongkraphan, $31,853 68-76-71-72—287
Sandra Gal, $31,853 74-67-72-74—287
Gerina Piller, $27,512 72-73-73-70—288
Juli Inkster, $27,512 68-74-75-71—288
Moriya Jutanugarn, $27,512 70-72-72-74—288
Cristie Kerr, $21,874 71-74-75-69—289
Q Baek, $21,874 73-72-74-70—289
Hyo Joo Kim, $21,874 71-73-74-71—289
Minjee Lee, $21,874 71-72-74-72—289
Inbee Park, $21,874 73-71-73-72—289
Yueer Cindy Feng, $21,874 70-68-76-75—289
Julieta Granada, $21,874 70-69-75-75—289
Tiffany Joh, $21,874 70-70-74-75—289
Michelle Wie, $16,413 75-74-72-69—290
Ai Miyazato, $16,413 73-70-77-70—290
Caroline Hedwall, $16,413 69-72-77-72—290
Jenny Shin, $16,413 72-69-75-74—290
Kelly Tan, $16,413 72-70-74-74—290
Anna Nordqvist, $16,413 70-74-70-76—290
So Yeon Ryu, $16,413 73-68-71-78—290
Ryann O'Toole, $12,588 76-69-77-69—291
Azahara Munoz, $12,588 72-73-75-71—291
Eun-Hee Ji, $12,588 73-70-75-73—291

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American League

RANGERS 5 ANGELS 4, 11 INNINGS

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Leonys Martin led off the 11th inning with a homer and the Texas Rangers scored another run on Erick Aybar's error then held on for a 5-4 victory over the Los Angeles Angels on Sunday to end a three-game skid.

Jose Alvarez (0-1), working his second inning of relief, fell behind Martin 3-0 before the Rangers' leadoff hitter drove a full-count pitch barely over the 18-foot wall in right field for his first homer of the season and 16th in 1,121 big league at-bats.

Aybar soon after made his second error of the game, misplaying a grounder in the hole by Elvis Andrus. The Angels got a run in the bottom half on Aybar's RBI single before Rangers closer Neftali Feliz threw a called third strike past Grant Green to end it.

Feliz (1-1) pitched two innings for the victory.

ASTROS 7 ATHLETICS 6

OAKLAND, Calif. — Evan Gattis hit a two-run double in the ninth inning and the Houston Astros completed their first sweep of the Oakland Athletics with a 7-6 win Sunday.

Gattis matched a career high with four RBI. His go-ahead double with one out came after the A's intentionally walked Jed Lowrie to load the bases.

Gattis lined a 1-2 pitch from Tyler Clippard (0-2) to the deepest part of the field at O.co Coliseum, and center fielder Sam Fuld stumbled while chasing the ball in the air.

Jose Altuve extended his hitting streak against the A's to 29 games.

Brett Lawrie drove in three runs for Oakland, which dropped three to Houston and has lost a season-high four straight overall.

Tony Sipp (2-0) retired four batters for the win. Former A's reliever Luke Gregerson pitched the ninth for his fourth save.

TIGERS 8 INDIANS 6

DETROIT — Miguel Cabrera homered and drove in three runs and the Tigers beat the Indians.

Cabrera has three homers this season, all against Cleveland, and nine of his 13 RBIs season are against the Indians.

Kyle Lobstein (2-1) picked up the win, allowing three runs and six hits in seven innings.

Joakim Soria pitched the ninth for his seventh save.

Carlos Carrasco (2-2) took the loss for Cleveland, giving up five runs and nine hits and two walks in 4 1/3 innings.

ORIOLES 18 RED SOX 7

BALTIMORE — Delmon Young drove in five runs, Chris Davis homered and the Orioles received a bounce-back pitching performance from Bud Norris in a victory over the Red Sox.

Baltimore took control with a six-run third inning and led 12-0 in the sixth. Davis, Jimmy Paredes and Steve Pearce each contributed three RBIs to the Orioles' second straight win following a five-game skid.

Baltimore finished with 20 hits, three apiece by Young, Davis, Paredes and Rey Navarro.

Norris (1-2) allowed three runs and seven hits in 6 2-3 innings. The right-hander came in with a 17.42 ERA after allowing 20 earned runs in his first three starts.

RAYS 5 BLUE JAYS 1

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Chris Archer pitched two-hit ball in seven scoreless innings and Brandon Guyer drove in four runs as the Rays won their fifth straight with a win over the Blue Jays.

Archer (3-2) became the first American League pitcher to go four starts within one season without giving up an earned run since Zach Greinke did it for Kansas City in 2009.

Evan Longoria had three straight hits and a walk for the Rays after going 4 for 4 on Saturday. Longoria's batting average rose from .218 to .306 in two games.

Guyer hit the second pitch from Mark Buehrle (3-1) for a home run, his first of the season.

WHITE SOX 3, ROYALS 2, RESUMPTION OF SUSPENDED GAME WHITE SOX 5, ROYALS 3

CHICAGO — Conor Gillaspie hit a two-run single in Chicago's five-run sixth inning, and the White Sox rallied to beat Kansas City for their second win against the Royals on Sunday.

The day began with Avisail Garcia's two-out RBI single sending Chicago to a 3-2 victory in the resumption of a game suspended by rain on Friday night. Then an error on Kansas City third baseman Mike Moustakas helped the White Sox chase Edinson Volquez (2-2) on the way to just their second win in six games this season against the Royals.

John Danks (1-2) pitched six innings of three-run ball while improving to 8-1 in 18 career starts against Kansas City. David Robertson (2-0) got three outs for his third save in three opportunities after he tossed a scoreless inning for the win in the suspended game.

Alex Gordon hit a two-run homer for Kansas City in the regularly scheduled matchup. Gordon, a four-time Gold Glove winner in left, also made a pair of nice defensive plays, including an outstanding leaping grab on Micah Johnson's foul liner into the stands in the sixth.

Kelvin Herrera (0-1) was the loser in the opener.

TWINS 4 MARINERS 2, 11 INNINGS

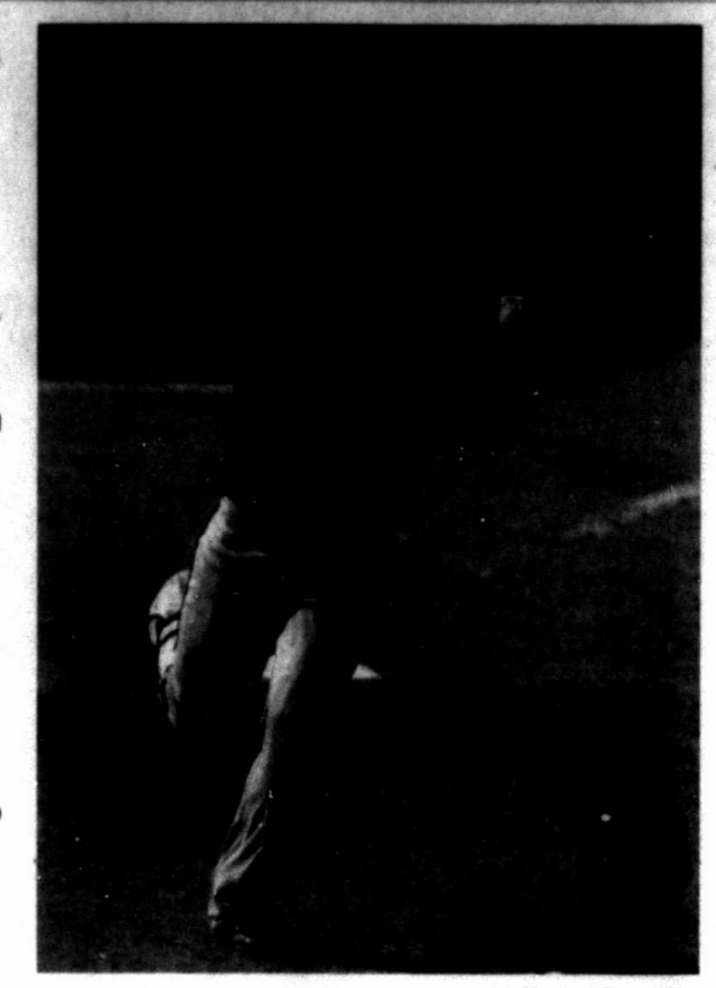
SEATTLE — Joe Mauer hit a two-run triple with two outs in the 11th inning, lifting the Twins over the Mariners.

Mauer got three hits and drove in three runs. In addition to his first triple of the season, he had an RBI double as the Twins won for the third time in four games.

Seth Smith hit his first home run of the year and also doubled for the Mariners.

Seattle reliever Tyler Olson (1-1) walked Chris Herrmann to lead off the 11th. After a sacrifice bunt, Olson intentionally walked Brian Dozier. Shane Robinson fouled out before Mauer's triple.

Casey Fien (1-1) pitched two innings. Glen Perkins closed out the 11th for his fifth save.



Mark J. Terrill/AP

Texas' Leonys Martin celebrates after hitting a solo home run during the 11th inning of Sunday's game against the Los Angeles Angels in Anaheim, Calif.

Interleague

YANKEES 6 METS 4

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez hit his 659th home run to move within one of Willie Mays for fourth place on the career list, and the New York Yankees took advantage of one mistake after another by the suddenly sloppy New York Mets in a 6-4 victory Sunday night.

After falling behind early, the Yankees scored four times in the second inning off Jonathon Niese and took two of three in the first Subway Series of the season.

The crosstown rivals meet again at Citi Field in September.

Rodriguez connected in the first inning at Yankee Stadium. He drove a 2-2 curve from Niese (2-1) to right-center, with the ball bouncing off the top of the fence for a solo shot.

It was the fifth homer of the season for A-Rod, who sat out last year while serving a drug suspension.

National League

PIRATES 8 DIAMONDBACKS 0

PHOENIX — Francisco Liriano pitched effectively into the seventh inning in a combined three-hitter and the Pirates completed their first sweep in Arizona.

Making his 200th career start, Liriano (1-1) offset six walks with seven strikeouts and allowed two hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Pedro Alvarez hit a two-run single off Jeremy Hellickson (1-3) in the first inning and Neil Walker added a two-run double off the right-hander in the fifth. Gregory Polanco had three of Pittsburgh's 14 hits and scored three runs.

Pittsburgh has won five straight and eight of 10.

MARLINS 6 NATIONALS 2

MIAMI — Adeiny Hechavarria hit a bases-loaded triple after a botched rundown kept the inning alive, and the Marlins completed their first three-game sweep of the Nationals since May 2012.

The Marlins earned their fifth consecutive victory after a 3-11 start. The defending NL East champion Nationals (7-12) lost their fifth game in a row.

Giancarlo Stanton hit an RBI triple off the top lip of the center field wall, reached on an infield single and scored twice. Miami hit three triples in a game for the first time since 2000.

Washington's Gio Gonzalez (1-2) allowed 10 hits and six runs in five innings.

Dan Haren (2-1) needed 91 pitches to get through five innings but allowed only two runs.

Nationals right-hander Max Scherzer (sore thumb) will likely be scratched from his next scheduled start Tuesday at Atlanta.

PHILLIES 5 BRAVES 4

PHILADELPHIA — Ryan Howard hit his second homer in two games, helping the Phillies beat Atlanta.

Howard's miserable season had already cost him his clean-up spot in the order, and he entered the game batting .189. Howard hit a two-run homer on Friday and a three-run shot in the first inning against Trevor Cahill (0-3) on Sunday.

Jonathan Papelbon had his fourth save. He allowed Alberto Callaspo's pinch-hit solo homer in the ninth.

Ben Revere knocked in the go-ahead run with a triple and the Phillies won two of three games in the series.

BREWERS 6 CARDINALS 3

MILWAUKEE — Adam Lind hit a two-run homer and the Brewers beat the Cardinals just their second victory in the last 12 games.

The Cardinals had won nine of 10. They headed back to St. Louis, where ace Adam Wainwright will have an MRI on Monday to see how long his injured Achilles and left ankle will sideline him — there is speculation he could miss the rest of the season.

CUBS 5 REDS 2

CINCINNATI — Rookie Addison Russell doubled with the bases loaded — one of his best moments during his first week in the majors — and the Cubs held on for a victory and a sweep of their rain-shortened series against the Reds.

The 21-year-old second baseman was in a slump when he broke the game open with his three-run double in the fourth inning off Anthony DeSclafani (2-1). Miguel Montero had a solo homer and a run-scoring single off DeSclafani, who had a streak of 16 scoreless innings snapped.

PADRES 3 DODGERS 1

SAN DIEGO — Brandon Morrow pitched seven strong innings to earn his first win with San Diego and Alexi Amarista and Derek Norris homered as the Padres beat the NL-West leading Dodgers to snap a four-game skid.

Morrow (1-0), signed as a free agent in December, held the Dodgers to one run and five hits while striking out four and walking one.

MLB STANDINGS, BOXES & LINESCORES

STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	11	8	.579	—
Tampa Bay	11	8	.579	—
Boston	10	9	.526	1
Baltimore	9	10	.474	2
Toronto	9	10	.474	2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	13	6	.684	—
Kansas City	12	6	.667	1/2
Chicago	8	9	.471	4
Minnesota	8	10	.444	4 1/2
Cleveland	6	11	.353	6

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	11	7	.611	—
Los Angeles	9	10	.474	2 1/2
Oakland	8	12	.400	4
Seattle	7	11	.389	4
Texas	7	11	.389	4

Sunday's Scores

Detroit 8, Cleveland 6
Tampa Bay 5, Toronto 1
Baltimore 18, Boston 7
Chicago White Sox 3, Kansas City 2, comp of susp game
Chicago White Sox 5, Kansas City 3
Texas 5, L.A. Angels 4, 11 innings
Houston 7, Oakland 6
Minnesota 4, Seattle 2, 11 innings
N.Y. Yankees 6, N.Y. Mets 4

Today's Games

Kansas City (J.Vargas 1-1) at Cleveland (Kluber 0-2), 5:10 p.m.
Toronto (Aa.Sanchez 1-2) at Boston (J.Kelly 1-0), 5:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Noesi 0-2) at Baltimore (U.Jimenez 1-1), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Karns 1-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Warren 1-1), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (T.Walker 0-2) at Texas (Gallardo 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Price 1-1) at Minnesota (Milone 2-0), 7:10 p.m.
Houston (McHugh 3-0) at San Diego (Shields 2-0), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	14	5	.737	—
Atlanta	9	9	.500	4 1/2
Miami	8	11	.421	6
Philadelphia	7	12	.368	7
Washington	7	12	.368	7

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	12	5	.706	—
Chicago	10	7	.588	2
Pittsburgh	11	8	.579	2
Cincinnati	8	10	.444	4 1/2
Milwaukee	4	15	.211	9

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	11	7	.611	—
Colorado	10	8	.556	1
San Diego	11	9	.550	1
Arizona	8	10	.444	3
San Francisco	8	11	.421	3 1/2

Sunday's Scores

Chicago Cubs 5, Cincinnati 2
Miami 6, Washington 2
Philadelphia 5, Atlanta 4
Milwaukee 6, St. Louis 3
San Diego 3, L.A. Dodgers 1
Pittsburgh 8, Arizona 0
San Francisco at Colorado, ppd, rain
N.Y. Yankees 6, N.Y. Mets 4

Today's Games

Milwaukee (Nelson 1-1) at Cincinnati (Marquis 1-1), 6:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Gee 0-1) at Miami (Cosart 1-1), 6:10 p.m.
Washington (Fister 1-0) at Atlanta (Stults 0-1), 6:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Worley 2-1) at Chicago Cubs (Hammel 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Hamels 0-2) at St. Louis (Lackey 1-0), 7:15 p.m.
Colorado (Matzek 1-0) at Arizona (C.Anderson 0-0), 8:40 p.m.
Houston (McHugh 3-0) at San Diego (Shields 2-0), 9:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Lincecum 1-1) at L.A. Dodgers (B.Anderson 1-1), 9:10 p.m.

TEXAS BOXES

RANGERS 5, ANGELS 4, 11 INNINGS.

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
LMartn cf	6	1	2	1	Calhon rf	6	0	3	0
Smlnsk lf	3	1	0	0	Trout cf	4	1	1	2
Pegulr ph-lf	2	0	0	0	Pujols dh	5	1	2	0
Fielder dh	5	0	1	0	Freese 3b	6	0	0	0
DShlds pr-dh	1	1	0	0	Aybar ss	6	0	2	1
Beltre 3b	5	0	2	0	Cron 1b	4	0	4	0
Rosales pr-3b	0	1	0	0	Green pr-1b	2	1	0	0
Morind 1b	5	0	3	2	Joyce lf	4	0	1	0
Andrus ss	4	1	1	0	Cowgill lf	1	0	0	0
Choo rf	4	0	0	0	Iannett c	3	0	0	0
Corpm c	4	0	0	0	Giavtll 2b	5	1	2	1
Odor 2b	3	0	0	1					
Totals	**42**	**5**	**9**	**4**	**Totals**	**46**	**4**	**15**	**4**
Texas					.011 000 001	02—5			
Los Angeles					.000 000 210	01—4			

E—Choo (1). Aybar 2 (2). DP—Texas 1. LOB—Texas 14, Los Angeles 14. 2B—Beltre (3). Pujols (3). Cron (4). Giavotella (3). HR—L.Martin (1), Trout (4). SB—L.Martin (5). CS—L.Martin (2). SF—Moreland.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
N.Martinez	6	1	0	0	2	2
Bass	1	2	2	2	0	0
Sh.Tolleson	1	3	1	1	1	1
Kela	1	1	0	0	1	2
Feliz W, 1-1	2	2	0	0	0	4
Los Angeles						
Santiago	5 1/3	4	2	2	5	5
C.Ramos	1 2/3	2	0	0	0	1
Morin	1	0	0	0	0	1
J.Smith	1	3	1	1	0	0
J.Alvarez L, 0-1	1 2	2	2	2	1	2

HBP—by N.Martinez (Pujols), by Santiago (Odor), by Morin (Choo).

T—4:13. A—36,053 (45,957).

ASTROS 7, ATHLETICS 6

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
Altuve 2b	5	2	2	0	Fuld cf	4	0	0	0
Springer rf	4	0	0	0	Semien ss	4	0	1	1
Lowrie ss	3	1	0	0	Vogt c	3	1	0	0
Gattis dh	5	0	2	4	B.Butler dh	3	1	0	1
Carter 1b	4	0	1	0	Davis 1b	3	2	1	0
Grossman pr	0	0	0	0	Reddick rf	4	1	1	1
Wilburn 3b	1	0	0	0	Lawrie 3b	3	1	1	3
Col.Rasmus lf	5	0	2	1	Sogard 2b	3	0	1	0
Ma.Ortiz 3b-1b	4	0	1	0	Gentry lf	2	1	1	1
J.Castro c	3	1	0	0	Muncy ph	1	0	0	0
Marisnick cf	4	3	2	2					
Totals	**38**	**7**	**10**	**7**	**Totals**	**32**	**6**	**7**	**6**
Houston					.003 200 002	—7			
Oakland					.020 300 100	—6			

E—J.Davis (1). LOB—Houston 8, Oakland 4. 2B—Gattis (3), Ma.Gonzalez (3), B.Butler (5), J.Davis (5). 3B—Reddick (1). HR—Marisnick (2). SB—Altuve 2 (7), Marisnick 2 (6). CS—Springer (1). S—Fuld. SF—Lawrie.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Wojciechowski	4	5	5	5	2	4
Dedunn	2 1/3	2	0	0	1	1
Sipp W, 2-0	1 2/3	0	0	0	0	3
Gregerson S, 4-5	1	0	0	0	0	1
Oakland						
Pomeranz	5	6	5	5	3	4
Abad	1	0	0	0	0	1
Cook	1	0	0	0	0	1
Scribner	2 1/3	2	2	2	3	2
Clippard L, 0-2	1 1/3	2	2	2	2	1

WP—Pomeranz.

T—3:11. A—22,980 (35,067).

SUNDAY'S LINESCORES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Kansas City .....001 010 000 —2 8 2
Chicago .....000 100 101 —3 8 1
D.Duffy, Frasor (6), F.Morales (6), C.Young (7), K.Herrera (9) and S.Perez; Quintana, Putnam (8), Robertson (9) and Flowers. Solo: W.Robertson 2-0. L—K.Herrera 0-1.

TIGERS 8, INDIANS 6

Cleveland .....010 100 121 —6 10 1
Detroit .....201 022 01x —8 13 0
Carrasco, Atchison (5), Rzepczynski (7), Allen (8) and R.Perez; Lobstein, Nesbitt (8), B.Hardy (8), Soria (9) and J.McCann. W—Lobstein 2-1. L—Carrasco 2-2. Sv—Soria (7). HRs—Cleveland: Jay Murphy (2). Detroit: Mi.Cabrera (3).

RAYS 5, BLUE JAYS 1

Toronto .....000 000 001 —1 5 1
Tampa Bay .....200 102 00x —5 13 1
Buehrle, Estrada (6), Loup (8) and Ru.Martin; Archer, Andriese (8) and Rivera. W—Archer 3-2. L—Buehrle 3-1. HRs—Tampa Bay: Guyer (1).

ORIOLES 18, RED SOX 7

Boston .....000 000 403 —7 9 1
Baltimore .....016 212 60x —18 20 1
Miley, Varvaro (3), Ross Jr. (5), Hembree (6), Breslow (7), Mujica (8) and S.Leon; B.Norris, Jas.Garcia (7) and Lavarnway. W—B.Norris 1-2. L—Miley 1-2. HRs—Boston: Sandoval (1), H.Ramirez 2 (8). Baltimore: C.Davis (4).

WHITE SOX 5, ROYALS 3

Kansas City .....001 200 000 —3 8 2
Chicago .....000 005 00x —5 6 1
* Volquez, Frasor (6), F.Morales (7), Madson (8) and S.Perez; Danks, Petricka (7), Duke (8), Robertson (9) and Flowers. W—Danks, 1-2. L—Volquez 2-2. Sv—Robertson, 3. HRs—Kansas City: A.Gordon (2).

TWINS 4, MARINERS 2, 11 INNINGS

Minnesota .....101 000 000 02—4 9 1
Seattle .....000 200 000 00—2 6 0
Gibson, A.Thompson (8), Fien (9), Perkins (11) and Herrmann; Elias, C.Smith (6), Furbush (7), Farquhar (8), Rodney (9), Olson (10) and Sucre. Zunino. W—Fien 1-1. L—Olson 1-1. Sv—Perkins (5). HRs—Seattle: S.Smith (1).

INTERLEAGUE

YANKEES 6, METS 4

New York (N) .....202 000000 —4 7 4
New York (A) .....140 01000x —6 9 2
Niese, Goeddel (6), A.Torres (8) and Plawecki; Eovaldi, Shreve (5), Ch.Martin (8), Wilson (9), Betances (8), A.Miller (9) and J.Murphy. W—Shreve 1-0. L—Niese 2-1. Sv—A.Miller (1). HRs—New York (N): Granderson (1). New York (A): A.Rodriguez (5).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

MARLINS 6, NATIONALS 2

Washington .....010 010 000 —2 4 0
Miami .....000 321 00x —6 14 0
G.Gonzalez, Grace (6), Treinen (7), Storen (8) and W.Ramos; Haren, S.Dyson (6), A.Ramos, Cishek (9) and Realmuto. W—Haren, 2-1. L—G.Gonzalez, 1-2. HRs—Washington: Harper (5).

CUBS 5, REDS 2

Chicago .....010 400 000 —5 6 0
Cincinnati .....000 110 000 —2 6 2
Arrieta, Rosscup (7), Strop (8), H.Rondon (9) and M.Montero; DeSclafani, Gregg (6), Chapman (7), Hoover (8) and Pena. W—Arrieta 3-1. L—DeSclafani 2-1. Sv—H.Rondon (4). HRs—Chicago: M.Montero (3). Cincinnati: Frazier (5).

PHILLIES 5, BRAVES 4

Atlanta .....201 000 001 —4 10 1
Philadelphia .....300 010 10x —5 6 0
Cahill, Thomas (7), Kohn (8) and Bethancourt; Williams, L.Garcia (7), Giles (8), Papelbon (9) and Rupp. W—Williams 2-1. L—Cahill 0-3. Sv—Papelbon (4). HRs—Atlanta: Callaspo (1). Philadelphia: Howard (3).

BREWERS 6, CARDINALS 3

St. Louis .....000 110 010 —3 13 0
Milwaukee .....003 030 00x —6 10 1
Lynn, Villanueva (6), M.Harris (8) and T.Cruz; Fiers, Blazek (5), Jeffress (7), Braxton (8), F.Rodriguez (9) and Centeno. Maldonado. W—Blazek 1-0. L—Lynn 1-2. Sv—F.Rodriguez (3). HRs—St. Louis: Reynolds (1). Milwaukee: Lind (3).

PADRES 3, DODGERS 1

Los Angeles .....000 010 000 —1 5 0
San Diego .....001 100 10x —3 5 0
S.Baker, Frias (8) and Grandal; Morrow, Benoit (8), Kimbrel (9) and De Norra. W—Morrow, 1-0. L—S.Baker 0-1. Sv—Kimbrel (6). HRs—Los Angeles: Guerrero (5). San Diego: Amarista (1), De Norra (1).

PIRATES 8, DIAMONDBACKS 0

Pittsburgh .....200 020 013 —8 14 2
Arizona .....000 000 000 —0 3 0
Liriano, J.Hughes (7), Carmenro (8), Bastardo (9) and Stewart; Hellickson, Chafin (5), O.Perez (8), D.Hudson (8), Delgado (9) and Pacheco. W—Liriano, 1-1. L—Hellickson, 1-3.

SATURDAY'S LATE LINESCORES

ANGELS 4, RANGERS 1

Texas .....000 100 000 —1 8 0
Los Angeles .....000 003 10x —4 8 0
Lewis, Mendez (6), Scheppers (7), Bass (7) and Chirinos. L.Wilson, Pestano (6), J.Alvarez (7), Morin (7), Salas (8), Street (9) and Butera. W—Pestano, 1-0. L—Lewis, 1-2. Sv—Street (7).

TWINS 8, MARINERS 5

Minnesota .....100 122 200 —8 10 0
Seattle .....200 001 200 —5 8 3
May, Stauffer (4), A.Thompson (6), Boyer (7), Thielbar (8), Fien (8), Perkins (9) and K.Suzuki. Paxton, Leone (5), Olson (6), Medina (6), Luetge (7) and Zunino. W—Stauffer 1-0. L—Paxton 0-2. Sv—Perkins (4). HRs—Minnesota: Edu.Escobar (1). Seattle: A.Jackson (2).

DODGERS 11, PADRES 8

Los Angeles .....330 040 010—11 13 0
San Diego .....300 004 001 —8 8 0
McCarthy, Santos (6), Nicasio (7), Hatcher (9) and Grandal; Kennedy, Rearick (5), Despaigne (6), Thayer (7), Maurer (8) and De Norra. W—McCarthy 3-0. L—Kennedy 0-1. HRs—Los Angeles: Ethier (2), A.Gonzalez (7), H.Kendrick (3), Uribe (1). San Diego: Myers (3), Upton 2 (5).

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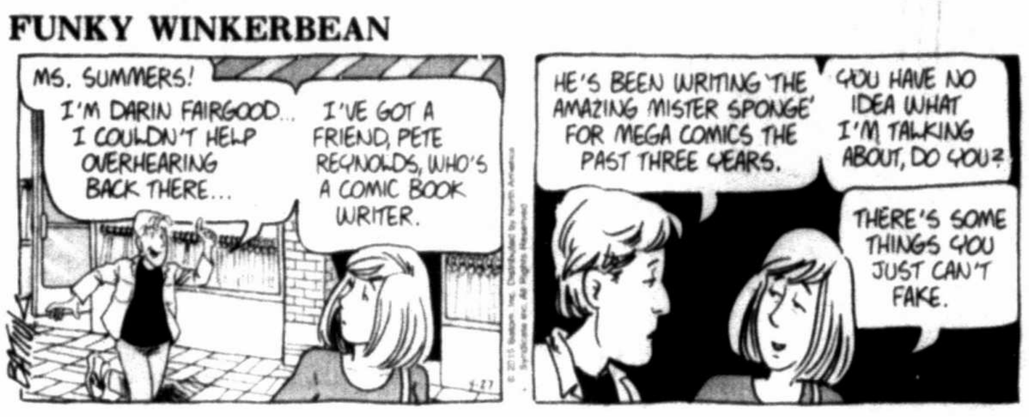

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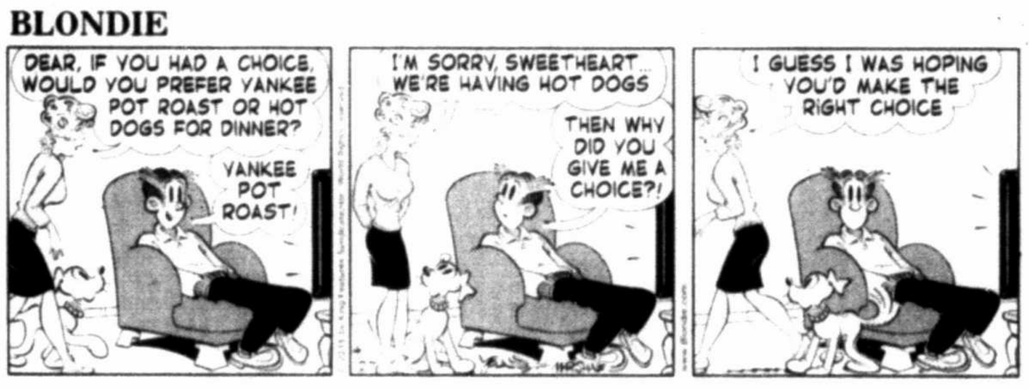

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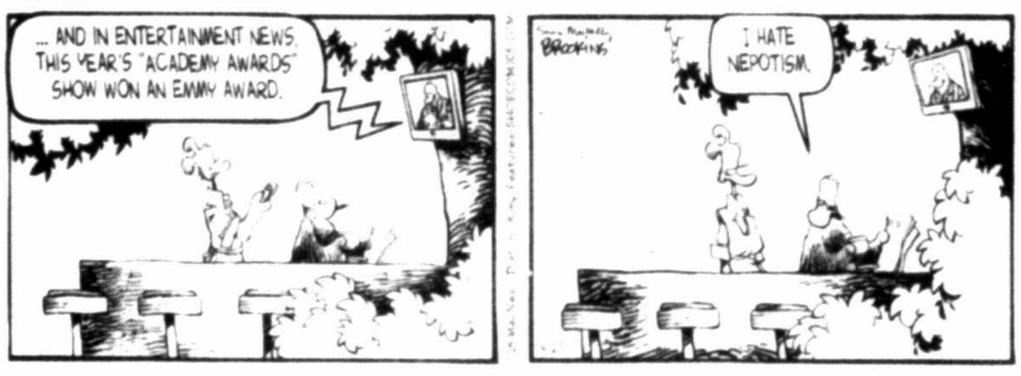

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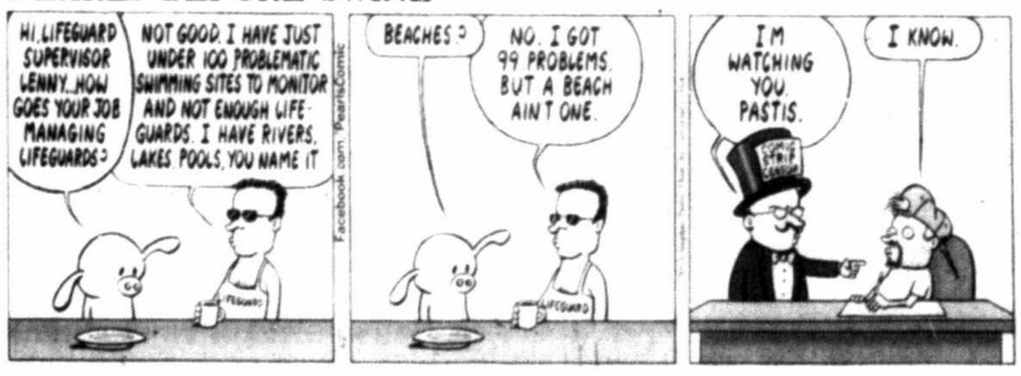

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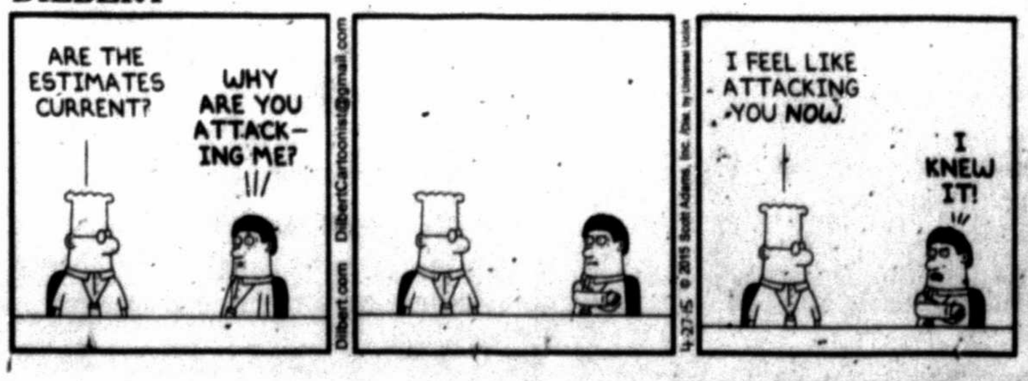

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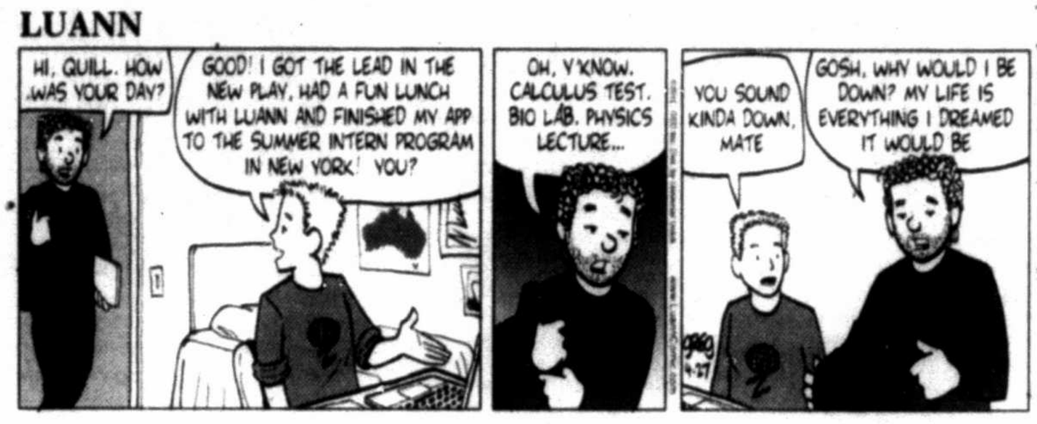

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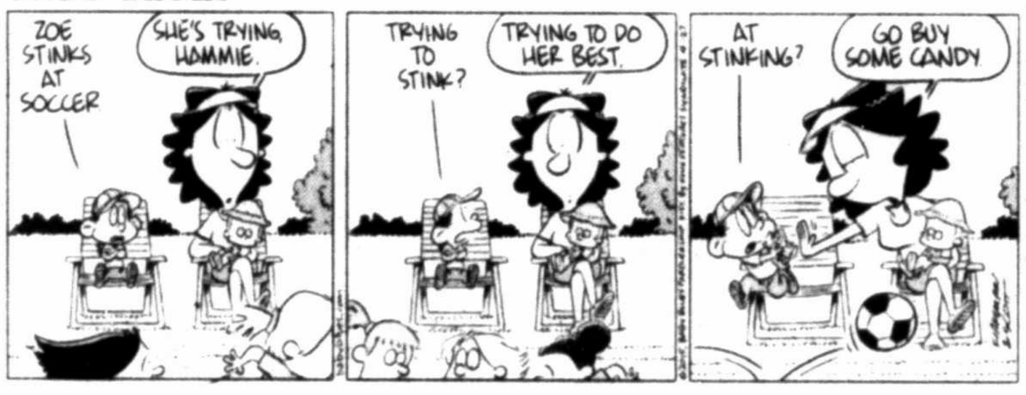

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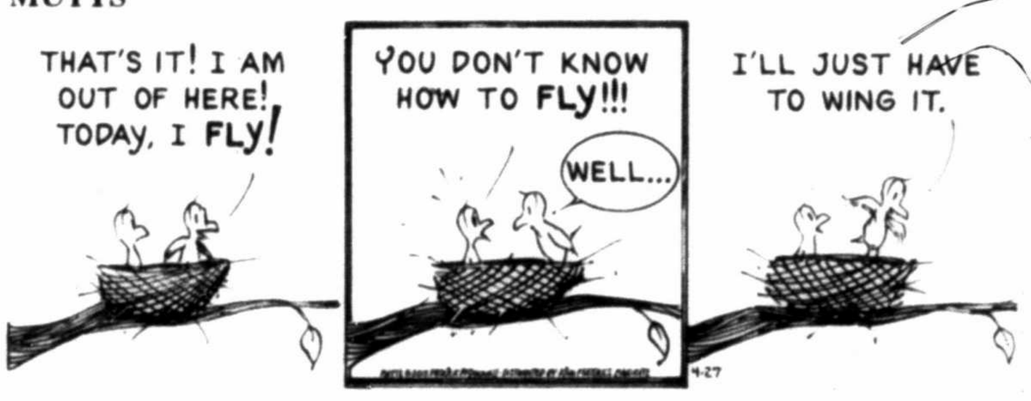

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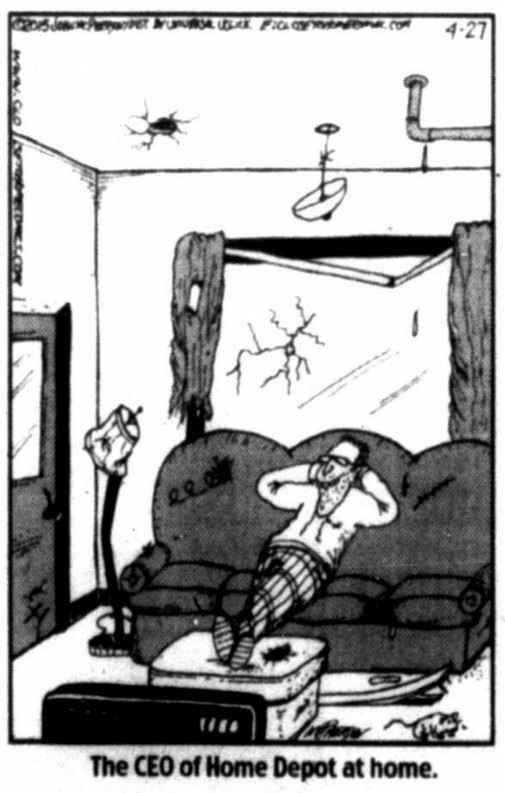


The CEO of Home Depot at home.

DENNIS THE MENACE

"I NEVER KNOW WHICH DAY IT IS. I JUST KNOW WHEN THE BIG PAPER COMES, I HAFTA GO TO CHURCH."

LOCKHORNS

"OUR CASH FLOW HAS DEVELOPED AN UNDERTOW."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Daddy, guess what! Barfy fits your shirt. Now you guys can share!"

TODAY: Mostly sunny	TUESDAY: Mostly cloudy	WEDNESDAY: Sunny	THURSDAY: Sunny	FRIDAY: Sunny	SATURDAY: Sunny
High: 70 Low: 44	High: 62 Low: 43	High: 75 Low: 51	High: 80 Low: 54	High: 85 Low: 59	High: 86 Low: 61

Local forecast

The National Weather Service calls for below-average temperatures today and Tuesday and a 20 percent chance of showers.

Today, look for mostly sunny skies and a high of 70. Tonight, look for mostly cloudy skies and a low of 44. On Tuesday, expect mostly cloudy skies with a high of 62, and on Tuesday night partly cloudy skies and a low of 43.

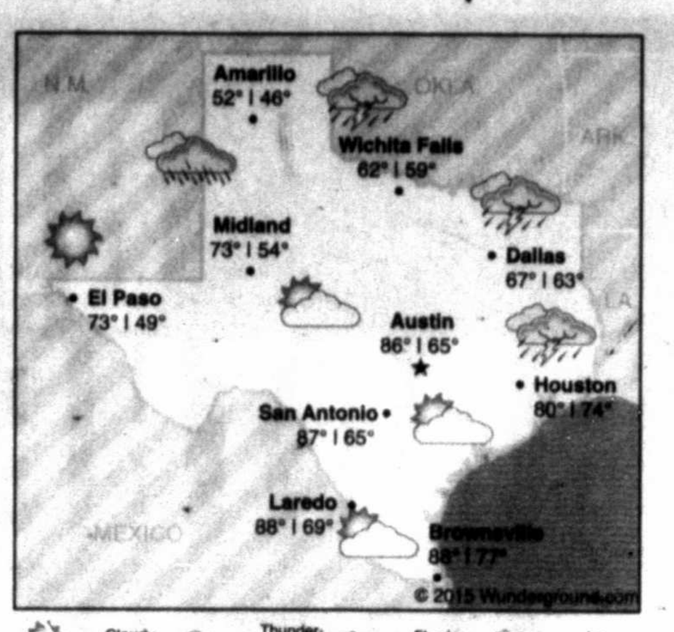
The high on Sunday reached 85, while the low dropped to 55. The record high for April 26 is 97 set in 1959 and 1943. The record low is 37 set in 1946.

National forecast

A chilly and damp day is in store for the Northeast today as an upper-level low continues to spin near the region. There will be rain across the Northeast and mid-Atlantic, and some of the heavier showers may produce small hail.

In the Southeast, sunshine will prevail for the much of the region.

A storm across Texas will bring thunderstorms from central and eastern Oklahoma to eastern Texas, as well as Louisiana and Arkansas.



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

Precipitation

Saturday	0.00 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	1.30 in.
Year total	5.64 in.
Normal total (year to date)	2.42 in.

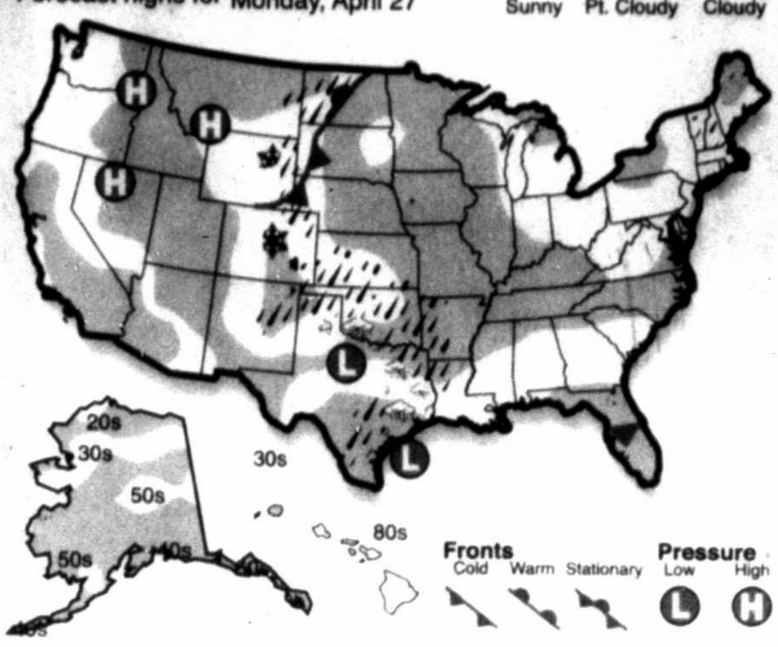
Sunday's temperatures

High	85
Low	55
Normal high	82
Normal low	53
Sunrise	7:07 a.m.
Sunset	8:26 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Monday, April 27

Sunny · Pt. Cloudy · Cloudy



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Brother with repeat offenses doesn't merit sister's support

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: My brother is older than I am and has been in and out of prison. He has stolen my things and pawned them.

I am married, and my husband and I are expecting our first child. We live in a time zone several hours behind the one my family is in. I am now receiving phone calls at 4 o'clock in the morning from collection agencies on the hunt for my brother. He has been writing bad checks and leaving my phone number as a contact number.

I have managed to determine who his probation officer is, and I'm on the fence about whether I should tell her what he is up to. My dad is furious with me for even considering it since "brothers and sisters don't do that to each other."

Honestly, I am fed up with this "blood is thicker than water" mentality when it comes to my brother's wrongdoings. He is now including my family in his schemes, and I won't stand for it any longer. What should I do? — LITTLE SIS IN THE USA

DEAR LITTLE SIS: There are no excuses for what your brother has done. If his father had given him a dose of tough love while he was a minor, he might have stayed on the straight and narrow instead of landing in the pokey.

Do not allow anyone to make you feel guilty for protecting yourself and your family. Blood isn't thicker than water when abuse is involved, and your brother's behavior qualifies. Contact his probation officer. With luck, when the collection agency calls again, you will be able to give them your brother's "cell" number.

DEAR ABBY: Last year I had bariatric surgery. Since the surgery I have lost a significant amount of weight and still have a lot to go before I reach my goal weight. In the beginning, my husband was supportive and seemed proud of my weight loss. But he is no longer as physically interested in me now as he was when I was considerably larger.

I recently discovered several photos of larger women on our computer. Now I'm wondering if he's looking for my replacement or just has a "thing" for bigger women. Should I say something to him about this apparent desire for larger women? — SLIMMING DOWN IN WASHINGTON

DEAR SLIMMING DOWN: If you feel your weight loss may have negatively affected your marriage, you should absolutely talk with your husband about it. Frankly, HE should have discussed it with you before you made the decision. Bariatric surgery is a major operation. It is life-changing and should not be taken lightly.

As I see it, you have taken a giant step in a positive direction healthwise, and I hope nothing will interfere with it. If you and your husband have trouble discussing this, please do it with the help of your doctor or a licensed marriage counselor.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A K J ♡ Q 7 ◊ A K Q 9 5 4 ♣ 9 7

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1◊	Pass	1♡	Pass

What call would you make?

A — You are too good for three diamonds and you must make a forcing bid. Choose between two spades, three no-trump, and three clubs. All three calls have risks, but we prefer two spades with three no-trump our second choice.

Q 2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A ♡ 8 6 5 2 ◊ A Q 7 4 ♣ A J 8 4

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	Pass	1♠	Pass

What call would you make?

A — Slick Willy would have moved a club in with his spades and opened one no-trump, hoping no one would notice. Having opened one diamond, you must choose between one no-trump and two clubs. Both bids are flawed, but we prefer two clubs.

Q 3 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q J 6 4 ♡ A K Q 7 5 3 ◊ 10 6 ♣ 9

With the opponents silent, you open one heart and partner responds two clubs. What call would you make?

A — Partner might play you for extras if you bid two spades. Bid two hearts. Should partner hold four spades, he will bid that suit next.

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

♠ A J ♡ 8 4 ◊ Q 7 2 ♣ K 9 8 7 3 2

Partner opens one no-trump and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

A — This hand is not good enough to consider slam, so forget about your club suit and bid three no-trump. Nine tricks are easier than 11.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, April 27, 2015:

This year you open up to different ideas. Others often challenge you. Be willing to look at where you are coming from. Understand that everyone comes from a different perspective. As a result, you will be less judgmental. If you are single, you will meet someone after this summer. This person could play a remarkable role in your life. If you are attached, the two of you might enjoy staying home together more. You value your relationship, and you'll make sure it gets some needed private time. VIRGO can be very picky.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You might need to cocoon a bit in order to figure out what the current confusion is all about. The issue could be related to communication, or perhaps your finances are involved. Your perspective will change later in the day. Still, use care. Tonight: Let your guard down.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Allow security and domestic matters to play out. You might not be sure about what would be the best way to proceed. A friend's reaction could seem a bit off-the-wall. Perhaps this person has misinterpreted the implications of your words. Tonight: Hang close to home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You might want to have a long-overdue chat that could point you down a new path. Your sense of direction seems to revolve around the quality of your communication. Listen to what is being said by all parties involved. Then ask questions. Tonight: A conversation is easy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You might not understand where someone else is coming from. Finances likely will be involved, and a misunderstanding could be brewing. Communication will point you toward a different solution. Money could be at the heart of this confusion. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You could be at your wits' end and wondering what is going on. Be more flexible and upbeat. If someone else shares something that doesn't make sense to you, ask nonintrusive questions. Be aware of the costs of providing as you have been. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You could be a bit out of sorts right now. You might want to rethink a decision you have made. What is important is figuring out how you came to that decision in the first place. Have a long-overdue discussion with a friend later in the day. Tonight: Open up to the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Emphasize the pluses rather than the minuses. You need to be more trusting of your own thought process and also of those around you. Understand what is happening between you and someone else. Think before you act. Tonight: You need some downtime.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Tension builds during the day. You might question your choices and the reasons behind them. Slow down and listen to feedback, because the results will be much better if you do. The late afternoon will lead to an important discussion. Tonight: Zero in on what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Reach out for more information and greet a loved one's feedback positively. You might not agree, but more insight always helps to solidify your ideas or plans. Tension is likely to build later in the day; perhaps, you feel as if you have not done enough. Tonight: Out late.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ A one-on-one conversation will lead you down a different path. How you deal with someone's responses could change after this talk. You might not agree with this person, but you will understand him or her better as a result. Detach if possible. Tonight: Relax to music.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You don't have trouble making the first move, but others might want to step up first. They could get difficult if you try to bypass them. You seem to be reviewing a matter in your head that revolves around your personal life. Tonight: Sort through invitations, then choose.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by everything that is happening around you. Your words, though well-intended, might fall flat. Verbalize the same statement in different ways until you make some headway. Clear out as much as you can. Tonight: Return calls, then decide.

BORN TODAY

Author Coretta Scott King (1927), inventor Samuel Morse (1791), former U.S. President Ulysses S. Grant (1822)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Flat-topped hill
5 Bash thrower
9 Arctic or Antarctic
14 "Are you asleep yet?" response
15 Not tricked by
16 Modeler's wood
17 Color named for a fruit
19 Like a mosquito bite
20 "Ah-oo-gah" horn
21 __ rally
23 Howls at the moon
24 "Hold on a __"
25 Seek the affections of
27 Stop producing opportunities, as a financial market
29 Prefix with red
31 What a musty room needs
34 Ancient invader of Rome
37 Legendary Lady Godiva watcher
39 Converse competitor
40 Gets rid of, as weight
41 Park path
42 Stiff from horseback riding
44 Soon, quaintly
45 Set aside a day for
46 Word before house or plant
48 Oafs
50 Tyke
51 Eric Stonestreet's "Modern Family" role
54 New Zealand fruit
56 Affirmative vote
58 Pepsi competitor
60 Slip past
62 Clumsy ... or what the ends of 17-, 37- and 42-Across are?
64 Judge's hammer
65 Jacob's first wife
66 Lewd material
67 Go on tiptoe
68 Like centerfolds
69 Glazed Easter meats

DOWN

1 Does a farm job
2 Author Zola
3 "Poison" plant
4 Peak
5 Cornucopia
6 "__ Life to Live"
7 Dance move
8 Got into shape, with "up"
9 __-Wan Kenobi
10 Agile thief
11 Yosemite monolith popular with rock climbers
12 Pale as a ghost
13 Negative votes
18 Red-carpet garment
22 Commendable
26 Black-and-white cookies
28 Yang counterpart
29 "That never occurred to me"
30 Ancient storyteller
32 Forbidden act
33 Fed. agents
34 Quick inhalation
35 Running track shape
36 Seaside disaster cause
38 1995 Reform Party founder
43 Singer Reed
47 Engrave on glass, say
49 Makes watertight
51 Punctuation mark in large numbers
52 Scrapbook
53 Supports for sails
54 Tapped beer holders
55 Tennis great Lendl
57 Out of the wind
59 Like an easy job, slangily
61 Moose relative
63 Southern Cal airport

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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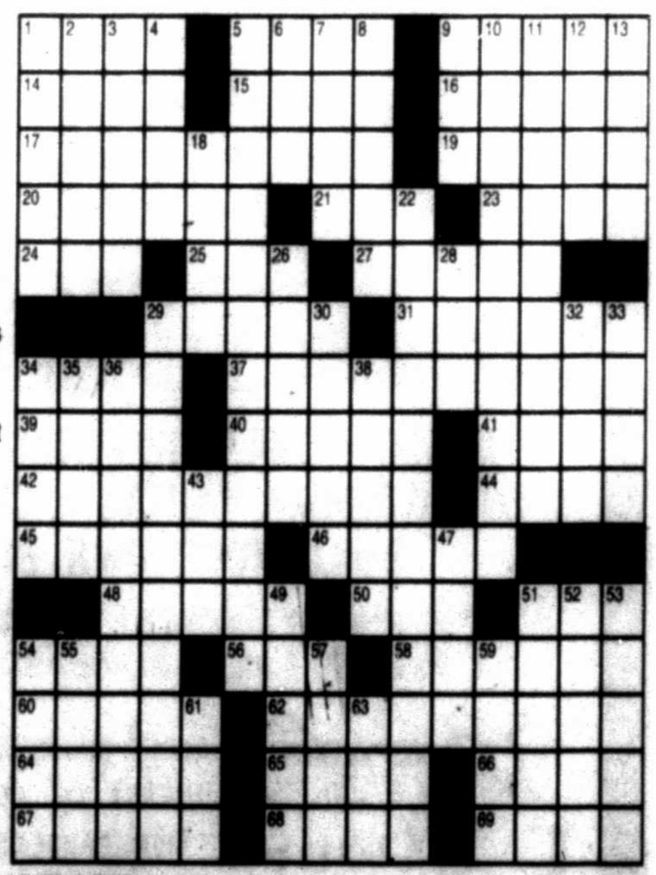

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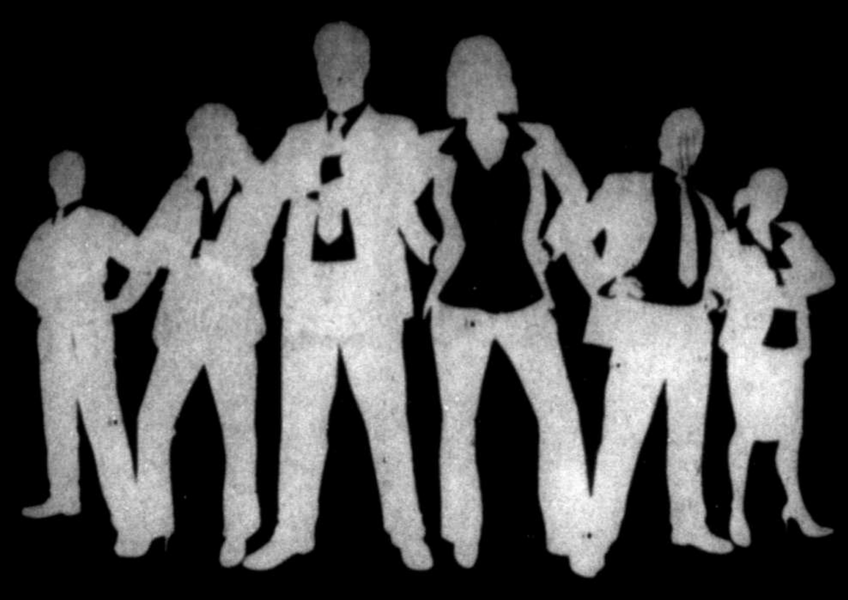

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Thomas Campagna, DMD PT

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Midland, TX 79706

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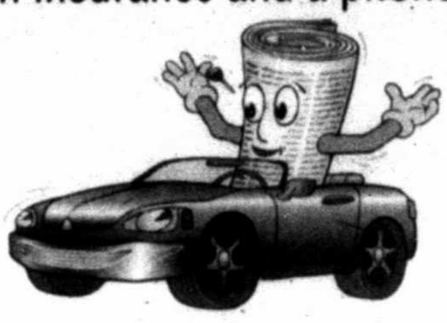

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Overflow Energy, LLC- P.O. Box 354, Booker, TX 79005 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Grayburg, San Andres Formation, 349 Bulldog SWD Lease, Well Number 1. The proposed disposal well is located 11 miles Northwest of Midkiff, Texas in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Midland County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3950 to 5400 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that Metro Self Storage Midland will sell the contents of the storage units listed below at a public auction to satisfy a landlord's lien (pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Statutes - Property Code). The sale will take place at 315 N. Midland Dr. Midland, Texas 79703 on May 15,2015 at 10:00am. The sale will be conducted by Legacy Auction Services LLC (#16850) on behalf of the facility's management. Contents will be sold for cash only to the highest bidder. A 10% buyers premium will be charged. All sales are final. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale or to refuse any bids. No one under the age of 16 years old is permitted. The property to be sold is described as "general household items" unless otherwise noted. Property includes the storage unit contents belonging to the following tenants:

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2	6	7	4	5	9	1	8	3
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7	5	3	8	9	4	6	1	2
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