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NEED PLANS?

New shows by the Mavericks and Pickwicks kick off the weekend.

Weekender

TODAY IN SPORTS

The Midland College baseball team used a five-run sixth inning to race past No. 2-ranked Odessa College in non-conference play Wednesday at Christensen Stadium.

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Fed energy survey: Respondents upbeat, uncertain

Participants had opportunity to comment on outlook for the Permian Basin

By Mella McEwen
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All indicators are pointing to increased oil patch activity in 2017.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas' quarterly energy survey found the business activity index — the survey's broadest measure of conditions among the bank district's energy firms — rose slightly to 41.8 from 40.1 in the fourth quarter of 2016.

Companies responding to the survey reported lower break-even prices and that oil and natural gas production had risen for the second quarter in a row. And despite recent price declines, respondents expect West Texas Intermediate to average about $53.49 by the end of the year and Henry Hub natural gas prices to close the year between $3 and $3.49 per Mcf.

"There's a fairly strong consensus that, by the end of the year, oil prices will be between $50 and $59 but plenty of participants think it will be above that amount and plenty think it will be below that amount," Michael Plante, senior economist with the Dallas Fed, said in a phone interview from his Dallas office. "It's different from natural gas, where it's expected to be between $3 and $3.49, and almost no one thinks it will get higher, but a lot think it will be below that level."

Still, numerous comments from respondents indicate a significant degree of uncertainty in their outlook. Much of that uncertainty centers around how well members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries would adhere to announced production cuts to boost price levels and whether or not rising domestic shale production would undercut those price levels.

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Wild West weather

This gustnado was viewed from the parking lot of Fazoli's on Loop 250 Tuesday evening. *Photo courtesy of Paula Morrison*

What is a gustnado?

The National Weather Service was peppered with reports of gustnadoes that impacted Midland on Tuesday.

A gustnado, according to National Weather Service meteorologist Jack Ciccone, is not a tornado but a weather phenomenon that occurs along the leading edge of "outflow" from a thunderstorm.

He said people should stay away from gustnadoes because they are capable of producing 60 to 100 mph winds.

Ciccone said Wednesday the NWS received reports of actual tornadoes, 2 miles west of Midkiff at about 7:21 p.m. and 20 miles southeast of Colorado City at about 8:52 p.m.

A gustnado is a short-lived, ground-based swirling wind that can form on the leading edge of a severe thunderstorm.

Although the name comes from "gust front of a tornado," and a gustnado almost looks like a tornado, it is not considered to be one. A gustnado develops in a different way than a classic tornado does.

Very strong thunderstorms produce a powerful downward push of air called a downdraft. The downdraft winds then spread outward upon hitting the ground, causing a strong rush of wind at the surface. If there is enough instability, rotation may develop and a gustnado might form.

The gustnado spins upward from the ground, extending between 30 to 300 feet above the surface. However, the rotating column of air in a gustnado is not connected to the base of a cloud, making it different from tornado.

The average gustnado lasts a few seconds to a few minutes, like a tornado does, but is relatively weak and brief. They may be accompanied by rain, but mostly just toss dust and small debris into the air. Gustnadoes can sometimes reach wind speeds between 60 to 80 mph, resulting in significant damage, similar to that of an EF-0 or EF-1 tornado.

Source: Accuweather

4B board recommends paying sports complex debt

■ City Council to vote on issue next month

By Stewart Doreen
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The board that oversees operations at the Scharbauer Sports Complex voted on Wednesday to recommend paying off the debt used to build the dual-stadium facility.

The Midland Football/Soccer & Baseball Complex Development Corp. (or 4B board) decided by a near unanimous vote to pay off the $11.285 million in principal remaining on the voter-approved debt used to build the complex in west Midland.

The vote went just as board President Scott Dufford expected. The Midland City Council will now vote during an April meeting to retire the debt as many on the council have promised.

Dufford and Mayor Jerry Morales have cited the need to pay off the debt ahead of the May 6 election that — if voters approve — will dedicate a quarter-cent of sales tax for parks spending, sports complex maintenance and operations and road development.

City Finance Director Pam Simecka told the 4B board that about $27.939 million will be left over once the debt is paid off and other expenditures take place.

"The message that the 4B board sent today is that we did exactly what we said we were going to do," Dufford said. "On May 6, we will let the voters decide how they want to best use the 4B funds. ... I am excited about the opportunity I will have to tell folks why I am in favor of repurposing the 4B. ... We have an opportunity to transform Midland in a way it has not been transformed since I have been here."

Morales has been campaigning hard, talking about the opportunity that comes with as much as $77.4 million in upgrades to Hogan, Beal and Reyes-Mashburn-Nelms parks.

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Straus determines bathroom usage, RRC aren't related

By Ken Herman
Austin American-Statesman

■ COMMENTARY

It was a Tuesday that careened between low rhetoric and high drama as the Texas House churned toward the unlikely intersection of energy industry regulation and who should go to which bathroom.

The day's highlight was the bill needed to keep the Texas Railroad Commission in business. Lurking in the background were amendments that would have set rules for bathroom usage at the commission's facilities and declare that birth certificates would be the determinative document in deciding who's a woman when it comes to commission contracts in which women-owned businesses get preference.

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According to a new survey,
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New Mexico hit by 'flash drought' weather phenomenon

By Susan Montoya Bryan
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Across New Mexico, unusually warm March weather and virtually no rain for a month prompted dust storms that closed highways, warnings for some to stay inside and rapid mountain snow melting that could threaten drinking water supplies and farmers' irrigation needs.

This weather phenomenon — driven by a quick increase in temperatures and a lack of precipitation resulting in bone-dry soil — is called a flash drought. It has affected pockets across the country in recent weeks, from the Midwest to northern California.

In New Mexico, the flash drought is ending as quickly as it began thanks to rain finally falling this week.

Here are some things to know about the phenomenon:

Quick start

With a snap of his fingers, National Weather Service hydrologist Royce Fontenot explained the speed at which flash droughts can develop and then disappear.

New Mexico broke dozens of high temperature records in March with some weather stations recording highs nearly 10 degrees above normal. Communities on the state's eastern edge approached 90 degrees, while some parts of the arid state had no rain for a full month.

That left a swath of New Mexico's eastern plains and parts of the Rio Grande Valley in central and southern New Mexico with no moisture in the soil's top lawyers.

"Things went dry and went dry very fast," Fontenot said.

Flash droughts typically aren't severe, but Fontenot said the level of damage that ensues depends on when the phenomenon strikes.

Dusty mayhem

Winds whipped the soil in southern New Mexico and Arizona into dust storms earlier this month, making visibility so bad that transportation officials repeatedly closed sections of Interstate 10 between the two states.

In north central New Mexico, all the dust prompted health officials to warn people with asthma or respiratory illnesses to stay inside.

The dry, windy conditions also fueled devastating wildfires in the Texas Panhandle, charring hundreds of square miles and killing four people.

Rain finally helped firefighters contain the remaining flames last week. Ranchers face millions of dollars in damages.

Water woes

The warm weather prompted faster than normal snowmelt atop New Mexico mountains that supply key drinking water supplies and irrigation resources for farmers.

Irrigation season is just starting to ramp up with water being funneled through extensive networks of canals, but farmers who are starting to plant crops are relying on groundwater pumping and Mother Nature for moisture.

With New Mexico's snowpack below average for this time of year thanks to the warmer temperatures, farmers and cities are worried that reservoirs won't be replenished by spring runoff.

Forecasters say the snowpack in southern Colorado — which feeds the Rio Grande and supplies many in New Mexico — is in good shape.

When will it end?

Some parts of New Mexico were hit with rain over the last couple of days, with up to a quarter inch (0.64 centimeters) reported in some areas.

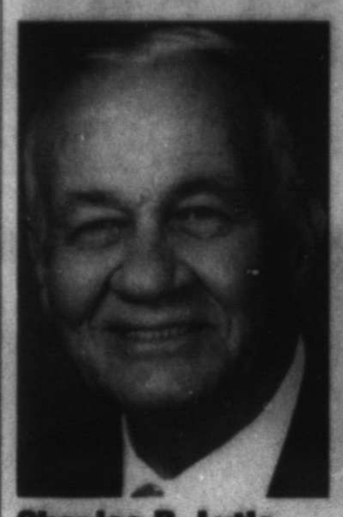
That will replenish some soil moisture, but forecasters say longer-term drought is likely to develop through June along New Mexico border's border with Texas and deeper into the Texas Panhandle.

It's also expected to persist in southwestern Arizona and in parts of southern California as well as parts of Colorado and Oklahoma.

Heavy or at least average summer rains are needed to reduce the drought threat.

"Once you have a debt and need more water, it's hard to catch up," Fontenot said. "Certainly, the longer problem will be if we continue this sort of precipitation regime."

Obituaries



Charles R. Lytle

Charles R. Lytle, 78, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Saturday, March 25, 2017, in Dallas, Texas.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, March 30, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 31, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at Kelview Heights Baptist Church in Midland.

Charles was born on April 22, 1938 to Orpha and Harvey Lytle in Ray City, Oklahoma. He graduated from Maud High, attended OSU 1957-1958, and East Central University 1958-1959. His hobbies included playing golf with friends from Kelview Heights. He worked in oil field sales most of his life.

Charlie was always a happy-go-lucky kind of guy when he was younger, always happy and easy-going. He enjoyed family dinners and going fishing. As he got older, he spent his summers at his sister's house working in the oil field. As a young man, he remained a happy person enjoying family, fishing, and hunting.

Charlie knew what he wanted from life and married his true love and began raising a family. As he matured, his life took on a maturity in the Lord, and he dearly loved serving his Savior. His life stood for God, his family, and his friends giving his best to all three.

He is survived by his wife, Sue Lytle of Midland; daughter, Tammy Foster of Marion, Illinois; son, Kevin Lytle and wife, Priscilla of Humble, Texas; daughter, Cindy Ferguson and husband, Jon of Bruce, Mississippi; brother, Dewey Lytle and wife, Sharon of Beaumont, Texas; grandson, Jimmy Winstead of Midland; grandson, Charlie Winstead of San Angelo, Texas; grandson, Terence Lytle of Hanover, Maryland; grandchildren, Jace, Daylan, and Isabel Lytle of Humble; and four great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Orpha and Harvey Lytle; sister, Naomi Jones; and by brothers, Lewis, Gerald, Robert, David, Eldon, Roland, Owen, and Vernon Lytle.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be donated to Baylor University Hospital (Heart and Vascular.)

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

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

Judy Bowman McVay

Judy Bowman McVay, age 71, of Midland, Texas, passed peacefully on Tuesday, March 28, 2017.

She was born April 30, 1943 in Abilene, Texas, the daughter of the late Tom Elzie Bowman and Joyce Elois Miller Bowman. Judy was married to the love of her life, the late Albert Wayne "Bud" McVay, and they shared 25 blissful years together.

Judy is survived by her children; Frederick Horace Marcus Colburn IV of San Pedro, California, Heath Aaron Colburn of Midland, Doug McVay of Long Beach, California, Damon McVay of Midland, and Heather Michelle Colburn Nix of Stanton, Texasl as well as eight grandchildren: Nathan Joshua Nix, Jordilee Lois Jean Nix, Bridgette McVay, Lindsey McVay, Samantha McVay, Ashley McVay, Bridney McVay, and Chelsey McVay.

Also surviving are her sisters, Joyce White of Odessa, Texas and Patty Saunders of Midland; and a brother, Tommy Bowman of San Angelo, Texas.

In addition to her parents, Judy is now reunited with her husband, Albert Wayne "Bud" McVay, and her son, Danny McVay.

Judy had a knack for arts and crafts, from crocheting to macramé, and she even made afghans for everyone in the family. She was an avid porcelain doll collector. She enjoyed fishing, camping, and anything that had to do with caring for her family.

She cherished her pets, three cats and two dogs, as they kept her going through some tough times the last few years. She was employed as the manager of Fashion Cleaners Company for many years. She will be missed greatly by all her family and friends.

Viewing will be Thursday, March 30, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

A graveside service has been set for Friday, March 31, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Family request that in lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Midland SPCA; 2701 S County Rd 1206, Midland, TX 79706

Graveside service is under the direction Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

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

Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home
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Shirley Louise Tredaway

Shirley Louise Tredaway, 83, Midland, Texas, passed away on March 28, 2017.

Shirley was born in Fisk, Texas in Coleman County on November 26, 1933 to Oran Haney and Anna Lou McQueen. She received her GED and later obtained her Associate's degree in Law Enforcement. She attended the Law Enforcement Academy located at Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock, Texas and became a licensed peace officer.

Shirley wed Aaron Claude (A.C.) Tredaway, Jr. on November 25, 1950 and they were married for 52 years.

Shirley worked as a dispatcher for the Denver City Police Department for 10 years and worked as a dispatcher and jailer for the Yoakum County Sheriff's Department for over 10 years. She enjoyed painting, bowling, board and card games, antique shopping, and spending time with family and friends.

Shirley is preceded in death by her husband, A.C. Tredaway; son, Alan Bryan; two sisters, Muriel Metts and Faye Lynn; one brother, Carl Ray Haney; and by her parents.

Shirley is survived by her daughter, Kathy Robinson of Midland; granddaughters, Amy Cochran and husband Chad of Hale Center, Texas, Allison Anderson and husband Daniel of Franklin, Texas, Rebecca Tredaway of Lubbock, Texas, and Lori Benninghoff and husband Clinton of Midland; and by and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at Ellis Funeral Home.

The funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 31, 2017 at 7 Cities Church at 5110 W. Illinois, Midland, Texas with Reverend Curtis Benninghoff officiating. Burial will follow at Meadow Cemetery in Meadow, Texas at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to The Parkinson's Disease Foundation at *PDF.org*.

The family of Shirley Louise Tredaway wishes to thank Hospice of Midland and Orchard Park of the Permian Basin for their superb care. We also wish to thank our church family at 7 Cities Church for their love, prayers, and support.

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

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Tommy Scott Mize

Tommy Scott Mize 1962-2017 a child born in Midland Texas to Doyle and Patty Mize that where the proud parents of a son they named Tommy Scott Mize. He lived a short 54 years and loved to fish and hunt and did from Texas to New Jersey, Utah, Wyoming and back and every water hole along the way. He finally settled down and was the proud father of two beautiful girls each blessing him with a beautiful granddaughter.

Scott went home to be with his Lord and savior.

Memorial services will be held Thursday, March 30, 2017 at Calvary Assembly of God at 2 p.m. Graveside service Friday, March 31, 2017 at 3 p.m. in Anson, Texas. Services will be under the direction of Andrews Corgill Funeral Home.

Death Notices

Sharon Lavon Lewis

Sharon Lavon Lewis, 60, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, March 28, 2017.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, March 30, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 31, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Mid-Cities Community Church in Midland. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry Lewis; daughter, Jami Stotts; and son, Jae Lewis.

3 deaths underscore the dangers of storm chasing

By David Warren
Associated Press

DALLAS — As a powerful storm system swept across Texas, storm chasers raced to record its fury and witness a tornado. But one such pursuit ended tragically when three men were killed as their vehicles collided at a rural crossroads.

An SUV containing two storm chasers working under contract to The Weather Channel ran a stop sign Tuesday about 60 miles east of Lubbock and struck a Jeep driven by an amateur from Arizona, authorities said.

It was not the first time storm chasers were killed trying to document violent weather up close. In 2013, three researchers died when a twister packing winds up to 165 mph turned on them near El Reno, Oklahoma.

The latest tragedy just underscored the risks of speeding after storms to capture meteorological data and hair-raising video — a field that has become crowded in recent years with seasoned professionals, amateur weather enthusiasts and thrill-seekers who like getting their names and footage on TV.

Here are a few things to know about storm chasing:

Earlier tragedy

The deaths in 2013 of longtime storm chasers Tim Samaras, his son Paul and colleague Carl Young were probably the first "storm intercept fatalities" among researchers, the National Weather Center said at the time. They died racing down a storm that killed 13 people in Oklahoma City and its suburbs.

Tim Samaras and his Twistex tornado chase team produced material for the Discovery Channel, National Geographic and meteorological conferences.

Just before he died, Samaras tweeted a photo of clouds rising through a volatile atmosphere and noted: "Dangerous day ahead for OK stay weather savvy!"

An amateur storm chaser named Richard Charles Henderson died pursuing the same storm. He sent a friend a cellphone photo of the tornado that killed him minutes later.

Crowded field

The father of storm chasing is widely considered to be David Hoadley, a retired U.S. government administrator who has recorded some 230 tornadoes over more than half a century of running down storms.

But the field has grown far more crowded because of the financial incentives, the rise of social media and entertainment such as the Discovery Channel's "Storm Chasers" and the 1996 movie "Twister," starring Bill Paxton and Helen Hunt.

Tim Samaras told National Geographic shortly before his death that it's not uncommon for hundreds of storm chasers to line the roads as a storm develops. In fact, investigators learned of Tuesday's deadly crash from a fleet of other storm chasers who came across the wreckage.

Many amateurs are looking to capture terrifying video of a huge twister and cash in by selling the footage to TV stations or documentary filmmakers. News outlets generally pay up to $500 for such video. Sometimes the storm chasers are not even after money but the thrill of hearing their names read on the air.

AP file photo

Storm chasers and spectator vehicles clog the road and shoulder of Highway 81 on May 19, 2010, near Kingfisher, Okla. The subculture of chasing has gone mainstream in recent years, thanks to digital cameras and mobile radar. And it's getting more dangerous. Highways are increasingly clogged with chasers trying to beat each other in a risky race to capture the storms. Three storm chasers died Tuesday in a collision as they raced toward a tornado-warned storm in West Texas, authorities said.

Enduring fascination

The awe-inspiring power of tornadoes has long fascinated people. In 1755, Benjamin Franklin described a tornado chase on horseback, according to the American Meteorological Society.

Attempts to set up instruments in the path of tornadoes have been made since the 1970s to map the winds and gather other information. Armored vehicles have been positioned inside twisters to collect data, and mobile radar has been used since the 1990s to track the winds in 3-D, along with precipitation and debris.

The society said in a 2014 report that professional storm chasers are highly mobile and aware of the hazards, and know to keep their distance. Also, because twisters are usually short-lived and not on the ground for very long, "the risks posed to storm chasers by tornadoes are relatively minor."

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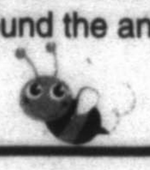

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Unpaid bills put Paxton's trial in limbo

Associated Press

AUSTIN — As courtroom twists go, this one is practically unheard-of: On the brink of bringing Texas' attorney general, Ken Paxton, to trial on felony securities fraud charges, the government's prosecutors are threatening to bail out of the case unless they get paid.

Whether one of the biggest criminal cases in Texas finally goes before a jury is now in limbo over what prosecutors contend is a deliberate effort by rich supporters of Paxton, an up-and-coming firebrand in Republican legal circles, to delay justice by challenging their paychecks. So far, the tactic is working.

Paxton, who was a state lawmaker and investor on the side before being elected attorney general two years ago, was indicted for allegedly steering investors to a technology startup in 2011 without disclosing that he was being paid by the company.

A judge appointed two high-profile Houston attorneys to prosecute the case after the district attorney, a Paxton ally, recused himself. The trial is scheduled to start May 1, and the judge said Wednesday he will issue a ruling today on whether to postpone the trial. He also told both sides to stop making comments to the media. Paxton's lawyers declined comment as they left the court Wednesday.

Supporters of Paxton have made an issue of the $300-an-hour fees being charged by the special prosecutors, who are paid by the Dallas suburban county where the trial will be held. A three-judge panel of a Dallas appeals court agreed to halt payments on the $200,000 in legal bills while it considers a lawsuit filed by Jeff Blackard, a wealthy Dallas developer and onetime Paxton political donor, who has argued that the fees were excessive and costing taxpayers too much.

"Everyone in the courtroom is being paid except for us," one of the appointed prosecutors, Brian Wice, has said. "No one expected us to work for free."

Firing back, Paxton's attorneys earlier this month accused prosecutors of being "financially self-serving" and argued they don't have a right to be paid until the case is over. As of last year, Paxton had raised more than $300,000 from private sources to pay his own high-powered defense team.

■ Capitol Almanac

Union dues restrictions

The Texas Senate has given preliminary approval to ending voluntary payroll deductions of union dues from state and public employee paychecks.

Houston Republican Sen. Joan Huffman says the government shouldn't be in the business of collecting union dues. But her bill still allows payroll deductions for charities and for unions for first-responder groups, like police and firefighters.

Huffman fought off attempts by Democrats to allow public school teachers to have their union's dues automatically collected from their paychecks.

Labor groups oppose the measure as an attack on unions.

It passed 20-11 Wednesday along party lines within the Senate's Republican majority. A final vote sending the bill to the state House could come as early as today.

A similar measure passed the Senate in 2015, but never got a House vote.

Teaching police interaction

The Texas Senate voted Wednesday to require high schools to provide instruction on how to best interact with law enforcement in traffic stops and other situations.

The bill by Sens. Royce West of Dallas and John Whitmire of Houston is in response to a series of violent encounters between police and the public that made national news.

The sponsors, both Democrats, want to teach students what is expected of them when stopped by police. The bill requires instructions for officers on their responsibilities during an encounter.

It would have state education and law enforcement officials develop a curriculum for the 2018-19 school year. The instructions would also be required in future driver's license instruction books and part of driver education courses.

The bill now goes to the House for consideration.

Fetal remains

Senators also preliminarily passed a bill mandating burial or cremation of fetal remains from abortions and miscarriages, even though a federal judge already blocked an existing state rule requiring the same thing.

Dallas Republican Sen. Don Huffines' bill passed 22-9 on Wednesday. It still needs a final vote to send it to the House.

Huffines says Texas now allows putting fetal remains in garbage disposals, though medical providers note that they usually are incinerated and deposited in sanitary landfills.

Opponents argue the bill will discourage abortions by making them more expensive.

Texas' health department previously set rules requiring fetal remains' burial or cremation, but a U.S. district judge suspended them as "purely political."

Lawmakers are nonetheless trying to make the mandate part of state law.

Banning red light cameras

The Texas Senate also voted to ban the use of red light cameras in traffic enforcement — nixing tools that had been used to try and stop wrecks at busy intersections.

Supporters of red light cameras, including police and trauma experts, say they help uphold the law and reduce crashes. But critics say they invade privacy, put the burden on drivers to prove their innocence and are used to raise cash for local governments.

The Senate has twice voted in recent years to ban red light cameras but the measures have failed to pass the Texas House.

Another bill approved by the Senate on Wednesday would bar state and local governments from blocking vehicle registrations based on outstanding tickets issued by red light cameras.

On deck

The House reconvenes at 10 a.m. today but has nothing on its legislative calendar except giving final approval to a small group of bills the chamber already passed. The Senate returns to work at 11 a.m. and is poised to approve a sweeping voucher plan offering private money to children attending private and religious schools.

Quote of the day

"I know this will be another tool in the tool box to help citizens and law enforcement understand each other better." — Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, advocating for the proposal to teach high school students how to better interact with police officers.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON

Mayors call on feds to define 'sanctuary city' label

Two mayors who met with Department of Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly say they want DHS to clearly define the term "sanctuary city."

Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings and Austin Mayor Steve Adler were among local government leaders who met with Kelly on Wednesday in Washington. Both cities have been criticized for enacting so-called "sanctuary" policies for immigrants living in the country illegally.

Adler says Austin and Travis County follow immigration laws, despite the county's inclusion on a federal list of uncooperative local governments, and wants that to be made clear. Rawlings says the group "expressed concern with the lack of clarity" about the term.

Federal and Texas leaders have threatened to withhold funding from sanctuary cities.

A DHS spokesman says President Donald Trump's administration is working on an official definition.

UVALDE

Texas trooper: 12 dead, 3 injured in church van-truck crash

Twelve people were killed and three others were injured Wednesday when a van carrying 14 church members and a pickup truck collided on a two-lane Texas highway, authorities said.

The group of senior adults from First Baptist Church of New Braunfels was returning from a retreat when the crash occurred, a church statement said. The vehicles collideda at about 12:30 p.m. on U.S. 83 outside Garner State Park in northern Uvalde County, said Texas Department of Public Safety Sgt. Conrad Hein. The area is about 75 miles west of San Antonio.

It wasn't immediately clear if the lone person in the pickup truck was among the victims killed or how many of the church members are among the dead, Hein said. The cause of the crash also hasn't been determined, he said.

Photos and video of the scene showed heavy damage to the front drivers' sides of the small white church van and the pickup truck. The vehicles appeared to have collided on those sides of the vehicles.

The back of the van was up on a guardrail and debris was scattered onto the grass below.

Church officials said in a statement on the First Baptist website that the members were returning from a three-day retreat at the Alto Frio Baptist Encampment in Leakey, about 9 miles north of where the crash happened.

The church officials were "ministering to family members to help them deal with this tragedy," according to the statement. Counselors also were scheduled to be available at the church today.

Gov. Greg Abbott and his wife, Cecilia, offered their condolences in the hours after the crash.

"We are saddened by the loss of life and our hearts go out to all those affected," their statement said.

DALLAS

Woman gets 60-year prison term for illicit injections

A Dallas salon worker has been sentenced to 60 years in prison after she was found guilty of murder in the death of a woman injected in the buttocks with industrial-grade silicone.

A Dallas County jury sentenced Denise "Wee Wee" Ross on Wednesday, a day after convicting her of murder for performing the illegal cosmetic procedure that killed Wykesha Reid.

The 45-year-old cosmetician was also found guilty of practicing medicine without a license.

Prosecutors said Ross injected the silicone into Wykesha Reid's buttocks to give her what the salon called the "Wee Wee Booty." A medical examiner testified an autopsy showed the compound circulated through the 34-year-old woman's lungs, probably causing her difficulty breathing and eventually a pulmonary embolism.

PASADENA

Houston-area mayor apologizes for calling councilman 'boy'

The mayor of a Houston-area city under court order to better protect Latino voting rights has apologized to a Hispanic councilman for calling him "boy" during a meeting.

Pasadena Mayor Johnny Isbell, who's white, apologized Tuesday to Councilman Cody Ray Wheeler.

Isbell's statement said that while the term "boy" could be construed as inappropriate, there was no racial component in his mind and members should be addressed more respectfully.

The incident happened Monday, when Isbell was calling for a contract vote. Wheeler said he'd not yet spoken about it.

Isbell said: "Well you better speak up, boy."

Wheeler says Isbell's remark was offensive and "Don't call me boy."

The contract was eventually approved.

A federal judge in January ordered Pasadena to revert to an eight-single-member City Council voting plan to avoid diluting Latino voting power.

Easing coal rules unlikely to make US energy independent

By David Koenig
Associated Press

DALLAS — The Trump administration is gutting Obama-era regulations opposed by the coal industry, but the strategy isn't likely to have much effect on U.S. energy independence.

President Donald Trump said Tuesday he was ushering in "the start of a new era" in energy production by signing an executive order that seeks to block, reverse or review several of President Barack Obama's initiatives to limit climate change. Some will take effect immediately; others could take years and face long court challenges.

A new era in U.S. energy began a decade ago, when drilling companies used new techniques to extract vast amounts of natural gas and oil beneath Texas, New Mexico, North Dakota, the Rockies and other regions of the country. And still the country imports millions of barrels each day of the oil it consumes each day to power its cars, trucks and factories. The moves Trump announced will do little to change that equation.

The order helps Trump fulfill his campaign promise to roll back President Barack Obama's plan to cut climate-changing emissions, which was bitterly opposed by coal companies and many voters in coal country. It also would start a review of rules opposed by the oil and industry.

It's not clear that the order will boost production as advertised. Production has responded more to market prices and technological advances more than the regulatory environment.

"U.S. oil production nearly doubled under President Obama not withstanding increased regulatory efforts to address climate change," said Jason Bordoff, a Columbia University professor and former adviser to Obama on energy and climate change.

Deregulation would reduce producers' costs at the margin, he said, "but these are pretty small cost impacts compared to the massive collapse we've seen in the global oil market over the last two years."

U.S. oil production bottomed out at 5 million barrels a day in 2008. Since then it has nearly doubled, to 9.4 million in 2015, although it fell back to 8.9 million barrels a day last year because lower prices caused operators to shutter some wells.

Oil imports surged above 10 million barrels a day every year from 2004 through 2007. After that they slid to a two-decade low, although they crept slightly higher each of the last three years. The U.S. imported nearly 7.9 million barrels a day last year.

Natural gas production was remarkably steady for four decades but has spurted in the last few years. Drilling advances have helped boost production by 47 percent since 2005.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Rainfall totals for Tuesday

Snyder ..... 1.56 inches
Midland ..... 0.38 of an inch
Abilene ..... 0.35 of an inch
San Angelo ..... 0.21 of an inch
Lubbock ..... 0.15 of an inch
Big Lake ..... 0.38 of an inch

Source: National Weather Service

Things to do

■ Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. To register, email sara@artbysaradb.com.

■ Storytime at the Library.10:30 a.m. (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years), Midland County Public Library downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

■ Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 432-682-8595.

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

■ An Evening with the Rat Pack. The Basin Big Band performs during dinner and dancing at the benefit for SeniorLink Midland, 7 p.m. today at The Petroleum Club, 501 W. Wall St. seniorlinkmidland.org.

■ #Hangovertodays, 7 p.m., Atrium Lounge, 3904 W. Wall St.

■ Facing Darkness: A Story about Faith and Ebola." 7 p.m., Tall City Stadium, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $13.53. fathomevents.com.

■ "Rex's Exes," 7:30 p.m., 409 Veterans Airpark Lane. $15 Fridays and Saturdays, $10 Thursdays and Sundays. Call 432-522-5225 for reservations.

■ Zane Williams, 8 p.m., Rockin Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. rockinrodeomidland.com.

■ Karaoke, 9 p.m., The Detour Bar, 1708 Rankin Highway. thedetourbar.com.

Note: For more information on the weekend entertainment scene, check out the Weekender in today's edition.

Meeting schedule

Hospital District
■ 11:45 a.m.
■ Administation boardroom

Community calendar

■ A UTPB Spring Job Fair will take place from noon to 4 p.m. today at the UTPB Gym.

■ The Easter Bunny is coming to Midland Park Mall beginning Friday. Kids can have their photo taken through April 15 and gather for breakfast on April 8.

Bunny Photo Experience is at the JC Penney Court. To make an appointment, go to simon.noerrbunny.com. The mall's Caring Bunny event for special-needs children is 10 a.m.-noon April 2.

Bunny Breakfast, sponsored by the Midland Northside Lions Club, is 7-10 a.m. April 8 at the food court. Tickets are $6.

■ The Midland Fire Department's annual Fill the Boot campaign to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association is 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and April 7. Firefighters and volunteers will be at the following intersections on those three days: Midkiff Road and Wadley Avenue, Midland Drive and Loop 250, Midland Drive and Andrews Highway and Garfield Street and Golf Course Road

Midland firefighters have raised more than $108,000 each of the last two years; their goals this year is $110,000, according to a press release from the city.

4B forums

The 4B election is scheduled for May 6. Before the election, there will be forums where residents can get more information about the proposal involving the quarter-cent sales tax.

The following 4B election forums are planned:

■ April 12: Midland County Republican Women, 11:30 a.m., Midland Country Club. Contact www.mcrw.us for more information.

■ April 13: League of Women Voters, 7:30 p.m., Carrasco Room at Midland College. Contact http://lwv.org/local-league/lwv-midland

Note: To add your event to the calendar, please send your information to news@mrt.com.

Correction

The Reporter-Telegram ran a picture of Carlsbad Caverns with a story having to do with efforts taking place to avoid cavern collapse in New Mexico. The Reporter-Telegram apologizes for the error.

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This date in Texas

On March 30, 1870, Texas was readmitted to the Union.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 7-7-2
Pick 3 day: 8-5-2
Pick 3 evening: 2-0-9
Pick 3 night: 8-1-0
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Daily 4 day: 9-6-1-8
Daily 4 evening: 2-7-1-4
Daily 4 night: 2-7-5-8
Cash Five: 13-28-32-33-37
Lotto Texas: 7-9-11-18-23-43
Texas Triple Chance: 3-11-19-22-25-32-34-46-48-49
Powerball: 8-15-31-36-62 PB: 11
Power Play: 3
All or Nothing morning: 3-7-11-12-13-16-17-19-20-21-23-24
All or Nothing day: 4-5-6-7-9-10-11-12-16-21-22-23
All or Nothing evening: 1-4-7-8-9-10-11-15-19-20-21-24
All or Nothing night: 1-3-7-9-11-12-16-18-19-20-21-22

Severe storms threaten central US; trucker dies in Oklahoma

Associated Press

SPUR — A storm system blamed for the death of a truck driver in Oklahoma barreled eastward Wednesday, generating a tornado in Houston and threatening additional bad weather in the central United States.

The day after three storm chasers died in a collision as they raced toward a tornado-warned storm in West Texas, the Storm Prediction Center said 17 million people from Missouri to Louisiana risked seeing twisters, hail and high winds on Wednesday. An even greater threat exists today in northern Mississippi and western Tennessee.

The National Weather Service said a tornado with winds between 60 and 110 mph struck an apartment complex in southwestern Houston on Wednesday morning, damaging carports, windows and roofs. No injuries were reported following the tornado, rated as an EF-0 or an EF-1 on a six-level scale of tornado damage. Later Wednesday, damaging winds knocked a shipping container on a truck, injuring two near LaPorte, 20 miles east of Houston. The Port of Houston said it didn't know if a tornado was to blame.

Late Tuesday, storms struck Oklahoma and northern Texas with tornadoes, tennis ball-sized hail and powerful winds. Roofs and walls were ripped away early Wednesday from homes in Rockwall, northeast of Dallas, and the city's mayor, Jim Pruitt, said one person suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

Tornado watches were posted Wednesday evening from the Kansas City area southward to the Gulf Coast. The Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Oklahoma, predicted "an active severe weather event" Thursday from New Orleans to Cincinnati, with the worst between Memphis and Nashville, Tennessee.

In Oklahoma, a truck driver was killed Tuesday night after strong winds pushed his rig off the interstate in El Reno, outside Oklahoma City, according to the Oklahoma Highway Patrol. Forecasters confirmed a 95 mph wind gust in the area when the crash occurred.

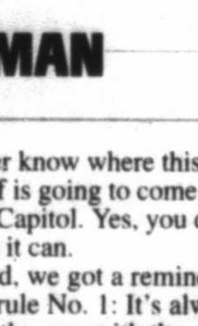
CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Man arrested on assault charge

A Midland man was arrested Sunday after allegedly assaulting a teenager, according to court documents.

Alejandro Ivan Quezada, 19, was being held Wednesday on a $10,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of assault of a family/house member by impeding breath/circulation. He was also being held on more than $1,900 in bonds for four misdemeanor charges.


Quezada

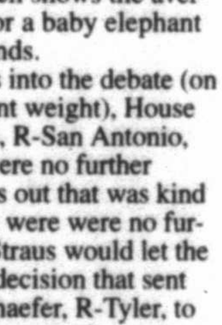
Midland police responded at a residence at about 10:15 p.m. Sunday in reference to a disturbance.

Quezada grabbed a teenager by the neck, according to his arrest affidavit. The teenager was charged in the incident as a juvenile, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the third-degree felony charge, Quezada could face up to 10 years imprisonment.

Man arrested for burglary of habitation

A Midland man was arrested March 22 after allegedly entering a residence without the consent of the owner, according to court documents.


Kilsby

Lonnie Augustus Kilsby, 19, was being held Wednesday on a $50,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of burglary of a habitation.

Midland police were dispatched at about 10:20 a.m. March 10 in reference to a reported burglary.

Kilsby entered a residence and stole property, according to his arrest affidavit.

If convicted of the second-degree felony charge, Kilsby could face up to 20 years imprisonment.

MDC, SBDC aim to aid entrepreneurs through Challenge

■ Prospective participants will have two opportunities for orientation

By Trevor Hawes
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The Midland Development Corp. and University of Texas of the Permian Basin Small Business Development Center have officially partnered on a program that aims to help existing local businesses grow and get new ones off the ground.

The MDC, SBDC, city officials and others held an announcement ceremony Wednesday at UTPB's Center for Energy and Economic Diversification in Midland County.

The MDC and SBDC will partner on the Midland Entrepreneurial Challenge, which SBDC Regional Director Enrique Romero described as a "mini 'Shark Tank,'" the popular TV show that allows entrepreneurs the opportunity to get investments for their businesses and ideas.

The MDC is contributing $250,000 in the first year of the program. Businesses can compete for between $50,000 and $75,000 of funding and hands-on help from the SBDC. Businesses have to meet certain criteria, which includes the requirement for half of all business to come from outside the Midland area after three years.

Mayor Jerry Morales said the project was "near and dear to my heart." He said he wanted to establish a program like this when he was on the MDC board in the past. "Today, we can say thank you to the MDC and SBDC for a true living document," he said.

Morales said he can relate to business upstarts. He's a restaurateur and comes from a family of entrepreneurs, who have had insurance and law businesses, a beauty shop and record shop. All businesses start small, he said.

"Who's going to come out of that garage, that bedroom, that little office and promote that product we didn't even know we had in our back yard. How exciting is that?"

Romero said there already are three businesses that meet the Midland Entrepreneurial Challenge criteria, so the program has a head start.

There will be two orientation opportunities for prospective participants: 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. April 26 and May 1 at the CEED building, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788.

Applications and more information are available at midlandtxedc.com and americassbdc.org.

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

HERMAN

From 1A

You never know where this transgender stuff is going to come up this year at the Capitol. Yes, you do — every place it can.

In the end, we got a reminder of legislative rule No. 1: It's always good to be the guy with the gavel.

Discussion on the Railroad Commission bill began with debate of amendments.

The first proposed amendment involved the decades-old battle about the Railroad Commission's name. It doesn't regulate railroads. It regulates the oil and gas industry. So state Rep. Roberto Alonzo, D-Dallas, tried to amend the bill to change the name to the Texas Oil and Gas Commission. Seems logical, so it failed.

A few amendments later, state Rep. Nicole Collier, D-Fort Worth, moved the discussion to gender, but not in the way you might think. She found it pertinent to tell colleagues, "I'm the only female to file an amendment."

Oops. State Rep. Donna Howard, D-Austin, previously had offered an amendment. Like Collier, Howard identifies as female.

"I'm the only straight-haired female," Collier joked. "She's the curly one."

The rhetoric perhaps reached its low when state Rep. Rafael Anchia, D-Dallas and generally one of the chamber's more polished orators, referred to something as the "800-pound elephant in the room." Wouldn't that be a small elephant? My cursory research shows the average birth weight for a baby elephant is around 200 pounds.

About two hours into the debate (on the bill, not elephant weight), House Speaker Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, announced there were no further amendments. Turns out that was kind of true. What there were were no further amendments Straus would let the House consider, a decision that sent state Rep. Matt Schaefer, R-Tyler, to the microphone for a question or two or three or four for Straus.

Schaefer wanted to know what happened to his proposed amendment that would have required the Railroad Commission to use gender as listed on a birth certificate to determine who goes to which bathrooms at its facilities.

Straus is on record as no fan of the Senate-approved so-called bathroom bill using birth certificate gender to determine bathroom attendance in all government bathrooms.

"Mr. Schaefer," the speaker said in his most speakerly tone, "that amendment was not germane."

Generally, rulings like that are made in response to a motion from the floor when an amendment is proposed. In this case, Straus flexed his right to rule an amendment nongermane prior to it getting to the floor, something Schaefer, who pre-filed the amendment, found out when he asked this question: "Who decided that amendment was not germane?"

"The chair made that determination," Straus said as you could feel temperature and tempers rise a bit.

"Mr. Schaefer," Straus added, "since 1913 it's been the practice of the chair to not lay out nongermane amendments."

Precedent matters in the Legislature.

The back-and-forth went on for a few minutes, including Straus saying he also had dead-ended the amendment about the definition of woman when it comes to contracts awarded to women-owned businesses.

The confrontations ended with a failed attempt by state Rep. Jonathan Stickland, R-Bedford, a longtime Straus critic, to get a vote on overruling Straus.

"If a member disagrees with what the chair has ruled on, how do we challenge the ruling of the chair?" Stickland asked Straus. "Or is this membership completely beholden to your decision?"

Straus said no challenge was possible because what he had made was a "determination," not a "ruling." Stuff like that also matters in the Legislature.

See above re: legislative rule No. 1.

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DEBT

From 1A

The 4B meeting Wednesday put a spotlight on complex operations and maintenance deficits that Dufford said could reach $3 million some years. The 4B board heard a report of the $3.724 million in 4B money used to help pay for the four new fields at the complex. Laurie Williams, Parks and Recreation manager, also rattled off $268,000 in maintenance projects recently completed.

The city can use 4B funds to pay for those projects. Should the 4B vote fail in May, city leaders would either have to use the $27.9 million cash balance or go to the general fund, which they said could mean raising property taxes.

Dufford said this election is more than what he believes to be good tax policy.

"I have children and grandchildren who live here," said Dufford, the dean of all current council members, having served since 2001. "It is high time we give them parks and ball fields that they can be proud of and play on. The fields haven't changed since the days (his kids) played sports. Kids and families deserve better."

Fairgrounds overpass paperwork error resolved

From staff reports

Worries about a clerical error delaying the Loop 250 overpass project at Fairgrounds Road are no more.

Permian Basin Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Director Cameron Walker informed the Reporter-Telegram that the letting — or bidding — process for the project will begin in May.

At issue was a missing letter code on documents submitted to the Federal Highway Administration. While it's clear that the paperwork indicates the overpass is a construction project, the lack of letter code C (for construction dollars) — that needs to be there alongside letter code E (for engineering dollars) — could have stalled the letting process until fall, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report.

Walker said via email that the MPO and Texas Department of Transportation got the administrative solution they sought.

The MPO policy board approved the overpass project in 2016.

SURVEY

From 1A

"When it comes to supply cuts, it's a reasonable and large 'what if,' given the large amount Saudi Arabia is taking off the market," Plante said. "There's uncertainty about that and about Permian Basin production. It's all about the supply side: the Saudis and shale."

Plante said there was optimism oil and natural gas production would go up but uncertainty increased as the outlook went further out. The survey found the oil production index rose to 13.1 and the natural gas production to 17.6, suggesting that production is rising at an accelerated rate.

Those responding to the survey continued to exhibit positive outlooks for the next six months, especially service firms. Nearly 70 percent of services firms reported an improved outlook, while 50 percent of E&P firms reported an improved outlook.

Capital expenditures continued to increase in the first quarter, and most E&P firms upped their expectations of 2018 capital spending.

Increased utilization of service firms' equipment slowed, with the index falling to 26 from 35.9 in the fourth quarter of 2016. At the same time, the index of prices received for oilfield services leaped to 18.3 from 6.8 the previous quarter.

In the Fed's initial quarterly surveys last year, exploration and production companies were more optimistic than service companies, but that gap is closing as activity increases and service companies are seeing more business and higher rates. While wages and benefits were reported stable or rising, the employment outlook was mixed. The employment indexes for E&P firms were a negative 6.4 but positive 21.6 for service firms. There was an even larger gap in the employee hours outlook — a negative 1.3 for E&P firms and positive 34.2 for service firms.

"One of the interesting things was the softening of the E&P outlook was offset by a strengthening in the service outlook," said Plante.

He noted the more bearish outlook for E&P firms "is not surprising — just before the survey oil prices fell about 10 percent or so."

Companies responding to the survey reported the break-even prices needed to profitably drill a new well continue to decline and now range from $46 to $55 per barrel, depending on the region. The Midland subbasin in the Permian reported the lowest average break-even price at $46 per barrel, while the Eagle Ford and Oklahoma's SCOOP/STACK plays are seeing averages below $50 a barrel.

The survey offered participants the opportunity to comment on the outlook for the Permian Basin, where production recently surpassed 2 million barrels a day: Where are Permian production levels expected to be next year, in five years and in 10 years? Comments ranged from confidence Permian production would continue to increase into the foreseeable future, to expectations output would plateau — especially if continued low prices cause activity to slump — and comments about how difficult it would be just to maintain current levels let alone increase them.

"It boils down to how good is the rock, and can technology advance enough to help," said Plante.

The quarterly survey samples oil and gas companies headquartered in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District, which covers Texas, southern New Mexico and northern Louisiana.

After setback, abortion foes keep pressing Congress to act

By David Crary
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The collapse of the Republican health care overhaul was a sharp setback for pro-life leaders, whose hopes of halting federal funding to Planned Parenthood were derailed. But they continue to pursue that goal and also are pushing for a federal ban on most abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy.

David O'Steen, executive director of the National Right to Life Committee, acknowledged the mood of disappointment in the pro-life movement after last week's drama in the House of Representatives, when GOP leaders withdrew their health care bill before a vote. The measure would have cut off more than $400 million in Medicaid reimbursements and other federal funding to Planned Parenthood for its non-abortion services.

However, O'Steen said his organization and its allies remained hopeful of future victories in Congress.

"This was one vote on one measure," he said. "We have pro-life leadership in both houses, we have a pro-life administration. So I expect some good things to help save lives still will happen."

Kristi Hamrick of Americans United for Life said the task of halting all federal funding for Planned Parenthood is more complicated than some activists suggest, because there are multiple funding streams — including family-planning funding and grants for sex education as well as Medicaid payments.

"We have to go after those one at a time," Hamrick said. "There's not going to be just one effort."

She suggested that the goal of defunding might not be achieved this year, but making the effort — and escalating attacks on Planned Parenthood for its abortion services — "lays the groundwork for what comes next."

Other abortion opponents say it's crucial to move quickly.

In a commentary this week, conservative activist Frank Cannon wrote that it would be "an absolute disaster" if the GOP-led Congress, facing a deadline at the end of April, sent President Donald Trump a government spending bill that maintained funding for Planned Parenthood.

"It would amount to a stunning betrayal that conservatives would be unlikely to forgive," Cannon wrote for the National Pulse. "We have one chance to get this done this year ... and it has to happen now."

However, House Speaker Paul Ryan said the government-wide funding bill should not get entangled in the Planned Parenthood debate. Rather, Ryan said, the defunding proposal should be included in any new effort to repeal the Affordable Care Act — an effort that could flounder by rekindling internal GOP divisions.

Whatever the strategy, pro-life activists agree that defunding needs to be part of the budget-related process known as reconciliation, which enables bills to pass the Senate with only 51 votes. Under normal procedures, bills can be blocked by filibuster unless they have 60 votes in support.

That 60-vote threshold could prove fatal to the proposed 20-week abortion ban if it clears the House, as its backers hope, and then reaches the Senate. If Senate Democrats mostly hold their ranks, the bill would fail.

But Marilyn Musgrave, a former GOP congresswoman from Colorado who is now vice president of government affairs for the pro-life Susan B. Anthony List, said it would "smart politics" to get both the ban and the Planned Parenthood defunding proposal into the Senate. Votes on those issues, she said, might be challenging for Democrats who will be running for re-election next year in states won by Trump, such as Joe Manchin of West Virginia, Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota and Joe Donnelly of Indiana.

As for Trump, Musgrave said she was confident he would stick by his promises to sign pro-life bills if they reach his desk.

"He's given commitments to the pro-life community and I believe he'll keep every one of them," she said.

Planned Parenthood strongly disputes the claim that attacks on it are smart politics.

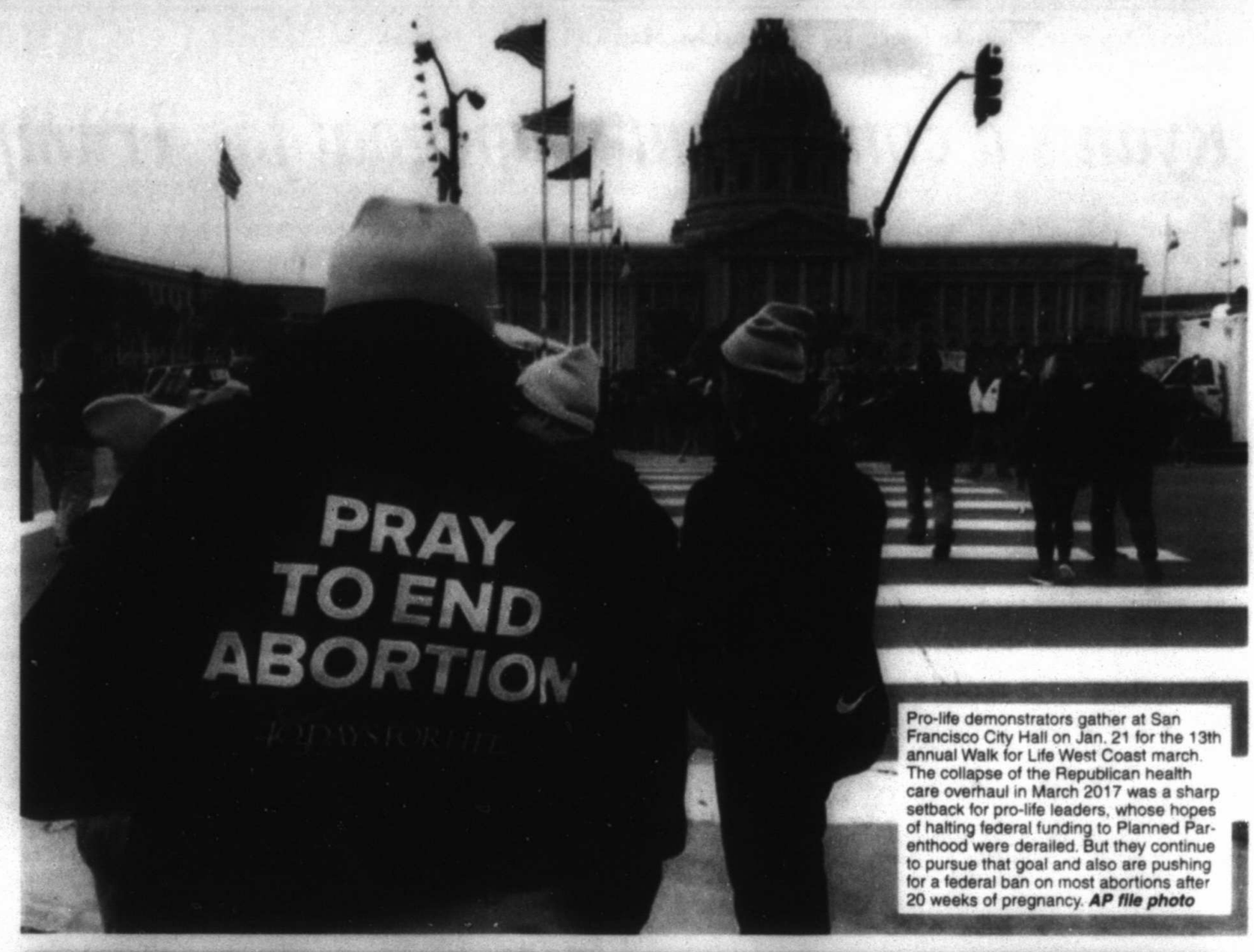
"This fight isn't over yet, but remember that three-quarters of Americans support Planned Parenthood," said Dawn Laguens, the organization's executive vice president.

One out of five U.S. women have received services from Planned Parenthood, Laguens said, "and each time politicians in D.C. try to take that away, they will be drowned out by the millions of women and men across America who oppose these attacks."

Rep. Diana DeGette, a Colorado Democrat who staunchly supports abortion rights, said she's like to see the two sides in the abortion debate reach common ground on reducing unintended pregnancies. But the National Right to Life Committee and Americans United for Life say birth control is not part of their mission.

As for the Republicans' measures to defund Planned Parenthood and ban late-term abortions, DeGette said they might advance through the House but would likely die in the Senate.

"They're going to keep trying but I don't think they'll have any more success than they've had in the past," she said.



Pro-life demonstrators gather at San Francisco City Hall on Jan. 21 for the 13th annual Walk for Life West Coast march. The collapse of the Republican health care overhaul in March 2017 was a sharp setback for pro-life leaders, whose hopes of halting federal funding to Planned Parenthood were derailed. But they continue to pursue that goal and also are pushing for a federal ban on most abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy. ***AP file photo***

Court bars release of videos made by pro-life group

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal appeals court on Wednesday barred the release of videos made by an pro-life group whose leaders are facing felony charges in California accusing them of recording people without permission in violation of state law.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a lower court ruling blocking the recordings made by the Center for Medical Progress at meetings of the National Abortion Federation, an association of abortion providers.

The Center for Medical Progress previously released several secretly recorded videos that it says show Planned Parenthood employees selling fetal tissue for profit, which is illegal. Planned Parenthood said the videos were deceptively edited to support false claims.

The videos stoked the American abortion debate when they were released in 2015 and increased Congressional heat against Planned Parenthood that has yet to subside.

It's not clear what's on the bulk of the recordings the group made at National Abortion Federation meetings.

A leader of the Center for Medical Progress, David Daleiden, said in a statement that the 9th Circuit was preventing the release of footage of Planned Parenthood leadership discussing criminal conduct at the meetings and its ruling was an attack on the First Amendment.

"CMP will continue to fight this unconstitutional abuse of power and vindicate our First Amendment rights and those of all citizen journalists to speak and publish on matters of urgent public concern," Daleiden said.

The 9th Circuit noted in its decision that U.S. District Judge William Orrick had reviewed the National Abortion Federation footage and found no evidence of criminal wrongdoing.

The court affirmed the judge's decision that the Center for Medical Progress waived any First Amendment right to release the videos by signing confidentiality agreements with the federation that barred recordings of its meetings or the disclosure of any information obtained there.

The National Abortion Federation argued that release of the videos would endanger its members.

"There's no denying that the smear campaign launched by the defendants has put abortion providers at risk, and we are grateful that the Ninth Circuit affirmed our preliminary injunction," said Vicki Saporta, National Abortion Federation president and CEO.

California's new Attorney General Xavier Becerra filed 15 felony counts each against Daleiden and Sandra Merritt, another leader of the Center of Medical Progress, saying they made recordings without the consent of the people in them in violation of state law. Some of the charges filed Tuesday stem from the recordings at National Abortion Federation meetings.

Becerra, a longtime congressional Democrat who took over the investigation in January, said in a statement that the state "will not tolerate the criminal recording of conversations."

The charges came eight months after similar charges against the pair were dropped in Texas.

California prosecutors say Daleiden, of Davis, California, and Merritt, of San Jose, filmed 14 people without permission between October 2013 and July 2015 in Los Angeles, San Francisco and El Dorado counties. One felony count was filed for each person recorded. The 15th involved criminal conspiracy to invade privacy.

Daleiden said in an email to The Associated Press that the "bogus" charges are coming from "Planned Parenthood's political cronies."

"The public knows the real criminals are Planned Parenthood and their business partners," Daleiden said.

The conversations included officials from Planned Parenthood and StemExpress, a California company that provides blood, tissue and other biological material for medical research and had received fetal tissue from Planned Parenthood.

In one of the pair's videos, Daleiden poses as "Robert Sarkis" of the phony Biomax Procurement Services and is shown discussing liver tissue with the chief executive of StemExpress at a restaurant.

In April of last year, Daleiden said in a Facebook post that California Department of Justice agents raided his home, seizing all of his video footage along with personal information.

Since then the case had gone largely quiet, with virtually no revelations about the investigation and no indication that the charges were coming before they were filed in San Francisco Superior Court.

The case is one of the first high-profile prosecutions for Becerra, who left the U.S. House to take over for Kamala Harris after she became a U.S. Senator.

Daleiden and Merritt had been indicted in Texas, but all of the charges were dropped as prosecutors said a grand jury had overstepped its authority. The grand jury had been convened to investigate Planned Parenthood, but after finding no wrongdoing it indicted Daleiden and Merritt instead.

By Sudhin Thanawala and Andrew Dalton
Associated Press

2 women charge racial discrimination at Fox News

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Two black women who work at Fox News Channel have charged in a lawsuit that they were subjected to "yearslong relentless racial" hostility at the hands of a top financial executive at the network who has since been fired.

Tichaona Brown and Tabrese Wright, who sued this week in New York State Supreme Court in the Bronx, said their boss talked about her physical fear of black people, humiliated them by making them repeat words she believes blacks pronounce incorrectly and mocked the "Black Lives Matter" movement.

Judith Slater, the executive involved, asked Wright, a mother of three, whether all of her children had the same father, the lawsuit alleges.

Fox said it fired Slater on Feb. 28. She was the network's controller and senior vice president of accounting.

"There is no place for inappropriate verbal remarks like this at Fox News," the network said in a statement. "We are disappointed that this needless litigation has been filed."

Fox offered no contact information for Slater, and it was not immediately clear if she had hired a lawyer.

The allegations of racial insensitivity come on the same week that Fox's most popular personality, Bill O'Reilly, apologized for an on-air comment that he couldn't concentrate on a speech by California Rep. Maxine Waters, who is black, because he was distracted by her "James Brown wig."

Fox is also dealing with the legal fallout from last summer's forced departure of former CEO Roger Ailes because of sexual harassment charges, which he denied.

Brown and Wright's lawsuit alleges that Fox "intentionally turned a blind eye" to the climate of racial hostility until it was clear that it couldn't keep the matter in-house. The lawsuit said Slater was fired "because Fox knew this would become a public matter and wanted to salvage its reputation." News reports of Slater's firing began circulating late last week.

Fox said it takes these matters very seriously and that it took action against Slater before the lawsuit and before Wright had complained through her lawyer.

The women also said that "days before this lawsuit was filed," Brown was fired and Wright demoted. Fox said Brown was still a Fox employee and Wright made a lateral move, with the same pay and benefits.

The lawsuit also detailed complaints about the racial atmosphere at Fox by four other black employees who have since left the network.

In the lawsuit, the women said Slater had also made derogatory remarks about people of Chinese, Indian and Mexican descent.

Benched legal analyst returns to Fox, stands by story

NEW YORK — Fox News Channel legal analyst Andrew Napolitano returned to the air Wednesday, saying he stood by his claim about spying on President Donald Trump that got him benched by the network for more than a week.

Napolitano had reported on Fox that British intelligence officials had helped former President Barack Obama spy on Trump, a story that quickly attracted notice because the president cited it in a news conference. Britain denied that it had done any such thing, and Fox news anchors Shepard Smith and Bret Baier distanced the network from the report, saying its reporters had found no evidence that Trump had been under surveillance.

Napolitano

Fox said on March 21 that it was taking Napolitano off the air for an indefinite period. The former New Jersey judge has worked at Fox News and Fox Business Network as an analyst since 1996.

In his return Wednesday, Napolitano told anchor Bill Hemmer that he stood by his story — and Hemmer didn't mention that others at Fox had been unable to verify it.

"You've had a few quiet days," Hemmer told him. "You likely needed them."

Napolitano said he and his sources stand by the story, although he offered no new details.

"The American public needs to know more about this rather than less because a lot of the government surveillance authorities will expire in the fall and there'll be a great debate about how much authority we want the government to have to surveil us," he said. "And the more the American public knows about this, the more informed their and Congress' decisions will be."

Hemmer and Napolitano then moved on to another topic. Fox didn't explain to its viewers Wednesday why Napolitano had been off the air.

By David Bauder
Associated Press

Woman, 20, charged with plowing into Capitol Police cruiser

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar and Ben Nuckols
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A 20-year-old woman described as "erratic and aggressive" drove a vehicle into a U.S. Capitol Police cruiser and was taken into custody Wednesday morning, a disruption that closed down streets near the Capitol for nearly three hours.

Shots were fired during the arrest attempt, but the event appeared to be criminal in nature with "no nexus to terrorism," said Capitol Police spokeswoman Eva Malecki. No one was injured, and the U.S. Capitol remained open.

Late Wednesday afternoon, police identified the driver as Taleah Everett, of no fixed address. She was charged with seven counts of assault on a police officer, among other offenses.

According to online court records in Maryland, Everett was due in court Wednesday morning in a domestic-violence case at about the same time as the incident at the Capitol. She was the subject of a no-contact order, the records show.

Relatives of Everett in Maryland did not immediately respond to telephone messages.

Malecki described the woman as an "erratic and aggressive driver." As police attempted to stop her, she made a U-turn and fled, nearly hitting officers and striking at least one other vehicle, Malecki said. A brief pursuit followed before the woman was stopped.

The chase took place near the U.S. Botanic Garden. Malecki said shots were fired "during the attempt to arrest the suspect," but she declined to say how many shots were fired or to elaborate further.

The disruption happened near the end of the morning rush hour and prompted a large police response just as lines of people were waiting to get into a nearby congressional office building. Streets near the Capitol were closed, and the Sergeant at Arms advised lawmakers and staff to stay away from the area. The streets reopened nearly three hours later.

OPINION

Ryan's a convenient scapegoat for Trump's failure

■ President's loyalists will find any possible reason to blame someone other than Trump

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Paul Ryan did it.

That's the argument many of the louder voices on the right are shouting. In the story they tell, the speaker of the House is fully responsible for the GOP's failure to pass an Obamacare repeal-and-replace bill last week. President Trump should walk across a Havana ballroom like Michael Corleone in "The Godfather Part II," kiss Ryan on the mouth and say, "I know it was you, Paul. You broke my heart."

Jeanine Pirro, host of "Justice with Judge Jeanine" on Fox News and an old friend of Trump's, whose support for his candidacy was about as nuanced as a horse head in your bed, suggested that Trump was beguiled and seduced by Ryan.

"Americans elected the one man they believed could do it. A complete outsider. Someone beholden to no one — but them," Pirro said straight into the camera on her TV show.

"And Speaker Ryan, you come in, with all your swagger and experience, and you sell him a bill of goods which ends up a complete and total failure. And you allow our president, in his first 100 days, to come out of the box like that?"

"Folks," she continued, "I want to be clear: This is not on President Trump." (The "not," by the way, is all-caps on her website.) "No one expected a businessman to completely understand the nuances, the complicated ins and outs of Washington and its legislative process."

Translation: Donnie's a good boy, he just fell in with the wrong crowd.

Over at CNN, Trump loyalist Jeffrey Lord also insisted, "This is Speaker Ryan's fault."

Back over at Fox (where I am a contributor), Sean Hannity read from the same hymnal: "Let me be very clear here. This is not President Trump's failure. The president went above and beyond, did everything in his power to get this bill across the finish line."

There are three interesting things about this new orthodoxy.

First, that's not what Trump says. On Saturday morning, Trump placed the blame squarely on the House Freedom Caucus, the 30-odd members of Congress who reportedly kept changing their demands until it was clear they were never going to support the American Health Care Act. Nor is there a single quote from a member of Congress echoing this sentiment, even from the Freedom Caucus. The people in the room understand that Ryan, who clearly made some mistakes, nonetheless acted in good faith to move the president's agenda.

The Pirro crowd, however, can't endorse the effort to blame the Freedom Caucus, because it's the heir of True Conservatism. If Trump found himself in opposition to the group, it must be because he was tricked — by Ryan's irresistible "swagger."

The second point: Contrary to what Pirro says, she and the other members of Trump's amen chorus did expect him to work miracles, or at least they said as much. Indeed, during the campaign, Trump said "it will be so easy" to get rid of Obamacare. Trump and his boosters insisted there was nothing he couldn't do with his Jedi-like negotiating skills and gift for "winning."

So the only explanation that can rescue them from the agony of cognitive dissonance is to insist that Trump was betrayed.

That's why Hannity's claim that Trump did "everything in his power" to get the bill passed is an accidental admission against interest. It concedes the falsity of the idea that Trump is a modern-day, omni-competent Cincinnatus who will lay down his golf bag to save the republic.

Third: It's a sign of things to come. Some conservatives opposed Trump in the primaries because they — we — didn't trust him to uphold conservative principles. The Hannitys and Heritage Foundations insisted these fears were misplaced. And on some issues (Trump's Supreme Court nominee, Cabinet appointments, etc.) they've been somewhat vindicated.

But now, because of the Freedom Caucus' stubbornness, Trump is signaling that he might be happier to work with Democrats than deal with the purity caucus — an alliance that certainly would not lead to conservative policies.

Should that come to pass (a difficult task given the polarization of the parties), there will be more talk of betrayal, but the loyalists will doubtless find a way to blame anyone but Trump.

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OPINION EXTRA

Legislature can't ignore voters' wishes for more highway funding

Texas voters overwhelming approved the allocation of a small portion of sales tax revenue for roads (Proposition 7) in the 2015 election. The 83 percent of voters supported the measure, sending a clear message to invest more of our resources in roads and bridges to make highways safer and to address ever-growing traffic congestion.

Now, Texas legislators are considering a measure to pull back more than $2 billion of this incremental highway funding even before this new money begins to flow. Doing so would completely disregard the voters.

It's time to remind our elected officials in the Texas Capitol to keep the promise.

Gov. Greg Abbott had a clever TV campaign spot when he parked his wheelchair alongside typical traffic gridlock with a wry observation that he could move faster than the vehicles alongside him on the highway. He has made congestion relief a priority. The Transportation Commission recently allocated $2.5 billion for the Texas Clear Lanes Initiative to do just that, including $808 million for the Dallas and Fort Worth area. Relief projects across the state are in the pipeline, but their construction will be delayed if Texas legislators reduce the dedicated road money that voters previously approved.

Texas Clear Lanes projects for North Texas involve $438 million to reconstruct portions of Interstate 635 in Dallas and $370 million to reconstruct I-635 in Fort Worth and FM 2499 interchanges on State Highway 121. These projects could be delayed if lawmakers cut Prop 7 funding.

We can't afford to wait. The Texas population is growing by more than 1,000 people each day. More people means more traffic. Urban congestion will get even worse, and rural highways will be even harder to maintain with less money.

These discussions to cut billions in highway funding need to stop. Texas voters overwhelmingly are counting on them. The Legislature needs to keep its promise to improve mobility and safety for Texas drivers.

Please take a few minutes to ask your representatives to keep the promise.

Email addresses for your senator follow this format:
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Email addresses for your state representative follow this format:
Firstname.lastname@house.texas.gov

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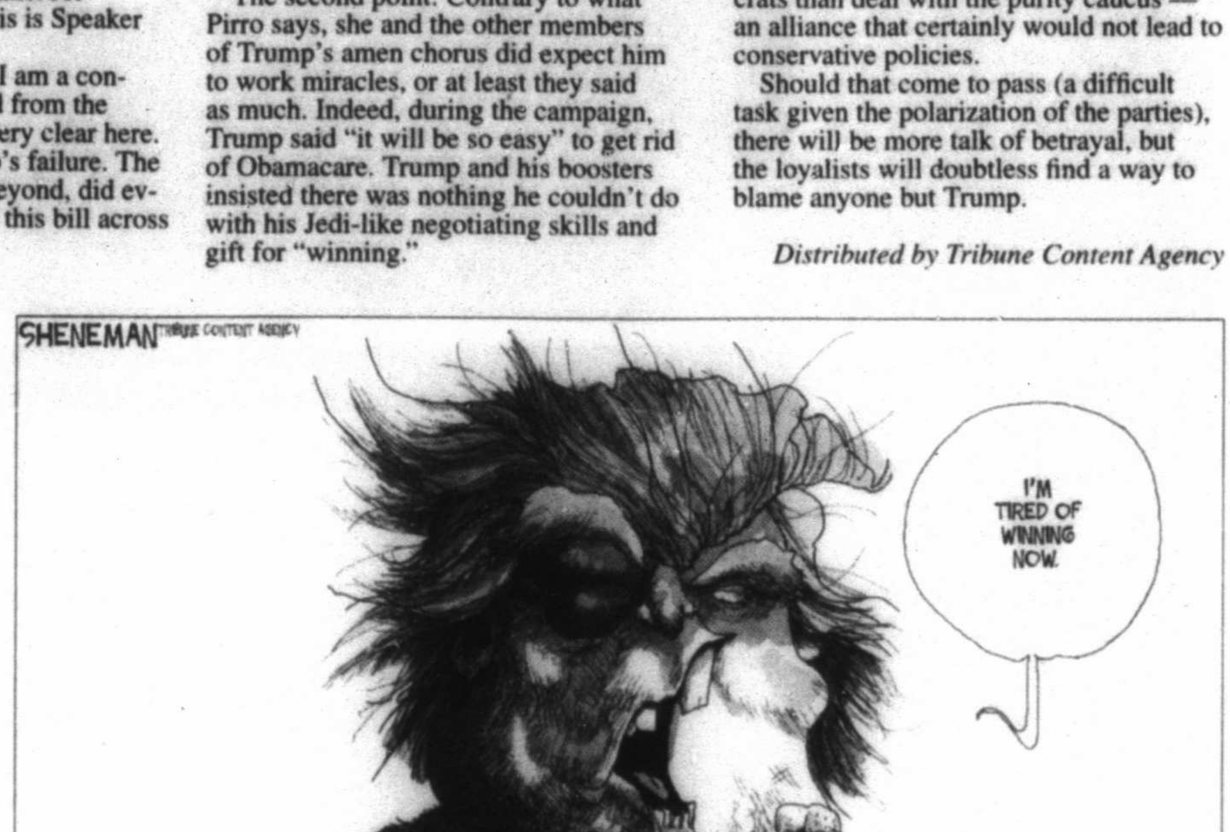

Trump takes on the opioid epidemic

■ A culture of despair has many turning to pills and created an immense threat

JAY AMBROSE
Tribune News Service

He gave repeal a try, Obamacare is still standing and now President Donald Trump is flat on his back, or so goes the narrative. He's not. He is taking on sluggard, ineffective government with oomph and clarity and, as part of that effort, is going after one of the biggest killers in America — the opioid epidemic.

To achieve his ends, Trump has created something called the White House Office of American Innovation that starts with an assemblage of some of the country's best retired business executives working with Jared Kushner, Trump's son-in-law. Its purpose, with the aid of high tech, data and the special vigor of these free-enterprise, thrive-or-die masters, will be to reframe federal programs to the point of — hold your breath — getting something done.

A chief issue for the new office, reports The Washington Post, will be to combat the monster opioid pills ravaging our human landscape. New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie is expected to be in charge of this fight against an immense threat.

How immense? Every segment of society is affected. The drugs are devastating whole communities. They kill more people than either guns or auto accidents. They are a major cause of rising deaths in the less-educated white middle class, and get this: They are therefore a factor in the whole nation now suffering a death rate increase.

Once upon a more morally observant, more socially tempered time, drug abuse in America was mainly an inner city phenomenon and doctors were extremely prudent in prescribing opioid pain killers. Then, as Christopher Caldwell discusses in First Things magazine, came the libertarians, the marketing-mad pharmacy companies, pill-mill physicians and old-style gangs.

The libertarians snarled that nothing should get in the way of drug consumption, and the pharmaceutical companies, in search of dollars, spent plenty themselves in arguing that it was anti-scientific and cruel not to do everything possible to treat chronic pain. More and more doctors went along with this, some prescribing the pills so lavishly, carelessly and profitably as to make a humane person shudder. These drugs are addictive and, when used too much for too long and yet failing to kill, can still produce zombies where people once stood.

The consumption experience of such drugs as oxycodone, fentanyl or hydrocodone can be euphoric, the withdrawal experience agony and the search for more pills a primary purpose of life. Crime can enter in, and a poor addict will often secure pills through Medicaid, sometimes selling what was purchased with a $3 co-pay for thousands of dollars on the street, says another writer, Nicholas Eberstadt. When addicts reach the end of the prescription road, there's illegal heroin and gangs proffering that killer drug but with no medical degree to delude the innocent.

Put it all together and you have a third of Americans receiving pain pill prescriptions every year, says Caldwell. Eberstadt, writing in Commentary magazine, points to the record-breaking numbers of prime age men dropping out of the work force and says half of them imbibe opioids daily. Many receive Social Security disability payments to help them survive, and here is the horror: millions of doped-up people spending their lives lying around their homes doing nothing but watching TV or playing with other electronic devices.

The new White House office has a massive job ahead of it, especially when one considers other factors contributing to the opioid epidemic, such things as a slow-growth economy and declines in marriage, religion and our work ethic. We have what some have called a culture of despair among many low-wage or jobless Americans, with suicide and alcohol adding to the death toll.

Trump has promised to cut back on heroin availability through tougher measures against smuggling. Caldwell says reducing supply is the main thing, and there could be more restrictions on prescription drugs. The right rehab programs can be important, and don't rule out innovation, the grand promise associated with this new White House office.

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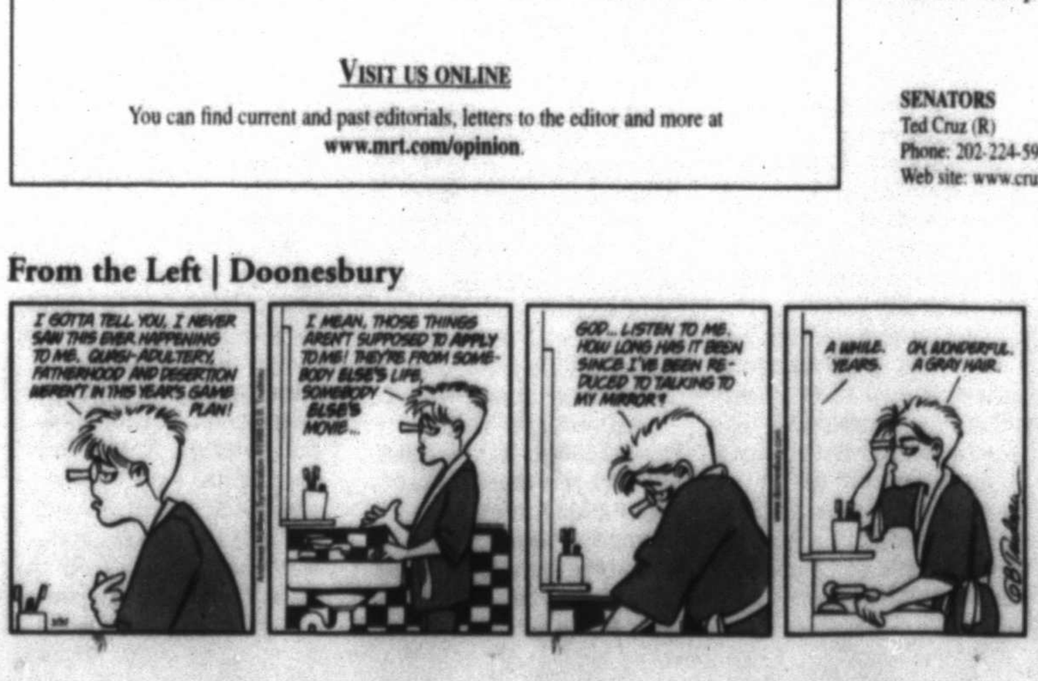

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Zinke: Border wall 'complex,' faces geographic challenges

By Matthew Daly and Alicia A. Caldwell
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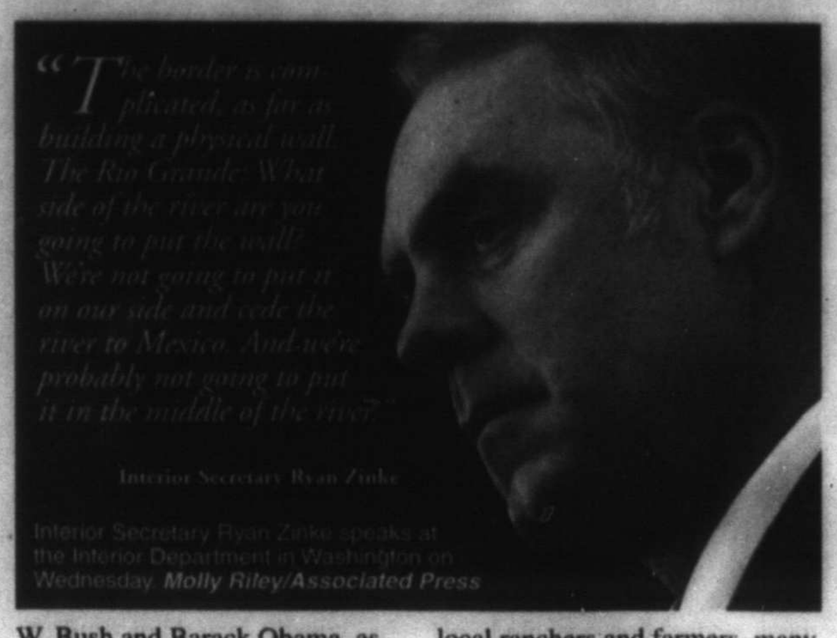

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke speaks at the Interior Department in Washington on Wednesday. *Molly Riley/Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — Geographic and physical challenges — including the Rio Grande and threatened wildlife — will make it difficult to build the "big, beautiful wall" that President Donald Trump has promised on the U.S.-Mexico border, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said Wednesday.

Building a wall "is complex in some areas," including Big Bend National Park and along the river, which twists through nearly half of the 2,000-mile border, Zinke said.

Hundreds of species live within 30 miles of the border, including threatened jaguars and Mexican gray wolves. The Trump administration is poised to relax protections for the jaguars, which live in northern Mexico and parts of the southwestern United States, to make it easier to build the wall.

Throughout the campaign, Trump energized his crowds with his insistence that a wall will be constructed along the border and that Mexico will pay for it. Zinke's comments, and the administration's budget proposal seeking billions in U.S. taxpayer dollars to finance the project, offer a reality check and a possible sign the president is moving away from his initial plan.

The complications Zinke highlighted were the same faced by Trump's predecessors, George W. Bush and Barack Obama, as they sought to build or complete hundreds of miles of fencing along the border.

Fencing that is already in place is a mixture of various designs, including towering steel bollards designed to keep both people and vehicles from moving north and shorter steel posts aimed only at blocking cars. In parts of Texas' Rio Grande Valley, some stretches of fencing are nearly a mile away from the border in part to accommodate flood plains and an international treaty.

And in Texas, almost all of the land along the border is privately owned. When Bush tried to build border fencing starting in 2006, he faced stiff opposition from local ranchers and farmers, many of whom took the government to court on plans to use their land.

The Department of Homeland Security is responsible for the border wall, but Zinke said the Interior Department will play a critical support role. According to the Government Accountability Office, federal and tribal lands make up about 632 miles, or about 1/3 of the nearly 2,000-mile border.

"At the end of the day, what's important is American security and to make sure we have a border," Zinke told reporters on a conference call. "Without a border, a nation cannot exist."

An internal report prepared for Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly estimated that a wall along the entire border would cost about $21 billion. Congressional Republicans have estimated a more moderate price tag of $12 billion to $15 billion.

Customs and Border Protection said in a statement Wednesday that cost estimates are "premature as there are many variables that are currently unknown." The agency said it could not provide a detailed estimate for the project.

Kelly told Congress in January that a wall wouldn't be a complete fix for the border.

"A physical barrier in and of itself will not do the job," Kelly said during his confirmation hearing. "Certainly it has to be a layered approach."

Zinke's comments appeared to bolster that view and followed remarks he made Tuesday to the Public Lands Council, a group that represents Western ranchers.

"The border is complicated, as far as building a physical wall," Zinke said in remarks first reported by E&E News. "The Rio Grande: What side of the river are you going to put the wall? We're not going to put it on our side and cede the river to Mexico. And we're probably not going to put it in the middle of the river."

Electronic monitors may be more appropriate in that region, Zinke said, while areas with imposing natural features may not require additional reinforcements.

The border is already dotted with underground sensors and camera towers, along with about 700 miles of fencing in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California, and it's unclear how much new fencing the Trump administration is proposing.

According to new budget details sent to Congress, the administration wants immediate funding to complete an existing barrier in the Rio Grande Valley, $500 million to complete 28 miles of a border levee wall near McAllen and $350 million for construction along two segments near San Diego.

Senate Democrats have threatened to filibuster any provision providing money for the wall. Many Republicans aren't very enthusiastic about the plan and say the White House has given them few specifics.

Republican Sen. Roy Blunt of Missouri, a key budget negotiator, said the Senate is unlikely to include money for a border wall in a broader spending package to avert a partial government shutdown next month.

Customs and Border Protection, the Homeland Security agency that will eventually patrol and maintain any new fencing or walls, has asked contractors to submit proposals for a 30-foot-high wall that is difficult to climb or cut through. Bids were originally due to the government by Wednesday, but the deadline was extended to April 4 amid questions from possible bidders.

Poll: Americans dislike Republicans', Trump's health care overhaul plans

By Alan Fram and Emily Swanson
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WASHINGTON — Note to President Donald Trump and House Republicans: People really don't like your approach to overhauling America's health care. If you're hoping to revive the effort, you may want to try something different.

Sixty-two percent of Americans turned thumbs down on Trump's handling of health care during the initial weeks of his presidency, according to a poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research released Wednesday. It was his worst rating among seven issues the poll tested, including the economy, foreign policy and immigration.

Of six changes the failed House GOP bill would have made to President Barack Obama's law, five drew more negative than positive reviews.

An overwhelming 8 in 10 opposed the Republican proposal to let insurers boost premiums on older people. Seven in 10 disapproved of premium surcharges for people whose coverage lapses.

By wide margins, people also disliked proposed cuts in Medicaid, which helps lower-earning people cover medical costs, a halt in federal payments to Planned Parenthood and a transformation of the Obama law's subsidies — based on income and premium costs — into aid linked to age.

"His campaign promise was great health care for everyone, for all Americans at great prices," said Raymond Brown, 64, a Republican and retired truck driver from Rio Grande, New Jersey. "He isn't fulfilling his campaign promise."

Overall, just over half in the poll said they worry many Americans would have lost coverage had the GOP bill become law. Would their own families and average Americans have been better or worse off? More said worse.

The results underscore that annulling Obama's statute is not an issue to be trifled with. More people support than oppose that law by 45 percent to 38 percent, a slightly narrower margin than in January. And a slender majority say covering all Americans is a federal responsibility — a view embraced by Democrats but not Republicans, who instead focus on access and lower premiums.

The survey was conducted over five days preceding and following last Friday's withdrawal of the GOP health care bill. Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., short-circuited a House vote that would have spelled defeat for the Republican legislation because of opposition from conservative and moderate Republicans. It was a mortifying setback for Trump and his party.

The poll suggests that health care is damaging Trump's image.

Fifty-eight percent disapproved of his overall performance as president, not much different from his negative grade on health care. Even among those approving the job he's doing in office, about 1 in 5 was unhappy with his approach to health care.

The GOP bill scared off many Republican lawmakers after the Congressional Budget Office projected there would be 24 million more uninsured people over a decade and a boost in out-of-pocket costs for many, especially poorer people and Americans nearing retirement age.

The negative views in the poll make any new GOP effort embracing pieces of the crumbled legislation potentially perilous for the party.

Nearly all Democrats and most independents disapproved of Trump's performance on health care, but so did around 1 in 3 Republicans.

In addition, Republicans had mixed views on the collapsed House GOP bill. Clear majorities of them opposed boosting premiums for older people and those who've had gaps in coverage. They were more likely to oppose than support cutting Medicaid and were divided over linking subsidies to age more than income.

Republicans did mostly back the Republican bill's blocking of federal payments to Planned Parenthood. And they were likelier to say their own families and average Americans would have been better off, not worse, under the legislation.

Rosiland Russell, 71, a retired apartment complex manager from Clifton, Texas, said she was glad to see the attempt to unravel Obama's law.

"It's not cheap, it's not what it's cracked up to be," Russell, a Republican, said of Obama's statute. "We've got to have change, it's ridiculous."

Of the proposed Republican changes examined by the poll, only one received a positive reception. That was its elimination of the tax penalty on people who don't buy coverage, though by a modest 48 percent to 35 percent margin.

Strong majorities backed two Obama requirements the GOP would have left in place: Insurers can't deny policies to sick people and must cover children up to age 26 under their parents' plans.

The AP-NORC poll of 1,110 adults was conducted March 23-27 using a sample drawn from NORC's probability-based AmeriSpeak panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 4.0 percentage points.

Interviews were conducted online and using landlines and cellphones.

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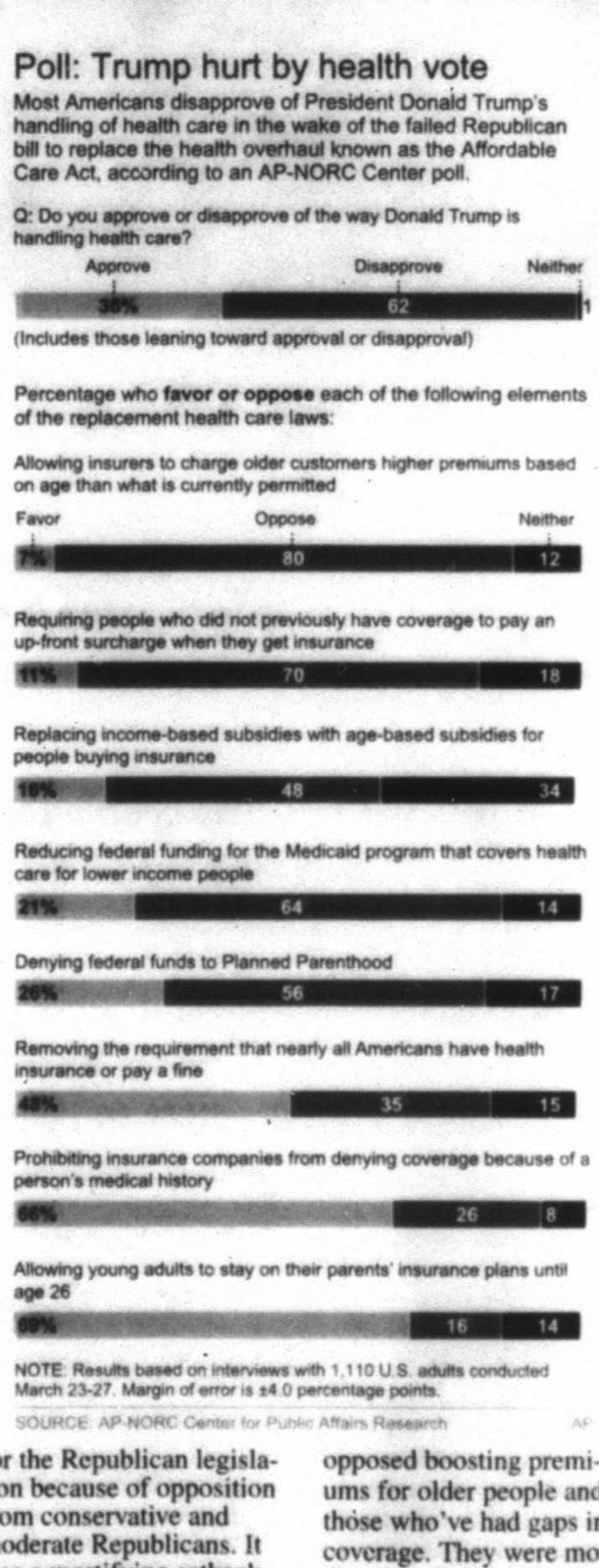

Census suggests counting LGBT, then 'corrects' and deletes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Census Bureau said Wednesday that it mistakenly proposed counting LGBTQ Americans and has since "corrected" the proposal to remove the gender and sexuality category. Gay rights groups quickly declared that it was another sign that President Donald Trump was reneging on a campaign promise to protect them.

The statement came a day after the agency sent Congress its proposals for the subjects to ask Americans about categorizing themselves in the 2020 Census and an annual survey.

The proposal "inadvertently listed sexual orientation and gender identity as a proposed topic in the appendix," the agency said in a statement. "This topic is not being proposed to Congress for the 2020 Census or American Community Survey. The report has been corrected."

In a blog post, Census Director John H. Thompson said 75 members of Congress had requested in April 2016 that "sexual orientation and gender identity" be a subject, but "our review" found no need for the change. He did not provide details.

Copies of the appendix reviewed by The Associated Press show the bureau proposing a subject called "sexual orientation and gender identity." The subject did not appear in a subsequent copy. Subjects are more general than questions, which will be submitted to Congress next year.

Gay rights groups said that suggests the subject was to be included at one point in the long process, and was later rejected. The Census Bureau would not comment on that question Wednesday.

The Human Rights Campaign said it had submitted a Freedom of Information Act request for all communications related to the proposal. Gay rights groups said not including the sexual orientation and gender identity subject in the Census and the American Community Survey would deny some government services to LGBTQ Americans.

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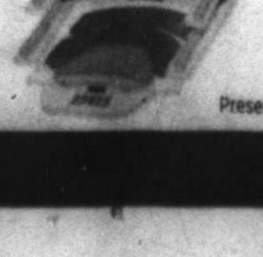

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WEEKENDER

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

BEST BETS

TODAY

BIG WILLY STYLE
Texas country singer Zane Williams returns to Midland to headline Rockin Rodeo today. 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

IN THE MIX
Get in on the new sounds by Odessa hip-hop collective A.T.M. at its mixtape release party at Eden Ultra Lounge. 10 p.m.

SATURDAY

COME ON IN
Midland Community Theatre host an open house with a 15-minute performance of its newest show, an egg hunt, food and more. 10 a.m.

SINGER SENSATION
Singer Yuridia is one of the biggest stars in Mexico. She brings her sultry Latin pop sounds to La Hacienda Event Center. 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

UP IN THE SKY
Indie Lens Pop-up's "National Bird," a documentary about the U.S. drone war, is presented by Basin PBS at the Unitarian Universalist church. 6:30 p.m.

MOVIES

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

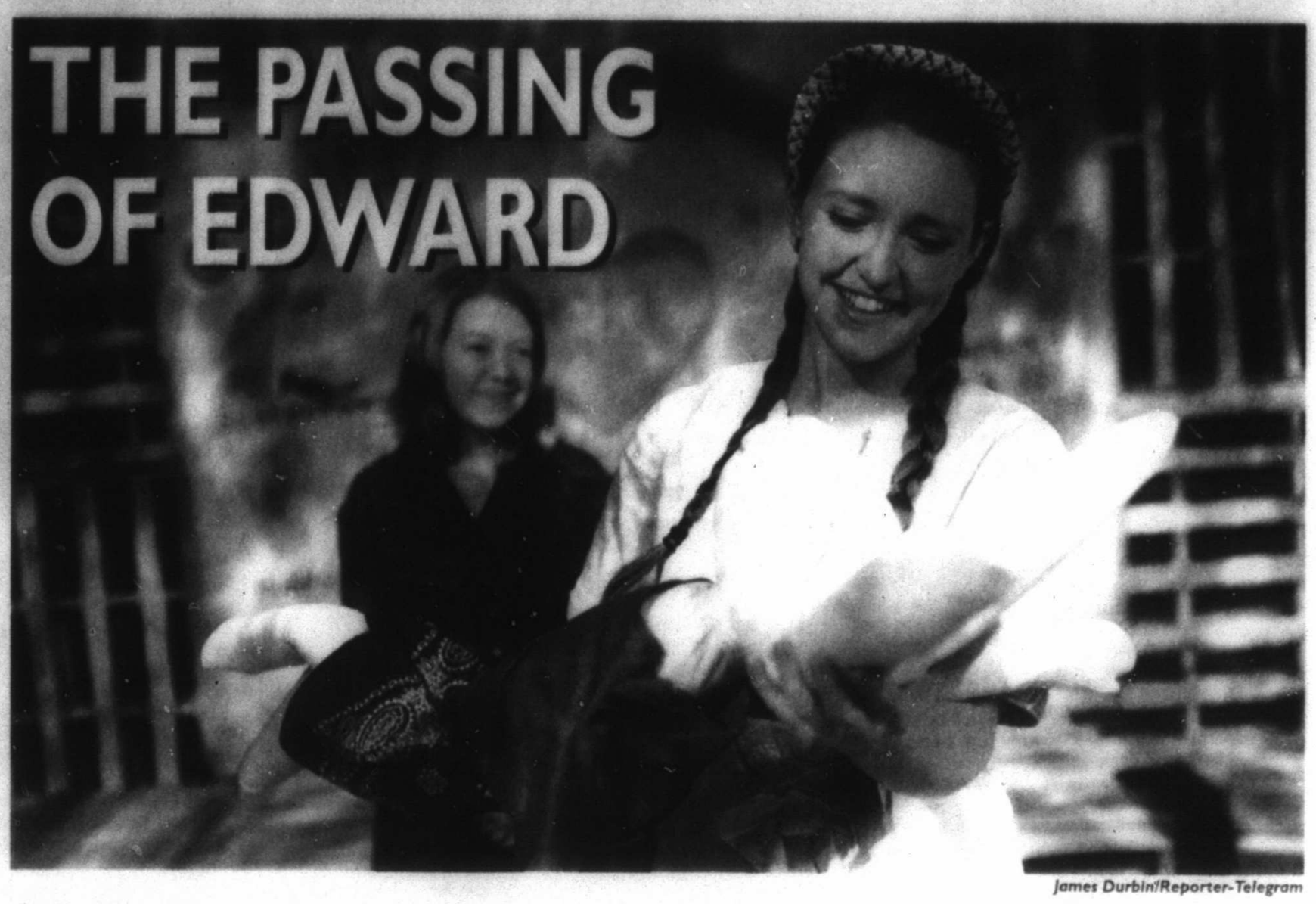
TALL CITY 14
Opening: "The Boss Baby," "Ghost in the Shell."
Closing: "The Belko Experiment," "Get Out," "The Lego Batman Movie."

CINERGY CINEMAS
Opening: "The Boss Baby," "Ghost in the Shell."
Closing: "The Belko Experiment," "The Lego Batman Movie," "The Shack."

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

COMING SOON

Tickets are now on sale at ticketfly.com for the Hot in West Texas Bash featuring hip-hop stars Nelly and Paul Wall. The doubleheader with other acts to be announced will be April 15 at Cimarex Energy Pavilion.



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Abilene (Sydney Hobbs) dances with Edward (voiced by Caitlin Lauritzen) for the Pickwick Players production "The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane" at Midland Community Theater.

HEAT INDEX: New shows by Mavericks and Pickwicks kick off the weekend

By Rich Lopez
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"The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane" at Midland Community Theatre

Based on the 2006 children's book, the Pickwick Players bring the Kate DiCamillo story to life about a china rabbit named Edward owned by a girl named Abilene. Edward falls overboard and is lost at sea. But when the rabbit is found, he is passed from person to person, getting farther from his home. Can Edward make his way back to his loving owner, Abilene? Find out in this production that opens on the main stage beginning Friday.

7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Through April 9 at 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $28. mctmidland.org.

"Rex's Exes" at VFW Hall

The Verdeen cousins of Sweetgum are back in this comedy by the Maverick Players. We first saw the trio in "The Red Velvet Cake War" in 2016. In this madcap show, the audience will see how cousins Gaynelle, Peaches and Jimmie go from planning a party to planning a funeral. This is the Mavericks' fourth production of a work by playwrights Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten. It opens Friday.

7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sundays. Through April 15 at 409 Veterans Airpark Lane. $15 Fridays and Saturdays, $10 Thursdays and Sundays. Call 522-5225 for reservations.

Midland Downtown Farmers Market opens

The official 10th season of the Farmers Market kicks off Saturday. Director Kimberly Kennedy said plenty of vendors are expected, so go prepared with enough shopping bags and cash (for those who may not take cards). The season runs weekly through Oct. 28; there are many special events throughout.

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com.

Little Joe y La Familia with the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra

How about a quick road trip this weekend for a major concert? Multi-Grammy winners Little Joe y La Familia will make their debut in Big Spring for the symphony's Pops Series. The concert also will feature local musicians John Ontiveros and Gracie Acosta. The band's Tejano flair and the symphony's classic sounds should make for quite a mix and is a must-see concert.

7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium, 310 E. Third St., Big Spring. $20 adults, $15 seniors. bigspringsymphony.com.

Alfred Hitchcock's "North by Northwest" at Regal

Hitchcock on the big screen can always be a delight, but "North by Northwest" could be a must. The film's cinematography takes advantage of wide open spaces as Cary Grant is a mistaken man on the run with Eva Marie Saint. Plus, there's that one shot to look for where the boy extra in the background ruins a dramatic scene. The film is presented by TCM Big Screen Classics.

2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday at Tall City Stadium, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $13.53 fathomevents.com.

'GHOST IN THE SHELL'

'Ghost in the Shell' has big shoes to fill for anime fans

By John Anderson
Newsday

The opening moments of the new "Ghost in the Shell" — a minute-and-a-half establishing shot of its futuristic city and its hero, The Major (Scarlett Johansson) — could have taken quite a bit of time if it had been done on only one computer, said the film's visual-effects supervisor, Guillaume Rocheron. "About 33 years," he guessed.

Luckily, they had more than one computer.

"Ghost in the Shell," which opens Friday involves crime, intrigue and Major's realization that her life was stolen when she was made into a cyber-enhanced crime-fighting machine. It is intended to amaze with its transformation of the beloved 1995 animé into a live-action Hollywood spectacle. But Rocheron said the intention was also to do as much "practically" as they could.

"We tried to be as tactile as possible," he said, "which was always Rupert's mission."

Director Rupert Sanders ("Snow White and the Huntsman"), along with Rocheron and the rest of their filmmaking team, were under quite a bit of pressure: The animated Japanese version, directed by Mamoru Oshii (and adapted from the popular manga, or comic book), has an enormous cult following. It was just released on BluRay / HD digital by Anchor Bay Entertainment with a limited edition steelbook and exclusive Mondo artwork (there have been numerous other films and TV series, as well). To say it has a fan base is to do it an injustice: "Ghost in the Shell" broke new ground — for fans, and for the Japanese animation industry — when it hit U.S. shores

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Guests bring international flair to 'Cinderella'

By Rich Lopez
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Bringing in guest artists is customary for the Midland Festival Ballet. Midland has seen dancers from throughout the country grace the stage in previous MFB productions. Sunday's performance of "Cinderella" is a mix of local and international dancers who take the ballet to the next level.

With dancers from Mexico, Macedonia, as well as California and New York, the cast brings both a wealth of talent and history to the production.

The leads, Katia Carranza and Eduardo Pi Iglesias, Cinderella and the Prince respectively, are with Mexico's Ballet de Monterrey.

Marko Micov began training at the Macedonian Opera and Ballet and delivered a winning performance at the 2010 International Ballet Competition on Croatia. He moved to the United States and joined Ballet San Antonio in 2016 as did castmate Aidan Carrasquel.

Russia has been important to many of MFB's guest dancers. Freelance dancer Isaac Sanders studied in Russia and was one of six Americans to perform at the Bolshoi Ballet Academy in Moscow. Ian Morris, also with Ballet San

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WANT TO GO?

"Cinderella" by Midland Festival Ballet, 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1514 Farm to Market Road 1788. $10-$49. midlandfestivalballet.org.

CALENDAR

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

EVENTS

Egg-Stravaganza will feature pictures with the Easter Bunny, rock wall climbing, obstacle course and more with purchase of activity band. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at Midland YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring St. $10. midlandymca.org.

Midland Community Theatre Open House will feature a 15-minute performance of "The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane," egg hunt, crafts, food trucks and more. 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday at MCT, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.

Wine, Women and Shoes benefiting Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center with a performance by RaeLynn, wine tasting, the Show Guys, food and shopping. Tuesday at Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield St. $125 general admission, $400 for girlfriend package of four, $50 for Keys to the Closet. winewomenandshoes.com/event/midland.

FAMILY & YOUTH

Child Painting Event: "Lego Joker." 2 p.m. Saturday at Cabin Creek Coffee and Tea, 2900 W. Loop 250 N. $25 children, $15 adults. kiddsandcanvasparties.com.

Building Bots: Robotics and Engineering Funlab enables children to engage in engineering and robotic creative design through different themes. 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at The Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West. $20 members, $25 non. PBpetro.org.

Storytime at the Library. 10:30 a.m. (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years). Wednesdays. Tickets required for later sessions due to limited space. Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

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Evening Storytime at the Library. 4:30 p.m. (2-6 years) Fridays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Pretend and Play for ages 3-6. 10 a.m. Friday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. Every other Friday. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

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

FINE ART & DANCE

Midland Palette Club Arts of the Heart 8th annual Art Sale, 6 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. Saturday at 907 W. Wadley Ave.

"Sum You Some Me: Work by Felice House and Dana Younger" at McCormick Gallery at Midland College, 3600 Garfield St.

"On the Rise: Student Artists of the Permian Basin" in the Turner Memorial Art Museum. Through April 24 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

FOOD & DRINK

Midland Downtown Farmers Market. This is the opening of the market's 10th season. The market will be open Saturdays through Oct. 28. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

LITTLE JOE Y LA FAMILIA WITH THE BIG SPRING SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

GAMES

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

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

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

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

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

Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 1 p.m. Tuesdays; 10:30 a.m. Saturdays; 1:30 p.m. Sundays. Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 432-682-8595.

Monday Mayhem features unlimited bowling for $14.09 with free shoe rentals after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

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

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

Trivia Game Night, 7 p.m. Wednesdays at True Texas BBQ, 5407 Andrews Hwy. Free.

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

LECTURES, MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

West Texas History Symposium is a day long event of panels and discussions by community college faculty on a range of subjects from a historical perspective. 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield St. $5. midland.edu/westtexas.

Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher. The class is for all levels. 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. To register, email sara@artbysaradb.com.

MUSIC

AMERICANA SINGER-SONGWRITER

Jack Nelson, 9 p.m. Saturday at Beer Garden, 7112 W. Hwy 80. 21 and older.

BIG BAND

An Evening with the Rat Pack. The Basin Big Band performs while guests can enjoy dining and dancing at the benefit for SeniorLink Midland. Cocktail attire requested. 7 p.m. today at The Petroleum Club, 501 W. Wall St. seniorlinkmidland.org.

CHRISTIAN

Brandon Heath, 6 p.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church, 300 N. Main St. $10. firstmethodistmidland.com.

COUNTRY

Zane Williams, 8 p.m today at Rockin Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. rockinrodeomidland.com.

Forgotten Road, 10 p.m. Friday at Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

Ronnie McDowell, 7 p.m. Tuesday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $33. liveonstage-pb.com.

DJ/DANCE

#Hangovertodays, 7 p.m. today at Atrium Lounge, 3904 W. Wall St.

DJ Wildman, 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday at The Lift on 7th, 1401 E. 7th St. Odessa.

HIP-HOP

A.T.M. mixtape release party, 10 p.m. Friday at Eden Ultra Lounge, 3306 W. Loop 338, Odessa. $5-$10.

KARAOKE

Karaoke, 9 p.m. today at The Detour Bar, 1708 Rankin Highway. thedetourbar.com.

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

LATIN

Little Joe y La Familia with the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra. The Grammy-winning Tejano band makes its first performance with the BSSO for its Pops series. 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium, 310 E 3rd St., Big Spring. $20 adults, $15 seniors. bigspringsymphony.com.

Yuridia, 8:30 p.m. Saturday at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. $55-$110. Haciendamidland.com.

OUTDOORS, SPORTS & FITNESS

Walk MS: Permian Basin benefiting the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. 9 a.m. April 1 at Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield St. nmss.org.

Adult Kickball, 2 p.m. Saturdays. Visit facebook.com/groups/Midlandkickball for more information.

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

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

Yoga at the Museum for museum members. 8 a.m. Wednesdays at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E University Blvd, Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

THEATER, COMEDY & FILM

"Facing Darkness: A Story about Faith and Ebola." 7 p.m. today at Tall City Stadium, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $13.53. fathomevents.com.

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"Cabaret," through April 9 at Sul Ross State University, Marshall Auditorium, 400 N. Harrison St., Alpine. $10-$12. sulross.edu.

COMING SOON

APRIL

Art Social: "The Legacy of Eanger Irving Couse" with Kristen Wagstrom. 10 a.m. April 6 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Great Futures Benefit featuring Dak Prescott of the Dallas Cowboys. This inaugural event is a blue, white and black tie event benefiting Boys and Girls Club of Midland. The event will also feature dinner, cocktails, a silent auction, music by Jjaba Phunk and more. 6:30 p.m. April 6 at Midland Country Club. basinkids.org.

Open Mic Night, 6 p.m. April 6 at Brew St. Bakery, 4610 N. Garfield St.

"The Case for Christ." 7 p.m. April 6 at Tall City Stadium, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $16.25. fathomevents.com.

Knit and Stitch is a free social gathering for stitchers, quilters, knitters and crocheters. 7 p.m. April 6 at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Noelartmuseum.org.

Mo Pitney, 8 p.m April 6 at Rockin Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. rockinrodeomidland.com.

Gary P. Nunn benefiting CASA. 7 p.m. April 6 at Dos Amigos, 4700 Golder Ave. $25 advance, $30 door. dosamigos.com.

Star Party with the West Texas Astronomers. 5:30 p.m. April 7 at Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. (in Haley Park). Museumsw.org.

First Friday featuring the UTPB senior show of Courtney Johnson. Johnson's works will be on display throughout April. 6 p.m. April 7 at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St.

SciFriday: "Wall-E." 8 p.m. April 7 at Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. museumsw.org.

Midland Northside Lions Club 24th annual Bunny Breakfast is a fundraiser that serves a breakfast menu with foods by Texas Roadhouse, Fuddruckers and Sidekicks and Legends as well as offer Easter candy for children. The event will also feature the Easter Bunny, area mascots, a DJ, door prizes and more. Tickets available at Abacus Computers in ClayDesta, Dillard's and Chick-fil-A in the mall. 7-10 a.m. April 8 at Midland Park Mall, 4511 N. Midkiff Road.

Blue Ribbon Run IX: The Race to End Child Abuse, 8:30 a.m. (1K), 9 a.m. (5K) April 8 at Midland Memorial Stadium, 2001 W. Cuthbert Ave. Register at raceplanner.com.

Sibley Nature Festival: At Home on the Llano is a free community event that will explore how the Llano Estacado became a region for people and animals with activities and lecturers. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. April 8 at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Bronson Chadwick Magic Show, 6 and 8 p.m. April 8 at the Yucca Theater, 208 N. Colorado St. $12-$28. bronsonchadwick.com.

Ninth annual High Sky Wing Hops and Props is a beer tasting event with food by local restaurants, vintage airplanes on display, a raffle and live music by Cody Bryan and Cameron Nelson. A "Tipsy Taxi" will be available for no charge. 7 p.m. April 8 at 9600 Wright Drive. $40 general admission, $20 designated driver. 21 and older only. highskywing.org.

MOSC Symphony SoundBites is a pre-concert supper and talk with Maestro Gary Lewis. Deadline to purchase SoundBites tickets is April 3. 6:30 p.m. at the Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall, 1310 N. FM 1788. $25. MOSC.org.

MOSC Masterworks: The Firebird, 7:30 p.m. April 8 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. MOSC.org.

Play Date, 10 and 11 a.m., April 11 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. museumsw.org.

Second Tuesday Salon is a free lunchtime concert series. Brown bag lunches or purchase from the local food truck onsite beginning at 11:30 a.m. Open to the public. Noon, April 11 at The Rose Building, 415 N. Grant Ave., Odessa. Free. odessaarts.org.

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EVENTS & MORE

Laredo Morning Times file photo

Jonhai Fernandez and Katia Carranza portray the roles of Basilio and Kitri during a ballet production of 'Don Quixote' in this file photo. Carranza will be performing the title role in "Cinderella" on Sunday.

BALLET

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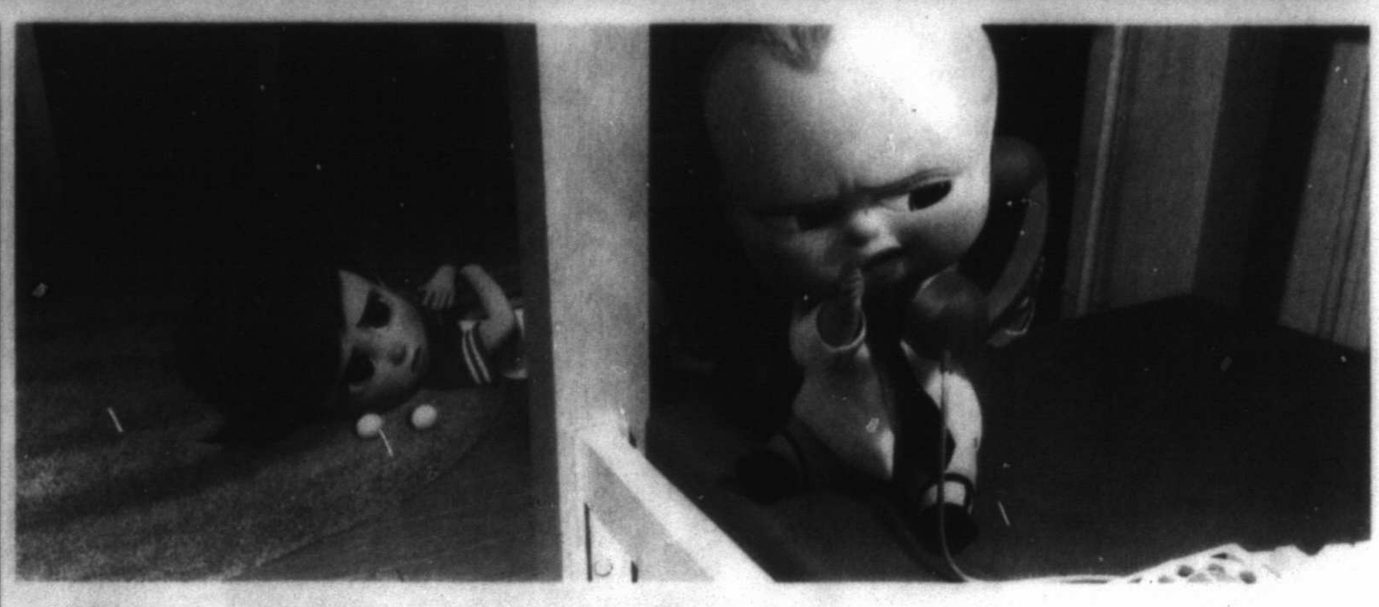
Antonio, performed with the Latin Dance Company at the Bolshoi Student Theater.

Guest dancers Jason Cox is a San Antonio native who returns to perform with MFB, and Paolo Hernandez-Farella hails from Los Angeles where he has trained in ballet and modern dance.

But not all dancers are from far away. Karen Scarcelli, representing the West Texas contingent, plays Stepmother. She has performed with Ballet Midland and Lubbock Civic Ballet and now teaches at MFB.

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin's University Philharmonic conducted by Thomas Hohstadt will accompany the ballet's performance.



'Boss Baby' is fun for grown-ups

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"The Boss Baby" derives its premise from the notion that when new babies show up in the household, they render parents into slavishly devoted employees with their demands and fits. Babies are like bosses, but more satirically, bosses are like babies, right?

That metaphor is explored in Marla Frazee's children's book, with a boss baby outfitted in a suit, complete with buttoned bottom flap, and now that's been transported to the screen with Alec Baldwin voicing the titular boss.

In theory, the idea seems about as interesting as "Baby Geniuses," but in execution, the film is surprisingly fun and clever. Written by Michael McCullers, it's almost too clever for its own good — only adults are going to the appreciate nuances of the jokes and wordplay about corporate middle-management culture, with all of its memos and water coolers.

That content is offset with a wild and creative visual design. The film is directed by Tom McGrath, who directed the "Madagascar" and "Megamind" films, and got his start in animation on "The Ren & Stimpy Show." There's a fluidness to the action sequences, especially the imaginative fantasy sequences of young Tim Templeton (Miles Bakshi), the boy whose home the Boss Baby invades. It's a visual treat from start to finish, expansive in scope and multitudinous in its design influences.

Though Frazee's book offers the metaphor of the Boss Baby, McCullers fleshes out a full action-adventure story for Boss Baby and Tim. Turns out this Boss Baby isn't here to stay, he's just on a mission from BabyCorp to infiltrate PuppyCo. via his new parents and investigate their new product launch. Turns out BabyCorp is concerned that their market share of parental love is tipping too far into the puppy realm, and they need an ambitious young executive to turn things around.

But this corporate scheming is simply the backdrop for what becomes a sibling love story. Tim and Boss Baby start out as rivals, especially when he discovers that his little be-suited younger brother is actually a swaggering executive with the dulcet tones of Baldwin, outfitted

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'GHOST'

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almost exactly 19 years ago this month. A generation of animé lovers were exposed to it at an impressionable time in their movie-consuming careers.

"Oshii's 'Ghost in the Shell' arrived on the Western radar at a perfect moment — and not just by capturing so many of the tropes and concerns of the cyberpunk movement," said Rupert Bottenberg, programmer of the Axis animation section at Montreal's Fantasia film festival, and who presented and interviewed director Oshii there two years ago. ("I was reading Masamune Shirow's mangas in the late '80s, well before the animé.")

Bottenberg said that Saturday-morning and after-school cartoons had familiarized kids with the animé style and sensibility, but the quality of Japanese animation, since the '60s, had been all about "cutting corners." When the sophisticated "Akira" hit screens in 1988, it was a revelation. But it took "GITS" in 1995 to show that "Akira" wasn't a fluke, that the Japanese animation industry had metamorphosed into something far more technically advanced.

"The streak of sexiness and the du-jour cyberpunk themes were important, of course," Bottenberg said. "But Oshii's removed, abstracted, philosophizing tone confirmed what 'Akira' had suggested — that cartoons no longer needed to be synonymous with kooky and cuddly."

Given the impact of "GITS," a live-action remake assumed immediate baggage.

"I knew it would be impossible to simply remake the original," said Sanders. "We had to find a story that felt part of the world, part of the legacy, and not just a recreation. My approach was to adapt and yet honor the original material."

Sanders' "Ghost in the Shell," which co-stars Juliette Binoche and Michael Pitt and was written by Jamie Moss, became controversial as soon as Johansson was cast as the lead: That a non-Asian would be playing the principal character in the remake of such an iconic Japanese story struck many as just another case of Hollywood "whitewashing." However, Oshii has apparently given his blessing to Johansson, and the cast does include several Asian stars, including one of the biggest, the actor and director Takeshi Kitano.

"I grew up watching the films of Takeshi-san, from 'Merry Christmas Mr. Lawrence,' to 'Sonatine' to 'Hana-bi,'" said Sanders, "and when first casting for the role of Aramaki there was no one else in my mind. It was a challenge to schedule, he is always busy, but I was incredibly persistent and wouldn't take no for an answer. Even when I had to tell the studio that he would only speak in Japanese, I wouldn't back down."

At the world premiere of "Ghost in the Shell" in Tokyo, a news conference brought together members of the international cast, including Kitano and Johansson.

"Appearing in a real Hollywood film with a big budget was a very good experience for me; Scarlett taught me how to behave when working as an actor," said Kitano, who has about 64 acting credits and is something of a one-man entertainment empire in Japan.

For her part, Johansson left any controversies to others. "This film was a labor of love for all of us, and it's a property that's beloved by all of you," she told the Japanese media. "And it feels very fitting and deeply touching to bring this film here for the world premiere."

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"Ghost in the Shell" is the latest animated property to undergo the transformation process into a live-action movie — and to judge by last week's monster opening of "Beauty and the Beast" ($170 million), it's a pretty smart strategy. On the other hand … as these examples show, a cartoon going "live" can lead to anything from joy to disaster:

101 DALMATIANS (1996) A dog. In revisiting the 1961 animated Disney film, Stephen Herek had at his disposal a script by John Hughes and a leading lady in Glenn Close as Cruella De Vil, but it hardly gave the old imperiled puppy movie a new leash on life. However, reports last year said yet another "Dalmatians" is reportedly on the non-drawing board, one which — a la "Wicked" or "Maleficent" (another live-action remake) — will be a prequel about how Cruella got that way. The alleged title: "Cruella." The alleged star: Emma Stone. We'll see.

THE CAT IN THE HAT (2003) First it was the beloved Dr. Seuss book of 1957, then the 1971 animated TV show, then, most notoriously, it was the movie starring Mike Myers, which we don't even like to think about. Cloying, vulgar and boring, the film is — as Leonard Maltin's movie guide puts it — "a betrayal of everything Dr. Seuss ever stood for."

HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS (2000) Another assault on Dr. Seuss, this vehicle for Jim Carrey used gross-out humor, awkwardly adult references and an overly antic approach to the gentle Seuss tale to make an inadvertent tribute to Chuck Jones' 1966 masterpiece of concision and wit.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND (2010) One of the more iconic Disney animations of the early years and yet another based on a literary chestnut (Uncle Walt always liked material that was in the public domain). When Lewis Carroll's story got the phantasmagorical Tim Burton treatment, so did Johnny Depp, Mia Wasikowska and Helena Bonham-Carter — all of whom returned for last year's "Alice Through the Looking Glass." Burton apparently has his heart set on a live-action "Dumbo." We tremble with anticipation.

THE JUNGLE BOOK (2016) A revelation and a movie destined for repeat viewings by multiple generations, Jon Favreau's adaptation of the Rudyard Kipling adventure stories — which were the basis for the Disney cartoon movie of 1967 — uses state-of-the-art animatronics and graphic imagery to immerse the viewer and its young hero, Mowgli (Neel Sethi) in the forests of India, and the "law of the jungle." Bill Murray, Ben Kingsley, Idris Elba and Lupita Nyong'o provide voices.

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in little sock garters, with a penchant for sushi and espresso. The two strike a deal: if Tim helps Boss Baby with the PuppyCo. mission, Boss Baby gets his corner office, and Tim gets his parents' full attention back.

Through their misadventures and antics, the two learn to work together and love each other, and discover that siblings are actually fun for things like imagination playtime and wild harebrained plots to save their parents from the dastardly PuppyCo. CEO Francis Francis (Steve Buscemi). It's the kind of sibling love that one looks back on in fondness, as this film does in bookends, with older Tim voiced by Tobey Maguire.

Most of the movie's laughs are from the cognitive dissonance of Baldwin's voice coming from a large-eyed, adorable blonde baby, and there are some great visual gags — his mouth twists into a pout that is veritably Trumpian — and references that the film incorporates. "Cookies are for closers!" he barks, harkening to Baldwin's memorable speech from "Glengarry Glen Ross." "The Boss Baby" is great fun for parents, but it remains to be seen if kids will get it at all.

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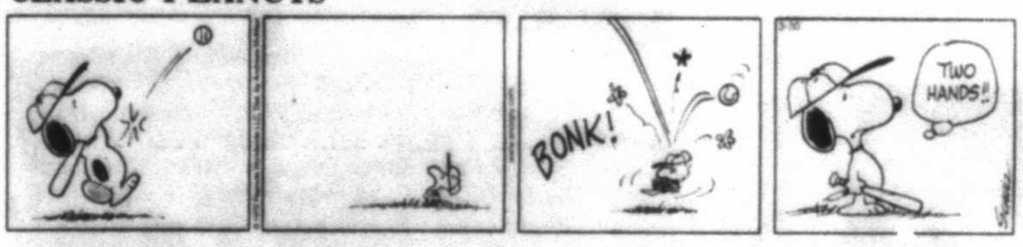

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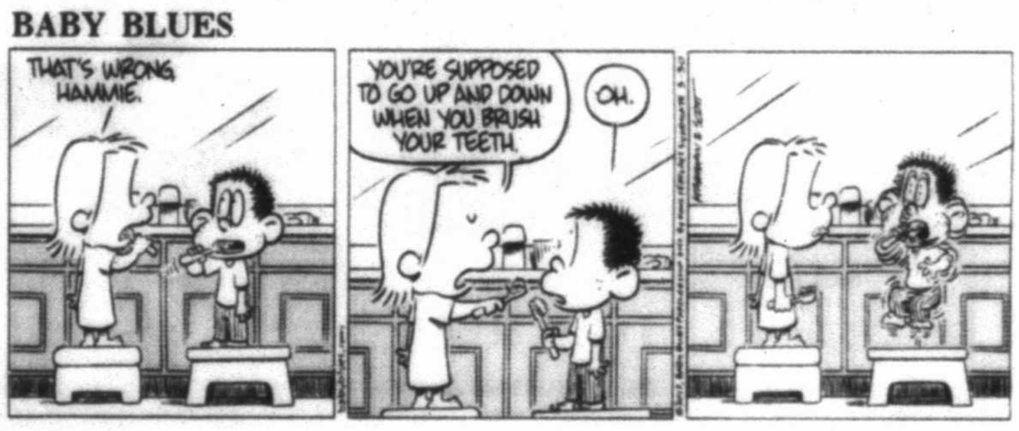

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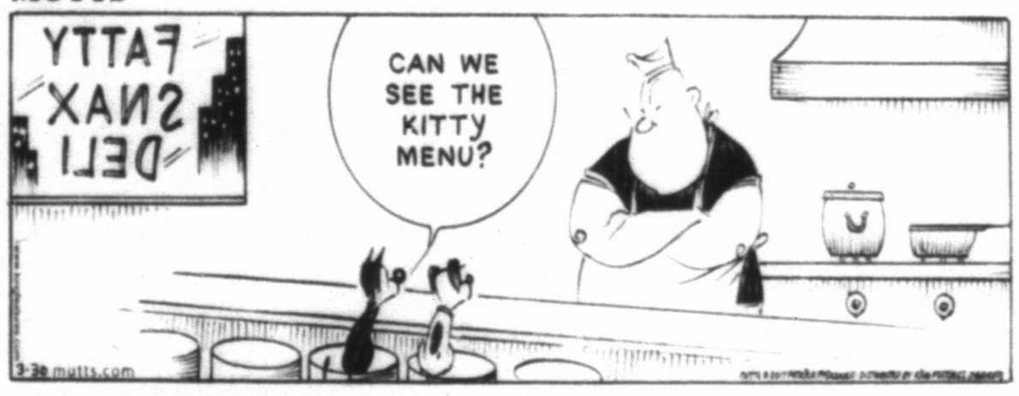

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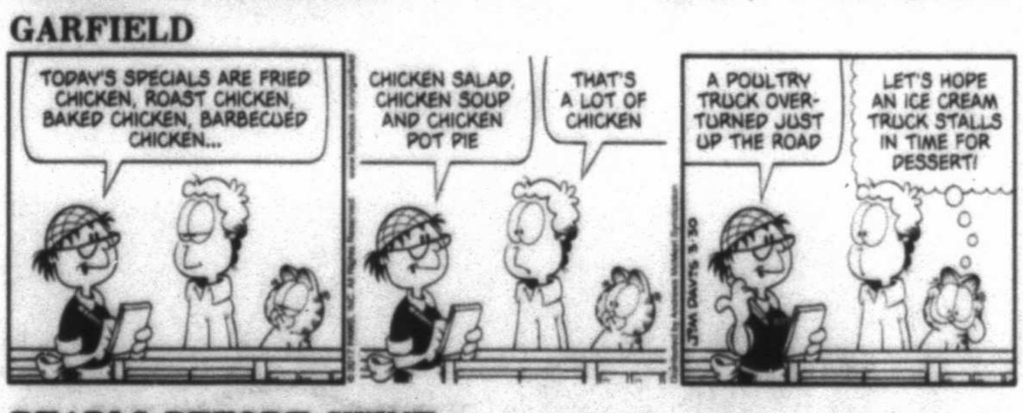

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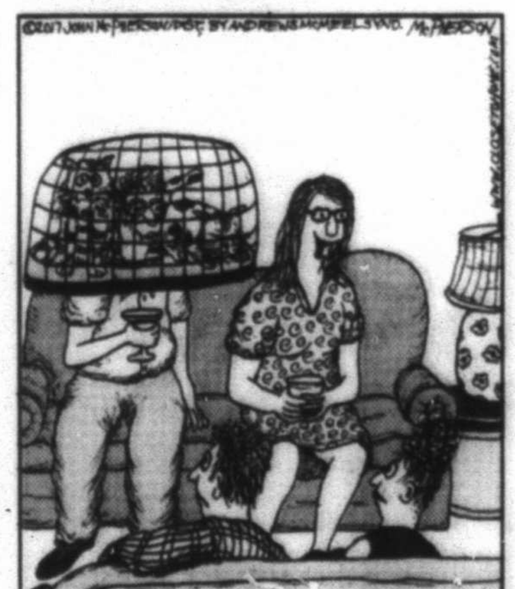

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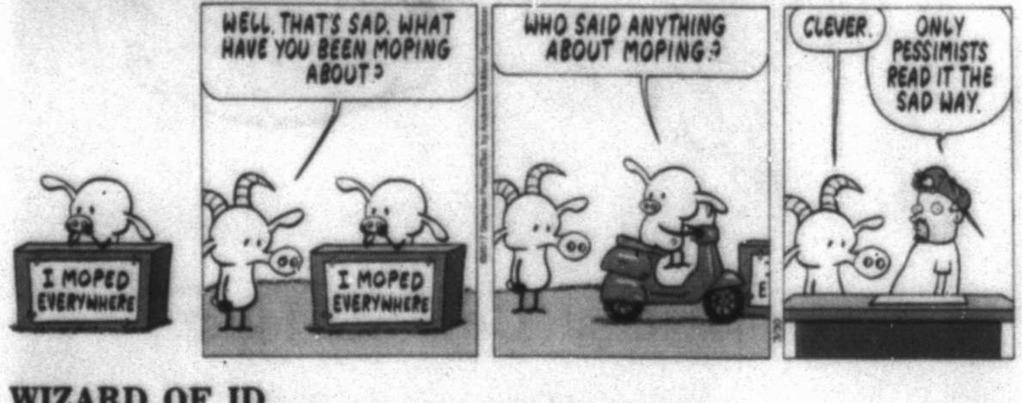

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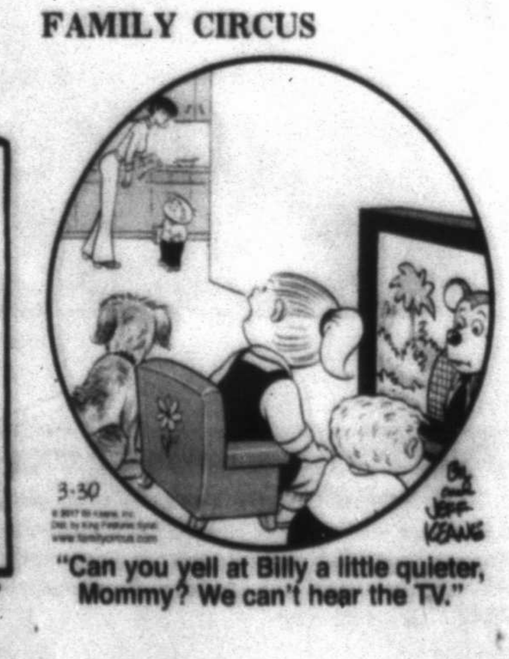

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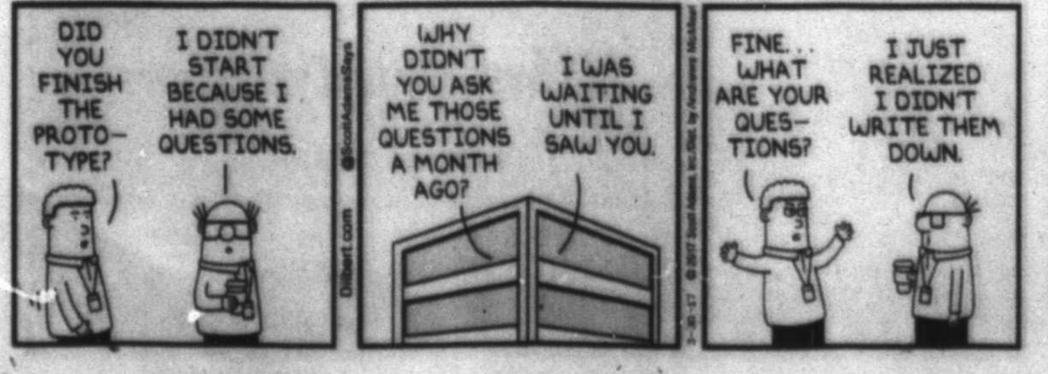

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"The Lego Batman Movie" (PG) The snarky brick version of the Caped Crusader battles the Joker, learns to be a team player and lighten up a little. Voices by Will Arnett, Zach Galifianakis, Michael Cera, Rosario Dawson, Ralph Fiennes. Written by Seth Grahame-Smith and Chris McKenna & Erik Sommers and Jared Stern & John Whittington, story by Seth Grahame-Smith. Directed by Chris McKay.

"Life" (R) An international crew investigate the first signs of extraterrestrial life on Mars. With Jake Gyllenhaal, Rebecca Ferguson, Ryan Reynolds, Hiroyuki Sanada, Ariyon Bakare, Olga Dihovichnaya. Written by Rhett Reese & Paul Wernick. Directed by Daniel Espinosa.

"Logan" (R) Hugh Jackman makes his last stand as the razor-clawed Wolverine, protecting a young girl who may share some of his traits. With Patrick Stewart, Richard E. Grant, Boyd Holbrook, Stephen Merchant, Dafne Keen. Written by Michael Green and Scott Frank & James Mangold; story by David James Kelly and Mangold. Directed by Mangold.

"Saban's Power Rangers" (PG-13) After learning the globe is under threat from an alien force, five teens join together to form a resistance. With Dacre Montgomery, Naomi Scott, RJ Cyler, Becky G, Ludi Lin, Bryan Cranston. Written by John Gatins; story by Matt Sazama & Burk Sharpless and Michele Mulroney & Kieran Mulroney, based upon "Power Rangers" created by Haim Saban and Toei Company Ltd. Directed by Dean Israelite.

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in little sock garters, with a penchant for sushi and espresso. The two strike a deal: if Tim helps Boss Baby with the PuppyCo. mission, Boss Baby gets his corner office, and Tim gets his parents' full attention back.

Through their misadventures and antics, the two learn to work together and love each other, and discover that siblings are actually fun for things like imagination playtime and wild harebrained plots to save their parents from the dastardly PuppyCo. CEO Francis Francis (Steve Buscemi). It's the kind of sibling love that one looks back on in fondness, as this film does in bookends, with older Tim voiced by Tobey Maguire.

Most of the movie's laughs are from the cognitive dissonance of Baldwin's voice coming from a large-eyed, adorable blonde baby, and there are some great visual gags — his mouth twists into a pout that is veritably Trumpian — and references that the film incorporates. "Cookies are for closers!" he barks, harkening to Baldwin's memorable speech from "Glengarry Glen Ross." "The Boss Baby" is great fun for parents, but it remains to be seen if kids will get it at all.

'The Boss Baby'

2 1/2 stars out of 4

Cast: Alec Baldwin, Jimmy Kimmel, Lisa Kudrow, Miles Bakshi, Steve Buscemi, Tobey Maguire

Directed by Tom McGrath

Running time: 1 hour, 37 minutes

Rated PG for some mild rude humor.

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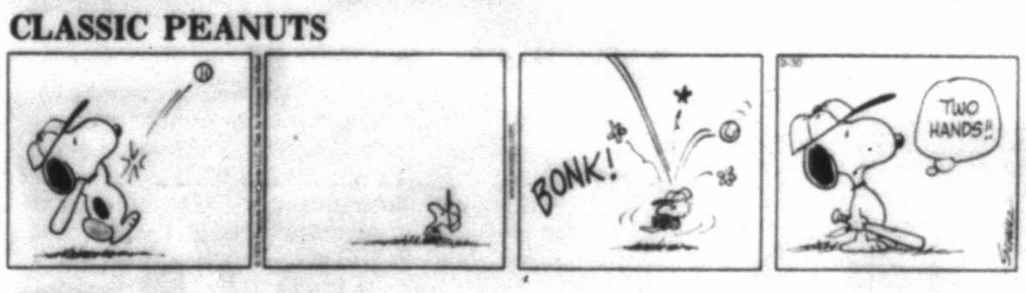

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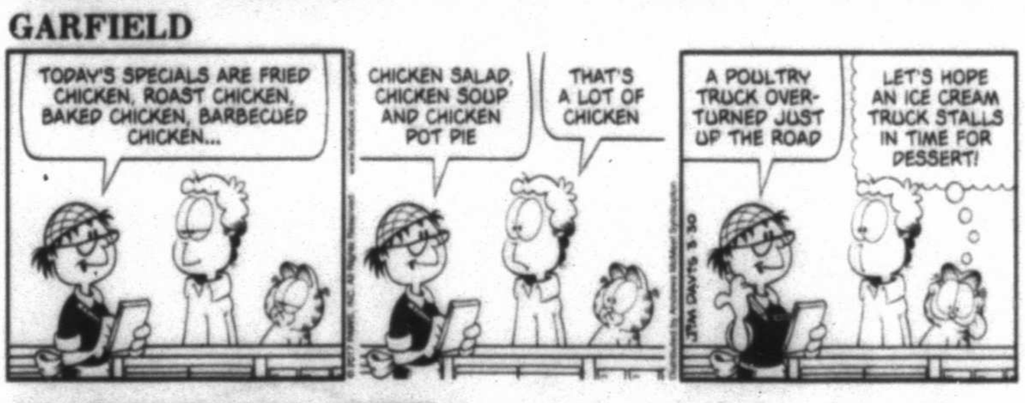

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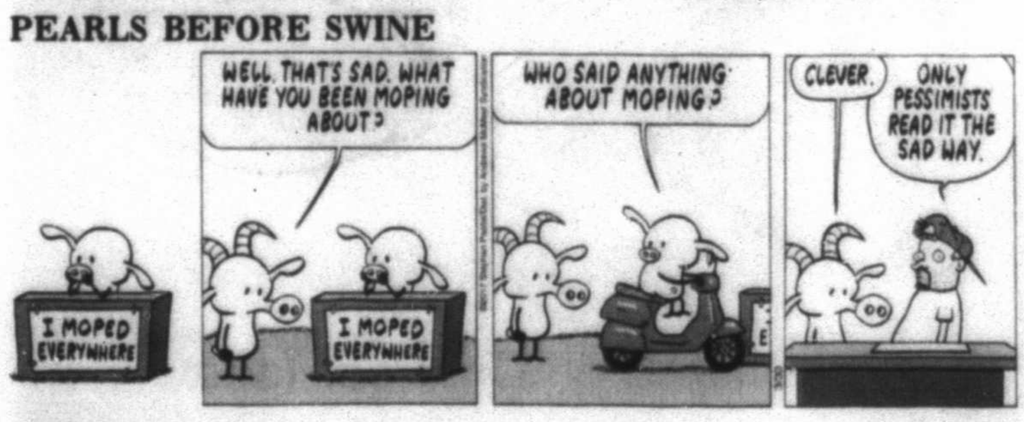

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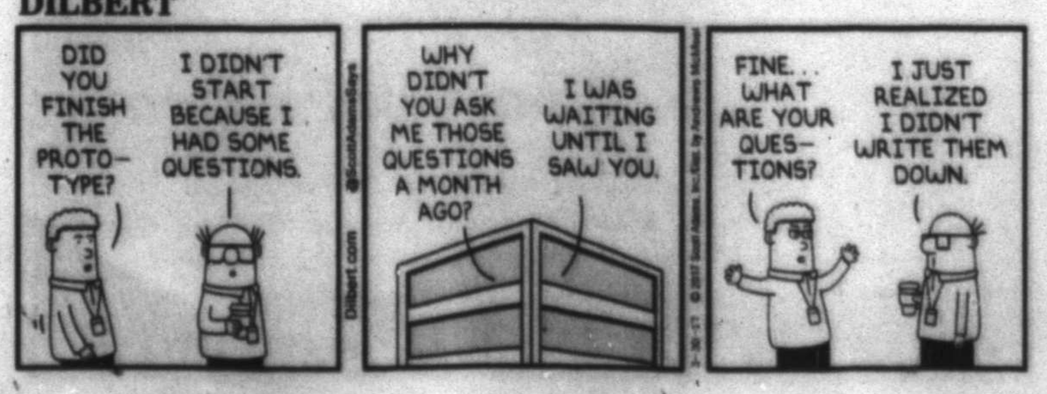

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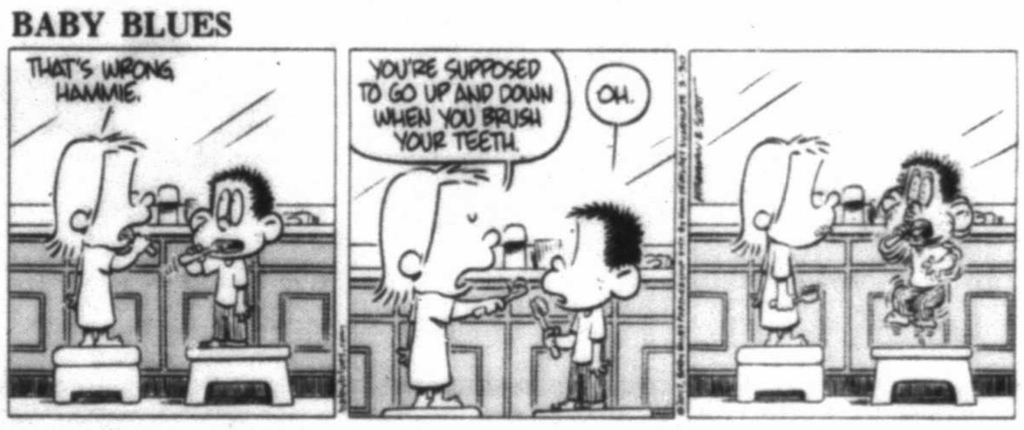

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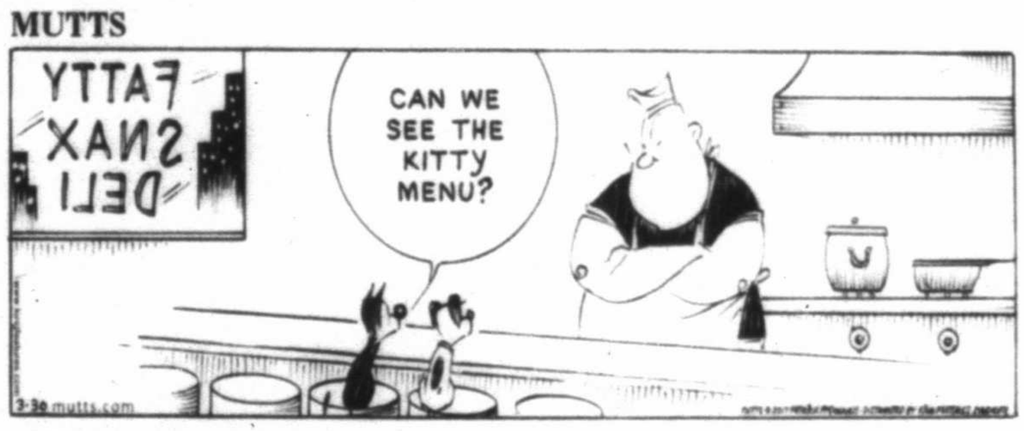

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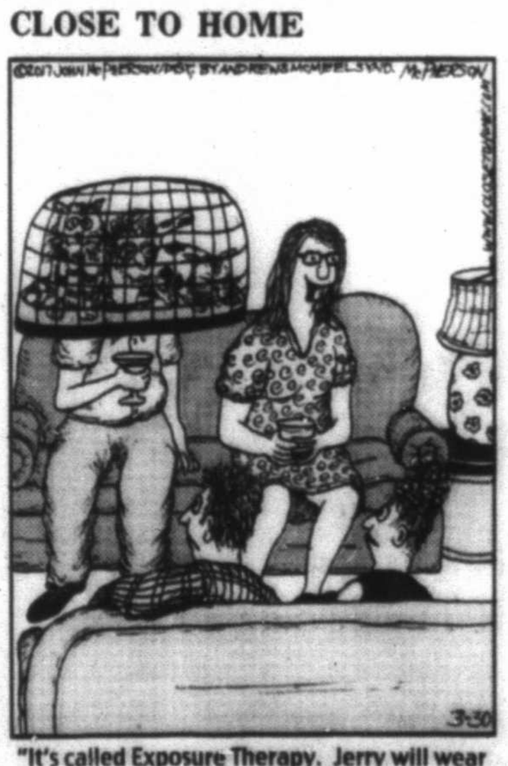
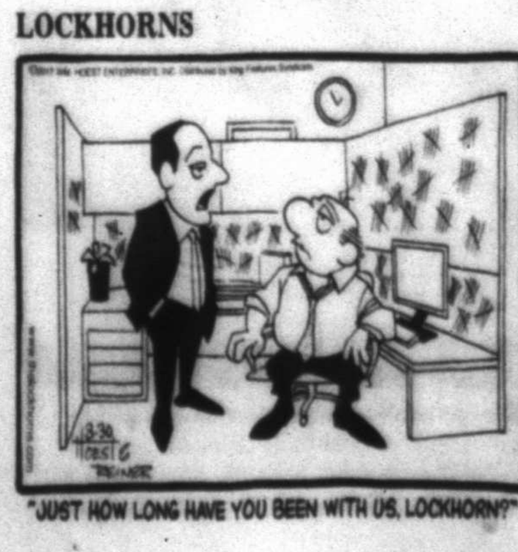


"It's called Exposure Therapy. Jerry will wear the cat cage for a month, and by then, his allergy to them should be gone."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"CAN I SEE YOUR OTHER FACE? DAD SAYS YOU HAVE TWO!"

LOCKHORNS



"JUST HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WITH US, LOCKHORN?"

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Can you yell at Billy a little quieter, Mommy? We can't hear the TV."

DINING

WEEKENDER PUBLISHES A PORTION OF THE RESTAURANT GUIDE EACH WEEK. ENTREE PRICE RANGE IS BASED ON THE AVERAGE ENTREE PRICE ON THE MENU: $ = $1-10, $$ = $10-20 AND $$$ = $20 OR MORE. RESTAURANTS ARE GIVEN A GENERAL RATING BASED ON QUALITY OF FOOD, SERVICE, CLEANLINESS, ATMOSPHERE AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE. 1 SPOON = POOR, 2 SPOONS = AVERAGE, 3 SPOONS = ABOVE AVERAGE, 4 SPOONS = GOOD AND 5 SPOONS = EXCELLENT.

ATHENIAN RESTAURANT
4610 N. GARFIELD AVE., STE. B | 247-5280

CAFE UNIQUE
3303 N. MIDKIFF ROAD STE. B | 247-1487

SHAHI TANDOOR
3400 W. WALL ST. | 618-9090

GREEK

ATHENIAN RESTAURANT The only Greek restaurant in town features classics like dolmades, spanakopita and gyros along with Greek-style burgers for lunch and an extensive menu of seafood, lamb, beef, chicken and vegetables for dinner. 4610 N. Garfield St. Suite B | 247-5280 | $$ | 4 spoons

VENEZUELAN

CAFE UNIQUE Chef Gabriel Alvarado hails from Venezuela and serves Midlanders a variety of arepas, empanadas and other unique specialities. Try any of the arepas. Our favorite is stuffed with black beans, shredded beef, sauteed plantains and white cheese. 3303 N. Midkiff Road | 247-1487 | $ | 4 spoons

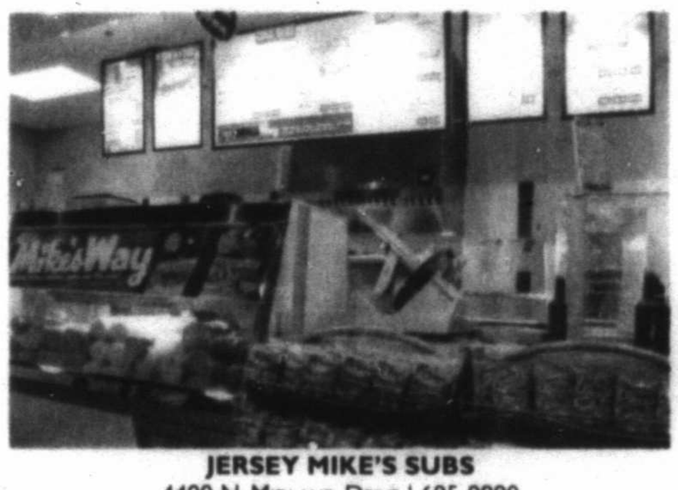
INDIAN

SHAHI TANDOOR In a hotel lobby off of West Wall Street, Shahi Tandoor offers authentic Indian cuisine to West Texans. The lunch buffet offers a variety of salads, meats and vegetarian dishes. Try the sag paneer or chicken tikka masala. Evening is menu service only. 3400 W. Wall St. | 618-9090 | www.indianfoodmidland.com | $$ | 4 spoons

SUBWAY
TEN LOCATIONS IN MIDLAND

WHICH WICH
100 N. MAIN ST., SUITE 400 | 685-1203

POTBELLY SANDWICH SHOP
401 N. LOOP 250 W. | 704-5500



JERSEY MIKE'S SUBS
4400 N. MIDLAND DRIVE | 695-9990

JIMMY JOHN'S GOURMET SANDWICHES
3201 N. MIDKIFF ROAD, SUITE 110 | 689-0468

TASTE@508
508 W. WALL ST. | 687-1755

DELI

FIREHOUSE SUBS National chain with tribute to local firefighters. Try the meatball sub or the Italian. Order it "fully involved" if you want all the veggies, mayonnaise, mustard and a pickle slice. 2900 W. Loop 250 N. 689-6500 www.firehousesubs.com | $ | 4 spoons

JASON'S DELI National chain has a salad bar that's hard to beat and a nice selection of sandwiches and soups. Plenty of vegetarian, organic and gluten-free options. 4610 N. Garfield St., Suite D 1-B 682-2200 www.jasonsdeli.com | $ | 4 spoons

JERSEY MIKE'S SUBS The New Jersey-based sub shop offers freshly sliced meats and special sauces on its made-to-order sandwiches. 4400 N. Midland Drive, 695-9990 jerseymikes.com | $ | 4 spoons

JIMMY JOHN'S GOURMET SANDWICHES The chain puts an emphasis on freshness of ingredients in its menu selections, which includes sandwiches, chips and cookies. 3201 N. Midland Road Suite 110 689-0468 | $ | 4 spoons

LIVING 360 ORGANICS All organic, non-GMO menu includes juices, smoothies and acai bowls. Soups change daily. Sandwiches, wraps and a la carte items are available. Try the cold quinoa salad and a cup of soup. 3211 W. Wadley Ave. Suite 21 | 262-3411 | living360organics.com | $ | 4 spoons

McALISTER'S DELI Hot and cold sandwiches, salads and soups. Combo options let you customize your meal and watch your calorie count. Two Midland locations. 2306 Rankin Highway, Suite 100. 687-0880 | 4415 W. Wadley Ave. 694-1800 www.mcalistersdeli.com | $ | 4 spoons

MURRAY'S You're sure to spot someone you know at this Midland lunch hotspot. Try the cheese soup or the turkado with curly fries. 3211 W. Wadley Ave. 697-3433 | $ | 5 spoons

POTBELLY SANDWICH SHOP With a fairly small menu, the chain sticks to classics such as ham and cheese, turkey and Swiss and roast beef with provolone. The shop also features a plethora of salads, cookies, shakes and soups. 1401 N. Loop 250 W 704-5500 | $ | 3spoons

SMILING MOOSE DELI Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, this deli serves breakfast burritos, wraps, soups, sandwiches and salads. The namesake sandwich starts with ground beef on a hoagie bun. 3322 North Loop 250 West 697-3354 www.smilingmoosedeli.com | $ | 4 spoons

SUBWAY The popular sandwich chain has 10 locations in the Tall City. The menu offers standard deli fare such as turkey and roast beef on your choice of bread along with heart-healthy items, all veggie sandwiches, salads and breakfast specialties. 610 N Big Spring St. 682-4816, 2300 W Wadley Ave, 682-5541, 329 Dodson St. 684-0005., 1220 N Midkiff Road 683-8132, 101 E Longview Ave. 685-5090. Westwood Village, 4310 West Illinois Suite 140 689-3469, 4324 Andrews Hwy. 520-0770, 4509 N Big Spring St. 684-4058, 4517 Midland Dr. 699-1991, 3201 State Highway 158 683-8132, 2109 S Midkiff Road 684-4533, 4400 N Midkiff Road 699-2428 www.subway.com | $ | 4 spoons

SWENSEN'S One menu for sandwiches, burgers, patty melts and salads and an entirely separate full menu for ice cream. Try the sourdough cheeseburger. Friendly service and a clean atmosphere. 900 W. Loop 250 N. 570-7271 www.swensons.com | $ | 4 spoons

TASTE@508 Stop by the chic downtown cafe for breakfast, lunch or a coffee break. We recommend the chocolate croissant, Cubano Westie panini and beet and goat cheese salad. 508 W. Wall St. | 687-1755 | taste508.com | $ | 4 spoons

WHICH WICH In addition to custom sandwiches, Which Wich also offers shakes, cookies and ice cream sandwiches. The restaurant has free Wi-Fi, and several silver chairs and tables outside for sunnier days. 100 N Main St Suite 400 685-1203 | $ | 4 spoons

RUE FOUR THREE TWO
106 S.A ST. | 218-7542

CAJUN

RUE FOUR THREE TWO Former bar turned eatery features a number of traditional fare with a twist. How about some Cajun queso with tortilla chips or crawfish hush puppies for a starter, then maybe one of the five po boys or some Fettucine Alfredeaux with a side of honey bourbon sweet potato casserole. 106 South A St. 218-7542 | $$ | 4 spoons

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Davis, Cousins lead Pelicans past Mavericks

By Brett Martel
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Anthony Davis had 30 points and 13 rebounds, DeMarcus Cousins added 29 points and 16 rebounds in his return from a two-game absence, and the New Orleans Pelicans beat the Dallas Mavericks 121-118 on Wednesday night.

Back from a right ankle sprain, Cousins played 40 minutes. His baskets included a 29-foot 3-pointer at the end of the first half and he was 10 of 12 at the free-throw line. Davis' highlights included an offensive rebound and dunk with 1:50 left as New Orleans won for the seventh time in 10 games.

Davis' dynamism was on full display when he leapt to deflect Wesley Matthews' pass from behind and began breaking up court as Jrue Holiday corralled the loose ball and flipped a quick pass up court to Davis. The Pelicans All-Star then dribbled around Yogi Ferrell and completed the fast break with a soaring one-handed jam.

Jordan Crawford's 15-point performance included a 22-foot jumper that put the Pelicans up 121-116 with 47 seconds left.

Dirk Nowitzki had 23 points for Dallas, which lost its third straight. Harrison Barnes scored 19 and Seth Curry 18 for the Mavericks. Dallas had a final shot to tie the game as time expired, but Matthews' 3-point attempt missed.

The Mavs played most of the game without guard Devin Harris, who was ejected early in the second quarter for angrily protesting calls made by official Ben Taylor. Harris had to be restrained by teammates as he launched into a tirade in response to his first of two quick technical fouls. Harris was upset he'd been called for a personal foul after a collision with Pelicans guard Jordan Crawford that sent Harris crashing to the court. Earlier in the quarter, no foul had been called when Harris wound up flat on his back following a collision with New Orleans guard E'Twaun Moore.

Shortly after Harris' ejection, New Orleans built its first double-digit lead of the game on consecutive 3s by Dante Cunningham, who finished with 15 points.

Associated Press

New Orleans Pelicans forward DeMarcus Cousins (0) goes to the basket in the first half of a game against the Dallas Mavericks in New Orleans on Wednesday.

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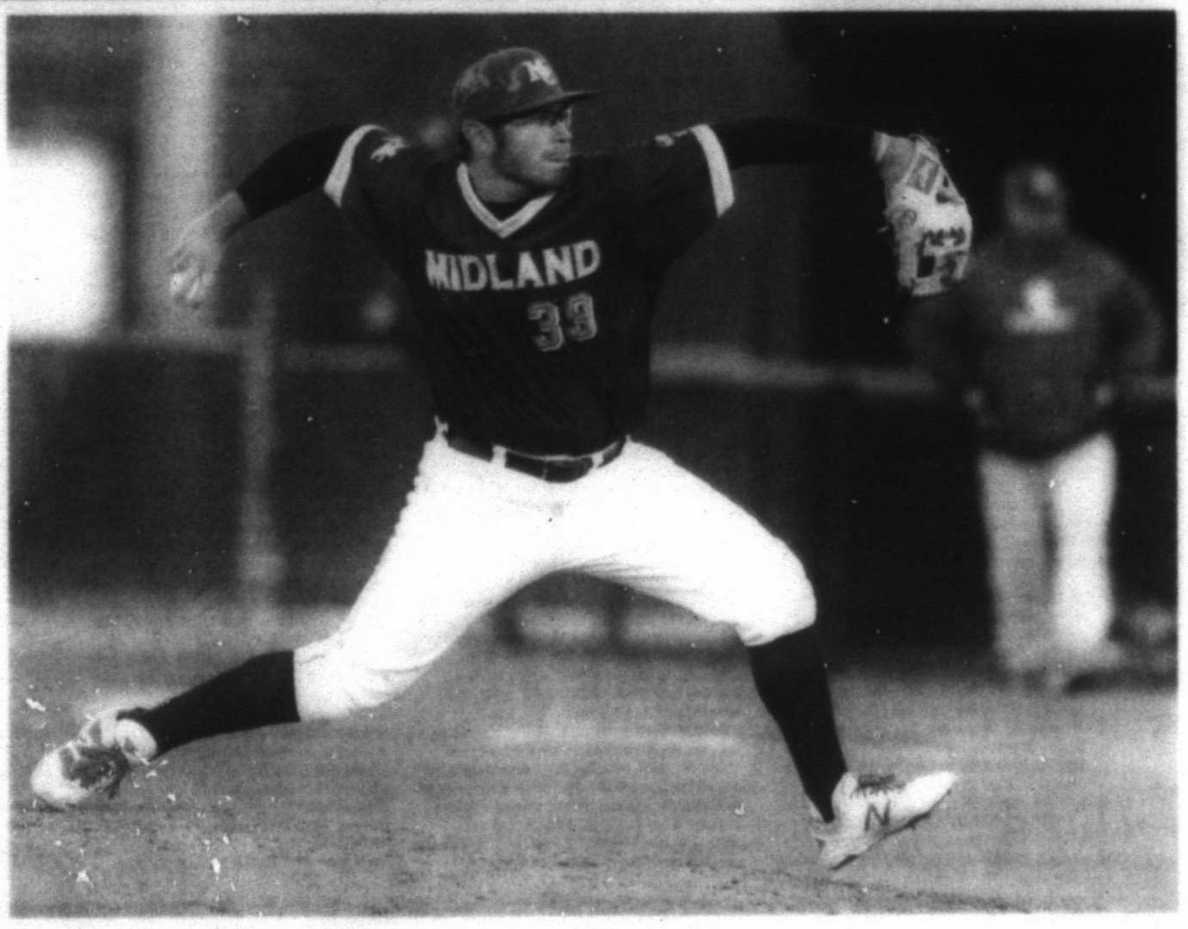

James Durbin/ Reporter-Telegram

TOP: Midland College's Braden Hayward (5) runs the bases against No. 2 Odessa College on Wednesday at Christensen Stadium.

RIGHT: Midland College's Noel Solis pitches against Odessa College. The Chaps won 10-2. Read more on **Page 2C**.

On Football: A look at what got done at NFL meetings

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

PHOENIX — NFL owners got plenty done in their meetings, including approving the Raiders' relocation from Oakland to Las Vegas, and addressing a variety of rules changes.

So what does it all mean?

Viva Las Vegas

The Raiders' move to America's gambling capital was a slam dunk once Bank of America came aboard with a $650 million loan that followed Nevada putting up $750 million in public funding for a $1.7 billion stadium. Oakland never really had a plan that enticed Raiders owner Mark Davis nor other NFL team bosses.

This relocation is unlike the Rams moving to Los Angeles, then the Chargers following them there: yes, three teams switching homes in about one year's time.

This is the NFL following much of America — at least the part that is enamored of sports — in changing its perception of Sin City, the gambling capital of this nation.

Commissioner Roger Goodell said as much this week.

"I would probably tell you that I think society has probably had a little bit of a change with respect to gambling in general," Goodell said.

"I think we still strongly oppose it in that room, and otherwise, legalized sports gambling. The integrity of our game is No. 1. We will not compromise on that.

"But I also believe that Las Vegas is not the same city it was 10 years ago or 20 years ago. It's a much more diverse city. It has become an entertainment mecca. It's the fastest-growing city in the country.

"So I think when you look at it today versus what it was a decade or two ago, I think it's a much different city. And they made a very compelling proposal, which the owners obviously approved overwhelmingly."

Also look for the Raiders, perhaps with some help from the league, to find a way to play home games outside of Oakland in 2019. They have lease options for the Coliseum for the next two years, and the Las Vegas stadium won't be ready until 2020.

Centralized video reviews

This is not as major a step as some

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Final Four guide: Here are teams, players and matchups to watch

Associated Press

South Carolina guard Sindarius Thornwell (0) puts up a shot against Florida during the second half of the East Regional championship game of the NCAA tournament Sunday in New York.

By John Marshall
Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — The Final Four is set, with one blue blood and three newbies headed to the desert to settle the NCAA Tournament.

North Carolina has been there, done that with college basketball's final weekend, reaching the title game last year. Oregon is here for the first time since winning its only title in 1939, while Gonzaga and South Carolina are making their first ventures this deep into March Madness.

It should be a great weekend and to get you ready, we've got the teams, players, coaches and matchups to keep an eye on at University of Phoenix Stadium.

The teams

North Carolina. Veteran, multi-talented, been here before more times than the other teams combined. A clear favorite.

Gonzaga. Finally over the Final Four hump, the Zags are ready to take two more steps and add a title to their resume.

Oregon. The Ducks may have lost a key player with Chris Boucher's ACL injury, but they're talented enough to be a player in the national championship race. Just ask Kansas .

South Carolina. These Gamecocks are gamers. Already took out three of the top four seeds in the East Region for their first NCAA Tournament wins in 44 years, ready to make the trip even more special.

Top players

Nigel Williams-Goss, Gonzaga. First-team All-American shuts down the opposing team's best player, runs one of the nation's most efficient offenses, superb leader .

Sindarius Thornwell, South Carolina. Physical, scores, rebounds, defends. May not be anyone playing better in the tournament.

Dillon Brooks, Oregon. Plays

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AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Western Bulldogs vs. Sydney Swans, 3:30 a.m., FSP

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Texas A&M at LSU, 6 p.m., SEC

Mississippi State at Ole Miss, 7 p.m., ESPNU

Saint Mary's at BYU, 7 p.m., BYUtv

Oregon at Utah, 8 p.m., P12, P12 MTN, P12 OR

FIGURE SKATING

World Championships: Pairs Free, Noon, NBCSN

GOLF

LPGA: ANA Inspiration Major Championship, 1st Round, 11 a.m., GOLF

PGA: Shell Houston Open, 1st Round, 3 p.m., GOLF

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Nationals Quarterfinal: Shadow Mountain (AZ) vs. Montverde (FL), 11 a.m., ESPNU

Nationals Quarterfinal: Oak Hill Academy (VA) vs. Findlay Prep (NV), 1 p.m., ESPNU

Nationals Quarterfinal: Greensboro Day (NC) vs. IMG Academy (FL), 3 p.m., ESPNU

Nationals Quarterfinal: Wasatch (UT) vs. La Lumiere (IN), 5 p.m., ESPNU

State Farm Slam & Dunk and 3-Point Championships, 9 p.m., ESPN

HOCKEY

KHL East Final, Gm 4: Metallurg MK at AK Bars, 11 a.m., ELVN

MLB

Spring Training: Detroit vs. Baltimore, Noon, MLB

Spring Training: Colorado vs. San Diego, 3 p.m., MLB

Spring Training: Chic. Cubs vs. Houston, 7 p.m., ROOT

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NIT Championship: Georgia Tech vs. TCU, 7 p.m., ESPN

NBA

Cleveland at Chicago, 7 p.m., TNT

Houston at Portland, 9:30 p.m., TNT

NHL

Dallas at Boston, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN

RUGBY

Super League: Salford Red Devils vs. St. Helen's, 1 p.m., FSP

NRL: North Queensland Cowboys vs. South Sydney Rabbitohs, 4 a.m., FS2

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ATP: Miami Open, Quarterfinals, WTA: Miami Open, Semifinal 1, Noon, ESPN2

ATP: Miami Open, Doubles Semifinals, 4 p.m., TENNIS

ATP: Miami Open, Quarterfinals, WTA: Miami Open, Semifinal 2, 6 p.m., ESPN2

TRACK AND FIELD

Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays, 6 p.m., LHN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE LACROSSE

Johns Hopkins at Northwestern, 7 p.m., BTN

ON THE AIR

High school

TRACK

Midland Christian at Wall meet

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE — Suspended N.Y. Mets RHP Jeurys Familia 15 games for violating Major League Baseball's domestic violence policy.

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Optioned RHP Mike Wright to Norfolk (IL).

BOSTON RED SOX — Reassigned LHP Edgar Olmos to minor league camp.

DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned LHP Blaine Hardy to Toledo (IL). Reassigned RHP Angel Nesbitt, C Miguel Gonzalez, OF Alex Presley and INFs Omar Infante, Efren Navarro and Brendan Ryan to minor league camp.

MINNESOTA TWINS — Reassigned RHPs Nick Tepesch and Alex Wimmers to minor league camp.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Reassigned INF Tyler Wade to minor league camp.

TEXAS RANGERS — Optioned RHP Nick Martinez to Round Rock (PCL). Reassigned RHP Allen Webster and C A.J. Jimenez to minor league camp.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Designated RHP Evan Marshall for assignment. Placed OF Socrates Brito on the 60-day DL. Optioned SS Ketel Marte to Reno (PCL). Selected the contracts of RHP Tom Wilhelmsen and LHP Jorge De La Rosa from Reno.

ATLANTA BRAVES — Released LHP Paco Rodriguez. Optioned RHP Matt Wisler to Gwinnett (IL).

CINCINNATI REDS — Released RHP Deunte Heath.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Optioned INF-OF Rob Segedin to Oklahoma City (PCL). Reassigned INF Ike Davis, INF-OF O'Koyee Dickson, OF Tyler Holt, INF Charlie Culberson, INF-OF Cody Bellinger and RHP Brandon Morrow to their minor league camp.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Optioned RHP Drew Hutchison to Indianapolis (IL). Placed RHP Jared Hughes on unconditional release waivers.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Optioned RHP Kevin Quackenbush to El Paso (PCL). Reassigned C Tony Cruz, RHP Carlos Fisher and INFs Jamie Romak and Brett Wallace to minor league camp.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Optioned RHPs Trevor Gott and A.J. Cole to Syracuse (IL). Reassigned RHP Jacob Turner, LHP Neal Cotts and C Jhonatan Solano to minor league camp. Released RHP Vance Worley.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

CHICAGO BULLS — Recalled G Cameron Payne from Windy City (NBADL).

INDIANA PACERS — Waived G Rodney Stuckey.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed WR Harvey Binford.

BUFFALO BILLS — Waived/failed physical DE Scott Crichton.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed G Justin McCray.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Re-signed TE John Phillips to a one-year contract.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ANAHEIM DUCKS — Assigned G Kevin Boyle from San Diego (AHL) to Utah (ECHL). Recalled LW Ondrej Kase from San Diego.

DALLAS STARS — Recalled D Julius Honka from Texas (AHL).

NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Agreed to terms with F Tanner Fritz on a two-year, entry-level contract.

NEW YORK RANGERS — Reassigned G Brandon Halverson from Greenville (ECHL) to Hartford (AHL) and F Adam Chapie and G Mackenzie Skapski from Hartford to Greenville.

OTTAWA SENATORS — Recalled D Macoy Erkamps from Wichita (ECHL) to Binghamton (AHL).

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Recalled F Joel Vermin from Syracuse (AHL).

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

NEW YORK RED BULLS — Signed F Bradley Wright-Phillips to a multiyear contract.

REAL SALT LAKE — Named Mike Petke coach.

United Soccer League

USL — Suspended OKC M Jose Barri'one game.

COLLEGE

BARUCH — Named Angeoline Piguave-Cowan men's cross country coach.

FORDHAM — Sophomore G Joseph Chartouny declared for the NBA draft.

MARYLAND — Junior G Melo Trimble will enter the NBA draft.

MASSACHUTTES — Named Matt McCall men's basketball coach.

NEBRASKA — Announced F Ed Morrow Jr. will transfer after the spring semester.

NORTH DAKOTA — Announced it is eliminating the women's hockey program and the men's and women's swimming programs.

OKLAHOMA STATE — Promoted assistant men's basketball coach Lamont Evans to associate head coach.

PEPPERDINE — Promoted DeLisha Milton-Jones to women's basketball coach.

PROVIDENCE — Signed men's lacrosse coach Chris Gabrielli to a contract extension.

PURDUE — Announced the resignation of assistant men's basketball coach Jack Owens so he can take the head coaching position at Miami (Ohio).

ST. JOHN'S — Granted releases to men's basketball senior F Darien Williams and junior G Malik Ellison so they can transfer.

SEATTLE — Named Jim Hayford men's basketball coach.

UNLV — Announced basketball freshman Gs Tony Baxter Jr. and Zion Morgan and sophomore G Jalen Poyser will transfer.

VIRGINIA — Announced the resignation of men's tennis coach Brian Boland, effective at the end of this season, so he can take a position with the USTA.

MLB SPRING TRAINING

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE	W	L	Pct.
New York	22	7	0.759
Seattle	19	13	0.594
Los Angeles	17	13	0.567
Baltimore	15	12	0.556
Kansas City	16	13	0.552
Oakland	16	13	0.552
Boston	16	14	0.532
Chicago	16	14	0.533
Minnesota	14	13	0.519
Cleveland	14	13	0.500
Houston	13	14	0.481
Texas	14	16	0.467
Tampa Bay	11	15	0.423
Detroit	12	18	0.400
Toronto	10	16	0.385
NATIONAL LEAGUE	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**
St. Louis	19	8	0.704
Pittsburgh	19	9	0.679
Colorado	15	14	0.517
Los Angeles	16	15	0.516
San Francisco	15	15	0.484
Milwaukee	14	15	0.483
Washington	13	14	0.481
Arizona	13	14	0.481
New York	15	17	0.469
Cincinnati	15	18	0.455
Chicago	11	15	0.423
Philadelphia	11	15	0.423
Miami	10	16	0.385
San Diego	11	19	0.367
Atlanta	8	21	0.276

Scores and schedule

Wednesday's Scores

St. Louis 6, Washington 2

Tampa Bay 15, Baltimore 6

Miami 5, Houston 5

Minnesota 5, Boston 3

N.Y. Mets 2, Atlanta 2

Philadelphia (ss) 8, Detroit 2

Philadelphia (ss) 8, Pittsburgh 2

N.Y. Yankees 3, Toronto 1

Cleveland 9, Cincinnati 6

L.A. Angels 8, Milwaukee 6

San Diego 9, Chicago White Sox 9

Texas 0, Kansas City 0

Chicago Cubs 15, Oakland 11

L.A. Dodgers 3, Seattle 3

Today's Games

Detroit vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

Minnesota vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

Washington vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

Colorado vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 2:10 p.m.

St. Louis vs. Memphis at Memphis, TN, 7:05 p.m.

Chicago Cubs vs. Houston at Houston, TX, 7:10 p.m.

Cleveland vs. Arizona at Phoenix, 8:40 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers vs. L.A. Angels at Anaheim, CA, 9:07 p.m.

Oakland vs. San Francisco at San Francisco, CA, 9:15 p.m.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	76	43	24	9	95	208	186
Ottawa	75	41	25	9	91	196	194
Toronto	75	36	34	15	87	230	221
Boston	76	40	30	6	86	218	203
Tampa Bay	75	37	29	9	83	210	210
Florida	76	33	32	11	77	197	216
Buffalo	77	32	33	12	76	193	221
Detroit	76	31	33	12	74	189	224
Metropolitan Division							
x-Washington	75	50	17	8	108	243	167
x-Columbus	75	49	19	7	105	235	172
x-Pittsburgh	76	46	19	11	103	259	216
x-N.Y. Rangers	77	46	26	5	97	245	206
N.Y. Islanders	75	35	28	12	82	219	228
Carolina	75	34	27	14	82	200	213
Philadelphia	76	36	32	8	80	200	222
New Jersey	76	27	35	14	68	174	224
WESTERN CONFERENCE Central Division							
x-Chicago	77	49	21	7	105	234	198
x-Minnesota	76	44	24	8	96	244	195
Nashville	76	39	28	11	89	228	210
St. Louis	75	41	28	6	88	211	200
Winnipeg	77	35	35	7	77	229	244
Dallas	76	31	34	11	73	207	242
Colorado	75	20	52	3	43	147	253
Pacific Division							
x-Anaheim	76	42	23	11	95	203	186
x-San Jose	76	43	26	7	93	206	186
x-Edmonton	76	42	25	9	93	225	196
Calgary	76	43	29	4	90	211	204
Los Angeles	75	35	33	7	77	181	198
Vancouver	76	30	37	9	69	173	223
Arizona	76	27	40	9	63	181	244

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

x-clinched playoff spot

Scores and schedule

Wednesday's Games

Chicago 5, Pittsburgh 1

Los Angeles at Calgary, late

Washington at Colorado, late

St. Louis at Arizona, late

Today's Games

Columbus at Carolina, 6 p.m.

N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

Detroit at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.

Dallas at Boston, 6:30 p.m.

Florida at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.

Ottawa at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

Anaheim at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.

Toronto at Nashville, 7 p.m.

San Jose at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Riley King (1) dives for a ball against Odessa College on Wednesday at Christensen Stadium.

Chaps use five-run 6th to run past No. 2 OC

From staff reports

The Midland College baseball team used a five-run sixth inning to race past No. 2-ranked Odessa College in non-conference play, Wednesday at Christensen Stadium.

Aaron Weseman got the start for MC (21-8, 11-1 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference) and went four strong innings, allowing one earned run on four hits while striking out four. He was relieved by Noel Solis to start the fifth, who threw one inning of shutout ball and earned the win.

The Chaparrals led 3-2 heading into the bottom of the sixth, before RBI singles by Ethan Barker and Nolan Rattai made it 5-2 MC. Barker later scored on a passed ball and then Alex Salcido touched home to make it 7-2.

Barker finished 3-for-6 with two runs and the RBI, while Rattai went 2-for-4 with a pair of RBI. Riley King, Chad Curtis and Eric Senior each finished 2-for-for MC.

For the Wranglers (26-4, 11-1), Cal Pequeno and Connor Queen each went 2-for-4.

MIDLAND COLLEGE 10, NO. 2 ODESSA COLLEGE 2

Odessa	100	001	000	—	2	8	5
Midland	000	215	11x	—	10	14	1

John Zapata, Ramon Arguelles (0), Matthew Shunk (3), Max Barrett (4), Wellington Belen (4), Kegan Branum (6), Charlie Shipp (7), Trevor Ripke (8) and Cal Pequeno; Aaron Weseman, Noel Solis (6), Jose Castro (6), Levi Hon (7), Connor Flannagan (9) and Cameron Melcher. 2B — OC: Ryan Acebedo, Connor Queen 2. Cal Pequeno. 3B — MC: Riley King.

Records: Odessa 26-3, 11-1; M-land 20-8, 11-1 in WJCAC

Next: Midland College at New Mexico Junior College (7 and 9 doubleheader), 1 p.m. Friday

Michael Irvin investigated in sex battery case

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Police in Florida are investigating sexual battery allegations made by a woman against former NFL star Michael Irvin.

Fort Lauderdale police confirmed Wednesday that the Hall of Fame receiver's name was listed on a sexual battery incident report. The report says the alleged encounter involving Irvin took place at a Fort Lauderdale hotel on March 22.

A police spokeswoman said no other details were available. Irvin has not been charged with anything. An attorney for Irvin did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment.

The 51-year-old Irvin starred for the University of Miami and the Dallas Cowboys. He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 2007 and has worked as an analyst on the NFL Network.

In 2011, Irvin settled a woman's lawsuit accusing him of sexual assault.

MEETINGS

From 1C

might think. Yes, the referee no longer will make the final decision, which will come from officiating chief Dean Blandino and his staff in New York. He will have input, but it makes sense for the crew at NFL headquarters to be the ultimate arbiter.

There is one person monitoring every game, and supervisors and overseers in the room. They have the opportunity to view replays even before the referee gets involved. They also are removed from the scene, if you will, bringing a more measured approach to the review. No cacophony from the stands. No players screaming their approval or disapproval. No coaches throwing fits.

"I think it will speed up for the fans and the coaches, not having to wait for a timeout to find out what's going on," Cardinals coach Bruce Arians said.

"There were times in the past where you would go to commercial break, come back and then we would get the TV feed, then we'd have to challenge. All that now should be sped up and we should not have those long breaks for the fans and the players."

Don't leap

While SportsCenter fell in love with defenders on field goals or extra-point attempts jumping over the line to block those kicks, most players in the NFL were loathing it.

Too dangerous.

Wisely, the league's powerful competition committee felt the same way. In its meetings with the players' association at the scouting combine, that was a prime topic.

Now, it's gone. And, although it might be entertaining, good riddance.

"We all knew during the season at some point it was going to get discussed," said competition committee chairman Rich McKay, president of the Atlanta Falcons.

"We saw many instances as teams began to learn how to block it, it became more concerning ... all of a sudden the players weren't getting a free run and now the player was (blocked and) coming down at a really bad angle.

"When we met with the players' association, to a person they were quick to say, 'We don't like this play.' We also get feedback on proposals, and that was one that they universally said, 'We want that play taken out.'"

TEXAS FISHING REPORT

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water clear on the mein lake, stained up the river: 59 degrees: 1.88 feet low. Black bass are good on 7 inch Power Worms, swim jigs and medium diving crankbaits. Crappie and bass are fair on minnows in the back of creeks. Catfish are good on red and real with cut bait and punchbait on baited holes.

ARROWHEAD: Water fairly clear: 55-61 degrees: 0.37 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on Texas rigs, Senkos and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows in the shallows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

COLORADO CITY: 13.25 feet low. No report available.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water murky: 57-62 degrees: 0.03 feet high. Black bass are fair on jigs, Texas rigs and buzzbaits. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color: 56-62 degrees: 0.32 feet low. Black bass are fair on split shot rigged flukes, Senkos, Texas rigs and finesse jigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows around shallow cover. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

NASWORTHY: 57-63 degrees; 1.46 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on chatterbaits, jigs and Texas rigged lizards. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

OAK CREEK: Water stained: 58-62 degrees: 7.89 feet low. Black bass are good on Texas rigs, Senkos and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm Glo) nightcrawlers.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained: 55-61 degrees: 33.18 feet low. Black bass are good on jigs, Texas rigged creature baits and Yum Dingers. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs in the shallows. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait and nightcrawlers.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water off color: 55-62 degrees: 0.1 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on Texas rigs, jigs, shakyheads and chatterbaits. Crappie are fair on live minnows. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers.

SPENCE: 49.94 feet low. No report available.

STAMFORD: 0.76 feet low. Black bass are fair on Senkos, split shot rigged flukes, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. White bass are fair to good on minnows and tail spinners. Blue catfish are fair to good on cut and live bait.

SWEETWATER: Water off color: 57-63 degrees; 22 feet low. No report available.

WHITE RIYER: Water stained; 55-62 degrees: 19.6 feet low. Black bass are very slow (the bass population was greatly reduced during the drought). No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water murky: 68-72 degrees: 21.34 feet low. Black bass are good on crankbaits, jerkbaits, soft plastics, spinnerbaits, and swimbaits. Striped bass are fair on slabs, jigging spoons and live minnows. White bass are fair on slabs, jigging spoons, and live minnows. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair on cheeseball, shrimp, and liver over baited holes. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines and droplines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing like Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water stained: 65-69 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are very good on live bait, frozen shrimp, liver, and bloodbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

BELTON: Water stained; 66-70 degrees; 1.04 feet high. Black bass are good on green pumpkin crankbaits and spinnerbaits. Hybrid striper are fair on live shad. White bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are good on minnows under lights at night. Channel and blue catfish are good on shrimp and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines and throwlines baited with live perch.

BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 65-69 degrees; 0.26 feet high. Black bass are fair on craw colored crankbaits, chartreuse/blue Bass Hogg spinnerbaits and jigs, and watermelon soft plastics. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on white tube jigs and minnows over brush piles. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

BUCHANAN: Water stained; 67-71 degrees; 1.97 feet low. Black bass are good on pumpkin/chartreuse tailed Whacky Sticks, white/chartreuse spinnerbaits, and watermelon soft jerkbaits along drop-offs of points and pockets of creeks. Striped bass are fair to good tight lining live bait and vertically jigging silver Pork Minnows. White bass are good on 'Bleeding Shiner' Tiny Traps, 2-inch Spoiler Shads, and live minnows in the upper end of the lake. Crappie are good on minnows. Channel catfish are good on live bait. Yellow and blue catfish are fair on juglines.

CANYON LAKE: Water stained; 65-69 degrees; 0.21 feet high. Black bass are good on white Terminator spinnerbaits, pumpkin Whacky Sticks, and ultrino soft plastic jerkbaits along stickups. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on pet spoons. Crappie are fair on minnows upriver. Channel catfish are fair upriver. Yellow and blue catfish are good on juglines.

COLEMAN: Water stained; 66-70 degrees; 0.29 feet low. Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and dark soft plastic worms or lizards. Hybrid striper are fair on live shad. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

COLORADO RIVER: (At Colorado Bend State Park) No report available.

FAYETTE: Water murky. Black bass are good on watermelon Wacky Worms and Senkos, white and white/chartreuse spinnerbaits, and pumpkinseed Dead Ringer worms along the outside edges of breaks. Channel and blue catfish are good on cut shad and shrimp over baited holes.

GRANBURY: Water stained; 65-69 degrees; 0.03 feet low. Black bass are good on chartreuse soft plastic worms with white tails. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on minnows and pet spoons. Crappie are fair on minnows and blue tube jigs. Catfish are fair on shrimp and stinkbait.

GRANGER: Water stained; 64-68 degrees; 0.31 feet high. Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits around standing timber. White bass are good on spinnerbaits upriver near Dickerson's Bottom. Crappie are good on minnows and pink tube jigs in coves and sloughs. Blue catfish are good on prepared baits, and on juglines baited with cut bait and Zote soap. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait in the river.

LBJ: Water stained; 66-70 degrees; 0.82 feet low. Black bass are fair on green pumpkin Whacky Sticks, blue/white Terminator spinnerbaits, and soft plastic jerkbaits in 3-10 feet. Striped bass are fair on 2-inch Spoiler Shads and white buckteils early. White bass are fair on chrome/blue Tiny Traps, Spoiler, Shads, and Blade Runners early. Crappie are good on blue tube jigs and live minnows. Channel catfish are good on live bait. Yellow and blue catfish are fair on trotlines.

NAVARRO MILLS: Water stained; 67-71 degrees; 0.16 feet high. Black bass are good on watermelon crankbaits and spinnerbaits along banks and near the dam. White bass are fair on slabs and spoons. Crappie are good on chartreuse tube jigs and minnows. Channel catfish are fair on shrimp and stinkbait. Blue catfish are good on juglines baited with minnows and shrimp. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with perch and goldfish.

PROCTOR: Water stained; 64-68 degrees; 0.16 feet low. Black bass are fair on watermelon soft plastic worms and lizards. Striped bass are fair on silver spoons. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows and pink tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are fair on live shad. Yellow catfish are slow.

SOMERVILLE: Water murky; 65-69 degrees; 0.04 feet high. Black bass are fair on green pumpkin spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are fair on minnows and slabs. Crappie are good on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp and chicken livers. Yellow catfish are slow.

STILLHOUSE HOLLOW: Water murky; 64-68 degrees; 0.23 feet high. Black bass are fair on green pumpkin crankbaits and Rat-L-Traps. White bass are good on minnows near Long Bridge. Crappie are good on minnows near Long Bridge. Channel and blue catfish are good on live bait. Yellow catfish are slow.

TRAVIS: Water stained; 67-71 degrees; 0.08 feet high. Black bass are good on Rat-L-Traps, smoke grubs, and Baby Brush Hogs. Striped bass are fair on chartreuse striper jigs. White bass are fair on chrome crankbaits and watermelon grubs in 10-25 feet. Crappie are good on minnows and blue tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

WALTER E. LONG: Water murky. Black bass are fair on watermelon Rat-L-Traps, crankbaits, and spinnerbaits. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are good on slabs and chartreuse soft plastics. Crappie are good on minnows and blue tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are good on stinkbait and hot dogs. Yellow catfish are slow.

WHITNEY: Water stained; 66-70 degrees; 2.99 feet low. Black bass are good on pumpkinseed spinnerbaits, crankbaits, and soft plastics. Striped bass are fair on chartreuse striper jigs. White bass are fair on silver spoons and minnows. Crappie are fair on minnows and pink tube jigs. Catfish are good on live bait and frozen shrimp.

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78 years ago, Oregon's Tall Firs won the 1st NCAA Tournament

By Anne M. Peterson
Associated Press

AP file photo

In this March 27, 1939, photo, provided by the University of Oregon Archives, Oregon's Bobby Anet, right is presented the trophy by Big Ten Commissioner John Griffith, left, after Oregon defeated Ohio State 46-33 in the National Collegiate basketball tournament at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

The historical significance of Oregon's return to the Final Four was not lost on coach Dana Altman.

The Ducks face North Carolina in the national semifinals in Glendale, Arizona, on Saturday. Oregon hasn't been this close to the title game since the team won the inaugural NCAA Tournament in 1939.

Altman called it "a long drought." Perhaps one that could end this season after 78 years?

The Oregon Webfoots won the NCAA title with a 46-33 victory over Ohio State at Northwestern University. The team would become known by the nickname the Tall Firs — a nod to both the Oregon landscape and the fact that the players loomed taller than most of their opponents.

The Webfoots' front line included 6-foot-4 John Dick, 6-foot-4 leading scorer Laddie Gale and 6-foot-8 Urgel (Slim) Wintermute. Guards Bobby Anet, a 5-foot-8 playmaker, and 5-foot-10 Wally Johansen rounded out the starting five. Anet and Johansen grew up on the same street in Astoria, Oregon, and had played together since junior high.

Coach Howard Hobson told The Associated Press in 1988 that Anet, who passed away in 1981, was the heart of the Tall Firs.

"He was the greatest floor general I ever had," said Hobson, who also coached at Yale and was enshrined in the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1965. "He sparked the team. He was its leader."

Dick went on to serve 32 years in the U.S. Navy, enlisting the day after the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, and rising to the rank of rear admiral. He was at the final game played at Oregon's famed McArthur Court in 2011, and pumped his fist for the crowd when he was announced at halftime. He died later that year.

Reserve guard Ford "Moon" Mullen went on to play baseball in the majors for the Philadelphia Blue Jays (Phillies) in 1944. Wintermute worked at Boeing.

On the way to the first Big Dance , the Tall Firs won the Northern Division of the Pacific Coast Conference, then beat Southern Division champion California in a three-game series. The victory sent Oregon to the regional tournament on Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay, where the team beat Texas, 56-41, and Oklahoma, 55-37, before heading to Illinois for the title game via train.

The eight-team NCAA Tournament was founded by the National Association of Basketball Coaches to compete with the National Invitation Tournament in New York.

Denver-based writer Terry Frei, who grew up in Eugene and is the son of former Oregon football coach Jerry Frei, wrote a book about the Tall Firs called "March 1939: before the Madness."

"They were so well-coached and they were big along the front line — almost revolutionarily big — and they had racehorse guards, especially the captain guard Bobby Anet, who kept everything in control," Frei said. "So I think it was a real complementary chemistry-type team far ahead of its time that way."

Dick led all scorers with 13 points in the championship game against the Big Ten champions before maybe 5,000 fans, many of whom were given free tickets.

Fans in Eugene listened to the game on the radio — it was the same year John Steinbeck's "Grapes of Wrath" was published and that "Gone with the Wind" came out in theaters — then later descended by the thousands at the local train station to welcome back the team.

"They were largely for the most part small-town boys. Laddie Gale was from Oakridge, two of the starters were from Astoria, Slim Wintermute was from Longview, Washington, and John Dick was from The Dalles," Frei said. "So there was a small-town feel to the team, small-town heroes who stepped up big."

Frei noted with a laugh that the players got $2 from a kitty to celebrate following the victory. Several of them took a train from the Northwestern campus into Chicago.

"I think some of us had a couple of Heinekens or something," Frei quoted Anet as saying later.

Third-seeded Oregon, which last year advanced to the Elite Eight before falling to Oklahoma, defeated No. 1 seed Kansas 74-60 on Saturday to advance to the Final Four. North Carolina beat Kentucky 75-73. In the other semifinal, Gonzaga faces South Carolina.

Altman believes this Oregon team is building its own historic legacy.

"The seven years we've been at Oregon we've had great guys to work with. I feel great for those guys that our staff had a relationship with, but I also feel good for all the other players that have built Oregon basketball; 1939 is a long drought, but there are a lot of guys that played and built some tradition at Oregon," Altman said.

MCS boys 2nd in TAPPS 1-5A tourney, girls 3rd

From staff reports

WACO — The Midland Christian boys tennis team finished second out of eight teams with 14 points during the TAPPS 1-5A District Tournament Tuesday and Wednesday at Waco's Regional Tennis Center.

The MCS girls team placed third out of eight teams with five points, 17 behind champion Austin St. Michael's.

The Mustangs' Josh Ramos placed second in the boys' singles field, going 3-1 in his four matches, while the boys' doubles team of Garrett Bushman-Shawn Olsen also finished second for MCS.

TAPPS 1-5A Tennis Tournament
Waco Regional Tennis Center
Tuesday-Wednesday
Final team standings

Boys

1. Fort Worth Christian 19; 2. Midland Christian 14; 3. Fort Worth Southwest Christian 10; 4. Austin St. Michael's 5; 5. Austin St. Dominic Savio 3; 6. Grapevine Faith Christian 1; T-7. Austin Hyde Park 0; Austin Regents 0

Girls

1. Austin St. Michael's 22; 2. Austin Regents 16; 3. Midland Christian 5; T-4. Austin Hyde Park 3; Fort Worth Southwest Christian 3; 6. Grapevine Faith Christian 1; T-7. Fort Worth Christian 0; Austin St. Dominic Savio 0

NBA ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

THUNDER 114
MAGIC 106, OT

ORLANDO, Fla. — Russell Westbrook had 57 points, 13 rebounds and 11 assists to lead the Oklahoma City Thunder to a 114-106 overtime win over the Orlando Magic on Wednesday night.

Westbrook, a leading MVP candidate, led the Thunder from behind by as many as 21 points in the second half as he recorded his 38th triple-double of the season. And like the 13-point outburst in the final three minutes against Dallas on Monday night for the win, Westbrook was again the catalyst as he hit big shots in the fourth quarter, including the tying 3-pointer with 7.1 seconds remaining to force the extra period.

BUCKS 103
CELTICS 100

BOSTON — Giannis Antetokounmpo had 22 points and nine rebounds, and the Milwaukee Bucks knocked the Boston Celtics out first place in the Eastern Conference.

Malcolm Brogdon, one of the leading contenders for NBA Rookie of the Year, finished with 16 points and nine assists. He had six key points in the final 2:46 to help Milwaukee fend off a late Boston charge.

HEAT 105
KNICKS 88

NEW YORK — Goran Dragic had 20 points, nine assists and seven rebounds, and the Miami Heat breezed past the New York Knicks.

Reserve James Johnson added 18 points for the Heat. Josh Richardson finished with 17 points as Miami (37-38) improved to 26-8 since an 11-30 start.

Kristaps Porzingis had 20 points and eight rebounds for the Knicks, who were eliminated from postseason contention for the fourth straight season since winning the Atlantic Division in 2012-13. Carmelo Anthony was scoreless in the first half and finished with nine points on 4-of-12 shooting. The Knicks fell for the ninth time in 11 games.

HORNETS 110
RAPTORS 106

TORONTO — Marco Belinelli scored 21 points, Kemba Walker had 19 and the Charlotte Hornets beat the Toronto Raptors.

Walker hit two big 3-pointers in the final 2 minutes, including one that gave the Hornets a 104-101 lead with 37.5 seconds left. He also had four rebounds and two assists, helping Charlotte (34-41) stop Toronto's six-game win streak.

The Hornets went 8 for 10 from 3-point range in the fourth quarter. They finished the night 16 for 32 from beyond the arc.

HAWKS 99
76ERS 92

PHILADELPHIA — Dwight Howard had 22 points and 20 rebounds to lead the Atlanta Hawks over the Philadelphia 76ers.

The Hawks have won two straight following a seven-game losing streak that stunted their push in the Eastern Conference playoff standings. Atlanta is still in the fight for a fifth seed with Milwaukee, Indiana and Miami.

GRIZZLIES 110
PACERS 97

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Mike Conley matched his career high with seven 3-pointers on his way to 36 points, helping the Memphis Grizzlies top the Indiana Pacers.

Vince Carter had 21 points and eight rebounds, and Zach Randolph finished with 17 points as Memphis snapped a four-game losing streak.

FINAL FOUR

From 1C

with an edge, usually comes close to crossing it. Always finds a way to make a big play.

Justin Jackson, North Carolina. Long, athletic, shoots inside and out, causes nightmares for opposing coaches trying to figure out how to stop him.

The coaches

Roy Williams, North Carolina. The dean of college basketball coaches. And dadgum it, one fiery southern gentleman.

Frank Martin, South Carolina. The big man in the big suit is known for his fiery demeanor and stare-right-through-you eyes on the sideline. Also happens to be a good coach and one of the most loyal people in the sport.

Mark Few, Gonzaga. The monkey off his back — along with the dogs and cats — he has the basketball acumen and the team to take the Zags to their first national title.

Dana Altman, Oregon. Quietly known as one of the nation's best coaches for years, he's proven it during the Ducks' run to the Final Four.

Glue guys

Zach Collins, Gonzaga. The top NBA prospect still in the bracket comes off the bench, but is an instant game-changer, a 7-foot freshman who can score and guard the rim.

Jordan Bell, Oregon. A big reason the Ducks have not suffered a defensive drop-off without the shot-blocking Boucher in the lineup.

Luke Maye, North Carolina. The 6-foot-9 sophomore provides a lift off the bench and hit the buzzer-beating shot against Kentucky with a Final Four trip on the line.

Rakym Felder, South Carolina. Scrappy 5-10 freshman point guard can shoot from range and give the Gamecocks a spark off the bench.

Key matchups

Oregon's defensive rebounding vs. North Carolina on the offensive glass. The Tar Heels clean up 42 percent of their missed shots with offensive rebounds. Oregon was 180th nationally in defensive rebounding. Here's guessing this might be a key to Saturday's game.

South Carolina vs. Gonzaga's front court. Zags center Przemek Karnowski is perhaps the biggest big in the country at 7-1, 300 pounds. Collins is a 7-0 leaper. Gamecocks front courters Maik Kotsar and Chris Silva give up at least three inches and a whole lot of poundage to Karnowski. The Polish big man also is an adept passer, so South Carolina will have to be careful with the game planning.

Pace game, Oregon vs. North Carolina. The Tar Heels like to play fast. Score 5 seconds after a missed free throw fast. The Ducks, despite their reputation as an up-tempo team, play at an adjusted tempo that was 241st nationally. Control the pace, win the game.

Gonzaga from 3, South Carolina guarding it. The Gamecocks are stellar at defending the 3, holding opponents to the eighth-lowest percentage (30.1) in the country. The Zags don't exactly rely on the 3 — they were 275th nationally at 26 percent of their made shots — but have four players who made at least 40 shots from the arc this season. Going over screens instead of under will be key for South Carolina.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Boston	48	27	.640	-
x-Toronto	45	30	.600	3
Philadelphia	26	47	.373	20
New York	26	47	.373	20
Brooklyn	16	58	.216	31½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Washington	46	28	.622	-
Atlanta	39	36	.520	7½
Miami	37	38	.493	9½
Charlotte	34	41	.453	12½
Orlando	27	48	.360	19½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Cleveland	47	26	.644	-
Milwaukee	39	36	.520	8
Indiana	37	38	.493	10
Chicago	35	39	.473	12
Detroit	34	41	.453	13½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	57	18	.781	-
x-Houston	51	23	.689	5½
Memphis	41	34	.547	16
New Orleans	32	43	.427	25
Dallas	31	43	.419	26

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Utah	45	29	.608	-
Oklahoma City	43	31	.581	2
Portland	36	38	.486	9
Denver	35	39	.473	10
Minnesota	29	44	.397	15½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Golden State	60	14	.811	-
x-L.A. Clippers	44	31	.587	16½
Sacramento	26	48	.352	34
Phoenix	22	53	.293	38½
L.A. Lakers	21	53	.284	39

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Scores and schedule

Wednesday's Scores

Atlanta 99, Philadelphia 92
Oklahoma City 114, Orlando 106, OT
Charlotte 110, Toronto 106
Miami 105, New York 88
Milwaukee 103, Boston 100
Memphis 110, Indiana 97
New Orleans 121, Dallas 114
Golden State at San Antonio, late
Utah at Sacramento, late
Washington at L.A. Clippers, late

Today's Games

Brooklyn at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Houston at Portland, 9:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT GLANCE

NCAA Men

FIRST FOUR
At UD Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Tuesday, March 14
Mount St. Mary's 67, New Orleans 66
Kansas State 95, Wake Forest 58
Wednesday, March 15
UC Davis 87, N.C. Central 63
Southern Cal 75, Providence 71

EAST REGIONAL
Second Round
Saturday, March 18
At KeyBank Center
Buffalo, N.Y.
Wisconsin 65, Villanova 62
At Amway Center
Orlando, Fla.
Florida 85, Virginia 39
Sunday, March 19
At Bon Secours Wellness Arena
Greenville, S.C.
South Carolina 88, Duke 81
At BOK Center
Tulsa, Okla.
Baylor 82, Southern Cal 76
At Madison Square Garden
New York
Regional Semifinals
March 24
South Carolina 70, Baylor 50
Florida 84, Wisconsin 83, OT
Regional Championship
Sunday
South Carolina 77, Florida 70

SOUTH REGIONAL
First Round
Second Round
Saturday, March 18
At BMO Harris Bradley Center
Milwaukee
Butler 74, Middle Tennessee 65
Sunday, March 19
At Bon Secours Wellness Arena
Greenville, S.C.
North Carolina 72, Arkansas 65
At Bankers Life Fieldhouse
Indianapolis
Kentucky 85, Wichita State 62
At Golden 1 Center
Sacramento, Calif.
UCLA 79, Cincinnati 67
At FedEx Forum
Memphis, Tenn.
Regional Semifinals
March 24
North Carolina 92, Butler 80
Kentucky 86, UCLA 75
Regional Championship
March 26
North Carolina 75, Kentucky 73

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Second Round
Saturday, March 18
At BMO Harris Bradley Center
Milwaukee
Purdue 80, Iowa State 70
Sunday, March 19
At Bankers Life Fieldhouse
Indianapolis
Michigan 73, Louisville 69
At BOK Center
Tulsa, Okla.
Kansas 90, Michigan State 70
At Golden 1 Center
Sacramento, Calif.
Oregon 75, Rhode Island 72
At The Sprint Center
Kansas City, Mo.
Regional Semifinals
March 23
Oregon 69, Michigan 66
Kansas 98, Purdue 66
Regional Championship
March 25
Oregon 74, Kansas 60

WEST REGIONAL
Second Round
Saturday, March 18
At KeyBank Center
Buffalo, N.Y.
West Virginia 83, Notre Dame 71
At Amway Center
Orlando, Fla.
Xavier 91, Florida State 66
At Vivint Smart Home Arena
Salt Lake City
Gonzaga 79, Northwestern 73
Arizona 88, Saint Mary's 60
At SAP Center
San Jose, Calif.
Regional Semifinals
March 23
Gonzaga 61, West Virginia 58
Xavier 73, Arizona 71
Regional Championship
March 25
Gonzaga 65, Xavier 59

FINAL FOUR
At University of Phoenix Stadium
Glendale, Ariz.
National Semifinals
Saturday
South Carolina (26-10) vs. Gonzaga (36-1), 5:09 p.m.
North Carolina (31-7) vs. Oregon (33-5), 7:40 p.m.
National Championship
Monday, April 3
Semifinal winners

NCAA Women

BRIDGEPORT REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
March 25
At Bridgeport, Conn.
Oregon 77, Maryland 63
UConn 86, UCLA 71
Regional Championship
March 20
UConn 90, Oregon 52

OKLAHOMA CITY REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
March 24
At Oklahoma City
Mississippi State 75, Washington 64
Baylor 97, Louisville 63
Regional Championship
March 26
Mississippi State 94, Baylor 85, OT

LEXINGTON REGIONAL
Second Round
Sunday, March 19
At Lexington, Ky.
Ohio State 82, Kentucky 68
At Austin
Texas 84, N.C. State 80
At South Bend, Ind.
Notre Dame 88, Purdue 82, OT
March 20
At Manhattan, Kan.
Stanford 69, Kansas State 48
Regional Semifinals
March 24
At Lexington, Ky.
Notre Dame 99, Ohio State 76
Stanford 77, Texas 66
Regional Championship
March 26
Stanford 76, Notre Dame 75

STOCKTON REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
March 25
At Stockton, Calif.
South Carolina 100, Quinnipiac 58
Florida State 66, Oregon State 53
Regional Championship
Monday
South Carolina 71, Florida State 64

FINAL FOUR
At Dallas
National Semifinals
Friday
Stanford (32-6) vs. South Carolina (31-4), TBA
UConn (36-0) vs. Mississippi State (33-4), 6:30 p.m.
National Championship
Sunday, April 2
Semifinal winners

NIT Men

Second Round
Saturday, March 18
Mississippi 85, Syracuse 80 Sunday, March 19
Georgia Tech 71, Belmont 57
TCU 94, Iowa 92, OT
Richmond 67, Oakland 63
Monday, March 20
UCF 63, Illinois State 62
Texas-Arlington 85, Akron 69
Illinois 71, Boise State 56
CS Bakersfield 81, Colorado State 63
Quarterfinals
March 21
TCU 86, Richmond 68
Georgia Tech 74, Mississippi 66
March 22
UCF 68, Illinois 58
CS Bakersfield 80, Texas-Arlington 76
Semifinals
At Madison Square Garden
New York
Tuesday
Georgia Tech 76, CS Bakersfield 61
TCU 68, UCF 53
Championship
Today
Georgia Tech (21-15) vs. TCU (23-15), 7 p.m.

NIT Women

Second Round
Saturday, March 18
Michigan 71, Wright State 66
Iowa 76, South Dakota 73
Washington State 68, Wyoming 67, OT
Sunday, March 19
Indiana 71, Saint Louis 53
St. John's 60, Harvard 55
Villanova 58, Drexel 51
James Madison 81, Virginia 55
Virginia Tech 73, Navy 62
Penn State 70, Fordham 41
Colorado 81, South Dakota State 75, OT
Alabama 65, Little Rock 53
Middle Tennessee 73, Wake Forest 66
UC Davis 58, Colorado State 57
Georgia Tech 63, UCF 51
Tulane 66, Grambling State 49
Monday, March 20
SMU 59, Abilene Christian 52
Third Round
March 23
Michigan 60, St. John's 40
Georgia Tech 70, Middle Tennessee 57
Virginia Tech 64, Penn State 55
Villanova 69, James Madison 67, OT
Indiana 64, SMU 44
Iowa 80, Colorado 62
Alabama 72, Tulane 64
Washington State 71, UC Davis 62
Quarterfinals
March 25
Michigan 80, Virginia Tech 62
March 26
Villanova 69, Indiana 57
Georgia Tech 76, Alabama 66
Washington State 74, Iowa 66
Semifinals
Wednesday
Michigan 65, Villanova 61
Georgia Tech 69, Washington State 61
TBD Championship
Saturday, April 1
Michigan vs. Georgia Tech, 2 p.m.

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Semifinals
March 22
Coastal Carolina 89, UIC 78
Wyoming 74, Utah Valley 68
Championship Series
(Best-of-3)
(x-if necessary)
Monday
Coastal Carolina 91, Wyoming 81, Coastal Carolina leads series 1-0
Wednesday
Coastal Carolina at Wyoming, 8 p.m.
Friday
x-Coastal Carolina vs. Wyoming, TBD

Baseball 2017: With Ortiz gone, fewer primary DHs left in AL

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

Big Papi was a big hitter, and that was really his only duty for most of his 20 major league seasons.

So when David Ortiz retired last year after more than 2,000 games as a designated hitter, baseball lost one of the few remaining players who rarely played the field.

Going into the 45th season since the designated hitter was approved for the American League, more managers now appear willing to spread around the DH starts instead of putting the same player in that slot just about every day.

There were 135 players who got DH starts for the 15 AL teams last season. That is an average of nine players per team, the same number that would fill an entire batting order.

"A lot of teams have gotten away from just a strict DH, and revolve it and give guys off days without really giving them off days," Kansas City Royals manager Ned Yost said.

And that may even be the case now for the Royals, whose lineup for more than a decade — including two World Series in the first half of the 1980s — featured Hal McRae , among the first players to spend most of his career as a DH. Kansas City more recently had Kendrys Morales (2015-16) and Billy Butler (2011-14) filling that role pretty much on an everyday basis.

Morales' 139 DH starts last season matched Ortiz with Boston for the most, but he left for Toronto and a big free-agent deal.

"I've enjoyed it, having Billy Butler and Kendrys Morales the last couple of years just as a DH because they were both very productive guys for our team," Yost said. "But I do see the advantage of being able to give guys half-days when the opportunity presents itself."

Only five players started more than 100 games at DH last year, with some managers using that slot to keep key position players in the batting lineup while providing them an occasional day off from the field.

The DH spot also allowed slugging first baseman Albert Pujols to play 152 games for the Los Angeles Angels even while dealing with a foot issue/a through last season. He started 124 of those games as the designated hitter.

"At the very least he can be an everyday DH for us, and we need his bat in the lineup," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said this spring. "You don't want to risk what he does in the batter's box to get him to play first base a certain amount of games."

The 37-year-old Pujols, who still has five seasons left on his contract, would prefer to be in the field when possible. He has played 1,704 career games at first base, and only 339 as a DH.

"I'd rather play. I don't like (DH) much, but you have to get used to it," Pujols said. "The last couple of years, I got used to it."

Victor Martinez, a 38-year-old former catcher, started 138 games as Detroit's DH last season. Nelson Cruz was Seattle's starting DH for 107 games, and in right field for 48 other games.

"You see a lot of teams that just kind of use the rotating DH and use it as a time to get guys a day off," Mariners manager Scott Servais said. "The way (Cruz) does it, and goes about it, works great for us. We have an investment in Nelson and we certainly need him out there as many days as possible."

During the first season of the DH in 1973, when there were only 12 AL teams, eight used the same DH for more than 100 games, according to baseball-reference.com. A ninth team had the same DH for just more than half of the 162-game season.

Last year, nine of 15 teams used the same DH for more than half of the time. Tampa Bay used a league-high 16 players in that slot, and the White Sox 15. No surprise Boston and Kansas City needed only four players in the DH role.

Among the 10 Yankees DHs was Alex Rodriguez, who got a team-high 57 starts at that spot before retiring last August at age 41.

While Ortiz spent most of his career as a DH, and Edgar Martinez played two-thirds of his games over 18 seasons with Seattle (1987-2004) in that role, other players weren't solely hitters until late in their careers.

Hank Aaron returned to Milwaukee and served as the DH for the then-still AL Brewers for his last two MLB seasons (1975-76) before retiring at age 42. Dave Kingman, another slugger, was Oakland's DH his last three seasons (1984-86).

"You're still going to have the David Ortiz, or the one guy who's just a guy you want his bat in the lineup and that's all he's going to do, and he wraps his arms around it and he's great," Scioscia said. "They're still going to crop up because I think that there's always that veteran player that can acclimate himself to that and still be productive offensively, but maybe in the field not so much."

Designated hackers: A breed of their own

The American League adopted the designated hitter rule in 1973. These days, more managers seem willing to rotate the DH spot among different players, with the chance to give some regulars a rest while keeping their bats in the lineup. Last season, 135 AL players started games as a DH.

Number of players starting at DH for each team – 2016

TEAM		MOST DH STARTS	
Rays	16	Corey Dickerson	61
White Sox	15	Avisail Garcia	61
Athletics	14	Khris Davis	53
Astros	11	Evan Gattis	68
Twins	10	Byung Ho Park	36
Yankees	10	Alex Rodriguez	57
Blue Jays	9	E. Encarnacion	86
Rangers	9	Prince Fielder	79
Mariners	8	Nelson Cruz	107
Angels	7	Albert Pujols	124
Tigers	7	Victor Martinez	138
Indians	6	Carlos Santana	92
Orioles	5	Pedro Alvarez	85
Red Sox	4	David Ortiz	139
Royals	4	Kendrys Morales	139

AP

Mets' Familia suspended 15 games for domestic violence

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

New York Mets All-Star reliever Jeurys Familia accepted a 15-game suspension under Major League Baseball's domestic violence policy, discipline stemming from an altercation last October.

The suspension, announced Wednesday, is the fourth and least severe under the policy, which was agreed to in August 2015: New York Yankees reliever Aroldis Chapman (29 games), Colorado shortstop Jose Reyes (51 games) and Atlanta outfielder Hector Olivera (82 games) were penalized previously.

The suspension is a result of Familia's Oct. 31 arrest on a simple assault charge. Prosecutors later dropped the charges.

Familia's suspension will begin on opening day. He is eligible to continue to participate in all spring training and exhibition games and activities leading up to opening day.

Barring any postponements, Familia would be eligible to return April 20 at home against Philadelphia and would lose $730,328, which is 18-183rds of his $7,425,000 salary. Under a change this year to baseball's joint drug agreement, he loses the salary of off-days during the suspension, in addition to the pay on the days of games he misses.

"The evidence reviewed by my office does not support a determination that Mr. Familia physically assaulted his wife, or threatened her or others with physical force or harm," baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred said in a statement. "Nevertheless, I have concluded that Mr. Familia's overall conduct that night was inappropriate, violated the policy and warrants discipline."

Manfred said Familia has undergone 12 90-minute counseling sessions, and that the counselor said Familia was willing to take steps to ensure he will not be involved in another incident. Familia also will speak to other players about his learning process and will donate time and money to organizations involved in preventing domestic violence.

"With all that has been written and discussed regarding this matter, it is important that it be known that I never physically touched, harmed or threatened my wife that evening," Familia said. "I did, however, act in an unacceptable manner and am terribly disappointed in myself. I am alone to blame for the problems of that evening."

Familia was charged after his wife, Bianca Rivas, made several frantic 911 calls to police in Fort Lee, New Jersey, in which she described her husband as drunk.

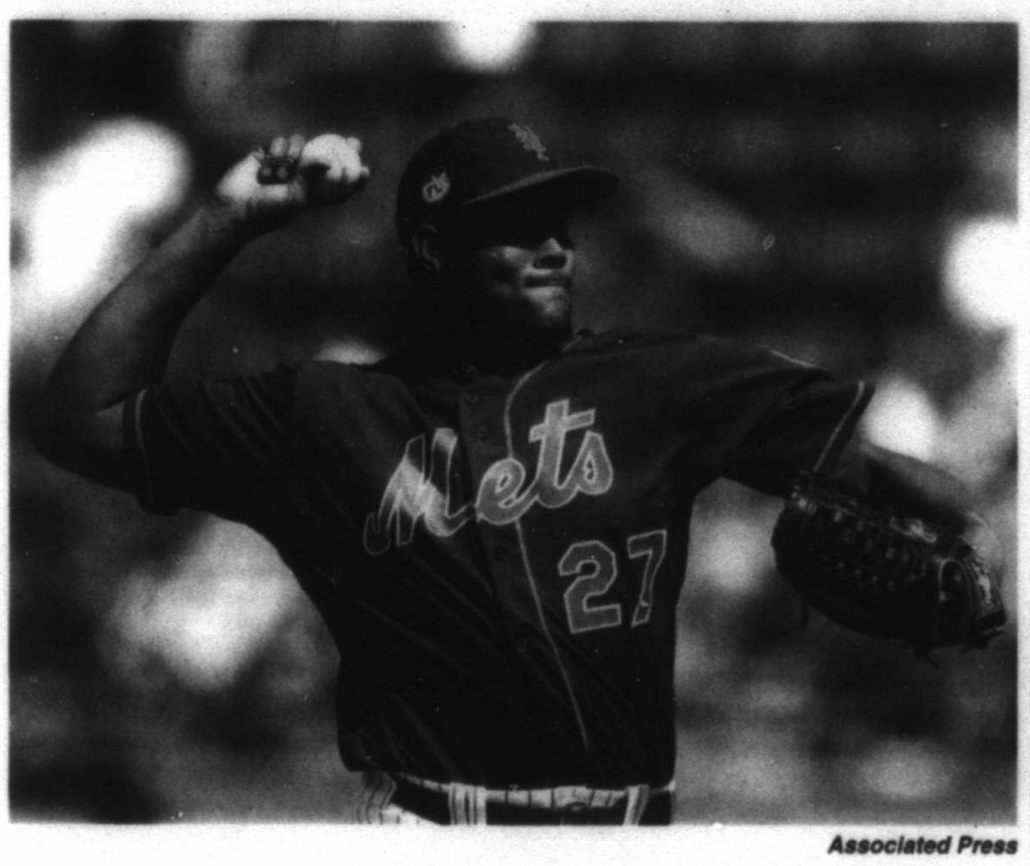
"My husband had a little bit of alcohol, and he's going crazy," Rivas said in the 911 recording, according to excerpts of a transcript published by NJ.com.

Rivas was left with scratches on her chest and a bruise on her right cheek.

A judge dismissed charges in December after the player's wife told a prosecutor that her husband did not hurt her.

Familia, a Dominican Republic native, set a Mets record with 51 saves last season. He previously was involved in an ad campaign for an anti-domestic violence group, which has since ended its relationship with him.

Mets reliever Addison Reed is a likely candidate to fill in for Familia. He has 106 saves in a six-year career, only two since joining New York during the 2015 season.



Associated Press

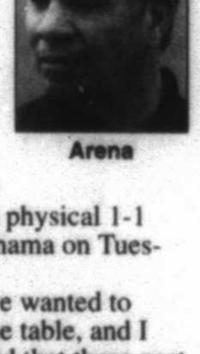
New York Mets relief pitcher Jeurys Familia (27) works against the St. Louis Cardinals in the eighth inning of a spring training baseball game Tuesday in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

US soccer rebounds with 4 points in 2 qualifiers under Arena

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

PANAMA CITY — Omar Gonzalez looked relieved as he spoke in the tunnel underneath Estadio Rommel Fernandez.

Last in the standings with a 0-2 record last week, the United States jumped to fourth with a 6-0 rout of Honduras at home followed by a difficult point earned in a physical 1-1 draw at Panama on Tuesday night.



Arena

"Well, we wanted to creep up the table, and I think we did that these past 10 days," the 6-foot-5 center back said. "We showed a lot more camaraderie. We showed a team spirit that maybe we haven't seen in a long time, and so I think we can build off this."

Mexico leads the final round of North and Central America and the Caribbean with 10 points, followed by Costa Rica with seven, Panama with five, the U.S. and Honduras with four each, and Trinidad and Tobago with three. The top three nations in the hexagonal qualify for next year's World Cup in Russia, and the No. 4 team advances to a playoff against Asia's fifth-place nation.

"We've got three home games left. We win our home games and don't take another point, we're on 13. In past years that should get you to the World Cup," goalkeeper Tim Howard said. "We obviously plan on taking some points."

Play resumes June 8 when the U.S. hosts Trinidad, most likely at Commerce City, Colorado, and the Americans start the second half of their schedule three days later at Mexico. The U.S. is home against Costa Rica and at Honduras in September, then closes the next month with a home game against Panama and a road match at Trinidad.

The third-place team had 15 points four years ago, 16 in 2009 and 2005, 17 in 2001 and 14 in 1997.

"We're not going to qualify in seven games," U.S. Soccer Federation President Sunil Gulati said. "So we're back on good footing. We gained ground on everybody other than Mexico, and Mexico right now is an outlier."

Seeking its eighth straight World Cup berth, the U.S. opened the hex with a 2-1 home loss to Mexico and a 4-0 flop at Costa Rica, prompting the USSF to fire Jurgen Klinsmann and bring back Bruce Arena, who coached the Americans from 1998-2006.

Injuries caused three projected starters to drop out before training camp opened: midfielder Fabian Johnson, right back DeAndre Yedlin and forward Bobby Wood. Jordan Morris, who likely would have started in Wood's place, hurt an ankle. Both central defenders left Friday's game early, Geoff Cameron with a muscle strain and John Brooks because of a sinus infection. Midfielder Sebastian Lletget came off with a foot injury expected to sideline him for four-to-six months.

A defensive four that had never played together faced Panama: Graham Zusi on the right, Gonzalez and Tim Ream in the center, and Jorge Villafana on the left.

At 38, Howard returned from a leg injury and re-established himself as the No. 1 goalkeeper. Clint Dempsey returned after an irregular heartbeat sidelined him from August until March, and the 34-year-old forward scored four goals in the two games to move within one of Landon Donovan's American record of 57.

Three of those goals were set up by 18-year-old Christian Pulisic, already the best American player. He dazzled on Tuesday, spinning around defenders before passing to Dempsey for the goal. He was repeatedly pushed and tugged and knocked down.

Pulisic has been with Borussia Dortmund's senior team for just over a year, and this month he became the youngest American to score in the Champions League. Yet, CONCACAF is far different from the manicured fields of Europe.

"Christian will probably learn the most from this game because he's incredibly talented, and when you play against top, top defenders in Europe, they recognize the talent and they defend properly," Howard said.

Ko makes return to ANA Inspiration

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — Lydia Ko remembers holding her arms above her head in a heart shape when she leaped into Poppie's Pond last year. The New Zealand teenager had to watch the video to learn she also held her nose for the winner's traditional plunge at the ANA Inspiration.

"I might be one of the only players to hold my nose," the world No. 1 said with a grin. "I must have been scared of the water going up my nose."

Ariya Jutanugarn didn't get to make that leap because she blew a two-stroke lead with bogeys on the final three holes of the Dinah Shore Course last year.

Yet that major disappointment propelled Jutanugarn to where she sits now: Right behind Ko in the overall rankings, with a chance to rise at Mission Hills Country Club this weekend.

"I think I'm really lucky that last year (happened)," Jutanugarn said, recalling the thoughts that ran through her head. "'I'm never going to win my first tournament. I'm never going to win my first major.' I feel really happy that happened last year. After that tournament, I just said 'OK, just go have fun.'"

Jutanugarn might be having a bit more fun than Ko lately, but the top two players in the world are leading a packed field that included 10 former champions at the ANA Inspiration. They're competing for the $2.7 million purse at the first major of the year in the desert just outside Palm Springs.

Ko became the youngest player to win two majors when she took the trophy here last year with a birdie on the 72nd hole, while Jutanugarn remained winless on the LPGA Tour with her collapse.

So much has changed for both young pros since that fateful Sunday. Jutanugarn has won a whopping five events since, including the British Open. With a newfound confidence and a steady demeanor, she has been ranked No. 2 in the world for 34 straight weeks.

Ko has been consistently solid, but she hasn't dominated the tour — and she shockingly missed a cut last week at Carlsbad for only the second time in 95 LPGA starts.

Ko has been No. 1 in the world for 75 weeks, but Jutanugarn's 21st-place finish in Carlsbad allowed the big-hitting Thai pro to close the gap to the smallest it has ever been.

"It's not important, because when I play, I really want to have fun," Jutanugarn said of the No. 1 ranking. "I really want to be happy on the course. And whatever happens, be really happy and have fun. That's my goal."

While Jutanugarn appears to be gathering momentum, Ko is returning to Mission Hills in search of the form that cleared her for takeoff into the pond last spring.

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	G	S	F	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
BROADCAST																	
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Grey's Anatomy "Be Still, My Soul" (N)		Scandal "A Stomach for Blood" (N)		The Catch "The Family Way" (N)		Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Great indoor (N)	Mom (N)	Life in Pieces (N)	The Amazing Race (SP) (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) Stephen Colbert		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	MacGyver "Nightmares"		Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Festive Felon"		Twilight Zone
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	P.g Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Chef "Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner" (N)		Kicking & Screaming "Jungle Love" (N)		Fox 24 News	TMZ	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	All About Us	Mission: M25	Update News	Wings of Truth	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Our Messiah	Faith for Families	Hidden in Sight	Biblical Israel
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	NewsWest 9 Now	Supers-tore	Power-less (N)	Chicago Med "Lesson Learned" (N)		Blacklist"Redemp. "Hostages" (N)		NewsWe-st 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Two for the Road	Daytri-pper	Secrets of Chatsworth		Walden: The Ballad of Thoreau		Charlie Rose (N)		Newsline	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		Pequeños Gigantes USA		Vino el amor		La piloto		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	Bones		Bones		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Tosh.0	Access H.
PREMIUM																	
FLIX	340	575		165		(5:25) ★★ Tickr		★ Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan				★ Star Trek III: The Search for Spock				★ Star Trek V: Th...	
HBO	300	550	14	14		Movie	Vice News	★★★ Live Free or Die Hard Bruce Willis.				1stLook	Real Sports		Big Little Lies		Crashing
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(5:20) ★ Keanu		Girls	Vice	Animals.	2 Days	(:55) Cries From Syria (N)			(:50) ★★ Fracture		
HBO5	304	552	16	102		(5:35) ★★ Catch Me If You Can				★★★ Earth Girls Are Easy		(:45) ★ Now You See Me 2 ('16, Act) Jesse Eisenberg.					
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:25) ★ Babylon A.D.		★★★ The Fantastic Four				(:40) ★★ The X-Files: I Want to Believe			(:25) ★★ Magnolia		
MAX2	382	558	18	122		★★ Enough ('02, Thril) Jennifer Lopez.				★★ A Beautiful Mind Russel Crowe.				(:20) ★★★ American Gangster			
PLEX			96			(5:20) ★ Secret Wind...		★★ Boogeyman				★★ Supernova James Spader.		(:05) ★★ Hush Jessica Lange.		Movie	
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(:15) ★ Born to Be Blue Ethan Hawke.				Billions "Indian Four"		Homeland		Gigolos	Dark Net	TheCircus	Billions
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:15) ★ Life of a King		★★ Hoodlum Laurence Fishburne.				(:10) ★★ Internal Affairs Richard Gere.			(:05) ★ As I AM: T...		
CABLE																	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	The First 48 "Moonie/ Dark impulse"		The First 48	First 48	60 Days In (N)		Nightwatch "Freak Show" (N)		(:05) Nightwatch		(:05) The First 48	First 48
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:30) ★ Lethal We...		★★ Escape Plan ('13, Act) Sylvester Stallone.						★★★ Sherlock Holmes ('09, Adv) Robert Downey Jr...			
BET	58	-		40		(4:00) ★ Soul Men		Rebel				The Quad				Daily S.	(:35) Martin
BRAVO	65	76		41		(5:00) ★ Why Did I Get Married?		★★ Why Did I Get Married?		Tyler Perry.				Watch	Housewives Atlanta		Beverly
CNBC	46	52		39	72	The Deed: Chicago		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Rich (N)	Rich (N)	The Partner	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		Comedy (N)		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Street Outlaws		Street Outlaws		Street Outlaws		Street Outlaws		Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Underc.	Good Luck	StuckMid	GoodLuck	Liv/Mad	Liv/Mad	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Jessie	Jessie	Girl M.	Friends
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	SportsCenter		NCAA Basketball NIT Tournament (L)				NCAA Basketball				SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	Tennis Miami Open Site: Tennis Center at Crandon Park -- Key Biscayne, Fla. (L)								NFL Live		Tonight	J & J (N)
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	The First 100 Days		The First 100 Days		TuckerCarlsonTon		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		TuckerCarlsonTon	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		BeatFlay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Chopped	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:30) ★★ Zookeeper				★★ Hitch ('05, Com) Eva Mendes, Will Smith.				The 700 Club		★ Bruce Almighty	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Sport-sDay (N)	The Beat Tex A&M	Rodeo RodeoHouston Super Series Championship -- Houston, Texas						Championship Spot. "Boys' Basketball"		UIL Champ.	SportsD-ay OnAir
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(4:00) ★ X-Men: Day...		★★ The Maze Runner ('14, Sci-Fi) Dylan O'Brien.						★★ The Maze Runner ('14, Sci-Fi) Dylan O'Brien.			
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	H.Hunt	House	H.Hunt	House	FlipFlop	FlipFlop
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Swamp People		Swamp: Blood (N)		Swamp People (N)		(:05) Swamp People		(:05) Swamp People		(:05) Swamp: Blood	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(5:00) ★ Good Deeds Tyler Perry.		★ Madea's Witness Protection ('12, Com) Tyler Perry. A banker is set up in a scheme and puts his family in the witness protection program.						The Rap Game "Full Court Press"		★ Madea's Witness Protection Tyler Perry.	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		11thHour	Hardball	Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				NHL Live	NHL Hockey	Dallas Stars at Boston Bruins (L)				NHL Overtime (L)		Poker After Dark		Poker After Dark	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Hunter	Rank the	★★ The Parent Trap ('98, Fam) Dennis Quaid, Lindsay Lohan.						Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(:10) ★★ Jonah Hex ('10, Act) Josh Brolin.				★★★ Zombieland Woody Harrelson.				★★★ Resident Evil: Retribution			
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Sein. "The Pilot"	Seinf. "The Mango"	Sein. "The Glasses"	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Wanda Sykes, Wendy Williams		Seinfeld	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:45) ★★ The Expert		★★ Daughters of the Dust						★★★ The Learning Tree Alex Clarke.		★ Losing Ground	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		La fan		La Doña		El Chema		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	La Doña	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life: Supersized "Penny's Story"		My 600-lb Life: Supersized "Steven and Justin's Story Part 1" 1/2 cont'd April 6 (N)				Skin Tight "Jenae and Julie M." (N)		My 600-lb Life: Supersized "Steven and Justin's Story Part 1" 1/2 cont'd April 6			
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Bones "The Nazi Honeymoon"		NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at Chicago Bulls Site: United Center -- Chicago, Ill. (L)						NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Portland Trail Blazers Site: Moda Center -- Portland, Ore. (L)			
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Griffith	(:35) Griffith	(:10) Griffith	(:50) Ray	(:25) Ray "Net Worth"		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Perverted Justice"		SVU "Nationwide Manhunt"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Collateral Damages"		Colony "Seppuku" (N)		(:05) Law&Order: SVU "Funny Valentine"		(:05) Law&Order: SVU "Poisoned Motive"	
WGN	19	85				Cops "Liar Liar #3"	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Outsiders "Stranger in a Strange Land"		Cops	Cops

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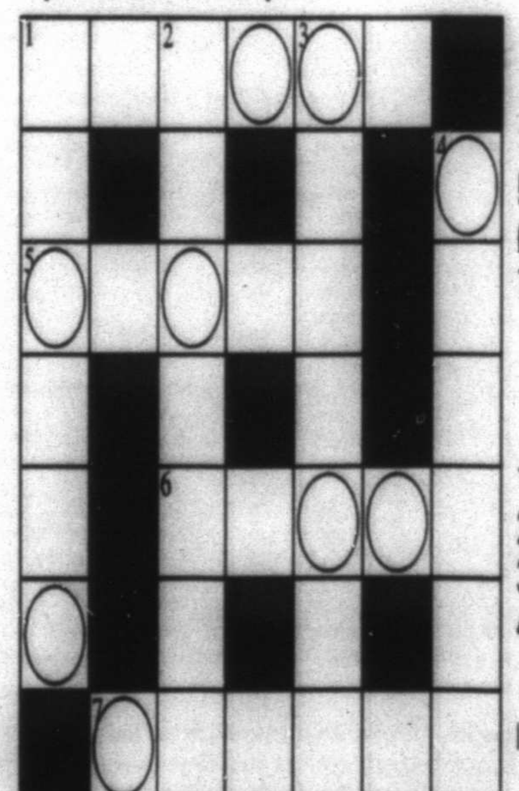

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Minister	SPORTA
5. Weasel-like mammal	BEALS
6. Overthrow	ERVTE
7. Prevent, restrain	FLSIET

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. ___ shop	RYAPTS
2. Rebel, destroy	EUBVSTR
3. Ego	FNELOSE
4. Ease	EHOOST

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3-30-17

CLUE: This person was born in Philadelphia on January 1, 1752.

BONUS

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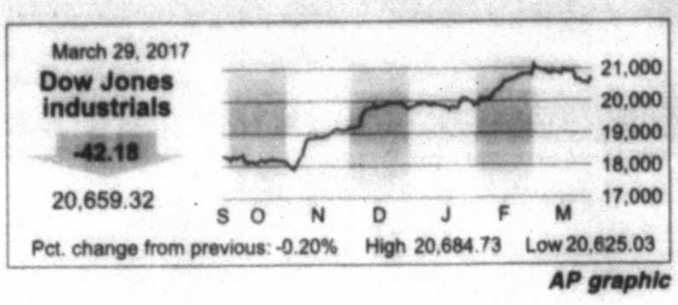

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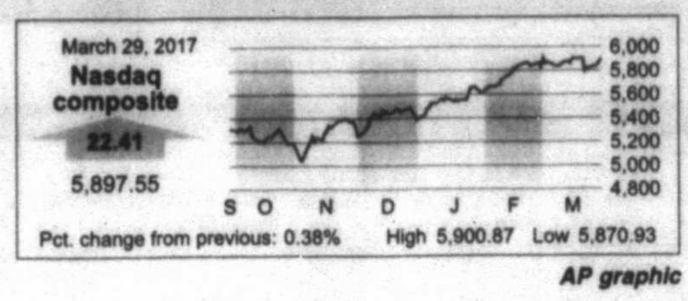

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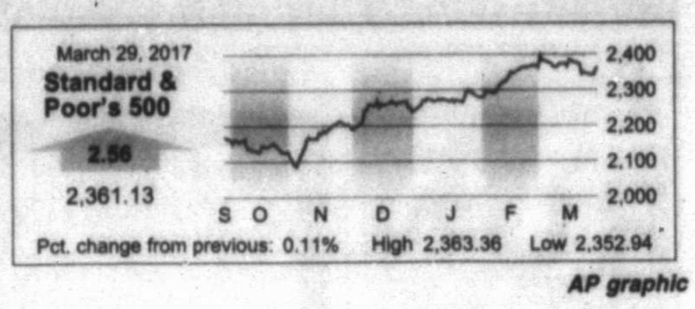

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FUTURES

Wednesday: $49.51
Previous: $48.37

POSTED

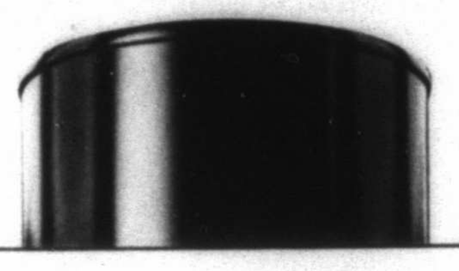
Wednesday: $46.00
Previous: $44.75

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Wednesday: $41.95
Previous: $40.70

NATURAL GAS

Wednesday: $3.175
Previous: $3.096



Samsung's Galaxy S8 phone aims to dispel the Note 7 debacle

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Samsung seems to be playing it safe —at least with its battery — as it unveils its first major smartphone since the embarrassing recall of its fire-prone Note 7.

The Galaxy S8 will come in two sizes, both bigger than comparable models from last year. To maximize display space, there's no more physical home button. The S8 also sports a voice assistant intended to rival Siri and Google Assistant.

But battery capacity isn't increasing, despite the larger sizes, meaning more breathing room for the battery. Samsung had pushed the engineering envelope with the Note 7 battery, which contributed to spontaneous combustions. That recall cost Samsung at least $5.3 billion. Though many customers remain loyal, any further misstep could prove fatal.

The phone, announced Wednesday in New York, will come out April 21. The standard-size S8 will cost about $750 and the larger S8 Plus about $850 — both about $100 more than comparable iPhones and rival Android phones.

"That's a big bet that its phones will justify a higher price, whereas it could have used these new phones as a way to drive higher sales after a couple of years of stagnation," said Jan Dawson, an analyst with Jackdaw Research.

About the battery

Samsung has blamed the Note 7 fires on multiple design and manufacturing defects in its batteries. Inspectors concluded some of the batteries were too small for their capacity, putting pressure on the internal structure.

The company says phones will now go through multiple inspections, including X-rays and stress tests at extreme temperatures. And Samsung no longer is trying to squeeze a lot of battery power in a small space. The S8 Plus model, for instance, has 3 percent less battery power than the Galaxy S7 Edge, but the phone itself is 12 percent larger.

Bigger, taller screens

The S8 phone's display measures 5.8 inches diagonally, compared with 5.1 inches on the S7. The S8 Plus will be 6.2 inches, compared with S7 Edge's 5.5 inches and the Note 7's 5.7 inches. Samsung is getting rid of the "Edge" distinction and bringing curved sides to all S8 phones.

Samsung has also made it easier to look at apps without scrolling as much. It enlarged the screen by minimizing the frame, or bezel, surrounding the display; gone is a horizontal strip with the home button at the bottom. Instead, Samsung is embedding a virtual home button in the display and moving the fingerprint sensor to the back. In addition, both S8 models are taller than their predecessors, but widths are about the same. That makes them easy to hold in one hand.

Voice assistant

Samsung claims its new voice assistant, Bixby, will do much more than rivals from Apple, Google, Microsoft and Amazon. For one thing, Samsung says Bixby will be able to handle any smartphone task currently managed by touch. When viewing a photo, just say "send this to Bob" to pull up messaging options and contact information for the Bobs you know. Bixby will also offer information on books, wine and other products scanned with the phone's camera.

But there's a major caveat: Bixby will work only with selected Samsung apps, including the photo gallery and messages, along with Google Play Music. Not all touch commands will have voice counterparts right away. Other apps will be able to adopt Bixby, but Samsung has had a mixed track record in getting other companies to support its home-brewed functions, such as an "Air View" feature for showing pop-up previews of content. Never seen it? Exactly.

"I think the brand will struggle to compete in the longer term with the broader digital ecosystems from Google, Amazon or Apple," Forrester analyst Thomas Husson said.

Other features

The front camera is getting a boost to 8 megapixels, from 5 megapixels, while the rear one stays at 12 megapixels.

As with previous models, the S8 is water and dust resistant and features a memory card slot to supplement 64 gigabytes of built-in storage, which is higher than the base models of most rivals. The S8 will get an iris scanner to let people unlock the phone by looking at it; the feature was new in the ditched Note 7 phone.

Beyond the S8

Samsung's virtual-reality camera, Gear 360, will now accommodate a higher resolution, known as 4K, and work with iPhones, not just Samsung phones.

An optional docking station will turn the S8 phone into a desktop computer when connected to a regular TV. In that mode, people will be able to resize windows and work with several apps at once. It's similar to what Microsoft offers on its Windows 10 phones. Samsung also unveiled a router that doubles as a hub for internet-connected appliances and lights.

Samsung said its previously announced Gear VR headset upgrade, which will now include a hand-held controller, will go on sale in April for about $130. Existing owners can buy just the controller for about $40. The company hasn't announced prices and release dates for the other accessories.

Stock indexes end higher

U.S. stock indexes closed mostly higher Wednesday after a sharp increase in crude oil prices helped drive market-leading gains for energy companies.

Banks and other financial stocks declined the most as bond yields headed lower, which translates into lower interest rates on loans and lower profits for banks.

The Dow Jones industrial average ended in the red, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index and Nasdaq composite eked out modest gains. Two stocks rose for every one that fell on the New York Stock Exchange.

"After yesterday's bounce back, you're seeing a little sideways action today," said Jeff Zipper, managing director at the Private Client Reserve of U.S. Bank.

The S&P 500 index added 2.56 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,361.13: The Dow fell 42.18 points, or 0.2 percent, to 20,659.32. The Nasdaq composite index gained 22.41 points, or 0.4 percent, to 5,897.55.

Bond prices rose. The 10-year Treasury yield fell to 2.39 percent from 2.42 percent.

Gold prices drop

The price of gold slipped $1.90 to settle at $1,253.70 an ounce. Silver held steady at $18.25 per ounce. Copper was little changed at $2.68 per pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $133.59 Up 1.82

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $129.18 Up 1.56

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $5.62 Up 0.14

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $103.16 Up 1.93

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.11 Up 0.17

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.19 Up 0.04

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $25.90 Up 0.50

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $12.79 Down 0.07

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $41.07 Up 0.74

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $10.57 Down 0.13

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $17.61 Up 0.02

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SPDR Fncl	749863	23.82	-.15
ChesEng	638317	5.81	+.42
BkofAm	636225	23.35	-.13
DrGMBll s	430463	6.60	+.20
S&P500ETF	418049	235.54	+.22

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GlassBr rs	5.54	+1.16	+26.5
Exar	12.99	+2.37	+22.3
RH	43.68	+5.68	+14.9
PatriotTr n	2.98	+.35	+13.3
SafeBulk	2.39	+.27	+12.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TrinaRlty	18.00	-3.50	-16.3
QuormHl n	5.46	-.91	-14.3
Navistr pfD	10.21	-1.13	-10.0
PrUSOGEx	12.44	-1.27	-9.3
DxNGBear rs	26.03	-2.38	-8.4

DIARY

Advanced	1,929
Declined	1,032
Unchanged	112
Total issues	3,073
New Highs	88
New Lows	8
Volume	3,002,765,384

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	53696	3.08	+.12
B2gold g	44021	2.86	+.03
iShIndia bt	31930	31.60	+.28
BrkMnb s	29810	66.11	+.58
TherapMD	26604	7.19	+.20

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
eMagin	2.35	+.25	+11.9
YumaEn rs	2.34	+.22	+10.5
Compx	14.00	+1.25	+9.8
VirnetX	2.80	+.15	+8.1
CPI Aero	6.78	+.38	+5.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Takung n	7.99	-1.54	-16.2
ImunoCll rs	3.08	-.22	-6.7
EnviroStr	18.45	-1.30	-6.6
UrvSecInst	2.90	-.15	-4.9
Sifco	8.35	-.30	-3.5

DIARY

Advanced	221
Declined	123
Unchanged	29
Total issues	373
New Highs	13
New Lows	3
Volume	95,509,319

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
FrontierCm	543263	2.02	+.04
Apple Inc	279809	144.12	+.32
TonixPh rs	252062	5.57	+1.43
MicronT	223137	28.50	-.19
SiriusXM	169356	5.14	+.03

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TonixPh rs	5.57	+1.43	+34.5
Performnt	2.41	+.58	+31.7
XcelBrnds	2.45	+.45	+22.5
MySize n	2.72	+.47	+20.9
VertxPh	108.01	+18.34	+20.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CatalstB rs	10.51	-4.50	-30.0
DiffusPh n	3.66	-1.32	-26.5
Highpwrlnt	4.15	-.75	-15.3
MoSys rs	2.11	-.34	-13.8
PennxT rs	3.53	-.53	-13.1

DIARY

Advanced	1,717
Declined	1,083
Unchanged	222
Total issues	3,022
New Highs	102
New Lows	30
Volume	1,641,348,706

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel		24	7.07	-.27	-30.8
AT&T Inc	1.96	16	41.45	-.11	-2.5
Abraxas	...	...	**1.99**	**+.03**	**-22.6**
AdaDvsEq	**.92e**	...	**13.74**	**+.02**	**+8.1**
AMD			13.71	+.02	+20.9
AlonUSA	.60		12.37	+.28	+8.7
Ambev	.06e	6	5.77	+.10	+17.5
Amgen	**4.60f**	**15**	**163.06**	**-1.65**	**+11.5**
Anadarko	**.20**	...	**62.45**	**+1.31**	**-10.4**
Apache	**1.00**	...	**53.18**	**+1.96**	**-16.2**
Apple Inc	2.28	17	144.12	+.32	+24.4
ApldMatl	**.40**	**19**	**38.87**	**+.05**	**+20.5**
Archrock	.48		12.45	+.10	-5.7
Athene n			49.87	+.05	+3.9
Athersys			1.44	+.26	-5.9
ATMOS	**1.80f**	**23**	**79.85**	**-.55**	**+7.7**
AutoData	2.28	27	102.13	-1.15	-.6
BP PLC	**2.38**	**41**	**34.43**	**+.51**	**-7.9**
BakrHu	.68	...	60.02	+.95	-7.6
BcoBrad s	.43e	...	10.50	+.28	+20.7
BkofAm	.30f	19	23.35	-.13	+5.7
B iPVxST rs		...	15.45	-.09	-39.4
BaringsCp s	1.20	...	15.30	-.06	-1.2
BasicEnS			45		...
BerkHa A	**...**	**16249761.03**	**-2758.99**	**+2.3**
BlkHillsCp	**1.78f**	**21**	**65.70**	**-.82**	**+7.1**
BrMySq	**1.56f**	**33**	**55.95**	**-.25**	**-4.3**
BrownFA s	**...**	**29**	**47.45**	**+.06**	**+2.6**
BrownFB s	**...**	**...**	**46.73**	**-.09**	**+4.0**
CVS Health	2.00f	13	78.76	+.15	-.2
CallonPet	**...**	**58**	**12.82**	**+.49**	**-16.6**
Caterpillar	3.08	28	92.86	-.09	+.1
Celestic g	...	10	14.16	-.42	+19.5
CntryLink	2.16	9	23.09	+.57	-2.9
Cerulean h	...	...	.91	+.19	+28.5
ChesEng	...	...	5.81	+.42	-17.2
Chevron	**4.32f**	**...**	**108.07**	**+.90**	**-8.2**
Chicos	.33f	20	14.41	+.37	+.1
Cimarex	.32	...	121.56	+2.09	-10.6
Cisco	1.16	17	33.74	-.28	+11.6
Citigroup	.64	13	59.39	-.03	-.1
CitizFincl	.40	18	34.49	-.64	-3.2
CloyEng	**...**	**...**	**133.59**	**+1.82**	**+12.0**
CliffsNRs	**...**	**8**	**8.23**	**-.04**	**-2.1**
CobaltIEn			.48	+.06	-60.7
CocaCole	**1.48f**	**26**	**42.42**	**-.01**	**+2.3**
ColgPalm	**1.60f**	**26**	**73.56**	**-.21**	**+12.4**
ConAgra	**.80**	**21**	**40.59**	**+.39**	**+2.6**
ConchoRes	**...**	**...**	**129.18**	**+1.56**	**-2.6**
ConocoPhil	**1.06f**	**...**	**45.95**	**+.57**	**-8.4**
CrackerB	4.60	25	157.61	+1.06	-5.6
CrosTim	**1.07e**	**13**	**14.84**	**+.23**	**-17.4**
DCP Mid	3.12	19	39.00	+.60	+1.6
DTE	3.30f	23	101.78	+.08	+3.3
Dataram rs			1.25	-.01	-43.2
Delcath rs			.09	-.01	-90.5
DenburyR			2.62	+.20	-28.8
DevonE	**.24**	**...**	**41.22**	**+1.60**	**-9.7**
DxGlMBr rs			14.52	-.50	-58.6
DrGMBll s			6.60	+.20	+18.3
DxGBull s			9.18	+.12	+20.2
Disney	**1.56f**	**20**	**112.53**	**-.52**	**+8.0**
DowChm	**1.84**	**21**	**64.42**	**-.12**	**+12.8**
DryShp rs	.02	1	1.75	+.25	-94.1
EDG Resrcs	**.67**	**...**	**97.00**	**+1.71**	**-4.1**
EnCana g	.06	...	11.88	+.76	+1.2
Energen	.08	...	54.51	+1.67	-5.5
EngyTsfr	4.22	...	36.12	+.68	+.9
EnPro	**.88f**	**56**	**65.86**	**-.22**	**-2.2**
EntProdPt	1.64	22	27.22	+.21	+.7
Ericsson	.11e	...	6.53	+.08	+12.0
Exar	...	72	12.99	+2.37	+20.5
ExxonMbl	**3.00**	**36**	**82.02**	**+.18**	**-9.1**
Facebook	...	34	142.65	+.89	+24.0
FordM	.60a	6	11.68	+.03	-3.7
FrptMcM	...	...	12.72	+.15	-3.6
FrontierCm	.42	...	2.02	+.04	-40.2
GATX	**1.68f**	**10**	**59.53**	**+.19**	**-3.3**
GabMultT	**.94e**	**...**	**7.98**	**+.01**	**+10.2**
GAInv	**1.15e**	**...**	**33.38**	**+.04**	**+7.1**
GenElec	**.96**	**24**	**29.68**	**+.06**	**-6.1**
GenMotors	1.52	6	35.54	-.02	+2.0
GluMobile	...	...	2.36	+.16	+22.7
Goldcrp g	.24	...	14.91	-.03	+9.6
GtPlainEn	**1.10**	**17**	**28.94**	**+.15**	**+5.8**
Hallibrtn	.72	...	49.22	+1.20	-9.0
HP Ent n	.26	12	23.67	+.66	+2.3
HuntBncsh	.32	19	13.22	...	...
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	37.96	+.80	+13.9
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	39.09	-.14	+12.6
iShEMkts	.84e	...	39.88	+.07	+13.9
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	62.60	...	+8.4
iShiBxHYB	5.09	...	87.40	+.18	+1.0
iShR2K	1.70e	...	136.23	+.44	+1.0
Intel	**1.09f**	**16**	**35.57**	**-.03**	**-1.9**
InterDig	1.20	10	85.10	-.40	-6.8
ItauUnibH	.32e	...	12.49	+.28	+21.6
JohnJn	**3.20**	**19**	**124.92**	**-.74**	**+8.4**
KimbClk	**3.88f**	**22**	**132.53**	**-.20**	**+16.1**
KindMorg	.50	69	21.41	-.01	+3.4
LegacyRes	.60m	...	2.11	+.17	-.5
Lubys	**...**	**...**	**3.15**	**...**	**-26.4**
MarathnO	.20	...	15.85	+.62	-8.4
McDnlds	3.76	24	128.84	-.61	+5.8
Merck	1.88	17	62.64	+.30	+8.1
MerMMed	**...**	**36**	**28.70**	**-.20**	**+8.3**
MexcoEn			4.19	+.04	-16.2
MicronT		34	28.50	-.19	+30.0
Microsoft	1.56	29	65.47	+.18	+5.4
MorgStan	.80	15	42.80	+.31	+1.3
Nabors	.24	...	12.95	+.46	-21.0
NatGrid	**3.35e**	**...**	**63.19**	**-.08**	**+8.3**
NOilVarco	.20	31	40.34	+1.04	+7.7
NSTFB	**.55e**	**...**	**14.17**	**+.07**	**...**
NTXQI	**.65**	**...**	**14.25**	**-.01**	**+3.9**
OcciPet	**3.04**	**...**	**63.78**	**+.38**	**-10.5**
OceanRig	...	...	23	-.00	-86.9
Octaro	...	...	10.18	+.05	+13.7
Oracle	.60	22	44.52	-.17	+16.2
PDC Engy	**...**	**...**	**62.80**	**+.35**	**-13.4**
ParTech	**...**	**22**	**7.28**	**+.14**	**+30.5**
ParkDrl	**...**	**...**	**1.75**	**+.20**	**-32.7**
PattUTI	**.08**	**...**	**23.91**	**+.46**	**-11.2**
Penney	...	...	6.10	+.31	-26.6
PennaRE	**.84**	**10**	**14.95**	**+.38**	**-21.1**
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PUVixST rs	...	...	15.49	-.14	...
ProctGam	**2.68**	**24**	**90.60**	**-.16**	**+7.8**
RangeRs	.08	...	28.95	+1.16	-15.7
RegionsFn	.26	16	14.31	-.09	-.3
RiteAid	...	41	4.48	-.05	-45.6
Rowan	.40	7	15.20	+.18	-19.5
RoyDShllA	3.76	81	53.23	+.38	-2.1
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	206.31	-.44	+4.5
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	235.54	+.22	+5.4
SpdrLehHY	2.30	...	36.77	+.04	+.9
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	37.26	+.97	-10.0
SabnR	1.92e	16	35.00	+.55	-.4
SanderFm	**.96**	**12**	**103.85**	**+.82**	**+10.2**
Schlmbrg	2.00	68	78.67	+.36	-6.3
SeadrillLtd	...	1	1.59	+.07	-53.4
SiriusXM	.01p	40	5.14	+.03	+15.5
Smucker	3.00f	16	132.59	-.55	+3.5
SnaplncA n	...	...	22.55	+.34	-7.9
SwstnEngy	...	...	8.15	+.26	-24.7
Sprint	...	...	8.48	+.15	+.7
SP Engy	2.04e	...	70.16	+.95	-8.9
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	23.82	-.15	+1.6
SunocoLog	2.08f	25	24.19	+.44	+.7
TelefEsp	**1.03e**	**...**	**11.23**	**-.13**	**+22.1**
Tesoro	2.20	12	83.03	+1.40	-5.1
3M Co	4.70f	23	190.68	-.31	+6.8
TonixPh rs	...	...	5.57	+1.43	+18.5
Torchmark	**.60f**	**17**	**76.24**	**-.68**	**+3.4**
Transocn	...	7	12.40	+.17	-15.9
TriContl	**.82e**	**...**	**23.01**	**-.04**	**+4.4**
Twitter	...	...	15.04	+.10	-7.7
TylerTech	**...**	**50**	**154.99**	**+.41**	**+8.6**
UBSI	**1.32**	**21**	**41.15**	**-.10**	**-11.0**
US OilFd	...	...	10.37	+.22	-11.5
USSteel	.20	...	32.78	-.39	-.7
Vale SA	.29e	...	9.62	+.15	+26.2
ValeantPh	...	4	11.18	+.50	-23.0
ValeroE	2.80f	18	67.14	+.85	-1.7
VanEGold	.12e	...	22.91	+.10	+9.5
VanE JrGld	...	...	36.15	+.31	+14.6
VerizonCm	2.31	12	49.13	-.17	-8.0
VertxPh	...	...	108.01	+18.34	+46.6
VulcanM	**1.00f**	**39**	**118.16**	**+3.56**	**-5.6**
WEC Engy	2.08	21	60.93	-.23	+3.9
WstgBoots	1.50	18	83.77	+.03	+1.2
Wealthfrnt	...	...	6.83	+.13	+32.9
WstnRefin	1.52	29	35.88	+.82	-5.2
WhitingPet	...	...	9.24	+.54	-23.1
WmaCos	1.20f	50	29.34	+.75	-5.8
XcelEngy	**1.44f**	**21**	**44.47**	**-.46**	**+0.3**
Xerox	**.25m**	**10**	**7.27**	**...**	**+26.4**

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
21,169.11	17,063.08	Dow Jones Industrials	20,659.32	-42.18	-.20	+4.54	+16.61
9,639.33	7,029.41	Dow Jones Transportation	9,075.39	-21.44	-.24	+.35	+13.94
723.83	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	699.88	-3.48	-.49	+6.11	+5.19
11,688.45	9,918.72	NYSE Composite	11,496.67	+2.83	+.02	+3.98	+12.31
5,928.06	4,574.25	Nasdaq Composite	5,897.55	+22.41	+.38	+9.58	+21.12
2,400.98	1,991.68	S&P 500	2,361.13	+2.56	+.11	+5.46	+14.40
1,761.08	1,409.53	S&P Midcap	1,709.58	+4.49	+.26	+2.95	+18.43
25,008.97	20,583.79	Wilshire 5000	24,567.99	+36.96	+.15	+4.88	+15.68
1,414.82	1,073.46	Russell 2000	1,371.64	+4.38	+.32	+1.07	+23.52

TODAY: Sunny	FRIDAY: Sunny	SATURDAY: Sunny	SUNDAY: Mostly sunny	MONDAY: Sunny	TUESDAY: Sunny
High: 82 Low: 57	High: 90 Low: 56	High: 79 Low: 51	High: 73 Low: 49	High: 82 Low: 56	High: 81 Low: 52

Local forecast

For most of the next six days, forecasted highs will be above normal, according to the National Weather Service. There is a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms Saturday and Saturday night.

The record high for March 29 is 95, set in 1963. The record low is 18, set in 1944. On March 29 of last year, the high was 87, and the low was 57.

Weather brief

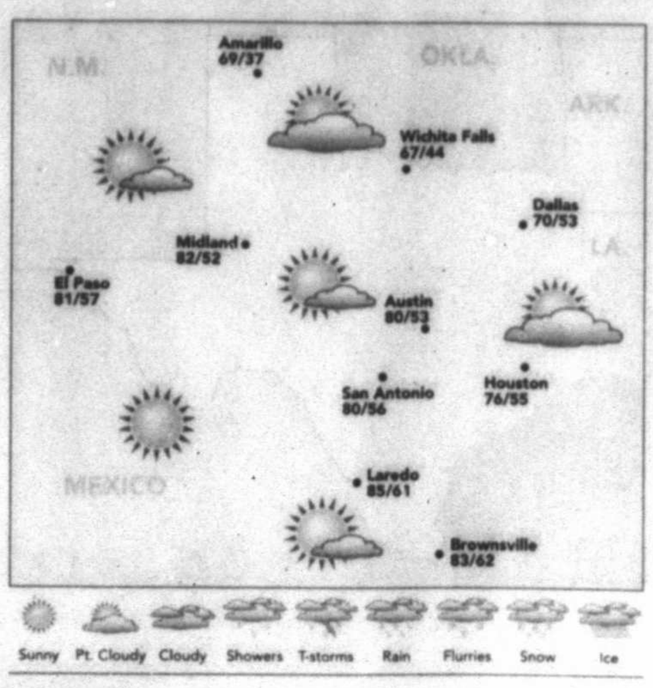
PHOENIX

Weather conditions to heighten risk of wildfires in Arizona

Authorities said Tuesday that weather conditions are expected to heighten the wildfire risk in southwestern and south-central Arizona.

The National Weather Service forecasts strong winds and low humidity in southwestern desert areas and along the Colorado River although fuels remain relatively moist.

On the northwest side of the Phoenix area, city of Peoria spokesman Tim Elden says heavy winter rainfall created dense vegetation that contributes to the risk of brush fires.



Precipitation

Tuesday	0.35 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.48 in.
Year total	2.32 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.83 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

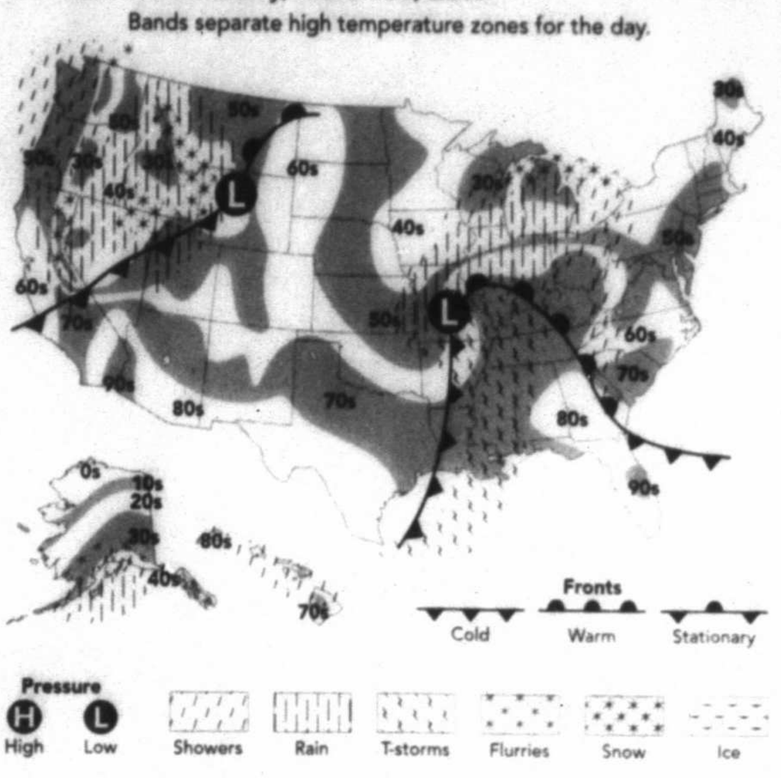
High	63
Low	48
Normal high	74
Normal low	44
Sunrise	7:39 a.m.
Sunset	8:07 p.m.

National weather

AccuWeather.com

Forecast for Thursday, March 30, 2017

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



Graciousness is key to the art of accepting a compliment

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: I'm a young man in my mid-20s, and I have a deeper voice than my stature would typically suggest. Close friends even get thrown off when I talk to them if they haven't seen me in a while. I'm fairly happy with it, and people often ask if I do radio or voice acting. I run into problems, though, when strangers comment on it.

If someone says, "Wow, has anyone ever told you that you have a great voice?" or something of that nature, my first impulse is to make a joke about it. If I'm not quick enough on my feet, however, I often catch myself saying something like, "Yeah, I get that a lot," or, "I know," both of which sound egotistical, and I feel embarrassed afterward. Is there a way to acknowledge the compliment that doesn't come off so pretentious? — NOT QUICK ON MY FEET

DEAR NOT QUICK: Yes, accept the compliment graciously by saying, "Thank you."

DEAR ABBY: My husband has been sick and unable to work for several years because of a debilitating illness. He has been home taking care of the kids while I have been working full time. We have lost everything because of the financial burden of his illness. I am very grateful to my parents for helping us financially during this tough time.

Unfortunately, I believe some of my family think my husband is faking his illness. This is hurtful since they have known him for a long time (we've been married 12 years). My sister recently asked him in a rather nasty way why he doesn't just go get a job, and I'm beginning to think that my parents share her sentiment.

He already feels guilty and worthless for not being able to provide for our family. It's coming to the point where I just want to get away from them and cut off contact. Should I address the issue or just let it go? — SICK IN THE SOUTH

DEAR SICK: By all means address the issue. What your sister did was both cruel and out of line. Ask your parents if those are their sentiments as well, because you are concerned they might be.

If they are having doubts about your husband's physical problems, offer to share medical information that proves his health problems are all too real. Because your parents have been helping out financially, it might help to clear the air.

DEAR ABBY: My son just got some devastating news. He found out that the son he has raised for 20 years isn't his. We will always love the young man regardless. The thing is, how do we help our son to overcome losing a child we all thought was his? — HEARTBROKEN IN TEXAS

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: Regardless of who contributed the sperm that fertilized the egg that became your grandson, the person your son raised IS his son. The bond is there. Your son is the only father he has ever known. If you move forward from there and don't deviate from that path, you should all be able to deal with this in a positive manner.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

The extra trick

Neither vulnerable, North deals

NORTH
♠ A 9 8 5
♡ A 9 4
◇ A K 7 3
♣ 6 2

WEST
♠ K J 7 6 2
♡ Q J 7 5
◇ 4
♣ 10 9 3

EAST
♠ Q 10 4
♡ 10 6 3
◇ J 10 6 5 2
♣ Q 8

SOUTH
♠ 3
♡ K 8 2
◇ Q 9 8
♣ A K J 7 5 4

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1NT	Pass	4♠*	Pass
4NT**	Pass	6♠	All pass

*Gerber
**Three aces

Opening lead: Six of ♣

Rubber bridge players, after the contract is made, often throw the rest of the hand in to start play on the next deal. Duplicate players never do that, as an overtrick can be very important. South showed good technique in the play of this slam. He won the opening spade lead with dummy's ace, ruffed a spade, and cashed the ace of clubs. He then crossed to dummy with the ace of diamonds and led a club. When East's queen appeared, 12 tricks were certain and the hunt was on for the overtrick. Declarer captured the queen with the king and cashed the club jack, drawing all the trumps. The queen of diamonds was followed by a diamond to the king. Another spade was ruffed back to his hand, leaving this:

NORTH
♠ 9
♡ A 9
◇ 7
♣ Void

WEST
♠ K
♡ Q J 7
◇ Void
♣ Void

EAST
♠ Void
♡ 10 6 3
◇ J
♣ Void

SOUTH
♠ Void
♡ K 8 2
◇ Void
♣ 5

South led the last club and West had to part with a heart to keep the king of spades. The nine of spades was no longer needed and was duly discarded. East had the same problem as his partner. He had to keep his diamond to prevent dummy's seven from taking a trick, so he also shed a heart. Declarer took the last three tricks with the ace, king, and eight of hearts. Nicely played!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, March 30, 2017:

This year you know which direction to head in. You are not easily intimidated, either. Your fiery style often stops people in their tracks, leaving them wondering what to do. You can be very wild at times, but you have a sixth sense for when to stop. If you are single, you could break past a self-imposed barrier, which will open new doors in your social life. You could meet someone of significance at any point. If you are attached, the two of you feel unusually close this year. Your sweetie also has learned to let his or her hair down. TAURUS is eager to spend your money.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ A recurring dream is laden with a desire that your subconscious self would like to fulfill. Start writing down or recording your dreams. Your temper could be close to the surface when dealing with a very controlling person. Tonight: Test out a different way of thinking.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You have the wherewithal to make a long-overdue and much-needed change, if you so choose. Opt to take the road less traveled. Break out of your patterns. A potential trip connected to your daily life is likely to present itself. Tonight: Be more spontaneous.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Know when you have had enough. Your hectic pace demands a lot of attention. One-on-one relating needs to be done with care, or else an argument could break out. Everyone seems to think that he or she is right; don't try to convince them otherwise. Tonight: Make it early.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You could be at a point where you need to follow through on a problem. You can no longer put off a decision. An associate could be very demanding; he or she believes that he or she is absolutely right. No one will convince them otherwise, not even you. Tonight: Find your friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You'll meet someone else's expectations. You seem to care about this person's assessment more than others'. Someone could be quite aggressive toward you. You naturally will choose the right words to calm this person down. Tonight: Wherever you go, the spotlight is on you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You are always honest about yourself and your knowledge. At this point in time, you might feel the need to learn more about an issue that is affecting you. Reach out to an expert who is willing to offer some feedback — you'll be happy you did. Tonight: Hop on the internet.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Relate to a friend directly. Don't use a messenger or any type of go-between. You could trigger a loved one's anger. Be prepared to water down the flames. Make a point of having a caring conversation afterward. Tonight: Spend some quality time with a family member.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Your creativity emerges when dealing with a loved one who appreciates special time with you. Anger seems to pop up from out of nowhere. Intuitively, you know that everything will work out in a way that will please you. Tonight: Have an important yet difficult conversation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You could be in a situation that allows more flexibility than usual. Unfortunately, you still have a lot of ground to cover. You might not have the time to deal with a matter that is close to your heart. However, you can make a call to those involved for help. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Your imagination is likely to come up with many different solutions to the same problem. Your ability to open up allows others to get to know you well. Avoid being too me-oriented and stubborn, as it could backfire at the last minute. Tonight: Get into weekend mode ASAP.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You need to clear the air with someone quickly. Once you do, you will feel much better. Notice that you have a tendency toward a generosity of spirit, in addition to being financially generous. What others know about you is that you care. Tonight: Your home is your castle.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Keep conversations moving, and you'll find out a lot more than you initially thought was possible. Ask a key question or two, but say nothing controversial. You have a lot to share; however, you might not be willing to share it yet. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

BORN TODAY

Singer Celine Dion (1968), actor Warren Beatty (1937), musician Eric Clapton (1945)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 "Yeah, sure!"
6 Some CPAs and MBAs
10 __ bean
14 What choir members have to carry
15 Lined up, with "in"
16 2001 Winslet/Dench title role
17 Hero makers
18 Window shopper's buy
19 Bottle part
20 Double-helix molecules
21 Stat for which Babe Ruth's 457 is the single-season record
23 Site of many Ansel Adams works
25 Online chortle
26 Wide awake
28 Joan __
32 Aplenty
36 Carmelite, perhaps
38 Muffin topper
39 What the groups of circled letters graphically represent
42 Labyrinth
43 Plop down
44 Legal scholar
45 "Obsessable series" movie channel
47 What "two" meant to Paul Revere
49 Bow __
51 Billboard charts
56 Tart vodka cocktails
60 Petunia part
61 Greenish blue
62 Use the escalator, about half the time
63 Plant swelling
64 What a stet cancels
65 Alternatively
66 Cheap mags
67 Old jet-set jets
68 Bob or dog attachment
69 Canines, e.g.

DOWN

1 Irrigated grain field
2 Courtroom figure
3 Hippy dances?
4 Italian cookie flavoring
5 Filmmaker Craven
6 Holly Golightly's creator
7 Place for annual pledging
8 Chaplin of "Game of Thrones"
9 Balloon
10 Elite Eight survivors
11 War god
12 Target of many a New Year's resolution
13 Poses
21 Floor installers
22 Savior of Scout and Jem, in "To Kill a Mockingbird"
24 Filly, eventually
27 Mild rebuke
29 End of a ball game?
30 Great American Ball Park team
31 COLA component
32 69-Across holders
33 Vet school subj.
34 Joel's "Cabaret" co-star
35 Hinted-at hidden meanings
37 AFC East team
40 Sis or bro
41 Grade of excellence: Abbr.
46 Cab alternative
48 Opposite of guzzled
50 Cube's dozen
52 Expectant mom's words
53 Inscribed pillar
54 Lead on
55 Blockbuster
56 Some TV screens
57 They work better when they focus
58 Dairy Queen order
59 Lucky streak
63 Skillful, facetiously

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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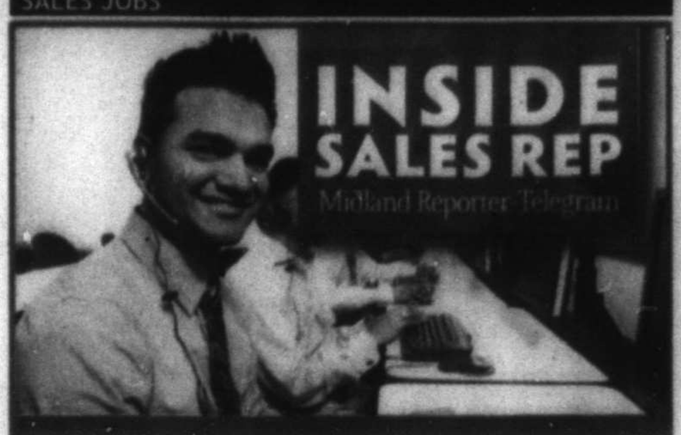

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We are willing to train and offer a competitive compensation and benefits package, guaranteed commission for three months and the opportunity to advance your career in an exciting, progressive and innovative organization in one of the fastest growing markets in Texas.

If you want to join a GREAT TEAM and are ready to SUCCEED, please send a resume to:
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OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occassionally. We will train the right person.
$10.00 per hour

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

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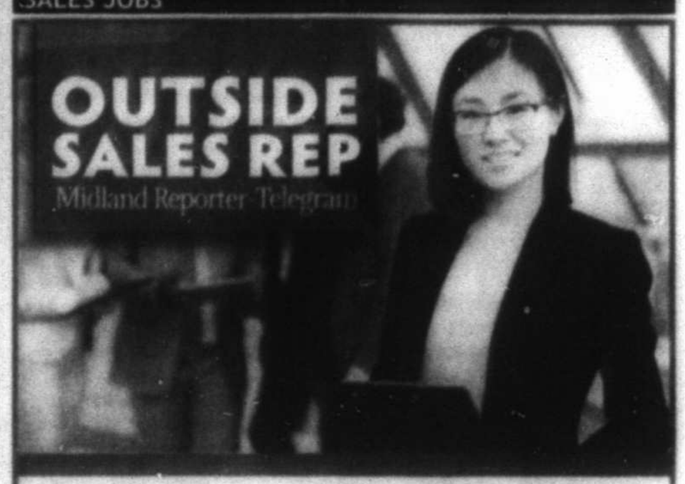

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ENERGY AND UTILITIES

Learn more about Hi-Crush at www.hicrush.com where you can apply online. Or, send your resume to careers@hicrush.com with Permian in subject line.

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Hourly positions require 2 years of conveyor system operation or comparable experience along with prior experience operating small equipment including 36,000 lb. capacity forklifts (certification preferred.) Experience with oilfield uni-belt/ dual-belt frac conveyors desirable. Must be able to work 12-14 hour rotating shifts (two weeks on/one week off).

Salaried: We also are recruiting for **site supervisors and inventory coordinators,** both requiring prior frac site operations experience.
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Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm-4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person.
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CLERICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

Sales Assistant
Midland Reporter-Telegram - A Hearst Media Company

Immediate opening for a dynamic self-starter with great communication skills. Must be able to multi-task ina deadline oriented environment with minimal su; pervision. Duties include supporting the advertising sales staff in day-to-day operations and helping the sales team consistently reach its revenue targets. Conducting sales and marketing research, creating sales presentations, event coordination and preparing reports are a few of the duties required. Working knowledge of PowerPoint and Excel is necessary. Excellent wage and benefits package. $1,000 sign-on bonus available after 90 days.

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EDUCATION-TRAINING

Daycare Teachers

St Lukes Child Development Program.....We are currently hiring for full & part time positions, must be 18 years of age with a high school diploma or its equivalency. We offer vacation, sick and personal time/ 401k/ Health plan.. Apply in person at 3011 W. Kansas, Midland, TX.

ENERGY AND UTILITIES

Horizontal Drill Operator

Black Gap Utilities is now hiring! Starting pay at $20 plus overtime and benefits. Must have experience drilling in rock and dirt. Some travel required, and must be willing to do other basic utility construction tasks.
Please email resume or info to blackgaputilities@gmail.com

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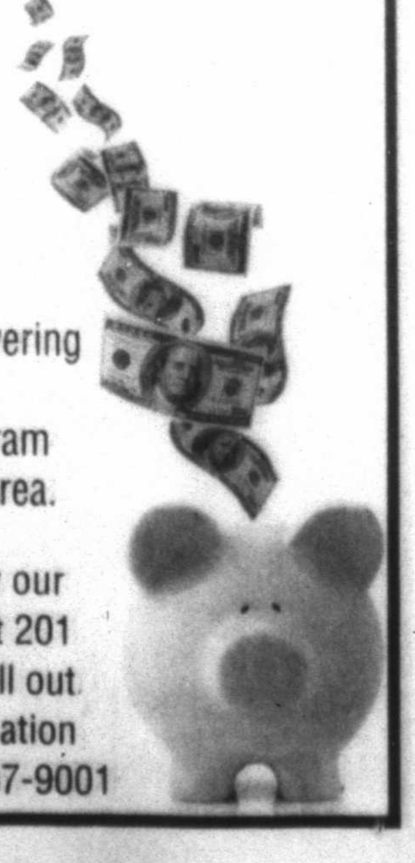

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Delivery Drivers & Treater Truck Drivers

Now Hiring - Tech Management, an oilfield chemicals & services company is currently seeking Delivery Drivers and Treater Truck Drivers for the Midland/Odessa area. Applicant must have a Class A CDL with Hazmat and Tanker endorsements. Oilfield experience is preferred. Competitive pay with benefits including: 401K, Health/ Vision/ Dental Insurance, Paid PTO and holidays, and more. Please call 432-684-4939 for more information and to receive an application.

TECH MANAGEMENT INC. OILFIELD CHEMICALS & SERVICES

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Buffalo Wild Wings Now Hiring All Positions

Management Fax Resumes to 806-783-8991.
All other positions apply in person at Buffalo Wild Wings locations 5107 W Wadley in Midland, 4241 Grandview in Odessa

Restaurant Positions

Osaka Japanese Steakhouse FT
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RETAIL JOBS

SALES ASSOCIATE

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SALES JOBS

Outside Sales Rep. & Hydraulic Field Service Tech

Outside Sales Representative: Midland/Odessa Area, Diamond Hydraulics Inc - Midland, Texas. **Job Duties** ● Make sales calls to customers: In Person, phone and email ● Handle customer accounts: Customer service, pick-up and delivery of equipment ● Generate sales reports each week and submit them to management ● Utilize all available resources to reach out to prospects and turn those prospects into customers. **Requirements** ● Familiarity with hydraulic components: Cylinders, Pumps, Motors Etc. ● Strong communication, negotiation and interpersonal skills ● Self-Motivated and Driven ● Experience with Windows based computer programs.

Hydraulic Field Service Technician. Job Duties

● Diagnose and repair, or commission, hydraulic components or systems at customer sites. ● Prepare detailed field service reports. ● Perform work on inside service repairs when not working on field assignments. ● Read hydraulic schematics. **Requirements:** ● Thorough working knowledge of hydraulic components (i.e. Cylinders, Pumps, motors, filters, etc.) ● Good driving record required. ● Able to answer calls 24/7. ● Capable of lifting more than 50 pounds. ● Able to stand for long periods of time. ● Flexible work schedule able to work long durations at times. ● Must pass drug screen

Please forward resume to hhensley@diamondhydraulicsinc.com. or fax: 409-986-7437

SKILLED LABOR

Seeking Field Service Technicians

J & W Services and Equipment Co. are seeking field service technicians. Experience preferred. However we are willing to train. Hourly pay and overtime with benefits of group health and dental. Life insurance and 401k participation after one year of employment. You can stop by 3510 E. Hwy 158 in Midland or go online to: www.jandwservices.com for application and submit to jobs@jwwellheads.com

TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

CDL Truck Driver

LPZ Enterprises is hiring responsible drivers for belly dump trailers. Two years experience is required. Your pay depends on your experience. Only serious drivers need to apply. For more information we are located at 4500 W. Illinois, Suite 305, Midland, TX. 79703.

DRIVERS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY

Regional Ice Manufacturer Seeking FULL-TIME Route delivery Drivers for the Midland, TX. Area. Home Every Night. Class A or B CDL Required. Pre-Employment Drug Screen and Clean Driving Record a Must. Able to lift a minimum of 50 lbs. Pays hourly wage plus commission. Full Benefits Package Available. Apply online at arcticglacier.com

Helpers Needed Immediately

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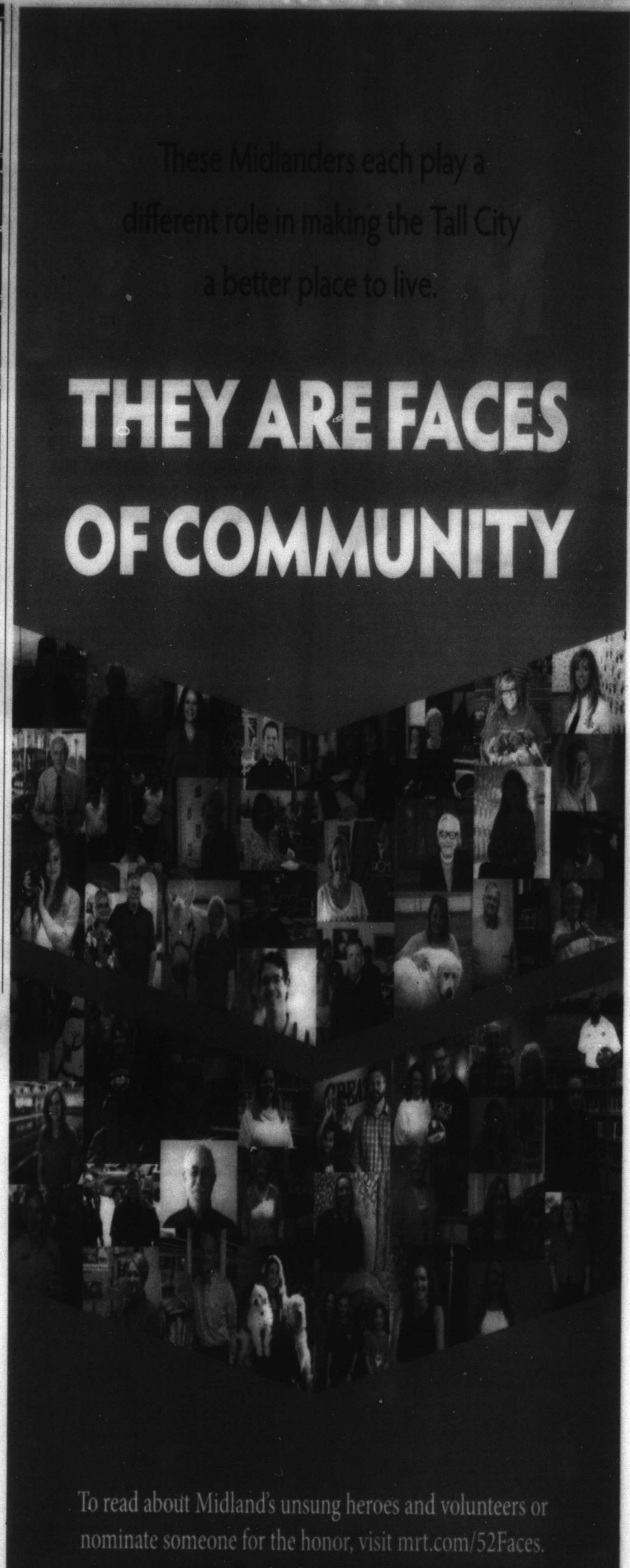

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Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO SWR 26/27 SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT Notice is hereby given that SM Energy Company (RRC P-5 # 788997) has filed with the Texas Railroad Commission an amended P-17 Application for an exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to add production from the following oil and gas leases to existing surface commingle Permit No. 6042: Dorcus Janey (SA) Allocation 1831H (RRC Lease No. 18828), Dorcus Janey (SA) A 1833WB (RRC Lease No. 18893), Dorcus Janey (SA) B 1834WB (RRC Lease No. 18894), Dorcus Janey (SA) C 1901LS (RRC Lease No. 19361), Dorcus Janey (SA) D 1902LS (RRC Lease No. 19363), Dorcus Janey (SA) E 1903LS (RRC Lease No. 19396), Dorcus Janey (SA) F 1960WA (RRC Lease No. 817536), Dorcus Janey (SA) G 1961WA (RRC Lease No. 816199), Dorcus Janey (SA) H 1962WA (RRC Lease No. 816190), Dorcus Janey (SA) M 1970WB (RRC Lease No. 817542), Dorcus Janey (SA) N 1971WB (RRC 816201), Dorcus Janey (SA) O 1972WB (RRC Lease No. 816202), Dorcus Janey (SA) P 1973WB (RRC Lease No. 816195), Dorcus Janey (SA) Q 1974WB (RRC Lease No. 816197), Dorcus Janey (SA) W 1940LS (RRC Lease No. 821476), Dorcus Janey (SA) X 1941LS (RRC Lease No. 821483), and Dorcus Janey (SA) Y 1942LS (RRC Lease No. 821485) all in the Spraberry (Trend Area) in Midland and Upton Counties, Texas. The wells and leases are located in Section 19, Block 41, T-4-S, T&P Ry Co. Survey, Midland and Upton Counties, Texas and Section 18, Block 41, T-4-S, T&P Ry Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas. This application is for off lease storage, common storage and casinghead gas metering by allocation by well test. Production will be allocated by W-10 Tests. Any royalty interest owners who have not received written notification, please consider this your Notice of Application. If you have objections to the issuance of this permit, you may submit a letter to P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Railroad Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days following the date of last publication.

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC ("Oncor") publishes this notice that on March 17, 2017, Oncor filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") its Petition and Statement of Intent to Change Rates, a copy of which is kept at Oncor's office at 1616 Woodall Rogers Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75202. This notice is being published pursuant to Commission Procedural Rule 22.51(a)(3).

Oncor's ...vte filing based on the system-wide financial results for a 12-month ...ast year ending on December 31, 2016, adjusted for known and measureable changes, supports a net increase in transmission and distribution rates of approximately $317 million over adjusted test-year revenues, or approximately a 7.5% increase over adjusted test-year revenues of $4,214.2 million. Test-year revenues have been adjusted to normalize billing units, to remove the revenues collected through Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor and to increase test-year revenues to reflect Transmission Cost of Service ("TCOS") and Transmission Cost Recovery Factor ("TCRF") adjustments. TCOS revenue was adjusted to include the September 15, 2016 interim update rates at 2016 Option 2 ERCOT 4CP. TCRF revenue was adjusted to equal the March 1, 2017 TCRF revenue requirement reflected on Line 2, Attachment A of Oncor's petition filed and approved in Docket No. 46616. If approved, the increased rates will be charged to Oncor's direct customers, all retail electric providers ("REPs"), in those portions of Oncor's service area under the original jurisdiction of the Commission. Each such REP is potentially affected by the proposed change. Depending on the REP's actions, the end-use customer classes of such REPs are potentially affected by the proposed change. In addition, the result could be a change in Oncor's transmission cost of service rates, which would impact all load serving entities in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. Oncor has requested an April 21, 2017 effective date for its proposed rate change.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings, in Docket No. 46957, *Application of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC for Authority to Change Rates*, should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas, 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is 45 days after the date the application was filed with the Commission.

Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC

Notice of PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that Metro Self Storage Midland at 315 N. Midland Dr. Midland, Texas 79703 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 the website StorageStuff.Bid on April 12, 2017 at 1:00 pm. The sale will be conducted under the guidance of Christopher Rosa (#16850) on behalf of the facility's management. Units will be available for viewing prior to the sale at StorageStuff Bid. Contents will be sold for cash only to the highest bidder. A 10% buyer's 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. The property to be sold is as described as "general household items" unless otherwise noted. Property includes the storage unit contents belonging to the following tenants:

E006 - Matthew J. Raciti (Washer, Dryer & Misc.)
Y14 - Barry Gumaer (Tires, Floor Jack & Misc.)

Public Notice
Proposal #2017-010

Midland College District is accepting competitive sealed proposals for the installation of a 170 ton Trane chiller at the Advance Technology Center, located at 3200 West Cuthbert, Midland, Texas. A pre-proposal conference will be held on site at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 4, 2017. Proposal packets may be picked up Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., in the Purchasing Office, located at 3600 N Garfield, Midland, Texas. **Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 12, 2017** in the Purchasing Office, at which time they will be opened and vendor names read into record. For proposal packet information contact Barbara Fennell, Director of Purchasing, (432)686-4250 or bfennell@midland.edu. A final determination may be made at a future board meeting. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all bids submitted.

Legal and Public Notices

ORDINANCE NO. 9645

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING INTERSECTION STOPS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO INSTALL APPROPRIATE SIGNS AND MARKINGS AT THE DESIGNATED LOCATIONS; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS ($200.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland

Amy M. Turner
City Secretary

Legal and Public Notices

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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING YIELD RIGHT OF WAY SIGNS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS; REQUIRING AND AUTHORIZING THE POSTING OF APPROPRIATE SIGNS AT SAID INTERSECTIONS; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS ($200.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

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Legal and Public Notices

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Effective February 9, 2017, First National Title Insurance Company has agreed to assume certain liabilities of Southern Title Insurance Corporation and predecessors in interest on policies insuring Texas properties only. Any claims which were previously filed with, or paid or rejected by the Receiver of Southern Title Insurance Corporation or the Texas Title Insurance Guaranty Association are not included. Persons who believe they have any claims may contact First National Title Insurance Company at the following address or telephone number:

First National Title Insurance Company
2400 Dallas Parkway, Ste. 580
Plano, Texas 75093
(972) 588-1280
1-(888) 944-3684

ORDINANCE NO. 9644

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING USE CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS A 109,130-SQUARE FOOT PORTION OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 42, BLOCK 40, T-1-S, T&P RR CO. SURVEY, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF STATE HIGHWAY 191, APPROXIMATELY 1,300 FEET EAST OF NORTH FM 1788), WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED LR-2, LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT, BY PERMITTING SAID PROPERTY TO BE USED UNDER A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT WITH TERM FOR THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN A THEATER FOR ONPREMISES CONSUMPTION; MAKING SAID PERMIT SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED HEREIN; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

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SOLUTION TO WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE

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General Announcement

Mark Berryhill.com Ministering for Christ Teach the Lord's Word 1-4

Lost and Found

FOUND MALE Basset Hound on Midland Drive & Monty Please call & describe. 432-631-5881

FOUND: MALE pomeranian. Found downtown near Wellsfargo. Call Linda 432-556-9721.

REWARD OFFERED for the return of my Minature Boxer, black & white male. Please call 432-682-2836 or 432-288-0720

Autos For Sale-Lease

Passenger Cars

1968 CHEVELLE Sport coupe body. Motor, transmission and other parts. $5,000 for all. 432-238-6423

CADILLAC 2012 SRX Premium Edition. Cadillac red, 61K miles, all service records, brand new tires. Asking $20,000. For more information Tony 432-238-4134

NEW TODAY!

LINCOLN 2000 Towncar Signature Series, white w/ gray leather interior. Well maintained. 81,887 miles. $3,000. OBO. 432-638-8284. See at 902 Harvard Avenue.

MAZDA 2, 2013. Excellent condition. 15,500 miles!! Call after 11:00 AM 432-296-9142 Pearl White Beautiful, fun to drive AM/FM, CD, IPod MP4,MP3 adaptable. 4 door. Automatic. $6,700

NISSAN 2014 Altima 2.5 SV, gray extended warranty 50 k miles, 5 years. $11,000 432-687-2113

VOLVO 2011 XC 70, navy exterior, light gray leather interior, 29,700 miles, $22,000. Call 432-218-8484

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1941 CHEVY & 1948 Cadillac. Call if interested. Call 432-288-0720. Price negotiable.

1949 PACKARD SEDAN restored. flat-head 8 cylender $6,000. Call 432-210-8517 for an appointment.

Pickup Trucks

DODGE 2005 Ram 1500, 103 K miles, single cab, white, new tires & more. Good condition 1 owner $6,000. 432-269-8680

TOYOTA 2012 Tundra Crew Max, 4x4 pickup, silver, w/toolbox one owner, excellent condition. 147K barely broke in for Toyota. $21,000. Call 432-889-6073.

4WD and SUV

2014 F-350 King Ranch Dually, excellent condition, white, navigation, sunroof, loaded, factory 5th wheel, 24,000 miles. $53,000 OBO. 432-889-7889

CHEVY 2011 Tahoe LTZ, fully loaded, diamond ext, tan int. 107K miles, very good condition, $20,000. Call Jesse 432-853-2355. Also have '98 JEEP Wrangler for sale.

Motorcycles

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Motorcycles

HARLEY 2011 Ultra Classic, two tone metallic root beer. Looks new, too many extras to mention. 26K miles, all services up to date and verifiable. Lots of spare parts & accessories. Must see, firm at $13,500. 230-4122 for Mike

HARLEY DAVIDSON 2013, Road King Classic. Two-tone red/merlot. 380 miles. Garage kept. Mint condition. Asking $15,750. 432-254-0025.

REDUCED
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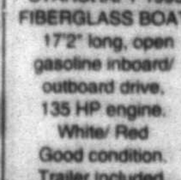
FIBERGLASS 2016 5th wheel 45ft self contained, 2 BD, 5 slide outs, washer dryer, dishwasher, large refrigerator & freezer. 2 hide a bed couches. 1 in the living room, the other in the 2nd bed room. Table & chairs garden tub w/optional shower. 2 a/c. Winterized. Lots of living/storage space has a large living room. Very comfortable, like new. Asking $42,777 (obo) will deliver. 505-307-1954

KAWASAKI 2015 Mule, Pro FXT-LE, 4x4, windshield, hardtop, comes w/ 2011 Century UT, $15,000. Call Stacey Haines 940-765-5828

MY PARENTS ARE GROUNDED! For sale 1999 Monaco Dynasty Motor home. 38 Foot diesel. Washer & dryer. Large refrigerator. 2 TV's. 65,000 Miles. 1 Slide. Lots of wood! $60,000. Great shape. Please call Terry at 432-230-7213.



STARCRAFT 1995 FIBERGLASS BOAT, 172" long, open gasoline inboard/outboard drive, 135 HP engine. White/ Red Good condition. Trailer included. $4,700.00. Call 432-413-9190.

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Appliances, Furniture, Antiques, Sterling, Art, Decorator Items

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Yard - Garage Sales

79701

3201 ROOSEVELT Friday & Saturday 8am-2pm. Bedroom furniture, dryer, stove, sewing machine cabinet, High fire kiln, tools, collectibles, Pampered Chef, antique piano, household items & lots of miscellaneous.

79703

4311 HARLOWE Friday, & Saturday 7am-? EASTER CROSSES, HAND PAINTED BIRD HOUSES, PATIO TABLE/ SHELF dishwasher, FURNITURE, lamps, king bed, bedspread, SILK TREES/ FLOWERS, pillows, clothes, jewelry, gemstones, camping equipment, kitchen knick knacks, tools, exercise equipment.

79705

1806 E. OAK AVE Thursday, Friday, & Saturday from 8am-1pm. 3 Family moving sale!

2801 SCR 1221 (Chisholm Trail) Saturday 10am-? Lots of tools, tool boxes, military, mechanic type items, some welding items, older generators, some fishing & camping items & more

79706

LEGENDS PARK HOA located behind rockhounds stadium will be hosting a neighborhood garage sale April 1st from 8am - 1pm.

79706

HUGE GARAGE SALE
Mission Trip Fundraiser - Multi Family Sale
Friday March 31 & Saturday April 1
8:00am- till 4:00pm
Cotton Flat Basket Church
6409 South State Hwy 349. Corner of East County Road 150 and South Rankin Hwy
432-684-7562 for information or directions
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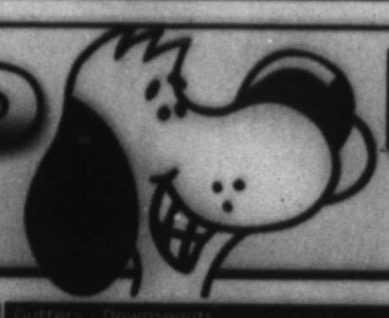

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  - *1,771 ac. windmill, creek, blinds and feeders, great whitetail and mule deer, turkey, hogs, quail $850
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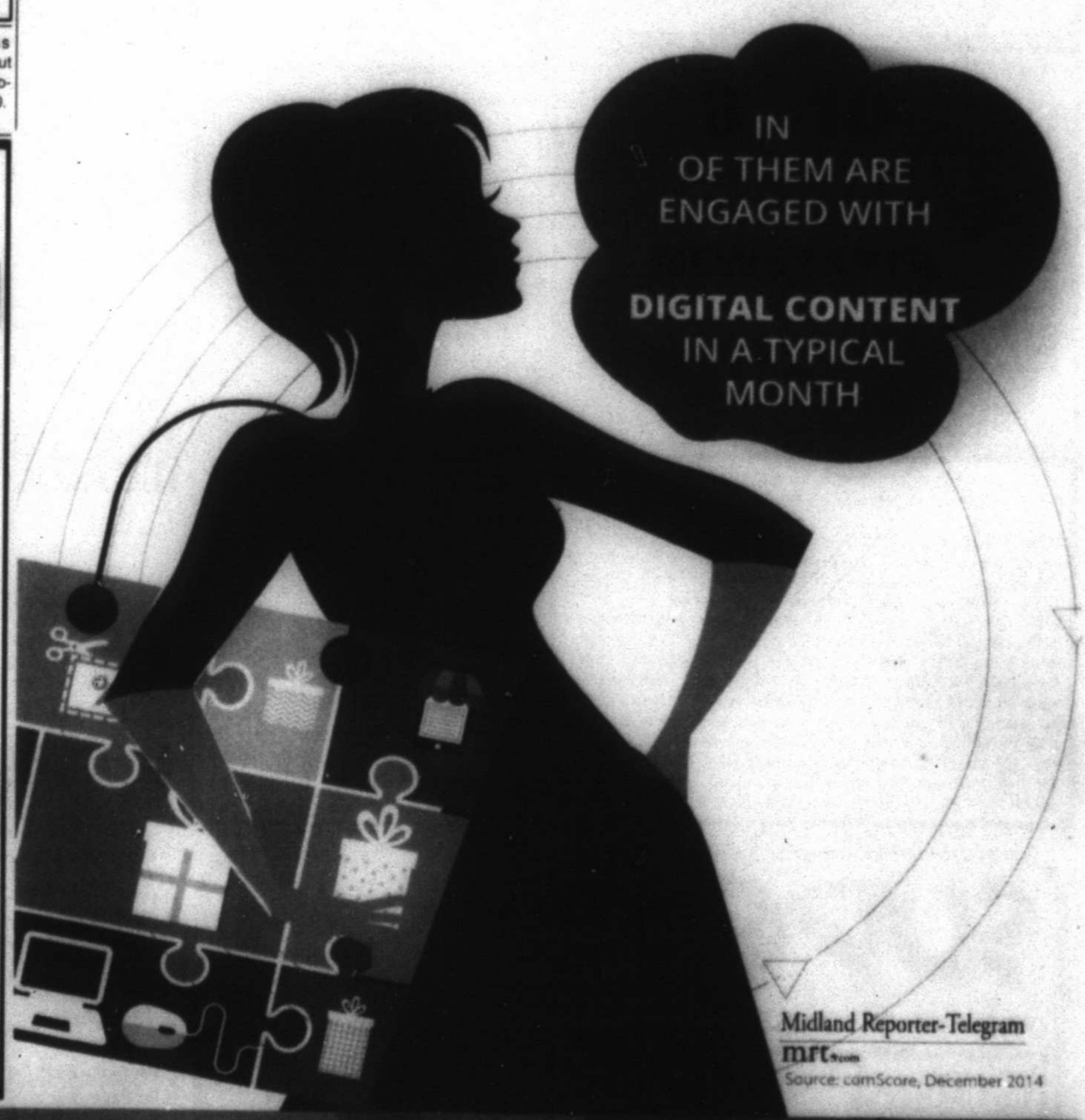

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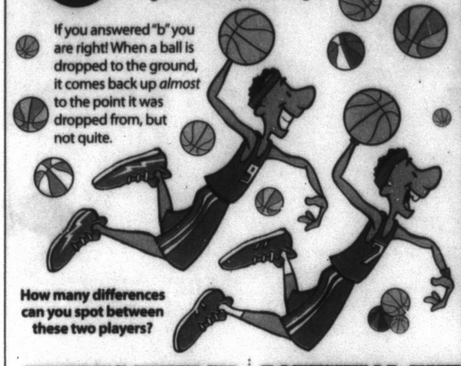
Q: How high will a basketball bounce when dropped from shoulder height?

a. back to shoulder height
b. less than shoulder height
c. higher than shoulder height

If you answered "b" you are right! When a ball is dropped to the ground, it comes back up *almost* to the point it was dropped from, but not quite.



How many differences can you spot between these two players?

STEM Basketball

When a basketball is held above the ground, it has a lot of **potential energy** and no **kinetic energy**. As it falls, it starts losing its potential energy and gets kinetic energy.

When the ball hits the ground, it has lots of kinetic energy. The friction against the ground slows the ball down, but it also slightly heats the ball. This is **thermal energy**.

The ball bounces back up but to a lower height than where it started. The original potential energy was transformed into thermal energy and kinetic energy. And that's just the way the ball bounces.

KINETIC ENERGY
The energy of motion. Anything that is moving has kinetic energy, and the faster it is moving, the more kinetic energy.

POTENTIAL ENERGY
An object high above the ground has potential energy because of the work it took to get it there and the work it will do when it falls.

THERMAL ENERGY
Thermal energy is the name for energy that comes from the temperature of an object.

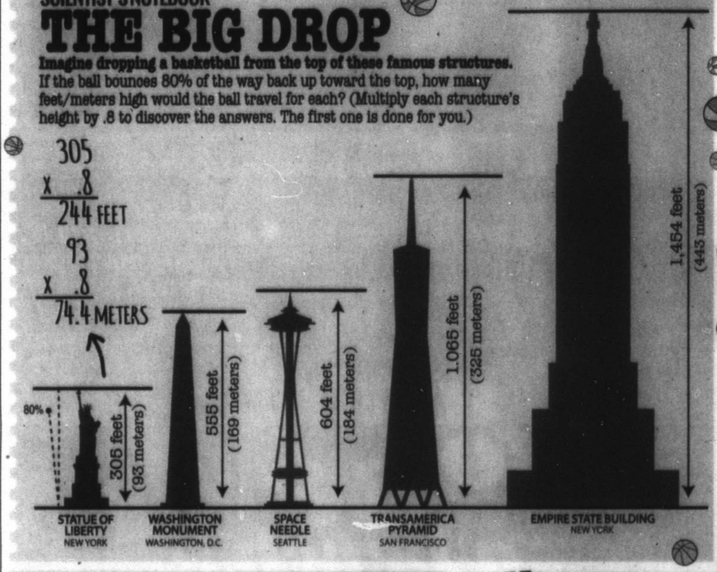
SCIENTIST'S NOTEBOOK

THE BIG DROP

Imagine dropping a basketball from the top of these famous structures. If the ball bounces 80% of the way back up toward the top, how many feet/meters high would the ball travel for each? (Multiply each structure's height by .8 to discover the answers. The first one is done for you.)

305
x .8
244 FEET

93
x .8
74.4 METERS



Two-Minute Drill

How many basketballs can you find on this page in two minutes? Now have a friend try. Who found more?

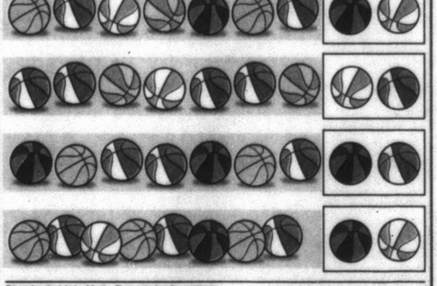
Extra! Extra! Basketball Math

Look through the newspaper for final scores of basketball games. Calculate how many more points the winning team earned than the losing team.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Circle the basketball that should come next to continue the pattern in each row.



Standards Link: Math: Extend simple patterns.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

POTENTIAL
SHOULDER
THERMAL
KINETIC
BOUNCE
ENERGY
GROUND
MOTION
HEATS
COURT
THREE
BALL
DUNK
WORK

I	N	O	I	T	O	M	P	S	T
S	A	C	T	H	B	Y	O	H	O
H	U	I	H	E	G	W	T	O	D
E	T	T	R	R	R	O	E	U	R
A	C	E	E	M	O	R	N	L	E
T	E	N	E	A	U	K	T	D	T
S	E	I	U	L	N	N	I	E	T
E	R	K	G	O	D	Y	A	R	A
T	R	U	O	C	B	A	L	L	M

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Energy Scavenger Hunt

Look through the newspaper for five examples of energy being created or used. Discuss whether or not the energy is **kinetic**, **potential** or **thermal**.

Standards Link: Physical Education: Use a variety of basic and advanced movement forms.

Why is it no fun to play basketball with a pig?

ANSWER: Because they always hog the ball.

Weekly Writing Corner

Sports Report

Students describe their favorite sport or exercise.

My favorite exercise is running. I like the sound of brittle twigs snapping and crackling underneath my feet. I also adore the cold breeze blowing against my face. You should get off the couch and run!

Lauren, 3rd grade

My favorite sport is gymnastics. Gymnastics is a sport with four events which are vault, floor, beam and bars. A gymnast learns routines for each of these events and then can compete in meets to get the highest score. I like it because I learn routines and go to meets. It is fun being on a team, and winning awards, and doing my best.

Madison, 2nd grade

I like skateboarding because you can improve pretty much every day. When you get really good, people say "cool" and "wow!" One time I landed a Pop Shuvit 180. I was really excited!

Andrew, 4th grade

I love horseback riding because I get to canter. I love to canter because I go very fast on Flash. He is gentle, loving and sweet and he never disobeys you. I love the people at the barn and I made a very good friend. I also love to see my teacher laugh.

Sareena, 2nd grade

I like soccer because it gives you exercise and gives you muscles for your arms and legs. I love to get goals, and I like to pass to people often. I also have a good team. My friend is on my team and we are both so good!

Kaitlyn, 3rd grade

Football is my favorite sport because it has lots of action and moving around. You can jolt for the ball on offense or try for an interception on defense. Also, if you don't work with your teammates, the team will be a disaster. Football is an amazing, awesome sport that I love.

Chris, 5th grade

I like swimming because it is really refreshing. I like doing cannon balls and jumping off the diving board. My mom sometimes says I make too big of a splash. The fun part of making splashes is that you want to make them bigger each time. You can also play a bunch of games and get exercise and keep cool in the hot weather. That's why I like swimming.

Jonathon, 5th grade

Write On!

Puppy Tales

Tell a tale about a puppy. Be sure to tell details like the puppy's name, where it lives, what it looks like and what it does. You can start your tale with "Once upon a time …"

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