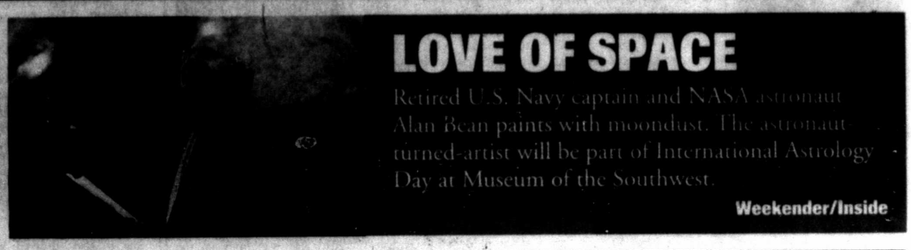
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Retired U.S. Navy captain and NASA astronaut Alan Bean paints with moondust. The astronaut turned-artist will be part of International Astrology Day at Museum of the Southwest.

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Will Railroad Commission name ever change?

Craddick asks for assurances new organization will have same oil and gas authority

By Jim Malewitz
Texas Tribune

No, the Railroad Commission of Texas does not regulate trains, and some state officials are tired of you asking.

Political insiders are well aware that the state's oldest regulatory agency long ago shifted its attention from railways to oil and gas drillers, natural gas utilities and pipeline safety. But that insight is far from universal, even in a state that prides itself on its role as the nation's petroleum king.

So a group of lawmakers is trying — again — to change the agency's name, with legislation that has united even some oil execs and environmentalists. This time, proponents want to call the agency the Texas Energy Commission.

Similar proposals fell flat in 2005, 2009, 2011 and 2013, victims of a mix of nostalgia and concerns about unintended consequences.

The change would require an amendment to the Texas Constitution because the document mentions the agency by name. That means two-thirds of lawmakers in each chamber must approve before putting the question to Texas voters.

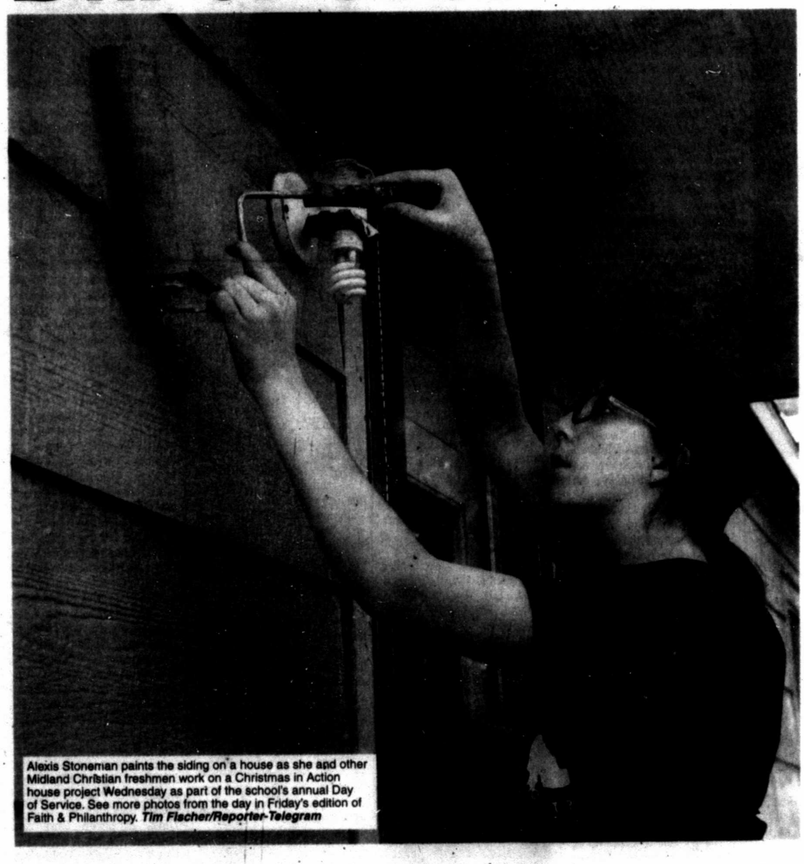
With a flood of out-of-staters settling in Texas and operators tapping shale in new corners of the state, "now is the time to do this" so that folks know who to call about problems associated with drilling, said Rep. Larry Phillips, the proposal's primary author.

Speaking Monday night to the House Committee on Energy Resources, on which three co-authors of the legislation sit, the Republican from Sherman recalled a phone call from an elderly woman in Van Alstyne who was upset that a railroad crossing was shut down — and even angrier that Railroad Commission staffers told her they couldn't do anything about that Texas Department of Transportation issue.

"There's a lot of people, I think, who don't realize that the Railroad Commission is there," Phillips said. "If she has confusion, that's enough." (In an interview,

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DAY OF GOOD DEEDS



Alexis Stoneman paints the siding on a house as she and other Midland Christian freshmen work on a Christmas in Action house project Wednesday as part of the school's annual Day of Service. See more photos from the day in Friday's edition of Faith & Philanthropy. *Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram*

Fewer than 70 percent of students pass reading test

■ MISD fifth-, eighth-graders' STAAR scores down from 2014

By Joseph Basco
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The first wave of State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) reading test results for Midland ISD indicated that 66 percent of fifth-grade students passed and 64 percent of eighth-grade students passed.

"No, we're never satisfied," said Elise Kail, MISD executive director of accountability, commenting about the passing rate being in the 60 percent range. "We could be in the 90s, and we wouldn't be satisfied. We'd be happy, but we wouldn't be satisfied. You can always do better."

Compared to 2014 results, the passing rate for fifth-graders was a 3 percentage point decrease, and the passing rate for eighth-graders was a 7 percentage point decrease.

The passing rates for fifth-graders taking the STAAR Spanish reading test were lower — 46 percent of fifth-graders taking the Spanish test passed, meaning more than half failed.

But, in contrast to the English reading test-taker results, there was growth in those who passed the Spanish reading test compared to 2014. The passing rate in 2014 was 35 percent, 11 percentage points less.

Fifth- and eighth-graders who did not pass this first time will have the opportunity to retest on May 12, according to a press release by MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren.

The retest results might show "significant gains" in performance, or passing

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Midland receives high weather-safety ranking, but methodology questioned

By Brandon Mulder
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A home insurance website has awarded Midland with yet another ranking on a top-10 list, except this time it's for having rather unexciting weather. Homeownersinsurance.com ranked Midland the 10th safest city from severe weather in Texas.

Using data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the website analyzed severe weather events from 1965 to 2014. In ranking the cities, the website shows, the analysis weighted the number of storm event occurrences by 35 percent, the number of direct storm-related deaths by 25 percent, the number of direct storm-related incidents of property damages by 25 percent and the number of direct storm-related injuries by 15 percent.

Midland scored moderately with tornados and lightning, low in the flooding category and high in the hail category. According to the most recent NOAA data, the Midland area saw the highest number of days of hail — 83 — in 2004 and the highest number of tornados — 23 — in 1986.

But National Weather Service meteorologist Eric Ahasic is a little dubious about the home insurance website's methodology.

"Flooding is probably the biggest danger, especially when it comes to deaths and injuries," Ahasic said. "It rains hard here, there's not a lot of drainage, and a lot of those dry creek beds just fill up real fast."

Midland is also on the southernmost edge of tornado alley, or the high plains region that also includes Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska, Ahasic said. Amarillo, however, is tucked away in this tornado region yet is ranked as the second safest city from severe weather.

"Amarillo is right in the heart of there, and they get all sorts of stuff, and they already have this year," Ahasic said. "They get it all times of year, too, especially winter weather."

An Allstate Insurance study in 2014 drives home the point about weather analysis and the factors that determine rankings.

The study showed Midland County homes are more frequently damaged by wind and hail than any other county. That study tallied claims from 2009 to 2013.

An Allstate official previously told the Reporter-Telegram that a storm in April 2009 caused as much as 50 percent or more of Midlanders to need a new roof. Local business owners said following the 2009 storm they were booked for months replacing roofs at a cost of anywhere from $2,500 to $75,000.

"Just because someone dies in an event doesn't necessarily make it a ton more severe and dangerous," Ahasic said. "A lot of those could be freak occurrences. On the other hand, if you have a hailstorm that comes through, even though no one died it still probably caused a lot of damages, and it's still severe weather. I would say that the number of event occurrences and property damages is probably most telling."

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Obituaries



Eva B. White

Eva Sheldon White, 92, died April 16, 2015, in Midland, Texas. Eva was born in Lampasas County, Texas, and was the daughter of Chester W. and Beatrice Arnold Sheldon. She graduated from Evant High School and attended Draughon's Business College in Dallas.

On January 11, 1942, she married Charley L. White, Jr. in Fort Worth, Texas. Eva and Charley lived in several places during World War II. After the war, they settled in Ft. Worth, where their two children were born. They moved to Abilene in 1959. She enjoyed flower and vegetable gardening and using her accounting skills as a homemaker. After Charley retired, they enjoyed traveling in their RV and fishing.

Eva was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 67 years; three brothers, Leslie, Weldon, and Elbert Sheldon; and by a nephew, Dwight Sheldon.

She is survived by a daughter, Karen White Burkett and husband Bill of Midland, their children, Jennifer and husband Jason Meyers of Dallas, and David and wife Lauren Burkett of Keller, Texas; and son, Dr. Randal White and wife Deborah of San Antonio, and their children, Christopher, Mackenzie, and Harrison White. She had four great-grandchildren, Hayden and Price Meyers, and Nolan and Rebecca Burkett.

In addition, she is survived by three sisters-in-law, Letha, Virgie, and Nellie Sheldon.

The family would like to thank these people for their genuine compassion and kindness: Dr. Michael Miller, Dr. Shylesh Ganta, Manor Park Chaplain Bill Billett, the Hospice Midland staff, and every single staff member at Cowden Cottage of Manor Park.

A private family graveside service will be held at Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene, Texas, officiated by Reverend Dr. Cliff Stewart.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be sent to Hospice Midland and the Juvenile Diabetes Association.

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Facundo H. Borrego, Jr.

Facundo H. Borrego, Jr., also known by many as "June," of Midland, Texas, passed away April 20, 2015.

A Rosary will be held at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 23, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, April 24, 2015 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

He was born to Facundo Borrego, Sr. and Carmen Hernandez on March 26, 1947 in San Antonio, Texas. He graduated with the Class of 1967 from Lubbock High School in Lubbock, Texas. He then went on to work for American National Insurance for 41 years, where he started out as a Sales Agent and retired as a District Manager. He met his lovely bride, Mary F. Valdez, in Shallowater, Texas. They married June 24, 1966 and were married for 49 years.

He was an avid musician playing the "bajo sexton," a 12 string guitar, since he was a young teenager. Throughout his life, he led several bands and performed at many family celebrations such as weddings, quinceañeras, anniversaries, and the like. He was a devout Catholic, he was passionate about his family, and his favorite hobbies were fishing and gardening.

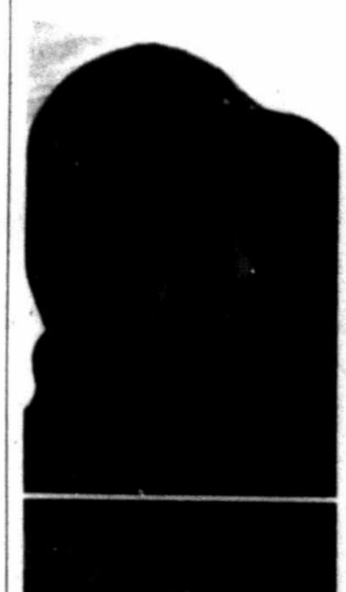
He made it a family tradition to gather his children and grandchildren annually to enjoy quality time with one another on a fishing vacation. He started this tradition about 40 years ago and his legend will live on. He loved tending to his garden of fruits and vegetables every spring and summer.

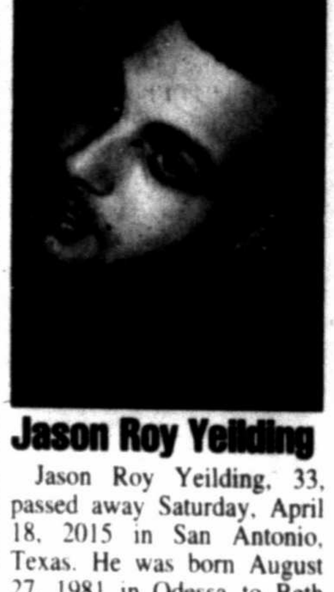
He was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Midland, Texas, where he was a Knights of Columbus member, a Cursillista, and a church usher.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; four children, Rebecca Franco, Craig Borrego, David Borrego, and Velida Trejo; and by 10 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Additionally, he is survived by his siblings, Leonila Rivera, Angelita Carrillo, Mike Borrego, Joe Borrego, Manuel Borrego, and Cutberto Borrego.

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





Jason Roy Yeilding

Jason Roy Yeilding, 33, passed away Saturday, April 18, 2015 in San Antonio, Texas. He was born August 27, 1981 in Odessa to Beth Yeilding and Joe Hinojos, Jr. He made a profession of faith in Vacation Bible School at the age of nine. He recently moved to San Antonio to be closer to his children who were his world. Prior to his move, he was employed with Wagner Supply as a delivery driver.

He was a loving, caring man who never met a stranger. He would always give wherever needed always putting others feelings before his own. His greatest love was his mom and his three children. He loved to be the party starter and was quick to fire up the grill. A game of spades, dominoes, or a game of pool with his family and friends is what he liked to do. He was a die-hard Dallas Cowboy fan who would defend them to the end. He would give the "other" team fans a hard time. "Win, lose, or tie, a Cowboy fan till the day I die!"

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather/dad, Kenneth Yeilding; his paternal grandmother, Minerva Jones; and paternal grandfather, Joe Hinojos, Sr.

Leaving to cherish his memories are his parents, Beth Yeilding and Joe Hinojos, Jr. (Ana); his grandmother, Patsy Yeilding; brothers, Keenan Mosby and Andrew Hinojos; sister, Melanie Jepson (David); and by his children, Dontrell, JaNya, and Makayle Yeilding of Houston.

He is also survived by his aunts, Lisa Dillard, Renee Treadwell (Greg), Lydia Jackson (Chris), Rebecca Hinojos, and Christina Hinojos; uncles, Michael Hinojos and Keith Hinojos; and cousins, Jeremy Yeilding, Ryan Dillard, Kelsey Wolf, Stephen Phillips, Stephanie Phillips, Krista Jackson.

In addition, he is survived by his "brothers at heart," Nevatiny Berry, Jaime McCoy, Ray Moses, Sh'Caris Searcy, and Chris Reese. These "brothers" were so instrumental in his life and he loved them unconditionally!

A visitation with family and friends will be 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm Thursday, April 23, 2015 at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home. A going home celebration and service will be held 10:00 a.m. Friday, April 24, 2015 at First Baptist Church, with Reverend Don Morris officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers are Cory Allen, Jaime McCoy, Nevatiny Berry, Ray Moses, Chris Reese, Brandon Tealer, Sh'Caris Searcy, and Larry Jefferson.

Services entrusted to Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

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Condolences may be offered at www.hubbardkellyfuneralhome.com

Josephine Gosciniski Shiplet

Josephine Gosciniski Shiplet of San Jon, New Mexico passed away April 17, 2015 at the age of 96 in Midland, Texas at Legacy Ranch.

Josephine was born in San Jon, New Mexico to Nancy and Ignacy Gosciniski April 27, 1918. She spent her younger years in San Jon and graduated from San Jon Schools. She earned her B.A. and Masters in Education at Eastern New Mexico University. She taught Business Education at the San Jon Schools for 37 years where she was loved and respected by her students and colleagues.

In 1937 she met and married Lemuel Shiplet and they celebrated 73 years of marriage together. They had two sons, James L. Shiplet and William C. Shiplet.

Josephine was an active member of First Baptist Church in San Jon and was a servant to many of the people in the community. She was an amazing Godly woman who spent her life helping and doing for others.

Josephine is survived by her sons, James L. Shiplet and wife La Rita Osborn Shiplet of Coral Gables, Florida and William C. Shiplet and wife Sandra Stanfield Shiplet of Midland, Texas, one brother T. A. (Buster) Goscinski of Pasadena, Texas, three grandchildren, six great grandchildren and one great great grandson, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Lemuel Shiplet, her parents, two sisters, Anna Belle and Martha and her Grandson William Todd Shiplet.

A Memorial Service celebrating the life of Josphine will be held at First Baptist Church in San Jon, New Mexico. Burial service will immediately follow at San Jon Cemetery.

We would like to thank all the Care Givers at Legacy Ranch for the wonderful care they provided for Josephine. It takes a special person to deal day in and day out with the people they serve. THANK YOU.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that a Memorial be given in Memory of Josephine to "The Todd Shiplet Memorial Scholarship Fund" at the Permian Basin Area Foundation, 200 North Loraine, Suite 500, Midland, Texas 79701.

Well done, thou good and faithful servant. You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness! Matthew 25:23.

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Kenneth (K.G.) Gordon Knott

Kenneth (K.G.) Gordon Knott, 84, of San Angelo, Texas passed away April 21, 2015. He was born on the family farm in Callahan County, Texas on March 5, 1931.

Kenneth worked as a lineman, installer and estimator for Bell Telephone Company for 37 years. He enjoyed his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and spent much of his life studying and sharing the Bible. He enjoyed coaching little league and he also spent several years officiating Texas High School football as a Southwest Football Officials Association member.

Kenneth was a Unites States Army veteran and served in country during the Korean War. He returned to Korea in 2011 at the age of 80, to participate in the Korean government's 60 year anniversary celebration of all Korean War veterans' service during that conflict and received several medals. He returned one last time to Korea at the age of 82.

Kenneth is preceded in death by his parents, William and Fannie Versyp Knott; brothers, Hollis and John; and sisters, Adele and Dorothy Knott.

Kenneth is survived by three children, Zain Carrell and husband Sammie of Midland, Zeida Young and husband Roy of Odessa, and Timothy Knott and wife Diane of El Paso; nine grandchildren, Sam Carrell, III, Matthew Carrell, Sarah Willis, Jared Young, Christa Stephens, Ryan Young, Matthew Roddam, Justin Roddam, and Vanessa Roddam; and by 17 great grandchildren.

Visitation will be on Friday, April 24, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Hwy. Midland, TX.

Graveside services will be Saturday, April 25 at 11:00 a.m. at Belle Plaine Cemetery in Baird, Texas. Jim Murphy, of Northside Church of Christ in San Angelo, will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Sam Carrell, III, Matthew Carrell, Jared Young, Ryan Young, TC Willis, and Brandon Stephens.

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Mary "Nanny" Ramos

Mary "Nanny" Ramos passed away, Saturday, April 18, 2015 in Stanton, at the age of 90.

A rosary will be held at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 23, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Stanton. A funeral mass will be at 2:00 p.m., Friday, April 24, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, with burial to follow at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Stanton.

She was born September 12, 1924 in San Antonio to Pedro and Modesta Estrada. She married Joe Ramos, January 1, 1950 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Stanton.

Mary is survived by two daughters, Mary Flores and husband, Tony of Houston, and Patty Ramos of Stanton; grandchildren, Jeff Doyle of Tomball, Libby Manley and husband, Jose of Asheville, North Carolina, Krissy Villa Lopez of Stanton and Gracie Smith and husband, Will of Stanton.

She is also survived by great-grandchildren, Ashley Hall, Austin Doyle, Isaac Manley, Israel Manley, James X. Villa, Jose "Chito" Lopez, Jozalyn Lopez, Juli Lopez, Kedi Baeza, Ami Baeza, and Andy Baeza.

Other survivors include three sisters, Bessie Estrada of Midland, and Francis McCann and Lupe Chronister, both of Pearland.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Joe Ramos; her parents; and seven brothers, Merce, Shorty, Carmen, Conde, Augustine, Emilio, and Tanis.

Memorials may be made to The Martin County Convent, Inc., P.O. Box 1435, Stanton, Texas 79782-1435.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences may be made at *www.npwelch.com*.



Stacy Reynolds

Stacy Reynolds, 52, of Midland, passed away on Monday, April 20, 2015. A visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Friday, April 24, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, April 25, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland, with Carol Kohl officiating.

Stacy Reynolds was born on January 8, 1963 in Big Spring, Texas to Paul Ray Reynolds and Dorothy Jo Reynolds. He graduated from Lee High School. He spent a lot of his time outdoors camping, fishing, and hunting. Stacy loved little league baseball, cub scouts, and working in his shops.

His biggest accomplishments were his children and grandchildren. He married his wife, Juanita "Nita," on March 29, 2009 in Midland, Texas. He was a happy-go-lucky guy; nothing ever bothered him. His personality was contagious and he never met a stranger. Nothing was ever broken or wrong that he could not fix. He always said "measure twice, cut once." He was a proud man who did everything on his own time and made sure it was right the first time.

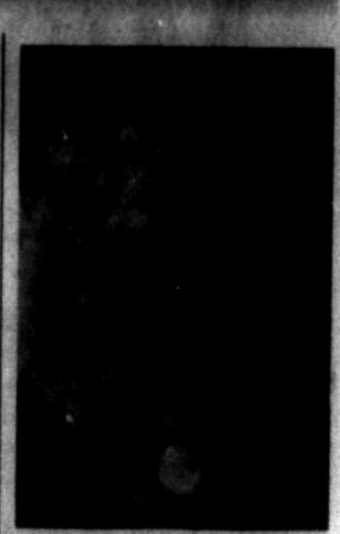
Stacy was the sweetest man on earth; he was never angry. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and friend. Stacy will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife, Nita Reynolds; children, Amber Dupree, Avinlea Yeatman, Jonathon Reynolds, John Weinzel, and Maggie Lollar; father, Paul Reynolds; brother, Earl Reynolds and wife, Rulene; sister, Glenda Gillihan and husband, Gary; sister, Diana Mantooth; grandchildren, Arianna and Elias Ruffin, Hunter Lollar, and Sydney and Wilem Weinzel; and numerous loved ones and friends.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy Jo Reynolds; step-mother, Sybil Reynolds; and his step-brother, Sam Cruise.

Honorary pallbearers will be Chad Elliott, Tony Vasquez, Drew Adams, Jonathon Reynolds, and John Weinzel.

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



Vallie "Lucille" Driver

Funeral services for Vallie "Lucille" Driver, 95, of Colorado City, will be held Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at Branon Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Lucille passed away April 20, 2015 in Colorado City. She was born January 4, 1920 in Strawn, Texas to George Armour Booth and Lizzie Blanche (Laramore) Booth. She grew up around Coleman, Junction, Baird, Comanche, and Lamesa. Lucille married Prentis Driver on March 22, 1939 in Carlsbad, New Mexico. The couple spent most of their married lives in Welch, Seminole, and Lake Colorado City.

When one is blessed to be the child of the most remarkable woman, it is hard to put in words the tremendous sadness and gratitude one feels upon having to say goodbye. Our mother, Vallie "Lucille" Driver is reunited with her true love, Prentis Driver, (even through her long journey of Alzheimer's she never stopped talking about our incredible dad).

She was a true Christian lady and member of the Oak Street Baptist Church in Colorado City, Texas. Lucille quietly and comfortably left our physical presence. She was a wife, mother, grandmother, farmer, rancher, artist, and a very generous lady! She loved baking, sewing, making fudge, and crocheting. Her wit, strength, devotion, and loving compassion will live on in our hearts forever.

Mom's adage for a great life was, "Love and serve the Lord, love yourself, work hard, love what you do, and be kind to others". Simple plan... Extraordinary lady! She was known by her nieces and nephews as "Aunt Cille". Her whistling, "Amazing Grace" around the house will deeply be missed.

Lucille will be laid to rest next to, "The love of her life," Prentis Driver in Lamesa Memorial Park. Mother, grandmother, until we all meet again in Heaven, we will hold your memory and your love in our hearts.

Lucille left four daughters to celebrate her life, Kay Davis and husband, Lloyd of Welch, Jo Ann Tapley and husband, Charles of Midland, Beverly Ridenour of Lake Colorado City, and Vickee Faught and husband, Jerry of Brownfield; brother, Granville Lee Booth of Abernathy; seven grandchildren, Marty Davis and wife Sheila, Kirk Davis and wife, Denise, Quinn Tapley and wife, Kelli, Jeffrey Tapley, Shane Faught and wife, Judy, Robbie Willis and husband, Brian, and Shannon Tapley; great-grandchildren, Morgan Davis, Bridgette York and husband, John, Hayden Davis, Danielle Holdworth and husband, Brandon, Taylor Davis, Breck Faught, Conner Faught, Trinity Tapley, Liam Tapley, Piper Tapley, and Wesley Willis; and great-great grandson, Grayson Davis.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Prentis Driver; daughter, Novis Lucille Driver; granddaughter, Kristy D'Ann Davis; sisters, Mattie Lowery and Faye Gibson; brothers, Robert Booth, Enoch Booth, and Calvin Booth, Sr.; niece, Joy Avant; nephews, Johhny Don Booth and Bennie Lee Pennington; son-in-law, Jerry Ridenour; and great-niece, Pam Belt.

Thank you, Lord, for giving us a wonderful mother and father who taught us so much.

The family suggests donations to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 Saint Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105. To send condolences online, please visit *www.branonfuneralhome.com*.

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Death Notices

Charles Stewart Gordon

Charles Stewart Gordon, 81, of Stanton, Texas, passed away April 22, 2015.

A visitation will be held on Friday, April 24, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home. Services are scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on Saturday April 25, 2015 at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Linda Carol Hillger Stevens

Linda Carol Hillger Stevens, 72, of Midland, passed away April 22, 2015.

A visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Friday, April 24, 2015 at Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton. A graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, April 25, 2015 in the Evergreen Chapel at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

Survivors include husband, Daniel Roy Stevens; son, Daniel Alan Stevens; and daughter, Lydia Beth Dodl.

Model for Rosie the Riveter painting dies at 92

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Mary Doyle Keefe, the model for Norman Rockwell's iconic 1943 Rosie the Riveter painting that symbolized the millions of American women who went to work on the home front during World War II, has died. She was 92.

Keefe died Tuesday in Simsbury, Connecticut, after a brief illness, said her daughter, Mary Ellen Keefe.

Keefe grew up in Arlington, Vermont, where she met Rockwell — who lived in West Arlington — and posed for his painting when she was a 19-year-old telephone operator. The painting was on the cover of the Saturday Evening Post on May 29, 1943.

Although Keefe was petite, Rockwell's Rosie the Riveter had large arms, hands and shoulders. The painting shows the red-haired Rosie in blue jean work overalls sitting down, with a sandwich in her left hand, her right arm atop a lunchbox with the name "Rosie" on it, a rivet gun on her lap and her feet resting on a copy of Adolf Hitler's manifesto "Mein Kampf." The entire background is a waving American flag.



AP file photo

On May 22, 2002, Mary Doyle Keefe poses at her home in Nashua, N.H., with the May 29, 1943, cover of the Saturday Evening Post for which she had modeled as Rosie the Riveter in a Norman Rockwell painting. Keefe died Tuesday in Simsbury, Conn., after a brief illness. She was 92.

Rockwell wanted Rosie to show strength and modeled her body on Michelangelo's Isaiah, which is on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel.

Keefe, who never riveted herself, was paid $5 for each of two mornings she posed for Rockwell and his photographer, Gene Pelham, whose pictures Rockwell used when he painted.

"You sit there, and he takes all these pictures," Keefe told The Associated Press in 2002. "They called me again to come back because he wanted me in a blue shirt and asked if I could wear penny loafers."

Twenty-four years after she posed, Rockwell sent her a letter calling her the most beautiful woman he'd ever seen and apologizing for the hefty body in the painting.

"I did have to make you into a sort of a giant," he wrote.

The Rosie painting — not to be confused with a poster by a Pittsburgh artist depicting a woman flexing her arm under the words "We Can Do It" — would later be used in a nationwide effort to sell war bonds.

Keefe said people in Arlington didn't make too much of a fuss about her being in the Rosie painting, aside from teasing her a little about Rosie's big arms.

"People didn't make a big deal about things back then," she told the AP.

The painting is now part of the permanent collection at the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Bentonville, Arkansas.

Keefe spent the last eight years in a retirement community in Simsbury, according to an obituary prepared by her family.

She graduated from Temple University with a degree in dental hygiene and was working as a dental hygienist in Bennington, Vermont, when she met her husband of 55 years, Robert Keefe, who died in 2003. They had four children and lived in Whitman, Massachusetts, and later in Nashua, New Hampshire.

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Phillips said that the Van Alstyne railroad crossing has since been reopened.)

The proposal's backers include Ryan Sitton, one of three sitting railroad commissioners, who testified that changing the name could make the general public more confident in the agency's role as an industry watchdog. (The agency's mission also includes championing fossil fuels.)

"It's about transparency, good government and keeping people informed about what we're doing," Sitton said. But some lawmakers consider the name change unnecessary, and even risky.

For years, questions have loomed about whether changing the name could lead the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to take away authority it delegated the Railroad Commission over groundwater affected by wastewater injection wells.

"It's a big responsibility, and I don't think that the oil and gas community, we could get the authority the Railroad Commission has today, if we didn't already have it," said Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland.

Craddick is the father of Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddick, who has called the name change a good idea, if Texas treads carefully.

Phillips and other supporters of the legislation pointed to legal opinions from two prominent law firms concluding there was no such threat, and a letter from David Gray, director of EPA Region 6, based in Dallas. That letter called the re-naming a "non-substantial program revision" that would not jeopardize the agency's Safe Drinking Water Act authority.

But Craddick said his oil-loving district needed assurances from EPA's higher-ups in Washington.

"Larry, if you're so sure of this, and it's so easy, just give us the letter," he told Phillips before asking hearing witnesses whether they had a letter from Washington (they didn't). "You know, the district I represent, it's a little risky without the letter."

Cyrus Reed, conservation director with the Lone Star Sierra Club, testified in support of the legislation, saying the name change would help those who live near oil and gas wells know where to report leaks, blowouts or other hazards.

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Man allegedly misses rent-to-own payments on TV, computer, bed

A Midland man was arrested on Sunday for allegedly missing payments on rent-to-own products from Credit World, 2304 N. Big Spring St.



Villegas

Manuel Reyes Villegas, 28, was being held Wednesday on a $10,000 bond for a charge of theft greater than $1,500 but less than $20,000, a state felony.

Villegas was renting a 50-inch LG HDTV, an HP desktop computer and a mattress with box spring. The total remaining value that Villegas allegedly owes for the three items was $2,525.95, according to his arrest affidavit.

Store management was not able to contact Villegas before sending a certified letter, according to the affidavit.

Management reported the theft on Nov. 19, but Villegas was arrested on Sunday. The affidavit does not state how, where or what time he was arrested.

If convicted, Villegas faces up to two years in prison and a $10,000 fine.

Report: County man wields shotgun after argument

A 28-year-old Midland County man was arrested Monday for allegedly "racking a shotgun" after an argument, according to court documents.



Licon

No bond had yet been set Wednesday for Francisco Valdez Licon, who was charged with the second-degree felony of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Authorities responded at about 6 p.m. Monday to South County Road 1169 in reference to a disturbance.

A woman at the residence told police that Licon began to drink and fight with another person in the household and then he retreated to the garage, where there were weapons, according to his arrest affidavit.

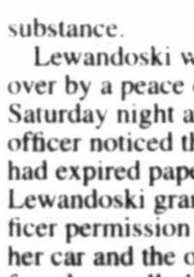
After hearing what sounded like "a shotgun being racked," the woman — fearful of what Licon would do — and other residents hid in the bedroom, according to the affidavit.

The woman said she heard Licon — who "had been drinking all day and was possibly under the influence of meth" — kick the house door open, according to the affidavit.

If convicted, Licon faces up to 20 years in prison for the second-degree felony charge.

Woman arrested for alleged cocaine possession

A 41-year-old Midland woman was arrested Saturday after she allegedly was found in possession of cocaine, according to court documents.



Lewandoski

September Lewandoski was released Tuesday on a $10,000 bond on a state jail felony charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Lewandoski was pulled over by a peace officer late Saturday night after the officer noticed the vehicle had expired paper tags. Lewandoski granted the officer permission to search her car and the officer found a small plastic bag containing what was later confirmed to be cocaine, according to the arrest affidavit.

If convicted of the charge, Lewandoski could face up to two years in prison.

Man arrested for allegedly hiding marijuana

A 20 year-old Midland man was arrested Monday after allegedly attempting to hide marijuana "crumbs" from a Midland police officer, according to court documents.



Gutierrez

Henry Gutierrez was released Tuesday on a $25,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

While patrolling the area of CJ Kelley Park, an officer noticed a white car parked in a lane of travel on League Drive near the park. The officer smelled marijuana and asked when marijuana was last smoked in the vehicle. Gutierrez responded, "about a week ago," according to the arrest affidavit.

After discovering that neither Gutierrez nor his female passenger had an active arrest warrant, the officer asked them to get out of the car and placed them in handcuffs. The officer then searched the car and discovered ground-up marijuana floating in a cup in the car's center console, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the charge, Gutierrez could face up to 10 years in prison.

MPD: Andrews man arrested for third DWI charge



Torres

An Andrews man who allegedly was asleep in a vehicle, surrounded by opened beer cans, was arrested early Saturday morning for his third driving while intoxicated charge, according to court documents.

Isaac Torres, 24, was held Wednesday on a $20,000 bond for a charge of driving while intoxicated, his third offense, which is a third-degree felony.

An officer at the 1400 block of West Wall Street about 2:30 a.m. on Saturday and found a 2005 Ford Taurus partially on the road and partially in a parking lot.

When the officer walked up to the vehicle, he noticed a man — later identified as Torres — asleep in the driver seat with his foot on the brake and two open cans of beer in the center console, according to the arrest affidavit. The officer was unable to wake up Torres by knocking on the vehicle's windows and roof, according to the affidavit.

Officers found another beer can in the back seat area, according to the affidavit.

The officer broke through the left passenger window and unlocked the driver's door. The officer then grabbed Torres' wrist as Torres grabbed the officer's wrist, according to the affidavit.

Torres denied driving the vehicle and first said he was in Odessa and then Andrews when asked where he was, according to the affidavit.

Torres had previous DWI convictions: one in Midland County in December 2011 and one in Andrews County in June 2013, according to the affidavit.

Torres initially consented to a blood sample but then refused, but a judge approved a blood sample warrant, according to the affidavit.

If convicted, Torres faces up to 10 years in prison and a fine up to $10,000.

Man arrested three times in three months

A 28-year-old Midland man was arrested for a third time in as many months, this time for alleged credit card abuse, according to court documents.

Rickey Kidwell was held Wednesday on a $15,000 bond for the third-degree felony charge of credit card abuse, according to his arrest affidavit.

Midland police responded to a burglary of a vehicle call at the 4400 block of Holiday Hill Road on April 4, where they learned that two debit or credit cards, along with other possessions, were allegedly taken from a vehicle, according to the affidavit. Later that day, the suspect allegedly purchased merchandise valued at $56.25 from Ross Dress for Less on North Midkiff Road, according to the affidavit.

Officers obtained security camera footage from the store and identified the suspect as Kidwell, according to his arrest affidavit.

Kidwell had been arrested in February for theft of property and in March for a third-degree felony charge of possession of a controlled substance, according to court documents.

If convicted of his latest offense, Kidwell could face up to 10 years in prison.

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CDC uses new technology to track listeria illnesses

By Mary Claire Jalonick
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government is relying on some new technology — as well as a bit of luck — to track an outbreak of life-threatening listeria linked to Blue Bell ice cream products.

Texas-based Blue Bell Creameries recalled all its products this week as listeria was found in a variety of the company's frozen treats. The massive recall followed several smaller recalls as health officials across the country have rapidly worked to track the outbreak, which is so far linked to 10 listeria illnesses, including three deaths.

The investigation has been helped by technology called whole genome sequencing that maps all an organism's DNA. While the sequencing has been a staple of medical research, it has only recently been used regularly to track listeria outbreaks.

With help from that technique, federal and state officials realized the outbreak was not just a recent event — the ice cream had likely made people sick since 2010.

It gives officials hope that future outbreaks can be tracked faster, and more accurately.

"It is giving us a new power to investigate cold cases," the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Dr. Robert Tauxe said of the genome sequencing.

They wouldn't have gotten there without a bit of good fortune, too.

The first indication of listeria contamination in Blue Bell products came in January, when the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control collected samples from a Blue Bell distribution plant as part of a random sampling program. The South Carolina officials had no reason to suspect the ice cream was contaminated, but unexpectedly found that two of Blue Bell's products contained high amounts of listeria.

It's still unclear what was happening in the Blue Bell plants or how the listeria got there. The Food and Drug Administration has so far released no information on the conditions of the plants or a suspected cause.

In past outbreaks, contamination has been the result of dirty equipment or unsanitary conditions in a plant. Listeria is a hardy bacteria found in soil and water that can be tracked into a plant or carried by animals. It can be very hard to get rid of once it contaminates a processing facility, partly because it grows very well in refrigeration.

	2015 5th Grade Reading		2014 4th Grade Reading		Level II Change	Level III Change
	Level II	Level III	Level II	Level III		
MISD	66	14	62	10	4	4
	2015 8th Grade Reading		**2014 7th Grade Reading**		**Level II Change**	**Level III Change**
	Level II	Level III	Level II	Level III		
MISD	64	13	60	12	4	1
	2015 5th Grade Spanish Reading		**2014 4th Grade Spanish Reading**		**Level II Change**	**Level III Change**
	Level II	Level III	Level II	Level III		
MISD	46	8	29	2	17	6
	2015 5th Grade Spanish Reading		**2014 5th Grade Spanish Reading**		**Level II Change**	**Level III Change**
	Level II	Level III	Level II	Level III		
MISD	46	8	35	2	11	6
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	Level II	Level III	Level II	Level III		
MISD	66	14	69	14	-3	0
	2015 8th Grade Reading		**2014 8th Grade Reading**		**Level II Change**	**Level III Change**
	Level II	Level III	Level II	Level III		
MISD	64	13	71	14	-7	-1

Graphic courtesy MISD

TEST

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rates, Kail said.

Fifth- and eighth-graders are part of the state's Student Success Initiative, meaning that they have to pass STAAR testing to move on to the next grade.

For campuses that did not show overall growth, the district has plans in place for interventions as the May 12 retest approaches, the press release from Warren states.

"We are also going to strive to bring our current fifth-graders and eighth-graders to the level of mastery displayed by last year's fifth- and eighth-graders," Warren said in the press release.

Also within the press release, the current school year results also were compared to 2014 results of a grade below as a means of tracking the same set of students as they advance from grade to grade. For example, the current fifth-grade results were compared to the 2014 fourth-grade results.

In that particular comparison, the passing rate was a 4 percentage point increase, from 62 percent of fourth-graders passing in 2014 to 66 percent of fifth-graders passing this year.

A comparison of 2014 seventh-grade STAAR test takers and current eighth-grade test takers also showed a 4 percent boost in the passing rate, from 60 percent to 64 percent.

"What we've started looking at as a district is 'value gain,' how each individual kid is progressing and what's occurring," Kail said. "That's where we see big changes district-wide."

Of those who passed, some were also classified as a Level III, which means they exhibited advanced academic performance, according to the Texas Education Agency website. Level III students have a high likelihood of success in their next grade or course with little to no academic intervention.

Fourteen percent of fifth-graders were Level III, and 13 percent of eighth-graders were Level III. Eight percent of fifth-graders who took the Spanish reading test were Level III.

All testing from grades 3 through 8 was completed Wednesday, Kail said. Results may be returned in about three to four weeks, she added.

MISD high school students will begin testing in two weeks.

STATE BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON

High school drops policy to pre-approve girls' prom dresses

A Houston-area high school says it will no longer ask girls to submit a photo of them wearing their prom dress before the night of the dance.

Principal Ben Ibarra of Eisenhower High Senior School said the policy to pre-approve dresses came after parents became upset that their children were turned away at the door for wearing dresses deemed inappropriate.

He said dress code violations for girls include exposed midriffs, short dresses or bikini tops. Boys weren't required to submit photos because Ibarra said the school hadn't previously had problems with their attire.

The Houston Chronicle reported an hour after it contacted the school district about the policy, it was removed from the school website. Ibarra said the policy has since been halted.

TEXARKANA

Jail officer arrested for trying to smuggle pot in chips bag

An East Texas correctional officer has been arrested for trying to smuggle marijuana into the facility via a bag of Cheetos Puffs.

Bowie County chief deputy Jeff Neal said the 19-year-old officer was searched after returning from a break just after midnight Tuesday. Neal said everyone and items are always searched before entering the facility.

A second officer found inside of the bag a purple object which contained the marijuana and tobacco.

Neal said a sheriff's deputy was called to the center and arrested the 19-year-old for prohibited substances in a correctional facility. The correctional officer only had been employed for about one month before his arrest.

Neal says an investigation is ongoing.

TODAY IN MIDLAND

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Things to do

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

■ Troy Cartwright, 7:30 p.m., Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

Club meetings

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

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

■ Midland Gem and Mineral Society, 7 p.m., Sibley Nature Center; 687-6467.

Teaching kids to save

Security Bank is partnering with DeZavala Elementary to celebrate Teach Children To Save Day.

A second-grade class will be visiting the downtown branch Friday afternoon to learn and about the different characteristics of coins, how to perform basic calculations and the importance of saving, according to a press release from the bank.

Established by the American Bankers Association in 1997, Teach Children to Save has reached 7.2 million students through the commitment of 210,000 bank employees.

MRT on the radio

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

Market Street to hold job fair

Market Street will host a job fair from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today to continue selecting staff for the new store. Market Street is scheduled to open in June following a complete conversion of the Albertsons Market on North Midkiff Road.

Job seekers can visit Midland Shared Spaces at 3500 N. "A" St. to submit an application and begin the interview process.

A second job fair will also be held 9 a.m.-7 p.m. May 14-15 and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. May 16, also at Midland Shared Spaces.

Job seekers can speed up the process by completing an online application prior to the job fair at www.marketstreetunited.com/joblair

Top Midland hotels

Total receipts

DoubleTree by Hilton	$948,807
Hilton Garden Inn	$610,760
Residence Inn	$498,650
Midtown Hotel	$460,492
Holiday Inn Express (Loop)	$412,613
Springhill Suites	$359,984
Holiday Inn Express (I-20)	$328,910
Courtyard by Marriott	$328,519
Townplace Suites	$308,085
La Quinta (Loop 250)	$283,498
Candlewood Suites	$278,286
Homewood Suites	$274,135
Hampton Inn and Suites	$270,829
Signor Lodge	$267,156
La Quinta (Wall)	$245,227
Best Western	$218,740
Plaza Inn (Big Spring St.)	$211,047
Fairfield Inn	$206,739
Value Place	$199,367
Comfort Suites	$198,154
Comfort Inn	$174,829
Microtell Inn /	$165,794
Comfort Inn-Midland	$158,499
Baymont Inn and Suites	$158,596
Country Inn	$156,602
Hawthorne Suites	$156,516
Studio 6	$139,609
Best Value Inn	$127,274
West Texas Inn and Suites	$122,352
Travelodge	$104,313
America's Best Value Inn	$101,241

Note: H B Rentals was listed with $113,164

Top in Midland-Odessa

Iron Horse Lodge (O)	$1,273,348
DoubleTree by Hilton	$948,807
MCM Fundome (O)	$795,169
MCM Elegante (O)	$611,679
Hilton Garden Inn	$610,760

Source: Texas Comptroller's Office

MPD public viewing of recovered stolen property

The Midland Police Department will give residents an opportunity to retrieve stolen property through a public viewing from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday at the Police and Communications Center, 600 N. Loraine St.

The items were recovered by the MPD property crimes unit and were most likely taken during vehicle burglaries over the last six months. Items include televisions, car stereos, digital cameras and hunting accessories.

Anyone wishing to view the items must have the corresponding case report number along with a valid driver's license. Any individual who does not yet have a case number but has been a victim of theft may contact MPD at 432-685-7108 to file a report.

Correction

In the presentation on Laura Ingraham's speech to the Permian Basin Landman's Association, the quote "... absolute, 100 percent phony" should have referred to Hillary Clinton. The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 2-7-4
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All or Nothing evening: 4-5-7-8-10-13-14-15-16-20-22-23
All or Nothing night: 2-4-6-9-10-13-15-16-19-20-21-22

Today in history

In 1985, the Coca-Cola Co. announced it was changing the secret flavor formula for Coke (negative public reaction forced the company to resume selling the original version).

Charges dismissed after man served 34 years of life sentence

Associated Press

VENTURA, Calif. — A California man who was freed after serving 34 years of a life sentence for murder had the charges formally dismissed Wednesday.

Michael Hanline, 69, was the longest-serving wrongfully incarcerated inmate in California history, according to the California Innocence Project, whose lawyers worked for 15 years to free him and persuaded prosecutors to re-examine the evidence.

Testing showed DNA found at the crime scene did not come from Hanline or his alleged accomplice. Additionally, prosecutors withheld evidence that should have been disclosed to Hanline's legal team during the trial.

The conviction was based on "paper-thin evidence," said Justin Brooks, director of the California Innocence Project.

"He is 100 percent innocent," Brooks said outside court.

A Ventura County Superior Court judge dismissed the charges at the request of prosecutors, telling the courtroom it was done because the allegations can't be proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

"I feel good," Hanline said outside court. "Hopefully everything is going to be like it used to be.

"When I first got arrested, I figured it might take a year or two to get this all straightened around but not 36," he said, including two years he spent in jail after his arrest but before his conviction.

He added: "I never believed I'd spend the rest of my life in prison, but man, 36 years is a long, long time."

Rand Paul's son cited for DUI after car crash

Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. — A son of Republican presidential candidate Rand Paul has been cited for driving under the influence of alcohol in Kentucky.

Police in Lexington say William H. Paul was driving a 2006 Honda Ridgeline at 11:24 a.m. on Sunday when he crashed into the back of an unoccupied parked car. Some people nearby heard the crash and alerted authorities.

Lexington Police spokeswoman Sherelle Roberts said Paul was treated at the University of Kentucky hospital for minor injuries to his face. She said a police officer cited Paul for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and failure of a nonowner/operator to maintain insurance.

Paul was alone at the time of the crash. He was not arrested, which Roberts said is standard for this type of case.

A campaign spokesman said Sen. Rand Paul does not comment on any private matters in regards to his family.

Bank of America asks court to toss $1.27B fine, reject judge

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bank of America asked a federal appeals court Wednesday to toss out a $1.27 billion fine against it, saying the case brought by the federal government after the 2008 financial crisis should never have gone to trial.

The bank said in papers filed with the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan that the case against it was unfair and "utterly unprecedented."

It said the trial judge — Jed Rakoff — should be removed from the case if it is returned to the lower court. The bank said Rakoff might be perceived as biased based on comments he made, including criticizing the Justice Department for failing to prosecute bank executives for their roles in the crisis.

The judge declined to comment. Last year, he said the fine was necessary to punish the bank for a program "driven by a hunger for profits and oblivious to the harms thereby visited, not just on the immediate victims but also on the financial system as a whole."

Rakoff imposed the fine after a jury concluded in October 2013 that the bank was liable for Countrywide Financial's role in selling risky loans to the government housing agencies through a program nicknamed the "Hustle" from August 2007 to May 2008.

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

Tuition exemptions

Texas veterans and their children would see their higher education benefits sliced significantly under a plan heading to the Senate floor.

Tuition exemption costs under the so-called Hazlewood Exemption have skyrocketed from $24.7 million in fiscal year 2010 to $169 million in fiscal year 2014. Texas' higher education institutions shoulder the bulk of those costs.

A plan by Republican Sen. Brian Birdwell, the Senate's most senior military veteran, to address the financial shortfalls passed out of committee Wednesday, but not without criticism.

The bill would require beneficiaries to live in Texas for eight years and would cut free tuition down from 150 hours to 120 hours. It also limits the number of hours a veteran may pass on to a child to 60. The benefits would all expire 15 years after the veteran left military service.

"I'm concerned, honestly, that our veterans and their families may end up feeling betrayed by our actions if we pass this," said San Antonio Democratic Sen. Jose Menendez, who cast the sole "nay" in the 5-1 vote Wednesday.

Birdwell, who served more than 20 years in the U.S. Army, told Menendez he was "bristled" by the thought of betraying veterans.

"No one ever wants to bring something like this forward," Birdwell said. "This was my idea of what I thought was the right thing to do."

Texas has the second-highest veteran population in the country, at 1.7 million.

The bulk of the Hazlewood Exemption's costs are caused by a change to state law in 2011 that allowed veterans to pass on unused tuition hours to their children. State officials have said veterans' children now account for more than half of Hazlewood recipients.

Jim Brennan, legislative director for the Texas Coalition of Veterans Organizations, said he and the 6,000 veterans his organizations represent oppose Birdwell's bill. So do the 78,000 members of the American Legion of Texas, said vice commander John McKinney.

"Veterans issues do not exist in a vacuum," Brennan said, adding that families often bear more of a burden when a soldier is deployed.

Red-light camera ban

Texas could put red light cameras in the rearview mirror under a bill that has cleared the Texas Senate.

Republican Sen. Bob Hall said Wednesday that red-light cameras "have failed miserably" before his bill was sent over to the House. Dozens of Texas cities have contracted companies to install red light cameras, which generate millions in revenue for municipalities.

The companies photograph vehicles that run red lights and then send the vehicle owner a $75 ticket.

Texas lawmakers now want to prohibit a camera system on anything other than toll roads. Hall said studies show the devices don't improve overall traffic safety as advertised. Also, because ticketed drivers can't confront their accusers, Hall said the cameras violate citizens' due process rights.

Libel protections for journalists

The Texas Senate has unanimously approved a measure to further shield journalists from libel lawsuits if they accurately report a whistleblower's allegations that turn out to be false.

The Wednesday vote came after weeks of negotiations between organizations that represent trial lawyers and reporters.

The bill's author, Houston Republican Sen. Joan Huffman, said all parties now agree that "accuracy in reporting is a defense to libel."

Advocates have said the practice has been common in Texas for years. But the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas said the need for the protection arose from a 2014 Supreme Court of Texas ruling that left state libel law nebulous.

A similar measure carried by a House Republican was left pending after a Tuesday committee hearing.

Paxton probe

If any criminal charges are brought against Republican Attorney General Ken Paxton, who is under investigation over an admitted securities violation, the case won't be in the hands of his longtime friend.

A state district judge has picked two Houston attorneys to take over the case against Paxton, whose first months as chief lawyer in Texas has been shadowed by allegations that he broke the law. His spokesman has denounced the accusations as outrageous.

The replacement prosecutors were appointed after Collin County District Attorney Greg Willis, a friend and former business partner of Paxton, recused himself earlier this week amid pressure that he had a conflict of interest.

Paxton, a former state senator, was fined $1,000 by state regulators last year for investment advising without registering.

"Both of us have been special prosecutors on high-profile matters and are keenly aware of our oaths 'not to convict, but to see that justice is done," said Brian Wice, one of the appointed prosecutors, in a statement Wednesday. He said their investigation would be full and fair and "without regard to partisan politics."

Willis asked the Texas Rangers to investigate the Paxton case before stepping down, and has shot back at criticism that he had slow-played the matter.

On deck

The House reconvenes at 10 a.m. today; the Senate returns to work an hour later.

Quote of the day

"I bristle at the thought of being told I'm betraying veterans because we have created an expectation that this state cannot sustain in current form. Somebody had to go on shore at D-Day first" — Sen. Brian Birdwell said, responding to criticism that changing veterans' benefits might cause them to feel betrayed.

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OPINION

Special delivery for those brought, paid for

■ Postman gets his point across about financing our political system



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When postal worker Doug Hughes — otherwise known as the gyrocopter dude — landed his gizmo on the West Lawn of the Capitol, he wasn't worried about being shot down, he says.

He must be a believer in miracles because he might have been shot down — and probably should have been. Horrible as this would have been in retrospect, he could as easily have been carrying a dirty bomb as 535 letters to members of Congress.

Setting aside for now the debate about security, let's turn our attention to his proclaimed mission of shining a light on our corrupt campaign finance system and his urgent plea for reform.

We tried that, Mr. Hughes, and it creatcd an even bigger mess. Today's salient political adage goes like this: Behind every successful politician is a billionaire — or several.

Most everyone running for president — that would be Hillary Clinton and perhaps 19 others — will likely be asked about this travesty, but Clinton already has made transparency a key issue in her campaign. What rich cake. The former secretary of state who purged her private server of 30,000 "personal" emails — and who is otherwise known as one of the least transparent politicians in American history — promises campaign transparency.

This tells us two things: Transparency polled well in focus groups; Clinton is adept in the art of political jujitsu.

Campaign finance reform is indeed on many minds, if only in greater America. Beyond the Beltway, people like Doug Hughes choke and spit when talking about politics and politicians. The notion that a few rich people can determine who leads this essential nation is a sour, cynical-making joke that borders on the criminal.

There's nothing free about paid-for elections — *unless* everybody knows where the money came from. Ever since the 2002 Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act, generally known as "McCain-Feingold," our two-party system has been on life support. If in pre-reform America, too many wealthy people were donating large sums to candidates, at least we usually knew who they were. In post-reform America, too many are still giving large donations — but in the shadows. As one philanthropist put it, "Money will always find a way."

And so it has, which usually puts people in mind of The Koch Brothers, who inarguably have earned their own definite article. Contrary to public perception, TKB aren't just two rich guys. More aptly, TKB is a political bank into which many other wealthy people deposit large sums to be spent wisely.

And though Democrats and liberals love to demonize the Koehs, non-transparency and mega-bucks are hardly unique to Republicans. The Clinton machine raises money like no other, from Wall Street to Hollywood to, who knows, Chipotle? It will be fun to see that list!

But billionaire backers, much as we'd all love to have one, bring troubles. Among them is the fact that an endowed candidate who hasn't a chance of winning can remain in the race far longer than his candidacy warrants. This leads to the sort of death by a thousand insults we witnessed in 2012 when Republican candidates seriously damaged Mitt Romney before Democrats got their aim straight.

Additionally, as outside groups gain dominance, political parties are withering. This spells doom for political comity. As much as we enjoy taking sides, the parties themselves have to meet in the middle within their own organization. Super PACS, which tend to form around extreme ideas and whose donors get to remain anonymous, are accountable to no one.

Graver still, mega-donors rob candidates of control over their own campaigns. In effect, campaign finance reform took away the message from the messenger. Who really is calling the shots, nobody knows. Hint: It's not just the Kochs.

Hughes may have been irresponsible and "off" when he flew his crazy bird into restricted airspace, and he's lucky to be alive. But he was also exercising his right to free speech — transparent to within an inch of his life.

Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia spoke to this idea during oral arguments in 2010's Doe vs. Reed, saying that it takes a certain amount of "civic courage" to run a democracy. With his remarks, Scalia provided a glimpse at what would be the best system: Let anyone give as much as he wants to whomever he wants — but out in the open.

It takes courage to stand where you put your money. Or to deliver your letter to the U.S. Congress in person.

See Mr. Hughes? Your stunt worked.

OUR VIEW

Want to capture the White House? Win middle class votes

Kudos to radio personality Laura Ingraham for nailing what will — and should — decide the 2016 presidential election. The middle class.

Ingraham was in Midland on Tuesday, speaking at the Permian Basin Landmen Association's event at the Petroleum Club. According to Joseph Basco's report, Ingraham talked about the need for a candidate with a populous spirit to lead the Republican Party.

She also said the GOP should side with a candidate who has the ability to connect with the middle class.

We agree.

The middle class has been a mainstay of America for decades. Ingraham speaks the gospel as the states regarded to be those in the political battleground are entirely about the middle class and looking for a leader for the next four years and longer. For all that is wrong with the current administration, its inability to help the middle class survive and thrive will go down among its lasting legacies.

And Obama's inability to improve conditions for the middle class opened a significant hole for Republicans. While Hillary Clinton tries to convince anyone who will listen that she understands the middle class, the door is wide open for the right Republican to steal the spotlight in states such as Florida, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Colorado and North Carolina. Can a Republican take advantage and deliver the right message? We will see.

Make no mistake about it, the party that dominates those states, wins the presidency. It is that simple, and connecting with the middle class will go a long way to turn those states red or blue.

What does a middle-class message mean in Midland? Probably not much. While we all know Midlanders who are in the middle class (income level varies depending on the place), it is hard to think of Midland as a middle-class community or with a vocal middle class. We don't consider that a good thing or a bad thing; it is just how Midland is.

However, Midlanders have to understand this middle-class concept moving forward. And while Midland's issues — specifically energy and smaller, yet effective government — do resonate with middle-class voters, there just might have to be some tweaking when taking those messages to the battleground.

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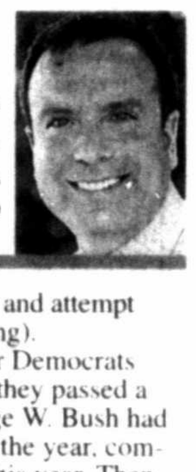
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Don't get used to the bipartisanship

■ Something got done, but whether it leads to bigger things remains to be seen



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They were rolling the credits on the Senate floor Tuesday morning.

Harry Reid thanked Patrick Leahy and Patty Murray, who praised Amy Klobuchar, who gave a nod to Mitch McConnell, who credited John Cornyn, who touted Chuck Grassley, Mark Warner, Heidi Heitkamp and Susan Collins.

The cause of all this gratitude: Democrats and Republicans had agreed on a compromise to pass a human-trafficking bill, which had clogged the chamber for a month and held up confirmation of Loretta Lynch as attorney general.

"I've actually been somewhat surprised and more optimistic than I have been in a long time about how the Senate is beginning to work again," said Cornyn, the No. 2 Republican and not usually such a sunny guy. "After a long period of dysfunction in the United States Senate, we are starting to see the United States Senate work again the way it should work. ... I have hope for even more positive things to occur."

It might be worth interrupting this victory lap to point out that the lawmakers were taking credit for the legislative equivalent of tying their shoes. The trafficking bill, which combats sex slavery, cleared committee unanimously but had been hung up over an extraneous provision about abortion funding; the dispute compounded a months-long delay for Lynch, who has enough votes to clear the Senate.

Even if Lynch is confirmed and the trafficking bill passes, the Senate will have confirmed just 22 nominees so far this year, according to Democratic leadership, fewer than the Senate had done by the same point in each of the previous four Congresses. It also will have approved just 16 bills (fewer than at this point in all but one of the previous four Congresses), and five of those had been blocked by the Republican minority in the last Congress.

But in this environment, baby steps count. Congress passed a bipartisan bill fixing Medicare payments to doctors that had caused headaches for years. The Senate has had some bipartisan agreement on a trade bill, on education policy, on cybersecurity and on legislation regarding nuclear negotiations with Iran. And now there's the trafficking bill and the Lynch confirmation.

Few expected this, but it shouldn't come as a total surprise. I wrote in July about how officials in the White House wondered whether a unified Republican Congress would be better for President Obama. Republicans would either embarrass themselves by overreaching (as they did with a threatened shutdown of the Department of Homeland Security) or would become more responsible and attempt compromise (which is now occurring).

There is precedent for this. After Democrats took control of Congress in 2007, they passed a flurry of bills, and President George W. Bush had signed 19 into law by this point in the year, compared with nine by Obama so far this year. Then, as now, the Senate had a freewheeling legislative process: it considered 202 amendments in the first three months of this year and 205 in the first three months of 2007, according to the Bipartisan Policy Center, which sees Congress making "first steps" toward restoring effectiveness.

This modest achievement, following a dismal 2014, had lawmakers coming to the floor with what sounded like acceptance speeches at the Academy Awards.

"I want to express my gratitude to Sen. Klobuchar, Sen. Murray, Sen. Reid on the other side of the aisle .... and of course the chairman of the judiciary committee, Sen. Grassley, and particularly I want to single out the majority leader, Sen. McConnell," said Cornyn.

Even the irascible Reid was magnanimous, to a point. "When Democrats and Republicans sit down together and work toward a solution, good things can happen. The Senate needs more of this," he said.

But it wasn't long before the lawmakers were bickering again — this time about who should get the glory. McConnell said Democrats get "some credit," if only because "we've given them an opportunity." But his colleagues claimed credit for Republicans.

"When Republicans took control here, getting Washington working again wasn't just a campaign slogan. ... We are following through on it," Sen. John Thune of South Dakota said after lunch with his GOP colleagues.

But Reid was having none of it. "Everything we've been able to get done has been things that we tried to get done when we were in the majority and they stopped it through their filibusters," he said after lunch with Democratic colleagues. "We are not opposing things just to be opposing them as they did."

The bipartisan bonhomie had lasted all of four hours.

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WASHINGTON

High court makes it easier to sue gov't for negligence

The Supreme Court on Wednesday made it easier for people to sue the federal government for negligence, in a decision that could affect military veterans with claims of medical malpractice.

The justices, voting 5-4, ruled in two cases that deadlines for filing such lawsuits can be extended if plaintiffs tried their best to comply or simply failed to learn about important information before a deadline.

Justice Elena Kagan wrote the majority opinion that combined the cases and upheld rulings by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that said the deadlines were somewhat flexible under the federal law that deals with lawsuits against the government.

The Obama administration argued that Congress intended the deadlines to be firm and that the government should not leave itself open to old claims indefinitely.

Senate to hold hearings on police body cameras

The Senate is planning to hold hearings on the police use of body cameras, as protests over the death of a black man in police custody continue in a nearby city.

Sen. Tim Scott called for the hearings Wednesday, saying body camera use will provide "increased protection for both law enforcement officers and those they serve." Sen. Lindsey Graham leads the Judiciary Committee's crime subcommittee and says the hearing is a "great idea."

The two men represent South Carolina, where Walter Scott was shot in the back and killed by a North Charleston officer on April 4.

Human trafficking bill passes; Lynch confirmation today

By Erica Werner
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate unanimously passed legislation Wednesday to help the victims of human trafficking, ending a tortuous partisan standoff over abortion that also delayed confirmation of President Barack Obama's attorney general nominee.

The vote was 99-0 to approve the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act, which expands law enforcement tools to target sex traffickers and creates a new fund to help victims.

Announced presidential candidate Sen. Ted Cruz missed the vote.

The House has passed similar legislation, and the White House has voiced support.

"We have not fallen deaf to the cries of those who actually need our help, the victims of human trafficking," said Sen. John Cornyn, the lead GOP sponsor. "This legislation will be instrumental in helping victims of sexual abuse and trafficking recover from a life in bondage."

The unanimous outcome put a bipartisan punctuation mark on legislation that started out with wide support from both parties but veered into a partisan cul-de-sac last month when Democrats said they'd noticed language that could expand federal prohibitions on abortion funding. How or why Democrats had failed to see the provision in the first place became a topic of frosty dispute on Capitol Hill, with Republicans pointing out that the bill had unanimously passed committee, and one Democratic senator's office acknowledging that an aide had in fact known of the abortion language.

At the same time, Attorney General-designate Loretta Lynch languished despite commanding enough votes to be confirmed because Republican leaders made the decision, never fully explained, to delay her confirmation vote until the trafficking bill was completed. Now that it is, Lynch will get a vote today to replace Eric Holder and become the nation's first black female attorney general.

The partisan gridlock on the trafficking bill and Lynch made no one look good, and with all sides eager for a resolution, Cornyn worked with Sens. Patty Murray, D-Wash., and Democratic Leader Harry Reid of Nevada to arrive at a compromise, which they announced Tuesday. It addresses Democratic concerns about expanding prohibitions on spending federal funds for abortions by splitting the new victims' fund into two pieces.

One part of the fund would be made up of fines paid by sex traffickers, and it could not go for health services, rendering the abortion restrictions moot. The other part of the fund, which could go for medical services, builds on $5 million already appropriated by Congress for Community Health Centers, which are already subject to abortion spending prohibitions. The compromise allowed both sides to claim a win because Republicans ensured any money for health services could not go for abortions, while Democrats could say that they had prevented prohibitions on spending federal money for abortions from being expanded to a new source of money.

House passes bill designed to encourage companies to report cyberattack info

By Ken Dilanian
Associated Press

"At some point, we need to stop just hearing about cyberattacks that steal our most valuable trade secrets and our most private information, and actually do something to stop them.

Rep. Adam Schiff

WASHINGTON — The House on Wednesday passed long-awaited legislation designed to thwart cyberattacks by encouraging private companies to share information about the attackers' methods with each other and the government.

The measure, which passed 307-116, grants protection from liability if companies follow certain procedures. Rep. Mike Conaway, R-Midland, voted to pass the bill.

Many companies have been reluctant to share internal data about cyberattacks for fear of being sued, leaving both the firms and the government less equipped to battle an onslaught of cyberintrusions, including state-sponsored campaigns to purloin American intellectual property.

"At some point, we need to stop just hearing about cyberattacks that steal our most valuable trade secrets and our most private information, and actually do something to stop them," said Rep. Adam Schiff, ranking Democrat on the Intelligence Committee and one of the measure's principal authors.

In a statement, the White House praised the bill but also expressed concerns, arguing that the liability protections in some cases went too far and could ultimately reduce the incentive for companies to report breaches. The White House also called for language ensuring that data is not shared by businesses to thwart competition.

The bill came out of the Intelligence Committee. The House is expected to pass a similar bill on Thursday that emerged from the Homeland Security Committee. The two measures will be reconciled into a single piece of legislation before heading to the Senate, where a similar bill has been introduced with bipartisan support.

Information sharing is badly needed, backers say, so that government agencies can help the private sector defend against sophisticated cyberattacks, many of which are undertaken by intelligence agencies in countries such as Russia, China, North Korea and Iran.

The House bill passed Wednesday would grant companies liability protection if they stripped out personal information from the data and shared it in real time through a civilian portal, most likely run by the Department of Homeland Security.

Similar efforts have foundered in previous years over concerns by privacy groups that personal information held by companies would end up in the hands of the National Security Agency, the digital spying agency that is the country's foremost repository of cyberexpertise. The House bill would allow the NSA to get the data, but not until private information had been removed.

"This bill does not provide the government with any new surveillance authorities," said chief sponsor Devin Nunes, the House Intelligence Committee chairman. "To the contrary, it includes robust privacy protections."

House subcommittee is told of slavery in Thai seafood industry

By Martha Mendoza
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Modern-day slavery persists around the world, including the abuse of fishermen in the Thai seafood industry whose catch can end up in U.S. markets, a congressional panel was told Wednesday.

"As has been reported for years, the Thai fishing industry is rife with forced labor, both on the high seas and within seafood processing and packing plants," Mark Lagon, former State Department ambassador for trafficking in persons, told a House Foreign Affairs subcommittee.

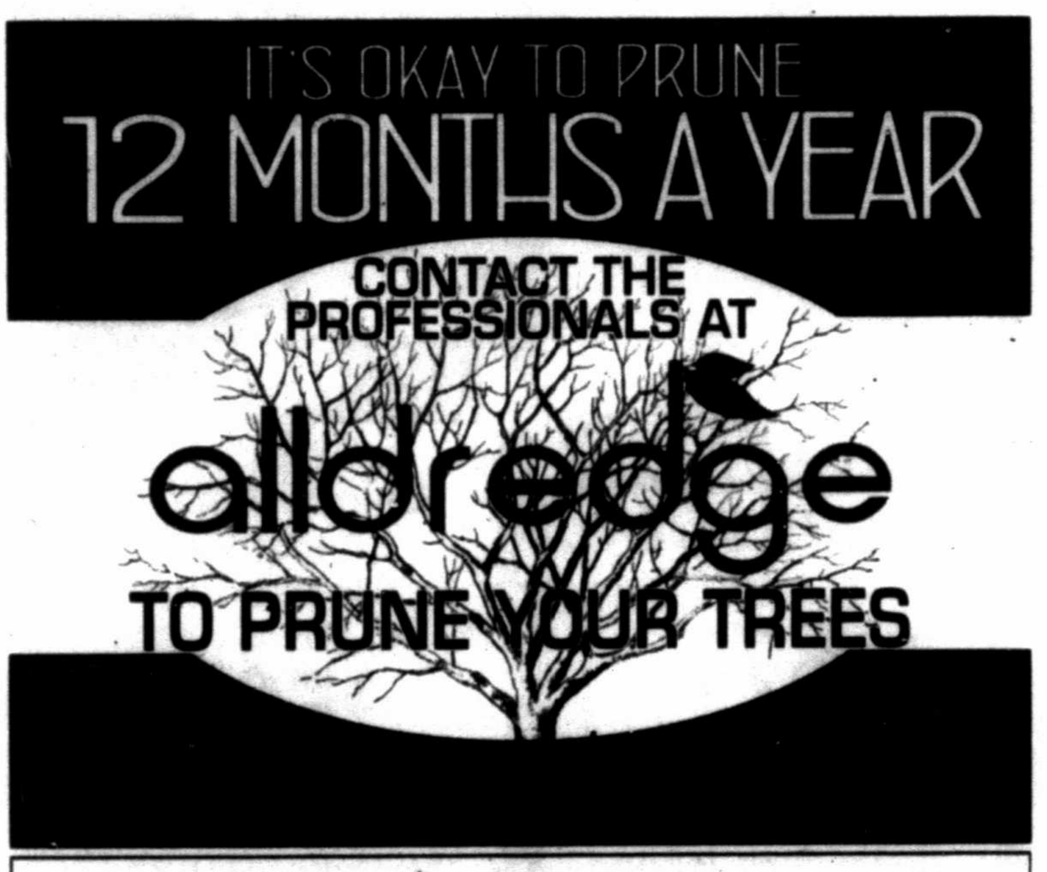
Lagon, who now heads Freedom House, a nonprofit organization that advocates for human rights, said it remains to be seen whether the Obama administration will impose sanctions it is authorized to deploy, which would bar Thai seafood from U.S. markets.

The State Department's key weapon for combatting human trafficking comes in a politically charged annual ranking in "tiers"— Tier 1 is best, 2 means more could be done, and 3 is a blacklist that can spark sanctions. The House global human rights subcommittee urged the Obama administration to come down hard on those countries that violate human rights when it releases the report in June.

Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., said China was prematurely upgraded to Tier 2 in 2014, and singled out Myanmar, also known as Burma, Malaysia and Thailand as countries that need to do more to fight human trafficking across shared borders. Unless they've dramatically changed their law enforcement, prosecutions and investigations, several African countries face automatic downgrades this year.

Smith said the rankings spur parliamentarians, law enforcement officials and advocates globally "to demand real, measurable change in countries struggling to fight slavery."

Last month The Associated Press reported on hundreds of fishermen whose catch is exported from Thailand to the U.S. who were working as modern day slaves, held in cages on the Indonesian island community of Benjina, whipped with sting ray barbs and forced to work at sea for years on end. To date, authorities have rescued some 370 of those men and identified hundreds more still trapped.







Hello? 8M phone calls unanswered as IRS cut taxpayer service

By Stephen Ohlemacher
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The IRS' overloaded phone system hung up on more than 8 million taxpayers this filing season as the agency cut millions of dollars from taxpayer services to help pay to enforce President Barack Obama's health law.

For those who weren't disconnected, only 40 percent actually got through to a person. And many of those people had to wait on hold for more than 30 minutes, IRS Commissioner John Koskinen said Wednesday.

The number of disconnected callers spiked just as taxpayers were hit with new requirements under the health law. Last year, the phone system dropped 360,000 calls, Koskinen said.

For the first time, taxpayers had to report whether they had health insurance last year on their tax returns. Those who received government subsidies had to respond whether they received the correct amount. People without insurance faced fines, collected by the IRS, if they did not qualify for an exemption.

A new staff report by Republicans on the House Ways and Means Committee criticized the agency's spending priorities. The report said the IRS diverted $134 million in user fees that had been spent on customer service last year to other areas this year.

"It looks to me like you're purposely harming taxpayers," Rep. Kristi Noem of South Dakota told Koskinen at a hearing Wednesday.

Koskinen said the user fees were spent on computer upgrades to implement the health law, as well as a new law requiring foreign banks to report information about U.S. account holders.

He said budget cuts approved by Congress left him no choice. The agency's budget has been cut by $1.2 billion since 2010. It now stands at $10.9 billion.

"Customer service, both on the phone and in person has been far worse than anyone would want," Koskinen told the Ways and Means oversight subcommittee. "It's simply a matter of not having enough people to answer the phones and provide service at our walk-in sites as a result of cuts to our budget."

Republicans in Congress adamantly oppose Obama's health law, so some have been working to starve the IRS of funds just as its role in implementing the law ramps up.

It won't work, Koskinen said. The IRS is required by law to help implement the health program and the foreign reporting law, leaving the agency with few other places to cut. He said the agency requested a total of $600 million over the past two years for computer upgrades to deal with the new laws.

"In both years, the Congress gave us zero dollars, so we had no choice but to look elsewhere," Koskinen said. "We funded the statute that we are required to implement."

The IRS has spent more than $1.2 billion implementing the health law. This year, the agency is scheduled to spend an additional $533 million, said the Ways and Means report.

Each year, millions of Americans call the IRS with questions about filling out their tax returns. Last year, 39.9 million people called.

When too many people call at once, the IRS system hangs up on callers at the beginning of their calls, rather than have them wait on hold for an hour or more. The agency refers to these hang-ups as "courtesy disconnects," according to the Ways and Means report.

Koskinen warned at the beginning of the year that phone service would suffer this year because of budget cuts. He said the agency, which has around 90,000 employees, is down 13,000 workers since 2010.

Republicans in Congress have also been at odds with the IRS since 2013, when agency officials acknowledged that agents had inappropriately singled out conservative political groups for extra scrutiny when they applied for tax exempt status.


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FRIDAY



FEELS LIKE SUMMER
Spend the evening at the ballpark and watch the RockHounds take on San Antonio.



FUNNY MAN George Lopez is performing at Wagner Noel.

SATURDAY



ART FOR SALE
The Palette Club hosts its annual art sale and Tea2Go will display local artists' work to raise money for a child with cancer and to benefit March of Dimes.

ONLINE



QUESO QUEST
See the latest entry from the MRT's search for great queso in Midland. mrt.com.

MOVIES



Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

TALL CITY 14
Opening: "Little Boy," "The Age of Adaline," "Ex Machina"
Closing: "Cinderella"

CINERGY CINEMAS
Opening: "Little Boy," "The Age of Adaline," "Ex Machina"
Closing: "Cinderella"

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

COMING SOON



LIVE IN ANDREWS
See Casting Crowns next weekend at Andrews' Ace Arena.



FREE SHOW
Fleetwood Mask to play May 1 for annual Aphasia Awareness Concert.



SPACE STORIES

Alan Bean turns astronaut experience into art

By Rich Lopez
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When talking to someone who has walked on the moon, everything else just seems small. But retired U.S. Navy captain and NASA astronaut Alan Bean hardly rests on his laurels. Instead, he'd prefer to paint.

Selected by NASA in 1963, Bean's inaugural flight into space was as part of the Apollo 12 crew, which was the second mission to the moon. His steps made him the fourth person to walk on the moon.

His second flight was in 1973 on Skylab 3 to the Skylab space station.

Bean will talk about these experiences at Saturday's Relativity Lecture at Lee High School auditorium. The lecture series is presented by the Museum of the Southwest and is part of their International Astronomy Day festivities.

These days, Bean has tapped into his artistic talents, which have allowed him another act in his already stellar lifetime. But it's what he paints that's most remarkable and specific to him.

"After I resigned from NASA, I began working on paintings, but I really wanted to tell my stories as best I can in paint. I couldn't leave anything that might get lost to history," he said via phone from his home studio.

Bean paints space-scapes only he can depict. But it's also about preserving the stories of his moonwalk and space time through fine art.

For him, it's also a chapter in human history people might not experience for some time.

"I try to show how it looked in real life for me, and so when I paint the moon, it has to be just right. This was humans' first real adventure in a long time and for a while, and it's a story that's worthy. I'm 83, and I need to use my time on Earth to do this," Bean said.

Fast-forward to today, and his paintings are favorites of space enthusiasts and planetariums. He has used dust from the moon in his works, giving an added unique quality. Bean has also used space tools to create his paintings.

He does ponder where space exploration has gone in modern times. In the '60s, it was all the scientific rage, not to mention a competition between nations. Bean doesn't see anyone going back to the moon for another 20 years.

"Well, we don't seem to have the money at this point, but I think it's human nature to be fickle," he said. "They get focused on something for a while and then move on. So, now we focus on the environment, disease, infrastructure, things that have priority here, but I expect that we will be going back to space more at some point. It just won't be soon."

In the meantime, there are always movies, which Bean admits he tries to keep up on.

Ask him about films that depict space, and he's enthused.

"I've seen 'Apollo 13,' and I even met Ron Howard and Tom Hanks as they were making the movie," Bean said. "I have to say, I really liked 'Gravity.' That one of the best showings of EVA (extravehicular activity). The special effects were the best and the most realistic. I try to see all the movies or read books about space, but I've yet to see 'Interstellar.'"

With all the books, the movies, even his paintings, Bean ironically doesn't miss space as much as one might think.

"I do miss it when they're doing something interesting like repairing the Hubble or EVA, but I found I miss flying with the military more. I don't know why. Maybe because I did it every day. That still looks like fun," he said.

International Astronomy Day

Events Saturday at the Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

- 10 a.m.-5 p.m.: Solar viewing with West Texas Astronomers, Air Rocket Launching and Spacecraft Building Contest
- 3:30-4:30 p.m.: Meet and greet with Capt. Alan Bean
- 3:30-4:30 p.m.: Spacecraft judging
- 7:30 p.m.: Relativity lecture with Captain Bean: The Art of Space Exploration at Lee High School auditorium, 3500 Neely Ave.

For more information, visit museumsw.org/astronomy-day

'West Side Story' both dramatic, disjointed

REVIEW

By Rich Lopez
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Although the musical "West Side Story" received a makeover by its own creator Arthur Laurents in 2009, director Tim Jebsen stuck to the 1957 original version in Midland Community Theatre's production that opened Friday.

The show also capped off a week of festivities to celebrate the reopening of the historic Yucca Theatre as it finished three months of repairs and improvements.

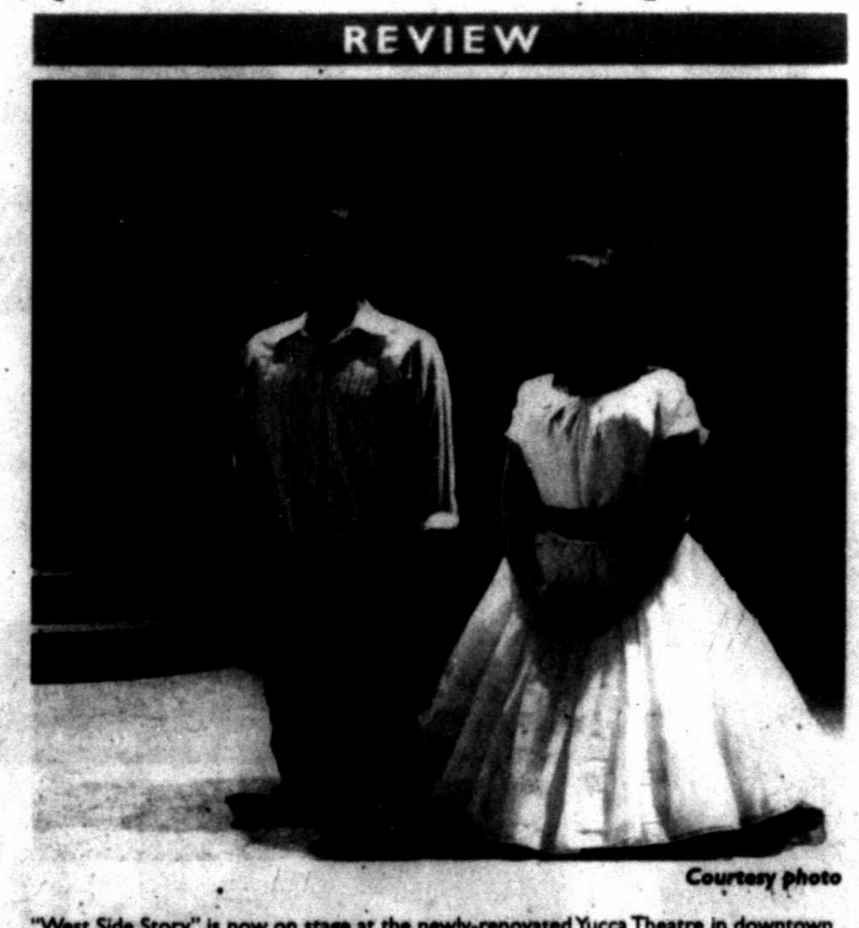
A musical retelling of Romeo and Juliet, two young people find love despite coming from different gangs: Maria (Sara Hone), is Puerto Rican, and her brother Bernardo (Albert Hall) leads the Sharks. Tony (Tyler Lillestol) left the Jets in charge to his best friend Riff (Cody Petty) in search of a better life. Along with Laurents' book, the music and lyrics were famously written by Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim.

The legacy alone can be intimidating, but MCT began on a perfect note.

Lauren Lusk's magnificent two-story set was an inviting welcome to the west side slums of New York. Her tones matched the theater, which felt like a comfortable extension that allowed the audience to immediately feel connected to the story. The set had appropriate grit, which didn't always extend to the peculiarly casted show.

As Tony, Lillestol has leading man looks and a glorious voice but was never credible as a ruffian who started and led a gang of thugs with Riff. In turn, Petty's mere physical presence alone didn't read as someone who would follow the smaller Lillestol's lead. Songs were more his forte as

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Courtesy photo

"West Side Story" is now on stage at the newly-renovated Yucca Theatre in downtown Midland.

Heat Index: Top 5 things to do over the weekend

By Rich Lopez
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April has not disappointed with all its to-dos. This weekend is no different. Here are our five top cool recommendations for getting your heat on.

ACCLAIMED MUSICIAN AT BURGER JOINT

Singer-songwriter Troy Cartwright comes to Midland from Dallas for the Rock the House music series at Basin Burger House. He's received high praise for his short career from the Dallas Observer and the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. The Berklee College of Music grad has gone from wedding singer to full-fledged recording artist with legitimate songwriting abilities and musicianship.

Basin Burger House, 607 N.

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CALENDAR

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

MUSIC

Lowdown, 6:30-9:30 p.m. today at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

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

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

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

Rieleros y Polo, 8 p.m. Friday at Hacienda Event Center. haciendamidland.com.

Kenny Rogers, Dustin Lynch, Rae Lynn and The Swon Brothers, Friday and Saturday at Las Cruces Country Music Festival in Las Cruces, New Mexico. lascrucescountrymusic.com.

Clay Campania, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

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

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

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

ART & DANCE

Art of the Heart sale with opening reception, 6-9 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at Midland Palette Club. paletteclubmidland.com.

Go-Lightly art sale fundraiser for Zandee Lopez, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at Tea2Go. facebook.com/tea2gomidland.

West Texas Talent monthly art show, 6-9 p.m. Saturday at Tea2Go. Benefiting March of Dimes. facebook.com/tea2gomidland.

GAMES & SPORTS

RockHounds baseball, 7 p.m. today through Saturdayda,/ at Security Ballpark. milb.com.

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

Play bridge at Allison Bridge Center, 682-8595.

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

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

THEATER, COMEDY & FILM

George Lopez, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

"West Side Story," through Saturday at Yucca Theatre. mctmidland.org.

"Buying the Moose" Maverick Players production, through Sunday at VFW Hall. 522-5225.

EVENTS

The Peddlars Show, noon-7 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday at the Horseshoe Pavilion. midlandhorseshoe.com.

11th annual Buffalo Gap Wine and Food Summit, Friday through Sunday at Perini Ranch in Buffalo Gap. periniranch.com.

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

Market at the Gardens, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at Alldredge Gardens. 682-4500.

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

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

Sandhills Quarter Horse Show, Saturday and Sunday at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

KID-FRIENDLY

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

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

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

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

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

Storytime for birth-2 years, 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

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

COMING SOON

APRIL

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

ArtSmart with speaker Judge Mike Bradford, noon April 28 at Arts Council of Midland. acmidland.org.

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

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

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

Lowdown, 6:30-9:30 p.m. April 30 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

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

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

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

MAY

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

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

Fleetwood Mask at annual free Aphasia Awareness Concert, 9 p.m. May 1 at Cimarex Energy Pavilion at Grande Stadium. aphasiawtx.org.

158 Breakdown, 6:30-9:30 p.m. May 2 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

MOSC presents Classical Mystery Tour - Tribute to the Beatles, 7:30 p.m. May 2 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Unsweet Ts, 7:30 p.m. May 2 at Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

Wade in the Water - A Collection Of African American Spirituals by Voices of the Permian Basin, 3 p.m. May 3 at First Presbyterian Church of Midland. $14. mosc.org.

Kidz Bop Live "Make Some Noise" Tour, 4 p.m. May 3 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Chicago, 8 p.m. May 5 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Lowdown, 6:30-9:30 p.m. May 7 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

Family Science Night: Master of Disaster, May 7 at Petroleum Museum.

Jonny Burke, 7:30 p.m. May 7 at Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

"Fixing Up," May 8-30 at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Dances from the Islands, May 9 at Yucca Theatre. 528-1192.

Diva and Dino, 6:30-9:30 p.m. May 9 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

Dr. Who Gala-frey, 7 p.m. May 9 at Ector Theatre. ectortheatre.com.

RockHounds baseball, 7 p.m. May 9 at Security Ballpark. milb.com.

RockHounds baseball, 2 p.m. May 10 at Security Ballpark. milb.com.

RockHounds baseball, 6:30 p.m. May 11 at Security Ballpark. milb.com.

RockHounds baseball, 11 a.m. May 12 at Security Ballpark. milb.com.

Lowdown, 6:30-9:30 p.m. May 14 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

RockHounds baseball and Thirsty Thursday, 7 p.m. May 14 at Security Ballpark. milb.com.

Crudefest Texas Music Festival, May 14-16 5209 South County Road 1220. thecrudefest.com.

RockHounds baseball, 7 p.m. May 15 at Security Ballpark. milb.com.

Ernesto, 6:30-9:30 p.m. May 16 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

RockHounds baseball, 7 p.m. May 16 at Security Ballpark. milb.com.

An Evening with Tom Russell, 8 p.m. May 16 at Wagner and Brown Auditorium at Midland College. talltownes.com.

RockHounds baseball, 2 p.m. May 17 at Security Ballpark. milb.com.

Celtic Woman, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. May 17 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Brant Croucher, 6:30-9:30 p.m. May 20 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

Neil Gaiman, 7 p.m. May 20 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Laura Bush Literacy Program Reading Event, 4:30-5:30 p.m. May 21 at George W. Bush Childhood Home visitor center. bushchildhoodhome.org.

Lowdown, 6:30-9:30 p.m. May 21 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

Wolf 359, 6:30-9:30 p.m. May 23 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

RockHounds baseball, 6:30 p.m. May 26 at Security Ballpark. milb.com.

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

Lowdown, 6:30-9:30 p.m. May 28 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

RockHounds baseball and Thirsty Thursday, 7 p.m. May 28 at Security Ballpark. milb.com.

RockHounds baseball, 7 p.m. May 29 at Security Ballpark. milb.com.

Murf, 6:30-9:30 p.m. May 30 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

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

RockHounds baseball, 2 p.m. May 31 at Security Ballpark. milb.com.

JUNE

Steve Miller Band, 8 p.m. June 4 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Chuggington "The Great Rescue Adventure" Live, 6:30 p.m. June 9 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Move: Live on Tour, 7:30 p.m. June 14 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Steve Earle and the Dukes, June 14 at Crowley Theater in Marfa.

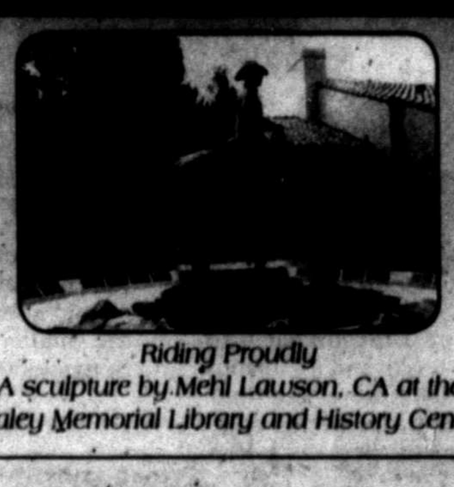
Gary Allan, 8 p.m. June 18 at Hacienda Event Center. haciendamidland.com.

5K Hot Dog Fun Run & 1K K9 Walk benefiting Midland Humane Coalition, 7:30 a.m. June 13 at Midland College Fine Arts Center. midlandhumane.org.

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THEATER & MORE

Mavericks put some edge into 'Buying the Moose'

By Rich Lopez
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REVIEW

With the cast of four, the Maverick Players' new show "Buying the Moose" relied less on props or plot devices and mostly on snappy dialogue. The onus of hitting the punchlines was solely on the cast's execution of lines. Despite some opening night jitters, the spirit of the cast was evident enough to deliver a laugh-filled show.

Playwright Michael G. Wilmot's show is a comedic study of relationships. Rob (Marvin LeMaster) and Betty (Cherri Timms) are undergoing marital turmoil while best friend Cheryl (Kristi Culbert) comforts Betty and brother Greg (Andy Salcedo) figures out Rob's side of the story. The jokes ensue with misinterpreted phone calls and too much drinking.

With the focus on both female and male conversations, Wilmot's show could easily be construed as a men-versus-women tale. In many ways it is, but mostly, it's a pair of love stories.

As Rob, LeMaster was, well, a master of manic. His high-strung approach never felt too put on as the husband found cheating on his wife with a blow-up doll. LeMaster balanced that against Rob's confused nature about his place in his relationship with Betty. As his acting counterpart, Salcedo balanced out LeMaster with an affable take on Greg. They smartly didn't play up any machismo as two men stewing over brewskis. Instead, they were charmingly sensitive and brotherly.

While the gents were figuring out what Rob actually did wrong, the ladies were bemoaning why men do what they do. Timms' Betty was both an angry and whiny character and Culbert's Cheryl was an enabling commiserator. Although she had to be both, Timms excelled at her more whiny side than her anger. That felt more natural in contrast to her overtly mad scenes. Like LeMaster, she had a firm grip on her neuroses which played up her bemoaning strengths. Culbert's character was the most stalwart of the four, albeit not without some quirks. She carried herself with a slight sense of knowing better, which equalized Timms' performance.

Opening night may have been the cause for many of the scrubbed lines but the attitudes of each actor were on point. And although a very PG-rated play, language and blow-up dolls gave the Mavericks a certain edge.

WANT TO GO?

"Buying the Moose" at VFW Hall, 409 Veterans Airpark Lane. April 10-26. $15 and $10. Mavericksplayers.org.

West Side Story

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he nailed the array of emotions behind "Maria" and "Something's Coming." His duets with Hone for "Tonight" and "One Hand, One Heart" were tender and lovely. Hone fared better as a virginal Maria with a wide-eyed enthusiasm. Her transition from girl to woman was a delicate tiptoe act to witness from Maria's highs in "I Feel Pretty" to the ultimate low in the finale.

Relationships, however, weren't a strong suit here. Tony's and Maria's passion never grew beyond "isn't-that-sweet" — even after a significant night together. In turn, Hall and Hone never connected as siblings, which was crucial to Bernardo's over-protectedness of his younger sister.

Carmina Aguilar countered any of that disconnect with a remarkably fervent performance as Bernardo's girl Anita. At first, Aguilar was tepid about her character's fiery nature but by the second act, Aguilar discovered deeper layers that resulted in crushing heartbreak.

Petty continued his streak of onstage versatility with a spirited performance as Riff. He capably handled the choreography and belted out "When You're a Jet" and "Cool" with swinging flair. As Jets peripheral member Anybodys, Maija Johnson was pure spitfire. Her comedic take on the character was an interesting choice, but it helped cut tension in heavier scenes.

Of particular note, Pickwick Players Wake Brown, Dylan Watson and Jamie Edge all gave bravura performances as Jets.

"West Side Story" is one of the more iconic dance-icals of theater. Jerome Robbins' original choreography is exhilarating, and much of that is seen here. But major dance scenes like "The Dance at the Gym" and the ballet "Somewhere" lacked the precision that's key to properly interpreting Robbins' work. Added moves and formations to the original choreography strayed from the time period, giving some numbers a schizophrenic undertone.

Costume choices were a bit baffling. The women wore a beautifully bright spectrum of dresses, but baggy clothes for many of the men were distracting and unflattering. Lillestol, Hall and some of the Shark members were swallowed by their suits — undermining serious scenes.

Where energetic numbers suffered, dramatic tension was well-played. "A Boy Like That/I Have a Love" and "One Hand One Heart" were emotionally histrionic, and "Cool" was a triumphant staging. "The Rumble", was the most riveting scene where the gangs battle out their differences. The melee was well-paced, and the tragic result was edge-of-your-seat stuff. Lillestol lost a moment when his fatal stab to Bernardo looked like nothing more than a prickly jab, but the scene overall was a winner.

"West Side Story" still had moments of electricity that touched all ranges of emotion. Sondheim's and Bernstein's music shoots straight to the heart and soul and Rabon Bewley and Bert Bostic were fine stewards as musical directors.

WANT TO GO?

"West Side Story" at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. through May 2. $28 adults, $20 seniors and youth. mctmidland.org.

Weekend

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Colorado Ave. 7:30 p.m. today. basinburgerhouse.com.

COMEDIAN GEORGE LOPEZ RETURNS

We last saw George Lopez in the movie "Spare Parts" from earlier this year. And before that, it was here in Midland. His "Listen To My Face" tour brings him back for a two-night stint at the Wagner Noel. For mature audiences.

Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 North Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. $39.50-$59.50. wagnernoel.com.

OPERA ON THE BIG SCREEN

Fathom Events will have a live screening of The Metropolitan Opera's "Cavalleria Rusticana/ Pagliacci." Described as the most tragic double bill, tenor Marcelo Alvarez will play in both productions. During intermission, follow the cameras backstage Run time: 3 hours and 30 minutes.

Regal Tall City 14, 4915 W. Loop 250 N. 11:30 a.m. Sunday. $24. Fathomevents.com.

MOSC PERFORMS BRAHMS' 'REQUIEM'

"Requiem" is perhaps the primary musical piece of Brahms' career that graduated from a choral piece into a seven-movement work. Conductor Gregory Pysh leads the MOSC Chorale through the choral parts of this iconic piece of music.

Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 North Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Sunday at 3 p.m. $14. mosc.org.



Courtesy photo

Christian hip-hop artist Trip Lee will perform Sunday at First Assembly of God Church.

TRIP LEE, DEREK MINOR, SOCIAL CLUB

Don't let the label of Christian music override the hip-hop genre here. Dallas' Trip Lee is a musical force with beats that are strong and imaginative. He's merged both hip-hop sounds and gospel-infused lyrics seamlessly. The bill is an extravaganza of Christian hip-hop with openers Derek Minor and Social Club, but Lee is a must-see for both Christian music fans and hip-hop aficionados.

First Assembly of God, 100 W. Wadley Ave. 7 p.m. Sunday $15-$30. firstagmidland.com.

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MOVIES

Clever horror tale 'The Babadook' is both delightful and frightful

PICK O' THE WEEK

"The Babadook" (R) The film's young star is asked to carry quite a burden to make this story effective, and for the most part, he does. The 7-year-old's bratty behavior and screaming almost make you root for the monster, though. Otherwise, want a scary movie to curl up with this weekend? This should do the trick. **A-**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"Whitney" (TV-14) Angela Bassett, who knows a thing or two about playing divas, as she did in "What's Love Got to Do With It," makes her directorial debut with this biopic about Whitney Houston. But this Lifetime movie gives Bobby Brown, not Houston, the benefit of the doubt, implying she brought drugs into the relationship and completely ignores his arrest record, including his 2003 charge for assaulting Houston. **F**

MORE REVIEWS

"Bark Ranger" (PG) Harmless kiddie fare that may amuse the little ones, as long as they're asleep. **C**

"Batman vs. Robin" (PG-13) Need a Batman fix before next year's live action "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice"? This engaging animated feature should hold you over for a bit. **B+**

"The Better Angels" (PG) Director AJ Edwards' feature debut was obviously influenced by filmmaker Terrence Malick, who produced this film based on the childhood of Abraham Lincoln. There's no doubt the student learned a lot about how a film should look, but Edwards has trouble relating his message to the viewer. The result is an inconsistent, albeit gorgeous, narrative. **C**

"Big Eyes" (PG-13) Tim Burton's biopic about the artist who painted those tacky but cute paintings is possibly his most normal film ever. But Christopher Waltz's manic performance is proof he's not always perfect and hard to take for the length of the film. **B**

"Burning Dead" (unrated) Not even a brief appearance by Danny Trejo can help this ridiculous zombies-shooting-out-of-a-volcano story. **D**

"Echoes" (R) The elements are here for a creepy thriller. They just never materialize in a satisfactory, or even enjoyable, way. **D**

"Housekeeping" (unrated) I suspect the unrated version I saw was much more graphic than the PG-13 version shown theatrically. Regardless, the bulk of the movie is dependent upon the performance of its lead actress, who is not very adept at conveying the necessary emotions. There's a good idea for a film here. It's just not what you get. **D-**

"Jinn" (R) Gloomy thriller tries to steal an idea or two from the underrated "Prophecy" trilogy and fails miserably. **D**

"Kidnapping Mr. Heineken" (R) The meltdown is fast and not at all pretty in this story based on the actual abduction of the beer magnate. **C**

"Killers" (R) Asian torture porn's saving grace is its unexpected levity. Look for it in the background of several scenes, including one where one of the killers is stuffing a victim in the trunk of his car while two oblivious cops are arguing in the foreground. **B**

"Last House on Cemetery Lane" (unrated) Although there are the makings of a decent British ghost story, the filmmakers give far too much away, making the only nightmare its predictability. **C-**

"Let's Kill Ward's Wife" (unrated) There's no doubt Ward's wife needed killing. That's because she's portrayed as a two-dimensional shrew who spews verbal bile at everyone around her and is a bad mother to boot. This dark comedy is very reminiscent of Peter Berg's 1998 writing and directorial debut, "Very Bad Things." With a title that says it all, it's actually a better film than this. The only good thing about "Let's Kill Ward's Wife" is the misery only lasts about 82 minutes. **D**

"The Man With the Iron Fists 2" (unrated) I don't know what the unrated version of the film offers over the R version because I couldn't possibly sit through it twice. The film definitely embraces the 1970s chopsocky genre, though, so if you're a fan, this sequel should bring back those memories of bad martial arts movies. **C**

"Maps of the Stars" (R) Unflinching look at human nature just happens to be set within the realm of the movie industry. The circumstances could happen to any of us, which is what makes this film so unnerving. **B**

"Roadside" (unrated) Too many things don't add up in this low-budget story of a couple being terrorized by a man in the woods, especially the lack of breath fog by the characters allegedly in freezing weather. **D+**

"To Write Love on Her Arm" (PG-13) Telling someone's real life story is often fraught with peril and fear of not meeting those people's expectations, which leads to compromises. Such is the case here, leaving a boring tale of an organization filled with goodness. **B-**

"Woman in Black 2: Angel of Death" (Pg-13) Not everything good about the original film — a fresh look at the ghost story genre — is missing from this unnecessary sequel, but most is. **B-**

"You're Not You" (R) At best, it's a weepy but well-made Lifetime movie. At worst, don't expect a lot of tears; you won't muster enough caring for the characters to cry. **B-**

Reeled & Stream

By Nancy Adamson | nadamson@mrt.com

FILM CAPSULES

The Age of Adaline (PG-13) A solitary woman who hasn't aged for almost eight decades after a freak accident has a chance encounter with a charismatic philanthropist that changes everything. With Blake Lively, Michiel Huisman and Kathy Baker. Written by J. Mills Goodloe and Salvador Paskowitz. Directed by Lee Toland Krieger.

The Divergent Series: Insurgent (PG-13) In the ruins of futuristic Chicago, a group of nonconformist rebels continue their battle against a power-mad cabal. With Shailene Woodley, Theo James and Kate Winslet. Written by Brian Duffield, Akiva Goldsman and Mark Bomback. Directed by Robert Schwentke. In 3-D.

Ex Machina (R) Shrewdly imagined and persuasively made, this is a spooky piece of speculative fiction about artificial intelligence that's completely plausible, capable of thinking big thoughts and providing pulp thrills. But even saying that doesn't do full justice to this quietly unnerving Alex Garland film starring Domhnall Gleeson, Oscar Isaac and Alicia Vikander.

Furious 7 (PG-13) A crew of fast-driving outlaws battle the vengeful brother of a vanquished enemy. With Vin Diesel, Paul Walker and Dwayne Johnson. Written by Chris Morgan. Directed by James Wan.

Get Hard (R) A millionaire hedge-fund manager convicted of fraud and given 30 days to get his affairs in order foolishly enlists his car washer to toughen him up for prison. With Will Ferrell, Kevin Hart and Tip "T.I." Harris. Written by Jay Martel, Ian Roberts and Etan Cohen. Directed by Cohen.

The Gunman (R) A former special forces agent gets drawn back into his violent past. With Sean Penn, Idris Elba and Ray Winstone. Written by Pete Travis. Directed by Pierre Morel.

Little Boy (PG-13) A 7-year-old boy tries to bring his father back home from World War II. With Jakob Salvati, Emily Mortimer and Michael Rapaport. Written by Alejandro Monteverde and Pepe Portillo. Directed by Monteverde.

The Longest Ride (PG-13) When their love is tested, a bull rider looking to make a comeback and a college student about to enter the New York art world draw inspiration from a decades-long romance. With Scott Eastwood, Britt Robertson and Alan Alda. Written by Craig Bolotin. Directed by George Tillman Jr.

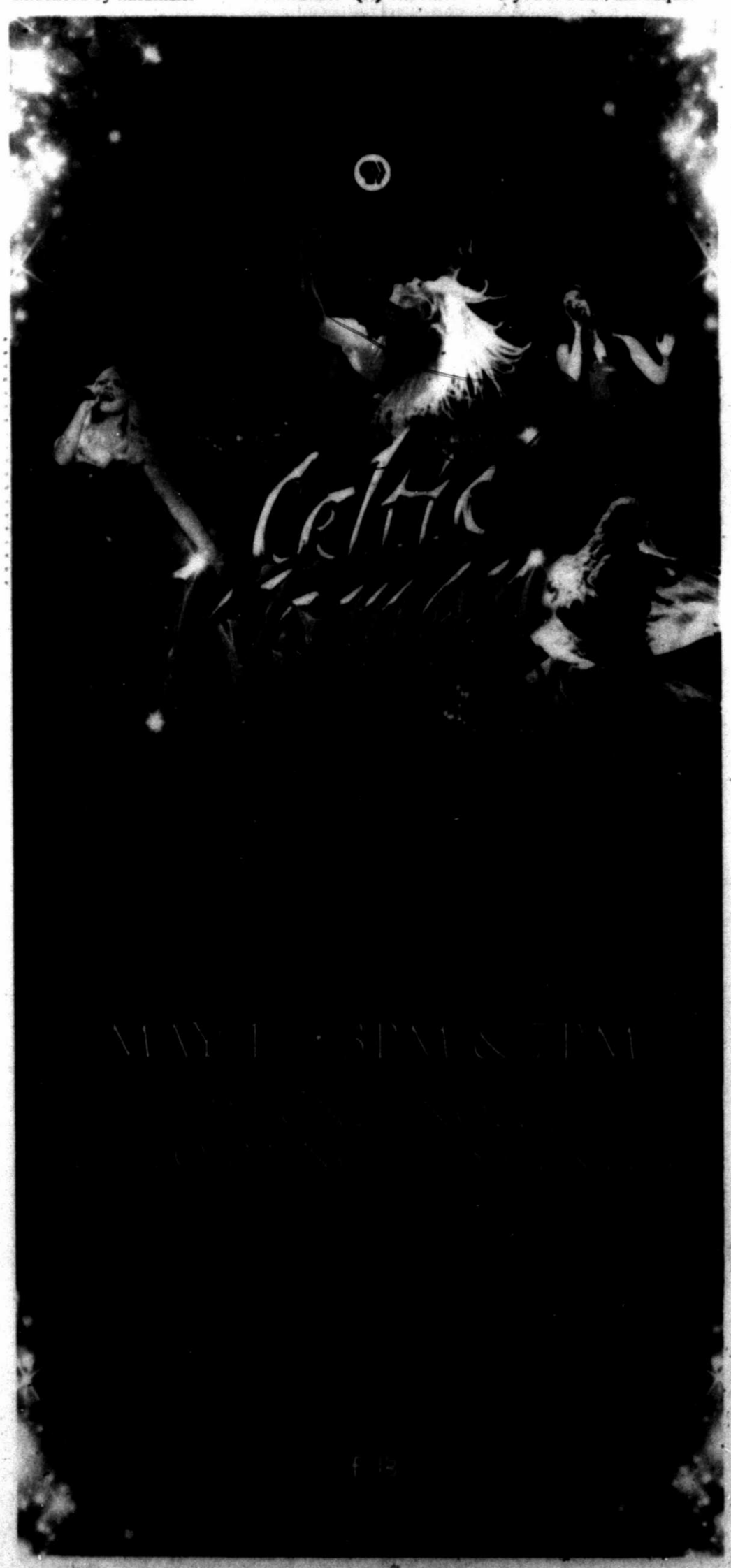
Monkey Kingdom (G) A documentary following a resourceful monkey in the jungles of South Asia as she welcomes a son into her complicated extended family. Directed by Mark Linfield.

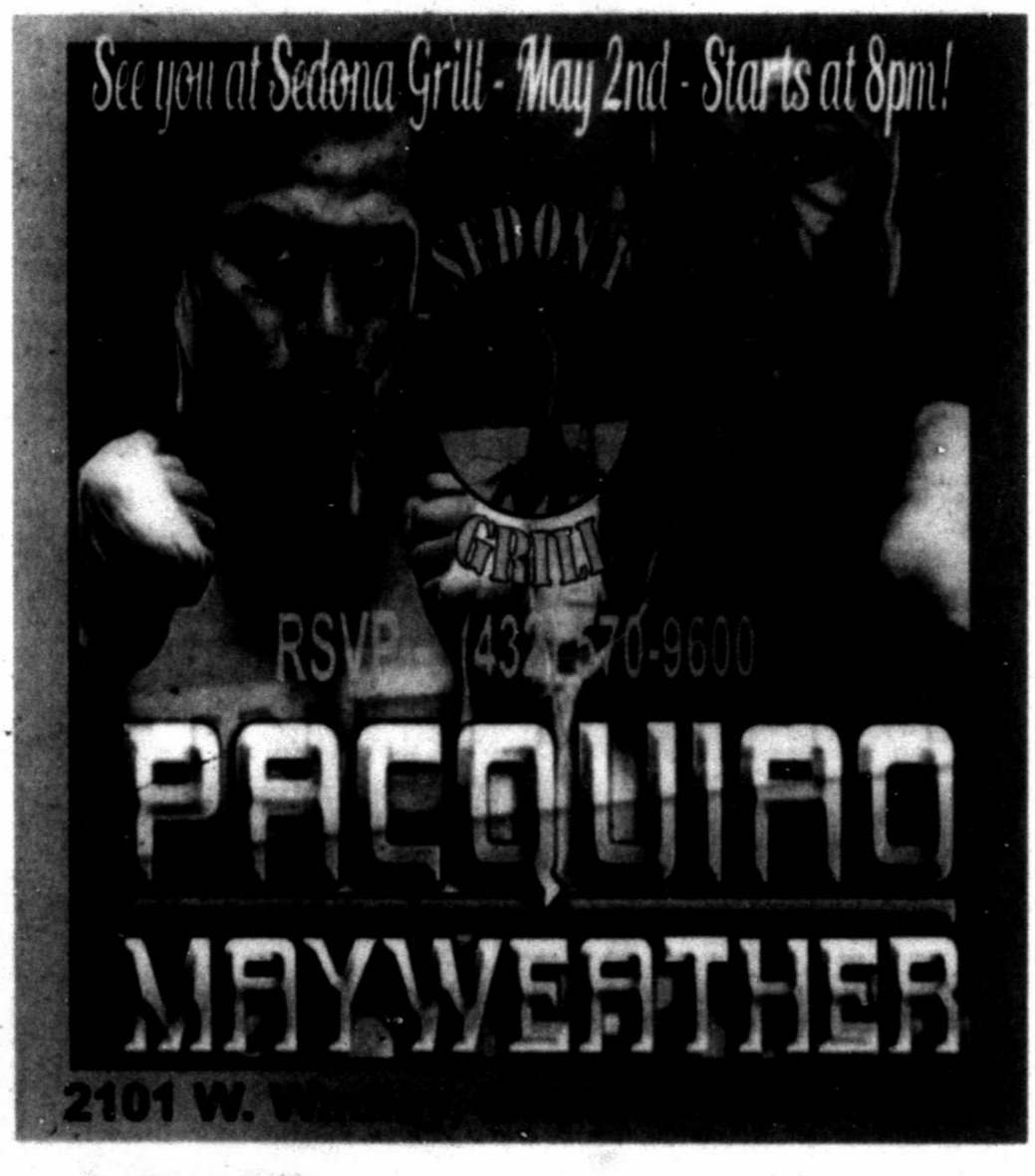
Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2 (PG) A mall security guard heads to a convention in Las Vegas with his college-bound daughter and stumbles upon a heist. With Kevin James, Raini Rodriguez and Neal McDonough. Written by James and Nick Bakay. Directed by Andy Fickman.

Unfriended (R) A teenager and her friends are stalked by a mysterious assailant in this horror film unfolding over a computer screen. With Shelley Hennig, Moses Storm and Renee Olstead. Written by Nelson Greaves. Directed by Levan Gabriadze.

Woman in Gold (PG-13) The story of how the celebrated Gustav Klimt painting ended up in America makes no more than an adequate film, more old-fashioned Hollywoodization than incisive modern dramatization. Star Helen Mirren, however, is a treat.

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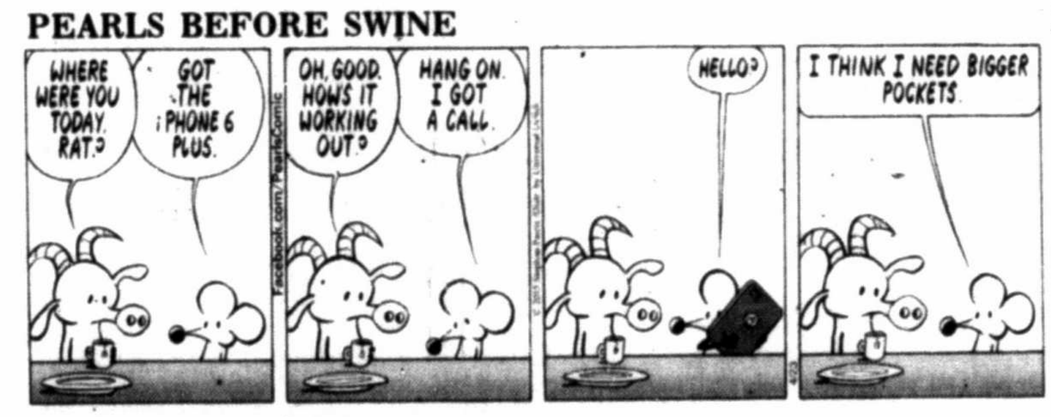
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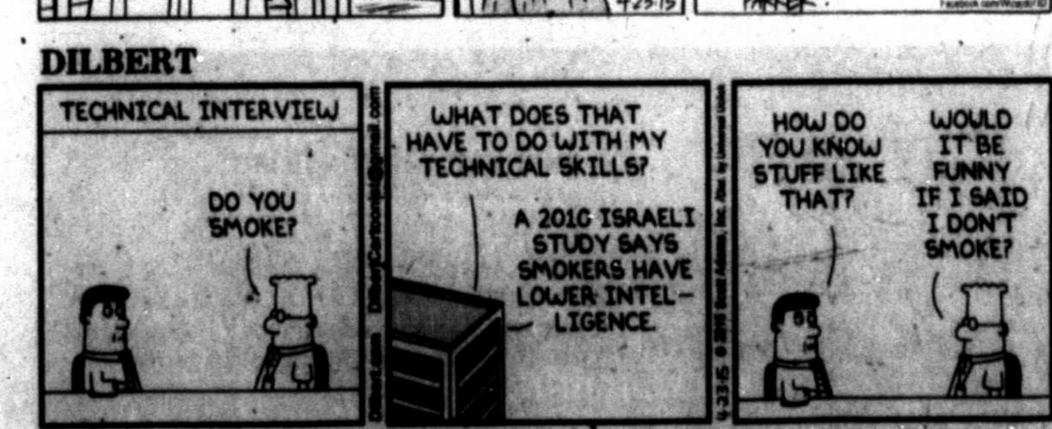
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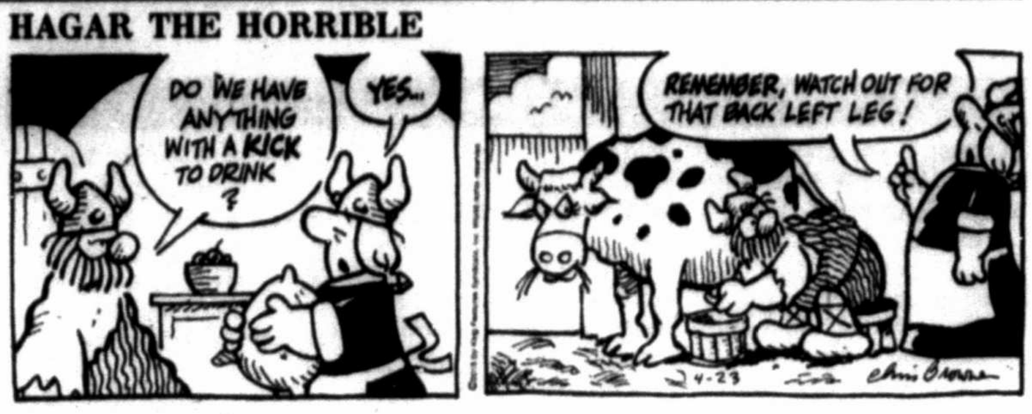
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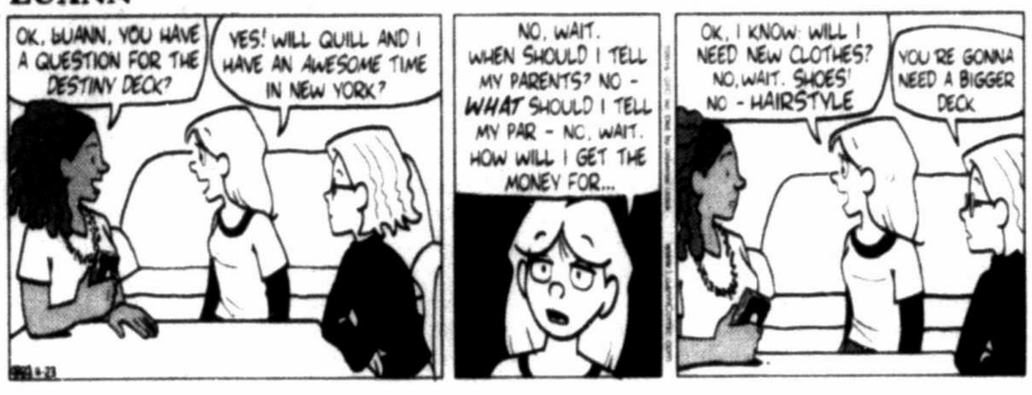
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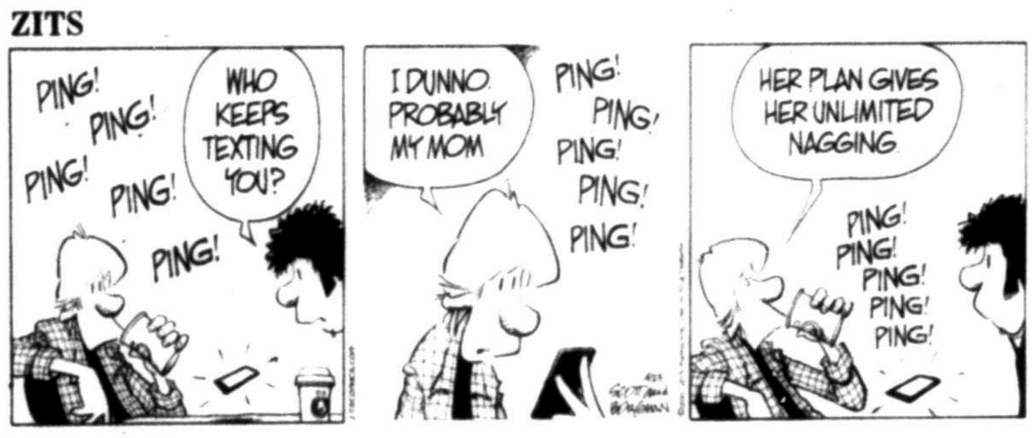
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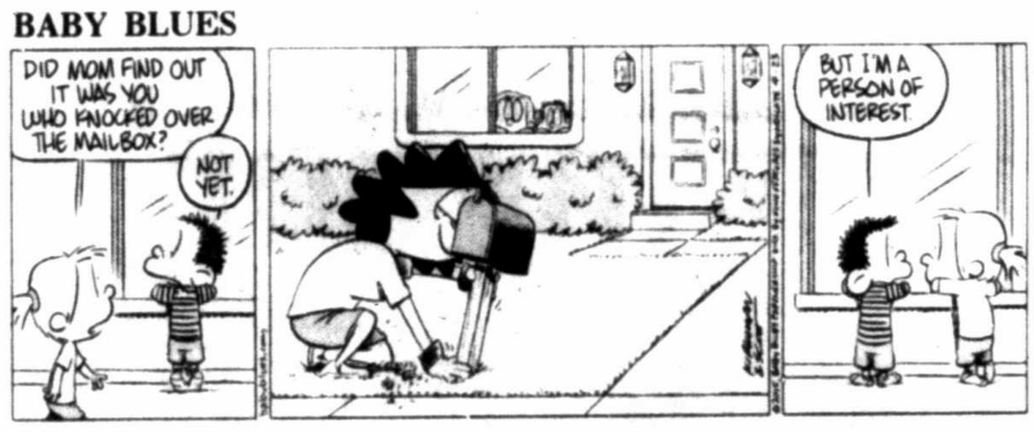
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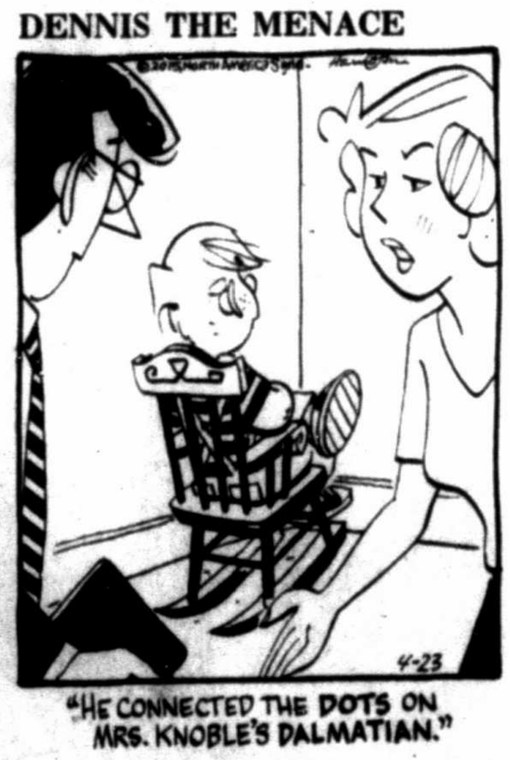
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ASIAN

BUSHIDO JAPANESE STEAK HOUSE AND SUSHI BAR Watch chefs roll sushi and cook at Teppan Yaki grills or sit at the bar and watch the game. Extensive sushi menu. Grill combos with chicken, steak, seafood. More of a casual atmosphere than other Teppan Yaki restaurants. 4416 Briarwood Ave. 689-7900 | $$ | 4 spoons

CHINESE KITCHEN Eat-in or take-out Chinese food. Choose combination meals with one, two or three choices. 4200 W. Illinois Ave. 694-3922 | $ | 3 spoons

GENGHIS GRILL With a buffet that consists of countless raw ingredients to pile into a bowl and hand over for a chef to cook, the food at Genghis Grill is as good as you can make it. If you're knowledgeable in what spices complement what meats, veggies and sauces — or if you're just lucky — count on a great meal. For the not-so-confident, the restaurant offers recipe cards to guide your selections. 4517 Midkiff Road 520-5426 www.genghisgrill.com | $$ | 3 spoons

GRAND BUFFET Extensive "all-you-can-eat" Asian buffet includes hodgepodge of options including Chinese dishes, salads, seafood, Jell-o, fried okra, sushi and a Mongolian grill station. 2510 W. Louisiana Ave. 688-8881 | $ | 2 spoons

THE GREAT WALL Chinese takeout restaurant offers large portions from extensive menu. Try the General Tso's chicken with sesame shrimp and add an order of egg rolls or spring rolls. 2215 N. Midland Drive 694-5555 | $ | 3 spoons

HUNAN GARDEN Chinese Restaurant Try the daily lunch buffet with about 10 options like sweet and sour chicken, cashew chicken and beef with snow peas. 4410 N. Midkiff Road, Building A., Space 1. 697-9818 | $ | 3 spoons

KING & I Authentic Thai food served at in the heart of Midland. Try the basil fried rice or Popcorn's special with angel hair pasta, green onions, white onions, tomatoes, broccoli, garlic and jalapenos. There's a reason the lunch crowd is often standing-room-only at the original location near downtown. It's worth the wait. 801 N. Big Spring St. | $ | 4 spoons

KUO'S CHINESE RESTAURANT Friendly service and a relaxed atmosphere. Try the cashew chicken or Mongolian steak with a fried cream cheese wonton. 3303 N. Midkiff Rd., Suite 152 697-8888 | $ | 4 spoons

MOON GARDEN Try one of the lunch specials like broccoli with garlic sauce or kung pao shrimp. The Chinese restaurant is housed in what used to be a Red Lobster — just in case you were wondering about the nautical decor. 2319 W. Loop 250 N. 570-1165 or 685-3012 | $ | 2 spoons

OSAKA JAPANESE STEAKHOUSE AND SEAFOOD Try steak, chicken or seafood grilled at Teppan Yaki tables or sushi with fresh seafood. Locations in Midland and Odessa. 1207 Tradewinds Blvd. 617-7252 www.my-osaka.com | $$ | 4 spoons.

SHOGUN RESTAURANT Japanese steak house that's been serving Midlanders for more than 20 years. Watch your food being cooked on the Teppan Yaki tables after you enjoy cucumber and shrimp salad and soup. Lunch prices are very reasonable, be prepared to splurge for dinner. 4610 N. Garfield St. 570-8888 | $$ | 4 spoons

TASTE OF CHINA SUPER BUFFET All-you-can-eat buffet or order from menu. Senior citizen discount and children 3 and younger eat free. 4400 N. Big Spring St., #53. 684-5288 | $ | 2 spoons

GREEK

ATHENIAN RESTAURANT The only Greek restaurant in Midland 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. Whatever you choose, try the Greek potato salad on the side. 4610 N. Garfield St. Suite B | 247-5280 | $$ | 4 spoons

Souper Salad to hold grand opening event

From staff reports



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Souper Salad is celebrating the reopening of its Midland location with a grand opening event this weekend.

Souper Salad is celebrating the reopening of its Midland location with a grand opening event this weekend. The celebration is planned for noon-3 p.m. Saturday and will feature a live remote with KICKS 99.1 Country, face painting, balloons and the chance to win prizes such as iPad minis and coupons for a year's worth of meals at the restaurant.

Souper Salad offers a salad bar with fresh vegetables and already-made salads, soups, bread and baked potatoes. The restaurant — located at Loop 250 and Midkiff Road — has hired 40 people so far and is still accepting applications. Hours are 10:45 a.m.-9 p.m. daily.

A franchise restaurant, Souper Salad is part of BRIX Holdings LLC, the Dallas-based company behind other chains such as Smoothie Factory Juice Bar, RedBrick Pizza, Greenz and Red Mango Cafe.

Souper Salad originally opened the Midland location in summer 2012 and closed in October 2014. The restaurant reopened in mid-March.



After many years of performing and song writing William Florian, the former lead singer of The New Christy Minstrels presents an exciting show called: "Those Were the Days" a collection of songs from the 60s. He performs songs made famous by The Kingston Trio, The New Christy Minstrels, Peter, Paul, & Mary, Bob Dylan, John Denver, and others.

Presented by **Live on Stage of the Permian Basin**, this concert is scheduled for: **Thursday, April 23, 2015, at 7:00pm** at the **Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center** located at FM 1788 & Hwy 191.

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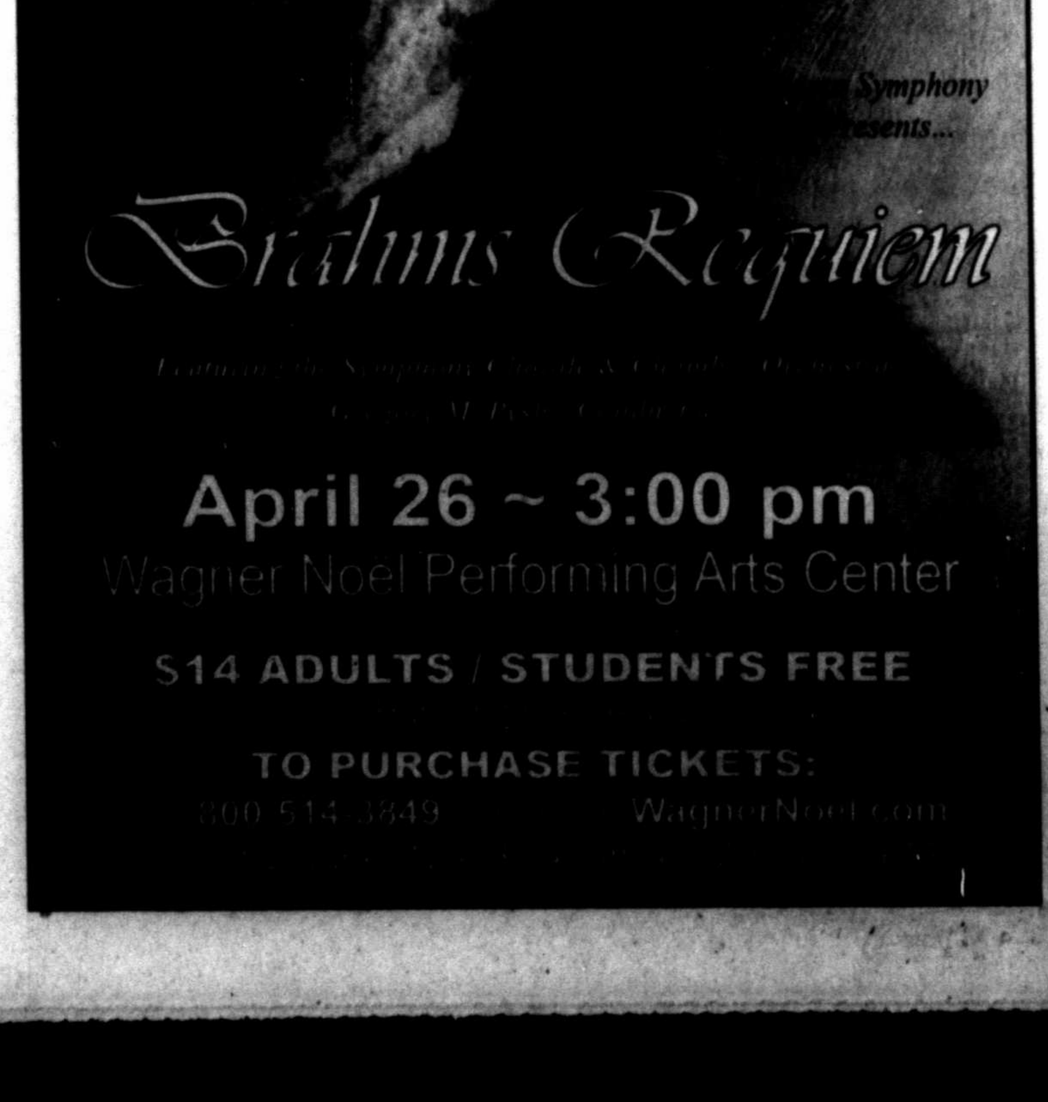
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NFL suspends DE Greg Hardy for 10 games

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NFL suspended defensive end Greg Hardy for 10 games without pay Wednesday for conduct detrimental to the league after concluding there was "credible evidence" he roughed up his ex-girlfriend nearly a year ago when he was a member of the Carolina Panthers.


Hardy

Hardy, who joined the Dallas Cowboys as a free agent on a one-year, incentive-laden deal, was notified Wednesday of the decision in a letter from Commissioner Roger Goodell. Hardy plans to appeal.

Goodell cited "sufficient credible evidence that Hardy engaged in conduct that violated NFL policies in multiple respects and with aggravating circumstances." His assault case had been dismissed in a North Carolina court because his accuser refused to cooperate with prosecutors, but an NFL investigation concluded that Hardy used physical force against his ex-girlfriend, Nicole Holder, in at least four instances.

"The net effect of these acts was that Ms. Holder was severely traumatized and sustained a range of injuries, including bruises and scratches on her neck, shoulders, upper chest, back, arms and feet," Goodell wrote. "The use of physical force under the circumstances present here, against a woman substantially smaller than you and in the presence of powerful, military-style assault weapons, constitutes a significant act of violence in violation of the personal conduct policy."

The 26-year-old Hardy was on the commissioner's Exempt List last season and did not play for Carolina, although he was paid his $13.1 million salary.

After what the NFL called an extensive two-month investigation led by Lisa Friel, who recently was hired by the league to oversee such probes, it was determined that Hardy would be suspended "under any version of the personal conduct policy or its predecessors."

Among the evidence Friel's investigation uncovered was that on May 13, 2014, Hardy:

- used physical force against (Holder) which caused her to land in a bathtub;
- used physical force against her which caused her to land on a futon that was covered with at least four semi-automatic rifles;
- used physical force against her by placing his hands around her neck, applying enough pressure to leave visible marks.
- used physical force to shove her against a wall in his apartment's entry hallway.

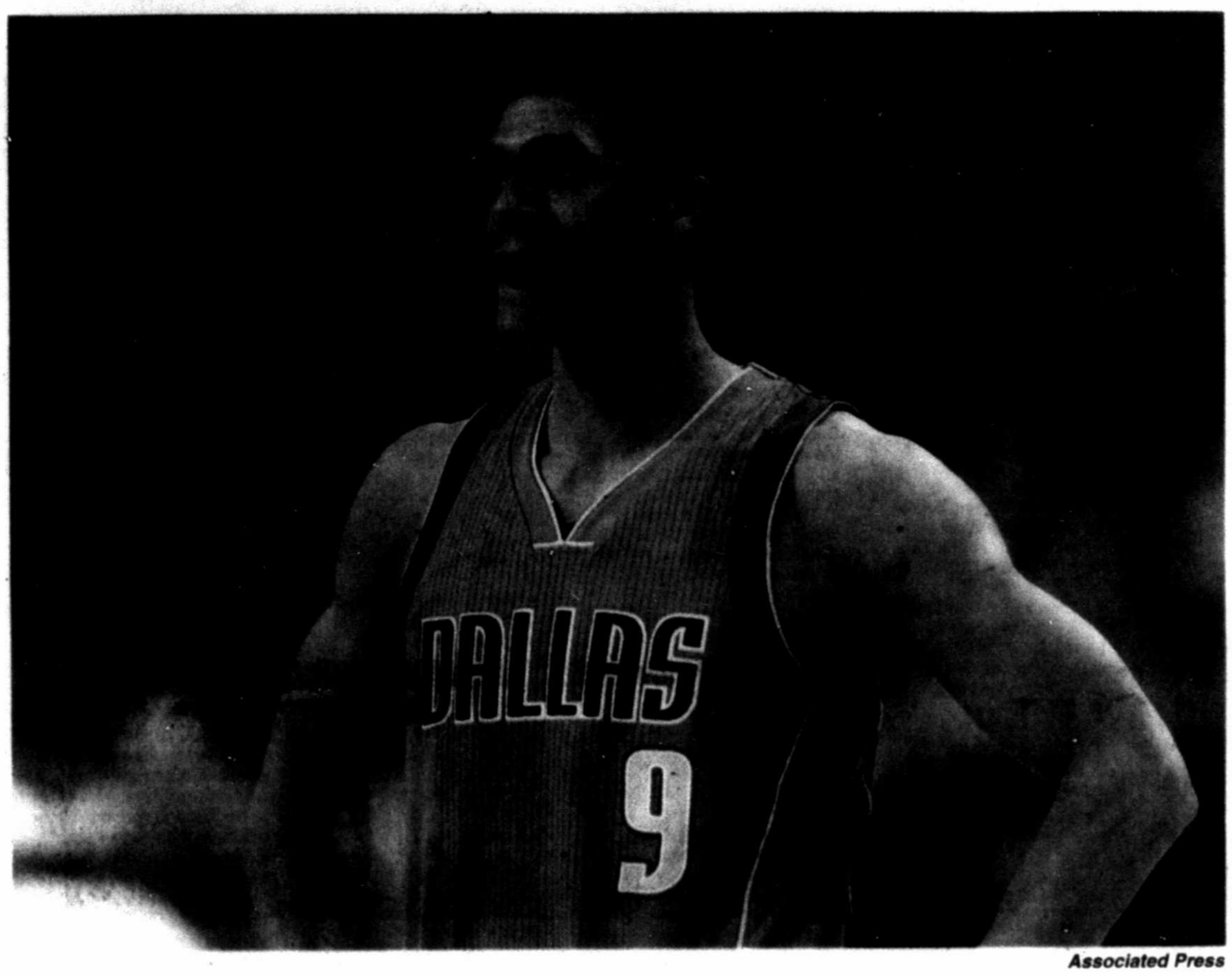
The NFL also concluded that Hardy failed to provide complete and accurate information to investigators and members of the league staff.

The league said Friel's investigation involved interviews with witnesses and experts; a review of hundreds of pages of court records, documents and exhibits, photographs, police reports, medical records; and reports and opinions of medical experts retained by Hardy's attorneys and by the NFL office.

Hardy and his legal counsel, along with representatives of the players' union, met with NFL staff and investigators on March 4. Hardy and his attorneys also met on March 10 with independent investigators,

Please see **HARDY**/4C

Out at a very bad time



Associated Press

In this photo taken Tuesday, the Dallas Mavericks' Rajon Rondo makes his way to bench after being called for a foul against the Houston Rockets during the third quarter of Game 2 in the first round in the NBA basketball playoffs in Houston. Rondo sat nearly the entire second half of the Mavs' loss to Houston and didn't get a lot of support from his coach afterward in what is clearly an experiment gone wrong.

Rondo finished with Mavs, Parson out from playoffs

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

DALLAS — Rajon Rondo has played his last game for the Dallas Mavericks, and Chandler Parsons is out for the rest of the playoffs with a right knee injury that will require surgery.

After saying that Rondo was out indefinitely with a back injury sustained before he was benched in a Game 2 loss to Houston, coach Rick Carlisle acknowledged Wednesday that Rondo will not play another game for Dallas.

The four-time All-Star sat all but 34 seconds after halftime Tuesday night in a 111-99 loss that gave the Rockets a 2-0 lead in the first-round series. Game 3 is Friday night in Dallas.

Carlisle said Parsons was exploring options for surgery. He played in the series opener after missing the last six games of the regular season.

Rondo came in a December trade with Boston and had a shouting match with Carlisle on the court that resulted in a one-game suspension in February. In Game 2, he was pulled after picking up his third and fourth fouls guarding James Harden early in the third quarter, and getting a technical after one of the calls.

While Carlisle could have hidden behind foul trouble as the reason for yet another ineffective game from the player acquired to try to boost Dallas' playoff prospects, the coach changed everything by leaving Rondo on the bench for good.

The two quick fouls were puzzling, but paled compared to Rondo inexplicably getting called for an eight-second backcourt violation while walking the ball up the court in the first half. His poor defense right after the call led to an easy 3-pointer for Jason Terry.

"I understand that the announcement that's been made is going to have different interpretations," Carlisle said Wednesday. "I am giving you our interpretation of it, and this is fact. From here, we're moving forward. We've got a series to win and we've got to win Game 3 with the guys that are available."

But when asked if the free agent-to-be would wear a Dallas uniform again, Carlisle said, "No, I don't."

Rondo had 10 playoff triple-doubles in Boston, which won the title in 2008 and went the NBA Finals again two years later. The Mavericks gambled that they were getting the player Rondo was

Please see **MAVS**/3C

Oklahoma City Thunder fire coach Scott Brooks

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Scott Brooks did everything but win a championship. It wasn't enough.


Brooks

The Oklahoma City Thunder fired their coach on Wednesday, parting ways with a former NBA coach of the year who led the team to three conference finals in four years only to falter this season as his players were hit hard by injuries.

Brooks coached the Thunder for seven seasons. Starting in 2010-11, he led the team to the Western Conference finals three out of four years, and the Thunder reached the NBA Finals in 2012. The Thunder failed to make the playoffs this past season, as injuries limited them to a 45-37 finish.

Brooks was 338-207 (.620) with the Thunder and was the 2009-10 NBA Coach of the Year. He said last week that he expected to be the coach next season.

"This is an extremely difficult decision on many levels," Thunder general manager Sam Presti said.

Still, Brooks was criticized by many for failing to win a title with Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook on his roster. Durant was last year's MVP and is a four-time scoring champion, while Westbrook was this year's All-Star MVP and scoring champion. Presti backed Brooks throughout the season, but said Wednesday that being in position to win a title is important to him.

"It is very important to state that this decision is not a reflection of this past season, but rather an assessment of what we feel is necessary at this point in time in order to continually evolve, progress and sustain," he said. "We move forward with confidence in our foundation and embrace the persistence and responsibility that is required to construct an elite and enduring basketball organization capable of winning an NBA championship in Oklahoma City."

Team Chairman Clayton Bennett agreed.

"While a very hard decision, I support the need to transition to a new coach that will allow us to continue the growth and progress that will help us reach all of our goals," he said.

The Thunder stumbled to a 3-12 start this season as injuries took their toll. As the season progressed, Brooks became annoyed with speculation and doubters.

"I understand a lot of people out there are criticizing," Brooks said right before the All-Star break. "It's not something I worry about. My mother gave me a lot of great lessons, and one of the biggest lessons — don't listen to 'they.' 'They' never should impact how you think, how you prepare, and what are the things that you want to accomplish."

Judge OKs 65-year deal over NFL concussions; could cost $1B

By Maryclaire Dale
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — A federal judge has approved a settlement agreement that is expected to cost the NFL $1 billion over 65 years to resolve thousands of concussion lawsuits.

NFL actuaries estimate 6,000 of nearly 20,000 retired players to someday suffer from Alzheimer's disease or moderate dementia.

The settlement approved Wednesday by a federal judge in Philadelphia would pay them about $190,000 on average.

The awards could reach $1 million to $5 million for those diagnosed in their 30s and 40s with Parkinson's disease or Lou Gehrig's disease, or for deaths involving chronic brain trauma.

The league has been dogged for years by complaints that it long hid the risks of repeated concussions in order to return players to the field.

Players' lawyers have argued that the settlement will help families get needed financial awards or medical testing that might take years if the case went to trial.

Senior U.S. District Judge Anita Brody approved the deal after twice sending it back to lawyers over concerns the fund might run out. The negotiators did not increase the original $765 million plan, but agreed to remove that number as the cap.

The settlement approval, a week before the NFL draft, ends a nearly four-year legal fight.

"Today, these courageous men and their families have made history," plaintiffs' lawyers Christopher Seeger and Sol Weiss said in a statement.

"With over 99 percent participation, it is clear the retired player community overwhelmingly supports this agreement," the lawyers added. "Indeed, throughout this settlement process, we have heard directly from countless retired players who are in dire need of these benefits."

The benefits process could start this summer, but any appeal would delay all payments indefinitely.

The deal means the NFL may never have to disclose what it knew when about the risks and treatment of concussions. The settlement, Brody wrote, is not an admission of liability or wrongdoing or recognition of the validity of the plaintiffs' claims.

But the NFL has acknowledged the concussion epidemic publicly, changing protocols for evaluating injured players during games and launching an advertising and social media campaign to promote safe play at all levels of football.

The league's top lawyer said Brody's approval "powerfully underscores the fairness and propriety" of the settlement.

"Retirees and their families will be eligible for prompt and substantial benefits and will avoid years of costly litigation that — as Judge Brody's comprehensive opinion makes clear — would have an uncertain prospect of success," NFL general counsel Jeff Pash said in a statement.

The total NFL payouts over 65 years, including interest and $112 million sought for lawyer fees, is expected to be more than $1 billion.

Critics contend the NFL is getting off lightly given annual revenues of about $10 billion. But plaintiffs would have first had to fight their way into court — instead of getting booted to NFL mediation under their players' contracts — to prevail.

"From a business point of view, (the NFL has) ... avoided what may have been the biggest risk to their continued prosperity," said Andrew Brandt, director of the sports law program at Villanova

Please see **CONCUSSIONS**/4C

'HOUNDSWATCH

TUESDAY'S SCORE
Midland 9, Arkansas 3

TODAY'S GAME
San Antonio at Midland, 7 p.m., Security Bank Ballpark

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

RECORDS
Midland 5-7, San Antonio 5-7

Tuesday	Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Midland 9, Arkansas 3	San Antonio at Midland	San Antonio at Midland	San Antonio at Midland	San Antonio at Midland

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL

Richmond vs. Melbourne, 4:30 a.m., FS2

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Georgia at Auburn, 6 p.m., SEC

Texas A&M at LSU, 6:30 p.m., ESPNU

San Francisco at BYU, 7 p.m., BYUtv

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Tennessee at Alabama, 7 p.m., ESPN

GOLF

PGA: Zurich Classic of New Orleans, First Round, 2 p.m., GOLF

European PGA: Volvo China Open, Second Round, 1:30 a.m., GOLF

MLB

NY Yankees at Detroit, Noon, MLB

Kansas City at Chic. White Sox, 7 p.m., MLB

MEN'S SOCCER

UEFA Europa Quarterfinal, Leg 2: FC Zenit St. Petersburg vs. Sevilla, 2 p.m., FS1

UEFA Europa Quarterfinal, Leg 2: SSC Napoli vs. Vfl. Wolfsburg, 2 p.m., FS2

UEFA Europa Quarterfinals, Leg 2: Multimatch 90, 2 p.m., FOXSOCP

NBA

Eastern Conference Quarterfinal, Game 3: Cleveland at Boston, 6 p.m., TNT

Eastern Conference Quarterfinal, Game 3: Chicago at Milwaukee, 7 p.m., NBAtv

Western Conference Quarterfinal, Game 3: Golden State at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m., TNT

NHL

Eastern Conference Quarterfinal, Game 4: Tampa Bay at Detroit, 6 p.m., NBCSN

x-Eastern Conference Quarterfinal, Game 5: NY Islanders at Washington, TBD (likely 6 p.m.), CNBC or NBCSN (likely CNBC)

x- Western Conference Quarterfinal, Game 5: Chicago at Nashville, TBD (likely 8:30 PM), CNBC or NBCSN (likely NBCSN)

x-Western Conference Quarterfinal, Game 5: Calgary at Vancouver, TBD (likely 8:30 PM), CNBC or NBCSN (likely CNBC)

x- Time and network TBA on Monday, but speculated start times and networks based off of Week 1 times and networks in those locations.

TENNIS

WTA: Stuttgart and ATP: Barcelona, 5 a.m., TENNIS

Women's College Lacrosse

ACC Quarterfinal: Virginia Tech vs. North Carolina, 10 a.m., FSSW+

ACC Quarterfinal: Notre Dame vs. Virginia, Noon, FSSW+

ACC Quarterfinal: Louisville vs. Duke, 3 p.m., FSSW+

ACC Quarterfinal: Syracuse vs. Boston College, 5 p.m., FSSW+

Penn State at Maryland, 6 p.m., BTN

TL STANDINGS

Texas League

First half

North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	9	4	.667	-
Tulsa	7	5	.583	1
Northwest Arkansas	5	6	.500	2
Springfield	4	8	.333	4

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Corpus Christi	8	4	.667	-
Frisco	5	7	.417	3
Midland	5	7	.417	3
San Antonio	5	7	.417	3

Tuesday's Scores

Northwest Arkansas 8, Frisco 4
Corpus Christi 6, Tulsa 5
Springfield 3, San Antonio 2 10 innings
Midland 9, Arkansas 3

Today's Games

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

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Assigned RHP Kyle Drabek outright to Charlotte (IL).

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Claimed OF Gary Brown off waivers from St. Louis and will option him to Salt Lake (PCL). Transferred RHP Cory Rasmus to the 60-day DL. Placed RHP Matt Shoemaker on the bereavement list. Recalled RHP Nick Tropeano from Salt Lake.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Claimed LHP Matt Tracy off waivers from Miami and optioned him to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Recalled RHP Arnold Leon from Nashville (PCL). Optioned RHP R.J. Alvarez to Nashville.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Signed OF Carlos Quentin to a minor league contract.

TEXAS RANGERS — Voided the March 30 option of RHP Nick Tepesch to Round Rock (PCL) and placed him on the 15-day DL, retroactive to March 30.

National League

COLORADO ROCKIES — Reinstated RHP John Axford from the family medical emergency list. Placed RHP LaTroy Hawkins on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Scott Oberg from Albuquerque (PCL). Optioned C/1B Wilin Rosario to Albuquerque.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Recalled OF Chris Heisey from Oklahoma City (PCL). Optioned LHP Adam Liberatore to Oklahoma City.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Traded LHP Xavier Cedeno to the L.A. Dodgers for cash. Recalled LHP Matt Grace from Syracuse (IL). Placed LHP Felipe Rivero on the 15-day DL, retroactive to April 18.

American Association

AMARILLO THUNDERHEADS — Signed RHP Kamakani Utsu.

FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Signed OF Chad Mozingo.

Can-Am League

OTTAWA CHAMPIONS — Released OF Mike Provencher.

QUEBEC CAPITALES — Signed OF Alexei Bell, INF Yordan Manduley, RHP Ismel Jimenez and OF Yunieski Gourriel.

SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Signed RHP Matt Sommo and RHP Josh Mueller.

Frontier League

EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Signed RHP Connor Lofte and RHP Trevor Walch to contract extensions and OF Ronnie Richardson. C Steve Sukosik, and RHP Tyler Vail.

JOLIET SLAMMERS — Released INF-OF Matt Weaver.

WASHINGTON WILD THINGS — Signed LHP Kyle Heiesk and OF Edinson Rincon.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA — Announced a group headed by billionaire Antony Ressler has agreed to purchase the NBA's Atlanta Hawks. Fined Houston G Jason Terry $5,000 for violating the anti-flopping rules during a game on April 20.

OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER — Fire coach Scott Brooks.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL — Suspended Dallas DE Greg Hardy for the first 10 games of the 2015 regular season without pay, for conduct detrimental to the league.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed coach Marvin Lewis to a one-year contract extension through the 2016 season.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed OLs Jeff Linkenbach and Jacques McClendon.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Agreed to terms with OT Byron Bell.

Canadian Football League

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed WRs Lavon Downs and Jhomo Gordon. LBs C.J. Wilson and Kenny Tate and RB Carlos Andersor.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

BUFFALO SABRES — Signed F Evan Rodrigues to a two-year, entry-level contract.

NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Recalled Ge Marek Mazanec and Magnus Hellberg. Ds Joe Pakula, Anthony Bitetto and Johan Ahn, and Fs Rich Clune, Colton Sissons, Brendan Arvidsson and Austin Watson from Milwaukee (AHL).

Western Hockey League

VICTORIA ROYALS — Signed G Coleman Vollrath to an amateur tryout agreement. Announced F Greg Chase has been assigned to Oklahoma City (AHL) by Edmonton (NHL).

COLLEGE

AUSTIN PEAY — Named David Midlick women's basketball coach.

FLAGLER — Named Kyle Cregan men's assistant basketball coach.

FORDHAM — Named Rodney Crawford men's assistant basketball coach and Willie Cruz assistant director of basketball operations/strength training coach.

MINNESOTA — Announced sophomore F Reggie Lynch is transferring from Illinois State.

NEW MEXICO — Named Chris Herrman men's associate head basketball coach. Released junior F Jordan Goodman from his basketball scholarship.

FISHING REPORT

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water stained; 68-73 degrees. 9.99 feet low. Black bass are fair on flukes, Senkos and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs under a slip cork. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 67-71 degrees; 19.37 feet low. One ramp open and few anglers have been on the lake.

COLORADO CITY: 23.36 feet low. No report available.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 66-71 degrees; 16.06 feet low. Black bass are fair on chatterbaits, flukes and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and live minnows in 2-8 feet. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 66-71 degrees; 31.23 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on shallow running crankbaits, Texas rigs and chartreuse or white spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and live shad.

NASWORTHY: No report available.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 67-72 degrees; 25.64 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on chatterbaits, Texas rigs and split shot rigged flukes. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs under a slip cork. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 66-72 degrees; 45.04 feet low. Black bass are good on Texas rigs, weightless Grande Bass Rattlesnakes and buzzbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished shallow. Catfish are fair to good on live bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear; 66-72 degrees; 13.94 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on spinnerbaits, Texas rigs, weightless Senkos and Pegase jigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on Rolled Runners. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on live shad and nightcrawlers.

SPENCE: 70.94 feet low. No report available.

STAMFORD: 16.91 feet low. No report available.

SWEETWATER: Water off color; 65-71 degrees. 28.52 feet low. No report available.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water murky; 65-69 degrees. 28.65 feet low. Black bass are good on crankbaits, jerkbaits, soft plastics, and jigs. Striped bass are fair on slabs, small crankbaits, and spoons. White bass are good on slabs, small crankbaits, and minnows. Crappie are fair on live minnows up Devil's River in the trees. Catfish are fair on cheeseball, shrimp, and nightcrawlers over baited holes. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water stained; 67-71 degrees. Black bass are fair on dark soft plastics, crankbaits, and spinnerbaits. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp, shrimp, and minnows. Yellow catfish are slow.

BELTON: Water murky; 63-67 degrees; 11.55 feet low. Black bass are good on Rat-L-Traps and spinnerbaits. Hybrid striper are good on spoons. White bass are fair on minnows and Li'l Fishies. Crappie are excellent on minnows around structure under lights at night. Channel and blue catfish are good on hot dogs. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines and throwlines baited with live perch.

BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 66-70 degrees; 12.71 feet low. Black bass to 7 pounds are excellent on crankbaits, spinnerbaits, and Shaky Head and Bass Hogg jigs in 4-10 feet. Hybrid striper are strong. White bass are excellent on minnows, crankbaits, and spinnerbaits in 2-6 feet. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are slow. Blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

BUCHANAN: Water murky; 64-68 degrees; 31.66 feet low. Black bass are good on hard jerkbaits, JDC RocFraw trailers, and black/blue Whacky Sticks on jigheads along ledges in 12-20 feet. Striped bass are fair trolling crankbaits and drifting live bait in 20-80 feet. White bass are fair on Pink Minnows, Shad Raps, and live bait. Crappie are good on minnows over brush piles. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are slow.

Sockers FC releases its 2015 roster

From staff reports

Several Division I athletes highlight the initial 2015 Sockers roster released on Wednesday.

Five of the 19 players are from the University of North Carolina, which advanced to the NCAA quarterfinals for the sixth time in seven seasons.

Five on the roster also return from the 2014 squad that narrowly missed the postseason. Forward Tucker Hume, defender Walker Hume, midfielder Fabio Pena, midfielder/defender Isaac Sanchez and midfielder Scott Smith return. Tucker Hume set a Sockers' single-season record last summer with five assists, and his 13 points (4 goals, 5 assists) were the fourth highest season mark for the club.

Andrew Fox and Danny Riley, both from St. Edward's University, are two highly-anticipated newcomers as both have had multiple All-Heartland Conference selections to their resumes and they have combined to win the last three Heartland Conference Player of the Year Awards with Fox winning it last year and Riley winning it in 2012 and 2013.

"This should be a very, very exciting team to watch," said Jeff VonHolle, Sockers assistant general manager and director of soccer operations. "Coach (Matt) Barnes has done a remarkable job scouring the country and bringing 19 extremely talented players to West Texas."

The Sockers open the 2015 season May 16 with a game at the Albuquerque Sol.

2015 SOCKERS FC ROSTER

Name	Pos.	Hometown	College
Esteban Berumen	F	Pittsburg, Calif.	Notre Dame de Namur
Jesus Bolivar	MF-F	Miami	North Carolina
Sean Boyle	GK	Wayzata, Minn.	Hartwick College
Kamron Crow	D	Pleasanton, Calif.	San Francisco
Christian de Luna	D	San Jose, Calif.	San Francisco
Andrew Fox	MF	Cambridge, U.K.	St. Edward's
Tucker Hume	F	San Angelo	North Carolina
Walker Hume	D	San Angelo	North Carolina
Omar Lawrence	D	Kingston, Jamaica	Valparaiso
Andy Lopez	MF	Mission	North Carolina
Casey Macias	MF	Chicago	San Diego State
Troy McKerrell	D	Argyll & Butte, Scotland	Benedictine College
Joseph Melong	GK	Winnipeg, Canada	Temple
Fabio Pena	MF	Sao Paulo, Brazil	Embry-Riddle
Kristian Pippo	MF	Honefoss, Norway	Binghampton University
Danny Riley	F	Keighley, England	St. Edward's
Isaac Sanchez	MF	Mexico City	Embry-Riddle
Scott Smith	MF	Newcastle, England	Marymount California
Alan Winn	F	Garland	North Carolina

Chaps rout Odessa College in victory

From staff reports

Chaparrals.....20
Wranglers.....5

The Midland College baseball team pounded out 17 hits and had an eight-run first inning to beat Odessa College 20-5 in seven innings in a non-conference game at Christensen Stadium on Wednesday night.

The Chaparrals (29-18) also connected for five home runs as Christian Whigham, Cade Davis, Colton Chalker, Chris Thibideau and Tony Beam all went deep.

The Chaps had five hits and took advantage of an error in that big first inning. Tony Beam had a three-run home run, and Thibideau had a solo shot to spark that inning.

Davis added a grand slam the five-run fourth, and Chalker had a three-run blast in the four-run sixth.

Davis was 2-for-3 with a double, home run, four RBI and three runs scored; Nick Russell was 3-for-4 with three RBI and two runs scored; Tony Reyes was 3-for-3 with a double and two runs scored; Clarkson was 2-for-3; and Brent Stewart was 2-for-4 with three runs scored.

Jason Conway got the win in relief.

The Chaps return to Western Junior College Athletic Conference play at 3 p.m. when they host a doubleheader against New Mexico Military Institute at Christensen Stadium.

MIDLAND COLLEGE 20, ODESSA COLLEGE 5, 7 INNINGS

Odessa	200	012	0	-5	7	2
Midland	810	3x4	x	-20	17	1

Chase Lowman, Ramon Arguelles (4), Ruben Renteria (6) and Jacob Nunez. Jacob DeAnda, Jason Conway (4), Cade Davis (5) Jacob Blevins (6), Sebastian Palacios (7) and Tony Beam. W — Conway. L — Lowman, 2B — OC: Wesley Jordan, Andy Rios; MC: Davis, Tony Reyes. HR — MC: Christian Whigham, Davis, Colton Chalker, Chris Thibideau, Beam.

Records: Midland College 29-18; Odessa College 27-21

Next: New Mexico Military Institute at Midland College (DH), 3 p.m Friday

HIGHSCHOOLSPORTSROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Golf

TRINITY BOYS FINISH 2ND AT REGIONAL

WEATHERFORD — The Trinity boys golf team is heading back to the TAPPS 3A State Tournament after finishing in second place at the TAPPS 3A North Regional on Tuesday.

The Chargers shot 316 to finish 18 strokes back of Waco Vanguard.

Austin Escamilla led the Chargers with a 74 score, which put him in a tie for second place in the medalist standings. Phillip Beal and Will Farish each shot a 79 and finished in a tie for 10th in the individual standings.

Trinity will next play in the TAPPS 3A State Golf Tournament to be held at Stonetree Golf Course in Killeen on April 27-28.

TAPPS 3A NORTH REGIONAL
at Canyon West Golf Club, Weatherford
Team standings — 1. x-Waco Vanguard 298; 2. x-Trinity 316, 3.x- Rockwall Heritage 330; 4. x-Arlington Gracep Prep 352; 5. Dallas Lutheran 356, 6. Fort Worth Lake Country 375; 7. Lubbock Christian 381. 8. McKinney Christian 392, 9. Abilene Christian 411

Medalist standings — 1. Noah Hase, Dallas Lutheran, 73; 2. T-2. Austin Escamilla, Trinity, 74; T-4. Hunter Caldwell, Vanguard, 74; T-4. Lewis Ainsworth, Vanguard, 74; Max Harmon, Vanguard, 74; T-6. Cooper Anderton, Vanguard, 76; T-6. Reagan Oliver, Heritage, 76; 8. Cole Turns, Vanguard, 78; T-10. Phillip Beal, Trinity, 79; T-10 Will Farish, Trinity, 79

Trinity — Austin Escamilla 74; Phillip Beal 79; Will Farish 79; Gage Morrow 84; Christopher Palacios 96

MCA GIRLS FINISH 2ND AT NORTH REGIONAL

WEATHERFORD — The Midland Classical Academy girls golf team finished second at the TAPPS 3A North Regional Tournament on Tuesday.

MCA shot a 402 to finish 40 shots behind Waco Vanguard.

MCA was led by Madison Sheets, who finished third in the medalist standings with an 88. Lexy Carter was fifth in the standings with a 95.

The Lady Knights next play in the TAPPS 3A State Golf Tournament to be held at Stonetree Golf Course in Killeen on April 27-28.

TAPPS 3A NORTH REGIONAL
at Canyon West Golf Club, Weatherford
Team standings — 1. Waco Vanguard 362; 2. Midland Classical Academy 402; 3. Lubbock Christian 419; 4. Abilene Christian 505

MCA (402) — Madison Sheets 88. Jaden Crow 99, Lexy Carter 95, Rachel Boyt 120, Samantha Carter 132

Track

TRINITY FARES WELL AT DISTRICT MEET

SPRINGTOWN — Preston Ramsey and Katie Pack helped the Trinity boys and girls track teams have a solid day at the TAPPS 1-3A District Meet on Monday.

Pack won the girls 800 meter race in a time of 2 minutes, 30.22 seconds and then teamed with Ava English, Padilaa Mikayla and Macy Essman to win the 1,600 relay with a time of 4.19.23.

The Trinity girls finished fourth in the team standings with 74 points. Temple Christian was first with 112, followed by Lake Country Christian (89) and Grace Prep Academy (87).

Ramsey won the boys 400 (53.25) and the 800 (2:07.78) as the Chargers finished third in the team standings with 105.50. Temple Christian was first with 118 points, followed by Grace Prep Academy with 107.

Trinity will next participate in the TAPPS 3A North Region Track Meet on April 30 in Springtown.

TAPPS DISTRICT 1-3A TRACK MEET
Trinity results (top 3 finishers)
Girls

400 — 3. Macy Essman. 1:02.99
800 — 1. Katie Pack, 2:30.22
1,600 — 3. DeWoody Taylor, 4:45.118
800 relay — 2. Trinity (Erika Fanous, Rebecca Young, Karoline Watson, Ava English), 1:55.70
1,600 relay — 1. Trinity (English, Padilla Mikayla, Pack, Essman), 4.19.23

Boys

400 — 1. Preston Ramsey, 53.25
800 — 1. Preston Ramsey, 2:07.78
400 relay — 2. Trinity (Ricky Martinez, Cade Lawson, Payton Herrington, Treydon Seay), 45.20
800 relay — 2. Trinity (Clayton Lawrence, Lawson, Jacyree Stubblefield, Payton Herrington) 1:39.05
1,600 realy - 2. Trinity (Powers Ramsey, Seay, Lawernce, Ramsey), 3:37.79
Shot Put — 2. Jonah Starck, 45-08.75
Discus — 2. Starck, 119-9.25

Tennis

GRADY'S GIBSON WINS BOYS SINGLES

ABILENE — Grady freshman Dominic Gibson won the Region II-A boys singles title on Tuesday by defeating Wink's Donovan Garcia, 6-3, 6-1.

Gibson defeated a player from Menard, a player from Water Valley and another player from Wink in straight sets to reach the championship match.

Gibson will next play at the Class 1A State Tournament in College Station on May 12-13.

In other Grady results, Ariel Arnold and Carli Richards advanced to the second round in girls doubles, Jenny Fields and Draven Schoberg advanced to the second round in girls doubles, Alejandro Jimenez and Andrue Robles advanced to the second round in boys doubles, Kyle Garza and Britney Garza advanced to the second round in mixed doubles, and the mixed doubles team of E.J. Rodriquez and Viviana Perez finished fourth in mixed doubles.

Bonds' obstruction conviction thrown out

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Barry Bonds has been cleared legally after 11 1/2 years in court. His reputation remains tainted in the mind of many baseball fans.

A federal court of appeals threw out the career home run leader's obstruction of justice conviction on Wednesday, ruling 10-1 that his meandering answer before a grand jury in 2003 was not material to the government's investigation into illegal steroids distribution.

"Today's news is something that I have long hoped for," Bonds said in a statement. "I am humbled and truly thankful for the outcome as well as the opportunity our judicial system affords to all individuals to seek justice."

Now 50, Bonds said "I am excited about what the future holds for me as I embark on the next chapter."

Bonds broke Hank Aaron's long-standing career record of 755 homers in 2007, finished that season with 762 and was indicted that December for his testimony before a grand jury investigating the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, when he answered a question about injections by saying he was "a celebrity child."

He was convicted of the obstruction charge in 2011, and a three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously upheld the conviction in 2013.

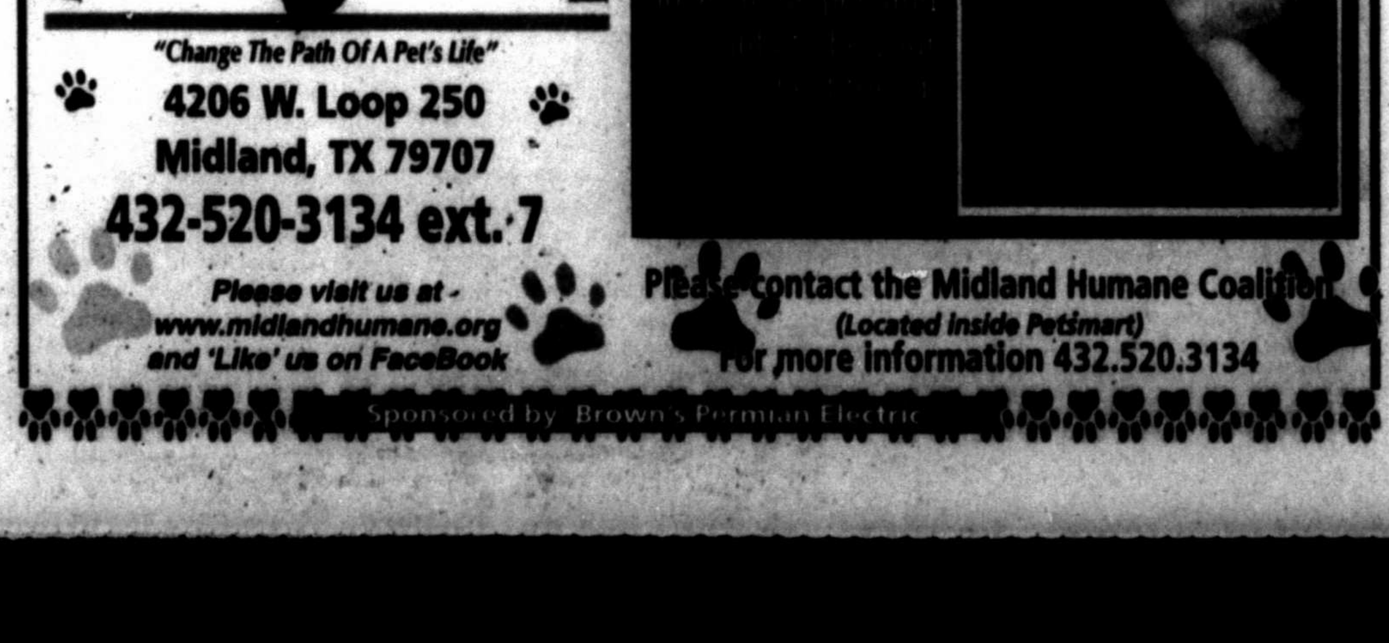
But the larger group, which listened to arguments from prosecutors and Bonds' lawyers last September, concluded there was insufficient evidence his initial evasive answer was material to the grand jury's probe.

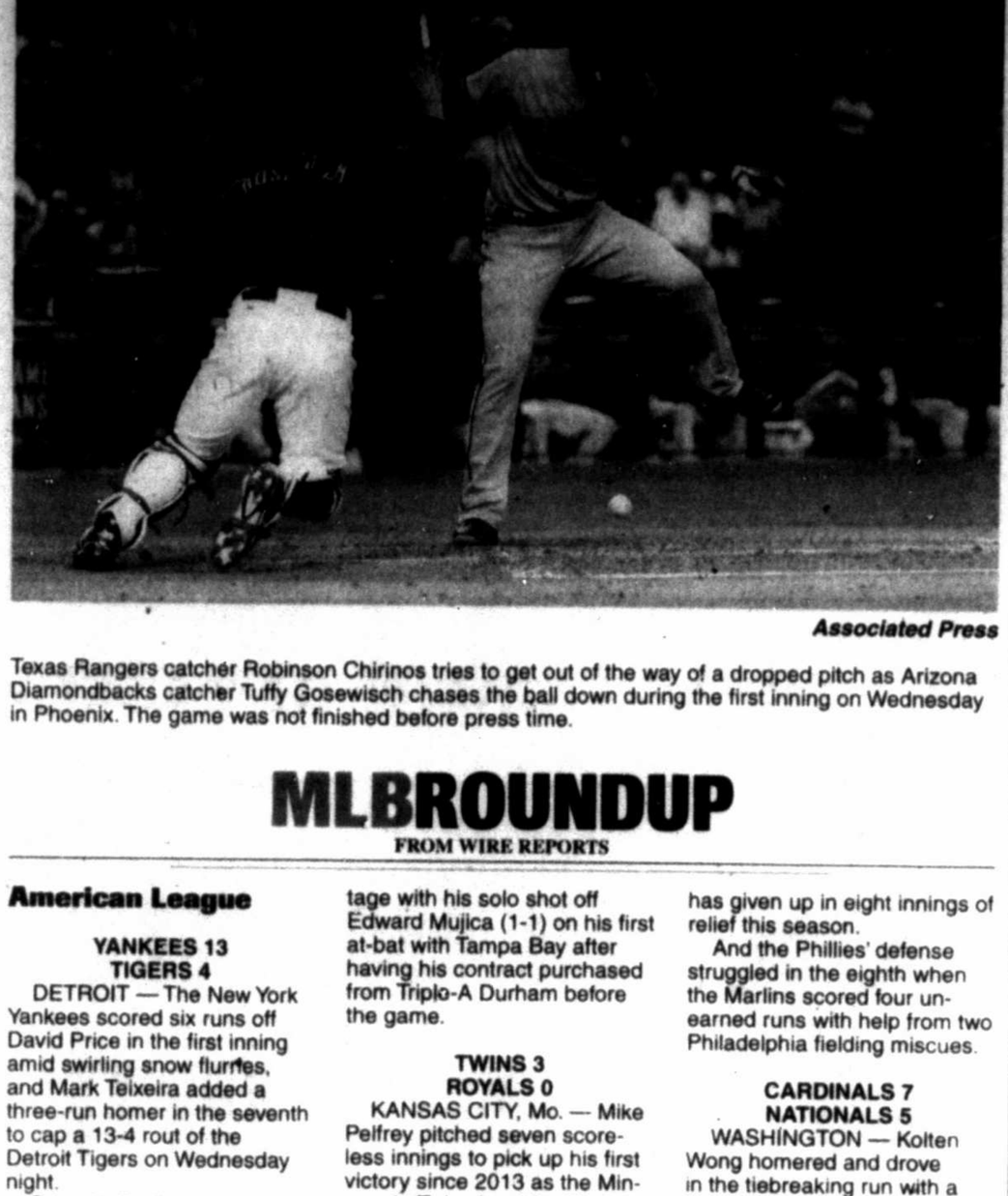
"The most one can say about this statement is that it was non-responsive and thereby impeded the investigation to a small degree by wasting the grand jury's time and trying the prosecutors' patience," Judge Alex Kozinski wrote. "Real-life witness examinations, unlike those in movies and on television, invariably are littered with non-responsive and irrelevant answers."

Jessica Wolfram, one of the jurors who convicted Bonds following the three-week trial and four days of deliberations, said she couldn't help but feel the decade-long prosecution was "all a waste, all for nothing."

In testifying before the grand jury, Bonds claimed he didn't realize substances he used were illegal performance-enhancing drugs. The appellate judges based their decision on legal issues involving witness testimony, not the underlying facts.

Despite holding the career and season home run marks — he hit a single-year record 73 in 2001 — Bonds has been denied entry into baseball's Hall of Fame by baseball writers. He appeared on 36.8 percent of ballots this year, less than half the 75 percent needed.





Associated Press

Texas Rangers catcher Robinson Chirinos tries to get out of the way of a dropped pitch as Arizona Diamondbacks catcher Tuffy Gosewisch chases the ball down during the first inning on Wednesday in Phoenix. The game was not finished before press time.

Pau Gasol wins Pro Basketball Writers' Magic Johnson Award

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Chicago Bulls All-Star Pau Gasol has won the Magic Johnson Award, given by the Professional Basketball Writers Association to the player who best combines excellence on the court with cooperation with the media.

Gasol led the NBA with 54 double-doubles in his first season in Chicago and averaged 18.5 points and 11.8 rebounds in helping the Bulls to a 50-32 record and the No. 3 seed in the Eastern Conference. They have a 2-0 lead over Milwaukee in their first-round series.

"I just try to be helpful. I try to help other people do their jobs well," Gasol said. "I understand my position and that this is a part of our jobs. So I always try to be kind and polite even when I'm not feeling great or I might be upset because of the loss. But I understand that it's still part of my job to be one of the team's leaders and role models to stand up and share my thoughts when I need to."

Gasol beat out finalists Stephen Curry of Golden State, LeBron James of Cleveland, Manu Ginobili of San Antonio and Damian Lillard of Portland on Wednesday.

The PBWA created the award that is named for the Lakers Hall of Famer in 2001. Dallas' Dirk Nowitzki won last year.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

YANKEES 13
TIGERS 4

DETROIT — The New York Yankees scored six runs off David Price in the first inning amid swirling snow flurries, and Mark Teixeira added a three-run homer in the seventh to cap a 13-4 rout of the Detroit Tigers on Wednesday night.

Price (1-1) allowed eight runs and 10 hits in 2 1-3 innings, his second straight terrible start against the Yankees. Detroit has lost back-to-back games for the first time this season.

WHITE SOX 6
INDIANS 0

CHICAGO — Jeff Samardzija wound up in the win column for the first time with the Chicago White Sox, helped by a couple of big swings Jose Abreu tobk against Corey Kluber.

Samardzija threw six shutout innings as the White Sox trounced the reigning AL Cy Young Award winner and the Cleveland Indians 6-0 on Wednesday.

Samardzija (1-1) had been winless in his first three starts for the White Sox. The 30-year-old righty from nearby Merrillville, Indiana, allowed six hits, walked two and struck out three.

BLUE JAYS 4
ORIOLES 2

TORONTO — Devon Travis returned from a brief injury absence and picked up right where he left off: hitting the ball hard.

Travis got three hits,"including a go-ahead home run that sent the Toronto Blue Jays over the Baltimore Orioles 4-2 on Wednesday night.

"He's a special kid," manager John Gibbons said of the rookie infielder. "He's got a great idea of the strike zone."

RAYS 7
RED SOX 5

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Jake Elmore homered, Brandon Guyer had a two-run, pinch-hit single in a four-run sixth and the Tampa Bay Rays rallied from a four-run deficit to beat the Boston Red Sox 7-5 on Wednesday night.

After a tiebreaking run scored on Desmond Jennings' double-play grounder, Elmore gave the Rays a 7-5 advantage with his solo shot off Edward Mujica (1-1) on his first at-bat with Tampa Bay after having his contract purchased from Triple-A Durham before the game.

TWINS 3
ROYALS 0

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Mike Pelfrey pitched seven scoreless innings to pick up his first victory since 2013 as the Minnesota Twins beat the Kansas City Royals 3-0 Wednesday night.

Joe Mauer reached base four times with two hits and two walks and scored a run.

Pelfrey's last victory was Sept. 23, 2013, against Detroit. He went 0-3 in five starts last year before undergoing season-ending elbow surgery on June 10.

National League

CUBS 4
PIRATES 3

PITTSBURGH — Gregory Polanco hit his first home run of the season and Vance Worley got through 5 2-3 shaky innings for his second straight win as the Pittsburgh Pirates held off the Chicago Cubs 4-3 on Wednesday night.

Polanco's leadoff home run in the bottom of the fifth inning off Jason Hammel increased the Pirates' lead to 4-1. It came after Polanco made a fine running catch of a fly ball hit by rookie star Kris Bryant with the bases loaded to end the top of the inning.

MARLINS 6
PHILLIES 1

PHILADELPHIA — The Miami Marlins wanted to snap their early season skid.

And the Philadelphia Phillies gave them plenty of help.

Adeiny Hechavarria had a pair of hits and scored the go-ahead run and Miami took advantage of Philadelphia's sloppy play to end a five-game losing streak with a 6-1 victory over the Phillies on Wednesday.

The Marlins scored five unearned runs.

"We haven't gotten a lot of breaks," manager Mike Redmond said. "We got a few tonight and took advantage."

They took the lead in the seventh. Hechavarria scored from third when Luis Garcia (1-1) balked while trying to hold the speedy Dee Gordon on first. It was the first run Garcia has given up in eight innings of relief this season.

And the Phillies' defense struggled in the eighth when the Marlins scored four unearned runs with help from two Philadelphia fielding miscues.

CARDINALS 7
NATIONALS 5

WASHINGTON — Kolten Wong homered and drove in the tiebreaking run with a double in the eighth inning to lift the St. Louis Cardinals to a 7-5 victory over the Washington Nationals on Wednesday night.

Wong finished 3 for 4 with three RBIs. He had a two-run homer in the second inning and a single in the fourth.

Jon Jay drew a one-out walk off Blake Treinen (0-2) in the eighth and moved to third on Yadier Molina's single. Wong then sliced a double down the left-field line, scoring Jay to break a 5-5 tie.

METS 3
BRAVES 2

NEW YORK — Lucas Duda hit a tiebreaking single in the eighth inning that sent the New York Mets to their 10th consecutive victory Wednesday night, 3-2 over the Atlanta Braves.

Wilmer Flores hit a tying homer and an RBI single for the Mets (12-3), on their longest winning streak since taking 10 straight in July 2008. Another victory in the series finale Thursday afternoon would match the team record of 11-in a row — last accomplished in 1990 — and complete a perfect 10-game run on their first homestand of the season.

REDS 2
BREWERS 1

MILWAUKEE — Billy Hamilton dashed home on a two-out wild pitch in the ninth inning and the Cincinnati Reds beat Milwaukee 2-1 Wednesday night, the Brewers' seventh straight loss.

Hamilton scored both runs for Cincinnati, which won its third straight game against Milwaukee after enduring a 1-6 stretch. The Brewers have the worst record in the majors at 2-13.

Johnny Cueto (1-2) gave up five hits and struck out eight in eight innings, winning his fifth decision in a row against Milwaukee. Aroldis Chapman pitched the ninth for his fourth save.

MLB STANDINGS, BOXES & LINESCORES

STANDINGS
AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	9	6	.600	—
New York	8	7	.533	1
Toronto	8	7	.533	1
Baltimore	7	8	.467	2
Tampa Bay	7	8	.467	2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	11	4	.733	—
Kansas City	11	4	.733	—
Chicago	6	8	.429	4½
Minnesota	6	9	.400	5
Cleveland	5	9	.357	5½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	8	6	.571	—
Oakland	7	8	.467	1½
Los Angeles	6	8	.429	2
Texas	6	8	.429	2
Seattle	5	9	.357	3

Wednesday's Scores
Chicago White Sox 6, Cleveland 0
Toronto 4, Baltimore 2
N.Y.Yankees 13, Detroit 4
Tampa Bay 7, Boston 5
Minnesota 3, Kansas City 0
Texas at Arizona, late
Oakland at L.A. Angels, late
Houston at Seattle, late

Today's Games
N.Y.Yankees (Tanaka 2-1) at Detroit (An. Sanchez 1-2), 12:08 p.m.
Oakland (Chavez 0-0) at L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 1-2), 6:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Tillman 2-1) at Toronto (Hutchison 1-0), 6:07 p.m.
Boston (Buchholz 1-2) at Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 2-1), 6:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Ventura 2-1) at Chicago White Sox (Sale 2-0), 7:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	12	3	.800	—
Atlanta	8	6	.571	3½
Washington	7	6	.467	5
Philadelphia	5	10	.333	7
Miami	4	11	.267	8

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	9	4	.692	—
Chicago	8	6	.571	1½
Cincinnati	8	6	.571	1½
Pittsburgh	7	6	.467	2
Milwaukee	2	13	.133	8

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	9	4	.692	—
San Diego	10	5	.667	—
Arizona	7	7	.500	2½
Colorado	7	7	.500	2½
San Francisco	5	10	.333	5

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

Today Games
Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Locke 2-0), 11:35 a.m.
Miami (Phelps 0-0) at Philadelphia (McGowan 1-0), 12:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Teheran 2-0) at N.Y.Mets (B.Colon 3-0), 12:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Bailey 0-1) at Milwaukee (Lohse 0-3), 12:40 p.m.
San Diego (T.Ross 1-0) at Colorado (Lyles 1-1), 2:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Bolsinger 0-0) at San Francisco (Undecided), 2:45 p.m.
St. Louis (Wacha 2-0) at Washington (Scherzer 1-1), 3:05 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S LINESCORES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
WHITE SOX 6, INDIANS 0

Cleveland	000	000	000	—0	8	0
Chicago	101	001	30x	—6	14	0

Kluber, Swarzak (7) and R.Perez; Samardzija, Da.Jennings (7), Jo.Ike (8), Petricka (9) and Soto. W—Samardzija 1-1. L—Kluber 0-2. HRs—Chicago, Abreu (5).

BLUE JAYS 4, ORIOLES 2

Baltimore	002	000	000	—2	5	1
Toronto	000	220	00x	—4	9	1

U.Jimenez, Gausman (6), O'Day (8) and Joseph; Aa.Sanchez, Osuna (6), Cecil (8), M.Castro (8) and Ru.Martin. W—Aa.Sanchez 1-2. L—U.Jimenez 1-1. Sv—M.Castro (3). HRs—Baltimore, Paredes (1). Toronto, Smoak (1), Travis (4).

YANKEES 13, TIGERS 4

New York	620	200	300	—13	15	1
Detroit	000	000	004	—4	6	2

Warren, J.Wilson (6), D.Carpenter (8), Shreve (9) and B.McCann; J.Murphy, Price, Nesbitt (3), Krol (6), Alburquerque (7), Chamberlain (8), Gorzelanny (9) and Avila. J.McCann. W—Warren 1-1. L—Price 1-1. HRs—New York, Teixeira (5).

RAYS 7, CELTICS 5

Boston	003	011	000	—5	8	0
Tampa Bay	100	004	20x	—7	12	1

J.Kelly, Breslow (6), Mujica (8), Varnell (7) and Hanigan; Kajns, Boxberger (7), Jepsen (8), Geltz (9) and Rivera, B.Wilson. W—Boxberger 1-1. L—Mujica 1-1. Sv—Geltz (1). HRs—Boston, Pedroia (4), Ortiz (3). Tampa Bay, Souza Jr. (4), Elmore (1).

TWINS 3, ROYALS 0

Minnesota	300	000	000	—3	10	0
Kansas City	000	000	000	—0	6	1

Pelfrey, Pino (8), Perkins (9) and K.Suzuki. D.Guthrie, Pino (6), F.Morales (9) and S.Perez. W—Pelfrey 1-0. L—Guthrie 1-1. Sv—Perkins (3).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
MARLINS 6, PHILLIES 1

Miami	000	005	100	—6	10	0
Philadelphia	010	000	000	—1	5	3

Cosart, A.Ramos (7), Morris (8), Cishek (9) and Realmuto; Hamels, L.Garcia (7), Giles (8), De Fratus (8), Diekman (8) and Ruiz. W—Cosart 1-1. L—L.Garcia 1-1. HRs—Philadelphia, Asche (2).

PIRATES 4, CUBS 3

Chicago	000	100	020	—3	10	2
Pittsburgh	021	010	00x	—4	7	1

Hammel, Garmen (6), Rosscup (8), Strop (9) and M.Montero; Worley, Bastardo (6), Caminero (7), J.Hughes (8), Watson (8) and Cervelli. W—Worley, 2-1. L—Hammel 1-1. Sv—Watson (1). HRs—Pittsburgh, Polanco (1).

CARDINALS 7, NATIONALS 5

St. Louis	122	000	011	—7	11	2
Washington	005	000	000	—5	8	1

Lackey, Siegrist (6), Maness (8), Rosenthal (9) and Molina. Fister, Grace (7), Treinen (8), Ra.Martin (9) and W.Ramos. W—Siegrist 1-0. L—Treinen 0-2. Sv—Rosenthal (5). HRs—St. Louis, M.Carpenter (3). Wong (1), M.Adams (2).

METS 3, BRAVES 2

Atlanta	010	010	000	—2	8	1
New York	010	000	11x	—3	7	0

Shults, Co.Martin (7), Ji.Johnson (8), Cunniff (8) and Pierzynski; Gee, Gilmartin (6), Carlyle (8), Familia (9) and Plawecki. W—Carlyle 1-0. L—Ji.Johnson 1-1. Sv—Familia (7). HRs—New York, Flores (3).

REDS 2, BREWERS 1

Cincinnati	100	000	001	—2	4	0
Milwaukee	100	000	000	—1	5	0

Cueto, Chapman (9) and Pena; Nelson, F.Rodriguez (9) and Maldonado. W—Cueto 1-2. L—F.Rodriguez 0-2. Sv—Chapman (4).

TUESDAY'S LATE LINESCORES
RANGERS 7, DIAMONDBACKS 1

Texas	100	000	042	—7	8	2
Arizona	010	000	000	—1	7	3

N.Martinez, Kela (7), Sh.Tolleson (7), Scheppers (8) and Chirinos; C.Anderson, D.Hudson (8), E.Marshall (8), O.Perez (9) and Gosewisch. W—Sh.Tolleson 1-0. L—D.Hudson 0-1. HRs—Texas, Fielder (1).

ASTROS 6, MARINERS 3

Houston	001	000	050	—6	9	0
Seattle	101	100	000	—3	7	1

McHugh, Neshek (8), Qualls (9) and J.Castro; Conger, T.Walker, Leone (6), C.Smith (7); Furbush (8), Farquhar (8), Rodney (9) and Zunino. W—McHugh 3-0. L—Furbush 0-1. Sv—Qualls (1).

ANGELS 14, ATHLETICS 1

Oakland	001	000	000	—1	5	3
Los Angeles	040	009	40x	—14	18	0

Pomeranz, R.Alvarez (6), Abad (7), L.Davis (8) and Phegley; Santiago, Pestano (7), Bedrosian (8) and Iannetta. W—Santiago 2-1. L—Pomeranz 1-2. HRs—Oakland, B.Butler (2). Los Angeles, Giavotella (1), Calhoun (2).

PADRES 7, ROCKIES 6

San Diego	002	000	140	—7	13	0
Colorado	000	230	001	—6	7	1

Morrow, Maurer (7), Benoit (8), Kimbrel (9) and De.Norris; Matzek, B.Brown (6), Betancourt (7), Logan (8), Hawkins (9) and Hundley. W—Maurer 1-0. L—Logan 0-1. Sv—Kimbrel (5). HRs—San Diego, Barmes (1). Colorado, Hundley (1).

GIANTS 6, DODGERS 2

Los Angeles	000	010	001	—2	7	1
San Francisco	011	200	02x	—6	13	0

B.Anderson, Nicasio (5), Liberatore (6), Baez (7), Pfeitzbiger (8) and Grandal. Lincecum, Affeldt (7), Romo (8), Lopez (8), Machi (9), Casilla (9) and Susac. W—Lincecum 1-1. L—B.Anderson 1-1. Sv—Casilla (5). HRs—San Francisco, Maxwell (1).

Mavs

From 1C

before missing large parts of two seasons because of a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee.

Instead, Dallas ended up with a bad fit for an offense that has regressed after being among the league's best. The stress of trying to make it work peaked when Rondo and Carlisle yelled obscenities at each other heading into a timeout against Toronto in February. That wasn't long after Rondo missed six games because of a broken bone near his left eye.

Carlisle had praised Rondo since then, and as recently as the day before Game 2 when he said his point guard has been "playing really good basketball for the last month."

But with the Mavericks leading early in the fourth quarter and backup Devin Harris unavailable because of a toe injury, Carlisle still didn't go back to Rondo. J.J. Barea, who scored 13 points, and seldom-used Raymond Felton were his choices.

"I don't make decisions out there," Mavs star Dirk Nowitzki said. "I thought Ray had some good stretches throughout the game, gave us a lift off the bench. I thought J.J. gave us a lift in the first half. I guess that's what coach rolled with."

NBAPLAYOFFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

GRIZZLIES 97
TRAIL BLAZERS 82

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Mike Conley and Courtney Lee each scored 18 points, and the Memphis Grizzlies beat the Portland Trail Blazers 97-82 Wednesday night to grab the franchise's first 2-0 lead in a playoff series.

The Grizzlies took full advantage of starting the playoffs with home-court advantage for only the second time in their short postseason history. They had only won their playoff opener once before, and that was on the road in San Antonio in 2011.

Marc Gasol had 15 points, and Zach Randolph and Beno Udrih added 10 apiece.

LaMarcus Aldridge led Portland with 24 points and 14 rebounds, and he also had four blocks with two steals. Damian Lillard added 18 points but the Trail Blazers lost their first two playoff games for the first time since 2011, when they fell in six games to Dallas.

Nicolas Batum scored 11, while Robin Lopez and Meyers Leonard added 10 apiece.

HAWKS 96
NETS 91

ATLANTA — Paul Millsap scored 19 points and the top-seeded Atlanta Hawks again survived a tougher-than-expected test from the Brooklyn Nets, holding on for a 96-91 victory and a 2-0 lead in their Eastern Conference playoff series Wednesday night.

Squandering an early 12-point lead, the Hawks fell behind before halftime and spent the rest of the game struggling to put away the No. 8 seed.

It went down to the wire. Deron Williams missed an open 15-foot jumper that would've tied it with about 10 seconds to go. Kyle Korver rebounded, was fouled and made two free throws to clinch Atlanta's win.

NBA PLAYOFF SCHEDULE AND BOXES

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; * if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlanta 2, Brooklyn 0
Sunday, April 19: Atlanta 99, Brooklyn 92
Wednesday, April 22: Brooklyn 91, Atlanta 96
Saturday, April 25: Atlanta at Brooklyn, 2 p.m.
Monday, April 27: Atlanta at Brooklyn, TBA
x-Wednesday, April 29: Brooklyn at Atlanta, TBA
x-Friday, May 1: Atlanta at Brooklyn, TBA
x-Sunday, May 3: Brooklyn at Atlanta, TBA

Cleveland 2, Boston 0
Sunday, April 19: Cleveland 113, Boston 100
Tuesday, Cleveland 99, Boston 91
Today, Cleveland at Boston, 6 p.m.
Sunday, April 26: Cleveland at Boston, Noon
x-Tuesday, April 28: Boston at Cleveland, TBA
x-Thursday, April 30: Cleveland at Boston, TBA
x-Saturday, May 2: Boston at Cleveland, TBA

Chicago 2, Milwaukee 0
Saturday, April 18: Chicago 103, Milwaukee 91
Monday, April 20: Chicago 91, Milwaukee 82
Today: Chicago at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 25: Chicago at Milwaukee, 4:30 p.m.
x-Monday, April 27: Milwaukee at Chicago, TBA
x-Thursday, April 30: Chicago at Milwaukee, TBA
x-Saturday, May 2: Milwaukee at Chicago, TBA

Washington 2, Toronto 0
Saturday, April 18: Washington 93, Toronto, 86 OT
Tuesday: Washington 117, Toronto 106
Friday, April 24: Toronto at Washington, 7 p.m.
Sunday, April 26: Toronto at Washington, 6 p.m.
x-Wednesday, April 29: Washington at Toronto, TBA
x-Friday, May 1: Toronto at Washington, TBA
x-Sunday, May 3: Washington at Toronto, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Golden State 2, New Orleans 0
Saturday, April 18: Golden State 106, New Orleans 99
Monday, April 20: Golden State 97, New Orleans 87
Today: Golden State at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 25: Golden State at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
x-Tuesday, April 28: New Orleans at Golden State, TBA
x-Friday, May 1: Golden State at New Orleans, TBA
x-Sunday, May 3: New Orleans at Golden State, TBA

Houston 2, Dallas 0
Saturday, April 18: Houston 118, Dallas 108
Tuesday: Houston 111, Dallas 99
Friday, April 24: Houston at Dallas, 6 p.m.
Sunday, April 26: Houston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
x-Tuesday, April 28: Dallas at Houston, TBA
x-Thursday, April 30: Houston at Dallas, TBA
x-Saturday, May 2: Dallas at Houston, TBA

L.A. Clippers 1, San Antonio 0
Sunday, April 19: L.A. Clippers 107, San Antonio 92
Today: San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.
Friday, April 24: L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 26: L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 2:30 p.m.
x-Tuesday, April 28: San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, TBA
x-Thursday, April 30: L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, TBA
x-Saturday, May 2: San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, TBA

Memphis 2, Portland 0
Sunday, April 19: Memphis 100, Portland 86
Wednesday: Memphis 97, Portland 82
Saturday, April 25: Memphis at Portland, 9:30 p.m.
Monday, April 27: Memphis at Portland, 9:30 p.m.
x-Wednesday, April 29: Portland at Memphis, TBA
x-Friday, May 1: Memphis at Portland, TBA
x-Sunday, May 3: Portland at Memphis, TBA

WEDNESDAY'S BOXES
GRIZZLIES 97, TRAIL BLAZERS 82

PORTLAND (82): Batum 5-15 0-0 11, Aldridge 7-20 9-10 24, Lopez 5-8 0-0 10, Lillard 5-16 7-8 18, Crabbe 1-2 0-0 3, McCollum 3-13 0-0 6, Leonard 4-5 0-0 10, Freeland 0-0 0-0 0, Blake 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 30-77 16-18 82

MEMPHIS (97): Allen 2-4 0-0 4, Randolph 5-16 0-0 10, Gasol 4-15 7-7 15, Conley 6-11 4-4 18, Lee 8-11 1-1 18, Je.Green 4-13 0-0 9, Koufos 2-4 0-0 4, Udrih 4-9 2-2 10, Carter 3-6 0-0 9, Calathes 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-89 13-14 97

Portland	**21**	**18**	**21**	**22 — 82**
Memphis	**19**	**31**	**23**	**24 — 97**

3-Point Goals—Portland 6-20 (Leonard 2-2, Crabbe 1-1, Aldridge 1-2, Lillard 1-5, Batum 1-6, McCollum 0-4). Memphis 8-18 (Carter 3-5, Lee 2-3, Conley 2-3, Je.Green 1-3, Randolph 0-1, Udrih 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Portland 53 (Aldridge 14), Memphis 48 (Randolph 10). Assists—Portland 11 (Batum 7), Memphis 19 (Conley 6). Total Fouls—Portland 13, Memphis 19. Technicals—Portland defensive three second A—18,119 (18,119).

HAWKS 96, NETS 91

BROOKLYN (91): Johnson 6-16 4-4 19, Young 1-7 0-0 2, Lopez 8-15 4-4 20, Williams 1-7 0-0 2, Bogdanovic 3-9 0-0 8, Teletovic 0-2 0-0 0, Anderson 5-7 2-3 13, Jack 9-13 3-3 23, Plumlee 1-2 2-2 4. Totals 35-78 13-18 91

ATLANTA (96): Carroll 1-8 0-0 2, Millsap 7-11 1-2 19, Horford 6-15 2-2 14, Teague 6-16 2-2 16, Korver 5-9 4-5 17, Antic 2-6 3-5 8, Bazemore 1-5 1-2 3, Schroder 5-11 0-1 12, Scott 1-7 0-0 3, Mack 1-2 0-0 2, Brand 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-90 14-19 96

Brooklyn	**24**	**23**	**20**	**24 —**	**91**
Atlanta	**29**	**21**	**25**	**21 —**	**96**

3-Point Goals—Brooklyn 8-26 (Johnson 3-8, Jack 2-5, Bogdanovic 2-6, Anderson 1-2, Young 0-1, Williams 0-2, Teletovic 0-2). Atlanta 12-31 (Millsap 4-4, Korver 3-7, Teague 2-5, Schroder 1-2, Antic 1-2, Scott 1-3, Bazemore 0-3, Carroll 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Brooklyn 55 (Williams 10), Atlanta 53 (Horford 13). Assists—Brooklyn 23 (Williams 8), Atlanta 27 (Horford 7). Total Fouls—Brooklyn 21, Atlanta 18. Technicals—Atlanta defensive three second A—18,207 (18,729).

TUESDAY'S LATE BOX
ROCKETS 111, MAVERICKS 99

DALLAS (99): Jefferson 2-6 2-2 7, Nowitzki 3-14 4-4 10, Chandler 2-6 7-8 11, Rondo 2-4 0-0 4, Ellis 8-23 6-8 24, Barea 5-14 2-2 13, Amundson 2-2 2-2 6, Stoudemire 3-3 1-1 7, Villanueva 2-4 0-0 5, Felton 3-9 3-3 9. James 0-0 0-0 0. Powell 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 33-89 27-36 99

HOUSTON (111): Anza 1-9 2-3 4, Jones 1-6 3-4 5, Howard 10-15 8-11 28, Terry 3-3 0-1 8, Harden 5-17 13-13 24, Capela 2-4 1-2 5, J.Smith 7-15 0-1 15, Prigioni 3-6 0-0 7, Brewer 7-13 0-0 16, Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, Papanikolaou 0-0 0-0 0, Dorsey 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-88 27-35 111

Dallas	**24**	**27**	**29**	**19 —**	**99**
Houston	**23**	**30**	**28**	**30 —**	**111**

3-Point Goals—Dallas 6-22 (Ellis 2-8, Amundson 1-1, Villanueva 1-2, Jefferson 1-3, Barea 1-4, Nowitzki 0-2, Felton 0-2). Houston 8-20 (Terry 2-2, Prigioni 1-2, Brewer 1-3, Harden 1-4, J.Smith 1-5, Jones 0-1, Anza 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Dallas 53 (Nowitzki 13), Houston 61 (Howard 12). Assists—Dallas 14 (Felton, Ellis 3), Houston 25 (J.Smith 9). Total Fouls—Dallas 23, Houston 23. Technicals—Chandler, Rondo, Flagrant Fouls—Howard A—18,243 (18,023).

NHLPLAYOFFROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

RANGERS 2
PENGUINS 1

PITTSBURGH — Kevin Hayes scored at 3:14 of overtime to give the New York Rangers a 2-1 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Wednesday night in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference first-round series.

The Rangers lead the series 3-1 heading back to New York for Game 5 on Friday night.

In overtime, Martin St. Louis started a goalmouth scramble when he threw the puck in front on a wraparound attempt. The puck pinballed to Carl Hagelin and went across the crease for Hayes to flip it past fallen goalie Marc-Andre Fleury. The point was Hayes' first in the postseason.

SENATORS 1
CANADIENS 0

OTTAWA, Ontario — Mika Zibanejad gave Mike Hoffman the opening he needed to help keep the Ottawa Senators alive.

With Zibanejad screening Montreal goalie Carey Price, Hoffman scored midway through the third period and the Senators beat the Canadiens 1-0 on Wednesday night.

"We need to get bodies in front of him (Price) and make it hard for him to save it," Hoffman said. "More times than not if he sees the puck he's probably going to save it. Mika did a great screen for me there and if he wasn't there it would probably not go in."

NHL PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; * if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Montreal 3, Ottawa 1
Wednesday, April 15: Montreal 4, Ottawa 3
Friday, April 17: Montreal 3, Ottawa 2, OT
Sunday, April 19: Montreal 2, Ottawa 1, OT
Wednesday: Ottawa 1, Montreal 0
x-Friday, April 24: Ottawa at Montreal, TBA
x-Sunday, April 26: Montreal at Ottawa, TBA
x-Tuesday, April 28: Ottawa at Montreal, TBA

Detroit 2, Tampa Bay 1
Thursday, April 16: Detroit 3, Tampa Bay 2
Saturday, April 18: Tampa Bay 5, Detroit 1
Tuesday: Detroit 3, Tampa Bay 0
Today: Tampa Bay at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Saturday, April 25: Detroit at Tampa Bay, TBA
x-Monday, April 27: Tampa Bay at Detroit, TBA
x-Wednesday, April 29: Detroit at Tampa Bay, TBA

N.Y. Rangers 3, Pittsburgh 1
Thursday, April 16: N.Y. Rangers 2, Pittsburgh 1
Saturday, April 18: Pittsburgh 4, N.Y. Rangers 3
Monday, April 20: N.Y. Rangers 2, Pittsburgh 1
Thursday: N.Y. Rangers 2, Pittsburgh 1
Friday, April 24: Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, TBA
x-Sunday, April 26: N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, TBA
x-Tuesday, April 28: Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, TBA

N.Y. Islanders 3, Washington 1
Wednesday, April 15: N.Y. Islanders 4, Washington 1
Friday, April 17: Washington 4, N.Y. Islanders 3
Sunday, April 19: N.Y. Islanders 2, Washington 1, OT
Tuesday: N.Y. Islanders 2, Washington 1
Today: N.Y. Islanders at Washington, 6 p.m.
x-Saturday, April 25: Washington at N.Y. Islanders, TBA
x-Monday, April 27: N.Y. Islanders at Washington, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Minnesota 2, St. Louis 1
Thursday, April 16: Minnesota 4, St. Louis 2
Saturday, April 18: St. Louis 4, Minnesota 1
Monday, April 20: Minnesota 3, St. Louis 0
Wednesday, April 22: St. Louis at Minnesota, late
Friday, April 24: Minnesota at St. Louis, TBA
x-Sunday, April 26: St. Louis at Minnesota, TBA
x-Wednesday, April 29: Minnesota at St. Louis, TBA

Chicago 3, Nashville 1
Wednesday, April 15: Chicago 4, Nashville 3, 2OT
Friday, April 17: Nashville 6, Chicago 2
Sunday, April 19: Chicago 4, Nashville 2
Today: Nashville at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Today: Chicago at Nashville, 8:30 p.m.
x-Saturday, April 25: Nashville at Chicago, TBA
x-Monday, April 27: Chicago at Nashville, TBA

Anaheim 2, Winnipeg 0
Thursday, April 16: Anaheim 4, Winnipeg 2
Saturday, April 18: Anaheim 2, Winnipeg 1
Monday, April 20: Anaheim at Winnipeg, late
Wednesday, April 22: Anaheim at Winnipeg, late
x-Friday, April 24 : Winnipeg at Anaheim, TBA
x-Sunday, April 26: Anaheim at Winnipeg, TBA
x-Tuesday, April 28: Winnipeg at Anaheim, TBA

Calgary 3, Vancouver 1
Wednesday, April 15: Calgary 2, Vancouver 1
Friday, April 17: Vancouver 4, Calgary 1
Sunday, April 19: Calgary 4, Vancouver 2
Tuesday: Calgary 3, Vancouver 1
Today: Calgary at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
x-Saturday, April 25: Vancouver at Calgary, TBA
x-Monday, April 27: Calgary at Vancouver, TBA

Floyd Mayweather Jr.: I'm better than Muhammad Ali

By Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press



Associated Press

In this photo taken April 14 Floyd Mayweather Sr., right, watches his son boxer Floyd Mayweather Jr., left, work out in Las Vegas. He taught his son to throw punches before he could walk, and he'll be in his corner for the biggest fight of his life against Manny Pacquiao on May 2. The relationship between Mayweather Sr. and his son, though, hasn't always been good.

LAS VEGAS — Floyd Mayweather Jr. refused Wednesday to back off earlier comments declaring himself a better fighter than Muhammad Ali.

Mayweather said he respects Ali's great career and the things he did outside the ring. But he said he believes he has done as much in boxing as the legendary former heavyweight champion ever did, without the losses that Ali suffered in his career.

"He called himself The Greatest and I call myself TBE (The Best Ever)," Mayweather said. "I'm pretty sure I'll get criticized for what I said, but I could care less. I could care less about the backlash."

Mayweather had earlier said that he was better than both Ali and Sugar Ray Robinson, pointing to his 47-0 record as proof. He also said he would never have lost to a fighter like Leon Spinks, who beat an aging Ali in 1978 after having just seven pro fights.

"I just look at Ali's career when he fought Leon Spinks and lost to a fighter with seven fights," Mayweather said. "There were some other fights he lost and he's still known as The Greatest because that's what he put out there. It is what it is."

A little more than a week before his megafight with Manny Pacquiao, Mayweather seemed relaxed on a conference call where he talked about his career and the man he will face in the ring May 2. He refused to say anything bad about Pacquiao, and said he was treating the richest fight ever as just another fight.

"I know it's the biggest fight in boxing history but I can't approach it like that," Mayweather said. "I'm never going to put any unnecessary pressure on myself. I like to approach the fight like he's a fighter who's extremely talented. But my thing is to just be Floyd Mayweather."

That has worked for Mayweather his entire career, though most boxing historians would disagree with his own view of his place in boxing's historical hierarchy. That includes the current heavyweight champion, Wladimir Klitschko, who told a group of reporters in New York on Tuesday that maybe Mayweather shouldn't be so boastful.

"I think probably, I heard this comment from Mayweather that he's better than Ali or greater than Ali," Klitschko said. "I think people call the king the king, not the king (who says) 'I'm the king.' So people make others somebody that he is or that he's not. So that's people's opinions."

While Mayweather's place in history may be in debate, there's no debate that he will make the biggest purse ever against Pacquiao. Depending on pay-per-view sales — which reportedly have been strong for a fight still 10 days away — he could earn as much as $180 million for the welterweight title bout.

That prompted a question Wednesday about whether the free-spending Mayweather — who owns a fleet of expensive cars, a private jet and several mansions — worries about losing all his money after he retires.

"I'm blessed, I made some good investments," Mayweather said. "If I wanted to retire today I could."

Mayweather credited what he called a brilliant game plan for reaching his goal of becoming the first fighters to ever make a nine figure paycheck in one night. But he said he has changed in recent years, toning down his act and putting aside the Pretty Boy and Money May personas he used to help him sell previous pay-per-view fights.

This fight needs no selling, and Mayweather has been subdued at every public appearance.

"It took a game plan for me going out there to win and me speaking out with a very loud voice and having a lot of personality," he said. "But as you get older you mature. You've done trash talking for 17 or 18 years, look at me, what I've done. I don't have to do all of that. I did all that loud talking and everything to get to this point."

That includes speaking badly about Freddie Roach, who has tried to cast Mayweather as the bad guy in this fight promotion.

"He's making it basically a god against devil kind of thing, but he doesn't have to get in there and fight," Mayweather said. "He's entitled to say what he wants to say, but the fighters aren't speaking like that and it comes down to the two fighters."

Concussions

From 1C

University law school. "Removing this as a threat is extraordinary."

The NFL lawsuits, and similar suits filed later against the NHL, the NCAA and others, has fostered debate, discussion and safety reforms about sports concussions. Yet the NFL games seem to be as wildly popular as ever.

Participation statistics also show only a slight decline in the overall number of high school students playing football, and only 5 percent of parents polled last summer by Associated Press-GfK said they have discouraged their child from playing in the last two years as concern over head injuries has increased.

"I know people talk about, it's dangerous, and mothers won't let their sons play football. But I don't see that. I don't see that at all," Brandt said.

More than 5,000 former players were plaintiffs in the lawsuit.

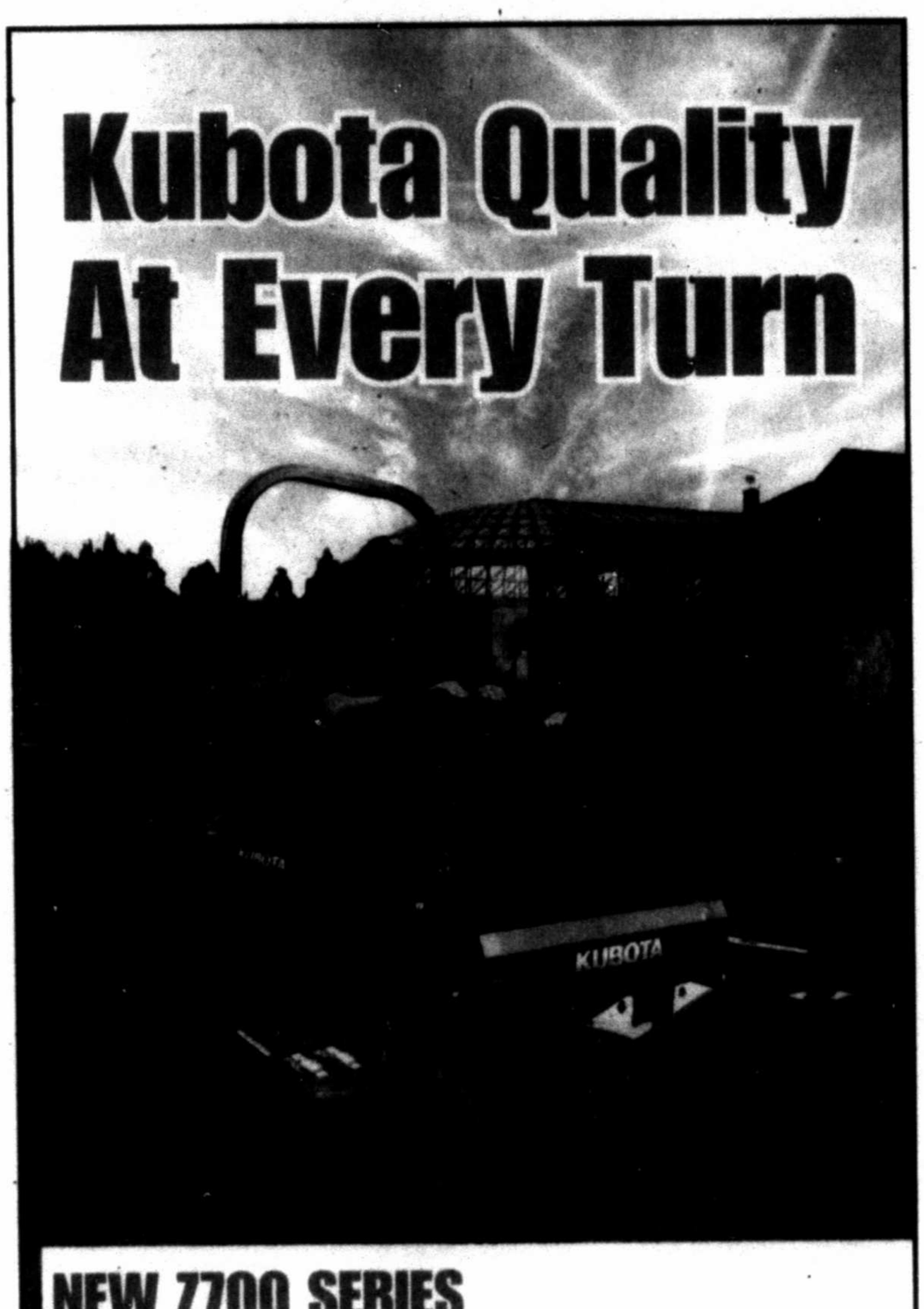
About 200 NFL retirees or their families have rejected the settlement and plan to sue the league individually. They include the family of Junior Seau, the popular Hall of Famer who killed himself at his San Diego-area home in 2012 after several years of increasingly erratic behavior.

Brody most recently asked for several tweaks, including partial credit for time played in NFL Europe and other developmental leagues, to broaden the settlement. Negotiators quickly agreed to her suggestions.

She rejected other complaints raised at a November hearing, including those who say the agreement does not cover future deaths from CTE, a degenerative brain disease that can only be diagnosed after death, or contemplate the day when it might be diagnosed in the living.

Others oppose the award reductions for older men and those who played fewer than five years in the league.

"Although objectors insist that there must be compensation for CTE, the NFL parties were unwilling to settle claims based solely on a (diagnosis) ... rather than on manifest neurocognitive deficits," the lead negotiators wrote in a March court filing urging Brody to approve the deal. "Many of the behavioral and mood conditions claimed to be associated with CTE are prevalent within the general public."



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Lance Armstrong: WADA head rebuffed proposed meeting in 2013

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press



Armstrong

AUSTIN — Lance Armstrong said Wednesday that the World Anti-Doping Agency and others are "owed an apology" from him for cheating during his cycling career, but noted that the agency's chief rebuffed efforts to meet back in 2013.

David Howman, director general of WADA, told The Associated Press this week that he is disappointed Armstrong had not apologized for costly and time-consuming lawsuits before the former cycling champion admitted using performance-enhancing drugs.

Armstrong initially declined comment on Howman's remark, but on Wednesday provided the AP with a May 2013 email exchange with Howman, who initially indicted he could meet with Armstrong, then backed off under advice from WADA lawyers.

"I can talk at a suitable time and at a suitable place ... What do you suggest?" Howman responded to Armstrong's first inquiry about a meeting.

A few days later, after Armstrong recounted his upcoming schedule, Howman broke off the discussion.

"Having reflected upon your request to meet with me, and having taken advice from our lawyers, it is apparent that it is a situation where little, if anything, can be gained from such a meeting," Howman wrote Armstrong.

Howman did not immediately respond Wednesday to requests for comment.

Armstrong won the Tour de France every year from 1999-2005. Those titles were stripped after a massive report in 2012 by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency detailed doping by Armstrong and his U.S. Postal Service teammates. In the email, Howman said he told Armstrong's attorneys months earlier they should meet with USADA.

Although the intent of the meeting request with Howman is not relayed in emails, Armstrong said Wednesday he reached out to Howman in hopes of discussing a potential "truth and reconciliation" effort to confront doping in cycling.

A probe into the sport's doping problems was later conducted by the Cycling Independent Reform Commission, which met twice with Armstrong and issued its report in March.

Hardy

From 1C

when, the league said, he had the opportunity to discuss and respond to questions about the events.

Holder was not interviewed by the league.

Goodell also directed Hardy to have a clinical evaluation conducted and, should counseling or treatment be recommended, Hardy will be expected to comply.

Hardy's suspension will begin on Sept. 5, the day of final roster cuts. He may participate in all preseason activities and games, the offseason workout program, organized team activities, minicamps and training camp.

"You must have no further adverse involvement with law enforcement and must not commit any additional violations of league policies," Goodell wrote. "In that respect, you should understand that another violation of this nature may result in your banishment from the NFL."



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	KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Grey's A. "How to Save a Life" (N)		Scandal "First Lady Sings the Blues" (N)		American Crime "Episode Eight" (N)		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) News Nightline
	KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Couple (N)	Big Bang Theory	Mom (N)	Elementary "Under My Skin" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman	(:35) J.Corden
	KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith		Hogan's Heroes	Twilight Zone	Welcome Kotter	Welcome Kotter	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Ruinous Road"	Columbo
	KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	M*A*S*H "Hey, Doc"				Bones "The Eye in the Sky" (N)		Backstrom "Corkscrewed" (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
	KMLM	IND	11	11	12	11	11	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Update News	Fruits of Zion	Light of the Southwest				Joe McGee	Matt Staver	Called Out	Biblical Israel
	KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Dr. Rik Wadge	Rocks/Manuscripts	The Blacklist "Lord Baltimore"		The Blacklist "Leonard Caul" (N)		Dateline NBC		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show	(:35) Seth Meyers
	KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		Tracks Ahead	Daytripper TV	Ancient Roads		Sam Houston 2/3 cont'd April 30		Charlie Rose (N)	Tavis Smiley (N)	Tavis Smiley (N)
	KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	PBS NewsHour		Update News	Fruits of Zion	Light of the Southwest				Joe McGee	Matt Staver	Called Out	Biblical Israel
	KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		La sombra del pasado	Amores con trampa	Hasta el fin del mundo		Que te perdone Dios... Yo no		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
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PREMIUM	FLIX		340	65		165		(5:25) Hope Springs		★★★ Elizabethtown		Orlando Bloom.		(:05) ★★ Crazy/ Beautiful		(:45) ★★ Coming Soon	
	HBO		300	68	14	14		(5:15) ★ Firewall		Veep	Silicon	Mayweather		Game of Thrones		Taxicab: NY	Silicon	Vice
	HBO2		302	69	15	101	23	Sinatra: All or Nothing at All						(:15) ★★★ We're the Millers		(:05) ★ Getaway Ethan Hawke.		Movie
	HBOS		304	70	16	102		(5:35) ★★★ Changeling Angelina Jolie.				Bill Maher -		LastWeek		A Million Ways to Die in the West		Movie
	MAX		380	71	17	120	24	(5:00) ★ Inside Man				(:10) ★ Wish I Was Here Zach Braff.				★ Two Night Stand Miles Teller.		Sring Break "Horizontal Mambo"
	MAX2		382	72	18	122		(:15) ★★★ Kick-Ass 2				★★ The Marine John Cena.		LifeTop		(:15) ★ Veronica Mars Kristen Bell.		
	PLEX				96			(5:25) ★★ Joe Dirt		★★★ Masterminds				(:50) ★★ We're No Angels		(:40) ★★ Bird on a Wire		
	SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	Movie	★ The Fifth Estate ('13, Bio) Peter Capaldi.					(:45) Jay Mohr: Happy		SEX With	Inside	★ Nas: Time Is Il...
	TMC		336	67	22	155	26	(5:00) ★ Grosse Poin...		★★ Aeon Flux				(:35) ★★ Godsend Robert De Niro.				★ God's Pocket
CABLE	A&E		27	32	28	35	47	The First 48 "Dead End Drive/ The Fixer"		First 48 "Family Ties/ A Good Neighbor"		After the First 48 (N)		8 Minutes "Couple Calls"		8 Minutes "Gorilla Pimped"		First 48 "Family Ties/ A Good Neighbor"	
	AMC		40	21	23	42	51	(4:30) ★ Rambo III		★★★ Ghostbusters ('84, Com) Bill Murray.						★★★ Ghostbusters II ('89, Com) Bill Murray.			
	BET		58	26		40		(4:00) ★ For Colored...		★★ Preacher's Kid ('10, Dra) LeToya Luckett.					Husbands	Husbands	Xperim.	Wendy Williams	
	BRAVO		65	63		41		Real Housewives (N)		New York Social (N)		Real Melbourne (N)		Housewives Atlanta		Watch (N)	Wives of Melbourne	Wives	
	CNBC		46	45		39	72	Secrets of Mexico's		Shark Tank		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed	
	CNN		43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Gotta Do It (N)		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		Somebody's Gotta	
	DISC		50	20	31	24	42	Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked "Primal Fear"		Naked and Afraid	
	DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	KC Under	Jessie	★ Camp Rock 2: The Final Jam		ToyStory		Liv/Mad	Austin	Girl	Jessie	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
	ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	(5:00) SportsCenter		NCAA Softball Tennessee vs. Alabama (L)				Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
	ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	SportsCenter "Mel & Todd's Mock Draft" (L)				30 for 30 "The U"				Featured	Featured	Baseball Tonight (L)	
	FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	(5:30) ★★ The Perfect Man				★★ What to Expect When You're Expecting				The 700 Club		Boy MW	Boy MW
	FNC		45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
	FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Chopped "Hero Chefs"		Chopped				BeatFlay	Beat Flay	Cutthroat Kitchen		Chopped	
	FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	TexansHuddle (N)	SportsDay OnAir (N)	Rodeo RodeoHouston Super Series Championship						Inside TCU	Outdoor SW (N)	The Beat Tex A&M	SportsDay OnAir
	FX		31	31	59	64	69	(4:30) ★ Captain Am...		★★★ Parental Guidance Billy Crystal.				Comedian	Louie (N)	Comedian	Louie	Louie	Comedian
	HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	The Waltons		The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
	HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	Bargain	Bargain	Fixer Upper		Rehab (N)	Rehab (N)	H.Hunt	House (N)	H.Hunt	House	Rehab	Rehab
	HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	Pawn S.	Pawn Star	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn (N)	Pawn (N)	Vikings (N)		(:05) Vikings		Pawn S.	Pawn S.
	LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	Wife Swap "Yonts/ Jan-Turan"		Little Women: NY "Mardi Gras Melee"		Little Women: NY "The Intervention"		Terra's Family	Terra's Family	Terra's Family	Terra's Family	Little Women: NY "Mardi Gras Melee"	
	MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
	NBCSN		38	39				NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs Tampa Bay vs Detroit (L)						NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)					Overtime
	NICK		55	34	39	34	37	MakePop	Sam & Cat	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	(:10) Lopez	(:50) Lopez
	SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	(5:00) ★ National Treasure: Book of Secrets				Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Bar Rescue	
	SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	(4:00) ★ Terminator ...		WWE Smackdown! (N)				Olympus "Minos" (N)		Lost Girl "Like Hell"		Olympus "Minos"	
	TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld "The Trip"	Seinf. "The Movie"	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Patrick Stewart, Niecy Nash		The Office	Conan
	TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(5:30) ★★ Rio Rita		★ George Washington Slept ...				(:45) ★★★ King's Row ('42, Dra) Ann Sheridan.				★ Honeymoon for...	
	TELE		20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Avenida Brasil		Tierra de reyes		El señor de los cielos		Al rojo	(:35) Titular	Tierra de reyes	
	TLC		51	33	32	38	52	Cellblock 6: Female "Guilty... So You Think"		Cellblock 6: Female Lock Up		Welcome to Myrtle Manor		Welcome to Myrtle Manor (N)		Welcome to Myrtle Manor		Welcome to Myrtle Manor	
	TNT		24	23	40	26	50	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)						NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)				Inside the NBA	
	TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Home Videos		Fam.Feud	Fam.Feud	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Friends	Friends
	USA		26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Caged"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Wonderland Story"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Dissonant Voices"		DIG "Sisters of Dinah" (N)		DIG "Sisters of Dinah"		DIG "Trust No One"	
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Track: Richmond International Raceway (oval, 0.75 miles).

Race distance: 300 miles, 400 laps.

Last year: Joey Logano raced to the second of his five 2014 victories. After the race, Marcos Ambrose punched Casey Mears in the face.

Last week: Matt Kenseth won the rain-delayed race at Bristol to end a 51-event victory drought.

Fast facts: Defending series champion Kevin Harvick and Jimmie Johnson share the series victory lead with two. Harvick won the 2013 race.

Brad Keselowski won in September at the track to complete a Team Penske sweep. Four-time Richmond winner Kyle Busch is sidelined after breaking his right leg and left foot in the Xfinity opener at Daytona. Denny Hamlin is from nearby Chesterfield. Richard Petty won a record 13 times at the track.

Next race: Geico 500, May 3, Talladega Superspeedway, Talladega, Alabama.

Online: http://www.nascar.com

XFINITY TOYOTACARE 250

Site: Richmond, Virginia.

Schedule: Friday, practice, qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 2:30-4 p.m.; race, 6:30 p.m. (Fox Sports 1, 6-9 p.m.).

Track: Richmond International Raceway (oval, 0.75 miles).

Race distance: 187.5 miles, 250 laps.

Last year: Kevin Harvick raced to his record extending seventh Richmond series victory, holding off JR Motorsports teammate Chase Elliott.

Last week: Joey Logano won at Bristol, leading all 300 laps. In three series starts this year, he has two victories and a second-place finish.

Fast facts: Five-time Richmond winner Kyle Busch is sidelined after breaking his right leg and left foot in the series opener at Daytona. Erik Jones is driving Joe Gibbs No. 54 Toyota in place of Busch. Jones won at Texas on April 10. Harvick, Logano and Denny Hamlin are racing. Chris Buescher and Ty Dillon are tied for the series points lead.

Next race: Winn Dixie 300, May 2, Talladega Superspeedway, Talladega, Alabama.

Online: http://www.nascar.com

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK

Next race: Kansas 250, May 8, Kansas Speedway, Kansas City, Kansas.

Last race: Daytona 500 champion Joey Logano won at Martinsville on March 28 to become the 26th driver to win in all three of NASCAR's top series.

Online: http://www.nascar.com

VERIZON INDYCAR HONDA INDY GRAND PRIX OF ALABAMA

Site: Birmingham, Alabama.

Schedule: Friday, practice; Saturday, practice, qualifying (NBC Sports Network, Sunday, 1-2 a.m.); Sunday, race, 2:30 p.m. (NBC Sports Network, 2-5 p.m.).

Track: Barber Motorsports Park (road course, 2.3 miles).

Race distance: 207 miles, 90 laps.

Last year: Andretti Autosports's Ryan Hunter-Reay coasted to his second straight victory in the event when the rain-shortened race finished under caution.

Last week: Chip Ganassi Racing's Scott Dixon won the Grand Prix of Long Beach. Team Penske's Helio Castroneves was second, followed by teammates Juan Pablo Montoya and Simon Pagenaud.

Fast facts: The race is the fourth of the season. Montoya won the opener in St. Petersburg, Fla., and Schmidt Peterson Motorsports' James Hinchcliffe took the Louisiana race. Castroneves won the inaugural race in 2010, and Team Penske teammate Will Power won in 2011 and 2012.

Next race: Angie's List Grand Prix of Indianapolis, May 9, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indianapolis.

Online: http://www.indycar.com

NHRA MELLO YELLO DRAG RACING O'REILLY AUTO PARTS NHRA SPRINGNATIONALS

Site: Baytown, Texas.

Schedule: Friday, qualifying; Saturday, qualifying (ESPN2, 4-6 p.m.); Sunday, final eliminations (ESPN2, 1-4 p.m.).

Track: Royal Purple Raceway.

Last year: Erica Enders-Stevens raced to the second of her six 2014 victories en route to the Pro Stock title. Antron Brown won in Top Fuel, and Robert Hight topped the Funny Car field.

Last event: John Force won in Las Vegas on April 12, beating teammate Hight in the Funny Car final. Richie Crampton won in Top Fuel, and Enders-Stevens topped the Pro Stock field and won the K&N Horsepower Challenge.

Fast facts: The 65-year-old Force has a record 142 victories and 16 season titles. Matt Hagan tops the Funny Car standings. He opened the season with victories in California and Arizona. Brown leads the Top Fuel standings, and Jason Line has the Pro Stock lead.

Next event: Summit Racing Equipment NHRA Southern Nationals, May 15-17, Atlanta Dragway, Commerce, Georgia.

Online: http://www.nhra.com

FORMULA ONE

Next race: Spanish Grand Prix, May 10, Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain.

Last week: Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton won in Bahrain for the second straight year. He has three victories in the first four races of the season. Ferrari's Kimi Raikkonen was second.

Online: http://www.formula1.com

OTHER RACES

AREA RACING SERIES: Federated Auto Parts 200, Sunday, Salem Speedway, Salem, Indiana. Online: http://www.arcaracing.com

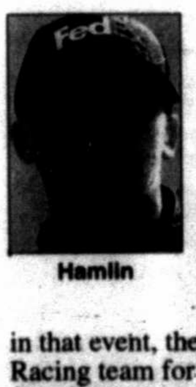
WORLD OF OUTLAWS Sprint Car Texas Outlaw Nationals, Friday-Saturday, Devil's Bowl Speedway, Mesquite, Texas. Super DirtCar Hog Jam Holdup, Saturday, Fulton Speedway, Fulton, New York. Online: http://www.worldofoutlaws.com

U.S. AUTO RACING CLUB: Sprint Car, Friday, Eagle Raceway, Eagle, Nebraska. Saturday, Jun-Mon Motor Speedway, McCook Junction, Nebraska. Sunday, Lawnside Speedway, Kansas City, Kansas. Online: http://www.usacracing.com

Denny Hamlin returns to action at home track in Richmond

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Denny Hamlin will be back behind the wheel of his car this weekend at Richmond International Raceway, the hometown track of the Virginia driver.


Hamlin

It's always a big week for Hamlin, who hosts a late-model charity race, the Denny Hamlin Short Track Showdown, at South Boston Speedway for his foundation. Hamlin intends to compete in that event, then rejoin his Joe Gibbs Racing team for Saturday night's Sprint Cup race.

Hamlin does not believe the neck spasms that forced him out of his car Sunday at Bristol will spoil his week. He's also scheduled to run the Xfinity Series race on Friday night.

"After treatment this week, I feel close to 100 percent," Hamlin said through his team Wednesday. "I'm confident that I'll be good to go this weekend."

Hamlin felt something wrong in his neck 12 laps into Sunday's race. Rain stopped the event 10 laps later, and he was unable to gain any relief through treatment during a delay of nearly four hours.

JGR flew Erik Jones in from North Carolina, and the 18-year-old arrived five minutes before the race resumed. He climbed into Hamlin's car and finished the race in his first career appearance in a Sprint Cup car.

"Obviously, getting out of the car on Sunday was a very tough decision," Hamlin said. "Erik did an admirable job under difficult circumstances."

Hamlin, who grew up about 20 minutes outside of Richmond in Chesterfield, Virginia, makes the two annual trips to his hometown track a reunion of sorts. He's a two-time winner at Richmond, and takes pride in the Short Track Showdown, which is in its eighth year.

The 200-lap feature includes Hamlin and other NASCAR regulars against many newcomers. The event has raised more than $150,000 the last years for the Denny Hamlin Foundation, which raises awareness and resources for cystic fibrosis research.

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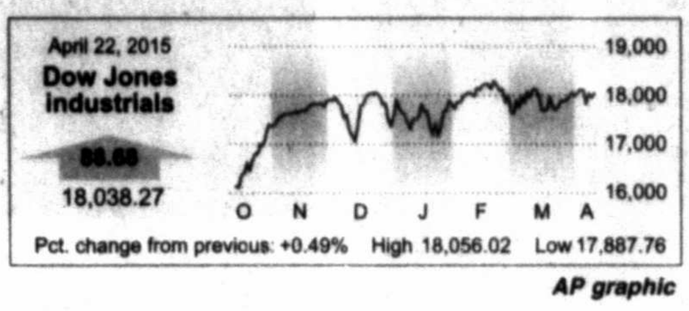
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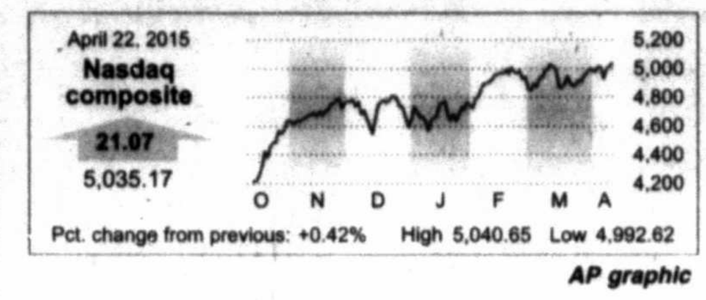
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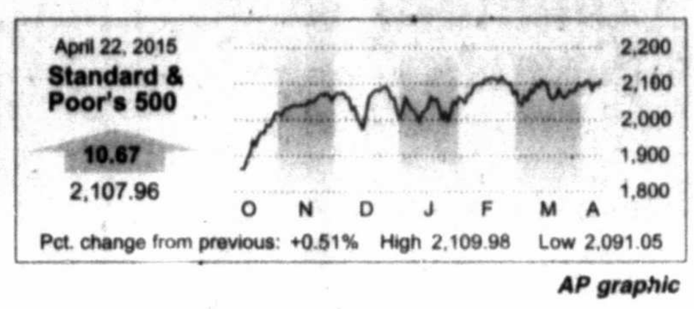
A DAY ON WALL STREET



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Drivers want some new safety technology, but it will cost them

Associated Press

DETROIT — Drivers want more collision-prevention technology in their cars, but there is a limit to how much they will pay.

Blind spot detection, night vision and collision avoidance systems — which automatically apply the brakes if the driver doesn't react in time — are the top three technologies drivers want on their next cars, according to a study released Wednesday by the consulting firm J.D. Power.

Drivers are much less excited about fuel-saving features, like solar roofs or active grille shutters, which open and close to improve aerodynamics. They also show little interest in wellness gadgets, such as seats that measure your blood pressure, or sensors that let drivers use hand gestures to control the car's functions.

Navigation systems also weren't popular.

As the age of the driver goes up, the budget for new technology goes down. Generation Y buyers, who are 38 and younger, say they would spend the most — an average of $3,703 — for new technology. Generation X buyers would spend $3,007, while baby boomers are willing to fork over $2,416. Pre-Boomers, or those born before 1946, would spend $2,067.

That might not be enough to get them all the features they want. High-tech safety features are often packaged together, and may only be available on more expensive trim levels.

To get blind spot detection and emergency automatic braking on the $94,000 Mercedes-Benz S Class, for example, buyers must first upgrade to a $4,500 premium package and then spend $2,800 for a separate safety package. A night vision system, which uses sensors and heat-seeking cameras to warn drivers of obstacles in the road, is an extra $2,260.

Prices are rapidly coming down, however, as cameras get cheaper and automakers spread out their costs by adding safety features to more and more models. Toyota said last month that automatic braking will be a $300 to $635 option on the 2016 RAV4 SUV. Right now, the company offers automatic braking on the Prius hybrid, but only as part of a $4,320 package.

For the study, which took place between January and March, J.D. Power asked 5,300 recent car buyers to rank 59 separate technologies. Some, like the wellness car seats or a rear-mounted camera that projects images onto the rearview mirror, aren't yet commercially available. Another technology that appealed to respondents — a paint that repairs small scratches itself — is uncommon but available on a handful of models from Nissan, Infiniti and Lexus.

Kristin Kolodge, the executive director of driver interaction at J.D. Power, said prototype technologies were included in order to help automakers and suppliers decide what sorts of features to prioritize.

"The auto industry is standing on its head to keep technology up to consumers' new standards," Kolodge said.

Google phone service challenges major carriers

Google is trying to shake up the wireless phone industry with a low-priced service designed to pressure major carriers into making it more affordable for people to get online and use Google's services.

The service, called "Project Fi," debuted Wednesday, about two months after Google revealed its plans to expand its ever-growing empire into providing wireless connections for smartphones.

Google Inc. is selling the basic phone service for $20 a month and will only charge customers for the amount of cellular data that they use each month, instead of a flat rate. Each gigabyte of data will cost $10 a month. That means a customer could sign up for a plan offering three gigabytes of data and get $20 back if only one gigabyte was used in a month.

Project Wi-Fi initially will only be sold to a narrow audience that owns the Nexus 6, a smartphone that Motorola Mobility made with Google's help.

Google's pricing setup makes Project Fi less expensive than most of the comparable plans offering by the four biggest wireless phone carriers — Verizon, AT&T, T-Mobile and Sprint. The monthly prices for a single line of smartphone service with up to one gigabyte of cellular data at those carriers range from $45 to $50 compared to $30 from Google, before subtracting any potential credits for unused data.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	722807	15.74	+.24
S&P500ETF	715833	210.63	+1.03
Vale SA	571409	6.50	+.61
CSVLgCrde	543011	3.15	-.06
Petrobras	464429	8.93	+.35

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AsdEstat	28.49	+4.01	+16.4
TremorVid	3.01	+.42	+16.2
VitaminSh	44.50	+5.54	+14.2
NiskaGaSt	2.25	+.27	+13.6
Vale SA	6.50	+.61	+10.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NatResPrs	5.54	-1.38	-19.9
DxGldBull	10.91	-1.15	-9.5
Trinity s	32.82	-3.43	-9.5
DrGMnBll rs	19.83	-2.03	-9.3
EKodak wt	5.91	-.54	-8.4

DIARY

Advanced	1,777
Declined	1,284
Unchanged	148
Total issues	3,209
New Highs	98
New Lows	26
Volume	3,280,873,592

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Organovo	61841	5.14	+.87
GranTrra g	39274	3.55	+.03
NwGold g	35802	3.25	-.15
UranumEn	35153	2.12	+.29
BarcGSOil	30063	11.68	-.08

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
UranumEn	2.12	+.29	+15.8
Organovo	5.14	+.67	+15.0
BovileMed	3.25	+.40	+14.0
CentrusE n	4.88	+.54	+12.4
IEC Elec	4.60	+.42	+10.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PowrREIT	6.33	-2.95	-31.8
PwREIT pfA	23.06	-2.39	-9.4
ERBA Diag	3.04	-.30	-9.0
OvrsShBd n	3.59	-.32	-8.2
MagHR pfD	31.68	-1.93	-5.7

DIARY

Advanced	211
Declined	189
Unchanged	124
Total issues	524
New Highs	8
New Lows	10
Volume	100,052,175

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Apple Inc s	364061	128.62	+1.71
Facebook	334653	84.63	+1.01
Yahoo	272727	43.98	-.52
MicronT	269606	29.50	+.95
Microsoft	240450	42.99	+.35

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GtBasSci n	4.98	+1.44	+40.7
Gevo rs	2.79	+.78	+38.6
CalAmp	20.87	+4.19	+25.1
OnCache	14.86	+2.54	+20.6
ProceraN	11.42	+1.91	+20.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
HeliosMAn	2.90	-.63	-17.8
Celladon	13.59	-2.77	-16.9
ModSys	2.49	-.42	-14.4
AssembB rs	16.78	-2.76	-14.1
AuraMed n	4.65	-.75	-13.9

DIARY

Advanced	1,478
Declined	1,265
Unchanged	146
Total issues	2,889
New Highs	114
New Lows	41
Volume	1,636,657,809

As PayPal split looms, eBay plans to think small

Associated Press

NEW YORK — EBay plans to grow by thinking small as it prepares for life apart from PayPal.

The company says it is focusing on expanding the number of small- to mid-size businesses and individuals who buy and sell items on its popular online marketplace.

That comes as it attempts to address investor concerns about how eBay will fare later this year after it spins off its PayPal payments division, which has long been eBay's fastest growing segment.

CEO John Donahoe said Wednesday the company says it moving toward the spinoff with "clarity and speed."

Bay's first-quarter earnings may have mitigated investors' concern somewhat. The results beat expectations and revenue, excluding the impact of the stronger dollar, grew in both segments. A stronger dollar cuts into revenue generated overseas when it's translated back into dollars.

The e-commerce company is seeking to reinvigorate its marketplace business, which includes the e-commerce arm of eBay. It stumbled last year when it had to deal with a change in Google's algorithms that made eBay products come up in search results less often.

For the quarter ending March 31, marketplaces revenue fell 4 percent to $2.07 billion, hurt by the stronger dollar. But the company said it sees signs of stabilization in active buyers and gross merchandise volume, or the total amount of goods sold, excluding the impact of the stronger dollar.

"Our quarter one results are encouraging," said Devin Wenig, who will be CEO of eBay after the spinoff, in a call with investors. "We are certainly not ready to declare victory over last year's (Google algorithm) and password reset challenges but we are making progress."

Wenig said eBay will focus on growing its 25 million sellers and 157 million active buyers by focusing on small- and medium-size merchants that make of 70 percent of the global retail market. He said eBay is a "partner, not a competitor," to those businesses, perhaps a nod to online retailer Amazon, which is eBay's biggest competitor in the third-party seller area.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $55.96 Up 0.24

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $123.60 Up 0.33

Dawson Operating (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.96 Down 0.26

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $81.98 Down 0.83

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $13.26 Down 0.48

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.00 Down 0.06

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $24.51 Up 0.51

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $28.20 Down 0.04

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $11.45 Up 0.04

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $20.32 Down 0.06

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.88	28	32.86	-.20	-2.2
AbbVie	2.04f	59	64.52	-.91	-1.4
Abraxas	...	6	3.56	-.05	+21.1
AdaDvsEq	1.17e	...	14.17	+.06	+3.6
AMD			2.28	-.07	-14.6
Alcoa	.12	22	13.57	+.05	-14.1
Alibaba n			82.05	-.37	-21.1
AlonUSA	.40a	30	16.43	+.35	+29.7
Ambev	.24e		6.28	+.05	+1.8
Amgen	**3.16**	**23**	**169.10**	**+.64**	**+6.2**
Anadarko	**1.08**	...	**93.04**	**+.48**	**+12.8**
Apache	**1.00**	...	**67.80**	**-.57**	**+8.2**
Apple Inc s	1.88	17	128.62	+1.71	+16.5
ApldMatl	**.40**	**23**	**22.31**	**+.02**	**-10.5**
AsdEstat	.84	11	28.49	+4.01	+22.7
ATMOS	**1.56**	**18**	**54.54**	**-.10**	**-2.2**
AutoData	1.96	29	85.31	+.21	+2.3
BP PLC	**2.40**	**36**	**43.24**	**+.46**	**+13.4**
BabsCCInv	1.20		16.05	+.21	+1.0
BakrHu	.68	33	67.07	-.28	+19.6
BkofAm	.20	23	15.74	+.24	-12.0
B iPVixST			21.30	.23	-32.4
BasicEnSv			7.88	+.07	+12.4
BerkHa A	...	**172147**	**89.00**	**+1349.00**	**-5.0**
BlkHillsCp	**1.62f**	**17**	**50.33**	**-.33**	**-5.1**
BrMySq	**1.48**	**56**	**66.60**	**-.21**	**+12.8**
Broadcom	.56f	41	46.18	+2.20	+6.6
BrownFA	**1.26**	**30**	**94.20**	**-.67**	**+7.3**
BrownFB	**1.26**	**29**	**92.65**	**-.66**	**+5.5**
CSX	.72f	18	36.26	+.91	+.1
CVS Health	1.40	26	101.23	+.17	+5.1
Cameron			49.02	+.36	-1.9
Caterpillar	2.80	14	84.87	-.95	-7.3
Celestic g	...	15	12.01	+.07	+2.3
Cemex	.52t	...	10.02	+.22	-1.7
CntryLink	2.16	27	36.27	-.03	-8.4
ChesEng	.35	7	14.41	-.16	-26.4
Chevron	**4.28**	**11**	**109.90**	**-.23**	**-2.4**
Chicos	.31f	...	17.38	+.12	+7.2
Cimarex	.64	22	123.15	-1.09	+16.2
Cisco	.84f	17	28.62	-.07	+3.6
Citigroup	.04	21	53.10	+.62	-1.9
CliffsEng	...	**16**	**55.96**	**+.24**	**-12.3**
CocaCola	**1.32f**	**26**	**41.31**	**+.53**	**-2.2**
ColgPalm	**1.52f**	**29**	**69.28**	**+.27**	**+.1**
Comcast	1.00f	18	58.76	.08	+1.3
ConAgra	**1.00**	...	**37.52**	**-.09**	**+3.4**
ConchoRes	...	**26**	**123.60**	**+.33**	**+23.9**
ConocoPhil	**2.92**	**12**	**67.88**	**-.14**	**-1.7**
CrackerB	4.00	22	137.40	1.10	-2.4
CSVLgNGs			2.11	+.08	-47.0
CSVLgCrde			3.15	.06	-35.6
CSVixSht			1.18	.01	-57.2
CrosTim	**2.44e**	**8**	**22.21**	**+.01**	**+28.2**
DCP Mid	3.12f	14	39.93	+.29	-12.1
DR Horton	.25	18	27.03	-1.53	+6.9
DTE	2.76	16	81.92	+.75	-5.2
Dataram h			2.25	-.07	+32.4
DevonE	**.96**	**17**	**65.83**	**+.55**	**+7.5**
DxGldBull			10.91	-1.15	-2.2
Disney	**1.15f**	**24**	**107.94**	**+.26**	**+14.6**
DowChm	**1.68**	**17**	**50.02**	**+.37**	**+9.7**
EMC Cp	.46	21	27.13	+.81	-8.8
EOG Rescs	**.67**	**18**	**97.70**	**+1.11**	**+6.1**
EmpDist	**1.04**	**15**	**24.02**	**-.08**	**-19.2**
EnCana g	.28	10	13.88	+.30	+.1
Energen	.08	30	70.82	+1.94	+11.1
EngyTsfr	3.98f	33	54.50	+.09	-16.2
EnPro	**.80**	**80**	**67.87**	**+2.54**	**+8.1**
EntPrdPt s	1.50f	23	33.35	.29	-7.7
EnzonPh	.10e	3	1.70	+.20	+56.0
Ericsson	.39e		12.70	-.09	+5.0
ExterranH	**.60**	**24**	**34.40**	**+.16**	**+5.6**
ExxonMbl	**2.76**	**12**	**87.46**	**+.58**	**-5.4**
Facebook		77	84.63	+1.01	+8.5
FordM	.60	20	15.91	+.09	+2.6
FrptMcM	.20m	...	20.57	+.34	-11.9
GATX	**1.52f**	**13**	**59.92**	**+.42**	**+4.1**
GabMulTI	**1.06e**	...	**9.31**	**-.03**	**-7.0**
GAInv	**3.50e**	...	**35.47**	**+.03**	**+1.3**
GenElec	**.92**	...	**26.91**	**+.39**	**+6.5**
GenMotors	1.44f	23	37.16	...	+6.4
GtBasSci n	...	...	4.98	+1.44	+102.4
GtPlainEn	**.98**	**17**	**26.55**	**-.05**	**-6.5**
HaliconRes	...		1.60	-.05	-10.1
Hallibrtn	**.72**	**17**	**47.11**	**+.05**	**+19.8**
HuntBncsh	.24	15	11.03	-.14	+4.8
iShBrazil	1.38e	...	35.39	+.89	-3.3
iShJapan	.15e		13.27	+.10	+18.1
iShChinaLC	1.04e		52.39	+.89	+25.9
iShEMkts	.88e		43.37	+.46	+10.4
iShR2K	1.59e		125.71	+.19	+5.1
IntegrysE	2.72	21	73.23	+.18	-5.9
Intel	**.96**	**14**	**32.70**	**+.27**	**-9.9**
InterDig	.80		52.66	+.52	-.5
ItauUnibH	.41e		12.23	+.35	-5.9
JPMorgCh	1.60	12	62.94	+.63	+1.2
JohnJn	**2.80**	**18**	**100.43**	**+.13**	**-4.0**
KimbClk	**3.52f**	**28**	**111.85**	**-1.30**	**-3.2**
LegacyRes	1.40m		13.26	-.48	+16.0
Lubys	...	...	**5.45**	**+.08**	**+19.8**
MktVGold	.12e		19.31	-.66	+5.1
MasterCrd	.64	29	91.20	+3.43	+5.8
Mattel	1.52	22	28.36	+1.14	-8.4
McDnlds	3.40	20	97.84	+2.97	+4.4
Merck	1.80	14	57.69	+.03	+1.6
MerltMed	...	**35**	**18.79**	**+.45**	**+8.4**
MexcoEn			5.00	-.06	-7.9
MicronT		9	29.50	+.95	-15.8
Microsoft	1.24	17	42.99	+.35	-7.5
Mylan NV	...	31	72.40	-1.67	+28.4
Nabors	.24	12	15.05	+.68	+15.9
NBGreece	...	...	1.19	+.12	-33.5
NatGrid	**3.48e**	...	**66.84**	**-.05**	**-5.4**
NOilVaroo	1.84	9	53.93	+.80	-17.7
NokiaCp	.51e		8.00	+.16	+1.8
NvMAd	**.79e**	...	**13.73**	**-.01**	**+.8**
NvPNI	**.82e**	...	**13.74**	...	**+1.6**
NuvPI	**.82e**	...	**13.85**	**+.02**	**-.1**
NSTFI3	**.59e**	...	**14.65**	**-.10**	**+2.9**
NTXQI	**.65e**	...	**14.29**	**-.01**	**-1.2**
OcciPet	**2.88**	**13**	**79.59**	**+.14**	**-1.3**
ParTech	...	...	**3.95**	**+.09**	**-35.8**
ParkDri	...	**12**	**4.10**	**-.04**	**+33.8**
PattUTI	**.40**	**19**	**21.01**	**+.69**	**+26.6**
PeabdyE	.01m	...	4.87	+.06	-37.1
PennaRE	**.84f**	...	**22.07**	**-.09**	**-5.9**
Pmjan	.87e	9	9.46	+.36	+9
PetbrasA	**.85e**	...	**8.71**	**+.31**	**+14.9**
Petrobras	**.45e**	...	**8.93**	**+.35**	**+22.3**
Pfizer	**1.12f**	**25**	**34.83**	**+.04**	**+12.1**
PioNtrl	.09	27	172.93	-.64	+16.2
PlainsAAP	**2.74f**	**22**	**50.92**	**-.16**	**-.8**
PwShs QQQ	1.49e		108.65	+.59	+5.2
Praxair	**2.86f**	**22**	**121.26**	**+.03**	**-6.4**
PrmEgy	...	**6**	**51.04**	...	**-29.8**
PUltVixST			10.32	-.23	-59.0
PrUltCrude			8.86	-.05	-14.6
ProctGam	**2.65f**	**25**	**83.09**	**+.01**	**-8.8**
RangeRs	.16	24	60.72	+.93	+13.6
RegionsFn	.20	13	9.73	+.15	-7.9
RiteAid		21	8.32	+.39	+10.6
Rowan	.40	...	19.42	-.13	-16.7
RoyDShllA	3.76	12	62.36	.06	-6.9
SpdrDJIA	3.55e		180.06	+.80	+1.2
S&P500ETF	3.94e	...	210.63	+1.03	+2.5
SabnR	4.12e	10	42.12	+.52	+17.7
SanderFm	**.88e**	**6**	**78.03**	**-.62**	**-7.1**
SandRdge	...	**4**	**1.86**	**-.06**	**+2.2**
Schlmbrg	2.00	23	92.16	+.87	+7.9
SigmaAld	**.92**	**33**	**138.92**	**+.17**	**+1.2**
SiriusXM	...	44	3.94		+12.6
Smucker	2.56	21	117.94	+.50	+16.8
SouFun	1.20e	13	7.82	+.64	+5.8
SPDR Fncl	.41e		24.28	+.17	-1.8
SP Inds	1.07e		56.62	+.24	+.1
SunocoL s	1.60f	76	42.41	+.35	+1.5
TaiwSemi	.50e	...	23.84	+.51	+6.5
TalismE g	.45f	24	7.88	-.02	+.6
TeleflEsp	**.97e**	...	**14.62**	**+.03**	**+2.9**
Tesoro	1.70f	14	89.53	+3.65	+20.4
3M Co	4.10f	22	164.67	+.67	+.2
Torchmrk s	**.54f**	**14**	**56.38**	**+.28**	**+4.1**
TrmContl	**.78e**	...	**21.97**	**+.08**	**+2.6**
TylerTech	...	**72**	**127.60**	**+.36**	**+16.6**
UBWV	**1.28**	**20**	**37.82**	**+.31**	**+1.0**
US OilFd			19.36	-.09	-4.9
Vale SA	.60e	...	6.50	+.61	-20.5
Vale SA pf	.60e	...	5.45	+.51	-24.9
ValeroE	1.60f	9	59.35	+1.02	+19.9
VerizonCm	2.20	22	49.57	+.40	+6.0
Visa s	.48	29	68.01	+2.66	+3.8
Voltari h	...	...	15.14	-1.04	+2193.9
VulcanM	**.40f**	**50**	**80.91**	**-.46**	**+23.1**
WalgBoots	1.35	34	87.02	-.07	+14.2
WellsFargo	1.40	13	54.67	+.39	-.3
WstnRefin	1.36f	9	45.84	+1.19	+21.3
WhitingPet	...	9	36.12	+1.16	+9.5
WmsCos	2.32f	80	52.56	+1.01	+17.0
XcelEngy	**1.28f**	**17**	**34.31**	**+.03**	**-4.5**
Xerox	**.28f**	**15**	**12.92**	**+.13**	**-6.8**
Yahoo	...	6	43.98	-.52	-12.9
YumBrnds	1.64	38	84.04	+3.19	+15.4
Zynga	...	...	2.51	+.02	-5.6

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,288.63	15,855.12	Dow Jones Industrials	18,038.27	+88.68	+.49	+1.21	+9.31
9,310.22	7,521.18	Dow Jones Transportation	8,863.07	+47.32	+.54	-3.03	+14.48
657.17	524.82	Dow Jones Utilities	587.50	+1.70	+.29	-4.95	+8.17
11,203.07	9,886.08	NYSE Composite	11,144.46	+44.08	+.40	+2.82	+5.32
5,042.14	4,014.17	Nasdaq Composite	5,035.17	+21.07	+.42	+6.32	+22.01
2,119.59	1,820.66	S&P 500	2,107.96	+10.67	+.51	+2.58	+12.40
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1,278.63	1,040.47	Russell 2000	1,265.48	+1.33	+.11	+5.05	+10.32

TODAY: Mostly sunny	FRIDAY: Mostly sunny	SATURDAY: Sunny	SUNDAY: Sunny	MONDAY: Sunny	TUESDAY: Sunny
High: 84 Low: 63	High: 84 Low: 59	High: 84 Low: 57	High: 85 Low: 57	High: 79 Low: 53	High: 76 Low: 51

Local forecast

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 84 and mostly cloudy skies tonight with a low of 63. There is a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms tonight.

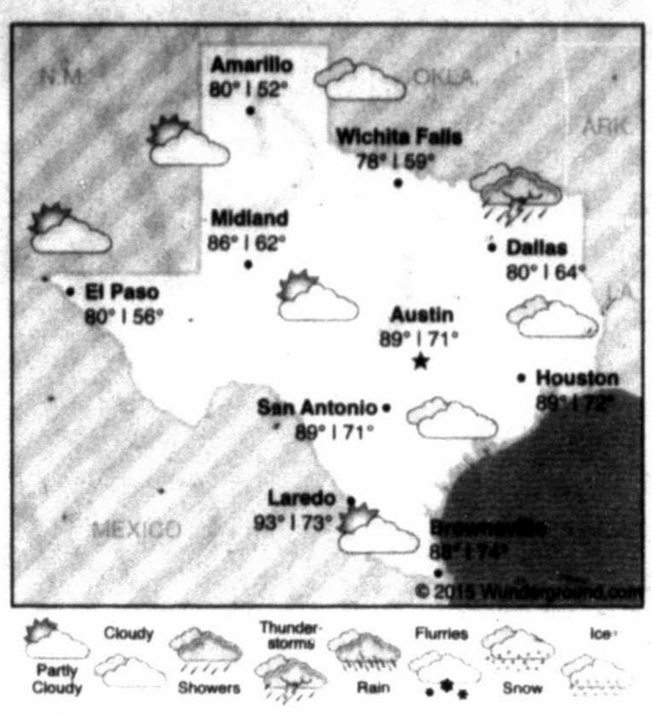
On Friday, expect winds gusting as high as 45 mph today and tonight, with mostly sunny skies and a high of 84 during the day and mostly clear skies and a low of 59 at night.

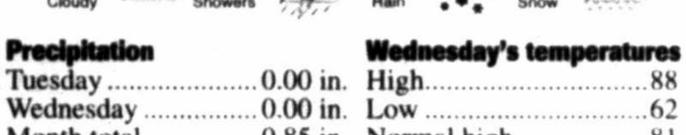
The high on Wednesday reached 88, while the low dropped to 62. The record high for April 22 is 100 set in 1989. The record low is 36 set in 1931.

National forecast

Blustery and unseasonably chilly conditions will extend from the Midwest to the Northeast today. Temperatures will average 10 to 20 degrees below average in this area. Showers in the Northeast will be mixed with wet snow in the mountains. Snow showers will extend to parts of the upper Great Lakes.

Dry air and at least partial sun is forecast to extend from the southern Mid-Atlantic to the Ohio Valley and the northern Plains. A zone of high pressure will extend southeast from Canada in this area.



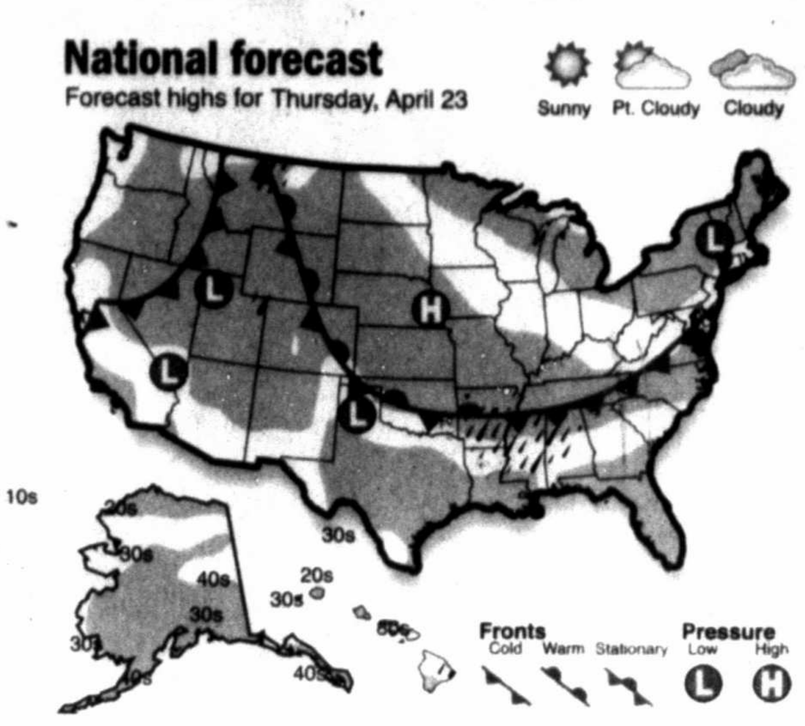


Precipitation	
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.85 in.
Year total	5.19 in.
Normal total (year to date)	2.33 in.

Wednesday's temperatures	
High	88
Low	62
Normal high	81
Normal low	51
Sunrise	7:11 a.m.
Sunset	8:23 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, April 23





Resentment is the thanks mom gets for helping son's family

DEAR ABBY



Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: My son, "Rick," and daughter-in-law, "Amy," seem to really dislike me. I try to be kind and not pry, but they live with me and it can make for a full house. They have had job difficulties and work injuries that brought them back to my home. Her parents don't care for my son, so living there was not an option.

Amy does not help at all with the housework. Rick does most of it. They also have a wonderful 21-month-old boy. A second baby is on the way. They have lived with me for four years now.

Abby, Amy shows no respect for my home or for me. I mostly keep quiet so as to not push away my only son. I want to be part of my grandson's life. Please advise me on handling this matter. — UNDERVALUED OUT WEST

DEAR UNDERVALUED: By allowing your son and daughter-in-law to live with you for such an extended period of time, you have fostered their dependence on you. That may be why your daughter-in-law is resentful rather than grateful for your generosity in giving them a roof over their heads.

That they would conceive a second child under these circumstances — without jobs and no place of their own — tells me they are immature and irresponsible. Give them a date to be out — say one month — and stick to it. If they want to know why, tell them the truth. You should not have to live in a house with a daughter-in-law who treats you like the enemy because it is not healthy for any of you.

If you are afraid the only way to have a relationship with your grandchildren is to tolerate being used, I think you are mistaken. As long as you can provide material assistance to these two, they'll keep you around.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for almost 31 years. We have had a good marriage, but for the last couple of years, my husband has told me that I snore when we go to sleep at night.

He is a very light sleeper, and understandably, it wakes him and then he wakes me to make me stop. This goes on all night long. Needless to say, neither of us is happy in the morning. We have now started sleeping in separate rooms.

The issue I am having now is, my husband will be retiring in a few months and he wants us to do a lot of traveling, mainly cruising. I'm not sure how this will work with our new sleeping arrangement. — SLEEPY IN ALABAMA

DEAR SLEEPY: Have you discussed your snoring with your physician? Snoring can be a symptom of a medical problem that's fixable. When your husband first told you about it, you should have mentioned it to your doctor. Ear plugs might help your husband, but if there is a medical solution for your snoring, it would make your problem moot.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, April 23, 2015:

This year you will communicate more effectively. Your instincts and perspective take you to a different level from those around you. You will have to filter what you say to some friends and loved ones. If you are single, you could meet an exotic person in the second half of your birthday year. This person manifests the same type of vision you have, but his or her perspective is different. If you are attached, you could find your significant other becoming more distant than in the past. Recognize that you might need to learn to speak to each other differently. CANCER can change his or her mind quickly.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You understand an expenditure surrounding your home and/or family. However, another person who is involved might not. Clearly, you are alone in this choice. Follow your intuition on how to proceed, and let go of your vision. Tonight: Awkwardness will disappear.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Your words have an impact; trust that others will react accordingly. A partner might seem distant, perhaps in response to what you are saying. Is getting your way more important than having an easy interaction? Find some middle ground. Tonight: A close friend cops an attitude.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Be aware of what is occurring between you and someone else. Words could belie what is happening. Share more of what you care about, and encourage others to be more authentic. Getting to that point might be interesting. Tonight: Buy a card on the way home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Friends support your drive to get what you want and/or to complete a project. Your biggest barrier could be your energy; it's not endless, though you act as if it is. Keep in mind the end results, but take needed breaks along the way. Tonight: Choose what is best for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ A parent or higher-up seems to be very sure of him- or herself. Use your instincts when dealing with this person, and you will know what to do. A key friend might help you create circumstances that are much more to your liking. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You might want to imagine what it is like to have the power to change what is going on around you. A key associate seems inspired by your thinking, and he or she is likely to play a dominant role. Sit back and see what happens. Tonight: Hang with your friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You might need to view a situation in a different light. Your sense of humor could be off-color, but it will help many of those around you gain a perspective on their immediate dealings. Pressure comes from your own expectations of yourself. Ease up some. Tonight: Say little.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Detach, and you'll find the answers you're looking for. Follow your instincts. Others might respond in a way that delights you. Recognize the lack of facts being presented by someone, and let your imagination fill in the gaps. Tonight: Listen to a favorite type of music.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Someone close to you is likely to seek you out. Remain open, and listen to your intuition — not your mental chatter. Recognize the role your inner dialogue plays in your life, especially if the facts are not confirmed. Relax and listen more. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Be aware of your ability to move people when you approach them with sensitivity. You could feel a little off, as you might be depressed or tired. Make time for a cat nap or whatever else you feel will heal you. Tonight: What you say could be confusing, yet it will be right-on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Try to be more nurturing when dealing with those in your daily life. Your ability to empathize with others could be instrumental. A friend will let you know that he or she doesn't agree with you. Listen, but tune in to your inner voice. Tonight: Avoid a heated discussion.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Make it OK to be on cruise control, even if a boss or a parent criticizes your behavior. Do what is necessary to appease this person, and know that your intuition is working for you. If you are single, an encounter with a new person could be significant. Tonight: Let down your hair.

BORN TODAY

Actress Shirley Temple Black (1928), composer Sergei Prokofiev (1891), singer/songwriter Roy Orbison (1936)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Thwart the threat

North-South vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ K 6 4 3
♥ 3
♦ K Q J 10 6 3
♣ K 10

WEST
♠ 7 2
♥ 10 8 6 5 4 2
♦ A 9 5 4
♣ 6

EAST
♠ A
♥ Q J 9 7
♦ 8 7
♣ 9 8 7 5 4 2

SOUTH
♠ Q J 10 9 8 5
♥ A K
♦ 2
♣ A Q J 3

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♠	All pass

Opening lead: Six of ♣

South was sure they had a slam, but he took the precaution of checking for aces before blasting into six. The disappointing response to Blackwood forced him to put on the brakes at the five level. Even 11 tricks were not certain after West led his singleton club.

Had South won the club and started drawing trumps immediately, he would have been defeated. East would win his ace and give partner a club ruff. The ace of diamonds would have been the third trick for the defense.

Declarer played the hand carefully. Before starting on trumps, he cashed the ace and king of hearts, discarding dummy's remaining club. He then led the queen of spades from his hand. East won with his ace, but he could no longer give West a club ruff. Should he try dummy's king of spades would be in position to over-ruff West's seven. The defense had to settle for the ace of diamonds and South made his contract.

Note the importance of leading the queen of spades from his hand. Had South led a spade to the king, instead, West's seven of spades would have come into play. East could lead a club and the seven of trumps would have scored the setting trick.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 "Carne" Oscar nominee
7 Letters about time
11 __ Fit: video exercise game
14 Acid neutralizer
15 Restaurant chain named for a Mozart opera
16 It's often cured
17 *Skedaddling
19 Physician's org.
20 Snack brand creator Wally
21 Karaoke option
22 Take one's sweet time
24 Half a score
25 Auction cry
26 Lamp emission, if you're lucky
27 *Food often served with ranch dip
30 __ Navidad
33 First-line national anthem word
34 Prefix with caching
35 With 38-Across, bar'd with the hit "Radioactive," and a hint to the ends of the answers to starred clues
38 See 35-Across
41 First-line national anthem word
42 Pigs out (on)
44 __ attitude
45 "Weigh, with "al"
50 Sensible
51 Stats for Mike Trout
52 Meditator's intonations
55 Sand bar
56 Appear
57 Purveyor of many flat packs
58 Burst
59 *Real ordeal
62 Part of UCSD: Abbr.
63 Cheese that's sometimes stuffed
64 Begin gently
65 Cut
66 Smashes
67 They're often ruled

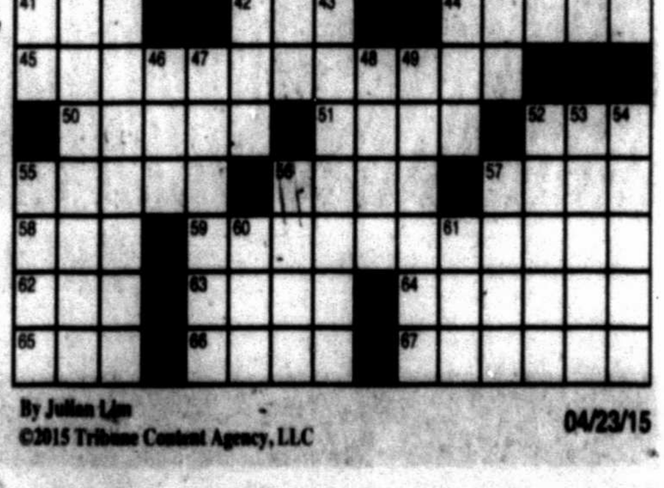
DOWN

1 Occupied, as a table
2 Nice pen
3 Firestone Country Club city
4 Spam holders
5 Lilly of pharmaceuticals
6 In a way
7 Played the part of
8 Asset in a castle siege
9 Chi follower
10 Shower problem
11 Beating heavily, as with a sledgehammer
12 Post-apocalyptic Will Smith film
13 "Perhaps"
18 __ of Mexico
23 Young Darth's nickname
25 Singer Quatro
26 Church attachment?
27 Popular
28 Took charge of
29 Just fair
30 __ bump
31 Phishing scam, e.g.
32 Church attendees
36 "O Holy Night," for one
37 Journalism VIPs
39 Far from fails
40 It's often bought at an island
43 Horror movie sounds
46 Dam-building org.
47 __-skelter
48 First fratricide victim
49 Loosen (up)
52 1930s migrants
53 Worthiness
54 Composer Saint-__
55 Org for strays
56 Place that gave its name to a cat breed
57 "Say that's true ..."
60 No for the health-conscious
61 Retired NBAer Ming

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

A	L	P	A	C	A		V	E	S	T		A	T	M
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Thomas Campagna, DMD

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LCDC/LPC/Intern needed for Addiction medical clinic part time Monday-Friday, 6am-10:30am. Tx planning, case mgmt and therapy. Paid holidays, paid sick days, no health benefits. Midland/Odessa positions. Please send resume to 800-671-8364.

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Please email joann@msa.bz or fax resume to 432-697-7089

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Thomas Campagna, DMD **PT**

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OTHER JOBS

Consultant Dietitians

Midland Market Street is looking for Consultant Dietitians to do Dietitian Store Tours in the Midland Market Street location. Must be Registered Dietitian to apply. 6-10 hours per month. Please, send resumes to Rhawkins@unitedtexas.com.

Drive-In Theatre Positions

Big Sky Drive-In Theatre
6200 W. HWY 80
Midland, TX 79706

Big Sky Drive-In Theatre is now hiring for the summer. Come by and fill out an application or go to www.bigskytheatre.com and click the Now Hiring banner to fill out an online application. If you have any questions please submit them to info@bigskytheatre.com.

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PRESSMAN/ PRESSMAN TRAINEE

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an immediate opening in its Production Department for the position of: PRESSMAN/ PRESSMAN TRAINEE for our Harris N 1650 Printing presses.

This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires: night shift/weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.

$1,000 Sign On Bonus

(payable after 90-day probation period)

Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701. E-mail:jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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Quality Control Supervisor - OCTG

United Casing, Inc.

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Pay rate for the Premise Technician position in Midland is $22/hr.

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

FT CDL Mixer Driver and Loader Operator needed

Ingram Concrete, a stable and growing company, is currently seeking CDL DRIVERS for Mixer and an experienced Loader Operator, full-time positions located in Midland. Compensation based on driving experience. Paid weekly. Home daily / week-ends. Guaranteed hours. No waiting period for medical insurance. Full benefits. Please apply at 2608 N. FM 1788 or call 432-561-8922 for more information. EOE/M/F/D/V

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Need Class A CDL vacuum and tank truck drivers with tank endorsement and clean driving records. Must be experienced. Offering competitive wages, paid health insurance, uniforms and vacations. Retirement, family medical, dental and vision insurance available. Apply to 4601 Rankin Highway, Midland, Texas, mail resume to P. O. Box 3663, Midland, TX 79702, fax to 432-687-1643, call 24-hour phone 432-682-0434 or email rvmaskell@gmail.com.

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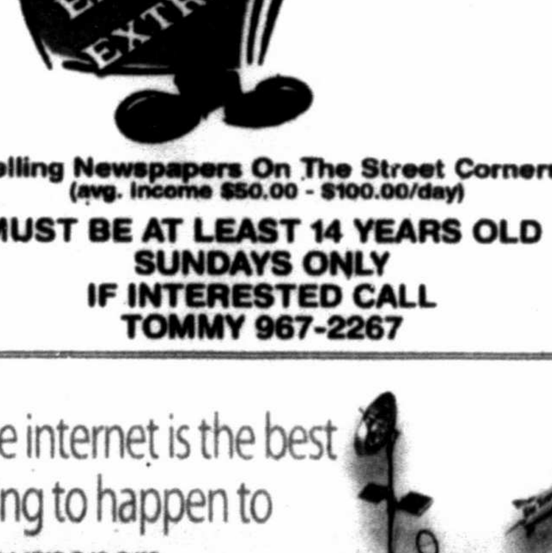


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Diggers Oilfield Services is in need of an Expert blade operator. Must have oilfield experience. Also needed, an experienced heavy equipment and diesel mechanic. We offer competitive wages and are an established dirt-work construction company. Please fax resumes to 432-218-6821 or call 432-695-6896. Ask for Sara Anderson

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New Tech Global Environmental
200 N-Lorraine, Suite 200
Midland, TX 79701
Equipment/Backhoe Operator with CDL needed ASAP. Must pass drug/background check. Up to $24/hour.
Email bking@ntglobal.com or call 432-685-3898.

EXCAVATOR OPERATORS NEEDED

Experience, References & TDL Required. Call Brent @ 830-221-6666 or 830-837-0902, Monday through Friday 8am-5pm only. Acme Bridge Co. is EOE

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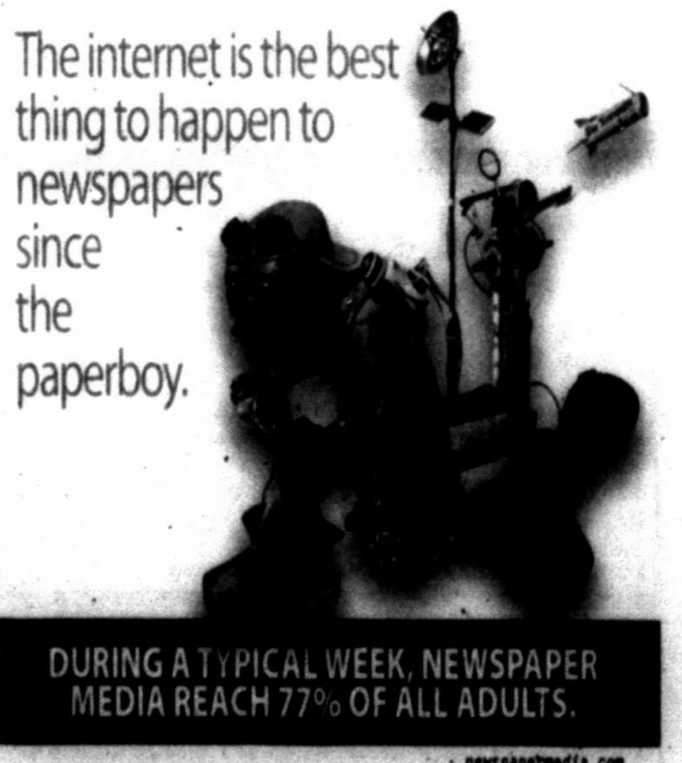
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NOTICE on Sale of Personal Property to satisfy a landlords lien for CASH ONLY. Sale date is May 7, 2015 at 10am.

Aztec Storage Center
500 A Midland Dr
Midland TX 79703

Household Goods
#51 Louvina Black
#69 Jessica Ibarra
#71 Louis Martinez
#119 Leanna Trost
#121 Roberto Galindo Jr
#142 Ramon P Barrera

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE of property to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale is Tuesday - 5/5/2015 at 11:30 A.M. at 3420 Thomason Drive, Midland, Texas 79703. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash, immediate removal required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale. Property includes contents of spaces of following delinquent tenants: Michael Gresham, vehicle 1984 Porsche 944 Coupe; Olga Spikes, household goods; Chris Cortez, household goods; Maggie Delossantos, household goods; Giovanny Rosales, household goods; Angelia Martinez, household goods.
Property from the above listed delinquent tenants will be sold as individual units. For further information contact Affordable Self Storage, 432-694-4444.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Rosa Alvarado Ortega, Deceased, were issued on April 14, 2015, in Cause No. P18256, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Eric A. Ortega, Jesse Alvarado Ortega, and Proscilla Ann Ortega.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Alan G. Moravcik**
Attorney at Law
4305 North Garfield, Suite 203
Midland, Texas 79705

DATED the 17th day of April, 2015.

Alan G. Moravcik
Attorney for Eric A. Ortega, Jesse Alvarado Ortega, and Proscilla Ann Ortega
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Midland, Texas 79705
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of PABLO MARTINEZ, Deceased, were issued on April 14, 2015 in Docket Number P-18241 pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas to REBECCA HERNANDEZ MARTINEZ, Independent Executrix.

The address of record for REBECCA HERNANDEZ MARTINEZ is 1512 S. Terrell St. Midland, Midland County, Texas 79705.

All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 20th day April, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,
LAW OFFICE OF J. BRIAN MARTIN
J. Brian Martin
600 North Loraine
P.O. Box 3881
Midland, Texas 79702
Ph. 432-686-7133
Fax 432-683-2217
State Bar # 13084500

ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE OF PABLO MARTINEZ

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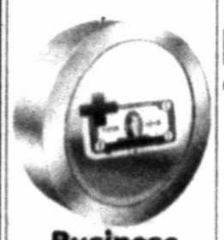
FOUND ROSARY in case at HEB parking lot 4/13/15. Call to identify 432-684-9811.

LOST FEMALE, Yorkie, puppy, 3 months old! Brown and tan with greenish eye color. Ran away from home on Friday afternoon. Her name is Chiquis. We live on 4320 Thomason Dr. We kindly ask if someone finds her give us a call at (432)697-1253 or at (432)631-8380. We are offering a $200 dollar reward in return for the puppy.



LOST LITTLE white male chihuahua with tags. Reward. 432-631-8882

SCHNAUZER/terrier mix. In holiday hill vicinity on 4/18. Salt and pepper female, about 10 years old. Answers to Shelby. Please call 432-889-4414. Very friendly and recently groomed.



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FORD 2012 F150, 4wd, SuperCrew Platinum, fully loaded, 82K miles, very good condition. $32,000. 432-853-2421

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FORD 2008 Edge white clean title, clean inside. $10,000 OBO. Call 432-413-8611

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TOYOTA 2006 Sequoia SR5, white, tan leather, DVD, sun roof, good condition, 147,000 miles. $9,995. Call 432-425-3659

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Heavy Equipment

CHEVY 2008 5500, single cab diesel, utility bed, auto crane, compressor, 153K miles. $30,000. 432-631-9868

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Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO SWR 26/27 SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that XTO Energy Inc., Operator 945936, has filed to amend existing P-17 permit #7226 with the Texas Railroad Commission the following amended P-17 application for the exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to surface commingle production from oil and gas leases in (Lease ID 32455) Midkiff 38 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field; (Lease ID 32943) Midkiff 48 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field; (Lease ID 32293) Midkiff 38 B lease, Sprayberry (Trend Area) field in Midland County. This application is for common separation and common storage. Production will be measured by W-10. 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 Ericka Davis, P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days after the date the application is filed.

GARAGE SALES

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Estate Sales

2308 Apperson, Midland, Texas 79705
Friday, April 24 - 9:00-3:00; Saturday, April 25 - 9:00-1:00

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Miscellaneous: Baldwin fun machine; new Rainbow vacuum cleaner; sewing supplies and cabinet; lamps; pictures; rugs; silver plate; floral arrangements; luggage; linens; clothes; large mirror; clocks; patio swing. **Special**: Lladro, Lalique, Baleek, Swarovski, Baccarat, collectible dolls.
By: Linda L. Biden

Estate Sales

Garden Furniture Days at
The Cats Meow
April 24th & 25th
10am-6pm
408 Andrews Hwy.
Midland, TX. 79701

We are celebrating spring by having a Garden furniture sale. We have four metal table's and chairs, small tea table, 3 vintage metal fan back chairs, three [illegible] metal chairs. Metal shelf, [illegible] vintage flower pots, pottery, [illegible] pastels, McCoy, Fiesta, [illegible] 2 Edwardian marble [illegible] dogs and figurines, [illegible] vintage purses, costume jewelry including 1920's white gold filigree diamond solitaire, white gold 30's diamond dinner ring & 40 CT London Blue Topaz.
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Yard & Garage Sales

79703

1002 BONHAM. Friday & Saturday. 8am-noon. Baby clothes and accessories, children & adult clothes, BBQ grill, odds & ends, furniture, 5pc patio furniture.

79705

1806 N "I" Street. Thursday, Friday & Saturday. 9am-5pm. Garage sale & antiques sale. 1974 Chevrolet Impala. 1982 Olds Delta 88.

2502 QUAIL Point. Friday & Saturday. 8:30am-? Several families sale, closing business. New clothing & shoes, vacuums, decorator items, & tons of miscellaneous. Too much to list.

Estate Sales

3701 STANOLIND Ave. Fri. 4/24, 9am-2pm & Sat. (half off) 9am-12pm. ESTATE SALE! Refrigerator, stove, dryer, wood model ships, KitchenAid blender, waterbed, speakers, advertising, luggage, exercise equipment, sleeping bags, game table, furniture, shop vacs, compressor, sheds, electrical saws, tons of tools, landscaping boulders and rocks.

Yard & Garage Sales

79705

206 E Shandon Thursday, Friday & Saturday 7am-? Men's & womens clothing, coats, sweaters, childrens & teens, clothes & shoes, Childrens baseball uniforms, crystal, DVD games, computer printer, table & chairs, bedding, jewelry, home decor, dishes, tools, lots of miscellaneous.

3200 WHITNEY. Friday & Saturday. 8am-2pm. Radio with speakers, filing cabinet, housewares, clothes, luggage, books, jewelry, and more.

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Yard & Garage Sales

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800 GULF Ave. on the corner of A Street & Gulf. Fri. 8am-5pm, Sat. 8am-3pm. Huge Garage Sale.

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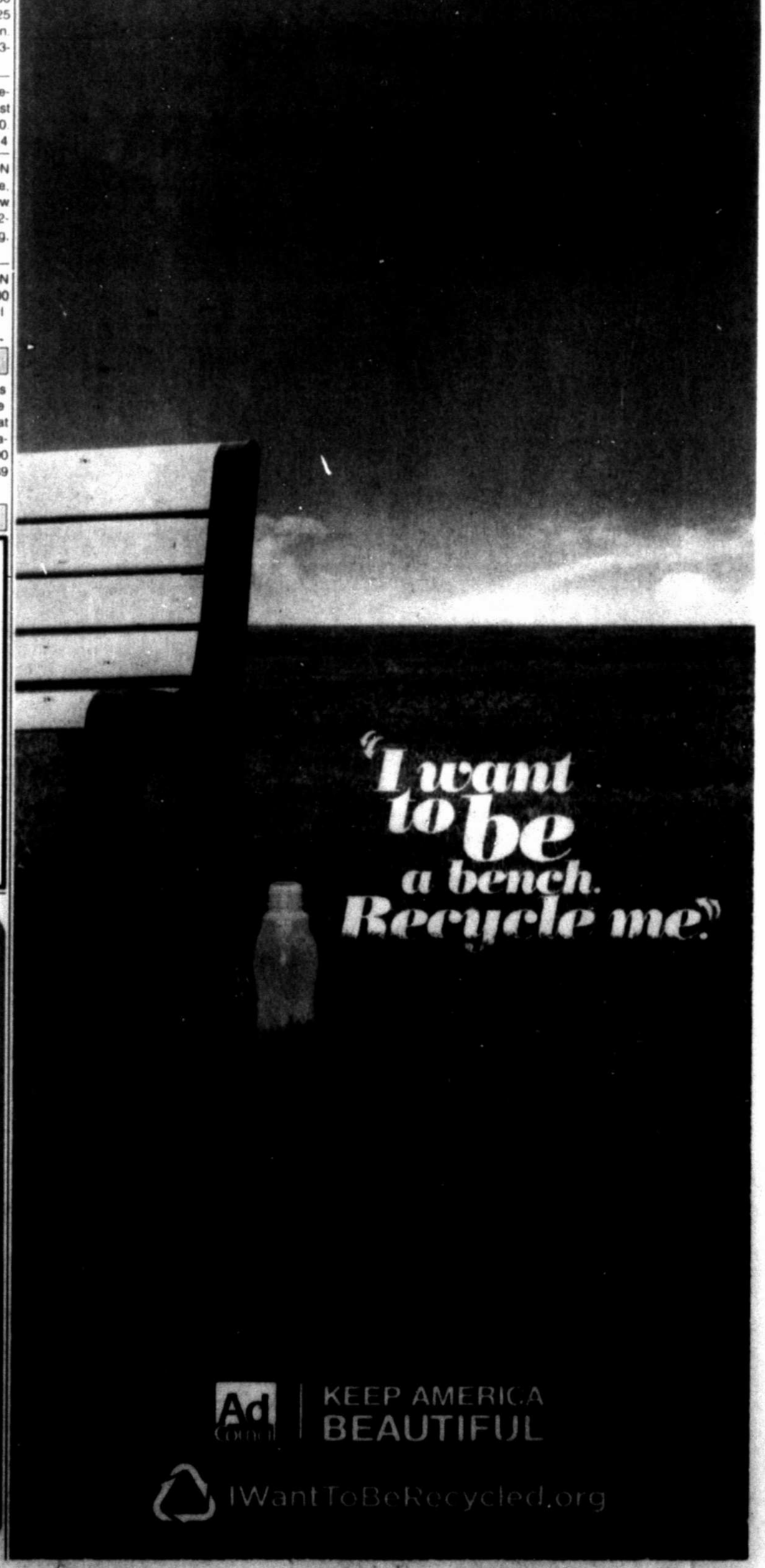
2109 SCR 1129. E on FM 307, S on SCR 1130, first left on ECR 103. Sunset Estates. Fri. 4/24 & Sat. 4/25, 8:00 a.m.-?? HUGE MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE. Lots of everything. Toys, furniture, baby items, lawn equipment, shoes/clothes, exercise equipment, electric scooters, decor, tons of stuff.

79707

3010 WYDEWOOD Drive. Saturday 8am-2pm. Furniture, clothes, & lots of miscellaneous.

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Stk# U13260	2013 Volkswagen Passat, Diesel	$24,991
Stk# U13233	2004 Volkswagen Beetle, Diesel	$25,991
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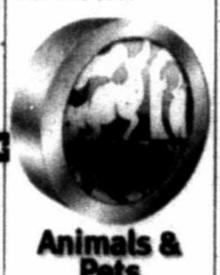
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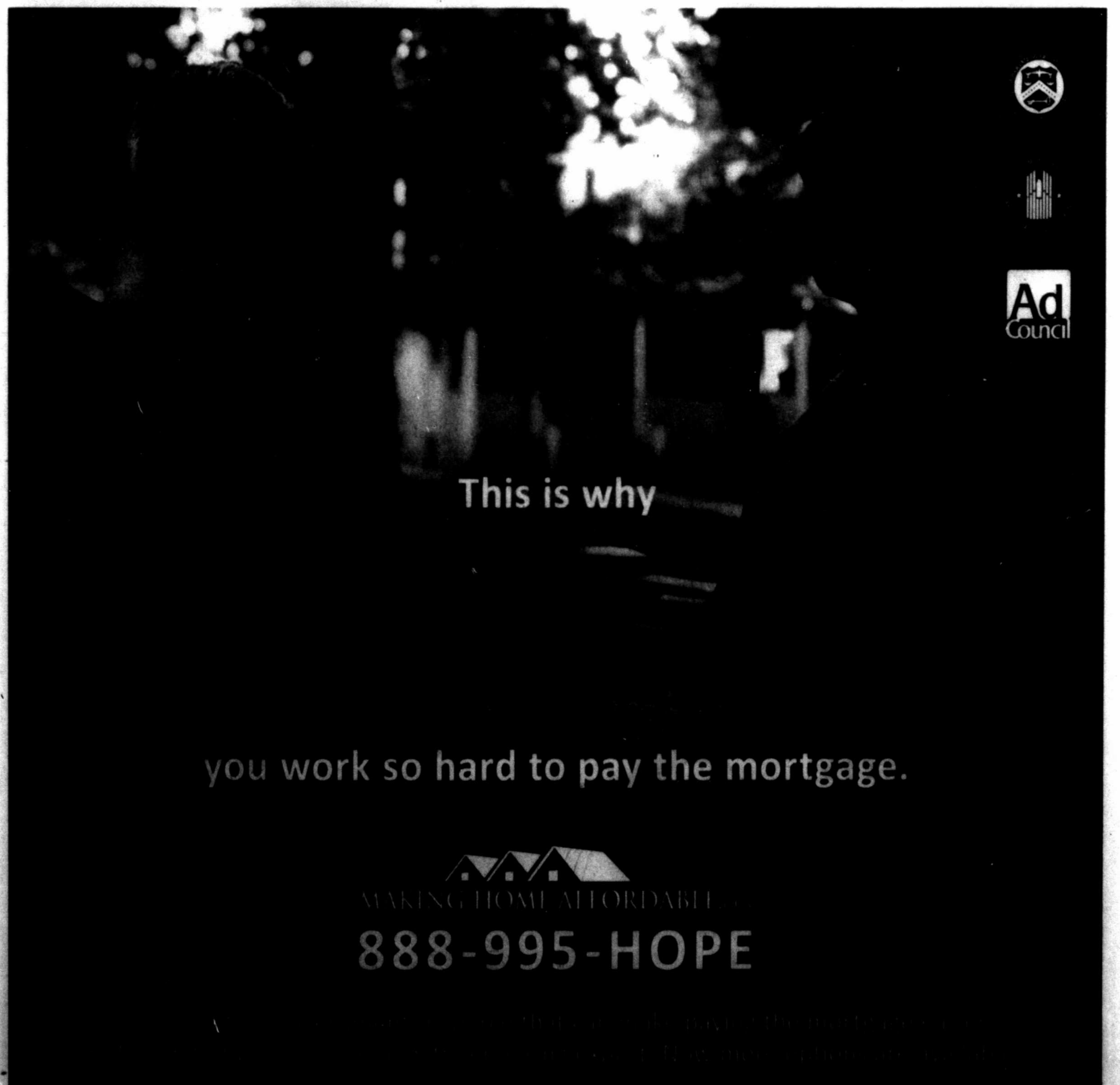
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Living room car wash?

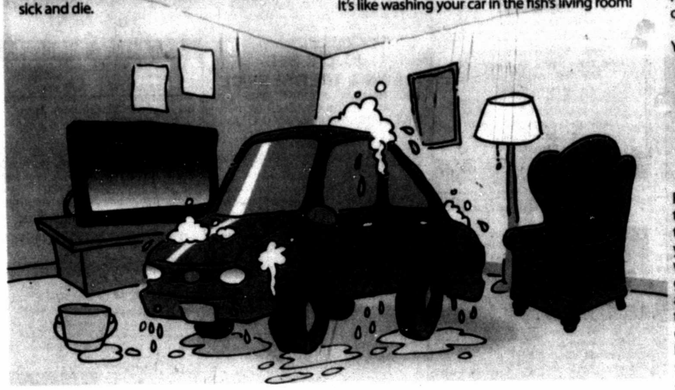
Would you let someone wash their car in your living room? Imagine what a mess that would make!

Would you drive your car into a creek and wash it in the middle of the creek? Hopefully not! That would make the creek dirty for the fish and animals and could cause them to get sick and die.

Clean Cars = Dirty Creeks?

If your family washes your car on the street or in a driveway and the water runs into the gutter and the storm drain, then all of the dirt, oil and pollutants hitch a ride in the rinse water and go into your local creek.

It's like washing your car in the fish's living room!



(Almost) Waterless Car Wash

Here's a way to wash your car with very little water.

You will need:

- ½ cup vinegar
- ½ teaspoon natural liquid soap
- 2 cups of water
- spray bottle
- clean rag
- soft cloth for buffing

Put the liquid ingredients in the spray bottle and shake to mix. Spray a small area of your car with the liquid and wipe, removing the dirt and grime. For stubborn dirt, allow the liquid to sit for a few minutes before wiping off or use a non-abrasive kitchen scrub cloth. Use a soft cloth to buff the area to a shine.

Source: www.OrganicGardening.com

For a clean car and clean creeks, try one of these:

1. Wash your car at a carwash that recycles water.
2. Wash your car on an unpaved area so that the rinse water soaks into the ground. The soil, gravel and vegetation filters the soap and grime.
3. Mix up a bottle of the Almost Waterless Car Wash solution following the directions on this page.

Do the math to discover which is the best way to wash your car:

Commercial drive-through car wash:
_____ to _____ gallons
41 · 6 25 + 25

Self-Service car wash:
_____ gallons
5 + 5 + 5

Washing your car at home:
_____ to _____ gallons
100 · 20 70 + 70



"Well, dinner is cancelled. Someone washed a car in our dining room!"

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use the skills and strategies of the reading process to follow written directions. Math: Compute written amounts.

A Colorful Reminder

You can make every day Earth Day by being careful not to waste our natural resources.

Color this reminder and display it in a kitchen or bathroom as a reminder for your family.



Extra! Extra! Just the Facts

Look through the newspaper for articles about the environment. Find at least three facts about the environment in the articles. Write a paragraph using these three facts.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler



This tree is 552 inches tall. There are 12 inches in a foot. How many feet tall is the tree?

_____ feet



This fish lives 4 fathoms below the surface of the ocean. There are 6 feet in a fathom. In feet, how deep in the sea would you have to go to find this fish?

_____ feet

Standards Link: Math: Problem solving.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

WATERLESS
VINEGAR
FILTERS
LIQUID
DIRTY
GRIME
SPRAY
STORM
SCRUB
SHINE
SOAKS
SOAP
SOIL
RIDE
OIL

L	I	V	V	I	B	U	R	C	S
N	L	I	O	Y	A	R	P	S	R
G	R	N	O	G	O	M	E	T	E
C	A	E	R	S	R	L	R	O	T
D	L	G	K	W	R	I	A	R	L
S	I	A	S	E	D	Q	M	M	I
H	O	R	T	E	S	U	O	E	F
S	S	A	T	S	H	I	N	E	L
U	W	T	P	Y	I	D	O	N	S

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Earth News Chart

Make a chart and divide it into four columns labeled: *Threats to the Environment*, *Natural Resources*, *Ways to Save Energy*, *Items to Recycle*. Find relevant newspaper articles to paste into each column for one month.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Where do cars swim?



ANSWER: In the carpool lane.

Weekly Writing Corner

Earth Day Hero

I can be an Earth Day hero. I can be an Earth Day Hero because by planting more trees, recycling, and by stopping air pollution. I would plant more trees. I would plant more trees so we could have more O2 in our world. I would recycle more. I would recycle more so the Earth does not look like garbage and to rinse and not waste things. I would also stop air pollution. I would stop air pollution so the ozone layer does not disappear and we all burn to death. All in all, these three things can save our world and keep us alive and healthy.

Aidan Jones,
4th grade, St Ann's

There are a lot of ways you can help your environment. You can recycle, pick up, and plant trees. Recycling also known as one three Rs. I would find all the cans my family uses and put them in a bag for the recycling center. I would also pick up trash around my house and my local park. I would help my dad plant trees. I would plant them in my backyard and in my local park. I hope that more people help their community not just on Earth day, but every day.

Sarah Reed,
4th grade, St Ann's

We can do many things to protect the environment. We could pick up trash around town. I could pick up trash in my neighborhood or adopt a highway. We could also recycle and reuse certain materials. I would make brand new things out of cardboard, cans, and water bottles. We can plant new plants. We could plant trees to provide oxygen so we can live. As you can see, the Earth is important, and we need to take care of it. Be an Earth Day Hero!

Kendall Harrington,
4th grade, St Ann's

If I could do three things to be an Earth Day Hero, I would recycle; pick up trash, and plant trees. The first way is to recycle. Recycling can help the environment by being able to reuse things and you will also save oil. The second way to save the environment is to pick up trash. Picking up trash will save the environment by stopping pollution. The third way to save the environment is to plant trees. Planting trees will help the environment by giving you more clean oxygen. As you can see, these three choices will help you to be and Earth Day Hero.

Danny Niegos,
4th grade, St Ann's

Write On!

What "bugs" you?

What things really bother or "bug" you? How do you deal with these things?

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