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Texas house with 500-foot lazy river sells for more than $2.5M.

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Texas Tech defeats Stephen F. Austin 70-60. The Big 12 runner-up Red Raiders (25-9) closed the game on a 13-2 run.

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OPEC acknowledges scale of shale boom

By Grant Smith
Bloomberg

OPEC for the first time is forecasting that new oil supplies from its rivals will exceed growth in demand this year as the U.S. industry thrives.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries raised its expectation for supply growth from the U.S. and other producers for a fourth consecutive month, according to its monthly market report. The outlook suggests efforts by the group and Russia to clear a global glut by cutting supply are backfiring, as new production emerges, particularly in the U.S.

Oil rallied to a three-year high in January as the supply curbs by OPEC and Russia drain a surplus unleashed by a boom in U.S. shale oil. Prices have since retreated with the American shale industry continuing to flourish, propelling output to record levels.

While global oil demand will climb by 1.6 million barrels a day this year, more than previously thought, that can be covered by an increase of 1.66 million barrels a day of supplies from outside OPEC, the organization said.

It raised non-OPEC supply growth forecast by 260,000 barrels a day in the latest edition, and that from the U.S. by about 12 percent to 1.46 million a day.

As a result, OPEC's ongoing cuts won't be as effective in clearing the rest of the inventory surplus, the data showed. The cartel will be required to supply about 200,000 barrels a day less than anticipated in last month's report.

By changing its projections, OPEC is catching up with other forecasters like the International Energy Agency, the institution that advises oil-consuming nations. The IEA's estimate of non-OPEC growth in 2018 is still higher, at about 1.8 million barrels a day.

Nonetheless, the report showed that OPEC's supply curbs are continuing to shrink the global glut as most members implement their pledged cutbacks.

Surplus oil inventories in developed nations have plunged by 85 percent from the start of last year, to stand at about 50 million barrels in January.

OPEC estimates that its 14 members pumped about 32.19 million barrels a day last month, the lowest since April 2017. An average of about 33 million barrels a day is needed during the rest of the year, implying that developed-world stockpiles would contract by a further 110 million barrels.

Even though the cartel is nearing its inventories target, its most powerful member, Saudi Arabia, has said the market hasn't properly rebalanced and the supply curbs may need to continue next year. OPEC and Russia will review their progress when they meet in June.

Legos at the library

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

James Flade, 1 1/2, takes a break from playing with the big Lego blocks on Wednesday at the DreamBuildGo Travel Adventure Lego exhibit at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. The exhibit will continue through April 21.

At least 4 people killed when bridge collapses

By Adriana Gomez Licon
Associated Press

MIAMI — A pedestrian bridge that was under construction collapsed onto a busy Miami highway Thursday afternoon, crushing vehicles beneath massive slabs of concrete and steel and killing at least four people, authorities said.

Search-and-rescue crews worked into the night, using dogs, search cameras and sensitive listening devices in a frantic search to find survivors among the debris.

"Everybody is working hard to make sure we rescue anyone who can be rescued," Florida Gov. Rick Scott said.

But Miami-Dade police director Juan Perez said hopes were dwindling as the hours passed.

"We know that there's going to be a negative outcome at the end of the day," Perez said.

Four people were found dead amid the chaotic scene, and nine victims were taken "early on" to hospitals, Fire Chief Dave Downey said without elaborating on their conditions.

The partially built 950-ton bridge had been assembled by the side of the highway and moved into place Saturday to great fanfare. The span stretched almost 200 feet to connect Florida International University with the city of Sweetwater. It was expected to open to foot traffic next year.

"This bridge was about goodness, not sadness," said FIU President Mark Rosenberg. "Now we're feeling immense sadness, uncontrollable sadness."

Scott said an exhaustive investigation will uncover "why this happened and what happened," and he vowed to hold accountable those responsible.

National Transportation Safety Board chairman Robert Sumwalt III said a team of specialists was heading to Miami on Thursday night to investigate.

Jacob Miller, a senior at FIU, was visiting a friend in a dorm when he heard sirens and horns honking. He went to a balcony and could see rubble coming down.

"I saw there were multiple cars crushed under the bridge. It was just terrible," he said.

An accelerated construction method was supposed to reduce risks to workers and pedestrians and minimize traffic disruption, the university said.

Renderings of the finished bridge showed a tall, off-center tower with cables attached to the walkway to support it. When the bridge collapsed, the main tower had not yet been installed, and it was unclear what the builders were using as temporary supports.

Robert Ben, a professor of engineering and construction management at the University of California, Berkeley, said it's too early to know exactly what happened, but the decision to use what the bridge builders called an "innovative installation" was risky, especially because the bridge spanned a heavily traveled thoroughfare.

"Innovations take a design

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Gas price streak extends to 15 weeks

■ Average price in Midland is $2.52, according to AAA

By Trevor Hawes
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The average price for a gallon of gasoline in Midland fell slightly this week, but it's still the highest in the state.

A gallon of regular in the Tall City costs $2.52, according to AAA on Thursday. The state average, however, is $2.29. Midland has had the highest price in the state for 15 straight weeks.

Odessa wasn't far behind at $2.46, the second highest in Texas. The third highest in the state was Dallas at $2.35 per gallon. Lubbock was sharply lower than Midland and Odessa, with an average price of $2.20. The cheapest in the state was $2.16 in El Paso.

The national average Thursday was $2.53.

A week ago, Midland's average price was $2.54, and Odessa's was $2.51.

Several gas stations around town are well-below AAA's reported average. Texaco, 3300 N. Midkiff Road; H-E-B, 3325 W. Wadley Ave.; Sam's Club, 1500 N. Tradewinds Blvd.; and Murphy USA, 4517 N. Midland Drive all had prices at $2.15 per gallon, according to TexasGasPrices.com at 3 p.m.

Chevron at 1709 S. Ranking Highway and Murphy USA at 2305 S. Belmont St. had gas for sale at $2.24; H-E-B, 5407 Andrews Highway, was at $2.27.

Diesel prices in Midland were $3.03 per gallon on average, according to AAA, about 2 cents cheaper than a week ago. In Odessa, diesel was $3.02.

Sam's Club had the least expensive diesel at $2.80, according to TexasGasPrices.com. Chevron on Rankin Highway and Murphy USA on Belmont Street were selling diesel for $2.87 per gallon Thursday.

The state average for diesel was $2.71.

AAA said gas prices across Texas and the U.S. were steady this week, according to the Associated Press. AAA experts say one major factor contributing to stable prices is increased gasoline production that has kept pace with higher-than-usual demand this winter.

Gas prices by the numbers

■ Lowest price for regular: $2.15 (Texaco, Midkiff Road and Wadley Avenue; H-E-B, Wadley Avenue and Midkiff Road; Sam's Club, Tradewinds Boulevard

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Price of oil
$61.19 ▲ $0.23

The big number
12 years of marriage and Donald Trump Jr.'s wife has filed for divorce. Page 2A

Word of the Day: post cluise
Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 2A.

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firm into an area where they don't have applicable experience, and then we have another unexpected failure on our hands," Bea said after reviewing the bridge's design and photos of the collapse.

Sweetwater police Detective Juan Llera was in a nearby meeting when the bridge collapsed.

"I heard a 'boom' like a bomb had exploded," he said. "At first I thought it was a terrorist attack."

He said he saw three injured construction workers. One had a head injury and was passing in and out of consciousness, another one had a leg injury and the third was lying on the street unconscious. Llera started performing CPR on him.

"We were able to keep him alive to send him to the hospital," Llera said.

Kendall Regional Medical Center received 10 injured people. Of those, two were in "extremely critical" condition and eight were stable with injuries such as broken bones, bruises and abrasions, said Dr. Mark McKenney, the hospital's director of general surgery.

Of the two more serious cases, one arrived in cardiac arrest but was revived. The other had a serious brain injury, McKenney said.

The main companies behind the $14.2 million construction project have faced questions about their past work, and one was fined in 2012 when a 90-ton section of a bridge collapsed in Virginia.

Munilla Construction Management, or MCM, the Miami-based construction management firm that won the bridge contract, had a news release on its website touting the project with FIGG Bridge Engineers, a Tallahassee firm. After the collapse, it said the site had become temporarily unavailable due to increased web traffic. "It has since been restored."

MCM said on Twitter that it is "a family business and we are all devastated and doing everything we can to assist. We will conduct a full investigation to determine exactly what went wrong and will cooperate with investigators on scene in every way."

FIGG said in a statement, "In our 40-year history, nothing like this has ever happened before."

But FIGG was fined in 2012 after a 90-ton section of a bridge it was building in Virginia crashed onto railroad tracks below, causing minor injuries to several workers. The citation from the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry said FIGG did not properly inspect a girder and had not obtained written consent from its manufacturer before modifying it, according to a story in The Virginian-Pilot.

Court documents show that MCM was accused of substandard work in a lawsuit filed earlier this month. The suit said a worker at Fort Lauderdale International Airport, where the company is working on an expansion, was injured when a makeshift MCM-built bridge collapsed under his weight.

The suit accused the company of employing "incompetent, inexperienced, unskilled or careless employees" at the job site.

A review of Occupational Safety Health Administration records shows that MCM has been fined for 11 safety violations in the past five years. The fines totaling more than $50,000 arose from complaints about unsafe trenches, cement dust and other problems at its Florida work sites.

Florida International University is the second largest university in the state, with 55,000 students, most of whom live off-campus.

The bridge was supposed to be a safe way to cross a busy highway.

A university student was killed in August while crossing the road that the bridge was supposed to span.

DroneBase via AP

This photo provided by DroneBase shows the collapsed pedestrian bridge at Florida International University on Thursday in the Miami area.

Donald Trump Jr., wife headed for divorce after 12 years

By Jonathan Lemire and Larry Neumeister
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Donald Trump Jr.'s wife took legal steps on Thursday to formally end their 12-year marriage, and the couple issued a statement saying they're going their separate ways but "will always have tremendous respect for each other and our families."

Vanessa Trump, a former model, listed the breakup as "uncontested" in a state Supreme Court divorce complaint filing that is secret except for the title of the case.

The Trumps, each 40 years old, were married in 2005 and have five children. Their first child, a girl born in 2007, made a grandfather of Donald Trump a decade before he became president.

In a statement issued through The Trump Organization, where Donald Trump Jr. is an executive, the couple said in part: "After 12 years of marriage, we have decided to go our separate ways. ... We have five beautiful children together and they remain our top priority."

The divorce filing comes as Trump Jr. has emerged as a central figure in at least one focus point of the special counsel's investigation into Trump ties to Russia: a June 2016 meeting in Trump Tower involving a Russian lawyer and top campaign aides that, according to Trump Jr.'s emails, he accepted after being promised dirt on Hillary Clinton, Trump's Democratic rival.

Trump Jr. was an enthusiastic mainstay on the campaign trail during his father's 2016 march to the Republican presidential nomination and then the presidency and now co-runs the family business with his brother Eric Trump, overseeing a global empire that includes hotels, golf courses and a winery.

He is a popular GOP fundraising draw and has expressed political ambitions of his own, though he has drawn criticism for peddling online right-wing and alt-right memes.

Vanessa Trump's engagement and marriage to Trump Jr. had been a subject of tabloid fascination in New York long before her father-in-law, who has been divorced twice and married three times, entered politics.

At the time of their engagement, there were unflattering stories about how Trump Jr. had accepted a free diamond ring from a jewelry merchant in New Jersey in exchange for staging a recreation of his wedding proposal outside the store for reporters and TV cameras.

But soon, Trump Jr.'s name was more often associated publicly with his appearances alongside his father on "The Apprentice" or as a judge at beauty pageants.

A profile on the couple by The New York Times in 2006 reflected the lightheartedness and pressures of the pair's early days and led Trump Jr. to reflect on the spotlight that fell on his father anytime the family business soured or he confronted divorce.

"Sometimes being a Trump, everyone kind of wants to see you fail," Trump Jr. told the newspaper.

The article said Vanessa Haydon Trump grew up in a town house on Manhattan's Upper East Side, and it recalled her amusement at their initial 2003 meeting when Donald Trump introduced himself and his son to her, only to return later and say: "I don't think you've met my son Donald Trump Jr." The Times quoted Vanessa Trump as responding: "Yeah, we just met, five minutes ago."

When the young couple met again at a party six weeks later, they didn't remember the earlier meeting until they talked for an hour and Vanessa Trump suddenly recalled that encounter, the newspaper said.

Donald Trump Jr., wife Vanessa Trump, and their children Donald Trump III, left, and Kai Trump, right, walk out together after attending church service on Jan. 20, 2017, at St. John's Episcopal Church across from the White House.

Ex-Pence aide running for Congress defends resume

By Brian Slodysko
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — A former Mike Pence aide who was fired from one government job and left another after being formally disciplined wants Indiana voters to send him to Congress, where he would take over for the boss who sacked him, according to a review of public records by The Associated Press.

State records show Diego Morales, a candidate in the GOP primary for the 4th Congressional District, was fired in 2009 by former Indiana Secretary of State Todd Rokita, who is giving up his reliably Republican House seat to run for Senate.

The disciplinary actions against Morales are part of a resume that also includes embellishments, a spotty work history and murky business dealings.

His campaign didn't respond to several questions from the AP but did insist Morales served as a "senior advisor" to Pence when he was Indiana's governor. Some of Pence's aides have defended Morales' use of the title and endorsed his candidacy. However, the campaign acknowledges his work — including such tasks as event planning and venue preparation — didn't rise to the level of many others who worked under the eventual vice president.

"Diego Morales' service to Indiana and his country are unimpeachable," campaign manager Michael Sorenson said in an emailed statement, noting the 39-year-old Morales is also a veteran.

Morales often touts his role on Pence's staff as he campaigns for the nomination against Steve Braun and state Rep. Jim Baird.

A spokeswoman for the vice president did not respond to a request for comment.

A spokesman for Rokita declined to comment on the work habits of his former employee.

Rokita's office formally disciplined Morales after eight months due to "incomplete" work, "inefficient execution" and a "lack of focus," according to records obtained under Indiana's public records act. He refused to agree to a work improvement plan and had filed notice that he intended to quit when he was fired, according to a termination letter.

Two years later, Morales left a different state job after refusing to sign on to a work improvement plan under former Secretary of State Charlie White, who was himself removed from office in 2012 following a voter fraud conviction.

Morales worked just over a month in White's office when he was disciplined for "poor execution," failing to complete his work and leaving the office to attend a "personal function," records show.

His letter of resignation states that he was seeking "new experiences" that would better serve his "future ambitions."

He landed a gig with Pence in 2013 and was among a large group of staffers awarded a Sagamore of the Wabash, one of the state's highest honors, when Pence was leaving office for Washington.

Morales now enjoys support from a number of GOP powerbrokers and Pence allies, including former chief of staff Jim Atterholt, who encouraged him to use the title "senior advisor," Morales' campaign has acknowledged.

"I considered (Morales) to be a senior adviser to both myself and to Governor Pence," Atterholt wrote in an emailed statement. "Diego represented the Governor at countless events around the state and was critical to being our eyes and ears on how we could be of help to any and all Hoosiers."

At events and in campaign materials, Morales portrays himself as a "business owner," an "adjunct professor" and high-level government worker.

But according to state records and interviews, Morales bounced around government jobs, sometimes lasting little more than a few months. His business, Aiming Higher Services, was administratively dissolved last November.

OIL

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and State Highway 191; and Murphy USA, Midland Drive).

■ **Highest price for regular:** $2.65 (Pilot, Rankin Highway and Dayton Road).

■ **Most common price:** $2.53.

■ **Cheapest prices around West Texas:** San Angelo, $1.90; Lubbock, $2.07 (cash only); Midland, $2.15; Abilene, $2.21; Big Spring, $2.21; Odessa, $2.26.

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

	Midland	Odessa
Today	$2.510	$2.451
Last week	$2.540	$2.512
Last month	$2.543	$2.489
Last year	$2.140	$2.104

Source: AAA

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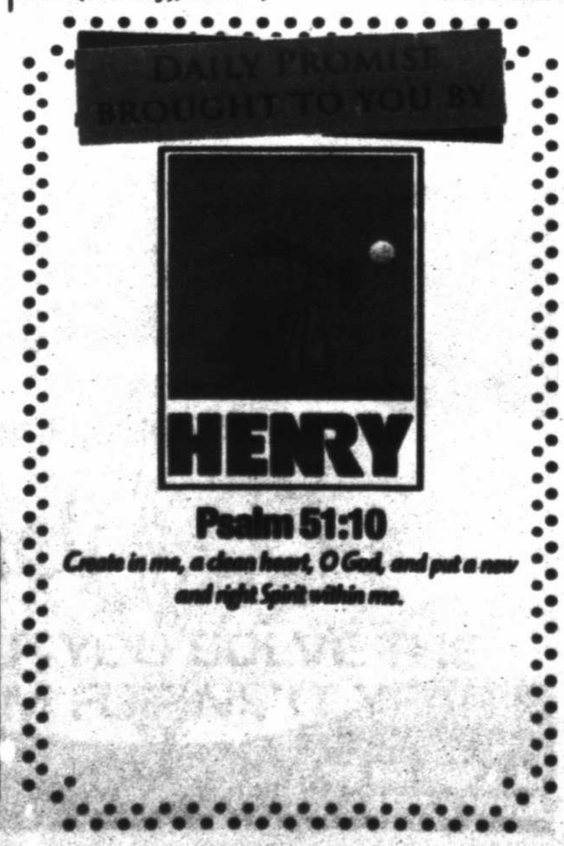

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: a carriage usually having a closed body on four wheels and seating two to four persons

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Friday library offerings

- Harry Potter Escape Room, 4-6:30 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. Groups of six to eight guests must escape the offices of Dolores Umbridge, the High Inquisitor of Hogwarts. For ages 13-19.
- Evening Storytime at the Library, 4:30 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.
- Family Fort Night, 6:30 p.m. Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250. This after-hours event invites families for a night of fort-making and storytelling. All ages welcome. Fort supplies provided but guests are encouraged to bring blankets, pillows and flashlights. Pajamas allowed. Register online at www.co.midland.tx.us.
- "Travel Adventure" invites children and families to create using LEGO bricks at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. The exhibition also features creations by LEGO Master Builders along with a photo booth and a life-size adventure vehicle.

Things to do

- Think. Make. Spring Break!, 10:30 a.m., Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org. The program will feature cartoons, outdoor movement, storytime and crafts
- Permian Basin Spring Stampede Pro Rodeo will include the Miss PBSS Rodeo Queen, Mutton Bustin' and more at Horseshoe Arena, 2514 Arena Trail. $15. Midlandhorseshoe.com.
- Permian Basin Comic Con will feature guest artists, vendors, contests and more at Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. The event includes the "Magic: the Gathering" Preliminary Pro Tour Qualifier. pbcomiccon.com.
- Friday Night Fish Fry, 6 p.m., Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave. ranchlandhills.com.
- Bingo Nights, 7 p.m., American Legion, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 682-5511.
- Hold 'em poker tournaments, 7 p.m., The Detour, 1709 Rankin Highway.
- "The Jungle Book" by the Pickwick Players, 7:30 p.m., Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $28. mctmidland.org.
- Musical Thrones: A Parody of Ice and Fire, 8 p.m., 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $35-$60. wagnernoel.com. The comedy show introduces favorite characters from "Game of Thrones" as the audience runs through all seven seasons of the show. This is part of the LOL at the Wagner Noel series.
- Shane Rogers Band, 9 p.m., Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.
- DJ Wildman, 9 p.m., the LIR on 7th, 1401 E. Seventh St. Odessa.
- DJ Boris, 9 p.m., Supernova Nightclub, 2215 N. Midland Drive. $10.
- Bobby Champion, 9 p.m., Your Place, 3704 W. Wall St.
- Tzimani, Doomy Blues, Pollsky Menacing, 9 p.m., The Club Odessa, 1023 S. Grant Ave.

Serving up fun

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Elina Svitolina, right, the WTA No. 4-ranked player in the world, participated in a youth tennis clinic at Bush Tennis Center on Wednesday. Svitolina, who is from Odessa, Ukraine, stopped in Midland en route from the BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells, Calif., to the Miami Open in Key Biscayne, Fla.

This day in Midland

Today is Friday, March 16, the 75th day of 2018. There are 290 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1802, President Thomas Jefferson signed a measure authorizing the establishment of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York.

In 1926, rocket science pioneer Robert H. Goddard successfully tested the first liquid-fueled rocket at his Aunt Effie's farm in Auburn, Massachusetts.

In 1994, figure skater Tonya Harding pleaded guilty in Portland, Oregon, to conspiracy to hinder prosecution for covering up an attack on rival Nancy Kerrigan, avoiding jail but drawing a $100,000 fine.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 6-5-9
Pick 3 day: 5-8-3
Pick 3 evening: 8-8-9
Pick 3 night: 7-9-0
Daily 4 morning: 8-3-3-5
Daily 4 day: 8-7-0-2
Daily 4 evening: 9-1-0-7
Daily 4 night: 2-3-6-8
Cash Five: 9-13-19-24-27
Triple Chance: 6-17-19-21-34-37-42-43-47-48
Texas Two Step: 5-8-18-34 BB: 18
All or Nothing morning: 1-2-5-7-8-10-11-12-14-20-21-24
All or Nothing day: 3-6-7-8-9-12-13-15-16-20-22-23
All or Nothing evening: 1-2-4-7-8-12-14-15-19-20-23-24
All or Nothing night: 2-6-7-8-10-15-16-18-19-20-22-23

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Weather

Thursday's temperatures
High 79
Low 50
Normal high 71
Normal low 41

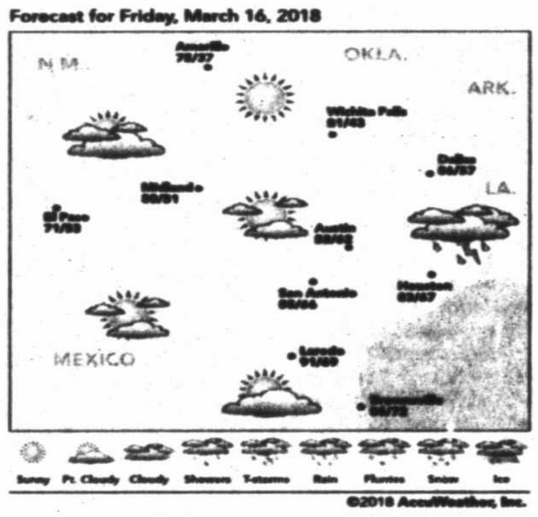
March 15's records
Record high: 88, set in 1974
Record low: 22, set in 1962

Precipitation
Saturday ..... 00 in.
Sunday ..... 00 in.
Month total ..... 00 in.
Year total ..... 0.05 in.
Normal total (year to date) ..... 1.55 in.

Winds
Wind speed: 18 mph

Today's forecast
High: 79
Low: 51
Conditions: Sunny today/partly cloudy tonight
Winds: West 10-15 mph today/southwest 5-15 tonight
Chance of rain: none

Forecast for Friday, March 16, 2018



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Source: National Weather Service

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

Note: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

A baby born today has a Sun in Aries and a Moon in Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, March 16, 2018:

This year you greet a new beginning, though you might not be conscious of it right away. Your creativity and intensity mark your year. If you are single, many admirers surround you. Choosing the right person will take talent, but it is a strong possibility that you will find him or her. If you are attached, avoid becoming too me-oriented, as it can happen easily with your imagination soaring. Allow your sweetie to take the lead more often. A fellow PISCES demonstrates how he or she cares.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ A new beginning becomes possible if you are willing to share more of your thoughts. You might feel uncomfortable with some of the changes you see, but you are convinced that you need to adapt to them. A boss could start to be quite manipulative. Tonight: Follow your instincts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Zero in on a long-term desire. It might be difficult to manifest what you want. How you view a friendship could change, given some time. You and another person do not see eye to eye; avoid a power play. Try to accept each other's differences. Tonight: Read between the lines.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Reach out to a loved one. Sometimes you find yourself in power plays that you can't seem to get out of. Know when you have had too much of this type of interaction. Your caring attitude lights up your day as well as others'. Tonight: Discuss what does not work, then adapt.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Make it OK to say little right now, especially if you feel as if you are wandering from topic to topic. Allow your creativity to emerge, and your life will flow in a more positive way. Recognize when you have gone overboard. Tonight: Only where you can hear great music.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Your need for excitement marks your plans. Get through your to-do list, which might be intimidating to others, but not to you. You have more energy than many of those around you, and it becomes evident during the day. Stick to the bottom line. Tonight: Out with a favorite person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You could be too tired to continue on your chosen path. Take a break, defer to someone else and feel free to do your thing. A friend might interfere with your focus, but you won't mind his or her distraction. In fact, you could be quite flattered. Tonight: Decide what you want to do.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Stay mellow, despite the pressure you feel from someone else. You need to honor your own needs and desires right now. Your creativity and unusual ideas draw more inspired people toward you. Act on your thoughts and feelings. Tonight: Add some spice to a relationship.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might want to get past a problem, yet you'll need to make an effort to do so. You could get caught up in some negative thoughts that will slow down your progress. Positive thinking helps you to see the possibilities, as long as you can relax. Tonight: Be a wild thing!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ If you get past an immediate problem, which could involve money, you will be able to be more focused. Trust your ability to bypass conventional thinking when you need to. Investigate what is going on in your personal life. Tonight: A seemingly easy task could become difficult.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You make a difference by clearing out an ongoing issue. You notice how controlling and challenging you have become. Know that this attitude won't always work in your favor. Your ability to detach and see the big picture is what makes you a success. Tonight: Follow your gut.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Stay in control of your financial situation, as difficult as it might be. You could feel as if certain parts of your life are spinning out of control. You will see life from a clearer perspective once you focus on the costs of various areas of your life. Tonight: Transform your behavior.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You feel in sync with the moment. Others see you as a leader. Your response to a challenging person or financial matter could be to ignore it for now. You can do that, but expect to receive a strong reaction from others. Complete your tasks. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

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Without Toys R Us, 30,000 jobs will be lost

By Anne D'innocenzio
Associated Press

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A person walking near the entrance to a Toys R Us store on Jan. 24 in Wayne, N.J. Toys R Us's management has told its employees that it will sell or close all of its U.S. stores. The 70-year-old retailer is headed toward shuttering its U.S. operations, jeopardizing the jobs of some 30,000 employees while spelling the end for a chain known to generations for its sprawling stores and Geoffrey the giraffe mascot. The closing of the company's 740 U.S. stores will finalize the downfall of the chain and force toy makers and landlords to scramble for alternatives.

NEW YORK — The demise of Toys R Us will have a ripple effect on everything from toy makers to consumers to landlords.

The 70-year-old retailer sought court approval Thursday to liquidate its remaining 735 stores, eliminating the jobs of some 30,000 employees while spelling the end for a chain known to generations of children and parents for its sprawling stores and Geoffrey the giraffe mascot.

The closing of the company's U.S. stores over the coming months will finalize the downfall of the chain that succumbed to heavy debt and relentless trends that undercut its business, from online shopping to mobile games.

And it will force toy makers and landlords who depended on the chain to scramble for alternatives.

CEO David Brandon told employees Wednesday the company's plan is to liquidate all of its U.S. stores, according to an audio recording of the meeting obtained by The Associated Press.

There is still some hope. Toys R Us will try to bundle its Canadian business, with about 200 U.S. stores, and find a buyer. The company's U.S. online store would still be running for the next couple of weeks in case there's a buyer for it. Workers in the U.S. will get paid for the next 60 days if they show up for work, but after that, all benefits and pay will be cut, Brandon told employees at the meeting, according to the recording. Some workers will be asked to stay longer to help with the liquidation. The company said that gift cards will be honored for the next 30 days. It will not accept returns once the liquidation sales start.

It's likely to also liquidate its businesses in Australia, France, Poland, Portugal and Spain. It's already shuttering its business in the United Kingdom. That would leave it with stores in Canada, central Europe and Asia, where it could find buyers for those assets.

Toys R Us Asia Ltd. has more than 400 retail outlets in Brunei, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand. It is a Hong Kong-based joint venture with the Fung Group, which owns a 15 percent stake. It also controls Asian sourcing giant Li & Fung, a major supplier to Western retailers like Wal-Mart.

A Fung spokesperson did not immediately reply to a request for comment.

When Toys R Us initially announced it was filing for bankruptcy protection last year, the Asian venture said it was not affected and operated as a separate legal entity independent of other Toys R Us businesses around the world.

In Hong Kong, where Toys R Us has 15 stores, parents said there were few other choices in a retail market dominated by a few big players.

"If you want something like a mainstream toy shop, then Toys R Us is the only place you can go," said Ching-yng Choi, whose home and office are both within walking distance of Toys R Us shops.

"Basically either it's Toys R Us or you go to specialized and very expensive toy shops that sell, for example, wooden toys that come from very far away countries like in Europe," she said.

Toys R Us had about 60,000 full-time and part-time employees worldwide last year.

"We worked as hard and as long as we could to turn over every rock," Brandon told employees.

But in his address, Brandon took shots at shoppers and vendors who cut back on their support for the chain in recent months.

"I believe that all of them will live to regret what is happening to our company," he said.

When the chain filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection last fall, saddled with $5 billion in debt that hurt its attempts to compete as shoppers moved to Amazon and huge chains like Walmart, it pledged to stay open.

But Brandon told employees its sales performance during the holiday season was "devastating," as nervous customers and vendors shied away. Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization — a measure of the company's operating performance — was a paltry $81 million for the critical fourth quarter. That compared with $347 million in the year-ago period, according to the court filing. That made its lenders more skittish about investing in the company. In January, it announced plans to close about 180 stores over the next couple of months, leaving it with a little more than 700 stores.

The company's troubles have affected toy makers Mattel and Hasbro, which are big suppliers to the chain. But the likely liquidation will have a bigger impact on smaller toy makers that rely more on the chain for sales. Many have been trying to diversify in recent months as they fretted about the chain's survival.

Toys R Us has been hurt by the shift to mobile devices taking up more play time. But steep sales declines over the holidays and thereafter were the deciding factor, said Jim Silver, editor-in-chief of toy review site TTPM.com.

The company didn't do enough to emphasize that it was reorganizing but not going out of business, Silver said. That misperception kept customers away from its stores because they didn't think they would be able to return gifts.

Now, the $11 billion in sales still happening at Toys R Us each year will disperse to other retailers like Amazon and discounters, analysts say. Other chains, seeing that Toys R Us was vulnerable, got more aggressive. J.C. Penney opened toy sections last fall in all 875 stores. Target and Walmart have been expanding their toy selections. Even Party City is building up its toy offerings.

"Amazon may pick up the dollars, but won't deliver the experience needed for a toy retailer to survive and thrive in today's market," said Marc Rosenberg, a toy marketing executive.

Toys R Us had dominated the toy store business in the 1980s and early 1990s, when it was one of the first of the "category killers"— a store totally devoted to one thing. Its scale gave it leverage with toy sellers and it disrupted general merchandise stores and mom-and-pop shops. Children sang along with commercials about "the biggest toy store there is."

But the company lost ground to discounters like Target and Walmart, and then to Amazon, as even nostalgic parents sought deals elsewhere. GlobalData Retail estimates that nearly 14 percent of toy sales were made online in 2016, more than double the level five years ago. Toys R Us still has hundreds of stores, and analysts estimate it still sells about 20 percent of the toys bought in the United States.

It wasn't able to compete with a growing Amazon: The toy seller said in bankruptcy filings that Amazon's low prices were hard to match. And it said its Babies R Us chain lost customers to the online retailer's convenient subscription service, which let parents receive diapers and baby formula at their doorstep automatically. Toys R Us blamed its "old technology" for not offering its own subscriptions.

But the company's biggest albatross was that it struggled with massive debt since private-equity firms Bain Capital, KKR & Co. and Vornado Realty Trust took it private in a $6.6 billion leveraged buyout in 2005. Weak sales prevented them from taking the company public again. With such debt levels, Toys R Us did not have the financial flexibility to invest in its business. The company closed its flagship store in Manhattan's Times Square, a huge tourist destination that featured its own Ferris wheel, about two years ago.

In filing for bankruptcy protection last fall, Toys R Us pledged to make its stores more interactive. It added demonstrators for the holiday season to show people how toys work, and began opening Play Labs at 42 stores, areas where children can play with different items.

End of an era: Toys R Us is going the way of stickball

By Anne D'innocenzio
Associated Press

NEW YORK — For decades, children ran down the sprawling aisles of Toys R Us in awe of the Barbies, the bikes and other toys laid out in front of them. Parents lined up for the latest Christmas fad, even if it meant standing in the rain. And, of course, there was that jingle that bored into your brain: "I don't wanna grow up, I'm a Toys R Us kid ..."

But all of that looks as if it's coming to an end.

Toys R Us is going out of business in the U.S., announcing plans Wednesday to close or sell its 735 stores across the country, including its Babies R Us stores, in a move that jeopardizes more than 30,000 jobs.

The superstore chain could no longer bear the weight of its heavy debt load and relentless trends that hurt its business, namely competition from the likes of Amazon, discounters like Walmart, and mobile games.

At shopping centers around the country, the news was met with sadness and nostalgia.

"My first toy came from Toys R Us when I was young, and I had a Barbie corvette that you could drive," recalled Raven Cornell, 29, at a Toys R Us in Fayetteville, Georgia.

Sidney Corum, 4, was with his grandfather at the same store when he heard the news.

"Mad. I go so angry. I fight. I will fight them," he said.

Plenty of other toy chains have gone out of business over the past few years, among them KB Toys and Zany Brainy. But with the likely demise of Toys R Us, a piece of Americana is going away. (Toys R Us still has more than 700 stores outside the U.S., but those, too, are contracting fast.)

Toys R Us traces its roots to 1948, when its founder, Charles Lazarus, opened Children's Bargain Town, a baby furniture store in Washington. Lazarus opened the first Toys R Us in 1957, and in 1965 Geoffrey the giraffe became the company's mascot. He appeared in his first TV commercial in 1973.

Toys R Us dominated the toy store business in the 1980s and early '90s, when it was one of the first of the category killers — big stores that are so totally devoted to one thing and have such impressive selection that they drive smaller competitors out of business.

Lazarus, who remained at the helm until 1994, stacked the merchandise high to give shoppers the feeling it had an infinite number of toys.

But it wasn't just the stuff that Toys R Us sold; it was the feeling parents and children would get when they roamed the aisles.

"You weren't just buying a toy. You were going into a magical experience. It was like going into Santa's Workshop," said Jim Silver, a longtime, New York-based toy expert.

Over the decades, children used Toys R Us as a playground where they would meet others they wouldn't see in the schoolyard.

In the 1990s, when Pokemon was hot, children would bring shoeboxes filled with the cards, and they would trade them in the store.

Over the years, Toys R Us was the launch pad for what became some of the industry's hottest toys, such as Zhu Zhu pets in 2008. Other retailers like Walmart wouldn't take such risks on new toys from little-known brands.

"It will be a little sad," said Serone Francis, a mother of two who was loading her car at the Toys R Us in Fayetteville. She said her kids "like to just come and look around even if I don't buy anything. They're going to miss it. I'm going to miss it."

Erin Finney of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, was at her local Toys R Us with her two of her three sons, ages 2 and 4.

"This is the toy store," she said, noting she comes with her boys because they love to play with and actually touch all the toys. "The look in their eyes is, 'ooooh,'" she said.

But over the past decade, Toys R Us had been losing ground. Shoppers were increasingly using the stores as showrooms: They would check out the toys and then buy them cheaper online at places like Amazon.

"I grew up at Toys R Us," said Bryan Mann, a father of two who was at the Fayetteville store. "Things come out now. You go to the stores and grab them. Fight in line to get things. Kind of glad I won't have to do that anymore. It's nostalgic, but I understand why they struggle."

Daniel Hulshizer/AP file photo

A woman pushes a shopping cart over a graphic of Toys R Us mascot Geoffrey the giraffe at the Toys R Us store on July 30, 1998 in Paoli, Pa. Toys R Us CEO David Brandon told employees on Wednesday that the company's plan is to liquidate all of its U.S. stores, according to an audio recording of the meeting obtained by The Associated Press.

Doctors to examine US man sought by Poland in Nazi case

By Monika Scislowska
Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — American authorities are moving ahead with Poland's request to extradite a 99-year-old Minnesota man to be tried on allegations he was involved in a World War II massacre of civilians, Polish prosecutors said Thursday.

Polish authorities issued an arrest warrant last year after opening a case following a series of 2013 reports in which The Associated Press identified the man as Ukrainian-born Michael Karkoc, an ex-commander in an SS-led Nazi unit that burned Polish villages and killed civilians during the war.

Karkoc's family denies that he was involved in any war crimes. On Thursday, his son, Andriy Karkoc, issued a statement saying, "My father was, is and remains innocent. We look forward to his complete exoneration."

Last July, Poland asked U.S. authorities to hand over Karkoc, who lives in Minneapolis, so he could face a court trial.

National Remembrance Institute prosecutor Robert Janicki said Thursday that in response to Poland's extradition request, American authorities have now chosen three medical experts to determine whether Karkoc can "consciously take part in a court trial and travel by plane." The timing of the examination was not immediately known.

It was the first sign of progress made on the extradition request.

Prosecutors from the institute, which investigates wartime crimes against Poles, have determined that evidence shows that American Michael K. — whose last name they haven't released in line with Poland's privacy laws — was a commander of a unit in the SS-led Ukrainian Self Defense Legion that raided eastern Poland's village of Chlaniow in July 1944, killing 44 people, including women and children.

The investigation was opened after the AP published a series of stories establishing that Karkoc commanded the unit, based on wartime documents, testimony from other members of the unit and Karkoc's own Ukrainian-language memoir. The AP also established that Karkoc lied to American immigration officials to get into the United States several years after the war.

German prosecutors also opened an investigation into Karkoc after the AP's 2013 stories. In 2015, they concluded there was enough evidence to pursue murder charges, but shelved their investigation, deciding Karkoc was unfit to stand trial based upon medical reports from his own doctors.

Andriy Karkoc reiterated that Thursday, saying his family provided copies of his father's physical and mental health records to the German government in 2015, and the Germans suspended their investigation based on those records. He said the records were also provided to the director of the U.S. Department of Justice Human Rights and Special Prosecutions Section.

Karkoc said as of Thursday, the family hasn't heard from anyone at the Polish Embassy, U.S. State Department or the U.S. Department of Justice.

The U.S. State Department and the U.S. Justice Department both said it's their policy not to comment on specific extradition requests.

U.S. National Archives/File photo

This undated photo of Michael Karkoc was part of his application for German citizenship filed with the Nazi SS-run immigration office on Feb. 14, 1940.

Sweden hosts North Korean foreign minister amid speculation

By David Keyton
Associated Press

STOCKHOLM — North Korea's foreign minister met with his Swedish counterpart Thursday after making a surprise trip to Stockholm that has fueled speculation about a meeting between U.S. President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho landed at Stockholm Arlanda Airport on a direct flight from Beijing and spent several hours at the Swedish Foreign Ministry before returning to the North Korean Embassy.

Ri's talks with Foreign Minister Margot Wallstrom are expected to resume on Friday.

Sweden has had diplomatic relations with North Korea since 1973 and is one of the few Western countries with an embassy in Pyongyang. It provides consular services for the United States in North Korea.

"If the key actors want Sweden to play a role, facilitate (talks), be a forum or a link or whatever it may be, then we are prepared to do that," Prime Minister Stefan Lofven told Sweden's TT news agency earlier Thursday.

"We shouldn't be naive and believe it is Sweden that solves these problems," Lofven added.

Sweden's foreign ministry said the talks between Wallstrom and Ri "will focus on Sweden's consular responsibilities as a protecting power for the United States, Canada and Australia," but also will address the security situation on the Korean Peninsula.

The ministry referred to the U.N. Security Council's condemnation of North Korea's nuclear weapons and missile programs, saying the U.N. "emphasized the need for intensified diplomatic efforts to find a peaceful solution to the conflict."

The Swedish ministry said a statement summarizing the talks will be made available Friday.

Ri, a former diplomat in Stockholm and London and an ex-nuclear envoy with experience negotiating with rivals South Korea and the United States, was tapped as Pyongyang's foreign minister in 2016.

In a letter to U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres last month, he urged the United Nations not to remain silent about what he called "the U.S. dangerous game of aggravating (the) situation in and around the Korean peninsula and driving the whole world into a possible disaster of nuclear war."

The trip by Ri is being closely watched because there remains a huge amount of preparation that needs to be done and relatively little time before Kim is supposedly planning to sit down for summits with South Korean President Moon Jae-in and Trump.

Trump has agreed to meet Kim by May. So far, North Korea has yet to publicly comment on what it hopes to gain from the summits, adding an extra element of mystery and skepticism.

Sweden has been rumored as a possible site for the summit between Kim and Trump, though a truce village on the South Korean side of the Demilitarized Zone between the Koreas is seen as more likely.

Senior South Korean officials who traveled to Pyongyang earlier this month and met with Kim say he is willing to discuss the North's nuclear weapons program.

Seth Wenig/AP file photo

United Airlines jets sit on the tarmac on March 15, 2017, at LaGuardia Airport in New York.

United to issue special pet carrier tags after dog's death

Associated Press

CHICAGO — United Airlines has announced it will issue special bag tags for animal carriers and prosecutors have launched an investigation to determine if criminal charges are warranted following the death of a French bulldog puppy that was forced into an overhead bin on a United flight.

The Chicago-based airline said a flight attendant who ordered the passenger to put her pet carrier in the overhead bin aboard a Houston-to-New York flight Monday didn't know there was a dog inside.

"To prevent this from happening again, by April we will issue bright colored bag tags to customers traveling with in-cabin pets," United said in a statement.

The family that owned the dog and other passengers contradicted the airline's account, saying the dog's barks were audible from inside the bin.

Eleven-year-old Sophia Ceballos told NBC News that her mother told the flight attendant "'It's a dog, it's a dog,' and (the flight attendant) said we have to put it up there," in the bin.

Other passengers backed up the family's account on Twitter and Facebook.

Late Wednesday, the Harris County, Texas, district attorney's office said its animal cruelty division is working with the county's animal cruelty task force on a criminal investigation about what happened on the plane.

A statement from prosecutors said they won't decide if criminal charges are warranted until the investigation is completed.

The Associated Press sent an email seeing comment Thursday on the criminal investigation to an airline spokesman.

Last year, 18 animals, mostly dogs, died while being transported on United — three-fourths of all animal deaths on U.S. carriers, according to the Department of Transportation. Those figures represent animals that die in cargo holds.

It is rare that an animal dies on a plane. Even on United, there was only one death for roughly every 4,500 animals transported last year.

United, which promotes its pet-shipping program called PetSafe, carries more animals than any other airline, but its animal-death rate is also the highest in the industry. Alaska Airlines, which carries only 17 percent fewer animals, had just two deaths last year.

Investigation launched into dog's death on flight

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A criminal investigation has been launched into a dog's death aboard a Houston-to-New York United Airlines flight after a flight attendant ordered the animal be placed in the plane's overhead bin.

In a statement issued late Wednesday, the Harris County, district attorney's office said its animal cruelty division is working with the county's animal cruelty task force to investigate the incident that occurred on the Monday night flight.

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Face-to-face meeting shows Kim Trump is serious

■ U.S. must be prepared to take military action if North Korea continues to push forward

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Washington Post Writers Group

With the nomination and likely confirmation of Mike Pompeo as secretary of state, President Trump will soon have a trusted adviser who can prepare him for his upcoming summit with North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un. Pompeo's first job is to make sure Trump understands one thing going into those talks: North Korea has no plans to give up its nuclear weapons at the negotiating table.

Kim knows what happened to Libyan dictator Moammar Gaddafi when, after the capture of Saddam Hussein in Iraq, he handed the entire Libyan nuclear weapons program — the uranium, the centrifuges, the designs to build bombs — over to the United States for secure storage. Seven years later, the Obama administration launched a military intervention in Libya during which Gaddafi was killed by rebel forces. Don't think Kim has not seen the video of Gaddafi's gruesome death, or concluded that it would never have happened had Gaddafi kept his weapons.

Kim is also fully aware of what happened to Ukraine after it gave up the nearly 2,000 nuclear weapons it possessed after the collapse of the Soviet Union. In December 1994, in exchange for denuclearization, Russia signed the Budapest Memorandum of Security Assurances promising to "refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of Ukraine." In 2014, Russia invaded a denuclearized Ukraine and annexed Crimea.

The idea that Kim is going to look at this history and decide "Third time's a charm!" is absurd. Any promise for complete denuclearization he gives Trump will be a lie — just as his father lied in 1994 when he agreed to abandon his nuclear program. Kim is coming to the table to extort money and get the United States to withdraw forces from the Korean Peninsula so that he can pursue his ultimate goal of unconditional Korean unification under Pyongyang's rule.

So why should Trump even bother to meet with Kim? Because a direct meeting may be the only way to convince the North Korean leader that Trump is serious about taking military action if Kim does not abandon his quest to threaten American cities with nuclear missiles. In January, I asked Pompeo in a conversation at the American Enterprise Institute whether Kim actually believes that Trump would pull the trigger on a military strike. "We're concerned that he may not be getting really good, accurate information," the CIA director replied. "It is not a healthy thing to be a senior leader and bring bad news to Kim Jong Un."

A face-to-face meeting is a chance for Trump to look Kim in the eye and tell him: You will not be allowed to deploy missiles that can reach U.S. cites. I am not like my predecessors. If you continue on this path, America will have no choice but to take military action to destroy your missile and nuclear capabilities. Such strikes will be limited — unless you retaliate, in which case your regime will end. I would prefer it not come to that, but the decision is in your hands.

If Kim walks away unconvinced, and continues to pursue nuclear ICBMs, Trump can back up his message with limited actions. These could be undertaken covertly in order to avoid publicly shaming the North Korean leader. For example, Richard Ellings of the National Bureau of Asian Research recently suggested that North Korean submarines could suddenly start silently disappearing beneath the sea. No one would know except the North Korean leadership. This, along with even more painful sanctions, would send an unmistakable signal to Kim that Trump was serious.

If, despite all this, Kim continues to push forward, then the United States must be prepared to take out Kim's nuclear and missile facilities, as well as the artillery pointed at Seoul. But preventing the need for military action, which risks escalating into all-out war if Kim miscalculates, is why it is important for Trump to meet the North Korean leader. It may be that only a threat delivered in person can finally convince Kim that Trump means it when he says all options are on the table.

If Trump succeeds, the result would still be suboptimal: a halt to ballistic missile development, rather than full denuclearization. But this is far better than letting Kim hold American cities hostage, or giving him massive concessions for a denuclearization agreement that he has no intention of fulfilling.

OUR VIEW

Gubernatorial candidates need to debate early, often

Democrats across Texas should call for their party's gubernatorial candidates to debate early and often.

While we know there will be a May runoff between Lupe Valdez and Andrew White, we don't know much more. Both candidates are relatively unknown on the Texas political scene. We think Democrats across the state need to hear from them in order to make an informed decision about the right person to challenge Republican Greg Abbott in November.

What little we have heard about Valdez is worrisome. Her hometown newspaper — the Dallas Morning News — provided a pretty frank assessment of the former Dallas County sheriff when it wrote "disappointed by her gross unfamiliarity with state issues, however, particularly an almost incoherent attempt to discuss state financing." The Morning News then endorsed White.

White didn't appear to exactly blow away his hometown newspaper — the Houston Chronicle — during the primary process. It wrote during an endorsement of White that he "ultimately won our endorsement with his answer to one obvious question. He's the only Democratic gubernatorial candidate who seems to have given serious thought to the state government's role in protecting Gulf Coast residents from flooding."

Not exactly inspiring.

It's time for the two candidates to take part in multiple televised debates to give voters a chance to see how much they know. In calling for debates, White said, "A few debates between the two of us before the runoff would make the eventual nominee all the stronger. And who doesn't love a good debate?"

We agree.

Sure, White needs the debates to get his message out to more voters. Valdez drew 43 percent in the March 6 primary, while White collected 27 percent of the vote. However, a serious candidate should always embrace the opportunity to debate. If he or she is truly qualified, the debate will tell all. We expect White and Valdez will give Democrats multiple chances to see them on the stage at the same time, talking about education funding, flooding issues, jobs, border security and, of course, energy.

We expect Gov. Abbott to debate the winner of the Democratic Party runoff on multiple occasions before November's general election. We are confident he won't have any problem talking about issues. Still, voters deserve to hear as much as possible from both party's candidates.

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President Donald Trump is going to sit down with Kim Jong Un and try to devise a way for North Korea to get rid of all of its nuclear firepower. This might not work, but, if it does, it could save the world, making up for the despicable laxity of preceding presidents. It's diplomacy of the kind so many wanted, happens to be even more important than Stormy Daniels — and what's the response?

Hand-wringing, that's what, at least from too many news stories and too much commentary telling us this is too abrupt. Trump doesn't know what he's doing, we learn. There has not been enough planning. It's verboten for presidents to sit down face-to-face with North Korean leaders, ever. There are intricacies here Trump cannot possibly understand. It's his ego at work in response to South Koreans visiting and indicating denuclearization really is a possibility.

It isn't, we are informed. End of story.

North Korea could obviously be up to something duplicitous. But understand, that no former president has elicited the degree of anti-Korean cooperation from China that Trump has and that China is responsible for 90 percent of North Korean trade. The U.N. sanctions are actually meaningful, and North Korea's distraught economy hasn't been made any better by the costs of nuclear armament. People going hungry is not exactly a winning position even for a murderous dictator.

On top of that, we have Trump's "fire and fury" talk. Trump has made it clear we will not allow North Korea to get to the point where it could bomb the smithereens out of us, and, in this regard, one thinks of the Cuban missile crisis.

Russia had placed nuclear missiles in Cuba, a means of more easily taking us out, giving Fidel Castro more power and putting us at a strategic disadvantage. President John F. Kennedy told Russia to get the missiles out of there or we would, and things looked pretty scary for a while. Although there was a behind-the-scenes deal that was only known much later, Russia did back down.

It's indeed possible that North Koren thinks this wild-and-crazy Trump guy just could strike militarily at its nuclear stockpile. And, despite the costs of fierce retaliation, especially aimed at South Korea, the possibility should not be ruled out. Some think we could live with a nuclear-armed North Korea, but it would amount to a second Cold War. There would be nuclear proliferation all over the place. The threat of devastating destruction would rise, not go away. It would be horror.

The U.S. goal in these talks should be what Trump has always demanded: total, immediate nuclear disarmament. We should maybe even do the work for the North Koreans and at the least send in an army of inspectors.

My own view is that we should also be willing to pay for the destruction or transport of the nuclear materials, adding another incentive for disarmament. But what else might North Korea want in return? What if Kim wants us to likewise disarm? We won't. What if they want us to get our military forces out of South Korea? As long as North Korea maintains conventional forces capable of wiping out thousands and there is no meaningful pact between the two countries, we won't.

Even if no agreement of any kind is reached, some say, the North Koreans will profit. But not necessarily. Once the United States has moved to do all it reasonably can diplomatically, the military option will seem more justified, and North Korea will have even more reason to worry.

I am nowhere near convinced that a president who fires his secretary of state with a tweet is capable of negotiating anything meaningful on his own, but he will be surrounded by highly skilled and knowledgeable cohorts. No one knows what will happen and making predictions is not news coverage. This negotiation matters, and it matters far more than some other press preoccupations of the moment.

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From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

50 years ago, the My Lai massacre shamed the US military

By Tran Van Minh
And Grant Peck
Associated Press

MY LAI, Vietnam — The shudder of artillery fire woke the boy at 5:30 a.m. Three American soldiers appeared at his family's home a couple of hours later and forced the mother and five children into their bomb shelter, a structure almost every rural home had during the Vietnam War, to keep residents safe.

One soldier set fire to the family's thatched house while the others tossed grenades into the shelter. Protected under the torn bodies of his mother and his four siblings, 10-year-old Pham Thanh Cong was the only survivor.

It was March 16, 1968, 50 years ago. The American soldiers of Charlie Company, sent on what they were told was a mission to confront a crack outfit of their Vietcong enemies, met no resistance, but over three to four hours killed 504 unarmed civilians, mostly women, children and elderly men, in My Lai and a neighboring community. Vietnamese refer to the greater village where the killings occurred as Son My.

"We started hearing the screaming and moaning from our neighbors, which were followed by gunfire and grenade explosions, then the screaming and moaning stopped, and my mother knew that the American soldiers had killed people," Cong recalled this week. "I was covered with the flesh and hair of my mother and sisters and brother."

Knocked unconscious with injuries to his head and wounds on his torso from grenade fragments, Cong was saved that afternoon when his father came to retrieve the bodies.

The My Lai massacre was the most notorious episode in modern U.S. military history, but not an aberration in America's war in Vietnam.

The U.S. military's own records, filed discreetly away for three decades, described 300 other cases of what could fairly be described as war crimes. My Lai was distinguished by the shocking one-day death toll, the stomach-churning photographs and the gruesome details exposed by a high-level U.S. Army inquiry.

An official policy of free-fire zones — from which civilians were supposed to leave upon being warned — and an unofficial code of "kill anything that moves" meant Vietnamese were constantly at risk.

Estimates of civilians killed during the U.S. ground war in Vietnam from 1965 to 1973 are generally 1 million to 2 million.

The average U.S. soldier could not be sure who the enemy was, rarely encountering one directly. They were targeted by land mines, booby traps, snipers. They were told to help, but the Vietnamese were rarely welcoming. Quang Ngai province, where My Lai is located, was a hive of communist military activity.

Two days before the massacre, a booby trap killed a sergeant, blinded a GI and wounded several others on a Charlie Company patrol.

Soldiers later testified to the U.S. Army investigating commission that the bloodletting began quickly when Lt. William L. Calley Jr. led Charlie Company's first platoon into My Lai that morning. One elderly man was bayoneted to death; another man was thrown alive into a well and killed with a hand grenade. Women and children were herded into a drainage ditch and slaughtered. Women and girls were gang-raped.

"They went in with blood in their eyes and shot everything that moved," recalled Hugh Thompson Jr., an army helicopter pilot who flew support for the mission in My Lai and — along with his two-man flight crew — are the only servicemen known to have actively intervened to try to stop the killing. They evacuated a handful of Vietnamese civilians on the point of being killed by his countrymen. Thompson also was one of several soldiers who became whistleblowers and eventually brought the outrage to public attention.

Calley was convicted in 1971 for the murders of 22 people during the rampage. He was sentenced to life in prison but served only three days because President Richard Nixon ordered his sentence reduced. He served three years of house arrest.

Calley, the only person convicted in the massacre, has avoided speaking about the matter with apparently just one exception. In 2009, at the urging of a friend, he spoke to the Kiwanis Club in Columbus, Georgia, near Fort Benning, where he had been court-martialed.

"There is not a day that goes by that I do not feel remorse for what happened that day in My Lai," Calley said, according to an account of the meeting reported by the Columbus Ledger-Enquirer. "I feel remorse for the Vietnamese who were killed, for their families, for the American soldiers involved and their families. I am very sorry." He said his mistake was following orders, which had been his defense when he was tried.

Fifty years after the massacre, and almost 43 years after the communist victory reunified Vietnam, most of the rancor is gone, at least publicly, between the nations. They normalized diplomatic relations in 1995, and the United States is now one of Vietnam's top trading partners and investors. Cooperation on security and military matters has grown to the point where this month a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier made the first visit to a Vietnamese port since the war.

On Thursday, the province dedicated a shrine to the victims, including the members of 24 entire families.

"Son My has become an ultimate pain for the people of Quang Ngai province and the whole country," provincial official Nguyen Minh Tri said at a dedication ceremony. "Fifty years have passed, and no one forgets Son My. For the next 100 years and probably 1,000 years, the events of Son My may not fade away in the memories of mankind."

Cong, the young massacre survivor, went on to study and work in local government, and from 1992 until his retirement last year, headed the My Lai museum, which sits in part of the area where the massacre occurred.

He said he cannot forget the atrocities but he's willing to forgive the soldiers to build better relations between the two countries.

"We have had enough losses and suffering from war, and we just wish our children and grandchildren would not have to go through those experiences. We desire peace, we want eternal peace," he said.

Hau Dinh/AP photo

Massacre survivor Pham Thanh Cong points at a scar on Wednesday caused by grenade fragments during the My Lai massacre in Son My, Vietnam. On March 16, 1968, U.S soldiers of Charlie Company, sent on what they were told was a mission to confront a crack outfit of their Vietcong enemies, met no resistance, but over the course of three to four hours killed 504 unarmed civilians, mostly women, children and the elderly, in My Lai and a neighboring community. Cong's mother and his four siblings were killed; he survived, protected underneath their torn bodies.

Gene J. Puskar/AP Photo

Conor Lamb, the Democratic candidate for the March 13 special election in Pennsylvania's 18th Congressional District, celebrates with his supporters at his election night party on Wednesday in Canonsburg, Pa.

GOP watches vote count in Pa. House race, seeks complaints

By Marc Levy
Associated Press

CANONSBURG, Pa. — The Republican Party will watch the final vote-counting in a tightly contested U.S. House race in Pennsylvania before deciding whether to seek a recount or sue over perceived election irregularities, officials said Thursday, even as they scrounged for votes to whittle away at Democrat Conor Lamb's lead.

But changing a final count by hundreds of votes, such as Lamb's lead over Republican Rick Saccone, is unheard of in Pennsylvania on electronic voting machines like ones used in Tuesday's election, county officials and election law specialists say.

With absentee ballots counted, Lamb, a 33-year-old former prosecutor and first-time candidate, held a lead over Saccone of 627 votes out of more than 228,000 cast, according to unofficial results.

Election officials in the four counties in the Pittsburgh-area district had identified about 400 uncounted provisional, military and overseas ballots by Thursday.

The Associated Press has not called the race. But Lamb's lead in a long-held Republican district that strongly backed President Donald Trump in 2016 has sent waves of fear through Republicans nationally as they try to hold on to their 45-seat U.S. House majority in November's mid-terms.

Lamb has declared victory. Saccone, a 60-year-old Air Force veteran turned state lawmaker and college instructor, hasn't conceded. Saccone's campaign said he had no plans to concede before vote counting finishes.

Vote counting should wrap up next Tuesday, before Republicans decide whether to sue or seek a recount.

"Every vote needs to be counted and that process needs to unfold," said Michael Stoll, the executive director of the state Republican Party.

In the meantime, the National Republican Campaign Committee launched Facebook ads Thursday in an effort to reach 200,000 Republican voters in the district to see if they had problems at their polling location. It is designed to connect them to a committee lawyer.

Still, county officials and election lawyers in Pennsylvania said Thursday that they could not think of a time when a recount involving electronic voting machines changed the result of an election by more than a few votes.

Larry Otter, a lawyer who specializes in Pennsylvania election law and recounts, said the only thing he could imagine that might substantially change a vote count is if a poll worker misread the paper tape from the electronic voting machine.

That, however, would presumably be caught when the counties, under state law, perform an audit of the results on the electronic voting machines, beginning Friday. That typically involves comparing the overall tally on a hard drive, a flash drive and a paper tape that separately record each vote.

Gregory Harvey, another lawyer who specializes in Pennsylvania election law and recounts, said the gospel among election lawyers is that recount drives are intended to raise campaign donations.

"It's all a fundraising scam," Harvey said.

Some Republican officials in Pennsylvania privately expressed skepticism about overturning a Lamb victory, as Saccone himself focused on signature-gathering to get on the May 15 primary ballot to run for a full term.

Mixed ruling issued in Facebook nudity case

By Philippe Sotto
Associated Press

PARIS — A French court ruled Thursday that Facebook failed to fulfill its contractual obligations by closing without prior notice the account of a user who posted a photo of a famous 19th century nude painting.

But the Paris civil court also refused to order the company to restore the account or pay damages as requested by the user, a primary school teacher and art lover. The court said no damages were warranted because he didn't prove any harm suffered due to the account's closure and there was no need to order the account reopened because he was able to set up a new account immediately.

The court also said the 60-year-old Parisian teacher, Frederic Durand-Baissas, didn't prove the deactivation was caused by his posting of the painting.

The judge wrote that Durand-Baissas also didn't provide evidence that he lost contact information for hundreds of "friends," as his lawyer argued during a trial last month.

The plaintiff claimed his profile was suspended in 2011 hours after he posted a photo of Gustave Courbet's "The Origin of the World," a painting from 1866 that depicts female genitalia. He asked the court to order Facebook to reactivate his initial account and to pay him $23,500 in damages.

His lawyer, Stephane Cottineau, said that the decision was disappointing and that he would appeal the ruling.

"The court didn't directly address the issue of censorship, the issue of the difference between a work of art and pornography," Cottineau said.

Durand-Baissas said it was "a bit frustrating" that the court refrained from saying whether it was a case of censorship and violation of his freedom of speech, as he claimed.

"We have the feeling that even the justice system is afraid of talking about nudity," Durand-Baissas told The Associated Press after the written ruling was released.

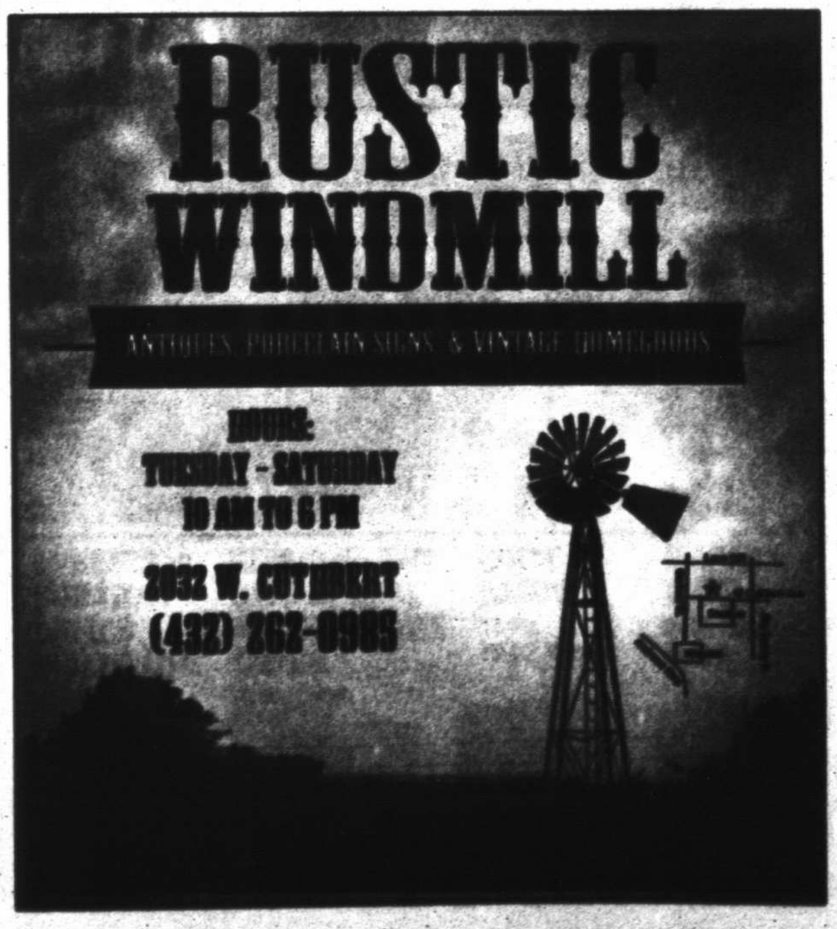
"It was important for me also because, in the French culture, rooted in the Greco-Roman culture, we have lots of nude art," he said.

In a statement, Delphine Reyre, director of public affairs for Facebook France and Europe, said the company had "taken note" of the court's decision, but did not elaborate on the ruling itself.

"'The Origin of the World' is a painting that has a perfect place on Facebook," Reyre insisted.

The ruling may have significant commercial, legal and policy implications in the future for Facebook in France, where the company has millions of users.

The court ruled that the relations between Facebook and its users in France are contracts under French consumer law.



Dylann Roof's sister accused of bringing weapons to school

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The sister of the man sentenced to die for killing nine people at a South Carolina church in 2015 has been arrested at her school and charged with bringing pepper spray, a knife and marijuana onto the campus.

Morgan Roof, 18, was arrested Wednesday at A.C. Flora High School after a school administrator contacted the school resource officer, Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott said in a news release.

She is charged with two counts of carrying a weapon on school grounds and one count of simple possession of marijuana.

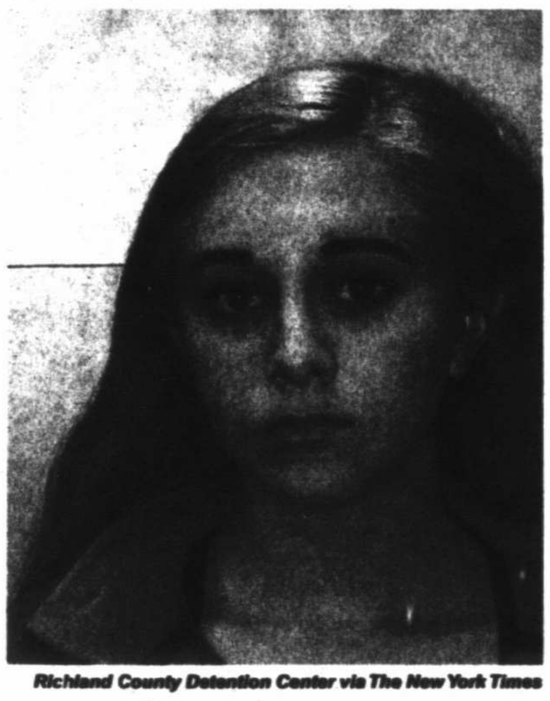
No one was hurt.

A judge set her bond at $5,000 and said she could not return to the school. She was screened for a public defender. It was not known if she has an attorney yet.

Investigators say Roof also posted a Snapchat about the National School Walkout day protest against gun violence that alarmed fellow students, but no charges were filed for that message.

School principal Susan Childs posted a letter to parents on the school's Twitter page explaining what occurred while students walked out to remember the 17 killed in the Parkland, Florida, Valentine's Day school shooting.

"A student used social media to post a hateful message. The posting was not a threat, but was extremely inappropriate. That student was dealt with in a swift and severe manner as the posting caused quite a disruption," Childs wrote.



Richland County Detention Center via The New York Times

A booking photo provided by authorities of Morgan Roof, sister of Dylann Roof, the man who massacred nine black churchgoers at a South Caroline church in 2015. Roof, 18, was arrested for bringing a knife, pepper spray and marijuana to her high school, A.C. Flora, on Wednesday in Columbia, S.C.

South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster issued a statement Wednesday night praising school administrators and the sheriff's department, saying a "potential tragedy" was avoided at the school.

Dylann Roof was convicted of fatally shooting nine African-American parishioners at a Charleston church in 2015. A week before his sentencing in January 2017, Roof met with his family and told his sister he would invite her to his execution.

A video recording of one of the visits showed Roof's sister trying to make small talk. Roof asked his sister what she wanted to do as a career, scoffing at the unoriginality of her dream to be a nurse. He told her that he no longer had to worry about making a living because he was in prison.

Roof's sister smiled back. "You're a professional dumbass," she said.

2 workers hurt, 1 missing in Texas chemical plant explosion

Associated Press

CRESSON — A fire at a Texas chemical plant Thursday injured two workers and left a third unaccounted for, and fire crews weren't able to battle the blaze because of the toxic fumes being spewed into the air, an official said.

Investigators believe the fire at the Tri-Chem Industries plant in Cresson was sparked by a worker dragging his foot on the floor while chemicals were being mixed, said Bob Cornett, the mayor of Cresson.

He said that worker caught fire from the waist up and was airlifted with critical burn injures to a hospital in Dallas, which is about 50 miles to the northeast. Another worker with less severe injuries was treated at a hospital and a third worker is missing. Cornett identified the missing worker as 27-year-old Dillon Mitchell.

Nine emergency-rescue and fire departments responded to the blaze but were evacuated from the vicinity because of the chemicals' toxicity and fears of another explosion, the mayor told The Associated Press.

Cornett said Tri-Chem Industries mixes chemicals that are primarily used by the oil and gas industry to drill disposal wells, and that although he didn't know how many of the chemicals at the plant were hazardous, "what was burnt and exploded was quite toxic."

The Environmental Protection Agency deployed an on-site coordinator to help monitor air emissions, according to spokesman David Gray.

Cornett said that the wind was carrying black smoke and fumes emanating from the plant away from residents, but that the city could issue an evacuation order if the wind direction changed.

A spokesman for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the state agency responsible for coordinating the cleanup, declined to produce a list of the plant's on-site chemicals, telling an AP reporter to file a public information request.

In recent years, Texas leaders have made it increasingly difficult for the public to find out about the chemicals manufactured and stored at such plants.

After a fertilizer plant explosion in the city of West, Texas, killed 15 people in 2013, Greg Abbott, who was then attorney general and is now governor, ruled that state agencies could withhold information about hazardous chemicals because of "ongoing terroristic activity."

NEWSBRIEFS

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS

MARYLAND

Barron Trump's school joins others in call for gun reforms

POTOMAC — The private school that Barron Trump attends has joined other schools in calling for gun control.

St. Andrew's Episcopal School and more than 100 schools in Maryland and the Washington area on Wednesday signed an open letter calling on Barron Trump's father, Republican President Donald Trump, and Congress to support gun control measures and to reject arming teachers.

The White House has proposed arming educators.

The schools support a "robust system of registration and background checks" with an emphasis on assault weapons. They also back stronger mental health services.

The letter was published as tens of thousands of students walked out of their classrooms Wednesday to demand action on gun violence and school safety. The walkout was triggered by the Feb. 14 massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

OKLAHOMA

Third lawsuit filed over fatal gas rig explosion

McALESTER — A third wrongful death lawsuit has been filed over a natural gas rig explosion in Oklahoma that killed five workers.

Julie Smith of McAlester, widow of Matthew Smith, filed the lawsuit Wednesday.

The widows of Roger Cunningham and Parker Waldridge, also Oklahomans, have filed similar lawsuits over the Jan. 22 explosion.

The lawsuit was first reported by the McAlester News-Capital and names Red Mountain Energy, Red Mountain Operating, Patterson-UTI Drilling and Patterson-UTI Energy.

Patterson-UTI has said it doesn't comment on pending litigation, but is committed to preventing future accidents. An attorney for Red Mountain hasn't returned phone calls for comment.

The explosion near Quinton, about 100 miles southeast of Tulsa, also killed Josh Ray of Fort Worth, Texas, and Cody Risk of Wellington, Colorado.

NEW MEXICO

Some students who made school threats ID'd

ROSWELL — Roswell police have identified students responsible for three of nine recent threats directed at schools and for a false report to one student's parents and are trying to identify those responsible for the other threats.

Police says a $500 reward is offered for information leading to charges against those who made the additional threats.

According to police, the threats were written on a bathroom walls or elsewhere in the schools between Feb. 14 and March 9.

Police say the students who made three of the threats are boys ages 11, 12 and 13 while a 17-year-old girl texted to her parents falsely claiming there was a person with a gun at school.

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FAITH & PHILANTHROPY

THIS WEEK

TODAY

WOMEN'S DAY
Faith Temple COGIC concludes the 38th annual State Women's Convention with Dynamic Noon Day service and guest speakers at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

STEP ON OUT
The Midland YMCA hosts Parent's Day Out. Children can be dropped off to enjoy activities, games and, movies. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

KITCHEN PREP
Midland County Public Library Centennial branch hosts the workshop Meal Planning: Saving Money, Food and your Sanity, which will cover planning, shopping and preparing meals. Free registration available online at tinyurl.com/mcplmealplan. 2:30 p.m. Second session at 5:30 p.m. Monday.

SUNDAY

RABBIT HANG OUT
Midland Park Mall hosts Caring Bunny, a comforting photo experience for children with special needs with special activities for those waiting their turn. 9-10:30 a.m.

MONDAY

DOWNWARD DOG
Anne Lucero hosts the free weekly camp Gentle Healing Yoga geared toward all survivors of cancer. 5:30 p.m. Register by calling 575-937-3609.

THURSDAY

LADIES WHO LUNCH
The Junior League of Midland's Shotguns and Stilettos 2018 will host a luncheon with former first lady Laura Bush at Midland Country Club. Visit jlmidland.org for information. 11:30 a.m.

IN NEED

DONATIONS NEEDED Crisis Center of West Texas is looking for magazines as part of a self-esteem lesson for students. Take your issues to the offices at 910-B S Grant Ave. in Odessa.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES Midland Volunteer Connections offers an online list of opportunities at midlandvolunteerconnections.com for current needs by area nonprofits.

HOSPICE HELP Volunteer opportunities for two to four hours a shift. Call 432-682-2855 for more information.

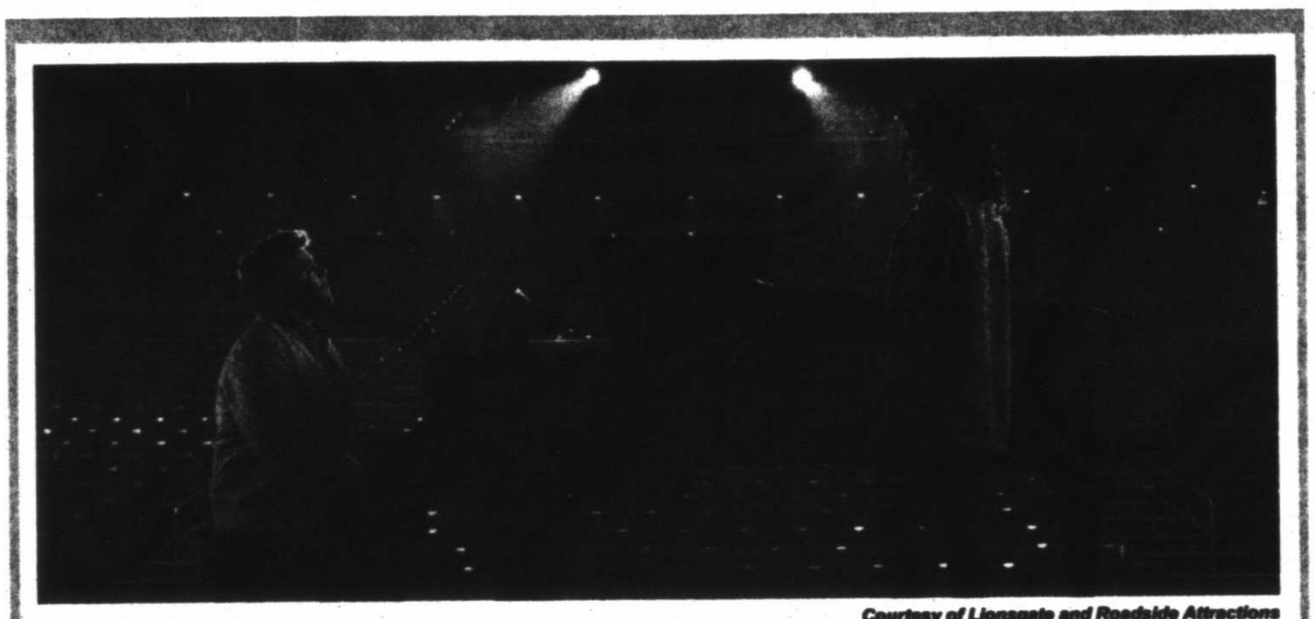
RETAIL SKILLS Habitat ReStore is in need of people who enjoy decorating and setting up displays to help set up the ReStore for maximum customer appeal. Must be at least 16 years old.

BE A MENTOR for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland. Mentors do not tutor but provide friendship and serve as positive role models. Visit bbbsmidland.org.

VOLUNTEER READERS The Recording Library of West Texas needs volunteer readers to help with morning shifts. Call 432-682-2731.

FOSTER GRANDPARENTS needed. Low-income seniors can earn a modest stipend while mentoring at-risk children. Visit seniorlinkmidland.org or call 432-689-6693.

KIDS FIRST VOLUNTEERS are needed Tuesday evenings and Thursday evenings to observe visits between children and noncustodial parents at Centers. Call 432-570-1684, ext. 225.



Courtesy of Lionsgate and Roadside Attractions

Bart Millard (John Michael Finley) and Amy Grant (Nicole DuPort) rehearse in the new film "I Can Only Imagine," which will be released today.

Film looks at story behind MercyMe's popular hit

From staff reports

"I Can Only Imagine," which opened nationwide in theaters today, brings to life the true story behind what is deemed the most-played radio single in Christian music history.

A transformed relationship with his father inspired Bart Millard, the lead singer of the Christian band MercyMe to write the band's signature hit.

"This is an extraordinary movie about the power of faith, love, family, and music," Roadside Attractions co-presidents Howard Cohen and Eric d'Arbeloff said in a press release. "Jon and Andrew Erwin bring world-class storytelling and production values to faith-based films. It's no surprise they have attracted such a phenomenal cast to their latest feature. We are thrilled to be bringing it to theatrical audiences nationwide."

Roadside Attractions and Lionsgate both acquired the rights to the film. This is the fourth feature for the Erwin Brothers whose previous films include "October Baby," "Mom's Night Out" and "Woodlawn."

The movie stars Dennis Quaid, Oscar-winner Cloris Leachman, country music singer Trace Adkins and Broadway's J. Michael Finley.

"We are delighted to be working with the talented Erwin brothers who have an incredible vision for both the film and the music," Lionsgate's Jason Constantine said in the release. "Coming on the heels of our faith-based box office hit, 'The Shack,' 'I Can Only Imagine' will touch audiences everywhere. We are very excited to bring this wonderful story to the big screen."

"I Can Only Imagine" was produced by Kevin Downes, Cindy Bond and Daryl Lefever.

The film is now showing at Regal Tall City Stadium 14.

Lions Club celebrates Bunny Breakfast's 25th year

By Rich Lopez
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James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Children are entertained by a juggler during the annual Bunny Breakfast hosted by the Midland Northside Lions Club. This year's event will celebrate 25 years.

The Midland Northside Lions Club will host its 25th annual Bunny Breakfast fundraiser 7-10 a.m. March 24 at the food court of Midland Park Mall. The Easter tradition will feature an appearance by the Easter Bunny, a performance by the Midland Hispanic Cultural Center, a live DJ and Easter candy for children. Breakfast, of course, will also be served.

Lions Club member Mark Singh has been a member for 24 of those 25 years. He is pleased the event has continued.

"I think it's a good thing that we have kept it going," he said. "It's a wonderful fun event with a hearty breakfast and good entertainment."

For $6 a plate, guests can enjoy sausage biscuits from Texas Roadhouse, scrambled eggs from Charley's Philly steaks, potatoes from Sidekicks and Legends, and fruit from Chick-fil-A, along with coffee, orange juice and milk.

Singh said the event serves as a fundraiser for the club's support of local charities.

"Most people associate us helping those with eyesight issues. We do that but also money goes toward college and camp scholarships."

Tickets can be purchased with cash or check at Abacus Computers in the ClayDesta Center, Dillard's customer service and Charley's Philly Steaks at Midland Park Mall and at all four locations of Liberty Tax Service.

Senior Link Midland gears up for first March for Meals

From staff reports

Senior Link Midland will hosts its inaugural March for Meals walk and resource fair March 24 at Midland College. The event will raise both awareness for the organization's programming as well as introduce the community to other nonprofits that can provide assistance.

"Senior Link Midland has a longstanding history of meeting the daily needs of Midland seniors through programs such as Meals on Wheels," Development Director Tracy Renton said in a press release. "This walk and resource fair allows us to share even more information with the community on services available."

The walk around the Midland College campus will begin at 10 a.m. The resource fair will open in the Carrasco Room immediately after the walk.

The festivities for the day will include a hamburger cookout, bounce house, woodworking and other activities for the family.

The resource fair will offer information about Senior Link Midland programs Meals on Wheels, Foster Grandparents, Senior Companion and RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program). Participating organizations in the fair will include the Midland Vet Center, Amerigroup, West Texas Food Bank and Hospice of Midland.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Lola Striggles attends a training session for Foster Grandparents, a Senior Link Midland program that residents can learn more about at the upcoming March for Meals and resource fair.

For more information about the event, visit seniorlinkmidland.org.

This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Psalm 118:24

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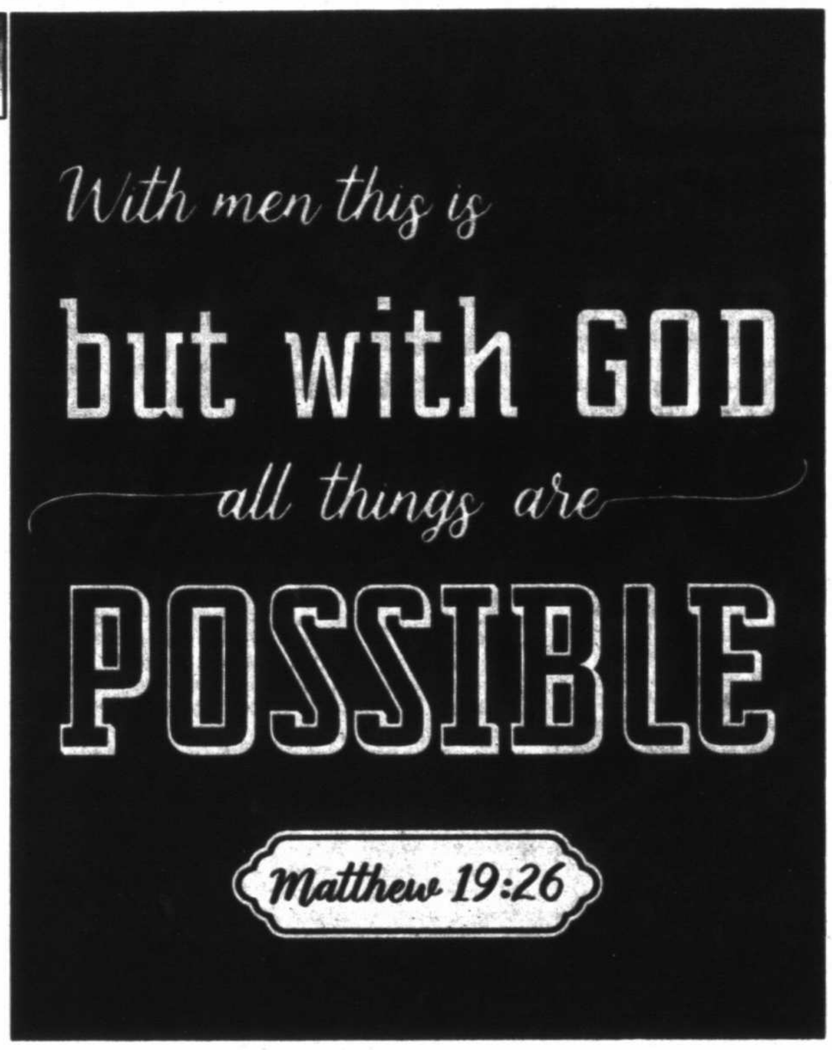

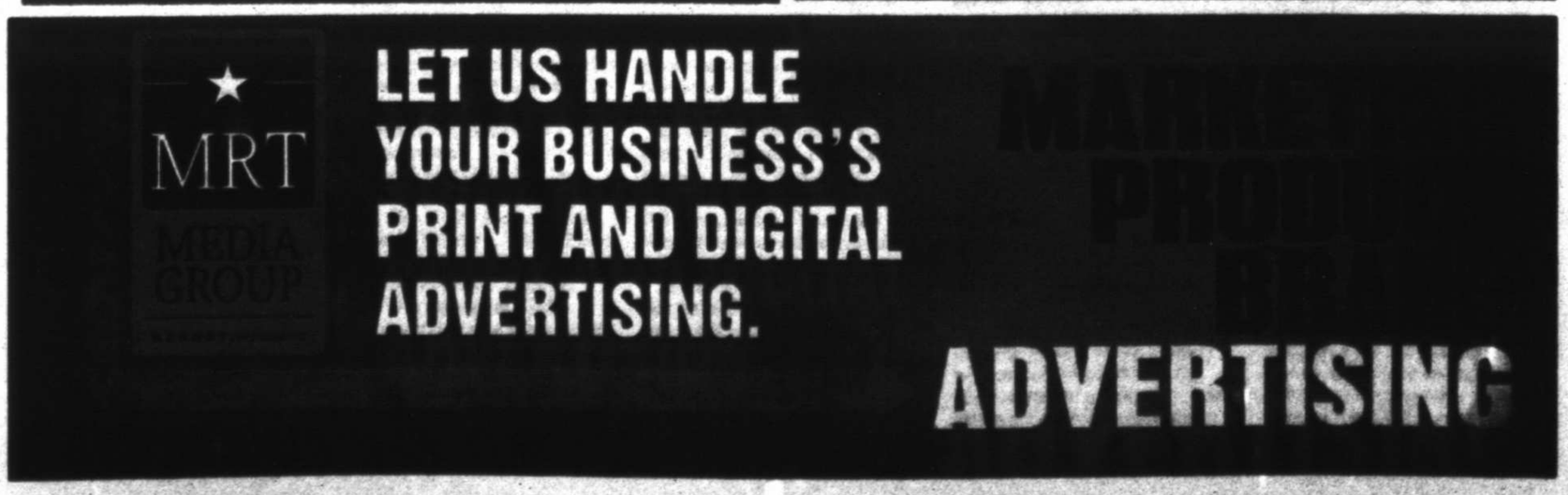

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NEW MEXICO

Santa Fe couple donates $4M for new art museum facility

Officials say they are one step closer to a $10 million project that would convert a 1917 warehouse facility into a contemporary annex of a Santa Fe art museum after receiving a huge donation.

Officials shared designs for the new contemporary annex of the New Mexico Museum of Art on Thursday.

They say the new museum facility will be named Vladem Contemporary after Santa Fe residents Ellen and Robert Vladem who donated $4 million for the project.

Officials say they will transform the long-closed Halpin Building located in between two rail lines into an attraction for Rail Runner Express train passengers visiting Santa Fe.

Museum of New Mexico Foundation President and CEO Jamie Clements say they still need to raise $2.3 million for the project.

Officials hope to break ground in early 2019.

NEW YORK

English edition of Pope Francis book coming in August

The English-language edition of Pope Francis' latest book is coming out this summer.

St. Martin's Press told The Associated Press on Tuesday that "A Future of Faith: The Path of Change in Politics and Society" will be published Aug. 7 in the U.S. and the U.K. "A Future of Faith" is based on 12 talks Pope Francis had with Dominique Wolton, a French sociologist. In the book, published in France last fall, Pope Francis disclosed that when he was 42 he had sessions weekly with a psychoanalyst who was female and Jewish to "clarify some things." He also discussed his views on everything from divorce to ecology.

Pope Francis' other books include "Happiness in This Life" and "The Name of God Is Mercy."

OREGON

Interfaith leaders, youths to push for assault rifle ban

SALEM — A movement to ban assault rifles in Oregon was launched in a Portland church Thursday, with clerics saying youths — many of whom have been protesting for gun control — will drive the campaign.

Interfaith religious leaders in Portland said they aim to get enough signatures on petitions to put a ban on assault weapons before voters, in the November election, in a statewide ballot.

There has been some movement in just a few other states in the wake of the Feb. 14 shooting at a Florida high school that killed 17 people, including:

■ In Delaware, Gov. John Carney on Feb. 23 called for state lawmakers to ban the sale of assault-style rifles, saying

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Obituaries

Dolores Marquez

Dolores Marquez, beloved mother, daughter, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend went home to be with our Lord on March 11, 2018. Dolores was born on December 6, 1971. She was one of seven children born to Ruperto and Reyes Marquez. She grew up in Midland, TX where she pursued and accomplished her dream of becoming a cosmetology technician. She loved to help, encourage and to make everyone feel their very best. She was gifted in so many ways, and she loved to make people smile. Her personality was bigger than life. She valued people and loved to listen and give advice to whoever needed it. Dolores always had a positive attitude that would spread to all of those around her. She loved to travel and meet new people, but most of all she loved to live life to the fullest.

Dolores is preceded in death by her father, Ruperto Marquez. She is survived by her three children, Edali Aranda, Rodrigo Pena and Alexander Pena. Her pride and joy were her four grandchildren, Jordan, Aubrey, Elliot and Adele. She will always be their "Yaya" and their personal guardian angel.

She is also survived by her Mother Reyes Marquez as well as her siblings: Nela Sosa, Efren Marquez, Luly Marquez, Juan Marquez, Jay Marquez, and Bale Marquez. She is also survived by many other family members who will always love her and remember her infectious smile.

The family would like to express their gratitude to all who knew and loved Dolores. She valued all of your friendship more than anything. We are truly blessed for the outpour of support and love by everyone.

Family will be receiving friends for visitation Friday, March 16, 2018 from 4:00pm - 8:00pm at El Gran Marquez, 4105 TX-349, in Midland. A funeral service is set for Saturday, March 17th at 12:00pm also at El Gran Marquez, 4105 TX-349.

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@sts-online.net or you can visit our website at www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com.

Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home

Ginger Lane Floyd

Ginger Lane Floyd, 82, of Midland, Texas passed away on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 7:30 a.m. in Midland. Private family burial will be held. The family will receive friends for a reception on Friday, March 16, 2018 from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at The Branch at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Ginger was born on June 13, 1935 in San Angelo, TX, to Ray and Irene Lane. Ginger spent her childhood as part of a ranching family in Sterling County. She graduated from High School at 16, and began college at Texas Christian University when she was 17. She graduated from TCU with a bachelor's degree in Science and Commerce. While at TCU, Ginger was a member of Flying Frogs, earned her license as a pilot, was crowned NIFA Sky Queen. Also at TCU she was a member of Alpha Gamma Sorority, and met her future husband, Jimmy Charles Floyd of Fort Worth. They were married in 1957 and moved to Midland in 1961 where they resided for 57 years. Ginger was involved in the American Association of University Women, Symphony Guild, MMH Volunteer Auxiliary Pink Lady, and First Baptist Church of Midland.

She is survived by her daughter, Renee Rogers and husband, Scott of Midland, TX; son, Stephen Floyd and wife, Susan of Fort Worth, TX; son, Jay Floyd and wife, Missy of Midland, TX; daughter, Angela Kaye Hawkins and husband, Rev. Canon Alan Hawkins of Greensboro, NC; grandchildren, Kevon Rogers, Haydon and Dannon Rogers, Lauren Rogers, Patrick and Whitney Floyd, Blake Floyd, Morgan and Sam Moseley, Taylor Floyd, Addison Floyd, Joshua Hawkins, Emily Hawkins, Athan Hawkins, Ciaran Hawkins and Ryan Hawkins; great grandchildren, Campbell Floyd, Palmer Floyd and Sophia Moseley.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Jimmy Charles Floyd; parents, Irene and Ray Lane; and son, Charles Mark Floyd. The family would like to express their gratitude towards the caregivers and staff of Legacy Ranch, Hospice of Midland and a special thanks to Maria Garcia who devoted the last five years to the loving care of "Her Momma".

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association, American Cancer Society and Hospice of Midland. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory (432) 699-0000

All Obituaries must be submitted by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.

Lonnie Wells

Lonnie Wells died on March 10, 2018. He was born in Robertson County Texas, and later moved to Midland, where he resided for over 70 years. Mr. Wells was a member of New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church. Survivors include; stepson, Henry Mitchell, Jr.; son, Leonard Freeman; grandsons, Rick, Jai, and Byron; granddaughter, Alesha; and six great grandchildren. Services will be held at 1:00 p.m., March 19, 2018, at New Jerusalem Baptist Church, with Pastor Michael Wheeler officiating, and under the direction of Jackie Warren Funeral Home, 702 S. Terrell, Midland, Texas. Interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery.

Jackie Warren Funeral Home
702 S. Terrell St.
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Melanie Kate

Melanie Kate Dover was born still at 6:10 a.m. on Thursday March 8, 2018 to parents David and Baylee Dover at the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula in Monterey, California. Born at 40 weeks, weighing 8.3 lbs and 21.5 inches long Melanie was a beautiful baby; having her momma's mouth, her daddy's eyes and nose and blonde wisps of hair adorning her precious face. She was a deeply loved gift, perfectly prepared for and flawless in every way.

With full faith, trust and hope in Jesus, parents David and Baylee of Seaside, California take comfort in knowing Melanie was welcomed into His arms in her forever heavenly home, joining the brother or sister that went before her last May.

Left to mourn the too soon passing of their granddaughter are paternal grandparents Aaron and Carol Dover of Midland, maternal grandparents Monty and Andrea Chapman of Weatherford, Texas, great-grandmother Wilma Jean Dover of Tyler, Texas, great-grandparents Roy and Sharon Graham of Midland, Donald and Linda Chapman of Hale Center, Texas as well as great-great grandmother Cleva Chapman of Lubbock, Texas. Melanie also leaves behind a host of loving aunts, uncles, and cousins that look forward to meeting her in the presence of Jesus one fine day.

Preceding Melanie in death were her great-grandfather, Aaron Dover, Sr. and great-grandparents Elwood and Marjorie Hisey.

Condolences may be shared with David and Baylee during visitation in Midland, Texas on Friday, March 16, 2018 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 1:00 pm in Resthaven Memorial Park North in Midland, Texas with Scott Johnson officiating.

In lieu of flowers David and Baylee request that memorial donations be made in Melanie's honor to Buckner International 700 N. Pearl St., Suite 1200, Dallas, Texas 75201 or at www.buckner.org.

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Virginia Ginger Clair (Jacks) White

Virginia Ginger Clair (Jacks) White, born on July 17, 1971 in Bossier City, La to Sue Ann Magill Jacks and Dennis Jacks, passed away at age 46 on March 9, 2018 in Dallas, TX. Virginia graduated from University of Maryland University College. She was in the Tech industry as a Software Developer at Midas + (Conduent). Virginia was the beloved wife of Russ.

She was preceded in death by her grandmothers, Shirley Claire Jacks and Maudell Nyobia Magill; and grandfathers, Eugene Byron Jacks and Belmont Neil (Ace) Magill. Virginia is survived by her sons, Nicholas White and Dylan White; brother, Daniel Jacks; sister, Crickett Jacks Hutchinson; nieces, Kaylee Hutchinson and Katelynn Jacks; and nephew, Michael Jacks. She had a passion for quilting, making beautiful aprons, and singing. She was a member of Texas Democrats, and the treasurer of Texas Democratic Women.

In lieu of flowers those who wish may donate in Virginia's name to https://www.mcancer.org/adrenal-cancer/how-you-can-help, PFLAG, and Planned Parenthood. Thanks to the many doctors and specialists that took great care of her, friends far and wide, and her online support network from Two Peas and the LLVS during her long, courageous fight with cancer. Although it was a struggle, she made it look easy. Nevertheless, She Persisted! Friends and family can pay their respects at the celebration of life service, officiated by Emily Wright-Magoon, on Saturday, March 24 from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely, Midland, Texas, 79707.

Waymon Wheeler Lepard

1928-2018

Waymon Wheeler Lepard, born on January 4, 1928 in Merkel, Texas, passed away peacefully at age 90 on March 13, 2018 in Colleyville, Texas. Waymon's beloved wife Betty was faithfully by his side as she was throughout their 73 years of marriage.

Friends and family can pay their respects at the visitation on Friday, March 16th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch, 906 Gregg St., Big Spring, Texas 79721. A grave-side service will take place on Saturday, March 17th at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel, 6000 S. US Highway 87, Big Spring, TX 79720.

Welcoming Waymon in heaven with his savior Jesus are his parents, William Connie (WC) & Mary Ruth Wheeler; brother Jackie and beloved sons Lawrence and Dickie.

Morning our loss but celebrating his victory are his son and daughter-in-law Ron and Sheri; brother Glenn; sisters, Ann and Doris.

Waymon's legacy continues to grow through his grandchildren, Shawn Lepard of Oklahoma City, OK, Chris Lepard of Austin, TX, Susan Wanner of Big Spring, TX, Bryan Lepard of North Richland Hills, TX, Amy Campbell of Colleyville, TX, Shannon Lepard of Austin, TX, Kimberly Glickman of McKinney, TX and Deion Lepard of Scottsdale, AZ.

Waymon's fifteen great-grandchildren filled his final years with hope and joy. His imprint of dedication to family, faithfulness and virtue is evident in each of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and will continue to be a beacon for their lives and families.

Waymon served in the United States Marine Corps where he attended boot camp at Parris Island, SC, was stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC, and was called back from reserves to serve in the Korean War. He served as a Military Police Officer until his honorable discharge as a Gunnery Sergeant.

Waymon married Betty Joye Lawdermilk and established their home and family in Coahoma, Texas. He was proud of his sons, Lawrence, Ron and Dickie, for their academic and athletic achievements earned while playing football, basketball and track for Coahoma High School and graduating from Texas Tech University.

He retired from Condon Petroleum Corporation after faithfully working as the Operations Supervisor at the Big Spring oil refinery where he was proud to be one of the only employees to work for Condon for over 50 years.

Waymon was a Past Master and 32nd degree Scottish Rite member of the Coahoma Masonic Lodge 992. He served his Lord and family of faith as an ordained deacon at Midway, West Side and Temple Baptist churches in Big Spring, Texas.

Death Notices

Juan G. Alvarez

Juan G. Alvarez, 57, of Midland,Texas passed away March 11, 2018. He was born to Alicia and the late Francisco Alvarez in Midland.

He is survived by his children, Justin D. Alvarez and Kristina Carter; mother, Alicia Alvarez; three siblings and four grandchildren.

A viewing will be held on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Funeral Mass will be held at St. Stephen's, Monday, March 18, 2018.

Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery/Funeral Home/Crematory.

Lois Geraldine Anderson

Lois Geraldine Anderson, 91, of Midland passed away on Thursday, March 15, 2018 after a brief illness.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate her life at 2:00 P.M. Saturday, March 17, 2018 at McNeil Funeral Home Chapel in Andrews with Rev. Jerry Berry, former pastor of Kelview Heights Baptist Church in Midland, officiating. Interment will follow in the Andrews Old Cemetery. Pallbearers will be James Chambers, Richard Clark, and Ricky McBride

Renowned pediatrician Dr. T. Berry Brazelton dies at age 99

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Dr. T. Berry Brazelton, one of the world's most well-known pediatricians and child development experts whose work helped explain what makes kids tick, has died at age 99.

Brazelton died Tuesday at his Barnstable, Massachusetts home. The cause was congestive heart failure, said Stina Brazelton, his youngest daughter.

A Texas native long affiliated with Harvard University, the plain-spoken Brazelton was widely lauded for changing the understanding of how infants and children develop. The pediatrician, television personality and writer was still spry into his 90s, having published his memoir in 2013, shortly before his 95th birthday, and remained active teaching, researching and lecturing worldwide.

"Oh golly, I don't want to give up," he told National Public Radio in an interview aired on Father's Day 2013. "I learn every time I see a new baby, every time I talk to a new parent."

Parents knew Brazelton best from his popular Touchpoints books, along with the long-running cable TV show, "What Every Baby Knows," and his syndicated newspaper column, "Families Today." He also spent a half-century working as a pediatrician in Cambridge, Massachusetts. After retiring from that practice in 1995, Brazelton estimated he'd seen 25,000 patients.

Doctors knew Brazelton for his Neonatal Behavioral Assessment Scale, sometimes called the Brazelton scale, published in 1973. It is still used in hospitals and research to evaluate physical and neurological responses in newborn babies, and to assess emotional well-being and individual differences.

In 2000, he was named a Library of Congress Living Legend. He won a 2012 Presidential Citizens Medal, appearing beside President Barack Obama at a White House awards ceremony on March 11, 2013.

In an interview that year with Boston radio station WBUR, Brazelton offered his simple advice for frazzled new parents: "I'd like for them to learn that they can understand that baby by watching the baby's behaviour."

Brazelton "showed the world that babies are individual people from the very beginning," said longtime colleague and friend Dr. Joshua Sparrow.

The first of Brazelton's more than 30 books was "Infants and Mothers," published in 1969 and translated into 18 languages. The title of his memoir, "Learning to Listen," described his philosophy for understanding infants.

Brazelton believed that moments he called "touchpoints" helped define childhood, reflecting periods when children's behavior seems to fall apart that signal an impending advance in development.

From crying outbursts when learning to walk to the temper tantrums of the terrible 2s to kindergartners' nightmares, Brazelton's thoughtful descriptions of "touchpoints" helped parents make sense out of them using moments.

His approach was influenced by Dr. Benjamin Spock, America's first widely read baby doctor who empowered parents to make their own decisions and respected children as individuals.

"Rather than compete, I always felt like I added the concept of looking at the child, finding out what the child is trying to tell you and let them lead you," Brazelton said.

Stina Brazelton said as a parent, she read Spock — not her father's books — and didn't seek his advice until she learned that her son's doctors were heavily influenced by her dad. She said one of her father's lasting legacies is his encouraging other fathers to express their feelings for babies and young children and to be involved in their development.

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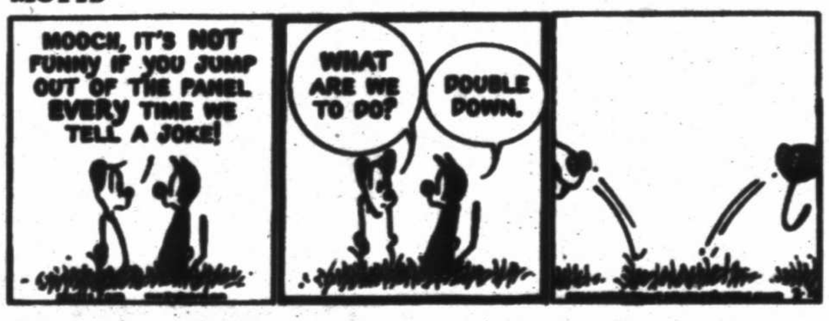

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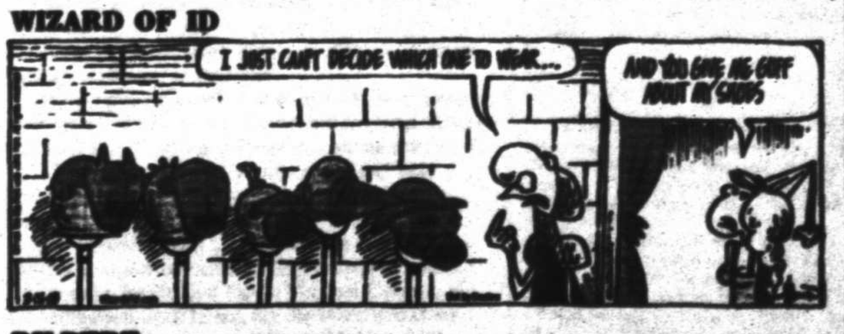

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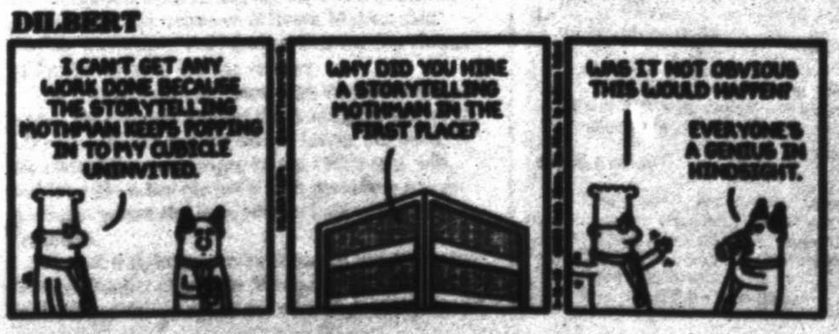

Illinois girl makes first haircut count

By Noelle McGee
The News-Gazette

DANVILLE, Ill. — Jennifer Wright's heart filled with joy as she watched her daughter, Sophia, 6, get her first real haircut and donate her long dark blond locks to help cancer patients.

It nearly exploded as she watched a steady stream of adults and other children stop in to the Danville hair salon to make a donation of their own.

By the end of the three-hour event, at least 13 people had donated a total of 154 inches of hair to Pantene's Beautiful Lengths program, which provides free wigs to cancer patients.

"I am so beyond words right now," said Wright of Tilton. "This is just awesome, and I can't thank everyone enough."

Sophia, a first-grader at Southwest Elementary School in Danville, has competed in a couple of pageants, including the Beauty of Hope Pageant that benefits the American Cancer Society. Wright said her daughter was inspired to make a hair donation by fellow "pageant sisters," including Haley Carlton, of Danville, who donated their hair to similar programs.

When Wright called Montana Schmidt — a stylist at Kevin & Co., who had done Sophia's hair for a pageant-related event — for a cut and explained what it was for, Schmidt offered to provide free cuts and styles to anyone else who wanted to make a donation.

Wright made up a flier and posted it on Facebook. That afternoon, she decorated the salon with purple balloons and other decorations, and provided cancer ribbon-shaped cookies, purple punch and gift bags for everyone.

Sophia flitted around the salon, talking with friends and relatives — including dad, Robert; grandparents; an uncle, aunt and cousin — until it was time for her to take the chair. She chewed on a Twizzler while Schmidt combed through her tresses, put them into two ponytails, then measured how much she would cut off.

A small crowd cheered when Schmidt sheared 8 inches off her left ponytail, then her right, and handed one of them to Sophia, who was all smiles.

Noelle McGee/The News-Gazette via AP

Montana Schmidt, right, a stylist at Kevin & Co. cuts the hair of Sophia Wright on Feb. 5 at the salon in Danville, Ill., as part of Sophia's donation to Pantene's Beautiful Lengths program, which provides free wigs to cancer patients. Sophia inspired at least eight other children and adults to make a hair donation.

"She was ready," Wright said, adding her daughter's hair was so long, she could sit on it. "When I brushed it, it took a while.

"She's happy that it's going to help people with cancer," Wright continued, adding her daughter enjoys giving back and frequently volunteers with her and her husband. "I know that's going to continue as she grows older."

Other people who made donations included Rylee Hardesty, 7, who also attends Southwest.

"She said Sophia's doing this, so could she do it, too?" Emilee Hardesty recalled her daughter asking.

"I'm proud of her," Hardesty said as she watched Schmidt style Rylee's bouncy bob. "Her (great) aunt has breast cancer. She was diagnosed in October. So she's happy that she can help."

Next up was Shelby Dickinson, of Covington, Indiana. She and Laura Bell, who was also at the salon, are the Beauty of Hope pageant directors.

Bell said Dickinson usually sweeps her long, auburn hair into a ponytail. But when Sophia saw it down, she told her she convinced her to make a donation.

"I'm excited," she said. After all, "We started the pageant to help people with cancer."

Wright was excited to see two more donors — Elizabeth Jewell of Sidney and her 18-year-old daughter, Jolyn. Jewell said she got to know Wright and her daughter when she worked at a kids' clothing store in Champaign.

"When I saw Sophia, I said, 'Oh, you have really pretty hair.' Then I pulled mine down," recalled Jewell, who has long, wavy chestnut tresses. "We kind of bonded over that."

When she saw Wright's Facebook post, she wanted to support Sophia — and those battling cancer.

"As much as I love my hair, can't imagine going through that and not being able to buy a wig," she said. "My hair will grow back."

Through the throng of people, Wright noticed a couple and their two sons walk through the door and went over to greet them. Heather Irelan, who lives south of Danville, introduced herself and her husband, Jason, who was sporting a long, dark ponytail, was holding a large cardboard sign with the words "I donate hair because I care," decorated with a pink cancer ribbon and the names of five survivors — Donna, Christal, Tiffany, Diane and Linda.

Heather Irelan held a plastic baggie with about 8 inches of her husband's hair from two years prior.

"We didn't know who to send it to, so we saved it," she explained, adding they read about this event in The News-Gazette.

Heather Irelan said her husband is Native American.

"Usually, the only time they cut it is if there's a life change," she said, adding that changed several years ago when they read a story about a young girl who was in a fire and needed hair.

Since then, her husband has made a donation every two years.

"We have a couple of friends who have breast cancer, and they lost their hair," Heather Irelan said.

"To me, (having a wig) brings back a sense of pride and self-esteem," Jason added.

Sophia said she's looking forward to her next donation.

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Amanda Loman/Albany Democrat-Herald via AP

More than 200 students walk out of Lebanon High School in support of stricter gun control legislation Wednesday in Lebanon, Ore. Religious leaders in Oregon intend to harness the youthful campaign for gun control to gather enough signatures to put a ban on assault rifles on the statewide ballot in November.

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military-style weapons like the rifle used in Florida have no place in the hands of civilians. Legislation is now being drafted.

■ In California, legislation is proposed that would expand the definition of an assault weapon to include most semi-automatic rifles bigger than a .22. But that would require them to be licensed like assault weapons, not banned.

In Oregon, the campaigners must gather more than 88,000 signatures by July 6, and they're counting on youths who have demonstrated for gun control to help.

"Young people in this country are crying out. This is the moment in time where we need to step alongside them as adults and do our part with them," said Pastor Mark Knutson of the Augustana Lutheran Church in Portland.

While a person must be at least 18 to vote, even a 14-year-old can go out and seek signatures, Knutson told The Associated Press in a phone interview.

"This is going to be a youth campaign," said Knutson, who will be one of the three chief petitioners of the ballot measure.

Rev. Alcena Boozer, a former high school principal and pastor emeritus of St. Philip the Deacon Episcopal Church; and Rabbi Michael Cahana, of Congregation Beth Israel, are the other two chief petitioners. The treasurer is Imam Muhammad Najieb, director of the Muslim Community Center of Portland and a Marine veteran.

The anti-assault-rifle campaign was launched with a news conference at the Augustana Lutheran Church, which Knutson said is fitting. He recalled the civil rights campaigns of the 1950s and '60s, and how churches played a role, including one in Alabama where the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. preached.

"The civil rights movement started out at Dexter Avenue Baptist church in Montgomery," Knutson said. "Good things come out of unexpected places."

AP file photo

Pope Francis drinks from a mate gourd at the end of his weekly general audience, in St. Peter's Square on April 9, 2016 at the Vatican.

Some facts about Pope Francis at the 5-year mark

By Nicole Winfield
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — In five years, the world has gotten to know Jorge Mario Bergoglio, the son of Italian immigrants to Argentina who was so self-deprecating that when he emerged on the loggia of St. Peter's Basilica on March 13, 2013, as Pope Francis, he quipped that his brother cardinals had to search to the "end of the Earth" to find a new bishop.

For starters, he likes his mate — an Argentine tea. He suffers from sciatica. For a period in his 40s he saw a psychoanalyst to "clear up some things." His favorite film is Fellini's "La Strada" followed closely by "Roma, Open City" with a fondness too for "Babette's Feast."

Here are a few facts about Pope Francis, as well as some highlights from five years with a very different kind of pope.

Mercies, answers

■ Sept. 21, 2014: When he went hearing the life story of a priest, the Rev. Ernest Simoni, who was tortured and imprisoned during Albania's communist rule. Francis later made Simoni a cardinal.

■ Oct. 1, 2016: When he was spellbound by the haunting Aramaic chant sung by a young Georgian girl and a monk in the Orthodox cathedral outside Tbilisi. Francis was later snubbed by the Orthodox hierarchy at his open-air Mass in the Georgian capital.

■ Dec. 1, 2017: When his slowly whispery voice wavered as he met with Myanmar's Rohingya refugees and told them "The presence of God today is also called Rohingya."

Mission, answers

■ June 8, 2014: When Francis hosted the Israeli and Palestinian presidents for a peace prayer in the Vatican gardens. Full-scale conflict broke out in the Gaza Strip a few months later.

■ Sept. 24, 2015: When he addressed the U.S. Congress to rediscover America's ideals by taking action on climate change, immigration and poverty reduction. The speech was the first by a pope at the U.S. capitol.

■ Feb. 12, 2016: When he met with the Russian Orthodox patriarch in the first such encounter in more than 1,000 years. The meeting took place in the geographically and geopolitically convenient airport of Havana, as Francis was traveling to Mexico.

Seemingly light and unfamiliar answers

■ March 14, 2013: When he paid his bill and checked out of the Rome residence after he had been elected pope. The gesture set the stage for a papacy of simple, humble gestures.

■ Nov. 30, 2015: When he invited the imam of Bangui to join him in his popemobile for a spin through the besieged, divided Central African Republic capital in a sign of Christian-Muslim coexistence.

■ Jan. 18, 2015: When he married two Chilean flight attendants at 35,000 feet after their church wedding was canceled due to an earthquake.

Where were we headed

■ Francis doesn't mince words. "Selfish" but beautiful longing for love, because that's what kids these days do.

■ He hasn't watched television since June 15, 1990, when he broke a promise to his Virgin Mary that he wouldn't.

■ His love of Caravaggio and Chagall, Mozart and Bach. His preferred literary references run from Dostoyevsky to Borges and the Argentine epic poem "Martin Fierro."

■ He has a temper, admits to having an "Italian soul" and has been known to curse like a sailor.

■ He rises at 4:30 a.m., takes a siesta after lunch and is asleep by 10 p.m.

■ He prefers a night spent looking over texts in his worn black satchel to sporting events.

■ He holds his own food in the Vatican hotel dining room instead of

Calendar

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March 16-22

Today

Think. Make. Spring Break! The daily program will feature cartoons, outdoor movement, storytime and crafts. 10:30 a.m. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. musemsw.org.

Harry Potter Escape Room. Groups of six to eight guests must escape the offices of Dolores Umbridge, the High Inquisitor of Hogwarts. For ages 13-19. 4-6:30 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Family Fort Night. This after-hours event invites families for a night of fort-making and storytelling. All ages welcome. Fort supplies provided but guests are encouraged to bring blankets, pillows and flashlights. Pajamas allowed 6:30 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. Register online at www.co.midland.tx.us.

CODA Group: 12-step program for relationships. 7 p.m. Fridays and Sundays at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road. 599-4490.

The 38th annual State Women's Convention: "The Church Seasoning the World." 7 p.m. today at Faith Temple COGIC, 1605 N. Terrell St. texasnwcogic.org.

Saturday

Yoga classes are offered weekly. 9 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. Free. uumidland.org.

Parent's Day Out. The event offers activities, games, movies and lunch for children. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Midland YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring St. $10 per child.

Garden Explorers: Spring Planting for grades 3-5. 10 a.m. at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. $5 members, $8 non-members. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Meal Planning: Saving Money, Food and your Sanity. The class will cover planning, shopping and preparing meals. Registration available online. 2:30 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. tinyurl.com/mcplmealplan.

Sunday

Easter Bunny at Midland Park Mall: Caring Bunny is a comforting photo experience for children with special needs. Noises and lighting will be reduced, queues will be altered and special activities will be available during the wait. 9-10:30 a.m. at 4511 N. Midkiff Road. simonbunny.com.

True Love Waits Study, 9:45 a.m. Sundays through April 29 at Alamo Heights Baptist Church, 1305 N. Midland Drive.

Monday

Thrive support group for adult female survivors of sexual assault, rape, incest and abuse. 3 p.m. at Midland Rape Crisis & Children's Advocacy Center. Call 682-7273 to register. Free.

Meal Planning: Saving Money, Food and your Sanity. The class will cover planning, shopping and preparing meals. Registration available online. 5:30 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. tinyurl.com/mcplmealplan.

Gentle Healing Yoga. This weekly yoga camp is open to all survivors of cancer. Led by Anne Lucero. 5:30 p.m. Mondays at Yoga Sanctuary, 4202 Dawn Circle. Free. 575-937-3609.

Belly dancing class, 8 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. uumidland.org.

Tuesday

Tales and Trails: Squirrels. 10 a.m. at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. $2 suggested donation. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Peer Support Group by Permian Basin LGBTQ (plus). 7 p.m. at Sleep Inn and Suites of Midland, 5612 Denville Road.

Intro to Buddhism features basic meditation and then discussion. Hosted by Permian Basin Buddhists. 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. meetup.com/Permian-Basin-Buddhists.

The 12-Step Group, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road. 553-7220.

The Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series: "An Evening with Bank Goodman." The Emmy-winning documentarian will discuss his films such as the Oscar nominated "Scottsboro: An American Tragedy" and his recent "Oklahoma City" among other works. 7:30 p.m. at Chaparral Center at Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield St. Free. midland.edu.

Wednesday

Caregiver Support group, noon-1 p.m. at Hospice Midland, 911 W Texas Ave. hospicecaremidland.org.

Thursday

Brothers in Christ is a weekly men's group with studies that range from the Bible to topical issues. 6:30 a.m. at Midland Bible Church, 5900 Whitman Drive. midlandbible.org.

Shoppers and Sellers 2018: Luncheon with former first lady Laura Bush hosted by the Junior League of Midland. Business attire required. 11:30 a.m. at Midland Country Club, 6101 N. State Highway 349. Jlmidland.org.

Plant-based Nutrition and Diabetes by the Lifestyle Medicine Center. Limited space so online registration is required. 6-7 p.m. at Midland Memorial West Campus, 4214 Andrews Highway. 85. Breathelife.com.

La Hacienda Alcoholics Support group for former partners and guests. 7 p.m. Thursdays at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road. 553-7220.

To include your event on this calendar, please email Rich Lopez at jrlopez@.com.com

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Evans, Texas Tech surge late, top Stephen F Austin

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

DALLAS — Keenan Evans scored 19 of his 23 points after halftime and third-seeded Texas Tech surged late to top Stephen F. Austin 70-60 Thursday night in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

The Big 12 runner-up Red Raiders (25-9) closed the game on a 13-2 run. Evans drove for a layup with 3:58 left, putting Texas Tech ahead to stay.

When Evans split through defenders with just over a minute left, he paused briefly to give a quick pose to the camera under the basket.

Evans had only four points in the first half, all on free throws while going 0 for 4 from the field. But he also ignited the highlight play of the night, chasing down an offensive rebound past midcourt and then throwing an alley-oop pass to 6-foot-5 freshman Zhaire Smith, who made a 360-degree spin in the air while completing the dunk.

Texas Tech will next play the winner of the Florida-St. Bonaventure game.

SFA (28-7), the Southland Conference tournament champion, led by eight points early in the second half was trying to take down a Big 12 opponent in an NCAA opener for the second time in three seasons. The Lumberjacks beat West Virginia in their last tournament appearance two years ago before losing to Notre Dame.

Ivan Canete had 17 points to lead SFA, while Shannon Bougues had 14, Kevon Harris 12 and TJ Hoyfield 10.

Evan's go-ahead basket began a run that included another dunk by Smith on a pass from Justin Gray, and a 3-pointer from the right corner in front of the Tech bench by Florida transfer Brandone Francis.

Smith was the only other Tech player in double figures with 10 points.

Brandon Wade/Associated Press

Texas Tech forward Tommy Hamilton IV (0) looks to pass to a teammate as Stephen F. Austin forward TJ Holyfield (22) defends during the first half of a first-round game on Thursday in Dallas.

Here to save the day

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Austin Day (15) celebrates with Junior Alvarez (5) after scoring against Amarillo Tascosa on Thursday, at Ernie Johnson Field.

Unlikely star Day rallies Lee past Tascosa

By Will Korn
wkorn@mrt.com

With two outs and the bases loaded in the bottom of the fifth, Lee junior Austin Day stepped to the plate for just the third time this season.

A known "P.O." or "pitcher-only", Day didn't flinch at the rare opportunity to hit with his team trailing 11-5. Instead, he calmly roped a bases-clearing double to left field that cut the deficit in half and then in the sixth, struck again with a two-run double that helped lift Lee to a 14-12 victory over Tascosa in District 2-6A action, Thursday at Ernie Johnson Field.

Day also brought stability to an erratic afternoon for Lee, which had committed five costly errors and walked eight Tascosa batters prior to his entry in the fifth inning. Day earned the win after two gritty innings of relief, over which he allowed two runs on four hits but walked just one.

After what was surely one of the best games of his high school career, he didn't soak in the personal glory of a 2-for-2, 5-RBI performance.

"I was trying to come in clutch for my team," Day said. "I was (in the) nine-hole, so I was sitting dead red fastball. When I got it, I took advantage of the pitch. (On the mound), I was sticking with the changeup and just nibbling around the zone with the fastball, just (trying to) do what's best for the team."

Lee (11-6, 2-0 in District 2-6A) head coach Brian Roper praised Day's determined demeanor and said it's unexpected situations such as Thursday's that bring joy to the game. Entering Thursday, Day was 0-for-1 with a hit-by-pitch in two plate appearances through 16 games.

"I think he's going to make a hitting video – that's going to be coming out," Roper joked. "It's awesome. I'm so happy for him. He is such a wonderful kid and he works his tail off, it's just great.

"Everybody loves him and he's such a little bulldog. He doesn't ever take BP or anything. That's what's fun about the game of baseball."

Facing Lee starter Noah Harrison, Tascosa (7-11, 0-2) had little trouble taking a quick 2-0 lead in the top of the first with the help of a pair of walks and an error. In the home half, Lee struck back for three runs thanks to a trio of Tascosa miscues, as well as a two-RBI triple by Junior Alvarez.

But things unraveled for the home team over the next three and a half innings. Back-to-back singles by Evan Enos and Ethan Schmidt gave Tascosa a 4-3 lead in the third. A two-run double by Alvarez in the home half restored Lee's 5-4 advantage, before Tascosa plated two more runs in the top of the fourth.

Tascosa eventually seized an 11-5 lead in the fifth with the help of a pair of errors, a bases-loaded walk and consecutive run scoring hits by Jon Cantu and Enos.

But no one in the Lee dugout flinched. Roper constantly preaches to his players the importance of 'Staying off the emotional roller coaster' and his players applied the lesson.

Following Day's bases-clearing knock in the sixth, leadoff hitter Logan Acosta singled to center to cut the Rebels' deficit to 11-9. In the sixth, Adam Becker led off with a solo blast to left field, before Eli Salazar plated the go-ahead runs with a single to left.

"You've just got to keep your head straight throughout the whole game, you've got to keep that 'Stay on a level plane' mentality the whole time and not get on the emotional roller coaster," said Salazar, a junior. "We have to know we

Please see LEE/2C

Rhode Island edges Young, Oklahoma in OT win

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Here's the skinny on a Philly guard called Fatts: The player with the best nickname in the tournament given because he was a chunky baby turned in the stout performance Rhode Island required to win.

Fatts Russell hit three 3s and showed that — for this game, at least — he was the best freshman guard around as he pressured Oklahoma's dynamic scorer Trae Young right out of the NCAA Tournament.

E.C. Matthews hit the go-ahead 3-pointer in overtime and one more that sealed it to help Rhode Island hold off Young and beat Oklahoma 83-78 Thursday in the Midwest Region.

The seventh-seeded Rams (26-7) won a game in the tournament for the second straight season and will play second-seeded Duke on Saturday.

Young is likely one-and-done at OU.

Fatts Russell plays on.

"I told him when I recruited him: The only point guard I saw better than him at the Peach Jam last year was Trae Young, and he told me I was wrong about that and he was going

Please see RHODE ISLAND/3C

Keith Srakocic/Associated Press

Rhode Island's E.C. Matthews (0) and Fatts Russell (2) celebrate during overtime against Oklahoma in an NCAA tournament first-round game on Thursday in Pittsburgh.

5-time NCAA champion baseball coach Augie Garrido dies at 79

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Wherever Augie Garrido went in his six decades in college baseball, wins and championships always followed.

His ability to motivate and innovate produced five College World Series titles with two schools and the most wins of any coach in college baseball history.

"I coached against him and watched hundreds and hundreds of other coaches, and he's the best I've ever seen," said Skip Bertman, the retired coach who won five national titles at LSU.

Garrido

Garrido, who had been hospitalized in California following a stroke on Sunday, died Thursday. He was 79. The University of Texas, where Garrido wrapped up his career in 2016, announced his death.

"We lost one of the greatest coaches of all time, a truly special Longhorn legend and college athletics icon," athletic director Chris Del Conte said. "If you were fortunate enough to have spent time with Augie, or if you followed him in any way, he had a great effect on you with his brilliant combination of wisdom, wit and charm. He was just an incredible coach, molder of men and a great person."

Garrido won three national championships with Cal State Fullerton in 1979, 1984 and 1995. He also won titles at Texas in 2002 and 2005. He stepped away from coaching two years ago and was inducted into the College Baseball Hall of Fame the same year. His 1,975 career wins date to 1969.

"Augie dedicated his life to making young men better people. He will be deeply missed by myself and many others," said Florida State coach Mike Martin, who is 18 wins from overtaking Garrido as the all-time leader.

Garrido also coached at San Francisco State, Cal Poly and Illinois. He was a special assistant in the Texas athletic department since his final season with the Longhorns. Garrido got the most out of his teams playing a small-ball style reliant on the bunt to move runners along.

"He played 90 feet at a time and had great instincts on the field," Bertman said. "I don't think he really tried to be anything but himself. He had a wonderful sense of humor and was a fun guy. Most of all, he's the best baseball coaching mind for college that I know of."

Garrido won 25 conference championships and national coach of the year honors six times. He was the first coach to win national championships with different schools. Over his career, Garrido's teams played in the College World Series 15 times.

He spent 20 years at Texas, which hired him away from Fullerton in 1997 to replace Cliff Gustafson, who won two national championships with the Longhorns and had the program on a regular rotation at the College World Series.

"The fact you can win three national championships on the West Coast and then come to a different part of the world for our sport and win two more ...," Texas A&M coach Rob Childress said. "He's the guy who set the bar higher than any of us will ever get to."

Garrido's teams produced 15 first-round draft picks in the Major League Baseball and 27 players won All-American honors 34 times.

The Vallejo, California, native played college baseball at Fresno State, where he played in the College World Series in 1959.

"This is a dark day for our sport," Childress said. "Augie Garrido was the godfather of college baseball."

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

College Baseball

Texas Tech at Baylor, 6:30 p.m., FSSW+, FCSC

Kansas at Texas, 6:30 p.m., LHN

Men's College Basketball

NCAA: Texas A&M vs. Providence, 11 a.m., CBS

NCAA: Purdue vs. Cal State Fullerton, 11:30 a.m., truTV

NCAA: Wichita State vs. Marshall, 12:20 p.m., TNT

NCAA: Cincinnati vs. Georgia State, 12:50 p.m., TBS

NCAA: North Carolina vs. Lipscomb, 1:30 p.m., CBS

NCAA: Arkansas vs. Butler, 2 p.m., truTV

NCAA: West Virginia vs. Murray State, 2:50 p.m., TNT

NCAA: Nevada vs. Texas, 3:20 p.m., TBS

NCAA: Creighton vs. Kansas State, 5:45 p.m., TNT

NCAA: Michigan State vs. Bucknell, 6 p.m., CBS

NCAA: Xavier vs. Texas Southern, 6:15 p.m., TBS

NCAA: Auburn vs. College of Charleston, 6:30 p.m., truTV

NCAA: Virginia vs. UMBC, 8:15 p.m., TNT

NCAA: TCU vs. Syracuse, 8:30 p.m., CBS

NCAA: Missouri vs. Florida State, 8:45 p.m., TBS

NCAA: Clemson vs. New Mexico State, 9 p.m., truTV

National Basketball Association

Dallas at Toronto, 6:30 p.m., FSSW

LA Clippers at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m., NBAtv

Miami at LA Lakers, 9:30 p.m., NBAtv

Women's College Basketball

NCAA: Drake vs. Texas A&M, 1 p.m., ESPN2

NCAA: Grambling vs. Baylor, 7 p.m., ESPN2

WHAT'S ON DECK

HS Baseball

Fort Worth All Saints vs. Midland Christian, 5 p.m., Christensen Stadium

HS Boys Soccer

Wolfforth Frenship at Lee, 7:30 p.m.

HS Girls Soccer

Wolfforth Frenship at Lee, 5:30 p.m.

HS Softball

Greenwood at Monahans, 5 p.m.

JC Baseball

Midland College at New Mexico Military Institute, noon

JC Softball

Midland College at Clarendon College (DH), 1 p.m.

HS BASKETBALL

GARDEN CITY TWINS MAKE ALL-STATE

Garden City twin sisters Payton Hastings and Madison Hastings, both seniors, have been named to the TABC Class 1A All-State Girls Basketball Team. Madison, a 5-foot-7 guard, averaged 12.7 points for the Lady Kats, while Payton, a 5-foot-7 forward, averaged 10.8 points.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Named Scott Lewis vice president of strategy and analytics.

BOSTON RED SOX — Reassigned C Oscar Hernandez to minor league camp.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Reassigned RHP Chance Adams to minor league camp.

National League

CINCINNATI REDS — Named John Fazell internal scout.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Optioned RHP Aaron Wilkerson to Colorado Springs (PCL).

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Agreed to terms with RHPs Edward Mujica and Nuster Molina on minor league contracts.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Optioned C Luis Torrens to El Paso (PCL).

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Optioned RHP Wander Suero and OF Rafael Bautista to Syracuse (IL).

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NEW ORLEANS PELICANS — Signed G Larry Drew II to a 10-day contract.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Traded DB Jason McCourty and the 219th pick in the 2018 draft to New England for the 208th pick in the 2018 draft. Terminated the contract of DB B.W. Webb. Waived DL Ricky Aiffua and Collin Bivens, OL Zach Banner and Joseph Cheek, LB Jeremy Cash, WR Tommie Costen, DB Tavon Hardbill and RB Josh Rounds. Signed DBs T.J. Carrie and Terrance Mitchell, TE Davon Fells, OL Chris Hubbard and Donald Stephenson, RB Carlos Hyde and DL Chris Smith. Traded DB

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Toronto	51	17	.750	—
x-Boston	46	22	.676	5
Philadelphia	37	30	.552	13½
New York	24	45	.348	27½
Brooklyn	21	47	.309	30

Southeast Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	39	30	.565	—
Miami	35	33	.522	3
Charlotte	30	38	.435	8
Orlando	21	48	.304	18
Atlanta	20	49	.290	19

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	39	28	.582	—
Indiana	40	29	.580	—
Milwaukee	36	32	.529	3½
Detroit	30	37	.448	9
Chicago	24	44	.353	15½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Houston	54	14	.794	—
New Orleans	39	29	.574	15
San Antonio	39	30	.565	15½
Dallas	32	40	.384	32
Memphis	19	50	.275	39

Northwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	41	25	.621	—
Oklahoma City	41	29	.586	1½
Minnesota	40	29	.580	2
Utah	38	30	.559	3½
Denver	37	31	.544	4½

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Golden State	52	16	.765	—
L.A. Clippers	37	30	.552	14½
L.A. Lakers	31	37	.456	21
Sacramento	22	47	.319	30½
Phoenix	19	50	.275	33½

Thursday's Scores

Toronto 109, Indiana 99

Charlotte 120, Atlanta 117

Philadelphia 118, New York 110

Chicago 111, Memphis 110

Houston 101, L.A. Clippers 99

San Antonio 99, New Orleans 93

Detroit at Denver, late

Phoenix at Utah, late

Cleveland at Portland, late

Today's Games

Boston at Orlando, 6 p.m.

Brooklyn at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

Dallas at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.

L.A. Clippers at Oklahoma City, 7p.m.

Miami at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Sacramento at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	70	48	18	4	100	257	188
Boston	69	44	17	8	96	232	170
Toronto	71	42	22	7	91	239	204
Florida	68	35	26	7	77	208	212
Montreal	71	28	33	12	68	182	228
Detroit	69	28	32	11	67	189	211
Ottawa	69	25	33	11	61	193	249
Buffalo	70	22	39	12	56	167	239

Metropolitan Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	70	49	23	7	67	216	205
Pittsburgh	72	41	26	5	87	237	218
Columbus	71	39	28	5	83	199	198
Philadelphia	71	35	25	11	81	209	210
New Jersey	70	36	28	6	78	212	211
Carolina	70	30	29	11	71	199	218
N.Y. Rangers	71	32	32	7	71	205	227
N.Y. Islanders	70	30	33	10	70	225	252

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	69	45	14	10	100	235	174
Winnipeg	71	42	19	10	94	233	197
Minnesota	70	39	24	7	85	217	203
Colorado	70	35	24	9	88	224	204
Dallas	71	36	28	7	80	205	199
St. Louis	70	37	29	4	78	192	186
Chicago	71	30	30	11	71	201	213

Pacific Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	70	45	20	5	95	239	185
San Jose	70	38	23	9	85	207	182
Los Angeles	70	39	25	6	82	200	177
Anaheim	71	35	24	12	82	198	188
Calgary	71	35	30	10	80	198	205
Edmonton	70	30	35	5	65	188	225
Vancouver	71	28	37	6	62	188	231
Arizona	69	23	35	11	57	167	232

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Thursday's Scores

Washington 7, N.Y. Islanders 3

Columbus 5, Philadelphia 3

Toronto 5, Buffalo 2

Pittsburgh 5, Montreal 3

Florida 3, Boston 0

Winnipeg 6, Chicago 2

Colorado 4, St. Louis 1

Detroit at Los Angeles, late

Nashville at Arizona, late

Today's Games

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

Dallas at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.

Nashville at Colorado, 8 p.m.

San Jose at Calgary, 8 p.m.

Detroit at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

Minnesota at Vegas, 9:30 p.m.

MLB SPRING TRAINING GLANCE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Houston	14	6	0.700
New York	12	7	0.632
Baltimore	10	6	0.625
Cleveland	12	8	0.600
Boston	11	8	0.579
Oakland	9	7	0.563
Minnesota	10	8	0.556
Kansas City	10	10	0.500
Chicago	9	9	0.500
Los Angeles	10	12	0.455
Toronto	9	11	0.450
Tampa Bay	8	11	0.421
Seattle	7	11	0.389
Texas	7	12	0.368

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Miami	13	6	0.684
Milwaukee	13	7	0.650
Chicago	12	7	0.632
Atlanta	11	8	0.579
Los Angeles	11	8	0.579
San Diego	11	8	0.579
San Francisco	10	8	0.556
St. Louis	9	8	0.529
Philadelphia	9	9	0.500
Colorado	9	9	0.500
Cincinnati	7	10	0.412
New York	6	10	0.375

Thursday's Games

Baltimore 5, St. Louis 0

Atlanta 6, Detroit 1

Houston 10, Washington 0

Minnesota 6, Tampa Bay 1

N.Y. Yankees 8, Pittsburgh 5

Boston 7, Toronto 6

Miami 7, N.Y. Mets 6

Atlanta 3, Chicago Cubs 2

Cincinnati 10, Cleveland 6

Kansas City 14, L.A. Dodgers 8

Texas 6, Milwaukee 5

L.A. Angels (ss) 10, Colorado 9

Chicago White Sox vs. L.A. Angels (ss) at Tempe, Ariz., late

San Francisco vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., late

Seattle vs. Oakland at Mesa, Ariz., late

Today's Games

Atlanta vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

Miami vs. St. Louis (ss) at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

Philadelphia (ss) vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay vs. Minnesota (ss) at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

St. Louis (ss) vs. Washington at West Palm Beach, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

Toronto vs. Philadelphia (ss) at Clearwater, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

Baltimore vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 12:10 p.m.

Chicago Cubs vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Cleveland vs. Oakland at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Milwaukee vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Seattle vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Colorado vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.

Arizona City vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.

Minnesota (ss) vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 5:05 p.m.

Houston vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 5:05 p.m.

LEE

From 1C

District 2-6A baseball Standings

	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Wolfforth Frenship	2	0	16	2
Lee	2	0	11	6
Odessa High	1	1	15	3
Midland High	1	1	14	7
Odessa Permian	0	2	12	7
Amarillo Tascosa	0	2	7	11

Thursday's scores

Midland High 11, Odessa Permian 5; Lee 14, Amarillo Tascosa 12; Wolfforth Frenship 13, Odessa High 3

Saturday's games

Odessa High at Midland High, noon; Lee at Odessa Permian, 1 p.m.; Wolfforth Frenship at Amarillo Tascosa, 1 p.m.

are a good team and we have a lot of good hitters."

Alvarez finished 3-for-4 with four RBI, a run scored and was a home run shy of the cycle. Teammate Jordan Matthews was 2-for-3 with three runs and a walk, while Chase Pederson was 2-for-3 with a run.

Jon Cantu paced Tascosa by going 2-for-3 with a home run, three RBI, four runs and a pair of walks.

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James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Austin Day (15) is congratulated after pitching against Amarillo Tascosa on Thursday, at Ernie Johnson Field.

LEE 14, AMARILLO TASCOSA 12

Tascosa	202	250	1–12	10	4		
Lee	302	045	x–14	12	5		

Hanis Shoemaker, Santiago Sandoval (6) and Jon Cantu. Noah Harrison, Junior Alvarez (4), Austin Day (5), Dylan Disco (7) and Colby Standard. W – Day. L – Sandoval. S – Disco. 2B – Tascosa: Evan Enos; Lee: Austin Day 2, Junior Alvarez; 3B – Lee: Junior Alvarez. HR – Tascosa: Jon Cantu; Lee: Adam Backer.

Record: Tascosa 7-11, 0-2 in District 2-6A; Lee 11-6, 2-0 in District 2-6A

Next: Wolfforth Frenship at Amarillo Tascosa, 1 p.m. Saturday; Lee at Odessa Permian, 1 p.m. Saturday

HS BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

BASEBALL

MHS 11

ODESSA PERMIAN 5

ODESSA – Cooper Jauz was 3 for 5 with two doubles, a triple, two RBI and two runs scored to power Midland High to a District 2-6A win over Odessa Permian, Thursday at McCanlies Field.

Tyler Wade went 2 for 3 with a double, two RBI, a run and two walks for the Bulldogs (14-6, 1-1 in District 2-6A), while teammate Ivan Dominguez was 2 for 2 with two RBI, two runs and two walks.

Leading 7-5 through six innings, MHS put the game away with a four-run seventh, highlighted by a two-run single by Dominguez and an RBI double from Wade.

According to MHS head coach Barry Russell, Jauz hit what was originally called a home run. But the ball bounced off the monkey bars just behind the right field wall, came back into play and Jauz, rounding the bases after an assumed two-run home run, was thrown out at home.

The umpires convened and decided to place MHS' lead runner at third and Jauz at second. Dominguez singled them both home, before Wade tripled home Dominguez.

Bulldogs starting pitcher Randall Blanscett got the win after allowing five runs (two earned), nine hits and two walks over 5 2/3 innings, while striking out 10. Matt Wilkins tossed 1 1/3 perfect innings for the save.

The Panthers (12-7, 0-2) were led by Noey Brito, who went 2 for 4 with a home run, two RBI and two runs. Caden Bedrick was 2 for 3 with two RBI for Permian.

MHS 11, ODESSA PERMIAN 5

Midland	004	000	4	–11	8	3	
Permian	000	200	0	–5	9	4	

Randall Blanscett, Matt Wilkins (6) and Sam Matchus. Payton Hutson, Manny Guevara (2), Tyler Ramage (6), Christian LaCharme (7) and Sullivan. W – Blanscett. L – Guevara. S – Wilkins. 2B – MHS: Cooper Jauz 2, Tyler Wade. 3B – MHS: Jauz. Mario Rodriguez. HR – Permian: Noey Brito.

Record: MHS 14-6, 1-1 in District 2-6A; Permian 12-7, 0-2

Next: Odessa High at MHS, noon Saturday; Lee at Permian, 1 p.m. Saturday

LUB. ESTACADO 6

GREENWOOD 5

LUBBOCK – With one out in the bottom of the eighth, Johnny Gomez scored from third on an infield error to push Lubbock Estacado to an extra innings victory over Greenwood in non-district play.

The Rangers (5-11-2) led 5-2 after five innings before the Matadors evened the score at 5 with a three-run sixth.

For Greenwood, Dawson Merryman went 2 for 4 with an RBI and a walk; Kobe Jameson was 2 for 2 with two walks and two runs; and Jacobie Rowland went 2 for 2 with a double, an RBI and a walk.

Bo Sims and Gomez each had two hits and two runs for Estacado.

LUBBOCK ESTACADO 6, GREENWOOD 5, 9 INNINGS

Greenwood	010	310	00	–5	9	2	
Estacado	110	003	01	–6	8	3	

Jacobie Rowland, Brody Ray (5), Dawson Merryman (7) and Austin Dominguez. Bo Sims, Viz Maldonado (8) and Drue Gomez. W – Maldonado. L – Merryman. 2B – Greenwood: Jacobie Rowland; Estacado: Reanu Maldonado, Bo Sims, Dante Hernandez. 3B – Greenwood: Jared Nail.

Record: Greenwood 5-11-2

Next: Fort Stockton at Greenwood, 5 p.m. Tuesday

SOFTBALL

MHS 1

LUBBOCK HIGH 0

In the bottom of the eighth, Allexis Riddle doubled home Rani Guerra to push Midland High to an extra innings win over Lubbock High in non-district play at Martin Field.

MHS senior Alli Monarrez hurled eight shutout innings, holding the Lady Westerners to seven hits and two walks, while striking out three.

MHS 1, LUBBOCK HIGH 0, 8 INNINGS

Lubbock	000	000	00	–0	7	0	
Midland	000	000	01	–1	7	0	

M. Garza and C. Read. Alli Monarrez and Valeiin Vidura. W – Monarrez. L – Garza. 2B – LHS: A. Gutierrez; MHS: Deanna Machuca, Allexis Riddle. 3B – MHS: Reagan Keithley

Record: MHS 14-7-2

Next: Andrews at MHS, noon Saturday

LEE 12

LUB. COOPER 6

LUBBOCK – Tana Gonzales went 3 for 5 with three doubles, two RBI, two runs and a walk to help Lee snap a four-game losing streak with a non-district win over Lubbock High.

Lady Rebels senior Kirklynd Newsom was 2 for 3 with a home run, four RBI and a walk; teammate Giselle Dominguez was 4 for 4 with a double, three RBI and walk; and Abby Jordan went 2 for 3 with two RBI, two walks and a run scored.

LEE 12, LUBBOCK COOPER 6

Lee	502	104	0	–12	14	1	
Cooper	000	100	2	–6	8	2	

W – Emily Gonzalez. L – Madi Goolsby. 2B – Lee: Tana Gonzales 3, Giasell Dominguez; Cooper: Goolsby, Reagan Robertson, Autumn White. HR – Lee: Kirklynd Newsom; Cooper: Robertson 2.

Record: Lee 11-11-2

Next: Wolfforth Frenship at Lee, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday

NO. 13 COAHOMA 17

MILES 2

MILES – Coahoma scored 10 runs in the first inning to roll to a non-district rout of Miles on Thursday.

MaKayla Overton notched the complete game win in the circle for Coahoma (6-1), as she limited Miles to just three hits and two runs.

At the plate, Overton was 2-for-4 with two doubles, three runs and an RBI, while teammate Kamri Kemper was 2-for-3 with four runs and a RBI and a walk. Jaydan Mann, Chloe Starr and Cassie Grant collected two hits each for Coahoma.

COAHOMA 17, MILES 2

Coahoma	(10)10	21–	17	16	1		
Miles	101	00–	2	3	7		

Mallynne Overton and Kamri Cavalier, Tyler Lange and Jody Mata. W – Overton. L – Lange. 2B – Coahoma: MaKayla Overton 2, Cassie Grant, Lexi Montalvo, Kamri Kemper; Miles: Skyler Brooks. 3B – Coahoma: Cassie Grant, Caitlyn Corley, Jaydan Mann; Miles: Skyler Brooks

Record: Coahoma 8-1

MC BASEBALL/SOFTBALL CAPSULES

BASEBALL

MIDLAND COLLEGE AT NEW MEXICO MILITARY INSTITUTE

When/where: Doubleheaders beginning at 1 p.m. (CDT) today and Saturday, NMMI Baseball Field, Roswell, N.M.

Records: Midland College 9-10, 2-2 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; NMMI 16-8, 4-0

Last WJCAC series: Midland College 2, Howard College 2; New Mexico Military Institute 4, El Paso Community College 0

Notes & quotes: Midland College will go on the road after splitting its series against rival Howard College last weekend. The Chaparrals won a pair of slugfests (13-9, 14-12) at home before running into some good Hawks pitching at Big Spring in a pair of losses (6-1, 19-0). "The two (pitchers) that we saw had really good command of the baseball and we were just overmatched the second day," MC coach Hector Rodriguez said. "I feel confident for this weekend. We didn't finish the way we wanted to last week, but our guys are ready to go." ... Rodriguez added that his pitchers need to do a better job this weekend. MC is currently second to last in the WJCAC with a 10.48 team ERA. ... The Chaps are expected to start sophomore LHP Logan McCrummen (2-2, 7.36 ERA), followed by sophomore LHP Aaron Weseman (0-0, 11.12) today. MC will then start freshman RHP Chandler Eaton (1-0, 5.40) while the fourth game starter will be determined by who's left out of the bullpen. ... NMMI is coming off a sweep against struggling El Paso Community College. NMMI sophomore OF Angel Colon was named WJCAC Player of the Week for March 4-10 after hitting .667 with three doubles, two triples, five RBI and seven runs scored. ... Rodriguez said he doesn't know much about NMMI but said the Broncos are always well-coached and play hard. "Offensively we've got to be prepared to get big hits in the middle of the field and we just have to pitch better," he said.

Next: Howard College at Midland College, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday; Odessa College at NMMI, 1 p.m. (CDT) March 24

SOFTBALL

MIDLAND COLLEGE AT CLARENDON COLLEGE

MIDLAND COLLEGE AT FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE

When/where: Doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m. today, Clarendon College softball field, Clarendon; doubleheader beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday, Frank Phillips College softball field, Borger

Records: Midland College 17-11, 0-0 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Clarendon College 23-3, 0-0; Frank Phillips College 6-13, 0-0

Notes: This weekend marks the beginning of WJCAC play. ... The Lady Chaparrals are coming off a 1-3 road trip to Arizona over the weekend as they split with Phoenix College before being swept in a doubleheader by Central Arizona College. ... MC is hitting .317 but has a team ERA of 2.32, which is the best in the WJCAC this season. The Lady Chap pitchers also average 8.98 strikeouts per seven innings, as sophomore Crystine Kistner leads the way with an NJCAA-best 184 strikeouts. Kistner is also 9-6 on the year with a 1.50 ERA. ... Clarendon has won 15 of its last 17 games and are off to a very good start this season. The Lady Bulldogs are also hitting .506 as a team and have hit the second most home runs (24) of any WJCAC team.... Frank Phillips has dropped 11 of its last 12 games. The Lady Pioneers have the highest team ERA in the WJCAC at 9.25.

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MEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT ROUNDUP

Associated Press

LOYOLA-CHICAGO 64 MIAMI 62

DALLAS — Donte Ingram hit a long 3-pointer just before the buzzer, lifting Loyola-Chicago to a thrilling 64-62 win over Miami on Thursday in its first NCAA Tournament appearance in 33 years.

Ingram's shot from well above the key — from the edge of the March Madness logo that spans midcourt, in fact — came after Lonnie Walker IV missed a free throw with a chance to give the Hurricanes a three-point lead with 9 seconds remaining.

The 11th-seeded Ramblers (29-5) matched the school record for wins from their 1963 national championship team in their first NCAA trip since losing to Patrick Ewing and Georgetown in the Sweet 16 in 1985. They advanced to face third-seeded Tennessee on Saturday.

The sixth-seeded Hurricanes (22-10) led most of the second half in their third straight trip to the tournament, but couldn't pull away in the final minutes and lost in the first round for the second straight year.

The buzzer sounded as Ingram's shot went in, and the Ramblers celebrated wildly in front of the raucous fans wearing maroon-and-gold scarfs in the American Airlines Center sections across from their bench.

Tony Gutierrez/Associated Press

Loyola-Chicago guard Donte Ingram (0) celebrates sinking a 3-point basket in the closing seconds of the second half of a first-round game against Miami at the NCAA tournament on Thursday in Dallas.

TENNESSEE 73 WRIGHT STATE 47

DALLAS — Admiral Schofield had 15 points and 12 rebounds as Tennessee advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament with a 73-47 win over Wright State with coach Rick Barnes back in familiar territory Thursday.

Lamonte Turner had 19 points and a career-high nine assists for Tennessee (26-8), SEC co-champions in the regular season after being picked in the preseason to finish 13th in the 14-team league. Grant Williams added 14 points and nine rebounds.

The Volunteers never had much trouble with the Horizon League tournament champ making its first NCAA appearance since 2007, even after missing their first six shots in the game. The Vols led 3-2 when Schofield made a 3-pointer with 16:42 left, and Wright State (25-10) went back ahead on the next possession before Jordan Bowden's layup put the Vols up for good.

It was Barnes' 100th Volunteer game, and 57th win. The Vols are the No. 3 seed in the South Region.

OHIO STATE 81 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE 73

BOISE, Idaho — Kam Williams made a tiebreaking four-point play with 1:36 left, then added a trio of free throws after being fouled on another 3-point attempt, lifting Ohio State to an 81-73 victory over South Dakota State in the West Region on Thursday.

Fifth-seeded Ohio State (25-8) built a 13-point lead by reeling off 16 straight points midway through the second half of a game that featured 71 combined 3-pointers.

South Dakota State made a late run at the Buckeyes, scoring 10 straight points to tie it at 70-all.

Williams answered — by being fouled on a pair of 3-pointers. He finished off the four-point play for a 74-70 lead and made all three free throws on the second, making it 77-70 with 64 seconds left.

Keita Bates-Diop had 24 points and 12 rebounds for the Buckeyes, who will face Gonzaga in the round of 32 on Saturday.

GONZAGA 68 UNCG 64

BOISE, Idaho — Zach Norvell Jr. hit the go-ahead 3-pointer with 20.8 seconds left to help Gonzaga escape a major scare in the West Region on Thursday with a 68-64 victory over UNC Greensboro.

The fourth-seeded Bulldogs (31-4) trailed 64-62 with 1:48 left after squandering a 12-point lead they took early in the second half.

Josh Perkins tied the game at 64, and after Greensboro's Francis Alonso forced up a miss, Gonzaga got the rebound and worked the ball to Norvell, a redshirt freshman, who spotted up from the right elbow and made the 3 for the lead.

Alonso got called for an offensive foul on the next possession, but Gonzaga's Rui Hachimura missed a pair of free throws. Marvin Smith had a chance to tie it and his 3-point attempt looked spot on, but it bounded in and out. Norvell made one more free throw to ice the game and finish with 15 points.

Gonzaga, in its 20th straight NCAA tournament, won its first game of March Madness for the 10th straight year, though that's not the mission anymore for the Zags. They made the national title game last season and came into March playing well enough to make another run.

KANSAS 76 PENN 60

WICHITA, Kan. — Devonte Graham ignited sluggish Kansas midway through the first half, pouring in 29 points and lifting the top-seeded Jayhawks to a tough, grind-it-out 76-60 victory over No. 16 Pennsylvania in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament on Thursday.

Lagerald Vick added 14 points for the Jayhawks (28-7), who trailed the Ivy League champs by 10 in the early stages before going on a 19-2 run late in the first half to take control.

Graham, perhaps atoning for a miserable performance in last year's tournament loss to Oregon, also had six rebounds and six assists as the Jayhawks cruised into a second-round matchup with eighth-seeded Seton Hall or No. 9 seed North Carolina State in the loaded Midwest Region.

A.J. Brodeur had 14 points to lead the Quakers (24-9), but he was just 6 of 16 from the field and committed five turnovers. He was also 1 of 5 from the foul line, where Penn was 5 of 14 as a team.

The Jayhawks played most of the way without 7-footer Udoka Azubuike, who hurt a ligament in his left knee in practice last week. The sophomore center three minutes, all in the first half, and clearly struggled to move around while wearing a bulky brace on his leg.

Malik Newman, the MVP of last week's Big 12 Tournament, and Svi Mykhailiuk also scored 10 points apiece for Kansas, which won its 12th consecutive NCAA opener.

SETON HALL 94 NC STATE 83

WICHITA, Kan. — Khadeen Carrington scored 26 points, Desi Rodriguez added 20 and eighth-seeded Seton Hall beat North Carolina State 94-83 in a foul-filled first-round matchup in the NCAA Tournament on Thursday.

Myles Powell added 19 points and Angel Delgado scored 13 for the Pirates (22-11), who led the entire way a year after a late meltdown cost them an early exit against Arkansas.

Seton Hall will play top-seeded Kansas on Saturday in the second round of the Midwest Regional.

Allerik Freeman hit six 3-pointers and had 36 points to lead the No. 9 seed Wolfpack (21-12), who returned to the tournament under first-year coach Kevin Keatts for the first time in three years. Torin Dorn added 18 points and 12 rebounds, and Lennard Freeman contributed 13 points.

The only thing that slowed down the high-scoring, up-and-down matchup was the whistles. The teams combined for 53 fouls, resulting in 66 total free throws. Seton Hall had two players foul out — Delgado was one of them — and the Wolfpack had three players relegated to the bench.

DUKE 89 IONA 67

PITTSBURGH — Marvin Bagley III dominated in his NCAA Tournament debut, pouring in 22 points to go with seven rebounds as Duke rolled by Iona 89-67 on Thursday.

The Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Year made 10 of 14 shots in 32 minutes, grabbed seven rebounds and knocked down his lone 3-point attempt as the second-seeded Blue Devils overwhelmed the 15th-seeded Gaels.

Grayson Allen scored 16 points and added a game-high nine assists for Duke (27-7). Trevon Duval finished with 19 points and eight assists and Gary Trent Jr. had 16 points and six rebounds as the deeper, more talented Blue Devils withstood an early push from Iona (20-14) to win going away.

Duke will play seventh-seeded Rhode Island (26-7) on Saturday. The Rams outlasted Oklahoma 83-78 in overtime earlier Thursday.

Roland Griffin led the Gaels with 21 points off the bench. TK Edogi chipped in 11 points and nine rebounds and Zach Lewis and Schadrac Casimir had 10 points each, but the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference tournament champions simply couldn't keep up to fall to 1-13 all-time in the NCAAs.

Iona, making its third straight appearance in the tournament, actually came in with more March Madness experience than the freshmen-laden Blue Devils and while head coach Tim Cluess acknowledged before the game it would provide his team with a small advantage, at the end "talent is talent."

NO.1 VILLANOVA 87 NO. 16 RADFORD 61

PITTSBURGH — Jalen Brunson scored 16 points and No. 1 seed Villanova hit 14 3-pointers in an 87-61 romp over Radford in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament on Thursday night.

The Highlanders (23-13) posed no threat at becoming the first 16 seed to ever knock off a No. 1 in the tournament.

Villanova (31-4) played to near-perfection for the first 30 minutes and everyone played a role. Mikal Bridges had 13 points, Eric Paschall scored 11 and Omari Spellman had 10 points and seven rebounds.

The Wildcats play on Saturday against the winner of Virginia Tech-Alabama.

Radford, out of rural southwest Virginia, must have felt like it was playing against ace pop-a-shot players. Villanova led 69-37 with 11:45 left and was shooting 75 percent (25 of 34) overall and 60 percent (12 of 20) from 3-point range.

The Wildcats turned an NCAA Tournament game into a glorified scrimmage.

Radford's Christian Bradford opened the game with a 3-pointer and the bench erupted.

The players should hope someone snapped a photo of the scoreboard as a souvenir for the one time the Highlanders led Villanova in this game.

The rest of the half was pure dominance by the Wildcats.

At one point, Brunson had 12 points on 5-of-6 shooting. Radford? Just 10 points on 4 of 20 from the floor.

Villanova started the game shooting 13 of 16. For those who struggle with math, that's a crisp 81 percent.

Phil Booth, Bridges, Brunson and Donte DiVincenzo all hit 3s in succession to blow open the game. Even when the Wildcats put the ball on the floor, they embarrassed Radford — Collin Gillespie juked guard Donald Hicks about out of his sneakers and the Highlander fell right on his behind.

Hicks led Radford with 13 points.

Radford won a First Four game to advance to Pittsburgh. The Wildcats just won the Big East Tournament in New York. With more shooting performances like this one, they'll win much, much more in March.

KENTUCKY 78 DAVIDSON 73

BOISE, Idaho — Kentucky topped Davidson 78-73 in the NCAA tournament Thursday despite failing to make a single 3-pointer, snapping a nation-best streak of 1,047 games with a 3 that began in 1988.

The fifth-seeded Wildcats went 0 for 6 from behind the line and didn't even try one over the final 8:46.

The last time Kentucky didn't make a 3-pointer was at the Great Alaska Shootout against Seton Hall on Nov. 26, 1988 — when Eddie Sutton was coaching, LeRon Ellis was the team's leading scorer and the 3-point arc was only in its third year in the college game.

UNLV now holds the longest streak at 1,040 games.

Kevin Knox led the Wildcats (25-10) with 25 points, as they pulled away after 12th-seeded Davidson tied things at 54 with 8:01 remaining.

Knox finished 8 for 16 from the floor, including a pair of baseline jumpers from the 15-to-17-foot range that helped Kentucky pull away. He went 9 for 11 from the free-throw line, but also 0 for 3 from 3-point range.

Wenyen Gabriel, Hamidou Diallo and Quade Green all missed one 3-pointer apiece for Kentucky, which has won despite struggling from long range all season.

The Wildcats ranked 344th out of 351 Division I teams in 3-pointers made this season. Only 26 percent of their attempts have been from 3, and it wasn't hard to see the streak ending.

They were 0 for 13 against Missouri earlier this season before making one with 2:51 left to keep the streak alive on Feb. 3. They went 1 for 11 in an earlier game against South Carolina.

Davidson made 11 3-pointers, led by six from Jon Axel Gudmundsson, who finished with 21 points.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL GLANCE

MEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT
EAST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 15
At PPG Paints Arena
Pittsburgh
Villanova 87, Radford 61
Alabama 89, Virginia Tech 86
At American Airlines Center
Dallas
Texas Tech 70, Stephen F. Austin 69
Florida (20-12) vs. St. Bonaventure (26-7), late
Today
At Little Caesars Arena
Detroit
Purdue (26-6) vs. Cal State Fullerton (20-11), 12:40 p.m.
Arkansas (23-11) vs. Butler (20-13), 3:10 p.m.
At Viejas Arena
San Diego
Wichita State (25-7) vs. Marshall (24-10), 1:30 p.m.
West Virginia (24-10) vs. Murray State (26-5), 4 p.m.
SOUTH REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 15
At American Airlines Center
Dallas
Tennessee 73, Wright State 47
Loyola of Chicago 64, Miami 62
At Taco Bell Arena
Boise, Idaho
Kentucky 78, Davidson 73
Buffalo 89, Arizona 68
Friday, March 16
At Spectrum Center
Charlotte, N.C.
Creighton (21-11) vs. Kansas State (22-11), 6:50 p.m.
Virginia (31-2) vs. UMBC (24-10), 9:20 p.m.
At Bridgestone Arena
Nashville, Tenn.
Cincinnati (30-4) vs. Georgia State (24-10), 2 p.m.
Nevada (27-7) vs. Texas (19-14), 4:30 p.m.
SYDNEY REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 15
At PPG Paints Arena
Pittsburgh
Rhode Island 69, Oklahoma 78, OT
Duke 89, Iona 67
At BMO Harris Bradley Center
Milwaukee
Kansas 76, Pennsylvania 60
Seton Hall 94, N.C. State 83
Today
At Little Caesars Arena
Detroit
Michigan State (29-6) vs. Bucknell (25-9), 7:10 p.m.
TCU (21-11) vs. Arizona State-Syracuse winner, 9:40 p.m.
At Viejas Arena
San Diego
Auburn (25-7) vs. College of Charleston (28-7), 7:27 p.m.
Clemson (23-9) vs. New Mexico State (28-5), 9:57 p.m.
WEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 15
At BMO Harris Bradley Center
Milwaukee
Houston 67, San Diego State 65
Michigan (28-7) vs. Montana (26-7), late
At Taco Bell Arena
Boise, Idaho
Gonzaga 68, UNC Greensboro 64
Ohio State 81, South Dakota State 73
Today
At Spectrum Center
Charlotte, N.C.
Texas A&M (20-12) vs. Providence (21-13), 12:15 p.m.
North Carolina (25-10) vs. Lipscomb (23-9), 2:45 p.m.
At Bridgestone Arena
Nashville, Tenn.
Xavier (29-5) vs. N.C. Central-Texas Southern winner, 7:20 p.m.
Missouri (20-12) vs. Florida State (20-11), 9:50 p.m.

Men's National Invitation Tournament Glance
Second Round
Saturday, March 17
Penn State (22-13) at Notre Dame (21-14), 11 a.m.
Sunday, March 18
Mississippi State (23-11) at Baylor (19-14), Noon
Oregon (23-12) at Marquette (20-13), 3:30 p.m.
Middle Tennessee (25-7) at Louisville (21-13), 5:30 p.m.

Women's NCAA Tournament
ALBANY REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 16
At Columbia, S.C.
California (21-10) vs. Virginia (19-13), 5 p.m.
South Carolina (28-6) vs. N.C. A&T (23-8), 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 17
At Storrs, Conn.
UConn (32-0) vs. Saint Francis (Pa.) (24-8), 11 a.m.
Miami (21-10) vs. Quinnipiac (27-6), 1:30 p.m.
At Athens, Ga.
Duke (22-8) vs. Belmont (31-3), 11 a.m.
Georgia (25-6) vs. Mercer (30-2), 1:30 p.m.
At Tallahassee, Fla.
Florida State (25-6) vs. Little Rock (23-9), 11 a.m.
South Florida (28-7) vs. Buffalo (27-5), 1:30 p.m.
SPOKANE REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 16
At Notre Dame, Ind.
Notre Dame (29-5) vs. Cal State Northridge (19-15), 5 p.m.
South Dakota State (28-6) vs. Villanova (22-8), 7:30 p.m.
At College Station
DePaul (25-7) vs. Oklahoma (19-14), Noon
Texas A&M (24-8) vs. Drake (28-7), 2:30 p.m.
At Eugene, Ore.
Green Bay (29-5) vs. Minnesota (23-8), 5 p.m.
Oregon (29-4) vs. Seattle (19-14), 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 17
At Columbus, Ohio
LSU (19-9) vs. Central Michigan (28-6), 11 a.m.
Ohio State (27-6) vs. George Washington (19-13), 1:30 p.m.
KANSAS CITY REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 16
At Raleigh, N.C.
Maryland (25-7) vs. Princeton (24-5), Noon
NC State (24-8) vs. Elon (25-7), 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 17
At Starkville, Miss.
Syracuse (22-8) vs. Oklahoma State (20-10), 3:30 p.m.
Mississippi State (32-1) vs. Nicholls (19-13), 6 p.m.
At Los Angeles
UCLA (24-7) vs. Arkansas (25-6), 3:30 p.m.
Iowa (24-7) vs. Creighton (19-12), 6 p.m.
At Austin
Arizona State (21-12) vs. Nebraska (21-10), 3:30 p.m.
Texas (25-6) vs. Maine (23-6), 6 p.m.
LEXINGTON REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 16
At Louisville, Ky.
Louisville (32-1) vs. Boise State (23-6), Noon
Marquette (23-6) vs. Dayton (23-6), 2:30 p.m.
At Knoxville, Tenn.
Oregon State (23-7) vs. Western Kentucky (24-5), Noon
Tennessee (24-7) vs. Liberty (24-6), 2:30 p.m.
At Waco
Michigan (22-8) vs. Northern Colorado (28-6), 5 p.m.
Baylor (31-1) vs. Grambling State (19-13),

TEXAS NBA ROUNDUP

Associated Press

ROCKETS 101 CLIPPERS 96

HOUSTON — James Harden scored 24 points, Eric Gordon added 23 and the Houston Rockets outlasted the Los Angeles Clippers for a 101-96 victory on Thursday night.

The Clippers scored six straight points, with four from Austin Rivers, to cut the lead to a basket with less than a minute left. But on the next possession, Harden stepped back and knocked down a long 2-pointer with Rivers in his face to make it 100-96. Rivers missed a 3-pointer after that before Harden made one of two free throws with 6.2 seconds left to secure the victory.

It's Houston's third straight win and snaps a three-game winning streak for the Clippers.

Tobias Harris led the Clippers with 29 points and Rivers had 20. The Clippers scored six points in a row, with the last four from Jawun Evans, to tie it at 80-all early in the fourth quarter. Houston got 3-pointers from Eric Gordon and Luc Mbah a Moute in an 8-2 run after that to make it 88-82 with 8 1/2 minutes left.

SPURS 98 PELICANS 93

SAN ANTONIO — LaMarcus Aldridge scored 25 points, Dejounte Murray had 18 points and 12 rebounds, and the San Antonio Spurs overcame another late rally to beat the New Orleans Pelicans 98-93 on Thursday night.

New Orleans was playing hours after learning Pelicans owner Tom Benson had died. Benson was hospitalized with the flu on Feb. 16 and never recovered. The 90-year-old native of San Antonio owned both the Pelicans and the Saints.

"For us, the motivation is that we still want to try to do everything we possibly can to try to accomplish the goal that he set out for us. That's to try to put ourselves in a position to win a championship," Pelicans coach Alvin Gentry said.

Anthony Davis finished with 21 points and 14 rebounds, but fouled out after playing 36 minutes. New Orleans remained in fifth in the West.

RHODE ISLAND

From 1C

to prove me wrong today," Rhode Island coach Dan Hurley said. "And he put on a show."

The Sooners needed more of a show out of Young.

Young had cooled a bit as the 10th-seeded Sooners (18-14) ended the season on a 2-8 stretch headed into the tournament. Still, the phenomenal freshman led the nation with averages of 27.4 points and 8.8 assists.

He needed a late-game surge just to hit 28 points on 9 of 18 shooting. But he also committed six turnovers and took a pair of ill-advised shots in OT.

"Sometimes you've got to live with those shots because he's been making them all year," Sooners guard Christian James said. "Sometimes you take those shots and they didn't fall this time."

Young shook off an early second-half funk and scored 11 straight points for the Sooners to close regulation and made two free throws to open OT.

Matthews, who scored 16 points, hit a 3 in OT for a 74-72 lead with 1:54 left and one more with 28 seconds to go for a five-point lead. Hurley ended the win with a big embrace with Russell. Russell (whose first name is Dillon) scored 15 points.

Houston holds off San Diego State

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. — Former Howard College standout Rob Gray drove for a wind-milling layup that just trickled over the rim with 1.1 seconds left, and Trey Kell's off-balance 3-pointer at the buzzer was no good, giving No. 6 seed Houston a 67-65 victory over 11th-seeded San Diego State in the first round of the NCAA Tournament on Thursday night.

Devin Watson had just tied the game for the Aztecs with a turnaround 3-pointer, his second in a matter of seconds, when Gray dribbled up floor with 29 seconds left. He allowed the clock to tick down to six seconds before crossing over, scooting under two defenders and scooping up his shot.

The layup gave him 39 points and the Cougars (27-7) their first tournament win since 1984.

Devin Davis and Corey Davis Jr. added nine points apiece for Houston, which lost two players to fouls down the stretch and struggled to contain the Aztecs' big front line.

Jalen McDaniels had 18 points to lead San Diego State (22-11). Kell finished with 12 points and eight rebounds, though it's the three points he missed at the end that will stand out.

Houston will play third-seeded Michigan or No. 14 seed Montana in the West Region on Saturday.

The Cougars struggled much of the first half to deal with the Aztecs' length, especially McDaniels and Malik Pope, the 6-foot-11 forwards who effectively clogged up the paint.

Houston finally started to open things up when it began drawing fouls late in the half.

Gray did most of the damage, hitting an array of floaters and lay-ins before a 3 from about 30 feet gave the Cougars a 39-29 halftime lead. Gray finished the half with 16 points, even though he went to the bench for a short stretch with two fouls.

For long periods in the second half, the best offense for either team came at the foul line.

McDaniels went to the stripe four times in five trips for San Diego State, and Gray answered with three straight trips for Houston. That was part of a stretch in which the Cougars mustered a single field goal over more than 10 minutes, allowing the Aztecs to slowly whittle away at their deficit.

Watson finally tied the game with a deep 3-pointer with just over a minute left, only to watch Gray answer with a 3 of his own to give Houston a 65-62 lead with 39.4 seconds remaining.

Watson got the ball in his hands again, this time spinning around on the wing for a can-you-top-this 3-pointer that electrified a vocal section of fans opposite the San Diego State bench.

Turned out that Gray would top it one more time.

Big picture

San Diego State had won nine straight games, including its run to the Mountain West Conference Tournament championship, before running into the Cougars. The nail-biting loss dropped the Aztecs to 1-5 in games decided by four points or fewer this season.

Saints, Pelicans owner Tom Benson dies at age 90

By Brett Martel
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Tom Benson, a successful auto dealer who brought the New Orleans Saints their only winning seasons and the "Benson Boogie," has died. Benson, who has also owned the NBA's New Orleans Pelicans since 2012, was 90.

The NFL and NBA teams announced Benson's death on Thursday. He had been hospitalized since Feb. 16 with flu symptoms.

Benson made his mark in pro sports with the Saints, which he bought in 1985 when it appeared the club would be sold to out-of-state interests and perhaps moved out of Louisiana. He paid $70 million for the team, which is now worth close to $2 billion.

Benson's business acumen helped turn the Saints from a perennial also-ran into a contender — and the 2009 NFL champion. Yet his ownership also was less flatteringly marked by the 2012 bounty scandal and by rumors Benson did not want to bring the team back to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina devastated the city in 2005.

Benson's death comes on the heels of an acrimonious family split that has caused some uncertainty about the future of his clubs. Benson made it known in January 2015 that he wants his third wife, Gayle, to inherit complete control of the Saints and Pelicans, but Benson's disowned daughter, Renee, and her two children, Rita and Ryan LeBlanc — who had long been in line to take over his businesses — have vowed to prove their patriarch was manipulated against them while in a mentally enfeebled state. The estranged heirs, who still inherited hundreds of millions of dollars from irrevocable trusts set up before the family split, sued after their ouster from family business to have Benson declared mentally incompetent to run his own affairs and have a receiver other than Gayle Benson appointed to oversee them. The heirs lost that case, but still could contest the will.

In the meantime, the clubs will be run by Gayle Benson — who married Tom Benson in 2004 — and a trusted circle of executives installed by her husband, including Dennis Lauscha, the president of business operations for both clubs, and Mickey Loomis, an executive vice president overseeing football and basketball operations, and also serving as general manager for the Saints.

With his heavy New Orleans accent and parasol dances along the sideline after victories, Benson cut quite the figure among NFL owners when he first joined the league.

Dave Martin/Associated Press

New Orleans Saints owner Tom Benson walking on the field before a game against the Dallas Cowboys in 2009 in New Orleans. Benson, a successful auto dealer who brought the New Orleans Saints their only winning seasons and the "Benson Boogie," has died. Benson, who has also owned the NBA's New Orleans Pelicans since 2012, was 90. The NFL and NBA teams announced Benson's death on Thursday.

His jovial game-day persona turned hardheaded, however, when it came to business matters. In 2001, he negotiated an unprecedented $187 million in concessions and state subsidies to keep his team playing in the Louisiana Superdome through 2010 — a deal Benson said was necessary to succeed in small-market New Orleans. That lease was followed by another unusual arrangement in which the state stopped paying direct subsidies to Benson, but committed to relocate numerous state offices in a Katrina-damaged office high-rise next to the Superdome — at above-market rents — if Benson rehabilitated the building, which is now called Benson Tower.

Until recent years, fans often questioned whether Benson's desire for profit outweighed his loyalty to his native city. With the Superdome and much of the city wrecked by Katrina, the Saints temporarily relocated to San Antonio, where Benson had many business holdings.

When officials there said they were talking to Benson about what it would take to keep the team, Katrina-weary residents in New Orleans reacted angrily. Graffiti reading, "Warning, Tom Benson inside," was scrawled on numerous foul-smelling, discarded refrigerators that lined sidewalks around the city.

During that season of uncertainty, the mounting stress on Benson was obvious. He argued with a heckling Saints fan after a game hosted by LSU's Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge, then lunged at a television crew that filmed the altercation.

But when he brought the Saints back to a still-reeling New Orleans in early 2006 — or was forced to by the league, which would not allow Benson to abandon the Big Easy — the region's fans rewarded him with more than a decade of consecutive sellouts.

Only months after the Saints came back to New Orleans, Benson was greeted like a conquering hero at a team-sponsored fan event when the club drafted USC star Reggie Bush.

The Saints became a source of inspiration during the tough early days of post-Katrina rebuilding. In storybook style, they improved from 3-13 in 2005 to 10-6 under new coach Sean Payton, then advanced to the franchise's first NFC championship game.

The Saints remained competitive under Payton and with Drew Brees at quarterback. In 2009, a dynamic offense carried them to a 13-3 record. They beat Minnesota in overtime at the Superdome for the conference title, then defeated Indianapolis in the Super Bowl.

Benson's franchise was embarrassed two years after that victory when the NFL uncovered a bounty system in which Saints players earned improper, off-the-books cash bonuses for hits that hurt or sidelined opponents. Payton wound up serving an unprecedented full-season suspension in 2012 and the Saints were fined $500,000 — even though Benson had ordered general manager Mickey Loomis to shut down the bounty program when the owner was told of it.

One of four children, Benson grew up in the hard-scrabble Ninth Ward of New Orleans.

In 1945, Benson served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS South Dakota. Then he studied business and accounting at Loyola University in New Orleans, went to work as a bookkeeper for Cathey Chevrolet Co., and was sent to San Antonio as a 29-year-old in 1956 to manage a Chevrolet dealership as a junior partner. Six years later, he took full control of the company and established his own dealership.

He built his fortune in the automobile business. He also built a banking empire, Benson Financial World.

But his passion later in life was the Saints. He kept an office at the training facility and was frequently seen there and at training camp in a golf cart watching practices.

Benson drew chuckles with his Benson Boogie — and with his malaprops. When Jim Mora quit as coach halfway through the 1996 season, Benson sent out applications used by his dealerships to coaches around the league. They asked, among other things, if the applicant was willing to work on weekends and was willing to travel.

Still, many fans respected Benson because he was the first Saints owner to field a winning squad. New Orleans joined the NFL as an expansion team in 1967, but failed to finish above .500 in any of its first 20 seasons.

Upon buying the team, Benson hired Jim Finks as general manager. Finks hired Mora, and two years later the Saints went 12-3 for their first winning record and first playoff appearance.

The Saints sank back into decline after Finks died in 1994. Even the 1997 hiring of Mike Ditka as coach didn't help. His three-year tenure is remembered most for trading away an entire year of draft picks for running back Ricky Williams.

The Saints finally returned to the playoffs after Benson replaced Ditka with Jim Haslett in 2000.

A supporter of the NFL's expansion that brought franchises to Charlotte and Jacksonville, Benson also founded the Arena League's New Orleans VooDoo. He folded the club after the 2008 season because he did not agree with the arena league's plans to bring in new investors and give them partial control over all teams. Benson was not involved in the VooDoo's brief return to New Orleans in 2010.

When the NBA took over the financially troubled New Orleans Hornets in late 2010 and spent more than a year trying to find a suitable, permanent owner, Benson finally stepped in and bought the club, now called the Pelicans, for $338 million. The estimated value of the Pelicans now exceeds $1 billion.

Tom Benson and his first wife, Shirley, had three children, two of whom preceded their father in death. He also had several step children from his marriage to his second wife, Grace, who died in 2003. In addition to his wife, estranged daughter and her two children, Tom Benson is survived by grandchild Dawn Jones, the daughter of Tom Benson's late son, Robert.

Stenson bounces back and leads Bay Hill

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Henrik Stenson had a hot putter, a much quieter crowd and a one-shot lead in the Arnold Palmer Invitational.

One week after Stenson returned from his winter break and spent two days with Tiger Woods and his raucous crowds, he made birdie on half of the holes at Bay Hill for an 8-under 64, his lowest round ever on the course the King built. PGA Tour rookies Aaron Wise and Talor Gooch each had 65. Wise missed a 6-foot birdie putt on the final hole.

Woods again brought out big crowds in the unseasonable chill Thursday morning and gave them quite a show. He hit a tee shot that was out-of-bounds by inches. He atoned for that with a 70-foot birdie putt. And he wound up with a 68, his best opening round since he returned this year from a fourth back surgery.

"I feel like I'm not really thinking as much around the golf course," Woods said. "I can just see and feel it and go."

Each week is a little better for Woods, and Stenson saw the progress last week. The 41-year-old Swede typically takes a month off between the Middle East swing and the Florida swing, and he returned last week to a grouping of Woods and Jordan Spieth. That didn't bother him as much as his poor putting.

Bay Hill provided a change in both areas.

"It's great to see him back competing, but it was a little loud out there last week," Stenson said. "But that comes with the excitement of having him back and seeing him play well, so I thought it was great. ... I guess it's nice to get a little bit of a breather at times, though."

Arnold Palmer Invitational Scores
Thursday
At Bay Hill Club & Lodge
Orlando, Fla.
Purse: $8.0 million
Yardage: 7,419; Par 72 (36-36)
First Round

Henrik Stenson	30-31—64
Aaron Wise	31-34—65
Talor Gooch	33-32—65
Jimmy Walker	35-32—67
Richie Ramsay	34-33—67
Bryson DeChambeau	34-33—67
Patrick Reed	33-34—67
Tiger Woods	35-33—68
Byeong Hun An	34-34—68
Billy Horschel	35-33—68
Brian Harman	35-33—68
J.B. Holmes	34-34—68
Brandon Hagy	34-35—69
Justin Rose	31-38—69
Graeme McDowell	35-34—69
Zach Johnson	35-34—69
Tommy Fleetwood	34-35—69
Rory McIlroy	33-37—70
Emiliano Grillo	35-35—70
Ernie Els	35-35—70
Sam Burns	34-36—70
Bubba Watson	35-35—70
William McGirt	35-35—70
Hideki Matsuyama	35-35—70
Ryan Armour	37-33—70
Paul Casey	35-35—70
Marc Leishman	35-35—70
Matt Every	35-35—70
Tyrrell Hatton	35-35—70
Kevin Chappell	35-35—70
Sam Horsfield	37-33—70
Shane Hawler	35-36—71
Kyle Stanley	35-36—71
Peter Uihlein	37-34—71
Harrison Frazar	36-35—71
Grayson Murray	36-35—71
Tyler Duncan	37-34—71
Ryan Moore	34-37—71
Charley Hoffman	35-36—71
Alex Noren	35-36—71
Jason Kokrak	35-36—71
Tom Hoge	35-36—71
Curtis Luck	35-36—71
Kevin Na	35-36—71
Ollie Schniederjans	35-36—71
James Hahn	35-36—71
Chris Kirk	35-36—71
Luke List	35-36—71
Nick Taylor	36-35—71
Robert Garrigus	35-36—71
Hunter Mahan	35-36—71
Tyrone Van Aswegen	35-36—71
John Huh	35-36—71
Vince Vito	35-36—71
Billy Hurley III	35-36—71
Martin Laird	35-36—71
Sean O'Hair	35-36—71
Patrick Rodgers	35-36—71
Keegan Bradley	35-36—71
Francesco Molinari	35-36—71
Martin Flores	35-36—71
Charles Howell III	35-36—71
Justin Cook	35-36—71
Danny Willett	35-36—71
Stewart Cink	35-36—71
Rod Pampling	35-36—71
Lanto Griffin	35-36—71
Ben Martin	35-36—71
Collin Morikawa	35-36—71
Alex Cejka	35-36—71
Kevin Streelman	35-36—71
Ian Poulter	35-36—71
Hudson Swafford	35-36—71
Jason Day	35-36—71
Brian Gay	35-36—71
Andrew Landry	35-36—71
Kramer Hickok	37-34—71
Vaughn Taylor	35-36—71

NFL ROUNDUP

Associated Press

REDSKINS GET DESIRED QUARTERBACK CONTINUITY WITH ALEX SMITH

ASHBURN, Va. — The Washington Redskins have the continuity at quarterback they've wanted by signing Alex Smith to a four-year contract extension.

Smith was already signed at a salary-cap hit of $17 million for next season. His new agreement agreed to in January and signed Thursday that's worth $94 million with $71 million guaranteed means he's under contract through 2022.

The former Kansas City Chiefs quarterback turns 34 in May and will be entering his 13th NFL season. Smith replaces Kirk Cousins as the Redskins' starting quarterback after that relationship ended following six turbulent years.

Smith got the long-term commitment from Washington that Cousins never received and seemingly didn't want the past two years.

Cousins became the first QB in NFL history to play back-to-back seasons on the franchise tag and for whatever reason was never considered the future of the franchise by team president Bruce Allen, senior vice president of player personnel Doug Williams and coach Jay Gruden.

To acquire Smith, the Redskins sent a 2018 third-round pick and promising young cornerback Kendall Fuller to the Chiefs in a trade that became official Wednesday.

Saving some money from Cousins' asking price or a third tag to Smith's salary, the Redskins used some of that space Thursday to sign former Seattle Seahawks wide receiver Paul Richardson to a multiyear deal. Richardson gives Washington's offense the outside speed threat it lacked last season after DeSean Jackson left in free agency.

VIKINGS WRAP UP WELCOME PARTY, SIGN COUSINS TO 3-YEAR DEAL

EAGAN, Minn. — The Minnesota Vikings have finalized a three-year contract with Kirk Cousins, securing their latest franchise quarterback to try to fetch that elusive first Super Bowl victory.

The Vikings announced on Thursday afternoon that the deal was done, after Cousins arrived to tour their new suburban headquarters. Cousins is reportedly getting an $84 million contract that's fully guaranteed.

The welcome party began on Wednesday night, when Cousins and his wife dined with several members of the organization in downtown Minneapolis. The group included wide receiver Adam Thielen and tight end Kyle Rudolph, who'll be working with their fourth primary quarterback in four years.

Teddy Bridgewater, Sam Bradford and Case Keenum all became free agents this week and signed with other teams.

Cousins played his first six seasons with the Washington Redskins.

RAIDERS TO ADD NELSON, RELEASE CRABTREE

ALAMEDA, Calif. — The Oakland Raiders are shuffling wide receivers, signing free agent Jordy Nelson and releasing Michael Crabtree.

A person familiar with the moves says Nelson agreed to a two-year contract on Thursday after the Raiders spent more than a day meeting with the former Green Bay Packers star. The person says Oakland is also cutting ties with Crabtree after three seasons, leaving Nelson and Amari Cooper as the team's starters.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the moves have not been announced. NFL Network first reported Nelson's signing and ESPN first reported Crabtree's release.

The Raiders also signed former Tampa Bay running back Doug Martin to a one-year contract.

MONCRIEF GAMBLES ON HIMSELF, SIGNS 1-YEAR DEAL WITH JAGUARS

Donte Moncrief is gladly gambling on himself.

The former Indianapolis Colts receiver signed a one-year, $7 million contract with AFC South rival Jacksonville on Thursday, believing he can prove he's worth a more lucrative, long-term deal.

"I love that deal," Moncrief said. "I know what I'm capable of, I'm back healthy and I'm going to go out here and show these guys what I can do, show the NFL and put everything on my shoulders and give Jacksonville all I got and help these guys win. I know I can."

The Jaguars are counting on Moncrief to help offset the loss of former Pro Bowl receiver Allen Robinson, who signed a three-year, $42 million deal in free agency with Chicago.

General manager Dave Caldwell said keeping Robinson would have cost more than the team was willing to pay for a not-so-speedy receiver coming off surgery to repair a torn ligament in his left knee.

MLB tells Judge recruiting Machado against rules

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Major League Baseball has told New York Yankees slugger Aaron Judge his comments attempting to recruit Baltimore shortstop Manny Machado violate the sport's tampering rules, and Judge says he has learned the lesson.

When the Yankees played the Orioles in Sarasota on Wednesday, Judge encountered Machado on the field before the game.

"Adding him to our lineup that we've already got, it'd be something special," Judge told reporters. "I told him, 'You'd look good in pinstripes.' "

Judge added: "He just kind of laughed it off. Didn't really say much."

Machado is eligible for free agency after this season, part of a class that includes Bryce Harper and Josh Donaldson.

Major League Baseball says in a statement: "We have been in contact with the Yankees. They communicated to us that Mr. Judge's off the cuff comments were not appropriate and not authorized by the club. They will speak to him to make sure that this does not happen again."

Judge and general manager Brian Cashman had a brief conversation about the matter.

"It just kind of came up in passing," Judge said Thursday. "Now I know. You learn something new every day."

Judge said the phone call from Cashman lasted about 30 seconds and the GM told him: "Here's a reminder that you can't do this and have a good night, and I said all right, see you tomorrow."

Cashman said he was called by Deputy Commissioner Dan Halem.

"Asked me to just politely talk with Aaron and remind him about the optics of that type of dialogue," Cashman said. "There were no bad intentions there. Simple conversions are more complicated when they play elsewhere, so he understands it."

Baltimore manager Buck Showalter said he was aware of the warning by the commissioner's office.

"I'm just glad they didn't catch Manny recruiting Judge," Showalter said.

Notes: Judge raised his average to .240 after going 2 for 2 in a 9-5 win over Pittsburgh Pirates. ... Gary Sanchez doubled, homered and had five RBIs ... Alex Rodriguez will make his debut as part of ESPN's new "Sunday Night Baseball" crew when the Yankees play Minnesota on March 22 in Fort Myers. ... INF Neil Walker is to play in his first spring training game with the Yankees on Friday night, four days after signing with New York. He is to start at first base. ... RHP Chance Adams was reassigned to the minor league complex.

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						6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
BROADCAST	KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Once Upon a Time "Knightfall" (N)		Agents of SHIELD "Principia" (N)		20/20		News (N)	(5:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(5:35) News Nightline
	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	NCAA Basketball Division I Tournament First Round (L)					NCAA Basketball Division I Tournament First Round (L)				CBS 7 News (N)		(5:35) Colbert
	KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Mama's Family	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Mason "The Case of the Shoplifter's Shoe"		Twilight Zone
	KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Chef "American Classics" (N)		9-1-1 "Karma's a Bitch"		Fox 24 News (N)	TMZ	Mom	Modern Family	Modern Family	Met Your Mother
	KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Think Red Ink	Creation Magazine	Update News	HeYesod	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Update News	Creation Magazine	Shepherd's Heart	
	KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 (N)	NewsWest 9 Now	Blindspot "Deductions" (N)		Taken "Invitation Only" (N)		Dateline NBC		NewsWest 9 (N)	(5:35) The Tonight Show		(5:35) Seth Meyers
	KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)		Wash. Week (N)	Pasquale Esposito C.	The New York Cantors				Amanpour (N)	World News	NHK Newsline	Stories "Oops!"
	KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		El Rico y Lazaro		Papa a Toda Madre		Por Amar Sin Ley		Noticias Telex	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
	KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	American Ninja War.		American Ninja War.		MikeAM.	MikeAM.	Anger M.	Anger M.	News	Game
PREMIUM	FLIX	340	525		185		(5:45) The Legend...		The **** Hoop Dreams ('94, Doc) Arthur Agee, William Gates.						The ** What About Bob?			Movie
	HBO	300	300	14	14		Movie	News (N)	The Why Him? ('16, Com) James Franco.				Bill Maher (N)		Nightcap	Bill Maher		Nightcap
	HBO2	302	301	15	101	23	(5:00) The Gran Torino		Here and Now		The My Cousin Rachel Sam Claflin.				(5:50) Unforgettable Rosario Dawson.			Movie
	HBO5	304	302	16	102		The **** Alien: The Director's Cut				The **** Logan ('17, Act) Hugh Jackman.				(5:55) The Assassin's Creed Michael Fassbender.			
	MAX	300	307	17	120	24	Movie	(5:45) The *** Hacksaw Ridge ('16, Bio) Andrew Garfield.			Strike Back (N)				Strike Back	(5:55) The *** Hacksaw Ridge		
	MAX2	302	300	18	122		(5:15) The *** Dangerous Minds				Strike Back		(5:55) The *** Dawn of the Dead			The Boho Experiment		
	PLEX				96		(5:30) The ** Surf's Up	The ** Open Season				The *** Astro Boy			(5:45) The Spiderwick Chroni...			Movie
	SHOW	320	340	19	140	25	The Girl on the Train Emily Blunt.				Beyond the Opposite Sox (N)		The Sleepless ('17, Act) Jamie Foxx.			Cartoon		(5:55) VisCO
	TMC	330	329	22	155	26	(5:00) Blue Chips		The * The Family That Preys Alice Woodard.				The ** Bad Santa			(5:55) The ** Bulletproof		
CABLE	AAE	27	58	28	35	47	(5:00) Live PD		Live PD (5:35) Live PD: Rewind		Live PD Live access inside the country's busiest police forces and the communities they patrol. (L)					Live PD		
	AMC	40	74	23	42	51	The ** Mr. and Mrs. Smith ('05, Act) Brad Pitt.					The *** The Devil Wears Prada Meryl Streep.				The Walking Dead		
	BET	58	-		40		The ** Big Momma: Like Father, Like Son Martin Lawrence.					The Quad		Black	Mancave	Rundown	Martin	
	BRAVO	65	76		41		(5:30) The Malice's Witness Protection				Married Medicine (N)		Relative Success (N)		The Malice's Witness Protection			Tyler Perry.
	CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Back in the Game		Rich	Rich
	CNN	49	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
	DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Gold Rush "The Spoils of War"			Rush (N)	Gold Rush (N)		White Water (N)		Gold Rush		(5:55) White Water	
	DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Stuck/M.	Blizzard.	Andi M.	Raven's.	Gravity	Gravity	Stuck/M.	Blizzard.	Andi M.	Raven's.
	ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	SportsCenter (N)		NCAA Wrestling Division I Championship Site: Quicken Loans Arena (L)						SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
	ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	Champ.	NCAA Basketball Division I Tournament (L)				Champ.	WTA Tennis BNP Paribas Open Site: Indian Wells Tennis Garden (L)					
	FNC	45	48	53	23	55	The Story		Tucker Carlson		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		The Five	
	FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Diners	Diners	Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners, Drive-Ins (N)		Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners, Drive-Ins	
	FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:45) The Definitely,...		(5:55) The ** Georgia Rule ('07, Com) Jane Fonda, Felicity Huffman.						The 700 Club		The ** Tooth Fairy	
	FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Mavs Pre (L)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Toronto Raptors Site: Air Canada Centre -- Toronto, Ont. (L)					Mavs Post (L)	Maverick Inside	Rodeo (L) Snowfall	UCL Mag. (N)	NBAGL Basketball Santa Cruz vs Texas	
	FX	31	56	59	64	69	(5:00) The Furious 7		The ** The Equalizer ('14, Act) Chloë Grace Moretz, Denzel Washington.							The ** The Equalizer		
	HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	(5:00) A Country...		The Campfire Kiss ('17, Com) Danica McKellar.		Meet the Peetes				G. Gibb	G. Gibb	G. Gibb	G. Gibb
	HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Dream H.	Dream H.	Dream H.	Dream H.	Dream H.	Dream H.	H.Hunt		House (N)	H.Hunt	House	Dream H.	Dream H.
	HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens: Doc.		To Be Announced						(5:55) Ancient Aliens	
	LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Bring It! "If You Can't Stand the Heat"		Bring It! Chat "The Sister Showdown" (N)		Bring It! "Let's Talk about Texts, Baby" (N)		Lauriann Gibson "Skye's the Limit"		Lauriann Gibson "Skye's the Limit"		Bring It! Chat "The Sister Showdown"	
	MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball (N)		All In (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow	
	NBCSN	38	43				PyeongChang 2018 Winter Paralympic Games (L)											
	NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Paradise	Lip Sync	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
	SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	(5:00) The Lost World: Jurassic Park				The *** Jurassic Park ('93, SciFi) Laura Dern, Sam Neill.					The Lost World:...		
	SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	The ** Lara Croft: Tomb Raider				Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama
	TBS	25	33	44	66	41	(5:15) NCAA Basketball Division I Tournament First Round (L)				(5:45) NCAA Basketball Division I Tournament First Round (L)							The Detour
	TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) The Cat on a Ho...		The *** Suddenly, Last Summer						(5:15) The *** Reflections in a Golden Eye			Movie
	TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado (N)		José José, el pr (N)		Al Otro Lado del (N)		Enemigo Intimo (N)		Al rojo	Bonus		
	TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Trade S. "Washington, D.C: Acker Place"		Trade S. "California: Abbeywood Lane"		Trade S. "Long Island: Split Rock Road"		Trading Spaces "Ohio: Shelby Avenue"		Trading Spaces		Trade S. "California: Abbeywood Lane"	
	TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(5:00) NCAA Basketball				(5:15) NCAA Basketball					The Alienist "Silver Smile"		(5:55) The Alienist
	TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Mom	Mom	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
	USA	26	55	42	27	49	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Secret Life (N)	Secret Life (N)	Modern Family	Modern Family "Integrity"	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family
	WGN	19	85				M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Rules "Twice"	Rules of Engage.

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Cancer diagnosis prompts search for life's lost love

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: This is the 37th anniversary of when I met and fell in love with a beautiful young woman in Iowa. We were together less than a year before she decided to pursue her dreams in California. When she left, it broke my heart for years. To this day I still feel the loss.

In the years that followed, our paths crossed a few more times. Because I was recently married then, I told my old friend and lover I needed to close the book on our relationship. Saying it ripped my heart out because I knew it would cause me to lose her forever, but we both respected it. After a divorce many years later, I started looking for her, to no avail.

An urgency has overcome me now because I have been diagnosed with cancer and I'm not sure what my future holds. I don't want to rekindle something I can't finish, but I would like to say goodbye one last time before I'm laid to my eternal rest. Should I continue searching for her or should I stop, hoping she hears my prayers after all these years and knowing I tried to do the right thing by her when I smiled and waved as she drove away so long ago? — UNSURE OF MY FUTURE

DEAR UNSURE: Please accept my sympathy for your diagnosis. I'm sure most women would be touched to hear they were the love of someone's life, even if that love was unrequited.

Remember, that decision was made many years ago. What if you find her and she's married with children? Would it make you feel better or worse? These days, many cancers are treatable/curable. If you should find her and you are not terminal, will it give you closure or more heartache? Only you can answer that.

DEAR ABBY: My ex-wife and I have a 5-year-old son, "Ricky." Each year it's becoming more of a disagreement how to handle details for his birthday party. She believes that, in addition to inviting his closest friends, we need to invite every child in his school's class.

Ricky is in kindergarten and there are 18 children in his class. She says we can't risk hurting any potential uninvited classmates (and thereby their parents). My thinking is it's our son's special day and he should have only the people there he wants most.

There's also the party's expense. I don't believe we need to foot the bill for extra kids and supplies. Personally, I also don't want our son to be spoiled by receiving so many additional birthday presents.

Where do you sit on this issue? And if you agree with my wife, how old will our son be when this is no longer in effect? — KEEPING THE PEACE IN FLORIDA

DEAR KEEPING THE PEACE: I do not agree with your wife. If your son would be inviting all but a few of his classmates, then I can see that there might be hurt feelings. But if the number of guests is limited to say, six, I don't think that would be the case. Fear of offending the parents of the uninvited two-thirds of his class should not enter into the decision.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Great lead

North-South vulnerable, North deals

NORTH
♠ K Q 10 4
♡ 10 9 7
◇ A K Q 7 3 2
♣ Void

WEST
♠ J 6
♡ 6 3
◇ J 10 9 5
♣ A J 10 6 3

EAST
♠ 9 8 7
♡ Q J 8 5 2
◇ 8
♣ 9 8 7 4

SOUTH
♠ A 5 3 2
♡ A K 4
◇ 6 4
♣ K Q 5 2

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1◇	Pass	1♠	Pass
4◇*	Pass	4NT	Pass
6♠	Pass	6♡	Pass
7♠	All pass		

*Spade raise based on long, strong diamonds

Opening lead: ?

Today's deal is from an under-25 competition some years ago. The six-club response to Blackwood showed two key cards, among the four aces and the king of spades, plus a void in clubs. The six-heart bid asked for the queen of trumps, and the seven-spade bid promised that queen. This was a good auction to a reasonable grand slam. This would have been an easy one with 3-2 splits in spades and diamonds, and had chances against some poor splits as well.

On the opening lead of a spade, heart, or diamond, South would draw trumps and test the diamonds. When they failed to split, he would ruff a diamond to establish the suit and lead the king of clubs for a ruffing finesse against the ace. When that card proved to be favorably located, declarer would have a discard for his heart loser and could claim all 13 tricks.

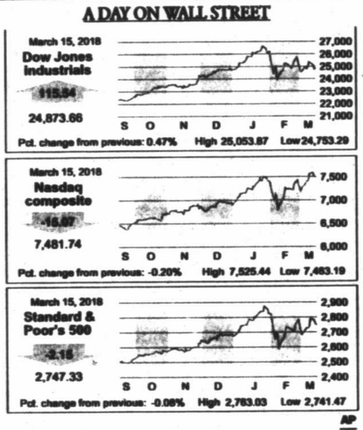
Young Oliver Burgess, playing in the West seat for England, gave a lot of thought to the opening lead. Dummy had advertised a club void in the auction, so Burgess decided to lead the jack of clubs! He reasoned that declarer would never play him to have underled an ace against a grand slam.

Right he was as declarer ruffed the opening lead in dummy. That used up a crucial entry to dummy much too soon. South did his best by drawing two rounds of trumps before starting on diamonds. East was able to ruff the second diamond and the contract was defeated. Nice lead!

THE MARKET IN REVIEW

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

A DAY ON WALL STREET



AP

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
AlphaMLP1234459	9.74		-.52
SPDRSETF0827275.00			-.39
KindMorg	72449	16.31	-.11
ISHEMkts	65788	49.32	-.18
FordM	47502	11.07	+.05

GAINERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Cleco	4.08	+.27	+7.1
BennetAnb	5.10	+.30	+6.3
Magnegas	56.53	+3.25	+6.1
3D Sys	12.86	+.71	+5.8
AAC Hldgs	12.70	+.66	+5.5

LOSERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
JJill n	4.62	-2.63	-35.3
WldQlyW n	7.84	-2.14	-33.3
Extendcre	5.65	-1.25	-19.8
TC PipLn	40.69	-8.76	-17.9
SmartEFnl	6.69	-1.39	-17.8

DIARY

Advanced	1,851
Declined	1,060
Unchanged	149
Total issues	2,991
New Highs	39
New Lows	135
Volume	3,482,434,285

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Denor	185597	13.35	+5.55
ElgldrG g	62236	2.85	+.09
22ndCentry	39279	2.65	+.10
ChanlerEn	32676	53.64	-.92
Corindus n	29741	1.29	-.36

GAINERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Denor	13.35	+5.55	+71.2
SteraMd n	2.59	+.28	+12.2
LensMd n	3.87	+.36	+10.3
MastechD	14.77	+1.08	+7.9
HMG	17.45	+1.26	+7.8

LOSERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ImpacMtg	8.22	-1.06	-11.4
AdmRsc	39.60	-4.50	-10.3
BioTime	2.54	-.23	-8.3
HeberTCh	2.48	-.20	-7.7
FTEgyInco	22.68	-1.27	-5.3

DIARY

Advanced	123
Declined	179
Unchanged	31
Total issues	333
New Highs	4
New Lows	17
Volume	128,141,011

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
MicronT	494729	58.94	-.34
SkkiMart s	331430	1.29	+.52
CSVlclEn n	319483	7.10	-.43
PrShs QQQ	287542	171.53	-.15
Microsoft	273177	94.18	+.33

GAINERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NBS Fash n	7.25	+2.31	+46.8
ImageSens	4.40	+1.35	+44.3
AtossTh n	28.14	+7.80	+38.3
FlexPhm n	7.36	+1.58	+27.3
Cogint	3.65	+.70	+23.7

LOSERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SolMio n	9.32	-16.90	-64.6
YirtiStn n	2.16	-.91	-27.3
SolarJdn n	9.13	-2.69	-22.8
AzureRsn h	13.67	-3.75	-21.5
InnoMin n	14.10	-3.69	-20.7

DIARY

Advanced	1,225
Declined	1,597
Unchanged	176
Total issues	2,998
New Highs	79
New Lows	48
Volume	1,973,595,320

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

MUTUAL FUNDS

INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net % Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
26,616.71	20,379.55	Dow Jones Industrials	24,873.66	+115.54	+.47	+.62	+18.62
11,423.92	8,744.36	Dow Jones Transportation	10,582.01	+18.53	+.18	-.19	+15.37
770.89	667.91	Dow Jones Utilities	694.23	-.49	-.07	-5.41	-1.27
13,597.02	11,324.39	NYSE Composite	12,743.69	-19.07	-.15	-.51	+9.86
7,537.27	5,769.39	Nasdaq Composite	7,481.74	-15.07	-.20	+8.38	+26.79
2,872.87	2,322.51	S&P 500	2,747.33	-2.15	-.08	+2.76	+15.37
2,091.48	1,573.30	S&P Midcap	1,922.24	-7.04	-.36	+1.14	+11.23
29,760.69	24,131.40	Wilshire 5000	28,465.25	-62.27	-.22	+2.42	+14.88
1,615.52	1,335.03	Russell 2000	1,576.62	-7.69	-.49	+2.68	+13.75

PERMIAN BASIN STOCKS

How stocks of local interest fared

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel		14	4.93	+.07	-12.9
AT&T Inc	2.00f	14	37.04	+.01	-4.7
Abraxas		55	2.39	-.05	-10.6
AdvEnrgy	1.30e		15.30	-.60	+5.2
AMD			11.48	+.16	+11.5
Alaska T		48	126.83	+4.15	+6.1
Alibaba		56	189.00	+6.50	+15.4
AlphaMLP	1.35e		9.74	-.52	-9.7
Amber	60c	7	7.29	-.19	+11.5
Amgen	5.20	17	169.75	-.82	+8.1
Anadarko	1.60f	67	57.91	-1.01	+8.0
Apache	1.00	22	38.34	-.31	+8.2
Apple Inc	2.52	21	178.65	+.21	+5.8
ApldMatl	.80f	19	50.20	+.85	+17.9
Archrock	.48	23	9.25	-.15	-11.9
ATMOS	1.88f	19	90.47	+.13	-6.1
AutoZone	2.52	21	719.49	+.39	-.6
BP PLC	2.38	21	39.85	+.10	-7.1
BakrHu	.48	21	32.19	-.04	+6.7
BkrHu n			49.17	+1.26	+49.9
BerkgrCp s	1.20		14.83	+.08	-2.2
BestEnrgy			.45		
BioMrin			2931 1091.88	+948.00	+4.7
BlkRock			491.00	-.01	+163.6
BldrsBrCp	1.76	16	58.67	+.07	-12.6
BillGdby	1.80	66	66.35	-.38	+6.1
BrnsnHs s	.79	32	84.39	+1.58	+6.8
BrnsnHs n			84.39	+1.58	+6.8
CVS Health	2.00	12	65.86	-1.19	-9.2
CabotOil			12.40	-.25	-2.0
CalthonPrt		39	11.44	-.22	-5.8
CallonPetr	3.12	77	10.47	+2.03	-1.9
Calumtc g		9	11.33	+.58	+6.1
Camrex	.20t		7.13	-.58	-4.9
CdnNtrl	2.16	8	35.97	-.39	+1.7
CheniRsg		5	3.82	-.23	-23.7
Chevron	4.48f	91	115.69	+.45	-7.7
Chicos	.33	12	8.82	-.05	
Cimarex	.64	20	92.14	-1.40	-24.5
Cisco	1.32f	23	45.21	+.95	+16.4
Citigrp	1.28	14	73.24	-.13	-1.4
CitizFrst	1.56f	91	43.67	-.11	-4.8
CitzHldg	1.56f	17	68.88	-.40	-7.8
Clearfld	1.20	17	16.15	-.13	-9.4
CoastDist	.80	39	28.58	-.68	-3.6
CocaBotlas		22	165.85	-.68	-3.3
CocaCPfd	1.54f	19	169.82	-1.01	-3.5
Coherent	4.80	19	169.82	-1.01	+.6
ConAgra n			7.19	-.03	-20.2
ConocoPhil	.90e	14	54.66	-.58	-2.0
Consolnc g		39	47.76	-.55	-6.4
DCP Mid	3.12	39	35.47	-1.49	-2.4
DTE	3.53f	19	101.72	-.55	-7.1
Delmr	.16		13.35	+0.50	+91.9
DenburyR	.80e		3.68	-.09	-25.6
DevonE	.68e	13	13.60	-.35	-30.6
Diamndbk	1.60	15	103.24	-.68	-4.8
DickSptG	.87		50.60	-1.04	-8.6
DirxFnBr	.40e	21	1.60	-.03	-20.8
DirxSCBr	1.40	12	59.83	-2.27	-21.6
DirxEnBr	2.60		31.40	-1.03	-19.6
DirxFnBr	.88		59.60	-.32	-4.1
DirxSCBr	1.22f	17	94.56	-1.36	-15.6
DirxEnBr	2.25	16	19.61	-1.11	-7.3
Dollar	.20	43	78.60	-.48	-27.3
DollarTree	.84		4.03	-.19	-27.7
DrilQuip	1.76f	20	54.29	-.39	-5.9
DukeEngy	3.76		81.85	-.20	-2.4
DukeRlty	1.00		21.79	-.02	-8.1
DunBrad	3.80	34	259.65	-.48	-4.0
Dynavax		34	19.65	-.42	-5.2
EOG Res	.80	6	19.65	-.30	-4.1
EQT Corp	.60e	6	11.67	-.05	-11.6
EagleMat	.52	17	98.61	-.39	-2.0
EastChm	1.76f	14	82.61	-.39	-4.2
EastGroup	2.44	34	93.50	-.50	-2.6
EatnCorp	2.72	19	72.50	-.39	-4.3
Ecolab	1.76	34	142.50	-.39	-4.3
EdisonInt	2.24	14	70.50	-.39	-4.3
EnbrEPtr	1.78	21	16.50	-.39	-4.3
EnbrETex	1.24	21	16.50	-.39	-4.3
EnbrEPtr	1.78	21	16.50	-.39	-4.3
EnbrETex	1.24	21	16.50	-.39	-4.3
EnCana g	.20	21	10.50	-.39	-4.3
EnLink	1.00	21	16.50	-.39	-4.3
EnPro	2.00	21	16.50	-.39	-4.3
Enterprise	1.78	21	16.50	-.39	-4.3
EntPrPtr	1.78	21	16.50	-.39	-4.3
EntTex	1.24	21	16.50	-.39	-4.3
Equinor	1.78	21	16.50	-.39	-4.3
Equinor	1.24	21	16.50	-.39	-4.3
Exelon	1.52	15	39.50	-.39	-4.3
ExxonMbl	3.48	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
FMC Corp	1.60	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
FedExCp	4.40	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
FidNatFn	1.00	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
FifthThird	.84	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
FirstEngy	.40	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
FirstHrzn	.40	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
FirstMer	.40	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
FirstSolar	.40	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
FirstTrst	.40	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
Flowserve	.40	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
FordM	.40	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
FortBrnds	.40	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
FortuneBr	.40	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
FranklRs	.40	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
FreepMcC	.40	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
FrontierCm	.40	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
GATX	1.76f	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
GenDynam	3.80	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
GenElec	.24	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
GenMills	1.52	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
GenMotors	.40	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
GenPrtnr	.40	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
GenRe	.40	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
GenSteel	.40	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
Genuine	.40	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
Genworth	.40	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
Gerdau	.40	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
GilatSat	.40	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
Gilead	.40	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
GlaxoSKln	.40	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
GlbPay	.40	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
GlbSpPrt	.40	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
GlobPay	.40	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
GlobSpPrt	.40	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
GoldFLtd	.40	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
Goldcorp	.40	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
GoldmanS	.40	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
Goodrich	.40	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
GoodyrTr	.40	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
Google	.40	21	81.50	-.39	-4.3
GpTelevisa

SUDOKU

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Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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		4						

SOLUTION TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE

5	4	3	1	6	7	2	9	8
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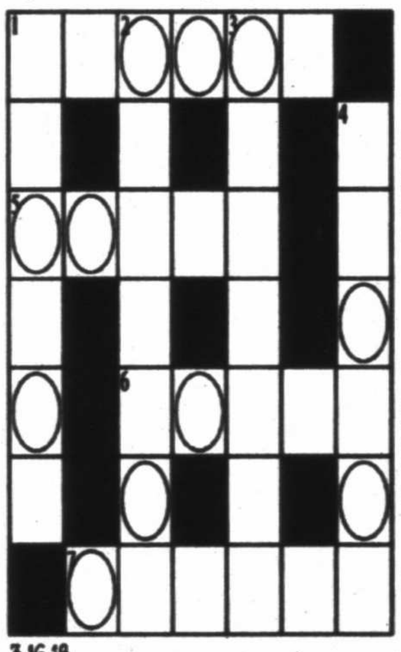

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Watch out	AEERBW
5. Not these	SHOTE
6. Self-composure	SPIEO
7. Smart	RBHTIG

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Annoy	EBORHT
2. ___ with cheese	PHORPWE
3. Swaying, rocking	NIREGLE
4. Papa Hemingway	STEERN

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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CLUE: This person has been called the "Father of American Scholarship and Education."

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-Beware 5A-Those 6A-Rise 7A-Bright 1D-Bother 2D-Annoyer 3D-Reading 4D-Errors B-Noah Webster

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TUROFH

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ACUTE EXERT VORTEX PARODY
Answer: When the director asked the movie star to do the scene again, she — OVER REACTED

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Fifth pillar of Islam
5 Puts on a patch, say
9 Intestinal tract division
14 Moises of the 2002-'04 Cubs
15 Card in a baby straight
16 Playground retort
17 "Prepares to pass the football
19 Butyl acetate, e.g.
20 Graphic novel artist
21 "Baseball position
23 Is connected
25 Water__: dental brand
26 Curator's deg.
27 Word with idea or luck
28 Gaucho's weapon
31 Schmoozing sort
33 Hardy heroine
35 Sweeping
37 Shocks, in a way
38 "Strokes in tennis
41 Uppity sort
44 Hospital fluids
45 Hair adornments
49 Aerobic regime, familiarly
51 Many a Black Friday worker
53 Casual negative
54 First __
55 Two-timer
57 100 percent
59 "Basketball strategy
63 Big haulers
64 Comedic pianist Victor
65 Fair play? ... or the key to understanding the answers to starred clues
67 "Sneak Previews" co-host
68 Niagara Falls source
69 Empty
70 Pranks
71 It may be payable monthly
72 Bodily passage

DOWN

1 Natural environment
2 Amino acid used in protein biosynthesis
3 Derby VIPs
4 Diner devices, familiarly
5 Orch. section
6 Piccadilly Circus statue
7 Turned on the waterworks
8 Network admin
9 One of many seen at the NCAA's Frozen Four
10 Mascara target
11 Puts to rest
12 Cover charge relative
13 Pestle partners
18 Smidgen
22 Barnyard rooter
24 Stellar phenomenon
29 Fellows
30 Corporate machinery, e.g.
32 Caustic remark
34 Like racehorses
36 Went like racehorses
39 Modern concert conveniences
40 Mae West persona
41 Crossed a picket line
42 Capital east of Lake Victoria
43 Requested at a drive-thru
46 Primer application
47 Wagner's "Die __"
48 Lawyer to avoid
50 Clumsy one
52 Big cat
56 Old hat
58 Religious leader
60 Prefix with industry
61 Unwavering
62 Salt Lake daily, familiarly
66 Realize

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

L	A	W	N	S		S	M	A	R	T		F	B	I
O	V	A	T	E		E	A	S	Y	A		R	E	N
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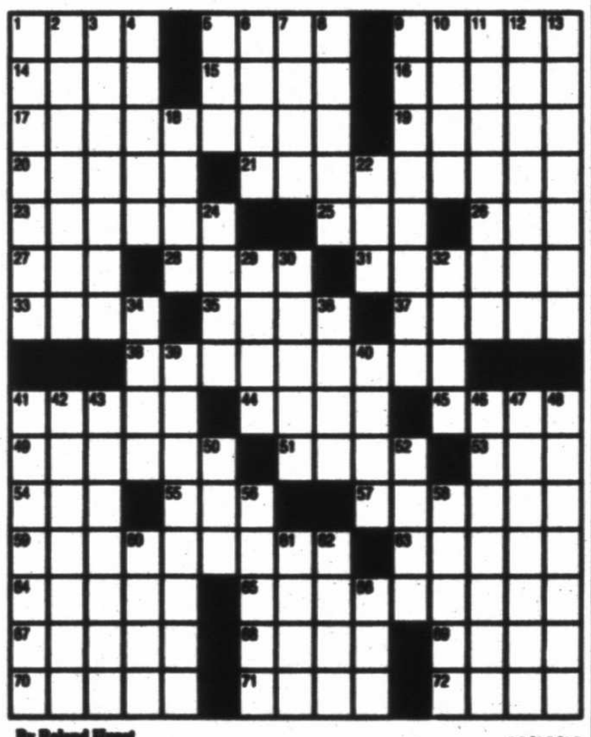

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2.

DYNAMIC
DYNAMIC

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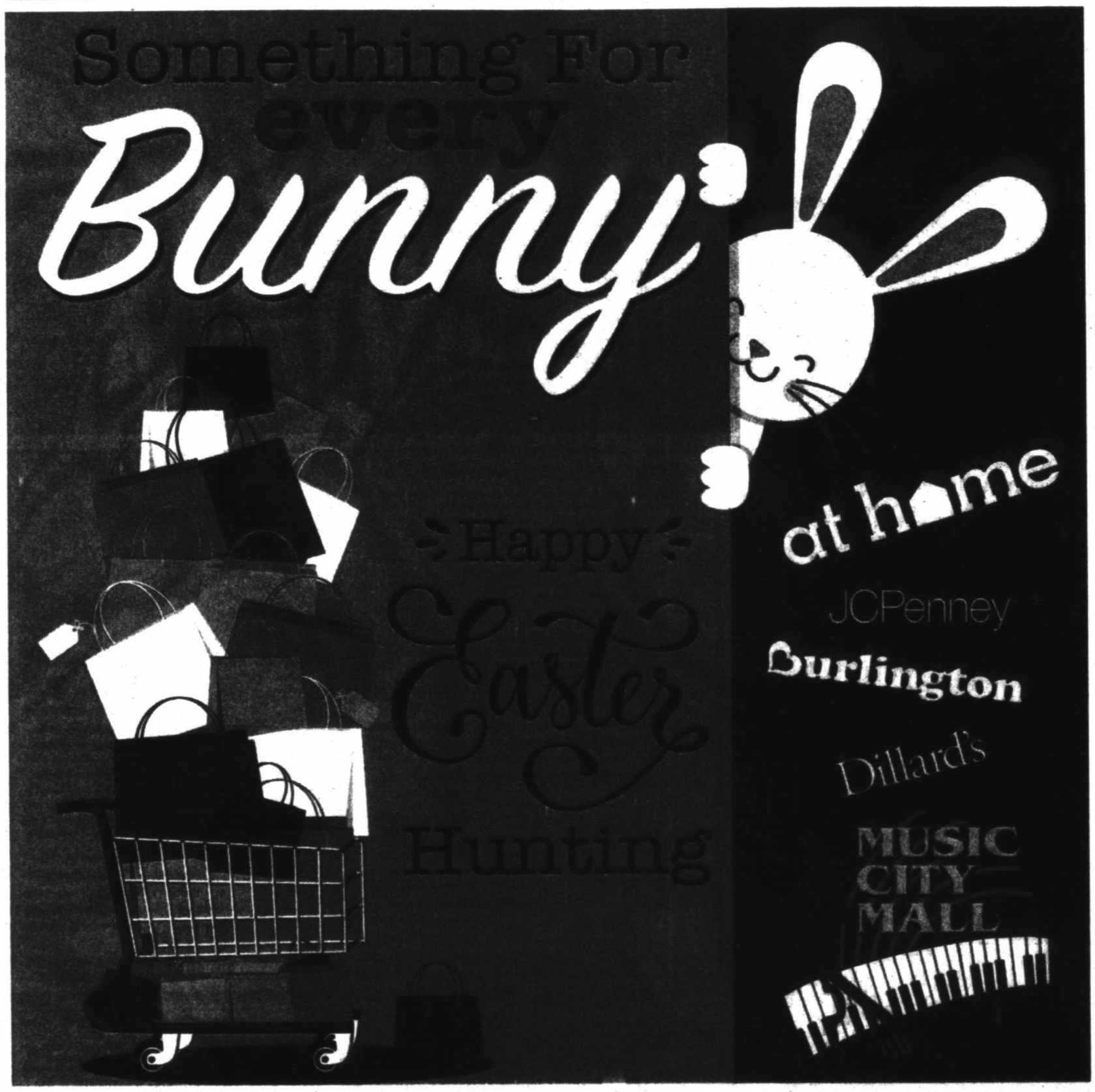

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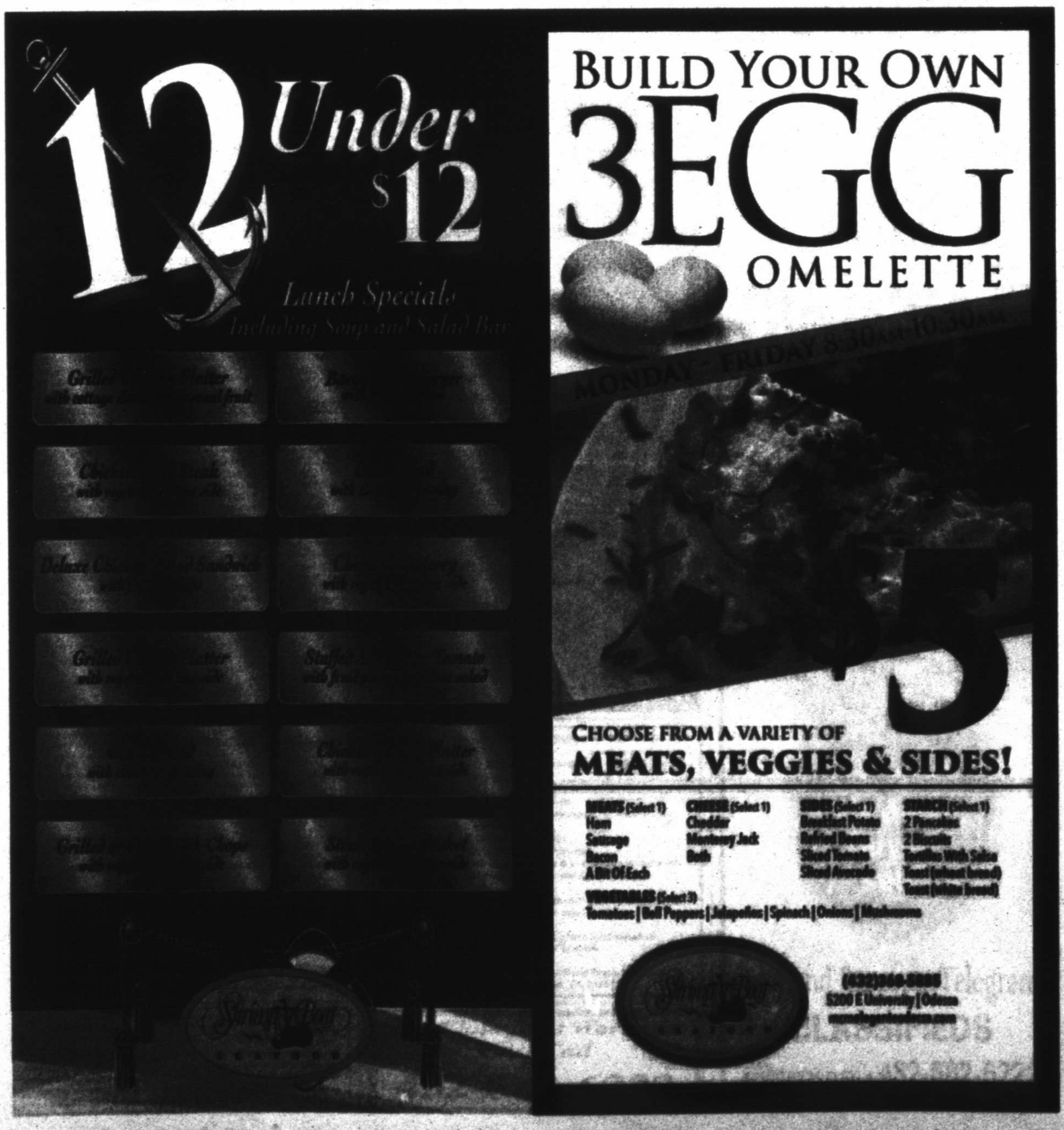

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What's in it for you?

- *Paid training*
- *Competitive Base Salary & Commissions*
- *Medical, Dental and Vision Coverage*
- *Flex spending accounts*
- *Short & Long-Term Disability Insurance*
- *401K with company match*
- *Paid time off & more!*

Email your resume to David.Robbins@hearstnp.com or mail to David Robbins, 201 E. Illinois Ave, Midland, TX 79701

EDUCATION/TRAINING

Instructor-Transportation Trainer

Midland College is seeking a Instructor- Transportation Trainer
Job Summary: The Transportation Trainer will provide instruction and train students in the classroom as well as in driving. The students will be provided with training and experience to obtain a Commercial Driver License.

Required Qualifications:
- **High school diploma or equivalent**
- **Must possess a valid Texas Class "A" Commercial Driver License, good driving record, and be insurable on Midland College's insurance policy**
- **Three years' experience driving "over the road" (OTR) or local**
- **Experience in pre-trip/post trip inspections, coupling and uncoupling of equipment**
- **Computer literacy**
- **Knowledge of rules and regulations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**
- **Knowledge of Double Clutching techniques and how to teach it as required by TXDPS**
- **Knowledge of air brake testing procedures and be able to instruct and execute**
- **Knowledge of Hours of Service Regulations and be able to log and teach log book entries as well as log book recap**
- **Ability to manage multiple tasks while providing close attention to detail**
- **Ability to work in cooperation with others and work a flexible schedule based on training needs**
- **Maintain a high level of record keeping, utilize creativity, and meet frequent deadlines**
- **Establish goals and maintain a high level of decision making**
- **Adaptable to a constantly changing environment**
- **Ability to move or lift/move up to 75 pounds, capable of climbing stairs, balancing, stooping, and repetitive twisting**
- **Must successfully pass a DOT physical and DOT drug test**

EOE

Gas Measurement/ Communications Tehnician

HELP WANTED -GAS MEASUREMENT/ COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN. Duties include Installation, Calibration, Maintenance, Troubleshooting and Repair of Electronic Meters, Gas Sampling Systems and Radio Communications System. Excellent record keeping, communication and computer skills necessary. Salary DOE. Competitive wages and benefits. Mail resume to: Measurement Technician Position, 2873 FM 829, Stanton, TX or Fax to: 432-458-3423 or email to: vmccormack@wiggs.com.

Inventory Control Manager

Manager at our Odessa Facility This position will maintain receiving, warehousing, and distribution operations by initiating, coordinating, and enforcing program, operational and personnel policies and procedures. You will control inventory levels by conducting physical counts; reconciling with data storage system. You will also have responsibilities to maintain warehouse staff by recruiting, selecting, orienting, and training. Duties also included completing warehouse operational requirements by scheduling and assigning of employees; following up on work results. 5 years of oilfield warehouse experience and management experience preferred. Our employees enjoy a great work environment with excellent benefits. Pay is dependent on experience If this career opportunity sounds like the right fit for you please send your resume to employment@ngagl.com or you can apply in person at 12301 W CR 125, Odessa, TX 79765.

MIDLAND

NOW HIRING
Associate Traffic Engineer

Job Duties:
- **Support or substitute for the City Traffic Engineer as needed**
- **Oversee and/or participate in the development, configuration, and operation of the City's computerized control systems**
- **Manage and perform warrant studies for traffic signals, stop signs, crosswalks, school zones, speed units and others**
- **Review commercial and residential development requests**
- **Review all phases of the platting process for commercial and retail development**
- **Prepare analysis and recommendations in support of geometric, roadway, intersection, and other infrastructure improvements**
- **Prepare analysis and recommendations for the installation and maintenance of traffic control devices within the city**

Qualifications:
- **Bachelors degree in civil engineering or related field with a minimum of three years' experience in traffic engineering or related field.**
- **Master's degree in civil engineering or related field may be substituted for three years' experience.**
- **Valid Texas driver's license required.**
- **Certification as an Engineer in Training (EIT) preferred.**

Benefits:
- **Healthcare Plans**
- **Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave**
- **Paid Holidays**
- **Employee Wellness Program**
- **Tuition Reimbursement**

apply online at www.midlandtexas.gov/jobs

Steel Sucker Rod Applications Engineer

Endurance Lift Solutions is currently hiring for a Steel Sucker Rod Applications Engineer. An ideal candidate will have a degree in Engineering, 5 or more years, experience, and knowledge of artificial lift and subsurface engineering. Company offers medical, dental, vision and life benefits, and a safe harbor 401(k) plan. Please apply by sending your resume to tkisley@enduranceliftsolutions.com.

OTHER JOBS

CDL Drivers Needed

Come Join our family! Jones Bros. Dirt and Paving
We want your work experience and your hard work!
NOW HIRING FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS

• Water truck drivers • Belly Dump drivers

Home every night and new equipment

Requirements: 1 year of driving experience. Valid Texas Class A CDL, w/tankers for water truck driver.

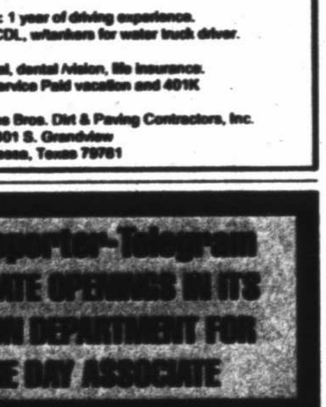
Benefits: Medical, dental /vision, life insurance. After 1 year of service Paid vacation and 401K

Apply in person at Jones Bros. Dirt & Paving Contractors, Inc. 1401 S. Grandview Odessa, Texas 79761

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-5pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 6 or 8 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person. $11.00 per hour

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.



Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday - Friday 8-5 or email: jmadden@hearstnp.com

NOPHONECALLS PLEASE

OUT OF CITY DELIVERY DRIVER/ MISCELLANEOUS DUTIES

- **Must have a clean, valid license & acceptable driving history**
- **Late night/Early morning hours**
- **Obey all traffic laws**
- **Strong commitment to safety is a must**
- **Professional communication with management, co-workers and customers**
- **Ability to lift, push or pull up to 50-lbs**
- **Must be able to reach, bend, lift as needed**
- **Must be able to work independently & in a team environment**
- **Ability to read, understand & follow oral and written instructions**
- **Perform other duties as delegated or assigned by Supervisor**
- **Required education: High School or equivalent**

This is a full time position that offers paid vacation and full package of benefits.

Please mail resumes to P-119 c/o Midland Reporter Telegram 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX. 79701

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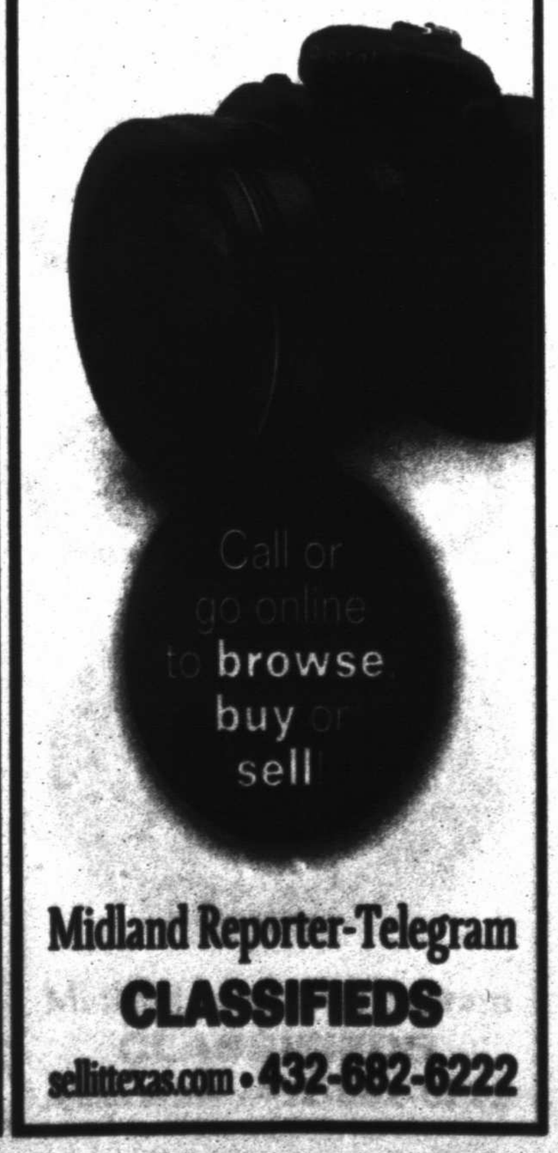

OTHER JOBS

Endeavor Energy Resources LP

DOT Driver II

JOB DESCRIPTION: Job responsibilities include local (within Midland City and County) transportation by truck for Endeavor Energy completions or production crews. Cargo transport varies depending on driver's licensing.

Essential Functions:
- Follow instructions, and maintain compliance with all DOT, company and customer safety and operational policies and procedures
- Properly load and unload product at various customer locations in a professional, courteous, timely, safe, and efficient manner
- Connect and disconnect hoses, operating pumps and valves for loading and unloading
- Complete all paperwork accurately and timely, if applicable
- Complete other related tasks as assigned by manager

Minimum Requirements:
- High school diploma or GED required, must be at least 18 years of age
- Ability to read, write and communicate effectively required
- Computer proficiency is required
- Valid Texas Driver's license is required
- Class A CDL and Haz Mat is preferred but not required
- Must be able to pass background screening including MVR and criminal
- Must be able to work nights, weekends, and an extended workweek.
- Strong customer service skills, and the ability to effectively prioritize, multi-task, manage time, organize and execute tasks in a high-pressure environment

Supervisory Responsibilities:
No supervisory responsibilities are associated with this position.

Work Environment:
Work is often outdoors. Working conditions range from frigid to hot temps, high winds, flying dust, slipping hazards and conditions and frequently exposed to loud noise from heavy equipment and machinery.

Physical Demands:
Ability to sit, stand, walk, reach with hand and arms, climb, squat, kneel, and bend is required. Must also be able to occasionally lift, carry, push, pull, move, and drag up to 50 lbs.

Position type and expected hours of work:
This is a full-time position. The ability to work overtime is a requirement to performing this job.

Endeavor Energy Resources, LP is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate in regards to race, color, creed, age, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, marital status or disability. We comply with all local, state, and federal laws pertaining to employment and discrimination will not be tolerated.

Endeavor Energy Resources LP

Now hiring for a Field Technician.

he Field Technician will provide advanced refueling services to support the Frac operations on location. Endeavor Energy will provide all necessary training for new employees. This is a non-driving position.

Job Duties:
- Comply with all OSHA and company safety procedures, rules and regulations
- Proper pre and post trip of equipment
- Consistently demonstrate safe unloading of fuels while handling, hooking and unhooking hoses and operating pumps while following directions and standard operating procedures
- Safely using pipe wrenches, crescent wrenches and other hand tools
- Immediate reporting and cleaning of any spills during shift
- Maintain professionalism through working courteously with supervisors, despatchers, fellow co-workers and customers
- All other duties as assigned

Minimum Qualifications:
- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment
- Proven capability to work both independently and collaboratively with different levels of management and individual contributors
- Demonstrated ability to manage work in stressful situations
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Field Service Mechanics

Come Join our family! Jones Bros. Dirt and Paving
We want your work experience and your hard work!
NOW HIRING FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITION

Field Service Mechanics

Requirements: 3 years mechanic experience.
Must have own tools, Valid Texas Drivers license, Pay will depend on work experience, 50 plus work week.
Benefits: Medical, dental /vision, life insurance. Paid vacation after 1 year of service, and 401K

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RESTAURANT/FOOD SERVICES

Restaurant Positions

Osaka Japanese Steakhouse FT
Would you like to make $15 to $20 an hour, depending on position? Now hiring Hibachi Chefs, Waitresses, Hostesses, Cashiers, Bartenders, Bus Help, Dishwashers & Kitchen Help. Come apply in person: 11am-2pm at 1207 Tradewinds Blvd. 79706 or online at: www.my-osaka.com

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No Phone Calls Please.

Insurance Sales Professional

Regional independent insurance firm looking for sales professional to initiate change and promote alternatives. Must be able to set appointments, work independently, develop own leads, network and manage your own sales pipeline. Dependable, honest and career minded. Prefer successful track record in sales with active P&C license. Please send resume to: jobs@texaslic.com

Manager & Cashiers

Sunday's Quilt'n Bakery is looking for MANAGER TRAINEE & CASHIERS
Full-time & Part-time position must have own transportation
Apply in person Mon-Fri 8-5
3500 E University, Ste 11, Odessa, Tx

SKILLED LABOR

Accounting Clerk

Accounting Clerk must have experience with Microsoft Office/ QuickBooks and a good understanding of Accounting. Pay based on experience. Benefits Pkg. Send resume to: Production Lift Cos. P. O. Box 9423, Midland, TX. 79708 or mswhart@productionlift.com

SKILLED LABOR

The City of MIDLAND Texas

NOW HIRING
Systems Administrator

Performs network and system support functions on segments of the computer environment, including planned and emergency maintenance; performance and security analysis; and monitoring, tuning, and implementing new products and procedures. Analyzes emerging technology and makes recommendations for constant improvements to network and infrastructure services and capabilities.

Job Duties:
- Designs and coordinates segments of the IT architecture
- Manages server applications, including but not limited to social media, Active Directory, operating systems, and email.
- Produces and maintains IT design, architectural, and specifications documentation, as identified.
- Monitors information storage systems, schedules, and tools, including backup and recovery tools, as identified.
- Provides research, development, and planning of the IT infrastructure.
- Is responsible for the validating, building, and testing IT solutions; analyzing IT infrastructure technical issues; and supporting the design, planning, building, and testing of new IT solutions, as assigned.
- Performs related duties as assigned.
- Subject to recall 24/7

Qualifications:
- Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science plus two years of experience in a related field is required.
- Four years experience may be substituted for the Bachelor's degree requirement.
- Valid Texas Driver's License

Benefits:
- Health care Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
- Paid Holidays
- Employee Wellness Program
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Equal Opportunity Employer

The City of MIDLAND Texas

NOW HIRING
Fleet Technician

Diagnoses, repairs and maintains city trucks and heavy equipment.

Job Duties:
- Diagnoses equipment and vehicle malfunctions such as ignition, steering, emission control, electrical, and heating and air conditioning. Estimates costs and rebuilds to specifications.
- Determines the appropriateness of off-site repairs such as oil and filter changes, tires and mufflers.
- Inspects vehicles for state stickers.
- Determines readiness and fitness of new vehicles. Installs special equipment.
- Employee must provide own hand tools. City supplies major equipment including power tools, computerized analyzer, and other diagnostic equipment.
- Reads blue prints, electrical diagrams, manuals and other specifications in order to make repairs.
- Performs emergency repairs for various departments.
- Maintains records of work performed such as work orders, logs, historical information, and special written requests.

Qualifications:
- High School graduate or GED
- Knowledge of proper tools used in welding and fabrication
- Three years training as a mechanic or in a related field
- Valid Texas Class A CDL Driver's License within one year of employment
- Texas Department of Public Safety Inspector Certificate required within one year of employment.

Benefits:
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Equal Opportunity Employer

FALCON FLOWBACK SERVICES is looking to hire several local, hard working RIG-UP & SHOP HANDS as well as an EXPERIENCED FIELD OPERATIONS MANAGER for our operations based out of Midland,TX. To apply and learn more about this opportunity, please visit www.falconflowback.com FALCON EPS

SKILLED LABOR

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES

NOW HIRING
Instrumentation & Electrical Technician

Maintains all electrical equipment used to monitor and control oil well services equipment. Home nightly.

Qualifications:
- High school education or equivalent.
- 6 months experience maintaining and repairing electronic instrumentation and automation equipment.
- Valid operator's license with clean driving record.

Comprehensive Benefits package!
- Medical, Dental, & Vision
- Prescription Drug
- 401 K
- Vacation, Sick Time, & Company Paid Holidays
- Company Paid Life
- Tuition Reimbursement
- Onsite Fitness Center

Apply at www.pxd.com/careers/job-openings

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES

NOW HIRING
Local Drivers

Local truck drivers needed. Home nightly, local routes, scheduled shifts 5am - 5pm (14/7 rotational) never on call, optional overtime.

Qualifications:
- High school education or equivalent.
- Valid operator's license.
- Clean driving record.
- DOT compliant

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PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES

NOW HIRING
Transportation Truck Driver

Responsible for driving Water, Dump, and/or Belly Dump Truck and hauling water/caliche to drill rigs, fracturing crews, etc. Hauls water/caliche from well locations to proper disposal facilities.

Qualifications:
- High school education or equivalent.
- Experience can range from commercial truck driving experience preferred to one year as a water truck driver required.
- Valid Class A CDL with Tanker endorsement.
- Clean driving record.
- Salary competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

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Plumber Apprentices

Plumber apprentices needed for new commercial projects. Must possess valid DL. Experience preferred. Good work environment with competitive pay and standard benefits. Call 432-697-8995

TRANSPORTATION AND TRUCKING

CDL DRIVERS

As a rapidly growing concrete manufacturing company, Ingram Concrete is currently seeking CDL DRIVERS for our Midland facility. Excellent benefits with pay rates and compensation based on driving experience. Paid weekly and home daily/weekends. Guaranteed hours year round and bonus potential. New pay rates. Come be a part of our family style atmosphere.

Please apply at 2600 N. FM 1788 in Midland or call (432) 561-8922 for additional information.

Ingram Concrete is an EOE. M/F/D/V

INGRAM CONCRETE LLC

Delivery Driver

Wanted: DELIVERY DRIVER for local oilfield chemical service company. Good pay, good benefits. Requirements: • High School Diploma or GED • CDL • Must be willing to acquire or currently possess: Hazmat endorsement, Tanker endorsement.
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Legal and Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 37 Case No. 0309619
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 28, 2018 — Status/Permit No. 836597
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Apr 4, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, [RRC Operator No. 642852] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 36, Bk. 39, T & P RR CO Survey, A-1, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 1.7 miles E direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted WITHOUT A HEARING if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512)463-6781.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Apr 4, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below.

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	:	RANCHLAND A UNIT
Lease/Unit Well No.	:	2815H
Lease/Unit Acres	:	319.86
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	:	100.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	:	660.0
Lease Lines	:	276.0 F S L, 508.0 F W L
Survey Lines	:	1295.0 F N L, 872.0 F E L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines : 276.0 F S L, 508.0 F W L
Terminus Location
BH County: MIDLAND
Section: 24 Block: 39 T1S Abstract: 561
Survey: T&P RR CO / ZIRKER, M
Lease Lines : 15.0 F N L, 330.0 F E L
Survey Lines : 2191.0 F N L, 330.0 F E L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) :
GAS Special Rules 330/1200, 80.0 acres.
OIL Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9400 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Monna Coleman, at (737)7042339

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Yard - Garage Sales

79707

5101 DAVENTRY Place, Saturday 7am-12pm. Huge Garage Sale- Furniture, kitchenware and clothes.

5809 GRASSLAND Blvd. Saturday 8am-noon. Washer, TV stand, antique armoire, grill, filing cabinet, lots of ladies, juniors & mens clothing.

Merchandise

Miscellaneous For Sale

For Sale
McElroy Fusion Machine
Ready To Work
For More Info Please Call
959-749-4197

Musical Instruments

1950'S GIBSON Hollow body electric guitar, model # ES-140 3/4 with case. Collectors item. $2,800. No text. Please call 432-352-8419

Sporting Goods

BASEBALL PITCHING machine, pitchers L net, 40' net tunnel. 432-694-3104

Permian Basin Gun Show - Ector County Coliseum, Odessa TX, Building G.
Saturday & Sunday,
Jan. 20th, 9am-5pm
Jan. 21st, 9am-5pm
Bought, Sold or Traded
Sponsored by:
John and Shirley Pohorny

Find it fast in the Midland Reporter-Telegram

Legal and Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Beer and Wine Late Hours Permit by L. C. Polk, Jr. dba Starlight Lounge, to be located at 1110 E. Illinois, Midland, Texas, Texas. Officers of said corporation are owner, L. C. Polk, Jr.

Notice of Sale of Personal Property to satisfy a landlords lien for CASH ONLY. Sale date is Thursday April 12, 2018 @ 10:20am.

Aztec A-1 Storage
1219 S Midland Dr
Midland TX 79703

#208 ELISA Bare"
#298 Jacob Funhiro"

"Household Goods

Thank You! Jesus! Mark 8amy5@.com Ministering for Christ Teach the Lord's Word 1-4

ADULT BLACK male Labrador Retriever found on Shetland. Wearing a shock collar, has no clip. Will be at Mesa Verde Vet Clinic. 2215 N. Midland Drive.

Automotive For Sale/Lease

FORD 2004 F 150, XLT 4 door crewcab, completely loaded, sliding bed cover, new tires, very clean, single guard, 4 WD, tow package, 190K miles. $9,000.00 970-037-7097 for appointment.

1974 FJ-40 Toyota Landcruiser, originally owned by 1970's/80's singer-songwriter icon, and used on his Colorado ranch. Runs well enough for a hunting vehicle, but it'd be a shame not to restore. $7,500. Serious inquiries only, please. 432-559-4388.

Motorcycles

2012 Prowler 700 Series Arctic Cat, blue 2-seater 4X4. Garage kept Must see asking $8,500. 432-349-6941.

Recreational Vehicles

Houseboat-Stardust cruiser Super Mod 25FT, Powered with two 350 Chevy engines, few hours, control hrs, upper deck & waterslide, Kohler generator, sleeps 6, Lake Amistad, Del Rio, TX. $65,000 OBO. (432)-631-6205.

Garage - Estate - Yard Sale

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BLUEBONNET ESTATE SALE
5004 Sterling Place - Midland
Thursday, Friday & Saturday - March 15th-17th 8 A.M. - 2 P.M.

HUGE DESIGNER MENS CLOTHING COLLECTION
featuring clothing from brands such as Robert Graham, Ralph Lauren, Big Star, Rock Revival, Signet., Thomas Pink, Cole Haan, and hundreds more. Lg & XL mens shirts, Mens jackets and suits. Sizes 32x34 and 34x34 and 36x34 mens jeans. Sizes 34 and 36 Mens shorts. Sizes 36 and 38 leather designer belts. Sizes 10-11 Men's shoes, socks, and silk ties- Most with tags still attached! GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY collection from the private collection of past president. Antique and modern perfume bottle collection, floral, Midwestern, books, tools, 4 queen beds, large 12x9' rug, Mahogany harp tables, office supplies, jewlery, luggage. Antique buffet, and marble topped tables, lamps, artwork, and so much more!
This is the sale
YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

Downsizing Sale
by Wall St Antiques
#16 Metz Ct
Fri. 9-2 & Sat. 9-12

Sofas, chairs, patio furniture, fridge, seasonal, desks, silverplate, rubber stamps, exercise equipment, bookshelves, miscellaneous Mahon, Tupperware, dining table & chairs, rugs, and lots more.

View full details at EstateSales.NET:
https://www.EstateSales.NET/TX/Midland/79705/1616369

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ESTATE SALE
BY JOSEPH AND TEAM
3609 TRINITY MEADOWS DR. - MIDLAND
Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

For pictures go to
https://www.estatesales.net/TX/Midland/79707/1617219

Sale by Linda L. Elden
4015 Dunkirk, Midland, Texas 79707
Fri, March 16 - 9am -3pm Sat, March 17 - 9am-3pm
See full ad and photos at estatesales.net

The Antiques Barn Estate Sales Services
ESTATE SALE
5011 Green Tree Blvd. - Midland, 79707
9AM - 3PM Thurs - Fri., 9AM-1PM Sat.
View photos and details at EstateSales.net

605 W Golf Course Rd. 4 Family Garage Sale, lots of children clothes, miscellaneous, house items, small desk

3709 AVONDALE Dr Friday & Saturday Antique Singer Treadle sewing machine, vintage Sears Kenmore sewing machine, both work. Air conditioner unit, grill guard, trailer hitch, panel liner, table, lamps & lots more

2608 NEELY Avenue Friday & Saturday 8:30-? Spring bedspread and sheet, Seasonal decorations, baskets, vases, pots, wreaths, artificial flowers, plants, gardening tools, outdoor tiered furniture, queen sleeper sofa, toys and much more.

605 SHIRLEY Court Saturday 8am-? Moving Sale/Estate Sale. Everything must go! A little bit of everything furniture, tools, microwave, appliances & lots of miscellaneous.

1 REO COURT
Saturday 9AM till 12pm. Dishes, Kitchen appliances, CD's DVD's, women's clothes small, ladies shoes and boots, misc, come see.

1312 ECR 125. Friday 16th & Saturday 17th Time: 8am - 4pm. Moving Sale! Heavy pipe wrenches, tools, generators, lawn mowers, china cabinet, furniture, mirrors, office desk, fishing, clothes, TV cabinet, TV, coffee table, and tables, lamps, kitchen stuff, blankets, pots, pans, grill, desks, & lots of miscellaneous.

3310 WOR 169 Friday & Saturday 9am-4pm. 80 sq yards carpet squares same pattern. $500. Other patterns available, small quantity. Hand tools, combo, belt, dolllies, miscellaneous household items.

SATURDAY ONLY. 4701 S County Road 1180. 8 am - 12 pm. Women's and men's clothing 5X. Lots of housewares items including home decor and kitchen. Pink Gas Powered Go-Kart $700 FIRM.

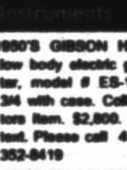
2105 MARCIE Court Friday & Saturday 8am-4pm. Water & window fountains, luggage, silverware, mirrors, wall art, shelves, rugs, pillows, clothing & shoes, queen bed frame, lots of miscellaneous

Pets - Animals

FOR SALE. 2 Shih Tzu pups. 1 Male, 1 Female. Black and White. 2 1/2 Months Old. $600 each. 432-570-6005. If no answer, leave message.

3 KITTENS & 1 mama cat free to good home. 432-682-7019.

Real Estate Rental Sale



FSBO 2606 Bowie. 3 bedroom 2 bath, 2 car garage, Old Midland. Owner financing. $235,000. 10% down plus closing cost. Call 432-631-2074.

HOME FOR SALE BY OWNER ON FAIRWAY OAKS
4bd/2.5 bath
Completely remodeled including new appliances. Home sits on the 18th green of Fairway Oaks Golf Course in Abilene, Texas
Members on the Golf Course
214-707-0765
Email: courtneyfarmer@yahoo.com
Shown Any Time

LIQUIDATION OF 2 diversed homes in Midland, TX. 1608 W. Kansas & 2612 N. Garfield. Call for price. 214-368-6244 Realtor

BEAUTIFUL 1.23AC lot on the 11th hole of Summit Rock GC in Horseshoe Bay, TX. Golf membership included valued at $65k. Priced to sell below market at $119k. 210-722-7298.

LOT OR Building site Lake Leon (Eastland, TX.) on deep water out of flood plain, storage building & carport, lots of trees. Call 254-488-0280 for more information.

Get Framed
See how this ad caught your eye with its effective use of a border as a frame? Ask your Rep. about framing your ad today!
432-682-6222
or fax to
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REPAIR SERVICES and Parts for Refrigerators, Freezers, Stoves, Washers & Dryers. Free Service Call with Repair. Free Removal. Full Warranty, Very Affordable Prices. M&M Appliances 1007 N Midkiff, Midland Call 432-570-8278

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Call the cleaners!! Dusting, Organizing,Sweeping, Mopping, Tile, Bathrooms, Windows, Make Ready! One Time, Weekly, Bi-Weekly, & Monthly services available. Deep Cleaning & Free Estimates! Joey & Ashley Ball (432)-296-2942

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PROFESSIONAL HOUSE CLEANER. Excellent references, trustworthy, & honest, hard worker. Reasonable rates. Call Nelia 432-559-0809.

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WEST TEXAS CLEANING SERVICES Experience 10 years, we are a trustful, honest, hardworking company offering reasonable rates. Weekly, bi-weekly, move-out and move-in, and deep cleaning services are available. Contact Cecilia Ortiz for your free estimate! (214)-608-5438 References are available.

Computer Services / Repair-Replacement

A+ COMPUTER Tutor! Overcome Your Fear of Computers! Your PLACE at Your PACE. Call Karen 432-553-2468 (leave msg).

Hauling

HAULING & Cleanouts Home, storage, or office. 432-889-1316

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ADVANCED BRICK DOCTOR, brick & mortar repair. All types of new construction specializing in block and brick fence. Steve Rickey. 432-853-2859.

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For all your concrete needs, driveways, sidewalks, new slabs house or garage additions. Call Danny @ 432-894-0702

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ABC CONSTRUCTION Wood, chain link, block, gates & repairs are my specialty. Native Midlander bulding since 1979. Call Lonnie 432-528-5282

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FLAWLESS PAINT & handyman service. Specializing in painting, drywall, drywall repair and textures, epoxy floor finish, tile and popcorn acoustic removal. Workmanship satisfaction guarantee. Ask about name your own price program. 10% senior citizen & veterans discount. Call for your free estimate. 432-528-2865

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CRC Interior and Exterior Painting Remodeling, fencing & fabrication. Clayton R. Cross. 432-770-8595. 1st ESTIMATE FREE.

Gutters/Downspouts

PATIO CLEANING
UPSCALE PATIO & CLEANING SERVICE Professional Patio, Window & Gutter Cleaning. Crete Surface Restoration. Will haul off old patio furniture. Spring Clean Your Patio's Now. Free estimate with an appointment. Call Rick Sanders @ 432-296-0723 email: upscalepatiocleaning@gmail.com web: www.upscalepatiocleaning.com

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DOUBLE TT PAINTING Interior and Exterior Texture, tape & bed Low Prices. Work gauranteed. References Available. 432-288-7849 or 352-4633.

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AFFORDABLE TREE shrub pruning, removal, sprinkler repairs. Licensed & Insured. Call Williams Tree Lawn Sprinkler 561-8802, 638-8163.

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DISTRICT 08 — Rule 37 Case No. 0309519
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 26, 2018 — Status/Permit No. 836477
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Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
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Digital Media Account Executive, Midland, TX

"We must be alarmingly enterprising and startlingly original. We must be honest and fearless. And we must spark a revolution."

• **William Randolph Hearst, 1887**

The Midland Reporter-Telegram, part of Hearst Communications, is excited to announce that due to our continued growth in the Midland, TX market, we are seeking a Digital Media Account Executive just like you to join our team! Our industry is changing into a digital world, and we are looking for experienced professionals who are eager to facilitate our innovative efforts.

Join Midland's leading media company and become part of the winning sales team that offers advertisers a robust suite of digital and print products to help them achieve their business objectives. We are seeking digital savvy, highly motivated sales professionals to sell our marketing solutions to local businesses. Our ideal candidate will be goal oriented, is a relentless hunter, driving to win new businesses, and has a track record of exceeding monthly goals.

As a Digital Media Account Executive, you can expect the following:

- Drive digital product sales.
- Be the Digital Media Guru with a solid understanding of Digital Media, Marketing and Advertising.
- Ability to conduct sales calls with SMB owners.
- Be in the field and on sales calls, leading by example, to sell our various digital products using the current and evolving sales process.
- Consult and educate clients in Digital Advertising and Marketing.
- Assist sales and marketing in promoting the entire line of digital products.
- Develop coaching plans and track results through sales management team.
- Identify trends, quantify impact, and communicate improvement opportunities to the product team
- Primary source of sales pitch and strategy development and implementation for digital products.

Requirements:

- Highly knowledgeable with digital media, SEO, SEM, Digital Advertising.
- Confidence in pitching and closing business.
- Strong focus on teamwork and ability to manage relationships across multiple departments
- Ability to multi-task, meet deadlines, and thrive in a fast-paced, deadline-oriented environment
- Bachelor's Degree preferred
- Valid US driver's license and reliable transportation.

The perks:

- A great work environment it's never boring here!
- Paid in-depth sales and product training.
- Competitive base salary, uncapped commissions for unlimited earning potential, and significant opportunity for advancement within the company
- Collaboration ideas and input are always welcome
- Health, dental, 401k, paid time off we have you covered

Email your resume to David.Robbins@hearstmp.com or mail to David Robbins, 201 E. Illinois Ave, Midland, TX 79701

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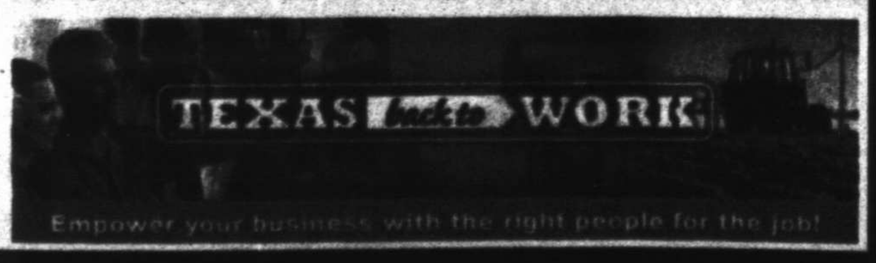

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Is your website properly optimized and marketed?

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