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MHS junior FaithDeLaGarza shot a 74 to sit in sixth place in the medalist standings.

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Panera Bread debuted in Midland on Monday boasting a fresh and healthy alternative for lunch. Salads, soups, sandwiches as well as breakfast items, baked goods and more make up its menu.

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Commissioners pass nuclear waste transport resolution

Resolution recognizes opposition expressed by Midland County residents

By Simone Jasper
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The Midland County Commissioners' Court on Monday passed a resolution stating it recognizes residents oppose the transport of high-level nuclear waste through Midland County. The resolution also details the court doesn't have authority over nuclear waste transport and will convey five questions to the federal government when the topic arises.

The court previously hoped to answer questions stemming from five points: local hearings along the proposed route; federal funding and training for first responders prior to the first shipment and for the duration of the transport; inspections and upgrades of rail capacity if it's the chosen shipment method; explanation for not storing waste at closer sites; and explanation for moving the waste.

Waste Control Specialists last week requested that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission temporarily suspend reviewing its license application for a high-level nuclear waste storage facility in Andrews, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report.

Midland County commissioners recently heard public comments, including a majority expressing concern that spent nuclear fuel rods would be transported to the site by rail through Midland County. Others spoke in favor of the proposed transport.

County Judge Mike Bradford said commissioners don't know when the subject will come up again because the discussion centered on the WCS application.

"It's hard to say about the future," Bradford said. "Between the last hearing and today, the application the public was concerned about is moot."

FORUM FOR 4B

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

The League of Women Voters had a public forum Monday with Mayor Jerry Morales,from left, and Councilwoman Sharla Hotchkiss in support of the proposed extension of the 4B tax, and councilman Buddy Sipes and former mayor JD Faircloth in opposition to the extended tax. Karen Nicholson, center, moderated the forum at Midland College.

Spirited debate occurs at LWV's 4B forum

■ Discussion turns to government transparency

By Stewart Doreen
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On the same day Midlanders began early voting for May 6's Type-4B election, the League of Women Voters gave interested Midlanders a spirited debate about the sales tax addition that's being touted as a game-changer for parks and roads.

The League of Women Voters hosted four community veterans who exchanged comments for more than a hour in support and opposition of the tax expected to raise $150 million over 15 years. That money, according to Mayor Jerry Morales and Councilwoman Sharla Hotchkiss, would provide Midland the revenue for needed parks upgrades. It also would prepare a community for future growth that could take the population from 140,000 today to 180,000 by 2028.

However, the debate went beyond the tournament fields, walking trails, upgrades of neighborhood parks and maintenance and operations of the Scharbauer Sports Complex. It continued a conversation about transparency in government that began last week between the mayor and former Councilman Buddy Sipes at the Midland County Republican Women's forum. And

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Former Midlander to share cancer journey at seminar

By Simone Jasper
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Jamie Rhoads knew she had a family history of breast cancer. Still, the diagnosis in her mid-30s was difficult to comprehend.

"Upon hearing it for the first time, you feel punched in the stomach, like the breath was knocked out of you, and you're trying to find your bearings," Rhoads said.

In 2014, she turned to the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, where other family members had received treatment.

"Upon my arrival in the MD Anderson waiting room, most people were in their 60s or 70s," Rhoads said. "I remember thinking: Where are the people my age? Where are the people 10 years from where I am today?"

Rhoads

Rhoads, now 37, decided to convey positivity even when she faced unexpected reactions to some treatments. She will share her journey with overcoming cancer at the Making Cancer History Seminar, which is 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. today at Midland Country Club.

The free public event includes lunch and is underwritten by the Henry Foundation, according to a press release.

Rhoads, who grew up in Midland and recently moved to Missouri, hopes to share the importance of knowing family history. She also wants people in West Texas to know they have the option to turn to MD Anderson to receive care.

"If I inspire or cause one person to get a mammogram with it, if it gives someone peace of mind knowing about MD Anderson, that's good."

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The big number
more than **534** days in space
That's what it took for Commander Peggy Whitson to set a new U.S record. Page 4A

Word of the Day: obstreperous
Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 3A.

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STATE BRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

BURLESON

Teen fatally shot in parking lot, twin injured

Authorities say a 17-year-old was fatally shot and his twin brother was wounded after they went to a North Texas school parking lot to have a fight with someone.

City of Burleson spokeswoman DeAnna Phillips said Monday that an 18-year-old turned himself in after the shooting. He's awaiting arraignment after being arrested on a murder charge.

The Tarrant County medical examiner's office says Cameron Lewis was pronounced dead Sunday morning after being taken to a hospital. He'd been shot in the head. Police say his twin was shot in the foot and his injury wasn't life-threatening. Police say the gunman stopped on a street near the parking lot late Saturday night and fired several shots. Cameron Lewis was in a vehicle when he was shot. His brother was standing outside.

RHOADS

From 1A

Rhoads said.

The center, located in Houston, has attracted more than 6,100 patients from the Midland-Odessa area since 1944, according to a press release. Margaret Meyer, director of social work, said her department works with patients who come from outside the city.

"People are coming, and they're scared, especially if they are patients," Meyer said in a phone interview. "They're hoping to find some answers to their health care struggles. The last thing they need to worry about is where they will stay and how they're going to get here."

Though patients are responsible for their own transportation and lodging, social workers help them navigate the options. Meyer said MD Anderson's work doesn't stop when patients leave its facilities. For patients who require ongoing counseling, the social work department helps them find resources in their local communities.

"We also want to help them maintain healthy lifestyles at home," Meyer said. "People are more comfortable in their own beds. We try to consolidate appointments in [Houston]."

Rhoads said her MD Anderson doctors were in contact with medical professionals in Midland. She also had one-on-one communication with the health care workers.

"It's pretty crazy to think about how big the [center] is, and I was able to have personal relationships," Rhoads said.

Rhoads also received support from family members. Nicole Rhoads, her sister-in-law, was one relative who came to Houston during treatment

"It was hard," Nicole Rhoads said. "She was sick from treatments and would have to fly home. She stayed positive through the whole thing."

At the seminar, Jamie Rhoads will join representatives from the medical center, including: Dr. Miguel Rodriguez-Bigas, professor of surgical oncology; Dr. Surena Matin, professor of urology; and Dr. Lauren Byers, assistant professor of thoracic/head and neck medical oncology. They're scheduled to give presentations about advances in their fields.

Rhoads appreciates the care from MD Anderson and said facing cancer in her 30s made her value personal relationships. Her sister-in-law thinks she will give perspective to people attending the seminar.

"She has such a great positive attitude and a strong faith in the Lord," Nicole Rhoads said. "She's willing to help others walk through this journey. Her story will inspire people from all walks of life."

Registration is requested at events@mdanderson.org or 866-262-9029 ext. 6.

Associated Press

Workers stand outside an office building following reports of an armed person there, reported in Lake Highlands near the High Five highway in Dallas, Monday. The office building is now safe police said, without commenting on whether anyone was injured or killed.

Dallas police: Man fatally shoots boss, kills self at office

By Diana Heidgerd and Jamie Stengle
Associated Press

DALLAS — A man fatally shot his female supervisor and then killed himself, leading to an evacuation of a multi-story building in the northern part of Dallas on Monday morning, police said.

Randy Blankenbaker, Dallas police assistant chief of investigations, said that they won't release the identities of those who died until relatives are notified. He said they also are not yet saying what kind of office they worked in.

Blankenbaker said that the man was a current worker in the office. "We don't know if today was a regular workday for him or not," Blankenbaker said.

He says that there were witnesses to the shooting in a meeting room who were not injured.

Police were alerted to the shooting at about 10:45 a.m. and responded to the office where the shooting was taking place. He said that an officer had to shoot a glass entry door to access the office where the shooting happened. He said that's the only known shot fired by an officer. One of the officers suffered minor injuries from broken glass during the entry.

Officials found the two dead in the meeting room.

Officers then conducted a floor-by-floor search of the building, searching for suspects and also ensuring that all tenants who took shelter were safely escorted from the building. That was completed by 12:49 p.m.

Television footage showed a heavy police response, including a SWAT team, at the office tower near a multi-level highway interchange known as the High Five. A broken window could be seen on one of the upper floors of the mirrored building.

Bailee Christian told KXAS-TV that she heard two gunshots — one when she was still inside and another after she and her co-workers had been evacuated from the building. She said that when she heard the second shot she also heard screaming.

"It was very intense in the moment, very scary," Christian said.

Christian, who works in a call center on the 10th floor, said her boss told everyone to hide in the back corner of the office.

"Probably about six minutes goes by and a police officer, a couple actually, came up to grab us," Christian said.

Mary Jo Nsuk, who works on the 10th floor, heard a commotion coming from below and heard police say, "Come out with your hands up." About five minutes later, police came to the door to escort her downstairs. She left her belongings behind, including her cellphone and shoes.

"Police were doing their best to make sure all floors were clear," Nsuk told The Dallas Morning News. "They protected people with shields and a cop was facing backwards when they were trying to get us downstairs."

Travis County District Attorney will investigate school choice letters

From Daily News Staff Reports

AUSTIN — The Travis County district attorney will investigate whether letters supporting school sent to Texas legislators were fraudulent, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

House members, including state Rep. Travis Clardy, whose House District 11 includes Rusk County, questioned the validity of the letter-writing campaign after discovering the mail-outs in several voters' names hadn't been OK'd.

Clardy received 535 letters at his Nacagodoches office.

"It turned out to be what I thought it was," Clardy said last month. "I've talked to several constituents, and they don't know anything about how their names were used."

Last month, state Rep. J.D. Sheffield received 560 letters, all postmarked from Austin, according to a story published by the Texas Tribune, an online news site based in Austin.

Sheffield, R-Gatesville, said some of the letters were addressed from voters he already knew to oppose school vouchers, including one that was the representative's neighbor, the Tribune reported.

Senate Bill 3 passed from the chamber in March but expectedly encountered strong opposition in the Texas House.

Earlier this month, an amendment to the House budget bill barring use of public money for school choice programs for the next two years passed 103-44. Clardy voted for the amendment.

SB 3 would establish education savings accounts in Texas of state money that would be used to pay for tuition at private schools.

FORUM

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joining Sipes at Midland College on Monday night was former Mayor J.D. Faircloth, who brought up questions about the fiscal responsibility of the councils since Midland voters passed the last 4B tax in 1999.

Early on, a debate arose about credibility, and the mayor came prepared with comments that the councils have been up front about their dealings, that meetings when decisions were made have been open to the public and those opposing the tax were nowhere to be found as decisions were made for around a decade and a half.

The mayor also reminded the estimated 120 people in the Carrasco Room that the plan put before the people was created from information provided by Midland residents. He said it was Midlanders who listed parks and hike-and-bike trails as the No. 1 item in surveys. He said it was Midlanders involved in sports leagues who communicated how tired they were of traveling out of town to take part in baseball and soccer tournaments. "We are seeing more younger families and more younger generations," Morales said. "We need the amenities to support them." Faircloth said his involvement in the forum was not as an "aginner" but that he wasn't for frivolous spending. He talked about the $13.5 million spent on sports complex projects not approved by voters. He said spending (as much as) $178 million on new parks is outrageous and wasteful and there are more important priorities. He questioned how voters could trust city leadership that had maintained existing parks and not fixed city streets.

"Voters should send a message when it comes to frivolous spending," Faircloth said. "The sky is not the limit in Midland, Texas." Questions revolved around opportunities that could come with improved parks, what happens if the 4B doesn't pass and recent city projects, including the recently opened Municipal Court building. That created an interesting back-and-forth between the mayor and Faircloth about the scale of the projects. Faircloth said it was a "Taj Mahal" of a building, while Morales said the previous building was a fire hazard with all the stacks of boxes and little room for storage and operations.

In the end the, debate featured many of the same arguments taking place across town. Hotchkiss said the city budget leaves little to spend on parks after the "core needs" (police, fire and infrastructure) are funded. Morales said the $3 million in the current budget for parks is stretched thin.

"Unfortunately we don't have the dollars," Hotchkiss said. "The 4B will make dreams come true."

Sipes disagreed with the "creative interpretation" of the 4B law that the current and previous councils used to justify spending to be used for maintenance and operations and to pay for certain "enhancements." He also said this council should have more faith in the voter to approve regular projects — whether they be connected to parks or transportation."

In the end, Faircloth gave credit to Morales and the council for putting a vision out there, and while he couldn't support the concept in its current form, he respected the process that now leaves the decision up to the voters.

On Monday, the Midland County Elections Office reported 368 votes counted. There will be six more days of early voting before the May 6 election. Early voting will take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at the Elections Office, County Annex Building, 2110 N. "A" St.

Note: For more information on the issues check out our Election Guide in this past Sunday's newspaper and at mrt.com.

Obituaries

Barbara Genevia Lewis

Barbara Genevia Lewis, age 82, of Midland, Texas went home to be with her Lord on Saturday, April 22, 2017.

She is survived by her husband, Rodney Lewis; one brother, Royce Butler of Midland, TX; four sisters, Hazel Ranstot of Pittsburg, TX, Irene Stephenson of Redlands, CA; Josephine Franvenss and Wanda Jean Young both of Las Vegas, NV; one grandson, John Mark Raper of Dallas, TX and one granddaughter, Bailey Jo Lewis of Cleburne, TX; two great grandchildren and numerous nephews and nieces.

Barbara is preceded in death by three brothers, Rodger Butler, Jimmy Butler and Cecil Butler; one son, Joey Shawn Lewis and two daughters, Rebecca Ann Lewis and Karen Ann Lewis.

A graveside service will be Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park with Brother Bob Porterfield officiating.

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

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

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Sandra Jarrett Murry

Sandra Jarrett Murry went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ at home surround by her family at 67 years-of-age in Odessa, Texas, Sunday, April 23, 2017. She fought a courageous, faith-filled battle with pancreatic cancer and received her miracle of eternal life in Heaven with her Savior.

Sandra was born the second of three daughters on February 23, 1950 in Lamesa, TX to Artie Lee and David Ray Jarrett. She graduated from Odessa High School in 1968. Sandra fell in love with Garry Don Murry of Odessa, and they married on January 28, 1968 in El Paso, TX, recently celebrating their 49th wedding anniversary. Together they raised a son, Bryan and a daughter Tonya.

Sandra was a beautiful person on the inside and out. Her greatest joy was her faith and her family. Above all else, Sandra loved God faithfully and passionately. She enjoyed nothing more than praising her Father in Heaven, and continued to do so right to the end. She made sure we knew that her hope was in Christ alone and it was well with her soul. She had a very real relationship with her savior, Jesus Christ, and her desire was to see others have that same assurance. She was a faithful servant in the church and in the community, and will be remembered as a prayer warrior. She was a dedicated mother, a strong and devoted wife, a loving daughter, sister, aunt, and a great friend to all who knew her. She lovingly served her family at home. She had a special bond with each grandchild. Her favorite role in this life was grandmother, and her six grandchildren will forever remember their "Mammy" and her ability to make everything better, always pointing them to God. She loved to sing and to tell her grandkids stories as she showered each of them with love and laughter. All of her kid's friends call her Mammy as well. Sandra never missed a special function or game. You could always hear her cheering saying, *"That's my grandson or granddaughter!"* She was very generous, and she never hesitated to help someone in need. Those who knew her will never forget her loving smile, her contagious laughter, and her loving hugs.

Sandra is survived by husband, Garry Don Murry of Odessa, TX; mother, Artie Lee Jarrett of Odessa, TX; son, Bryan Murry and wife Amy of Midland, TX; daughter, Tonya Coke and husband Ty Coke of Odessa, TX; sister, Terrie Conklin and husband Kevin of Midland, TX; brother-in-law, Harley McCorle and wife Sue of Gonzales, TX; grandchildren, Bryson Daniel Murry (21), Brock Christian Murry (19), Britton Jarrett Murry (16), Lyndi Elizabeth Duty (9), Blakely Dawn Coke (5), and Landry Kate Coke (2); nieces and nephews, Misty Conklin, Tifinie Horn and husband Brandon, Kevin Conklin and wife Kristi, and Scott Pyeatt and wife Rhonda; great nieces and nephews, Breia Conklin, Gunner Conklin, Jarrett Conklin, Klayton Conklin, and Kensie Conklin; Cousin, Brenda Reed and husband Tom.

Sandra is preceded in death and is having a great reunion with her father, David Ray Jarrett; sister, Carolyn McCorcle; nephew, Ricky McCorcle; and a seventh grandbaby we know she is loving on now, along with many other loving family members.

Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home.

Funeral Services will be at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at First Church of the Nazarene, 2223 Lyndale St, Odessa, TX, with Reverend Bob Lothenore officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to the Children's Miracle Network at P.O. Box 7335, Odessa, TX, 79760.

Arrangements are entrusted to Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home. To send family condolences, please sign her guestbook at *www.sunsetodessa.com*.

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REGIONBRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW MEXICO

UNM drops stipend program for teacher mentors to cut costs

ALBUQUERQUE — University of New Mexico is halting a stipend program for teachers who host student assistants in their classrooms due to budget reasons.

The Albuquerque Journal reported Monday that the university's College of Education recently announced it would temporarily stop payments to student teachers who help mentor and prepare UNM students pursuing education careers.

The stipend program offers student teachers $50 or $100 each. The program costs less than $10,000 per year.

Education Dean Hector Ochoa issued a letter last month saying the decision to cut the program comes as UNM faces a significant budget shortfall. He says the only way to continue the program would have been to raise fees for students.

New Mexico law requires student teaching experience for people to obtain a teaching license.

WORD OF THE DAY
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Obstreperous
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adjective
1. resisting control or restraint in a difficult manner; unruly.

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Things to do

■ Bridge game play, 1 p.m., Allison Bridge Centre, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 432-682-8595.

■ Bingo, 6 p.m., Tall City VFW Post 7206, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.

■ Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 7 p.m., Basin Burger House.

■ "Chonda Pierce: Enough," 7 p.m., Tall City Stadium, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $13.53 fathomevents.com.

■ TED2017 Cinema Experience: Prize Event. 7 p.m., Tall City Stadium, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $15.16 fathomevents.com.

■ Shen Yun, 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $70-$120. Wagnernoel.com.

■ $2 Tuesdays with the same price for games, shoes, select beers and arcade card after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

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

Community calendar

■ The Midland Police Department invites members of the community for coffee and conversation 7:30-9:30 a.m. Wednesday at Loncheria Rio Bravo, 1109 E. Front St. "Café Y Conversación" aims to encourage residents to build relationships with the department and discuss community issues in a neutral and informal setting. Spanish-speaking officers will be at the event.

■ The Midland Fire Department has planned a grand opening ceremony at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday for the new station at 301 Tradewinds Blvd. near the Scharbauer Sports Complex. The new Fire Station 6 was a $4.4 million project and features three engine bays, a study, kitchen and housing area for firefighters/paramedics.

■ The city of Midland's Parks and Recreation Department is hosting Major League Baseball's Pitch, Hit, and Run skills competition 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Security Bank Ballpark. The event will be divided into four age divisions: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14. Children will have the chance to advance in the competition all the way to the team championships at Major League ballparks.

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

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Lee counselor Tammy Dennison reads letters Monday from last year's student winners at the Exchange Club of Midland Outstanding Student Award luncheon at the Petroleum Club. Honored at the Exchange Club luncheon were Kathryn Herd, Abigail Thacher, Anna Parkison, Abbeegail Dillard and Luke Speer from Midland High, Tatum Dotson, Gisela Molinero, Katelyn Day, Madison Leavitt and Celie Clark from Lee High School and Bernardo Chuecos Rincon from Early College High School at Midland College. See more photos in a future Education section.

Early voting

■ When: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday; 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 1-2

■ Where: Elections Office, County Annex Building, 2110 N. "A" St.

■ Note: Election Day is May 6. Times and voting centers will be published in future editions. For a sample ballot, polling locations and other information, please visit the Elections Office's website -- www.co.midland.tx.us/elections.

Meetings

City Council
■ 10 a.m.
■ Council Chambers City Hall
■ 300 N. Loraine Ave.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 6-3-7
Pick 3 day: 0-9-8
Pick 3 evening: 8-5-5
Pick 3 night: 7-6-4
Daily 4 morning: 7-3-0-2
Daily 4 day: 7-1-1-3
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Daily 4 night: 0-6-1-4
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All or Nothing evening: 1-3-7-10-11-12-13-14-17-20-22-23
All or Nothing night: 1-4-6-7-9-10-16-17-18-19-21-23

Today in history

Today is Tuesday, April 25, the 115th day of 2017. There are 250 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On April 25, 1507, a world map produced by German cartographer Martin Waldseemueller contained the first recorded use of the term "America," in honor of Italian navigator Amerigo Vespucci.

On this date:

In 404 B.C., the Peloponnesian War ended as Athens surrendered to Sparta.

In 1915, during World War I, Allied soldiers invaded the Gallipoli Peninsula in an unsuccessful attempt to take the Ottoman Empire out of the war.

In 2002, Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes of the Grammy-winning trio TLC died in an SUV crash in Honduras; she was 30.

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A baby born today has a Sun in Taurus and a Moon in Aries if born before 8:58 p.m. (CT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Taurus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, April 25, 2017: This year you often step back and reflect. Others witness your quieter side emerging. Some of your friends might worry, as they don't understand what is going on with you. Don't worry -- they will adjust. If you are single, someone you choose to date could be different from how he or she was during your initial meeting. Get to know this person well before committing to a serious relationship. If you are attached, your sweetie will relate to you better if you stay open and express your feelings clearly. Avoid getting into a power play with him or her at all costs. ARIES understands you even better than you do!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You want to make the best impression possible, even more so than usual. You might inadvertently add an element of the unexpected or originality to the mix. Suggestions come forward as you are so open. Sort through them. **Tonight:** Time for a serious discussion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You could feel at ease for most of the day. In your quietness, you'll gain unusual insight. You might want to share what you've discovered with someone who knows you well. Feedback is important, as it allows you to hear a different perspective. **Tonight:** Enjoy the moment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Use the daylight hours to the max. You are likely to be especially sociable in a meeting. In business situations with other people, you shine. A friend might call your views into question. Remain open. An associate could give you strong feedback. **Tonight:** Take a personal night.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You are being noticed by those around you. You might feel that someone is acting in a most unexpected way. Take a step back and try to understand where this person is coming from. Open up conversations, and be willing to gain a new perspective. **Tonight:** Catch up with a friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Understand what is motivating an associate. You don't often have long conversations with this person, but something unexpected is likely to encourage more communication. Consider what it's like to walk in this person's shoes. Let others take the lead. **Tonight:** Out late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Your creativity can cook up a bad idea every so often. Brainstorm with others. Don't hesitate to share what else is on your mind. A person with whom you share financial interests surprises you once more. Keep conversations open. **Tonight:** Let the fun begin!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Your ability to make a difference emerges, especially once you make an effort to understand what is happening between you and a friend. You might need to revise your thinking to see where this person is coming from. Once you do, you'll be happier. **Tonight:** Hang out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Your focus can be easily disrupted by interference from another party. Try taking a walk to clear your mind. Be aware of a feeling of financial tightness. Perhaps you are simply aware of your budget and its limitations, and are responding in a mature way. **Tonight:** All smiles.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Your serious attitude could create distance between you and a key person in your life. You sometimes need to smile a bit more to relax. Move forward and handle a personal issue directly. Your caring nature will delight a child or new friend. **Tonight:** Know when to call it a night.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You have the unique ability to move from one subject to another without lingering. Dealing with a personal matter could take a lot of time. This issue could affect your home or a real-estate investment. You alone know the importance of this matter. **Tonight:** Happy at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You might want to understand what is motivating you to overthink an issue. In fact, you might not even realize just how much mental space this thought is occupying. If possible, try to resolve the problem ASAP. Seek out new information. **Tonight:** A friend touches base.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ You might be too tired to discuss a financial matter, but you might have no other choice. An element of the unexpected runs through your day. Others tend to see you as unusually dynamic because of your ability to shift quickly into different gears. **Tonight:** Catch up on a friend's news.

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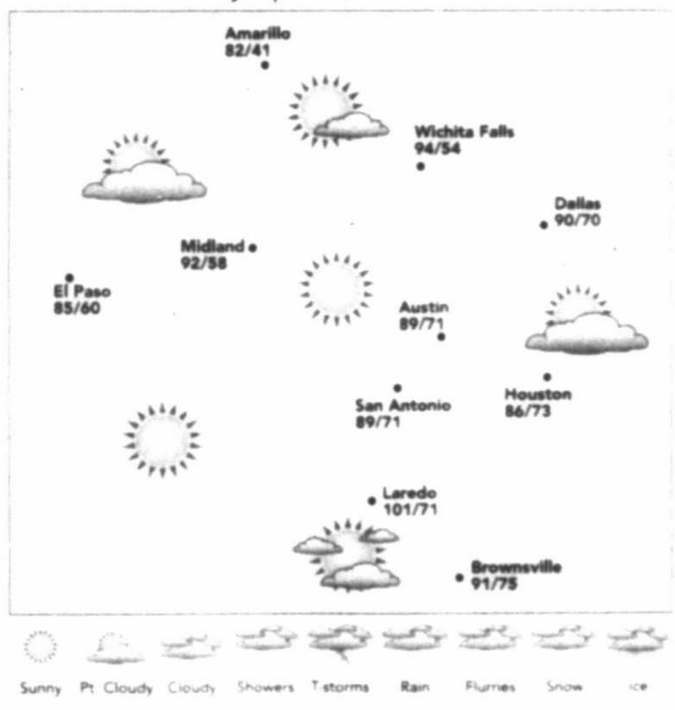

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Federal judge temporarily blocks 2nd Arkansas execution

By Andrew DeMillo and Kelly P. Kissel
Associated Press

VARNER, Ark. — A federal judge temporarily blocked Arkansas from executing a second inmate Monday night after attorneys questioned whether the first execution had gone properly.

Jack Jones received a lethal injection earlier Monday evening that lasted 14 minutes. The state was set to execute Marcel Williams about an hour later after the U.S. Supreme Court rejected Williams' last appeals, but a federal judge temporarily halted the proceedings due to an emergency filing from Williams' attorneys.

U.S. District Judge Kristine Baker halted Williams' execution until she issues another order. His death warrant expires at midnight.

In the emergency filing, Williams' attorneys wrote that officials spent 45 minutes trying to place an IV line in Jones' neck before placing it elsewhere. It argued that Williams, who weighs 400 pounds, could face a "torturous" death because of his weight.

Intravenous lines are placed before witnesses are allowed access to the death chamber.

Arkansas' attorney general says the attorneys' account of the Jones execution was "inaccurate."

An Associated Press reporter who witnessed the execution said Jones moved his lips briefly after the midazolam was administered, and officials put a tongue depressor in his mouth intermittently for the first few minutes. His chest stopped moving two minutes after they checked for consciousness, and he was pronounced dead at 7:20 p.m.

Jones, who'd argued that his health conditions could lead to a painful death, gave a lengthy last statement. His final words were: "I'm sorry."

"I hope over time you can learn who I really am and I am not a monster," he said in the roughly two-minute statement.

Williams was scheduled to be executed at 8:15 p.m. Monday after the U.S. Supreme Court rejected his final appeals, but Baker's order placed that on hold.

Jones was sent to death row for the 1995 rape and killing of Mary Phillips. He was also convicted of attempting to kill Phillips' 11-year-old daughter and was convicted in another rape and killing in Florida.

Jones said earlier this month that he was ready for execution. He used a wheelchair and he'd had a leg amputated in prison because of diabetes.

The state conducted its first execution last week after a nearly 12-year hiatus. Initially, Gov. Asa Hutchinson scheduled four double executions over an 11-day period in April. The eight executions would have been the most by a state in such a compressed period since the U.S. Supreme Court reinstated the death penalty in 1976. The state said the executions needed to be carried out before its supply of midazolam, one lethal injection drug, expires on April 30.

The first three executions were canceled because of court decisions, then inmate Ledell Lee was executed last week.

Williams' "morbid obesity makes it likely that either the IV line cannot be placed or that it will be placed in error, thus causing substantial damage (like a collapsed lung)," his attorneys wrote in a court filing asking justices to block the execution.

Both men were served last meals on Monday afternoon, Arkansas Department of Correction spokesman Solomon Graves said. Jones had fried chicken, potato logs with tartar sauce, beef jerky bites, three candy bars, a chocolate milkshake and fruit punch. Williams had fried chicken, banana pudding, nachos, two sodas and potato logs with ketchup, Graves said.

Before Lee's execution Thursday, Arkansas hadn't put an inmate to death since 2005. In several of the 31 states where executions are legal, drug shortages have often forced delays as manufacturers prohibit their use in executions. Arkansas believes that secrecy it grants to suppliers can solve that problem, though it still has difficulty obtaining the drugs. Courts have also forced rewrites of Arkansas' lethal injection protocols, causing further delays. Jones and Williams committed their crimes more than two decades ago.

In recent pleadings before state and federal courts, the inmates said the three drugs Arkansas uses to execute prisoners — midazolam, vecuronium bromide and potassium chloride — could be ineffective because of their poor health.

Jones, 52, lost a leg to diabetes and was on insulin. Williams, 46, weighs 400 pounds, is diabetic and has concerns that the execution team might not be able to find a suitable vein to support an intravenous line.

The poor health of both men, their lawyers claimed, could make it difficult for them to respond during a consciousness check following a megadose of midazolam. The state shouldn't

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Workers dismantle the Liberty Place monument on Monday. The monument commemorates whites who tried to topple a biracial post-Civil War government, in New Orleans. It was removed overnight in an attempt to avoid disruption from supporters who want the monuments to stay.

New Orleans takes down white supremacist monument

By Jesse J. Holland and Gerald Herbert
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — A monument to a deadly white-supremacist uprising in 1874 was removed under cover of darkness by workers in masks and bulletproof vests Monday as New Orleans joined the movement to take down symbols of the Confederacy and the Jim Crow South.

The Liberty Place monument, a 35-foot granite obelisk that pays tribute to whites who tried to topple a biracial Reconstruction government installed in New Orleans after the Civil War, was taken away on a truck in pieces before daybreak after a few hours of work.

In the coming days, the city will also remove three statues of Confederate Gens. Robert E. Lee and P.G.T. Beauregard and Confederate President Jefferson Davis, now that legal challenges have been overcome.

"We will no longer allow the Confederacy to literally be put on a pedestal in the heart of our city," Mayor Mitch Landrieu vowed.

The removal of the obelisk was carried out early in the morning because of death threats and fears of disruption from supporters of the monuments.

The workers wore military-style helmets and had scarves over their faces. Police were on hand, with officers watching from atop a hotel parking garage.

"The statue was put up to honor the killing of police officers by white supremacists," Landrieu said. "Of the four that we will move, this statue is perhaps the most blatant affront to the values that make America and New Orleans strong today."

Citing safety concerns, the mayor would not disclose exactly when the other monuments would be taken down, except to say that it will be done at night to avoid trouble.

He said the monuments will be put in storage until an appropriate place to display them is determined.

Nationally, the debate over Confederate symbols has flared since nine black parishioners were shot to death by an avowed racist at a church in Charleston, South Carolina, in 2015.

South Carolina removed the Confederate flag from its statehouse grounds in the weeks after, and several Southern cities have since considered removing monuments. The University of Mississippi took down its state flag because it includes the Confederate emblem.

New Orleans is a mostly black city of nearly 390,000. The majority-black City Council voted 6-1 in 2015 to take down the monuments, but legal battles held up action.

Landrieu, a white Democrat, proposed the monuments' removal and rode to victory twice with overwhelming support from the city's black residents.

Opponents of the memorials say they are offensive artifacts honoring the region's racist past. Others say the monuments are part of history and should be preserved.

Robert Bonner, a 63-year-old Civil War re-enactor, was there to protest the monument's removal.

"I think it's a terrible thing," he said. "When you start removing the history of the city, you start losing money. You start losing where you came from and where you've been."

The Monumental Task Committee, which sued to preserve the memorials, condemned the middle-of-the-night removal as "atrocious government."

The Liberty Place monument was erected in 1891 to commemorate the failed uprising by the Crescent City White League.

Sixteen White Leaguers, 13 members of the white and black Metropolitan police force and six bystanders were among those killed in the bloody battle down Canal Street.

President Ulysses Grant sent federal troops to take the city back three days later. However, the White League grew in power in New Orleans after the battle, with its members and allies taking over the city and state government after Reconstruction.

An inscription added in 1932 said the Yankees withdrew federal troops and "recognized white supremacy in the South" after the uprising. In 1993, those words were covered by a granite slab with a new inscription, saying the obelisk honors "Americans on both sides" who died and that the conflict "should teach us lessons for the future."

New Orleans removed the memorial from busy Canal Street during a paving project in 1989 and didn't put it back up until the city was sued. Even then, it was consigned to an obscure spot on a side street.

Landrieu said the memorials don't represent his city as it approaches its 300th anniversary next year.

Removing the monuments is "not about blame," the mayor said. Rather, he said, it's about "showing the whole world that we as a city and as people are able to acknowledge, understand, reconcile and — most importantly — choose a better future, making straight what has been crooked and right what has been wrong."

Passengers in viral airline videos have same lawyer

By David Koenig
Associated Press

DALLAS — The woman seen sobbing in a viral video after an American Airlines flight attendant took away her stroller now has a lawyer — the same attorney representing a man dragged off a United Express flight earlier this month.

The Chicago lawyer, Thomas Demetrio, says the flight attendant was "out of control" and nearly hit one of the woman's two young children with the stroller.

An American Airlines spokesman said Monday that the company has been in contact with the woman and refunded her tickets and upgraded her to first class for the rest of her trip to Argentina.

The airline says the woman's doublewide stroller was tagged to be checked as cargo at the door to the plane, but instead she took it into the cabin, leading to the confrontation with the flight attendant.

The airline spokesman said American is still investigating the incident and has grounded the flight attendant. American said in a statement Friday that the scene captured on video "does not reflect our values or how we care for our customers."

The incident before a flight from San Francisco to Dallas came two weeks after airport police in Chicago dragged a passenger off a plane after he refused to give up his seat to make room for an airline employee.

Demetrio said the passenger, a 69-year-old Kentucky physician, plans to file a lawsuit. He said it was too soon to know whether the woman on the American Airlines plane would sue.

Video of both events has put airlines on the defensive in the court of public opinion.

"We live in the age of cellphone video, so corporations have to take heed," Demetrio told NBC-TV.

Astronaut breaks US space record, gets call from Trump

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Astronaut Peggy Whitson broke the U.S. record Monday for most time in space and talked up Mars during a congratulatory call from President Donald Trump.

The International Space Station's commander surpassed the record of 534 days, two hours and 48 minutes for most accumulated time in space by an American.

"This is a very special day in the glorious history of American spaceflight," Trump said. His daughter and close adviser, Ivanka Trump, also offered congratulations to Whitson from the Oval Office.

Whitson said it's "a huge honor" to break such a record. "It's an exciting time" as NASA prepares for human expeditions to Mars in the 2030s, included in new legislation signed by Trump last month. She called the space station "a key bridge" between living on Earth and traveling into deep space, and she singled out the station's recycling system that transforms astronauts' urine into drinking water.

"It's really not as bad as it sounds," she assured the president.

"Well, that's good, I'm glad to hear that," he replied. "Better you than me."

Whitson already was the world's most experienced spacewoman and female spacewalker and, at 57, the oldest woman in space. By the time she returns to Earth in September, she'll have logged 666 days in orbit over three flights.

The world record — 879 days — is held by Russian Gennady Padalka. Whitson broke the NASA cumulative record set last year by astronaut Jeffrey Williams; Scott Kelly holds the U.S. record for consecutive days in space — 340.

Whitson is also the first woman to command the space station twice and the only woman to have led NASA's astronaut corps. Behind her was a banner that read: "Congrats Peggy!! New U.S. High-Time Space Ninja." The sign arrived Saturday on the commercial cargo ship, the S.S. John Glenn — barely in time for Monday's celebration.

NASA astronaut Jack Fischer, who arrived at the space station last week and took part in Monday's call, said the space station is "by far the best example of international cooperation."

Whitson told the president that spaceflight takes a lot of time and money, so getting to Mars will require collaboration from other countries to succeed. NASA is building the hardware right now to test a new rocket that will carry astronauts farther from Earth than ever before, she said.

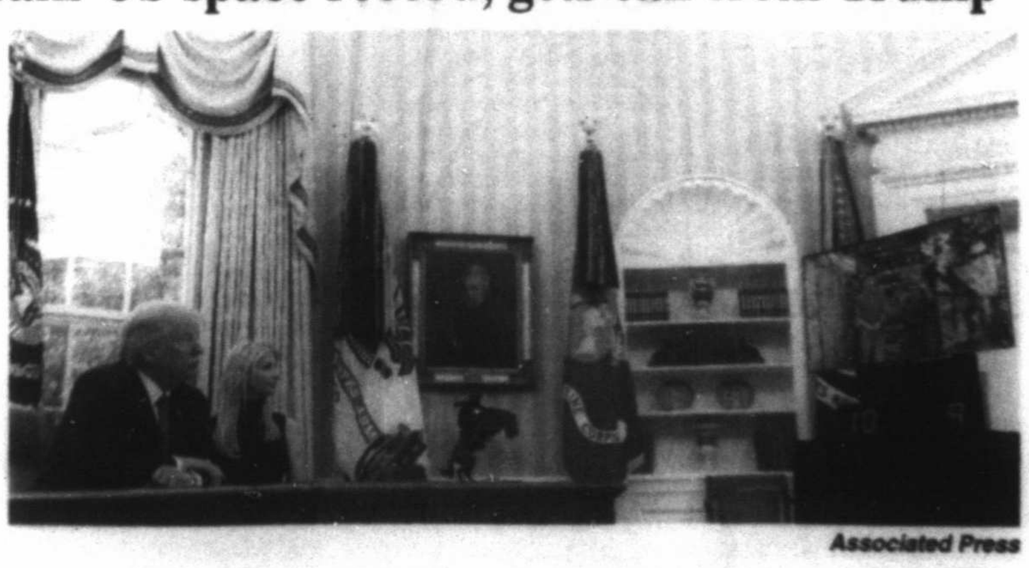
"Well, we want to try and do it during my first term or, at worst, during my second term, so we'll have to speed that up a little bit, OK?" Trump replied.

"We'll do our best," Whitson replied.

The debut of the mega rocket is still more than a year away — at least. The date will depend on whether astronauts are on board for the test flight, which could hoist the new Orion capsule to the vicinity of the moon.

Both Whitson and Fischer raised a hand when Trump asked which one of them was ready to go to Mars. Joining Trump in the Oval Office was astronaut Kate Rubins, who last summer became the first person in space to perform entire DNA decoding, or sequencing. She said she used a device the size of a cellphone for the job, and noted that such sequencing can detect microbes aboard spacecraft and monitor astronaut health.

"That's fantastic," Trump said. "I've been dealing with politicians so much, I'm so much more impressed with these people, you have no idea."



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President Donald Trump, accompanied by his daughter Ivanka Trump, talks via video conference with International Space Station Commander Peggy Whitson and Jack Fischer on the Space Station, Monday from the Oval Office.

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risk giving them drugs to stop their lungs and hearts if they aren't unconscious, they have told courts.

The last state to put more than one inmate to death on the same day was Texas, which executed two killers in August 2000. Oklahoma planned a double execution in 2014 but scrapped plans for the second one after the execution of Clayton Lockett went awry.

Arkansas executed four men in an eight-day period in 1960. The only quicker pace included quadruple executions in 1926 and 1930.

Williams was sent to death row for the 1994 rape and killing of 22-year-old Stacy Errickson, whom he kidnapped from a gas station in central Arkansas.

Authorities said Williams abducted and raped two other women in the days before he was arrested in Errickson's death. Williams admitted responsibility to the state Parole Board last month.

"I wish I could take it back, but I can't," Williams told the board.

Jones was given the death penalty for the 1995 rape and killing of Mary Phillips. He strangled her with the cord to a coffee pot.

Farmers fear deportation of workers could hurt livelihood

By Andrew Selsky
Associated Press

SALEM, Ore. — The head of Bethel Heights Vineyard looked out over the 100 acres of vines her crew of 20 Mexicans had just finished pruning, worried about what will happen if the Trump administration presses ahead with its crackdown on immigrants.

From tending the plants to harvesting the grapes, it takes skill and a strong work ethic to produce the winery's pinot noir and chardonnay, and native-born Americans just aren't willing to work that hard, Patricia Dudley said as a cold rain drenched the vineyard in the hills of Oregon.

"Who's going to come out here and do this work when they deport them all?" she asked.

President Donald Trump's hard line against immigrants in the U.S. illegally has sent a chill through the nation's agricultural industry, which fears a crackdown will deprive it of the labor it needs to plant, grow and pick the crops that feed the country.

Fruit and vegetable growers, dairy and cattle farmers and owners of plant nurseries and vineyards have begun lobbying politicians at home and in Washington to get them to deal with immigration in a way that minimizes the harm to their livelihoods.

Some of the farm leaders are Republicans who voted for Trump and are torn, wanting border security but also mercy toward laborers who are not dangerous criminals.

Farming uses a higher percentage of illegal labor than any other U.S. industry, according to a Pew Research Center study.

Immigrants working illegally in this country accounted for about 46 percent of America's roughly 800,000 crop farmworkers in recent years, according to an Associated Press analysis of data from the U.S. Departments of Labor and Agriculture.

Stepped-up deportations could carry "significant economic implications," a 2012 U.S. Department of Agriculture study said. If America's unauthorized labor force shrank 40 percent, for example, vegetable production could drop by more than 4 percent, the study said.

The American Farm Bureau Federation says strict immigration enforcement would raise food prices 5 to 6 percent because of a drop in supply and because of the higher labor costs farmers could face.

In addition to proposing a wall at the Mexican border, Trump wants to hire 10,000 more Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers and has served notice that he intends to be more aggressive than the Obama administration in deporting immigrants.

ICE agents have arrested hundreds of immigrants since Trump took office, though how much of a change from the Obama administration that represents is a matter of debate.

Field hands have been among those targeted, with apple pickers detained in upstate New York and Guatemalans pulled over in Oregon on their way to a forest to pick a plant used in floral arrangements.

It doesn't appear the arrests themselves have put a sizable dent in the agricultural workforce yet, but the fear is taking its toll.

Some workers in Oregon are leaving for job sites as early as 1 a.m. and staying away from check-cashing shops on payday to avoid dragnets. Farm employers are worried about losing their workforces.

"They say, 'Don't go out, don't get drunk, don't do nothing illegal' because they need us too. They worry too," said Moses Maldonado, who is in the U.S. illegally and has worked for nearly four decades tending wine grapes and picking fruit in Oregon.

In Los Banos, California, asparagus farmer Joe Del Bosque said workers are so afraid of being arrested in the field that he struggled to find enough hands in March to pick his crop.

When immigration attorney Sarah Loftin held a recent seminar in the Oregon wine-region town of Newberg to talk about immigrants' legal rights, she was surprised to see about half of those present were winery owners or farmers.

By law, job seekers must provide documents establishing their eligibility to work in the U.S. But the papers are often fake. Many agricultural employers say that it's not their responsibility — and that they lack the expertise — to determine if they're genuine.

At the same time, they say that U.S.-born workers have little interest at laboring in the dirt and the cold at the crack of dawn.

As 18 Guatemalans in hoodies and rubber boots toiled in such conditions recently in Oregon's Willamette Valley, their boss expressed admiration for their willingness to do the back-breaking work he said native-born Americans won't do.

"Homeless people are camped in the fir forest over there," the farmer said, pointing to a stand of trees. "And they're not looking for work."

He lamented that crackdowns may force him to retire because he won't be able to find workers. Fearing reprisals from federal agents, he spoke on condition of anonymity and didn't want even his crop identified.

Some immigration hardliners say people who are in the U.S. illegally steal jobs from Americans. But a 2013 study by an economist at the Center for Global Development looked at farms in North Carolina and found that immigrant manual laborers had "almost zero" effect on the job prospects of native-born U.S. workers.

"It appears that almost all U.S. workers prefer almost any labor-market outcome — including long periods of unemployment — to carrying out manual harvest and planting labor," Michael Clemens wrote.

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OPINION

Punishment is carried out where no one can see

■ US prison system subjects inmates to forms of abuse in addition to their yearslong sentences

ROSS DOUTHAT
New York Times News Service

Last week, the State of Arkansas, which had executed exactly nobody since 2005, put to death Ledell Lee for the crime of murdering Debra Reese in 1993. Why now — 11 years after the last execution, 24 years after the crime? Because the chemicals used for lethal injection were about to expire.

Reasonable people can disagree on the death penalty, but everyone should recognize the dark absurdity of an execution timetable set by a drug's expiration date. And that absurdity provides a useful segue to the latest in my ongoing series of implausible proposals: That our modern way of punishment should be reconsidered, and penalties long dismissed as inhumane should replace medicalized executions and "civilized" incarceration.

That phrasing sounds too reasonable for the spirit of this series, so here's the more outrageous version: Bring back the stocks and the firing squad.

The tendency in modern criminal justice has been to remove two specific elements from the state's justice: spectacle and pain. During the 19th and early 20th centuries, pillories and stocks and whipping posts became museum pieces, the hangman and the firing squad were supplanted by more technical methods, and punishment became something that happened elsewhere — in distant prisons and execution chambers, under professional supervision, far from the baying crowd.

All of this made a certain moral sense. But the civilizing process did not do away with cruelty and in some ways it could exacerbate it. With executions, the science was often inexact and the application difficult, and when it went wrong the electric chair or the gas chamber could easily become a distinctive kind of torture. During the last century lethal injection, now the execution method of choice, had a higher "botch rate" by far than every other means of killing the condemned. Meanwhile, the lowest rate of failure (albeit out of a small sample size) belonged to that old standby: the firing squad.

Few prisoners face execution, and anti-death penalty activists may yet reduce that number to zero. But botched injections are not the only ways in which we pile cruelties on the condemned. Our prison system, which officially only punishes by restraint, actually subjects millions of Americans to waves of informal physical abuse — mistreatment by guards, violence from inmates, the tortures of solitary confinement, the trauma of rape — on top of their formal yearslong sentences.

It is not clear that this method of dealing with crime succeeds at avoiding cruel and unusual punishment so much as it avoids making anyone outside the prison system see it. Nor is it clear that a different system, with a sometimes more old-fashioned set of penalties, would necessarily be more inhumane.

This is the (deliberately provocative) argument of Peter Salib, a judicial clerk on the Seventh Circuit, in his new paper, "Why Prison?: An Economic Critique." Salib's claim is radical: "We should not imprison people who commit crimes." Instead we should force criminals to work, under monitoring, in the highest-value available jobs in order to make financial restitution, while adding additional deterrence in the form of "nonmonetary sanctions." Writes Salib, "this paper does not endorse any particular nonmonetary sanction," but he notes that "history presents a startling array of options, including: flogging, pillory, running the gauntlope, tarring and feathering, branding, and many more."

The idea that a combination of financial sanctions and corporal punishment could replace imprisonment seems insane, even to a columnist floating slightly crazy ideas. There will always be a group of offenders sufficiently dangerous to require long-term separation from society. And most of our prisoners, contrary to certain convenient myths, are not nonviolent offenders; they have been convicted of robbery, assault, rape and murder.

But not every violent offender is equally dangerous — a fact already reflected in sentencing, which releases many prisoners relatively swiftly. So there would be room to experiment with Salib's proposal, to offer some of the convicted the stocks followed by supervised labor, without leaping to the abolish-prison stage.

I recognize (and Salib acknowledges) a strong historical reason not to conduct such an experiment: because of the memory of slavery, the role that public violence played in maintaining racial hierarchy, and the fear of resurrecting that violence in a country whose prison population is still disproportionately black.

This argument is powerful, but I still wonder if it is not a little self-deceiving. I would rather face the firing squad than be strapped down and injected into eternity, and I would choose a strong dose of pain and shame over years under the thumb of guards and inmates and the state.

We tell ourselves that we have prisoners' good in mind, and the higher standards of our civilization, because we do not offer them this choice. But those standards may be less about preventing ourselves from becoming like our sinful ancestors, and more about maintaining the illusion of clean hands — while harsh punishment is still imposed, but out of sight, on souls and bodies not our own.

OPINION EXTRA

What happens to Fox News now that Bill O'Reilly is gone?

Bill O'Reilly, the recently ejected Fox News TV host, conducted interviews by talking over people, argued by repeating his conclusions and could not resist saying over and over again how tall he was, how generous he was or that he once went to Harvard. It took more than all of that to shatter my tolerance, however.

The biggie for me was when he called a journalist whose intellect dwarfs his "a hack" and a liar, all by way of defending a controversial book that skipped requisite research.

The occasion was a visit to O'Reilly's Fox News TV show by Washington Post columnist and then-Fox employee George Will. This masterful commentator, who happens to be one of the best newspaper columnists in America, had written a sharply critical piece on O'Reilly's book "Killing Reagan."

He said O'Reilly's co-author on the work, Martin Dugard, had not even bothered to talk to prime White House players about the book's charge that President Reagan was an incapacitated mental mess during much of his presidency. Agreeing about this refusal to listen to people who were firsthand witnesses, O'Reilly nevertheless said he and Dugard had the truth nailed down and that those disagreeing with them were biased and trying to hide the facts.

This was journalistically disgraceful, intellectually fraudulent excuse mongering that was then accompanied by the name-calling, and here is what I said to myself. First, on the good side, O'Reilly is an outstanding showman. He has been a primary force in helping Fox News grow and balance leftist media bias. He shies away from no issue and regularly has superb, enlightening guests on his show. He has moments of graciousness accompanied by common sense.

But then, on the bad side, he has an unruly, bullying ego allied with shallow understandings that exhibited themselves, as one example, when he shrugged his shoulders about President Donald Trump's campaign call for killing relatives of Islamic terrorists. He said it was just everyday politics.

Now O'Reilly is gone from Fox because this constant critic of The New York Times was subjected to a Times investigation disclosing millions of dollars worth of legal settlements in five cases of sexual harassment allegations. Viewers over the following days did nothing to impair his standing as the all-time ratings giant of cable news shows, but the show's advertisers mostly skedaddled, no doubt worried about a furious reaction in some quarters.

The remaining question is what happens to Fox News.

Dismissed by liberal critics as a propagandistic joke, the network boasts news anchors and reporters as fair and capable as what you find elsewhere on TV. Watch out especially for Chris Wallace. He was the single best moderator of all the journalists in the general-election presidential debates.

The commentators range from Sean Hannity, obsessively in love with all things Trumpian, to the brilliant Charles Krauthammer, as knowledgeable, lucid, straightforward and insightful as they come. Megyn Kelly, an alert and shining news star, has gone to NBC, but Tucker Carlson, whose finely honed specialty is exposing ideological vacuity, is set to take O'Reilly's place.

Roger Ailes, the canny boss behind the scenes, has departed because he, too, stood accused of sexual harassment. No one really knows what is planned by the network's replacement honchos, two sons of the billionaire owner, Rupert Murdoch.

The hope in this corner is that they will reach for more depth, emphasize objectivity in aggressive reporting and stick to commentary that includes liberal views but remains focused on conservative views, especially those of Krauthammer quality. Mute this rare TV voice against inane socialistic ambition and our society will have been terribly cheated.

In fairness to O'Reilly, it would also be good to have commentators with his sense of what attracts large audiences and the personality to make it happen, if they can keep that personality in tow.

— Jay Ambrose, Tribune News Service

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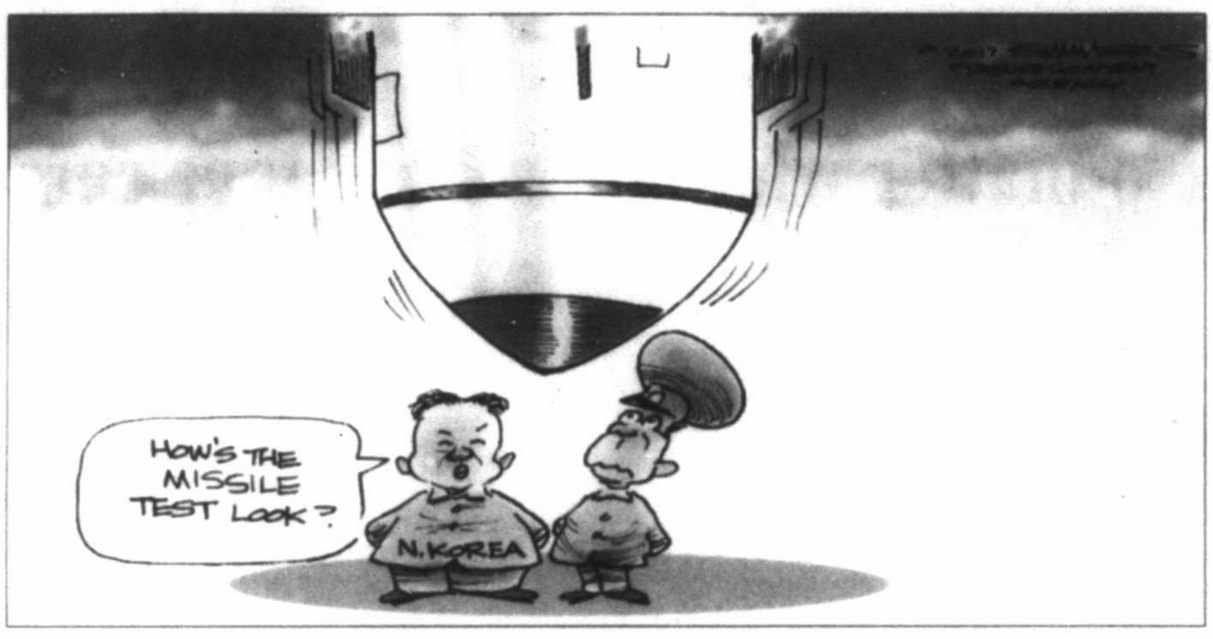

Dufford has reasons to support 4B

■ Lingering in the background is the question with a tough answer — what happens if the 4B election fails?

"We have generational opportunity to make Midland a really special place. ... Improved parks and a better quality of life, which includes roads, are at the top of the list of making Midland a special place to live."

— Scott Dufford

STEWART DOREEN
Midland Reporter-Telegram

In one thought, the dean of all members of the Midland City Council, gave his two cents for why Midlanders should vote for an extension of a quarter-cent piece of a sales tax.

You would have to forgive me if I haven't taken a double-take over the evolution of Dufford since his ascension to city leadership in 2001. Back then, he was vocal — and maybe brash — about the size of city government.

It wasn't until Dufford had the microphone that you really heard anyone talk about consolidation of city and county government. It wasn't going to happen, but that was beside the point. If he saw inefficiencies, he was going to call you out and put you on notice. The crusader for smaller government had his moments. He still boasts of a managed competition committee created early in his time on the city council that he says saved city taxpayers millions of dollars.

So how can the person who once irritated so many in the establishment support this tax, which some see as evidence of bigger government? The answer is simple: He doesn't see it that way.

For years, he has eyed the opportunity to have Midlanders extend the 4B because he knew what a headache it would be trying to fit the operations and maintenance budget in the general fund budget. That was a $2.5 million hit he has wanted to avoid. Since city leaders started discussing paying off the sports complex early, he didn't mind telling anybody of that impending crisis. The discussions started in about 2014.

Dufford also sees this tax as an opportunity. The grandfather in him wants the parks upgrade. On Thursday night, he spent a few moments talking to the Reporter-Telegram before joining his grandkids at the RockHounds game.

The fiscal conservative in him likes projects that operate as pay-as-you-go — a rarity on projects that could end up totaling more than $150 million. No debt means no interest payments that can cost the taxpayers tens of millions of dollars.

"As long as future councils adhere to the pay-as-you-go plan, we can do a lot of great things," Dufford said. "Stick to parks and roads and maintaining the sports complex — I don't see how we can go wrong."

Yeah, he's heard former city leaders and other 4B opponents. He is quick to point out there's not a stadium in the country that makes money for the community. Their value, he said, comes in people staying in hotels, eating at restaurants and other community-impact measures.

He gets it that many Midlanders will never step foot in either stadium at the Scharbauer Sports Complex. They didn't vote for it, they have no use for it, and they resent it. But "we still have to maintain it," he said.

In the midst of the conversation, he touched on a point that really no one has wanted to talk about during the campaign. He answered the question: "What if the 4B ballot initiative doesn't pass?"

"If this doesn't pass, I am not sure what Midland wants," Dufford said. "We are all really clueless. ... If it were me, I would (then) slow things down."

That's right. He recommends slowing down things in a growing community. For a community in the midst of a more subtle growth spurt (ask any Realtor), slowing down will do what Concho leader Tim Leach warned about, maybe five or more years ago — and that is, put Midland even further behind the eight ball when it comes to taking care of needs and dealing with growth.

The Reporter-Telegram has been talking for years about what's next. We repeatedly asked what will be that plan to put Midland on the road to addressing the real needs, and what is being done to educate the community about those priorities?

Slowing down? That means possibly kicking down the road a desperately needed $100 million-plus road maintenance bond.

I personally think this flawed ballot initiative has a better than 50-50 chance of passing. However, if it doesn't, campaign leaders will only have themselves to blame. They also will have played a part in the failure of consecutive ballot initiatives (Midland ISD's tax ratification election being the first) for the first time in more than 20 years.

Will it pass? It just might require more people who represent the rarest of political creatures — the former fiscal hardliners who have evolved. It just might require more Midlanders like Dufford.

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

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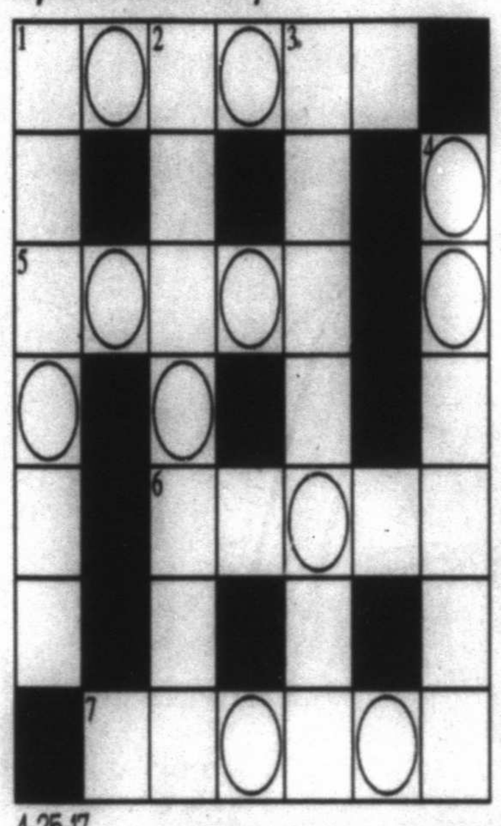

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4. Captivate, charm	NDEAER

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4 Campfire leftovers
9 Bowler's challenge
14 Deli loaf
15 Kingdom
16 Escape detection by
17 Notable period
18 *Increases homeowner levies, say
20 "Pitching" or "sand" golf club
22 Tartan wrap
23 Candidate's goal
24 *EMS group
27 2015 FedExCup champ Jordan
29 '80s-'90s legal drama
33 Williams in the Country Music Hall of Fame
34 "Brokeback Mountain" director
39 Go astray
40 Dutch financial powerhouse
41 *Meaty barbecued pork dish
42 You, in Paris
43 Dessert with a crust
44 Corrects a pencil mistake
45 Soft "Hey!"
46 "Buzz off!"
48 Siouan speakers
50 *Marinara sauce ingredient
55 Medication
58 San Joaquin Valley problem
59 Prying type
62 *Restaurant chain named for a Rolling Stones hit
65 Make public
66 "Hello" Grammy winner
67 Part of an act
68 Mining supply
69 French hat
70 Smooths in shop class
71 Pig's pad

DOWN

1 Coffee or tea
2 Fictional governess
3 Double
4 Take into custody
5 Pirate's milieu
6 Japanese 17-syllable poem
7 Borden spokescow
8 Silvery food fish
9 Ready to go
10 Blood component
11 Very fancy
12 Creative spark
13 Trial run
19 Sault __ Marie
21 Adorkable one
25 Rocker, e.g.
26 Tavern drinks
27 Ocean crossers
28 __ button
30 Chant for D.C.'s baseball club
31 Cropped up
32 Court orders
35 Org. with Warriors and Wizards
36 Alfa Romeo sports cars
37 Tell tall tales
38 Surrey town known for salts
41 San __: Riviera resort
45 Hors d'oeuvres spread
47 Diamond-shaped pattern
49 Go along
51 The Spartans of the NCAA
52 "Don't make __!"
53 Puccini premiere of 1900
54 Nash who rhymed "grackle" with "debacle"
55 Dull
56 Lacking manners
57 Popular rideshare app
60 Window shade
61 Pretentiously cultured, and a phonetic hint to the answers to starred clues
63 Spring Festival : China :: __ : Vietnam
64 "What else?"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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Old-guard rallies around newcomer Macron for French runoff

By Angela Charlton and Elaine Ganley
Associated Press

PARIS — France's established parties are rallying around the man who helped shut them out of the presidential runoff, maverick centrist Emmanuel Macron — an alliance of convenience aimed at keeping far-right Marine Le Pen out of the Elysee Palace.

Support for Macron also poured in Monday from the seat of the European Union, as well as German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Jewish and Muslim groups troubled by Le Pen's nationalist vision.

European stock markets surged, and France's main index hit its highest level since early 2008, as investors gambled that the rise of populism around the world — and its associated unpredictability in policymaking — may have peaked.

For all the paeans to Macron's unifying vision in divided times, it is now up to French voters to decide whether to entrust him with this nuclear-armed nation in the May 7 presidential runoff. Polls consider him the front-runner but that's no guarantee that the French will come together to stop Le Pen the way they stopped her father, Jean-Marie Le Pen, from reaching the presidency in 2002.

France's divided political mainstream, rejected by an angry electorate, united Monday to urge voters to back Macron and reject Le Pen's far-right agenda.

Politicians on the moderate left and right, including French President Francois Hollande and the losing Socialist and Republican party candidates in Sunday's first-round vote, maneuvered to block Le Pen's path to power.

In a solemn address from the Elysee palace, Hollande said he would vote for Macron, his former economy minister, because Le Pen represents "both the danger of the isolation of France and of rupture with the European Union."

Associated Press

French centrist presidential candidate Emmanuel Macron waves before addressing his supporters at his election day headquarters in Paris on Sunday. They could hardly be more different: Pro-European centrist Emmanuel Macron is facing anti-immigration, anti-EU Marine Le Pen in France's presidential runoff May 7.

Hollande said the far-right would "deeply divide France" at a time when the terror threat requires solidarity. "Faced with such a risk, it is not possible to remain silent or to take refuge in indifference," he said.

Voters narrowed the French presidential field from 11 to two in Sunday's first-round vote, and losers from across the spectrum called on their supporters to choose Macron in round two. Only the defeated far-left candidate, Jean-Luc Melenchon, pointedly refused to back Macron.

The contest is widely seen as a litmus test for the populist wave that last year prompted Britain to vote to leave the European Union and U.S. voters to elect Donald Trump president.

Le Pen, meanwhile, is hoping to peel away voters historically opposed to her National Front Party, long tainted by racism and anti-Semitism.

On Monday, she took a step in that direction, announcing she was temporarily stepping down as party leader, a move that appeared to be aimed at drawing a wider range of potential voters and was in keeping with her efforts in recent years to garner broader support from the left and right.

"Tonight, I am no longer the president of the National Front. I am the presidential candidate," she said on French public television news, adding that she wanted to be "above partisan considerations."

National Front party officials also joined the chorus, noting that a vote for Le Pen would be a natural move for those fed up with the status quo.

"The voters who voted for Mr. Melenchon are angry voters. They can be in agreement with us," Steeve Brios, the mayor of Le Pen's northern bastion of Henin-Beaumont, told The Associated Press, adding that those far-left voters sought choices "outside the system."

Choosing from inside the system is no longer an option. Voters rejected the two mainstream parties that have alternated power for decades in favor of Le Pen and the untested Macron, who has never held elected office and who founded his own political movement just last year.

Macron's optimistic vision of a tolerant France and a united Europe with open borders is a stark contrast with Le Pen's darker, inward-looking "French-first" platform that calls for closed borders, tougher security, less immigration and dropping the shared euro currency to return to the French franc.

Le Pen went on the offensive against Macron in her first public comments Monday. "He is a hysterical, radical 'Europeanist.' He is for total open borders. He says there is no such thing as French culture," she said.

Le Pen's father, Jean-Marie, made it into a presidential runoff against Jacques Chirac in 2002 and was crushed. Many commentators expect the same fate for his daughter, but she has already drawn far more support than he ever did and she has transformed the party's once-pariah image.

Louis Aliot, a National Front vice president and Le Pen's companion, insisted that Le Pen offers an alternative for anyone skeptical of the EU and France's role in it.

"I'm not convinced that the French are willing to sign a blank check to Mr. Macron," he said.

But Macron's party spokesman, Benjamin Griveaux, scoffed at the idea of Le Pen as an agent of change.

"She's been in the political system for 30 years. She inherited her father's party and we will undoubtedly have Le Pens running for the next 20 years, because after we had the father, we have the daughter and we will doubtless have the niece," he said, referring to Marion Marechal-Le Pen. "So she is in a truly bad position to be talking about the elites."

Merkel wished Macron "all the best for the next two weeks." And the German chancellor's chief of staff, Peter Altmaier, tweeted that "the result for Emmanuel Macron shows: France AND Europe can win together! The center is stronger than the populists think!"

Macron came in first in Sunday's vote, with more than 24 percent while Le Pen had 21.3 percent. Francois Fillon, the scandal-plagued conservative Republican party candidate, came in third with just shy of 20 percent of the vote, just ahead of Melenchon.

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Theater serves as therapy for autistic students

MCT's Applause! Players is weekly program for MISD

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As April is National Autism Awareness month, it seems fitting to talk about the program nearest and dearest to many of our hearts in Midland Community Theatre's Education Department: the Applause! Players.

Founded in 2005, the Applause! Players is a theater class geared toward students on the autism spectrum. At its inception, the class met only once in April for an annual workshop. Now the program has grown to meet once weekly throughout the school year. Judith Giebler, MCT education director and creator of the Applause! Players, reflects on the program's beginnings:

"We were initially approached in 2005 by the MISD school advocate for students with autism to present a workshop. At that time, we had very little knowledge about autism. In 2008, we were approached again by a different advocate — Melissa Knott — and asked to reinstate the workshop. Ms. Knott also mentored me by providing me with tools to gain a greater understanding of autism. She allowed us to create the classes we felt comfortable with, trusting our knowledge of theater and finding our way to something that could work for those giving the class as well as receiving the class."

Theater and autism may not seem like a logical pairing. Children with autism generally exhibit difficulty socializing, connecting with others or interpreting emotions. They are often flustered by environmental stimuli or any break in consistency. However, when presented appropriately, theater can serve as a therapeutic experience for an autistic student. Since theater is by nature social, collaborative and a form of play, learning theater skills can be a suitable teaching tool to help students cope with the communication challenges often associated with autism.

The design of the hour-long Applause class is intrinsic to the students' success. Because autistic children do not typically adapt well to unexpected changes in scheduling, Judith provides them with a color-coded wheel that outlines the day's activities. Each Wednesday session starts with a class overview and a warm-up game (yellow), followed by an acting game (red), story time (blue), art (white), stage time (gray) and a wrap-up (green). A chart is made available so that the students can easily visualize the day's tasks, and each activity takes place on a floor mat of the corresponding color.

Also unique to Applause! is our one-to-one teacher-student ratio. Thanks to the compassion of our Pickwick Player volunteers, each student is able to be paired with a partner for each class, freeing up our Education staff to facilitate the hour's activities. The children are often paired with the same teaching assistant throughout the year, adding yet another vital layer of consistency.

Pickwick Player vice president, Macy Fulton, a senior in high school, has volunteered with the Applause! program for the past two years. She eventually hopes to pursue theater therapy with a specialization in special needs.

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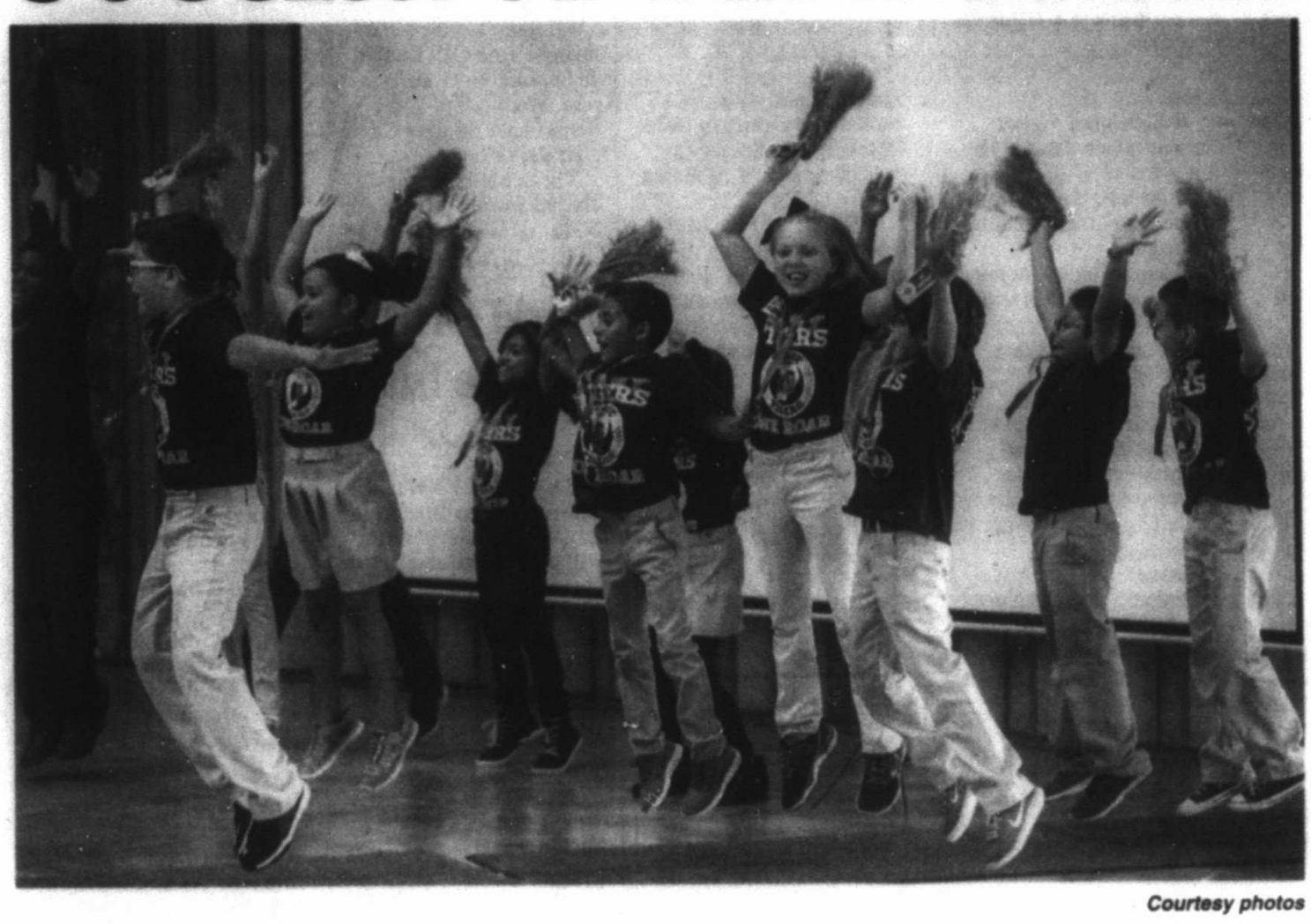
SUCCESSFUL TEAMWORK



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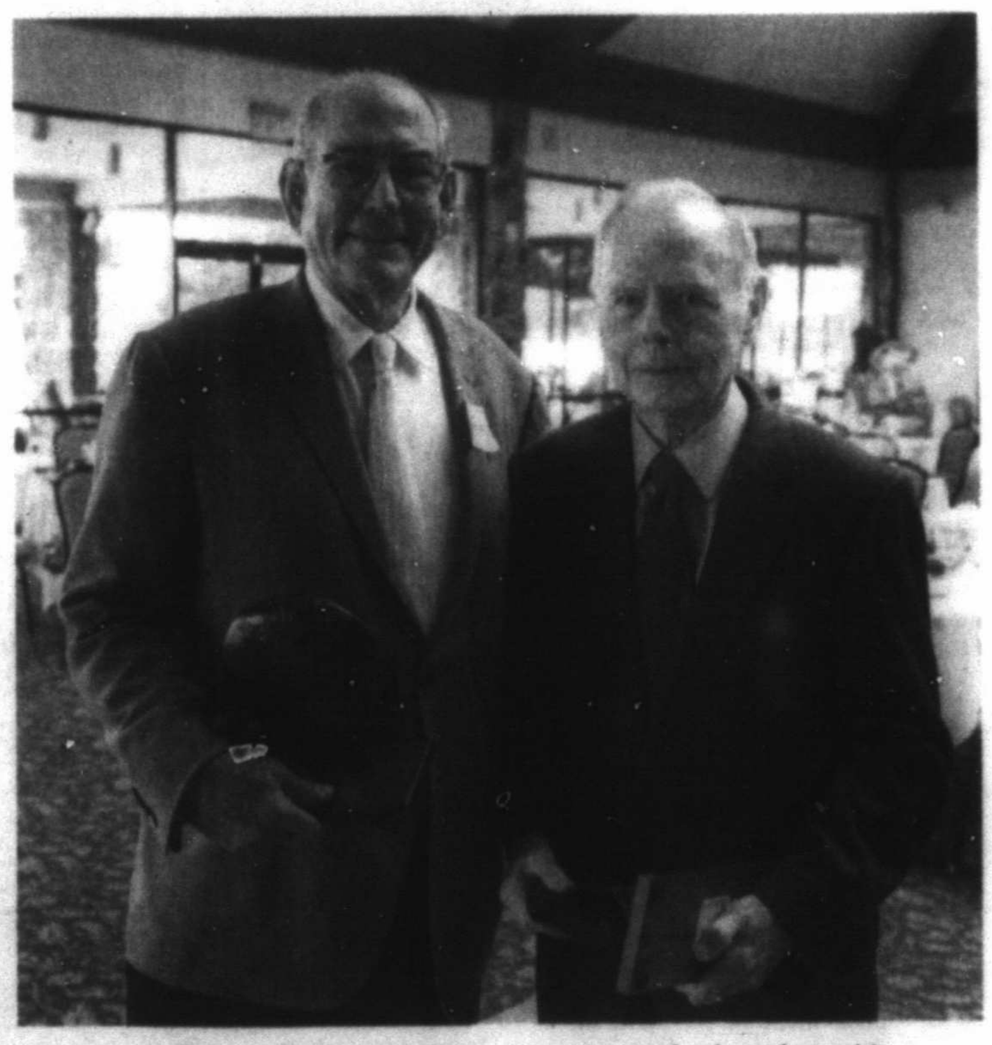
Students from Pease Communuications and Technology Academy cheered on the TEAM during a breakfast hosted earlier this month by Junior Achievement of the Permian Basin. **BELOW:** Spencer Beal of BTA Oil, left, and Jim Alsup of Lynch, Chappell and Alsup were honored for their longtime service to Junior Achievement of the Permian Basin.

TEAM allows Junior Achievement to do more

■ JA Permian Basin hosts breakfast for business, community leaders

Tamika Edwards
Junior Achievement



Green Tree Country Club was transformed April 12 into the TEAM Room for Junior Achievement of the Permian Basin's second annual JA Breakfast. This event was special for many great reasons, but the theme of the morning summed it up: TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More). This theme created an energetic atmosphere infused with the passion of coming together to achieve more for the futures of local students. The JA Breakfast hosted 150 community and business leaders, as well as student participants from several schools to educate, inform and raise funds for the local chapter of this worldwide nonprofit organization.

The purpose of the event was to inform community members of the goals of JA, the most current year's accomplishments and future aspirations. The JA Breakfast showcased the Mighty Pease Academy Tigers greeting guests with a fantastic "Welcome to the JA Breakfast" to mimic team players coming through a tunnel of cheers at a football game. JA student greeters, of various grade levels, discussed their future plans and how JA is preparing them to achieve those daring feats.

Volunteers and students from elementary, middle and high schools were actively demonstrating JA programs for attendees to observe and inquire about. JA's mission is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy. Because of the success of the JA Breakfast, JA Permian Basin will be better-equipped to positively impact more students.

Junior Achievement of the Permian Basin, a member of JA USA, is a youth development organization that empowers young people to own their future economic success. JAPB maintains the highest standards and has been honored with the Junior Achievement USA Star Award for the past two years. This award recognizes staff and boards in JA areas that meet JA USA's operational standards for compliance, student impact, operational efficiency, financial stability and sustainability.

JA ignites the spark in young people to experience opportunities and meet the realities of work in the 21st century global marketplace. JA's belief in the boundless potential of young people was clearly demonstrated during the breakfast's outstanding presentations, the excellent public speaking skills of the Abell Junior High students who offered the pledge of allegiance, as well as Ezequiel Montoya, a G.W. Bush New Tech Odessa High senior, who spoke about JA's impact in his life and how it is helping him achieve his dream of becoming a surgeon. Montoya said he would become the first of his family to graduate high school and/or attend college. Kylee Millican, a teacher from G.W. Bush New Tech Odessa, spoke very eloquently about the positive impact JA and its volunteers have on the lives of her students.

The Mighty Pease Tigers presented a TEAM cheer, rallying the troops to join the JA TEAM, because the JA team achieves the dream and Together Everyone Achieves More! In celebration of JA of the Permian Basin's 55th anniversary, two very special JA supporting advisors were recognized for their commitment and service. Spencer Beal of BTA Oil and Jim Alsup of Lynch, Chappell and Alsup were honored with plaques of service. The men have generously supported JAPB with their time and finances since the early 1970s. Both have consistently believed in and supported the efforts of Junior Achievement and served on the board of directors for

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Carver, ECHS receive recognition

From staff reports

Carver Center and Early College High School at Midland College have been selected by Educational Results Partnership and the Institute for Productivity in Education as a 2016 Honor Roll School.

The honor roll is part of a national effort to identify higher-performing schools and highlight successful practices that improve outcomes for students, according to a press release from Midland ISD. Schools on the list have demonstrated consistent high levels of student academic achievement, improvement in achievement levels over time and reduction in achievement gaps among student populations.

"We are very proud of the two schools to receive this honor by education and business leaders in Texas," Rod Schroder, interim superintendent, said in the release. "Our teachers work tirelessly to raise the expectation level and push students to high academic achievement."

"We believe that commitment, sacrifice and dedication is paying off and we hope to continue receiving recognitions for the hard work that is going on in classrooms across the district," said Patrick Jones, the district's chief academic officer.

Carver and ECHS were among 727 public schools to earn the distinction.

STACEY CALLAWAY
Scharbauer Elementary

Writing is a skill that has to be practiced daily

Every five weeks, I spend my Sunday night with my laptop. After writing a few sentences, I hit the backspace and erase everything I've written. I repeat the process over and over again until I finally have something I like. For me, figuring out what I want to write about and getting started is often the hardest part of the writing process. Once I actually get going, things go pretty quickly. But when I'm trying to figure out a topic and an angle to go with, I swear, the cursor is mocking my progress.

I watch my students do the same thing. They sit, write, erase and then write again. Some kiddos just stare into space, and a few follow me as I walk around the room, silently pleading for this horror to end. I instruct my students to put pencil to paper and just write something. Even writing "I don't know what to write" over and over again will get their brain stimulated. I beg and plead to get a few lines out of each student, and for some, it is the most painful thing they do all day.

Why is writing so hard for our kids? As I think back to my own schooling, English class was always my favorite. I loved the days when we got out our journals and just wrote what we had in our head. I know we had to write for standardized tests, but I just don't remember having to

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Texas should view charter schools as success, not experiment

By Alberta Phillips
Austin American-Statesman

■ COMMENTARY

The sign planted on a sprawling lot in North Austin is hopeful: "Future Home of NYOS Charter School," it says in big, black block letters.

NYOS, which stands for Not Your Ordinary School, bought the vacant 10-acre lot adjacent to its main campus on North Lamar Boulevard nearly a year ago. While the grass is cut and the property well-maintained, there is no sign of construction — even though the school has outgrown two campuses.

That could change quickly if the Legislature passes either of two measures — one by Houston Democrat Harold Dutton or another by New Braunfels Republican Donna Campbell — that would provide more money for facilities to NYOS and other Texas charter schools.

Though Dutton's House bill was replaced by a substitute, it still would provide Texas charter schools with $170 per student in additional funding at an estimated cost of about $100 million over the biennium. Campbell's Senate measure would steer $700 per student to charter schools for an estimated cost of about $400 million over the biennium.

Either way, the money would help schools like NYOS expand. With more demand for seats than supply, it's easy to see why the school needs more space. The politics of getting additional money from the state, however, is not so easy.

When the Legislature established charter schools in 1995, they were set up as independent school districts — but not with elected trustees or taxing authority like traditional public schools. So while charter schools, which are privately run, are public schools, they don't have access to taxpayer-financed bonds — the typical way traditional school districts finance new construction and renovations.

Certainly, the Legislature was wise to deny charter schools taxing authority as that would have created chaos. Consider that charter schools tend to have overlapping enrollment boundaries with public schools. NYOS, for instance, draws students from the Austin, Pflugerville, Round Rock and Hays districts.

Requiring charters and public schools to share tax bases certainly would have killed charters before they got off the ground. Hence, charter schools don't receive local tax revenue, which is, and should be, reserved for traditional public schools.

Primary funding for charter schools comes from state general revenue and is based on average daily attendance. Because they don't receive facilities funding from the state, NYOS and other charter schools must use their instruction money and private donations to finance classrooms, computer labs, libraries and gyms.

As they point out, that leaves less money to educate children.

That method of funding charter schools might have made sense 22 years ago, when the state first granted charter schools licenses to operate. Then, they largely were viewed as experiments with no record of academic success. Many critics — particularly in the public school world — eyed charter schools as opportunists ready to cherry-pick the best students from neighborhoods while leaving public schools with the toughest kids to educate.

Some of the worst predictions came true, with parents and children showing up at schools that had packed up and moved in the night. But for the most part, charters survived — and thrived. In the 2015-16 school year, 247,236 students were enrolled in 184 Texas charter school districts, according to the Texas Charter Schools Association. There are another 141,000 students on wait lists.

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MAKINGTHEGRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Midland College Student Publications contributors won 20 awards from the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association at the organization's convention, which was April 1 in Dallas.

Midland College Press (newspaper)

■ Becka Lopez: first-place news photo in the live contest category for her photo of two fire-firefighters putting out a tanker truck blaze.

■ Lionel Reynosa: second-place newspaper cartoon for an equal use bathroom illustration; news photo honorable mention for an on-campus carry police training exercise; news story honorable mention for the same police training event.

■ Bert Garza: third-place editorial (Drama vexes clubs).

■ Kristen Geddes: third-place review (P!ATD takes back crown).

■ Victoria Hernandez: second-place sports news story.

■ Staff: first place for editorial page design in the previously published category, second place ad design, third place for feature page design, third place for page one design and honorable mention for overall excellence.

Chaparral magazine

■ Bert Garza: third-place feature photo for a drag queen story; honorable mention feature story for the drag queen package

■ Kacey Barton: honorable mention for Great Wall of China photo story

■ Staff: honorable mention design of drag queen feature.

Tableau literary magazine

■ Sebastian Walter: second-place essay ("Rubic's Cube").

■ Ashely Hearn: third-place essay (about eating disorders)

■ Janet Haney: honorable mention illustration ("Skate").

■ Staff: third-place cover design.

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STILLWATER, Okla. — Midlander **Megan Sitzman** recently was honored by the Oklahoma State University Center for Veterinary Health Sciences.

Sitzman, the daughter of Joe and Therese Sitzman, received the Butch and Luella Ruth Curtis Educational Fund award.

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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Midlander **McKenna Smith** recently was inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society at the University of Alabama.

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ALPINE — Five Midlanders were among those recognized during Honors Convocation last week at Sul Ross State University.

The students and their awards are:

■ Ciara Brodie: Outstanding Graduate Biology Student Award

■ Brian Lones: Outstanding Nontraditional Geology Student Award

■ Dominic Carrillo: Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Gilley Mathematics Excellence Award

■ Nancy Piette: Education Excellence Award - Counseling

■ Kacey Barton: Outstanding New Digital Art Student

RUSSELL

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"Though I was nervous when I first began assisting, I am no longer intimidated by the label the students have been given. These children have taught me as much as I have hopefully taught them," Macy said. "I have gained a new perspective on teaching and a new type of patience. I have learned that autism is just a label, not a restraint. These students are capable of anything they want with some encouragement and support, just like anyone else."

The true success of the program is measured by the students' tremendous growth. Edith Hickman's 10-year-old son Wyatt joined Applause! Players this past fall. For her family, the results have been quickly visible.

"Since Wyatt has been attending this program, he has absolutely flourished. He has gained more confidence and ease with social skills and interactions, which has helped him participate in regular classroom and group activities more often," Edith said. "Applause! has helped with Wyatt's autism, helped our family with his autism management and turned on a very bright light inside of him that contributes to him blossoming into an even more amazing individual than he already was. I cannot say enough positive things about this program and all of the people involved that make it possible."

And the MCT staff cannot say enough positive things about our Applause! students. Though each of our programs is rewarding in its own way, the relationships formed between the students and teachers in Applause! are uniquely fulfilling. On a student's first day of class, they generally arrive with a debilitating shyness and very few basic social skills. Watching these children evolve and tap into their happiness and creative potential is an experience of ineffable beauty for which we are forever grateful.

MCT's Applause! Players program is made possible through a generous grant from the Paul and Katherine Morrow Foundation.

Elissa Russell is education assistant with Midland Community Theatre.

CALLAWAY

From 1B

write to pass a standardized test. I know we did the five-paragraph essay and research papers, but it seems both were never that big of a deal.

I do remember all the writing I did outside of class. A day wasn't complete unless I received notes after every class period. When folded correctly, these missives were furtively passed from person to person without the teacher's knowledge. I remember writing so much on a daily basis, detailing my secrets and experiences for the lucky recipient. I teach sixth grade, where notes should be getting passed all the time. I very rarely see or find one. Granted, the kids may be way sneakier than I am, but I really don't think that's the case.

Cellphones, however, are everywhere. Every student seems to have that electronic gadget permanently attached to his or her hand. A day rarely goes by that someone doesn't "forget" to leave their cellphone in their locker. I heard a few years ago that an average student sent around 1,000 texts a day. Most of these texts are one word. K. Yep. Emoji. Thumbs up. Students don't write anything anymore. When your life story is told in texts, it's no wonder we are having issues writing compositions and essays.

So what can we do? How can we get our students to feel more comfortable writing? We have to find reasons for our kids to write. I always encourage parents to send postcards on vacation. Buy your child a journal to write in every night. Start a written conversation with your child. Write letters to relatives who live far away. Think about all of the reasons you used to write, and replicate those reasons for your child. Thank you notes after Christmas and birthdays provide real-world practice and are also a great habit to start. Take pictures during a vacation, and have your kiddos write a caption for each photo. Write lists for the grocery store. Send away for information before you even go on vacation. The more a child writes, the more comfortable he or she will be with writing in school.

Students focus on writing in the STAAR-tested grades, but we still write in those in-between years. I start every year reminding students what a complete sentence looks like with capital letters and ending punctuation. Just because we no longer take spelling tests does not mean that spelling no longer counts. I've always had issues with learning a fake set of words to remember for a spelling test at the end of the week. Practice spelling the words you see your child using in their writing.

Reading and math get the big focus, but writing is a skill that needs to get practiced daily as well. Maybe technology's not completely to blame, but we need to make sure our children have more than one-word conversations.

Stacey Callaway teaches sixth-grade English/language arts at Scharbauer Elementary School.

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EDUCATIONBRIEFS

PBIOS to donate for scholarships

Permian Basin International Oil Show board of directors will be making presentations on Thursday to provide scholarships for Midland and Odessa colleges, University of Texas of the Permian Basin and Texas Tech University. MC, OC and UTPB each will receive $75,000; Texas Tech will receive $30,000, according to a release from PBIOS.

Since 2006, PBIOS has contributed $1 million for higher education, according to the release.

Security Bank to teach about saving

Securtity Bank is to host its third annual Teach a Child to Save Day 2 p.m. Thursday at Pease Community and Technology Academy. First- and second-graders will hear lessons about different coins, counting money and the role of community banks.

Students will have an opportunity to participate in demonstrations, and each will receive an activity book.

MC to offer GIS Lunch & Learn

Midland College is offering a free GIS Lunch & Learn 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Scharbauer Student Center Carrasco Room.

The school has purchased from ESRI the ArcGIS training software for Geographic Information Systems and contracted with TeachMeGis.com to begin offering hands-on GIS classes. The classes, whoich would be taught at MC's Advanced Technology Center, could start as early as this summer.

The Wednesday event is open to the public. For more information, call 685-4556 or email rbell@midland.edu.

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David Ortiz to address grads at Rhode Island tech university

Associated Press

EAST GREENWICH, R.I. — Retired Boston Red Sox slugger David Ortiz will deliver the commencement address at a private Rhode Island university.

The baseball legend is set to speak at the New England Institute of Technology's 76th commencement at the Dunkin Donuts Center in Providence on Sunday.

The East Greenwich school will present Ortiz with his first honorary degree. He will receive a doctor of humane letters in recognition of his leadership and work to help children in New England and the Dominican Republic who face significant health challenges.

TEAM

From 1B

at least 20 years. Their contributions and support are greatly appreciated.

JA builds confidence and success. A recent JA alumni survey shows that JA enhances competitive edge, increases productivity, promotes personal success and generates entrepreneurship. Nearly 8 out of 10 JA alumni reported confidence in starting their own business. Eighty-eight percent of alumni also reported they were more confident in their ability to manage their personal finances effectively and 55 percent learned how business works through their JA experience, while 20 percent earns more than the general population. JA's K-12, grade-specific hands-on learning programs empower students to make connections between what they learn in school and how it's applied to real life. Each program encompasses three distinct areas; job-readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy.

The JA Breakfast was indeed a huge success netting $96,000 and counting. It is never too late to donate. Many attendees donated generously, and others also were interested in volunteer opportunities. If you would like to find out more information about JA of the Permian Basin's volunteer or donation opportunities, corporate or community collective impact collaborations, please check us out at japb.org. or call 682-4966.

The JA team achieves the dream, the TEAM achieves the dream.

Tamika Edwards is program manager for Junior Achievement of the Permian Basin.

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SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	Face Off "Tiki Twist"		Face Off		Face Off (N)		Cosplay Melee (N)		Face Off		★ The Goonies	
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TLC		51	61	32	38	52	Big Fat Fabulous Lf. "Whitney Steps Up"		My Big Fat Fabulous Life "The Skinny" (N)		Long Lost Family "We Don't Need Anything From Them Besides Love" (N)				(:05) Long Lost Family "We Don't Need Anything From Them Besides Love"			
TNT		24	34	40	26	50	Bones "The Man in the Wall"		NBA Basketball Playoffs Oklahoma vs Houston Western Conference Quarter-final Game 5 (L)					NBA Basketball Playoffs Western Conference Quarter-final Game 5 (L)	Utah Jazz at Los Angeles Clippers			
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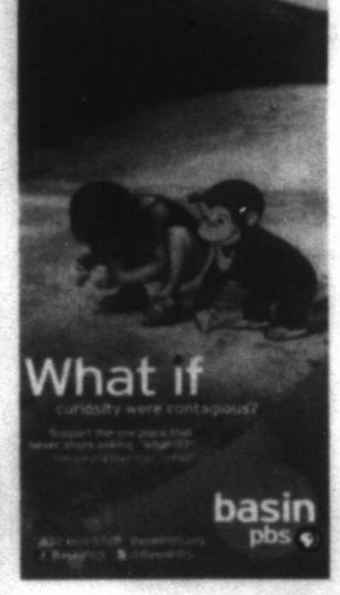

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New house responsibilities put wife down in the dumps

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: My husband decided to buy a house. I never wanted one and now I'm depressed.

I am thankful that my husband provides for the family and puts a roof over our heads, but now that we are in our house, my days are spent doing chores, yard work, and cleaning, cleaning and cleaning. This is why I never wanted the responsibility of a house. I don't have time for my family because I'm so busy maintaining this house I never wanted.

I have been distant from my husband because I secretly despise him for putting me in this position when he knew it wasn't what I wanted. Am I being selfish? — DON'T WANT THE RESPONSIBILITY

DEAR DON'T: Selfish? No. Passive-aggressive, yes. The problem with passive aggression is that the problem never gets resolved. If you feel you have too much on your shoulders, tell your husband how you are feeling so he can either help you with the chores, or hire someone to do the yard work and some of the cleaning.

DEAR ABBY: I love helping others, but I'm ready to quit every volunteer job I have. I'm tired of people who are not volunteers telling me I am doing my job wrong.

When you volunteer, you are given training on how to do your job. You drive to the site using your own gas, spend your time helping others, and a lot of times you spend your own money to obtain the supplies you need to do the job. I could be spending my time — and resources — doing things like shopping or getting my nails done.

Volunteers don't want to do all of that only to hear how we're not doing the job right, suggestions on how to do it better or complaints that we didn't do enough. I am so sick of people who delight in telling you that you're not doing enough. I can't save the world, but I can help one person each day. Thanks for letting me get this off my chest. — SOUNDING OFF IN TEXAS

DEAR SOUNDING OFF: You're welcome. That's what I'm here for. I hope writing this has made you feel better. Now get back to work, because what you do is IMPORTANT.

DEAR ABBY: I am tattooed. I started getting inked when I was 22. I am now 31.

Recently, I decided to get an extensive design on my left arm. It will take four sessions to complete. The first session is scheduled on a Tuesday, not normally my day off. I can use PTO hours to cover it, but what do I say when — and if — management notices my ink, puts two and two together, and realizes I took time off for this? — INKED IN INDIANA

DEAR INKED: If that happens, you should tell the truth — that you took PTO for a personal errand. That's what personal/paid time off is for.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Careless

East-West vulnerable, North deals

NORTH
♠ A Q J 8
♡ Q J
◊ A J 10 9 3
♣ 9 5

WEST
♠ 5
♡ 8 6 3
◊ Q 7 5 2
♣ A Q J 3 2

EAST
♠ K 7 2
♡ A 10 7 5 4
◊ Void
♣ K 10 7 6 4

SOUTH
♠ 10 9 6 4 3
♡ K 9 2
◊ K 8 6 4
♣ 8

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1NT	2♡*	2♠	3♡
3♠	4♡	Pass	Pass
4♠	Dbl	All pass	

*Hearts and a minor

Opening lead: Six of ♡

Many would open one diamond rather than one no-trump with the North hand. The four-spade bid might also be questioned, but it was probably for the best. Four hearts could only be defeated with continuous diamond leads, and a diamond lead is certainly not indicated.

The opening heart lead went to the jack and ace. East shifted to a low club. West won with his jack and might have given his partner a diamond ruff, but that wasn't a realistic play. West continued with a club, ruffed by declarer. South cashed the king of hearts and ruffed a heart in dummy, followed by the ace and queen of spades. This would force a ruff-sluff or a diamond lead from the defense if the spades split 2-2. East won with the king and led his remaining trump to dummy's jack, leaving this position:

NORTH
♠ Void
♡ Void
◊ A J 10 9 3
♣ Void

WEST
♠ Void
♡ Void
◊ Q 7 5 2
♣ Q

EAST
♠ Void
♡ 10 7
◊ Void
♣ 10 6 4

SOUTH
♠ 10
♡ Void
◊ K 8 6 4
♣ Void

South led the three of diamonds to his king and then led a diamond to dummy's jack. There was no entry back to his hand for another finesse, so he ended up down one. This was poor play. He should have suspected the 4-0 diamond split and led the jack, 10, or nine to his king. He could then lead the eight of diamonds and hold the lead for another finesse.

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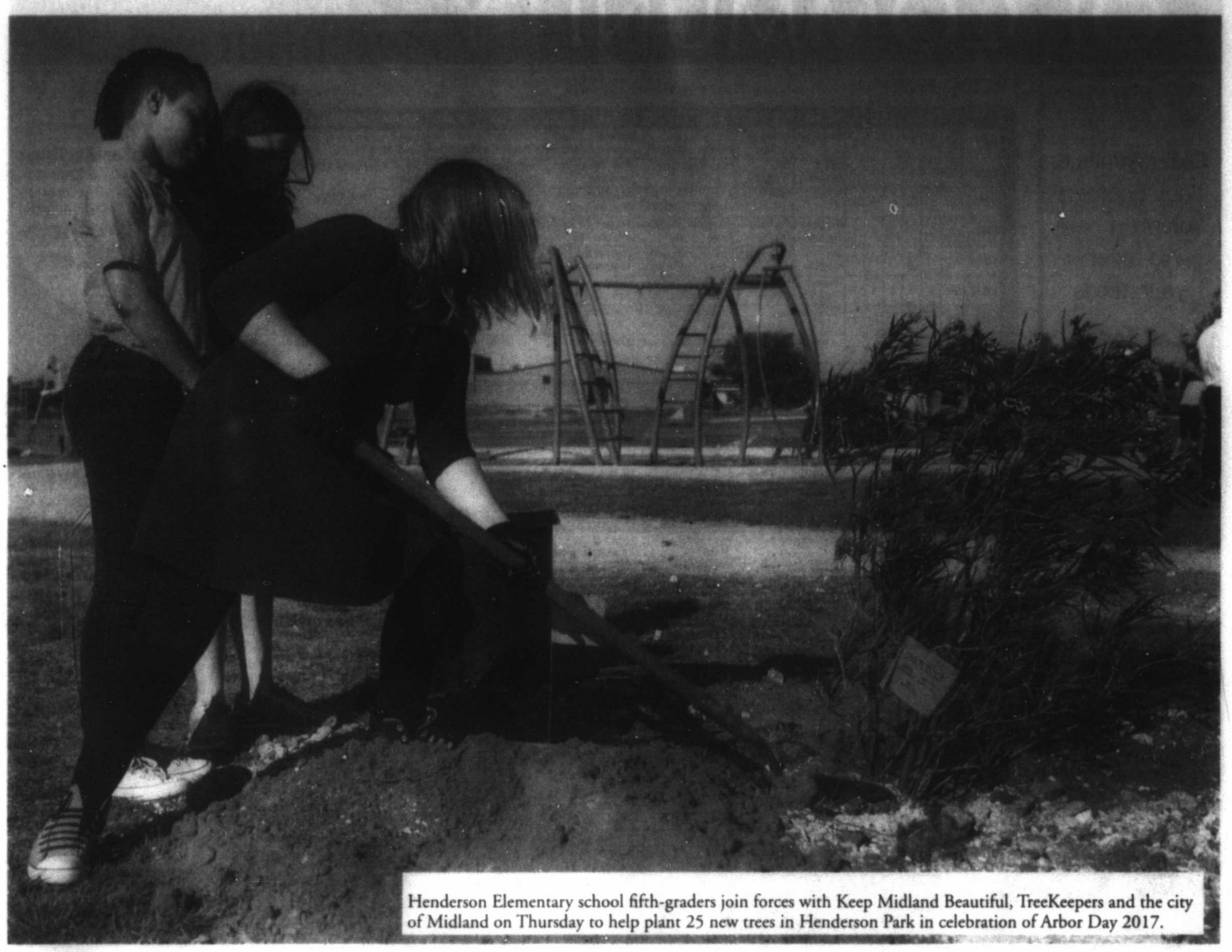
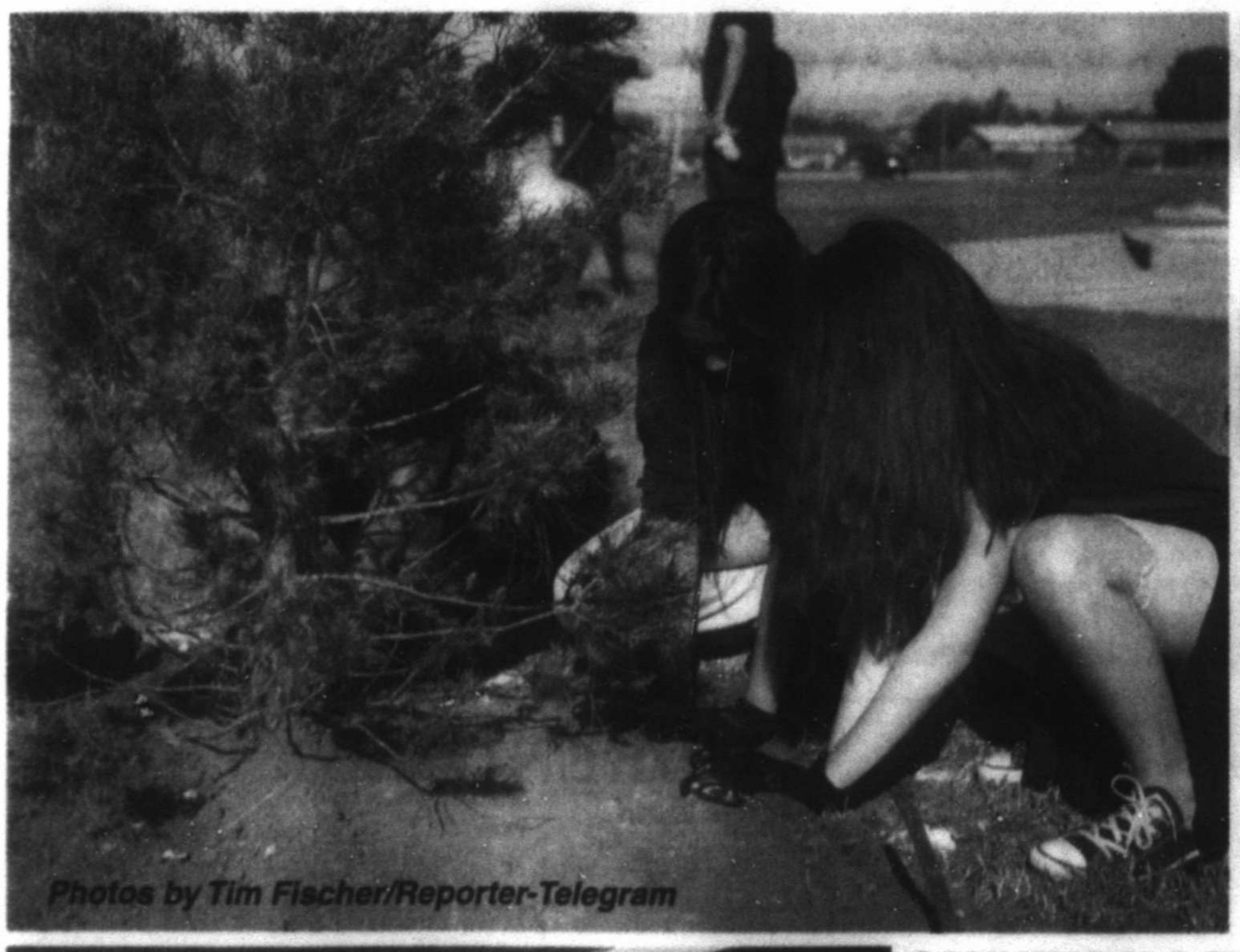


Henderson Elementary school fifth-graders join forces with Keep Midland Beautiful, TreeKeepers and the city of Midland on Thursday to help plant 25 new trees in Henderson Park in celebration of Arbor Day 2017.

SERVICE IN ACTION



Photos by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

COUNTERCLOCKWISE: Henderson Elementary fifth-graders plant trees in Henderson Park. Midland Christian School students paint a home as part of a project with Christmas in Action on April 19 in the 200 block of East Spruce Avenue. Kage Gilbreath, Bryson Breeding and Joseph Michel help clean up the yard. Ashley Pena paints the roof. Maddie Murdock paints the side of the house.

Cowboys ponder need with post-Romo future secure

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

FRISCO — Jerry Jones honored DeMarcus Ware with a ceremonial signing Monday that allowed the franchise sacks leader to retire as a Dallas Cowboy on the same day the team owner discussed how the draft might help find the next dominant pass rusher.

Whenever the Cowboys decide to pay homage to Tony Romo with their 10-year starter heading to the broadcast booth, they will do so feeling secure about their future under center. They won't be thinking much about quarterbacks in the first round Thursday night.

Jones couldn't have imagined this a year ago before the Cowboys took Dak Prescott in the fourth round with the idea he might someday replace Romo. Instead, Prescott put up one of the best rookie seasons in NFL history to basically end Romo's Dallas tenure.

"It just really shows me that positive things are more likely to happen to you than because of you," Jones said. "To be sitting here right now with the future as we have it, I could have never dreamed that this hand would have been dealt this way."

So maybe the Cowboys can get lucky in their search for the next Ware, who won his only Super Bowl in three seasons with Denver after Dallas cut him in a salary cap move following the 2013 season when he had 117 sacks in nine years. The 34-year-old Ware, who retired last month , finished with 138 1/2 sacks, eighth on NFL's career list.

Dallas just hasn't had much luck trying to replace Ware, using second-round picks in 2014 and 2015 on another DeMarcus with back issues (DeMarcus Lawrence) and a player who had a documented substance-abuse problem (Randy Gregory, now suspended for almost all of 2017).

The Cowboys have the 28th pick after a franchise-record 11-game winning streak led to the top seed in the NFC, a run fueled by Prescott and fellow rookie sensation Ezekiel Elliott, the NFL rushing champion after getting picked fourth overall. Dallas lost its divisional playoff to Green Bay.

Defense would appear to be the focus because Dallas also needs help in the secondary following the

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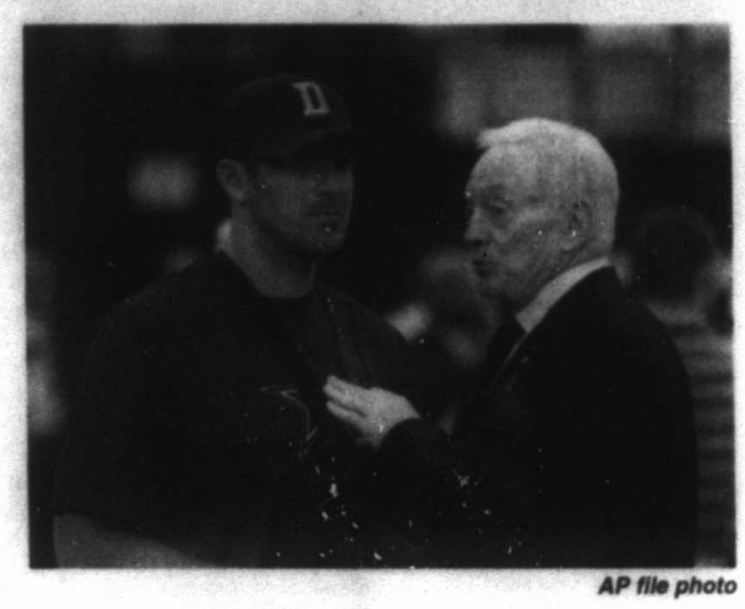

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This Oct. 11, 2015, photo shows Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, right, talking with quarterback Tony Romo before a game against the New England Patriots in Arlington.

EVENLY MATCHED

Associated Press

Memphis Grizzlies coach David Fizdale, left, smiles from the sideline as San Antonio Spurs forward Kawhi Leonard stands on the court during the second half of Game 3 in an NBA first-round playoff series April 20 in Memphis, Tenn.

Kawhi Leonard locked in duel with Mike Conley

By Jon Krawczynski
Associated Press

Memphis Grizzlies coach David Fizdale sat down behind the microphone after surviving a 110-108 overtime thriller that tied their first-round series with the San Antonio Spurs at two games apiece.

After Marc Gasol hit the game-winner with 1 second to play, the only thing better than the shot to Fizdale was that there wasn't enough time left for Kawhi Leonard to get a chance of his own.

"I'm taking suggestions on how to guard Kawhi Leonard," Fizdale with a sigh. "I've tried everything. The guy, he's tough. Man, he's a superstar."

After an MVP-caliber regular season, Leonard has been even better in the playoffs for the No. 2-seeded Spurs. He is averaging 32.5 points, 6.5 rebounds and 3.3 assists, and has been astonishingly efficient, shooting 58 percent from the field and 53 percent from 3-point range.

Long known for ball movement and spreading the wealth offensively, the Spurs have become Kawhi-centric in these playoffs while getting pushed by the Grizzlies. Trailing by eight points with four minutes to play in regulation of Game 4, Leonard scored San Antonio's final 16 points of the quarter, including a jumper with 12 seconds to play to put them up 96-94.

"We trust him to make big plays and not only score on the ball, but making the right play," Spurs forward David Lee said. "Sometimes that's a good pass. He made a couple of unbelievable shots to tie it late."

In overtime, Leonard hit two 3s in the final 23 seconds to tie the score at 108, finishing with 43 points before Gasol came through. The only jaw that wasn't dropped was that of Leonard, who is known for his unflappable demeanor.

"He was standing next to me the other night, and he wasn't breathing," Fizdale said earlier in the series. "So I'm going to check the rulebook to see if robots are allowed to play in the NBA. ... I think he bleeds antifreeze or something."

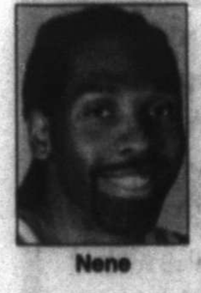
As relentless as Leonard has been, Mike Conley has been every bit his equal after a disappointing Game 1. With his Grizzlies in a 2-0 hole coming home to Memphis, Conley averaged 29.5 points, 8.0 assists and 5.0 rebounds while shooting 56 percent from the

Please see **LEONARD**/3C

Houston's D'Antoni: Nene a player you have to have

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Nene has spent 15 years in the NBA and many still struggle in pronouncing his name.



Nene

Count ABC's broadcasting team of Mike Breen, Jeff Van Gundy and Mark Jackson among the offenders. As Houston's backup center made play after play on Sunday they repeatedly called him "NAY-NAY," something many of his teammates also do routinely.

It's been happening for years, but for the record the proper pronunciation is "neh-NAY" according to the Rockets media guide.

There is no confusion, however, on the impact the Brazilian has had in helping the Rockets to a 3-1 lead over the Thunder in their first round playoff series. He scored a career playoff-best 28 points and tied an NBA record for most field goals without a miss in a postseason game by making each of his 12 shots on Sunday.

"In every category he checks it off," coach Mike D'Antoni said. "We need his toughness. (Sunday) was a man's game and he's a man. Just a terrific performance, but it's been like that all year."

He was known by Nene Hilario when Denver drafted him and he became the first Brazilian selected in the first round, but he legally changed his name to Nene that summer.

The 34-year-old was reticent to discuss his big game on Monday, shaking his head when asked about scoring the most points he has in a postseason game since finishing with 25 for the Nuggets in 2009.

"When I step on the court I try to do my best to help my team and my teammates and make the right decisions," he said.

However, his friends and family made it difficult for him to simply pretend like it was any other game .

"I've been receiving a lot of texts and (that made me) realize a little bit," he said.

With MVP candidate James Harden scoring just 16 points as he struggled with a sore ankle, Nene filled in the

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DeLaGarza, Reed in contention at Region I-6A

From staff reports

ARLINGTON — Midland High junior FaithDeLaGarza shot a 74 to sit in sixth place in the medalist standings following Monday's first round of the Region I-6A Girls Golf Tournament at Rolling Hills Country Club.

Lee junior Rebecca Reed posted a score of 76, finishing the day in eighth.

Entering today's final round, DeLaGarza has the third-best score among golfers not on qualifying teams, which would qualify her for the UIL Class 6A State Girls Golf Tournament, May 15-16 at Legacy Hills Golf Club in Georgetown.

Reed, who is only two strokes behind DeLaGarza, also remains in contention for one of the three at-large medalist spots.

Both Reed and DeLaGarza are seeking their first state tournament berths.

Andrews Black in 1st at Region I-4A tourney

LUBBOCK — The Andrews Black team shot a 315 to sit in first place, nine

Please see **GOLF**/2C

Jimmie Johnson grabs rare Bristol win after Larson mishap

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

BRISTOL, Tenn. — It was just last month when people were wondering what was wrong with Jimmie Johnson after he got off to a slow start.

How silly it was to worry.

Johnson grabbed a rare victory at Bristol Motor Speedway on Monday, giving him consecutive wins for the 11th time in his storied career. It was just the second career win in Thunder Valley for Johnson, who considers it one of his most vexing tracks.

His Hendrick Motorsports team hit on something during Saturday's practice for his Chevrolet, and that locked him in for the race postponed a day by rain.

"This track has been really difficult," admitted Johnson, who last won at Bristol in 2007. But that Saturday find was "honestly, it's what I've been looking for for 16 years."

"We finally figured it out. So, I'm very, very happy," he said. "I've loved this racetrack from afar ... and it's been a journey since 2000 until now."

Johnson snapped his season-starting slump on April 9 at Texas Motor Speedway, NASCAR's last event prior to Monday. It ended any chatter that the seven-time and reigning champion might not be up for a record eighth title.

"After securing a win last week, it obviously takes a huge load off of your shoulders," said crew chief Chad Knaus. "Being able to come in here this week confident, relaxed, we had a weekend off."

Johnson now has 82 career victories, and is just one away from tying Cale Yarborough for sixth on the all-time wins list. Two more would put him alongside Darrell Waltrip.

"That's just mind-blowing," Johnson

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MONDAY'S SCORE
Midland 9, Corpus Christi 0

TODAY'S GAME
Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.

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DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV
COLLEGE BASEBALL
Mississippi State at Ole Miss, 6:30 p.m., SEC
Stephen F. Austin at TCU, 6:30 p.m., FSSW+, FCSP
UT Arlington at Oklahoma, 6:30 p.m., FCSC
LSU at Tulane, 7 p.m., CBSSN
COLLEGE SOFTBALL
Notre Dame at Northwestern, 4 p.m., BTN
MLB
Houston at Cleveland, 5 p.m., ROOT+
NY Yankees at Boston, 6 p.m., MLB
Minnesota at Texas, 7 p.m., FSSW
MEN'S SOCCER
La Liga: Sporting Gijon vs. Espanyol, 12:20 p.m., beIN2
DfB Pokal Semifinal: Borussia Mönchengladbach vs. Eintracht Frankfurt, 1:30 p.m., ESPNDEP
PL: Chelsea vs. Southampton, 1:45 p.m., NBCSN, NBCU
La Liga: Atletico de Madrid vs. Villarreal, 2:30 p.m., beIN2
NBA
Western Conference Quarterfinal, Game 5: Oklahoma City at Houston, 7 p.m., TNT
Western Conference Quarterfinal, Game 5: Memphis at San Antonio, 8 p.m., NBAtv, FSSWSA
Western Conference Quarterfinal, Game 5: Utah at LA Clippers, 9:30 p.m., TNT
TENNIS
ATP: Barcelona, 6:30 a.m., TENNIS
WTA: Porsche Tennis Grand Prix, 11:30 a.m., beIN
WTA: Porsche Tennis Grand Prix, 5 a.m., beIN
ON RADIO
MLB
Houston at Cleveland, 5 p.m., KXCS 105.5 FM (Big Spring)
Minnesota at Texas, 7 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa)

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

BASEBALL
Lee at Odessa High, 4:30 p.m.
Midland High at Wolfforth Frenship, 4:30 p.m.
Greenwood at Pecos, 7 p.m.
Trinity at Amarillo San Jacinto, 2 p.m.
GOLF
Region I-6A Girls Tournament, Rolling Hills Country Club, Arlington
Region I-4A Girls Tournament, Shadow Hills Golf Course, Lubbock
Region I-3A Boys Tournament, Shady Oaks Golf Course, Baird
Region I-2A Girls Tournament, Ratliff Ranch, Odessa
Region II-A Boys Tournament, Quicksand Golf Course, San Angelo
Region II-A Girls Tournament, Bentwood Country Club, San Angelo
SOFTBALL
Midland Christian at Lubbock Christian, 5 p.m.

Junior college

GOLF
Midland College at NJCAA District II Championship, Abilene

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE — Suspended Seattle RHP Jonathan Aro (Tacoma-PCL) 50 games and Cleveland RHP Steve Delabar (Columbus-IL) and free-agent minor league RHP Jeffry Hernandez 80 games for violations of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program. Suspended Boston's Matt Barnes four games and fined him an undisclosed amount for throwing a fastball past the head of Baltimore's Manny Machado during an April 23 game. Suspended Minnesota's Miguel Sano one game and him fined an undisclosed amount for "aggressive actions" that caused benches to clear during an April 22 game against Detroit. Fined Detroit's Matthew Boyd an undisclosed amount for intentionally throwing a pitch at Sano.
American League
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Optioned RHP Daniel Wright to Salt Lake (PCL). Selected the contract of RHP David Hernandez. Reinstated RHP Vicente Campos from the 10-day DL and optioned him to Salt Lake. Designated RHP Kirby Yates for assignment. Recalled RHP Brooks Pounders from Salt Lake. Traded OF Ryan LaMarre to Oakland for a player to be named. Sent 3B Luis Valbuena to Inland Empire (Cal) for a rehab assignment.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Optioned LHP Buddy Boshers to Rochester (IL). Selected the contract of RHP Nick Tepesch from Rochester. Transferred LHP Ryan O'Rourke to the 60-day DL.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Transferred RHP Chris Bassitt to the 60-day DL.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Optioned INF Mitte Freeman to Tacoma (PCL). Sent RHP Steve Cishek to Arkansas (TL) for a rehab assignment.
TEXAS RANGERS — Assigned RHP Sam Dyson and C Brett Nicholas to Round Rock (PCL) for rehab assignments.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Transferred OF Dalton Pompey to the 60-day DL.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Placed RHP Shelby Miller on the 10-day DL. Recalled RHP Silvino Bracho from Reno (PCL).
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Placed OF Joc Pederson on the 10-day DL. Recalled OF Brett Eibner from Oklahoma City (PCL).
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Assigned OF Kirk Nieuwenhuis outright to Colorado Springs (PCL).
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Placed OF-INF Adam Frazier on the 10-day DL, retroactive to April 23. Recalled RHP Dovydas Neverauskas from Indianapolis (IL).
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Placed RHP Aaron Nola on the 10-day DL, retroactive to April 20.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Placed OF Travis Jankowski on the 10-day DL. Recalled OF Jabari Blash from El Paso (PCL).
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Selected the contracts of INF Christian Arroyo and OF Drew Stubbs from Sacramento. Designated OF Chris Marrero for assignment. Placed INF Aaron Hill on the 10-day DL.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Placed RHP Stephen Strasburg on paternity leave. Selected the contract of RHP Jacob Turner from Syracuse (IL). Assigned 2B Grant Green outright to Syracuse.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS — Did not match New England's offer sheet tendered to RB Mike Gillislee.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Waived DT Jaye Howard.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — OT Jake Long announced his retirement.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed RB Mike Gillislee.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Re-signed LB Will Compton.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Fired assistant coach Mike Kitchen.
NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Agreed to terms with D Dennis Seidenberg on a one-year contract.
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS — Assigned D Reece Willcox from Lehigh Valley (AHL) to Reading (ECHL).
COLLEGE
ADRIAN — Named Bart Thompson men's and women's rowing coach.
ALBANY (NY) — Named Claire Scanlan assistant women's soccer coach.
BELMONT — Named Bart Brooks women's basketball coach.
ILLINOIS STATE — Named Jessica Keller assistant women's basketball coach.
LOUISVILLE — Junior F Jaylen Johnson will enter the NBA draft.
LOYOLA (NO) — Named Jesse Zabal volleyball coach.
MICHIGAN — Named Mel Pearson men's ice hockey coach.
NORTH CAROLINA — Junior G Joel Berry II, junior F-G Theo Pinson and freshman F Tony Bradley declared for the NBA draft.
PROVIDENCE — Signed women's ice hockey coach Bob Deraney to a contract extension.
UTEP — Named Kevin Baker women's basketball coach.

COLLEGE BASEBALL POLLS

Collegiate Baseball

TUCSON, Ariz. — The Collegiate Baseball poll with records through April 23. Voting is done by coaches, sports writers and sports information directors.

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Oregon State	32-3	497	1
2. TCU	30-8	494	3
3. Louisville	33-6	492	2
4. North Carolina	31-9	490	4
5. Clemson	33-8	488	5
6. Texas Tech	33-10	485	6
7. Mississippi State	28-14	484	14
8. Auburn	30-12	483	10
9. Kentucky	28-13	481	11
10. Arkansas	32-10	477	9
11. St. John's	29-5	473	13
12. Virginia	33-10	470	15
13. Florida	27-13	468	16
14. LSU	27-14	465	12
15. Maryland	28-11	463	18
16. Long Beach State	25-13	460	24
17. Arizona	26-12	458	7
18. Cal State Fullerton	24-14	455	8
19. Gonzaga	24-14	453	—
20. Louisiana-Lafayette	26-14-1	450	—
21. South Carolina	24-15	449	21
22. Vanderbilt	25-16	447	27
23. Wake Forest	29-13	445	17
24. San Diego	27-11	443	19
25. Michigan	31-9	441	20
26. West Virginia	23-15	438	26
27. McNeese State	38-11	432	23
28. Missouri State	27-13	428	—
29. Stanford	23-12	425	—
30. Southern Miss.	30-12	423	22

Baseball America

DURHAM, N.C. — The top 25 teams in the Baseball America poll through April 23 (selected by the staff of Baseball America):

	Record	Prv
1. Oregon State	32-3	1
2. Louisville	33-6	2
3. North Carolina	31-9	3
4. TCU	30-8	7
5. Auburn	30-12	10
6. Clemson	33-8	5
7. Texas Tech	33-10	4
8. Mississippi State	28-14	11
9. Long Beach State	25-13	12
10. Kentucky	28-13	14
11. Florida	27-13	15
12. Virginia	33-10	13
13. Arizona	26-12	6
14. Cal State Fullerton	24-14	8
15. LSU	27-14	9
16. Arkansas	32-10	16
17. Wake Forest	29-13	17
18. Stanford	23-12	—
19. Texas A&M	28-13	23
20. Houston	27-12	24
21. Maryland	28-11	—
22. St. John's	29-5	22
23. Michigan	31-9	18
24. Mercer	35-7	—
25. West Virginia	23-15	21

NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE

Second Round
Wednesday
Nashville at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.
Thursday
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Friday
Nashville at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Washington, 7 p.m.
Sunday
St. Louis at Nashville, 2 p.m.
Anaheim at Edmonton, 6 p.m.
Monday, May 1
Washington at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 2
Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
St. Louis at Nashville, 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 3
Washington at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Thursday, May 4
Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m.

MCS, Trinity sweep respective regional titles

From staff reports

FORT WORTH — The Midland Christian boys and girls golf teams captured their respective divisions in the TAPPS 5A North Regional Golf Championships played Monday at The Golf Club at Fossil Creek.

The Midland Christian boys won the tournament by 16 strokes over Frisco Legacy Christian as the Mustangs shot 322.

Bryce Waters and Robby Massey each led MCS with 79s as they finished in a tie for fourth in the medalist standings.

The Midland Christian girls edged Fort Worth Christian by a stroke after shooting 413.

Abbey Flatt led MCS with an 89 to finish in sixth place, while Blaire Neatherlin carded a 97 to finish in ninth.

The teams will next play in the TAPPS 5A State championship May 1-2 at Stonetree Golf Club in Killeen.

TAPPS 5A North Regional Golf Championships
At The Golf Club at Fossil Creek
Boys
Team standings - 1. Midland Christian 322; 2. Frisco Legacy 338; 3. Grapevine Faith 341; 4. Austin Hyde Park 343; 5. Tyler Grace Community 345; 6. Bullard Brook Hill 347; 7. Fort Worth Christian 352; 8. Tyler All Saints 386
Medalist standings — 1. Reid Roden, Grapevine Faith, 74; 2. Colten Cavendar, Tyler All Saints, 75; 3. Austin Martinez, Frisco Legacy, 76; 4. (tie) Bryce Waters, Midland Christian, 79; Robby Massey, Midland Christian, 79; Chris Wilhelmi, Tyler Grace, 79; 7. (tie) Logan Mims, Frisco Legacy, 80; J.D. Austin, Grapevine Faith, 80; 9. (tie) Jacob Yeager, Brook Hill, 81; Hunter Perkins, Fort Worth Christian, 81
Midland Christian individuals - Bryce Waters 79, Robby Massey 79, Zant Holloman 82, Joe Smith 82, Trennon Parish 94
Girls
Team standings - 1. Midland Christian 413; 2. Fort Worth Christian 414; 3. Bullard Brook Hill 460; 4. Austin Hyde Park 460; 5. Austin St. Dominic Savio 482; 6. Tyler All Saints 482; 7. Prince of Peace 515
Medalist standings - 1. Madison Goldberg, Austin Hyde Park, 76; 2. Mary Grace Davidson, Austin Regents, 78; 3. Grace Petijohn, Tyler Grace, 79; 4. (tie) Emma French, Brook Hill, 85; Makenzie Cady, Frisco Legacy, 85; 6. Abbey Flatt, Midland Christian, 89; 7. Jordan Hill, Fort Worth Christian, 94; 8. Blaire Neatherlin, Midland Christian, 97; 9. Kamryn Massey, Fort Worth Christian, 99; 10. Jordan Smith, Tyler All Saints, 102
Midland Christian individuals - Blaire Neatherlin 97, Abbey Flatt 89, Hannah Brunson 109, Ellie Sevcik 118, Faith Wyndham 118

Trinity boys, girls Sweep north regional

MANSFIELD — The Trinity boys and girls teams swept the team titles for the first time in the same year in school history during Monday's TAPPS 4A North Regional Golf Championships at Mansfield National Golf Course.

Aspen Escamilla shot a 76 to claim girls medalist honors and lead the Trinity girls to a winning score of 378, which is also a school record.

Trinity's Brooke Widner shot an 88 to claim the second-place spot in the girls medalist standings, while Trinity junior Rebecca Young shot a 103 to finish fourth.

The Trinity boys registered a first-place score of 322, 21 shots ahead of runner-up Arlington Pantego Christian (343).

Trinity's Austin Escamilla carded a 72 to finish second in the boys medalist standings and Trinity freshman Ciro Baeza claimed third with a round of 76.

The Trinity boys and girls will compete next in the TAPPS 4A State Golf Championships, May 1-2 at Cottonwood Creek Golf Course in Waco.

TAPPS 4A North Regional Golf Championships
At Mansfield National Golf Course, Mansfield
Monday
Boys
Team standings — 1. Trinity 322; 2. Arlington Pantego Christian Academy 343; 3. McKinney Christian 343; 4. Waco Vanguard 360; 5. Lubbock Christian 395; 6. Kennedale Fellowship Academy 396; 7. Arlington Grace Prep 418
Medalist standings — 1. Reed Foster, McKinney Christian, 71; 2. Austin Escamilla, Trinity, 72; 3 Ciro Baeza, Trinity, 76; 4. Mason Dropkin, Dallas Shelton, 80; 5. Noah Walsh, Arlington Pantego, 82; 6. Niklas Larson, Waco Vanguard, 82; 7. Noah Kane, McKinney Christian, 83; 8. Christopher Palacios, Trinity, 85; 9. Zack Lusk, Lubbock Trinity, 85; 10. Dylan Pirtle, Arlington Pantego, 86
Local team results
Trinity (322) — Austin Escamilla 72, Ciro Baeza 76, Christopher Palacios 85, Chesley McDonald 89, Scout Walker 117
Girls
Team standings — 1. Trinity 378; 2. Arlington Pantego Christian Academy 440; 3. Waco Vanguard 455; 4. Lubbock Trinity 486; 5. Waco Reicher Catholic 491; 6. Kennedale Fellowship Academy 497
Medalist standings — 1. Aspen Escamilla, Trinity, 76; 2. Brooke Widner, Trinity, 88; 3. Kendall Eastland, Waco Vanguard, 97; 4. Rebecca Young, Trinity, 103; 5. Halle Harmon, Waco Vanguard, 103; 6. Amelia Hippman, Kennedale Fellowship, 104; 7. Maci Roseme, McKinney Christian, 104; 8. Emma Lowes, McKinney Christian, 105; 9. Abbi Turner, Arlington Pantego, 440; 10. Hallie Hayslip, Lubbock Trinity, 110
Local team results
Trinity (378) — Aspen Escamilla 76, Brooke Widner 88, Rebecca Young 103, Julissa Carrasco 111, Hannah Lemons 125

GOLF

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strokes ahead of Seminole, following Monday's first round of the Region I-4A Girls Golf Tournament at Shadow Hills Golf Course.

Rachel Huffman spearheaded the Andrews Black team's efforts, posting a first-round score of 74 to finish the round in a tie for third in the medalist standings.

Savannah Pinson, of Andrews Black, finished the first round in a tie for sixth after shooting a 77.

Andrews Gold finished fifth in the team standings with a 335, 10 shots back of Snyder (325) for the third team qualifying spot for the state tournament.

With a top three finish today, the Andrews Black and Andrews Gold teams can punch their ticket to the Class 4A State Girls Golf Tournament, May 15-16 at Slick Rock Golf Course at Horseshoe Bay in Marble Falls.

Andrews has won six consecutive state team titles.

Forsan leads region I-2A tourney

ODESSA — Forsan shot a first-round score of 345 to take an 11-shot lead over second-place Wellington during the Region I-2A Girls Golf Tournament, Monday at Ratliff Ranch Golf Links.

Forsan was led by the effort of Jillian Jones, who shot a 79 to finish the day in fifth in the medalist standings.

Forsan's Ranzyl Yanez sits in sixth after shooting an 81.

The tournament concludes today.

Garden City boys sit in second

SAN ANGELO — Garden City are in second place after recording a first-round score of 370 at the Region II-A Boys Golf Tournament, Monday at Quicksand Golf Course.

Garden City is 33 strokes behind leader Eula (337), and 20 shots ahead of co-third place teams Marfa and Sterling City (390). The top three teams following today's final round secure berths to the UIL Class 1A Boys Golf Tournament, May 22-23 at Lions Municipal Golf Course in Austin.

Rankin is in fifth with a score of 397, while Grady sits in 13th with a 446.

Garden City's Wood Leads Region II-A tourney

SAN ANGELO — Garden City's Logan Wood is atop the leaderboard after shooting a 100 during the first round of Monday's Region II-1A Girls Golf Tournament at Bentwood Country Club.

Wood, competing as a medalist, can secure an invitation to the UIL Class 1A State Girls Golf Tournament, May 15-16 at Lions Municipal Golf Course in Austin, by finishing as one of the top three golfers from a non-qualifying team today.

Rankin shot a 513 and sits in seventh.

Region I-6A Girls Golf Tournament
At Rolling Hills Country Club, Arlington
First round
Monday
Team standings — 1. Allen 302; 2. Arlington Martin 316; 3. Southlake Carroll 320; 4. Lewisville Hebron 326; 5. McKinney Boyd 329; 6. Dallas Mesquite 352; 7. Mansfield 361; 8. Wolfforth Frenship 362; 9. El Paso Eastwood 383; 10. (tie) Killeen Ellison 367; El Paso Coronado 367; 12. Keller 371; 13. Odessa Permian 373; 14. Keller Timber Creek 404; 15. South Grand Prairie 461; 16. Irving MacArthur 489
Medalist standings — 1. Libby Winans, Plano East, 71; 2. (tie) Trinity King, Arlington Martin, 72; Amber Park, Allen, 72; 4. (tie) Julia Garcia, Belton, 73; Ellie Sateyk, Allen, 73; 6. Faith DeLaGarza, Midland High, 74; 7. Taylor Mieras, Plano, 75; 8. Rebecca Reed, Lee, 76; 9. (tie) Serena Shah, Hebron, 77; Phoebe Yuan, Allen, 77; Emily Martin, Southlake Carroll, 77
Area medalists
Faith DeLaGarza, Midland High, 74; Rebecca Reed, Lee, 76

Region I-4A Girls Golf Tournament
At Shadow Hills Golf Course, Lubbock
First round
Monday
Team standings — 1. Andrews Black 315; 2. Seminole 324; 3. Snyder 325; 4. Abilene Wylie 328; 5. Andrews Gold 335; 6. Graham 336; 7. Levelland 354; 8. Midlothian Heritage 359; 9. Stephenville 375; 10. Pampa 383; 11. Borger 538; 12. Vernon 430; 13. Mineral Wells 460
Medalist standings — 1. Maddi Olson, Abilene Wylie, 67; 2. Courtney Velasquez, Snyder, 73; 3. (tie) Rachel Huffman, Andrews Black, 74; Brias Graham, Burkburnett, 74; 5. Abbi Ikes, Graham, 75; 6. (tie) Savannah Pinson, Andrews Black, 77; Alyssa Garcia, Seminole, 77; 8. (tie) Lauren Franco, Seminole, 78; Ashley Choate, Graham, 78; 10. (tie) Cylie Velasquez, Snyder, 79; Tallar Anthony, Levelland, 79
Area team results
Andrews Black (315) — Rachel Huffman 74, Savannah Pinson 77, Kinzee McAllister 80, Bailey McCurter 84, Katelynn Savell 87
Andrews Gold (335) — Macy Schulze 81, Skyler Strube 81, Paige Jennings 86, Sarah Harris 87, Sam Flores 88
Area medalists
Alyssa Gerhardt, Andrews, 81; Abbey Bryan, Big Spring, 87

Region I-2A Girls Golf Tournament
Ratliff Ranch Golf Links, Odessa
First round
Monday
Team Standings — 1. Forsan 345; 2. Wellington 356; 3. Memphis 369; 4. Vega 379; 5. Christoval 381; 6. Wink 388; 7. Van Horn 396; 8. Haskell 402; 9. Anson 416; 10. Sudan 418; 11. (tie) Farwell and Sundown 451; 13. Sunray 459; 14. Plains 468; 15. Albernathy 496.
Medalist standings — 1. Ashley Watts, Wellington, 75; 2. (tie) Taylor Tomlinson, Christoval, 76; Hadly Whitaker, Anson, 76; 4. Jillian Jones, Forsan, 79; 5. Razyl Yanez, Forsan, 81; 6.(tie) Kamri Ashmore, Wellington, 82; Leslie Jones, Van Horn, 82; Sarah Turnbo, Wink, 82; Hannah Spiller, Seagraves, 82; 10. (tie) Maycee Blades, Memphis, 83; Jaycie Mills, Wink, 83.
Area team Results
Forsan (345) — Jillian Jones 79, Razyl Yanez 81, Sierra Darling 86, Alexis Stancke 99, Alyse Le 109

Region II-A Boys Golf Tournament
Quicksand Golf Course, San Angelo
First round
Monday
Team standings — 1. Eula 337; 2. Garden City 370; 3. (tie) Marfa 390; Sterling City 390; 5. Rankin 397; 6. Richland Springs 404; 7. Baird 409; 8. Comstock 422; 9. Borden County 428; 10. Rotan 430; 11. Hermleigh 435; 12. Terlingua Big Bend 442; 13. Grady 446; 14. Ackerly-Sands 485; 15. Trent 496; 16. Eden 489
Medalist standings — 1. Gunner Cauthen, Eula, 71; 2. Lathen Horwood, Sterling City, 81; 3. (tie) Cole Watkins, Eula, 86; Jessie Garcia, Marfa, 86; 5. Ross Raines, Klondike, 87; 6. (tie) Jaden Cerda, Baird, 88; Dakota Carson, Eula, 88; 8. Garrett Muncy, Highland, 91; Braxton Coor, Borden County, 91; Noah Smith, Comstock, 91
Area team results
Garden City (370) — Trent McMillian 82, Dakota Roberts 92, Hagan Hallmann 92, Zach Burnett 94, Scott Miller 107
Rankin (397) — Calan Fouts 96, Ricardo Cura 97, Jacob Sanchez 102, Markus Black 102, Kamren Shelton 120
Grady (446) — Jaylen Short 103, T.J. Shands 107, Marshall Cox 114, Noah Garza 122, Dante Ruiz 136
Area medalists
Riley Eggemeyer, Garden City, 93; Justin Gaddis, Rankin, 114

Region II-A Girls Golf Tournament
Bentwood Country Club, San Angelo
First round
Monday
Team standings — 1. Bronte 451; 2. Robert Lee 470; 3. Ackerly-Sands 473; 4. Richland Springs 486; 5. Rising Star 500; 6. Terlingua Big Bend 511; 7. Rankin 513; 8. Borden County 525; 9. (tie) Eula 528; Sierra Blanca 528; 11. Roby 544
Medalist standings — 1. Logan Wood, Garden City, 100; 2. Kelby Clawson, Robert Lee, 104; 3. Luisana Rodriguez, Terlingua Big Bend, 105; 4. (tie) Reagan Hamlin, Ackerly-Sands, 106; Kamree Lewis, Richland Springs, 106; 6. Darby Duncan, Bronte, 108; Hope Lambert, Roby, 108; Mattie Grumbles, Ackerly-Sands, 108; Kelly Torres, Bronte, 108; 10. (tie) Sloane Bratcher, Veribest, 109; Ana Hayes, Comstock, 109
Area team results
Rankin (513) — Avery Wyatt 125, Victoria Guerra 125, Christina Stanford 131, Camryn Templeton 132, K'Lee Pace 159
Area medalists
Logan Wood, Garden City, 100; Nadia Escajeda, Rankin, 148

NBA PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

HAWKS 111
WIZARDS 101

ATLANTA — Paul Millsap bounced back from a sluggish start to score 19 points, Dwight Howard had his best game of the postseason and the Atlanta Hawks pulled away from the Washington Wizards 111-101 Monday night to even the opening-round playoff series at 2-all.

Howard, who was a non-factor through the first three games, had a double-double by halftime and finished with 16 points and 15 rebounds. The Hawks got double-figure scoring from seven players, including huge contributions off the bench from Kent Bazemore and Jose Calderon.

RAPTORS 118
BUCKS 93

TORONTO — Norm Powell scored a career playoff-high 25 points, Kyle Lowry had 16 points and 10 assists and the Toronto Raptors beat the Milwaukee Bucks 118-93 in Game 5 of their first-round playoff series on Monday night.

Serge Ibaka scored 19 points and DeMar DeRozan had 18 for the Raptors, who can advance to face defending champion Cleveland in the second round with a victory in Game 6 at Milwaukee on Thursday night.

Toronto lost Game 6 on the road at Indiana in the first round and at Miami in the second round last year, rebounding to win Game 7 at home each time.

NBA PLAYOFFS GLANCE

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Saturday, April 15
Cleveland 109, Indiana 108
Milwaukee 97, Toronto 83
San Antonio 111, Memphis 82
Utah 97, L.A. Clippers 95
Sunday, April 16
Washington 114, Atlanta 107
Golden State 121, Portland 109
Chicago 106, Boston 102
Houston 118, Oklahoma City 87
Monday, April 17
Cleveland 117, Indiana 111
San Antonio 96, Memphis 82
Tuesday, April 18
Toronto 106, Milwaukee 100
Chicago 111, Boston 97
L.A. Clippers 99, Utah 91
Wednesday, April 19
Washington 109, Atlanta 101
Houston 115, Oklahoma City 111
Golden State 110, Portland 81. Golden State leads series 2-0
Thursday, April 20
Cleveland 119, Indiana 114, Cleveland leads series 3-0
Milwaukee 104, Toronto 77
Memphis 105, San Antonio 94, San Antonio leads series 2-1
Friday, April 21
Boston 104, Chicago 87, Chicago leads series 2-1
Oklahoma City 115, Houston 113, Houston leads series 2-1
L.A. Clippers 111, Utah 106. L.A. Clippers leads series 2-1
Saturday
Toronto 87, Milwaukee 76, series tied 2-2
Atlanta 116, Washington 98, Washington leads series 2-1
Memphis 110, San Antonio 106, OT, series tied 2-2
Golden State at Portland, late
Sunday
Cleveland 106, Indiana 102, Cleveland wins series 4-0
Houston 113, Oklahoma City 109, Houston leads series 3-1
Boston 104, Chicago 85, series tied 2-2
L.A. Clippers at Utah, late
Monday
Toronto 118, Milwaukee 93, Toronto leads series 3-2
Atlanta 111, Washington 101, series tied 2-2
Golden State at Portland, late
Today
Oklahoma City at Houston, 7 p.m.
Memphis at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Chicago at Boston, TBA
Atlanta at Washington, TBA
x-Portland at Golden State, TBA
Thursday
Toronto at Milwaukee, TBA
San Antonio at Memphis, TBA
x-Houston at Oklahoma City, TBA

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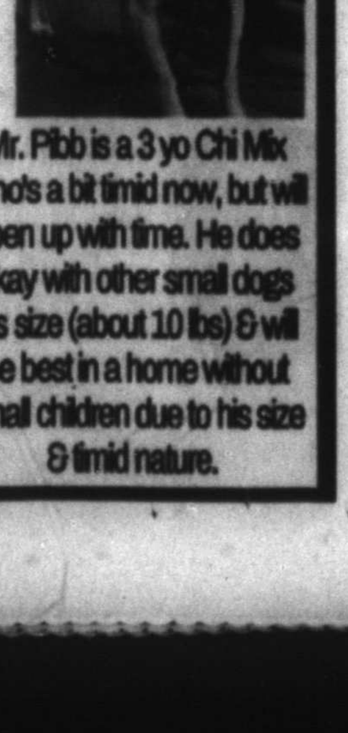
Mr. Pibb is a 3 yo Chi Mix who's a bit timid now, but will open up with time. He does okay with other small dogs his size (about 10 lbs) & will be best in a home without small children due to his size & timid nature.

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

ROCKHOUNDS 9, HOOKS 0
At Whataburger Field, Corpus Christi

TOP HITTERS: J.P. Sportman and Viosergy Rosa combined to drive home seven of the RockHounds' nine runs. Sportman was 2-for-5 with a homer, three RBI and three runs scored, while Rosa went 2-for-5 with a grand slam.

TOP PITCHERS: Midland's Corey Walter and Brandon Mann combined on a two-hit shutout. Walter got the win after tossing five innings of two-hit ball. Walter rejoined the RockHounds Monday after making one start with Triple-A Nashville last week. In relief of Walter, Mann notched his first save by firing four hitless innings to go along with four strikeouts.

HIGHLIGHTS: Richie Martin got the RockHounds going with a solo home run during a two-run third inning, which pushed Midland to a 2-0 lead. ... Rosa's grand slam extended the RockHounds' advantage to 6-0 in the top of the fifth. ... Sportman cracked a three-run homer in the eighth, capping Midland's scoring.

NOTES: Midland recorded its first shutout in 16 games. ... Martin, Rosa and Sportman all hit their second home runs of the season. ... To make room for Walter on the roster, left-handed pitcher Kyle Twomey was sent from Midland to extended spring training in Mesa, Arizona. ... The RockHounds won their first contest of an eight-game road trip to Corpus Christi and San Antonio.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland — RHP James Naile (0-0, 2.30 ERA); Corpus Christi — RHP Dean Deetz (2-0, 1.04).

TL standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield	10	7	.588	—
Arkansas	8	8	.500	1½
Northwest Arkansas	8	9	.471	2
Tulsa	6	10	.375	3½

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Corpus Christi	10	7	.588	—
San Antonio	9	8	.529	1
Frisco	8	9	.471	2
Midland	8	9	.471	2

Monday's Scores
Tulsa 8, Arkansas 1
San Antonio 8, Frisco 3
Midland 9, Corpus Christi 0
Springfield 6, Northwest Arkansas 4

Today's Games
Arkansas at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.
Frisco at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
Springfield at Northwest Arkansas, 7:05 p.m.

ROCKHOUNDS 9, HOOKS 0

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Corpus	ab	r	h	bi
Vertigan cf	5	1	2	0	Ferguson dh	3	0	0	0
Sportman 2b	5	3	2	3	Laureano rf	3	0	0	0
Boyd rf	5	0	2	1	Singleton 1b	3	0	0	0
Marrero 1b	4	1	1	0	Davis 3b	4	0	0	0
Rosa 1b	5	1	2	4	Garcia cf	3	0	0	0
Bennie dh	4	0	1	0	Mayfield 2b	3	0	1	0
Ruiz c	4	1	1	0	Boyd lf	3	0	0	0
Martin ss	4	1	1	1	Ritchie c	3	0	1	0
Tarsovich 3b	4	1	2	0	Nunez ss	2	0	0	0
Rdriguez ph-3b	1	0	0	0					
Totals	41	9	14	9	Totals	27	0	2	0

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Corpus ..... 000 000 000 —0

E — Boyd (1). Ritchie (1). DP — Midland 2. Corpus Christi 1. LOB — Midland 9, Corpus Christi 6. 2B — Bennie (2). HR — Martin (2). Rosa (2). Sportman (2). SB — Ferguson (4).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Walter W, 2-0	5.0	2	0	0	3	1
Mann S, 1	4.0	0	0	0	3	4
Corpus Christi						
Smith L, 0-1	4.1	5	4	3	2	5
Peterson	2.2	4	2	2	1	2
Dorris	1.1	5	3	3	0	3
Freeman	0.2	0	0	0	1	1

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Chaps lead NJCAA District 2 Championship

From staff reports

ABILENE — The Midland College golf team had a very good round on Monday afternoon to take a lead going into today's final round of the NJCAA District 2 Championship at Diamondback Golf Course.

The Chaparrals shot 297 in the morning round and then a 4-under part 280 in the afternoon and now lead the aggregate standings that also combine the 54 holes from the Southwest Junior College Championship played April 24-25 in Pottsboro by eight strokes at 1,482. Odessa College is in second with an aggregate score of 1,490.

MC sophomore Stefan Cronje led the way on Monday by shooting 74 and 67, while MC freshman Michael Salazar also had a good day with 69 and 74 scores. Sophomore Hudson Ross recovered from a 77 in the morning to shoot 68 in the afternoon.

"Our 4-under par 280 as a team was really impressive. We hope to maintain that lead (today)," MC coach Delnor Poss said.

The tournament concludes today with the final round.

NJCAA DISTRICT 2 CHAMPIONSHIP
At Diamondback Golf Course, Abilene
Par: 71; Yards: 6,977
Monday

Aggregate standings (including the 54 holes from the Southwest Junior College Championship played April 24-25) — 1. Midland College 297-280-577—1,482. 2. Odessa College 290-289-579—1,490. 3. Western Texas College 306-293-599—1,499. 4. McLennan CC 306-293-599—1,500. 5. New Mexico JC 306-295-601—1,512. 6. Ranger College 296-308-604—1,548. 7. Jacksonville College 307-311-618—1,582. 8. New Mexico Military 309-320—629—1,599

Midland College (Monday's scores) — Stefan Cronje 74-67—141. Michael Salazar 69-74—143. Ben Murray 77-73—150. Hudson Ross 77-68—145. Coleman Houston 78-72—150.

Midland College individual - Tommy Parker 80-83—163

Beltran still impacting games in 20th MLB season

By Fred Goodall
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Carlos Beltran chuckled at the suggestion he somehow is defying "father time."

The nine-time All-Star is in his 20th major league season, three weeks into a second tour of duty with the Houston Astros.

Beltran

And while he no longer is the dynamic young player he was during his first stint with the team, the three-time Gold Glove outfielder and 1999 AL Rookie of the Year is making an impact on and off the field.

Beltran turned 40 on Monday, a day after drawing a leadoff walk and coming around to score the go-ahead run in an extra-innings victory over the Tampa Bay Rays.

He hit his first homer for the Astros since October 2004 last week, then homered again the following night to move within one extra-base hit (1,040) of tying Pete Rose for third-most among switch-hitters in major league history.

"We're winning. We're playing good baseball. We're having a good time," Beltran said of his return to the Astros.

He starred for Houston during the 2004 postseason, homering in five consecutive games and positioning himself to sign a $119 million deal with the New York Mets in free agency.

He's also made postseason appearances with the Mets, St. Louis Cardinals and Texas Rangers during a career that began with the Kansas City Royals.

Beltran hit 41 homers and drove in 131 runs in 232 games over the past two seasons with the New York Yankees, who sent him to the Rangers at the trade deadline last summer.

When the slugger, who has 423 career homers, became a free agent again last fall, the Astros didn't hesitate to add him to a talented young roster that includes Jose Altuve, Carlos Correa and George Springer.

"He brings a lot. He has a great presence on our team," manager A.J. Hinch said.

"He's a stabilizer when it comes to everything from the mental side of the game for some of our younger players to the controlled at-bats in the middle of our lineup that 20 years in the league will give you," Hinch added. "He's just a very influential presence on a team that needed it."

Sunday's 6-4 victory in 10 innings over Tampa Bay was Houston's ninth in 11 games, boosting the AL's second-best record to 13-6 entering an off day Monday.

Beltran is batting .257 with two homers and seven RBIs, primarily as a designated hitter, in 18 games. He leads the club with six multi-hit games.

"He's doing well. He's sort of defied father time in every way," Hinch said.

"Maybe his speed is down a little bit compared to his early days, obviously, but his ability to handle velocity and put at-bats together" is not, the manager added. "He's playing left field once a week, maybe. But I don't think he cares about father time, he's still a pretty complete player."

Beltran was looking to join a playoff contender, and the decision to sign a $16 million, one-year contract with the Astros was an easy one.

"When I got traded from the Yankees to Texas, I got to see them play a lot," he said. "They're a young team, a lot of talent. At every position, you see a guy who could a be a star-type of player in the league."

Beltran welcomed a chance to make a difference in the clubhouse, as well.

"I'm a guy who likes to study the game. I like to come early, look at the pitchers to see tendencies, and if there's something that they're doing, then I'm going to try to use that to my advantage," Beltran said.

"At the same time, I try to pass it on to the younger guys. Sometimes, when you've never done something, that doesn't mean that you can't try," he added. "So I tell them: 'Hey, don't be afraid to try. ... You might get good results.' That's what it's all about, being able to share my experience with them."

Beltran said he hasn't given much thought to how long he might continue to play. He just wants to "enjoy what I've got left."

"It's going to be based on how I feel, my production. If I feel like I had a pretty good year like I did last year, why do I need to go home?" he said.

"If I can contribute at a high level, then I'd love to play as long as I can," Beltran added. "If I feel like I cannot contribute, and I'm not happy with my production, it's not like I have to make a difficult decision."

LEONARD

From 1C

floor and 46 percent from 3-point range to even the series.

"When he first got into the league, he wasn't very comfortable shooting the ball from 15 feet out," said Spurs forward Pau Gasol, a teammate of Conley's in Memphis earlier in his career. "He was a rookie, just like we've all been there. You can tell that he has worked on his game, has tremendous confidence on his outside jumper. This year, he's been shooting more threes at a higher percentage. He's become an elite point guard."

The series shifts back to San Antonio for a pivotal Game 5 on Tuesday, and Leonard is less focused on the points he has piled up than he is on shoring up the team's defense.

"They took care of home court, but it's not about that," said the two-time defensive player of the year, who has guarded Conley periodically throughout the series. "We've got to do a better job defensively. We can't let them get up to 100 points."

The Grizzlies lost by a combined 33 points in Games 1 and 2 in San Antonio, in part because Conley was outplayed by Spurs veteran Tony Parker at point guard. Conley managed just 13 points in Game 1 before rebounding to hit four 3s and score 24 points in Game 2. But Memphis also managed just 82 points in each of the first two games and was unable to sustain any kind of offensive production in San Antonio.

Conley dominated the matchup in Memphis, galvanizing the Grizzlies.

"Of course we are in desperation. According to the media, we were supposed to get swept anyway," Conley said. "So every game is like our last game, like we are going home. We have to keep that mentality because at this point we just have to find a way to win on the road. In order to win the series, you have to win on the road."

NENE

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scoring gap. His performance helped the Rockets to a 113-109 win and gave them an opportunity to advance to the second round in Game 5 on Tuesday night. He also had a season-best 10 rebounds on Sunday and has made 23 of 25 shots this postseason to lead the NBA playoffs in field goal percentage.

"You have to have guys like that on your team that know how to take care of themselves on and off the court, (and) how to respond to physical games," D'Antoni said. "It's all cute and fun when you're dancing around, but when it gets down to mudslinging it's nice to have a guy like that in the back alley with you and that's where he's been really good."

When D'Antoni is asked about Nene, he invariably brings up his strength and toughness. Looking at the 6-foot-11, 250-pound Nene it's easy to see why. He appears to be in the best shape he's been in years. Though there's grey peppered throughout both his goatee and flowing dreadlocks, he possesses the biceps of a bodybuilder — bulging muscles with thick veins straining against his taut skin.

His great shape could be in part because competition started early for him this season when he suited up for Brazil in the 2016 Olympics. However, he said it's more likely the extra work he puts in to fight off Father Time.

"I've been playing for 15 years at that kind of level and that kind of intensity because I take care of myself," said Nene, who just finished his first regular season with the Rockets.

Though Nene, who had to battle testicular cancer in 2008, averaged just 9.1 points and 4.2 rebounds a game while backing up Clint Capela, no one was surprised with his performance in game 4. Whether it's his work behind the scenes mentoring Capela or the fact that he's usually the first one at the gym every day, the Rockets didn't need him to lead the team in scoring to know his worth.

"He does an unbelievable job of taking care of his self and he knows how far he can push himself and he knows his body," D'Antoni said. "That's being a veteran and understanding how to win and understanding what it means in the playoffs to play."

While Harden is the Rockets unquestioned leader, everyone contributes. Houston has had one or more players other than Harden score at least 20 points in each of its four playoff games, capped by Nene's performance.

MLB ROUNDUP

American League

TWINS 3
RANGERS 2

ARLINGTON — Brian Dozier hit a bases-clearing double and the Minnesota Twins beat Texas 3-2 on Monday night, ending the Rangers' AL-best four-game winning streak.

Dozier's two-out double in the fifth came after Martin Perez (1-3) walked the bases loaded, giving free passes to the three of the bottom four batters in the Twins lineup. Dozier had only three RBIs his first 17 games this season.

Those were the only walks and runs allowed by Perez in his six innings.

Phil Hughes (3-1) allowed two runs on six hits over six innings. The right-hander, who has won all three of his road starts this season, struck out two and walked one.

Brandon Kintzler worked the ninth for his fifth save in as many chances. The right-hander hasn't allowed a run in his 9 1-3 innings over nine appearances.

The Rangers (9-11), the AL West champion the past two seasons, missed a chance to reach .500 for the first time this year. They were coming off a four-game series sweep against Kansas City.

Mike Napoli scored the only Texas runs. After his leadoff double in the second, Rougned Odor followed with an RBI double. Napoli was hit by a pitch to start the fourth, and scored on Joey Gallo's single.

WHITE SOX 12
ROYALS 1

CHICAGO — Matt Davidson had two hits and three RBIs in an eight-run sixth, Chicago's highest-scoring inning in five years, and the White Sox routed the struggling Kansas City Royals 12-1 on Monday night.

Miguel Gonzalez (3-0) lowered his ERA to 2.00, allowing an unearned run and two hits in eight innings.

Davidson set a career-high with three hits and tied his best with four RBIs. Melky Cabrera, Todd Frazier and Tyler Saladino drove in two runs each for the White Sox, who out-hit the Royals 15-2.

Chicago put together its high-scoring inning since a nine-run fifth against Texas on July 3, 2012. The Royals have lost five straight and scored a major league-low 47 runs.

Jason Vargas (3-1) gave up four runs — three earned — and seven hits in five innings. His ERA rose from a big league-best 0.44 to 1.40.

Associated Press

Texas Rangers' Elvis Andrus reacts to striking out in the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Minnesota Twins in Arlington on Monday.

National League

CUBS 14
PIRATES 3

PITTSBURGH — Addison Russell set a career high with four hits, Jason Heyward homered for the third time in four games and drove in four runs as the Chicago Cubs jumped on the Pittsburgh Pirates early in a 14-3 victory on Monday night.

Ben Zobrist added three RBIs for Chicago as the defending World Series champions won for the fifth time in six games. Anthony Rizzo had three hits to extend his hitting streak to 13 games. Kyle Schwarber, Kris Bryant and Miguel Montero all had two hits apiece for the Cubs.

Chicago scored four runs with two outs in the first inning off Chad Kuhl (1-2) and added five more in the second to give Brett Anderson (2-0) all the breathing room he would need.

Anderson struggled at times with his command, walking six in six innings while striking out three and allowed three runs, one earned.

Rookie Jose Osuna had three of Pittsburgh's seven hits and drove in a run. Kuhl lasted just 1 2/3 innings, giving up nine runs as his ERA ballooned from 2.60 to 6.63 in less than an hour.

BREWERS 11
REDS 7

MILWAUKEE — Eric Thames homered twice to raise his major league-leading total to 10. Hernan Perez added a three-run shot, Matt Garza pitched for the first time this season and the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Cincinnati Reds 11-7 on Monday night.

The left-handed batting Thames got just enough muscle on an 0-2 pitch from Amir Garrett (2-2) to slice an opposite-field, two-run homer in the second. He extended his home-run streak against the Reds this season to five consecutive games with a solo shot to right in the first. Perez's three-run homer capped that inning.

Seven of Thames' 10 major-league leading home runs have come off the Reds' hurlers, including five in the four-game series in mid-April at Cincinnati.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	13	5	.722	—
New York	11	7	.611	2
Boston	11	9	.579	2½
Tampa Bay	10	11	.476	4½
Toronto	5	13	.278	8

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	10	8	.556	—
Detroit	10	8	.556	—
Chicago	9	9	.500	1
Minnesota	9	10	.474	1½
Kansas City	7	12	.368	3½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	13	6	.684	—
Oakland	10	9	.526	3
Texas	9	11	.450	4½
Seattle	8	12	.400	5½
Los Angeles	8	12	.400	5½

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	12	5	.706	—
Miami	10	8	.556	2½
Philadelphia	9	9	.500	3½
New York	8	11	.421	5
Atlanta	6	12	.333	6½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	10	8	.556	—
Cincinnati	10	9	.526	½
St. Louis	9	10	.474	1½
Milwaukee	9	11	.450	2
Pittsburgh	8	10	.444	2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	13	6	.684	—
Arizona	12	8	.600	1½
Los Angeles	9	10	.474	4
San Diego	8	12	.400	5½
San Francisco	6	13	.316	7

Scores and Schedules

American League
Monday's Scores
Baltimore 6, Tampa Bay 3
Minnesota 3, Texas 2
Chicago White Sox 12, Kansas City 1
Toronto at L.A. Angels, late

Today's Games
Houston (Keuchel 3-0) at Cleveland (Tomlin 1-2), 5:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Ramirez 2-0) at Baltimore (Miley 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Severino 1-1) at Boston (Porcello 1-2), 6:10 p.m.
Seattle (Hernandez 2-1) at Detroit (Zimmermann 1-1), 6:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Santana 3-0) at Texas (Cashner 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Duffy 2-0) at Chicago White Sox (Covey 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
Toronto (Estrada 0-1) at St. Louis (Wacha 2-1), 7:15 p.m.
Oakland (Graveman 2-0) at L.A. Angels (Ramirez 2-2), 9:07 p.m.

National League
Monday's Scores
Chicago Cubs 14, Pittsburgh 3
Milwaukee 11, Cincinnati 7
Washington at Colorado, late
San Diego at Arizona, late
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, late

Today's Games
Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 1-1) at Pittsburgh (Cole 1-2), 6:05 p.m.
Miami (Chen 2-0) at Philadelphia (Velez 2-0), 6:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Teheran 1-1) at N.Y. Mets (Gsellman 0-1), 6:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Feldman 1-1) at Milwaukee (Davies 1-2), 6:40 p.m.
Toronto (Estrada 0-1) at St. Louis (Wacha 2-1), 7:15 p.m.
Washington (Ross 1-0) at Colorado (Rusin 2-0), 7:40 p.m.
San Diego (Richard 2-2) at Arizona (Corbin 1-3), 8:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 3-1) at San Francisco (Bisch 0-0), 9:15 p.m.

Texas box

TWINS 3, RANGERS 2

Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Dozier 2b	5	0	2	3	C.Gomez cf	4	0	2	0
Mauer 1b	4	0	1	0	Choo dh	3	0	0	0
Sano 3b	4	0	0	0	Mazara rf	4	0	0	0
Grossman rf	3	0	0	0	Napoli 1b	3	2	1	0
Kepler rf	0	0	0	0	Odor 2b	4	0	1	1
J.Pinto ss	3	0	1	0	Andrus ss	4	0	1	0
K-Virgas dh	3	1	1	0	Gallo 3b	3	0	1	1
Gimenez c	3	1	0	0	Lucroy c	4	0	1	0
E.Rario lf	4	0	1	0	Profar lf	2	0	0	0
Buxton cf	2	1	0	0	Rua ph-lf	1	0	0	0

Totals 31 3 6 3 Totals 32 2 7 2

Minnesota ..... 010 100 000—3
Texas ..... 010 100 000—2

DP—Minnesota 2, Texas 2. LOB—Minnesota 7, Texas 6. 2B—Dozier (4), C.Gomez (5), Napoli (3), Odor (3). SB—Andrus (5), Gallo (3). CS—Choo (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Minnesota						
Hughes W,3-1	6	6	2	2	1	2
Rogers	1	1	0	0	0	0
Belisle	1	0	0	0	0	1
Kintzler S,5	1	0	0	0	1	1
Texas						
Perez L,1-3	6	6	3	3	3	3
Leclerc	1 2-3	0	0	0	1	3
Alvarez	1	0	0	0	2	0
Kela	1-3	0	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Hughes (Napoli).
T—3:01. A—19,027 (48,114).

Monday's linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

ORIOLES 6, RAYS 3
Tampa Bay ..... 100 200 000 —3 7 0
Baltimore ..... 001 002 21x —6 7 0
Archer, Garton (7) and Norris; Jimenez, Nuno (4), Givens (7), Hart (8), Brach (9) and Castillo.

Totals 31 3 6 3 Totals 32 2 7 2

Minnesota ..... 010 100 000—3
Texas ..... 010 100 000—2

DP—Minnesota 2, Texas 2. LOB—Minnesota 7, Texas 6. 2B—Dozier (4), C.Gomez (5), Napoli (3), Odor (3). SB—Andrus (5), Gallo (3). CS—Choo (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Minnesota						
Hughes W,3-1	6	6	2	2	1	2
Rogers	1	1	0	0	0	0
Belisle	1	0	0	0	0	1
Kintzler S,5	1	0	0	0	1	1
Texas						
Perez L,1-3	6	6	3	3	3	3
Leclerc	1 2-3	0	0	0	1	3
Alvarez	1	0	0	0	2	0
Kela	1-3	0	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Hughes (Napoli).
T—3:01. A—19,027 (48,114).

W—Greene 3-0. L—Archer 2-1. Sv—Brach (4). HRs—Tampa Bay, Dickerson. Baltimore, Jones, Kim, Schoop.

WHITE SOX 12, ROYALS 1
Kansas City ..... 001 000 000 —1 2 1
Chicago ..... 011 026 00x—12 15 1
J.Vargas, Moylan (6), Wood (8), Strahm (7), Herrera (8) and S.Perez. Buteria; Gonzalez, Swarzak (9) and Soto. W—Gonzalez 3-0. L—J.Vargas 3-1. HRs—Chicago, Davidson.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
CUBS 13, PIRATES 3
Chicago ..... 401 002 110—1417 1
Pittsburgh ..... 100 002 000 —3 7 2
B.Anderson, Grimm (7), Duensing (8) and Montero; Kuhl, Williams (2), Santiago (8), Neverauskas (8) and Cervelli. W—B.Anderson 2-0. L—Kuhl 1-2. HRs—Chicago, Heyward.

BREWERS 11, REDS 7
Cincinnati ..... 013 001 011 —7 9 1
Milwaukee ..... 422 200 01x—11 9 4
Garrett, Hernandez (4), Storen (7), Lorenzen (8) and Turner; Garza, Martinez (5), Drake (6), Torres (7), Knebel (8), Barnes (9) and Pina. W—Torres 1-2. L—Garrett 2-2. HRs—Cincinnati, Schebler. Milwaukee, Perez, Thames 2.

College stars bolster draft stock through special teams

By Arnie Stapleton
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — More and more college coaches are putting their starters and even their stars on special teams as they seek to pile up every possible point in an era of pedal-to-the-metal shootouts and never-safe leads.

Fading fast are the days when superstars would catch their breath on the sideline when the kicker or punter trotted onto the field with the scrubs.

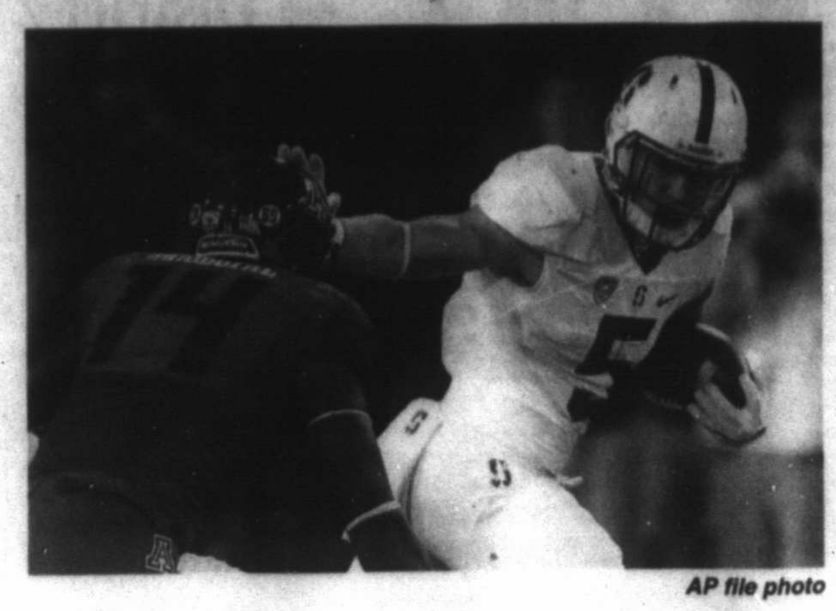
NFL teams love it.

Watching how players handle themselves as a blocker, gunner or returner provides a glimpse into a prospect's range, selflessness and versatility. It also delivers a sneak peek into how coachable he'll be, says Phil Savage, the SiriusXM NFL Radio host who spent two decades as an NFL coach, scout and executive and now oversees the Senior Bowl.

"I think because of the landscape of college football where scoring is at a premium, you've got to figure out a way to put points on the board not only on offense but through your special teams and defensively, as well," Savage says. "These coaches want to get these young players on the field as soon as possible, and a way to do that is utilize them on special teams."

These tapes provide a bonus to pro scouts.

"Now you have a vision of what that player might forecast to in the NFL as a young player and, specifically, as a rookie," Savage said.



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In this Oct. 29, 2016, file photo, Stanford running back Christian McCaffrey (5) stiff-arms Arizona linebacker Paul Magloire Jr. during the first half of a college football game in Tucson, Ariz.

Offensive and defensive coaches have a better idea of the types of players they're integrating into their schemes, and special teams coaches no longer get blank stares and blank canvases from the rookie class.

"Not only do you like the fact that they come in and have experience doing it, but you love the mentality if you're a coach and a decision maker that this guy isn't a diva, he's got no ego about it, he understands the team and puts team before self," says ESPN draft analyst Todd McShay.

"And he comes in with the mindset of 'What can I do to help the team and how can I contribute?' Those are the guys that seem to make it and last longer in the league because they're just willing to do different things and whatever it takes."

The prime example in this year's draft class is Stanford running back Christian McCaffrey , a "dynamic player than can do it all," according to Broncos GM John Elway.

McCaffrey gained more than 5,000 yards from scrimmage in his college career and added almost 2,000 more as a returner.

"There's just a lot of big plays open in the return game," McCaffrey says. "You see special teams have such an impact on the game today. Any time I can have the ball in my hands, I feel like I can do something dangerous, and that's really why I love the return game."

Other highly touted draft prospects who polished their resumes on special teams include Michigan safety Jabrill Peppers, LSU safety Jamal Adams, Washington wide receiver John Ross, and USC cornerback Adroee' Jackson, all of whom are projected as high selections.

McShay says "we're seeing more and more programs put an emphasis on special teams and having their key players contribute in one or more areas on special teams."

He pointed to Ohio State, where Urban Myers coaches special teams himself.

"It's a major emphasis there, and so you'll see some more guys typically lined up and contributing that are starters and stars," McShay says. "It's an honor to be on special teams."

Not a burden.

"It is not uncommon now to see people that are going to be picked in the first round having 100-plus special teams plays," suggests NFL draft consultant and former Dallas Cowboys executive Gil Brandt.

He pointed to the University of Florida, where Gators defensive backs cover kickoffs as well as they do receivers.

"Everyone's always trying to get their best guys on the field," Brandt says.

That's a change from years past when coaches feared exposing their star players to the extra hits.

The added value benefits the players, whose multiple talents allow NFL general managers to address many needs.

"We're seeing more emphasis on it in college, and I think NFL teams love to see it because if just means you're getting a bit more for your buck," McShay says.

NFL Draft Order
At Philadelphia
April 27-29
First Round
Opponents

	W	L	T	Pct	W	L	T	Pct
1. Cleveland	1	15	0	.063	139	114	3	.549
2. San Francisco	2	14	0	.125	127	125	4	.504
3. Chicago	3	13	0	.188	133	122	1	.521
4. Jacksonville	3	13	0	.188	135	121	0	.527
5. Tennessee	4	12	0	.250	127	125	4	.504
6. N.Y. Jets	5	11	0	.313	131	122	3	.518
7. L.A. Chargers	5	11	0	.313	139	117	0	.543
8. Carolina	6	10	0	.375	131	122	3	.518
9. Cincinnati	6	9	1	.406	133	122	1	.521
10. Buffalo	7	9	0	.438	122	131	3	.482
11. New Orleans	7	9	0	.438	133	121	2	.523
12. Cleveland	7	9	0	.438	141	111	4	.559
13. Arizona	7	8	1	.469	117	136	3	.463
14. Philadelphia	8	8	0	.500	125	129	2	.492
15. Indianapolis	8	8	0	.500	126	130	0	.492
16. Baltimore	8	8	0	.500	126	127	3	.498
17. Washington	8	7	1	.531	131	123	2	.516
18. Tennessee	9	7	0	.563	119	137	0	.465
19. Tampa Bay	9	7	0	.563	125	129	2	.492
20. Denver	9	7	0	.563	140	115	1	.549
21. Detroit	9	7	0	.563	121	134	1	.475
22. Miami	10	6	0	.625	115	138	3	.455
23. N.Y. Giants	11	5	0	.688	123	130	3	.486
24. Oakland	12	4	0	.750	129	127	0	.504
25. Houston	9	7	0	.563	128	127	1	.502
26. Seattle	10	5	1	.656	112	142	2	.441
27. Kansas City	12	4	0	.750	130	128	0	.508
28. Dallas	13	3	0	.813	119	134	3	.471
29. Green Bay	10	6	0	.625	129	125	2	.508
30. Pittsburgh	11	5	0	.688	125	138	3	.494
31. Atlanta	11	5	0	.688	122	132	2	.480
32. New England	14	2	0	.875	111	142	3	.439

Aaron Hernandez friends, family turn out for private funeral

By Dave Collins
Associated Press

BRISTOL, Conn. — Aaron Hernandez's family and friends bid farewell to the former NFL star at a private funeral Monday, and a judge ordered that three suicide notes he left be turned over to his fiancee by the time he is buried.

Dozens of mourners turned out for the invitation-only service in Hernandez's hometown of Bristol, including his mother and fiancee, several of his defense attorneys, and friends from his playing days with the University of Florida and the New England Patriots.

Hernandez, who was serving a life sentence for a 2013 murder, hanged himself in his cell in a maximum-security prison in Massachusetts on April 19. Only days earlier he had been acquitted of murder charges in the shooting deaths of two men in Boston in 2012.

At the request of Hernandez's fiancee, Shayanna Jenkins Hernandez, a Massachusetts judge ruled that the district attorney must provide the family with copies of three notes Hernandez left next to a Bible before killing himself. An attorney for Jenkins Hernandez said authorities had refused to share the contents of the notes until the investigation into Hernandez's death was complete.

The judge said Worcester District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr.'s office can redact information from the notes before producing copies to protect the ongoing investigation.

At the funeral home, two men in suits checked IDs as guests drove up the driveway. Police closed a street outside to traffic, and television news crews were stationed in a lot across the street. At one point, Hernandez's mother, Terri Hernandez, stepped out ahead of the service to smoke a cigarette on the funeral home's front porch.

The guests included twin NFL players Mike and Maurkice Pouncey; football player Brandon Spikes; and prominent medical examiner Dr. Michael Baden, whom Hernandez's family retained to perform an independent autopsy, and his wife, Linda Kenney Baden, a defense attorney.

Nunez wins distinguished Texas Tech student award

From staff reports

LUBBOCK — Lee grad and Texas Tech senior defensive lineman Talor Nunez was named Friday the 2017 recipient of the prestigious McAuley Distinguished Engineering Student Award presented by the Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering.

Nunez

The award is one of the top honors presented annually for engineering students at Texas Tech. It is named in memory of James A. McAuley, a distinguished alumnus in the field of engineering and a member of the Dean's Council.

"I'm very honored and humbled to accept this award," Nunez said. "I'm thankful for each person who has helped guide me to this position. I'm also thankful to the Dean's Council for selecting me as the winner of this year's award. It's truly a blessing and I will always work to represent Texas Tech well in all that I do."

Nunez, a mechanical engineering major, will be recognized at a May 19 banquet hosted by the engineering college. Nunez will graduate this August with his undergraduate degree and will immediately start on a master's program in the Rawls College of Business.

In order to be considered for the award, Nunez needed at least a 3.5 grade-point average and also had to write a formal essay and present his resume to the Dean's Council. From there, he was one of 10 students to interview with the committee last Thursday.

"Our staff is proud of how well Talor performs in the classroom," Tech head coach Kliff Kingsbury said. "He is an example to his teammates of where hard work can take you. He is a great representative of our program and I know he has a bright future ahead of him."

Nunez, who envisions a career in the oil and gas industry following his playing career, is one of Tech's top student-athletes in the classroom as he has been recognized twice in his career (2014, 2016) on the Academic All-Big 12 first team. He has also made numerous appearances on the Dean's and President's lists.

The May 19 award ceremony is just over a week from another important date for Nunez — his wedding. Nunez will marry Kaylee Rogers, also of Midland, in their hometown on May 27.

Penguins-Capitals rivalry highlights playoffs' second round

By Stephen Whyno
Associated Press

It is the playoff format everyone loves to hate, but say this for the NHL's divisional setup: It is serving up a tasty feast of rivalries in the second round.

For the second consecutive year, Sidney Crosby and the Pittsburgh Penguins will face Alex Ovechkin and the Washington Capitals after they hadn't met in the playoffs since 2009. Washington and Pittsburgh were the league's top two teams in the regular season and are the two top Stanley Cup contenders left playing in the final eight. They get under way on Thursday instead of in early June.

The Edmonton Oilers have waited 11 years to get back the postseason and they now face the Pacific Division rival Ducks, with Game 1 set for Wednesday in Anaheim. In the other West semifinal, the St. Louis Blues have home-ice advantage against the Nashville Predators after those teams pulled off first-round upsets.

St. Louis general manager Doug Armstrong expects it to be far more physical series than anyone expects. That could also be the case for the Ottawa Senators against the New York Rangers, too, with two teams that don't lack for big guys and a thirst for tension.

Here are some things to watch in the second round of the Stanley Cup playoffs:

New blood

Pittsburgh and Anaheim are the only teams left that have won the Cup in the salary-cap era that began in 2005-06. Washington has been around but is trying to make the Eastern Conference final for the first time in the Ovechkin era in perhaps its best chance at a title, while New York is aiming to get back to the Cup Final for the first time since losing to Los Angeles in 2014.

In the West, the Blues have another opportunity to break through after losing in seven games to the San Jose Sharks in the conference final a year ago. Like former coach Barry Trotz now with the Capitals, Predators have never reached the conference final.

Oh Canada

A year after no Canadian teams qualified for the playoffs, Ottawa and Edmonton give the Great White North two chances to end the nation's Cup drought that dates to the Montreal Canadiens' victory in 1993. The Senators and Oilers are underdogs in the second round, but there are reasons to believe they have a shot.

The Senators' methodical style of play can frustrate opponents and at times lull them to sleep, and goaltender Craig Anderson has better numbers against the Rangers than any other opponent.

COWBOYS

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departures in free agency of cornerbacks Brandon Carr and Morris Claiborne and safeties Barry Church and J.J. Wilcox.

Executive vice president of personnel Stephen Jones helped win the battle of wills with former coach Bill Parcells when Dallas took Ware in 2005 and steered his father away from troubled quarterback Johnny Manziel three years ago. Now he's hesitant to declare that the Cowboys would skip an offensive player at the top of their board when they are on the clock.

"We've had years where we said 'Hey, we're going to go to the next defensive player,'" Stephen Jones said. "I think that's where you get yourself in a lot of trouble. If you pass up really good football players to take guys that you may have a question mark on, then I think that's where you start to make your mistakes."

The Cowboys rebuilt their offensive line with three first-round picks in a span of four seasons (2011-14), a big part of why they've been offensive-minded at the top of the draft most of the past decade.

Now that Dallas is getting into the second contracts for those blockers, along with a $70 million, five-year deal for 2014 All-Pro receiver Dez Bryant, most of the salary cap is taken by the offense.

The Cowboys wouldn't mind having a pay big for one of their pass rushers in two or three years, and they think they already have a few with potential. David Irving has shown flashes, and Dallas should see Charles Tapper for the first time this year after a back injury sidelined him as a rookie third-round pick.

"It's just that we don't have that guy that just left the room," Stephen Jones said, referring to Ware . "A guy when you break the huddle they look at and say where is he? But we have got some good, solid football players in our defensive line."

And they're set at quarterback, just not with the guy they figured it would be a year ago.

BRISTOL

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said of his place in history.

Johnson doesn't like Bristol, but had no trouble contending with Kyle Larson, the points leader and most dominant driver of the day. A speeding penalty on Larson late in the race allowed Johnson to make it look easy in the end. Clint Bowyer finished second and Stewart-Haas Racing teammate Kevin Harvick was third.

Matt Kenseth was the highest finishing Toyota driver with a quiet fourth. Joey Logano in a Ford was fifth for Team Penske and Larson rallied to sixth. He had been dropped to 29th in the field after the penalty and making it back to the top 10 was a victory in itself for Larson, who led a career-high 202 laps.

"I knew I gave the race away there," Larson said of the speeding penalty. "I was surprised that I was able to line up with an opportunity there at the end. I think even if I was able to get to the lead, I don't think I would have won because Jimmie and Clint were way faster than I was.

"They were over a straightaway ahead of us, I think, at the checkered flag. Disappointed in myself. I think I speed on pit road every single time I come to Bristol. So got to clean that up."

Chase Elliott finished seventh and the top 10 was rounded out by Martin Truex Jr., Ricky Stenhouse Jr. and Denny Hamlin.

Junior's day

Dale Earnhardt Jr. was running 20th with just under 300 laps remaining when he wrecked during a restart after a mechanical issue. He didn't return to the track.

NASCAR's most popular driver was second in this race a year ago, but this year he's still trying to find his way back into contention. NASCAR's last race, at Texas, was his first top-five finish of the season.

As he headed to the care center for a medical checkup, a fan tried to take selfie with Earnhardt. Initially denied, Earnhardt was accommodating after he was cleared medically.

Busch stuck at No. 5

Kyle Busch is still seeking his first win of the season after an accident led to a 35th-place finish.

He had been hoping to win his sixth career Cup race at Bristol, and had the speed all weekend to do so.

"I was the fastest one out there those last two runs picking cars off and driving from the back to the front after we lost our track position the first time," he said. "I don't know if it's fundamentally wrong what we're doing, but it seems like all the rest of our five JGR cars are fine."

MONSTER ENERGY CUP-FOOD CITY 500 RESULTS

Monday
At Bristol Motor Speedway
Bristol, Tenn.
Lap length: 0.533 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (11) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 500 laps, 54 points.
2. (9) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 500, 35.
3. (10) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 500, 41.
4. (22) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 500, 33.
5. (5) Joey Logano, Ford, 500, 46.
6. (1) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 500, 45.
7. (2) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 500, 35.
8. (3) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 500, 48.
9. (19) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 500, 29.
10. (16) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 500, 33.
11. (12) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 500, 28.
12. (8) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 500, 35.
13. (21) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 500, 24.
14. (13) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 500, 23.
15. (24) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 500, 22.
16. (26) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 499, 21.
17. (14) Erik Jones, Toyota, 499, 33.
18. (23) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 498, 19.
19. (32) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 498, 18.
20. (17) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 498, 17.
21. (31) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet, 498, 16.
22. (18) Aric Almirola, Ford, 497, 15.
23. (33) David Ragan, Ford, 497, 14.
24. (35) Corey LaJoie, Toyota, 497, 13.
25. (15) Kurt Busch, Ford, 494, 12.
26. (28) Michael McDowell, Chevrolet, 494, 11.
27. (37) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 491, 10.
28. (34) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 490, 9.
29. (36) Gray Gaulding, Toyota, 487, 8.
30. (25) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 482, 9.
31. (39) Derrike Cope, Chevrolet, 465, 6.
32. (30) Landon Cassill, Ford, 458, 5.
33. (6) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 452, 4.
34. (4) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 433, 3.
35. (7) Kyle Busch, Toyota, accident, 383, 3.
36. (29) Danica Patrick, Ford, accident, 320, 1.
37. (38) Timmy Hill, Chevrolet, suspension, 234, 0.
38. (20) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, accident, 218, 1.
39. (27) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, accident, 53, 1.

Remember when people said boxing was dead?

TIM DAHLBERG
Associated Press

Madison Square Garden was filled with 20,000 boxing fans last month, and they were treated to Gennady Golovkin, Danny Jacobs and a spectacular night of fights.

This week, 90,000 fans are expected to jam London's Wembley Stadium for the most significant heavyweight fight in a long time. British Olympic gold medalist Anthony Joshua meets former champion Wladimir Klitschko in a title fight that figures to put a charge into a division that has been neglected for far too long.

A week after that, Canelo Alvarez and Julio Cesar Chavez Jr. meet in a Mexican showdown in a pay-per-view bout that sold out on the Las Vegas Strip right after it was announced.

Oh yeah, Andre Ward and Sergey Kovalev will fight in June in a rematch of their light heavyweight title showdown last November.

The party line has long been that boxing is dead. Crippled by greedy promoters and a lack of heavyweights, it was finally killed off by the Mayweather-Pacquiao fight two years ago that lived up to its billing as the richest fight ever, though certainly not the best.

The truth is, boxing is showing plenty of life. Even the biggest star in mixed martial arts can't wait to get a piece of it.

Conor McGregor has no chance against Floyd Mayweather Jr. Not in a boxing ring, though in an octagon, it would likely be a different story.

All the riches are far greater than McGregor can make in the UFC. And UFC chieftain Dana White says he won't stand in the way of McGregor making money. He believes the fight will happen.

Yes, Mayweather-McGregor is more a freak show than a fight, but there's still plenty for boxing fans to get excited about. They don't have to wait long for Saturday's fight between Joshua and Klitschko, which will be televised by both Showtime and HBO.

"Obviously, the jewel of the crown is the big heavyweight fight," said Stephen Espinoza, executive vice president for Showtime Sports. "It sort of feels like a throwback to the golden eras of boxing when you had big worldwide heavyweight title fights and everyone knew who the champion was."

The fight matches Klitschko, who dominated the heavyweight division for the better part of a decade, against Joshua, who has won all 17 of his fights by knockout. It will either mark Klitschko's renaissance after an embarrassing loss to Tyson Fury in 2015 or serve as the passing of the torch to a young and vibrant new champion.

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> **Stephen Espinoza,** Showtime Sports executive VP

Either way it figures to rekindle interest in a division that has had little to captivate fans in recent years.

"It's gotten more exciting since I left the top," Klitschko said. "It's not as boring as it was with me during all these years. You can like me or hate me, but when one person conquers all it is boring. I totally get it."

In boxing-mad England, the fight is such a huge deal that all 90,000 tickets sold out quickly. Joshua owns the titles that will be at stake, and American heavyweight Deontay Wilder, who owns the WBC version of the title, will be ringside hoping to meet the winner.

Just as big for Mexican boxing fans will be the middleweight fight a week later in Las Vegas between the red-haired Alvarez, an established star, and Chavez Jr., a son of the legendary former champion.

If Alvarez wins as oddsmakers expect him to, it could set up an even bigger fight in the fall against Golovkin, the power puncher from Kazakhstan who now lives in Los Angeles. Golovkin sold out Madison Square Garden last month for his narrow win over Jacobs, showing some vulnerability that may help lure what has so far been a reluctant Alvarez into the ring against him.

Espinoza believes that both promoters and fighters have realized that in a competitive market for live events, boxing has had to move to provide better matchups if fans are to pay attention.

And he says that is precisely what is starting to happen.

"Without a doubt boxing is surging," he said. "We see that in our ratings and in our digital traffic. What has become clear to those in the boxing industry is that in order to attract attention you've got to have signature, high-profile events."

That includes Joshua and Klitschko and, yes, it probably includes Mayweather-McGregor. Eventually it could include a stable of Olympic fighters signed by Bob Arum and others who may turn into big stars.

The matchups are intriguing, and the response from boxing fans has been huge.

Something to think about the next time you hear that boxing is dead.

Some questions and answers about Maria Sharapova's return

By Eric Willemsen
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Maria Sharapova walks to a training session after the end of her 15-month doping suspension in Stuttgart, Germany, on Monday.

STUTTGART, Germany — Even with eight of the world's top 10 players in the main draw, an unranked rival is grabbing all the headlines at an indoor clay-court event this week.

Handed a much-debated wild card, Maria Sharapova will return to competitive tennis at the Porsche Grand Prix on Wednesday evening, less than 24 hours after the end of her 15-month suspension for a doping offense.

The five-time Grand Slam champion and former No. 1 will have to rebuild her ranking from scratch, as only tournament results over the preceding 12 months count toward the WTA rankings.

With Serena Williams and Madison Keys the only top-10 players missing, the event starts with Sharapova still in the final days of her suspension. But the wild card for the three-time winner is hardly a surprise as the Russian is a long-term brand ambassador for the sports car manufacturer backing the tournament.

Organizers in Madrid and Rome followed Stuttgart's example. But French Open officials have postponed a decision until the week starting May 15, as to whether they will also offer the 2012 and 2014 champion a place in its main draw.

Some questions and answers about Sharapova's return:

What was Sharapova banned for?

Sharapova initially was given a two-year suspension after testing positive for heart drug meldonium at last year's Australian Open. She had her ban reduced to 15 months by the Court of Arbitration for Sport, which ruled that Sharapova bore "less than significant fault" in the case and that she could not "be considered to be an intentional doper." Sharapova had been taking meldonium for many years, but overlooked an announcement by WADA that it added the drug to its banned list as per January 1, 2016.

How have players reacted to her wild card?

The Stuttgart organizers' announcement in January sparked a debate which has hardly cooled, three months later. Caroline Wozniacki said "It's disrespectful to other players." Dominika Cibulkova, Agnieszka Radwanska and Andy Murray also spoke out publicly against wild cards for players who return from doping bans. German players, led by two-time defending Stuttgart champion Angelique Kerber, have also voiced criticism. German Fed Cup captain Barbara Rittner said at the weekend that "Sharapova should have started from zero again," meaning entering smaller tournaments and the qualification stage of the bigger events.

So who is the victim of Sharapova's wild card?

Julia Goerges. The 2011 Stuttgart champion would have been an obvious choice for German organizers but the 46th-ranked player will now miss the event. Playing Fed Cup in Ukraine at the weekend, Goerges couldn't enter the qualifying stages in Stuttgart.

How is Sharapova preparing for her comeback?

According to her social media posts, Sharapova traveled to Germany last Friday. She has been training in the hall of a local tennis club, Sillenbuch. As a banned player, she has no access to official tournament facilities until Wednesday, and has obviously been missing from Monday's players' presentation party on center court.

Who will Sharapova play in Stuttgart?

Roberta Vinci is her opponent in the first round. Sharapova outplayed the Italian both times they met, winning 6-0, 6-1 and 6-2, 6-1, respectively, though both matches were on hardcourt and the most recent was five years ago. If she advances, Sharapova could face an intriguing second-round match against Radwanska, who spoke out firmly against the Russian's wild card last week. There will be "extreme pressure on Maria," according to the formerly fourth-ranked Anke Huber, who is in the organizing committee.

WEST TEXAS SPORTS

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You can email it to: sports@mrt.com

Baseball

GCM Baseball Academy
What: Professional private baseball lessons & clinics covering pitching, fielding, catching and hitting provided by three former professional players.
For: Ages 5 & up.
Cost: Individual lessons $65 an hour or $40 for 30 minutes. Bulk purchases & group lesson rates available at discount.
For more info: Call (432) 425-6108

Private batting and pitching instruction
For more info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0096 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting

Private hitting and catching instruction
For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment.

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 296-2438

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed
For more info: Contact 889-6080

WTX Baseball
What: Instruction for players 5 and up
For more info: wtxbaseball.com; facebook.com/wtxbaseballmidland. 413-0329

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Midland Hoops 32 Bartnauell Skills Training
Cost: $25 per session, one to (six people; $15 for groups of three or more
For more info: Contact Eddie Venzant at 254-6894 or go to midlandhoops32.com; venzantiaddie@yahoo.com.

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Post 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

Edith McElmore Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Reed's Super Bowl
What: Fall/winter leagues registration is currently ongoing.
For more info: Call 432-704-5385

Rock n' Bowl
When: 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturdays
Where: Reed's Super Bowl, 3920 W Wall St.
Cost: $10-25
For more info: Call Zoe Reed at 575-399-5241 or Kevin Reed at 575-441-6646

Color Pin Bowling
When: 7:30 p.m. Fridays
Where: Reed's Super Bowl
Cost: $18 for three games. Cash prizes awarded.
For more info: Call Zoe Reed at 575-399-5241 or Kevin Reed at 575-441-6646

Camps/Clinics

Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

COM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Tennis clinics and lessons
Contact Coach Jon Lanier for clinics and lessons at janier@midlandchristianschool.org

Elite Training Soccer Camp
When/where: June 12-16, Hobbs, N.M.
Fee: $150 before April 1, $200 after
For more info: elitetrainingcoach@yahoo.com

Midland College 2017 Girls Basketball Camps
Session I: Beginners FUNdamental Camp
For: Grades 1st-5th
When/where: 9:30-11:30 a.m. July 17-20, Midland College Physical Education Gymnasium
Cost: $75 (includes camp T-shirt)
Session II: FUNdamental & Competition Camp
For: Grades 6th-11th
When/where: 1-5 p.m. July 17-20, Midland College Physical Education Gymnasium
Cost: $125 (includes camp T-shirt)
For more info on either camp: Call Ron Jones at 432-685-4581 or email rjones@midland.edu

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: MCH Mission Fitness, corner of Highway 191 and Faudree Road, Odessa
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatx.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Jesse Mendoza at 432-254-8214

Lacrosse

West Texas Lacrosse Spring 2017 Learn 2 Play Clinics & Games
What: Learn the lacrosse basics, rules and play scrimmage games
For: Boys 3rd through 8th grades
When: 2:30-3:30 p.m. Sundays, March 19-April 23 (except April 16)
Where: Scharbauer Sports Complex-Auxiliary Turf Fields
For more info: Go to www.westtexaslacrosse.org

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m., Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Private Martial Art/Self-Defense Lessons
For: Men-Women-Children
What: Learn Basic Skills to Advanced Techniques
Note: Private, Semi-Private and Group Lessons are available
For more info: Call Master Oscar Jimenez, 432-559-5009, ojimenez3@att.net

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships.
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030

Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up.
When/where: 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woofers & Tweeters; 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at Redneck Drathouse. Players must be signed in by 6:15 p.m. each night.
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; 2-6 p.m. Sundays
Cost: $50 down; $35 a month
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Football Club
Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Reyes-Washburn Park (north field)
For more info: call 432-697-6418

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hailey, president at haileyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0988

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter). Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap, 5 state and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
For more info: Call 534-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wytestspitch@gmail.com

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards of freestyle or backstroke
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team.
What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of COM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international travel
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Competitive Swim Team
Who: Try out for COM Swim Team; tryouts available by appointment
What: Emphasizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
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What: Allows adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours
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Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area.
For more info: Call 432-210-0611 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information

Bush Tennis Center Clinics
What: Balloon Tennis (4 ages 3-4), Redball (8 ages 5-8), Orange and Green Ball (10 ages 9-10), Junior Development (6th-8th grade freshman JV), Junior Select (varsity), RSP Adults (adult beginners), Intermediate Adults 4.0-5.0 Adults (advanced adults). Also Junior Team Tennis registration now open
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com or call 520-8180

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 520-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

Midland College Tennis
What: Clinics, lessons, leagues, tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Call 687-4046

Midland College Tennis Club
When: A community tennis club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual Dues: Adults $65, youths $30, families $140
For more info: Call 563-1333 or email midlandtennisclub@aol.com

Midland Women's Tennis Association
Social women's doubles tennis, all levels
When: 9 a.m. Tuesdays
Where: Midland College
For more info: Call 694-707-0622 or email jmalcomtexas@gmail.com. Or go to the Midland Women's Tennis Association Facebook page

Ultimate Frisbee

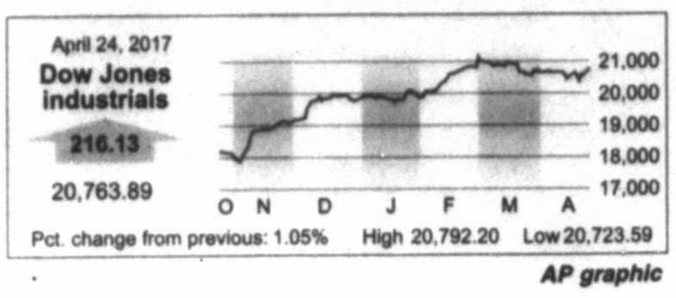
Midland Drought Ultimate Frisbee Club
What: The Club plays weekly casual pick-up games on Monday (from 7 p.m. to dark) and Saturday mornings (from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) and offer occasional opportunities for tourney travel
For ages: Males and females from the high school level to adult
For more info: Go to www.midlandultimatefrisbee.weebly.com or call Matt at 432-288-3139

Walking

Midland Walkabout AVA Club
For: All Ages
Annual dues: $15 per family
Walks: One Saturday morning per month
When: First Monday of the month at Murray's Deli on Wadley at 6 p.m.
Who: All ages
For more info: Call 432-497-4310, email gary.petersen@mygrande.net or visit midlandwalkabout.wordpress.com

BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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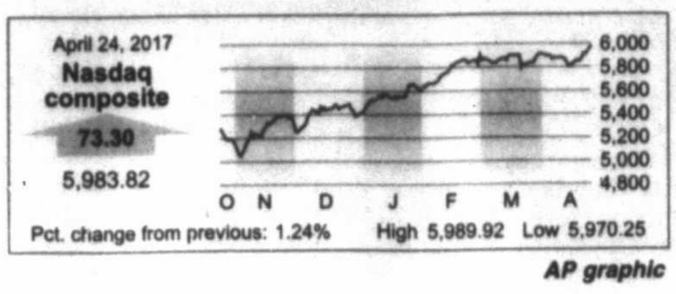

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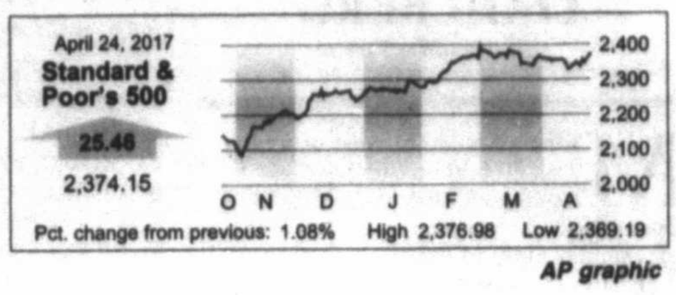

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Monday: $49.23
Previous: $49.62

POSTED

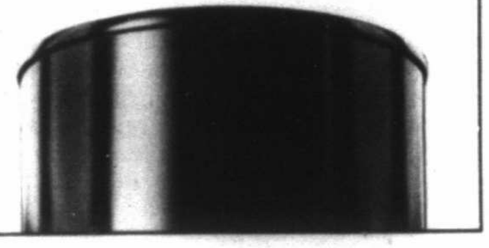
Monday: $46.00
Previous: $46.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Monday: $41.75
Previous: $41.75

NATURAL GAS

Monday: $3.066
Previous: $3.101



NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1343864	23.83	+.32
S&P500ETF103230523	17	+2.58	
SPDR Fncl	958273	23.68	+.52
B iPvxSt rs	674897	15.37	-1.83
iShEMkts	572678	39.85	+.56

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Baird	302.41	+49.34	+19.5
CAI Intl	20.86	+2.29	+12.3
DeutschBk	18.37	+1.87	+11.3
BcBlVArg	8.24	+.63	+8.3
PatriotN n	2.27	+.17	+8.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PUVixST rs	14.93	-4.06	-21.4
HelixEn	6.06	-1.03	-14.5
E TrcEngy	6.75	-.93	-12.1
ProVixST rs	12.83	-1.52	-10.6
B iPVxST rs	15.37	-1.83	-10.6

DIARY

Advanced	2,093
Declined	869
Unchanged	103
Total issues	3,065
New Highs	261
New Lows	16
Volume	3,554,908,669

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BZgold g	59605	2.68	-.07
NwGold g	52948	3.15	-.06
Globalstar	41886	1.87	+.11
iShIndia bt	41844	31.78	+.65
TherapMD	29851	4.89	-.2

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RxVmxInF	24.55	+2.57	+11.7
AsterisksBio	3.40	+.30	+9.7
inTestCorp	7.00	+.45	+6.9
IEC Elec	3.95	+.22	+5.9
Silco	8.25	+.45	+5.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Reeds	3.75	-1.00	-21.1
RxVmxWk	4.51	-.63	-12.3
IntelgSys	4.16	-.34	-7.6
CRH Med	6.80	-.55	-7.5
StneEn wt	2.11	-.17	-7.5

DIARY

Advanced	174
Declined	161
Unchanged	33
Total issues	368
New Highs	19
New Lows	6
Volume	105,608,631

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	576706	5.13	+.06
MicronT	434319	26.57	-.75
Microsoft	288692	67.53	+1.13
FrontierCm	285627	1.90	-.04
Intel	220308	36.75	+.43

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
OceanPw rs	2.74	+.91	+49.7
LibVentB	54.47	+9.61	+21.4
Upland Soft	20.25	+3.18	+18.6
RocketFuel	5.22	+.82	+18.6
DeltaTch h	2.26	+.35	+18.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Trovagx	4.54	-1.51	-25.0
CSVixSt rs	32.42	-8.79	-21.3
ImmuneP rs	2.79	-.74	-21.0
GlobusM rs	2.50	-.45	-15.3
AxarTh rs	17.49	-3.01	-14.7

DIARY

Advanced	2,036
Declined	786
Unchanged	204
Total issues	3,026
New Highs	257
New Lows	51
Volume	1,743,458,450

Gander Mountain attracting Sportsman's Warehouse as buyer

Bloomberg

Gander Mountain Co., the bankrupt retailer of hunting and fishing gear, has attracted buyer interest that could keep most of its stores open after the company restructures its debt, according to people with knowledge of the matter.

Sportsman's Warehouse Holdings Inc. is planning to bid for as many as 80 percent of Gander Mountain's stores, said the people, who asked not to be named because the discussions are private. Sportsman's Warehouse is still deciding whether it would keep the Gander Mountain name on those locations or run them under its own brand, the people said.

Midvale, Utah-based Sportsman's Warehouse has almost 80 stores in 22 states, mostly in the western U.S., with some in the mid-Atlantic region. St. Paul, Minnesota-based Gander Mountain's locations, more than 160 in 27 states, are concentrated in the east. Sportsman's Warehouse has about $200 million in debt and its revenue has been rising in recent years, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

Gander Mountain filed for bankruptcy on March 10. Gordon Brothers and Hilco Merchant Resources agreed to act as opening bidders in a late-April auction "to facilitate a seamless sale of the company as a going concern," Gander Mountain said on March 30. The company said at the time that it was still in talks "with a number of interested parties."

Jess Myers, a spokesman for Gander Mountain, declined to comment on potential bids. Karen Seaman at Sportsman's Warehouse didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Stores in the U.S. are closing at a record pace, with sporting-goods chains hit hard as shoppers seek more bargains online and consumer tastes change. Golfsmith International Holdings, Sports Authority and Eastern Outfitters all entered Chapter 11 in the past 12 months. Eastern may close more than half its stores under a deal with buyer Sportsdirect.com, while Sports Authority is liquidating altogether.

Gander Mountain brought in Gordon and Hilco to conduct going-out-of-business sales at all its stores if no buyer comes forward to save the chain, according to court documents. The agreement was designed to enable Gander Mountain "to continue to pursue and accommodate a sale of assets, in particular on going concern basis, to any potential buyer," the company said in the contract filed with the bankruptcy court.

Gordon and Hilco have guaranteed that if they sell all the merchandise in its stores and warehouses, Gander Mountain will collect 91 percent of the wholesale cost of the items, which was estimated at $390 million to $430 million. If a going-concern buyer wins the auction, the liquidators would collect a $2 million breakup fee.

Under the auction rules, a going-concern bidder will have the option to buy some or all of Gander Mountain's stores. For every store taken over by such a buyer, Gander Mountain's recovery under the agreement with Gordon and Hilco would go down.

Gary Epstein at Hilco and Colleen Arons at Gordon Brothers didn't immediately return requests for comment on their bid.

Whole Foods rallies on report that Albertsons is mulling bid

Bloomberg

Whole Foods Market Inc. shares rose the most in two weeks after the Financial Times reported that Albertsons Cos. is considering a takeover of the organic grocer.

Cerberus Capital Management, which backs Albertsons, has held preliminary talks with bankers about making a bid, the newspaper said. No formal offer has been extended, according to the Times, which cited unidentified people familiar with the matter.

Whole Foods buyout speculation has surged since earlier this month, when activist investor Jana Partners acquired a stake and suggested that the grocery chain consider putting itself up for sale. Jana complained about Whole Foods' weak performance and threatened to shake up the board.

Whole Foods climbed as much as 4.5 percent to $37.33 in New York on Monday, the biggest intraday gain since Jana announced its stake on April 10. The stock was up 16 percent this year through the end of last week.

The supermarket chain, which helped pioneer the organic-food movement, is facing its worst sales slump in more than a decade. Six straight quarters of declining same-store sales have forced the Austin-based company to close locations and rein in costs.

The Financial Times also reported that Albertsons' merger talks with Sprouts Farmers Market Inc., which came to light last month, haven't proceeded. Shares of Sprouts, a Whole Foods competitor, declined as much as 7.7 percent to $21 on Monday.

A representative for Cerberus didn't immediately respond to a request for comment. Whole Foods declined to comment.

Investors applaud French vote with stock rally

Vive le rally.

U.S. stocks joined a worldwide surge Monday after the first round of France's presidential election raised expectations that the European Union will hold together. A candidate seen as pro-business won the most votes Sunday.

Prices for gold, Treasurys and other investments that signal fear in the market all sank, while a popular gauge for measuring investor fear eased by the biggest margin since the summer of 2011.

"It's good news, and now investors have a reason to focus on the fundamentals in Europe, which are strong," said Luca Paolini, chief strategist at Pictet Asset Management, a U.K.-based firm that manages $165 billion in client assets.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index jumped 25.46 points, or 1.1 percent, to 2,374.15. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 216.13, or 1.1 percent, to 20,763.89, and the Nasdaq composite gained 73.30, or 1.2 percent, to 5,983.82.

Coming into Sunday's election in France, several candidates railed against the European Union, one of the world's dominant trading partners. A victory for one of those candidates would have followed the path set by last year's "Brexit" vote by Britain to exit the European Union and the U.S. election of President Donald Trump as a kick in the face to the globalist, free-trade worldview.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $131.90 Down 1.00

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $129.43 Up 1.42

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $5.37 Unchanged

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $101.76 Up 0.49

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.07 Down 0.07

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $3.75 Down 0.04

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $28.05 Up 0.60

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $13.53 Down 0.11

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $37.37 Up 0.07

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $12.05 Up 0.24

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $17.22 Up 0.20

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel		25	7.12	+.40	+30.3
AT&T Inc	1.96	15	40.02	-.09	-5.9
Abraxas		...	1.93	+.03	-24.9
AdaDvsEq	92e	...	13.91	+.12	+9.4
AMC		...	13.13	+.13	+15.8
Alibaba		36	114.86	-1.75	-30.8
ArchCUSA	50	...	11.65	+.42	+2.4
Amplex	.06e	5	5.75	-.06	+16.1
Amgen	**4.60f**	**15**	**163.14**	**+2.73**	**+11.6**
Anadarko	.20	...	**59.37**	**+.08**	**-14.9**
Apache	1.00	...	**48.74**	**-.28**	**-23.2**
Apple Inc	2.28	17	143.64	+1.37	+24.0
ApidMatl	.40	20	**40.44**	**+.65**	**+25.3**
ArcelorMit		8	7.93	+.24	+8.6
Archrock	.48		12.10	+.15	-8.3
ATMOS	**1.80f**	**23**	**80.01**	**+.18**	**+7.9**
AutoData	2.28	28	104.14	+1.45	+1.3
BP PLC	**2.38**	**41**	**34.46**	**+.45**	**-7.8**
BakerHu	.68		58.65	+.97	-9.7
BcoBrad s	.43e		10.10	+.26	+16.1
BcoSantSA	.23e		6.47	+.39	+24.9
BkofAm	.30f	15	23.83	+.32	+6.9
B iPVxST rs			15.37	-1.83	-39.7
BarringsCp s	1.20		15.55	-.12	-.5
BarrickG	.12f	34	19.04	-.19	+19.1
BasicEnS			45		
BerkHa A	...		**162468850.05**	**+3996.50**	**+1.9**
BkHillsCp	**1.78f**	**21**	**68.03**	**+.76**	**+19.9**
BostonSci		50	25.56	+.70	+18.2
BritySq	**1.56f**	**32**	**53.55**	**+.07**	**-8.4**
BrownFA s	...	**29**	**47.58**	**+.64**	**+2.9**
BrownFB s	...	...	**46.94**	**+.68**	**+4.5**
CVS Health	2.00f	14	80.05	+.77	+1.4
CallonPet	...	**54**	**11.85**	**+.31**	**-22.9**
Caterpillar	3.08	30	96.81	+2.49	+4.4
Celestic g		10	14.45	+.19	+21.9
CntryLink	2.16	10	25.45	+.13	+7.0
ChesEng		...	5.38	-.14	-23.4
Chevron	**4.32f**	...	**105.93**	**+1.04**	**-10.0**
Chicos	.33	19	13.85	-.36	-3.8
Cimarex	.32		119.34	+.71	-12.2
Cisco	1.16	17	33.28	+.46	+10.1
Citigroup	.64	12	59.44	+1.72	
ClayEng	...	...	**131.90**	**-1.00**	**+10.6**
CocaCola	**1.48f**	**26**	**43.28**	**+.21**	**+4.4**
ColgPalm	**1.60f**	**26**	**73.66**	**+.64**	**+12.6**
Comcast s	.63f	21	38.01	-.15	+10.1
ConAgra	**.80**	**21**	**40.93**	**+.27**	**+3.5**
ConchoRes	...	...	**129.43**	**+1.42**	**-2.4**
ConocoPhil	**1.06f**	...	**47.91**	**+.17**	**-4.4**
CrackerB	4.60	25	161.10	+2.22	-3.5
CSVelVST			73.26	+7.00	+56.7
CrosTim	**1.10e**	**14**	**15.80**	**+.25**	**-12.1**
CytRx h			.83	+.22	+123.1
DCP Mid	3.12	19	38.14	+.49	-.6
DTE	3.30f	24	104.45	+.50	+6.0
Datarsm rs			1.21	-.00	-45.0
DeltaAir	.81	9	46.81	+1.28	-4.8
DeutschBk	.83e		18.37	+1.87	+1.5
DevonE	**.24**	...	**39.82**	**+.09**	**-12.8**
DxSCBear rs			17.36	-.69	-12.5
DxGMBl s			5.25	-.36	-5.9
DxGBull s			9.36	-.51	+22.5
Disney	**1.56f**	**20**	**113.70**	**-.74**	**+9.1**
DowChm	**1.84**	**20**	**62.82**	**+.66**	**+9.8**
DrySrp rs		1	1.31	-.24	-98.9
eBay s		4	32.05	-.13	+7.9
EOG Resc s	**.67**	...	**93.74**	**+.16**	**-7.3**
Energen	.08		51.96	+.30	-9.9
EngyTsfr	4.22		35.44	+.32	-1.0
EnPro	**.88f**	**58**	**68.41**	**+1.39**	**+1.6**
EntProdPr	1.56f	22	27.85	+.17	+3.0
Ericsson	.11e		6.36	+.13	+9.1
ExxonMbl	**3.00**	**36**	**81.11**	**+.42**	**-10.1**
Facebook		34	145.47	+1.79	+26.4
FelCor	.24	11	7.90	+.58	-1.4
FordM	.60a	6	11.43	+.09	-5.8
FrptMcM		...	12.23		-7.3
FrontierCm	.42	...	1.90	-.04	-43.8
GATX	**1.68f**	**10**	**61.28**	**+.11**	**-.5**
GabelliET	**.94e**	...	**8.20**	**-.12**	**+13.3**
GAInv	**1.15e**	...	**33.82**	**+.24**	**+8.5**
GenElec	**.96**	**21**	**29.55**	...	**-6.5**
GenMotors	1.52	6	33.91	+.16	-2.7
GtPlainEn	**1.10**	**18**	**29.51**	**-.03**	**+7.8**
Groupon		...	3.89	+.01	+17.2
Halliborton	.72	...	46.75	-.31	-13.6
HuntBncsh	.32	20	12.99	+.39	-1.7
iShEMU	.95e	...	39.32	+1.93	+13.6
iShChinaLC	.76e		38.17	+.21	+10.0
iShEMkts	.84e		39.85	+.56	+13.8
iS Eafe	1.70e		63.54	+1.57	+10.1
iShR2K	1.77e	...	138.92	+1.71	+3.0
Intel	**1.09f**	**16**	**36.75**	**+.43**	**+1.3**
InterDig	1.20	10	90.30	+4.90	-1.1
JPMorgCh	1.92	14	87.50	+2.98	+1.4
JohnJn	**3.20**	**19**	**122.89**	**+1.13**	**+6.7**
Keycorp	.34	19	18.55	+.40	+1.5
KimbClk	**3.88**	**22**	**130.40**	**+.44**	**+14.3**
KindMorg	.50	69	20.63	+.36	-.4
LegacyRes	.60m	...	2.07	-.07	-2.4
Lubys	...	...	**2.99**	**+.08**	**-30.1**
MGM Rsts	.39p	25	29.00	+.59	+.6
MarathnO	.20	...	15.15	-.01	-12.5
Mattel	1.52	25	21.60	-.19	-21.6
McDnlds	3.76	25	134.23	+.82	+10.3
Merck	1.88	16	62.14	+.25	+5.6
MeritMed	...	**38**	**30.40**	**+1.40**	**+14.7**
MexcoEn		...	3.75	-.04	-25.0
MicronT	...	32	26.57	-.75	+21.2
Microsoft	1.56	30	67.53	+1.13	+8.7
MorgStan	.80	13	43.56	+1.76	+3.1
Nabors	.24	...	11.76	-.03	-28.3
NatGrid	**3.35e**	...	**66.08**	**+.90**	**+11.6**
NOilVarco	.20	27	35.43	+.78	-5.4
NobleCorp	.08	3	4.92	-.37	-16.9
NokiaOp	.17e	...	5.38	+.16	+11.9
NSTFI3	**.55a**	...	**14.46**	**+.01**	**+2.0**
NTXQI	**.55**	...	**14.66**	**-.18**	**+6.9**
OcciPet	**3.04**	...	**62.07**	**+.21**	**-12.9**
OcwenFn	...	...	2.26	-.16	-58.1
PDC Engy	...	...	**57.61**	**+.46**	**-20.6**
ParTech	...	**25**	**8.34**	**+.06**	**+49.5**
ParkDrl	...	...	**1.60**	...	**-38.5**
PattUTI	**.08**	...	**22.33**	**-.16**	**-17.1**
Penney	...	...	5.62	+.04	-32.4
PennaRE	**.84**	**10**	**14.60**	**-.06**	**-23.0**
Pmian	.40e	28	9.90	-.26	+28.4
Petrobras	...	...	9.21	+.20	-8.9
Pfizer	**1.28f**	**14**	**33.74**	**+.10**	**+3.9**
PioNtrl	.08	...	175.72	+1.09	-2.4
PlainsAAP	**2.20**	**27**	**29.92**	**+.01**	**-7.3**
PwShs QQQ1	.52e	...	134.16	+1.60	+13.2
Praxair	**3.15f**	**22**	**123.01**	**+3.43**	**+5.0**
PrmEgy	...	...	**46.30**	...	**-16.1**
PUVixST rs		...	14.93	-4.06	...
ProctGam	**2.76f**	**24**	**89.55**	**+.93**	**+6.5**
RangeRs	.08	...	27.23	-.24	-20.8
RegionsFn	.28f	15	13.81	+.34	-3.8
RiteAid	...	34	3.73	-.07	-54.7
Rowan	.40	7	14.37	+.10	-23.9
RoyDShllA	3.76	79	52.27	+.86	-3.9
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	207.38	+2.13	+5.0
SpdrEuro50	1.18e	...	37.96	+2.00	+13.4
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	237.17	+2.58	+6.1
SabnR	2.13e	17	36.10	-.45	+2.7
SanderFrm	**.96**	**13**	**112.81**	**-.64**	**+19.7**
Schlmberg	2.00	74	74.10	-.74	-11.7
SiriusXM	.01p	39	5.13	+.06	+15.3
Smucker	3.00	16	127.16	+.58	-.7
SwstnEngy	...	...	7.53	+.09	-30.4
Sprint	...	...	8.71	+.21	+3.4
SP Engy	2.04e	...	68.19	+.40	-9.5
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	23.68	+.52	+1.8
SP Util	1.55e	...	52.00	+.27	+7.1
SunocoLog	2.08f	24	23.71	+.16	-1.3
TeleEsp	**1.03e**	...	**11.37**	**+.47**	**+23.6**
Tesoro	2.20	12	80.04	+2.15	-8.5
3M Co	4.70f	24	194.23	+2.73	+8.8
Torchmark	**.60f**	**17**	**77.28**	**+.95**	**+4.8**
TriContl	**.82e**	...	**23.62**	**+.19**	**+7.1**
Twitter	...	...	14.71	+.08	-9.8
TylerTech	...	**51**	**160.47**	**+1.91**	**+12.4**
UBSI	**1.32**	**21**	**41.60**	**+.55**	**-10.1**
US OilFd	...	...	10.25	-.07	-12.5
USSteel	.20	...	31.20	+.78	-5.5
Vale SA	.29e	...	8.75	+.17	+14.8
ValeantPh	...	3	8.60	+.09	-40.8
ValeroE	2.80f	18	66.82	+1.59	-2.2
VanEGold	.12e	...	23.20	-.41	+10.9
VanE JrGld	...	...	33.70	-.84	+6.8
VangEmg	1.10e	...	40.16	+.46	+12.2
VerizonCm	2.31	11	47.05	-.20	-11.9
VulcanM	**1.00f**	**40**	**122.02**	**+1.05**	**-2.5**
WEC Engy	2.08	21	60.72	+.42	+3.5
WalgBoots	1.50	18	84.28	+.25	+1.8
WealthInt	...	...	5.48	+.01	+9.8
WellsFargo	1.52	13	53.65	+.65	-2.6
WstnRefin	1.52	28	34.50	+.98	-8.9
WhitingPet	...	...	8.06	-.01	-32.9
WholeFood	.56	25	36.46	+.75	+18.5
WmsCos	1.20f	51	29.98	-.03	-3.7
XcelEngy	**1.44f**	**21**	**46.02**	**+.19**	**+10.6**
Xerox	**.25m**	**10**	**7.06**	**+.14**	**+22.8**

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5,936.39	4,574.25	Nasdaq Composite	5,983.82	+73.30	+1.24	+11.16	+22.22
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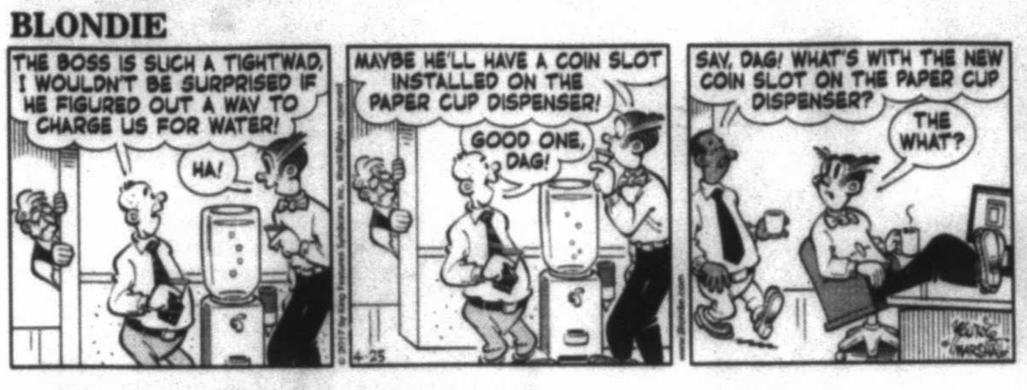

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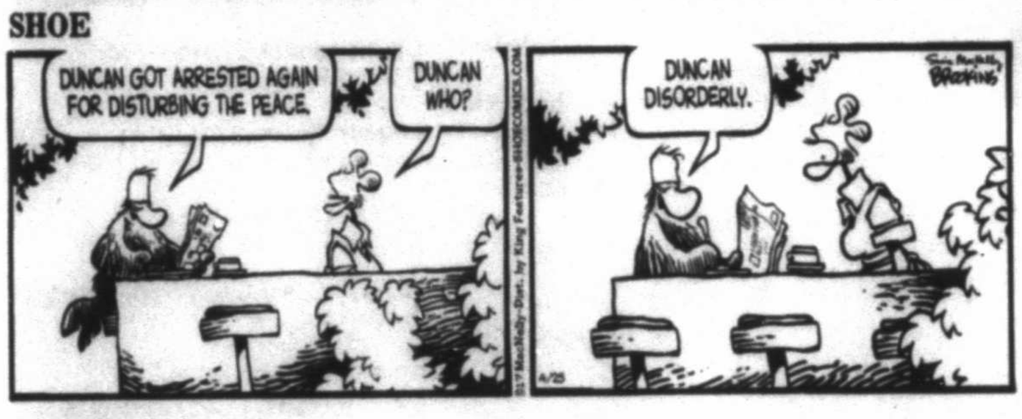

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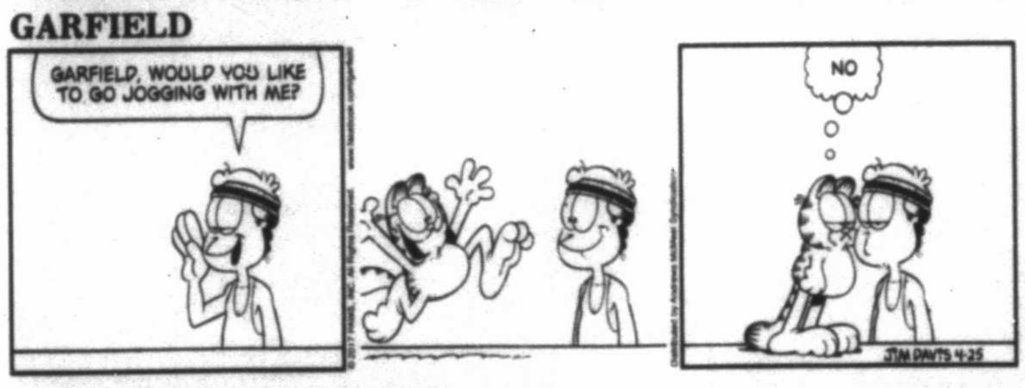

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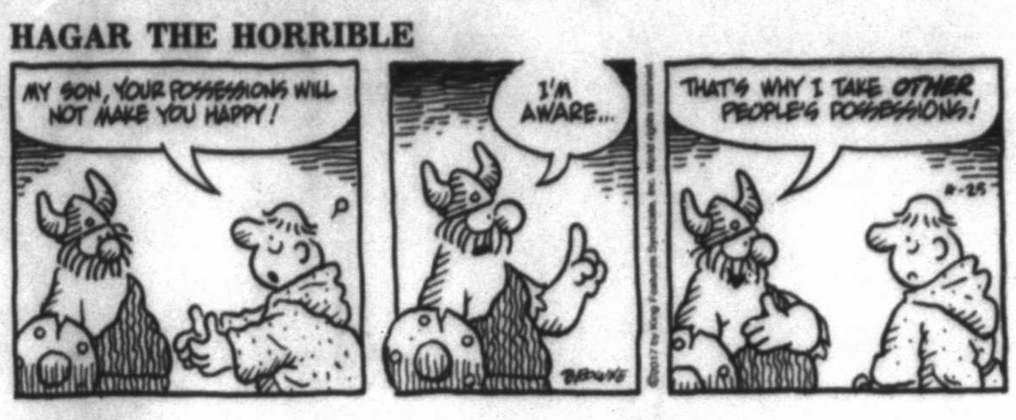

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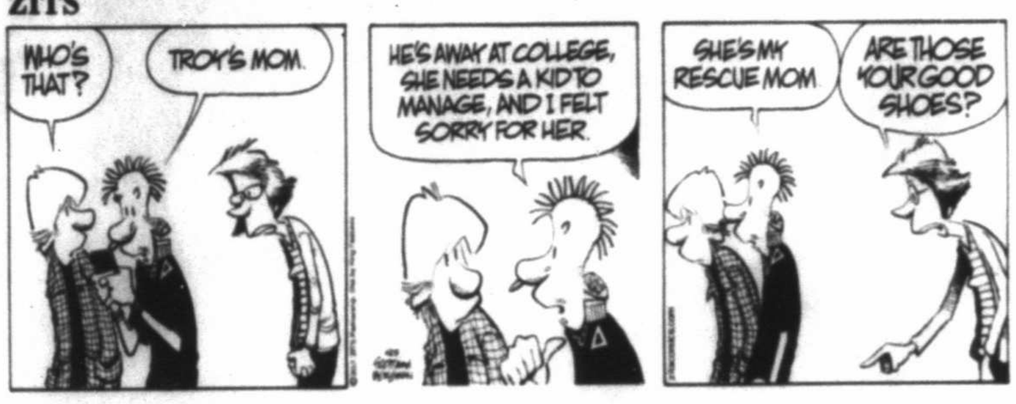

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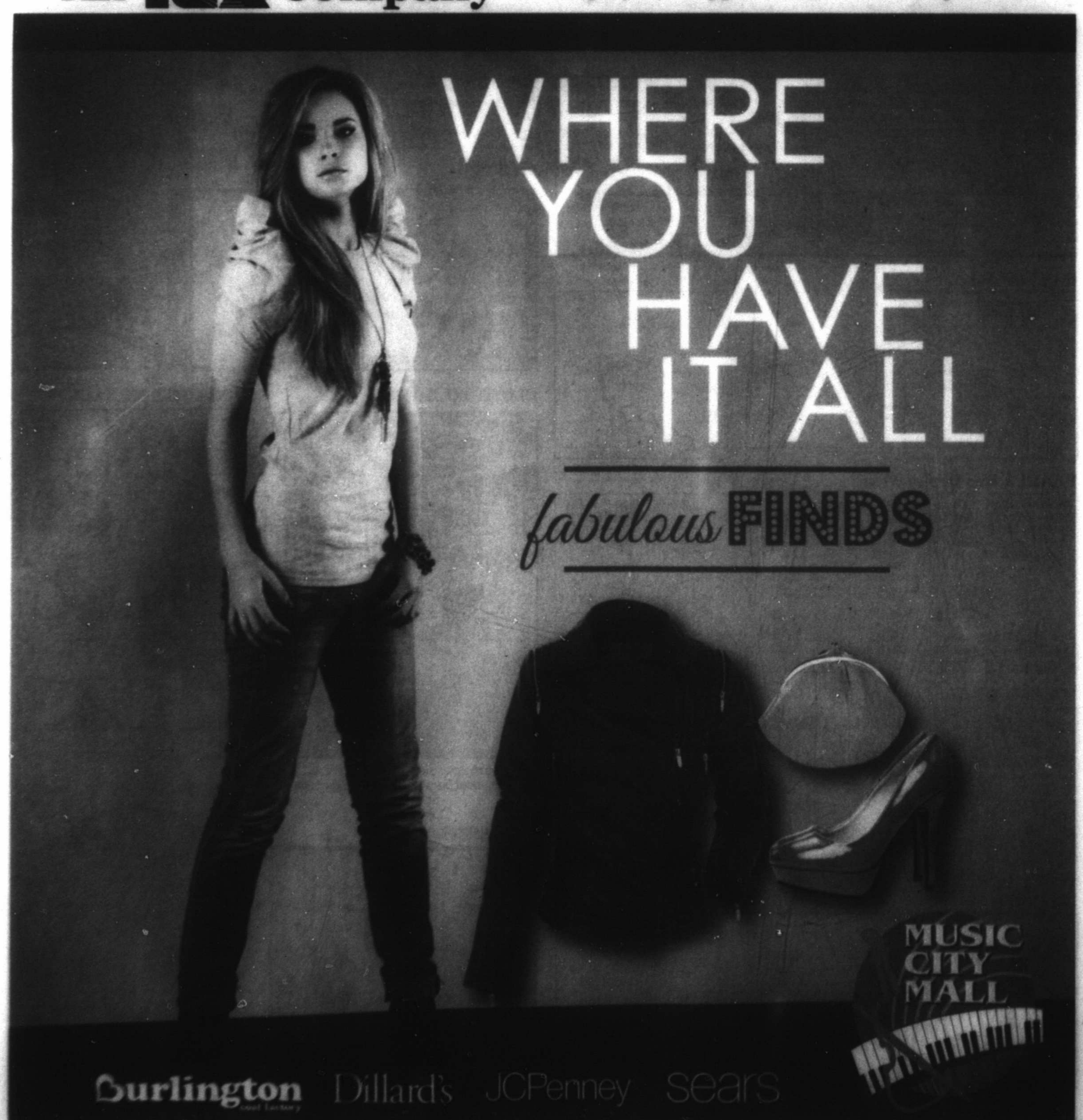

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Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm-4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person.

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Shawn Harris Unit#3090 Bed Couch shoes, boxes totes bags household items; Hope Butler Unit#1236 Bed couch household items
Facility 1813: 3111 Caldera Blvd. Midland, TX 79705 (432)-664-0193, May 12, 2017, 10:30 AM
Charles Greg Short unit#1020 household goods, Charles Greg Short unit#942 household goods, Charles Greg Short unit#1002 household goods and boxes
Facility 1779: 5005 Andrews Hwy, Midland, TX 79703 (432)694-5959, May 12, 2017, 11:00 am
Brenda Richter unit#202 household goods, Edward Turpin unit#919 automotive stuff, Aiona Scott unit#1101 furniture and boxes, Aiona Scott unit#1062c household items, Ashley Umsted unit#913a furniture, beds and boxes
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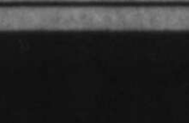

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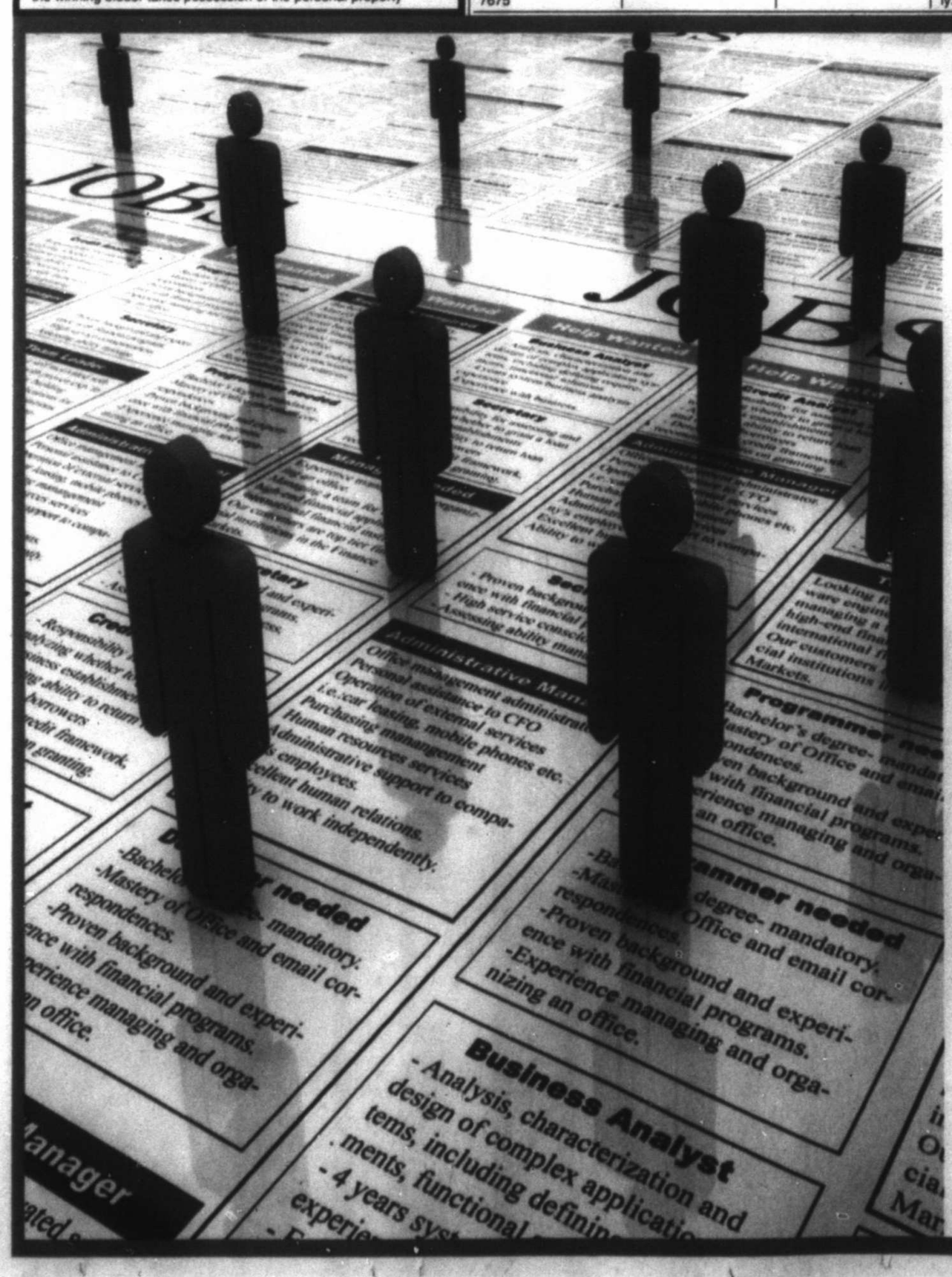

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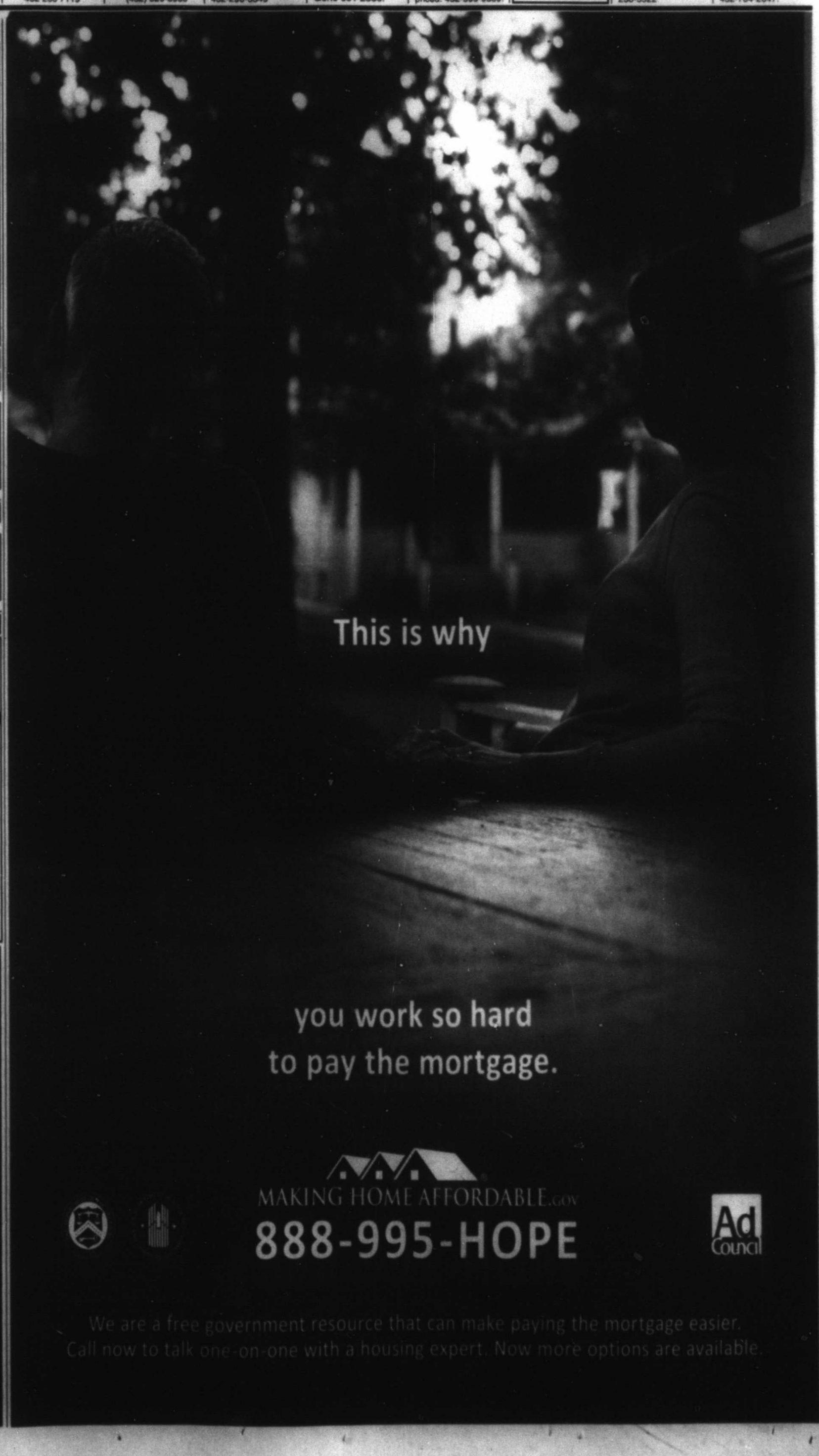

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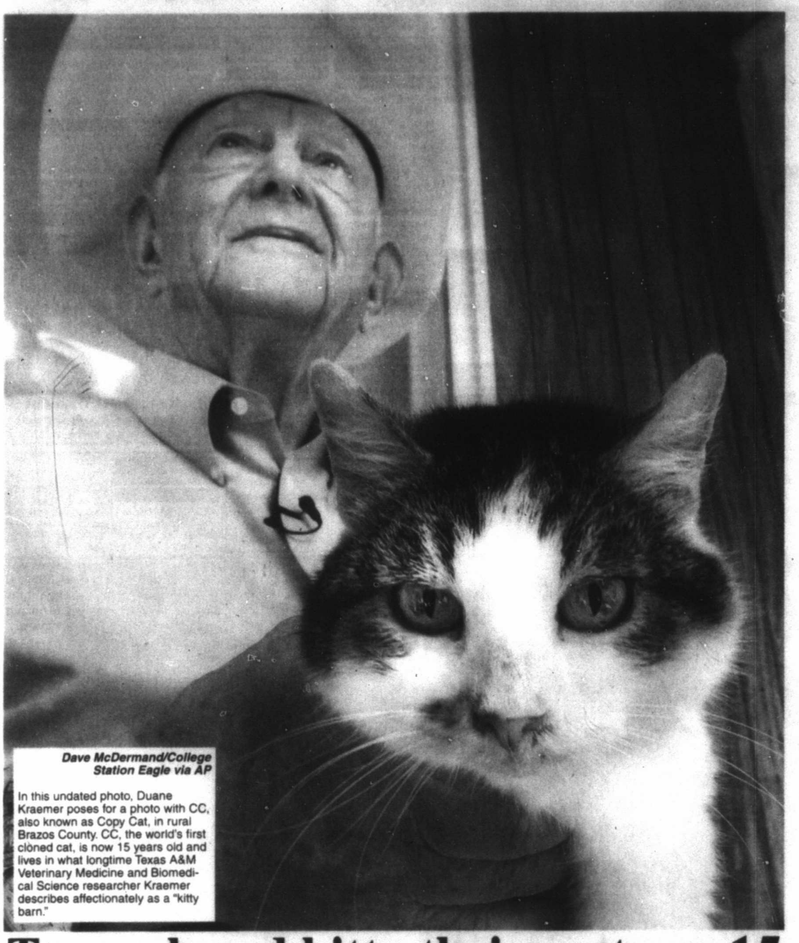

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In this undated photo, Duane Kraemer poses for a photo with CC, also known as Copy Cat, in rural Brazos County. CC, the world's first cloned cat, is now 15 years old and lives in what longtime Texas A&M Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Science researcher Kraemer describes affectionately as a "kitty barn."

Texas cloned kitty thrives at age 15

By Steve Kuhlmann
The Eagle

COLLEGE STATION — At the end of a long gravel road in East College Station, the world's first cloned cat — now 15 years old — lives in what longtime Texas A&M Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Science researcher Duane Kraemer describes affectionately as a "kitty barn."

The Eagle newspaper reports CC, also known as Copy Cat, was born in December 2001, the result of the 87th attempt at cloning a cat by Kraemer's lab at Texas A&M after several years of trying.

Kraemer, who recently retired from the university, said the success was simply the product of his team's work in pushing the boundaries of what is possible to accomplish.

Still considered among the crowning achievements of the College of Veterinary Medicine, Kraemer said he is proud the achievement has reflected so well on the university.

"It was certainly a pleasure to be a part of the team that did it," Kraemer said. "I seem to get a lot more credit than I deserve for it, but it is pleasing to go over to the veterinary school and see CC's pictures around."

When it comes to questions about CC, Kraemer said the most common is about her personality.

Outside of her unusual origins, Kraemer said CC is just like any other cat with a personality all her own.

"Most people somehow think personality is going to be cloneable, but it's not," Kraemer said. "She acts like most any cat, but, of course, cats vary."

Kraemer said CC even had a litter of her own years ago with a male cat named Smokey — a test to see if she was genetically capable of reproduction. Today, she lives in a small house built by Kraemer and located in his backyard alongside Smokey and her three offspring.

Eleanor M. Green, Carl B. King dean of veterinary medicine, said Kraemer's work is an intersection of the college's history of forward-looking work in the fields of genomics and reproductive biology.

"(Kraemer) has been a pioneer his entire career," said Green, noting that cloning CC is probably his best-known work.

"His work also has contributed to genomics becoming a rapidly evolving discipline, including unlimited potential to change the way health is viewed and addressed in both animals and people," she said.

Green said while "cloning was once considered science fiction," Texas A&M was "quick to master" the process. Today, university researchers have cloned a number of animals including cattle, pigs, deer, horses, goats and more.

Outside of Kraemer's work in cloning, Green said Kraemer has also contributed to "numerous societally important areas," including the study of reproductive control for invasive species and the protection of endangered species.

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The Arctic is melting, South Florida faces more flooding

By Jenny Staletovich
Miami Herald

MIAMI — A new assessment of polar ice melt could mean bad news for South Florida: higher sea rise than previously thought.

Based on new evidence, the Arctic Council — a cooperative effort among eight nations to monitor climate change — concluded that the Arctic warmed faster between 2011 and 2015 than any time on record, with glaciers and sea ice melting faster than expected. That means a United Nations estimate for sea rise, considered among the most conservative, could be off by as much as 10 inches.

The report is particularly ominous for densely populated South Florida, which sits downstream in the ocean's vast circulatory system, said University of Miami atmospheric scientist Ben Kirtman.

"Along the Eastern Seaboard, and South Florida in particular, we get an excessive rise," he said.

The study joins a growing catalog of new research showing more dire conditions than projected — and increased calls for the U.S. to not back out of the 2015 Paris Agreement that commits nearly 200 countries to check global warming.

Because the earth takes time to respond to changes, scientists keep a close eye on trends. In the Arctic, they are already seeing worrisome changes in migratory patterns and increased algae blooms. Among the worst is meltwater from glaciers, ice sheets and ice caps that account for a third of the planet's sea rise. Seventy percent of that comes from Greenland, which lost 375 gigatons of ice between 2011 and 2014, the report noted. Since 2000, melting ice from the continent totaled enough to raise sea levels globally by about four-tenths of an inch, according to the report, which relied on the work of 90 scientists.

With what's already baked into the atmosphere, faster melting land ice will likely add between 7.5 and 9.8 inches to earlier U.N. estimates by 2100, the report said.

And because of its position downstream, in an area of "preferential excitement," South Florida could experience rise at the high end as water sloshes around the planet, Kirtman said.

"Think of it as pushing down the ocean (in Greenland). The ocean is fluid, so it's going to respond somewhere else and that somewhere else is down here," he said.

In South Florida, planners already confronting flooding from sea rise have been more aggressive in assessing sea rise than the U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which sought to get a consensus among about 400 scientists.

The Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact includes the IPCC's conservative assessment calling for 6 inches in sea rise by 2030 and 31 inches by 2100. But it also uses higher estimates by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration that call for sea rise by 2030 of 10 and 12 inches, respectively, and 61 and 81 inches by 2100.

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How to keep your WordPress from being hacked

Dear PropellerHeads: My WordPress website has been hacked for like the third time already this year. What gives? What can I do to stop this from happening?

A: Welcome to the club. Well, not us personally, but we know plenty of sites that are in the same boat as you. Legal informs me I can only say that business has been "brisk" for fixing hacked websites as of late. WordPress or otherwise. That should make you feel at least a little bit better.

While WordPress (wordpress.com) is ripe for attack, it is certainly not the only Content Management System (CMS) that is targeted. Joomla (joomla.org), Drupal (drupal.org), Dot Net Nuke (dotnetnuke.com), and Umbraco (umbraco.com) are all as equally besieged.

Even some of the drag-and-drop (do-it-yourself) websites can be vulnerable, including Wix (wix.com), Jimdo (jimdo.com), Shopify (shopify.com), and Squarespace (squarespace.com). These represent the most widely used, and therefore hackers get better coverage if they focus their attentions on the weaknesses of the most popular software.

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Some of what follows is specific to WordPress, but much can be applied to any CMS-driven website.

Updates. If automated updates are not turned on, they really should be. Or in the worst case, updates should be performed every month or two. This is the most common problem we've encountered. Security flaws in popular CMSs are well-documented and quickly addressed by their developers. However, if you don't have the latest version installed, it is like giving a hacker the keys to your site.

Also, keep any plug-ins you have added up-to-date as well. WordPress is very good at pointing out when updates are available so you have no excuse for not always having the latest and greatest version.

Passwords. For the love of Pete, please use strong passwords for any user accounts you set up in WordPress. But having strong passwords is not enough. Plan on changing them at least annually, but twice a year is recommended. Along with this, do not have a user account called "admin" or "administrator" or "thedude." Change this to something else.

FTP. Whether you know it or not, your website probably also has FTP accounts that are permitted to change its files. This has nothing to do with the CMS software. All websites generally have this. This is where your choice of hosting provider may have an influence.

First, if you don't even know what FTP is or you don't need it for your site, turn it off. That will quickly close up that potential hole. If SFTP (Secure FTP) is available, use that instead of regular FTP. If you can configure IP address filtering so that only certain computers may FTP to your site, that is even better.

Regardless, the rules about passwords for WordPress accounts are also in effect for FTP accounts.

Your web host. All web hosts are not created equal. Many have site security features that can stop or alert you if any file is changed, can restore changed files (after compromise), and more. Now might be the time to do some web host shopping.

Advanced. There are a number of more advanced techniques for securing WordPress. While they have value, there is a bit of diminishing returns at play here. Also, they sometimes make it more difficult for you to maintain your site while not significantly improving site security. See bit.ly/1bqT09q and bit.ly/19fxUmu for a good overview of the options available to you. As you can see, most of these are configured when you first set up the WordPress site.

Backup. You can do all of the things above and I would still not take the bet that your site would never get hacked. Therefore, you should prepare for that day. Regular backups of the WordPress database and media are essential. There are a number of WordPress plug-ins that will do the heavy lifting for you: bit.ly/1mSJDBL. If you also have Dropbox, look into this one: bit.ly/1xfuCN5.

See, not that tough. That should make you feel even better!

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