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University of Texas seeks more oil wealth

By David Wethe
Bloomberg

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The University of Texas is looking for new ways to cash in on 2.1 million acres of prime oil assets obtained through land grants more than a century ago.

What is now viewed as some of the richest oil land in the world was initially seen as a money maker from cattle grazing. After 1923, when petroleum was discovered in the Permian Basin, a wave of wildcatters descended on the state university seeking leases. By 2014, the annual royalties from about 200 drillers had exploded past $1 billion.

Now, the school is taking steps to change the equation again. It's beefed up its geological expertise and wants to adjust how payments are figured, based on cheaper ways to tap into multiple pancaked layers of oil-soaked rock underground. Success could mean as much as a tripling in land value and a new leasing model that might extend to other shale regions nationwide.

"In the new scheme of things, not only do we have 2 million acres of land, but if there are two to four plays based on various depths in the shale formations, we might have the equivalent of 6 to 8 million acres of land," said Scott Kelley, who oversees the University Lands office as executive vice chancellor for business affairs.

The shale oil boom and crash brought home how much more the school could be getting from its acreage, propelling it to the vanguard of an effort to redefine the rules for how landowners get paid by U.S. oil companies.

Negotiations hang on the unique nature of the region's geology. Before the shale boom, most wells were drilled straight down until they punctured pools of crude deep underground. When a company leased drilling rights, those rights basically extended all the way to the center of the Earth.

Shale is different. Oil is locked into layers of rock like water in a sponge. Getting it out requires drilling sideways through those levels and cracking the rock with hydraulic fracturing to let the oil flow. In some shale fields — and most notably in the Permian Basin — there can be many distinct layers of oil-soaked rock pancaked together.

Those stacks multiply the value of each acre, and landowners should be allowed to lease them separately, said Mark Houser, a longtime industry executive who took over a year ago as chief executive officer of University Lands, which manages UT's oil assets. His strategy: Renegotiate leases for zones that haven't yet been drilled.

"We've got to know our assets better," said Houser. "We need to understand what the potential is." With drilling activity way down and the crude market in the doldrums, "it's even more critical now," he said.

The eye-popping growth in oil revenues during the boom inspired university regents to take a more sophisticated approach to managing the assets. Over the past year, University Lands hired Houser, moved its main office to Houston from Midland to be closer to oil company headquarters, and hired a team of geologists and an attorney to assess its prospects.

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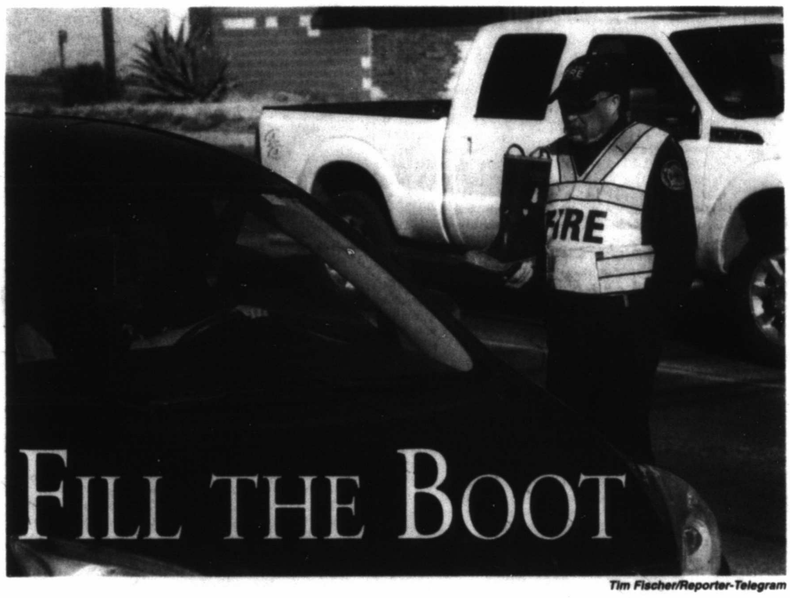

FILL THE BOOT

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland firefighter Red Collins collects donations Wednesday at the intersection of Garfield Street and Golf Course Road for the annual Fill the Boot campaign for Muscular Dystrophy Association. Firefighters will be at this intersection again on Friday between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. and also at the intersections of Midkiff Road and Wadley Avenue, Midland Drive and Loop 250 and Midland Drive and Andrews Highway. The goal for this year's campaign is $120,000, according to Professional Firefighters Association President Eric Stewart. Last year, Fill the Boot brought in $117,000, he said.

City sales tax slump continues

■ April collection is 21.34 percent less than a year ago

From staff reports

The idea of a rebound in sales tax receipts will have to wait for another month.

The city reported on Wednesday another 20 percent decrease and appears headed to its worst fiscal year collection of sales tax going back to 2012.

The city reported a 21.34 percent decrease in its sales tax collection this month — the eighth straight double-digit decrease and fifth time in eight months the decrease has been more than 20 percent. Overall, the sales tax collection, a key economic indicator, has dropped for 14 straight months.

The city collected $2.42 million in April. That was down from more than $3 million one year ago.

With a fiscal year-to-date decrease that is close to 20 percent (19.89 percent through seven months), the city is still on pace to lose more than $8 million in sales tax revenue compared to last year

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Aggravated assault charge dropped following autopsy

From staff reports

The charge against a former aggravated assault suspect in Midland has been dismissed based on the results of the autopsy, according to a press release from the city.

Benjamin Moore, 36, was arrested March 26 on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in connection with injuries sustained by his wife, Natasha Morris, 29.

Police originally responded to Moore's 911 call that his wife had committed suicide early in the morning of March 26 at their residence on West Michigan Avenue. Morris was found hanging by a power cord in their bedroom closet with life-threatening injuries, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article. At the time of Moore's arrest, marks on Morris' neck appeared to be consistent with strangulation and did not appear to be the result of a self-inflicted hanging, according to the article.

The couple also had a history of domestic violence, and there were no indications that he had attempted to save her life before first responders arrived, according to Wednesday's press release.

Morris died on Friday as a result of her injuries. Midland Police Department consulted with the District Attorney's Office to discuss charges pending an autopsy, which was conducted in Tarrant County. Preliminary autopsy results received Wednesday indicate that medical examiners believe the trauma sustained to the tissues in Morris' neck is consistent with self-inflicted hanging and not

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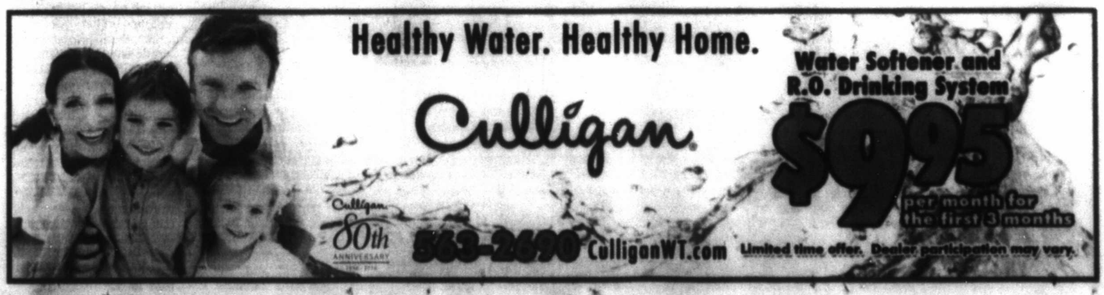

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tremulous
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adjective.
1. characterized by trembling, as from fear, nervousness, or weakness.
2. timid; timorous; fearful.
3. vibratory, shaking, or quivering.

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OTHER DEATHS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MISSISSIPPI

Retired Chancery Judge Sebe Dale Jr. dies

COLUMBIA — Retired Chancery Judge Sebe Dale Jr. has died at his home in Columbia.

Court administrators confirmed Dale died Tuesday. He was 94.

A funeral service is scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday at First Baptist Church in Columbia.

Dale retired Dec. 31, 2010, after 42 years on the bench, 32 of that as chancellor of the 10th Chancery District, which includes Forrest, Lamar, Marion, Pearl River and Perry counties.

Dale graduated from Columbia public schools, Mississippi College and the University of Mississippi School of Law. He was admitted to the Mississippi Bar Association in 1948, and worked in the private practice of law for 31 years. He also was a World War II veteran and served as a reservist for 27 years before retiring at the rank of colonel in 1981.

TENNESSEE

Death row inmate dies in Nashville hospital

NASHVILLE — A Tennessee death row inmate has died at a Nashville hospital of natural causes.

The state Department of Correction said William Stevens was 60. He died early Monday.

Stevens was convicted of especially aggravated robbery and two counts of first-degree murder and was sentenced to death in Davidson County in 1997.

DETROIT

Former Mayor Roman Gribbs dies at age 90

The city of Detroit says former Mayor Roman Gribbs has died at age 90.

Gribbs served one term as mayor and didn't seek re-election in 1973. In a written statement Tuesday, Mayor Mike Duggan says Gribbs was the "textbook definition of a dedicated public servant."

Before winning election in 1969, Gribbs was an assistant prosecutor and sheriff. He became a judge after leaving the mayor's office and served on the Michigan appeals court for 20 years.

The Detroit News says Gribbs during his only term as mayor worked with Henry Ford II and others to build the Renaissance Center, a landmark building along the Detroit River.

Obituaries

Donald Glenn Kitts

Donald Glenn Kitts was called home on Monday, April 4, 2016. A viewing will be held on Thursday, April 7, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at American Heritage Chapel. A funeral service will be held on Friday, April 8, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at Solid Rock Fellowship in Midland.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Sue Kitts of Midland, Texas; mother, Shirley Doss and step-father, Wayne, of Midland; three sons, Richard Gardner, Doug Gardner, and Donald Arnold, all of Midland; two daughters, Samantha Stevens of Midland, and Crystal of Weatherford, Texas; two brothers, Clay Kitts of Culpepper, Virginia and Doug Doss of Midland; two sisters, Dee Dee Poteat of Culpepper, Virginia and Devlin Doss of Midland; and by 15 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his father, Donald Kitts; daughter, Windy Altman; grandson, Grayson Arnold; sister-in-law, Gertie Hardwell; and both sets of grandparents.

Glenn was known for his big heart, who would give you the shirt off his back if you found yourself in need. Anyone who had the opportunity to know him will remember his patience and loving kindness.

Glenn was a graduate from Lee High School in Midland. He was a carpenter by trade and enjoyed working with his hands.

Glenn loved motorcycles, and believed there were few things in life that compared to traveling the open road on his Harley. He loved the great outdoors and thought the ideal vacation was a hunting or fishing trip. He loved playing his guitar and would relax with some Stevie Ray Vaughan licks.

Glenn was a fan of NASCAR and the Kansas City Chiefs. He liked old TV shows like Matlock and Bonanza, and for his birthday, Glenn always requested his favorite German chocolate cake!

Glenn was an ordained Baptist minister as well as a certified drug counselor and was always filled with good advice. Even toward the end he never complained about his medical situation. He was always found in good spirits despite the circumstances life threw his way.

His greatest love, however, was his family and they will remember him as the greatest husband, dad, son, and brother anyone could ever ask for. His dedication to his loved ones was described as, "the glue that held us all together."

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Solid Rock Fellowship for the love and support they've given so freely during this difficult time, as well as the oncology department and Midland Memorial Hospital. They also extend special thanks to Glenn's mother, Shirley Doss and niece Angie McKinney, for their special support they've provided.

Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery, Funeral Home, Crematory, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas, 79707.

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Richard Lee Matthews

Richard Lee Matthews, 62, of Midland, passed away on Wednesday, March 30, 2016. Memorial services will be held at Midland Primitive Baptist Church, 411 W. Shandon Avenue, at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 9, 2016 under the direction of Buddy Helms, with a reception and visitation to follow.

Richard was born on September 11, 1953 to Daisy Geneva Franklin and Harold Clayton Matthews in Corpus Christi, Texas where he found a love of water. The family moved to Midland in 1962. Richard graduated from Midland Senior High School in 1972.

Richard met the love of his life at the age of 18 through her cousin on Christmas Day. He married Bardena Harris in January 1973. They had two children and many wonderful memories.

Richard had a love for sailing, scuba diving, motorcycles, and music. He loved to share his passion for sailing and motorcycles with his family and friends. He was known for being fearless, his sense of humor, and love of a good time. At any time, you would find him tinkering with an engine or playing his guitar. Richard was always up for a good poker game or long ride on his Harley.

He worked as a mechanic before going into the oilfield as a hot oil operator. Richard often spoke of the many friends he made along the way at CJ Penn, KDM Hot Oil Service, and Permian Petroleum Services.

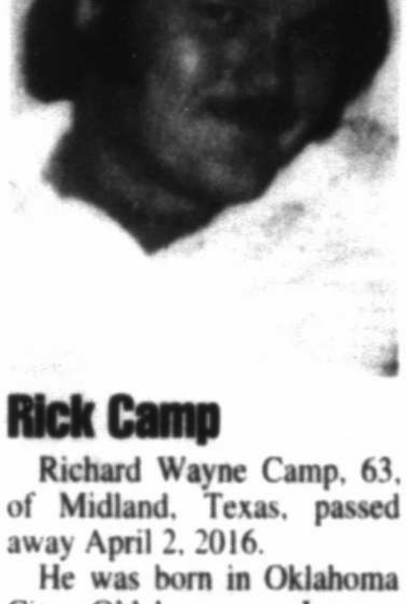
Richard is preceded in death by his parents, Geneva Daisy Franklin and Harold Clayton Matthews, and his beloved dog, Cinnamon.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Bardena Matthews of Midland; son, Eric Matthews and wife Erin of Midland; daughter, Melissa Bisbee and husband Cory of Midland; four grandchildren, Destiny, Clayton, Shelby, and Cody; brother, Dan Matthews and wife Marina of Austin; sister, Leilani Matthews of Midland; and several nieces, nephews, and friends.

Honorary pallbearers are Bill Schneider, Clayton Bisbee, Cody Matthews, Mike Pulse, and Daniel Stephens.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorial donations be made to the American Cancer Society, *donate.cancer.org* or Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas Ave, Midland, TX 79701.

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



Rick Camp

Richard Wayne Camp, 63, of Midland, Texas, passed away April 2, 2016.

He was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on January 30, 1953 to Hubert and Ruby (Howard) Camp. Rick moved to Amarillo, Texas as an infant, attended Amarillo schools, and graduated from Caprock High School in 1971.

Rick married Jean Knight on September 1, 1978. They became the proud parents of four children and two grandchildren.

As a small boy, Rick lost his father, causing him to gravitate toward a service station around the block from his childhood home. Before he was old enough to be legally employed, the owner of that station, Don Olsen, allowed Rick to take on odd jobs such as changing tires, oil, and washing windshields. By the time he was 15, Rick was managing that station. In 1972, Rick was offered the opportunity to move with Don Olsen to Midland and manage the Exxon Service Station at the Intersection of Midkiff and I-20.

In 1974, at the age of 21, Rick purchased West Side Exxon located at the Intersection of Midland Drive and Illinois, making him the youngest Exxon Service Station owner in the United States. Eventually, Rick acquired two more Exxon Service Stations, one in Midland and one in Odessa. He purchased Wall Street Automotive in 1989, which is still operated by the Camp Family.

Rick was a generous and loyal man. He had several long-term employees with values similar to his own. These men continue to carry on Rick's legacy of "quality service, at an affordable price" at Wall Street Automotive.

Rick was a race car enthusiast. His race car "Unfinished Business," became legendary in Midland and the surrounding region. Members of his race car team remained his closest friends until the day he died.

Rick was preceded in death by his daughter, Ellen Lois Camp.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Knight Camp; a daughter, Laura Camp; a son, Drew Camp and wife Deeann; a daughter, Katherine Camp and husband Dustin Chandler; two grandchildren, Lillian Chandler and Emmett Chandler, all of Midland; a sister, Claudette Judd and husband Glenn of Georgetown, Texas; a brother, Kenneth Camp and wife Mai of Denver, Colorado; and by many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service is scheduled for Friday, April 8, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland. His wishes were to be buried beside his daughter, Ellen.

Graveside services will be held July 5, 2016 in West Harpswell, Maine. His gravestone will be inscribed with the words "Unfinished Business."

Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com

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Death Notices

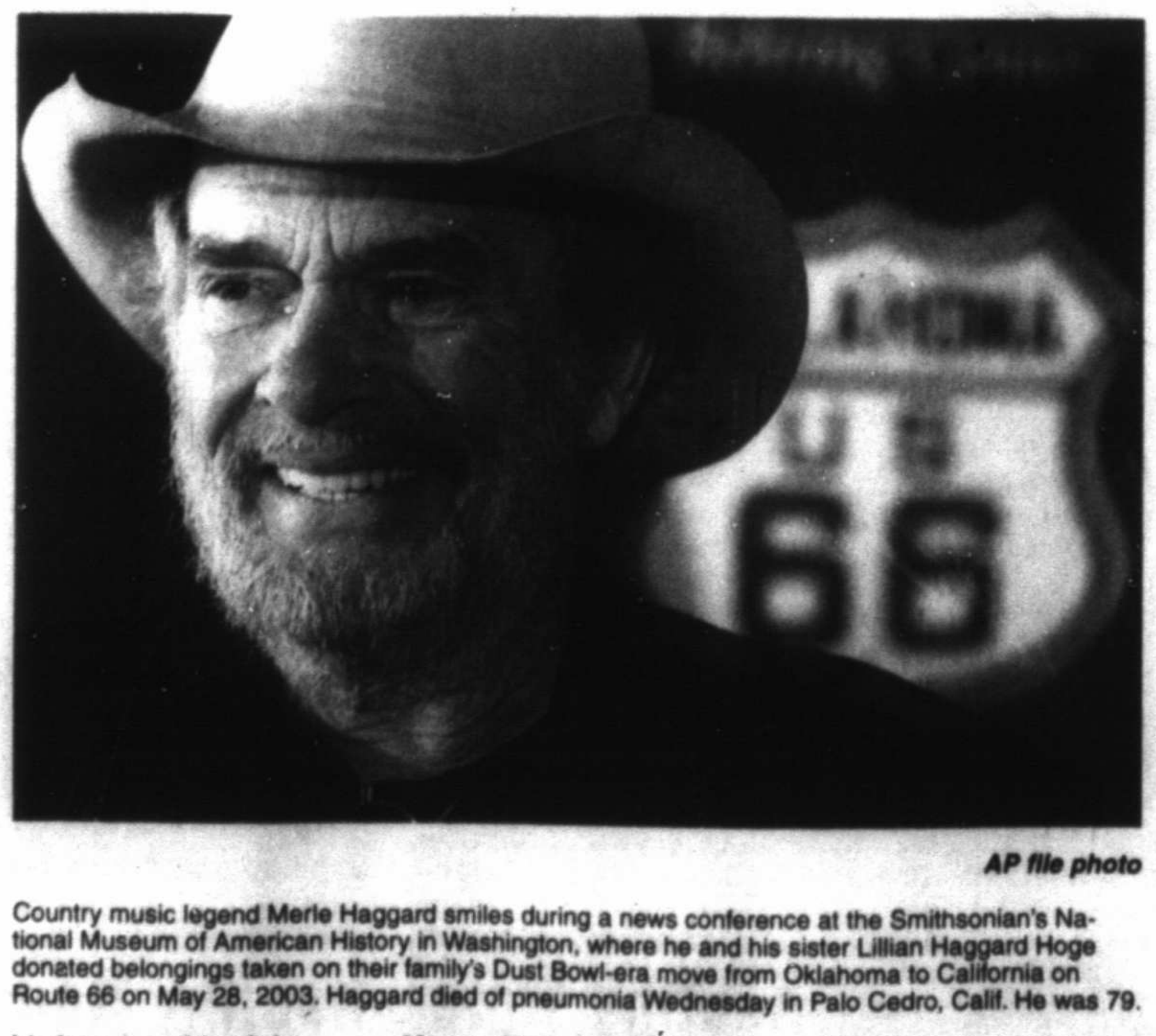
Laura Jane Gammage

Laura Jane Gammage, 90, of Midland, passed away on March 29, 2016.

There will be a graveside service on Saturday, April 9 at 2:00 p.m. in Plainview, Texas at Plainview Memorial Park.

Country icon Merle Haggard, champion of the underdog, dies

By Kristin M. Hall
Associated Press



AP file photo

Country music legend Merle Haggard smiles during a news conference at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in Washington, where he and his sister Lillian Haggard Hoge donated belongings taken on their family's Dust Bowl-era move from Oklahoma to California on Route 66 on May 28, 2003. Haggard died of pneumonia Wednesday in Palo Cedro, Calif. He was 79.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Country giant Merle Haggard, who rose from poverty and prison to international fame through his songs about outlaws, underdogs and an abiding sense of national pride in such hits as "Okie From Muskogee" and "Sing Me Back Home," died Wednesday at 79, on his birthday.

Haggard's manager, Frank Mull, said the country icon died in Palo Cedro, California, of pneumonia that he had been battling for months. His publicist, Tresa Redburn, said no official cause of death has been determined.

He had kept up an ambitious touring schedule, but the pneumonia in both lungs had forced him to cancel several shows this year. Mull said his family was by his side when he died at home and they were planning a funeral for Saturday at his home.

A masterful guitarist, fiddler and songwriter as well as singer, the Country Music Hall of Famer with the firm, direct baritone recorded for more than 40 years, releasing dozens of albums and No. 1 hits.

"He was my brother, my friend. I will miss him," said Willie Nelson, his longtime friend, in a statement. Tanya Tucker recalled fondly the time they ate bologna sandwiches by the river: "I just can't imagine a world without Merle. It's so hard to accept, but I'll continue honoring him on stage just as I do during every show."

The White House called Haggard a "legend" and said President Barack Obama was sending his thoughts and prayers to Haggard's family. White House press secretary Josh Earnest said Haggard told stories that people from all walks of American life could relate to.

Haggard — along with fellow California country star Buck Owens — was a founder of the twangy Bakersfield Sound, a direct contrast to the smooth, string-laden country records popular in Nashville, Tennessee, in the 1960s.

His music was rough yet sensitive, reflecting on childhood, marriage and daily struggles, telling stories of shame and redemption, or just putting his foot down in "The Fightin' Side of Me" and "I Think I'll Just Stay Here and Drink."

His most beloved songs included the prison ballad "Sing Me Back Home," the tributes to his mother "Mama Tried" and "Hungry Eyes," the romantic lament "Today I Started Loving You Again" and such blue collar chronicles as "If We Make It Through December" and "Workin' Man Blues."

Few faces in country were as recognizable as Haggard's, with its wary, sideways glance and chiseled, haunted features that seemed to bear every scar from his past.

General audiences knew him best for "Okie From Muskogee," a patriotic anthem released in 1969 at the height of the Vietnam War that quickly became a cultural touchstone for its anti-hippie lyrics proclaiming "we don't burn our draft cards down on Main Street; we like living right and being free."

"Okie from Muskogee" made him a hero among conservatives, but he softened on the counterculture and released the lighthearted "Big Time Annie's Square," a tribute to a hippie girl and her "crazy world." More recently, he was a backer of prominent Democrats. In 2007, he unveiled a song to promote Hillary Clinton and two years later he penned "Hopes Are High" to commemorate Obama's inauguration. In "America First," he even opposed the Iraq War, singing "Let's get out of Iraq, and get back on track."

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Abuse of power case against Rick Perry formally dismissed

A judge has officially dismissed the felony abuse-of-power case against former Texas Gov. Rick Perry, weeks after the state's highest court cleared him.

Wednesday's action was a mere formality since the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in February voided the criminal indictment against Perry.

Perry left office last year and ran a short, second presidential campaign — despite facing a 2014 indictment in Austin for abuse of power and coercion of a public servant.

The charges stem from Perry's publicly threatening — and then carrying out — a 2013 veto of state funding for public corruption prosecutors. That came after the unit's Democratic head rebuffed Perry's calls to resign after being convicted of drunken driving.

Perry argued his freedom of speech was violated, and the indictments were quashed on appeal.

AUSTIN

Fort Worth cop convicted of rape gets new trial

Texas' highest criminal court has ordered a new trial for a former Fort Worth police officer convicted of rape after his alleged victim admitted that she lied during his trial.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ruled Wednesday that Brian Franklin did not receive a fair trial in 1995 when he was convicted of raping a 13-year-old girl and given a life sentence.

Now in her 30s, the alleged victim testified two years ago that she lied in part of her testimony, but she stood by her accusation that Franklin raped her in her father's backyard.

The court ordered Franklin be placed in local custody while authorities decide whether to prosecute him again.

A spokeswoman for the Tarrant County district attorney declined to comment.

AMARILLO

Dust storm blankets much of Texas Panhandle

Forecasters say a dust storm virtually engulfed the Texas Panhandle overnight.

The National Weather Service said a cold front that moved southwards through the Panhandle on Tuesday night carried winds of up to 60 mph and spread dirt picked up from Colorado and Kansas.

Forecaster Nicholas Fenner in Amarillo said Wednesday that the storm threw dust about 2,000 feet into the air. Fenner said the storm reached as far north as Oklahoma Panhandle and as far south as Lubbock, Texas.

He said the dust was so heavy that evidence of the storm turned up on National Weather Service radar.

The Texas Department of Public Safety said no injuries have been reported in the dust storm.

SAN ANTONIO

Video shows San Antonio school officer body-slamming girl

Officials in San Antonio are investigating video that shows a school district police officer body-slamming a middle school student to the ground.

A spokeswoman for the San Antonio Independent School District said the officer has been placed on paid leave.

Leslie Price told the San Antonio Express-News that the video posted online stems from a verbal confrontation between two students in March. A uniformed officer is seen struggling with a girl, then slamming her to the ground.

The officer appears to handcuff the girl before having her stand and leading her away.

The district did not identify the officer or the student.

Price told the newspaper the video is "very concerning, and we are working to get all of the details."

AUSTIN

State official: Answers erased on about 14,220 STAAR tests

The state's top education official said a computer glitch erased answers on about 14,220 standardized tests taken by Texas high school students.

Education Commissioner Mike Morath told the Board of Education on Wednesday that many of the affected tests were taken by special education students.

Students must pass the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness to graduate high school. But last week, some in the Austin, Bryan and Arlington areas were unable to complete the exam known as STAAR because of glitches.

This is the first year New Jersey-based Educational Testing Services is administering the exam, after winning a $280 million contract.

The Austin American Statesman reported that Morath said that, if problems aren't fixed by next month, the state will reconsider its contract with the company.

DALLAS

Computer hacker from Oklahoma pleads guilty in Texas case

An Oklahoma City man faces up to 10 years in prison for a computer hacking attempt targeting a cybersecurity company.

Benjamin Earnest Nichols remains free on bond pending sentencing in federal court in Dallas. The 37-year-old Nichols pleading guilty Tuesday to knowingly causing transmission of a program or code to a protected computer.

Prosecutors said Nichols in 2010 tried to hack into a computer system, causing security issues and up to $6,500 in losses.

Nichols was part of a hacking group that include Jesse McGraw, an ex-security guard at a medical complex in Dallas.

McGraw was accused of hacking into clinic systems that controlled climate and ventilation for patients, medications and other computers. McGraw in 2010 pleaded guilty to transmission of malicious code and received a nine-year prison term.

HOUSTON

Murder conviction reversed for former border patrol officer

A former Customs and Border Protection officer in South Texas has won an appeal that overturns his murder conviction and 25-year prison sentence for the fatal shooting of a bar owner.

A divided Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ruled Wednesday that 37-year-old ex-agent Jose Guadalupe Elizondo is entitled to a new trial because a part of the instructions to jurors at his 2011 trial in Edinburg was improper. The court's 5-4 ruling reverses a lower appeals court decision that affirmed Elizondo's conviction.

Prosecutors said Elizondo was not on duty in August 2010 when 49-year-old Fermin Limon was fatally shot outside his club near Alton.

Investigators said Elizondo had been thrown out of the bar, retrieved his government-issued gun from his truck and shot Limon.

Details of state legislation seeking religious protections

Associated Press

Lawmakers in numerous states have advanced measures this year that would strengthen religious protections for individuals, organizations or some businesses that decline to provide services to same-sex couple based on their religious beliefs.

While some are narrowly tailored to protect clergy, others are written more broadly, potentially applying to an array of businesses. Some bills already have been sent to governors while others are pending in the legislature. A few already have failed to pass before legislative sessions ended.

Here's a look at some of the bills that have advanced in state legislatures over the past year:

Arkansas

The Republican-led Legislature passed a bill last year preventing government entities from substantially burdening the religious exercise of individuals, associations or corporations, unless by the least restrictive means to further a compelling governmental interest (House Bill 1228). After businesses raised concerns, lawmakers pulled back the bill and passed a new one that eventually was signed by Gov. Asa Hutchison. The revised version more closely mirrors the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act, without specifically applying it to businesses and associations (Senate Bill 975).

Florida

Republican Gov. Rick Scott signed a law stating that clergy, churches, religious schools and other religious organizations cannot be required to marry people or allow their facilities to be used for marriage celebrations that violate "a sincerely held religious belief." The law will take effect July 1 (House Bill 43).

Georgia

Republican Gov. Nathan Deal announced last week that he will veto a bill barring government penalties against religious schools and organizations that decline to employ, provide services to or allow the use of their facilities by people because of a "sincerely held religious belief." The measure also would have protected clergy who decline to preform same-sex marriages. And it would have enacted a state version of the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which says government "shall not substantially burden a person's exercise of religion" unless by the least restrictive means for a compelling government interest (House Bill 757).

Indiana

Republican Gov. Mike Pence signed a bill last year barring government entities from substantially burdening the religious exercise of individuals, organizations and businesses, unless by the least restrictive means to further a compelling government interest (Senate Bill 101). After businesses raised concerns, Pence signed an amended version stating that the law cannot be used to deny services, public accommodations, employment or housing based on race, religion, age, sexual orientation or gender identity (Senate Bill 50).

Kansas

Republican Gov. Sam Brownback signed a bill that prevents colleges and universities from denying religious student associations the same funding or benefits available to other groups because of requirements that its members follow the association's religious beliefs, standards or conduct. The law will take effect July 1 (Senate Bill 175).

Kentucky

The Republican-led Senate passed a measure that would expand the state Religious Freedom Restoration Act by barring penalties against those who decline to provide "customized, artistic, expressive, creative, ministerial or spiritual goods or services" to people that would infringe on their "right of conscience" or religious freedoms. The measure also applies to people who provide judgments, attestations and commissions. The bill is pending in the Democratic-led House, where House Speaker Greg Stumbo has questioned its constitutionality (Senate Bill 180).

Mississippi

Republican Gov. Phil Bryant signed a law Tuesday asserting a "broad protection of free exercise of religious beliefs." The measure will prohibit government from taking "any discriminatory action" against religious organizations that decline to host marriages, employ people or facilitate adoption or foster care based on a religious belief that marriage should be between one man and one woman, sex outside marriage is wrong or that sexual identity is determined by a person's anatomy at birth.

Missouri

After ending a 37-hour Democratic filibuster, the Republican-led Senate passed a proposed amendment to the state constitution that would bar government penalties against individuals and business such as florists or photographers who cite "a sincere religious belief" while declining to provide "services of expressional or artistic creation" for same-sex weddings and receptions.

The protections also would apply to clergy and religious organizations that decline to make their facilities available for same-sex weddings. If also passed by the Republican-led House, the proposal would go before voters in either the August primary or November general election (Senate Joint Resolution 39).

Nebraska

A legislative committee advanced a bill allowing adoption and foster care agencies to decline to facilitate child placements based on "sincerely held religious beliefs." But the bill's sponsor decided last week not to press forward with the bill, which lacked enough support to overcome a potential filibuster (Legislative Bill 975).

Oklahoma

Republican Gov. Mary Fallin signed a bill last May stating that clergy and other religious officials cannot be required to perform marriages or provide marriage counseling, courses or workshops that violate their conscience or religious beliefs (House Bill 1007).

South Dakota

The Republican-led House passed legislation barring government from taking "discriminatory action" against people, organizations or businesses based on their "sincerely held religious belief" that marriage should be between one man and one women, sex outside marriage is wrong or that sexual identity is determined by a person's biological sex at birth. The bill was tabled in a Senate committee and did not pass before the legislative session ended (House Bill 1107).

Tennessee

The Republican-led Senate has passed legislation exempting counselors and therapists from providing services to clients related to behaviors that conflict with "a sincerely held religious belief," as long as they refer the clients to someone else. The House on Wednesday passed a revised version, covering the "sincerely held principles" of counselors and therapists. It now goes back to the Senate (Senate Bill 1556).

Texas

Just two weeks before the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that states must allow gay marriage, Republican Gov. Greg Abbott signed a law last June stating that clergy and religious organizations cannot be required to marry people or allow their facilities to be used for wedding celebrations that violate a "sincerely held religious belief" (Senate Bill 2065).

Virginia

Democratic Gov. Terry McAuliffe vetoed a Republican-passed bill stating that clergy and religious organizations cannot be penalized for declining to participate in same-sex marriages (Senate Bill 41). The House also passed a bill that would bar the government from taking any "discriminatory action" against people, organizations or businesses based on their "sincerely held religious belief" that marriage should be between one man and one women, sex outside marriage is wrong or that sexual identity is determined by a person's biological sex at birth. That bill was altered by the Senate and ultimately failed to pass before the legislative session ended (House Bill 773).

West Virginia

The Republican-led House passed a bill modeled after the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act, stating that government "shall not substantially burden a person's exercise of religion" unless by the least restrictive means for a compelling government interest. The bill was amended in the Republican-led Senate to state that it would not apply to any anti-discrimination ordinances or child vaccination requirements. Senators then defeated the revised bill (House Bill 4012).

Marines crews conducting refueling training in NM

Associated Press

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — A southern New Mexico airport is hosting Marine Corp training in which aircraft crews practice refueling operations after flying in from Arizona.

Las Cruces International Airport officials say a training exercise scheduled Wednesday evening at the airport allows personnel to practice forward staging of equipment and fuel by refueling Osprey aircraft from a C-130 tanker.

A Marine Corps Air Station Yuma spokesman says the aircraft and crews are temporarily out of from the Arizona base where they're participating in a training course.

According to Las Cruces airport officials, the C-130 lands first and sits on the runway.

Then the Ospreys arrive to be refueled from the tanker.

Ospreys are hybrid transport aircraft that can fly like an airplane and take off and land like a helicopter.

Don't Mess With Texas anti-litter effort marks 30 years

Associated Press

DALLAS — The Don't Mess With Texas anti-litter campaign has been around for 30 years with more chances to pick up trash across the state.

The Texas Department of Transportation on Wednesday marked the slogan's 30th anniversary with plans to display, in Dallas, some trash picked up along highways.

Boy Scouts across Texas can try to earn a special merit badge to mark the anniversary by taking part in a trash-off Saturday targeting roads. The partnership involves TxDOT and the group Keep Texas Beautiful.

TxDOT officials say about 1,500 trash-off events were held last year across the state. About 85,000 volunteers collecting more than 10 million pounds of waste and recyclables.

The Don't Mess With Texas campaign has included advertisements with celebrities including George Strait, Willie Nelson, Matthew McConaughey and LeAnn Rimes.

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First Presbyterian Church
800 W. Texas Ave.

■ **April 12**
(presentation will be in Spanish only)
6-7:30 p.m.
Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland
1311 E. Wadley Ave.
(Inside Hogan Park)

■ **April 14**
6-7:30 p.m.
Greater Ideal Family Life Center
301 S. Tyler St.

Things to do

■ "Bring It to the Table" screening with Emmy-nominated director Julie Winokur, 6:30 p.m., Dunagan Library, 4901 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Shepperdinstitute.com.

■ Ese, Dirty Dave, Moving Forward and The Bogans, 7 p.m., Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. facebook.com/kamiposi.

■ LeAnn Rimes, 8 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $34-$62. Wagnernoel.com.

■ Red, HOT and Wild Adult Comedy Improv Show, 8 p.m., MCM Elegante Odessa, 5200 E. University Blvd., Odessa. $20. Weetlexastalent.com.

For more information on the weekend entertainment calendar, check out The Weekender in today's edition.

Club meetings, support groups today

■ New Beginnings cancer support group, 8:30 a.m., Texas Oncology - Allison Cancer Center, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Suite 100, 218-8714, fatima@giftsofhopemidland.org.

■ Children's Service League, 9:30 a.m., Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center; Brooke Mueller, 498-2053

■ Newcomers Club, 10 a.m.; Stephanie Sparkman at 684-8065 or Freida Robertson at 218-7239.

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

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

■ West Texas Iris Society meets 7 p.m., Senior Link, 3301 Sinclair Ave. For more information, call 352-5483.

■ Bingo, 7-10 p.m., American Legion Post 19, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane, 682-5511.

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SHARE your change

Managing Editor Mary Dearen is participating in the 2016 Autism SHARE Walk, set for April 23 at Grande Communications Stadium. Her donation will include change she finds during her daily neighborhood walks. And she donated $5 for each of the 24 points the Denver Broncos scored in Super Bowl 50. Anyone who would like to contribute to the cause may contact Dearen at mdearen@mrt.com or 687-8852. You also may make a contribution at her walk fundraising page. Google "2016 Autism SHARE Walk" and type in Mary Dearen under participant.

Lottery

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Pick 3 day: 5-6-1
Pick 3 evening: 2-2-2
Pick 3 night: 6-2-3
Daily 4 morning: 5-0-3-2
Daily 4 day: 8-5-2-7
Daily 4 evening: 4-4-8-8
Daily 4 night: 4-8-3-3
Cash Five: 1-6-27-28-33
Lotto Texas: 6-16-41-43-48-54
Powerball: 4-28-49-60-65 PB: 25 Power Play: 2
All or Nothing morning: 1-3-4-5-9-10-12-15-16-17-19-22
All or Nothing day: 2-4-10-11-12-13-14-16-20-21-22-24
All or Nothing evening: 3-5-7-9-10-12-14-15-17-18-20-24
All or Nothing night: 1-2-6-7-8-16-17-18-19-20-21-23
Texas Triple Chance: 3-13-15-24-25-29-32-33-37-39

Today in history

Today is Thursday, April 7, the 98th day of 2016. There are 268 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On April 7, 1966, the U.S. Navy recovered a hydrogen bomb that the U.S. Air Force had lost in the Mediterranean Sea off Spain following a B-52 crash.

On this date:

In 1927, the image and voice of Commerce Secretary Herbert Hoover were transmitted live from Washington to New York in the first successful long-distance demonstration of television.

In 1962, nearly 1,200 Cuban exiles tried by Cuba for their roles in the failed Bay of Pigs invasion were convicted of treason.

In 1978, President Jimmy Carter announced he was deferring development of the neutron bomb, a high-radiation weapon.

CRIMEBRIEF

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MPD: Man stalks woman

A Midland man was arrested Tuesday for stalking a woman, according to court documents.

Daniel C. Cobb, 25, was being held Wednesday on a $30,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of stalking.

A woman reported on March 30 that she was being harassed by Cobb, according to his affidavit. He had called the woman numerous times until she changed her phone number, according to the affidavit.

Cobb

Between August and February, Cobb sent numerous emails to the woman, threatening her and her current boyfriend, according to the affidavit. He threatened to send nude photos to her boyfriend and her father and to sell her Social Security number on the Internet, according to the affidavit.

Cobb also emailed her that if he could not have her than no one could be with her, according to the affidavit.

On March 30, she pulled into her apartment complex and saw Cobb pull into the parking lot, according to the affidavit. She left so that Cobb would not know which apartment she was in, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the third-degree felony, Cobb could face up to 10 years in prison.

Justice Department sues to block Halliburton-Baker Hughes merger

By Christian Davenport
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department announced Wednesday that it had filed suit to prevent Halliburton, an oilfield services behemoth, from acquiring its rival, Baker Hughes.

If successful, the antitrust suit could derail a huge merger between two of the largest oilfield services companies in the world, a deal that at one point was reportedly valued at $35 billion.

U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch said regulators were concerned that the acquisition would lead to decreased competition and higher prices. European regulators have also expressed concerns about the deal.

"America and the American consumer deserve meaningful competition," Lynch said in a call with reporters. The merger would "substantially reduce competition in 23 separate markets," she said. And it would turn many of those markets into "non-competitive duopolies."

In a joint statement, the companies said that they "intend to vigorously contest" the government's attempt to block the merger, arguing that the deal was "pro-competitive and will allow the companies' customers to benefit from a more flexible innovative and efficient oil services company."

Halliburton had earlier proposed a divestiture package, worth billions, "that will facilitate the entry of new competition in markets in which products and services are being divested."

The companies said they "intend to demonstrate that the DOJ has underestimated the highly competitive nature of the oilfield services industry, the many benefits of the proposed combination and the sufficiency of the divestitures."

The merger, which was first announced in 2014, would allow the companies to operate more effectively, which they said was increasingly important because of low oil prices. But Lynch said the proposed divestiture "falls far short" of addressing the department's concerns.

Assistant Attorney General Bill Baer said the Justice Department doesn't "bring these cases lightly. We bring them where the facts fully support concerns about the future competition in these markets."

The attempt to block the merger is the latest antitrust action brought buy Justice in recent years.

Testifying before Congress last month, Baer said his office has sought to foster increasing competition to help consumers. "Our antitrust laws have sought to enshrine the core principle that consumers win from competition and lose when it is unfairly restricted," he said.

Previously, the Justice Department sued to block Electrolux's acquisition of General Electric's appliance business, which Baer said "preserved head-to-head competition and choice for major household cooking appliances." Comcast and Time Warner abandoned a merger after the department raised concerns.

Halliburton and Baker Hughes had agreed to extend the time period to gain regulatory approval to the end of the month. In the statement, they said that if the judicial review goes beyond them, they could continue to seek regulatory approval, or either company could terminate the merger agreement.

Christie rips Atlantic City mayor as fiscal impasse lingers

By Wayne Parry
Associated Press

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>
> **Chris Christie,** New Jersey Gov.

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Gov. Chris Christie came to Atlantic City Wednesday, not to meet with its embattled mayor, but to denounce him as a liar who has "zero idea" what he's doing.

The governor used his harshest language yet to criticize Mayor Don Guardian, a fellow Republican, as the seaside gambling resort draws closer to going broke.

The city adopted a payroll maneuver Wednesday night that it hopes will temporarily avert the crisis, delaying the need to shut down non-essential services for about two months. But the city still has not found a way to cope with the contraction of its casino industry, which has lost more than half its revenue — and four of its 12 casinos — since 2006.

A pair of assistance bills is stalled in the state Assembly. One would let casinos make payments in lieu of taxes in return for not appealing their tax assessments — something they have done to devastating effect in recent years. The other would give the state vast control over Atlantic City's finances and most of its major decision-making power, including the right to cancel union contracts, dissolve city agencies and sell off city land and assets. Speaker Vincent Prieto, a Democrat, refuses to post the takeover bill for a vote because it would let the state cancel public employee contracts.

Christie used a press conference with Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson to take repeated shots at Guardian in the harshest and most personal language he has used against him to date, reminiscent of the invective he frequently hurled at Guardian's Democratic predecessor, Lorenzo Langford.

Asked about complaints by Guardian that he has not met with the governor in months as his city inches closer to bankruptcy, Christie replied,

"Because there's no purpose in meeting with a liar."

Christie accused Guardian of agreeing to a state takeover in a Statehouse news conference with leaders of the state Senate and Assembly, then changing his mind.

Guardian said lawmakers promised to make changes to protect the city's interest but failed to make good on them.

"He has no idea what he's talking about," Christie said. "Zero idea what he's talking about."

Christie also seemed to insult Guardian's intelligence as well as his competency.

"The mayor's math and his understanding match his management ability," Christie said.

At his news conference afterward, Guardian disputed many of Christie's criticisms and laid much of the blame for his city's fiscal crisis on the doorstep of the state, which has appointed monitors to oversee the city and school system.

"I'm sorry that he has to use name-calling," Guardian said. "I'm disappointed, and I can say, like every urban mayor in the state of New Jersey, that we can't wait until Jan. 14, 2018, when we have a new governor."

Prieto said Christie "spends an inordinate amount of time casting blame on others for his failings."

"If he put as much effort into using his authority to save Atlantic City or negotiating a compromise as he does talking, maybe we could have resolved this situation," said Prieto, who predicted the takeover bill as it currently stands would not pass in the Assembly.

WEALTH

From 1A

Many of the 9,000 wells on university lands are governed by leases signed decades ago. Consultants identified at least a further 21,000 potential well sites. All of the revenue from the oil lands goes into a large pot known as the Permanent University Fund, which today stands at about $17 billion. Each year, roughly 5 percent of that fund is withdrawn, with two-thirds going to UT, and the remainder going to the Texas A&M System. UT has the largest endowment of any U.S. public university.

The current oil-market bust may have hammered home to the school the inadequacy of its old leases, but convincing companies to change the terms won't be easy, said Bret Wells, who teaches oil and gas law at the University of Houston.

"The problem now is you're wanting new clauses in leases, and you're not executing many new leases at this point," Wells said.

Houser sees an opportunity during the downturn to strengthen the university's position. The drilling slowdown gives him leverage to renegotiate some terms when strapped producers come to him for help, such as to swap out leases to bundle acreage closer together.

UT isn't alone in trying to force change. Landowners are waging similar battles in Ohio and Pennsylvania's Utica and Marcellus shale fields to break down drilling rights based on depth. "It's difficult because the oil and gas companies didn't want to give it up," said Scott Kurkowski, an attorney at Levene Gouldin & Thompson LLP who specializes in oil leases.

If UT succeeds in setting new terms, it could help set a precedent that would be quickly copied, Kurkowski said. "Then we'll see a greater push to that for all oil and gas leases, hopefully for our region and throughout the country."

AUTOPSY

From 1A

strangulation, according to the release.

The district attorney's dismissal cites insufficient evidence to move forward with the case at this time as a result of the autopsy, according to the release.

"At the time of Mr. Moore's arrest, our officers had sufficient probable cause to detain him based on the evidence they had on hand," Police Chief Price Robinson said in a statement.

"With the news we received (Tuesday) and in our ongoing conversation with the District Attorney's Office, they arrived at the decision not to pursue this case."

The autopsy will be complete pending a toxicology report and a review of evidence presented by detectives.

SALES

From 1A

($44.575 million).

With reports of a drop in property valuations, city leaders likely may have to increase property tax rates to bring in the same amount of money in the next fiscal year as it did this fiscal year.

Sales tax revenue is generated by sales tax income from two months before collection; the April collection is based on February sales.

Just as the city's collection has dropped by nearly 20 percent this year, so has the amount being collected to pay off the debt created to build the Scharbauer Sports Complex and the amount dedicated for economic development. In April, both collected $605,007, down from more than $750,000 in April 2015. Year-to-date, both have collected $5.45 million, down from $6.8 million through seven months last fiscal year.

Sales tax collection decreases

October	23.61 percent
November	16.08 percent
December	25.77 percent
January	23.84 percent
February	10.21 percent
March	22.41 percent
April	21.32 percent

Fiscal year average 19.89 percent decrease

Governor faces racketeering suit over Flint water crisis

Associated Press

FLINT, Mich. — Hundreds of residents of Flint, Michigan, filed a racketeering lawsuit Wednesday targeting Gov. Rick Snyder and other state and local officials over lead contamination of the city's drinking water.

Filed in U.S. District Court in Flint, the suit is one of many arising from the decision to switch the Flint supply from the Detroit water system to the Flint River in April 2014 to cut costs. The move was supposed to be temporary, until Flint could join a new water authority that would pipe water from Lake Huron.

The lawsuit accuses Snyder and others of hatching a "wrongful scheme" to reduce Flint's indebtedness by stopping the impoverished city from buying treated Lake Huron water from Detroit, instead of "invoking time tested, well-honed federal bankruptcy protections for restructuring the debts of municipalities."

Snyder spokesman Ari Adler declined comment on the suit.

State officials have acknowledged erroneously advising Flint officials not to treat the river water with anti-corrosive chemicals, and that not doing so enabled lead to leach from aging pipes and reach some homes, businesses and schools. Testing last fall showed that levels of lead in the blood of some children in the city rose after the water systems were switched.

Lead is a potent neurotoxin that can damage child brain development and cause behavioral problems, and also can sicken adults.

Flint switched back to the Detroit system last October.

Along with Snyder, the suit names as defendants the state of Michigan; the departments of Environmental Quality and Health and Human Services; and a number of state officials, along with emergency managers whom Snyder appointed to oversee the city. Also named are the city of Flint, two of its utility officials and three consulting companies that advised them.

Through their actions, "unthinkable harm has been inflicted on the residents of Flint," the suit said.

It was filed by law firms in Southfield and New York, which said in a news release that they represented more than 400 people.

In a separate class-action lawsuit in federal court in Ann Arbor, attorneys representing the governor and other officials are claiming governmental immunity. The response, filed Monday, said the judge doesn't have jurisdiction and should dismiss the case.

Fliers beware: new airfare rule could lead to costly mistake

By Scott Mayerowitz
Associated Press

"They haven't found a way to solve it eloquently so they solved it with a sledgehammer. ... They're making you overpay. ... Airlines for years have made it clear that when you book a roundtrip it would be cheaper or the same price as a one way. Now they are flipping that, penalizing you and not even telling you."

Brett Snyder, Cranky Concierge

NEW YORK — The three largest U.S. airlines have changed the way they price multi-city trips, forcing those who book such itineraries to pay hundreds of extra dollars in airfare.

Most fliers buy simple roundtrip tickets and won't be affected. But travelers visiting several cities on one trip, especially those flying for business, are seeing airfares six or seven times the normal price. Many might not know of the new policy or that there is a way to avoid the higher fares.

The simultaneous adoption of new pricing rules by all three carriers has led the Business Travel Coalition to accuse the airlines of illegally coordinating on this "complicated and comprehensive scheme." The advocacy group asked the Department of Justice to add this to its ongoing investigation of possible airline collusion. The group's chairman, Kevin Mitchell, said "fliers and will no doubt be blindsided by this new policy and pay dearly when shopping at airline websites."

To get the best prices, fliers stopping at two or more cities now need to book several individual tickets.

The change came about because American Airlines, Delta Air Lines and United Airlines are starting to match low-cost carriers like Spirit Airlines on more routes. Some savvy fliers figured out that booking a multi-city ticket instead of one connecting ticket could save them money. Multi-city tickets contain several one-way legs under the same reservation.

For instance, flying American one-way from New Orleans to Los Angeles with a connection in Dallas might cost $289. But breaking those two legs up into a multi-city ticket would cost $79 for the first leg and $94 for the second, for a savings of $116.

To halt that practice, American, Delta and United stopped allowing individual nonrefundable tickets to be combined. Their websites now only offer fully refundable tickets when combining one-way legs, which are often several times more expensive than the nonrefundable tickets most people buy.

American spokesman Joshua Freed said the change was made in mid-March to stop fliers from paying fares lower than the airline had intended for certain markets.

However, the new booking rule was "broader in some cases than we wanted it to be" and the airline has since "made some changes because of customer feedback and are watching it closely."

United offered a similar explanation and Delta refused to comment.

Brett Snyder, who runs an air travel assistance company called Cranky Concierge, put it differently: "They haven't found a way to solve it eloquently so they solved it with a sledgehammer."

"They're making you overpay," Snyder added. "Airlines for years have made it clear that when you book a roundtrip it would be cheaper or the same price as a one way. Now they are flipping that, penalizing you and not even telling you."

Sometimes, the differences can be extreme. Take a mid-May trip from Orlando to Detroit, then two days later to New York followed with a flight two days later back to Orlando.

Priced as three separate one-way flights, Delta Air Lines wanted a total of $282.30 for the itinerary. But try to book it as one ticket — as most travelers do — and Delta was charging $2,174.70 for the exact same flights.

The airline's website automatically offered the more-expensive fully refundable tickets and no other option.

A similar search on American Airlines for a trip from Miami to Chicago to San Francisco and back to Miami yielded similar results. Booked at three one-way trips, American was charging a total of $664.30. But if booked on one ticket, American wanted $1,064.70.

United Airlines was also charging extra for trip from New York to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to Chicago and back to New York. Bought as one ticket, it cost $507.70, compared to a total of $308.30 if purchased as three separate tickets.

And if travelers need to modify their trips, they are going to pay even more.

If booked as a traditional multi-city trip, there would be a $200 change fee. But if fliers choose to book three one-way segments instead, that change fee could skyrocket to $600.

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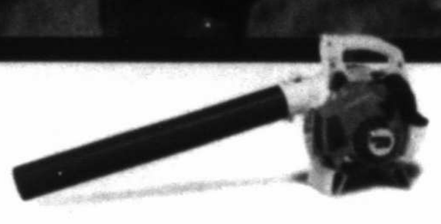

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Ryan has strategy to unify Republican Party

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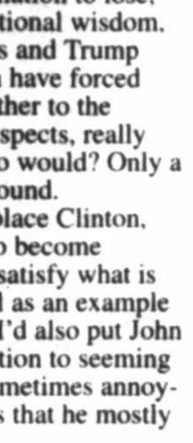

The spectacular strangeness of this presidential election may require a new display in Ripley's Odditorium of believe-it-or-nots.

Among the exhibits, curators might place the History of Conventional Wisdom, wherein the page titled "Populists Never Win in America" has a large, red X drawn through the word "never."

Like all things status quo, this bit of wisdom seems aimed for retirement. Indeed, no one wins this year by promising to keep things just the way they are. From the candidacies of Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump to the many thousands of fans who stand in line to catch a glimpse of these two, the letters in "unbelievable" are being worn off the keyboards of political commentators these days.

Then again, when have news folks been more delighted by the horror before them? Sad but true: What's bad for the Republic is good for cartoonists and columnists.

Further evidence of the uniqueness of this season is the power of small purses against the Big Money that Americans now find so offensive. You want to end income inequality? How better to send a message to Wall Street than to out-fund the nominee of the conventionally wise?

For the past three months, Sanders has outraised Hillary Clinton with mostly small, grassroots donations, while Clinton, whose greatest deficit may be her membership in the pantheon of power politics, relies on big-donor fundraisers.

It is still Clinton's nomination to lose, again according to conventional wisdom, but in a sense both Sanders and Trump would win by losing. Both have forced their respective parties further to the fringes and neither, one suspects, really wants to be president. Who would? Only a fool — or the truly duty-bound.

Into this camp I would place Clinton, who may feel it her duty to become president, and not only to satisfy what is necessarily a personal goal as an example to women the world over. I'd also put John Kasich next to her. In addition to seeming decent and sincere (and sometimes annoyingly cheerful), he conveys that he mostly wants to do the work.

And then there's this other guy named Paul Ryan. Over on Capitol Hill, far from the maddening crowd of rallies and racehorses, the newest speaker of the House of Representatives has been quietly reinventing the Republican Party by creating a new governing template.

Ryan recently spoke of his philosophy to Hill interns in terms of subsidiarity as an organizing principle in both his Catholic faith and his politics.

Politically, subsidiarity is the idea that matters should be handled by the smallest or least centralized competent authority. Similarly, in Catholic social thought, it means that nothing should be done by a larger centralized organization that can be done as well by a smaller organization.

Structurally, this is the argument behind federalism and the conservative case for limited government. Practically, subsidiarity means that Ryan is taking a bottom-up approach to leadership. This means that debating and promulgating policy proposals take place at the committee level, where a more diverse cross-section of voices and ideas can be aired.

Not all Catholics favor certain applications of subsidiarity, especially when it comes to welfare reform and other poverty programs. The schism within the church, in other words, reflects the divide between the two political parties. But both Republicans and Democrats may find common ground in Ryan's application of subsidiarity to the conduct of the House, which is fundamentally aimed at inviting the American people to the table.

With a jaundiced eye, one notes that Ryan's pro-people template seems rather well-timed for a contested convention and perhaps for unifying the party given the divisiveness and repulsion posed by Trump and, almost equally, Ted Cruz. Plainly, it would be dicey for party leaders to bypass Cruz or Kasich, but Cruz will lose in a general election and Kasich may lack sufficient support to justify promoting him from last to first.

Thus, an argument could be made for a fresher face, a former vice-presidential pick, who has a record of working with Democrats, a man of faith and family values whose only real baggage is the suitcase he carries home each weekend to Wisconsin.

Finally and surely — *surely* — Ryan had something more in mind when he agreed to take the speaker's job against the advice of so many. They feared, ironically, that he would be damaged by infighting and lose any shot at the presidency some day. Alas, he has done the opposite. We live and learn. And while President Paul Ryan may not fit today's conventional wisdom, his nomination would barely register on Ripley's odd-o-meter.

GUEST VIEW

Trump's bad border idea gets even worse

Bloomberg

Amazingly, Donald Trump has taken a bad idea and made it worse. His plan to get Mexico to pay for a wall along the border — by effectively requisitioning the earnings of Mexicans working in the U.S. — would undermine not only his goal of reducing illegal immigration; but also a powerful and efficient force for good in the world.

Trump is certainly correct that cutting off U.S. remittances would hurt Mexico. In 2015, the $25 billion that Mexicans working in the U.S. sent across the border accounted for roughly 2 percent of its gross domestic product.

Overall, the roughly half-trillion dollars of remittances that migrants send to poor countries each year far outstrip foreign aid and investment and provide direct assistance to those who need it most. And when people send money back home, they may make their families more willing to stay there.

Just last year, Congress appropriated some $750 million to El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras precisely to address the violence and poverty that have sent so many of their citizens fleeing northward. But even that generous investment amounted to only one-fifteenth of what those countries received in remittances last year. In Mexico, many of the 6 million households that receive remittances rely on them for half their income.

Never mind the impact of Trump's plan on U.S. relations with its neighbor, or the numerous legal obstacles at home, or the staggering impracticalities of carrying it out. From a purely economic perspective — surely one that Trump can appreciate — it makes no sense.

Rather than threatening to block remittances, the U.S. should be advancing efforts to ensure that they provide productive capital for businesses, jobs and infrastructure. Initiatives to encourage remittance recipients to deposit the money in banks, for example, would help, as would spurring competition to reduce transaction fees or encouraging the creation of "diaspora bonds" that channel savings into national development.

That kind of effort would help the U.S. both directly and indirectly, bolstering partners and winning more buyers for U.S. products. For it to be successful requires building more bridges, not walls.

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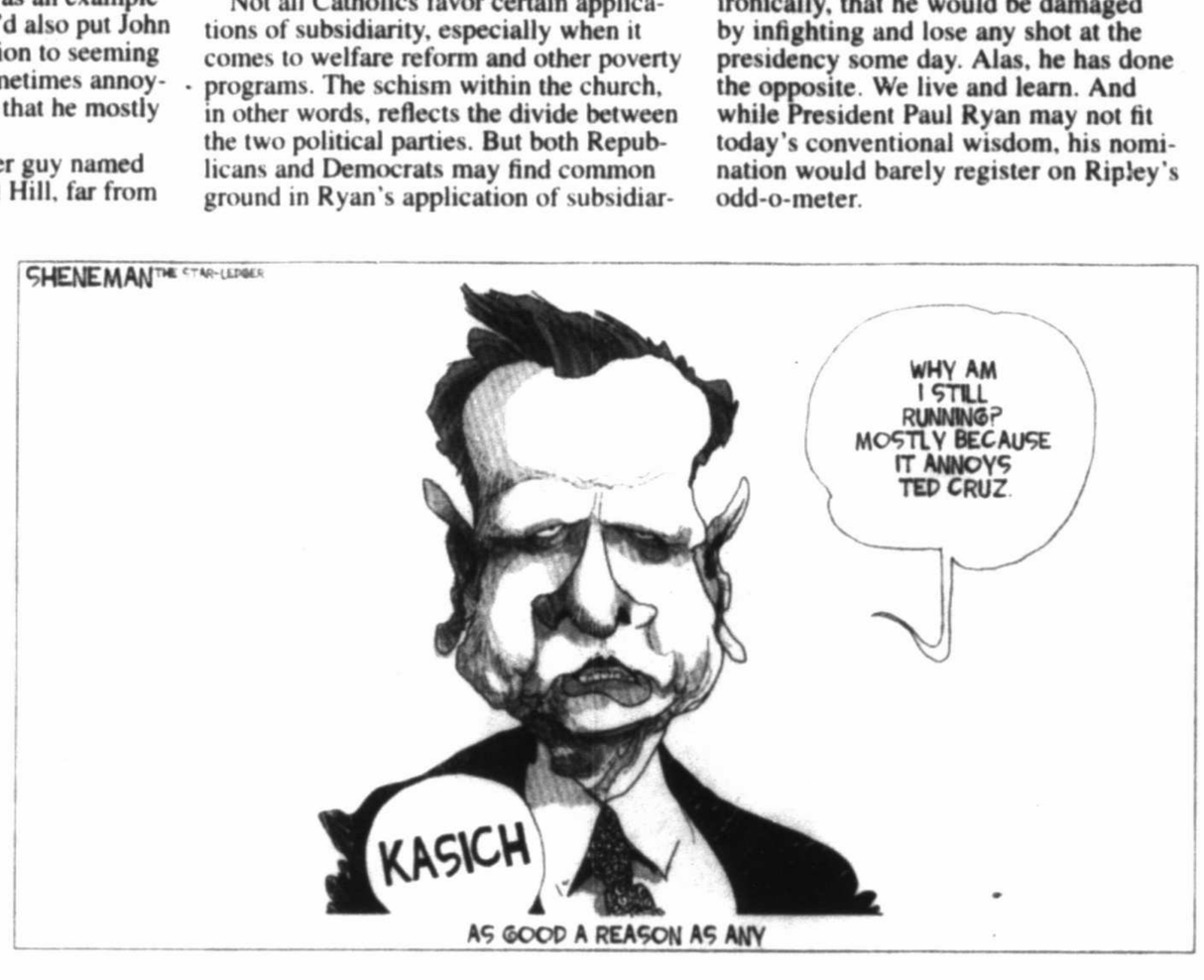

GOP ducks, runs on nominee

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Merrick Garland is an oppo researcher's nightmare.

Those who oppose President Obama's Supreme Court nominee have been digging for dirt to justify opposition by 52 of the 54 Senate Republicans to granting him a hearing. But about the worst thing anybody has come up with: an allegation that Garland crossed lanes in a relay race. In summer camp. Fifty years ago.

"I began to chase Merrick down, narrowing the lead to about five yards with about 70 yards to go," Fred Eisenhammer, who went to day camp with Garland, wrote recently in the Chicago Tribune. "Merrick cut to the left in front of me before veering back on course. I staggered to avoid crashing into him" and never caught up.

The accuser acknowledged that the "adult leader" did not disqualify Garland's relay team. But still: "Did Merrick Garland get away with something during that relay race?" Eisenhammer asked. "Was it intentional?"

It may be time to empanel a select committee.

The relay race scandal — a sign that Garland opponents are coming up empty — helps to vindicate Obama's choice. With Republicans refusing even to consider a nominee, the president chose somebody so anodyne, so beyond reproach, that those who won't grant him a hearing look peevish and petty. I'm not convinced it's the best strategy (Garland is too moderate to inspire Democratic voters, and Republicans won't confirm him anyway), but Democrats believe the unobjectionable nominee will make Republicans up for re-election vulnerable to the criticism that they aren't doing their jobs.

At the very least, Garland is making them squirm. Endangered Mark Kirk of Illinois joins Susan Collins, a Maine moderate, as the only two GOP senators calling for hearings. Two other Republican senators up for re-election — Jerry Moran of Kansas and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska — said that Garland should get a hearing, before conservative pressure coerced them to recant.

Other Republican senators facing voters in November — Judiciary Committee Chairman Charles E. Grassley (Iowa), Patrick J. Toomey (Pennsylvania), Kelly Ayotte (New Hampshire), Rob Portman (Ohio) and Ron Johnson (Wisconsin) — have said they would sit down with Garland, even if they aren't considering hearings. "If I can meet with a dictator in Uganda, I can surely meet with a decent person in America," Grassley reasoned.

Now what the heck Idi Amin by that?

Democratic senators, returning to Washington after a two-week recess, picked up the Garland drumbeat Tuesday. Minority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada and Minority Whip Richard J. Durbin of Illinois began the day with floor speeches denouncing the refusal to consider Garland.

They got support in that position from Collins, who met with Garland for an hour Tuesday morning, while 50 photographers and journalists waited outside. "The meeting left me more convinced than ever that the process should proceed" with hearings, Collins said after the session.

Collins said she wasn't optimistic that her GOP colleagues would change their minds. "But I think if more of my colleagues sit down with Judge Garland that they are going to be impressed with him," she said, singling out Grassley.

The Republican National Committee has gamely tried to sully the nominee but has come up with nothing more damaging than saying, "Judge Garland was viewed as liberal enough by the Obama administration to be considered for attorney general."

But the Republican senators' various dodges suggest they don't feel comfortable opposing hearings for Garland. Grassley is scheduling a private breakfast with the nominee so he likely won't be photographed in the act. Similarly, Sen. John Boozman of Arkansas scheduled an unannounced meeting with Garland at his office Tuesday afternoon, without cameras.

The Washington Post's Mike DeBonis and other colleagues canvassed all 54 Senate Republicans and found that at least 16 plan to meet with Garland, while three said they would support a confirmation vote on Garland during a lame-duck session after the election if a Democrat wins the presidency, and an additional 20 didn't rule out a lame-duck vote.

But they may not get that chance. If Hillary Clinton wins the presidency, and if GOP intransigence on Garland helps Democrats retake the Senate, there will be pressure from the left to drop Garland and to have Clinton name a much more liberal candidate.

"It would be ironic," Collins said Tuesday, "if the next president happens to be a Democrat and chooses someone who is far to Judge Garland's left."

The good judge could consider it delayed payback for what he did in that relay race 50 years ago.

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Wisconsin: GOP outlier or signs of trouble for Trump?

By Bill Barrow
Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In the end, maybe the "Cheeseheads" just weren't angry enough for Donald Trump.

Wisconsin Republicans were less incensed than GOP primary voters in most states where Trump had previously triumphed, according to exit polls from the state's presidential primary Tuesday. Almost six out of 10 primary voters also expressed concern or even fear about the bombastic billionaire occupying the Oval Office.

Those dynamics, reinforced by a bumpy few weeks of campaigning, added up to a double-digit victory for Sen. Ted Cruz in Tuesday's Wisconsin primary, complicating Trump's path to winning the nomination outright and increasing the possibility of a contested convention when Republican delegates gather this summer in Cleveland.

Cruz declared his victory a turning point in the nomination fight, trying to buttress his claim as the clear alternative for Republicans wary of making Trump their general election candidate.

The question going forward: Are Wisconsin Republicans outliers or has Cruz consolidated support in a winnowed field and exposed Trump weaknesses that will carry over into upcoming contests concentrated in the northeast?

According to the exit polls conducted Tuesday for the Associated Press and television networks by Edison Research, a third of voters Tuesday described themselves as "angry" about the federal government, and Trump managed only to break even with Cruz among those voters.

On March 15, when Trump notched primary wins in several states, he far outpaced his closest competitors among self-described "angry" Republicans, who accounted for about 40 percent of the primary electorate in Florida, Missouri and North Carolina — all Trump victories. In Florida, Trump more than doubled up his nearest competitor among the angry GOP faction to fuel his biggest win of the day.

Trump also failed in Wisconsin to match many of his previous performances among Republicans who described themselves as "dissatisfied," as opposed to angry. Cruz won more than half of those voters Tuesday, more than 20 percentage points ahead of Trump. Trump lost those voters in Missouri and North Carolina on March 15, but generally not by such wide margins.

Wisconsin followed a similar trend along ideology, with Cruz outpacing Trump among "somewhat conservative" Republicans and trouncing him among "very conservative" GOP voters. The latter group often aligned with Cruz in earlier primaries, but Trump had enjoyed considerable success — and sometimes big margins — among the "somewhat conservative" slice of the Republican electorate.

Wisconsin GOP voters were roughly split on their preference for the next president to have political experience versus being an outsider.

Trump garnered just 8 percent of the vote among Wisconsin Republicans who want a president with political experience. That's not out of line with what he had drawn from similar voters in earlier states, but Cruz managed 68 percent support from those voters — the highest total any single Trump opponent has managed aside from Kasich in his home state of Ohio.

It's also evidence of Trump's struggle to consolidate GOP support even as the field has narrowed, with the result denting what has been one of his predictable advantages throughout the primary season.

Trump's Wisconsin slide was further evident among less-educated and working-class Republicans.

He drew support from fewer than four out of 10 Wisconsinites without a college degree; in the March 15 primaries, he won about half of Republicans at that education level.

Cruz outmaneuvering Trump in hand-to-hand GOP delegate fight

By Thomas Beaumont and Nicholas Riccardi
Associated Press

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Republican presidential candidate Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, waves during a primary night campaign event in Milwaukee on Tuesday. While the focus of the Republican presidential campaign shifts eastward to the New York primary, Cruz is pivoting west, where he is quietly trying to chip away at Donald Trump's lead in the race for convention delegates.

DENVER — While the focus of the Republican presidential campaign shifts eastward to the New York primary, Sen. Ted Cruz is pivoting west, where he is quietly trying to chip away at Donald Trump's lead in the race for convention delegates.

Cruz won six pledged delegates during a pair of obscure, congressional-level Colorado GOP assemblies on Saturday. He is also poised to make gains in several other western Republican contests, including a possible sweep of Colorado's remaining assemblies, due to conclude Saturday. Cruz's success in the complex delegate game is helping him counter Trump's headline-grabbing wins in big states and would give the senator a tactical advantage should the party's presidential nomination come down to a rare contested convention.

"Cruz is ahead of everyone on this," Republican election lawyer Ben Ginsberg said, describing Cruz's aggressive but quiet delegate strategy as "equally important" to the actual votes.

Cruz has racked up some outright popular vote victories, most recently by soundly winning Wisconsin's primary Tuesday and squeezing Trump's narrow, but achievable, path to the nomination. Still, Trump is heavily-favored in the upcoming round of northeastern primaries, especially in the billionaire's home state of New York on April 19.

That's why Cruz's team has been busy at work in states like North Dakota, where convention delegates are selected directly by party officials.

These tedious, complicated and insider-heavy events are key to the party's organizational structure, a concept new to Trump but not to Cruz, who rose to prominence in Texas through the GOP's grassroots.

Trump's campaign did not respond to a request for comment, but he has previously complained that caucuses are unrepresentative, and said that delegate fights are tricks to subvert the voters' will.

Cruz has outmaneuvered Trump in all the caucus states, beginning in Iowa. In North Dakota last week, he scooped up endorsements from delegates selected at the party's state convention Saturday.

All 28 of North Dakota's delegates will go to the national convention free to support the candidate of their choice. But in interviews, 10 said they are committed to vote for Cruz at the convention. A few others said they are leaning toward Cruz, though they weren't ready to commit.

None have endorsed Trump so far.

In Colorado, Cruz is taking advantage of an unusual change to the state's nominating process. Rather than selecting delegates according to a statewide vote, as it has in the past, Colorado is holding a series of rolling caucuses this week in each of its seven congressional districts, then culminating with a statewide convention on Saturday where Trump and Cruz are expected to speak.

Colorado Republican operatives say that, just by winning the congressional gatherings, Cruz could lock down a majority of the 34 delegates up for grabs, even before Saturday's convention.

"Cruz has the big upper hand here," said Ryan Lynch, a Colorado-based Republican consultant unaffiliated with any of the presidential campaigns. "They're the only ones really organized."

That was apparent on Saturday when a slate loyal to Cruz swept the first two congressional district assemblies. A slate is a group of candidates that run in multi-seat elections on a common platform. Members of the slate had strategized with Rep. Ken Buck, Cruz's Colorado chairman and a veteran politician well-connected among the state's Republican primary electorate.

The Cruz campaign sent out emails on their behalf to delegates who had been selected at earlier precinct-level meetings, and slate members worked the phones and lobbied those delegates further for support.

"It was kind of like running a classic campaign — talking to as many people as possible, working it," said state Rep. Justin Everett, one of Cruz's delegates. "We're probably only a $500 investment. We didn't see much from the Trump campaign in terms of an investment."

Cruz has not had a heavy paid-staff presence in Colorado. Instead, a pro-Cruz volunteer network has been coordinating closely, said former Colorado Secretary of State Scott Gessler.

"Cruz has an organized slate. But you can't beat the shoe leather aspect of it," said Gessler, a Cruz delegate from Denver. "I made about 250 phone calls. I don't know if I'd have won if I hadn't make those phone calls."

The remainder of Colorado's delegates will be chosen at district conventions Friday and the state convention Saturday in Colorado Springs.

Cruz's delegate strategy stretches beyond North Dakota and Colorado. He campaigned through swing regions of Wisconsin long before Trump set foot there. He also locked up support from almost all of Milwaukee's conservative talk radio personalities, giving him a free mouthpiece aimed at roughly 40 percent of the state GOP's primary voters.

Likewise, Cruz supporters are organizing in Iowa this week. Cruz won the proportionally binding caucuses on Feb. 1, but stands to gain delegates in the Iowa GOP's district conventions on Saturday.

While Trump remains the closest to the 1,237 target for now, he's not taking it for granted. His campaign announced last week the hiring of Paul Manafort to run his convention effort, including delegate strategy.

Likewise, Trump said he would open a convention-planning office in Washington, D.C., to also house its delegate selection team.

Trump eyes shift to policy 'meat' as convention fight looms

By Steve Peoples
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican Donald Trump signaled a shift toward "more meat on the bone" in his policy speeches Wednesday amid new signs of campaign discord, a day after his stinging Wisconsin defeat emboldened his critics and pushed the GOP closer to its first contested national convention in four decades.

Democrat Hillary Clinton, meanwhile, embraced a tougher approach with liberal rival Bernie Sanders, who beat her in Wisconsin. Still, Sanders' string of recent primary victories has done little to erode the former secretary of state's overwhelming delegate lead as the 2016 primary season lurches toward a high-stakes contest in two weeks in New York.

"The core issue in his whole campaign doesn't seem to be rooted in an understanding of either the law or the practical ways you get something done," an aggressive Clinton declared in an interview on MSNBC. She suggested Sanders "hadn't done his homework" on specific prescriptions needed to address economic inequality.

As the Democratic frontrunner tried to undercut Sanders' recent momentum, Trump's grasp on his party's presidential nomination appeared far more tenuous. Senior Trump adviser Barry Bennett shrugged off the Wisconsin loss to Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, but he also said the billionaire businessman would soon begin to deliver a series of "presidential, substantive" speeches on his policy priorities. That list likely includes immigration, trade, defense and taxes.

"That's coming," Bennett said of the shift. "There will be more and more meat on the bone as we go forward."

At the same time, Trump's team quietly worked to resolve problems with its young delegate outreach operation, a critical tool as the primary campaign speeds toward the possibility of a contest convention. The tension centers on campaign manager Corey Lewandowski, whose management style has alienated some would-be allies on the ground in key states.

For example, the campaign over the weekend fired the person running its Colorado operation ahead of the state's convention on Saturday. The move was confirmed by a person with direct knowledge of the staffing situation who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations.

The issues come as leading Democrats and Republicans acknowledge a growing likelihood that Cruz could wrestle the presidential nomination away at the GOP national convention in July.

While Trump maintains a big delegate lead, Cruz took a big step forward with his win in Wisconsin. The senator has no realistic path to claim the nomination by the end of the primaries on June 7, but he might force a contested convention by blocking Trump from getting a majority of delegates in the state-by-state voting.

Trump must win 57 percent of the remaining delegates to clinch the nomination before the convention. So far, he's winning 46 percent.

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, who hopes the year will play out in Cruz's favor, said the Republican race was "very likely" headed to an open convention.

"Ted Cruz will win on the second ballot if not on the way in, and he will unite the party," Walker said on WTMJ radio in Milwaukee.

New Hampshire Sen. Kelly Ayotte, asked if she's coming around to the idea of Cruz as the nominee, said, "I'm coming around to more like, 'It looks like it will be a very interesting convention.'"

At the same time, Clinton allies were broadening their attacks against Trump to include Cruz, a first-term senator who has often alienated Democrats and Republican alike in Washington.

"One of the scariest parts of Donald Trump's insulting, demeaning and dangerous attack on women is that Ted Cruz might actually be even worse for women," said Anne Caprara, who leads the pro-Clinton group, Priorities USA.

That group worked with the campaign arm of Planned Parenthood to unveil an anti-Trump internet ad on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, attention in both parties shifted toward New York's April 19 primary elections, where Clinton and Trump hold big leads in early polls. Trump was to address voters Wednesday night in a homecoming of sorts for the New York City native.

Former gubernatorial candidate Carl Paladino, one of Trump's state co-chairs, said the campaign received 18,000 requests for Wednesday's event, although the venue holds just 3,000 people.

Said Paladino, a Buffalo-based businessman: "We've seen people just coming up saying, 'Where has he been?' Thank God he's here."

As for possible friction in the campaign, Paladino said he's had no problems with Trump's campaign manager.

"They do have a small staff — probably smaller than they should have — but these guys work 24/7," he said. "I don't know how they keep their senses about them."

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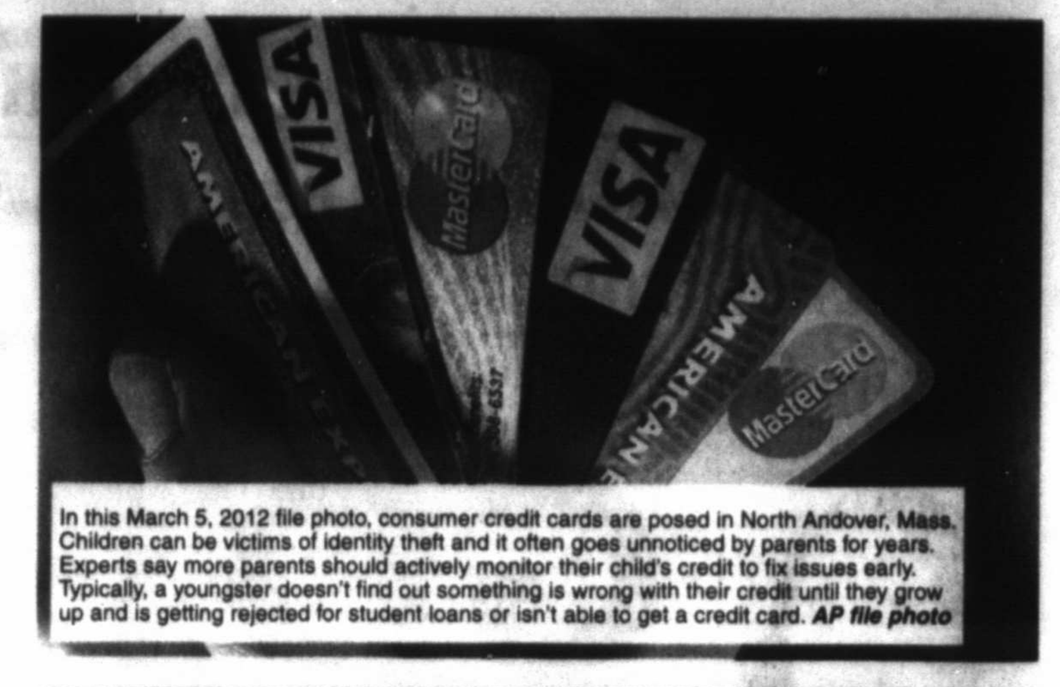
Why you need to check if your child has a credit report



In this March 5, 2012 file photo, consumer credit cards are posed in North Andover, Mass. Children can be victims of identity theft and it often goes unnoticed by parents for years. Experts say more parents should actively monitor their child's credit to fix issues early. Typically, a youngster doesn't find out something is wrong with their credit until they grow up and is getting rejected for student loans or isn't able to get a credit card. ***AP file photo***

By Joseph Pisani
Associated Press

NEW YORK — They might not be old enough to swipe a credit card or take out a loan, but you still need to keep an eye on your little one's credit.

Kids can be victims of identity theft, too, and it often goes unnoticed by parents for years. Typically, a youngster doesn't find out something is wrong with their credit until they grow up and get rejected for a student loan or isn't able to get a credit card. That's why experts say more parents should monitor their child's credit to fix issues early.

"By the time the kid finds out, their credit has already been massacred," says Adam Levin, founder of identity theft recovery service IDT911 and author of "Swiped: How to Protect Yourself in a World Full of Scammers, Phishers, and Identity Thieves."

All thieves need to obtain a fraudulent credit card or other loan is a child's Social Security number, says Eva Velasquez, president and CEO of The Identity Theft Resource Center , a non-profit that helps identity theft victims. Often, thieves will use a different name and birthday when opening the accounts, she says.

Crooks like to target children because they know they can get away with it longer and open several accounts.

"It's very lucrative," says Velasquez.

Here's more on what parents should know:

How common is child identity theft?

Putting a number on just how many minors are identity theft victims is tough, since experts say many of the crimes are unreported or not known about until years later. The Federal Trade Commission says of the more than 410,000 identity theft complaints made last year, about 5 percent were for those 19 and under , the same rate as in 2014.

How would someone get a hold of a kid's social security number?

There are a few ways. It could be stolen in a data breach. Last year, for example, children's Social Security numbers were exposed in hacks of health insurance companies, says Velasquez.

A child's Social Security number can also get into the wrong hands from school forms and paper work. (Always question why a school needs a child's Social Security's number on a form; it may not be necessary to provide the number, says Velasquez.)

A family member who knows the kid's Social Security number may also use it to create fraudulent accounts. Children should also be reminded not to give out personal information online, whether it's through contest forms or social media sites. Also, they should be told to stay clear of sketchy links in emails that aim to steal passwords and other information.

What are the signs that someone is using my kid's information to open accounts?

Mailed pre-approved credit offers in your child's name, or calls from debt collectors.

Is there a way to check if someone is using my kid's credit?

Yes. You can do so for free by contacting the three major credit reporting agencies — Equifax, Experian and TransUnion — and ask to check if your child has a credit report. They will ask you for your child's Social Security number and may ask to mail in other forms to prove you are the kid's parent or guardian.

If there is no credit report for your child, that's a good sign — most kids should not have one. Credit reports are only created when a card, loan or other type of credit is opened. So having one may mean someone has opened a fraudulent account. To correct any fraud, you'll need to work with the credit reporting agencies and contact the creditors.

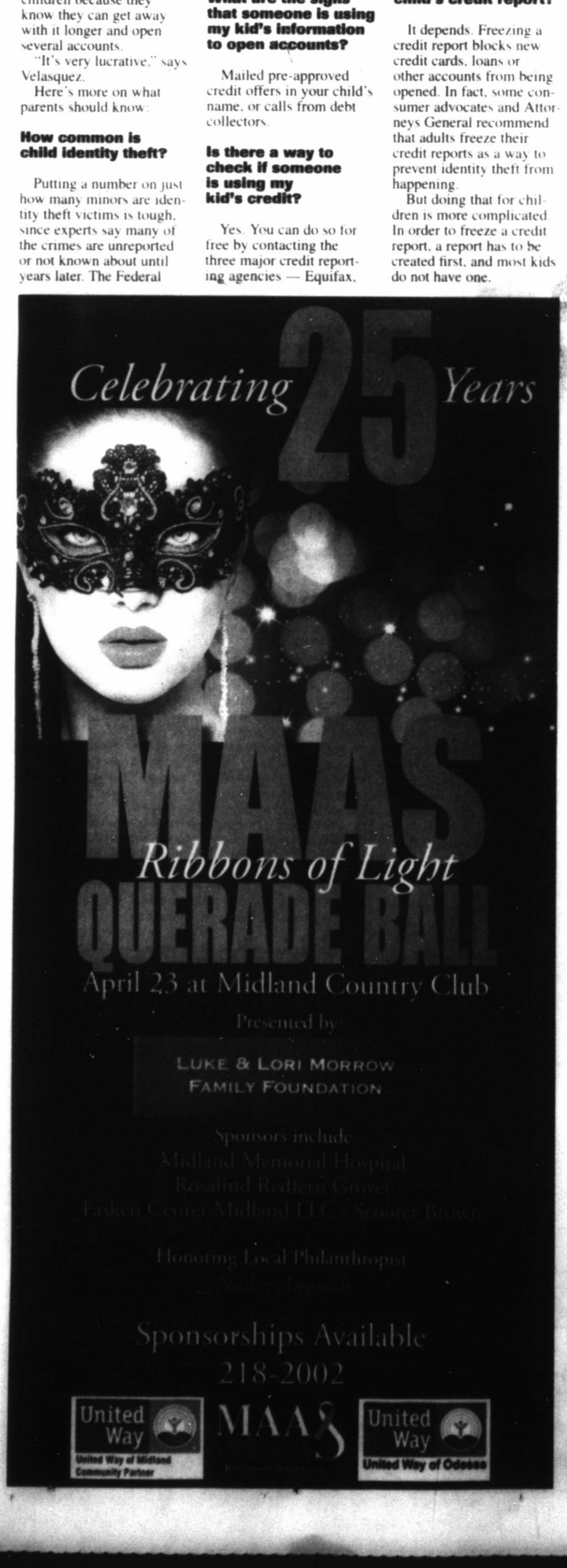
How often should I check if my kid has a credit report?

At least by the time they are 16 years old, according to the FTC. That will give you enough time to fix any issues before the child may need to take out a student loan or open their first credit card. Others recommend more frequent checks. Michael Bruemmer, the vice president of consumer protection at Experian, says parents should check in with all three credit rating agencies once a year.

Can I freeze my child's credit report?

It depends. Freezing a credit report blocks new credit cards, loans or other accounts from being opened. In fact, some consumer advocates and Attorneys General recommend that adults freeze their credit reports as a way to prevent identity theft from happening.

But doing that for children is more complicated. In order to freeze a credit report, a report has to be created first, and most kids do not have one.



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SATURDAY

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Opening: "The Boss," Hardcore Henry"
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Opening: "The Boss," "Hardcore Henry"
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COMING SOON

Midland Community Theatre will present the classic drag musical "La Cage aux Folles" at the Yucca Theatre. The show opens April 15 and runs through April 23.

NEW AMERICAN GOTHIC

Books in the Basin welcomes Beekman Boys for brunch

By Rich Lopez
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The literary festival Books in the Basin returns to the area with an impressive roster of authors and events all celebrating West Texas' love of the written word. With a variety of genres represented from fiction to film writing, fans of all sorts will find their niche. But one pair of authors will host a slightly different type of session.

The Beekman Boys, known for their Cooking Channel show "The Fabulous Beekman Boys" and as winners of "The Amazing Race" in 2012, will host a Sunday brunch event mingling with fans and signing their lifestyle book, "Beekman 1802."

From his home in Sharon Springs, New York, Brent Ridge talked about how he and partner Josh Kilmer-Purcell take inspiration from their garden and farm, turning that into a small empire and their first time in West Texas.

Books in the Basin will open Saturday at Odessa College. Other headlining authors include New York Times best-selling authors Sandra Brown ("Friction") and Lev Grossman ("The Magicians" series). The event will also feature the return of Literary Death Match with four authors reading passages to be judged down to single author standing.

MRT: You're coming to an area that is quite opposite from your lush, green farm in Sharon Springs.

Ridge: Right? But anytime we're asked to come to an event, we see if we've been there before. When this came up, it was intriguing. Always interested in exploring new frontiers.

MRT: With quite a different terrain here, how does what you guys do and write about relate to the audience here?

Ridge: I understand that and the good thing is, there are so many different things you can do in a planter or in a big pot. They are easy to manage and with the right irrigation and light, people can easily grow items on their patio or window sill. There is always a way to find something to grow. People have been doing it for thousands of years, so it can be done.

MRT: And we have some local farmers such as Bill Rutter of Dragonfly Farms who do grow out of their backyard. It's quite a feat. As your Beekman brand has grown with books, furniture and bath and beauty items, where do you find your inspiration for it all?

Ridge: Everything is inspired by the farm. Ninety percent of our life is here on the farm, and we're 30 miles from the nearest grocery store. So, we're pretty isolated but that stimulates a lot of creativity. When we work on new scents or new jellies, they are all born from the farm.

MRT: You recently posted on Facebook how you both lost your jobs nine years ago and then embarked on this journey. Then you go and win the million dollars from "The Amazing Race." With the business growing, do you find security in it now?

Ridge: That wariness is still there. As small business owners, we now have 20 employees who depend on us, so it's something we think about all the time. And now, we're competing with larger companies. So, it can be kind of a terror every day.

MRT: On a lighter note, as tastemakers and food producers, brunch with you might seem epic — and intimidating.

Ridge: (laughs) We can brunch with the best of them. It'll be quite casual, and we'll get to mingle with everyone from West Texas. And our books will be there for signing. We're looking forward to it.

WANT TO GO?

Books in the Basin: Brunch with the Beekmans, 10:30 a.m. Sunday at Odessa College Culinary Arts Dining, 201 W. University Blvd., Odessa. $35 per person, $60 per couple. For tickets, call 432-335-6648. For a full schedule of events or more information, visit booksinthebasin.com.

Heat Index: Top things to do this weekend

By Rich Lopez
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AN EVENING WITH THE RAT PACK AT THE PETROLEUM CLUB

Talk about a Throwback Thursday — only this one isn't on Instagram; it's in real life. Senior Link Midland hosts this retro evening saluting the days of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr. with music by the 17-piece Basin Big Band. Dinner and dancing is also on the agenda at their second salute. So dress to the nines while also helping out the organization and its many programs, including Meals on Wheels.

7 p.m. today. 501 W Wall St. seniorlinkmidland.org.

LEANN RIMES AT WAGNER NOEL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Twenty years ago, Leann Rimes burst onto the country music scene with the song "Blue" when she was only 13. The native Texan has since won Grammy and Country Music Association awards, among others. She's kept Texas close to her with her current Under the Influence tour where she'll cover songs by many Texas artists such as Beyonce and Tanya Tucker, along with songs by Roy Orbison, Steve Miller and more.

8 p.m. today. 1310 N. Farm-To-Market Road 1788. $34-$62. wagnernoel.com.

"THE RED VELVET CAKE WAR" BY MAVERICK PLAYERS

After being dumped and committing attempted murder, Gaynelle Verdeen Bodeen tries to take a step in the right direction by putting on the most spectacular family reunion which ends up in a bake-off with her aunt. Gaynelle's wager — her house. The Maverick Players return with this new show at their VFW Hall theater space.

7:30 p.m. The show opens Friday and runs through April 24. 409 Veterans Airpark Lane. $15 Fridays and Saturdays, $10 April 21 and Sunday matinees. Call 522-5225 for reservations.

"GLOWENA" OPENS AT PERMIAN PLAYHOUSE

Longtime arts journalist Ronald Bennett now puts his hat on as playwright. Written and composed by Bennett, Permian Playhouse presents the show as a tribute to his dedication to the arts community. The musical centers on Glowena, the queen of the flowers and her unlikely friendship with a protective weed.

7:30 p.m. Friday and runs through April 16. 310 W. 42nd St. $10. permianplayhouse.com.

SHOP TIL YOU DROP AT FARMERS MARKET, SIBLEY ANNUAL PLANT SALE AND KAMIPOSI SPRING MARKET

We're cheating a bit here with this three-for-one, but Saturday can be a big shopping day. Start with the Farmers Market, which opens at 8:30 a.m. and is now weekly at the Museum of the Southwest (1705 W. Missouri Ave.) through Oct. 29. The Sibley Nature Center (1307

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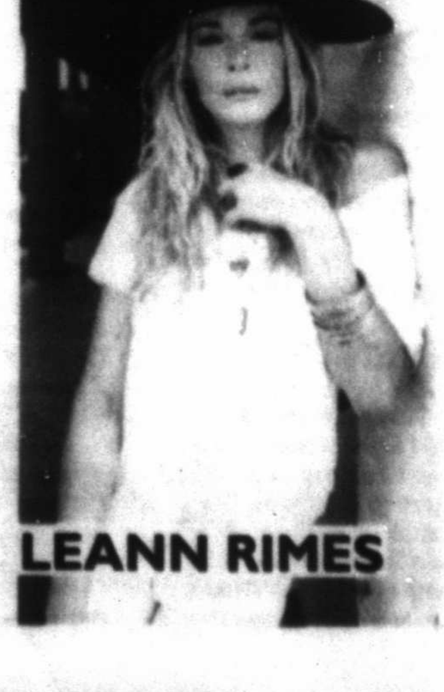

LEANN RIMES

CALENDAR

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

ART & DANCE

The Works of Fabian Molinar and Melody Hernandez. Friday at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. facebook.com/kamiposi.

"FABRICation" features works by seven artists who incorporate a textile sensibility in their art through fabric. Through Friday. McCormick Gallery at Midland College. midland.edu.

2016 Student Art Exhibition: Storytellers. The annual art show features works by area students representing elementary through high school in a variety of media. Through Sunday. Durham Children's Museum, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Otra Vez" featuring works by Wayne Hilton. Using recycled materials, Hilton focuses his works on Mexican arts and culture. The works were commissioned for the Centennial branch's public gallery space. On display through April 30 with a series of programming. MCPL Centennial, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us.

"Dust and Depression" will feature historic photographic works of the country after the Stock Market Crash of 1929. The exhibition includes works by John Collier Jr., Walker Evans, Dorothea Lange and more. Opens today and runs through June 6. Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. noelartmuseum.org.

The Gallery at Midland Shared Spaces Spring Art Show will feature new art by local artists through June 16 at MSS, 3500 N. A St. midlandsharedspaces.org.

CLASSES, LECTURES & MEETINGS

Midland Archaeology Society meeting will feature a presentation by Paula Marshall-Gray, Midland College professor of history and anthropology. 7 p.m. today at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Water Wise Plants and Design class hosted by Permian Basin Master Gardeners and led by Texas Tech's Chris Casanova. 10 a.m. Saturday at West Texas Food Bank, 411 S. Pagewood Ave., Odessa. $20. Westtexasgardening.org.

"Using the Green Screen for Special Effects" workshop by Amanda Perkins. Editing film since she was 12, Perkins has worked on documentaries, titles, screenplays and at age 17 teaches peers and students who are transitioning into film making. 6 p.m. Saturday at Allison Fine Arts Building at Midland College. davidbryantperkins.com.

"Writing an Award-winning Screenplay" by David Bryant Perkins. With five award winning screenplays under his belt, No. 6 tells the story of Midlander Doug Russell overcoming odds to become the first swimmer from Texas to win an Olympic gold medal in an individual event. After the lecture, a discussion will be held to how citizens of Midland can participate in the making of "The Man who Beat Mark Spitz." 2 p.m. Sunday at Hastings, 311 W. Cuthbert Ave. davidbryantperkins.com.

Midland Beekeeper Association meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. sibleynaturecenter.org.

EVENTS

Books in the Basin 2016 will feature authors Lev Grossman, Judd Winick, Alfredo Corchado, The Fabulous Beekman Boys and Sandra Brown along with guests the Writer's League of Texas and the return of Literary Death Match. Saturday and Sunday at Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd., Odessa. Booksinthebasin.com.

Sibley annual Native Plant Sale, 9 a.m. to noon. Saturday at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Cajun Crawfish and Shrimp Boil for March of Dimes. Donations of $30 will purchase three pounds of crawfish, shrimp and fried fish with sides. 10 a.m. Saturday at First Basin Credit Union (in the parking lot), 5509 Andrews Highway.

Kamiposi Spring Market 2016 will feature arts, crafts, food and live entertainment. 1 p.m. Saturday at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. facebook.com/kamiposi.

Hops and Props 2016 by CAF High Sky Wing will feature music by Ransom Rhodes and the Matt Kimbrow Band, vintage airplanes, food and beer tasting. 7 p.m. Saturday. CAF Main Hangar, 9600 Wright Drive. $40 advance, $50 door. $20 designated driver tickets available. 21 and older only. highskywing.org.

Silver Spur Gun and Blade Show. Saturday and Sunday at Midland Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. Silverspurtradeshows.com.

Books in the Basin: Literary Death Match pits four authors and three judges for a finale of literary battle. 7 p.m. Saturday at Rose Building, 415 N. Grant Ave $10. 21 and older. booksinthebasin.com.

Books in the Basin: Brunch with the Beekmans. With food by the Odessa College Culinary Arts Department, the Beekmans will close Books in the Basin with this brunch event and discuss their brand, "The Amazing Race" win and more. Book signing to follow. 10:30 a.m. Sunday at Odessa College Culinary Arts Dining, 201 W. University Blvd., Odessa. $35 per person, $60 couple. Call 432-335-6648 for reservations. booksinthebasin.com.

FAMILY FUN

Midland Downtown Farmers Market is now weekly for its new season until Oct. 29. 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Old Miner's Maze interactive adventure features a maze, rock walls, mechanical bull and more. Winter hours: Fridays 5-8 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday noon to 6 p.m. 4305 N. County Rd. 1140. oldminersmaze.com.

GAMES

Bingo Nights. The American Legion Auxiliary hosts weekly play throughout the week. 7 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 4 p.m. Sundays. 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 432-682-5511.

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

Friday Night Magic at Hastings, 3111 W. Cuthbert Ave. Fridays at 7 p.m. Free.

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

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

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

Tabletop players group at Astral Castle, 10 Meta Drive. 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 1 p.m. Tuesdays; 10:30 a.m. Saturdays; 1:30 p.m. Sundays. Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. permianbridgeclub.com.

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

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

MUSIC

Ese, Dirty Dave, Moving Forward and The Bogans, 7 p.m. today at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. facebook.com/kamiposi.

LeAnn Rimes, 8 p.m. today at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $34-$62. Wagnernoel.com.

Josh Ward, 8 p.m. today at Fire Water Bar and Grill, 3113 W. Industrial Ave.

Randall King Band, 10 p.m. today at Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. rockinrodeomidland.com.

Bravo Broadway Backstage Party hosted by MOSC Symphony Young Professionals. Get a sneak peek at the upcoming MOSC show with drinks in the green room and a seat backstage as the orchestra rehearses for its next show. 6:30 p.m. Friday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-toMarket Road 1788. Free but reservations required. MOSC.org.

Flatland Cavalry, 8 p.m. Friday at Fire Water Bar and Grill, 3113 W. Industrial Ave.

Ana Gabriel, 8 p.m., Friday at Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. haciendamidland.com.

Dan Johnson and the Salt Cedar Rebels, 10 p.m. Friday at Beer Garden, 7112 West Highway 80.

Shane Rogers Band, 9 p.m. Friday at Detour Bar, 1708 Rankin Highway.

Tim Kreitz Band, 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

Wicked West, 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Your Place, 3704 W. Wall St.

Randy Rogers Band, 7 p.m. Saturday at Dos Amigos, 4700 Golder Ave., Odessa. $25 advance, $30 door. dosamigos.com.

MOSC: "Bravo Broadway" 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $28-$48. MOSC.org.

Aaron Copeland, 8 p.m. Saturday at Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

Shotgun Rider Band, 8 p.m. Saturday at Fire Water Bar and Grill, 3113 W. Industrial Ave.

Remedy, 10 p.m. Saturday at Torino's PizzaBar, 3303 N. Midkiff Road.

Party on the Patio with Colton Fox and Early Morning Reign kicks off the Shack's 2016 summer season. 5 p.m. Wednesday at The Shack in the Back, 11610 W. Highway 80., Odessa. Shackintheback.com.

OUTDOORS, SPORTS & FITNESS

Odessa Jackalopes vs. Amarillo, 7:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday at Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway in Odessa. Tickets $9-$23. Nahlodessa.pointstreaksites.com.

Walk with a Doc, sponsored by the Texas Medical Association, is a one-mile walk around Midland College to raise awareness of obesity and related diseases. Prior to the walk Dr. Manoher Gurru will give a brief lecture. 9 a.m. Saturday at Midland College Fine Arts Building, 3600 N. Garfield St.

Adult Kickball, 4 p.m. Saturdays. Visit facebook.com/groups/Midlandkickball for more information.

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

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

THEATER, COMEDY & FILM

"Jackie Robinson," a documentary by Ken Burns will be screened in advance by Basin PBS. A panel discussion will follow the film. 6:30 p.m. today at Allison Fine Arts Center, 3600 N. Garfield St. Free but RSVPs encouraged. Basinpbsjackiescreening.eventbrite.com.

"Bring It to the Table" screening with Emmy-nominated director Julie Winokur. The film discusses politics and is aimed at engaging and empowering students in civic action. Presented by the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute and UTPB. 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Dunagan Library, 4901 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Shepperdinstitute.com.

Red, HOT and Wild Adult Comedy Improv Show, 8 p.m. today at MCM Elegante Odessa, 5200 E. University Blvd., Odessa. $20. Westtexastalent.com.

Adam Hunter, comedian, 9 p.m. Thursday at 10 Sports Bar and Grill, 4101 E. 42nd St., Odessa. $15 advance, $20 door. mspnentertainment.com.

"The Red Velvet Cake War" by the Maverick Players. Opens Friday and runs through April 24 at VFW Hall, 409 Veterans Airpark Lane. $10-$15. Maverickplayers.org.

"Glowena" is a children's musical written and composed by local West Texas Ronald Bennett. Opens Friday and runs through April 16 at Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., Odessa. permianplayhouse.com.

Sibley and PBS Film Series: "The Great Math Mystery." NOVA explores math's power across the centuries. Noon. Monday at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. sibleynaturecenter.org.

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COMING SOON

Tracing My European Ancestors: A Family Story by Doug Swift. Midland Genealogy Society hosts this in-depth look at one man's search across the ocean for his heritage. 7 p.m. April 14 at Midland County Public Library Centennial, 2503 Loop 250. Free.

Midland RockHounds vs. Arkansas Travelers. 7 p.m. April 14-16 at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Drive.

Aaron Einhouse, 9 p.m. April 14 at Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. rockinrodeomidland.com.

Star Party with the West Texas Astronomers. The group offers an educational look up at the night sky at Haley Park. Dusk. April 15. Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. museumsw.org.

"La Cage aux Folles" is the classic drag musical that follows the colliding worlds of a club owner's son engaged to a politician's daughter. For 12 and older due to language. Presented by Midland Community Theatre. April 15-23 at The Yucca, 208 N Colorado St. mctmidland.org.

Here Lies the Hero, Divides, RVLS, Moving Forward and Midnight Society. 7:30 p.m. April 15 at Kamiposi, 410 S. Big Spring St. $5. All ages. facebook.com/kamiposi.

Dix Hat Band, 8 p.m. April 15 at Fire Water Bar and Grill, 3113 W. Industrial Ave.

Texas Heat Band, 9 p.m. April 15 at Detour Bar, 1708 Rankin Highway.

Whitman Drive, 9 p.m. April 15 at Your Place, 3704 W. Wall St.

Gerardo Ortiz, Adriel Favela 8 p.m., April 15 at Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. $50. midessamusicfetival.com.

Electric Cowboys, April 15 and 16 at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

Texas Master Naturalist Training, 9 a.m. -3 p.m. April 16 at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Random Acts of Art: Art Quilts. Coinciding with the "Dust and Depression" exhibition, this class is inspired by Depression-era quilts which were often made from old clothing and repurposed materials. Supplies provided but participants can bring their own textiles. Advance registration is required. For ages 15 and older. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. April 16 at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. $89. noelartmuseum.org.

OSW: The Warriors Way will feature WWE superstar Chavo Guerrero Jr. and WWE Diva Jackie Gayda-Haas along with Old School Wrestling's own superstars. 6 p.m. April 16 at Wilson and Young Medal of Honor Middle School, 601 E. 38th St., Odessa. $5-$25. Oswwrestling.com.

Rave Toga-ether is a charity toga party benefiting the American Diabetes Association. April 16 at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. facebook.com/kamiposi.

MOSC: Vintage Harmony, a fundraiser featuring cowboy poet and singer RJ Vandygriff. 6:30 p.m. April 16 at The Petroleum Museum, 1500 W. Interstate 20. $85. MOSC.org.

Stephen Chadwick, 8 p.m. April 16 at Fire Water Bar and Grill, 3113 W. Industrial Ave.

Jerrod Niemann, Zane Williams, 9 p.m. April 16 at Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. $35-$45. midessamusicfetival.com.

Midland RockHounds vs. Northwest Arkansas Naturals. 2 p.m. April 17 at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Drive.

MOSC: Voices of the Permian Basin performs "Put a Spring in You Step." 3 p.m. April 17 at the First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave. $15. MOSC.org.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" by the Midland Festival Ballet. 2:30 p.m. April 17 at the Wagner Noel, 1310 N. FM 1788. $20-$59. midlandfestivalballet.org.

Auditions: The Summer Mummers Kickoff Party is open to those interested in volunteering as crew or onstage with Mummers are invited to the party, which will offer food and drinks and sign-ups for volunteers. To be onstage, auditions will follow at 5 p.m. for the Melodrama and 7 p.m. for the Olio. Subsequent auditions will follow 6:30 p.m. April 18 (melodrama) and 6:30 p.m. April 19 (Olio). Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. mctmidland.org.

Laberinto, Los Migueles, 7 p.m. April 17 at Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. $35. midessamusicfetival.com.

Midland RockHounds vs. Northwest Arkansas Naturals. 6:30 p.m. April 18 at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Drive.

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EVENTS

FILM CAPS

"Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" (PG-13) Ben Affleck dons the cowl to take on Henry Cavill's Man of Steel in the duo's first big-screen pairing. With Amy Adams, Jesse Eisenberg. Written by Chris Terrio and David S. Goyer. Directed by Zack Snyder.

"The Boss" (R) Melissa McCarthy stars as a high-profile businesswoman who is sent to prison for insider trading, then tries to rebuild her image. With Kristen Bell, Peter Dinklage, Kathy Bates. Written by McCarthy & Ben Falcone & Steve Mallory. Directed by Falcone.

"Deadpool" (R) Ryan Reynolds stars as the former Special Forces operative-turned unconventional antihero in the Marvel Comics adaptation. With Ryan Reynolds, Morena Baccarin, Ed Skrein. Written by Rhett Reese & Paul Wernick. Directed by Tim Miller.

"Hardcore Henry" (R) An amnesiac awakens, only to be immediately shot at before his wife is kidnapped by a vicious Moscow warlord. With Sharlto Copley, Danila Kozlovsky and Haley Bennett. Written and directed by Ilya Naishuller. In English and Russian with Russian with English subtitles.

"I Saw the Light" (R) Tom Hiddleston stars as the tormented country legend Hank Williams, a leading singer-songwriter of the 1940s and '50s. With Elizabeth Olsen, Cherry Jones. Written and directed by Marc Abraham.

"London Has Fallen" (R) The funeral of the British prime minister is the target of terrorists in this sequel to the 2013 hit "Olympus Has Fallen." With Gerard Butler, Aaron Eckhart, Morgan Freeman. Written by Creighton Rothenberger & Katrin Benedikt and Christian Gudegast and Chad St. John. Directed by Babak Najafi.

"Miracles From Heaven" (PG) After an accident, a young girl with an incurable disease experiences a reversal unexplainable by medical experts. With Jennifer Garner, Martin Henderson, John Carroll Lynch. Written by Randy Brown. Directed by Patricia Riggen.

"My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2" (PG) Nia Vardalos returns in this follow-up to the highest-grossing romantic comedy of all time. With John Corbett, Lainie Kazan, Gia Carides. Written by Vardalos. Directed by Kirk Jones.

"10 Cloverfield Lane" (R) A woman wakes up to find herself imprisoned in a cellar, unsure whether to believe her captor who claims the outside world has been rendered uninhabitable. With John Goodman, Mary Elizabeth Winstead, John Gallagher Jr. Directed by Dan Trachtenberg.

"Zootopia" (PG) Rookie cop Judy Hopps — a bunny teams with slick con-artist fox Nick Wilde to solve a mystery in Disney's 55th animated feature. Voices by Ginnifer Goodwin, Jason Bateman, Shakira. Directed by Byron Howard, Rich Moore, co-directed by Jared Bush.

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E. Wadley Ave.) hosts its annual Native Plant Sale just in time to add to your landscape or garden. The sale runs from 9 a.m. to noon. Then, finish off with the Spring Market Sale at Kamiposi (510 S. Big Spring St.), which will feature a variety of items including art, craft items, food, plants and more from 1-5 p.m. Then you have the rest of the day to sort through it all.

EIGHTH ANNUAL HOPS AND PROPS AT CAF HIGH SKY WING

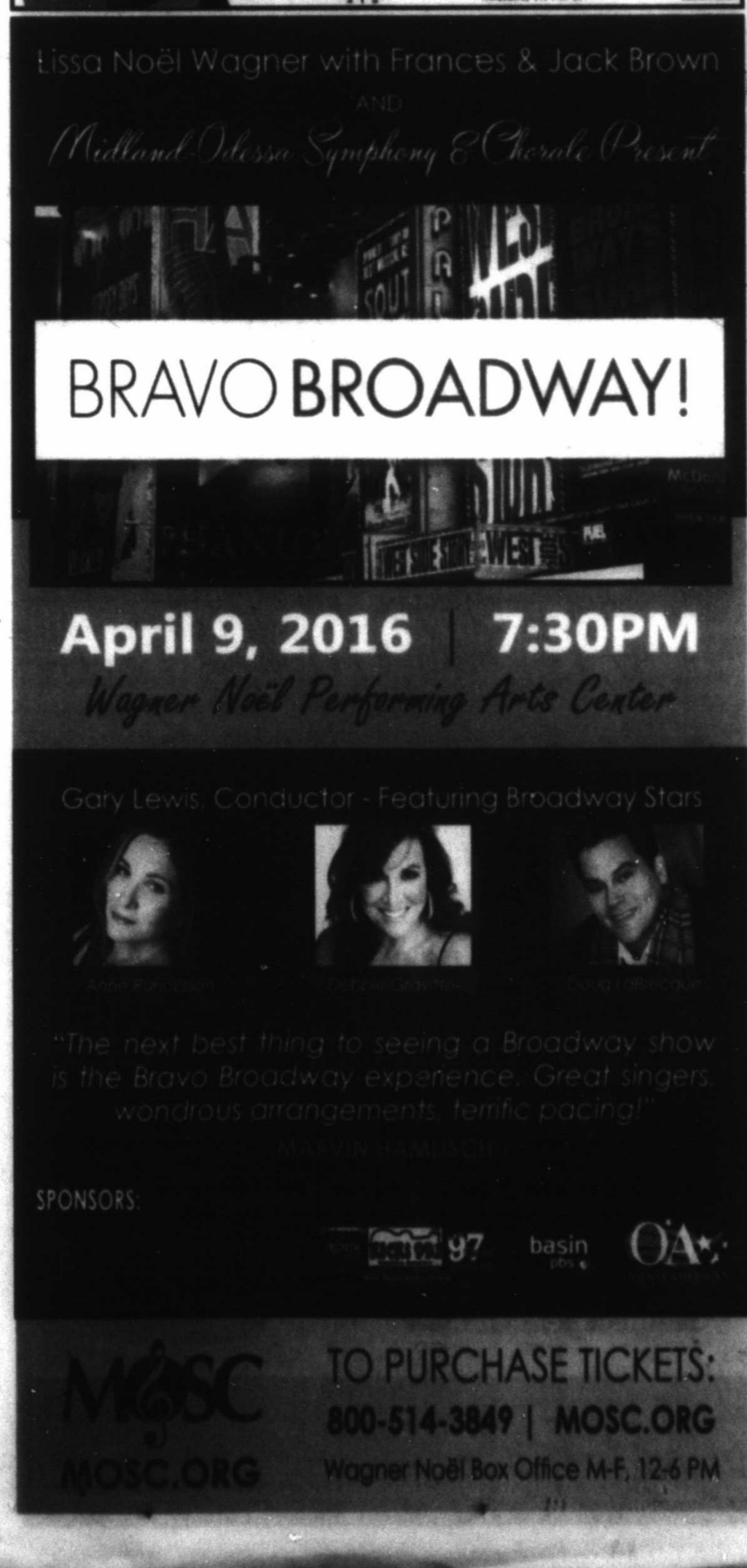
The annual event welcomes beer fans and connoisseurs to partake in a tasting of craft beers while walking among the vintage airplanes of the Commemorative Air Force's High Sky Wing. But it doesn't stop there. The event will feature live music by Ransom Rhodes and the Matt Kimbrow Band, a silent auction and food to go with the beers. Designated drivers aren't left out as they can purchase a special ticket to let them enjoy the festivities sans beer.

7 p.m. Saturday. 9600 Wright Drive. $40 advance, $50 door, $20 designated driver. 21 and older only. highskywing.org.

BRAVO BROADWAY AT WAGNER NOEL

Fans of show tunes can make a fabulous night of it, thanks to the Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale. "Bravo Broadway" will feature a selection of popular stage favorites. Along with conductor Gary Lewis and the MOSC, the night will feature Tony Award winner Debbie Gravitte and Broadway performers Morgan James and Doug LaBrecque.

7:30 p.m. Saturday. $28-$48. MOSC.org.



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ON SCREEN

Reeled & Stream

By Nancy Adamson | nadamson@mrt.com

It's no Jedi mind trick; new 'Star Wars' is fantastic

PICK O' THE WEEK

"Star Wars: The Force Awakens" (PG-13) Even the most jaded "Star Wars" geek, sullied by Episodes I, II and III, must admit the series has made a triumphant return, albeit a somewhat familiar one. There certainly are instances that strongly resemble some of the storylines from Episodes IV, V and VI — I think we all have theories on who Rey might really be — which is what makes this such a strong return for the franchise. **A-**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"Stealing Cars" (R) It's "Cool Hand Luke" meets "Good Will Hunting" in this film that walks a fine line between pretentious and profound. This movie leans toward the former. It actually plays fairly well but the aftertaste is pretty nasty. **C-**

MORE REVIEWS

"Cartel Land" (R) Oscar nominee for best documentary feature — it lost to "Amy" — is graphic and thought-provoking. It paints a detailed picture of the drug wars — including scenes of carnage, body parts and meth manufacturing — that fascinates and horrifies. **A-**

"Dead of Winter" (not rated) The plot is a little thin — especially when it comes to motive — but the overall story of a group of treasure hunters stranded in the wilderness is engrossing. **C+**

"Exposed" (R) I don't know if the burned-out cop investigating his partner's death scenario is played out but this version of it surely makes me think it is. **C**

"Fear of the Darkness" (unrated) Absurd psychological thriller will mess with your mind as you wonder if it will ever end. **D**

"Point Break" (PG-13) The stunts are positively spectacular but the story strays from the 1991 version and not in a good way. **C-**

"The Unauthorized Full House Story" (TV-14) The casting is the most impressive thing this Lifetime movie has going for it. The actors playing Bob Saget and John Stamos also have their doppleganger's voice inflections and body movements down pat. But with no explanation whatsoever about whether Dave Coulier was the man in Alanis Morissette's "You Oughta Know," the writers obviously didn't do their homework. **C**

"Uncanny" (not rated) Impressive low-budget story about artificial intelligence is a must-see for fans of "Ex Machina." **B**

"Youth" (R) Heart-warming take of the unique laughs and sorrows that come with aging. **B+**

Melissa McCarthy's 'The Boss' misses the mark

JAKE COYLE
Associated Press

The search continues for a suitable showcase for the awesome talents of Melissa McCarthy outside of films directed by Paul Feig.

The latest vehicle to give it a try, "The Boss," has a promising enough blueprint for comedy. McCarthy plays the red-haired, thoroughly turtlenecked Michelle Darnell, a ruthless, self-made executive whose Martha Stewart-like descent lands her in white-collar prison. Penniless upon release, she moves in with her former and much mistreated assistant Claire (Kristen Bell) and her daughter Rachel (Ella Anderson).

But, as in McCarthy's slipshod road movies "Identity Thief" and "Tammy," the material here isn't on her level, the laughs are largely cheap and once again, the hall-of-fame comic actress is stuck in a minor-league movie.

Like "Tammy," "The Boss" was directed by Ben Falcone, McCarthy's husband and longtime collaborator, and written by them both.

In both films, the premise is solidly rooted in the common frustrations of thoughtless bosses and dead-end jobs. Tammy's midlife crisis was partially prompted by a meltdown with her fast-food manager (played by Falcone), but in "The Boss," Bell's Claire is the one suffering under tyrants.

Michelle is introduced as the 47th wealthiest woman in America, a perch she flaunts as a finance guru. At an arena rally, she descends to the stage on a bird with dollar bills showering her. She's Suze Orman times a hundred.

Her downfall is plotted by a business rival, Renault (Peter Dinklage), who gets her locked up for insider trading. Claire, a single mother, finds another job with yet another uncaring supervisor (the underused Cecily Strong). But Michelle turns up on Claire's Chicago doorstep, looking for a place to stay.

The first sign of trouble in "The Boss" isn't the lack of a Bruce Springsteen cameo, but Michelle's first night on Claire's couch bed. When she sits down, the bed violently flings her high up on the wall, a crudely brutal, digitally faked moment of poorly calibrated slapstick that seems to exist only for the movie's trailer.

Other such bits crop up, like a tumble down stone steps by Michelle, that feel like desperate reaches for laughs. After attending Rachel's Girl Scouts meeting, Michelle hits on an idea for a homemade brownie operation that will teach young women more capitalistic ideals and give them a percent of the profits, too.

"The Boss" is tighter than "Tammy" and it's not without laughs. With few supporting players providing much humor (Kathy Bates is entirely squandered), McCarthy shoulders the film. And she remains a captivating, unpredictable force in even a mediocre film, with a rare gift for both bombastic and humble characters, sweetness and crassness, physical comedy and verbal spats.

But so far, those gifts have only been fully put to use by Feig. Their films together — "Bridesmaids," "The Heat" and "Spy" — are a class above the rest. Thankfully, their next one, "Ghostbusters," is due this summer. Two stars out of four.

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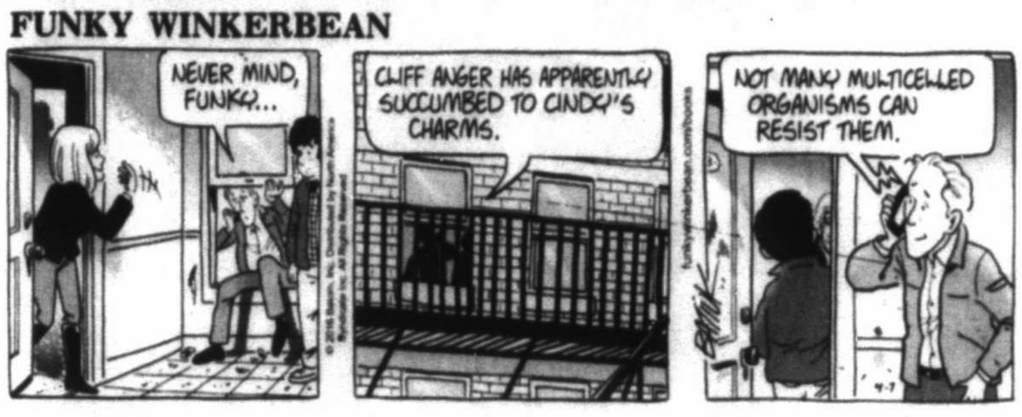

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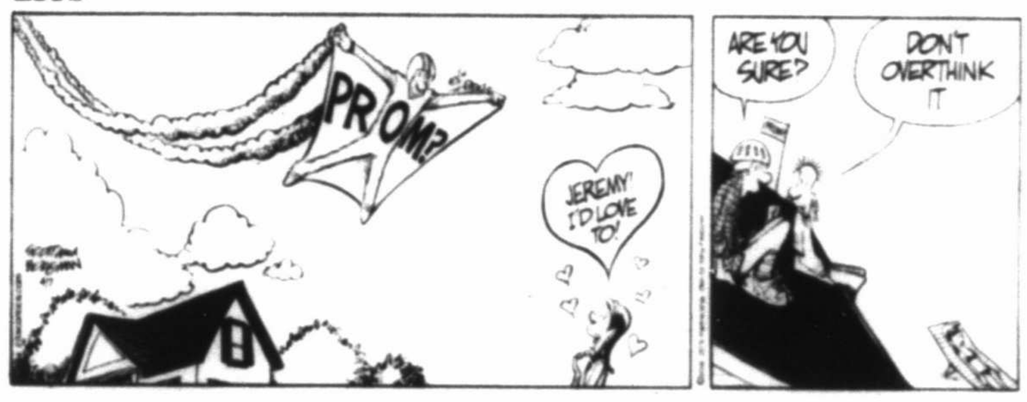

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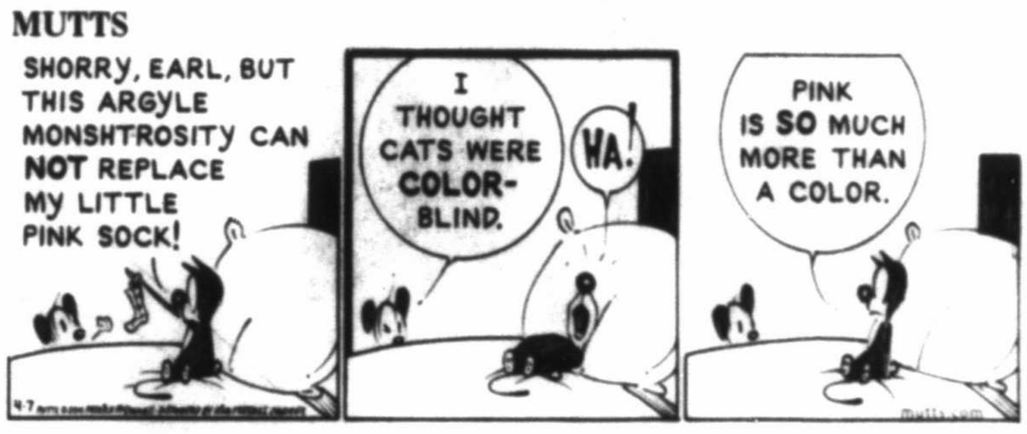

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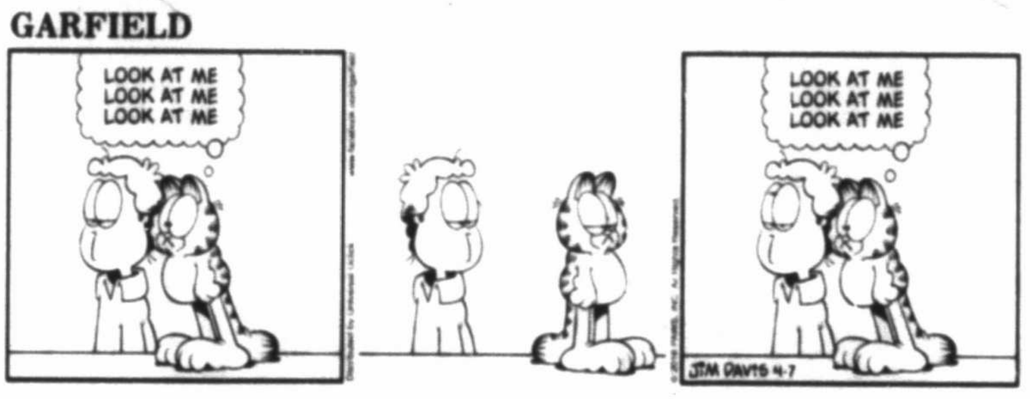

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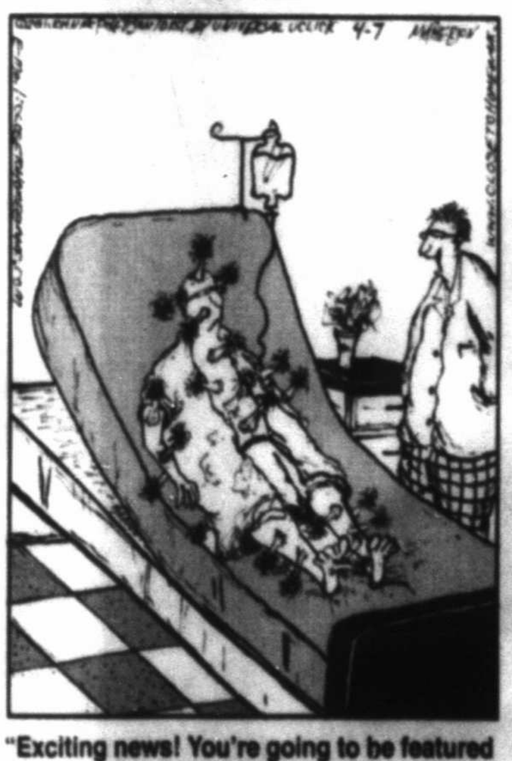

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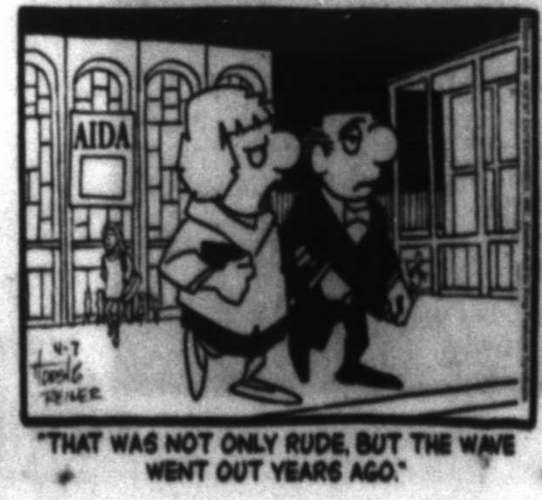

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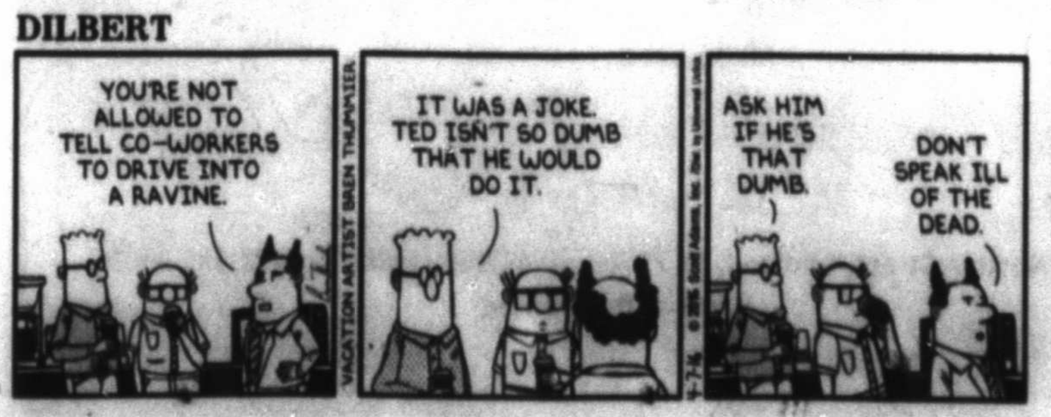

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WEEKENDER PUBLISHES A PORTION OF THE RESTAURANT GUIDE EACH WEEK. ENTREE PRICE RANGE IS BASED ON THE AVERAGE ENTREE PRICE ON THE MENU: $ = $1-10, $$ = $10-20 AND $$$ = $20 OR MORE. RESTAURANTS ARE GIVEN A GENERAL RATING BASED ON QUALITY OF FOOD, SERVICE,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

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

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

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MHS doubles teams look to return to regionals

By Christopher Hadorn
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Two Midland High doubles teams will have a bull's eye on their chests when the District 3-6A Tennis Tournament begins at 8:30 a.m. today at Bush Tennis Center.

The MHS mixed doubles team of Hannah Rey and Brandt Schneider enters the tournament as the defending champions from 2015, while the Lady Bulldogs girls doubles team of Allison Stewart and Kate Daugherty were 2015 runner-ups.

Both performances earned the duos bids to the Region I-6A Tournament in 2015. The top two performers today and Friday in boys singles, boys doubles, girls singles, girls doubles and mixed doubles receive berths to the Region I-6A Tournament, April 19-20 at the University of Texas at Arlington.

"I think it's always a little bit tougher when you're a more established team and you've had success in the past," MHS head coach Alan Biel said of his accomplished doubles teams. "I think in that case, they are always teams trying to knock off the champ."

Schneider and Rey, both seniors, enter a mixed doubles competition that is expected to be hotly contested.

Meanwhile, Daugherty and Stewart are playing at a high level heading into today's district championship.

The Stewart-Daugherty pair carry a spring record of 16-2 following an unbeaten record during the team tennis season.

Their two losses are to Austin Vandegrift's nationally ranked tandem of Gabi Cusano and Meghan O'Malley, and to the Tiffany Hollebeck-Emily Kim pairing from Plano West.

Hollebeck and Kim were Class 6A state finalists last year and Hollebeck won the state title with another partner in 2014.

"They have been working for about a year on being more aggressive with their court positioning and with their shot selection," Biel said of Daugherty and Stewart. "They're learning where they're supposed to be on the court at any given time and I think that's probably been the biggest cause of their success as far as strategy goes."

While Midland High's best chances lie with their doubles

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Allison Stewart returns a shot as doubles partner Kate Daugherty watches their opponents at the District 3-6A/4-6A Tournament in 2015

RockHounds are ready to ... rock

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

The Midland RockHounds' Matt Chapman and other players get in a light workout Monday at Security Bank Ballpark.

Chapman returns to Midland after injury detour

By Oscar LeRoy
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Matt Chapman had to take a detour to make it back to Midland.

As a 21-year-old in late 2014, Chapman got a taste of what it was like to play at the Double-A level with the RockHounds.

The former first round pick of the Oakland A's earlier that year out of Cal-State Fullerton, got to see what it was like playing alongside the veterans on that team and got to soak in as much knowledge as he could.

He also came up big in the postseason, hitting .310 with two home runs and four RBI in helping the RockHounds win their first of back-to-back Texas League titles.

Chapman thought he was on track to make to the make it to the "Show" by being at the Double-A level.

"Obviously there's Triple-A but guys can jump levels and in reality you're just a phone call away from the big leagues," the third baseman said.

But just before the start of spring training last year, Chapman injured a knee and it set him back.

"It was kind of a freak thing," said Chapman of the injury. "Coming back hurt didn't help my cause (to start 2015 with the RockHounds). It was really no telling what could have happened but I was planning on having a good spring. Unfortunately, things don't always go your way, but here I am now and that's all that really matters at this point."

After going through both a knee injury and ankle injury last year at Advanced-A Stockton of the California League last year, Chapman has made it back to Midland and he's expected to be one to watch as the RockHounds begin their defense of their Texas League title today with a road trip to Arkansas.

Chapman said while the injuries were tough to go through, he used it as a learning experience.

"I learned to come back from an injury, I learned the difference between an injury and just being hurt, I guess," he said. "You have to make sure you stay strong through that and focus on the things you can control and not what you can't. There were some low points last year where I was pretty bummed out, pretty upset where I didn't know how to handle or cope with being hurt and not being able to play the game you love to do."

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Diabetes doesn't deter Covey's rise in pro baseball

By Will Korn
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Not many athletes can say they've successfully endured what new Midland RockHounds starting pitcher Dylan Covey has for the past six years: Type 1 Diabetes.

Out of high school, Covey, a Pasadena, California, native, was a rising star on the baseball landscape. He was originally drafted 14th overall by the Milwaukee Brewers in the 2010 draft but didn't sign after a post-draft physical, ordered by the Brewers, revealed that Covey had Type 1 Diabetes.

Milwaukee's deadline to sign Covey wasn't until August, two months after the draft. The organization dragging its feet, coupled with his shocking diagnosis resulted in a heartbreaking feeling for the young man. He thought he was headed to the Brewers' system with a lucrative payday.

"I had every intention to sign and then they just did a random post-draft physical and that's when they found out there was something funny in my blood work," Covey said. "It was an extreme high to an extreme low once they (the Brewers) kind of backed off on the negotiating."

But Covey wasn't going to back down and give up his dreams of pitching professionally after his diagnosis.

He opted to attend the University of

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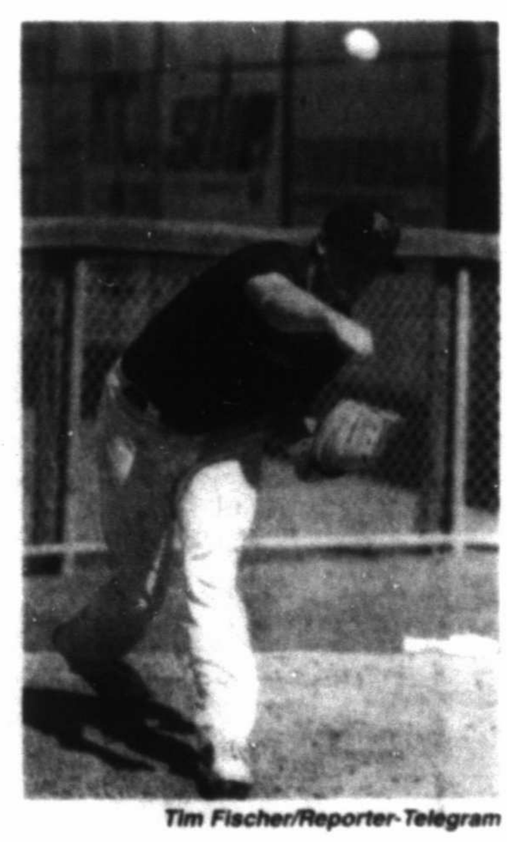

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Midland RockHounds' Dylan Covey gets in a couple pitches in the bullpen

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GOLF
Masters, Round 1, 2 p.m., ESPN

MLB
Houston at NY Yankees, 3 p.m., ROOT
Miami at Washington, 3 p.m., MLB
Minnesota at Baltimore, 6 p.m., MLB
Texas at LA Angels, 9 p.m., FS1

MEN'S COLLEGE HOCKEY
Semifinal: Boston College vs. Quinnipiac, 4 p.m., ESPN2
Semifinal: Denver vs. North Dakota, 7:30 p.m., ESPN2

MEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Stanford at UCLA, 7 p.m., P12 BAY, P12 LA

MEN'S SOCCER
UEFA Europa: Borussia Dortmund vs. Liverpool FC, 2 p.m., FS1
UEFA Europa: Athletic Club de Bilbao vs. Sevilla FC, 2 p.m., FS2
UEFA Europa: Villarreal CF vs. AC Sparta Praha, 2 p.m., FSP
Copa Libertadores: CA River Plate (URU) vs. Club Nacional (URU), 6 p.m., FSP
Copa Libertadores: FBC Melgar vs. CS y D Colo-Colo, 7:30 p.m., FSP
Copa Libertadores: Racing Club vs. Deportivo Cali, 8 p.m., FXDEP

MOTORSPORTS
Sprint Cup: Duck Commander 500, Practice, 4:30 p.m., FS1
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NBA
Chicago at Miami, 7 p.m., TNT
San Antonio at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., TNT

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Detroit at Boston, 6 p.m., NBCSN
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RUGBY
NRL: Sydney Roosters at South Sydney Rabbitohs, 4:30 a.m., FS2

TENNIS
WTA: Volvo Car Open, Noon, ESPN2
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Michigan at Northwestern, 6 p.m., BTN

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BASEBALL
Lubbock Trinity vs. Midland Christian, 6 p.m., Christensen Stadium

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District 3-6A Tournament, Bush Tennis Center

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Record: Greenwood 11-10, 3-1 in District 4-4A; Fort Stockton 2-2 in District 4-4A.
Next: Andrews at Greenwood, 1 p.m. Saturday

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL — Announced the resignation of chief marketing officer Jacqueline Parkes.

American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Agreed to terms with C Chris O'Dowd on a minor league contract.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Assigned C Rob Brantly outright to Tacoma (PCL).
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Claimed OF Jake Goebbert off waivers from Pittsburgh and optioned him to Durham (IL).
TEXAS RANGERS — Traded LHP Sam Freeman to Milwaukee for cash.

National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Optioned RHP Silvino Bracho to Reno (PCL). Selected the contract of RHP Kyle Drabek from Reno. Transferred OF A.J. Pollock from the 15- to the 60-day DL.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Designated RHP Ariel Pena for assignment.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Placed OF Ben Revere on the 15-day DL, retroactive to April 5. Recalled OF Matt den Dekker from Syracuse (IL).

American Association
LAREDO LEMURS — Traded RHP Hector Nelo and LHP Jarret Martin to Rockland (Can-Am) for cash.
LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Signed OF Chase Harris.
SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Traded RHP Ray Hanson and C Steve Sulcoski to Sussex County (Can-Am) for cash and a player to be named.
WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed 1B Jacob Rogers.

Can-Am League
OTTAWA CHAMPIONS — Signed LHPs Luis Parra and Carlos Gill.

Frontier League
RIVER CITY RASCALS — Signed RHP Jared Wilson.
SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS — Signed INF Paul Kronenfeld.
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS — Named Ed Campaniello hitting coach.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
CHICAGO BULLS — Named Horace Grant special advisor to the president.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
DENVER BRONCOS — Agreed to terms with DE Jared Crick on a two-year contract.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ARIZONA COYOTES — Recalled G Marek Langhamer from Springfield (AHL).
CAROLINA HURRICANES — Reassigned F Sergey Tolchinsky to Charlotte (AHL).
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Recalled F Bryan Bickell from Rockford (AHL). Agreed to terms with F Tyler Motte on a three-year contract.
DALLAS STARS — Recalled F Curtis McKenzie from Texas (AHL).

American Hockey League
SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Signed F Jackson Houck to an amateur tryout agreement.
SPRINGFIELD FALCONS — Reassigned D Daniel New to Florida (ECHL). Signed D Logan Roe to a professional tryout agreement.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
MLS — Fined New England F Charlie Davies an undisclosed amount for violation of league policy for hands to the face/head/neck of an opponent. Suspended Orlando City D Brek Shea one game for serious foul play that endangered the safety of an opponent.

United Soccer League
USL — Suspended Portland M Dylan Damraoui, Orlando City M Tony Rocha and Bethlehem M Bolu Akinyode one game.

COLLEGE
CENTRAL CONNECTICUT — Named Donyell Marshall men's basketball coach.
COLUMBIA (MO.) — Announced the retirement of men's basketball scouting and recruiting coordinator Steve Burk.
KENTUCKY — Announced sophomore G Tyler Ulis will enter the NBA draft.
LOUISVILLE — Announced additional self-imposed sanctions on its men's basketball program in the wake of an escort's allegations, reducing one scholarship in each of the 2017-18 and 2018-19 seasons with official visits reduced by one each in 2016-17 and 2017-18.
MICHIGAN — Announced sophomore G/F Aubrey Dawkins is transferring to UCF.
UCONN — Announced junior F Morgan Tuck will enter the WNBA draft.
VANDERBILT — Named Bryce Drew men's basketball coach.
WEST VIRGINIA — Announced QB Will Grier is transferring from Florida.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-Florida	80	46	25	9	101	233	198
x-Tampa Bay	80	45	30	5	95	221	194
Detroit	80	41	28	11	93	207	216
Boston	80	41	30	9	91	234	222
Ottawa	80	36	35	9	81	227	245
Buffalo	80	34	35	11	79	198	215
Montreal	80	36	38	6	78	212	232
Toronto	80	28	41	11	67	193	238

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
z-Washington	79	55	17	7	117	244	186
x-Pittsburgh	80	47	25	8	102	240	197
x-N.Y. Rangers	80	45	26	9	99	232	211
x-N.Y. Islanders	79	44	26	9	97	223	206
Philadelphia	79	39	27	13	91	203	211
Carolina	80	35	29	16	86	194	217
New Jersey	80	37	35	8	82	177	203
Columbus	80	32	40	8	72	210	247

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Dallas	80	48	23	9	105	260	226
x-St. Louis	80	48	23	9	105	221	195
x-Chicago	80	47	26	7	101	230	202
x-Nashville	80	40	26	14	94	223	210
x-Minnesota	81	38	32	11	87	215	204
Colorado	80	39	37	4	82	211	231
Winnipeg	80	33	39	8	74	206	232

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Anaheim	79	44	24	11	99	210	187
x-Los Angeles	80	47	28	5	99	220	190
x-San Jose	80	45	29	6	96	236	205
Arizona	80	35	38	7	77	207	241
Calgary	80	33	40	7	73	222	256
Vancouver	80	30	37	13	73	184	233
Edmonton	81	31	43	7	69	200	241

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.
x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

Scores and schedules

Wednesday's Scores
Columbus 5, Toronto 1
Edmonton 6, Vancouver 2
Detroit 3, Philadelphia 0

Today's Games
Detroit at Boston, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Washington, 6 p.m.
Montreal at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Florida at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Arizona at Nashville, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

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Day now a favorite at Masters, where he once thought of quitting

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Jason Day was lurking just outside Augusta National Golf Club, wondering if he wanted to go in.

The game just wasn't fun anymore.

Even though he was set to play in his first Masters in 2011, Day thought it might be time to do something else.

"Golf is a very, very frustrating game," Day recalled.

Whether he was really serious about quitting, no one will ever really know. Certainly, it's not a consideration these days.

As the 28-year-old Aussie prepares to tee off in the Masters for the sixth time Thursday, he's ranked No. 1 in the world and coming off his first major championship, one of the favorites along with defending champion Jordan Spieth and four-time major winner Rory McIlroy.

"I feel comfortable around this course," Day said. "I know it sets up well for me. It's a golf course where I can compete and play well and win."

Working against Day: the last top-ranked player to win at Augusta was Tiger Woods in 2002.

Indeed, this might be the most wide-open Masters since the pre-Tiger days.

Spieth captured the first two majors of 2015 and nearly won the other two. McIlroy is missing only the Masters from a career Grand Slam. Day and 2013 Masters champion Adam Scott are both two-time winners on the PGA Tour this year. Two other Masters champs, Bubba Watson and Charl Schwartzel, also have victories in 2016. So does rising Japanese star Hideki Matsuyama, and let's not forget Phil Mickelson, a three-time Masters winner and hardly ready to fade away at age 45.

"There's a lot of guys who have a lot of success here that really brought some strong finishes and motivation and some momentum into this week," said Spieth, who tied for second in his Masters debut in 2014 before cruising to victory with an 18-under score a year ago. "I know that the people who are down maybe a few — three, four, five shots after the first couple of rounds — are capable of making up a lot of ground here."

Coming off one of the greatest years in golf history, Spieth isn't even rated the favorite.

That would be Day.

"He can be the favorite," Spieth said with a shrug. "We'll go ahead and just do our thing."

Day hardly felt like the man to beat before the Masters five years ago.

In fact, he had totally lost his love for the game.

"You have to perform, because if you don't perform, then you're off the tour," Day said. "Then you start stressing about, 'OK, is there enough money up to get my card for next year.' And then you start losing a little bit of confidence. Then you start getting frustrated out there, and then you don't practice because you're frustrated with how you're playing, and it's a downward spiral from there."

Right before the Masters, it almost came to a head during a meeting with his wife, his agent and his sports psychologist.

"I'm like, 'I just do not like the game right now. I'm just having a very, very hard time picking up the golf club to even just enjoy myself out there,'" Day said. "But we came to the conclusion of just going and saying, 'This might be my last Masters ever playing, I may as well enjoy it.'

"So," he added, with a smile, "I went out there and finished second."

So much for finding another line of work.

Day followed up with a third-place showing in 2013. Now, having romped to victory at last year's PGA Championship, he's rounded out golf's new Big Three with McIlroy and Spieth.

MASTERS TEE TIMES

At Augusta National Golf Club
Augusta, Ga.
a-amateur
Thursday-Friday

7:20 a.m.-10:16 a.m. — Jim Herman, Steven Bowditch
7:31 a.m.-10:27 a.m. — Trevor Immelman, Robert Streb, a-Derek Bard
7:42 a.m.-10:38 a.m. — Larry Mize, Victor Dubuisson, Kevin Streelman
7:53 a.m.-10:49 a.m. — Sandy Lyle, Bernd Wiesberger, Vaughn Taylor
8:04 a.m.-11 a.m. — Webb Simpson, Chris Wood, Thongchai Jaidee
8:15 a.m.-11:22 a.m. — Tom Watson, Charley Hoffman, Lee Westwood
8:26 a.m.-11:33 a.m. — Zach Johnson, Rickie Fowler, a-Cheng Jin
8:37 a.m.-11:44 a.m. — Louis Oosthuizen, Jason Dufner, Patrick Reed
8:48 a.m.-11:55 a.m. — Jordan Spieth, Paul Casey, a-Bryson DeChambeau
8:59 a.m.-12:06 p.m. — Justin Thomas, Emiliano Grillo, Dustin Johnson
9:21 a.m.-12:17 p.m. — Vijay Singh, Hideki Matsuyama, Chris Kirk
9:32 a.m.-12:28 p.m. — Harris English, Andy Sullivan, Kevin Na
9:43 a.m.-12:39 p.m. — Phil Mickelson, Marc Leishman, Henrik Stenson
9:54 a.m.-12:50 p.m. — Justin Rose, Jamie Donaldson, Daniel Berger
10:05 a.m.-1:01 p.m. — Adam Scott, Kevin Kisner, Brooks Koepka
10:16 a.m.-7:20 a.m. — Mike Weir, Cameron Smith, a-Sammy Schmitz
10:27 a.m.-7:31 a.m. — Ian Woosnam, Troy Merritt, Byeong-Hun An
10:38 a.m.-7:42 a.m. — Darren Clarke, Billy Horschel, Matthew Fitzpatrick
10:49 a.m.-7:53 a.m. — Mark O'Meara, David Lingmerth, a-Paul Chaplet
11 a.m.-8:04 a.m. — Keegan Bradley, Brandt Snedeker, Kiradech Aphibarnrat
11:22 a.m.-8:15 a.m. — Charl Schwartzel, Davis Love III, Rafael Cabrera-Bello
11:33 a.m.-8:26 a.m. — Danny Lee, Russell Knox, Smylie Kaufman
11:44 a.m.-8:37 a.m. — Bubba Watson, Branden Grace, Ian Poulter
11:55 a.m.-8:48 a.m. — Bernhard Langer, Hunter Mahan, a-Romain Langasque
12:06 p.m.-8:59 a.m. — Jason Day, Matt Kuchar, Ernie Els
12:17 p.m.-9:21 a.m. — Graeme McDowell, Fabian Gomez, Scott Piercy
12:28 p.m.-9:32 a.m. — Jimmy Walker, Soren Kjeldsen, Anirban Lahiri
12:39 p.m.-9:43 a.m. — Danny Willett, Sergio Garcia, Ryan Moore
12:50 p.m.-9:54 a.m. — Angel Cabrera, Shane Lowry, J.B. Holmes
1:01 p.m.-10:05 a.m. — Martin Kaymer, Bill Haas, Rory McIlroy

Watson says making cut not enough

By Jim Litke
Associated Press

Tom Watson's to-do list at the Masters has changed plenty over four decades, but it usually ended with the same goal: a major championship.

On the eve of his last competitive go-round at Augusta National, the 66-year-old, two-time winner finally acknowledged a much more modest plan.

"This is a lot like when I first joined the tour," Watson said, "in that all I'm trying to do is make the cut.

"That's not enough," he added a moment later, "so it's time to say, 'Adios.'"

Watson actually has a few more things on his plate, among them leaving an egg-salad sandwich on the bench at the 13th tee as a tribute to Bruce Edwards, a close friend and former caddie who died of Lou Gehrig's disease on the first morning of the 2004 Masters.

He's also signing autographs at every turn and made a point to play practice rounds with up-and-comers such as 18-year-old Asia-Pacific Amateur champion Cheng Jin. It's a way for Watson to pay forward the lessons that veterans like Ken Venturi and Byron Nelson once taught him.

"They said, 'This is the type of shot you should play into this green, this is where you miss it,'" Watson recalled. "It's the right thing to do."

He was guarded with his feelings earlier this week, though Watson admitted tearing up hearing old stories at Tuesday night's Champions Dinner. And he replayed some of his pivotal shots at one of golf's most enduring venues, especially at No. 16.

At the par-3 in 1975, still struggling to shake off his label as "choker," Watson went off the final day with a chance to catch Jack Nicklaus, the game's dominant player.

"I promptly put my ball in the water on the left trying to hit a cut shot," he said. The deep lines in Watson's face grew prominent as he winced recalling a second tee shot into the water and finally, a two-putt for quadruple-bogey.

"And then I watch Jack," Watson said, his voice trailing off. He raised his hand to show how Nicklaus hoisted the trophy barely an hour later. "The infamous Jack," he added.

But just two years later, locked into another back-and-forth with Nicklaus, a 5-iron into that same green convinced Watson he was finally tough enough to be a major champion.

"I hit it, absolutely hit it exactly the way I wanted to. It covered the flag, a little bit of a fade, just like (Ben) Hogan used to play. Came down right at the hole and went by about 12 feet. .. As soon as I hit that shot, the pressure just drained right out of my body," Watson continued. "It happened then for the first time in my career when the chips were really down."

Watson's son, Michael, who's spent most of the week at his father's side, recalled getting chills the first time he heard the story.

TOURNEY

From 1C

teams, Lee's top hopes to advance to regionals rest on its boys singles players, senior Thomas Rubio and sophomore Neil Patel.

Rubio, who is ranked No. 1 academically in the Lee senior class, is a fundamentally sound player, according to Rebels head coach Andy Cariens.

"He is one of those players that you have to beat him," Cariens said. "He's not going to make a lot of mistakes or give you a lot of errors. He will definitely be one of the top guys to beat in boys singles."

Rubio is Lee's only senior player so his impact has meant the world to Cariens.

"He is a team leader, he's a team captain on our team," Cariens said. "Ever since I've coached him, he's always been extremely coachable. He's an all-around, good guy and great competitor on the court and has great sportsmanship. He's an outstanding individual all the way around so hopefully good things happen for him this tournament."

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District 3-6A Tennis Tournament

At Bush Tennis Center
Thursday and Friday
Lee lineup
Boys Singles — Thomas Rubio; Neil Patel
Boys doubles — Amit Heeramen-John Molina; Matt Hall-Sathvik Deme
Girls Singles — Taylor Parnell; Maren Smith
Girls Doubles — Nuha Hossain-Lexi Mireles; Ishita Neeraj-Ashley Lawrence
Mixed Doubles — Keaton Curtis-Desirae Sanchez; Ashlin Barber-Vijay Simr
Midland High lineup
Boys singles — Hayden Boldrick; Nick Martinez
Boys doubles — Jad Rogers-Chase Van Cleave; Diego Martinez-Jack Wall
Girls singles — Anna Parkison; Camille Courtney
Girls doubles — Kate Daugherty-Allison Stewart; Ellie Hord-Sofia Salcedo
Mixed doubles — Hannah Rey-Brandt Schneider; Foster Ellis-Jackson Ware

First round draws
Matches begin at 8:30 a.m. today
Boys
Singles
(1) Hayden Boldrick (MHS) bye; Skylar Bixler (San Angelo Central) vs. Cole Edwards (Abilene High); Neil Patel (Lee) vs. Xavier Martinez (Odessa High); (4) Justin Ko (Odessa Permian) bye; (3) Nick Martinez (MHS) bye; Rylan Zobel (Central) vs. Zeke Amezquita (Odessa); Zack Langham (Permian) vs. Jesse Leet (Abilene); (2) Thomas Rubio (Lee) bye

Doubles
(1) Watson-Woodard (Abilene) bye; Gupta-McBride (Odessa) vs. Hall-Deme (lee); Kent-Grantham (Central) vs. D. Martinez-Wall (MHS); (4) Anderson-Handy (Permian) bye; (3) Rogers-Van Cleave (MHS) bye; Haught-Owen (Abilene) vs. Garvin-Roig (Odessa); Heerman-Molina (Lee) vs. Harrington-Van (Permian); (2) Goldman-Henson (Central) bye

Girls
Singles
(1) Reagan Gabriel (Abilene) bye; Nazareth Franco (Odessa) vs. Maren Smith (Lee); Camille Courtney (MHS) vs. Megan Freeman (Permian); (4) Mariec Daniel (Central) bye; (3) Natalie Pfluger (Central) bye; Lauren Wertheim (Abilene) vs. Avery Marler (Permian); Taylor Parnell (Lee) vs. Melany Tarango (Odessa); (2) Anna Parkison (MHS)

Doubles
(1) Daugherty-Stewart (MHS) bye; Hossain-Mireles (Lee) vs. Horn-Brown (Abilene); Gibson-Snuggs (Central) vs. Marquez-White (Odessa); (4) Woodard-Shepherd (Permian) bye; (3) Hord-Salcedo (MHS) bye; Baten-Morton (Permian) vs. Schaffer-Tebow (Abilene); Lujan-Olmos (Odessa) vs. Lawrence-Neeraj (Lee); (2) Curry-Gideon (Central) bye

Mixed Doubles
(1) Adkins-Funk (Abilene) bye; Alvarez-Armstrong (Odessa) vs. Dimri-Barber (Lee); Ellis-Ware (MHS) vs. Gregory-Steen (Permian); (4) Cecil-Gibbs (Central) bye; (3) Cecil-Mayer (Central) bye; Edington-Moore (Abilene) vs. Sanchez-Williams (Permian); Allen-Gelera (Odessa) vs. Sanchez-Curtis (Lee); (2) Rey-Schneider (MHS) bye

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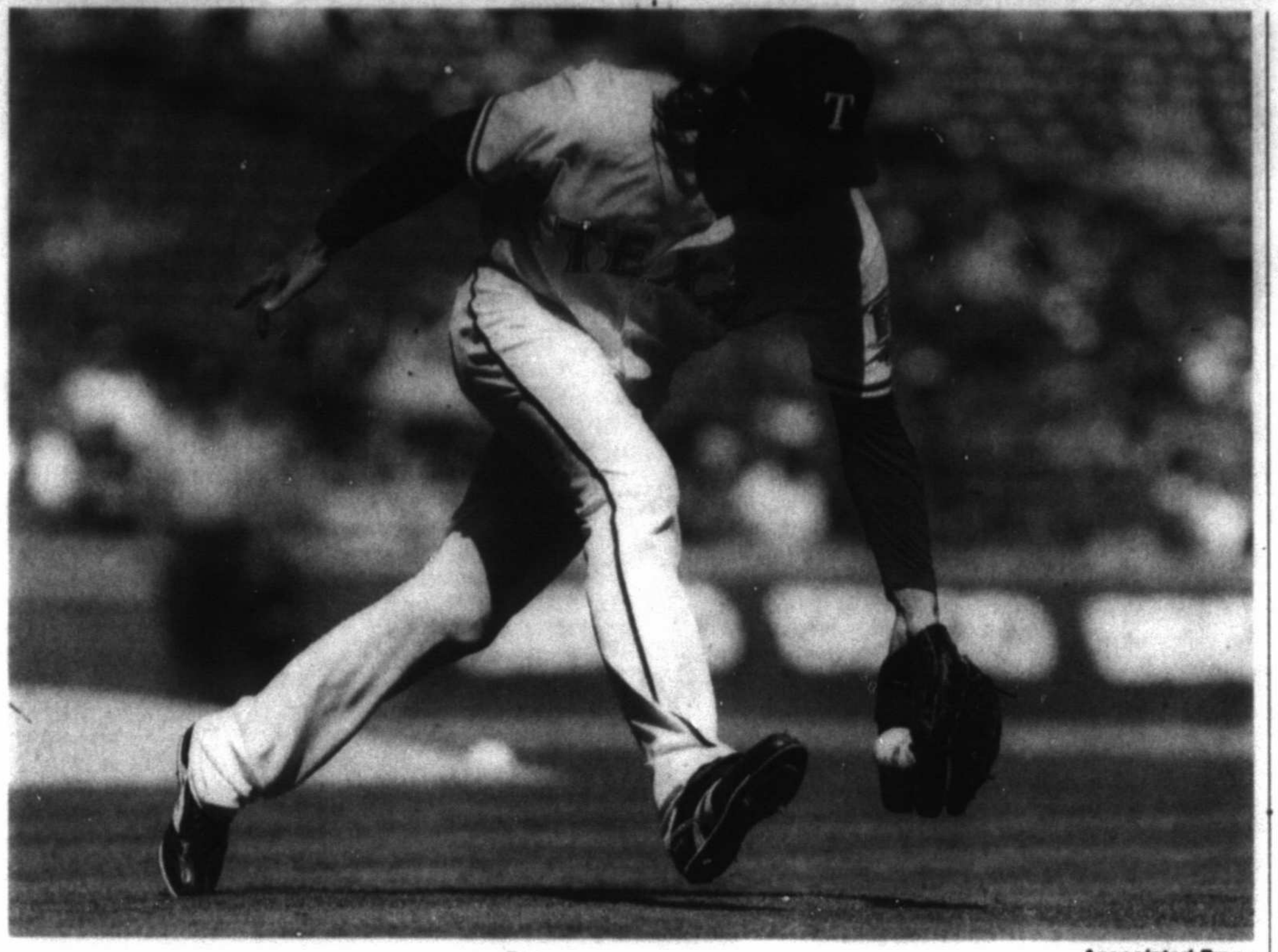

Associated Press

Texas Rangers relief pitcher Tony Barnette (43) fields a hit by Seattle Mariners Adam Lind, not pictured, during the ninth inning on Wednesday in Arlington.

Mariners rally in 9th to win at Texas

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

Mariners	9
Rangers	5

ARLINGTON — Robinson Cano homered twice and drove in five runs, including a two-run homer that capped Seattle's five-run ninth, as the Mariners rallied for a 9-5 victory at the Texas Rangers on Wednesday in the finale of a three-game opening series.

Rangers closer Shawn Tolleson (0-1) allowed all five batters he faced to reach base and score.

Pinch-hitter Nori Aoki and No. 9 batter Ketel Marte started the ninth with consecutive singles, and Leonys Martin had a tying RBI double. Kyle Seager then had a two-run single before Cano's fourth homer chased Tolleson.

Cano has homered in all three games for Seattle and is the first Mariners player ever with four homers in the first three games of the season. He had 21 homers last season, and his fourth didn't come until his 71st game on June 26.

Joaquin Benoit (1-0) pitched a scoreless eighth.

Prince Fielder hit his first homer of the season, a three-run drive in the sixth off Wade Miley put Texas up 5-3. It was the first homer this season for the Rangers, who have allowed nine long balls.

Martin also homered for Seattle, his first of the season putting the Mariners up 3-0 in the second against Colby Lewis.

Cano hit a two-run homer in the first. He drew a bases-loaded walk in the seventh to get Seattle within a run before Nelson Cruz had an inning-ending flyball to Ian Desmond. The former All-Star shortstop for Washington made his first big league start in center field and playing his first two games for Texas in left.

Miley struck out seven without a walk over six innings in his Mariners debut. He was acquired from Boston in an offseason trade.

The 36-year-old Lewis also went six innings in his first start of the season, with four strikeouts and three walks.

MC falls behind early, can't recover vs. WTC

From staff reports

Western Texas College jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first inning and held on for an 8-6 win against Midland College in a non-conference game, Wednesday at Christensen Stadium.

WTC (6-26, 4-12 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference) benefitted from a home run off the bat of both Mitchell Hazlett and Seth Hubert in its eight-hit attack.

MC (21-12, 14-2) battled back to tie the game at 5-5 in the bottom of the fifth, but surrendered three more runs over the next two innings.

Yahir Gurrola led the Chaps by going 4-for-5 with a run scored in the loss. Tony Beam and Braden Hayward each homered for MC and drove in two runs.

Hazlett finished 3-for-5 with two RBI and two runs scored for WTC.

WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE 8, MIDLAND COLLEGE 6

WTC	401 001 200	—8 8 0
Midland	000 410 010	—6 8 2

Garrett Powell, Justin Gray (3), Chris Arnold (4), Ethan Anderson (5), Owen Bessette (6), Felix Hernandez (7), Garrett Scott (9) and Mitchell Hazlett. Brock Barger, Callan Johnson (1), Gilbert Sancez (4), Brock Freeman (4), Ryan Minnix (7), Jesse Borden (9) and Tony Beam. 2B — WTC: Felix Hernandez, Mitchell Hazlett, Kobrey Garcia. Midland: Yahir Gurrola 2. HR — WTC: Seth Hubert, Mitchell Hazlett; Midland: Hill Alexander, Braden Hayward, Tony Beam.

Records: Western Texas College 6-26, 4-12 in WJCAC; Midland 21-12, 14-2 in WJCAC.

Next: Odessa College at Midland College (DH), 1 p.m. Friday

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CELTICS 104
PELICANS 97

BOSTON — The Celtics entered the week focused on improving their playoff position over their final five regular-season games.

They had to dig deep to prevent a short-handed Pelicans team from throwing a big wrinkle in those plans.

Isaiah Thomas scored 32 points to help the Celtics fend off short-handed New Orleans 104-97 on Wednesday night.

Jae Crowder added 14 points, Avery Bradley finished with 13 points and six rebounds, and the Celtics beat the Pelicans for the fourth straight time.

"I'm just going to keep going, keep grinding and being in attack mode," Thomas said. "That's what my team needs from me and I'm gonna continue to do that. My guys are just putting me in position to be successful — them and the coaching staff. My job's pretty easy."

The fourth quarter featured eight ties before Boston was able to get a key defensive stop in the final minute. The Celtics were then able to close it out at the free-throw line.

HORNETS 111
KNICKS 97

NEW YORK — Two things were clear to the Charlotte Hornets after a pair of potentially costly losses.

Kemba Walker needed to play better, and they needed to win.

Done. And, done.

Walker scored 34 points, Al Jefferson had 24 and the Hornets bounced back from consecutive losses to the Eastern Conference's top teams by beating the New York Knicks 111-97 on Wednesday night.

Charlotte, which fell in Cleveland on Sunday and Toronto on Tuesday, needed a win to renew its hopes of getting home-court advantage in the first round of the playoffs. The Hornets are a game behind fourth-place Boston and half-game back of No. 5 Miami.

"It was a must-win game," Jefferson said. "We lost two games in a row because of, in my opinion, us, because of things we didn't do well. We just had to get back to the basics, get back to things we do so well, the reason why we've been winning games this season."

WIZARDS 121
NETS 103

WASHINGTON — With John Wall sidelined by a sore and swollen right knee, Ramon Sessions stepped in to help the Washington Wizards prolong their playoff hopes for at least another game.

Sessions scored 18 points and had a season-high 13 assists in his first start of the season as the Wizards defeat the Brooklyn Nets 121-103 on Wednesday night.

"Just going out there from (the) jumpstart knowing John is down, I've just got to pick up the minutes," said Sessions, who learned he would be starting an hour before tipoff. "I was just trying to keep pushing the pace and just play my game."

Bradley Beal scored 25 points, and Marcin Gortat had 16 points and 12 rebounds as Washington clung to life in the Eastern Conference playoff hunt.

With Detroit defeating Orlando, the 10th-place Wizards (38-40) need to win out, have the Pistons (42-37) lose out and overcome ninth-place Chicago (39-39) to make the playoffs.

PACERS 123
CAVALIERS 109

INDIANAPOLIS — When LeBron James took a seat Wednesday night, the Indiana Pacers took a step forward.

With the four-time MVP resting, the Pacers got their offense on track, their defense in sync and proved they could finally close out a game. Paul George scored 29 points, C.J. Miles added 21 and Indiana made 16 3-pointers to pull away from Cleveland 123-109.

"Even without LeBron, they still have two All-Stars out there," Solomon Hill said after scoring a season-high 15 points. "They're going to shoot the ball, execute their plays, and it's a team we could see in the playoffs. (Every win) is a building block."

This one certainly helped.

By winning their third in a row, Indiana stayed a half-game ahead of eighth-place Detroit in the conference standings and pulled three games ahead of idle Chicago, which is trying to fight its way out of the No. 9 slot and into one of the final two playoff spots.

Without James, the Cavs didn't look like the best team in the conference.

PISTONS 108
MAGIC 104

ORLANDO, Fla. — Reggie Jackson scored 24 points and Kentavious Caldwell-Pope added 18 to help lead the Detroit Pistons to a 108-104 win over the Orlando Magic on Wednesday night.

The win kept the Pistons (42-37) in contention in the Eastern Conference playoff race. They remained a half-game behind Indianapolis, which beat Cleveland, for the No. 7 spot.

The Magic's three-game home winning streak ended. They held a 96-92 lead late in the fourth quarter, but then saw it slip away.

After going back and forth for much of the first three quarters, the Pistons took control late in the fourth quarter. Tobias Harris, Caldwell-Pope and Jackson all hit big shots in the final five minutes to rally the Pistons. Caldwell-Pope gave the Pistons 97-96 lead late in the fourth quarter on a 3-pointer following a turnover by Orlando's Victor Oladipo.

Evan Fournier led five Orlando players in double figures with 19 points.

The Magic made it interesting down the stretch, but the Pistons converted seven of eight free-throw attempts in the final 24.6 seconds to stay out front. Jackson sank four free throws during that stretch and Marcus Morris hit his final two free throws to put the game away.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

YANKEES 16
ASTROS 6

NEW YORK — Starlin Castro homered and drove in five runs, Mark Teixeira had four RBIs and the New York Yankees trounced the Houston Astros 16-6 for their first victory of the season Wednesday night.

Teixeira and Castro each hit a three-run homer. Carlos Beltran also went deep and Castro finished with four of the 17 hits for the Yankees, who chased Collin McHugh (0-1) in a six-run first inning that lasted 36 minutes.

INDIANS 7
RED SOX 6

CLEVELAND — Mike Napoli homered against his former Boston teammates and Cleveland overcame David Ortiz's second homer in his farewell season.

Napoli broke a 6-all tie in the seventh with his solo shot off Junichi Tazawa (0-1). Napoli, signed as a free agent in November to give the Indians' lineup some pop, spent 2 1/2 seasons with Boston and helped the Red Sox win the World Series in 2013. Batting just .207, they traded him to Texas in August.

Napoli's homer made a winner of reliever Zach McAllister. Cody Allen worked the ninth, retiring Ortiz on drive to left for the final out of Cleveland's first win.

RAYS 5
BLUE JAYS 3

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Steven Souza Jr.'s second home run of the game, a go-ahead, three-run drive in the eighth inning, lifted Tampa Bay over Toronto.

Souza pulled Tampa Bay to 3-2 in the sixth with a solo homer off J.A. Happ. Tampa Bay has homered in a team-record 18 consecutive games dating to Sept. 20.

Evan Longoria and Desmond Jennings singled off Gavin Floyd (0-1) in the eighth, and Arnold Leon relieved with one out. Souza homered to center for his fourth hit of the game, tying his career high.

National League

REDS 3
PHILLIES 2

CINCINNATI — Scott Schebler doubled with the bases loaded and one out in the ninth inning as Cincinnati took advantage of another meltdown by Philadelphia's bullpen.

Philadelphia wasted a lead in the eighth inning of a 6-2 defeat on opening day. Ahead all the way until the ninth, the Phillies let another one get away.

BREWERS 4
GIANTS 3

MILWAUKEE — Chris Carter hit his first home run for Milwaukee, then had a tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the seventh inning.

Jeff Samardzija, making his Giants debut after signing a $90 million, five-year contract, allowed three runs and eight hits in 5 1/3 innings, falling to 0-5 in 10 career starts against Milwaukee.

Carter's third-inning home run was his fourth off Samardzija. He left Houston to sign with the Brewers after hitting 90 homers during three years with the Astros.

ROCKIES 4
DIAMONDBACKS 3

PHOENIX — Rookie Trevor Story made baseball history by hitting a home run in each of his first three major league games and the Colorado Rockies beat Arizona 4-3 on Wednesday.

Story also is the first player in baseball history to hit a home run for each of his first four hits.

Colorado's Tyler Chatwood (1-0) pitched a strong 6 1-3 innings in his first big-league appearance since recovering from a second Tommy John surgery.

Interleague

TIGERS 7
MARLINS 3

MIAMI — Jarrod Saltalamacchia homered and drove in four runs and Francisco Rodriguez struck out Giancarlo Stanton to end the game with the bases loaded as Detroit handed Miami ace Jose Fernandez his first loss in 27 career starts at home.

Victor Martinez hit a two-run homer and Nick Castellanos had an RBI double in the sixth that chased Fernandez (0-1), who allowed five runs and five hits in 5 2/3 innings with one walk and 13 strikeouts, one shy of his big league high. Fernandez had been 17-0 with a 1.40 ERA at Marlins Park.

Anibal Sanchez (1-0) allowed two runs and four hits in five innings for Detroit, which completed an opening two-game sweep.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	2	0	1.000	—
Tampa Bay	2	2	.500	1
Toronto	2	2	.500	1
Boston	1	1	.500	1
New York	1	1	.500	1

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	2	0	1.000	—
Detroit	2	0	1.000	—
Cleveland	1	1	.500	1
Kansas City	1	1	.500	1
Minnesota	0	2	.000	2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	2	1	.667	—
Houston	1	1	.500	½
Texas	1	2	.333	1
Los Angeles	0	2	.000	1½
Oakland	0	2	.000	1½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	2	0	1.000	—
New York	1	1	.500	1
Atlanta	0	2	.000	2
Miami	0	2	.000	2
Philadelphia	0	2	.000	2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	3	0	1.000	—
Chicago	2	0	1.000	½
Cincinnati	2	0	1.000	½
Milwaukee	1	2	.333	2
St. Louis	0	3	.000	3

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	2	0	1.000	—
Colorado	2	1	.667	½
San Francisco	2	1	.667	½
Arizona	1	2	.333	1½
San Diego	0	2	.000	2

Scores and schedules

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Wednesday's Scores

Tampa Bay 5, Toronto 3
Seattle 9, Texas 5
Detroit 7, Miami 3
Cleveland 7, Boston 6
N.Y. Yankees 16, Houston 6
Baltimore 4, Minnesota 2
Chicago White Sox at Oakland, late

Today's Games

Chicago White Sox (Latos 0-0) at Oakland (Graveman 0-0), 2:35 p.m.
Houston (Fiers 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Eovaldi 0-0), 3:05 p.m.
Boston (Kelly 0-0) at Cleveland (Salazar 0-0), 5:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Hughes 0-0) at Baltimore (Jimenez 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
Texas (Holland 0-0) at L.A. Angels (Santiago 0-0), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Wednesday's Scores

Milwaukee 4, San Francisco 3
Colorado 4, Arizona 3
Detroit 7, Miami 3
Pittsburgh 5, St. Louis 1
Cincinnati 3, Philadelphia 2
Washington 3, Atlanta 1
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, late

Today's Games

Philadelphia (Morton 0-0) at Cincinnati (Stephenson 0-0), 11:35 a.m.
Miami (Conley 0-0) at Washington (Roark 0-0), 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (A.Wood 0-0) at San Francisco (Peavy 0-0), 3:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lackey 0-0) at Arizona (R.De La Rosa 0-0), 8:40 p.m.

Wednesday's Texas Boxes

MARINERS 9, RANGERS 5

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
LMartn cf	5	2	3	2	Choo rf	4	1	1	0
KSeagr 3b	3	2	1	2	Dsmnd cf	4	1	1	0
Cano 2b	4	2	2	5	Fielder dh	3	1	1	3
Cruz rf	5	0	1	0	DShlds pr-dh	0	0	0	0
Lind 1b	5	0	1	0	Beltre 3b	3	1	2	0
S.Smith dh	2	0	1	0	Odor 2b	4	1	1	0
Sardins lf	5	1	1	0	Rua 1b	4	0	0	1
Clevngr c	3	0	0	0	Ruggin lf	4	0	1	1
Aoki ph	1	1	1	0	Holady c	4	0	0	0
Iannett c	0	0	0	0	Alberto ss	3	0	0	0
KMarte ss	4	1	3	0					
Totals	37	9	14	9	Totals	33	5	7	5

Seattle	210 000 105	—9
Texas	020 003 000	—5

DP—Texas 2. LOB—Seattle 7, Texas 3. 2B—L.Martin (2), Ruggiano (1). HR—L.Martin (1), Cano 2 (4), Fielder (1). CS—L.Martin (1), Sardinas (1), DeShields (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle						
Miley	6	7	5	5	0	7
Vincent	1	0	0	0	0	2
Benoit W,1-0	1	0	0	0	2	1
Cishek	1	0	0	0	0	1
Texas						
Lewis	6	6	3	3	3	4
Kela H,1	2-3	2	1	1	1	2
Diekman	0	0	0	0	1	0
S.Dyson H,1	1 1-3	0	0	0	1	0
Tolleson L,0-1 BS,1-2	0	5	5	5	0	0
Barnette	1	1	0	0	0	0

Diekman pitched to 1 batter in the 7th. Tolleson pitched to 5 batters in the 9th.
WP—Kela.
T—2:56. A—26,945 (48,114).

YANKEES 16, ASTROS 6

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	New York	ab	r	h	bi
Altuve 2b	3	1	1	0	Ellsury cf	5	2	1	0
MDuffy 3b	1	0	0	0	Gardnr lf	2	2	0	0
Springr rf	4	1	1	4	ARdrgz dh	3	1	0	0
Correa ss	5	2	4	2	AuRmn ph-dh-c	1	0	0	0
ClRsms lf	4	0	2	0	Teixeir 1b	4	2	2	4
Mrsnck lf	1	0	0	0	Akley ph-1b-2b	2	0	0	0
CGomz cf	4	0	0	0	BMcCn c-1b	4	3	2	2
Valuen 3b	4	1	1	0	Beltran rf	4	2	2	2
MGnzlz 2b	0	0	0	0	Hicks rf	1	1	1	0
White 1b	4	0	2	0	Headly 3b	4	1	1	1
Tucker dh	3	1	1	0	Torreys ph-3b	1	1	1	2
Kratz ph-dh	1	0	0	0	SCastro 2b	5	1	4	5
JCastro c	4	0	0	0	Nova p	0	0	0	0
Gregrs ss	5	0	3	0					
Totals	38	6	12	6	Totals	41	16	17	16

Houston	140 010 000	— 6
New York	633 001 30x	—16

E—J.Castro (1). DP—New York 1. LOB—Houston 7, New York 9. 2B—Col.Rasmus (1), White (1), Tucker (2), B.McCann (1), S.Castro (2). 3B—Torreyes (1). HR—Springer (1), Correa 2 (3), Teixeira (1), Beltran (1), S.Castro (1). SB—Ellsbury (1), Headley (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
McHugh L,0-1	1-3	3	6	5	2	0
M.Feliz	4 1-3	7	6	6	4	4
Sipp	1	3	1	1	1	2
Fields	1 1-3	4	3	3	0	1
Neshek	1	0	0	0	0	0
New York						
Pineda W,1-0	5	8	6	6	0	5
Nova S,1-1	4	4	0	0	1	5

HBP—by Pineda (Altuve). WP—Nova.
T—3:45. A—37,493 (49,469).

Wednesday's Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

RAYS 5, BLUE JAYS 3

Toronto	003 000 000	—3 6 0
Tampa Bay	000 101 03x	—5 10 0

Happ, Floyd (7), Leon (8), F.Morales (8) and R.Martin; Moore, Webb (6), Farquhar (7), E.Ramirez (8) and Casali, Conger. W—E.Ramirez 1-0. L—Floyd 0-1. HRs—Toronto, Donaldson (2). Tampa Bay, Souza Jr. 2 (3).

INDIANS 7, RED SOX 6

Boston	020 004 000	—6 10 1
Cleveland	410 001 10x	—7 9 0

Buchholz, No.Ramirez (5), Ross Jr. (6), Tazawa (7), M.Barnes (7) and Swihart; Carrasco, Detwiler (6), McAllister (6), B.Shaw (8), Allen (9) and Gomes. W—McAllister 1-0. L—Tazawa 0-1. Sv—Allen (1). HRs—Boston, B.Holt (1), Ortiz (2), H.Ramirez (1). Cleveland, C.Santana (1), Napoli (1).

ORIOLES 4, TWINS 2

Minnesota	001 001 000	—2 5 0
Baltimore	011 110 00x	—4 9 0

Gibson, Abad (6), Fien (7), Pressly (8) and K.Suzuki; Gallardo, Givens (6), Brach (6), O'Day (8), Britton (9) and Wieters. W—Gallardo 1-0. L—Gibson 0-1. Sv—Britton (1). HRs—Minnesota, Plouffe (1). Baltimore, C.Davis (1).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BREWERS 4, GIANTS 3

San Francisco	110 001 000	—3 6 0
Milwaukee	111 000 10x	—4 9 2

Samardzija, Kontos (6), Lopez (7), Gearrin (7), Osich (8) and Posey; Jungmann, Capuano (6), Boyer (6), Thornburg (7), Blazek (8), Jeffress (9) and Lucroy. W—Thornburg 1-0. L—Lopez 0-1. Sv—Jeffress (1). HRs—San Francisco, M.Duffy (2). Milwaukee, Carter (1).

ROCKIES 4, DIAMONDBACKS 3

Colorado	201 000 100	—4 8 1
Arizona	002 000 001	—3 8 0

Chatwood, M.Castro (7), Logan (7), Qualls (8), McGee (9) and Hundley; Corbin, Delgado (8), Ziegler (9) and Herrmann. W—Chatwood 1-0. L—Corbin 0-1. Sv—McGee (1). HRs—Colorado, Story (4), LeMahieu (2), Raburn (1). Arizona, Ahmed (1).

PIRATES 5, CARDINALS 1

St. Louis	000 001 000	—1 4 3
Pittsburgh	100 031 00x	—5 9 0

Leake, Lyons (5), J.Broxton (6), Bowman (7) and Molina; Nicasio, Caminero (7), Watson (8), Luebke (9), Melancon (9) and Cervelli. W—Nicasio 1-0. L—Leake 0-1. Sv—Melancon (1). HRs—St. Louis, Hazelbaker (1).

REDS 3, PHILLIES 2

Philadelphia	200 000 000	—2 5 0
Cincinnati	100 000 002	—3 8 0

Nola, D.Hernandez (8), Hinojosa (9) and Rupp; Finnegan, Cotham (7), B.Wood (9) and Mesoraco. W—B.Wood 1-0. L—Hinojosa 0-1. HRs—Philadelphia, Franco (1). Cincinnati, Suarez (1).

NATIONALS 3, BRAVES 1

Washington	000 000 300	—3 8 0
Atlanta	000 100 000	—1 8 1

Strasburg, Kelley (7), Rivero (7), Papelbon (9) and W.Ramos; B.Norris, Ogando (8), Gant (9) and Pierzynski. W—Strasburg 1-0. L—B.Norris 0-1. Sv—Papelbon (2).

INTERLEAGUE

TIGERS 7, MARLINS 3

Detroit	020 003 020	—7 13 1
Miami	000 002 001	—3 10 1

An.Sanchez, VerHagen (6), J.Wilson (7), Lowe (8), Kensing (9), Fr.Rodriguez (9) and Saltalamacchia; Fernandez, McGowan (6), E.Jackson (7), Narveson (8) and Realmuto. W—An.Sanchez 1-0. L—Fernandez 0-1. Sv—Fr.Rodriguez (1). HRs—Detroit, Saltalamacchia (1), V.Martinez (2).

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Toronto	52	25	.675	—
x-Boston	46	32	.590	6½
New York	31	48	.392	22
Brooklyn	21	57	.269	31½
Philadelphia	10	68	.128	42½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Atlanta	46	32	.590	—
x-Miami	45	32	.584	½
x-Charlotte	45	33	.577	1
Washington	38	40	.487	8
Orlando	33	45	.423	13

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Cleveland	56	23	.709	—
Indiana	42	36	.538	13½
Detroit	42	37	.532	14
Chicago	39	39	.500	16½
Milwaukee	32	46	.410	23½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-San Antonio	65	12	.844	—
Memphis	42	36	.538	23½
Dallas	40	38	.513	25½
Houston	38	40	.487	27½
New Orleans	29	49	.372	36½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Oklahoma City	54	24	.692	—
Portland	42	37	.532	12½
Utah	39	39	.500	15
Denver	32	47	.405	22½
Minnesota	26	52	.333	28

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Golden State	69	9	.885	—
x-L.A. Clippers	49	28	.636	19½
Sacramento	31	47	.397	38
Phoenix	20	58	.256	49
L.A. Lakers	16	61	.208	52½

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Scores and schedule

Wednesday's Scores

Indiana 123, Cleveland 109
Detroit 108, Orlando 104
Washington 121, Brooklyn 103
Boston 104, New Orleans 97
Charlotte 111, New York 97
Dallas 88, Houston 85
Oklahoma City at Portland, late
L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers, late

Today's Games

Phoenix at Houston, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Miami, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

Chapman

From 1C

After hitting .250 with 23 home runs and 57 RBI in 80 games with the Ports last year, Chapman was a non-roster invitee to big league camp with the A's this past spring training.

Chapman made the most of the opportunity playing with the big leaguers and opened a lot of eyes in the process with the way he handled himself and played. He stayed with the big league club until last weekend when the final cuts were made.

"That was an unbelievable experience," said Chapman, who was born and raised in Southern California. "I couldn't have drawn it up any better than it went. To be able to get invited was an honor in itself and then to be able to make it past the first couple of rounds of cuts and then to be able make it the whole time and play in the Bay Series (against San Francisco) was a dream come true.

"Obviously you aspire to have bigger dreams than those but that's just one of those that I could check off my list," he added. "I got to work with (A's third base coach) Ron Washington every day, I got to pick some of the veterans' brains, so it was nice to be able to take bits and pieces from everybody. Once you think you've got everything figured out, you're wrong. I just went in there and enjoyed as much as I could. A lot of things I took away from there I'm going to try to implement this season."

RockHounds' second-year manager Ryan Christenson has also been impressed by the way the A's No. 3 prospect, according to Baseball America, has progressed.

"He had a great year (at Advanced-A Stockton) and came into spring training with a great attitude," Christenson said. "He worked his butt off, every coach liked what he brought to the game. He led the team in home runs during the spring and made some great defensive plays. He's going to be an impact player and it's going to be fun to watch him play at third base this year."

Chapman also has a chance to form a dynamic left infield with top prospect Franklin Barreto at shortstop and maybe even No. 10 prospect Yairo Munoz later in the season, according to Christenson.

"We'll have two good shortstops eventually," Christenson said. "Franklin's got a good first step and seems to have a nose for the ball. It's going to be fun to watch."

From what Chapman has seen of Barreto, he's excited to play with the 20-year-old and help each other improve.

"He's such a talented player. He doesn't even know how good he is or how good he can be," Chapman said. "Being able to play with him quite a bit last year was pretty special just from what he can do with the bat and what kind of range he has."

Who knows? If both players continue to improve the way they have, it won't be long before baseball fans can see them in the big leagues.

"It's about being able to stay consistent, being able to get early work with my defense, early work with my hitting, all those things that will help you have success in a game," Chapman said. "I want to be the most complete player I can be, a more consistent fielder and hitter. The more consistent you can be, the faster you can climb."

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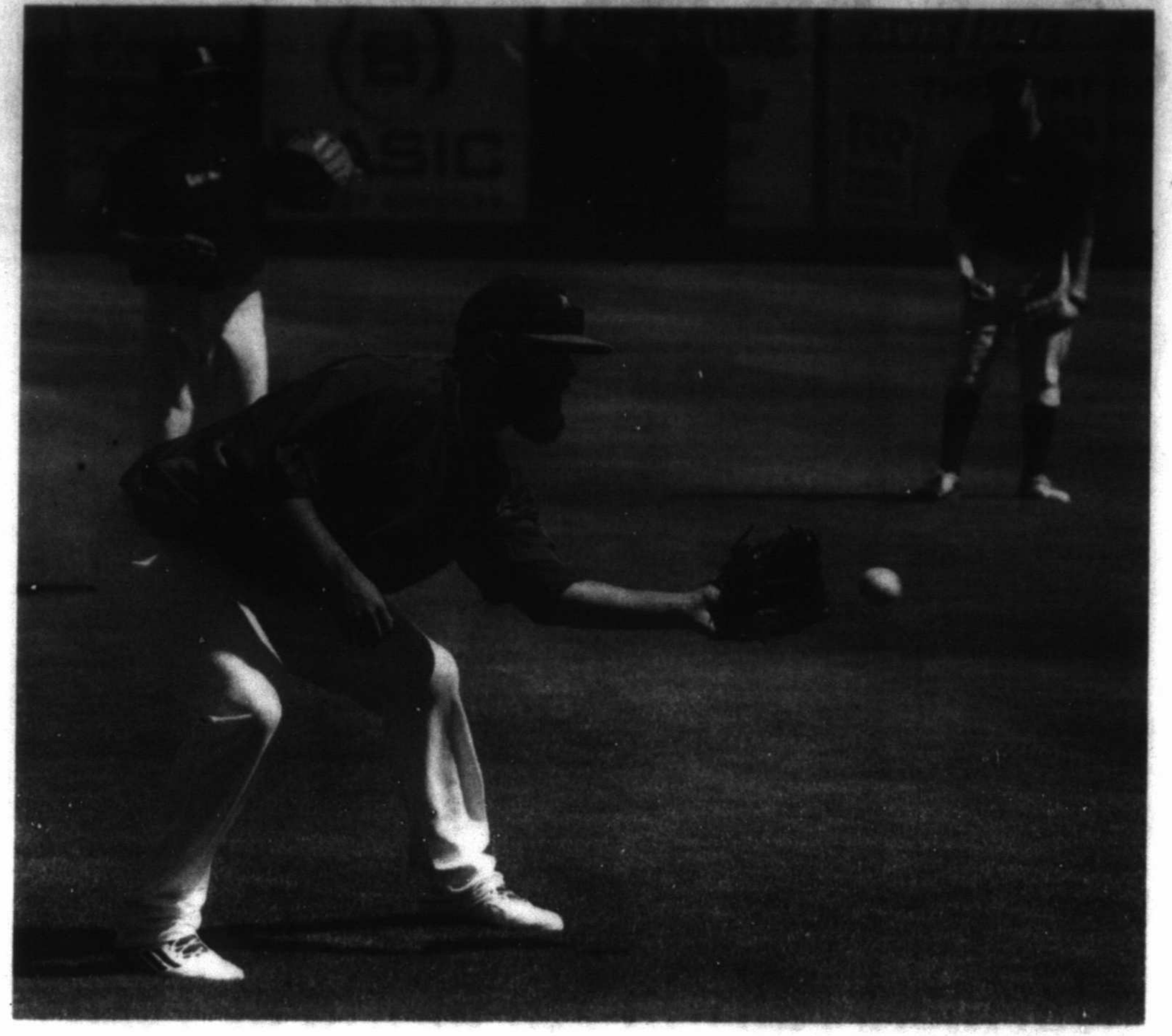

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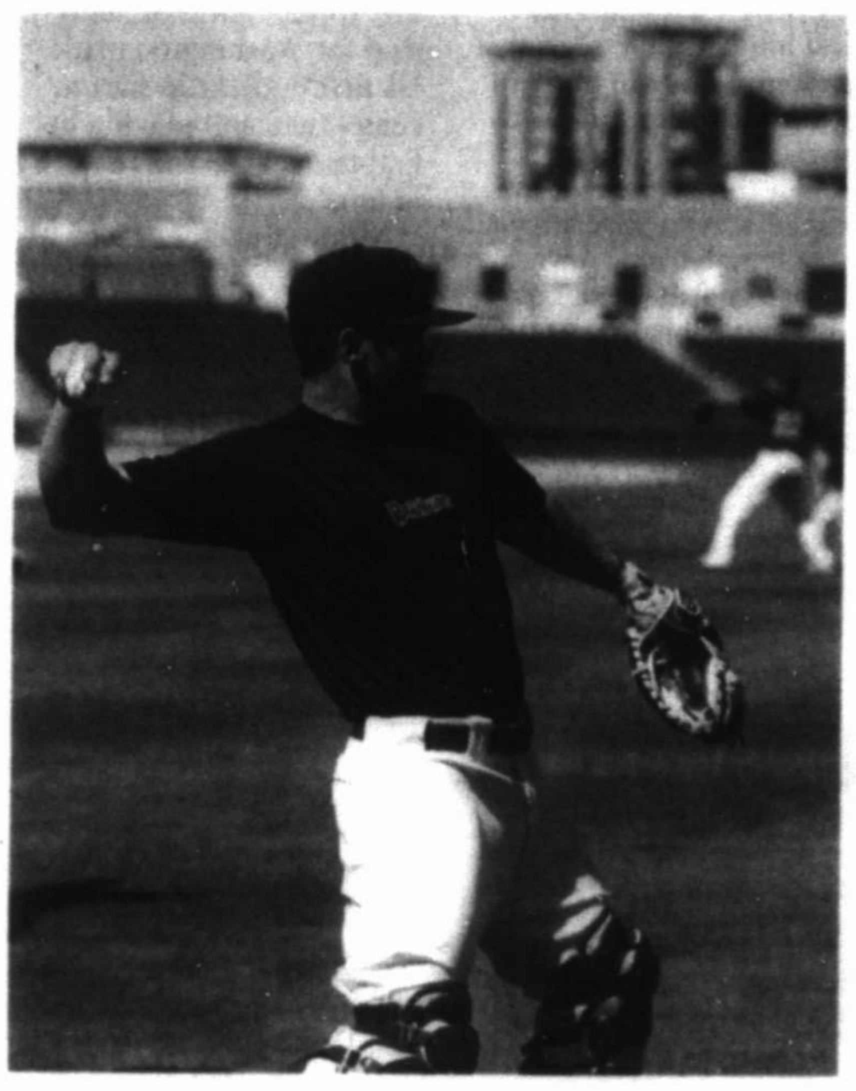
Midland RockHounds players get in a light workout Monday at Security Bank Ballpark.



Covey

From 1C

San Diego — two and a half hours south of his hometown — where he pitched for the Toreros for the next three seasons.

During his time in college, Covey, 24, went through a transitional phase where he had to get used to pitching and living as a diabetic. It was a time that wasn't without its challenges.

"The first couple of years at San Diego, I was still kind of getting used to it," Covey said. "It takes about 18 months for your body to fully bounce back. I had lost 40 pounds in between my junior and senior year of high school. That first year in college I was putting on that weight (again).

"I probably should have redshirted my freshman year (at San Diego). The first year and a half was pretty tough. But I finally kind of figured it out toward the end of my junior year and got everything under control and carried that over to my first half season in pro ball. Now I'm fine."

Covey said that even after his diagnosis, he didn't have much of a worry that his baseball career was in jeopardy while pitching at San Diego. He knew he'd get a second chance in another draft.

Then in the 2013 draft, the Oakland Athletics selected the right-hander in the fourth round.

"It was never a question of if I was going to make it back," Covey said. "I knew I would get another chance."

Over the last two seasons, Covey — who is now the A's No. 15-ranked prospect according to MLB Pipeline — worked his way up through the lower levels of Oakland's minor league system.

Last season with the Single-A Advanced Stockton Ports of the California League, Covey enjoyed a breakout season. He posted a 3.59 earned run average over 140 1/3 innings and struck out 100 while walking 43.

Covey's efforts were rewarded with a promotion to Double-A Midland, where he expects to begin the 2016 season in the RockHounds' starting rotation.

The manner in which

"The condition is kind of put aside now," Covey said. "The diabetes isn't really an issue. It's all just the mindset of being an aggressive pitcher. If I go out and pitch my game, pitch aggressively, I'm going to have success."

Dylan Covey, RockHounds starting pitcher

Covey has battled through his personal adversity over the years is something that immediately impressed Midland second-year manager Ryan Christenson.

"From an outside point of view, as someone who obviously doesn't deal with that condition, I find it impressive," Christenson said. "I know he passed up a great opportunity coming out of high school to not sign and get a handle on his condition. He has a pretty good sense of how he needs to prepare for a start to keep that condition under control."

RockHounds pitching coach John Wasdin said Covey has an aggressive approach on the mound. He pitches with the same determination he needed to help himself settle in to his new way of life.

"Dylan is known for (having) a more bulldog mentality," Wasdin said. "He comes at you with three quality pitches and he can go at you and attack the (strike) zone at any time. He goes out there and forces contact. His tempo is good, so he's a guy that's going to go out there, take the ball and give you everything he's got on any given day."

Covey said that now he's mentally over his condition and he's prepared to focus on continuing to advance to his baseball career this season in Midland.

He knows exactly what he needs to do.

"The condition is kind of put aside now," Covey said. "The diabetes isn't really an issue. It's all just the mindset of being an aggressive pitcher. If I go out and pitch my game, pitch aggressively, I'm going to have success."

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ROCKHOUNDS NOTEBOOK

Different team, different feel

Midland manager Ryan Christenson said this year's RockHounds team is much different than last year's team.

While last year's team was known more for its power throughout the lineup, Christenson said this year's team will be known more for its speed. Power hitters Matt Olson, Renato Nunez and 2015 Texas League MVP Chad Pinder are just a few notable names from last year's team that will start the year at Triple-A Nashville.

"We have a different feel for our offensive game, guys with a little more speed, which is going to be fun to watch on the defensive side," Christenson said. "I think we're going to do a little more on the base paths with those guys out there."

Familiar faces return

There will be 10 players on the 25-man roster to start the year that have experience playing with the RockHounds before.

Catcher Carson Blair returns after starting last season with the RockHounds before making it to the major leagues with the A's and playing 11 games with them in 2015.

Other key players from last year returning are corner infielder Ryon Healy (.302, 10 HR, 62 RBI), outfielder Jaycob Brugman (.260, 6 HR, 63 RBI), right-handed relief pitcher Kris Hall (5-0, 2.50 ERA) and right-handed starting pitcher Chris Jensen (9-10, 4.87). Another returning starting pitcher to keep an eye on is right-hander Raul Alcantara, who is two-years removed from Tommy John surgery.

"It should be a good mix with the guys we brought back from last year, who are kind of laying down some ground rules on how we do things, but some energetic guys who are excited to be here that are being moved up from Single-A," Christenson said. "That energy and that competitive edge will definitely be out there as far as what we do on a daily basis."

Rotation set

Jensen will get the start in today's season-opener at Arkansas, followed by Alcantara on Friday. Right-hander Daniel Mengden, who was part of a trade with the Houston Astros for pitcher Scott Kazmir last season and played collegiately at Texas A&M, will get the start on Saturday. On Sunday afternoon at Northwest Arkansas, right-handers Joel Sedden and Sam Bragg will "piggy-back" the start in that rotation spot, while right-hander Dylan Covey will start the fifth game of the season on Monday.

— *Compiled by Oscar LeRoy*

MIDLAND ROCKHOUNDS 2016 ROSTER

Pitchers

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Bats-Throws	Age	Residence
5	Kris Hall	6-4	230	S-R	24	Strongsville, Ohio
11	Joel Seddon	6-0	173	R-R	23	Lexington, S.C
13	Sam Bragg	6-0	200	S-R	23	Marietta, Ga.
14	Jake Sanchez	6-1	225	R-R	26	Brawley, Calif.
15	Daniel Mengden	6-1	225	R-R	23	Houston
17	Trey Cochran-Gill	5-11	200	R-R	23	Tallassee, Ala.
19	Aaron Kurcz	5-11	175	L-R	25	Las Vegas, Nevada
23	Dylan Covey	6-2	222	R-R	24	San Diego
28	Corey Walter	6-3	210	R-R	23	Wheeling, W.V.
32	Andres Avila	6-0	185	R-R	25	Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico
33	Chris Jensen	6-4	200	R-R	25	Gilbert, Ariz.
41	Ryan Doolittle	6-2	210	R-R	28	Phoenix
56	Raul Alcantara	6-4	235	R-R	23	Barahona, D.R.

Catchers

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Bats-Throws	Age	Residence
22	Carson Blair	6-2	215	R-R	26	Argyle
27	Beau Taylor	6-0	215	L-R	26	Rockledge, Fla.

Infielders

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Bats-Throws	Age	Residence
7	Matt Chapman	6-0	210	R-R	22	Trabucco Canyon, Calif.
10	Franklin Barreto	5-10	190	R-R	20	Caracas, Venezuela
12	Josh Rodriguez	6-0	190	R-R	31	Huffine
16	Wade Kirkland	5-11	200	R-R	27	Lakeland, Fla.
25	Ryon Healy	6-5	225	R-R	24	West Hills, Calif.
34	Viosergy Rosa	6-3	190	L-L	25	Bronx, N.Y.

Outfielders

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Bats-Throws	Age	Residence
5	Danny Oh	6-0	185	L-L	26	Seattle
6	J.P. Sportman	5-10	193	R-R	24	Schenectady, N.Y.
9	Jaycob Brugman	6-0	195	L-L	24	Orem, Utah
29	Brett Vertigan	5-9	175	L-L	25	Garden Grove, Calif.

Manager: Ryan Christenson
Pitching Coach: John Wasdin
Hitting Coach: Brian McArn
Athletic Trainer: Justin Whitehouse
Strength & Conditioning Coach: Henry Torres

MIDLAND ROCKHOUNDS 2016 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	May 15	at San Antonio	2:05 p.m.	June 22	Frisco	6:30 p.m.	July 31	at Corpus Christi	6:05 p.m.
April 7	at Arkansas	7:10 p.m.	May 16	Frisco	6:30 p.m.	June 23	San Antonio	7 p.m.	Aug. 1	at Frisco	7:05 p.m.
April 8	at Arkansas	7:10 p.m.	May 17	Frisco	11 a.m.	June 24	San Antonio	7 p.m.	Aug. 2	at Frisco	7:05 p.m.
April 9	at Arkansas	7:10 p.m.	May 18	Frisco	6:30 p.m.	June 25	San Antonio	7 p.m.	Aug. 3	at Frisco	7:05 p.m.
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April 15	Arkansas	7 p.m.	May 23	Corpus Christi	6:30 p.m.	July 2	at NW Arkansas	6:35 p.m.	Aug. 9	at Tulsa	7:05 p.m.
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	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
BROADCAST																	
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Grey's Anatomy "I Wear the Face" (N)		Scandal "Thwack" (N)		The Catch "The Trial" (N)		Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Couple (N)	Mom (N)	2 Broke Girls (N)	Rush Hour (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) Masters /(:50) Stephen Colbert		(:50) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	MASH "Payday"	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Happy Days	Laverne "Cruise"	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason- "The Case of the Simple Simon"		Twilight Zone
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	American Idol "Winner Chosen" The final 'American Idol' will be crowned. (F) (N)				(:05) Fox 24 News	TMZ	2 Broke Girls	Modern Family	Two and Half Men	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Lars Enarson	Zola Levitt Presents	Update News	HaYesod	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Joshua Caleb	Wings of Truth	Faith for Families	Biblical Israel
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	NewsWest 9 Now	You, Me and the Apocalypse (SF)		The Blacklist "Mr. Solomon" 1/2 (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Community Policing"		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Autism: Behind the Camera		Masterpiece "Grantchester"		MAKERS "Women in Comedy"		Charlie Rose (N)		World News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Un camino hacia el destino		Sueño de amor		Pasion y poder		El Hotel de los Secretos		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Fam. Feud	The Mentalist		Mental. "Red Sauce"		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Office	Access H.
PREMIUM																	
FLIX	340	575		165		(4:05) The Aviator		★★★ Traffic ('00, Dra) Michael Douglas.					★ State Property 2			(:05) Diamond M...	
HBO	300	550	14	14		(5:30) Lady Day		★★★ Trainwreck Amy Schumer.				(:05) Fight	Together	(:05) Girls	1stLook /(:50) Mapplethorpe		
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(5:45) ★★ Eagle Eye			(:45) Lights	Real Sports		Game of Thrones		Real Sex	Animals.	(:20) ★★ Vacation	
HBOS	304	552	16	102		(5:40) ★★ Disturbia			Vice	★★ Tropic Thunder ('08, Com) Ben Stiller.				A Walk Among the Tombstones			
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:15) Burn After...		(:55) The Theory of Everything				★★ Self/ Less ('15, Sci-Fi) Ben Kingsley.				Zane	Zane
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:10) ★★ Snakes on a Plane				★★★ Demolition Man Sylvester Stallone.				(:55) Children of Men			Movie
PLEX			96			(5:00) Monte Walsh	★★ Purgatory Sam Sheppard.				(:40) Miracle in the Wilder...			(:10) ★★★ Nadine			Movie
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	Movie	Spring Broke ('15, Doc)			Billions		Shameless		Gigolos	Penn &..	Gigolos	Billions
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:25) April Rain		★★ Sin City: A Dame to Kill for				Welcome to New York Gérard Depardieu.				A Murder in th...	
CABLE																	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	The First 48 "Night Shift/ Mobbed"		The First 48 "Murder on Maiden Lane"		The First 48 "Old Wounds" (N)		60 Days In "Full Inmate" (N)		The First 48 "Secrets and Lies"		The First 48 "Murder on Maiden Lane"	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	★★★ National Lampoon's Animal House					★★★ Caddyshack Chevy Chase.				★★★ Uncle Buck		
BET	58	-		40		(:55) Martin	Martin	Black Girls Rock!				Chasing Destiny			Martin	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	76		41		Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump R. (N)		Watch (N)	Vanderpump Rules		VanderR
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Leader	Super Rich	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		American Greed (N)		American Greed		American Greed	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		The Eighties (N)		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		The Eighties	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Naked "Frozen in Fear"		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Girl M.	Underc.	Zapped ('14, Fant) Zendaya.			Backstag	Backstag	S.Middle	Girl M.	Underc.	Jessie	Jessie
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	(2:00) Golf	SportsC.	Golf Masters Tournament Round 1 Site: Augusta National Golf Club						SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	(4) Hockey	Frozen 4 Update (L)		NCAA Hockey Division I Tournament Denv./N. Dak. (L)					NFL Live		SportNat	J & J (N)
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Cooks vs. Cons (N)		BeatFlay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Cooks vs. Cons	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:00) Hocus Pocus		(:15) ★★ Dark Shadows ('12, Fant) Michelle Pfeiffer, Johnny Depp.						The 700 Club		Fan Girl	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	The Beat (N)	SportsDay OnAir (N)	Stars Pre-game (L)	NHL Hockey Colorado Avalanche at Dallas Stars Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)					Stars Live (L)	Own Words	TMS Race Preview	ACC (N)
FX	31	56	59	64	69	Movie	★★ The Heat ('13, Com) Sandra Bullock.					Archer (N)	Archer	Archer	★★★ This Means War		
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	H.Hunt	House	Masters of Flip (N)		FlipFlop	FlipFlop
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Pawn S.	Pawn Star	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Vikings		Vikings "Portage" (N)		Join/Die	(:35) Class	Pawn S.	Pawn S.
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Project Runway: All Stars "Bait and Stitch"		PRAS Social "Once Upon a Runway" (N)		Project Runway "A Touch of Style" (N)		Project Runway "A Touch of Style"		Runway "Once Upon a Runway"		PRAS Social "Once Upon a Runway"	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				NHL Live! (L)		NHL Hockey (L)					(:45) NHL Overtime (L)		Derek Sanderson		NHLTop10
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	H.Danger	Thunder	★★ Legally Blonde Reese Witherspoon.				F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	★★ The Waterboy Adam Sandler.			Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	Movie	★★★ Blade: Trinity ('04, Thril) Wesley Snipes.					★★★ Blade ('98, Act) Stephen Dorff, Wesley Snipes.					Movie
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Sein. "The Wink"	Seinf. "The Hot Tub"	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Girls "And the ATM"	2 Broke Girls	Conan (N)		2 Broke Girls	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:45) The Hitch-H...		★★★★ Days of Wine and Roses				(:15) ★★★★ The Party Peter Sellers.				(:15) ★★ S.O.B.	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		Quien es quien?		Eva, La Trailera		El señor de los cielos		Al rojo	Titulares	Gran Hermano	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life: Now "Olivia and James"		Save My Life: Boston Trauma		Extreme Weight Loss "Trina" A nurse worries about her health.				Extreme Weight Loss "Tony" Tony's weight is damaging his life and relationships.			
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Castle "Suicide Squeeze"		NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Miami Heat Site: American Airlines Arena -- Miami, Fla. (L)					NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs at Golden State Warriors Site: The Oracle -- Oakland, Calif. (L)				
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Griffith	(:35) Griffith	(:10) Ray	(:50) Ray	(:25) Loves Ray		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Modern Family	Modern "Fears"	WWE Smackdown! WWE superstars do battle in long-running rivalries.				WWE Hall of Fame (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family
WGN	19	85				Elementary "Child Predator"		Elementary "Rat Race"		Elementary "Lesser Evils"		Met Your Mother	Mother "I Heart NJ"	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother

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Early test leaves Indy 500 drivers confident cars are safer

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Ed Carpenter and James Hinchcliffe left Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Wednesday more confident about the cars they will race in May.

A new rear-wing flap should prevent cars from going airborne, as Carpenter experienced 11 months ago. And new suspension parts should prevent drivers from getting gouged, which happened to Hinchcliffe last year before the Indianapolis 500 and left him with a life-threatening injury.

As everyone tries to figure out what impact the new aerodynamic package might make, Carpenter and Hinchcliffe believe the racing will be safer.

"Just the way the car rides is different," Hinchcliffe said after driving around the track for the first time since his frightening crash last May. "The beam-wing flap almost guarantees that you'll never have those 180-degree liftoffs like we did with the three Chevy cars. And there's a bunch of things they did with the suspension to prevent what happened to me from happening to anyone else."

Hinchcliffe was fortunate that a quick-acting medical team saved his life after a broken part pierced his upper leg. He said there was no trepidation of getting back on a track with speeds easily topping 200 mph, even in testing.

The ramifications from a series of scary wrecks last season — including one that killed British driver Justin Wilson — forced IndyCar officials to take a long, hard look at how to make the dangerous sport of open-wheel racing safer.

Mark Miles, the CEO of IndyCar's parent company, met multiple times with drivers during the offseason to seek their input. The series also is looking at ways to protect drivers' heads from flying debris, which is how Wilson died last August.

The series added new parts to its cars and scheduled an April test at Indianapolis — something that didn't happen last year when the new oval aero kits debuted on the series' fastest track. That's why everyone was surprised when the cars started flipping last May.

So far, the results look promising.

"I think IndyCar always does a good job. I thought they handled it as well as they could last year, too," said Carpenter, a two-time Indy 500 pole-winner.

What's unclear is how much drivers have actually learned over the past two days.

On Tuesday, Carpenter, Hinchcliffe and a handful of other Chevrolet drivers were part of a closed test on a chilly, sunny day.

Fifteen drivers were on the track for Wednesday's open test, but the weather did not cooperate. With temperatures hovering in the low 60s and gusty winds, drivers took an early lunch break as rain approached and the early afternoon session was wiped out by trucks driving around the historic 2.5-mile oval to dry the dampened track. They did make it back out after about a two-hour delay.

Americans Marco Andretti and Ryan Hunter-Reay posted the two fastest laps of the day. Andretti went 223.427 mph, Hunter-Reay posted a 222.047 and France's Simon Pagenaud was third at 221.293.

AUTO RACING GLANCE

NASCAR
SPRINT CUP
DUCK COMMANDER 500

Site: Fort Worth, Texas
Schedule: Thursday, practice (FS1, 4:30-5:55 p.m.); Friday, qualifying (FS1, 1:45 p.m.), practice (FS1, 5:30-6:50 p.m.) Saturday, race, 6:30 p.m. (FOX).
Track: Texas Motor Speedway (oval, 1.5 miles).
Race distance: (500 miles, 333 laps).
Last year: Jimmie Johnson moved up from the third row and held off Kevin Harvick and Dale Earnhardt Jr. for the win.
Last week: Kyle Busch broke his Martinsville Speedway drought by sweeping the Sprint Cup and Camping World Trucks races.
Fast facts: Eight-time Martinsville winner Jimmie Johnson finished ninth last week in a race where he didn't lead a single lap...Brian Vickers had his best race of the year, coming in seventh...A.J. Allmendinger moved up to 12th in the points chase after a second-place finish at Martinsville.
Next race: Food City 500, April 17, Bristol Motor Speedway, Bristol, Tennessee.
Online: http://www.nascar.com

XFINITY
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS 300

Site: Fort Worth, Texas
Schedule: Thursday, practice (FS1, 3-4:25, 5:55 p.m.); Friday, qualifying (FS1, 3:45 p.m.), race, 7:30 p.m. (FS1)
Track: Texas Motor Speedway (oval, 1.5 miles).
Race distance: (300 miles, 200 laps).
Last year: Erik Jones won from the pole, claiming his first victory at just 19.
Last race: Austin Dillon passed Kyle Busch and Daniel Suarez on the final lap for his first Xfinity win of the season at the Auto Club Speedway on March 19.
Fast facts: Suarez leads a tight points race heading into Texas. He is 10 points ahead of Elliott Sadler, with Justin Allgaier, Brandon Jones and Ty Dillon all within 23 points of Suarez...By finishing second, Busch fell one win shy of becoming just the second driver in the series to win four straight events. Sam Ard pulled that off in 1983.
Next race: Fitzgerald Glider Kits 300, April 16, Bristol Motor Speedway, Bristol, Tennessee.
Online: http://www.nascar.com

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK

Next race: Toyota Tundra 250, May 6, Kansas Speedway, Kansas City, Kansas.
Last week: Kyle Busch began his Martinsville sweep by leading 123 laps and holding off John Hunter Nemechek for the win last weekend.
Online: http://www.nascar.com

VERIZON INDYCAR
DESERT DIAMOND WEST VALLEY PHOENIX GRAND PRIX

Next race: Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach, April 17, Long Beach, California.
Last week: Scott Dixon dominated the first IndyCar race in Phoenix in 11 years, winning for the 20th time on an oval last weekend.
Online: http://www.indycar.com

NHRA MELLO YELLO DRAG RACING
DENSO SPARK PLUGS NHRA NATIONALS

Next event: 4Wide NHRA Nationals, April 22-24, Charlotte, North Carolina.
Last weekend: Defending Top Fuel world champion Antron Brown won for the first time in 2016 in Las Vegas, hitting nearly 315 mph to hold off Troy Buff.
Online: http://www.nhra.com

FORMULA ONE

Next race: Chinese Grand Prix, April 17, Shanghai International Circuit, Shanghai.
Last week: Nico Rosberg of Mercedes won his fifth consecutive race in Bahrain. Rosberg is just the eighth F1 driver to win five in a row and all previous drivers that did so went on the win the championship.
Online: http://www.formula1.com

OTHER RACES

WORLD OF OUTLAWS: Sprint Car: Saturday-Sunday, Wine Country Outlaw Showdown, Calistoga, California.
Online: http://www.worldofoutlaws.com

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Yesterday's Answer: PYTHON, SHARK, FISH

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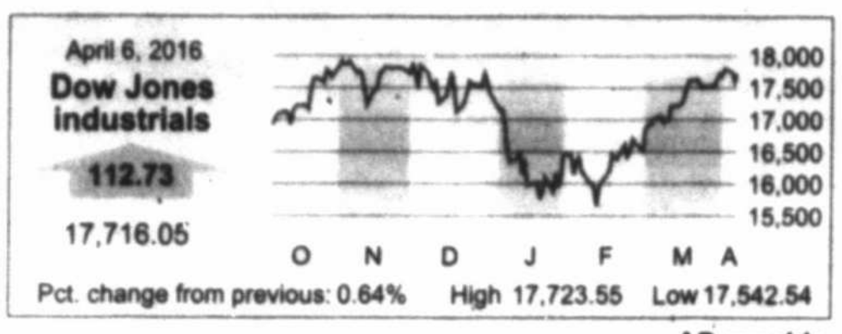
A DAY ON WALL STREET



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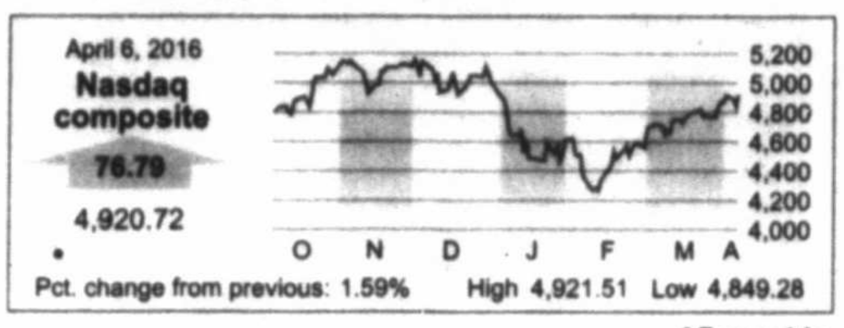

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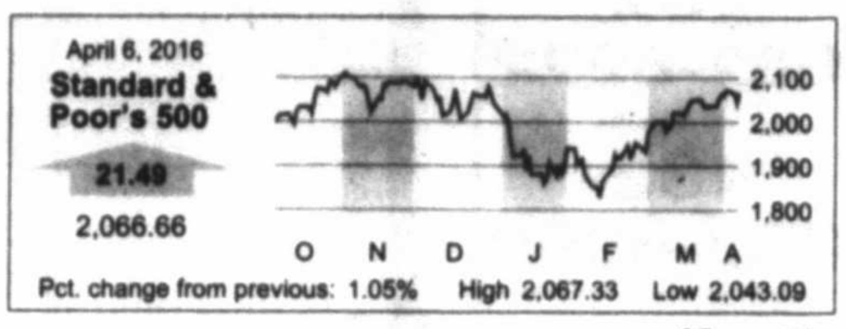

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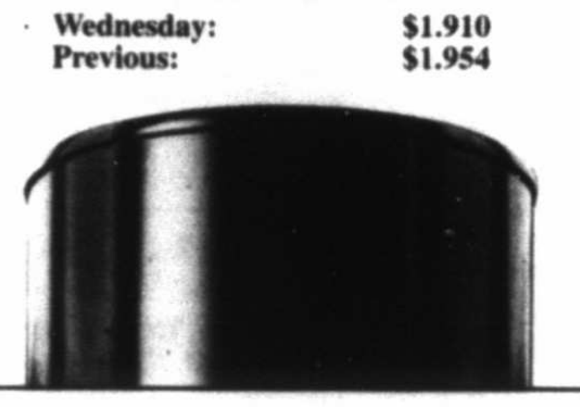
OIL PRICES

FUTURES
Wednesday: $37.75
Previous: $35.89

POSTED
Wednesday: $34.25
Previous: $32.25

WEST TEXAS SOUR
Wednesday: $29.70
Previous: $27.70

NATURAL GAS
Wednesday: $1.910
Previous: $1.954



NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Pfizer	1442663	32.93	+1.57
S&P500ETF	840296	206.42	+2.23
ValeantPh	728958	34.17	+5.44
B iPVixST	712653	17.38	-1.20
BkofAm	604745	13.27	+.08

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
VivintSolar	3.08	+.63	+25.7
ClayEng	11.75	+2.16	+22.5
ValeantPh	34.17	+5.44	+18.9
AlonBlue rs	3.20	+.50	+18.5
OasisPet	7.90	+.95	+13.7

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DxBiotBear	36.85	-9.90	-21.2
CSVInvCrd	159.10	-29.37	-15.6
AEqInvLf	13.69	-2.48	-15.3
JernignC n	12.33	-2.13	-14.7
PUVixST rs	18.68	-2.69	-12.6

Diary

Advanced	2,313
Declined	764
Unchanged	94
Total issues	3,171
New Highs	127
New Lows	11
Volume	3,649,722,037

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
TransEntx	106481	5.69	+.52
NovaGld g	44364	5.30	
Globalstar	27186	1.72	.01
BarcGSOil	26879	5.17	+.29
B2gold g	25990	1.58	.05

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AltisrcAst	16.59	+2.44	+17.2
AmpioPhm	3.11	+.43	+16.0
Versar	2.79	+.33	+13.4
Can-Fite	3.11	+.32	+11.5
TransEntx	5.69	+.52	+10.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
inTestCorp	3.95	-.31	-7.3
AdmRsc	36.93	-1.77	-4.6
IEC Elec	4.73	-.20	-4.1
AcmeU	16.52	-.64	-3.7
PhrmAth	2.06	-.08	-3.7

Diary

Advanced	245
Declined	130
Unchanged	16
Total issues	391
New Highs	19
New Lows	2
Volume	76,874,969

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	403969	3.93	+.06
CSVixSh rs	338562	4.26	-.54
Apple Inc	254346	110.96	+1.15
PwShs QQQ	237664	110.67	+1.79
eBay s	208608	25.43	+1.04

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GalmedPh	7.33	+2.27	+44.9
Momo	16.09	+4.05	+33.6
TokaiPhm	7.75	+1.90	+32.5
RaptorPhm	5.81	+1.14	+24.4
Conformis n	12.75	+2.14	+20.2

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SkySolar	4.46	-1.12	-20.1
ProUNShBio	26.77	-5.80	-17.8
Inventrgy rs	2.08	-.42	-16.8
CodeReb n	3.06	-.55	-15.2
Cree Inc	24.81	-4.24	-14.6

Diary

Advanced	1,983
Declined	780
Unchanged	196
Total issues	2,959
New Highs	41
New Lows	18
Volume	1,702,475,860

Allergan, Pfizer call off proposed $160B merger

By Linda A. Johnson
Bloomberg

The biggest U.S.-based drugmaker, Pfizer Inc., will stay put thanks to aggressive new Treasury Department rules that succeeded in blocking Pfizer from acquiring rival Allergan and moving to Ireland — on paper — to reduce its tax bill.

As analysts and investors had expected, the two companies called off the record $160 billion merger early Wednesday "by mutual agreement." Pfizer cited Treasury's new regulations, issued late Monday, to make such "tax inversions" less lucrative.

The merger would have moved Pfizer's address — but not its operations or headquarters — to Ireland, where it would pay far less in corporate taxes.

Pfizer Inc., based in New York, has agreed to pay Dublin-based Allergan PLC $150 million for reimbursement of its deal-related expenses.

The two drugmakers are far from dire straits as they contemplate next moves after the inversion's collapse. Both are profitable, have multiple lucrative franchises and strong pipelines of experimental drugs, and have enough cash to turn around and do another deal.

Pfizer had $23.3 billion in cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments available at the end of 2015, when it posted a profit of $9.1 billion on revenue of $49.6 billion.

Pfizer said in a statement that it will decide by year's end whether to separate its global established products business, which sells older, mostly off-patent drugs. It accounted for nearly half of Pfizer's sales and profit last year.

That statement could indicate Pfizer has given up on inversions and is "back to usual business once again," Bernstein analyst Dr. Timothy Anderson, who has pushed Pfizer for years to break up, wrote to investors Wednesday. He kept his "Buy" recommendation on Pfizer, adding, "We need a clearer vision of what 'Plan B' might be."

Nomura analyst Shibani Malhotra wrote that "current share prices do not represent Allergan's standalone value and (we) would be buyers here. Allergan offers some of the best, most durable assets in the sector, is run by an operationally strong, shareholder-focused management team, and has a solid mid-to-late stage pipeline that could deliver significant upside to Nomura's estimates.

Pfizer has endured years of relentless pressure from analysts and others to break up the company so growth and profits could accelerate. That's easier said than done, given Pfizer's huge scale, increasing pressure from insurers for bigger discounts and a revenue base that's been declining over the last several years as multiple blockbusters such as cholesterol drug Lipitor have lost billions in annual sales to much-cheaper generic copycats.

"We remain focused on continuing to enhance the value of our innovative and established businesses," Pfizer CEO Ian Read said in a statement.

"We believe our late-stage pipeline has several attractive commercial opportunities with high potential across several therapeutic areas," Read added. "We also maintain the financial strength and flexibility to pursue attractive business development and other shareholder-friendly capital allocation opportunities."

Allergan's CEO, Brent Saunders, said in a statement that his company is "disappointed that the Pfizer transaction" won't happen, adding that "Allergan is poised to deliver strong, sustainable growth."

"Allergan is focused on delivering growth from an efficient operating structure while also being committed to investing in R&D," Saunders said.

His company has scheduled a morning conference call to discuss its plans and answer questions.

Meanwhile, Allergan is still in the process of selling its generic drug business for $40 billion to Israel's Teva Pharmacuetical Industries Ltd., the world's top generic drugmaker. That deal may be delayed due to scrutiny from antitrust regulators in multiple countries.

Shares of both Pfizer and Allergan were up about 3 percent Wednesday morning after its announcement that the deal between them fell through.

The companies' decision could deter other tax inversions in the works — exactly the impact the Obama administration is seeking by having Treasury issue 300-plus pages of new regulations that remove or reduce key financial benefits of a tax inversion. Pfizer had expected to save hundreds of millions of dollars in U.S. taxes annually under its planned deal with Allergan.

Other health care companies have recently done or are planning inversions, including fellow drugmakers Baxalta Inc. of Bannockburn, Illinois, and Shire PLC of Ireland, which are planning a $32 billion inversion deal. Meanwhile, Medtronic PLC, which relocated from Minnesota to Dublin in January 2015 after buying fellow medical device maker Covidien for $42.9 billion, said in a statement that it had done a preliminary review of the new Treasury rules and concluded they wouldn't have a material effect on the company.

Stocks rise

U.S. stocks broke a two-day losing streak Wednesday as investors bought up drugmakers and other health care companies. Energy companies also jumped as the price of oil surged.

Biotech drug companies, which have been mired in a long slide, made their biggest gains in almost five years. That came after Pfizer, one of the largest pharmaceutical companies in the world, gave up on a plan to buy Botox maker Allergan for $160 billion and investors wondered if it will look elsewhere.

The gains were only enough to wipe out most of the market's losses from a day earlier. Stocks wavered in recent weeks as investors wait for quarterly earnings to start pouring in, and many are bracing for another shaky quarter.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 112.73 points, or 0.6 percent, to 17,716.05. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 21.49 points, or 1.1 percent, to 2,066.66. The Nasdaq composite index picked up 76.78 points, or 1.6 percent, to 4,920.72.

Pfizer and Allergan confirmed Wednesday that they are walking away from their proposed merger.

Gold falls

The price of gold fell $5.80 to $1,223.80 an ounce. Silver declined six cents to $15.05 an ounce. Copper inched up less than one cent to $2.14 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $11.75 Up 2.16

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $101.90 Up 4.42

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.22 Up 0.22

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $76.69 Up 2.89

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $0.99 Up 0.07

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $2.33 Up 0.04

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $20.88 Up 0.49

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $29.08 Up 1.49

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $5.38 Up 0.38

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $16.97 Down 0.03

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.92	17	38.64	-.07	+12.3
Abraxas	...	...	.94	+.05	-11.3
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	12.66	+.17	-1.3
Alcoa	.12	16	9.50	+.09	-3.7
Allergan			244.74	+8.19	-21.7
AlonUSA	.60	14	9.87	-.05	-33.5
Amgen	4.00	17	159.66	+6.71	-1.6
Anadarko	.20m	...	45.71	+1.61	-5.9
Apache	1.00	...	49.76	+2.43	+11.9
Apple Inc	2.08	12	110.96	+1.15	+5.4
ApldMatl	.40	19	21.06	+.11	+12.8
Archrock	.75f	...	7.02	+.38	-6.6
ATMOS	1.68f	24	73.48	+.27	+16.6
AutoData	2.12	29	90.84	+1.09	+7.2
BP PLC	2.40a	...	29.30	+.37	-6.3
BabsCCInv	1.20		16.97	+.10	-1.6
BakrHu	.68		42.83	+3.47	-7.2
BkofAm	.20	10	13.27	+.08	-21.2
B iPVixST			17.38	-1.20	-13.5
BarrickG	.08	48	13.97	-.04	+89.3
BasicEnSv			2.45	+.10	-8.6
Baxalta n	.28	...	40.65	+2.15	+4.2
BerkHa A	...	15	212990.00	+650.00	+7.7
BlkHillsCp	1.68f	39	58.30	+.04	+25.6
BrMySq	1.52f	48	66.54	+.78	-3.3
BrownFA	1.36f	33	105.03	-.78	-4.6
BrownFB	1.36f	30	98.19	+.03	-1.1
CVS Health	1.70f	21	103.39	+.21	+5.7
CalifResca	...	...	1.17	+.12	-49.8
Caterpillar	3.08	15	75.22	-.02	+10.7
Celestic g	...	13	10.98	+.10	-.5
CntryLink	2.16	20	32.49	+.39	+29.1
ChesEng	...	...	3.73	-.03	-17.1
Chevron	4.28	39	94.84	+2.17	+5.4
Chicos	.32f	45	12.61	...	+18.2
Cimarex	.32m	...	98.42	+3.49	+10.1
Cisco	1.04f	14	28.00	+.42	+3.9
Citigroup	.20	10	41.86	+.35	-19.1
ClayEng	...	...	11.75	+2.16	-60.3
CocaCola	1.40f	26	46.71	+.18	+8.7
ColgPalm	1.56f	26	71.41	+.27	+7.2
ConAgra	1.00	24	45.43	+.34	+7.8
ConchoRes	...	...	101.90	+4.42	+9.7
ConocoPhil	1.00m	...	40.75	+1.71	-12.7

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
CrackerB	4.40a	21	152.48	+2.40	+20.2
CSVelIVST			26.06	+1.64	+1.0
CSVLgCrd rs				20.40	+2.82
...					
CSVixSh rs	...	...	4.26	-.54	-31.9
Cree Inc			24.81	-4.24	-7.0
CrosTim	1.45e	10	15.16	+.20	+16.5
DCP Mid	3.12	29	26.18	+1.40	+6.1
DTE	2.92f	20	88.99	-.06	+11.0
Dataram h			.68	-.03	+3.0
DenburyR			2.23	+.22	+10.4
DevonE	.24m	...	27.56	+1.17	-13.9
DirDGldBr			3.10	-.02	-81.2
Disney	1.42f	18	97.48	+.48	-7.2
DowChm	1.84f	12	50.93	+.19	-1.1
eBay s		17	25.43	+1.04	-7.5
EOG Rescs	.67	...	71.22	+.68	+.6
EmpDist	1.04	26	33.22	...	+18.3
Energen	.08		37.06	+1.71	-9.6
EgyTrEq s	1.14f	6	6.94	+.49	-49.5
EngyTsfr	4.22f		31.33	+1.36	-7.1
EnPro	.84f	...	56.30	-.09	+28.4
EntProdPt	1.56f	19	24.25	+.39	-5.2
Ericsson	.43e		9.96	+.21	+3.6
ExxonMbl	2.92	22	83.31	+1.10	+6.9
Facebook	...	74	113.71	+1.49	+8.6
FordM	.60a	7	12.82	+.05	-9.0
FreeSea rs	...	...	.01	-.00	-98.6
FrptMcM	...	...	9.61	+.27	+41.9
GATX	1.60f	9	47.34	+.80	+11.3
GabMultT	.94e	...	7.16	+.08	-4.5
GAInv	1.15e	...	30.86	+.26	-3.4
GenElec	.92	...	30.90	-.08	-.8
GtPlainEn	1.05f	23	31.94	...	+17.0
Groupon	...	...	4.46	+.07	+45.3
HalconRs rs	...	...	.97	+.06	-23.0
Hallibrtn	.72	...	36.44	+2.04	+7.1
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	25.17	-.22	+21.7
iShJapan	.13e	...	11.07	+.18	-8.7
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	33.03	+.61	-6.4
iShEMkts	.84e	...	33.48	+.40	+4.0
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	56.22	+.90	-4.3
iShiBxHYB	5.09	...	81.55	+.68	+1.2
iShR2K	1.73e	...	110.17	+1.23	-2.2

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Intel	1.04	14	32.08	+.18	-6.9
InterDig	.80	17	54.92	+.39	+12.0
ItauUnibH	.45e		8.06	-.18	+24.0
JohnJn	3.00	18	109.42	+.47	+6.5
Keycorp	.30	10	10.99	+.19	-16.7
KimbClk	3.68f	39	137.27	+1.02	+7.8
KindMorg	.50m	27	17.60	+.59	+18.0
Kinross g	...		3.58	+.05	+96.7
LegacyRes	.60m		.99	+.07	-43.4
LinnEngy	...	...	.31	-.04	-75.7
Lubys	...	...	4.78	+.17	+6.9
MarathnO	.20m	...	11.02	+.39	-12.5
MktVGold	.12e	...	20.15	+.02	+46.9
McDnlds	3.56f	26	127.52	+.14	+7.9
Merck	1.84f	26	55.63	+1.39	+5.3
MeritMed	...	34	18.30	+.18	-1.6
MexcoEn		...	2.33	+.04	-28.0
MicronT	...	11	10.47	+.07	-26.1
Microsoft	1.44	35	55.12	+.56	-.6
Momo	...	...	16.09	+4.05	+.4
MorgStan	.60	8	24.42	+.04	-23.2
Nabors	.24	...	9.21	+.48	+8.2
NatGrid	3.35e	...	70.61	+.30	+1.5
NOilVarco	1.84	11	29.22	+.19	-12.8
NvMAd	.79a	...	14.54	+.03	+5.0
NvPMI	.78a	...	14.34	+.03	+5.0
NuvPI	.82a	...	14.67	-.02	+4.0
NSTFI3	.55a	...	14.97	-.06	+3.0
NTXQI	.65	...	14.99	+.01	+3.9
OasisPet	...	...	7.90	+.95	+7.2
OcciPet	3.00	53	70.12	+2.70	+3.7
PacSunw h	...	...	.10	+.02	-60.6
ParTech	...	...	6.33	+.10	-5.9
ParkDrl	...	...	2.16	+.06	+18.7
PattUTI	.40	...	17.02	+.62	+12.9
PennaRE	.84	...	22.17	+.34	+1.4
Prmian	.35e	17	6.08	+.02	+20.2
Petrobras	...	...	5.32	...	+23.7
Pfizer	1.20f	20	32.93	+1.57	+2.0
PhysRltTr	.90	...	18.34	-.12	+8.8
PioNtrl	.08	68	142.93	+1.89	+14.0
PlainsAAP	2.80	14	20.60	+.76	-10.8
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	110.67	+1.79	-1.1
Praxair	3.00f	21	113.28	+.29	+10.6
PrmEgy	...	16	33.39	...	-37.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PUVixST rs	...		18.68	-2.69	-34.1
PrUCrude rs			8.70	+.84	-30.6
ProctGam	2.65	28	83.81	+.65	+5.5
RangeRs	.08m		31.78	+.14	+29.1
RegionsFn	.24	12	7.81	+.15	-18.6
Rowan	.40	21	15.79	-.15	-6.8
RoyDShllA	3.76	72	47.67	+.95	+4.1
SpdrDJIA	3.98e		177.04	+1.22	+1.8
S&P500ETF	4.13e		206.42	+2.23	+1.3
SpdrBiot s	.44e		57.59	+3.78	-18.0
SpdrLehHY	2.30		34.12	+.25	+.6
SpdrOGEx	.73e		30.22	+.99	...
SabnR	2.36e	10	30.53	+.55	+16.3
SanderFm	.88a	13	94.29	+.90	+21.6
Schlmbrg	2.00	22	73.16	+.50	+4.9
SiriusXM	...	39	3.93	+.06	-3.6
Smucker	2.68	34	127.54	+1.53	+3.4
SwstnEngy	...		7.68	-.13	+8.0
Sprint			3.59	+.09	-.8
SP HlthC	1.01e	...	70.31	+1.84	-2.4
SP Engy	2.04e	...	61.50	+1.30	+2.0
SPDR Fncl	.46e		22.39	+.12	-6.0
SP Util	1.55e	...	48.61	-.06	+12.3
SunEdison	...		.37	+.11	-92.7
SunocoLog	1.92f	36	23.81	+.72	-7.4
TelefEsp	1.03e	...	10.39	+.19	-6.1

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Tesoro	2.00	6	82.27	-.44	-21.9
3M Co	4.44f	22	166.81	+1.00	+10.7
Torchmark	.56f	13	53.97	+.37	-5.3
Transocn	...	...	8.68	+.04	-29.9
TriContl	.82e	...	19.96	+.23	-.3
Twitter	...	...	17.26	+.21	-25.4
TylerTech	...	64	137.00	+3.39	-21.4
UBSI	1.32	18	35.93	+.53	-2.9
US OilFd		...	9.60	+.47	-12.7
USSteel	.20	...	16.80	+.56	+110.5
Vale SA	.29e	...	4.10	-.03	+24.6
ValeantPh		...	34.17	+5.44	-66.4
ValeroE	2.40f	7	61.68	-1.46	-12.8
VulcanM	.80f	61	106.66	+1.10	+12.3
WEC Engy	1.98f	25	58.81	-.17	+14.6
WPX Engy			6.84	+.50	+19.2
WalgBoots	1.44	25	83.69	+.33	-1.7
Weathfintl	...	...	7.10	-.06	-15.4
WellsFargo	1.50	12	48.08	+.57	-11.6
WstnRefin	1.52f	6	27.59	-.12	-22.5
WhitingPet	...	...	8.64	+.90	-8.5
WmsCos	2.56	77	15.49	+.68	-39.7
XcelEngy	1.36f	21	40.85	-.10	+13.8
Xerox	.31f	23	11.06	+.08	+4.0
Yahoo	...	...	36.66	+.25	+10.2
Zynga	...	...	2.40	+.10	-10.4

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,351.36	15,370.33	Dow Jones Industrials	17,716.05	+112.73	+.64	+1.67	-1.04
8,953.18	6,403.31	Dow Jones Transportation	7,753.88	-18.58	-.24	+3.27	-10.55
672.28	539.96	Dow Jones Utilities	656.16	-.39	-.06	+13.56	+11.32
11,254.87	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	10,159.85	+98.77	+.98	+.16	-7.91
5,231.94	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	4,920.72	+76.79	+1.59	-1.73	-.61
2,134.72	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,066.66	+21.49	+1.05	+1.11	-.73
1,551.28	1,215.14	S&P Midcap	1,436.78	+13.74	+.97	+2.73	-6.17
22,537.15	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	21,264.28	+227.55	+1.08	+.46	-3.78
1,296.00	943.09	Russell 2000	1,108.81	+12.96	+1.18	-2.38	-12.19

TODAY: Mostly sunny — High: 85 Low: 55
FRIDAY: Mostly cloudy — High: 78 Low: 54
SATURDAY: Partly sunny — High: 77 Low: 59
SUNDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 81 Low: 56
MONDAY: Sunny — High: 79 Low: 48
TUESDAY: Mostly Sunny — High: 74 Low: 50

Local forecast

The National Weather Service is calling for a chance of showers Friday through Sunday and again on Tuesday. There is a 20 percent chance of showers Friday night and Saturday. Expect wind gusts up to 25 mph all day Friday.

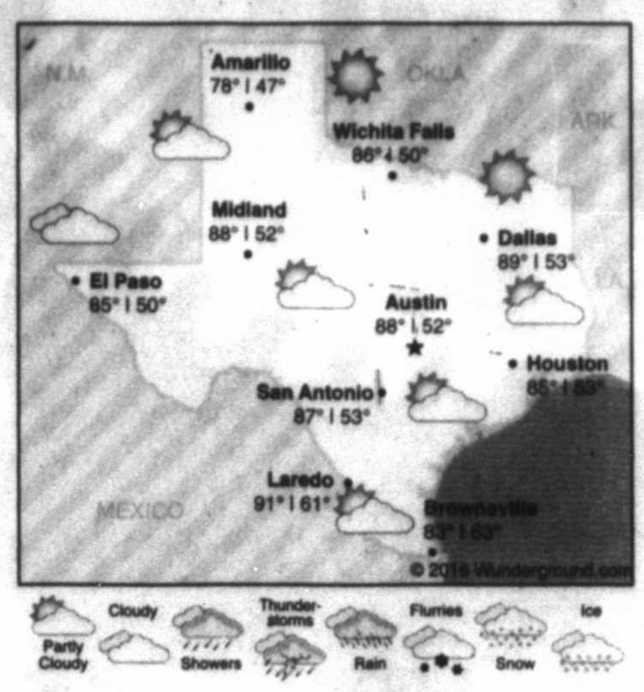
The record high for April 6 is 99 set in 1972. The record low is 25 set in 1936 and 1994. On April 6 of last year, the high was 86 and the low was 60.

Weather brief

Scientists blame El Nino, warming for 'gruesome' coral death

The coral on the sea floor around the Pacific island of Kiritimati looked like a boneyard in November — stark, white and lifeless. But there was still some hope.

This month, color returned with fuzzy reds and browns, but that's not good news. Algae has overtaken the lifeless coral on what had been some of the most pristine coral reefs on the planet, said University of Victoria coral reef scientist Julia Baum after dozens of dives in the past week. Maybe 5 percent will survive, she estimated.



Precipitation

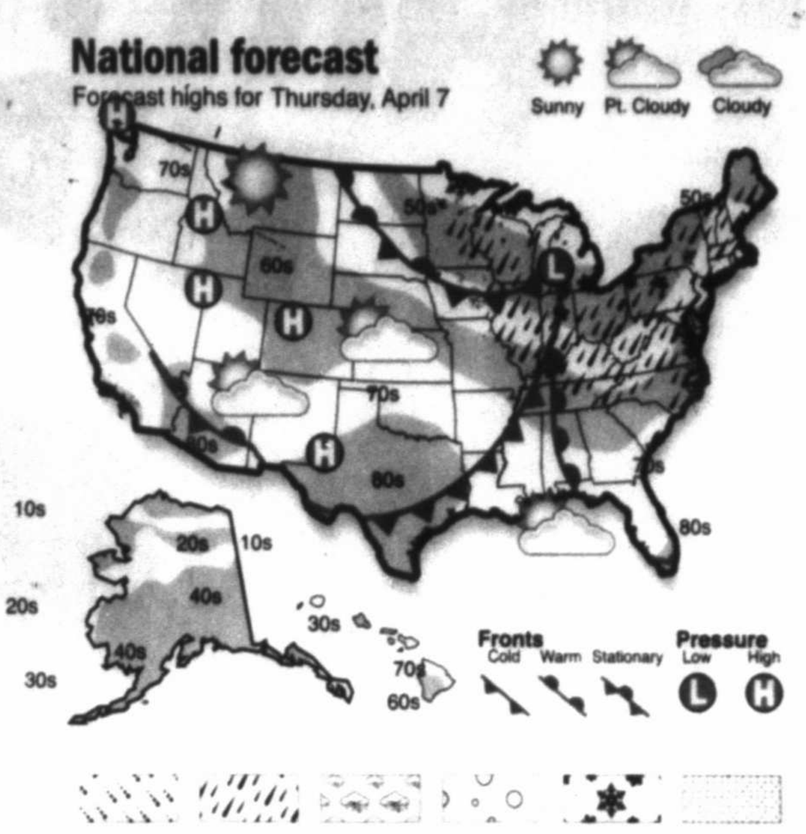
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.62 in.
Year total	1.44 in.
Normal total (year to date)	2.00 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	76
Low	51
Normal high	76
Normal low	46
Sunrise	7:29 a.m.
Sunset	8:13 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, April 7



Visiting relatives could pay dearly for generous hospitality

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: I'm wondering how to approach a situation following a visit with some relatives. We enjoyed a wonderful visit and they were very nice to put us up in their guest room. A few days into our stay, I woke up with strange and very itchy bites on my legs and shoulders. When I mentioned it to our host, she quickly supplied me with some itch cream and changed the subject.

After we returned home, we met a few of our relatives and they mentioned that this particular household was experiencing a bed bug problem. I was shocked and a little hurt that they didn't mention the infestation or warn us ahead of time.

We're in the process of making sure we didn't bring any of these critters home, but if we must hire an exterminator or replace furniture, we will be in a bind financially. What would be the proper way to address this, and should our host feel some responsibility for what costs we may have to incur? — ITCHY AND IRRITATED IN ILLINOIS

DEAR ITCHY: That these relatives would knowingly allow you to stay in a room they knew was infested with "critters" is appalling. Could they have been too embarrassed to speak up?

If you must replace rugs, mattresses, bedding, etc., ask them to reimburse you.

If they refuse, you could take them to small claims court and get a judgment IF you could prove you picked the bugs up there. But first you should let your relatives know that other family members told you about their "sin of omission."

In the future, if you plan to visit this couple again, stay elsewhere. Once bitten, twice shy.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to "George" for 20 years. We have a solid relationship except for one thing that drives me crazy: He insists on having his ex-wife cut his hair.

I have told him over and over that I really dislike it and I wish he would go elsewhere, but he refuses. Now he's going behind my back and waiting for me to notice that he's had a haircut. He used to at least tell me beforehand. It would take an entire column to describe her past behavior, but it's not all that different from many exes.

I think what he's doing is disrespectful to me.

I would never continue doing something he asked me not to if it bothered him. There are a lot of hairstylists in this town, and her haircuts aren't that great. Am I being unreasonable? — BOTHERED IN IDAHO

DEAR BOTHERED: Your husband has been doing this for 20 years and you are only writing to me about it now? Because it bothers you, the next time he goes over to get his hair cut, volunteer to go with him.

If you can't beat 'em, join 'em — and maybe get a manicure in the process.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, April 7, 2016:

This year your birthday falls on a New Moon, which signals a new beginning in at least one area of your life. You can direct this energy into the area in which you'd like to incorporate this type of change. Your creativity and charisma soar. Guard against being so excited that you become too me-oriented. If you are single, your magnetism attracts many potential suitors. Focus on what type of relationship you desire when making a choice. If you are attached, make it a point to relate more fully to your significant other. With all the activity going on around you, he or she might feel isolated and need to be drawn in. A fellow ARIES will be a very interesting person to deal with.

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Reach out to someone you really care for. Often this person can be difficult to handle. Make this effort, and expect surprises along the way. You'll have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make a new beginning in an area of your life. Tonight: Make this night yours.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You often keep your thoughts to yourself. This trait serves you well, as you are unlikely to say something you might regret. Sometimes your mind goes overboard when wondering about someone's intentions. This could be the case today. Tonight: Share with a close friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Zero in on what is important. You have a lot on your plate. You could be at a point where you will want to gather some friends for a brainstorming session. You might be surprised by what you hear, and you'll need to ask questions to test out ideas. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Know what you need to do. Honor someone else's opinion, but also realize that this person tends to be controlling. Don't hold that trait against him or her, but don't play into this behavior. In a discussion with an associate, you might be floored by what he or she says. Tonight: Up late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Be willing to take a leap of faith. You might perceive a matter in a very different light once you can see the big picture. Don't allow someone to drag you down. Detach with compassion and understanding. You don't need to get involved. Tonight: Opt for the unusual.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ A partner comes in a lot closer than you had anticipated, and you could experience discomfort as a result. Avoid manipulative behavior. Get together with a friend you really care about. You often can speak with this person on a deep level. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Someone comes forward to share what is going on in his or her head. You might have difficulty interacting with others who might be part of the package. Make that OK. You might want to observe an associate's response to these people. Tonight: Defer to others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Be more forthright. However you choose to deal with a personal matter will be the right move. Just realize your limitations. You have only so much time and energy to prioritize. Be much clearer about what you want and where you are going. Tonight: Pace yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ You might be full of ideas, but others don't seem to be on the same page as you. They are dealing with their own issues. You probably can't get a group together to discuss a certain issue at this moment in time. Tonight: Act as if it were the weekend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Most of the day's activity surrounds your personal life. You might decide to spend more time at home. You might have a project to deal with, or perhaps a domestic matter encourages you to say close to home. Follow through on what feels right. Tonight: Make it easy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Keep communication flowing in an efficient and powerful manner. The exchange of ideas encourages depth and mutuality between you and others. You will experience a new beginning as a result. Stay on top of a personal issue. Tonight: Opt for something fun.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Be aware of what is happening around a loved one. You have a way of looking at a personal matter that invigorates others, partially because it reflects your authentic self. Make an effort to listen more carefully. Act on a long-term desire. Tonight: You are all smiles.

BORN TODAY

Guitarist John Oates (1949), actor James Garner (1928), singer Billie Holiday (1915)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Double end-play

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ K Q 10 2
♡ J 6 3 2
◇ K 7 5
♣ 7 5

WEST
♠ 8 4
♡ 10 5
◇ 8 4 2
♣ K Q J 8 4 3

EAST
♠ J 9 7 6
♡ Q 9 7 4
◇ A Q J 3
♣ 6

SOUTH
♠ A 5 3
♡ A K 8
◇ 10 9 6
♣ A 10 9 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2	Pass	3NT	All pass

Opening lead: King of ♣

South allowed the king of clubs lead to hold the trick. West would have done well to find a diamond shift, but he reasonably continued with the queen of clubs. It was possible, from his point of view, that East held the 10-9-6 of clubs and one more club lead would establish his suit.

South won the second club and continued with the 10 of clubs, discarding a heart from dummy. East discarded a low diamond and a low heart. West found the diamond shift at this point, but it was too late. South ducked this to East's jack and East was end-played for the first time. He chose to lead a heart, which ran to dummy's jack. Declarer cashed the ace and king of hearts, leaving this position:

NORTH
♠ K Q 10 2
♡ Void
◇ K 7
♣ Void

WEST
♠ 8 4
♡ Void
◇ 8 4
♣ 8 4

EAST
♠ J 9 7 6
♡ Void
◇ A Q
♣ Void

SOUTH
♠ A 5 3
♡ Void
◇ 10 9
♣ 9

South now cashed the nine of clubs, discarding a low diamond from dummy. East had no good discard and chose to shed the queen of diamonds. Declarer led a diamond to the king and ace, end-playing East for the second time. East had to lead a spade and give declarer four spade tricks. East was wishing he had stayed in bed.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Regular patterns
7 Mass robes
11 __ time
14 Madrid-based airline
15 Bantu language
16 Keats' "still unravish'd bride of quietness"
17 "Big-time
19 Barnyard noise
20 Topeka-to-Peona dir.
21 Spiny houseplant
22 Rwandan ethnic group
23 Reporter's query
25 Pundits
27 Baseball commissioner before Manfred
28 "May I get a word in?"
30 "Local legend sought in a 1999 horror film
32 Round building
33 Thumbs-up
34 Low-tech propeller
35 Most swanky
37 Whistleblower's request
41 __ card
42 Ancient greeting
43 1986 #1 hit for Starship
44 "Oatmeal sweetener
48 Bamboozle
49 Sri __
50 Pretend
52 MD for women
53 Old French coins
54 Cantina crock
55 Something to come up for
57 St. whose motto is "Forward"
58 "She voiced Princess Fiona in "Shrek" movies
62 Press into service
63 Cries of clarity
64 Very cold period
65 Brit. leaders, the last four of whom begin the answers to starred clues
66 Bakery output
67 Parable feature

DOWN

1 Finger-pointing pronoun
2 Its first champion was the Pitt. Pipers
3 Decorates, as a royal crown
4 Waffle __
5 Flags
6 Tessio in "The Godfather"
7 Rhododendron varieties
8 Star of "Dracula" (1931)
9 Risqué
10 Seek damages
11 Ruckus
12 Hot
13 Just the right amount
18 Aerie fledgling
22 Many a soap heroine
23 Briefcase fastener
24 Where Lima is
26 Deep gulfs
27 Adult cygnet
29 Mostly-shaved-head hairstyles
31 Classical guitar family name
36 Volcano near Catania
37 Online icon
38 Fruity wine drinks
39 City fooled by a horse
40 Betray boredom
42 Not ephemeral
44 Hit the roof
45 "To Kill a Mockingbird" theme
46 Burdens
47 Tracey of sketch comedy
51 '30s V.P. John __ Garner
54 Pearl Harbor site
56 March time?
58 Hailed transport
59 Wildcatter's find
60 In times past
61 __ master

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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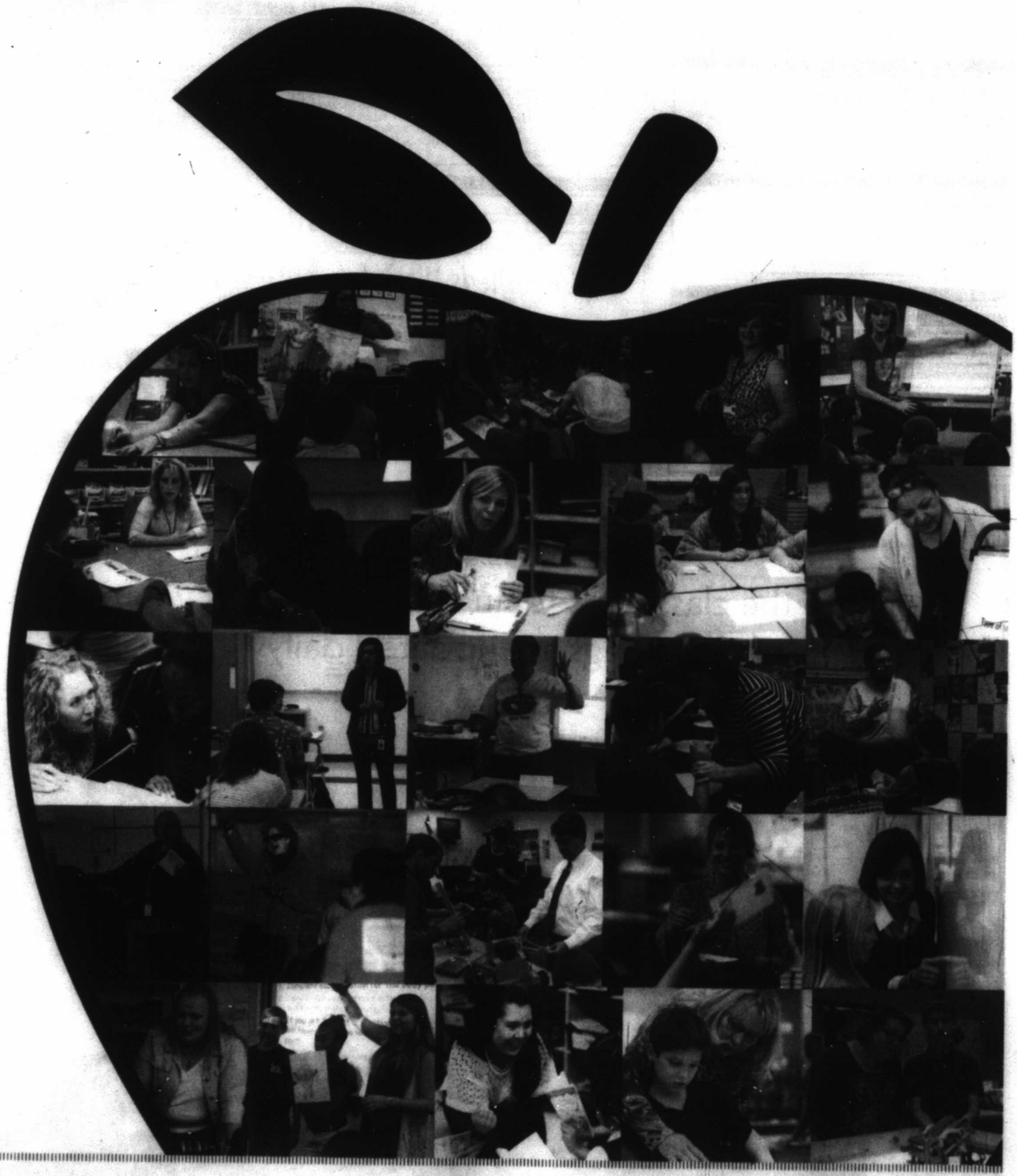

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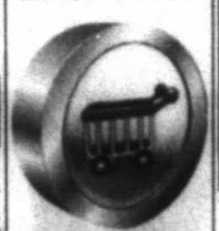

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Contents of unit(s):

AUCTION INFORMATION: Thursday, April 14, 2016 @ 1:00 PM

UNIT #	TENANT	DESCRIPION OF PROPERTY:
464	Meagan Epley	Boxes of winter clothes, gardening tools, and misc. boxes

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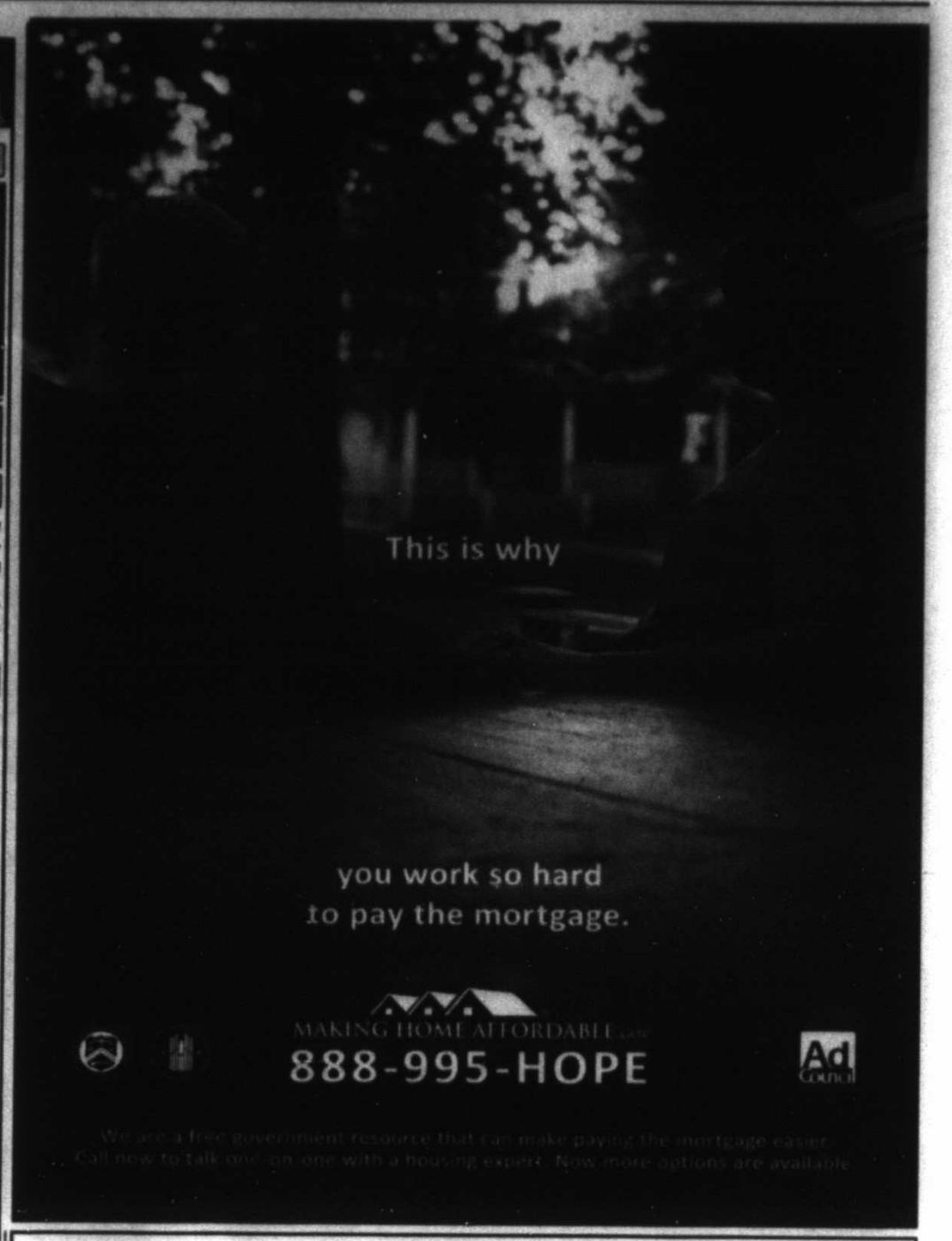

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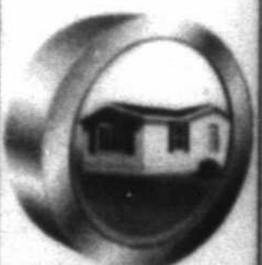

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STEM ON THE ROAD

Can we make cleaner cars?

It takes energy to move something. In early days, people used their own human energy to move things. It was tough!

Eventually, carts and wagons were hitched to horses and oxen. Animal energy was great!

Over time, people invented ways to generate energy to move vehicles by burning coal and gasoline.

Coal and gas are **fossil fuels**. But fossil fuels have a couple of problems. They cause pollution and someday the world may run out of these resources.

How many water drops can you find on this Kid Scoop page?

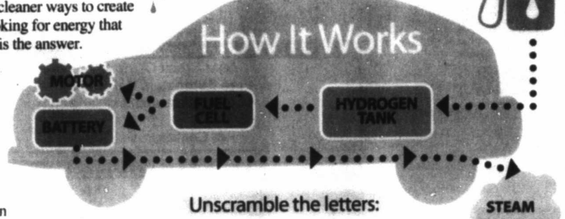
What's Next?

Today, scientists are looking for new, cleaner ways to create energy to move vehicles. They are looking for energy that won't run out. Many think **hydrogen** is the answer.

Hydrogen is a molecule that when combined with oxygen molecules makes energy.

Hydrogen fuel can power cars in a way that's better for the environment.

Keep reading your newspaper for updates about this exciting technology!



Unscramble the letters:

The exhaust produced by a hydrogen-powered car is

RAEWT ARVOP

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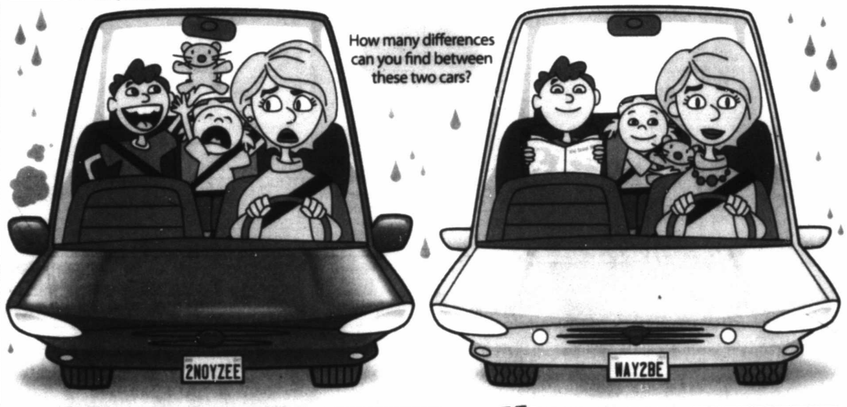
Extra! Extra! Word Combos

Look through the newspaper to find words that can be combined to make a new word. For example:

sun + shine = sunshine

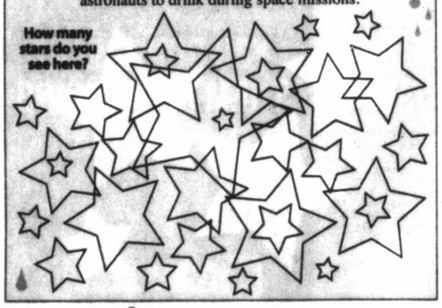
Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.



Kid Scoop Puzzler

NASA uses hydrogen fuel in space for a special process to make electricity from hydrogen. The byproduct of this process is water. This provides water for NASA astronauts to drink during space missions.

How many stars do you see here?



Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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MOLECULE
COMBINED
VEHICLES
REACTION
PRODUCE
OXYGEN
ENERGY
WATER
POWER
MOVE
BURN
DAYS
CAR
AIR

D	S	E	L	C	I	H	E	V	H
E	L	U	C	E	L	O	M	Y	E
N	R	U	B	O	C	L	D	E	N
I	M	E	A	X	R	R	N	C	E
B	S	O	E	Y	O	E	R	U	R
M	Y	R	V	G	P	T	W	D	G
O	A	O	E	E	R	A	W	O	Y
C	D	N	E	N	I	W	R	R	P
N	O	I	T	C	A	E	R	P	S

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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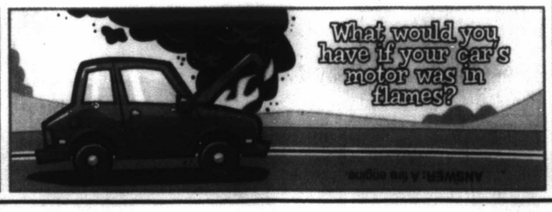
Estimation

Find an interesting ad in today's newspaper. Estimate how many ads of that size can fit on the page. Then, measure to find the exact answer. How close was your estimation?

Standards Link: Math: Estimation.



Weekly Writing Corner

FASTEST EVER

The Border collie is a medium sized dog that is very athletic, highly intelligent and has plenty of energy. This breed is extremely driven, loyal and hard working or playing. A border collie is a herding dog. This active dog is noted for its speed and agility. The Border collie runs 20 to 30 miles an hour while twisting and turning to keep sheep together or while racing an obstacle course. The Border collie learning new skills, and understands over 200 words.

Miller McConaughey, 4th grade, St Ann's

I think one of the fastest machines is a car. My first fact is it runs on gas. My second fact is it has some passenger sights. My third fact is that is has airbags so when you crash it will blow up like a balloon in your face. I do not like air bags. Here is an opinion, I like cars because cars take you places like to the mall.

Brianna Sanchez, 4th grade, St Ann's

A race car is a fast machine. First fact is, it's very fast. Second fact is, the bigger the engine, the faster the car. Third fact is, race cars need to have their tiers changed often. My opinion is they are dangerous.

Jordyn Pinones, 4th grade, St Ann's

I think a Bugatti is the fastest car ever. A Bugatti can go 268 mph. The Bugatti Veyron Super Sport hold the business World Record for fastest car. The new Bugatti Chiron is going to be faster. The Bugatti Veyron is designed in Germany and manufactured in France.

Sebastian Lopez, 4th grade, St Ann's

I think lions are beautiful animals but they are very fast and dangerous. Lions can chase their prey at 50 miles per hour. Lions are the second largest biggest species. Lions in the wild live for around 12 years. Female lions are better hunters than male lions. I like to go see the lion exhibits at the zoo.

Lucie Heimmermann, 4th grade, St Ann's

I think a microwave is fast. Usually ovens do not cook fast but microwaves can cook fast. Microwaves are meant to make some stuff easier to cook. Most people have a microwave in their house. But microwaves can't cook big feast, you can only cook small foods like popcorn, baked potatoes, mashed potatoes, or just to warm up cold food. I think microwaves are the fastest cooking machine.

Alyssa Urbina, 4th grade, St Ann's

A cougar is one of the fastest animal on earth. It could run at 30 miles in 1 hour and their blaek in color. And I think I the little ones are cute.

- Bella Campos, 4th grade, St Ann's

Write On!

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