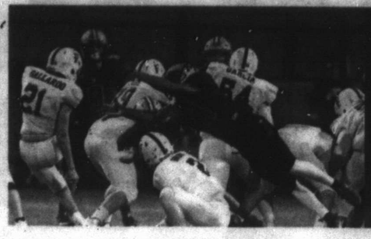
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A NEW ERA BEGINS

For the first time since 2002, Craig Yenzer won't be leading the Bulldogs' program as head coach when Midland High hits Memorial Field to begin four weeks of spring football at 5:30 p.m. today.

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4B campaign reports spending nears $70K

From staff reports

The campaign seeking a parks transformation in Midland ratcheted up its spending heading to election day, which is Saturday.

The 4B tax campaign "Imagine it, Live it, Pass it on" reported last week spending more than $31,000 during the period from March 28 through April 26, according to campaign finance reports filed Friday with the City Secretary's Office.

The spending raises the total political expenditures during the campaign to more than $68,000. The campaign reported having $6,203.99 in reserves. The campaign reported no contributions during the period.

Early voting information

See early voting numbers from this election.

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It had raised $75,000 during the first two reporting periods.

The campaign heads into the final stretch with the last two days of early voting — today and Tuesday.

Spending during the most recent period again focused on two entities — SDB Creative Group and CRM Publishing. The campaign spent more than $29,000 with SDB and around $2,500 with CRM Publishing. Expenditures with SDB went toward marketing through "social media" and "MRT Internet"; the latter was estimated at $3,000. Total spending with SDB Creative Group was around $48,515.

Total spending with CRM Publishing topped $17,000. During the recent period, expenditures went for "fact sheets, brochures, post cards and yard signs."

Contributions did not include four different video advertisements at the Security Bank Ballpark during the most recent Midland RockHounds homestand. Midland Sports Inc. officials told the Reporter-Telegram last week that it showed one advertisement during four different games. The advertising was not purchased by the campaign and was not directed by anyone with the city.

City of Midland staff said last week that no more ads would be shown at Scharbauer Sports Complex stadiums since that would require using city resources to promote the campaign.

Campaign officials did expect in-kind contributions to be reported on the next finance report, which will be due after the election.

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HOME HONORS MORELAND



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Descendents of Clark Moreland, County commissioner for Precinct 3 from 1960-72, stand near a Habitat for Humanity home under construction in his honor on South Tilden Street, on Saturday. The family has sponsored the home and is assisting in its construction. Moreland was Precinct 3 county commissioner between 1960 and 1972 and served the area where the Habitat home is being built. He chose that area, according to a Habitat press release, after the U.S. Supreme Court decision Avery vs. Midland County in 1968 expanded Precinct 3.

School vouchers, rising in many GOP states, flounder in Texas

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Gary VanDeaver describes himself as a conservative less than a minute into many conversations. The Texas state representative blames "unelected federal judges" for imposing gay marriage on America and has been endorsed by pro-life groups and the National Rifle Association.

But when it comes to one centerpiece conservative initiative — allowing tax-subsidized vouchers for students to enroll in private schools — VanDeaver says absolutely no way.

"In my district, public school is the community," said VanDeaver, of New Boston, a town about 25 miles from the Arkansas border where the Lions high school football stadium has 3,500 seats, nearly enough for every resident.

"If we do anything to pull those students away, then we're harming those communities," said VanDeaver, 58, after joining an overwhelming majority of the GOP-dominated state House this month to reject school vouchers.

With Republicans controlling two-thirds of state legislatures, as well as the White House and Congress, expectations among conservatives are soaring that the time for a "school choice" revolution has finally arrived — that vouchers will become available widely rather than only in limited experiments. President Donald Trump even included $1.4 billion in federal funding for school choice in his proposed budget.

Nationally, 27 states now permit public money to flow to private schools, and expansive proposals are making headway in many statehouses. Arizona recently approved them for all students, which supporters say will force schools to be more competitive and give families more freedom.

But Texas is resisting, not only dragging its feet but actively combatting the movement. The House has defeated voucher plans in the last three sessions and helped derail 50-plus since the 1990s.

Texas is one of just seven states with Republican-controlled Legislatures and governorships that have stonewalled private school choice — and many others are small and rural, such as North Dakota and Wyoming.

Leaders of the school choice movement are stumped by the rebuff since Texas usually leads the nation in driving the conservative agenda. They have vowed to spend money and recruit primary challengers to defeat anti-school choice legislators.

"Texas is hailed to be this conservative, deep red state but you look across the country where we have school choice programs and it's places like Indiana and Ohio and Wisconsin," said Randan Steinhauser, co-founder of the pro-school choice group Texans for Education Opportunity. "It's really frustrating."

Steinhauser worked in Washington for Betsy DeVos, the outspoken school choice advocate who is now Trump's education secretary. She thought she could advance the cause after returning to her native state four years ago: "I was kind of naive thinking, 'Oh yeah, we'll get it done, no problem,'" Steinhauser said. "I was shocked."

The issue lays bare the ideological split between a high-profile tier of conservative activists and more traditional Republicans seeking to safeguard heartland values.

Republicans from rural districts are worried about the dwindling of many small towns, and fearful of undermining public schools that are top employers and the social and cultural lifeblood of community life. On school choice votes, they join forces with Democrats supporting public teachers unions.

School choice advocates say they understand that vouchers will be a tougher sell in rural states and communities where

Please see VOUCHERS/3A

MPD chief: Officers will be held accountable

■ Appropriate action will be taken if an officer conducts 'themselves in a manner that is inconsistent with the general orders or laws,' Robinson says

By Stewart Doreen
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It has been a tough 10 months for the Midland Police Department.

Last week, the department confirmed the resignation of a third officer since September. MPD reported that Leroy "Alex" Granado resigned in March after making inappropriate and unwanted comments to a woman in December.

The case included making calls to a complainant from an "unrestricted number," making advances on the complainant (including telling the woman he wanted to hug her), wanting to meet up with the woman while on duty, failing to advise dispatch of his locations and not activating his MPD-issued recording devices, even during a meeting that was arranged by Granado to discuss particulars of a case involving the complainant's husband.

MPD determined that two days was a proper suspension for using poor judgment and acting unprofessional during his unnecessary contacts with the complainant.

Granado is the third officer to resign since September. Nathan Garcia resigned after an intoxication arrest in September, and Sgt. Guadalupe Bretado resigned in January after being arrested on an assault charge.

The department also has been impacted by the judgment of an officer who was severely injured in a high-pursuit crash that never should have taken place. Jacob Churchwell's high-speed pursuit in October that resulted in the officer reportedly suffering fractured vertebrae took place because he was "in oversight" of the department's general orders, according to MPD.

With four events in a short period of time, the Reporter-Telegram reached out to Midland Police Chief Price Robinson with questions about the incident involving Granado, his punishment and the release of information involving police offers who have been sanctioned or who have resigned. We also asked whether these incidents were a result of MPD leadership or training techniques.

MRT: Would the police officer who resigned (Granado) have been fired or would police have gone with the two-day suspension as his PD punishment?

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11 killed by storms and flooding in South and Midwest

Associated Press

CANTON — At least 11 people have been killed by tornadoes or flooding in the South and Midwest by a storm that also dumped a rare late-season blizzard in western Kansas on Sunday.

Tornadoes hit several small towns in East Texas, killing four people. Three people were killed by flooding and winds in Arkansas, with officials saying two more people are missing. Rushing water swept away a car, drowning a woman in Missouri; and a death was reported in Sunday morning storms that raked Mississippi.

Flooding closed part of Interstate 44 near Hazelgreen, Missouri, and officials expected it would be at least a day before the highway reopened. Interstate 70 in western Kansas was closed because crews were waiting for snow falling at 3 to 4 inches an hour being blown by 35 mph winds to subside.

An Arkansas volunteer fire department chief was killed while working during storms in north-central Arkansas, state police said.

Cove Creek/Pearson Fire Chief Doug Decker died shortly before 4 a.m. Sunday after being struck by a vehicle while checking water levels on Highway 25 near Quitman, about 40 miles (64 kilometers) north of Little Rock. Trooper Liz Chapman said. It wasn't known if he will be included as a storm-related death, she said.

A 2-year-old girl in Tennessee died after being struck by a heavy, metal soccer goal post that was blown over by high winds. The Metro Nashville Police Department posted on its Twitter page on Sunday evening.

Melanie Espinoza Rodriguez was transported to a local hospital where she was pronounced dead, according to a second post from the department.

Middle Tennessee was hit by a strong line of storms that knocked down trees and power lines earlier Sunday.

Rescuers in northwest Arkansas continued Sunday to look for an 18-month-old girl and a 4-year-old boy who were in a vehicle swept off a bridge by floodwaters in Hindsville, the Madison County Sheriff's Office said.

In northwest Arkansas, a 10-year-old girl drowned in Springdale and the body of a woman who disappeared riding an inner tube Saturday was found in a creek in Eureka Springs. Also, a 65-year-old woman in DeWitt in the eastern part of the state was struck and killed in her home by a falling tree, officials said. In Texas, search teams were going door to door Sunday after the tornadoes the day before flattened homes, uprooted trees and flipped several pickup trucks at a Dodge dealership in Canton.

"It is heartbreaking and upsetting to say the least," Canton Mayor Lou Ann Everett told reporters at a news conference Sunday morning. The storms cut a path of destruction 35 miles long and 15 miles wide in Van Zandt County, Everett said. The largely rural area is about 50 miles east of Dallas. The National Weather Service found evidence of four tornadoes with one twister possibly on the ground for 50 miles.

The first reports of tornadoes came about 4:45 p.m. Saturday, but emergency crews were hampered by continuing severe weather, said Judge Don Kirkpatrick, the chief executive for Van Zandt County.

"We'd be out there working and get a report of another tornado on the ground," he said.

The storms rolled through Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama on Sunday with strong winds causing isolated pockets of damage. In Durant in central Mississippi on person died in the storms. The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency didn't give details.

Alexa Haik went to bed Saturday night expecting just rain, but heard the sirens Sunday morning and turned on the television to see the tornado warning. She rounded up her pets and hid in a hallway with her family, then was stunned to emerge to trees down all in her neighborhood in Clinton, Mississippi, about 20 miles west of Jackson.

A trip up the road showed how isolated the worst of the storms were. "I really thought when we got out of our neighborhood, there would be damage everywhere. But our little subdivision was the only one hit," Haik said.

Near Clever in southwestern Missouri, a man tried to save his 72-year-old wife from floodwaters that swept away their vehicle Saturday, but her body was found when the water receded, the Missouri State Highway Patrol said.

A second death from weekend flooding was announced Sunday by Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens but he did not release any details about the victim or the circumstances of the death.



Sarah A. Miller/Tyler Morning Telegraph via AP

Debris lies on the ground Sunday in Canton. Severe storms including tornadoes swept through several small towns in East Texas, killing several and leaving a trail of overturned vehicles, mangled trees and damaged homes, authorities said Sunday.

STATEBRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

2 dead as chartered bus with athletes crashes

DELL CITY — Texas Department of Public Safety authorities say two people are dead after a head-on crash involving a pickup truck and a chartered bus carrying 34 coaches and athletes from seven El Paso high schools returning home from a regional track meet in Lubbock. El Paso Independent School District officials identified one of the victims as a coach, 48-year-old Arcadio Duran Jr., from Irvin High School. Seventeen others aboard the bus were hospitalized with injuries considered not life threatening.

CAMPAIGN

From 1A

Political contributions apparently weren't an issue for the campaign. Friends of Midland Soccer, a nonprofit, had contributed a total of $75,000 during previous reporting periods. According to the Internal Revenue Service website, "501(c)(3) organizations are absolutely prohibited from directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for elective public office."

Campaign officials said this does not impact Friends of Midland Soccer because, according to the campaign, Friends of Midland Soccer is not contributing to a candidate. Friends of Midland Soccer on its 2014 IRS 990 Form reported net assets of $739,483. It was created to assist in the development of athletic facilities for youths participating in organized community soccer games in Midland, according to the 990 Form.

Campaign Finance report from the 4B election (March 28 through April 26)

Total political contributions:	$0
Total political expenditures:	$31,720.35
Total political contributions maintained as of the last day of the reporting period:	$6,209.99

Expenditures

SDB Creative Group	$19,925
SDB Creative Group	$5,000
SDB Creative Group	$4,200
CRM Publishing	$1,144.79
CRM Publishing	$1,071.68
CRM Publishing	$376.88

What to watch: Was 'sanctuary cities' vote a Straus rebuke?

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

"Speaker Straus has always believed it is up to each member to decide how to vote in the best interest of his or her district."

Jason Embry, Straus spokesman

AUSTIN — Was the Texas House "sanctuary cities" debate a defeat for Speaker Joe Straus?

The passage of the bill requiring local police to help enforce federal immigration policy was a slam dunk for Republicans like Straus. But, in committee, the House had moved to soften a stricter measure approved previously by the state Senate that mandated that police only inquire about someone's immigration status after an arrest rather than after being just detained, which can include routine interactions like traffic stops.



Straus

During 16 tense, sometimes tearful hours of floor debate last week, though, a key modification was approved moving the House version closer to what came out of the Senate. Authored by Rep. Matt Schaefer of Tyler, a leading conservative voice, the change was approved despite the bill's sponsor, Rep. Charlie Geren, and another top Straus lieutenant, Rep. Byron Cook, urging fellow Republicans to reject it.

"Speaker Straus has always believed it is up to each member to decide how to vote in the best interest of his or her district," said Straus spokesman Jason Embry.

Backing what opponents call the "show your papers" provision may say more about GOP lawmaker fears of appearing soft on immigration and facing 2018 Republican primary challenges than rebuking Straus. But it was his second setback of sorts in as many weeks.

The other came when tea party House Republicans attached language to a bill on statewide regulation of ride-hailing services like Uber and Lyft that could supersede local ordinances in Austin and elsewhere.

The change in the ride-hailing bill now defines "sex" as the "physical condition of being male or female." That's an indirect reference to the Legislature's hotly debated transgender "bathroom bill" — a separate piece of legislation which Straus has repeatedly opposed.

Straus is far from facing a House mutiny like the one that felled his predecessor, Speaker Tom Craddick in 2007. He's crushed past, conservative activist-backed primary opponents in his San Antonio district and was re-elected unanimously to a record-tying fifth term as speaker to start the session. The House, meanwhile, has yet to pass the "bathroom bill," meaning Straus still has leverage over one of Texas' most closely watched issues. Still, it's a hint that Straus' traditional role as a moderate hand keeping the Legislature from drifting harder right may be facing more dissention than usual.

Here are some other issues to watch this week in the Texas Legislature:

Guns in school parking lots

A bill allowing concealed carry permit holders to have guns in their locked cars parked outside schools could be approved for a House floor vote soon.

The bipartisan proposal is aimed at teachers who want to keep guns in their cars. State law bans guns on school grounds, at least for now.

The House Public Education Committee has heard the bill and a vote sending it to the full chamber could come this week.

Immigrant detention child care

A Senate bill that would classify immigration detention centers as child care facilities may have new life.

The proposal had stalled in committee but was approved last week after a change that makes it expire after two years. It's now eligible for a floor vote, though the timing is uncertain.

The bill would allow immigration lockups to hold parents and their children together for longer periods, something the Trump administration has committed to doing. Its most vocal proponent is GEO Group, the nation's second-largest private prison company, which operates a major family immigration detention center in Texas.

Open records bills

Two bills approved by the Senate and designed to rollback Texas Supreme Court rulings that advocates say weakened open record laws have yet to hit the House floor — and the clock is ticking.

One proposal mandates that governmental entities disclose contracts and other bidding process agreements. That would effectively undo the "Boeing decision" in 2016, when the court ruled that such records didn't have to be made public.

A second softens a 2015 ruling which allowed fully or partially publicly funded entities to keep secret how they spend public money.

Both remain stuck in the House Government Transparency and Operation Committee. Supporters worry they may not pass the committee, and the full House, with the May 29 end of the legislative session now looming.

MPD

From 1A

Robinson: The investigation you received the summary for was completed, and Granado received a two-day suspension without pay as a result of that investigation. He later resigned.

MRT: Is a two-day suspension for what amounts to stalking an appropriate punishment for an MPD officer?

Robinson: Under the Texas Penal Code, stalking is committed if someone engages in conduct that threatens bodily injury or death, or that an offense will be committed against the other person's property. A suspension of two days without pay was determined by those involved in the investigation to be appropriate for conduct unbecoming of an officer and failure to notify dispatch upon self-initiated field activity. The discipline that is used following each investigation is handled on a case-by-case basis.

MRT: Have there been other examples in the last 18 months that police officers or employees been disciplined for using their equipment, their access to information or their position as police officials to harass residents, as was the case with Granado. If so, how many and can you provide a list of those incidents and their respective punishments?

Robinson: There has been one other where an officer initiated two calls in an attempt to talk to the father of a former girlfriend. That officer received a suspension of two days without pay for conduct unbecoming.

MRT: Is it a crime for a policeman to use PD equipment, information they obtained only because they are law enforcement officers and his/her status as a police officer to harass residents, including in a sexual nature? That aspect seems to go beyond conduct unbecoming. If not, why?

Robinson: There were no crimes found to have been committed in this investigation; only violations of general orders.

MRT: Why, considering the offense and its connection to the public, was the decision made to not release something about the police officer's resignation when it took place.

Robinson: The police department's current practice is to release information regarding any arrest of an officer. Granado resigned after he had served his suspension. We do not release information when an employee resigns from the department.

MRT: There seems to be inconsistency in policy about when PD releases information regarding an employee's resignation or investigation results. Twice in the last nine months PD chose to release information quicker (for Guadalupe Bretado and the policeman (Churchwell) that didn't follow police orders during a chase that resulted an accident and long-term injuries). Twice, it appears it was't until media requests that the resignation of two officers was announced.

The question here is why were these handled differently in terms of getting information out to the public?

Robinson: Bretado was arrested, so a release was sent out. The police department's current practice is to release information regarding any arrest of an officer. As for the pursuit you mentioned, that information was released to the Midland Reporter-Telegram upon request.

MRT: Is there an issue with MPD leadership or training currently taking place that police officers are acting in a way that is disrespectful of the position they hold and the community they serve? If not, why is happening now?

Robinson: Toward the end of the hiring process, I meet with each officer for a brief interview. Of the things discussed, I emphasize the importance of their conduct both on and off duty. I also emphasize the importance of treating people with respect, no matter their age, sex, or race. I had this discussion with Granado when he was hired. Regarding training, each officer hired is given a thorough review of the department's general orders and is then tested over what they learned. Lastly, each employee has a "blue card" which contains the department's mission statement, vision, and core values. Those core values are professionalism, integrity, respect, accountability, and vigilance. The employee and his or her supervisor review these core values annually as part of their evaluation process.

This is not a leadership issue. Nor is it an MPD issue or a training issue. This is a people issue. Granado knew right from wrong and he admitted his wrongdoing during the investigation. Our supervisors do a great job of making officers aware of the general orders they must follow. If officers choose to conduct themselves in a manner that is inconsistent with the general orders or laws, they will be held accountable and the appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.

WORD OF THE DAY
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Onerous
[on-er-uh s, oh-ner-]
adjective
1. burdensome, oppressive, or troublesome; causing hardship.



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Things to do

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

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

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

Community calendar

An active-shooter drill is planned for Thursday at Midland Memorial Hospital. Agencies involved in the exercise are Midland County Hospital District Police Department, Midland Fire Department, Midland County Office of Emergency Management and Crane Police Department.

The drill is set to begin at 1:30 p.m. and end by 4 p.m., according to a press release from MMH.

Early voting for 4B continues

Early voting
■ **When:** 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. today and Tuesday
■ **Where:** Elections Office, County Annex Building, 2110 N. "A" St.
■ **Note:** Election Day is Saturday. Times and voting centers will be published in future editions. For a sample ballot, polling locations and other information, please visit the Elections Office's website — www.co.midland.tx.us/elections.

Five-day total: 2,733 voters (2,689 in person, 44 by mail)

In person voting by day

Sept. 24	338
Sept. 25	600
Sept. 26	525
Sept. 27	593
Sept. 28	633

Meetings

Midland Development Corp.
■ 10 a.m.
■ City Hall basement
■ 300 N. Loraine Ave.

Planning and Zoning Commission
■ 3:30 p.m.
■ City Council Chambers, City Hall
■ 300 N. Loraine Ave.

What's on the radio

News talk
■ KCRS (AM 550)
Local programming
6-9 a.m. The Morning Drive with Kris Moore
5-6 p.m. Local News with KOSA

■ KWEL (AM 1070, FM 107.1)
Local programming
6-10 a.m. The Morning Show with Craig Anderson
1 p.m. One-on-One w/ R.J. Pase

Other options
■ Sport talk: KMND (AM 1510)
■ Contemporary Christian: KFRI (FM 88.7), KLJW (FM 90.5)
■ NPR: KXWT (FM 91.3)

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital offers a nurse triage program "68-NURSE."

The program is designed to help people determine whether their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

The program is free and available 24 hours a day-365 days a year. Local nurses are available to help you determine the best place to receive care for your situation. 68-NURSE can help you save time and money by directing you to the most appropriate healthcare option, whether it's a neighborhood clinic, urgent care center, emergency room ... or just staying home.

When it's open

Midland County Tax Assessor/ Collector
■ 2110 N "A" St.
■ 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, Friday
■ 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday
■ 688-4810

Midland Central Appraisal District
■ 4631 Andrews Highway
■ 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
■ Monday through Friday
■ 699-4991

Department of Public Safety: Driver's License Office
■ 2405 South Loop 250 West
■ 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Wednesday through Friday
■ 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays
■ 498-2100

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, May 1, the 121st day of 2017. There are 244 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On May 1, 1967, Elvis Presley married Priscilla Beaulieu at the Aladdin Hotel in Las Vegas. (They divorced in 1973.)

On this date:

In 1931, New York's 102-story Empire State Building was dedicated.

Singer Kate Smith made her debut on CBS Radio on her 24th birthday.

In 1960, the Soviet Union shot down an American U-2 reconnaissance plane over Sverdlovsk and captured its pilot, Francis Gary Powers.

In 1992, on the third day of the Los Angeles riots, a visibly shaken Rodney King appeared in public to appeal for calm, pleading, "Can we all get along?"

In 2011, President Barack Obama announced the death of Osama bin Laden during a U.S. commando operation (because of the time difference, it was early May 2 in Pakistan, where the al-Qaida leader met his end).

Today's birthdays: Country singer Tim McGraw is 50. Movie director Wes Anderson is 48. Country singer Cory Morrow is 45.

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

GIVING INSTRUCTIONS AT THE RANGE



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Michael Craille instructs Lindsey Magers during a ladies handgun training class at the Permian Basin Young Guns range April 22.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
5-dynamic; 4-positive; 3-average; 2-so-so; 1-difficult

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Taurus and a Moon in Cancer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, May 1, 2017. This year many situations enhance your creativity and responsiveness. You grow in new ways and develop an even stronger ability to identify with others. Though people might not always agree with you, an active exchange of ideas becomes possible. If you are single, you could meet someone of significance anytime from fall onward. Decide what kind of relationship you want, and choosing the right person will be easier. If you are attached, the two of you go through many ups and downs. Work on mutual flexibility. SCORPIO can be challenging.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Financial implications play into professional and personal issues. You could feel as if someone who has clout is being unusually manipulative. Decide to change your approach and not get caught up in other people's issues. **Tonight:** Make it OK to be more impulsive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Reach out to someone who makes a big difference in how you view situations. Get feedback, and perhaps a new path will reveal itself. You might have to break past certain barriers, which seem to stem from your background or childhood. **Tonight:** Speak your mind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Listen to your inner voice, especially when a financial decision is pending. You could have a difficult time coming up with the right solution. You might feel as if you have to convince an associate of why you are correct in following a certain path. **Tonight:** Take some personal time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You know what you want, and it will come out in a meeting or get-together. Understand your limits, which might be defined by other boundaries. You might consider adding more spontaneity to a key interaction. Let the other party see the real you. **Tonight:** Where people are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Your intuition tells you to hold back, yet your mind believes you should forge ahead. Weigh the pros and cons of a decision before deciding which approach to take. If possible, seek out a trusted friend for his or her feedback. **Tonight:** A close loved one gives you a minor jolt.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your creativity flourishes. You are likely to see a difference in others' responses to you, even a child delights in your imaginative ideas. Do not overthink a problem. You might need to take some time to process your feelings. **Tonight:** Do some exercise to alleviate your stress.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might want to isolate a problem and get past the immediate implications. A family matter is not likely to support your exit. You will need to stop and handle this situation, even though you probably don't want to. **Tonight:** Spend some quality time with a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Respond to others' questions. Your openness allows you to understand that something else is going on. Talk through a problem more openly, and find out why you resist what is considered to be the obvious solution. Detachment helps you to move forward. **Tonight:** Accept an offer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You have little choice but to approach a situation differently. A conversation might be brisk, perhaps even difficult, but it could be a source of unusual ideas. You'll pounce on one idea that is brought up. Start working with those involved. **Tonight:** Choose a favorite pastime.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Do not allow yourself to be charmed and talked into a solution that might not feel right or good to you. Toy with it during the next few days and see how you feel. A close friend or loved one could be a source of some interesting feedback. **Tonight:** Let the fun begin!

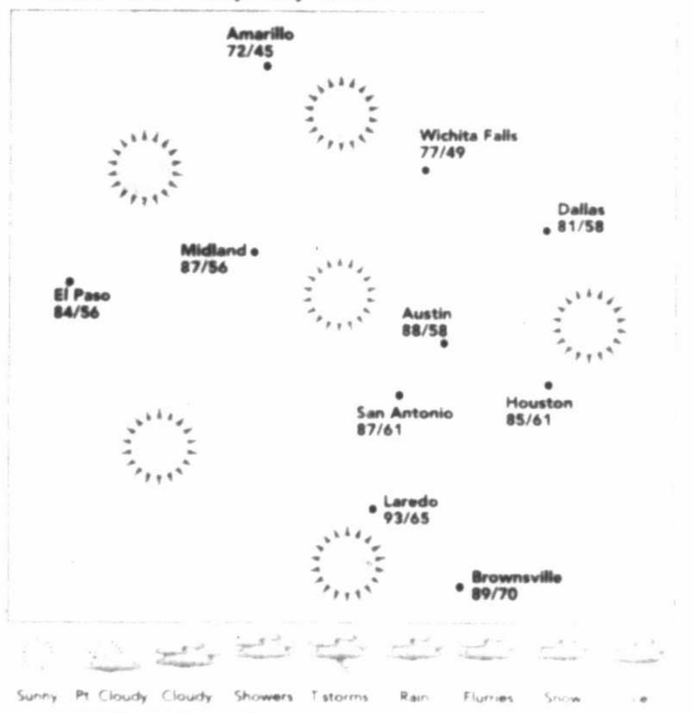
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You might want to see life from a new perspective, but perhaps you can't decide how to get there. Someone close to you will play devil's advocate and help pave the way. Start sharing more, and more feedback will come forward. **Tonight:** Make it an early night, if you can.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ A conversation becomes the foundation of some fun and perhaps a spontaneous get-together. You might want to laugh at the silliness of the moment. Your popularity is particularly high right now, so take advantage of it. **Tonight:** Make the most of the moment.

Today's weather

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Sunday's temperatures

High	71
Low	39R
Normal high	83
Normal low	54

April 30's records
Record high: 97 set in 2009 and equaled in 2013
Record low: 39 set Sunday (previous record was 41 set in 1960)

Precipitation

Saturday	0.00
Sunday	0.00
Month total	2.51 inches
Year total	4.83 inches
Normal total (year to date)	2.52 inches

Winds
Wind speed: 22 mph
Gust speed: 27 mph

May 1 forecast
High: 85
Low: 58
Conditions: Sunny during day, clear at night
Winds: 5-10 mph during the day; 15 mph at night
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise 7:03 a.m.
Sunset 8:29 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

VOUCHERS

From 1A

there are few private school options. But Texas is less rural than stereotypes suggest, with around 80 percent of the population now living in metropolitan areas. By contrast, much more rural Maine, which has a Republican governor and GOP Senate, offers state funding to private schools. "We still have a perception of ourselves as more rural than we really are," said Steve Murdock, Texas' former state demographer. "We are proud of a certain rural identity, in a sense, even though we shouldn't be." Even Texas conservatives from urban areas hold an emotional commitment to small town institutions.

"I don't think we need to be taking money away from the public schools no matter where those schools are," said Rep. Charlie Geren, a veteran House Republican from Fort Worth. Lack of movement on the issue is especially striking given how many Texas heavy hitters support it, saying the state should help parents remove their children from failing public schools. Gov. Greg Abbott and conservative firebrand Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick have called it a modern-day "civil rights issue" and U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz wrote to every Texas Republican legislator praising school choice. The House vote squashing the idea came less than a month later. It was an easy vote, said VanDeave.

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As number of adoptions drops, many US agencies face strains

By David Crary
Associated Press

NEW YORK — For legions of Americans craving a chance to adopt children, a confluence of daunting trends makes this an especially distressing time.

The overall number of U.S. adoptions has dropped significantly in recent years, straining the viability of many adoption agencies and drawing some into conduct that authorities describe as unethical or worse. Would-be adoptive parents confront the specter of long waiting times and high fees. And many face pressure to spend lavishly on self-promotional advertising if they want to compete for a chance to adopt an infant.

Chuck Johnson, CEO of the National Council for Adoption, estimates that 1 million families are trying to adopt at any given time.

"No matter where they go, unless they're super lucky, they're going to be in for a long wait," Johnson said. "They're going to be in a slow, painful process for foster care or in this massive competition for the limited number of healthy infants — and that's where the situation is ripe for fraud. There are so many families who want to adopt, and so few options for them."

Inevitably, some of the people desperate to adopt fall victim to scams. In March, a woman from Carolina Beach, North Carolina, was accused of using the internet to fleece a dozen would-be adoptive parents. In 2015, a Texas woman was sentenced to five years in federal prison for defrauding a Kansas couple out of $22,225, she falsely claimed she was pregnant and wanted to put her twins up for adoption.

In the absence of comprehensive federal figures, Johnson's council, which represents more than 120 adoption agencies, periodically tries to tally the total number of adoptions in the U.S. Its latest count, released in February, showed a 17 percent drop from 133,737 adoptions in 2007 to 110,373 in 2014.

Most of the decline was due to a sharp decrease in the number of international adoptions; the number of infant adoptions remained relatively stable at about 18,000, as did adoptions out of foster care at about 50,000.

Thousands of clients seeking to adopt have been buffeted recently by the downfall of their agencies, in some cases after having paid many thousands of dollars over several years.

The State Department, alleging extensive improprieties in handling international adoptions, shut down Ohio-based European Adoption Consultants in December. It operated in a dozen foreign countries.

A few weeks later, a domestic-adoption agency licensed in eight states, the Independent Adoption Center, declared bankruptcy, leaving more than 3,000 clients in the lurch. The California-based agency, which boasted of arranging more than 4,000 adoptions over a 34-year history, blamed the bankruptcy on "societal changes" that increased the number of parents seeking to adopt domestically while shrinking the pool of expectant mothers open to having their babies adopted.

Among the affected clients were Nicole and Don Davis of Lake Tapps, Washington, who said they had been working with the adoption center for four years at a cost of about $20,000.

"Honestly, I was stunned," Nicole Davis said of the bankruptcy news. "For the first few weeks, I was bouncing between frustration and anger and crying all the time."



Kristi Gleason/Bethany Christian Services via AP

In this March 2017 photo provided by Bethany Christian Services, Lena and Velie Mdushe (left and center) complete their adoption of a boy named Vuyani at the offices of Setshabelo Family and Child Services in Botshabelo, South Africa. The adoption program serving black South Africans — a rarity in South Africa — is operated in partnership with Bethany Christian Services, one of the largest adoption agencies in the United States. Amid a sharp decline in adoptions of foreign children by Americans, Bethany has been expanding efforts to promote domestic adoptions in countries such as South Africa and Ethiopia.

She recalled a Super Bowl party in February with friends who brought their infants. "It was a gratifying day to hold the babies ... but at the same time it was devastating," she wrote in her blog. "I actually cried the whole way home."

Another couple, newlyweds Christopher Koontz and Bobby Duong of Long Beach, California, said they'd paid the agency about $16,000 over nearly two years, and right up until the bankruptcy were still being urged to spend more on advertising to promote themselves on social media. The extent of any reimbursement is uncertain.

"Several of our close friends, family members and co-workers were rooting for us to adopt — it felt shameful to tell them what happened," Duong said.

Koontz, a city planner for Long Beach, said he and Duong have approached another agency to pursue their quest for a child, but he finds himself disillusioned about the adoption business.

"It's very much run like a time-share presentation," he said. "It's a high pressure sales pitch, and then as soon as you cut the check it's like you're dealing with a completely different group of people."

Josh Christian, a lawyer in Greenville, South Carolina, was a client of European Adoption Consultants. He estimates that he and his wife ended out paying $10,000 extra to complete the adoptions of two sisters from Uganda, who had to spend more time in an orphanage because of the agency's shutdown.

Only after the State Department action did Christian learn that there were long-simmering problems with EAC. He suggested there should be some sort of national database through which would-be adoptive parents could access information of that nature.

EAC was accused by the State Department of charging excessively high fees, misrepresenting information about children, and other improprieties. The agency said it considered the shutdown unwarranted and was considering an appeal.

Many agencies specializing in international adoptions have closed in recent years, and others have struggled, as the number of foreign children adopted by Americans has plunged. The latest federal figures, for the 2016 fiscal year, reported 5,372 adoptions from abroad, down more than 76 percent from the high of 22,884 in 2004.

The State Department says factors out of its control are responsible for most of the decline — including an increase in domestic adoptions in China, Russia's suspension of adoptions by Americans, and corruption scandals that shut down international adoptions in several countries.

Virginia-based America World Adoption, which has offices in 21 states, has seen its caseload drop by more than 50 percent over a decade — from 447 international adoptions in 2005 to 208 last year.

"We have fewer staff now, and adoptions are becoming more difficult, taking longer," said Ryan Hanlon, the agency's executive director. "We're trying to do more with less."

Hanlon says some families lose interest when told that infants are not available, or that waits will be long — likely more than three years, for example, for adoptions from Haiti. Those who do persist face large bills; the agency advises that adoptions from China or Ethiopia could cost $30,000 to $40,000.

One of the largest U.S. agencies, Bethany Christian Services, continues to grow overall even as the number of adoptions it facilitated dropped from 1,980 in 2010 to fewer than 1,300 in 2016. It has expanded various other services in the U.S., including foster care and family counseling, and has launched programs overseas to encourage foster care and adoption of orphans in their home country. For example, Bethany is partnering with a nonprofit in South Africa that is pioneering efforts to enable black South Africans to consider adopting.

Of the foreign children who are available for adoption by Americans, an increasingly large share have physical or emotional complications, highlighting the need for agencies to ensure that parents adopting these children are well-prepared in advance of the adoption and then supported afterward.

"It is very challenging for some agencies, especially if your only source of revenue is adoption," said Bill Blacquiere, president and CEO of Bethany, based in Grand Rapids, Michigan. "In any declining market you're going to see some kind of consolidation and people having to change."

One small agency, New Beginnings Adoption, has managed to stay afloat while operating in just two states, Mississippi and Tennessee, and focusing on adoptions from just three foreign countries — China, Poland and Taiwan.

The president of the nonprofit Christian agency, Tom Velie, says his staff receives emotional calls day after day from people yearning to adopt an infant, and warns them it could take several years. He says he limits his agency's waiting list to about 40 to 45 clients, forgoing "bucketfuls of money" that would be available if he added more clients paying nonrefundable application fees. Some agencies have been faulted for maintaining large waiting lists that leave some clients in limbo for years.

In San Antonio, Abrazo Adoption Associates, a small nonprofit agency, was handling a peak of about 70 adoptions annually a decade ago, and now fewer than half that number. Its executive director, Elizabeth Jurenovich, devoted a recent blog post to the adoption industry's mounting problems. She bemoaned the cut-throat competition for the small supply of healthy infants — she calls them "Gerber babies" — available for adoption.

"It sticks in my craw that there are tens of thousands of American children sitting in foster care who are considered less than desirable because they're no longer infants," she said.

Of the roughly 50,000 children adopted out of foster care each year, most are 5 or younger. Of the nearly 112,000 children left in the system still waiting to be adopted, most are 7 or older, and according to federal figures, more than 20,000 foster youth age out of the system each year without having found an adoptive home.

Experts doubt that the number of adoptions in the U.S. will ever approach their peak of 175,000 in the 1970s. They cite such trends as the destigmatization of single motherhood and the availability of abortion, which have reduced the pool of women whose unintended pregnancies led them to consider adoption.

Deborah Siegel, a professor of social work at Rhode Island College who writes frequently about adoption, says the lower numbers aren't necessarily a cause for regret.

"If we can avoid adoption by keeping children embraced in stable, safe families, everybody's better off," she said. "In a way, the less need for adoptions is for the better, but that's hard for the people waiting to adopt."

However, she said supporting at-risk families so children don't need to go into foster care requires adequate funding.

The Donaldson Adoption Institute, a leading research organization, says the optimal goal should be to make all families stronger, not simply to promote adoption. It says expectant mothers considering adoption should get "non-coercive counseling" about their options. April Dinwoodie, the institute's chief executive, said more women might keep their babies if they were assured of adequate financial support.

The institute also has warned about the over-commercialization of adoption.

"The reality is that money has distorted adoption," said one of its recent reports. "This reality can leave parents ... open to the possibility of coercion and emotional despair and make adopted people feel like commodities."

Among the most outspoken proponents of adoption is Chuck Johnson of the National Council for Adoption, and yet he voices frustration at current trends.

Adoption numbers could be boosted, he argues, if the State Department was more aggressive in promoting international adoption, if more expectant mothers were counseled on the option of adoption, and if state child welfare agencies were more responsive to people interested in adopting children out of foster care.

Of the families recruited by public agencies to be foster and adoptive parents, he says, about 60 percent quit in the first year and 20 percent more in the second year, mostly citing frustrations with the bureaucracy. He ticks off problems facing adoption: inconsistent practices and regulations, profit-motivated competition among agencies, corruption and unprofessional services.

"I started examining, in more detail, some of the real instances of unethical adoption practice — and it made me sick to see the exploitation and crimes being committed under the guise of adoption," Johnson wrote in a recent column, faulting political leaders for failing to seek remedies. "Adoption is probably the policy issue where you see the most consensus across the political spectrum — yet despite so much public support, adoption always seems to take a backseat to other issues," Johnson said. "We just can't get it done."

NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ARKANSAS

Second of 2 missing children dead, suspect held

MENA — The second of two missing children has been found dead in western Arkansas after the bodies of his 2-year-old sister, his mother and his mother's uncle were found earlier in the week.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office said the body of 10-year-old Reilly Scarbrough was found Saturday in a wooded area near Hatfield in far western Arkansas.

The discovery comes after the boy's sister, Acelynn Wester, was found Friday near Cove and near where the body of the children's 43-year-old mother, Bethany Jo Wester of Mena, was found Tuesday.

The woman's uncle, 66-year-old Steven Payne, was found dead Thursday in his home in Hatfield, about 4 miles north of Cove, about 120 miles southwest of Little Rock.

Sheriff Scott Sawyer told reporters that the boy's body was found with help from an inmate at the county jail, who had been arrested Wednesday on unrelated drug charges.

CALIFORNIA

Stolen-car suspects investigated in shooting rampage

LOS ANGELES — Detectives were investigating whether two suspects arrested in a stolen car are connected to a shooting rampage through Los Angeles suburbs that killed one man and left three others wounded after a carjacking, sheriff's officials said Sunday. A man and woman matching the description of the carjackers were taken into custody Saturday evening outside a motel in Whittier, according to Sgt. Vincent Plair.

Officials said the apparently random shootings began earlier Saturday after a woman was carjacked at gunpoint in Pico Rivera.

Globalism reigns at box office, while 'Furious' passes $1B

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A South India sensation, a Hispanic-focused comedy and the highest-grossing film ever directed by an African American made up the top three films in North America on a culturally diverse box office weekend.

As expected, it was another runaway weekend for "The Fate of the Furious," which took No. 1 for the third straight week with $19.4 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. The Universal Pictures release also throttled past $1 billion globally, and passed its predecessor, "Furious 7," to become the highest-grossing imported film in China with $361 million.

The "Fast and the Furious" franchise, the latest of which is helmed by F. Gary Gray, has always been held up as a model of the diverse blockbuster, given its cast led by Vin Diesel and Dwayne Johnson. But the smaller films that trailed it over the weekend also reflected the box-office might of often underserved audiences.

In second domestically with $12 million and drawing an overwhelmingly Hispanic crowd was Eugenio Derbez's comedy, "How to Be a Latin Lover." The film is easily the biggest success yet for Pantelion, the Latino-oriented joint venture of Lionsgate and Grupo Televisa.

"How to Be a Latin Lover" co-stars Salma Hayek, Rob Lowe and Kristen Bell. But its top draw is Derbez, whose "Instructions Not Included" was the highest-grossing Spanish-language film in North America in 2013. The audience for "How to be a Latin Lover" was 89 percent Hispanic.

In third was "Baahubali 2: The Conclusion," a so-called Tollywood (Telugu language) film from South India, which pulled in a remarkable $10.1 million despite playing on just 420 screens. ("The Fate of the Furious" played on more than 4,000.)

"Baahubali 2" even bested a pair of Hollywood's biggest stars in Emma Watson and Tom Hanks. Their terribly reviewed thriller "The Circle," distributed by STX Films on behalf of EuropaCorp, opened with $9.3 million.

Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for comScore, said such global weekends at the box office will become more common. "In what is a slow and would otherwise be unremarkable weekend, this is a really interesting lineup of films," said Dergarabedian. "This is the final weekend before the summer season kicks off and the blockbusters hit theaters. But this weekend is marked by an incredible amount of multicultural content. It reflects the world that we're living in."

"Baahubali 2" follows the 2015 original that set box-office records in India, a breakthrough for a non-Hindi film. The 2015 film grossed $9.3 million in the U.S. and more than $100 million worldwide. With $1.8 million on domestic IMAX screens, a record for a foreign language film on IMAX, "Baahubali 2" may break more records.

Its success isn't surprising to everyone.

"We were expecting exactly the numbers we're seeing right now. We're happy our expectations were right," said Soma Kancherla of the film's North American distributor, Great India Films. "I know for a few people they're like, 'Wow,' but to break even, we needed to make that kind of money."

The summer movie season begins next week with "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2." With the Marvel behemoth on deck, few new films were released in an otherwise quiet weekend.

Disney's "Guardians of the Galaxy" sequel began its international rollout over the weekend, opening in 37 territories ahead of its North American debut. It earned an estimated $101.2 million, a promising start for what's expected to be one of the summer's biggest hits.

"Guardians" will likely be the third $1 billion movie in 2017, following

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Girlfriend's on-air killing drives anchorman into politics

By Alanna Durkin Richer
Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. — The tipping point for Chris Hurst came last fall while reporting on a shooting at a rail car factory. When the camera turned off, he wept.

Just more than a year earlier, the 29-year-old's reporter girlfriend was gunned down while conducting an interview on live TV. Now, Hurst was using the same truck that Alison Parker had used the last day of her life to report live from the scene of another shooting.

Hurst realized he needed a drastic life change.

The former TV anchor is now running for political office, challenging a National Rifle Association-backed candidate for a competitive Virginia state House seat in a firearm friendly part of the state. Hurst sees it as a way to honor the memory of the woman he thought he'd marry and to give back to the community that helped him through his darkest days.

"When we understand that life is fragile, does that mean we give up and say life ain't worth it? No," Hurst said at a local Democratic committee meeting in March. "That's when we say it is worth it, and we do what we can when we're here to try to help another person."

Hurst was living with Parker when she and cameraman Adam Ward were fatally shot while reporting for WDBJ-TV in August 2015. The gunman, Vester Flanagan, posted video of the attack online and killed himself hours later.

After the shooting, Hurst became the public face of the grieving Roanoke station, bringing him national attention and a large social media following. That helped him become one of the top House candidate fundraisers last reporting period.

The Pennsylvania native, who quit his TV job and moved from Roanoke to Blacksburg to run in the 12th District, has been labeled a carpetbagger by Republicans looking to protect Del. Joseph Yost, a well-liked moderate. The district is among the few competitive House seats in southwest Virginia, a rural Republican stronghold.

Hurst is one of several young Democrats new to politics running for a Virginia House seat this year. President Donald Trump's election has fueled a new interest in state and local politics, party leaders say, and Democrats hope they can put a dent in Republicans' sizeable House majority.

Hurst is no fan of Trump but says his reasons for running are more personal.

While at the station, he faced constant reminders of Parker. He struggled with walking past the place where he was told she was dead, and with covering stories about violence and death, he said.

"I knew that I could get myself up and pull myself together and do it, but I think it was at the price of my humanity," Hurst said.

Now, he says, his grief is lessening because he feels like what is doing has purpose.

"It has given him determination," said Alison's father, Andy Parker. "We both had to seek a way to make sense out of all of this."

Republicans are playing up their candidate's deep local roots and trying to paint Hurst as an outsider seeking political advancement. Yost, 30, has earned a reputation in Richmond as a humble, hard worker and champion for better mental health services.

"There's a difference between being on air and covering news as opposed to me, being in my district for the last 30 years," Yost said. "I think there's just a lot of questions and concern among the community about somebody who's moving in to challenge me."

While Parker's death drove Hurst into action, he treads lightly on the issue of gun control in these communities, where the gun culture runs deep.

Hurst, a gun owner, says that among other things he'd like to empower law enforcement to petition courts to have guns taken away from dangerous people. But he insists firearms aren't his top priority. He says he's focused on issues such as education and economic development.

Andy Parker, whose gun-control advocacy has made him a self-described "lightning rod," said he expects Republicans will try to link Hurst to him and call Hurst a "gun grabber."

"We're joined at the hip because of her and our love for her," Parker said. "He's not going to run away from it."

Mae Midkiff, Giles County Republican Committee chairwoman, said she doesn't think Republicans will make guns an issue in the race.

But Midkiff said if Hurst thinks he has an easy road to Richmond, he's mistaken.

"It would've just thrilled us to death to see Mr. Hurst stay in Roanoke and do the news," Midkiff said. "But if he comes into our territory, I'm going to have to tell you, he's going to have a battle," she said.

NYC mayor announces plan for free preschool for 3-year-olds

By Karen Matthews
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Free preschool for 4-year-olds was a signature issue that helped New York City's mayor win office in 2013.

Now up for re-election, Bill de Blasio wants to add thousands of classroom seats for 3-year-olds, too.

His initiative, which could eventually enroll up to 62,000 kids, would be among the largest public investments in preschool in the United States for children that young.

A few states, including Florida and Oklahoma, have universal, publicly funded pre-K for 4-year-olds, but such programs for 3-year-olds are much more rare.

Education advocates said the plan announced last week by de Blasio, a Democrat, could be a national model if it succeeds.

"The kind of research it's going to generate, as well as student outcomes, are going to show that it's possible at scale to build a public system for preschool, and that's never been done," said Shael Polakow-Suransky, president of Bank Street College of Education, who served as deputy New York City schools chancellor under de Blasio's predecessor, Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

A successful rollout could also help de Blasio raise his national political profile, something he aspired to do in his first term but couldn't quite achieve as two other New Yorkers — Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton — took center stage.

New York City rolled out universal prekindergarten for 4-year-olds over just two years after de Blasio took office. The program now serves nearly 70,000 children in a public school district with 1.1 million pupils.

Under de Blasio's plan, free preschool for 3-year-olds will start this fall in two low-income neighborhoods in Brooklyn and the Bronx, and then expand citywide by 2021.

The mayor said research shows that children who are enrolled in high-quality preschool at age 3 grow up to earn higher salaries and enjoy better health than their peers who didn't attend preschool or who attended lower-quality programs. It can also reduce the burden on working parents who would otherwise have to pay for costly childcare.

"We know there's a precious opportunity to reach children at the moment when they can learn and grow the best," de Blasio said. "Bluntly, in a society where people are working longer and longer hours and are more stressed in so many ways, it's going to be something a lot of parents think is practically really important for their lives."

Some critics of de Blasio's education policies, including backers of charter schools and private-school vouchers, questioned whether the New York City public school system will provide the kind of high-quality preschool that helps children thrive.

"Mayor de Blasio has a terrible record running K-12 and to distract voters, he's turning attention to a new program," said Jenny Sedlis, executive director of the pro-charter group StudentsFirstNY. "It's a cynical election year play that will do nothing to help the kids stuck in failing schools now."

Swimmer injured in shark attack at Southern California beach

Associated Press

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — A shark attacked a woman wading in the ocean with friends, tearing away part of her upper thigh off a popular Southern California beach, authorities and witnesses said Sunday.

The attack occurred Saturday near San Onofre State Beach in northern San Diego County.

"All of the back of her leg was kind of missing," Thomas Williams, one of several witnesses who pulled the woman ashore, told the Orange County Register. "If she didn't receive immediate care, it was life-threatening."

Williams said the woman was conscious and talking while onlookers used a rubber surfboard leash as a tourniquet to stop the bleeding.

"She was not calm, of course," he said. "But she was coherent."

The beach is adjacent to the Camp Pendleton Marine Base. Marine Sgt. Asia Sorenson said the victim — a civilian — was airlifted to a hospital in unknown condition.

The injury was likely caused by a great white or a seven-gill shark, said Chris Lowe, director of the Shark Lab at California State University, Long Beach Several sharks have been sighted in the area recently.

Nearly a year ago, a woman was bitten by a shark while swimming off Corona del Mar, about 25 miles to the north of the Saturday attack. Experts estimated the shark was at least 10 feet in length, judging from the bite marks, which spanned her chest, hip and shoulder.

Beachgoer Amber Booth was headed to San Onofre to watch the sunset Saturday with her family when a ranger told her the stretch of ocean was closed because of the shark attack.

Booth, who often surfs at San Onofre, said the incident made her worry about her 8-year-old daughter, who boogie-boards often in the area.

"There's so many kids in the water at San O," she said. "You don't really want to think about (sharks) when you're out in the water."

The beach was expected to remain closed until today.

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"Beauty and the Beast" and "The Fate of the Furious." Disney said "Vol. 2" is running 57 percent ahead of the pace of the original, which made $773.3 million in 2014.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers also are included. Final domestic figures will be released today.

1. "The Fate of the Furious," $19.4 million ($68.4 million international).
2. "How to Be a Latin Lover," $12 million.
3. "Baahubali 2: The Conclusion," $10.1 million ($3.7 million international).
4. "The Circle," $9.3 million.
5. "The Boss Baby," $9.1 million ($15.5 million international).
6. "Beauty and the Beast," $6.4 million ($17.2 million international).
7. "Going in Style," $3.6 million ($3 million international).
8. "Smurfs: The Lost Village," $3.3 million ($11.7 million international).
9. "Gifted," $3.3 million.
10. "Unforgettable," $2.3 million.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at international theaters (excluding the U.S. and Canada), according to comScore:

1. "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2," $101.2 million.
2. "The Fate of the Furious," $68.4 million.
3. "Shock Wave," $24.2 million.
4. "Battle of Memories," $21.8 million.
5. "Beauty and the Beast," $17.2 million.
6. "The Boss Baby," $15.5 million.
7. "Love Off the Cuff," $13.7 million.
8. "This Is Not What I Expected," $12.3 million.
9. "Smurfs: The Lost Village," $11.7 million.
10. "The Mayor," $5 million.

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Democrats turn back on pro-life advocates

■ Socially conservative constituencies aren't welcome in the Democratic Party, which has made it weaker; just ask Hillary Clinton



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Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders is not usually considered a moderating force within the Democratic Party, but at the moment he is playing that role on abortion policy.

It's not that he has any pro-life sympathies: He has been co-sponsoring the Freedom of Choice Act as a senator for more than two decades. But he has been willing to support Democrats who are not in lockstep with abortion-rights advocates, and some of those advocates have been fuming as a result.

While on a "unity tour" for the Democratic National Committee with its chairman, Tom Perez, Sanders rallied with Heath Mello, a candidate for mayor of Omaha, Nebraska. Mello has said that he would not restrict abortion as mayor. But as a state senator he co-sponsored legislation banning abortion 20 weeks after fertilization and requiring women to be notified that they can see an ultrasound before having an abortion. He also says that he is personally opposed to abortion on religious grounds.

Naral Pro-Choice America President Ilyse Hogue blasted Perez and Sanders for supporting "candidates who substitute their own judgement and ideology for that of their female constituents." In a statement, Perez retreated under fire:

"I fundamentally disagree with Heath Mello's personal beliefs about women's reproductive health. It is a promising step that Mello now shares the Democratic Party's position on women's fundamental rights. Every candidate who runs as a Democrat should do the same because every woman should be able to make her own health choices. Period."

Every Democrat? That's bad news for Sen. Joe Donnelly of Indiana, a Democrat at the top of Republican target lists for next year who has generally opposed abortion. It would have been bad news for a lot of other Democrats over the years, too. Such leading Democrats as Jesse Jackson, Ted Kennedy and Dick Gephardt were at one point pro-life. Many others, such as Bill Clinton, broke with the pro-choice lobby on taxpayer funding of abortion.

Even last year, a Pew poll found that 28 percent of Democrats believe that abortion should be illegal in most or all cases.

Sanders, so far, has not joined Perez in backing down. It's left-wing economics that truly motivates Sanders, and he wants the largest possible coalition for those views. He does not want to drive away people who agree with him that the federal government should monopolize health insurance and set a $15 minimum wage, but disagree with him on abortion. The logic of his position would make the Democrats into an economically progressive party with a socially conservative wing — or, rather, make it back into one.

Hogue and like-minded activists, on the other hand, want it to be a socially liberal party. And they have been winning for a very long time. First they drove the anti-abortion Democrats out of the party, or made them recant their views. Then they changed the Democratic platform, dropping the goal of making abortion "rare" and adding full-throated support for government subsidies for it. Perez's comments on Friday were another step on this path.

Other Democrats echoed his views. Dick Durbin, the party's Senate whip, told CNN that people who oppose abortion personally could be in his party so long as they favored legal abortion. Durbin knows the weather in his party as well as anyone. When he was a member of the House in the 1980s, he bragged about having been master of ceremonies at five annual anti-abortion rallies in Illinois. By the time he ran for Senate in 1996, he had switched to voting to keep even partial-birth abortion legal.

Republicans have become more uniformly opposed to abortion over time, too, although party officials have not said that to run for mayor anywhere in the country a Republican must agree with their platform.

These changes seem to be working out better for the Republicans than for the Democrats. Exit polls have shown that in most presidential elections, voters for whom abortion is a top concern have favored the Republicans. And socially conservative constituencies seem to have noticed that they aren't welcome in the Democratic Party.

Giving up on these constituencies seems to have weakened the Democrats. White evangelical voters overwhelmingly rejected a socially liberal Democratic Party in the 2012 election. They rejected a more militantly socially liberal Democratic Party even more overwhelmingly in 2016. If Hillary Clinton had kept Obama's share of those voters in Florida, Michigan and Wisconsin, she would be president today.

But perhaps attacking Bernie Sanders for insufficient commitment to abortion will turn things around for the Democrats.

GUEST VIEW

Local stores must compete better with Amazon.com

Beaumont Enterprise

Back in the day, if you wanted groceries, you drove to a store, went inside, bought your stuff and returned to your car. There's another option now. At the Wal-Mart in Beaumont, and soon H-E-B and Kroger as well, you can place your order online, drive to the store and have your purchases out front waiting to be loaded.

These companies aren't doing this because they want to. They're doing it because they have to. Online shopping at Amazon.com and other web sites is taking a larger share of retail commerce every year. It's getting to the point that many stores are struggling to survive, from mom-and-pop shops to national chains.

The companies mentioned in the first paragraph have decided to fight back instead of passively watching their sales dwindle. Many other businesses in Southeast Texas need to do the same. They should be guided by three key points.

This is real. It's not going away, and the internet may be your biggest competitor. Most business owners and managers realize this, but a surprising number do not. They think they can get by with business as usual — or cut their way to profitability by reducing hours or staff. They are wrong, and some of them will not survive.

Invest now in better technology and ways to interact with your customers. If you don't have a web presence or social media accounts, get them. Whether those links make the sale or get customers to your store, they can help significantly. You can't rely on technology exclusively, but you can't ignore it either.

Be more aggressive in growing our community and marketing to local residents. When you sponsor a Little League team or allow a bake sale in front of your store, you're helping the region and yourself. And this may sound self-serving, but you have to advertise more on traditional media like local radio, television and newspapers, both print and digital. This is one irreplaceable way you can reach potential customers, and it's something that nationwide websites don't do. Tell more about what you offer. A lot of people don't know, and would buy from you if they did.

Unlike Amazon, local businesses provide jobs and sales taxes that help people right here. If these companies go away, this region won't be the same, or as livable.

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Trump's fantasyland is elaborate

■ Much has been accomplished in the president's first 100 days, just ask him



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Here's one genuine achievement of the Trump administration's first 100 days: The president, it seems, has come to realize he is in over his head.

"This is more work than in my previous life. I thought it would be easier," he told Reuters in an interview this week. "I do miss my old life. I like to work so that's not a problem, but this is actually more work."

I can empathize. Having Donald Trump as president has been hard on all of us.

A week earlier, he told the Associated Press of a related discovery he made during his first 100 days: The U.S. government is big.

"I never realized how big it was," he said. "Every decision is much harder than you'd normally make. ... So you know, I really just see the bigness of it all."

So what does he do now that he is in a job that is so hard running a government that is so big? He pretends. He has developed an elaborate fantasyland in which everything goes according to plan. All of the following statements, which I have assembled with an assist from the work of Post fact-checkers Glenn Kessler and Michelle Ye Hee Lee, are Trump's own words; none is entirely true.

This administration is running like a fine-tuned machine. No administration has accomplished more in the first 90 days. (Rep.) Elijah Cummings (D-Md.) was in my office and he said, "You will go down as one of the great presidents in the history of our country." He said "you will be the greatest president in the history of this country."

I have great relationships with Congress. The Republican Party has various groups, all great people. And I have a great relationship with all of them. I like Ted Cruz, he's a friend of mine. One of the best chemistries I had was with (German Chancellor Angela) Merkel. We had unbelievable chemistry. And people have given me credit for having great chemistry with all of the leaders.

We've only been here for a tiny speck of time, and what I've done with regulations ... is amazing. I think we've done more than anybody for this short period of time. More has been done in the last six weeks than has been done in years with the previous administration. We have the all-time record in the history of Time magazine. Covers, nobody's had more covers.

Despite what you hear in the press, health care is coming along great. We are making great progress with health care.

We had a very smooth rollout of the travel ban. You had Delta with a massive — a massive problem with their computer system at the airports.

This wall is not going to be that expensive.

I don't know Putin. I have nothing to do with Russia. The Russia story is a total hoax. I'd bet a good lawyer could make a great case out of the fact that President Obama was tapping my phones in October, just prior to Election.

I didn't know Steve (Bannon). If there's a shutdown, it's the Democrats' fault. I think the losers are Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer. Now, they own Obamacare. If something happens, blame him (federal judge James Robart) and (the) court system.

I've been against the war in Iraq from the beginning. You look at what's happening last night in Sweden. Sweden, who would believe this? Sweden.

We are sending an armada, very powerful.

When you talk about currency manipulation, when you talk about devaluations, they (China) are world champions. They're (China) not currency manipulators.

I guess it was the biggest electoral college win since Ronald Reagan. We ended up winning by a massive amount. No, no, you have to understand, I had a tremendous victory, one of the great victories ever. The failing @nytimes was forced to apologize. Between 3 million and 5 million illegal votes caused me to lose the popular vote.

They say I had the biggest crowd in the history of inaugural speeches. It looked like a million, million and a half people. It was almost raining ... but God looked down and he said, we're not going to let it rain on your speech. And then it became really sunny.

The 100 days is just an artificial barrier. It's not very meaningful. But we've done a lot. Somebody put out the concept of a 100-day plan. But yeah. Well, I'm mostly there on most items.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



Immigrant workers at Churchill Downs fear deportation

By Bruce Schreiner
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The backside of Churchill Downs hums with activity as workers clean stalls, bathe horses and lead the muscular animals on strolls to cool them down after workouts. The quiet is broken when they speak to each other and the horses — in Spanish.

Though they do their work a world away from the grandstand and Millionaire's Row, where fans will sip mint juleps, don fancy hats and cheer for their Kentucky Derby favorites on the first Saturday in May, immigrants have become indispensable at Churchill Downs and other tracks, people in the industry say. Now, fear is spreading that a Trump administration crackdown on immigration will be a calamity both for the tracks and for many of their workers.

While there's widespread acknowledgement that some jobs go to undocumented workers, many trainers rely on the H-2B visa program to supply immigrant workers legally, and the tightening of that program has contributed to a worker shortage.

Some argue that the presence of foreign workers has a downward drag on everybody else's income. But Dale Romans, the second-winningest trainer in Churchill's history, says he can't find American workers to do the jobs.

"This is definitely a business that survives on an immigrant workforce," Romans said. "Without it, I don't know what we would do."

The apprehension on the backside has been stoked by the election of Donald Trump, who staked out a role as an immigration hard-liner during the campaign and referred to some Mexican immigrants as rapists and murderers.

"I wouldn't say it's an extreme fear, but there is nervousness" among Churchill's immigrant workers, track chaplain Joseph del Rosario said. "There's fear they're going to get kicked out just because they're not citizens."

Said one 53-year-old backside hand who has worked at racetracks across the country: "I'm scared. Because one day, I don't know, they catch me and send me to Mexico."

The man, who agreed to an interview only on the condition his name not be used because he fears being exposed to immigration authorities, said his visa expired a couple of years ago but he has kept working, moving up the ranks in the barns where he works. His family has made a life in the United States; if he had to return to Mexico, he said, he'd probably toil in the avocado fields.

Even workers here legally on visas worry about the threat of immigration crackdowns.

"A lot of people here, they're scared," said Cesar Abrego, a 46-year-old groom who came from Guatemala on an H-2B visa. "With the president coming, everybody says, 'Be careful.'"

Like many of the immigrant workers, Abrego dutifully sends money back home. He has three children to support, and worries the visa program that sustains his family will be cut. He could find construction or roofing work in Guatemala, but believes his approximately $450-per-week take-home pay as a groom would be cut more than half.

It's a complicated, time-consuming process for horsemen to get visa workers to their barns. Trainers typically hire immigration attorneys to handle the paperwork.

The H-2B program is capped at 66,000 visas per year, and horse racing competes with many other industries for the coveted slots. Applications for the visas far outpace available slots. The crunch worsened when the program's "returning worker" exemption expired last September.

Congress has not reauthorized the exemption, which allowed existing H-2B visa holders to keep returning on the same visas, which weren't counted against the cap. Immigration lawyers and members of horsemen's groups have been meeting with lawmakers in hopes of getting the exemption reinstated.

"The shortage of workers on the backside is severe," said Will Velie, an Oklahoma-based immigration attorney. Trainers unable to secure enough H-2B workers "have a choice between turning away work or breaking the law if they can find people that are here undocumented."

At Barn 4 on the backside of Churchill, Romans' crew was down about 15 workers for the spring racing season at Keeneland in nearby Lexington, as the trainer prepared for the upcoming meet at Churchill. Romans' latest Kentucky Derby contender is J Boys Echo, winner of the Gotham Stakes at Aqueduct.

The staffing shortage was more dire for trainer Gary Patrick, who races mostly at tracks in Indiana and Florida. The 70-year-old Patrick had to wield a pitchfork to clean 20 stalls each morning as he waited for visas to be approved for more immigrant workers he wanted to hire.

"I'm in a trap," said Patrick, who is in his 50th year as a trainer. "I don't have any help and I'm killing myself. It's a bad situation for a trainer to be in. And I'm not the only one."

Patrick has tried to hire local help. He rarely gets a response, and those that show interest don't last long. "Two of them did show up and I got about three days out of them," he said.

Not everyone at the track believes there is no alternative to hiring immigrants. Longtime Churchill backside worker Marc Olinsky sees them as the reason wages aren't higher.

"The trainers hired these guys for nothing, and they ran anybody who earned a salary out of here," Olinsky said, while helping a farrier shoe a horse. "I think immigrant workers that come here legally should do whatever they want to do in this country. And those that are illegal should get put in jail until they're sent home, period."

Velie noted that visa workers are paid above minimum wage. A groom makes about $15 an hour, twice the federal minimum wage, he said.

"The H-2B program isn't used by the horsemen as a way to lower wages or to get around hiring Americans," he said. "It's a vehicle of last resort."

Baldemar Bahena's journey toward the American dream started as a teenager on the backside of tracks. When he left Mexico on a visa, he spoke a little English but had a knack with horses.

More than 30 years later, Bahena oversees dozens of workers as Romans' top assistant. Bahena and his wife became U.S. citizens and they settled into a four-bedroom home in Louisville. Their two teenage children are college bound.

"He's a great American success story," Romans said of his friend.

But Bahena, 49, worries the door of opportunity may be closing behind him for other immigrant workers toiling at racetracks in search of a better life for their families.

"They're good people," he said. "They're working hard all the time. They're kind of scared."

Bahena voted for Trump because of the Republican's business background, and said he holds out hope the new president will make things better.

"I tell everybody, just chill out a little bit and I think in another year or something, it'll be all right," he said. "I think he's going to change his mind because he's a real, real good businessman, and he's going to figure it out that these people are good people."

Immigrants plan May Day rallies buoyed by Trump opposition

By Sophia Tareen and Amy Taxin
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Immigrant groups and their allies have joined forces to carry out marches, rallies and protests in cities nationwide next week to mark May Day, saying there's renewed momentum to fight back against Trump administration policies. Activists in major cities including New York, Chicago and Los Angeles expect tens of thousands of people to participate in today demonstrations, starting with morning neighborhood protests and culminating in rush hour events downtown. Activists also plan an overnight vigil in Phoenix, a farm workers demonstration outside Miami and a White House rally. In Seattle, pro-immigrant events are expected to give way to rowdier, anti-capitalist marches led by protesters who said they plan to shut down a major freeway through the city. "We're seeing an unprecedented amount of enthusiasm and activity," said New York Immigration Coalition executive director Steven Choi. "It's driven by the fact that Trump administration has made immigration the tip of the spear." Around the world, union members have traditionally marched on May 1 for workers' rights. In the United States, the event became a rallying point for immigrants in 2006 when more than 1 million people marched against a proposed immigration enforcement bill. Although the current climate surrounding immigration may be similar to 2006 amid President Donald Trump's hard-line approach to the issue, the immigrant rights movement has changed dramatically since then. Advocacy groups that in 2006 were united in their determination to flood the streets to make a statement have fractured since then and pursued other efforts, such as voter registration, lobbying and fighting deportations. However, activists expect a surge in participation this year, in part because immigrant rights groups have worked with Women's March participants, Black Lives Matter and Muslim civil rights groups who are united by their opposition to Donald Trump. Also, businesses with immigrant ties are closing or allowing employees to take the day off without penalty.

Immigrant groups acknowledged there is some fear among people in the country illegally who are skittish about drawing attention to themselves in visible marches. But organizers are reminding them that it's an important cause and there's safety in numbers. "If you are an immigrant in Los Angeles, the safest place you can be on Monday is in the action in downtown Los Angeles," said David Huerta, president of SEIU United Service Workers West. As Trump approaches his first 100 days, he has aggressively pursued immigration enforcement, including executive orders for a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border and a ban on travelers from six predominantly-Muslim countries. The government has arrested thousands of immigrants in the country illegally and threatened to withhold funding from sanctuary jurisdictions, which limit cooperation between local and federal immigration authorities. In response, leaders in sanctuary cities have vowed to fight back and civic participation has seen a boost, including February's "Day Without Immigrants." The travel ban and sanctuary order were temporarily halted by legal challenges.

AP Explains: What is May Day?

CHICAGO — Tens of thousands of immigrants and their supporters in U.S. cities are set to protest Monday against immigration policies to mark May Day. It is an event that will also generate heated protests around the world as unions push for better rights for workers.

The roots of May Day, or International Workers Day, stretch back over a century.

A look at May Day:

How did May Day begin?

The origins of May Day go back to a turbulent and pivotal time in U.S. labor history.

In the 1880s, unions pushing for better workplace conditions began advocating for an eight-hour workday with demonstrations and strikes nationwide. Some of the largest crowds gathered in Chicago. In May 1886, a labor rally in the city turned deadly when a bomb was thrown and police opened retaliatory fire. Several labor activists, most of them immigrants, were convicted of conspiracy to incite violence among other charges in closely watched legal proceedings. Four were hanged.

Unions later recommended that May 1 be designated to honor the workers who were charged. Chicago commemorated the site at Haymarket Square with a sculpture.

How is the day celebrated?

In some countries, May Day is a public holiday. Elsewhere, it's used to commemorate workers or protest for their rights.

Demonstrations, rallies and riots have taken place globally from Cleveland to London.

In 1990, Soviet protesters heckled then-President Mikhail Gorbachev at a May Day parade on Red Square. In 2013, rallies in Asia protested low pay, the rising cost of living and deplorable working conditions. In France last year, people hurled stones and wood at Paris police, prompting them to fire tear gas.

Immigration marches

The focus of May 1 shifted to immigration in the U.S. in 2006 when roughly 1 million people, including nearly half a million in Chicago alone, took to the streets to protest federal legislation that would've made living in the U.S. without legal permission a felony. Crowds for May 1 demonstrations have since dwindled with advocacy groups trying other tactics.

This year, organizers expect a boost as different organizations are working together to fight aggressive immigration policies pushed by President Donald Trump. Demonstrations are planned from New York to Phoenix.

Spring holiday

For some, May Day is a traditional spring celebration that's observed in ways that don't involve marching in the streets or civil disobedience. In some places, people mark the holiday by leaving May Day baskets filled with gifts and flowers on the doorsteps of friends. In Hawaii, May 1 is called Lei Day. It's not an official holiday, but a statewide celebration of the Hawaiian culture and the aloha spirit through the creation and giving of lei.

Associated Press

Beyond 100 days, Trump faces more legislative challenges

By Catherine Lucey
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After more than three months in office without passing any major legislation, President Donald Trump faces a week that offers the possibility of averting a government shutdown and progress on health care.

Trump has spent his first 100 days coming to terms with the slow grind of government even in a Republican-dominated capital, and watching some of his promises —from repealing the nation's health care law to temporarily banning people from some Muslim nations — fizzle.

Last week, lawmakers sent the president a stopgap spending bill to keep the government open through Friday. Aides say lawmakers closely involved in negotiating the $1 trillion package over the weekend have worked through many sticking points in hopes of making the measure public as early as Sunday night. The House and Senate have until Friday at midnight to pass the measure to avert a government shutdown. The aides required anonymity because the talks are not final and the measure has yet to be released.

The catchall spending bill would be the first major piece of bipartisan legislation to advance during Trump's short tenure in the White House. It denies Trump a win on his oft-promised wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, but gives him a down payment on his request to strengthen the military.

Lawmakers will continue negotiating this week on a $1 trillion package financing the government through Sept. 30, the end of the 2017 fiscal year.

Despite a renewed White House effort push, the House did not vote last week on a revised bill to repeal and replace the Affordable Health Care Act.

After the original effort failed to win enough support from conservatives and moderates, Republicans recast the bill. The latest version would let states escape a requirement under Obama's 2010 law that insurers charge healthy and seriously ill customers the same rates. The overall legislation would cut the Medicaid program for the poor, eliminate fines for people who don't buy insurance and provide generally skimpier subsidies. Critics have said the approach could reduce protections for people with pre-existing conditions.

But during an interview with "Face the Nation" on CBS aired Sunday, Trump said the measure has a "clause that guarantees" that people with pre-existing conditions will be covered.

Trump said: "Pre-existing conditions are in the bill. And I just watched another network than yours, and they were saying, 'Pre-existing is not covered.' Pre-existing conditions are in the bill. And I mandate it. I said, 'Has to be.'"

Trump said during the interview that if he's unable to renegotiate a long-standing free trade agreement with Mexico and Canada, then he'll terminate the pact.

He also spoke about tensions with North Korea. Asked about the failure of several North Korean missile tests recently, Trump said he'd "rather not discuss it. But perhaps they're just not very good missiles. But eventually, he'll have good missiles."

Trump also said he is willing to use the trade issue as leverage to get China's help with North Korea. "Trade is very important. But massive warfare with millions, potentially millions of people being killed? That, as we would say, trumps trade."

And he acknowledged the presidency is "a tough job. But I've had a lot of tough jobs. I've had things that were tougher, although I'll let you know that better at the end of eight years. Perhaps eight years. Hopefully, eight years."

Also this week, the president will welcome Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas to the White House. And he'll head to New York City on Thursday where he'll visit the USS Intrepid to mark the 75th anniversary of a World War II naval battle.

On Sunday morning, Trump headed to Trump National Golf Club in Virginia. The White House did not immediately clarify whether he was holding meetings or golfing.

Trump marked his 100th day in office Saturday with a rally in Harrisburg, where he continued to pledge to cut taxes and get tough on trade deals.

"We are not going to let other countries take advantage of us anymore," he said Saturday in Harrisburg at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center. "From now on it's going to be America first."

Trump's rally Saturday night in Harrisburg offered a familiar recapitulation of what he and aides have argued for days are administration successes, including the successful confirmation of Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court, his Cabinet choices and the approval of construction of the Keystone XL pipeline.

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France's Macron honors Holocaust victims, vows 'Never again'

By Angela Charlton
Associated Press

PARIS — Amid worries about rising nationalism, French presidential candidate Emmanuel Macron paid homage Sunday to the tens of thousands of French Jews killed in the Holocaust with a somber, simple message to voters: Never again.

Chants of "Macron, President!" mixed with tears of sorrowful remembrance as he visited the Holocaust Memorial in Paris, walking past panels bearing the names of those deported to death in Nazi camps, while Holocaust survivors and children of its victims looked on.

It was the second time in three days that Macron visited a site tied to France's wartime history, as he seeks to remind voters of the shame of France's Nazi collaboration — and especially of the anti-Semitic past of his rival Marine Le Pen's far-right National Front party.

The two face a presidential runoff May 7 that will reverberate across Europe.

Le Pen herself, who has worked for years to detoxify her party's image, laid a wreath at a memorial to France's deported Jews in Marseille on Sunday, a national day of remembrance.

Yet the gesture cannot undo decades of anti-Semitism that still poisons her party. Her own father has been convicted of describing the gas chambers as a "detail" of history, and her temporary party leader was removed just last week for similar comments.

After visiting the Holocaust Memorial and a wall honoring French people who protected Jews during the German occupation, Macron said, "We have a duty today to their memory."

The 39-year-old former economy minister lamented a "moral weakening that could tempt some people to say all things are relative, that could tempt others to negate the Holocaust — a position some people find refuge in because what happened is unforgettable and unforgiveable, and should never happen again."

Michel Pfeffer, 74, is not a fan of Macron but is determined to vote for him next Sunday for one reason: the names of Pfeffer's father and his grandfather are etched on the wall of the Holocaust Memorial, two of the 76,000 French Jews deported to die.

"It's inadmissible. It's unthinkable" that Le Pen could lead France, Pfeffer told The Associated Press as Macron arrived.

His wife Mireille said, "I have always voted conservative, and it will be difficult to betray my political convictions, but I have no other choice."

While they said anti-Semitism has always percolated under the surface in France, they feel a growing acceptance of public racism in recent years.

Responding to criticism from Le Pen that Macron is using memories of the Holocaust for political gain, Macron grew heated.

"Does she want us to no longer commemorate?" he asked, pledging to "proudly resolutely defend what we are, our history, the memory of those who perished."

"Madame Le Pen and her people can complain, but I will not back down," he added.

France's wartime collaboration with the Nazis still casts a shadow of shame seven decades later. There was no national atonement, and families across France have troubling stories of collaboration that have been hidden from their children and grandchildren.

It wasn't until 1995 that then-President Jacques Chirac acknowledged the French state's role in the Holocaust for the first time.

Despite Chirac's gesture, many French prefer to see the Vichy regime that governed wartime France as a historical anomaly. Le Pen voiced that position recently, denying that the French state was responsible for Nazi-era roundups of Jews.

France's election is drawing attention across the European Union just as the bloc is negotiating Britain's departure. Le Pen's anti-EU stance could unravel post-war unity, while Macron wants greater European cooperation and trade.

Le Pen wants a referendum on France's membership in the EU, to restore French borders and return to the franc currency instead of the euro.

"I think the euro is dead," Le Pen was quoted as saying in Sunday's Le Parisien.

Le Pen, who has courted the blue-collar vote, visited the Alteo aluminum plant Sunday in the town of Gardanne, but the event appeared to fall flat. She did not meet with workers and quickly left after accusing the factory, which has been blamed for polluting the Mediterranean Sea, of being an example of "savage globalization."

Philippines says Trump called Duterte to affirm alliance

By Jim Gomez
Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — U.S. President Donald Trump has called Philippine leader Rodrigo Duterte and expressed Washington's commitment to their treaty alliance and his interest in developing "a warm, working relationship," a Filipino official said Sunday. Presidential spokesman Ernie Abella said Trump mentioned he was looking forward to visiting the Philippines in November to attend an East Asia summit that Duterte will host with several world leaders and that Trump invited Duterte to visit the White House.

"The discussion that transpired between the presidents was warm, with President Trump expressing his understanding and appreciation of the challenges facing the Philippine president, especially on the matter of dangerous drugs," Abella said in a statement. A White House statement described late Saturday's call as "very friendly" and said the U.S.-Philippine alliance "is now heading in a very positive direction."

Trump's chief of staff, Reince Priebus, said the friendlier ties are needed even with concerns about Duterte's human rights record, which includes extrajudicial killings of suspected drug dealers and users as part of the government's drug war. Priebus cited the military threat of North Korea.

"The purpose of this call is all about North Korea," Priebus told ABC's "This Week" on Sunday. "It doesn't mean that human rights don't matter."

Abella's remarks reflect the friendlier attitude Duterte has taken with Trump versus the antagonistic stance he had toward President Barack Obama, who he once asked to "go to hell" for criticizing the Philippine leader's bloody anti-drug crackdown. During Obama's final months in office, the Philippine president moved to build closer economic ties with China and Russia while repeatedly threatening to end his nation's longstanding military alliance with the U.S.

Duterte's apparent dislike for Obama began when the U.S. State Department expressed concern over his drug war — which has left thousands of suspects dead — and asked Philippine government officials to take steps to stop extrajudicial killings.

Famed Swiss climber killed near Mount Everest in Nepal

By Binaj Gurubacharya and Frank Jordans
Associated Press

KATHMANDU — A Swiss climber acclaimed for his rapid ascents — including scaling dozens of peaks in the Alps in a little more than two months — died Sunday in a mountaineering accident near Mount Everest in Nepal, expedition organizers said.

Ueli Steck died at Camp 1 of Mount Nuptse, Mingma Sherpa of Seven Summit Treks said. Steck's body was taken to Lukla, where the only airport in the Mount Everest area is located. Steck's family said the exact circumstances of his death were still unclear.

"The family is infinitely sad and asks that the media refrain from speculating about his death out of respect and consideration for Ueli," it said in a statement on Steck's website. "As soon as reliable information about Ueli Steck's death becomes available, the media will be informed."

Steck was planning to climb 29,035-foot Mount Everest and nearby Mount Lhotse next month. He was the first casualty in the spring mountaineering season in Nepal that began in March and will end in May. Hundreds of foreign climbers are in the Himalayan region to attempt to climb peaks in May when weather is most favorable.

The 40-year-old Steck was one of the most-renowned mountaineers of his generation. He was best known for his speed-climbing, including setting several records for ascending the north face of Eiger, a classic peak in the Bernese Alps that he climbed in two hours and 47 minutes without using a rope. In 2013, he achieved the first solo climb of the Annapurna south face in Nepal after almost losing his life in a fall there in 2007. For that he received the "Piolet d'Or" — considered the Oscar of mountaineering — the following year.

In 2015, Steck decided to climb all 82 peaks in the Alps higher than 13,100 feet traveling between mountains by foot, bike and paraglider only. He completed the feat in 62 days, helping cement his reputation as the "Swiss Machine."

Steck once said he considered himself an "outsider" in the mountaineering scene because athletic achievement was more important to him than adventure.

In a recent post on his website, Steck mused about the transience of success in mountaineering and the inevitable decline that comes with age.

"A record is broken again and again, and the world keeps on turning," he wrote. "You are getting older and there comes a time when you have to adjust your projects to your age."

Trump warns North Korea's missiles will get better

By Foster Klug and Kim Tong-Hyung
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — President Donald Trump said after North Korea's latest failed rocket launch that communist leader Kim Jong-Un will eventually develop better missiles, and "we can't allow it to happen."

In a taped interview broadcast Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation," the president would not discuss the possibility of military action, saying "It is a chess game. I just don't want people to know what my thinking is."

Separately, Trump's national security adviser, Army Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster, said North Korea's most recent missile test represents "open defiance of the international community." He said North Korea poses "a grave threat," not just to the U.S. and its Asian allies, but also to China.

Speaking on "Fox News Sunday," McMaster said it is important "for all of us to confront this regime, this regime that is pursuing the weaponization of a missile with a nuclear weapon."

"This is something that we know we cannot tolerate," McMaster said.

On Saturday, a North Korean mid-range ballistic missile broke up a few minutes after launch, the third test-fire flop this month. The program's repeated failures over the past few years have given rise to suspicions of U.S. sabotage.

In the CBS interview, the president was asked why the North's rockets keep blowing up.

"I'd rather not discuss it," he said. "But perhaps they're just not very good missiles. But eventually, he'll have good missiles."

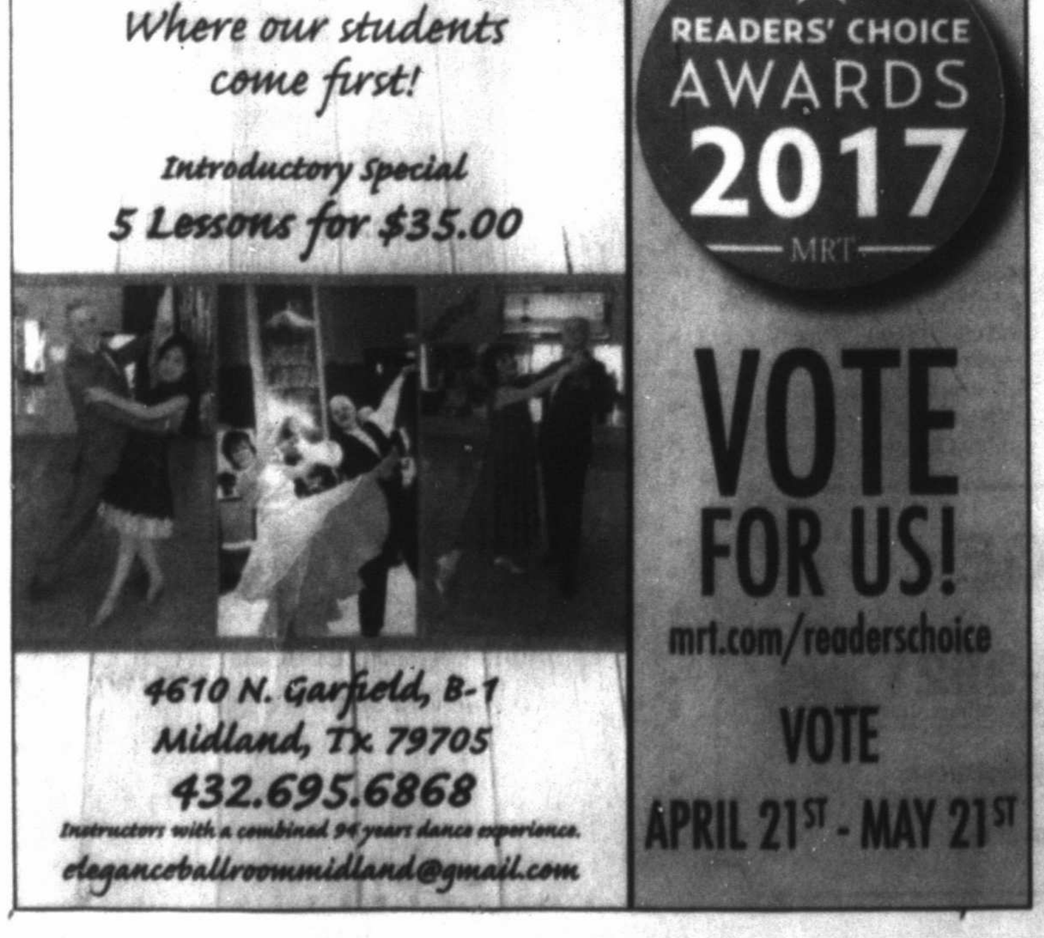
He added: "And if that happens, we can't allow it to happen."

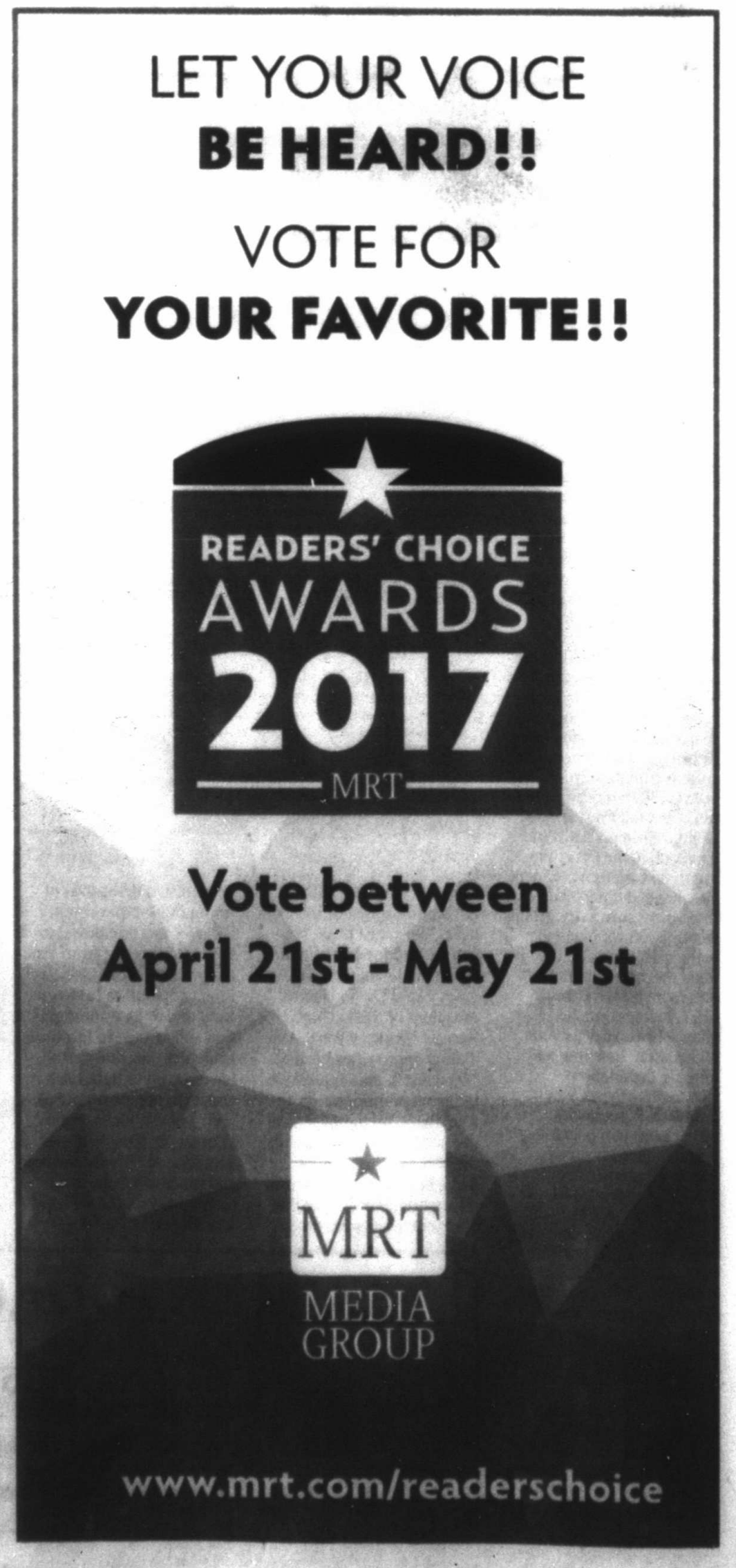
Trump also called North Korea's leader "a pretty smart cookie" for being able to hold onto power after taking over at a young age. "People are saying, 'Is he sane?' I have no idea," the president said.

North Korean ballistic missile tests are banned by the United Nations because they are seen as part of the North's push for a nuclear-tipped weapon that can hit the U.S. mainland.

McMaster said that Trump "has made clear that he is going to resolve this issue one way or the other," but that the president's preference is to work with China and others to resolve it without military action.

That means, McMaster said, working to enforce current U.N. sanctions and perhaps ratcheting them up. "And it also means being prepared for military operations if necessary," he said.





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RECOGNIZING MIDLAND'S UNSUNG HEROES & VOLUNTEERS



RITA EHLER, LEFT, AND NANCY MORELAND — PHOTO BY JAMES DURBIN

RITA EHLER AND NANCY MORELAND

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AND MEALS ON WHEELS

Community involvement: ***Rita:*** I volunteer in the kitchen and drive a route for Meals on Wheels one day a week. I work on the construction crew at Habitat for Humanity three days a week. ***Nancy:*** My husband and I are co-directors of the John Department at First Baptist Church, and we share a Meals on Wheels route. I volunteer at Habitat for Humanity, Friends of the Library and in the kitchens at Meals on Wheels and the Midland Soup Kitchen

How did you decide to serve the community as volunteers with Habitat for Humanity and Meals on Wheels? ***Rita:*** Ten years ago I retired, (and) a friend from church asked if I could volunteer at MOW. They also needed drivers, so I was assigned a route. While at MOW, I talked to my friend, Nancy, who had just started working with the Habitat crew. I had always wanted to do that, so I started the next day. ***Nancy:*** I always loved crafts, but I wanted to do something that was longer-lasting for our community; thus, I am using my talents to build houses. My husband and I took a Meals on Wheels route for a month each summer and agreed that when we retired we would be part of this ministry full time. My son and I began volunteering at the soup kitchen in 1989 as a way to teach him to give back to the community. Now I am back. Lastly, I volunteer at Friends of the Library with a fellow Sunday school member, Edith Hardy, who needed help shelving the Christian books.

What unexpected lesson have you learned while serving as a volunteer? ***Rita:*** I didn't expect to form the friendships that I have made with either my MOW or Habitat families. I also learned that women can make a big difference, even in construction. ***Nancy:*** At Habitat, I have a greater appreciation for the skills of plumbers and electricians, and how as a team a house becomes a home. I have learned how to use tools correctly and a new vocabulary of terms.

Why is volunteerism a priority for you? ***Rita:*** After retiring, I think you need a reason to get up every morning. When you are involved in volunteering and see the good you can do, it's a blessing from God to be able to give back to your community. ***Nancy:*** Volunteerism gives you purpose. If you finish one career, find another. Midland is a very giving city, and we need to give back. In doing so, we stay healthier and happier by being a blessing to others.

How long has Midland been your home, and why have you stayed? ***Rita:*** I moved to Midland in 1966, met and married my husband, Howard. We lived to California for 13 years before moving back to Midland in 1981. Midland has a lot to offer that most cities our size don't. It is a good place to raise children and has everything I need. ***Nancy:*** I moved to Midland in 1951 because of the great flying weather — my dad flew planes for a living. It was a great place to grow up and then turn around and raise my son. I love the conservative attitudes, western mentality, the people and being in the Bible Belt.

"THESE WOMEN CAN BUILD A HOUSE"

Nancy Moreland and Rita Ehler are both retired. Nancy was a K through sixth-grade teacher, and Rita was a premier wallpaper installer, working in much larger homes than the ones she helps build today. They met while volunteering at Meals on Wheels. Nancy then began to volunteer in 2006 at the Habitat construction site on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. She very quickly called Rita to join in the fun.

What had been called the "Grumpy Old Men" construction crew transitioned into the Volunteer Construction Crew. In the beginning, there was some grumbling from these grumpy old men about women intruding into what had been "their" space. After the first pan of brownies, attitudes changed immediately.

Nancy and Rita got to work, adding organization to the warehouse … to the office … to the storage unit … to the tool trailer. Everything began to look better and was much easier to find. Rita's husband, Howard, retired and was persuaded to join the crew. What a deal that was for Habitat.

As Rita and Nancy worked, they learned how to build walls and trusses and even pop out the slab. (These are the chalk lines that show where the walls and the doors should be. In other words, it is the house plan drawn on top of the concrete foundation.) The construction superintendent, Tony Valles, has been known to brag about how Rita and Nancy can "lay out the walls." For those who do not build houses, this is high praise. These women can build a house.

They also have helped in countless non-construction duties. They make sure everyone on the construction crew is remembered on their birthday, and they help with home dedication gifts. They use tile and lumber from the house to make trivets for the new homeowner. They help create a meaningful award for their fellow construction crew members when they reach a significant number of homes built.

This dynamic duo cannot only build a house, but they are also the glue that holds the construction crew into a cohesive unit while building homes for families in need. Rita and Nancy are truly two of our unsung heroes. It is with heartfelt gratitude that we recommend them for recognition in 52 Faces.

Alynda Best, *Habitat for Humanity executive director*

"BOTH WOMEN ARE AMAZING VOLUNTEERS"

Nancy and Rita have been faithful volunteers for Meals On Wheels for more than the four years that I have worked here. Both women are part of the Tuesday Bunch.

They start about 8 a.m. and help with packaging the meals for the clients. When finished packaging, each one has a route to deliver the meals to the clients. Nancy goes with her husband, Roland, and Rita had her mother — who recently died at 105 — ride with her.

Nancy fell and broke her wrist a couple of years ago. She took off a short time and returned to help keep everything running smoothly.

Both women are amazing volunteers — not only at Meals on Wheels, but with other Midland organizations throughout the week. They are very dedicated and show genuine concern for the clients, fellow volunteers and our staff. We are very fortunate to have both Nancy and Rita as part of the great group of volunteers here at Meal on Wheels, Midland.

Alan Barkley, *Meals on Wheels volunteer coordinator*

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Study reveals importance of social media

■ Grounding teens from access could have negative impact

By Hayley Tsukayama
Washington Post

It all used to be so simple: Break the rules, get grounded and be forbidden from hanging out with your friends. These days, of course, social media makes anywhere a teen hangout, and parents looking to ground their kids might choose to cut off access to social media instead. But that punishment might not have its desired effect — and could even have some harmful consequences for teenagers, according to a new study published Thursday.

Teens forced to take a break from social media lose more than just a few days gossiping with friends, according to research funded and conducted by the University of Chicago's independent research organization, NORC. In partnership with the Associated Press, the researchers surveyed 790 teenagers about whether they'd ever taken a break from social media by choice or by force.

"The side effect of that is taking away from potential emotional support and from access to information," said Amanda Lenhart, the study's lead researcher and an expert on social media behavior. "That's not just what's happening in friends' lives, which is one component, but also hard news, current events and that type of information."

There's no denying that grounding a child from social media makes an immediate impact, Lenhart said. But the survey suggests that it may have a more negative effect than parents realize. The 38 percent of teens who were forced to take a break were more likely to report being anxious about being away from social media and more likely to increase their social media postings after being allowed back on their networks.

However, teens who opted to take voluntary breaks from social media — 65 percent of those surveyed — tend to handle the lack of constant contact with friends and the online world much better than teens who had it snatched away from them. Across the board, these teens were more likely to say they felt relieved about taking a break and thought the break helped them connect with important people in their lives.

Lenhart said she was surprised by how many teens chose to take voluntary breaks from social media on their own. Still, taking a break — by choice or not — doesn't change much about teens' long-term behavior, the study showed. Nearly 20 percent of teens who took a break from social media said they visited sites less often than before their breaks, but 53 percent said there was no difference in their behavior.

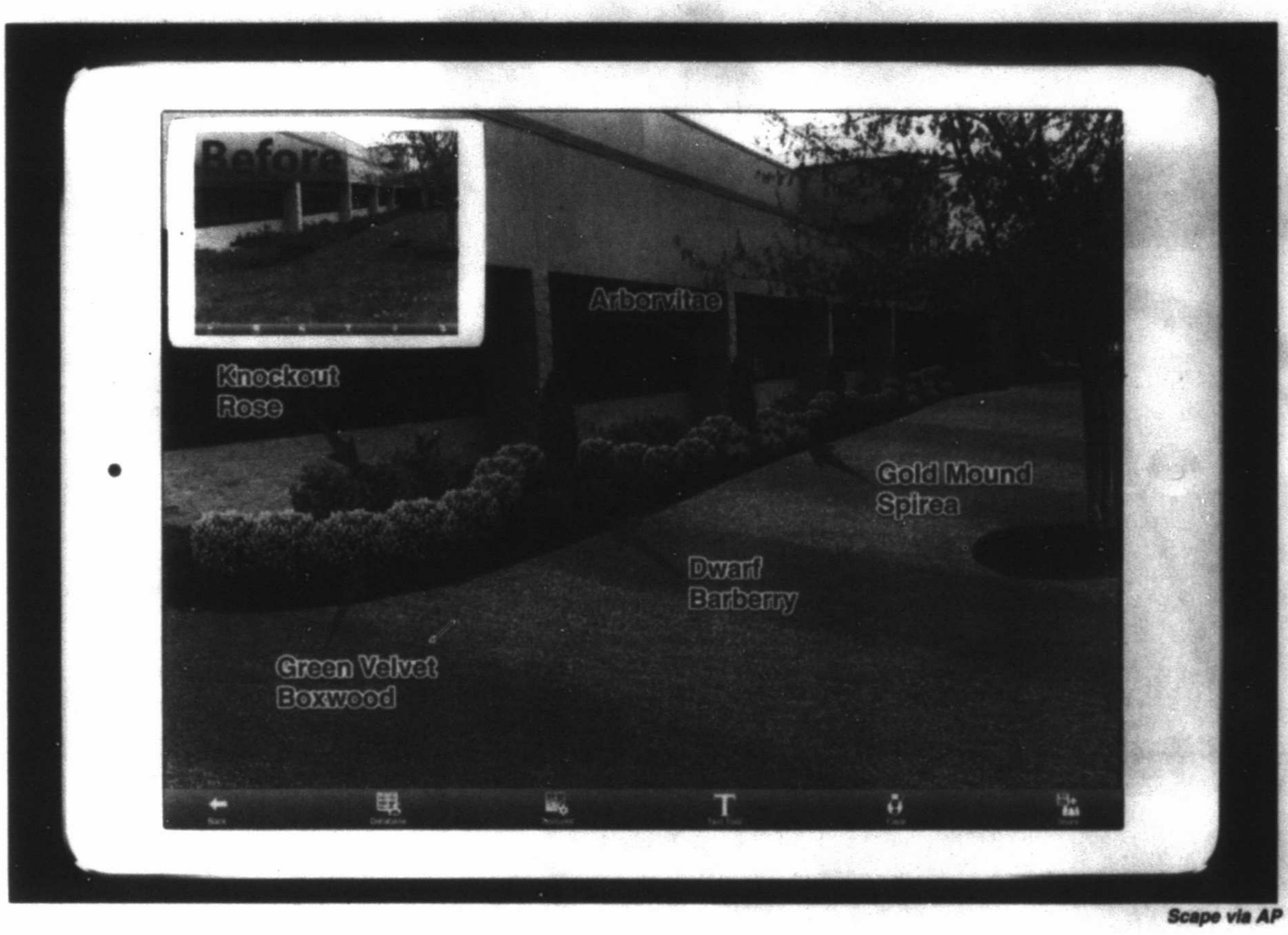
"That speaks to the power of these platforms," Lenhart said. "The best minds of our generation are figuring out how to get people to come back and stay engaged, and they do a good job with it," Lenhart said.

Twenty-three percent of teens in the study said that they would like to take a break from social media but feel they can't because of the effect it would have on their social lives and on their schoolwork and extracurricular activities. Coaches and teachers often communicate about practices, assignments or other information through social media. Being cut off from their digital social networks cuts teens off from that important information, as well.

Overall, Lenhart said, she hopes that the study sheds a little more light on how deeply embedded social media is into a modern teenager's life and reminds parents of exactly what they're cutting off when they take away social media as part of a punishment.

"It's not simple. It's not just where teens are hanging out with friends," she said. "There are a lot of layers around social media use, and it's important for everyone to realize there's more there than meets the eye."

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?



Scape via AP

The images provided by iScape show screenshots of the company's website showcasing before and after views of landscaping changes using its mobile garden and landscape design application.

Virtual technology can make landscaping easier

By Katherine Roth
Associated Press

Just as virtual technology has become a common tool for anyone planning to repaint or redecorate a home, a growing array of apps can make landscaping easier too.

But know when to use them, and when it would be easier to pull out an old-fashioned pencil and a sheet of graph paper — or to seek out a professional.

"We've seen an increase in virtual interior design services within the last two years, so it's only natural that this functionality would make its way to the exterior of the home as well," said Stephanie Sisco, Real Simple magazine's home editor.

A few of the more popular DIY gardening apps include Garden Designer ($9.99, from Artifact Interactive), Design your New Surroundings ($9.99, from Home Revivals), Garden Plan Pro ($9.99, from Growing Interactive), and Perennial Match ($4.99, from Harmony systems, Inc.).

"We have seen several hundred thousand downloads," says Patrick Pozzuto, founder of the iScape app ($9.99, from Home Revivals LLC), aimed at both professional and home landscapers. Based in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, Pozzuto worked as a contractor before launching his app.

"Arranging plants using a touch screen is way easier than using your lower back to do it," he says.

"But while the pros have been using apps for a long time now, home gardeners do encounter some hiccups sometimes," he admits. "They don't necessarily know what plant goes with what, and what areas it'll grow in. And some people don't have an artistic mind, and get into trouble."

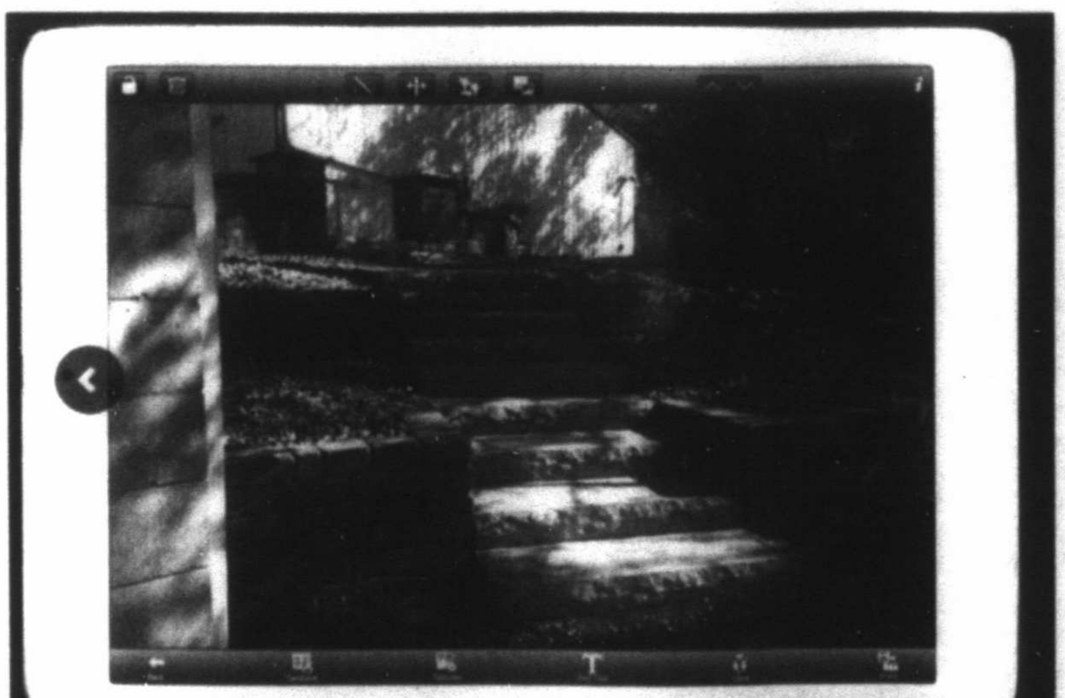
Dave Whitinger, executive director of the National Gardening Association, based in Jacksonville, Texas, warns that while some tech-savvy gardeners quickly get the hang of landscaping apps, the learning curve is steep, and they may be impractical for most home gardeners. The association, founded in 1971, helps put out the "Gardening for Dummies" book series (published by For Dummies) and hosts the website garden.org.

"The reality is that while the virtual tools are great for a minority of gardeners, many more people find them far too confusing, and they get really frustrated," he says.

Many home gardeners, he says, would be better off using a pencil and graph paper, with each square representing 6 inches, or whatever scale is appropriate for the particular garden.

Yet even for amateurs, he notes, the information on some online sites can mean the difference between failure and success with gardening and landscaping projects. Garden.org, for example, features a database for the entire country, searchable by zip code, to tell home gardeners what

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Poll: Most teens take breaks from social media

By Barbara Ortutay
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The common stereotype has teens glued to their phones 24-7. But nearly 60 percent of teens in the U.S. have actually taken a break from social media — the bulk of them voluntarily, a new survey found.

The poll, from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, surveyed teens aged 13 to 17 and found that most value the feeling of connection with friends and family that social media provides. A much smaller number associate it with negative emotions, such as being overwhelmed or needing to always show their best selves.

The survey, released Thursday, found that teens' social media breaks are typically a week or longer, and that boys are more likely to take longer breaks.

Teens were allowed to cite multiple reasons for their breaks. Nearly two-thirds of teens who took a break cited at least one voluntary reason. Amanda Lenhart, the lead researcher and an expert on young people and technology use, said she was surprised by this, as it counters the broader narrative that teens are "handcuffed" to their social media profiles.

Today's teenagers might not recall a time before social media MySpace was founded in 2003. Had it survived, it would be 14 years old today. Facebook is a year younger. Instagram launched in 2010. For an adult to understand what it might be like for someone who grew up with it to step back from social media, consider disconnecting from email — or your phone — for a couple of weeks.

Among the teens who took voluntary breaks, 38 percent did so because social media was getting in the way of work or school. Nearly a quarter said they were tired of "the conflict and drama" and 20 percent said they were tired of having to keep up with what's going on.

Nearly half of teens who took a break did so involuntarily. This included 38 percent who said their parents took away their phone or computer and 17 percent who said their phone was lost, broken or stolen.

The involuntary break "is sort of its own challenge," Lenhart said. "They feel that they are missing out, detached from important social relationships (as well as) news and information."

About 35 percent of teens surveyed said they have not taken a break, citing such worries as missing out and being disconnected from friends. Some said they need social media for school or extracurricular activities.

"I like to see what my friends and family are up to," said Lukas Goodwin, 14, who uses Instagram and Snapchat every day. He said he took a break from Instagram "a few years ago" but not recently. Now, he says, "I wouldn't want to take a break from them."

Among the survey's other findings:

■ Lower income teens were more likely to take social media breaks than their wealthier counterparts, and their breaks tended to last longer. The study points out that educators who use social media in the classroom need to understand that

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BRAVO		65	76		41		Southern Charm		Southern Charm		Southern Charm (N)			Sweet OK	Sweet OK	Watch (N)	Southern Charm		Atlanta
CNBC		46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank			American Greed		American Greed		American Greed	
CNN		43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360			CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
DISC		50	60	31	24	42	Street Outlaws		Street Outlaws (N)		Street Outlaws (N)			Vegas Rat Rods (N)		Street Outlaws		Vegas Rat Rods	
DISNEY		56	64	36	25	36	Underc.	Good Luck	StuckMid	GoodLuck	Underc.	Underc.		Call Style	Bunk'd	Jessie	Jessie	StuckMid	AndiMack
ESPN		32	35	48	31	30	MLB Baseball (L)							Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2		34	36	49	32	31	NFL Live		SportsCenter Special "Draft Grades"					30 for 30		30Shorts "Spy Ball"		Baseball Tonight (L)	
FNC		45	48	53	23	55	The First 100 Days		TuckerCarlsonTon		The Five			Hannity		TuckerCarlsonTon		The Five	
FOOD		64	70	27	68	58	Kids BBQ Champ		Kids BBQ Champ (N)		Diners, Drive-Ins			Yelp (N)	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners, Drive-Ins	
FREEFORM		53	63	34	42	33	(4:00) ★ Harry Potter...		Young (N)	Daddy (N)	Twins: Happily (N)			(:05) Young	Daddy	The 700 Club		★ Letters to Juliet	
FSSW		37	38	50	45	29	SportsDay OnAir	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Houston Astros Site: Minute Maid Park -- Houston, Texas (L)					Rangers Live (L)	Rangers Insider			First Boys of Spring	
FX		31	56	59	64	69	(4:00) ★ The Wolveri...		★★★ X-Men: Days of Future Past ('14, Adv) Hugh Jackman.							★★★ X-Men: Days of Future Past			
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	Love It or List It		House	House	House	House		H.Hunt	House (N)	Tiny H.	House	House	House
HISTORY		71	59	29	50	43	Superheroes "American Legends" 1/2				Superheroes "American Rebels" 2/2 (N)					(:05) Superheroes "American Legends" 1/2			
LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	48	Deadly Wives "Vanishing Acts"				Deadly Wives "Craven for Murder"			Wives "Where There's a Will, There's a Way"		Deadly Wives "Murder for Proffit"		Deadly Wives "Opposites Attract"		Deadly Wives "Craven for Murder"
MSNBC		47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow			The Last Word		11thHour	Hardball	Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	43				NHLLive		NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs Was./Pit. (L)					NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)					Overtime
NICK		55	-	39	34	37	Thunder	Thunder	Nicky	GShakers	F.House	F.House		F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops		Cops	Cops	Adam Carolla (N)		Cops	Cops
SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	(4:00) ★ Skyfall		★★ Troy (2004, Action) Orlando Bloom, Eric Bana, Brad Pitt.							★★ The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspi...			
TBS		25	33	44	66	41	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy		American Dad (N)	Angie Tribeca	Conan Kevin Nealon, Chuck Todd		Angie Tribeca	Conan
TCM		41	75	24	63	66	(5:15) ★ Blackboard ...		★★★ The Rage of Paris			★★★ La Ronde					(:15) ★★ The Earrings of Madame De...		
TELE		20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		La Doña		Guerra de idolos			El Capo		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	Guerra de idolos	
TLC		51	61	32	38	52	Say Yes "My Sisters are Picking Out My Dress!"		7 Little Johnstons "A Little Look Back" Join the Johnstons as they look back at their first year on television. (N)							(:05) 7 Johnstons "A Little Look Back" The Johnstons look back at their first year on TV			
TNT		24	34	40	26	50	(4:00) ★★ Bad Boys II		NBA Basketball Playoffs						NBA Basketball Playoffs				
TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	MASH	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA		26	55	42	27	49	Modern Family	Modern Family	WWE Monday Night Raw							(:05) Friday Night Tykes (N)		(:15) CSI: Crime "Bump and Grind"	
WGN		19	85				Person of Interest "Foe"		Person of Interest "Get Carter"		Person of Interest "Number Crunch"			Underground "Auld Acquaintance"		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother

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Friend suffering seizures plans to elude driving restrictions

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: I'm acquainted with a woman who has been experiencing seizures for several years and, because of the seizures, has been restricted from driving. She drove her son to school a couple of years ago (he had missed the bus) and ran into a brick mailbox, totaling her car.

She now wants to be able to drive and has said she will not tell her doctor about recent seizures. Isn't this potentially dangerous? — RESTRICTED DRIVING IN KENTUCKY

DEAR RESTRICTED DRIVING: Of course it's dangerous! It is also irresponsible and indefensible.

Periodically, we hear in the media about tragedies that happened because someone had a seizure and drove into a restaurant, a shop window, etc. For someone with an illness that could endanger the lives of passengers, pedestrians and other innocent people to get behind the wheel of a vehicle is selfish and unconscionable.

Encourage her to talk to her doctor about adjusting or changing her medication. And remind her that if she were to cause another accident, and it was discovered that she was driving in spite of being restricted, that she could not only kill people, she could also be prosecuted criminally and civilly.

DEAR ABBY: Whenever I give my longtime friend a gift, her immediate reaction is to tell me, "Oh, no." Then she immediately offers to give me money for the gift.

When I give someone a gift, it is because I like that person and am excited to give them something I think they would like. When she tells me I shouldn't have done it and keeps asking how much money she owes me, I feel very hurt.

Now her daughter, whom I consider like my family, has learned it from her mom and does the same thing when I give her a gift. Abby, why do they react that way? I always give from my heart. — GIFT GIVER IN TEXAS

DEAR GIFT GIVER: I suspect your friend learned this behavior the way her daughter has — from her mother. You might ask your friend to explain why she does this when you give her a gift, because her reaction is peculiar. (Could it be she feels unworthy?) Because you know that receiving gifts makes her uncomfortable, my advice is to quit giving her things.

DEAR ABBY: I have a girlfriend. We have been dating for almost two months. We both love each other so much and think we are the perfect match. But she is going to high school and I'm a year younger, which puts me in eighth grade. We live close to each other, so we see each other on the weekends.

She has been accepted to an amazingly good school, but it's in downtown. What should we do? Should we keep our relationship or leave it if we won't be able to see each other as often? — TEENS IN LOVE

DEAR TEENS: If I told you to break up because in a few months you and this girl won't be able to see each other as often, would you do it? I don't think so! What I do suggest is that the two of you let this play out. Enjoy each other for now, and in the fall, if your feelings — or hers — change, discuss it,then.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠Q 3 2 ♡A 10 4 ◇A Q 9 6 ♣Q J 7

Partner opens one no-trump, 15-17. What call would you make?

A — You can't possibly have 33 combined points, and an invitational four-no-trump bid might get you to slam with only 31 combined points. Bid three no-trump.

Q 2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠J 10 3 ♡7 3 ◇A Q 7 6 ♣A Q 10 4

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1◇	Pass	1♠	Pass

What call would you make?

A — This is an easy one. Bid two spades. That's a much better bid than one no-trump.

Q 3 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠2 ♡A Q 9 ◇8 7 5 3 ♣A Q J 6 3

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass

What call would you make?

A — One no-trump would show 12-14 and two diamonds would show 17 or more. This is one of the rare occasions where it is right to rebid a five-card suit. Bid two clubs.

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠K ♡Q 10 9 7 6 ◇A Q 2 ♣K J 9 5

Partner opens two spades, weak. What call would you make?

A — There are hands for partner that will produce a game with this dummy, but you are likely to go minus looking for such a hand. Pass and hope they balance.

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Movies

iTunes Movies U.S. charts for week ending April 23:

iTunes Movies US Charts:
1. Split (2017)
2. Hidden Figures
3. The Founder
4. Rogue One: A Star Wars Story
5. Lion
6. A Dog's Purpose
7. Moana (2016)
8. Hell or High Water
9. Sing
10. Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them

iTunes Movies US Charts - Independent:
1. Carrie Pilby
2. Queen of the Desert
3. Betting on Zero
4. Donnie Darko (Anniversary Special Edition)
5. Manchester By the Sea
6. Moonlight
7. The Void
8. American Honey
9. A Cowgirl's Story
10. Big Men

Source: Apple

Apps

App Store Official Charts for the week ending April 23:

Top Paid iPhone Apps:
1. Minecraft: Pocket Edition, Mojang
2. Toca Life: Hospital, Toca Boca AB
3. Heads Up!, Warner Bros.
4. Plague Inc., Ndemic Creations
5. Bloons TD 5, Ninja Kiwi
6. The Escapists, Team17 Software Ltd.
7. Facetune, Lightricks Ltd.
8. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
9. iSchedule, HotSchedules
10. NBA 2K17, 2K

Top Free iPhone Apps:
1. Bailz, Ketchapp
2. Snapchat, Snap Inc
3. YouTube - Watch, Upload and Sh..., Google Inc.
4. Messenger, Facebook Inc.
5. Bitmoji - Your Personal Emoji Bitstrips
6. Instagram, Instagram, Inc.
7. Facebook, Facebook, Inc.
8. Google Maps - Navigation & Transit, Google, Inc.
9. CATS: Crash Arena Turbo Stars, ZeptoLab UK Limited
10. Netflix, Netflix, Inc.

Top Paid iPad Apps:
1. Toca Life: Hospital, Toca Boca AB
2. Minecraft: Pocket Edition, Mojang
3. SpongeBob Moves In, Nickelodeon
4. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
5. The Escapists, Team17 Software Ltd
6. Goat Simulator, Coffee Stain Studios AB
7. Sago Mini Town, Sago Sago
8. Terraria, 505 Games (US), Inc.
9. Marvel's Guardians of the Galaxy TTG, Telltale Inc
10. Five Nights at Freddy's: Sister Location, Scott Cawthon

Top Free iPad Apps:
1. CATS: Crash Arena Turbo Stars, ZeptoLab UK Limited
2. Netflix, Netflix Inc.
3. YouTube - Watch, Upload and Share Videos, Google Inc.
4. Cut the Rope: Magic, ZeptoLab UK Limited
5. Messenger, Facebook Inc.
6. Facebook, Facebook, Inc.
7. Google Chrome - The Fast and Secure Web Browser, Google Inc.
8. ROBLOX, Roblox Corporation
9. AdVenture Capitalist, Kongregate
10. Gmail - email by Google: secure, fast & organized, Google Inc.

Source: Apple

Books

iBook charts for week ending April 23:
(Rank, Book Title by Author Name, ISBN, Publisher):

1. The Fix by David Baldacci - 9781455586554 - (Grand Central Publishing)
2. Shattered by Amie Parnes & Jonathan Allen - 9780553447095 - (CrownArchetype)
3. Thirteen Reasons Why by Jay Asher - 9781101539927 - (Penguin Young Readers Group)
4. The Black Book by David Ellis & James Patterson - 9780316464147 - (Little, Brown and Company)
5. The House Mate by Kendall Ryan - No ISBN Available - (Kendall Ryan)
6. Caught by Harlan Coben - 9781101186053 - (Penguin Publishing Group)
7. Fast and Loose by Stuart Woods - 9780399574214 - (Penguin Publishing Group)
8. Big Little Lies by Liane Moriarty - 9780698138636 - (Penguin Publishing Group)
9. The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood - 9780547345666 - (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)
10. All by Myself, Alone by Mary Higgins Clark - 9781501131134 - (Simon & Schuster)

Source: Apple

LANDSCAPING

From 2B

the frost dates are for their area, when to plant which vegetables and flowers, and what kinds of plants will encourage, say, certain varieties of butterflies or bees.

"Knowledge like that is crucial to whether a person's gardening project succeeds," he says. "Lettuce and spinach and tomatoes all have different dates when they should be planted for best results, and planting dates vary depending on where you live. Just because you see the plants for sale in the nursery doesn't mean it's the right time to plant."

And even if you haven't figured out all the features of the gardening apps, they can be a good way to show professional landscapers what you have in mind, Pozzuto says.

Richard Heller of Greener By Design, a firm in the New York area that uses 3-D software to help with both landscape design and communication with clients, says the software makes a huge difference.

"Three-D software is still not very common, and it gives us an amazing competitive edge. It allows people to see what's not planted, so they start expanding on projects they have in mind," he says.

"The software is accessible to anyone, but there's a steep learning curve involved. And you need a high-end gaming computer to use it."

Heller says home gardeners might want to check his company's website EZgardendesign.com which, for a small fee, allows you to create a landscaping "design book." It's a good starting point, but most home gardeners would still want to work with a professional who knows plants well, he says.

And there's always graph paper and a pencil if the learning curve proves too steep.

BREAKS

From 2B

not every teen is online and connected all the time.

■ Boys were more likely to feel overloaded with information on social media, while girls were more likely to feel they always have to show the best version of themselves.

■ Teens who took breaks typically did so across the board, checking out of Facebook, Snapchat and all other services all at once. And they were no more or less likely to take breaks from social media based on the type of services they use.

■ Although they felt relief and were happy to be away from social media for a while, most teens said things went back to how they were before once they returned to social media.

The AP-NORC poll was conducted online and by phone from Dec. 7 to 31. A sample of parents with teenage children was drawn from a probability-based panel of NORC at the University of Chicago. Parents then gave permission for their children to be interviewed. The panel, AmeriSpeak, is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 4.6 percentage points.

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Made with the shades: Imagine Eyewear owner Paul Garza and daughter Shannon can help you get ready for summer with cool shades like these. They're offering a Mother's Day discount of 30 percent on frames and lenses through Mother's Day.

Flowers and other gifts for Mother's Day are wonderful—and they should be an important way to honor a Mom who cleaned up after our messes. But why stop there? Paul Garza and his daughter Shannon of Imagine Eyewear want to give moms in Midland the gift of new lenses and frames—at 30 percent off.

This special offer continues through Mother's Day, so time is short. If you're a mom, drop in. If your mom can't make it in, you can bring her or buy her a gift certificate so she can make her choices later. This is a wonderful way to give Mom something of real value.

See better this summer and look cool at the same time

Will you be outdoors more this summer? Will you be boating, swimming, hiking, traveling, gardening or doing any other activity that puts you in the sunshine more than the rest of the year? Make sure your shades are in order!

After all, you remember to put the sunscreen on to protect your skin from the sun's UV rays—but do you remember that your eyes need the same protection?

Then there's the glare, especially off the water or other vehicles. Glare is dangerous because it can distract you or keep you from seeing clearly when you need to avoid danger.

Imagine has sunglasses that protect you from both—they're polarized to cut glare, and they have SPF 400 to protect from UV rays.

What color shades should I get?

Did you know that it's more important to choose colors to meet vision situations than to match your outfit? It's true, says Paul. Here's an overview of how colors match situations:

Gray: Best for light-sensitive people.

Yellow: Helps late-progression cataracts

Copper, amber, brown, with no polarization: Golfers and tennis players need these because polarization can make it harder to see terrain changes.

Crimson, copper and yellow: Best for shooters

Lemon yellow: Great for dawn or dusk driving or biking.

Polarizing shades are vital for anyone near the water or driving in a vehicle because they're the best at cutting glare.

Mirror, Mirror

Let's face it, there's nothing that says COOL like mirror lenses—but they do also help your vision. Blue, silver and red mirror lenses help reflect bright, full sunlight, improving your eye comfort especially on a long day outdoors. Gold and green improve your vision and ability to see contrasting colors.

And—they *look cool!*

All these are available in your prescription. Or, if you'd rather slip sunglasses on over your regular glasses, check out the Cocoon fitovers. Imagine carries a number of styles and sizes, so you can probably find one that fits your frames.

Go by for the 30 percent Mother's Day savings and get your eyes the shade they need this summer—at Imagine Eyewear.

Imagine Eyewear is at 4400 N. Midland Drive #403, in the Cornerstone Shopping Center. Phone 432-695-6259. Open 9-5:30 M-F and by appointment on Saturday. Se habla Español. Their website is imagineeyewear.net.

MIDLAND FAMILY CARE

Harmless? Not always.

Overuse of OTC painkillers, cough meds and supplements can damage your liver

By Lyden Odukwu MD



LYDEN ODUKWU, M.D.

"If it's over the counter, it must be okay, right? If it's a supplement, it's always healthy, isn't it?"

There are so many things in our world that come with instructions it's hard to keep up with all of them. Over the counter (OTC) medications are still drugs, and they still have side effects.

So do supplements designed to help with weight loss, muscle building, testosterone and other benefits. In fact, all these have at least one thing in common: prolonged use or high-dose usage can damage your liver.

Acetaminophen in particular is known for contributing to liver problems, and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has set guidelines for its use. The challenge with this drug is that it is commonly included in cold medications, so that a patient who has not read the cold remedy label may also take more acetaminophen separately—which would create an unintentional overdose. It is also included in many prescription painkillers such as Percocet and Vicodin.

The chances of liver damage with acetaminophen and other drugs are enhanced when those medications are combined with alcohol. So taking a painkiller and then adding a few drinks is particularly dangerous.

As mentioned, supplements are not immune to this issue. A few years ago the FDA required a Houston supplement maker to withdraw and destroy all bottles of a supplement linked with liver damage. Weight-loss and muscle-building supplements pose the greatest risk.

The liver is amazingly resilient, capable of restoring itself even when up to 65 percent of it is diseased or removed. But it still has its limits.

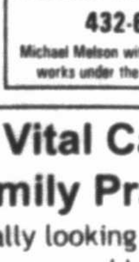
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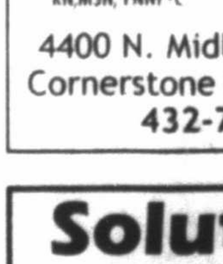

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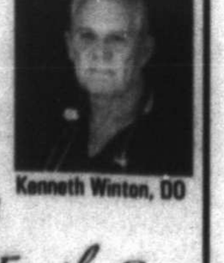
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MCS, Trinity feel good about chances at state

By Will Korn
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Fresh off sweeping their respective TAPPS regional tournaments last Monday, the Midland Christian and Trinity golf teams are pushing forward into the state tournament with a full head of momentum.

The MCS boys and girls will tee off in the first round of the TAPPS 5A state tournament at 8 a.m. today at Stonetree Golf Club in Killeen, with the second round commencing at 8 a.m. Tuesday. The Trinity boys and girls will open play in the TAPPS 4A state tournament at 1 p.m. today at Cottonwood Creek Golf Course in Waco. The second round starts 8 a.m. Tuesday.

Led by Bryce Waters and Robbey Massey, who each shot a 79 and finished tied for fourth, the Mustang boys captured the TAPPS 5A North Regional title by 16 strokes with a team score of 322.

In the girls' tournament, MCS won the title with a score of 413, one stroke ahead of Fort Worth Christian. Abbey Flatt paced the Lady Mustangs with an 89, good for sixth place, while Blaire Neatherlin placed eighth with a 97.

MCS coach Chris Ryburn said he was pleased of all of his players' performances, especially as they had to contend with windy conditions on an already demanding course at Fort Worth's The Golf Club at Fossil Creek.

"We really did play well," Ryburn said. "If you look at some of the scores, it was a really difficult golf course with the wind being up. I was really proud of our consistency."

Ryburn said neither MCS team has played at Stonetree GC before and so they prepared with a pair of practice rounds on Saturday and Sunday. He added that confidence, having a positive attitude and focusing on every stroke will be key over the next two days.

"Thirty-six holes is a lot of golf and it could potentially be a lot of pressure," Ryburn said. "We want to see how well we respond to those situations when we have a bad hole. We want to maintain a positive attitude throughout and focus on every shot."

Meanwhile at the TAPPS 4A North Regional Tournament at Mansfield's National Golf Course, the Trinity program made history by winning both the boys and girls regional titles in the same year for the first time.

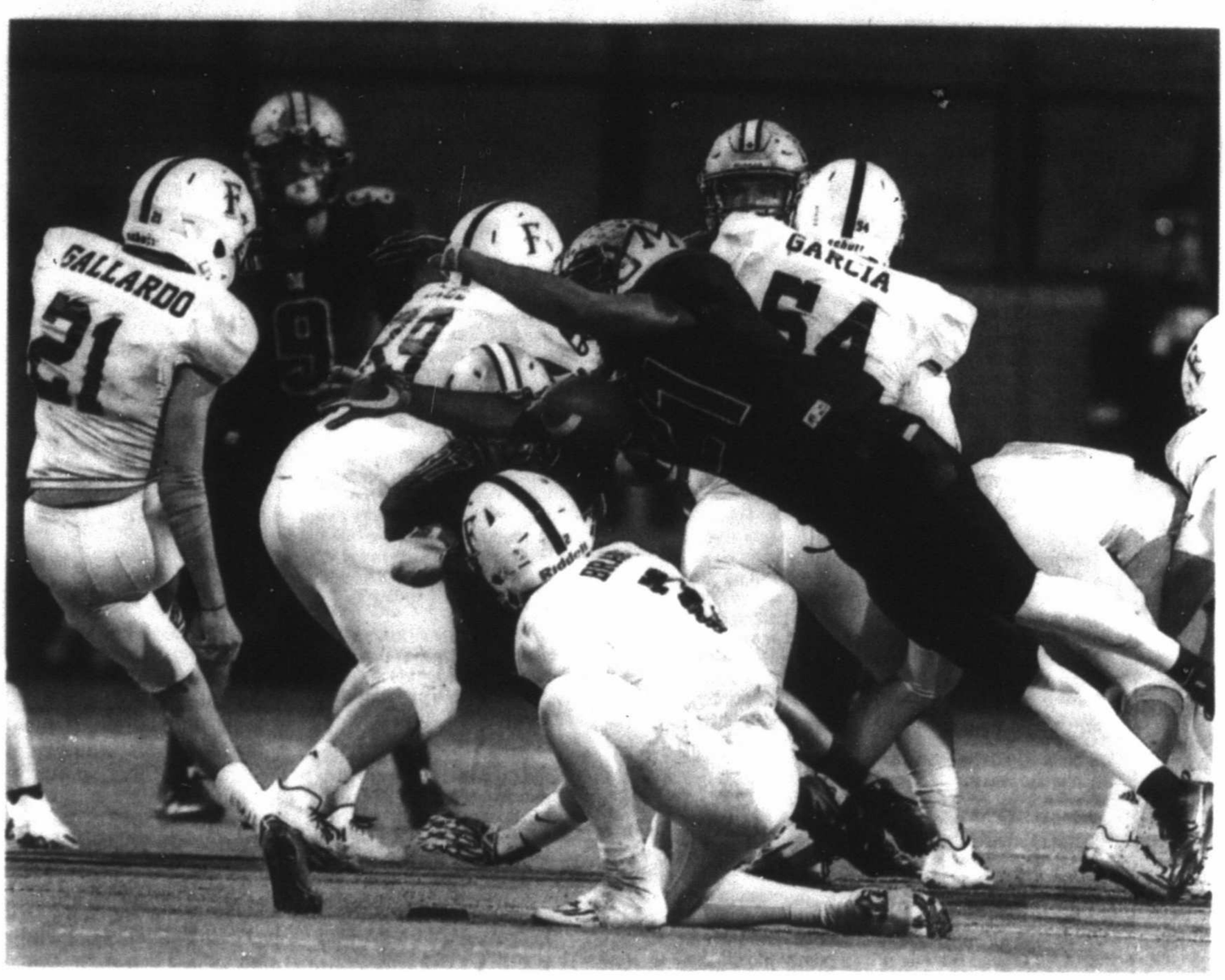
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Midland Christian's Bryce Waters putts Feb. 18 at Hogan Park Golf Course during the Tall City Invitational.

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Bulldogs prep for fall



MRT file photo

Midland High defender Jacoby Thornton (21) blocks a field goal attempt by Wolfforth Frenship kicker Paden Gallardo on Sept. 30, 2016.

MHS spring practices usher in new era, new coach

By Christopher Hadorn
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It's the dawn of a new era when Midland High hits Memorial Field to begin four weeks of spring football at 5:30 p.m. today.

For the first time since 2002, Craig Yenzer won't be leading the Bulldogs' program as head coach following his retirement in January.

Yenzer was by far the most decorated coach in program history, compiling a school-record 103 wins and guiding MHS to its only state title game appearance in 2002.

Tim Anuszkiewicz, Yenzer's highly respected defensive coordinator for 12 of his 15 seasons at Midland High, steps into his head coaching position to lead the Bulldogs into a new age today.

In addition to Anuszkiewicz at head coach, MHS will embark on the 2017 campaign with two new coordinators, Ector Lopez on offense and Jeff Streun on defense.

Yet, even with all the turnover, there's still quite of bit of synergy within the leadership of Bulldogs football.

Both Streun and Lopez have at least eight years of experience coaching as assistants on the MHS staff, so the chemistry remains.

"Ector was a big part in helping develop that offense last year and he is going to continue to do build on that," Anuszkiewicz said. "Jeff Streun and I have worked together since I have come back here, eight years ago, so we have a really good comfort level with each other and we kind of know what to expect."

Here are some storylines to watch as MHS starts spring football:

1. Bulldogs look to replace sizable senior class.

Midland High started 16 seniors, seven of them all-district first team selections, when it lost to Arlington Bowie, 37-30, in the area playoff game on Nov. 19 in Abilene.

The senior-laden Bulldogs finished 9-3 and in second place in the District 2-6A standings.

"As a coach, if you spend too much time thinking about what just left, you're going to neglect what's here," Anuszkiewicz said. "And these guys deserve our best and that's what they are going to get."

2. MHS fostering an atmosphere of competition.

Anuszkiewicz firmly believes that spring football helps the staff formulate much of their 2017 starting lineup by the end of the four-week session.

But at this point in the process, there are no starting spots set.

"We're going to create as much competition as possible," Anuszkiewicz said. "We don't want any of our guys to feel comfortable this spring. We want to feel like that every day that they come out on the field that they have to compete for a job. I'm a firm believer that competition makes you better. That will make our football team better. Every position is up for grabs right now."

3. Three quarterbacks vie for starting spot

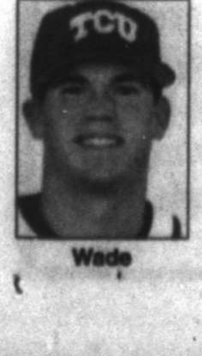
Elijah Turner, Suddin Sapien and Riggs McDonald have emerged as the top three candidates to replace

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Little leads No. 6 Texas Tech in rout of No. 2 TCU



Little



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From staff reports

LUBBOCK — Midland Christian grad Grant Little helped No. 6 Texas Tech blow past No. 2 TCU on Sunday afternoon by driving in five runs in a 21-3 blowout over the Horned Frogs in seven innings at Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park.

With the win, the Red Raiders (36-12, 11-7 in Big 12) took two out of three games from TCU (31-11, 12-6) in the key weekend series that featured the highest ranked matchup in the history of the ballpark. Earlier in the day, Texas Tech rallied for a 6-4 win in the completion of Saturday afternoon's game that was suspended because of rain.

After this weekend, TCU's lead in the Big 12 is down to one game over the Red Raiders and two games over West Virginia, which lost 7-4 in 10 innings to Oklahoma on Sunday.

Little, a freshman left fielder for the Red Raiders, went 3-for-6 with a double, home run, five RBI and three runs scored in the series finale. He keyed a five-run third inning with a bases-clearing triple, and then added a two-run home run — his second of the season — in the three-run fifth inning.

The Red Raiders scored in every inning and every batter in the Tech lineup contributed to the 20-hit performance. It was the second time within a week that the Red Raiders scored more than 20 runs after a 27-15 win at New Mexico on Wednesday.

Hunter Hargrove and Michael Berglund also had three hits for Tech, while Orlando Garcia drive in three runs. John McMillon added a solo homer in the second, Josh Jung had a two-run home run in the seven-run fourth, and Ryan Long followed Little's homer in the fifth with a solo blast.

TCU actually jumped out to a 2-0 lead against Tech starter Ryan Shetter in the top of the first inning before the Red Raiders grabbed the lead for good with

Please see **TECH**/3C

Spurs facing tough task containing high-scoring Rockets

By Raul Dominguez
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — After surviving an intense, physical battle with the Memphis Grizzlies, the San Antonio Spurs now face James Harden and the freewheeling Houston Rockets.

With a leading MVP candidate leading its offense in Harden, Houston averaged 112.8 points in its five-game series against the Oklahoma City Thunder. The Rockets attempted 169 3-pointers in that series, making 34 percent, and were 134 for 168 from the free throw line.

Led by their own MVP candidate in Kawhi Leonard and a resurgent Tony Parker, the Spurs will have to match Houston's offensive output if they can't contain the Rockets when the series tips off Monday night in San Antonio.

"We don't want to, but I feel if we have to, I think we're capable," said Spurs guard Danny Green, who will be among those trying to slow Harden. "We have enough guys that can put the ball in the basket, especially at an up-and-down-pace type of game. I think most guys prefer it. I think they'll give us an opportunity to score more, we've just got to take care of the ball."

San Antonio has not faced Houston in the playoffs since the 1995 Western Conference finals, two seasons before the Spurs drafted Tim Duncan with the first overall pick. Still, the intra-state rivals are extremely familiar with each other.

San Antonio defeated Houston three times in the regular season, but the average margin of victory was three points in the four-game series.

"We know it's going to be tough, an extremely tough series," Harden said. "San Antonio isn't going to beat themselves. So, we've got to be mentally focused and prepared to go out there and execute every possession, every game."

Houston has capable outside shooters in Trevor Ariza, Ryan Anderson, Patrick Beverley, Eric Gordon and Lou Williams, but Harden is the focal point.

Harden averaged 29.8 points, 11.3 rebounds and 9.5 assists against the Spurs in four regular-season games. He had triple-doubles in the first two games and double-doubles in the final two meetings.

Green and Leonard will likely alternate defending Harden, but neither expects to do so alone.

"We have a great group of guys that have a mindset of guarding," Leonard said. "One guy can't guard someone one

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AP file photo

Houston Rockets guard James Harden (13) drives to the basket past San Antonio Spurs center Dewayne Dedmon (3) during the first half of a game Nov. 9, 2016, in San Antonio.

'HOUNDSWATCH

SUNDAY'S SCORE
San Antonio 11, Midland 10

TODAY'S GAME
Midland at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.

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RECORDS
Midland 11-12
San Antonio 10-13

Sunday	Today	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
San Antonio 11, Midland 10	Midland at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.	Corpus Christi at Midland, 6:30 p.m.	Corpus Christi at Midland, 11 a.m.	Corpus Christi at Midland, 7 p.m.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV
MLB
6 p.m.
ESPN — Baltimore at Boston
7 p.m.
FSSW — Texas at Los Angeles Angels
9 p.m.
MLB — San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers
NBA BASKETBALL
6 p.m.
TNT — NBA Playoffs, Eastern Conference, semifinal, Game 1, Toronto at Cleveland
8:30 p.m.
TNT — NBA Playoffs, Western Conference, semifinal, Game 1, Houston at San Antonio
NHL HOCKEY
6:30 p.m.
NBCSN — Stanley Cup Playoffs, Eastern Conference, semifinal, Game 3, Washington at Pittsburgh
SOCCER
2 p.m.
NBCSN — Premier League, Liverpool at Watford
2:25 p.m.
FS1 — FIFA Beach World Cup, Italy vs. Mexico, at Nassau, Bahamas

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

GOLF
MCS at TAPPS 5A State Tournament, Stonetree Golf Club, Killeen
TAPPS 4A State Tournament, Cottonwood Creek Golf Course, Waco

Junior college

BASEBALL
Midland College vs. Frank Phillips College DH, noon, Hays Field, Lubbock

SOFTBALL
Midland College vs. Luna CC DH, 1 p.m., Freddie Ezell Softball Complex

WHAT'S ON DECK

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Recalled LHP Richard Bleier and RHP Logan Verrett from Norfolk (IL). Optioned LHPs Jayson Aquino and LHP Vidal Nuno to Norfolk.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Placed LHP Sean Manaea on the 10-day DL, retroactive to April 27.
TEXAS RANGERS — Claimed INF Pete Kozma off waivers from the New York Yankees.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Activated RHP Aaron Sanchez from 10-day DL. Optioned LHP Matt Dermody to Buffalo (IL).
National League
COLORADO ROCKIES — Reinstated lar Desmond from the 10-day DL. Designated INF Cristhian Adames for assignment.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Selected the contract of C John Bormann from Bradenton (FSL). Optioned OF Danny Ortiz to Indianapolis (IL).
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Designated RHP Neil Ramirez for assignment. Purchased the contract of RHP Bryan Morris from Sacramento (PCL).

FOOTBALL
National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS — Fired general manager Doug Whaley, player-personnel director Jim Monos and adviser Kelvin Fisher

NBA PLAYOFF GLANCE

SECOND ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Sunday
Boston 123, Washington 111
Today
Toronto at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Houston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Washington at Boston, 7 p.m.
Utah at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Toronto at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Houston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Thursday
Boston at Washington, 7 p.m.
Utah at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Friday
Cleveland at Toronto, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday
Golden State at Utah, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 7
Cleveland at Toronto, 2:30 p.m.
Boston at Washington, 5:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Houston, 7 p.m.
Monday, May 8
Golden State at Utah, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, May 9
x-Toronto at Cleveland, TBD
x-Houston at San Antonio, TBD
Wednesday, May 10
x-Washington at Boston, TBD
x-Utah at Golden State, TBD
Thursday, May 11
x-Cleveland at Toronto, TBD
x-San Antonio at Houston, TBD
Friday, May 12
x-Boston at Washington, TBD
x-Golden State at Utah, TBD
Sunday, May 14
x-Toronto at Cleveland, TBD
x-Houston at San Antonio, TBD
x-Utah at Golden State, TBD
Monday, May 15
x-Washington at Boston, 7 p.m.

NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE

Second Round
(Best-of-7)
Wednesday, April 26
Nashville 4, St. Louis 3
Edmonton 5, Anaheim 3
Thursday, April 27
Ottawa 2, N.Y. Rangers 1
Pittsburgh 3, Washington 2
Friday, April 28
St. Louis 3, Nashville 2
Edmonton 2, Anaheim 1
Saturday, April 29
Ottawa 6, N.Y. Rangers 5, 2OT; Ottawa leads series 2-0
Pittsburgh 6, Washington 2; Pittsburgh leads series 2-0
Sunday
Nashville 3, St. Louis 1; Nashville leads series 2-1
Anaheim 6, Edmonton 3; Edmonton leads series 2-1
Today
Washington at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
St. Louis at Nashville, 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Washington at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Thursday
Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m.
Friday
Nashville at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday
x-Pittsburgh at Washington, TBD
x-N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, TBD
Sunday, May 7
x-Anaheim at Edmonton, TBD
x-St. Louis at Nashville, TBD
Monday, May 8
x-Washington at Pittsburgh, TBD
Tuesday, May 9
x-Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, TBD
x-Nashville at St. Louis, TBD
Wednesday, May 10
x-Pittsburgh at Washington, TBD
x-Edmonton at Anaheim, TBD
Thursday, May 11
x-N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, TBD

MLS GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Orlando City	6	1	0	18	10	5
New York	3	0	3	12	11	10
New York City FC	4	3	1	13	14	9
Columbus	4	4	1	13	13	13
Toronto FC	3	1	4	13	12	7
Atlanta United FC	3	3	2	11	18	11
Chicago	3	3	2	11	11	12
D.C. United	3	3	2	11	9	13
New England	2	2	4	10	14	14
Montreal	1	3	4	7	11	14
Philadelphia	0	4	4	4	8	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Portland	5	2	2	17	20	12
Kansas City	4	1	3	15	9	3
FC Dallas	4	0	3	15	10	5
Houston	4	3	1	13	15	13
San Jose	3	3	3	12	9	10
Vancouver	3	4	1	10	11	14
Seattle	2	2	4	10	14	11
Real Salt Lake	2	5	2	8	9	15
Minnesota United	2	5	2	8	13	25
Los Angeles	2	5	1	7	8	13
Colorado	1	5	1	4	5	11

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie

Scores and schedule

Sunday
D.C. United 3, Atlanta United FC 1
Wednesday
Orlando City at Toronto FC, 6:30 p.m.
New York at Sporting Kansas City, 7:30 p.m.
Friday
Vancouver at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Saturday
Toronto FC at Seattle, 2 p.m.
Montreal at D.C. United, 5 p.m.
New York at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
New England at Columbus, 6:30 p.m.
Orlando City at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
FC Dallas at Real Salt Lake, 8:30 p.m.
Chicago at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.
Portland at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Tuesday
At Sportsmans Lodge, Studio City, Calif. (FS1), Ivan Redkach vs. Argenis Mendez, 10, junior welterweights.
Friday
At Ekaterinburg, Russia, Shane Mosley vs. Magomed Kurbanov, 12, junior middleweights; Evgeny Gradovich vs. Hugo Berrio, 12, super bantamweights; Rustam Nugaev vs. Delner Berrio, 10, lightweights.
At Cosmopolitan, Las Vegas (ESPN2), Yuriorkis Gamboa vs. Robinson Castellanos, 10, lightweights; Abraham Lopez vs. Jesus Rojas, 12, for Lopez's WBA-NABA featherweight title; Yamaguchi Falcao vs. Morgan Fitch, 10, middleweights.
May 6
At T-Mobile Arena, Las Vegas (PPV), Saul Alvarez vs. Julio Cesar Chavez Jr., 12, super middleweights; Lucas Matthysse vs. Emmanuel Taylor, 10, welterweights; Joseph Diaz vs. Manuel Avila, 10, for Diaz's NBAF featherweight title; Ronny Rios vs. Daniel Noriega, 10, super bantamweights.
May 13
At Birmingham, England, Kal Yafai vs. Suguru Muranaka, 12, for Yafai's WBA junior bantamweight title; Cerefino Rodriguez vs. Sam Eggington, 12, for Rodriguez's European welterweight title; Frankie Gavin vs. Dave Ryan, 10, welterweights; Sean Davis vs. Gamal Yafai, 10, junior featherweights; Ryan Kelly vs. Adam Harper, 10, middleweights.
At Punta del Este, Uruguay, Cesar Miguel Barrionuevo vs. Oscar Meza, 10, for the WBC Latino welterweight championship.
At Tijuc Mexico, Jose Argumedo vs. Gabriel Mendoza, 12, for Argumedo's IBF minimumweight title.
May 19
At Casino Del Sol, Tucson, Ariz. (ESPN2), Diego De La Hoya vs. Erik Ruiz, 10, junior featherweights; D'Mitrius Ballard vs. Ulises Sierra, 10, super middleweights.

MIDLAND COLLEGE SOFTBALL

LUNA CC AT MIDLAND COLLEGE
When/where: Doubleheaders beginning at 1 p.m. today and noon Tuesday, Freddie Ezell Softball Complex
Records: Midland College 31-14, 16-8 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Luna Community College 19-28, 11-13
Last WJCAC series: Howard College 3, Midland College1; Luna Community College 3, El Paso CC 1
Notes & quotes: The series was switched to the Freddie Ezell Softball Complex because of snow in Las Vegas, New Mexico, which deemed Luna's field unplayable. ... This series closes out the regular season in the WJCAC. MC is likely the No. 3 seed heading into next weekend's Region V West Tournament in Lubbock, while Luna is fighting for the No. 4 seed. The top six teams from the WJCAC qualify for the postseason tournament. ... MC coach Tommy Ramos said his team will have to focus on cleaning up its errors after the Lady Chaparrals committed 11 errors in a doubleheader sweep at Howard College last weekend. ... Luna is coming off a series win over El Paso Community College and Ramos said the Lady Rough Riders are doing a good job. "We need to come out and play well and have some momentum going into regional," he said. ... Ramos said OF Kiana Broderson-Jones (concussion), 2B Kassie Maddox (knee) and OF Julia Clark (medical) are questionable so it's going to be important for other players to step up and play. "We need to focus on the things we've been doing well and focus on us. We need to just play the game and not worry about who's our opponent."
Next: Midland College vs. TBA, NJCAA Region V West Tournament, TBA; Luna CC, TBA

2017 WJCAC Softball Standings

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
x-Howard College	20	2	41	12
x-Odessa College	23	5	39	14
x-Midland College	16	6	31	14
x-Luna CC	11	10	19	28
x-Clarendon College	11	11	20	27
x-Western Texas	11	11	23	31
El Paso CC	9	10	16	37
Frank Phillips	3	17	4	30

x-clinched Region V Tournament spot

Last weekend's WJCAC results
Midland College at Luna Community College: Odessa College 3, El Paso CC 1; Howard College 2, Frank Phillips College 0; Howard College 2, Clarendon College 0; Clarendon College 1, Western Texas College 1; Western Texas College 2, Frank Phillips College 0



Associated Press

Washington Wizards' Bradley Beal (3) defends against Boston Celtics' Isaiah Thomas (4) during the fourth quarter of a second-round NBA playoff series Sunday in Boston.

NBA PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

CELTICS 123
WIZARDS 111
BOSTON — Nothing it seems can stop Isaiah Thomas this postseason — be it pains big or small.
The All-Star led the Celtics to a first-round win over Chicago in a haze after learning the day before that series began that his younger sister, Chyna Thomas, had died in a car accident outside of his native Tacoma, Washington.
That pain persisted on the eve of Boston's second-round pairing with the Washington Wizards, when he flew cross-country to attend her funeral.
Then Sunday's game brought the latest dose of adversity, when he had one of his front teeth dislodged after an early game collision. But as he's done all postseason, he continued to find a way to push through it.
Thomas had 33 points and nine assists, and the Celtics made 19 3-pointers to beat the Wizards 123-111 and take a 1-0 lead in their Eastern Conference semifinal matchup.
"I got in at 4 a.m.," Thomas said of his second flight to Washington in two weeks. "It's tough, but it's the playoffs so there are no excuses. I decided to play and I just tried to give it all for my team."
The Celtics star flew to the funeral with Boston president of basketball operations Danny Ainge and assistant coach Jerome Allen.
During player introductions, Thomas pointed to the TD Garden rafters when his name was called.
Al Horford added 21 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists. Jae Crowder finished with career playoff-high 24 points.
Game 2 is set for Tuesday night.
The Wizards were more energetic at the outset, jumping out to a 16-0 advantage and leading by as many as 17 points. But the Celtics rallied with Thomas briefly sidelined while getting his tooth repositioned in the second quarter.
"I didn't know if we'd ever score and I didn't know if they've ever stop scoring," Celtics coach Brad Stevens said.
Bradley Beal led Washington with 27 points. John Wall added 20 points and 16 assists.

JAZZ 104
CLIPPERS 91
LOS ANGELES — The young Utah Jazz have grown up quickly.
Gordon Hayward scored 26 points and the Jazz eliminated the Los Angeles Clippers on Sunday with a 104-91 victory, closing out the first-round series 4-3 to earn the franchise's first postseason victory since 2010.
"We've been through some pretty hard downs," said Hayward, a seventh-year veteran. "It definitely feels really good to go from 25 wins to where we were this year making the playoffs, winning a series."
George Hill and Derrick Favors added 17 points apiece for the Jazz in what proved to be the easiest game of the back-and-forth series.
The Jazz advanced to face top-seeded Golden State in the Western Conference semifinals. The Warriors swept Portland 4-0 and have been waiting since Wednesday to find out their next opponent.
Game 1 is Tuesday in Oakland.
The Clippers' DeAndre Jordan had 24 points and 17 rebounds for his seventh double-double of the series. Jamal Crawford added 20 points off the bench.
Chris Paul had 13 points for the Clippers, who were sent packing in the first round for the second straight year. Last season, they lost to Portland after Paul and Blake Griffin went down with injuries. This time, they didn't have Griffin again after he was lost in Game 3 with a big-toe injury.
In the most closely contested series of the first round — and the only to go seven games — the Clippers came up strangely flat with their season on the line. J.J. Redick didn't hit his first 3-pointer until the game's final 3 1/2 minutes, drawing the Clippers within eight.

NHL PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

PREDATORS 3
BLUES 1
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Nashville Predators finally had a chance to show how they would react to their first loss this postseason.
Returning home, they put their deep scoring on display and bounced back with a big victory.
Cody McLeod scored the game-winner early in the second period, and the Predators beat the St. Louis Blues 3-1 Sunday to grab a 2-1 lead in their Western Conference semifinal.
"It shows a lot of character coming off a loss last game," Predators goalie Pekka Rinne said. "We knew that coming in it's a huge game. Responded really well. It's a good feeling obviously, but you already start thinking about the next one and trying to keep this momentum going."
Defensemen Ryan Ellis and Roman Josi also scored, and Colton Sissons added two assists. The Predators outshot St. Louis 34-23, and they now are 6-1 this postseason.
Nashville coach Peter Laviolette said it was good to be home before a standing-room only crowd coming off a 3-2 loss in Game 2 on Friday night.

DUCKS 6
OILERS 3
EDMONTON, Alberta — Jakob Silfverberg scored twice to lead the Anaheim Ducks to a 6-3 victory over Edmonton on Sunday night, cutting the Oilers' series lead to 2-1.
Ryan Getzlaf had a goal and an assist, and Rickard Rakell, Chris Wagner and Ryan Kesler also scored for Anaheim, which lost the first two games at home. John Gibson stopped 24 shots.
Connor McDavid scored his first of the series for Edmonton. Patrick Maroon and Anton Slepychev also scored and Kris Russell had two assists. Cam Talbot finished with 22 saves.
Wagner scored the tiebreaking goal midway through the second period, firing a shot that deflected off Talbot's arm and in.
Silfverberg knocked in a feed from Josh Manson at 4:56 of the third to make it 5-3. The Oilers challenged the play for offside, but the goal stood after a video review. Kesler swept in a rebound with 9 1/2 minutes left to cap the scoring.

SPURS

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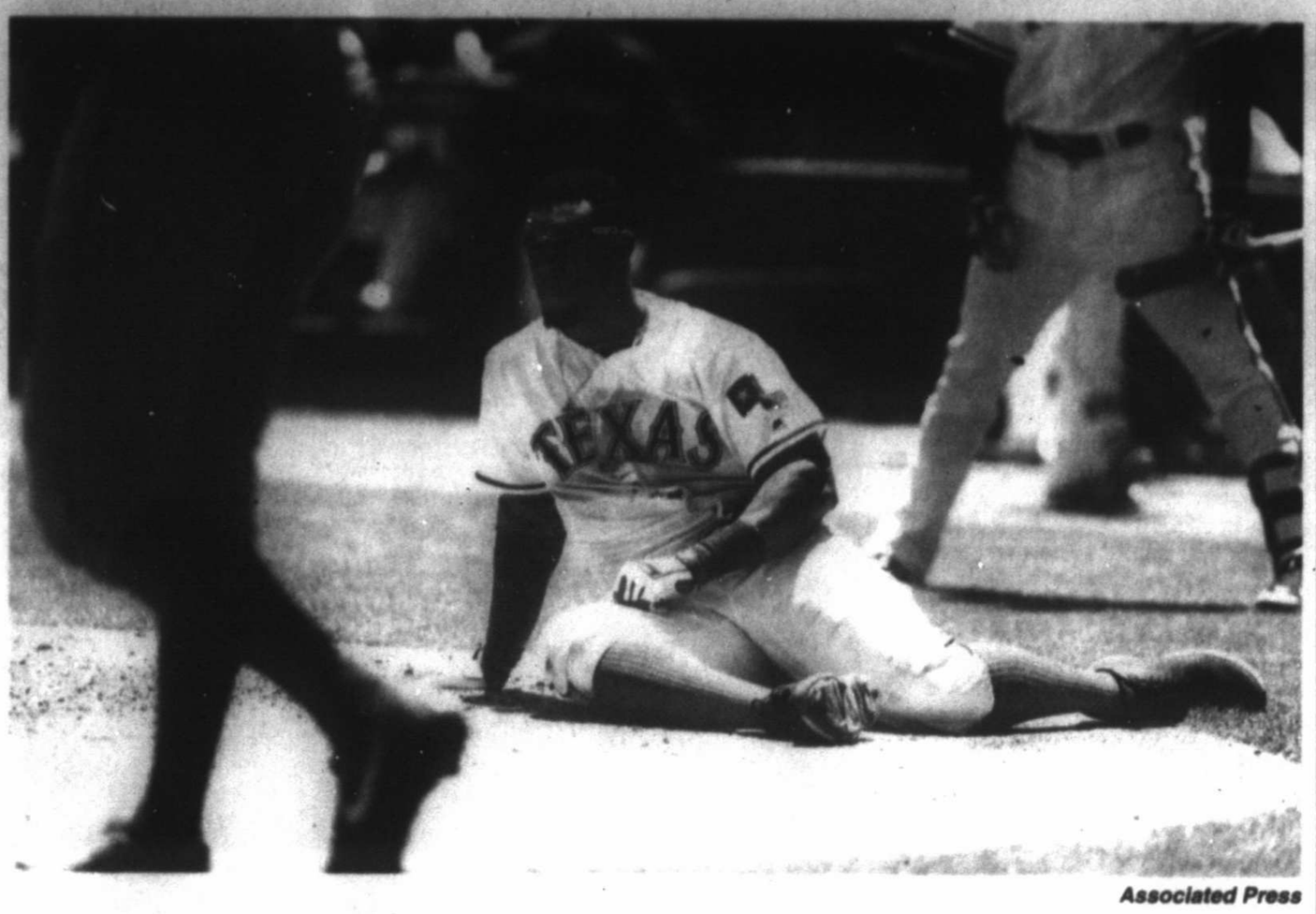
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James Harden

on one the whole game, it's going to be a team effort."
Leonard turned in one of his most memorable performances of the season against Houston in the team's final meeting March 6. After hitting what became the game-winning 3-pointer with 25 seconds remaining, Leonard blocked Harden's layup attempt to preserve a 112-110 victory.
The Spurs' 6-foot-7 defensive anchor averaged 28.5 points, 5.0 rebounds and 2.5 assists against the Rockets.
San Antonio will need is greater output from veterans Parker and LaMarcus Aldridge.
Aldridge averaged 14.8 points against the Grizzlies, down from the 17.3 points he scored during the regular season.
Parker, the Spurs' 16-year veteran point guard, was able to make up the difference by averaging 16.3 points and 3.0 assists against the Grizzlies. Parker averaged only 10.1 points during the regular season, the lowest output since his rookie season in 2002.
Some other things to know about the Rocket-Spurs matchup:
REMEMBER WHEN: Harden was on the winning end the only time he faced the Spurs in the playoffs. In his third season, Harden came off the bench as Oklahoma City beat San Antonio in six games to capture the 2012 Western Conference Finals. "He was tough," Green said. "Especially with Russ (Westbrook) and K.D. (Kevin Durant). Him coming off the bench, he was kind of like their mediator, I would say, kind of controlled Russ and K.D. He came off the bench and kind of calmed them down a little bit controlled the tempo a little, changed it up a little bit."
WELCOME BACK: Houston forward Sam Dekker will be available to play today after missing four weeks following surgery to repair a fractured left hand. Dekker averaged 6.8 points in four games against the Spurs this season.
LIVING OUT LOUD: The Rockets have not faced the Spurs in the postseason in more than two decades, but many of their players have. So, they know what to expect from the sold-out crowd at the AT&T Center. "It's pretty loud in there," Harden said. "Those fans are extremely loyal to their team and they're going to be there cheering their team on to the highest level. So, we can't let that affect us."

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION
UPCOMING EVENTS
5/4 6:30-8:30 Microchipping at Beer Garden's Yappy Hour
5/5 - 5/7 PetSmart Charities' National Adoption Weekend
5/6 Saturday 10:00-12:00 Chip Clinic at Woof Gang Bakery
5/8 Monday 6:00 Adoption Center Volunteer Orientation
6/24 3rd Annual Hot Dog Run 5K and 1K
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Texas Rangers' Carlos Gomez, on ground, looks up at Los Angeles Angels pitcher JC Ramirez, left, after Gomez was called out on a close play at the plate in the first inning of a baseball game in Arlington on Sunday.

Angels' Ramirez gets 1st win as starter, topping Rangers 5-2

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — JC Ramirez intrigued the Los Angeles Angels as a possible starter if the need ever arose.

It's more than intrigue now.

Ramirez got his first win as a starter on the right-hander's fourth try after 111 career relief appearances, and Jefry Marte homered and hit a tiebreaking, two-run single to help the Angels beat the Texas Rangers 5-2 on Sunday.

The 28-year-old Ramirez (3-2) matched his career high from two starts earlier with nine strikeouts in 5 1/3 innings. He has been filling in for Garrett Richards, who hasn't pitched since leaving his first start with a right biceps strain.

"We knew he had definitely a terrific live fastball, he's got a good slider, he's got the curveball," manager Mike Scioscia said. "With that three-pitch mix, we thought that we would look at him to see if he was viable. There was a need, and he's getting his chance."

Ramirez threw seven scoreless innings in his previous start but got a no-decision. He had been a reliever for Philadelphia, Arizona, Seattle and Cincinnati in a span of four seasons when he joined the Angels on a waiver claim last June. Two of his six career wins in relief came this season.

Ramirez, who gave up four hits and two runs, struck out six of the last eight batters he faced, leaving after hitting Carlos Gomez with a pitch. Shin-Soo Choo had a solo homer during that stretch.

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

MISSIONS 11, ROCKHOUNDS 10
At Nelson Wolff Stadium, San Antonio

TOP HITTERS: Franmil Reyes was 4-for-4 with a double, home run, four RBI and two runs scored to lead the Missions. ... Tyler Marincov was 2-for-4 with a double, home run, six RBI and a run scored to lead Midland.

TOP PITCHERS: Charles Nading earned his third save for San Antonio after pitching a scoreless ninth with one strikeout. ... Missions teammate Adam Cimber set up Nading with a perfect eighth and two strikeouts.

HIGHLIGHTS: The Missions rallied for 11 runs in the bottom of the seventh after being down by nine runs. Reyes had an RBI double and a two-run home run in the inning. San Antonio had five hits, took advantage of an error to start the inning, had three walks and scored a run on a hit by pitch. Stephen McGee also had a two-run double in the frame. ... Midland built a 10-1 lead in the seventh thanks in part to a five run third inning, that was highlighted by a Marincov grand slam. ... Marincov added a two-run double in the seventh inning.

NOTES: Midland has a 2-1 lead in the series going into tonight's final game of the four-game set. ... The 10 runs in one inning are the most the RockHounds have given up this season in an inning. ... The RockHounds dropped to 4-3 on this road trip.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland — RHP Kyle Friedrichs (0-2, 5.63 ERA) and RHP Ben Bracewell (0-1, 5.29). San Antonio — RHP Brett Kennedy (0-1, 9.42)

TL standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield	12	9	.571	—
Northwest Arkansas	11	10	.524	1
Tulsa	10	12	.455	2½
Arkansas	9	13	.409	3½

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Corpus Christi	14	9	.609	—
Frisco	12	11	.522	2
Midland	11	12	.478	3
San Antonio	10	13	.435	4

Sunday's Scores
Tulsa 4, Northwest Arkansas 3
Corpus Christi 7, Frisco 1
San Antonio 11, Midland 10
Springfield 11, Arkansas 10

Today's Games
Northwest Arkansas at Tulsa, 11:05 a.m.
Arkansas at Springfield, 11:10 a.m.
Frisco at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
Midland at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.

MISSIONS 11, ROCKHOUNDS 10

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	San Antonio	ab	r	h	bi
Boyd lf	5	0	2	0	Urias 2b	4	1	2	1
Schrock 2b	5	2	1	0	Rondon ss	5	0	1	0
Sportman cf	4	2	1	1	Schulz cf	4	1	1	1
Rosa 1b	3	1	1	0	Torres rf	4	1	1	1
Bennie dh	4	1	1	1	McGee c	3	3	1	2
Marincov rf	4	1	2	6	Pinto 1b	2	1	0	0
Rega c	3	1	1	1	Reyes dh	4	2	4	4
Martin ss	4	0	0	0	Martinez lf	4	1	1	1
Tarsovich 3b	3	2	1	0	Stevens 3b	2	1	0	0
Totals	35	10	10	9	Totals	33	11	9	9

Midland	025	100	200	—10
San Antonio	010	000	109	x—11

E—Tarsovich (3). DP—Midland 1m San Antonio 2. LOB—Midland 3 2B—Schrock (1), Marincov (7), Reyes (8), Torres (2), McGee (3). HR—Bennie (1), Rega (1), Marincov (3), Reyes (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	SB	BB	SO
Midland							
Fillmyer	4.0	2	1	1	2	1	
Seddon	2.0	3	5	4	2	0	
Stull	0.1	2	3	3	1		
Bragg L, 2-1	1.2	2	2	2	0	1	
San Antonio							
De Los Santos	4.0	7	8	2	1		
Yardley	2.0	2	0	0	0		
Vargas W, 1-2	1.0	2	2	2	2		
Cimber	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	
Nading S, 3	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	

Seddon pitched to 5 batters in the 7th
PB: McGee WP: Seddon Stull
T: 3:03 A: 8,085

Keuchel throws 7 2/3 solid innings, Astros win 7-2 over A's

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Dallas Keuchel completed one of the best months of his career with arguably his best start of the season.

Keuchel threw 7 2/3 solid innings, Marwin Gonzalez hit a three-run home run and the Houston Astros beat the Oakland Athletics 7-2 on Sunday.

Keuchel (5-0) struck out nine, while allowing one run on three hits and two walks.

"I don't know about best stuff, but that's probably the best command I have had in awhile," Keuchel said. "I'm going to continue to attack the zone and get some early contact and let the defense work."

The left-hander has thrown at least seven innings in every outing this season. He became the second pitcher in Astros history to get five wins in April, joining Roger Clemens, who went 5-0 in 2004.

"He was really good," Houston manager A.J. Hinch. "He was pretty good last time too but just his command and control of himself, of his pitches, of his fastball, his changeup - he did everything right. . I was proud of how he pitched and competed. He was pretty locked in."

The Astros finished April 16-9, marking the third time in franchise history and first time since 2006 when they were 16-8, the club has won at least 16 games in the month.

"It is satisfying for sure, but it's only April," Keuchel said. "We have a long ways to go. We couldn't have asked for a better start to the season. We will take that."

After Trevor Plouffe doubled with one out in the first, Keuchel retired 10 straight and 13 of the next 14 batters he faced.

"He's got a good sinker, good cutter, good slider, good changeup — he's got four pitches, and you just try to grind on him a little bit and stay close to him," Oakland manager Bob Melvin said of Keuchel. "Hopefully you can get him out of the game."

Ken Giles earned his sixth save after getting Yonder Alonso to fly out with the bases loaded.

Gonzalez hit his home run off the right field foul pole in eighth.

Carlos Correa laced an RBI double in the first to give the Astros a 1-0 lead. Evan Gattis had an RBI double in the fourth, before Brian McCann hit a two-run single in the fifth extending the lead to 4-0.

Ryon Healy cut the lead to 4-1 with an RBI single in the eighth, and Chad Pinder had a run-scoring single in the ninth.

Jesse Hahn (1-2) gave up four runs on eight hits with six strikeouts in six innings.

"I think I got a little better as the game went on," Hahn said. "I thought I battled really well, but I did get myself in some situations that I could have handled better to minimize them early on.

MLB ROUNDUP

American League

INDIANS 12
MARINERS 4

CLEVELAND — Michael Brantley homered and Francisco Lindor had a two-run double as Cleveland scored eight times in the third inning against weary Seattle.

Brantley led off the big inning with a single and capped it with a two-run homer. Lindor, who had three RBIs, hit a solo homer in the third and preceded Brantley's homer with his double.

TIGERS 7
WHITE SOX 3

DETROIT — Jose Iglesias doubled and drove in three runs, helping Detroit stop a four-game losing streak.

Jordan Zimmermann (3-1) picked up a sloppy victory, allowing three runs in five-plus innings.

Todd Frazier homered for the White Sox, who had won six in a row. Miguel Gonzalez (3-1) allowed seven runs and a career-high 14 hits in six innings.

ORIOLES 7
YANKEES 4, 11 INNINGS

NEW YORK — Mark Trumbo hit a go-ahead single in a three-run 11th off Bryan Mitchell, who returned to the mound after an unusual inning at first base, and Baltimore rebounded from another blown late lead.

Didi Gregorius hit a two-out, two-run single in the New York ninth that made it 4-all. Logan Verrett (1-0), making his Orioles debut, escaped a bases-loaded, one-out jam in the 10th.

National League

NATIONALS 23
METS 5

WASHINGTON — Anthony Rendon had 10 RBIs, three home runs and six hits as the Washington Nationals took advantage of Noah Syndergaard's injury and mauled the New York Mets 23-5 on Sunday to set a franchise scoring record.

Rendon went a career-best 6 for 6 and scored five times while breaking the club mark for RBIs. He became the 13th player in major league history to drive in 10 or more runs in a game — the first since Garret Anderson did it for the Angels in 2007.

PADRES 5
GIANTS 2, 12 INNINGS

SAN FRANCISCO — Wil Myers hit a three-run homer in the top of the 12th inning to send San Diego past San Francisco.

Myers' seventh home run and second in two games came off reliever George Kontos (0-2). Cory Spangenberg singled against Kontos leading off the inning, and Erick Aybar singled two batters later.

MARLINS 10
PIRATES 3

MIAMI — Justin Bour drove in six runs with four hits, both career highs, and Miami rallied from a three-run deficit to end a four-game losing streak by beating Pittsburgh.

Bour improved his batting average from .184 to .222.

REDS 5
CARDINALS 4

ST. LOUIS — Joey Votto hit a tiebreaking single in the eighth inning and Adam Duvall doubled three times and singled for Cincinnati.

The Reds had lost eight of their previous nine games.

Interleague

RED SOX 6
CUBS 2

BOSTON — Marco Hernandez scored the go-ahead run on Pedro Strop's wild pitch in Boston's four-run eighth inning, helping the Red Sox beat the sloppy Chicago Cubs 6-2 on Sunday night.

The Red Sox took two of three in the lively weekend series that featured a strong showing for Cubs fans, chants in support of each side and the World Series trophies that ended long title droughts for the once-frustrated franchises.

TECH

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three runs in the bottom of the first.

Shetter got the win after he allowed two runs on six hits and five walks while striking out five.

TCU starter Brian Howard didn't last long as he was chased after 2 1/3 innings after giving up seven runs.

The Horned Frogs had eight hits in the game but no player had more than one hit.

Midland High grad and TCU junior right fielder Austen Wade was 1-for-3 with a walk to extend his on-base streak to 30 games.

In the earlier game, Brian Klein's three-run home run to right field in the sixth inning proved to be the difference in the Red Raiders' come-from-behind victory.

The game was resumed on Sunday morning with TCU leading 2-1 in the third inning.

Texas Tech tied the game at 2 in the fourth when Michael Berglund scored on a wild pitch.

TCU retook the lead in the fifth on an RBI single by Evan Skoug and a sacrifice fly by Luken Baker.

Tech pulled to within 4-3 in the fifth on a McMillon solo homer to center field.

McMillon finished the game going 2-for-4. Little was 1-for-4 with a walk.

Wade was 2-for-5 with a run scored for TCU. Cam Warner and Skoug also had two hits each for the Horned Frogs. Baker added a solo homer in the second and finished with two RBI.

The Red Raiders have two mid-week, non-conference games at Ohio State University beginning on Tuesday before heading to West Virginia for a three-game Big 12 series beginning on Friday.

TCU hosts Abilene Christian on Tuesday before hosting Texas in a Big 12 series over the weekend.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	15	8	.652	—
New York	15	8	.652	—
Boston	13	11	.542	2½
Tampa Bay	12	14	.462	4½
Toronto	8	17	.320	8
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	14	10	.583	—
Chicago	13	10	.565	½
Minnesota	12	11	.522	1½
Detroit	12	12	.500	2
Kansas City	7	16	.304	6½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	16	9	.640	—
Los Angeles	14	13	.519	3
Oakland	11	14	.440	5
Texas	11	14	.440	5
Seattle	11	15	.423	5½

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	17	6	.680	—
Philadelphia	11	12	.478	5
Miami	11	12	.478	5
Atlanta	10	13	.435	6
New York	10	14	.417	6½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	13	11	.542	—
Milwaukee	13	13	.500	1
St. Louis	12	12	.500	1
Cincinnati	11	13	.458	2
Pittsburgh	11	13	.458	2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	16	10	.615	—
Arizona	16	11	.593	½
Los Angeles	14	12	.538	2
San Diego	11	16	.407	5½
San Francisco	9	17	.346	7

Scores and Schedules

American League
Sunday's Scores
Baltimore 7, N.Y. Yankees 4, 11 innings
Toronto 3, Tampa Bay 1
Detroit 7, Chicago White Sox 3
Cleveland 12, Seattle 4
Houston 7, Oakland 2
Minnesota 7, Kansas City 5
L.A. Angels 5, Texas 2
Boston 6, Chicago Cubs 2

Today's Games
Toronto (Estrada 0-1) at N.Y.Yankees (Severino 2-1), 6:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Bundy 3-1) at Boston (Porcello 1-3), 6:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Bauer 2-2) at Detroit (Norris 1-2), 6:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 1-1) at Miami (Chen 2-1), 6:10 p.m.
Texas (Cashner 0-2) at Houston (McCullers 2-1), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Covey 0-1) at Kansas City (Vargas 3-1), 7:15 p.m.

National League
Sunday's Scores
Miami 10, Pittsburgh 3
Washington 23, N.Y. Mets 5
Milwaukee 4, Atlanta 3
Cincinnati 5, St. Louis 4
San Diego 5, San Francisco 2, 12 innings
Arizona 2, Colorado 0, 13 innings
L.A. Dodgers 5, Philadelphia 3
Boston 6, Chicago Cubs 2

Today's Games
Pittsburgh (Cole 1-2) at Cincinnati (Garrett 2-2), 6:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 1-1) at Miami (Chen 2-1), 6:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Gsellman 0-2) at Atlanta (Teheran 2-1), 6:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Velasquez 1-2) at Chicago Cubs (Anderson 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Davies 2-2) at St. Louis (Wacha 2-1), 7:15 p.m.
San Francisco (Cueto 3-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 4-1), 9:10 p.m.

Texas boxes

ASTROS 7, ATHLETICS 2

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Rosales ss	4	1	1	0	Springer cf	4	2	2	0
Plouffe 3b	3	0	1	0	Reddick rf	3	1	0	0
Alonso ph-1b	1	0	0	0	Altuve 2b	4	0	2	0
Healy 1b-3b	4	0	1	1	Correa ss	4	1	2	1
K.Davis lf	2	0	0	0	B.McCann c	3	1	2	2
Lowrie dh	4	0	0	0	Y.Gmez 1b	3	1	1	0
Pinegley c	4	1	1	0	Gattis dh	4	0	1	1
Pinder 2b	4	0	1	1	Ma.Gnza 3b	4	1	1	3
Joyce rf	4	0	1	0	Aoki lf	4	0	0	0
LaMarre cf	3	0	0	0					
Decker ph	0	0	0	0					
Totals	33	2	6	2	Totals	33	7	10	7

Oakland	000	000	011	—2
Houston	100	120	03x	—7

E—Pinegley (1). DP—Oakland 1. LOB—Oakland 9, Houston 5. 2B—Plouffe (1), Pinegley (4), Correa (4), Gattis (5). HR—Ma.Gonzalez (5). SB—Rosales (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland						
Hahn L,1-2	6	8	4	2	0	6
Hendriks	1	0	0	0	0	1
Montas	1	2	3	3	1	1
Houston						
Keuchel W,5-0	7 2-3	3	1	1	2	9
Gregerson	1-3	1	0	0	1	0
Peacock	2-3	2	1	1	2	1
Giles S,6-6	1-3	0	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Hahn (Gurriel). WP—Hahn, Gregerson, Montas, Peacock.
T—2:58. A—34,860 (42,060).

ANGELS 5, RANGERS 2

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Y.Escbr 3b	5	1	2	1	DSmdts lf	3	1	1	0
Calhoun rf	5	2	2	1	Mottsra rf	4	0	0	0
Trout cf	3	0	1	0	C.Gomez cf	2	0	1	0
Pujols dh	4	0	0	0	Odor 2b	4	0	1	0
J.Marte 1b	5	1	2	3	Andrus ss	3	0	0	0
A.Simms ss	4	0	1	0	Gallo 3b	4	0	1	0
Espinosa 2b	4	0	0	0	Choo dh	4	1	1	1
Maybin lf	4	0	0	0	Rua 1b	3	0	0	0
Mldnado c	2	1	2	0	Napoli ph	1	0	0	0
Chrinos c	3	0	0	0					
Totals	36	5	10	5	Totals	31	2	5	1

Los Angeles	001	021	001	—5
Texas	100	010	000	—2

E—Rua (1), Maybin (2). DP—Texas 2. LOB—Los Angeles 10, Texas 6. 2B—Y.Escobar (5), Maldonado (3). HR—Calhoun (2), J.Marte (2), Choo (3). SB—DeShields (5), Mazara (2), C.Gomez (3), Gallo (4).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles						
Ramirez W,3-2	5 1-3	4	2	2	2	9
Alvarez	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Parker	1	1	0	0	1	2
Norris S,5-6	1 1-3	0	0	0	1	4
Texas						
Perez L,1-4	5 2-3	8	4	4	4	1
Jeffress	1 1-3	1	0	0	1	1
Dyson	2	1	1	1	1	0

T—3:23. A—39,804 (48,114).

Sunday's linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
INDIANS 12, MARINERS 4

Seattle	010	002	000	—4	10	1
Cleveland	108	000	30x	—12	15	0

De Jong, Fien (3), Overton (4) and Ruiz; Tomlin, Logan (6), Goody (6), Shaw (8), McAllister (9) and R.Perez. W—Tomlin 2-0. L—De Jong 0-2. HRs—Seattle, Cruz. Cleveland, Lindor, Brantley.

BLUE JAYS 3, RAYS 1

Tampa Bay	000	000	010	—1	4	0
Toronto	000	000	03x	—3	7	1

Archer, Colome (8), Pamphar (8) and D.Norris; A.Sanchez, Tepera (2), Loup (5), Leone (7), Smith (8), Howell (8), R.Osuna (9) and Martin. W—Howell 1-1. L—Colome 0-2. Sv—R.Osuna (3).

TIGERS 7, WHITE SOX 3

Chicago	100	011	000	—3	8	1
Detroit	010	420	00x	—7	14	0

Mi.Gonzalez, Beck (7) and Soto; Zimmermann, B.Hardy (6), Greene (7), Wilson (8), Rodriguez (9) and Avila. W—Zimmermann 3-1. L—Mi.Gonzalez 3-1. HRs—Chicago, Frazier. Detroit, Upton.

TWINS 7, ROYALS 5

Minnesota	003	201	001	—7	13	0
Kansas City	020	011	001	—4	12	1

Hughes, Pressly (6), Rogers (7), Belisle (8), Kintzler (9) and J.Castro; Hammel, Minor (4), Moylan (6), Strahm (6), Alexander (8), K.Herrera (9) and S.Perez. W—Hughes 4-1. L—Hammel 0-3. Sv—Kintzler (7). HRs—Minnesota, Sano. Kansas City, Cain, Merrifield.

ORIOLES 7, YANKEES 4, 11 INNINGS

Baltimore	001	003	00003	—7	11	0
New York	101	000	00200	—4	13	2

Miley, Givens (6), Brach (8), O'Day (9), Hart (9), Verrett (10) and Castillo; Montgomery, Holder (6), Clippard (7), Betances (8), Mitchell (9), Chapman (10), Mitchell (11) and Higashioka. Romine. W—Verrett 1-0. L—Mitchell 1-1. HRs—New York, Holliday.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
BREWERS 4, BRAVES 3

Atlanta	100	001	100	—3	7	2
Milwaukee	000	013	00x	—4	5	1

Foltynewicz, Collmenter (7) and K.Suzuki; Garza, Knebel (7), Feliz (9) and Bandy. Pina. W—Garza 1-0. L—Foltynewicz 0-3. Sv—Feliz (6). HRs—Atlanta, Freeman. Milwaukee, Santana 2.

MARLINS 10, PIRATES 3

Pittsburgh	000	003	000	—3	8	2
Miami	010	139	00x	—10	15	0

Kuhl, Williams (5), Nicasio (5), Rivero (6), Hudson (7), Barbato (7) and Stewart; Koehler, McGowan (5), Phelps (6), Barraclough (7), Ziegler (8), J.Garcia (9) and Ellis. W—McGowan 1-0. L—Williams 1-1. HRs—Pittsburgh, Bell. Miami, Bour.

NATIONALS 23, METS 5

New York	111	200	000	—5	9	2
Washington	501	431	54x	—23	23	0

Syndergaard, Salas (5), Smoker (6), Plawecki (7) and R.Rivera. Ross, Albers (5), O.Perez (7), Stanton (8), Treinen (9) and Wieters. W—Albers 1-0. L—Syndergaard 1-2. HRs—New York, Rivera. Bruce. Washington, Lind, Wieters 2, Rendon 3, Harper.

REDS 5, CARDINALS 4

Cincinnati	000	001	310	—5	10	0
St. Louis	100	030	000	—4	8	1

B.Arroyo, Lorenzen (5), Storen (6), W.Peralta (7), R.Iglesias (8) and Barnhart, Mesoraco; Leake, Bowman (7), Cecil (7), Rosenthal (8), J.Broxton (9) and Molina. W—W.Peralta 1-0. L—Rosenthal 0-1. Sv—R.Iglesias (4).

DODGERS 5, PHILLIES 3

Philadelphia	100	000	002	—3	6	1
Los Angeles	110	003	00x	—5	13	0

Pivetta, J.Gomez (6), Ramos (8) and Rupp; Ryu, Romo (8), Avilan (7), Baez (8), Dayton (9), Jansen (9) and Grandal. W—Ryu 1-4. L—Pivetta 0-1. Sv—Jansen (7). HRs—Philadelphia, Herrera. Los Angeles, Taylor, Toles.

PADRES 5, GIANTS 3, 12 INNINGS

San Diego	000	000	002	003	—5	10	0
San Francisco	000	011	000	000	—2	8	3

Richard, Hand (6), Maurer (8), Buchter (10), Torres (10) and Hedges; Blach, Law (8), Melancon (9), Strickland (10), Kontos (11) and Posey. W—Buchter 2-1. L—Kontos 0-2. Sv—Torres (1). HRs—San Diego, Sanchez, Myers.

DIAMONDBACKS 2, ROCKIES 0, 13 INNINGS

Colorado	000	000	000	0000	—0	5	0
Arizona	000	000	000	0002	—2	11	1

Marquez, Oberg (7), Ottavino (8), Rosin (10), Lyles (12) and Garneau; Corbin, Hoover (7), De La Rosa (8), Bradley (9), Wilhelmsen (10), Chafin (10), Delgado (11) and Iannetta. W—Delgado 1-0. L—Lyles 0-1. HRs—Arizona, Descalso.

The ins and outs of how some teams handled 2017 NFL draft

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — With 253 selections over three days, and a couple hundred thousand people on hand, the NFL draft seems as complex an operation as exists.

Don't believe it, at least not for the teams. All the hard work had been done in the previous months. This weekend, the objective was very simple: improve.

Filling holes while building a foundation is essential. Here's how some teams attempted to do that, along with some that had folks scratching their heads.

CLEVELAND — So much of the attention has been on Cleveland's recent drafting failures, particularly at quarterback. What the Browns set out to do with a slew of picks was bring in fresh talent that, down the road, can carry them back to respectability.

We won't know for years if they did so, but with Texas A&M edge rusher Myles Garrett to kick it off, followed by Michigan safety Jabrill Peppers and Miami tight end David Njoku in the opening round alone, that talent base has increased.

Of course, there are questions attached to all three of those, particularly Peppers, who must prove he can be a full-time safety in the pros after moving around for the Wolverines. And second-rounder DeShone Kizer of Notre Dame is as inconsistent a quarterback as you'll find.

CINCINNATI — The Browns' in-state rival took a familiar route when they took Joe Mixon. The skill level of the Oklahoma running back isn't questioned. But his off-field issues caused an immediate and nasty backlash in Cincinnati. Not that Bengals owner Mike Brown ever cares, given the history his team has with reclamation projects.

Cincy desperately needed wideouts who can stretch the defense, and it got two in Washington's John Ross — he of the 4.22 40 at the scouting combine — and Tennessee's Josh Malone.

CAROLINA — To get back to Super Bowl contention after their 2016 flop, the Panthers had to find a way to take the hefty burden off Cam Newton. With do-everything weapons Christian McCaffrey of Stanford and Curtis Samuel of Ohio State, then guard Taylor Moton of Western Michigan, they probably got him some help.

NEW ORLEANS — For pure college talent, no team bolstered itself like the Saints. Sure, they had lots of needs, but consider that they added perhaps the best cornerback and offensive lineman in this crop with Marshon Lattimore of Ohio State and Ryan Ramczyk of Wisconsin. Two of their third-rounders, RB Alvin Kamara of Tennessee and LB Alex Anzalone of Florida, also bring terrific athleticism to a club that has had three straight losing records with Drew Brees at quarterback.

PITTSBURGH — Although they might have reached on J.J. Watt's younger brother, linebacker T.J. of Wisconsin, and on Southern California receiver JuJu Smith-Schuster with their first two picks, the Steelers deserve kudos for what they did in the third round. Their selection of RB James Conner of Pitt, who came back from cancer to play for the Panthers, was inspirational — and wise. No one will bring more to an NFL franchise this year than Conner.

PHILADELPHIA — The city (and the league) were thrilled by the turnout, adding countless millions of dollars to their coffers. As for the Eagles, they stayed away from any headline picks and wound up with players who should be very useful for a while. Top pick Derek Barnett of Tennessee might be the best pure pass rusher in this group. Second pick Sidney Jones would have gone in the opening round had he not torn his Achilles tendon at his pro day, so patience is needed with him. Cornerback Rasul Douglas of West Virginia, wideout Mark Hollins of North Carolina and NCAA record-setting RB Donnel Pumphrey of San Diego State fit the schemes well.

Oh yeah, former Eagles star safety Brian Dawkins did a pretty fine rendition of "Fly Eagles Fly" on Saturday.

CHICAGO — As for the head scratchers, the Bears take the prize. They so coveted North Carolina QB Mitchell Trubisky — he of the 13 career starts, although impressive ones — that they spent lavishly to move up one spot from third to second overall for him. That move came in part because GM Ryan Pace felt other teams were desperate to get up to the second spot. Some say he panicked.

San Francisco took in that haul, then got the guy it wanted anyway at No. 3, Stanford DE Solomon Thomas.

Chicago also took Adam Sheehan, a 6-foot-6, 278-pound tight end from Division II Ashland in the second round. He certainly is a physical specimen, but what a challenge moving up in class he faces. The Bears also took two other small college guys in the first five rounds.

MHS

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graduating quarterback and coach's son Jackson Anuszkiewicz, who directed MHS to a school-record 517 points scored in 2016.

Tim Anuszkiewicz lauds Turner, an upcoming senior, as a capable scrambler that can run the zone-read play and throw the deep ball.

Sapien, who will be a junior in the fall, is more of the prototype quarterback at 6-foot-3, 210 pounds. Sapien is a drop-back, pocket style quarterback with a strong arm.

Anuszkiewicz raves about McDonald's leadership qualities and competitive fire. McDonald played quarterback on the Bulldogs' freshman team in 2016.

4. Bulldogs eyeing two-way players

In 2016, University of Nevada signee McLane Mannix surpassed 100 plays in some games with his contributions at wide receiver, cornerback, punter and return specialist.

With Mannix's impact in mind, Anuszkiewicz says the Bulldogs have some talented football players that are capable of playing both ways.

Six-foot-two cornerback Jacoby Thornton and versatile offensive weapon Caedon McDonald are two players that Anuszkiewicz mentioned that could be used on both sides of the ball.

Darius Manning, a transfer from Plano East, has experience playing both wide receiver and safety.

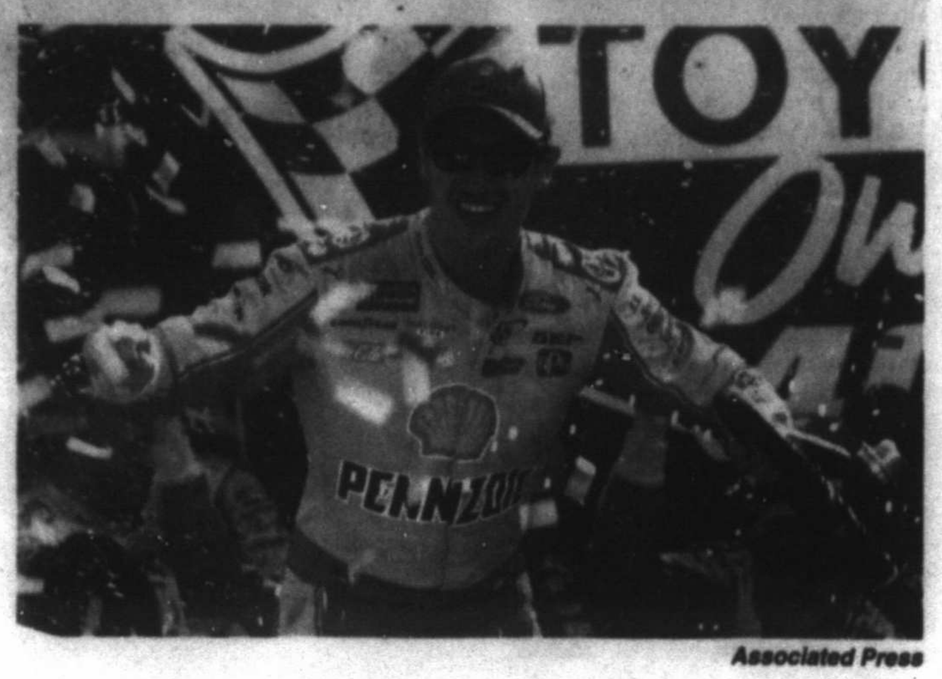
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Midland High spring football schedule
At Memorial Stadium

Monday-Wednesday: 5:30 p.m.-7:15 p.m.
Thursday: 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m., scrimmage
May 8-10: 4:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m.
May 11: 4:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m., scrimmage
May 15-17: 4:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m.
May 18: 4:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m., scrimmage
May 22-23: 4:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m.
May 24: 4:30 p.m.-5:45 p.m.
May 25: Spring game, TBA

Joe Logano pulls away to win NASCAR race at Richmond

By Hank Kurz Jr.
Associated Press



Associated Press

Joey Logano celebrates after winning the NASCAR Cup Series auto race in Victory Lane at Richmond International Raceway in Richmond, Va., on Sunday.

RICHMOND, Va. — Joey Logano smiled as if he'd stolen something and got away with it, and that wasn't far from the truth.

Logano passed distracted and dominant Penske Racing teammate Brad Keselowski on one restart and then pulled away on another with about 20 laps to go to win the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series race at Richmond International Raceway on Sunday.

"We were just fast enough to break through and kind of steal a win," Logano said. "We had a decent car. We were in the lead when the caution came out there and we looked like we were in pretty good shape, and then, obviously, to have the good pit stops and all that, I don't know if you'd call that stealing. We didn't get lucky. We were able to just do what we know how to do."

Logano, who qualified fifth but had to start 37th after making a transmission change, grabbed the lead when Keselowski had to make a defensive move to keep Kyle Busch from passing him on the inside. His 18th career victory came in his 300th career start.

"I was driving my guts out out there," Logano said in Victory Lane. "That's all I had. We won with a car that may not have been a winning car, so that's something to be very proud of as a team. That means the execution was there and we were able to put ourselves in position to race there hard at the end. Brad was the fastest car. He was so fast."

Keselowski got stuck behind some slower cars on the final restart, letting Logano pull away by nearly 2 seconds.

"I think what we needed was about 10 more laps," Keselowski said. He led six times for 110 laps

On the final restart, Logano had to get around Kyle Larson and five others who stayed on the track when everyone else pitted. He made quick work of that challenge and pulled away while Keselowski and Denny Hamlin got caught in traffic dueling for the second position.

"That's part of how this racing deal works, and the fastest car doesn't always win," Keselowski said.

Keselowski, who had the dominant car for the second half of the race, held on for second, followed by Hamlin, Ricky Stenhouse Jr. and Kevin Harvick. Dale Earnhardt Jr., in his first race since announcing he will retire at the end of the season, finished 30th.

"We just didn't have the speed that the other cars had," a frustrated Hamlin said. "We finished right where we should have."

Ryan Newman, Jimmie Johnson and Dale Earnhardt Jr. all took a chance when the rest of the field started making green-flag stop with about 80 laps to go. The three stayed out hoping for a caution flag that would allow them to get new tires and remain up front.

Johnson eventually pitted, and then he brought about the caution when he side-swiped Earnhardt into the wall in the backstretch, making the gamble pay off for Newman, who was likely to be passed shortly thereafter by the hard-charging Keselowski.

"I just have to try to figure out if I just didn't hear it being told to me or if it wasn't told to me," Johnson said. "I just feel terrible, obviously. Man, I'm surprised our cars even kept rolling after that because I just body slammed him into the wall and I could have easily not heard the clear or something else happened. I don't know, but that's the last thing you want to have happen with a teammate."

Newman couldn't cash in, however, failing to be a factor at the end and finishing 7th.

Pole-sitter Matt Kenseth led the first 163 laps, winning Stage 1, and raced in the top 10 until a flat tire with 35 laps to go.

No smile from Kyle

Kyle Busch was fuming after NASCAR flagged him for a commitment line violation with 22 laps to go, dropping him to the back of the field. It was his second penalty of the day following an earlier one for speeding entering the pits. That also put him to the back of the field, and he'd finally made it back into contention when the second one ruined his day. He finished 16th.

Mixed bag

Richmond moved the race from its typical Saturday night start time to Sunday afternoon, with mixed results.

"The day race changes this track dramatically, and I think it makes it really racy," Keselowski said. ""I think it's great. I think some of the best racing here is during the day, but it's hot and I know it's hard for some of the fans to be up in the stands and go through all that."

With temperatures in the low 90s, the crowd was sparse.

MONSTER ENERGY CUP RESULTS

Sunday
At Richmond International Raceway
Richmond, Va.
Lap length: 0.75 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1 (5) Joey Logano, Ford, 400 laps, 42 points.
2 (15) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 400, 50.
3 (16) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 400, 47.
4 (4) Ricky Stenhouse Jr, Ford, 400, 33.
5 (6) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 400, 47.
6 (10) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 400, 38.
7 (13) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 400, 39.
8 (9) Kurt Busch, Ford, 400, 29.
9 (25) Aric Almirola, Ford, 400, 28.
10 (3) Martin Truex Jr, Toyota, 400, 35.
11 (17) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 400, 26.
12 (11) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 400, 25.
13 (29) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 400, 24.
14 (18) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 400, 38.
15 (8) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 400, 27.
16 (7) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 400, 21.
17 (23) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 400, 20.
18 (21) Danica Patrick, Ford, 400, 19.
19 (30) David Ragan, Ford, 400, 18.
20 (38) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 400, 17.
21 (28) Landon Cassill, Ford, 400, 16.
22 (19) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 400, 15.
23 (1) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 400, 33.
24 (14) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 400, 13.
25 (26) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 400, 12.
26 (24) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 400, 13.
27 (36) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet, 400, 10.
28 (32) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 400, 9.
29 (27) Michael McDowell, Chevrolet, 399, 8.
30 (12) Dale Earnhardt Jr, Chevrolet, 398, 7.
31 (31) Gray Gaulding, Toyota, 398, 6.
32 (34) Corey LaJoie, Toyota, 396, 5.
33 (33) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 395, 4.
34 (37) Timmy Hill, Chevrolet, 393, 0.
35 (35) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 392, 2.
36 (2) Ryan Blaney, Ford, accident, 378, 1.
37 (22) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 333, 1.
38 (20) Erik Jones, Toyota, accident, 4, 1.

CEO says NASCAR 'not isolated' in fighting to attract fans

By Hank Kurz Jr.
Associated Press

"It's only April. Those kinds of decisions from corporate America typically get made in August and September, something like that. We'll always have that. That's not anything abnormal."

Brian France, NASCAR chairman and CEO

RICHMOND, Va. — NASCAR Chairman and CEO Brian France says the challenge of connecting with a new, younger generation of fans is something that all sports are trying to figure out, and one that NASCAR will take some time to figure out.

Speaking at Richmond International Raceway before Sunday's Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series race, France compared the challenge sports are facing to the one retailers are facing because of the popularity of online shopping.

NASCAR has seen crowds shrink at virtually every track, many of which have removed seats, and its television ratings have plummeted. At Richmond, which once routinely seated more than 100,000 fans for races in the premier Cup series, only 60,000 seats remain and they were not close to full for Sunday's 400-lap race.

"We're not isolated here," France said. "Every sport is trying to unlock the new consumption levels and fan interest by a younger demographic. Of course we love our core fan and everyone does, but every sport is thinking carefully about how to reach the millennial fan to get them excited about their sport."

He said NASCAR will convene a summit next month in Charlotte, North Carolina, bringing in experts from various fields, to discuss the issue.

France also downplayed the difficulty that some teams are having securing sponsorship for next season.

"It's only April. Those kinds of decisions from corporate America typically get made in August and September, something like that," he said. "We'll always have that. That's not anything abnormal."

One advantage NASCAR gives sponsors, he said, is, "They can't own a team in any other sport, but they can here."

France also paid tribute to Dale Earnhardt Jr., the sport's most popular driver, who announced last week that he will retire at the end of the season, making him the fourth star to plan to quit racing in less than three years.

"He's meant a lot to the sport in many ways, on and off the track. Not just his popularity and whatever, but carrying on the Earnhardt name in such a good way that he was always competitive on the track, always raced at a high level and always worked with NASCAR to make the sport better, just like his father did," France said.

With his retirement, Earnhardt will join Tony Stewart, Jeff Gordon and Carl Edwards in walking away from racing. France said an exodus like that is not all that unusual in the sport.

"If you look back at our history, we always tend to see drivers in waves move in one direction so it's not uncommon to have three, four or five of your top drivers exit for different reasons in a short period of time, two years, whatever it is," he said, noting they often can do it because they have financial stability.

The good news, he said, is that the talent pool being counted on to produce future stars is deep.

Kyle Larson, 24, began Sunday's race leading the point standings, with 21-year-old Chase Elliott second.

STATE

From 1C

With a 72 and a second-place finish, Austin Escamilla spearheaded a Chargers boys team that placed 21 strokes ahead of Arlington Pantego Christian. Freshman and star basketball guard Ciro Baeza was third in the medalist standings with a 76.

In the girls' field, Aspen Escamilla captured the medalist title with a 76, while freshman Brooke Widner finished second with an 88. As a team, the Lady Chargers shot a school record 378 and blew away the competition, winning the regional title by a whopping 62 strokes.

Trinity coach Todd Freese, in his second year with the program, said the excitement surrounding the teams after their historical regional finishes should propel them to play at their best at state.

"On the way home (from Mansfield), they were jazzed and we had a chat with them and said they have a chance to do something special," Freese said. "They want to win the state championship. They're serious about their business."

For the Lady Chargers, who just started as a team last year, it has been a quick rise to the state tournament. Girls coach Kodi Dixon said it has been the camaraderie and love for the game itself, that has been the platform to the team's success this season.

She added that the next two days will be a golden opportunity for the Trinity girls to enjoy a spot on TAPPS golf's biggest state.

"It has been stepping stones as a team to lead up to this point," Dixon said. "The time has been put in, the work has been done and it's time to rise to the occasion."

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Kisner-Brown, Blixt-Smith head to Zurich Classic playoff

By Brett Martel
Associated Press

AVONDALE, La. — Kevin Kisner chipped in for eagle on the 18th hole as darkness fell Sunday night at the Zurich Classic, lifting himself and teammate Scott Brown into a Monday playoff with Jonas Blixt and Cameron Smith.

Kisner's chip-in — which skipped on a wet green, hit the pin and dropped in from nearly 95 feet — forced the 23-year-old Smith to make a 1 1/2-foot birdie putt to remain in contention for his first PGA Tour victory.

Kisner and Brown shot a 12-under 60 in best-ball play, and Blixt and Smith had a 64 to finish at 27 under at the TPC Louisiana in the PGA Tour's first team event in 36 years.

Blixt, a Swede, and Smith, an Australian, haven't bogeyed a hole yet, and appeared to have the victory wrapped up before Kisner's chip-in, which whipped the die-hard crowd around the final green into a frenzy while Kisner waved both arms in celebration.

The round finished in barely playable darkness because of a more than six-hour delay cause by thunderstorms.

Each player on the winning team will take home $1.02 million and earn 400 FedExCup points.

Blixt and Smith led after the second and third rounds, but had to overcome a remarkable surge by Brown and Kisner, who stormed into the lead with birdies on the first eight holes and 10 of their first 11.

Blixt made a 5-foot birdie putt on the 16th, and Smith did the same on 17th to put themselves back in the lead.

Smith then dropped a 57-yard approach on 18 within 2 feet, seemingly dooming Kisner and Brown to second place. Instead, both teams will be back at it at 8 a.m. on the 18th hole to start the playoff.

Kisner and Brown each have one PGA Tour victory. The 33-year-old Blixt has won twice, but not since 2013.

Jordan Spieth and Ryan Palmer combined to birdie seven of nine holes in the middle of their round to pull as close as three strokes back with three holes to play, but couldn't quite overcome a deficit that had been as large as six strokes.

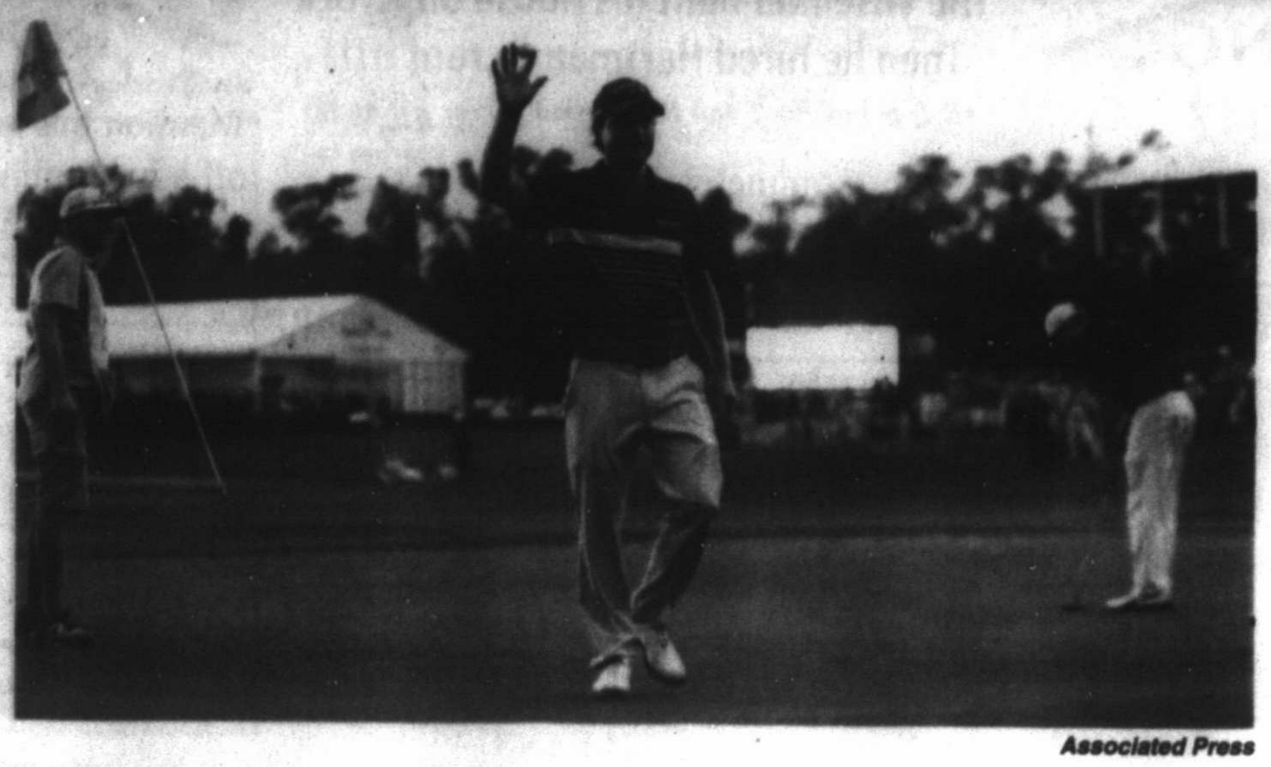
Spieth's 16-foot birdie attempt rolled around the lip of the cup and out on 16. That, combined with Spieth's narrow miss from 3 feet on the 18th green Saturday, and Palmer's two misses from within 3 feet in the third round, were shots that one of the favored pairs would have to regret in an otherwise strong, fourth-place performance.

Brown and Kisner led by two strokes after their birdie on the eighth hole and maintained that gap until Smith's 34-foot putt on the undulating 12th green made it a one-stroke affair with six holes to play.

Kelly Kraft and Kevin Tway finished third at 23 under after Kraft followed up a 266-yard approach on 18 with a 22-foot eagle putt.

The tournament is the first team event on the PGA Tour since the Walt Disney World National Team Championship in 1981. The Zurich began with 80 two-player teams, with players choosing their teammates. Many said they chose friends on the Tour rather than research whose game best complemented their own, and it made for relaxed environment and demonstrations of camaraderie that players said showed more of the fun side of golf.

The players on each team alternated shots in the first and third rounds. In the second and final rounds, each player played their own balls and each team took the best score per hole. The playoff will be in the same format as the final round.



Associated Press

Kevin Kisner shows the ball after sinking a chip shot for eagle on the 18th hole during the final round of the PGA Zurich Classic golf tournament's new two-man team format at TPC Louisiana in Avondale, La., on Sunday.

GOLF SCORES

Zurich Classic

Sunday
At TPC Louisiana
Avondale, La.
Purse: $7.1 million
Yardage: 7,425; Par 72
Fourth Round

Blixt/Smith	67-62-68-64—261
Kisner/Brown	70-64-67-60—261
Kraft/Tway	71-63-70-61—265
Spieth/Palmer	66-66-70-64—266
Dufner/Kizzire	69-64-73-63—269
B. Koepka/C. Koepka	69-65-73-62—269
Watson/Holmes	73-64-68-64—269
Cabrera/Eubank	70-63-71-65—269
Thomas/Cauley	70-64-74-61—269
C. Hoffman/Watney	67-66-69-68—269
Schauffele/Ridings	68-64-73-65—270
Murray/Percy	70-67-71-62—270
Stuard/Stroud	68-64-71-67—270
Lingmerth/Lee	72-62-72-65—271
Stricker/Kelly	66-66-72-67—271
Reed/Cantlay	68-62-75-66—271
Harman/Wagner	71-64-72-64—271
Van Aswegen/Goosen	73-65-72-61—271
Jacobson/Wilcox	71-63-73-64—271
M. Hoffmann/Villegas	72-62-71-66—271
Thompson/Wilkinson	71-66-68-66—271
Barnes/Jones	70-67-70-65—272
Hearn/DeLaet	71-66-72-63—272
Grace/Oosthuizen	70-67-70-66—273
Henry/Hoge	68-67-71-67—273
Merritt/Streb	69-63-74-67—273
Cejka/Kjeldsen	70-62-75-66—273
Choi/Wi	67-64-76-66—273
Bryan/Blaum	71-65-71-67—274
Stanley/Ruffels	66-66-77-65—274
Rollins/Johnston	71-66-73-64—274
Ogilvy/Pruitter	69-66-71-69—275
Bozzelli/Poston	70-66-73-66—275
Swafford/English	70-67-73-65—275
Matsuyama/Ishihara	69-66-75-65—275
M. Kim/Hagy	72-64-71-69—276

Made Cut Did Not Finish

Flores/Fdez-Castano	72-65-74—211
Martin/Crane	67-67-77—211
Schniederjans/Werenski	70-67-76—213
Reavie/Glover	69-68-76—213
Loupe/Peterson	71-64-78—213
Hubbard/Randolph	69-67-78—214

LPGA Tour

Sunday
At Las Colinas Country Club
Irving, Texas
Purse: $1.3 million
Yardage: 6,441; Par 71
Final
(x-won on sixth playoff hole; a-amateur)

x-Haru Nomura, $195,000	68-65-72-76—281
Cristie Kerr, $118,382	68-69-70-74—281
Jessica Korda, $85,878	68-70-72-73—283
Sung Hyun Park, $66,433	67-72-71-74—284
Eun-Hee Ji, $41,491	68-73-74-70—285
Angel Yin, $41,491	74-67-72-72—285
Minjee Lee, $41,491	68-70-74-73—285
Mi Jung Hur, $41,491	65-72-74-74—285
Amy Yang, $25,520	68-71-78-69—286
Charley Hull, $25,520	71-66-77-72—286
So Yeon Ryu, $25,520	74-69-69-75—286
Ariya Jutanugarn, $25,520	67-67-76-76—286
Brittany Lang, $19,444	73-66-73-73—287
Jane Park, $19,444	72-71-70-74—287
Michelle Wie, $19,444	67-73-71-76—287
Inbee Park, $19,444	69-67-71-80—287
Mel Reid, $15,815	73-66-77-72—288
Lexi Thompson, $15,815	69-72-73-74—288
Jacqui Concolino, $15,815	69-69-75-75—288
Stacy Lewis, $15,815	71-71-66-80—288
B. M. Henderson, $13,365	74-71-71-73—289
Amelia Lewis, $13,365	68-72-75-74—289
Joanna Klatten, $13,365	72-69-73-75—289
Katherine Kirk, $13,365	67-73-74-75—289
Moriya Jutanugarn, $13,365	70-68-74-77—289
Alena Sharp, $11,472	70-74-70-76—290
Suzann Pettersen, $11,472	70-65-78-77—290
Annie Park, $11,472	72-68-72-78—290
Marina Alex, $10,176	67-69-81-74—291
Danielle Kang, $10,176	73-68-74-76—291
Gerina Piller, $10,176	69-71-75-76—291
T. Suwannapura, $8,158	72-73-75-72—292
Brittany Lincicome, $8,158	75-69-73-75—292
Morgan Pressel, $8,158	75-69-73-75—292
Christina Kim, $8,158	72-72-73-75—292
Lindy Duncan, $8,158	70-70-76-76—292
Dori Carter, $8,158	76-63-77-76—292
Jenny Shin, $8,158	71-72-71-78—292
Jodi Ewart Shadoff, $8,158	71-72-71-78—292
Karine Icher, $6,482	71-69-76-77—293
Nelly Korda, $6,482	70-68-77-78—293
Chella Choi, $6,482	69-71-73-81—293
a-Eun Jeong Seong	69-69-69-86—293
Sun Young Yoo, $5,725	69-74-74-77—294
Sarah Jane Smith, $5,725	69-71-76-78—294
Pornanong Phatlum, $5,725	69-71-75-79—294
Cydney Clanton, $5,217	73-70-74-79—296
Gaby Lopez, $5,217	69-74-74-79—296
Jennifer Song, $4,731	67-76-74-80—297
P Thanapolboonyaras, $4,731	69-71-76-81—297
Marissa L Steen, $4,731	69-71-73-84—297
Brooke Pancake, $4,408	73-68-75-82—298
Angela Stanford, $4,278	68-69-73-89—299

China Open

Sunday
At Topwin Golf & Country Club
Beijing
Purse: $2.8 million
Yardage: 7,261; Par: 72
Final
(x-won playoff)

x-Alexander Levy, France	63-70-71-67—271
Dylan Frittelli, South Africa	70-63-64-74—271
Pablo Larrazabal, Spain	64-66-70-72—272
Bernd Wiesberger, Austria	69-68-69-67—273
Chris Wood, England	72-68-65-68—273
Ross Fisher, England	73-70-64-67—274
Y.E. Yang, South Korea	69-68-71-66—274
George Coetzee, South Africa	67-69-71-68—275
Jorge Campillo, Spain	68-70-70-68—276
Lee Soomin, South Korea	69-65-73-69—276
Haobing Li, China Korea	69-71-67-70—277
Mike Lorenzo-Vera, France	73-66-71-67—277
Benjamin Herbert, France	70-72-66-70—278
Michael Hendry, New Zealand	72-67-71-68—278
Raphael Jacquelin, France	67-71-71-69—278
Kyongjun Moon, South Korea	69-71-66-72—278
Justin Walters, South Africa	71-70-68-69—278

Also

David Lipsky, United States	69-71-69-71—280
Paul Uiihlein, United States	72-66-71-72—281
Paul Peterson, United States	69-69-71-74—283

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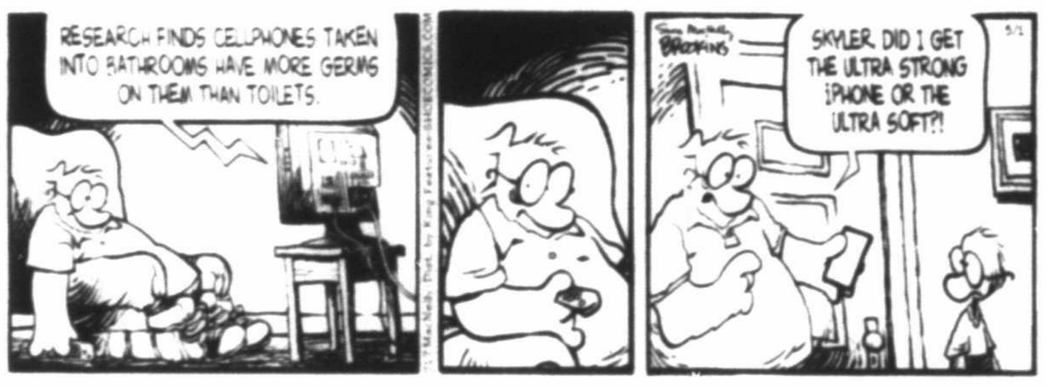
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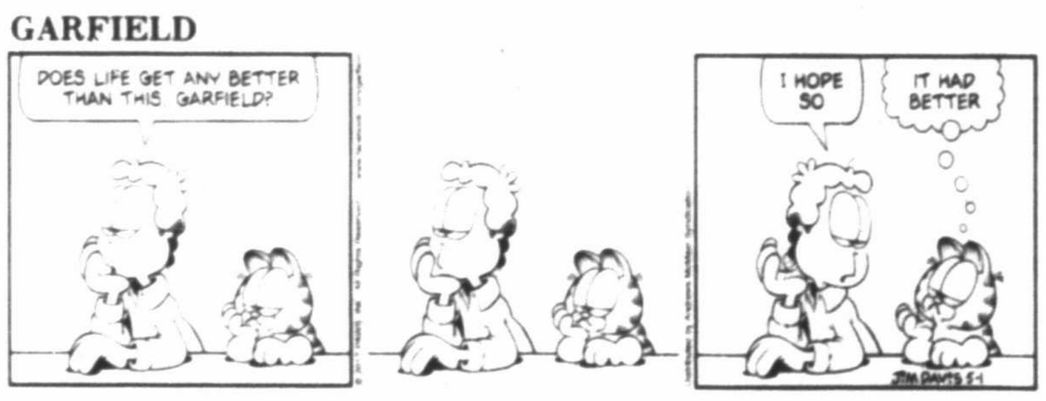
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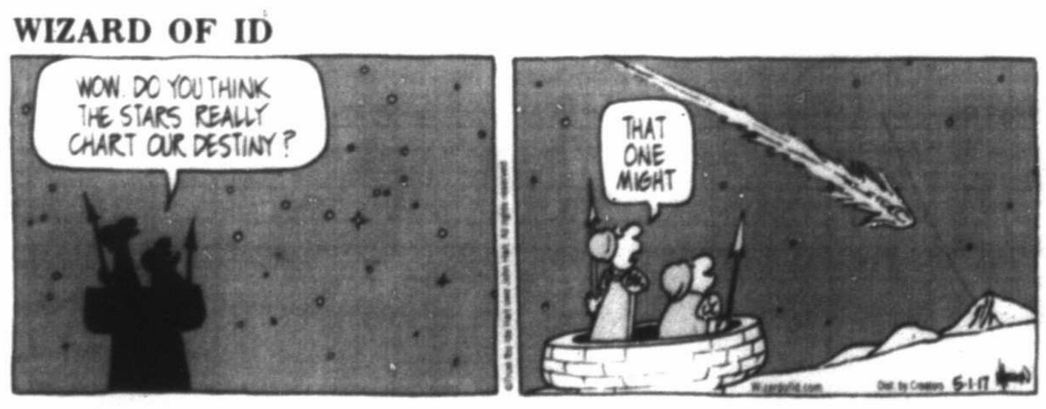
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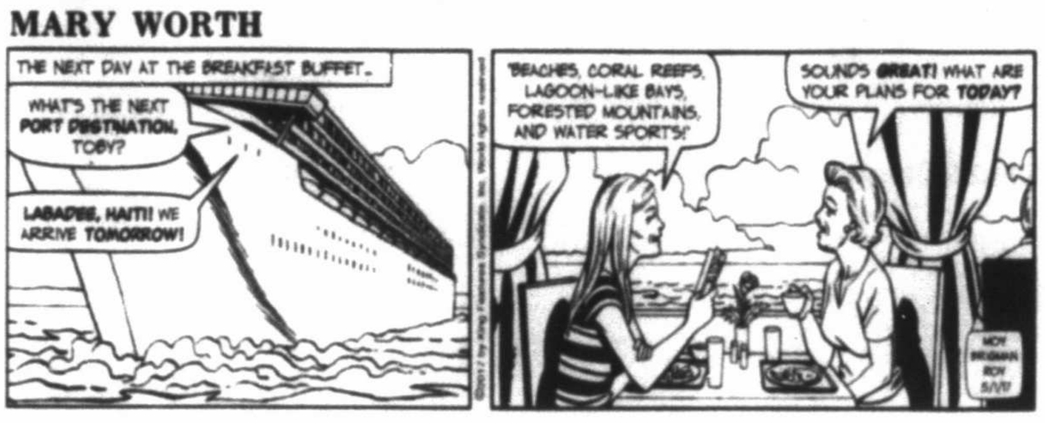
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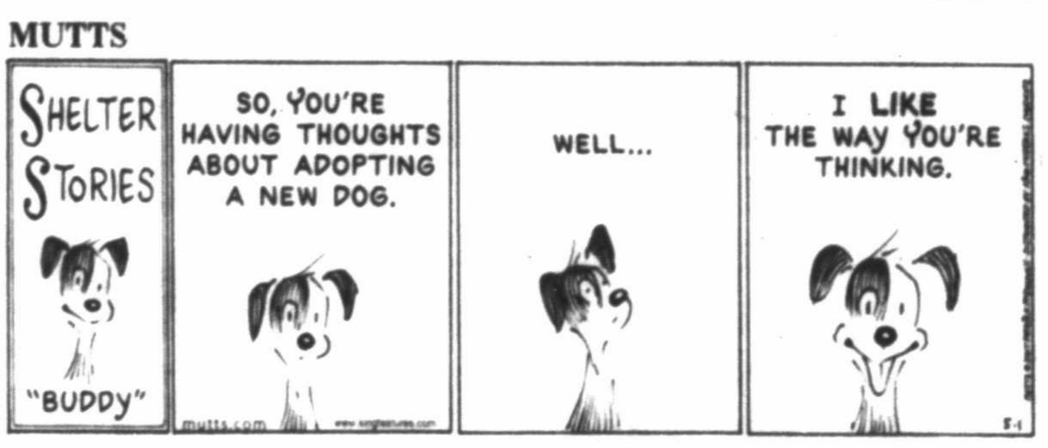
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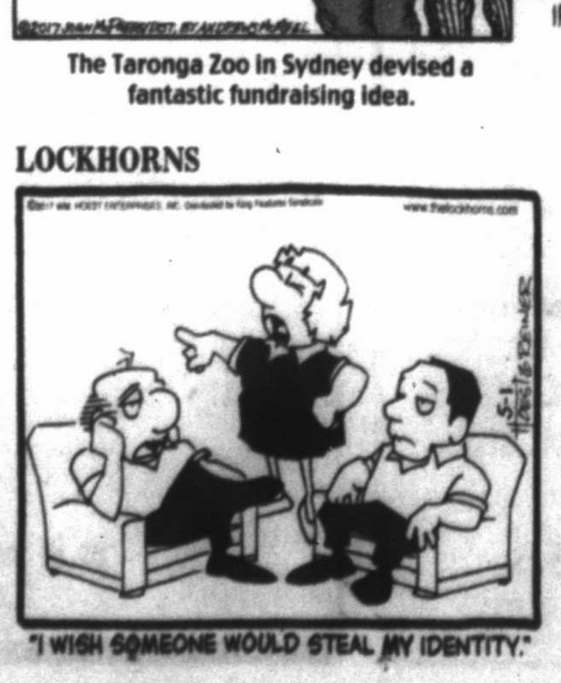
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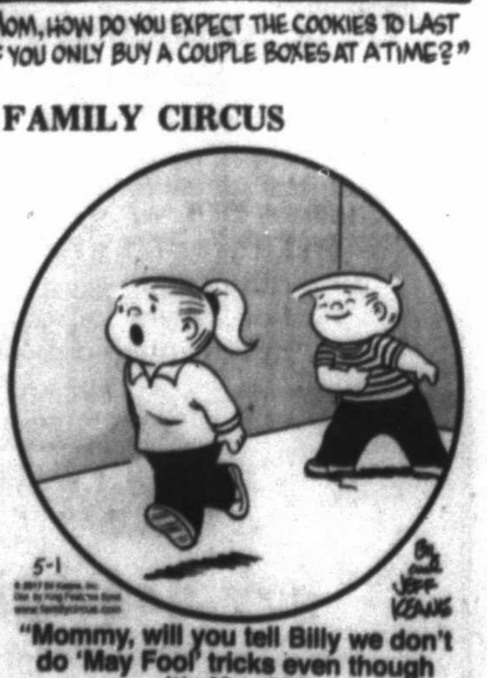
"MOM, HOW DO YOU EXPECT THE COOKIES TO LAST IF YOU ONLY BUY A COUPLE BOXES AT A TIME?"

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SUDOKU

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Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 9-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

		1	4			9		
4	6		9		5	7		1
							5	
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								2
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		2	6		3		1	7
		8			1	5		

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SOLUTION TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLE

6	7	1	8	3	5	2	9	4
2	9	8	4	7	1	3	5	6
4	3	5	6	2	9	7	1	8
8	4	2	5	6	7	1	3	9
1	5	9	2	4	3	8	6	7
7	6	3	1	9	8	5	4	2
9	1	6	7	5	2	4	8	3
3	8	7	9	1	4	6	2	5
5	2	4	3	8	6	9	7	1

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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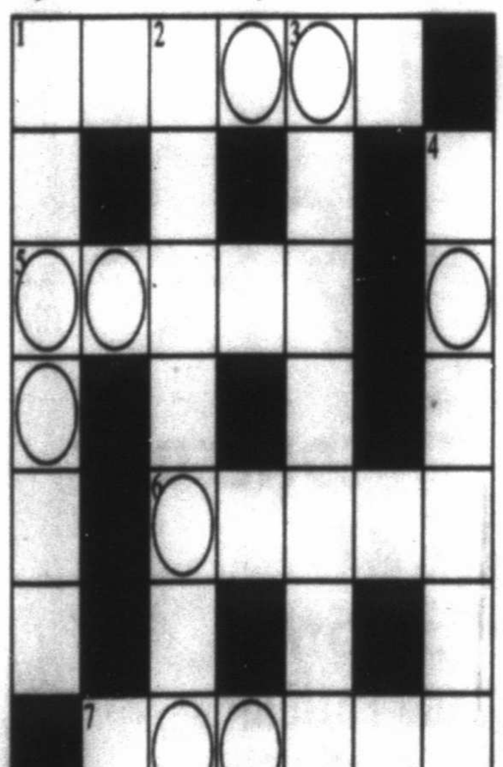
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5. Strangely	ODYLD
6. ___ layer	NOEOZ
7. Aft	RESANT

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Not as fast	WRSLEO
2. Inside	ONDIRSO
3. Lock part	EEOLHKY
4. Rule	VORENG

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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CLUE: This N.Y. town, established in 1787, is home to about 6,000 people.

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-Study 6A-Ozone 7A-Astern 1D-Stoner 2D-Hydrate 4D-Groom 5-Woodstock

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DAILY CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1 Sacrificial __
5 Paintball impact sound
10 "__ of Green Gables"
14 Geometry calculation
15 Largest city in North Africa
16 Yule song
17 Some toy dogs, for short
18 Llama habitat
19 Weekend-starting letters
20 Bygone airplane area
23 Subsided
24 Statutes
25 Electric car brand
29 Apple music players
33 Home for mil. jets
36 Line up
39 Be concerned
41 "Cut corners" or "slash prices"
42 Landlocked African republic
43 Position behind the steering wheel
46 Part of a relay race
47 Coffee lightener
48 "Rubber Duckie" singer on Sesame Street
50 Mocking remark
53 Works with a needle
57 "Exactly!" ... and a hint to where 20-, 36- and 43-Across' ending words may be found
62 Mop, as decks
63 "Fingers crossed"
64 "Drinks are __!"
65 Unit seized by a narc
66 Some surrealist paintings
67 Info
68 Composer Stravinsky
69 Pass, as a law
70 Wide-spouted pitcher

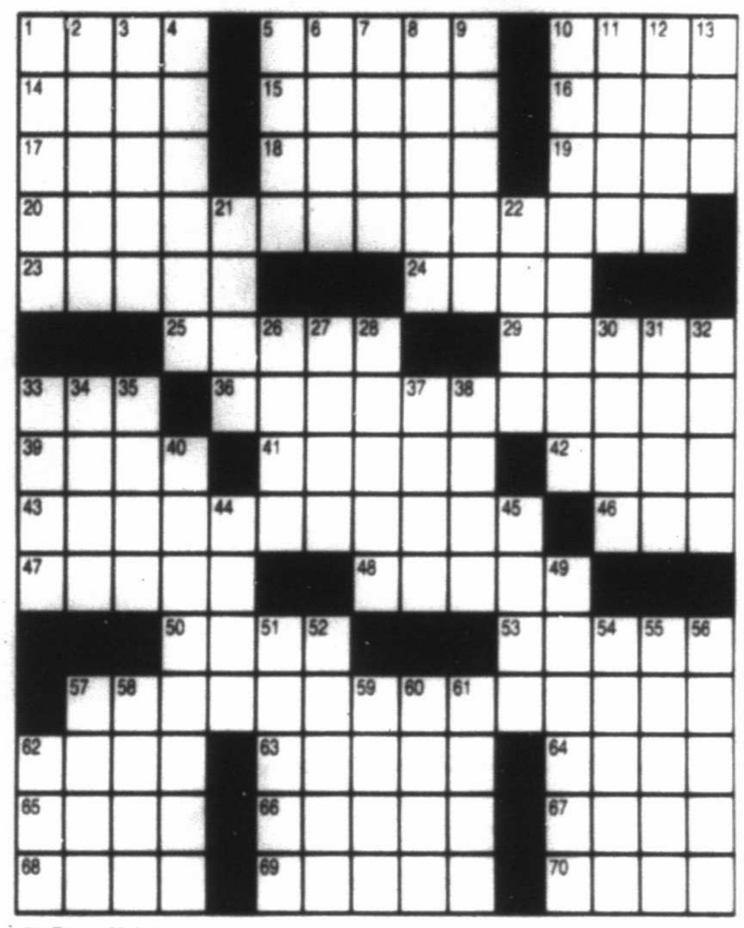
DOWN

1 Forgetful moment
2 Cinnamon roll lure
3 Notes to staff
4 Slam dunk or lay-up
5 Read electronically
6 Twinge of hunger
7 Tupperware covers
8 Staggering
9 Puccini opera
10 Designed to minimize junk email
11 Scrubbed, as a NASA mission
12 Nuremberg no
13 North Pole worker
21 "Beware the __ of March"
22 Bed size
26 Mix
27 Chaps
28 Licorice-flavored seed
30 Spoken
31 Big name in pineapples
32 Big gulp
33 Band with a voltage symbol in its logo
34 Jamie of "M*A*S*H"
35 Soft French cheese
37 Not just a talker
38 "__ idiot!": "Doh!"
40 "Green Acres" co-star
44 Radiate
45 Word with bar or torch
49 Make cryptic
51 Back of a hit 45 record
52 Patriot Allen
54 "No need to tell me"
55 Phoenix suburb
56 Take the wheel
57 Bird's nest component
58 Symbol of sanctity
59 Mexican "Hi!"
60 Grand-scale film
61 Experiment
62 Schuss or slalom

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

I	N	A	M	E	S	S	■	P	H	E	N	O	M	S
C	O	C	O	N	U	T	C	R	E	A	M	P	I	E
I	M	A	G	I	N	A	R	Y	F	R	I	E	N	D
C	E	D	E	D	■	L	E	N	T	■	■	N	I	A
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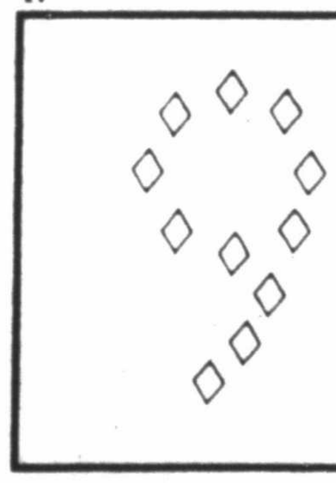
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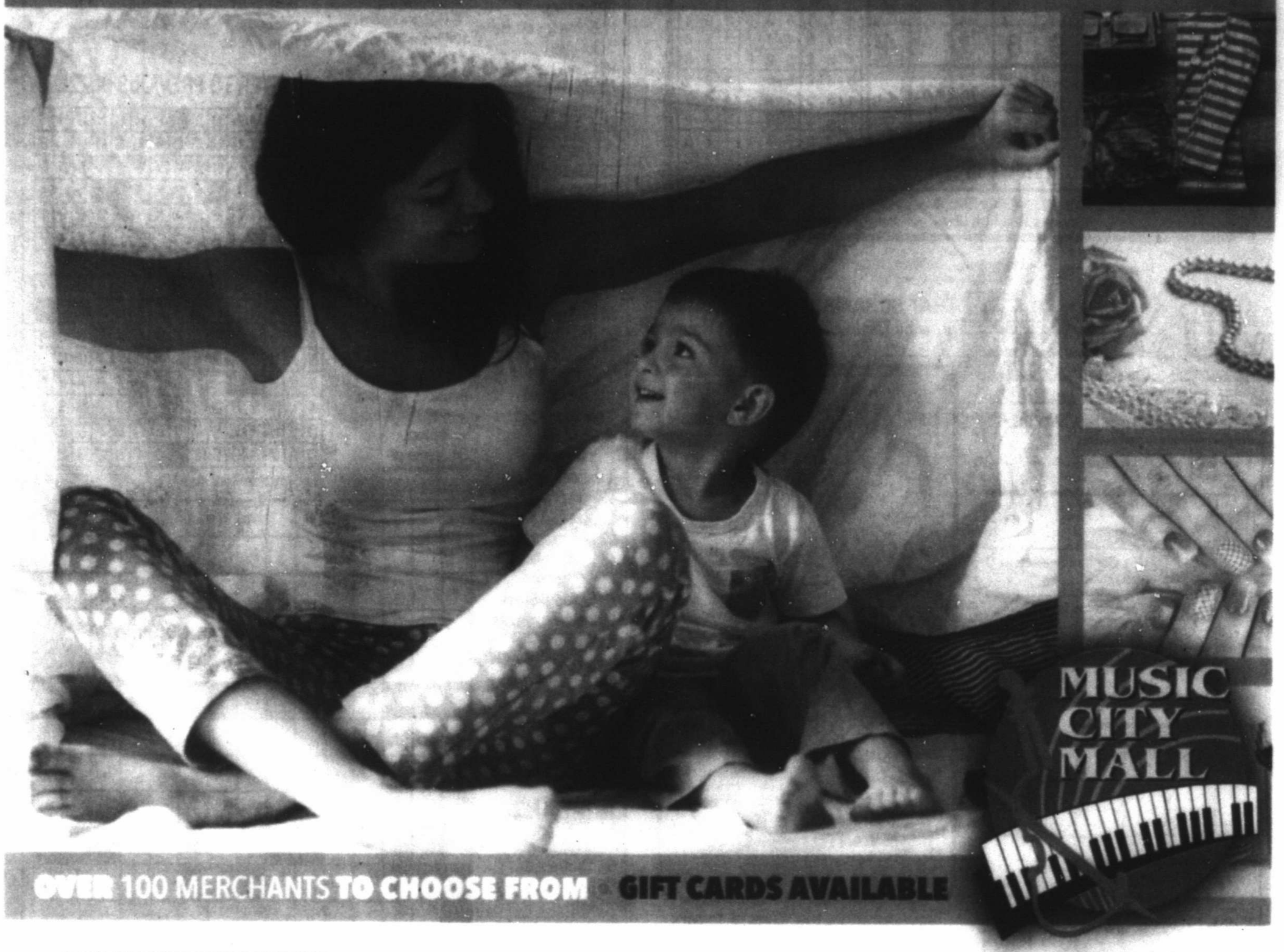
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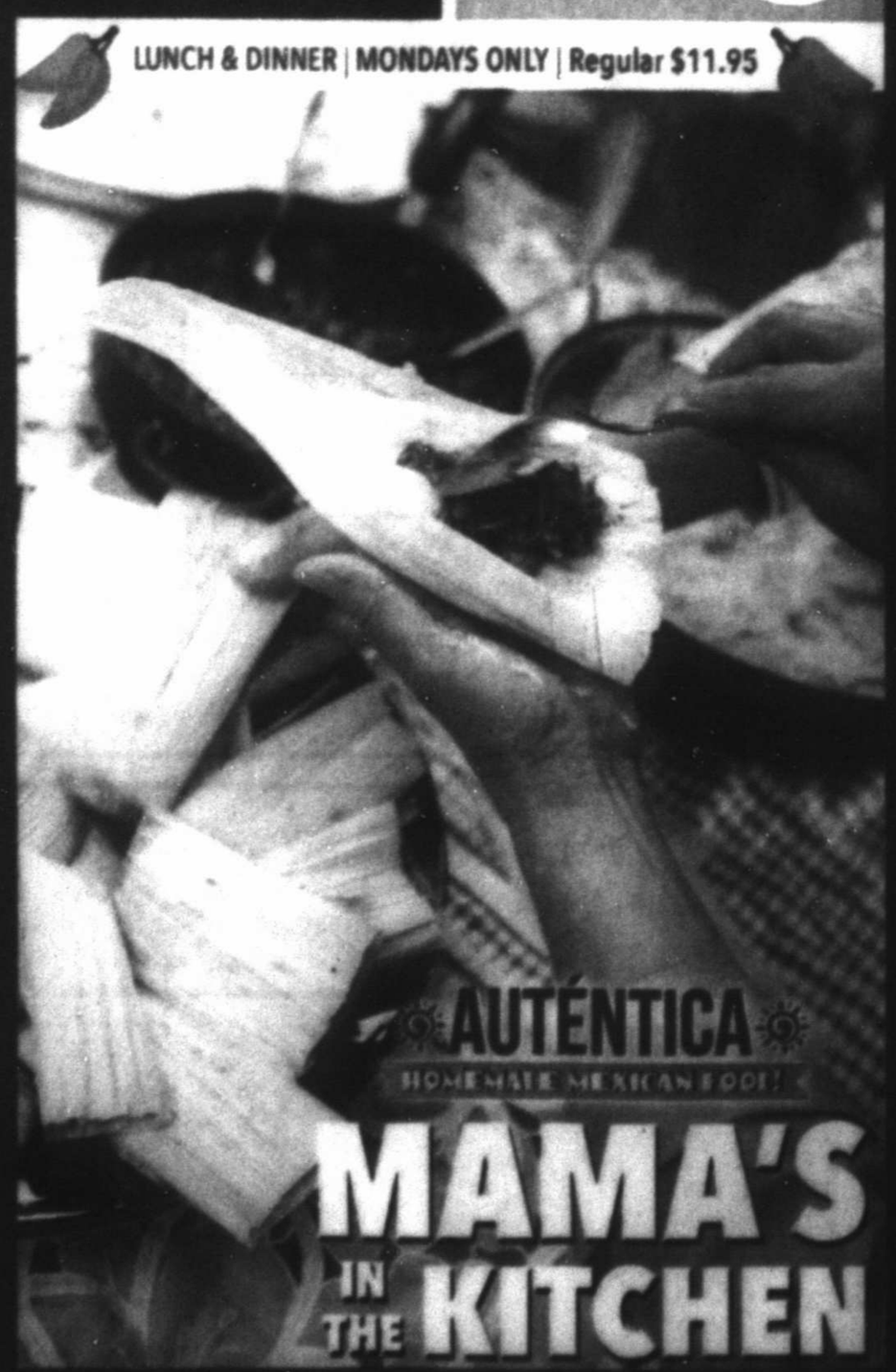
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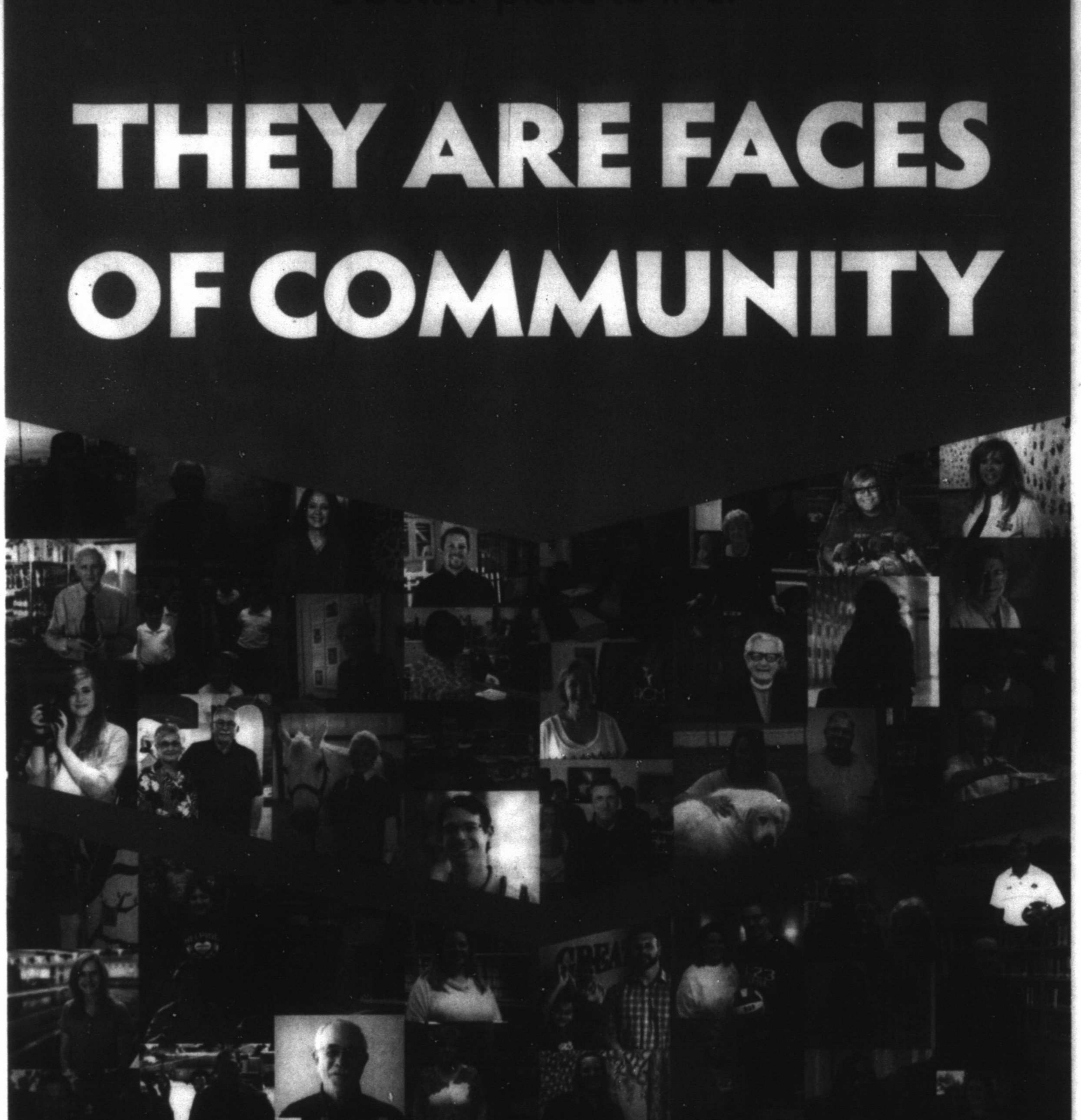
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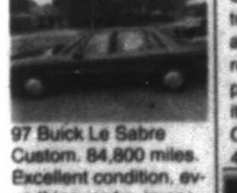
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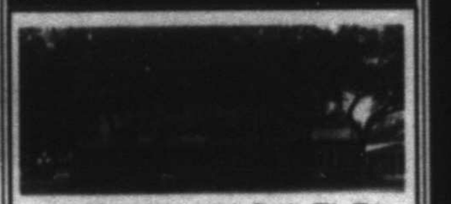
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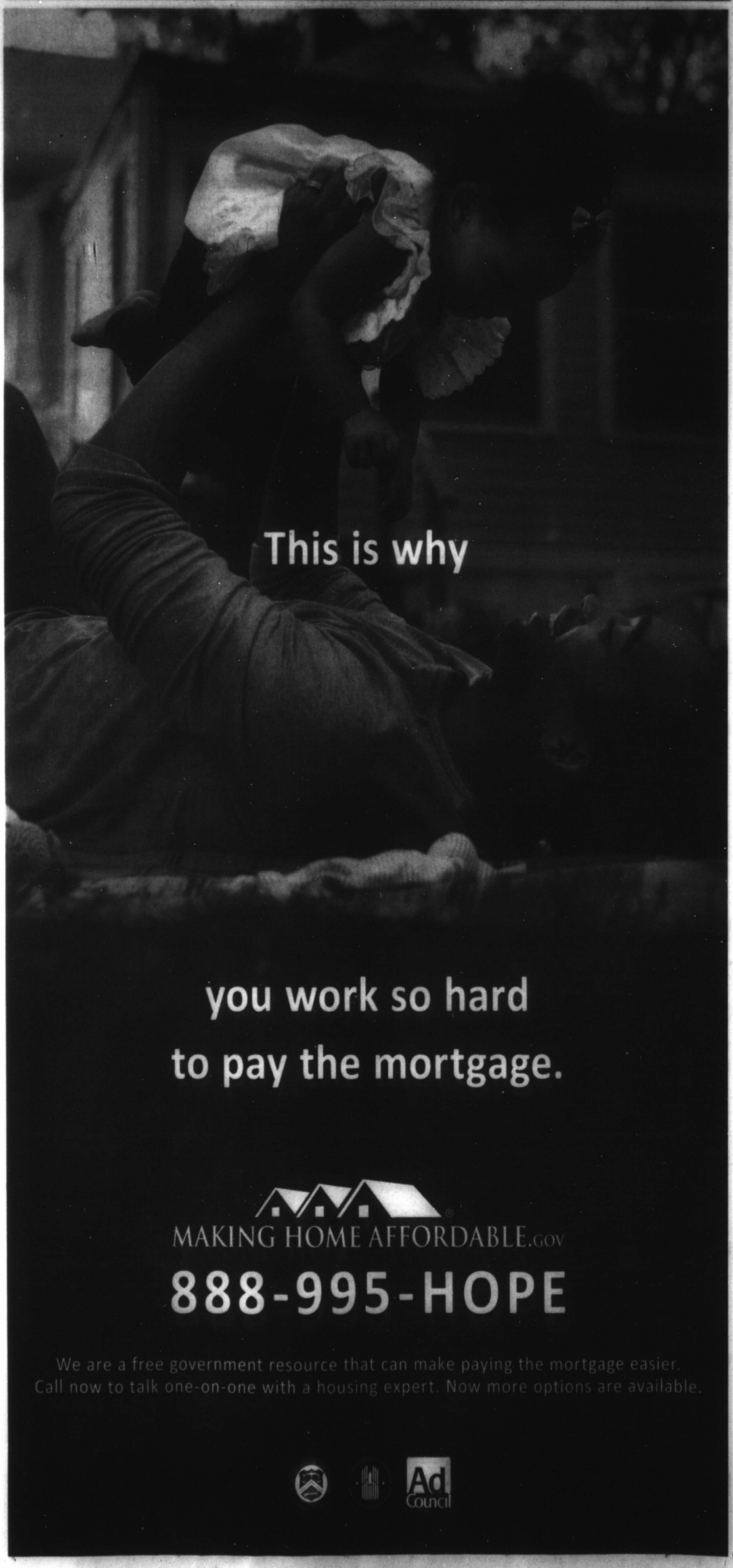
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