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Explosions rock Syria as Trump announces strikes.

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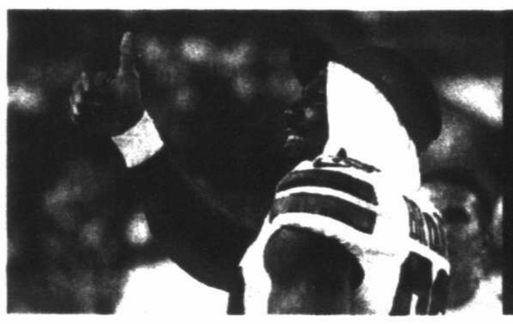

DEZ DONE IN DALLAS

The Cowboys have released Dez Bryant, deciding salary-cap relief and declining production outweighed the risk of him proving them wrong.

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Oil closes at $67.39; price is at 3-year high

■ WTI increases 8.59 percent for the week

By Trevor Hawes
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The price of oil hit a new three-year high Friday and rose more than 8 percent this week.

West Texas Intermediate futures contracts for May delivery finished the week at $67.39 per barrel, an increase of 32 cents (0.48 percent) on the day and up $5.33 (8.59 percent) for the week.

Production cuts by OPEC member nations and Russia have greatly decreased the oil glut, which helped push the price higher, according to Bloomberg. While OPEC members agreed to reduce output by about 1.2 million barrels a day, their actual cut last month was more than 60 percent bigger, the report said. Also, global inventories are on track to shrink by 600,000 barrels a day from this quarter through the end of the year.

Possible U.S. military action in Syria also affected the price. On Friday, the U.S. Navy moved a Tomahawks missile-armed ship within striking distance, according to the Associated Press.

Near-record-high imports by China in March also moved the price up.

WTI rose every day this week. The settlement Monday was $63.42.

The Energy Information Administration reported Wednesday that commercial crude inventories rose by 3.3 million barrels and that domestic production stayed above the

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BRANCH'S BIRTHDAY

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland County Judge Mike Bradford addresses those who attended a party Friday morning marking the five-year anniversary of the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. The event included free cupcakes, and book bags were given to patrons throughout the day. Bradford and John Trischitti III, library director, expressed appreciation for patrons who contributed to the success of Centennial. Attendees also heard remarks about the downtown library renovation. That facility is closed to the public and is projected to reopen in early November with a new floor plan.

Centennial by the numbers

3: number of other libraries in the county (downtown, law and bookmobile)

43: number of exhibitions held at the branch

1,600: number of people who voted at the library on primary election day

2013: the year the facility opened

33,000: area of the building in square feet

1 million: number of people who visited the library since it opened

Number of rigs tops 500 in Texas

■ Reeves, Midland counties still 1-2 in Permian

By Trevor Hawes
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The Permian Basin rig count inched one higher this week, putting most active basin in the U.S. at 445, according to Baker Hughes data.

Reeves County continued to lead all other counties by rig count tally with 64, up one. Midland County followed with 52 rigs, up one. Lea County, New Mexico, held at 50 rigs.

Other counties with double-digit rig counts were Eddy, New Mexico (38); Loving (31); Howard (25); Glasscock (24); Martin (23); Ward (23); Culberson (21); Reagan (15); Andrews (13); Winkler (13); Upton (12); and Pecos (11).

Dawson and Schleicher counties ceased all activity. Fisher County saw renewed activity.

Railroad Commission District 8 added three rigs for a total of 306. For other areas with activity in the Permian, District 7B rose by one to three, District 7C fell by two to 32, District 8A dropped by one to 16 and New Mexico was unchanged at 88.

The Permian Basin had 339 rigs a year ago.

TEXAS & NEW MEXICO

Texas crossed the 500-rig mark for the first time since 2015. In total, Texas had 501 rigs, up three. Of that total, 357 were in the Permian.

The Eagle Ford in South Texas added two rigs for a total of 75, and the Barnett in North Texas was unchanged at three.

Twenty-one of the Haynesville's 52 rigs were in East Texas. Five of the Granite Wash's 12 rigs were in the Panhandle.

Texas didn't have any rigs offshore.

New Mexico's fell to 89 rigs after one went offline. The state's lone non-Permian rig was in San Juan County in the northwestern part of the state.

At this time last year, there were 420 rigs in Texas and 58 in New Mexico.

US & CANADA

Of the nation's 1,008 rigs, 815 were searching for oil and 192 were exploring for natural gas. The U.S. added seven oil rigs and lost two natural gas rigs.

All offshore rigs were in the Gulf of Mexico, which saw an increase of four for a total of 16. The four-rig inland waters tally was unchanged.

By drilling trajectory, there were 853 horizontal rigs, down one; 55 vertical rigs, down one; and 70 directional rigs, up seven.

The most active basins were the Permian, the Eagle Ford, the Cana Woodford (65), the Marcellus (55) and the Williston (55). States with the highest rig counts were Texas, Oklahoma (128), New Mexico, Louisiana (57) and North Dakota (54).

The U.S. had 847 rigs a year ago.

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Camp Marfa was the last frontier U.S. Cavalry post

■ Book chronicles Army action in remote Big Bend

By John MacCormack
San Antonio Express-News

For the pioneering citizens of the remote Big Bend, the chaotic decade that began about 1910 brought cross-border intrusions, murderous raids and near constant insecurity.

Much of it was the side effect of the bloody and chaotic Mexican Revolution — in which as many as a million people died — that occasionally spilled across the international border.

In response to the threat, the U.S. Army dispatched 10 Cavalry units, four National Guard units and four infantry units that rotated through more than 40 outposts in the Big Bend to protect the vulnerable region and occasionally strike in Mexico.

In "The Old Army in the Big Bend of Texas," San Antonio-based historian Thomas T. Smith provides the first thorough study of that military effort, which would provide the last theater for the Army's vaunted Cavalry.

Based largely on archival records, and replete with footnotes, photos and a long bibliography, this is a volume that history and military buffs will relish. That said, there is also plenty of good narrative and high drama for the general reader.

Take, for example, Pancho Villa's attack in early 1914 on Ojinaga, then held by Mexican government forces.

At ready across the border in Presidio were troops of the 14th and 15th Cavalries, under the command of Maj. Michael McNamee, with more troops in reserve in Marfa and Sierra Blanca.

And when Ojinaga fell to Villa on Jan. 10, 1914, thousands of Mexican troops, along with their families, horses and mules, flooded Presidio.

"Major McNamee organized the Mexican soldiers and families, and started the pitiful column on the march to Marfa on June 16. He struggled to find enough food and water to keep his prisoners, and his own men, alive," wrote Smith.

After a three-day desert march covering 60 miles, the "woeful parade" reached Marfa, where they were soon loaded onto trains and sent to Fort Bliss in El Paso.

In another bizarre cross-border misadventure, in 1919, two Army airmen flying a patrol along the border mistakenly followed the Conchos River instead of the Rio Grande.

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Price of oil $67.39 ▲ $0.32

The big number 80 mph winds cause a hanger to collapse at Hobby Airport in Houston. Page 2A

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STATEBRIEFS

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MIDLAND

Kids can fish for prizes

Kids can go fishing 8 a.m.-noon today at CJ Kelly Park, 5500 League Drive. Midland's Parks and Recreation Division will host a fishing competition for children up to age 12. Prizes will be awarded in four age groups: 6 and under, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12 years old.

The park's pond is stocked with catfish, and anglers are welcome to keep fish that meet state law pertaining to size and quantity.

Registration is not required. A limited number of fishing poles will be available for use at the event. Adults also may fish today and will not be required to have a fishing license.

This event is possible with the support of Texas Parks and Wildlife. State Game Wardens will be present during the event to answer questions. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 685-7379.

DALLAS

Texas may see tornadoes to the east, more wildfires in west

The National Weather Service is warning of tornadoes, large hail and damaging winds for eastern portions of Texas as emergency crews in the western part of the state battle wildfires amid forecasts of extreme fire danger.

The NWS predicts severe weather beginning Friday afternoon for an area extending from eastern Texas up through the Midwest and into Michigan.

The storm system will drive down temperatures for the start of the weekend.

Meanwhile, the Texas A&M Forest Service says an extreme fire danger exists Friday for much of West Texas. The agency says several wildfires have been reported in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

High winds are kicking up clouds of dust and hampering firefighting efforts.

An evacuation had been ordered at one point Thursday in Hutchinson County in the Texas Panhandle.

HOUSTON

Judge: Trials for ex-deputy, husband to stay in Houston

A judge has denied a request to move the trials of a former Texas sheriff's deputy and her husband who have been charged in the death of a man they confronted outside a restaurant.

Ex-Harris County Sheriff's Deputy Chauna Thompson is set to go on trial June 1 while her husband Terry Thompson will be tried May 18.

The couple is accused of holding down 24-year-old John Hernandez in a chokehold following a May 2017 confrontation outside a Houston-area Denny's restaurant. Chauna Thompson, who was off duty during the confrontation, was later fired.

State District Judge Kelli Johnson on Friday denied the couple's request to move their trials outside of Houston.

The Thompsons' attorneys had argued this week their clients could not get a fair trial due to pretrial publicity.

HOUSTON

Wind gusts cause hangar collapse at Hobby Airport

Strong winds that swept through the Houston area have caused a hangar to collapse at one of the city's airports, damaging planes and scattering debris.

The National Weather Service says gusts of about 80 mph were recorded late Tuesday at Hobby Airport.

Authorities say the wind appears to have caused the hangar at a private terminal to disintegrate. An airport spokesman, Bill Begley, says the collapse caused millions of dollars of damage. There have been no reports of injuries.

Houston police Lt. Larry Crowson says the hangar is owned by Jet Aviation.

Broadcast images show debris atop at least two planes, with the nose of one aircraft pushed to the ground.

Airport officials say up to eight aircraft are damaged, but that no commercial flights are affected.

AUSTIN

O'Rourke doubles Cruz in latest fundraising totals

Republican U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz says he raised $3.2 million during the first three months of the year — less than half his Democratic opponent's fundraising haul — and now maintains only a small lead in the overall money race.

Cruz's campaign announced Friday that it now has a war chest of nearly $8.2 million.

U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke, a onetime punk rocker who's giving up his seat in El Paso to challenge Cruz, reported collecting $6.7 million in donations through March. His campaign says it now has more than $8 million in cash on hand.

O'Rourke has raised more than Cruz in past quarters, despite shunning money from outside political groups. Cruz has no such prohibition.

A Democrat hasn't won statewide office in Texas since 1994, the nation's longest such losing streak.

KANSAS

Schlitterbahn slide designer freed on bond in boy's death

KANSAS CITY — The designer of a waterslide where a 10-year-old Kansas boy was decapitated bonded out of the Kansas jail where he had been held for nearly a week.

Court records show John Schooley bonded out of the Wyandotte County jail Wednesday afternoon.

He was being held on $500,000 bond since he was extradited from Texas to Kansas on April 6.

Schooley is charged with second-degree murder in the 2016 death of Caleb Schwab, who was killed while riding a 17-story waterslide Schooley helped to design.

Schooley pleaded not guilty Monday. A judge had denied a defense attorney's request to lower bond to $250,000.

Jeff Henry, co-owner of Texas-based Schlitterbahn Waterparks and Resorts, has also pleaded not guilty to second-degree murder in Caleb's death.

A trial date for Henry and Schooley is tentatively set for Sept. 10.

Godofredo A. Vasquez /Houston Chronicle via AP

High winds damaged an airplane hangar at William P. Hobby Airport on Wednesday in Houston.

Susan Montoya Bryan/Associated Press

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologists Tristan Austring, right, and Angela James use a seine net to search for endangered Rio Grande silvery minnows June 19, 2013, in isolated pools in the riverbed near Socorro, N.M. Federal water managers said during a briefing Thursday that portions of the Rio Grande have gone dry and biologists have started this year's minnow salvage operations.

Minnow rescues underway as portions of Rio Grande dry up

By Susan Montoya Bryan
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Federal water managers will be facing difficult decisions as the worsening drought is significantly affecting flows on one of the country's longest river systems and prompting rescue missions for a tiny endangered fish.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers released their operating plan for the Rio Grande on Thursday.

With some of the lowest snowpack reports on record, officials said they will have little water this season as they decide when and how best to move what is stored in the reservoirs for downstream users and for the Rio Grande silvery minnow.

The tiny fish, listed as endangered in 1994, was once abundant throughout the Rio Grande Basin from Colorado to Texas and into Mexico. It's now found only in a fraction of its historic habitat as the river system has seen dam building and the straightening of its once meandering channels over the last 150 years.

The minnow population just five years ago marked one of the lowest levels since surveys began in the mid-1990s. At that point, the fish was showing few signs of reproduction in the wild and that year's fast-moving drought left biologists trying to salvage as many of the minnows from puddles in the drying river.

This year, water managers say more than 10 miles of the river have already dried in the area of Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, prompting the need for another intensive salvage effort.

Tom Sinclair, project leader with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's regional conservation office, said he and his team are finding a lot of minnows in the river since the last two years were favorable for the fish due more robust flows.

The rescue efforts began April 2, marking one of the earliest starts to salvage operations, Sinclair said.

"Snowpack is historically low and there's just no water," he said.

Biologists have collected as many as 10,000 minnows on some days and many of the females appear ready to spawn. The fish are transported to wetter sections further upstream and released.

The Bureau of Reclamation is working with other agencies to coordinate river operations to ensure there's a bump in spring flows for spawning and egg collection.

The salvage work is expected to continue as biologists get reports about more sections of the river going dry.

Water managers warned during a briefing Thursday that residents in the Albuquerque area — the state's most populous region — should be prepared to see a dry riverbed later this spring and summer.

The Bureau of Reclamation has about 11,600 acre-feet of water available to supplement flows through the Middle Rio Grande and is currently releasing about 200 acre-feet. One acre-foot (1,233 cubic meters) is enough to supply a typical U.S. family for a year.

In southern New Mexico, little runoff is expected reach to Elephant Butte Reservoir this spring. Federal officials say it could be left holding less than 5 percent of its capacity by the end of the irrigation season.

MARFA

From 1A

After their plane crashed deep inside of Mexico, they were taken prisoner by a notorious one-legged bandit named Renteria, known to ride a white horse.

He offered their safe return for $15,000, terms that the Army eventually accepted. After much negotiation, Capt. Leonard Matlack headed into Mexico to rescue the pilots.

"By this time, the flyer's kidnapping and ransom demands were making the headlines of East Coast newspapers, brewing an international incident complete with tense exchanges between Washington D.C., and Mexico City," Smith notes.

Crossing the Rio Grande at Candelaria, Matlock rode about a mile into Mexico, handed over $7,500 and returned with the first pilot.

On the second trip, however, fearing he would be ambushed after the exchange, Matlock grabbed the second pilot, kept the money and made a dash to safety, using a different route.

The next day, the Army began a massive cross-border effort to capture Renteria, and soon an armed U.S. spotter plane flying about 15 miles inside of Mexico was fired upon by three Mexicans, one on a white horse. It was Renteria's last mistake.

"As the aircraft passed, Lt. Cooper in the back seat swung his twin Lewis machine guns around on the mount, sending a stream of bullets at the man on the white horse. Rider and horse went down, both lying dead still," wrote Smith.

By 1921, hostile activities along the Mexican border had ceased. Troops were being withdrawn from the Big Bend and smaller outposts abandoned.

"Camp Marfa was the last frontier cavalry post," wrote Smith, but within a few years it had become a regular Army base, with "wives, kids and families."

The Old Army in the Big Bend of Texas: The Last Cavalry Frontier, 1911-1921
By Thomas T. Smith
Texas State Historical Association, $35

RIG COUNT

From 1A

Canada fell to 102 rigs after nine were taken offline. The loss of seven oil rigs left 41 across the nation. Natural gas rigs fell by two to 61. Canada had 118 rigs last year.

Rig count: county by county

The following are county-by-county Permian Basin rig counts, with changes in parentheses, for the week ending April 13.

DISTRICT 7B

Fisher	1 (+1)
Nolan	2
Total	3 (+1)

DISTRICT 7C

Crockett	1
Irion	4
Reagan	15 (-1)
Schleicher	0 (-1)
Upton	12
Total	32 (-2)

DISTRICT 8

Andrews	13 (-1)
Crane	2
Culberson	21 (-1)
Ector	2 (+1)
Glasscock	34 (-2)
Howard	25 (+2)
Jeff Davis	1
Loving	31
Martin	23 (+1)
Midland	51 (+1)
Mitchell	1
Pecos	11
Reeves	64 (+1)
Ward	23
Winkler	13 (+1)
Total	306 (+3)

DISTRICT 8A

Borden	2 (-1)
Cochran	1
Dawson	0 (-1)
Gaines	2 (-1)
Hockley	1
Scurry	3
Yoakum	7 (+2)
Total	16 (-1)

NEW MEXICO

Eddy	38
Lea	80
Total	88

Death Notices

Joyce Taylor

Joyce Taylor, age 68, of Midland, Texas passed away on April 11, 2018 at Midland Memorial Hospital. Visitation will be held at 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on April 14, 2018 at Ellis Funeral Home.

Robert E. "Bob" Wheeler

Robert E. "Bob" Wheeler, 86, of Big Spring, Texas died Wednesday, April 11, 2018 in Midland. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Monday, April 16, 2018 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with Rev. Mark Lindsey, pastor of First Baptist Church officiating.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

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

Tharen Howard Eicher "Ike"

Tharen Howard Eicher, "Ike", age 92, passed away April 12, 2018. He was borne April 23, 1925 in Colorado.

He is survived by his children, Michael L. Eicher, Richard A. Eicher, Monte D. Eicher, Dana Eicher-Myers.

Viewing/visitation will be held Sunday, April 15, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at American Heritage Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held Monday, April 16, 2018, 11:00 a.m. at Crossroads Fellowship with burial immediately following at American Heritage Cemetery.

Violetta Smith

Violetta Smith, 92, of Midland, Texas peacefully passed away April 12, 2018. She was born July 28, 1925 in Wichita Falls, Texas. Viewing will be held from 10:00 a.m to 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home Chapel, 1502 N. Lamesa Road. Graveside funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at Resthaven Memorial Park. She leaves to cherish her memory a son, Antwine Smith and a brother, Ricky Henigan. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home.

HIGH

From 1A

10 million barrels per day (bbl/d) mark.

Crude oil inputs to refineries was about 17 million bbl/d. Domestic production edged higher by 65,000 bbl/d to 10.525 million bbl/d. Imports rose by 752,000 bbl/d to 8.65 million bbl/d. Exports dropped by 970,000 bbl/d to 1.205 million bbl/d.

The EIA reported 428.6 million bbl of commercial crude in inventory, up by 3.3 million bbl. The Strategic Petroleum Reserve held at 665.5 million bbl.

Total motor gasoline stocks rose by 500,000 bbl to 238.9. Gasoline production was at 10.125 million bbl/d. Kerosene-type jet fuel was down slightly to 40 million bbl. Distillates fell by 1 million bbl to 128.4 million bbl. Distillates production was at 4.905 million bbl/d.

As of Friday, the average price for a barrel of WTI is $63.13. For the year, the price is up by $7.02 (11.63 percent).

The WTI posted price from Plains Marketing hit a year high on Thursday when it was priced at $63.75 per barrel. The price was unchanged Friday. West Texas sour was unchanged Friday at $59.95 but didn't eclipse its year high of $60.40, set in January. WTI posted and sour were up 8.97 percent and 9.6 percent, respectively, this week. The spread between the crude grades has been $3.80 for the past nine trading days. The spread between WTI's futures and posted prices was $3.64 on Friday.

The average price for a barrel of WTI posted is $59.61 this year. The average for sour is $56.73.

In other futures trading Friday, June contracts were up by 38 cents to $67.33, July rose by 42 cents to $67.09 and August increased 44 cents to $66.45.

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highfalutin
high-fa lu tin
adjective
1 : pretentious, fancy highfalutin people
2 : expressed in or marked by the use of language that is elaborated or heightened by artificial or empty means : pompous giving a highfalutin speech

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TODAYINMIDLAND

Things to do

■ Old Sorehead Trade Days in downtown Stanton. Facebook: @stantonoldsoreheadtradedays.

■ IRS BBQ Cook Off with entries open for chicken, spare ribs, beef brisket, open non-sweet and open sweet, 7 a.m., Field Office, 3205 W. Industrial Ave.

■ Fishing in the Park. 8 a.m.-noon, C.J. Kelly Park, 5500 League Drive. License not required. midland-texas.gov.

■ Food is Medicine, 8:30 a.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $25. wagnernoel.com.

■ Midland Downtown Farmers Market celebrates its 11th season, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. The market will include live music by the Dirt Storm Drifters and food trucks onsite.

■ Blue Ribbon Run X: The Race to End Child Abuse, 8:30 a.m. 1K, 9 a.m. 5K, Midland Memorial Stadium, 2001 W Cuthbert Ave. midland-childwelfare.com.

■ Cars and Coffee Tax Day Edition car show, 9 a.m., Barnes and Noble, 2617 W. Loop 250 N.

■ Dance Workshop, 9:20 a.m.-2:30 p.m. St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 4601 Neely Ave. $20. 432-638-3707. Lessons in two-step and waltz with instructors from Love to Dance. Lunch provided.

■ Fight Choreography Workshop with Stephen Crandall, 10-11:30 a.m., Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave. Free. mypbo.org. Guests will learn to safely perform hand-to-hand combat for the stage. Closed-toe shoes required; comfortable dress suggested. Open to the public.

■ Nature Club: Jailbreak!, 10 a.m.-noon, Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. $5 members, $8 nonmembers. sibleynaturecenter.org.

■ Bridge lessons, 10 a.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $3. Permianbridgeclub.com.

■ Bridge game play, 10:30 a.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.

■ "Y-DNA Testing for Genealogical Research" with Charles Acree, 10:30 a.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. Free. Facebook: @MidlandTxGenealogicalSociety. The Midland Genealogical Society hosts this program on male testing for surname relationships.

■ Stage Make-up Workshop with Leigh Ann Crandall, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave. Free. mypbo.org. The class is presented by Permian Basin Opera in conjunction with "Tosca." Make-up and tools provided.

■ "Luisa Miller" by The Met: Live in HD: Placido Domingo stars in the Verdi opera, 11:55 a.m., Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250. $23.77 adults, $21.60 seniors, $17.28 children. fathomevents.com.

■ West Texas Iris Society's 40th annual Iris Show, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Midland Park Mall (JCPenney's entrance), 4511 N. Midkiff Road.

■ Meditation as Medication: Empty Bowl, 2 p.m., Pilates Reformer and Namaste Yoga Studios, 3303 N. Midkiff Road.

■ Big Boys' Toys benefiting MARC will feature a concert by Josh Turner, 6 p.m., Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. $250. marcdexas.org.

■ Steak Night, 6 p.m., Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave. ranchlandhills.com.

■ Yugioh tournaments, 6-10 p.m., Entertainmart, 3111 W. Cuthbert Ave. $5.

■ Amy St. Pierre and Dennis Morris, 6:30 p.m., Higher Grounds Coffee Shop, 403 Andrews Highway.

■ "A Comedy of Tenors," produced in cooperation with Midland College, 7:30 p.m., Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $28. mctmidland.org.

■ Gary Kyle, 8 p.m., Midland Beer Garden, 7112 W. Highway 80.

■ The Judson Cole Band, 9 p.m., Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

■ DJ Boris. 9 p.m., Supernova Nightclub, 2215 N. Midland Drive. $10.

Courtesy photo

The annual Midland Victims' Coalition ceremony was Tuesday at the Dollye Neal Chapel at Midland College. Midland County District Attorney Laura A. Nodolf spoke, and Precinct 4 Commissioner Randy Prude read a proclamation. The Lee High School color guard and Tru-Lite Christian Fellowship choir also participated in the event, which was held in conjunction with National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Three awards were presented as part of the ceremony. Tina Gillihan, above, a volunteer at Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center, received the Survivor to Thriver Award. Stop DWI Inc. received the Agency Award, and Faye Higgins Hodges, founder of Stop DWI, received the Community Award.

Traffic alerts

The Texas Department of Transportation is advising motorists that the Department of Public Safety at noon today will close lanes on State Highway 137 about 3.5 miles north of Stanton to measure a crash scene.

Also, DPS will close southbound Loop 250 just north of Business 20 and will have a closure on SH 158 near Five Points on Sunday morning.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 4-0-4
Pick 3 day: 9-1-7
Pick 3 evening: 0-3-8
Pick 3 night: 2-5-1
Daily 4 morning: 6-6-7-2
Daily 4 day: 8-7-6-9
Daily 4 evening: 4-3-8-5
Daily 4 night: 1-8-2-9
Cash Five: 7-13-19-29-30
Triple Chance: 6-7-12-13-20-31-35-36-41-43
Mega Millions: 08-09-32-42-59-BB: 10 Megaplier: 4
All or Nothing morning: 1-2-3-7-8-9-10-11-17-19-23-24
All or Nothing day: 3-8-11-12-13-15-16-17-19-20-22-24
All or Nothing evening: 1-3-5-7-8-10-12-15-17-19-20-21
All or Nothing night: 2-3-8-10-11-14-16-17-18-19-21-22

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Weather

Friday's temperatures
High.....80
Low.....66
Normal high.....79
Normal low.....48

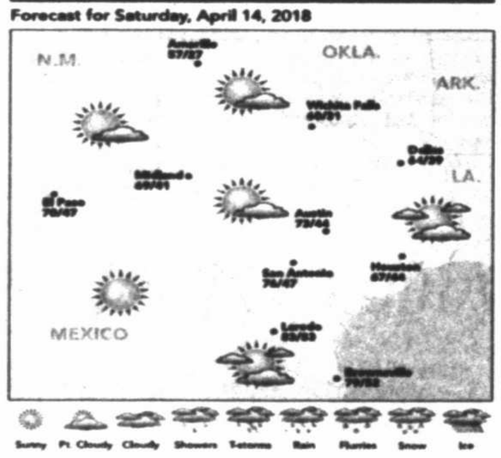
April 13's records
Record high: 97, set in 1972
Low: 28, set in 1957

Precipitation
Thursday.....0.00 in.
Friday.....0.00 in.
Month total.....0.00 in.
Year total.....0.16 in.
Normal total (year to date).....2.15 in.

Winds
Average speed: 23.1 mph
Highest speed: 39 mph
Highest gust: 55 mph

Today's forecast

Today's weather — AccuWeather.com
Forecast for Saturday, April 14, 2018



High: 67
Low: 38
Conditions: Sunny during the day/clear at night
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise.....7:21 a.m.
Sunset.....8:17 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, April 14, 2018:
This year you work with unusually high and directed energy. Focus some of this energy on work and/or outside commitments. You could have an even shorter fuse than usual, if you are not careful. Maintain a routine stress-buster to help your self-control. If you are single, you will meet someone in the second half of your birthday year who has a vitality that intrigues you. If you are attached, give your significant other more of your time. Make sure you include this person in your adventures. A fellow ARIES easily could butt heads with you!

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Opportunities pop up from out of nowhere. An offer is likely to cause some disruption in your life, should you choose to accept it. Know that you can't go back to where you were if you do decide to pursue it. Make sure your actions are thought through. **Tonight:** Visit with a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Don't allow a tense situation to drag you down. You will be on cruise control, but at a certain point you might find that your world is not as bright as it was before. Don't worry — you know what to do. Your perception lightens up the mood. **Tonight:** Use timing to your advantage.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Emphasize what is going on around you. Friends demonstrate their caring in many different ways. Some of them verbalize their feelings; others offer tokens of affection. Be aware that several people might ignore you, too. Let it all wash right over you. **Tonight:** Out late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Others remain highly responsive to your ideas and leadership. Brainstorm with your inner circle, and note how they listen to what you have to say. Show them the same courtesy, and you will find a novel way of handling a problem. **Tonight:** Give up your routine for now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You wake up feeling strong and focused. You know what you want, but you might not be sure how to pursue it. You have cohorts you can brainstorm with; why not tap into their energy and imaginations? They may have solutions that you don't see. **Tonight:** Be a little wild.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ One-on-one relating keeps you on top of your game. You have a lot to share with a key friend. You might be surprised by his or her ideas. You open up to a new beginning involving a relationship. Do not reveal too much too fast. Time is your ally. **Tonight:** Paint the town red..

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You want to move in a new direction. You are trying your best to figure out how to discuss this change with a close group of friends. Communication soars, which gives you the energy and drive you need to do whatever you want. Try not to wear yourself out! **Tonight:** Accept an offer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You might be in the mood to get into a last-minute project, but your mind could drift to other topics. Double-check your work to make sure that you have made no mistakes. Make a note of a fleeting thought, rather than explore it immediately. **Tonight:** Invite friends over.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Impulsiveness marks your day. Use care with money; avoid taking any risks, if possible. You could be stressed out because you have a vision of what you want, and going for it could destroy it. **Understand that change is necessary. Tonight:** Out and about with a loved one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You could be too tired to deal with a family member who is on the warpath. Change your outlook and take a power nap before having a serious discussion. You might be disappointed by what occurs. Honor your ideas, and express your ingenuity. **Tonight:** Invite friends over.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You can be reserved at times and a blabbermouth at other times. Imagine trying to have a discussion with yourself, then act accordingly. Deal with some suppressed anger or frustration. Understand that excess of any kind could be a problem. **Tonight:** Relax with your best friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Be aware of your finances. Could there be a liability somewhere, or are you more prone to fraud or error than you realize? Your mind is working overtime. You have the power to carry out a goal or desire. Discover the power of positive thinking. **Tonight:** Dinner at a favorite spot.

BORN TODAY
Singer/songwriter Loretta Lynn (1932), baseball player Pete Rose (1941), actress Abigail Breslin (1996)

This photo released by the Syrian Civil Defense White Helmets, which has been authenticated based on its contents and other AP reporting, shows members of the White Helmets carrying a man who was wounded March 20 after airstrikes and shelling hit in Arbeen, in the eastern Ghouta region near Damascus, Syria.

Syrian Civil Defense White Helmets via AP

Explosions rock Syrian capital as Trump announces strikes

By Sarah El Deeb
Associated Press

BEIRUT — Loud explosions rocked Syria's capital and filled the sky with heavy smoke early Saturday after U.S. President Donald Trump announced airstrikes in retaliation for the country's alleged use of chemical weapons. Syrian television reported that air defenses responded to the attack.

Associated Press reporters saw smoke rising from east Damascus and the sky turned orange. A huge fire could be seen from a distance to the east. Syrian television reported that a scientific research center had been hit.

Syrian media reported that air defenses hit 13 rockets south of Damascus. After the attack ceased and the early morning skies went dark once more, vehicles with loudspeakers roamed the streets of Damascus blaring nationalist songs.

"Good souls will not be humiliated," Syria's presidency tweeted after airstrikes began.

Trump announced Friday night that the three allies had launched military strikes to punish President Bashar Assad for the alleged chemical weapons use and to prevent him from doing it again.

The U.S. president said the U.S. is prepared to "sustain" pressure on Assad until he ends what the president called a criminal pattern of killing his own people with internationally banned chemical weapons. It was not immediately clear whether Trump meant the allied military operation would extend beyond an initial nighttime round of missile strikes.

Trump said the joint attack was expected to include barrages of cruise missiles launched from outside Syrian airspace. He described the main aim as establishing "a strong deterrent" against chemical weapons use.

The Syrian government has repeatedly denied any use of banned weapons.

The decision to strike, after days of deliberations, marked Trump's second order to attack Syria; he authorized a barrage of Tomahawk cruise missiles to hit a single Syrian airfield in April 2017 in retaliation for Assad's use of sarin gas against civilians.

Trump chastised Syria's two main allies, Russia and Iran, for their roles in supporting "murderous dictators," and noted that Russian President Vladimir Putin had guaranteed a 2013 international agreement for Assad to get rid of all of his chemical weapons. He called on Moscow to change course and join the West in seeking a more responsible regime in Damascus.

The allied operation comes a year after the U.S. missile strike that Trump said was meant to deter Assad from further use of chemical weapons. Since that did not work, a more intense attack would aim to degrade his ability to carry out further such attacks, and would try to do this by hitting Syrian aircraft, military depots and chemical facilities, among other things.

The one-off missile strike in April 2017 targeted the airfield from which the Syrian aircraft had launched their gas attack. But the damage was limited, and a defiant Assad returned to episodic use of chlorine and perhaps other chemicals.

Friday's strikes appear to signal Trump's willingness to draw the United States more deeply into the Syrian conflict. The participation of British and French forces enables Trump to assert a wider international commitment against the use of chemical weapons, but the multi-pronged attack carries the risk of Russian retaliation.

In his nationwide address, Trump stressed that he has no interest in a longtime fight with Syria.

"America does not seek an indefinite presence in Syria under no circumstances," he said. "As other nations step up their contributions, we look forward to the day when we can bring our warriors home."

The U.S. has about 2,000 troops on the ground in Syria as advisers to a makeshift group of anti-Islamic State fighters known as the Syrian Democratic Forces. They are in eastern Syria, far from Damascus. A U.S.-led coalition has been conducting airstrikes in Syria since September 2014 as part of a largely successful effort to break the IS grip on both Syria and Iraq.

Hunter burned, homes evacuated in Oklahoma wildfires

By Ken Miller
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — An Oklahoma turkey hunter was found alive but badly burned Friday after spending the night trapped by one of two wildfires raging in northwestern Oklahoma that forced about 1,400 people from their homes.

The fire that trapped the hunter began Thursday afternoon near Leedey, about 110 miles northwest of Oklahoma City and has burned about 82,000 acres, Oklahoma Forestry Services spokeswoman Michelle Finch-Walker said. Three hunters were trapped, but two were rescued.

The man who was burned was hospitalized in serious condition, Finch-Walker said.

Dewey County Sheriff Clay Sander said his deputies went door-to-door in the small towns of Seiling, Taloga and Putnam telling residents to leave. Sander urged people to heed the warning.

"Your property is not worth your life," he said. "Evacuate and leave it to the firefighters." The fire also resulted in the evacuation of Vici, a town of about 750, about 20 miles north of Leedey. Most Vici residents were able to return home Friday.

A second fire has burned more than 120,000 acres, several homes and forced the evacuation of about 450 people from their homes near Woodward, about 40 miles north of Leedey, according to Woodward County Emergency Management Director Matt Lehenbauer.

Subdivisions remain under pre-evacuation notices

Associated Press

GRANTS, N.M. — Cibola National Forest officials say residents of several subdivisions in the Zuni Mountains near Grants in northwestern New Mexico should remain poised to evacuate if necessary because of two wildfires.

However, forest officials said Thursday that containment lines were holding after the fires had little growth overnight. Each was estimated at 1,000 acres.

Subdivisions remaining under pre-evacuation notices include Bluewater, Bluewater Acres, Bluewater Village and La Jara.

Officials say a Type One management team was assembling to take over management of both fires.

Causes of the fires remain under investigation.

Church questioned over donations after shooting

Associated Press

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS — Donors, survivors and victims' families are questioning how a South Texas church is spending millions of dollars of donations made since a gunman killed more than two dozen worshippers in November.

Demand for more information grew after the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, near San Antonio, announced plans for a new $3 million sanctuary last month.

Church leaders have said they're working to distribute the thousands of donations from around the world. They insist they aren't using victim's relief funds to pay for the new church.

"This has gotten way out of hand — way out of hand," said Lisa McNulty, 54, whose daughter was among those killed by gunman Devin P. Kelley on Nov. 5, 2017. McNulty said she hasn't received donations made to the church for her family.

"There's some greed going on, and it's wrong," she said.

First Baptist is paying for certain victims' expenses with proof of need. But some victims have said that they wish the process for applying for the funds was easier to navigate.

Teacher Kati Wall lost her parents in the shooting. She said First Baptist temporarily covered the salary she lost when she took a leave from work, but it took months to contact the church. She also had to prove she couldn't get the money elsewhere, she said.

"The process is the thing that really bothers me," Wall said. "What if you need help right now?"

Mike Ritch raised nearly $100,000 for victims, but has since cut ties with the church. He's asking for more transparency about where the money is going.

"I won't be doing anything to help this church in the future," said Ritch. "Not after the way I've seen their leadership treat others from the community."

It's unclear how much First Baptist has received in the six months since the massacre, but a Dallas Morning News analysis confirmed more than $3 million from online funds and individual and corporate donors. The total doesn't include the church's victims fund, money raised by supermarket chain H-E-B and possibly dozens of private relief accounts.

The church declined to report fundraising totals because its restoration committee hasn't counted it all yet, according to Pat Dziuk, head of the committee.

First Baptist also won't have to disclose details of the funds to the IRS, according to tax experts.

"There are going to be some people who are not going to be satisfied no matter what," said Dziuk. "God bless them. I know they're hurting and I'm sorry, but we're not going to make everyone happy."

Serious video gamer gets no respect for her hobby

Dear Abby

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

DEAR ABBY: I'm an avid video game player. My husband and I bond over playing games, reading and talking about them. In fact, in my spare time, I just earned a master's degree in video game culture.

The issue I have is people judge my hobby as "a waste of time" or comment that I should read a book instead. I don't tell them I read a book a week because I shouldn't have to justify what I do with my time. I have a good job and a wonderful, stable marriage, yet people consider me immature because of video games.

Abby, video games are incredible works of art that tell amazing stories and allow players to experience a host of worlds and narratives that can be inspiring. Many people make lifelong friendships through online gaming or learn new skills through educational games.

What can I say to people who dismiss my hobby as a waste while claiming that reading the latest trashy vampire book or going out every Friday and Saturday night to get wasted is "really living"? — PROUD GAMER GIRL

DEAR PROUD GAMER: A master's degree in video game culture is impressive. People who regard you as lazy or lacking in motivation are ignorant. Video game design has become a well-established industry. In fact, it's akin to the film industry in that the creative process requires an education similar to — but even more extensive than — that offered in film schools. Rather than try to convince those who tell you how to spend your time, focus your energy on what works for you and spend less of it around negative individuals.

DEAR ABBY: I have a problem: I don't have a mouth filter and haven't since childhood. I bullied people in the past because of how I was bullied and deliberately hurt people to prevent them from hurting me. At work, I did it to the point that a co-worker called me the b-word and threatened to punch me in the mouth if I did it again. I take full responsibility. I deserved it.

Abby, as an adult, I have become meaner and more bitter and hurtful than I was as a child. Please give me some advice because I'm afraid I'm going to be worse in the future. — GUILTY AND SAD

DEAR GUILTY AND SAD: You are not going to become worse in the future because you now realize you have a serious problem and are willing to do something about it. Awareness is the first step in fixing it. An anger management class could be a good start.

With practice, you can develop a filter. Rather than reflexively lashing out, start consciously cultivating kindness. If you do that, you'll be amazed at how quickly it will grow. Rather than criticize, first ask yourself, "Is what I'm going to say true? Is it helpful? Is it kind?" And if it's not all three — don't say it.

Goren Bridge

With Bob Jones

Bidding Quiz

Q1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠K Q 9 6 5 ♡A 10 7 2 ◇4 ♣A 5 3

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1◇	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

Q2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 10 6 ♡K J 10 7 5 2 ◇K J 4 2 ♣3

Partner opens one diamond and right-hand opponent bids one spade. What call would you make?

Q3 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠A 6 ♡A J 5 ◇Q J 5 4 3 ♣K 5 2

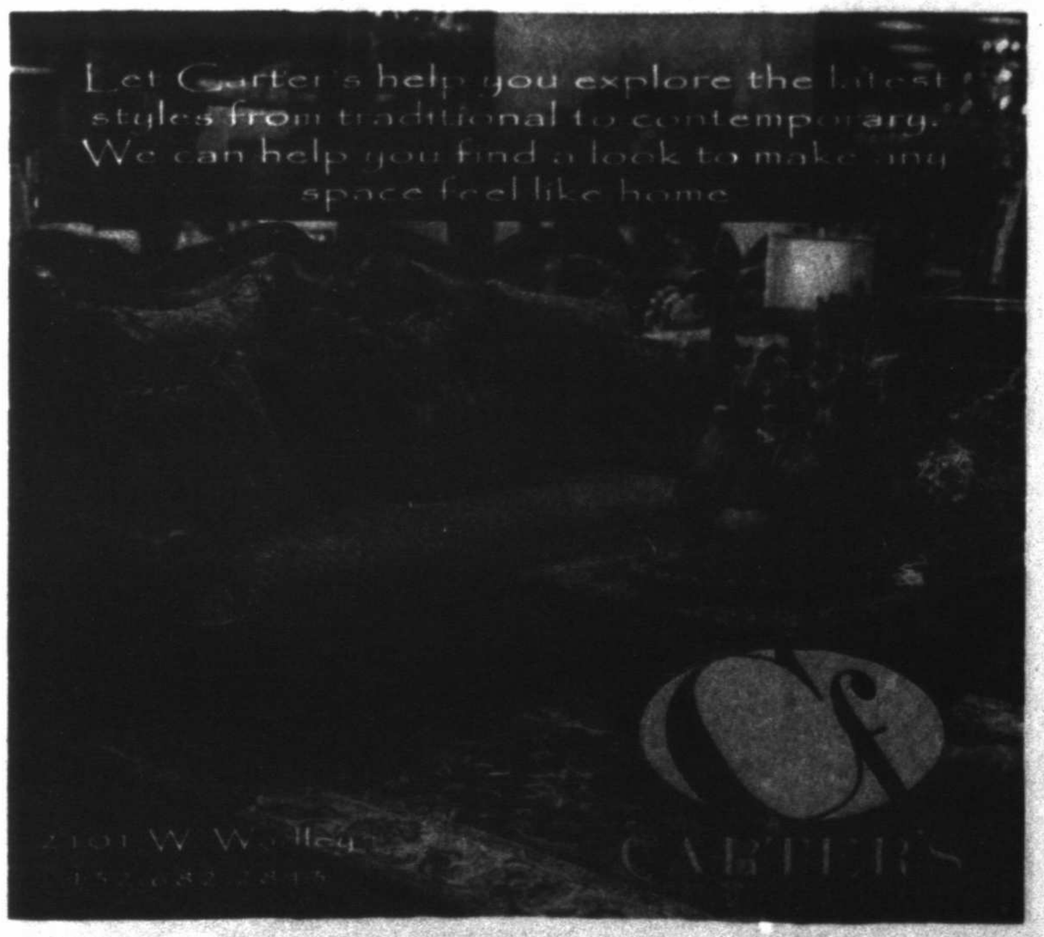
Partner opens one diamond and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

Q4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 10 9 6 ♡A 7 5 ◇ 10 9 6 5 ♣Q 7 6

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♡	2♣	2♡	?

What call would you make?



Cosby's chief accuser says she wants justice for sex assault

By Michael R. Sisak
Associated Press

NORRISTOWN, Pa. — Bill Cosby's chief accuser took the witness stand Friday at his sexual assault retrial, declaring for a second jury that he knocked her out her with three blue pills and then sexually assaulted her at his suburban Philadelphia home in 2004.

"I was weak. I was limp, and I just could not fight him off," said Andrea Constand, once again confronting the 80-year-old comedian in court after his first trial ended with a hung jury.

Her harrowing account of sexual molestation was remarkably similar to the one she gave at last year's trial, and jurors watched intently and scribbled notes as she described how Cosby — the good-guy celebrity she viewed as a mentor and friend — had betrayed her trust.

Cosby's lawyer, who has blasted Constand as a "con artist" who leveled false accusations against the star as part of a scheme to get money from him, began what was expected to be a blistering cross-examination by going through a thick binder of Constand's police statements and prior testimony, pointing out discrepancies between what she said in the past and her testimony Friday.

Under questioning by prosecutors, Constand, who worked as a women's basketball administrator at Temple University, said Cosby offered her pills and a sip of wine after she said she was "stressed" about telling the Temple coach of her plans to leave to study massage therapy in her native Canada. She said Cosby, a Temple alum and powerful trustee, called the pills "your friends" and told her they would "help take the edge off."

Instead, Constand said, the pills instead made her black out. She awoke to find the actor known as "America's Dad" penetrating her with his fingers, touching her breast and putting her hand on his penis.

She said she wanted Cosby to stop but couldn't say anything. She tried moving her arms and legs but couldn't do that either.

Constand said she awoke between 4 and 5 a.m. to find her bra up around her neck and her pants half unzipped. She said Cosby stopped her as she went to leave: "All he said was there's a muffin and tea on the table and then, 'All right' and then I left."

Afterward, Constand said, "I was really humiliated. I was in shock. And I was really confused."

Cosby has said he gave Constand the cold medicine Benadryl and that she consented to a sexual encounter.

Cosby lawyer Tom Mesereau told jurors in an opening statement on Tuesday that Constand was a pauper who stiffed roommates on bills, racked up big credit card debt and once ran a Ponzi scheme until she "hit the jackpot" in 2006, when Cosby paid her $3.4 million to settle the civil lawsuit Constand filed after the district attorney at the time dropped the case.

On the stand, Constand told jurors she has nothing to gain financially now by wanting Cosby locked up.

"Ms. Constand, why are you here?" prosecutor Kristen Feden asked.

"For justice," Constand said.

Constand said she decided to go to police in January 2005, about a year after the encounter, jarred to action by a nightmare and an increasing awareness of consent issues from her ongoing massage therapy training.

"I didn't want it to happen to anybody else, what had happened to me," she said.

She said she was "very scared" about going to police because "he was a Temple trustee. A very powerful man. An entertainer. A very famous person."

Constand testified that Cosby had made previous sexual advances, but she wasn't concerned about him. As a physically fit former professional basketball player, she was confident she could handle him.

"I thought it was a little bit absurd, given that Mr. Cosby was just a little bit younger than my grandfather," Constand said of the sexual interest he'd shown in her. "He was a married man, and I absolutely showed no interest in him. But I wasn't threatened, and I didn't judge him."

Constand's allegation is the only one among dozens against Cosby that has led to criminal charges. If convicted, the former TV star best known for his No. 1 family sitcom "The Cosby Show" faces up to 10 years in prison on each of three related aggravated indecent assault charges.

A jury deadlocked after last year's trial, unable to reach a verdict after more than 52 hours of deliberations over six days.

For this trial, prosecutors had the strategic advantage of putting Constand on the witness stand after a parade of other accusers who told jurors that Cosby had used the same tactics on them: preying on women who saw him as a mentor, debilitating them with pills or alcohol and then violating them when they were unable to fight back. Just one other accuser was permitted to testify at the first trial.

The defense has called the other accusers irrelevant, urging jurors to focus only on the charges that Cosby is facing.

During cross-examination Friday, Cosby lawyer Tom Mesereau followed the same playbook as the star's first defense team by seeking to exploit inconsistencies in Constand's various accounts.

On the witness stand, for example, Constand denied ever having intimate contact with Cosby prior to the alleged assault. But in a 2005 deposition that Mesereau showed her, Constand said she had told her mother that she was affectionate toward him.

Cosby's lawyers say Constand outlined her get-rich scheme to a Temple colleague, Marguerite Jackson. The defense plans to call Jackson as a witness and says she will testify that Constand mused about framing a celebrity before she lodged sexual abuse allegations against Cosby in 2005.

Jackson, a longtime Temple official, has said that she and Constand worked closely together, had been friends and had shared hotel rooms several times. She has said Constand once commented to her about setting up a "high-profile person" and filing suit.

On the stand Friday, Constand said she remembers having a hotel room to herself at Temple's away basketball games and did not recall ever rooming with Jackson.

Constand's lawyer, Dolores Troiani, called the defense attacks on her client "outrageous" and "baseless." She ripped Cosby's team for trashing her reputation in the courtroom, where lawyers are immune from defamation lawsuits, and in statements to the media.

"I'd love to see if he thinks he's going to prove any of this," Troiani told The Associated Press.

The AP does not typically identify people who say they are victims of sexual assault unless they grant permission, which Constand and the other women have done.

Andrea Constand, center, plaintiff in the Bill Cosby trial, returns from lunch Friday during the Bill Cosby sexual assault trial at the Montgomery County Courthouse in Norristown, Pa.

Corey Perrine/Associated Press, pool

Bovines online: Farmers are using AI to help monitor cows

By Ryan Nakashima
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Is the world ready for cows armed with artificial intelligence?

No time to ruminate on that because the moment has arrived, thanks to a Dutch company that has married two technologies — motion sensors and AI — with the aim of bringing the barnyard into the 21st century.

The company, Connecterra, has brought its IDA system , or "The Intelligent Dairy Farmer's Assistant," to the United States after having piloted it in Europe for several years.

IDA uses a motion-sensing device attached to a cow's neck to transmit its movements to a program driven by AI.

The sensor data, when aligned repeatedly with real-world behavior, eventually allows IDA to tell from data alone when a cow is chewing cud, lying down, walking, drinking or eating.

Those indicators can predict whether a particular cow is ill, has become less productive, or is ready to breed — alerting the farmer to changes in behavior that might otherwise be easily missed.

"It would just be impossible for us to keep up with every animal on an individual basis," says Richard Watson, one of the first four U.S. farmers to use IDA since it launched commercially in December.

Watson, who owns the Seven Oaks Dairy in Waynesboro, Georgia, says having a computer identify which cows in his 2,000-head herd need attention could help improve farm productivity as much as 10 percent, which would mean hundreds of thousands of dollars to his family.

"If we can prove out that these advantages exist from using this technology ... I think adoption of IDA across a broad range of farming systems, particularly large farming systems, would be a no-brainer," Watson says.

Dairy farming is just one industry benefiting from AI, which is being applied in fields as diverse as journalism, manufacturing and self-driving cars. In agriculture, AI is being developed to estimate crop health using drone footage and parse out weed killer between rows of cotton.

Yasir Khokhar, the former Microsoft employee who is the founder and CEO of Connecterra, said the inspiration for the idea came after living on a dairy farm south of Amsterdam.

"It turns out the technology farmers use is really outdated in many respects," he says. "What does exist is very cumbersome to use, yet agriculture is one of those areas that desperately needs technology."

Underlying IDA is Google's open-source TensorFlow programming framework, which has helped spread AI to many disciplines. It's a language built on top of the commonly used Python code that helps connect data from text, images, audio or sensors to neural networks — the algorithms that help computers learn. The language has been downloaded millions of times and has about 1,400 people contributing code, only 400 of whom work at Google, according to product manager Sandeep Gupta.

He says TensorFlow can be used by people with only high-school level math and some programming skills.

"We're continuing this journey making it easier and easier to use," Gupta says.

TensorFlow has been used to do everything from helping NASA scientists find planets using the Kepler telescope, to assisting a tribe in the Amazon detect the sounds of illegal deforestation, according to Google spokesman Justin Burr.

Google hopes users adapt the open-source code to discover new applications that the company could someday use in its own business.

Even without AI, sensors are helping farmers keep tabs on their herds.

Trump pardons Scooter Libby, says he was 'treated unfairly'

By Chad Day and Catherine Lucey
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump issued a pardon Friday to I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, suggesting the former top aide to Vice President Dick Cheney had been "treated unfairly" by a special counsel. The pardon comes at a moment when the president faces an escalating special counsel investigation of his own.

White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders insisted the pardon was not intended to send a message to the special counsel investigating Russian meddling in the 2016 election, saying, "One thing has nothing to do with the other." But critics noted the timing, coming as Trump fumes over Robert Mueller's probe, which he has dubbed a "witch hunt."

Trump said in a statement that he didn't know Libby, "but for years I have heard that he has been treated unfairly."

Libby, Cheney's former chief of staff, was convicted in 2007 of lying to investigators and obstruction of justice following the 2003 leak of the covert identity of CIA officer Valerie Plame, though no one was ever charged for the leak. President George W. Bush later commuted Libby's 30-month prison sentence but didn't issue a pardon despite intense pressure from Cheney.

In a statement, Libby thanked Trump, saying his family has "suffered under the weight of a terrible injustice." He said Trump "recognized this wrong and would not let it persist. For this honorable act, we shall forever be grateful."

Pardons are not a finding of innocence, but they do restore the civil rights that are normally lost because of a criminal conviction. The White House said that a witness against Libby later changed her version of events and that Libby had a decade of public service and an "unblemished" record since. He had been disbarred but was reinstated by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals in 2016.

AP file photo

I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, Vice President Dick Cheney's former chief of staff, walks to the U.S. District Court on Nov. 16, 2005, in Washington. President Donald Trump plans to pardon Libby, a former top aide to Vice President Dick Cheney, according to a person familiar with the president's decision.

Conservatives have rallied around Libby's case, arguing he was the victim of an overly zealous and politically motivated prosecution by a special counsel. In a twist, the special counsel in Libby's case, Patrick Fitzgerald, was appointed by James Comey, deputy attorney general at the time. Comey later became head of the FBI but was fired by Trump in 2017 and has since written a book highly critical of the president.

Libby's attorneys, Joseph diGenova and Victoria Toensing, issued a statement thanking Trump for "addressing a gross injustice" they said was inflicted by Fitzgerald and Comey. Toensing told the Associated Press that she submitted the pardon papers for Libby to the White House counsel's office last summer. She said the president called her midday Friday to deliver the news.

"He said, 'He got screwed,'" Toensing recalled.

Trump knows the attorneys and had sought to add them to his legal team in the Russian investigation, but it was determined diGenova and Toensing had conflicts of interest that would prevent them from joining.

A spokesman for Bush said the former president was "very pleased" for Libby and his family. Rep. Liz Cheney, a Wyoming Republican and daughter of the former vice president, said Libby was the victim of a "miscarriage of justice," and she thanked Trump for "righting a terrible wrong."

Critics questioned the timing of the pardon.

"It hasn't been done through the normal channels. He hasn't gone through the pardon office. And there's no particular reason to pardon Scooter Libby," Democratic Rep. Jerrold Nadler said earlier Friday, amid reports that a pardon was planned. "So one certainly suspects there's a message."

And Democratic Rep. Gerry Connolly of Virginia, the vice ranking member of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, said Trump "is sending a clear signal to others that he will reward obstruction of justice. This is a sad moment for our democracy and justice system."

Plame, appearing on MSNBC on Friday before the pardon was issued, said granting one would send a message "that you can commit crimes against national security and you will be pardoned." After the pardon, she said in a statement that the argument that Libby had been treated unfairly was "simply false."

The pardon was the third for Trump. He issued one last year to former Arizona sheriff Joe Arpaio, who was awaiting sentencing for contempt of court. Trump also pardoned a U.S. Navy sailor who was convicted of taking photos of classified portions of a submarine.

FBI probing Michael Cohen's "personal business dealings"

By Larry Neumeister and Tom Hays
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Federal prosecutors said in a court filing Friday that the criminal probe that led them to raid the offices of President Donald Trump's personal lawyer, Michael Cohen, is focused on the attorney's "personal business dealings" and has been going on for months.

In the filing with a court in New York, prosecutors blacked out a section describing what laws they believe Cohen has broken, but they said the "crimes being investigated involve acts of concealment" and suspected fraud.

They also made clear that investigators have been gathering extensive evidence for some time as part of an ongoing grand jury investigation. Agents, they wrote, had already searched multiple email accounts maintained by Cohen after securing an earlier search warrant.

None of those emails, they added, was exchanged with Trump.

In a footnote, the prosecutors wrote that although the investigation was referred to prosecutors in New York by Special Counsel Robert Mueller, it was proceeding independently.

The U.S. Attorney's office in Manhattan made the filing after lawyers for Cohen and Trump asked a judge to block the Justice Department from reviewing records seized Monday in FBI raids on Cohen's apartment, hotel room, office and safety deposit box.

In a court hearing before U.S. District Judge Kimba Wood, Cohen's lawyers asked to examine the seized documents and electronic devices. The lawyers said they should be allowed to identify which of the documents are protected by attorney-client privilege before prosecutors get to look at them.

An attorney for the president, Joanna Hendon, appeared as well, telling the judge that Trump has "an acute interest in these proceedings and the manner in which these materials are reviewed."

"He is the president of the United States," she said. "This is of most concern to him. I think the public is a close second. And anyone who has ever hired a lawyer a close third."

But Assistant U.S. Attorney Tom McKay told the judge that he believed the proceedings were an attempt to delay the processing of materials seized in the search.

"The issues here are straightforward," he said.

Of Trump, McKay said: "His attorney-client privilege is no greater than any other person who seeks legal advice."

Federal agents seized records on a variety of subjects in raids Monday on Cohen's Manhattan office, apartment and hotel room, including payments that were made in 2016 to women who might have damaging information about Trump.

The court hearing Friday didn't provide new insight into why agents seized the items, but the judge, prosecutors and the attorneys all spoke openly about an investigation that previously has been shrouded in secrecy.

FBI and Justice Department officials have refused to say what crimes they are investigating, but people familiar with the investigation have told The Associated Press the search warrant used in the raids sought bank records, business records on Cohen's dealing in the taxi industry, Cohen's communications with the Trump campaign and information on payments made to a former Playboy model, Karen McDougal, and a porn actress, Stephanie Clifford, who performs under the name Stormy Daniels. Both women say they had affairs with Trump.

Ordinarily, documents or communications seized from a lawyer by FBI agents would be reviewed by a team of Justice Department lawyers not directly involved in the investigation to determine which documents were relevant to the probe, and which should be off-limits to investigators because of attorney-client privilege.

The judge said prosecutors believed either a special "taint team" of government lawyers should decide what evidence can be properly viewed by criminal prosecutors.

Or, they said, the court could appoint a special master for that purpose.

Hendon asked for a delay in court proceedings until at least Monday, saying she needed to research the law.

Clifford's lawyer, Michael Avenatti, was in the audience for the court session and asked the judge to be heard at 2 p.m.

"We have every reason to believe that some of the documents seized relate to my client," he said.

Cohen has denied wrongdoing.

Trump has called the raids a "witch hunt," "an attack on our country," and a violation of rules that ordinarily make attorney client communications confidential.

Those confidentiality rules can be set aside under certain circumstances if investigators have evidence that a crime has been committed. Public corruption prosecutors in the U.S. attorney's office in Manhattan are trying to determine, according to one person familiar with the investigation, if there was any fraud related to payments to McDougal and Clifford.

McDougal was paid $150,000 in the summer of 2016 by the parent company of the National Enquirer under an agreement that gave it the exclusive rights to her story, which it never published. Cohen said he paid Daniels $130,000 in exchange for her silence about her claim to have had a one-night-stand with Trump.

The White House has consistently said Trump denies either affair.

Guard faces tricky dance in California border mission

By Elliot Spagat
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — California Gov. Jerry Brown is crystal clear that his National Guard will help President Trump go after drugs and thugs on the Mexican border, but not immigrants. Drawing that line may be hazy.

Brown's pledge of 400 troops allows the president to boast that governors in all four border states back his mission to send the Guard on its third large-scale deployment since 2006. It helped bring commitments from Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas to about 2,400 troops — above the low end of Trump's target of sending 2,000 to 4,000 troops to the border shared by the four states.

The Democratic governor, who cast his decision as a welcome infusion of federal support to fight transnational criminal gangs and drug and firearms smugglers, broke from his Republican counterparts from the three other states by insisting that his troops will have nothing to do with immigration enforcement.

But some experts were skeptical that Brown will be able to force his vision of the mission on California's Guard members participating in Trump's operation.

"I think it'll be very difficult for the California National Guard to be able to walk that fine line because those things in the field are indistinguishable," said Eric Olson, deputy director of the Wilson Center's Latin America program, who specializes in organized crime and security. "It's not like someone crossing the border says, 'I'm carrying drugs.' How can you tell?"

Trump praised Brown on Twitter Thursday, but did not address the governor's conditions for not taking an immigration role for California troops. The president said Brown was "doing the right thing and sending the National Guard to the Border. Thank you Jerry, good move for the safety of our Country!"

The Border Patrol's mission of preventing people from entering the U.S. illegally has not changed in its 94-year history. But its nearly 20,000 agents also seize hundreds of tons of marijuana every year, along with other drugs. The agency has also emphasized anti-terrorism efforts since the 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

Andrew Selee, president of the nonpartisan Migration Policy Institute, said Brown's move is clearly about how it will be seen politically in a state that overwhelmingly opposes Trump's crackdown on illegal immigration. The governor, in his decision to let the California troops participate, gave himself "wiggle room" to withdraw the Guard members if they get involved with immigration, which Trump will definitely want to prevent.

"Everyone has an interest in this working out," Selee said. "The lines will blur a bit but federal and state governments will try to make sure this doesn't blow up. That doesn't work for anyone."

Other border governors have fully embraced Trump's directive. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, who will contribute about 1,400 troops, has said troops will "help ensure we are doing everything we can to stem the flow of illegal immigration."

Details on the Guard's exact assignments have been trickling out since Trump last week announced his plan to send troops to the border on April 4.

The Arizona National Guard said Wednesday that 112 of its 338 troops will provide air support, like flying helicopters, from a base in the town of Marana, near Tucson. Another 60 are being sent to border town of Nogales for what Maj. Gen. Michael McGuire called ground-based missions, without providing details.

They are not required to carry guns for their duties but can do so if they feel they need to for their own protection, McGuire said. The Texas National Guard, which already has troops in the Rio Grande Valley and Laredo area, scouts for illegal activity by air and land and reports any findings to the Border Patrol.

Abbott said Thursday that he was waiting for instructions from the federal government but that his understanding was that the troops "will in no way be involved in any type of apprehension or confrontation process."

The New Mexico National Guard has not yet publicly defined a precise role for its 250 troops. Federal law, notably the Posse Comitatus Act of 1878, sharply limits military involvement in civilian law enforcement, creating a supporting role for Guard members. The Pentagon said last week that troops won't perform law enforcement functions or interact with people detained by border authorities without its approval.

From 2006 to 2008 under the administration of former President George W. Bush, the Guard went to the Mexico border and fixed vehicles, maintained roads, repaired fences and performed ground surveillance.

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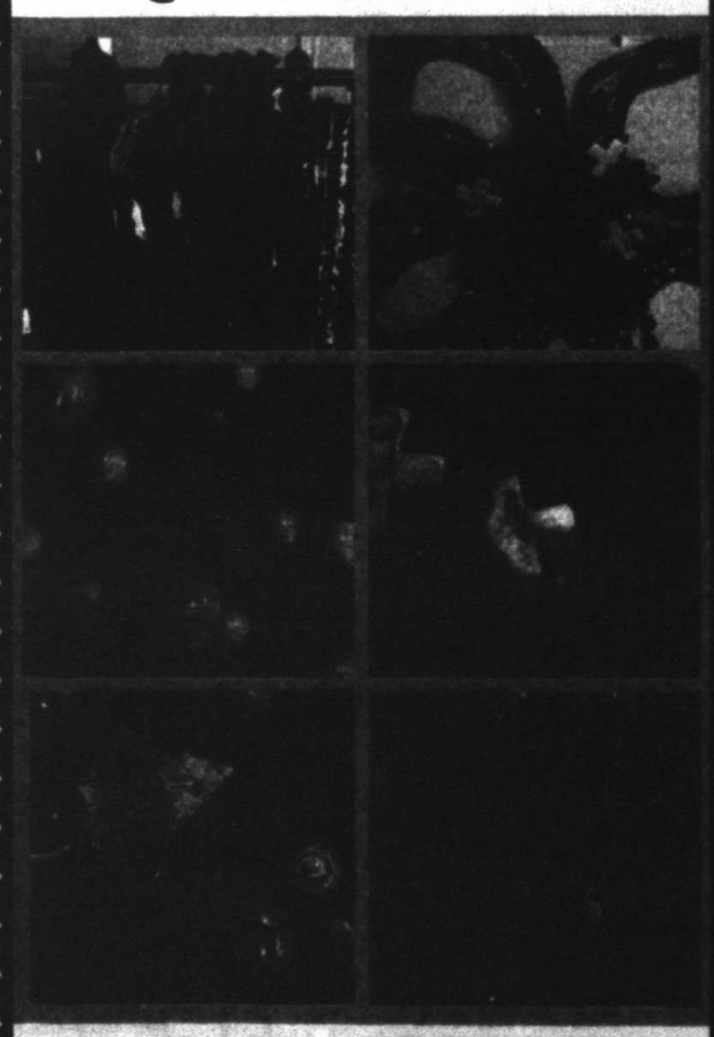

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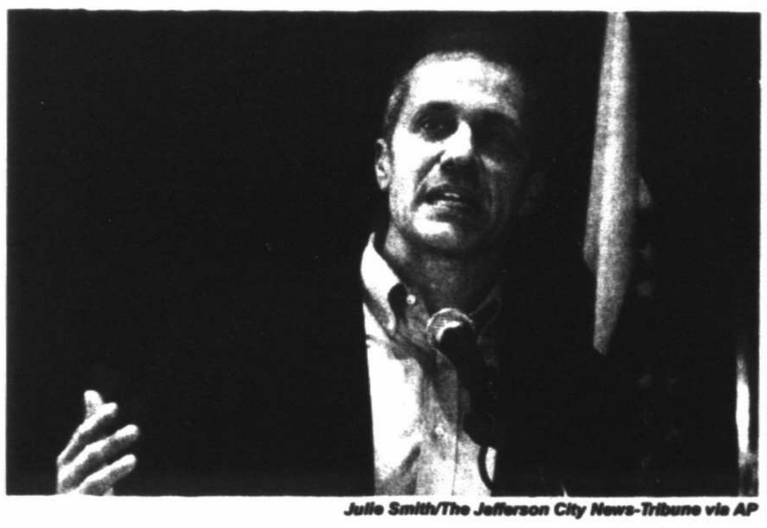

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Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens speaks Wednesday at a news conference about allegations related to his extramarital affair with his hairdresser, in Jefferson City, Mo. Greitens initiated a physically aggressive unwanted sexual encounter with his hairdresser and threatened to distribute a partially nude photo of her if she spoke about it, according to testimony from the woman released Wednesday by a House investigatory committee.

Missouri governor's approach similar to Trump's amid scandal

By David A. Lieb and Summer Ballentine
Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Facing mounting calls to resign following sexual misconduct allegations, Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens appears to be taking a cue from President Donald Trump as he fights for his political survival amid a #MeToo movement that has felled dozens of other prominent politicians and public figures.

Referencing events in Washington, D.C., Greitens is using wording similar to that used by Trump to denounce accusations of unwanted sexual aggression as "lies" and "fake charges" and the investigations into his alleged wrongdoing as a "political witch hunt."

Trump has thus far survived. But reaction from fellow Republicans indicates Greitens may have a more difficult time — in part, because allegations about Trump's behavior were known before his election, whereas Greitens had cultivated a campaign persona of an all-American hero.

On Thursday, Missouri Senate Majority Leader Mike Kehoe became the highest-ranking Republican state lawmaker calling for Greitens to immediately resign following the release of a legislative report detailing testimony from a woman who said Greitens slapped, grabbed, shoved and threatened her during unwanted sexual encounters. Kehoe said Greitens has lost his "moral authority."

"Should the governor choose not to resign, I am persuaded that he has not only burned bridges, he has blown them up to where it will be impossible for him to effectively lead the state going forward," Kehoe said.

Other Republicans calling for Greitens' resignation include Joplin businessman and megadonor David Humphreys — who gave Greitens nearly $1.3 million — and Attorney General Josh Hawley, a top challenger to Democratic U.S. Sen. Claire McCaskill, who also said Greitens should quit.

Republican state Sen. Rob Schaaf, a vocal Greitens critic, wrote a letter Thursday to Trump asking the commander in chief to request that Greitens, a former military officer, step down.

On Friday, Democratic House Minority Leader Gail McCann Beatty called upon colleagues to immediately begin impeachment proceedings to try to remove Greitens from office.

Greitens has vowed to remain in office and denied any violence or criminal wrongdoing in what he insists was "an entirely consensual relationship" with his former St. Louis hairdresser as he was preparing to run for governor in 2015.

The legislative committee's investigation of Greitens began after he was charged in February by a St. Louis grand jury with felony invasion of privacy for allegedly taking and transmitting a nonconsensual photo of the woman while she was partially nude. He is to go to trial May 14.

In court Thursday, his attorneys asked for the case to be dismissed. They asserted that the St. Louis prosecutors' office had engaged in misconduct and potential perjury by initially saying that a video recorder had malfunctioned during a March interview of the woman. Greitens' attorneys say prosecutors shared the video with them Wednesday night — only after the release of the Legislature's report — and that the woman's testimony in the video backs up Greitens' claim of a consensual encounter.

"This woman is not a victim," Greitens' attorney Jim Martin said. "She was a willing participant in everything they did, and the video goes a long way to establish that."

St. Louis Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner said in a court filing later Thursday that she supplied the video once her office determined it could be accessed. She accused Greitens' attorneys of using "diversionary tactics" to shift the focus from his "illegal and reprehensible conduct."

The woman's name never has been officially released; it is redacted from the legislative documents and she is identified only by her initials in court filings.

The woman's attorney, Scott Simpson, declined to comment on the video, citing a gag order in the criminal case.

Greitens said in a statement that the video testimony "directly contradicted allegations in the House report" and that any allegations of "coercion, violence and assault" are "false."

Greitens repeatedly told reporters Wednesday that the allegations against him were a "political witch hunt" — a phrase similar to what Trump has used to discredit investigations into whether he had any role in Russia's interference in the 2016 elections.

To drive home the point, Greitens added: "This is exactly like what's happening with the witch hunts in Washington, D.C."

"I think it is conscious to link himself to Trump, but it's a loser. It's not going to work," said Ed Martin, a former Missouri Republican Party chairman and Trump supporter. "He ran as something different than everybody else, and Trump was more in some ways upfront about who he was."

Greitens, 44, ran on a pledge to clean up corruption while touting his golden resume. He's a former Rhodes Scholar, Navy SEAL officer, author and motivational speaker who gained a national platform after founding The Mission Continues charity to help military veterans become involved in their communities. Unlike prior Missouri governors, his official photo hanging in government offices statewide features his full family — a wife and two young boys — rather than just himself.

"The same allegations are more damaging against Greitens than they are against Trump because of the public image of each of those people and the expectations that voters might have," said Eric Morris, an associate professor of communications at Missouri State University who studies political rhetoric.

Morris noted that the "witch hunt" metaphor dates to the 17th century, when numerous likely innocent people were accused by other residents of British colonies in the Americas of practicing witchcraft. Some were subsequently executed.

In modern politics, Morris said, a "witch hunt" is usually carried out by one's political opponents. But he said Greitens' case doesn't cleanly fit that mold, because he's facing bipartisan criticism from lawmakers, including from some who had been among his early supporters.

"This has nothing to do with politics; it's about sending a message to all women that sexual abuse won't be tolerated, that victims will be believed, and that the era of impunity is over," said Wendy Doyle, president and chief executive of the Kansas City-based Women's Foundation.

Republican legislative leaders said they would start gathering signatures from colleagues next week to call themselves into a special session to consider potential disciplinary action against Greitens.

The special House investigatory committee is to make a recommendation after the regular session ends May 18 about whether Greitens should face impeachment proceedings to try to oust him. It's also expected to release a second report focused on potential campaign finance violations involving Greitens' use of a charity donor list to raise money for his gubernatorial campaign.

Impeachment proceedings can operate independently from a criminal trial. The state constitution lays out several grounds for impeachment, including "moral turpitude," although there is disagreement on whether the offending behavior must occur while a person is in office.

Watchdog report: Ex-FBI deputy director misled investigators

By Eric Tucker and Mary Clare Jalonick
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Then-acting FBI Director Andrew McCabe appears before a Senate Intelligence Committee hearing June 7, 2017, about the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act on Capitol Hill in Washington. McCabe misled investigators multiple times about his role in a news media disclosure about Hillary Clinton just days before the 2016 presidential election, according to a Justice Department watchdog report. The report alleges that McCabe authorized FBI officials to speak with a Wall Street Journal reporter for a story about an investigation into the Clinton Foundation and then misled FBI and Justice Department officials when later questioned about it.

WASHINGTON — Andrew McCabe, the fired FBI deputy director, misled investigators and his own boss about his role in a news media disclosure about Hillary Clinton just days before the 2016 presidential election and authorized the release of information to "advance his personal interests," according to a Justice Department watchdog report.

President Donald Trump, already furious over a forthcoming book from fired FBI Director James Comey, lashed out after the report's release by saying McCabe had "LIED! LIED! LIED!"

The inspector general report concludes that McCabe allowed FBI officials to speak with a Wall Street Journal reporter for a story about an investigation into the Clinton Foundation, violating agency rules, and then misled FBI officials when questioned about it. It also reveals starkly contradictory accounts from McCabe and Comey about how the conversations with the reporter had come to take place.

McCabe, who was fired just two days before his scheduled retirement, denied the report's allegations in a detailed rebuttal statement. He says that when he believed his answers to the inspector general were misunderstood, he went back and tried to correct them.

McCabe's statement notes that as deputy director he had full authority to authorize sharing information with the media and says he permitted subordinates to do so in this case to correct a false narrative that he had tried to stymie an FBI probe into the Clinton Foundation.

The conversation "was done to protect the institutional reputation of the FBI as a non-political and professional investigative agency, and therefore was squarely within the public interest exception to the FBI's prohibition on sharing sensitive material," the statement says.

McCabe has also said his dismissal was part of the Trump administration's "ongoing war" on the FBI and special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation and that he was singled out because of the "role I played, the actions I took, and the events I witnessed in the aftermath" of Comey's firing.

The inspector general report does not square with the Republican narrative of the FBI as a politically biased institution since the Oct. 30 story contained derogatory information about Clinton and underscored FBI interest in investigating her foundation. But its conclusion may also be hard for Democrats to embrace given its harshly critical suggestion that McCabe had put his personal reputation above the interests of the FBI.

Regardless, the report immediately provided fodder for Trump's public attacks on McCabe.

The president has made a concerted and Twitter-driven effort to impugn McCabe as a partisan hack, accusing him of covering up unspecified "lies and corruption" at the FBI and calling his firing a "great day for Democracy." On Friday, Trump called the inspector general report a "total disaster" and said "McCabe is controlled by Comey."

"No collusion, all made up by this den of thieves and lowlifes!" Trump tweeted.

A lawyer for McCabe, Michael Bromwich, said he's considering filing a defamation lawsuit against Trump and his "colleagues." He sarcastically thanked Trump in a Twitter post Friday for "providing even more material" for the lawsuit he's considering.

The inspector general report was sent to congressional committees and obtained by The Associated Press.

The findings, which had trickled out in news reports over the last month, led FBI disciplinary officials to recommend that the Justice Department fire McCabe. Attorney General Jeff Sessions dismissed him March 16 for what he described as a lack of candor.

McCabe, appointed deputy director in 2016, had been a close Comey ally and passionately defended him in a congressional hearing two days after his firing. He could be an important witness for Mueller, who is investigating Trump for possible obstruction of justice, including his motivation for firing Comey in May 2017. The Associated Press has also confirmed that McCabe kept personal memos detailing interactions with the president and they have been provided to the special counsel's office.

Yet the report suggests that the two men were at odds over how the conversations with the reporter unfolded.

McCabe told the inspector general that he had told Comey after the story was published that he had authorized officials to share details of a conversation he had with a top Justice Department official about the Clinton Foundation investigation. He said Comey thought it was a "good" idea to rebut a narrative that the FBI was succumbing to political pressure.

But Comey, for his part, told investigators that McCabe did not tell him that he had approved sharing details of the call and had left him with the opposite impression.

"I don't remember exactly how, but I remember some form or fashion and it could have been like 'Can you believe this crap? How does this stuff get out' kind of thing?" McCabe is quoted as saying in the report. "But I took from whatever communication we had that he wasn't involved in it."

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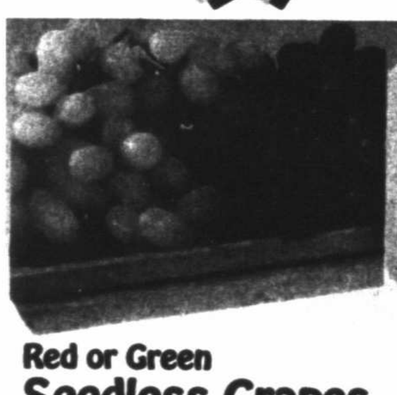

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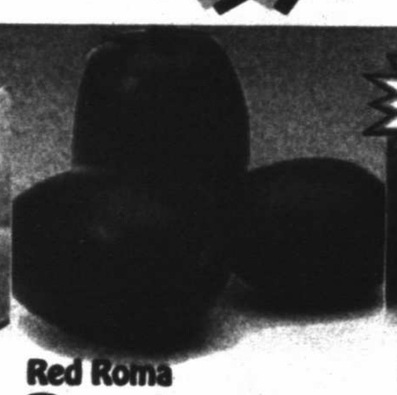

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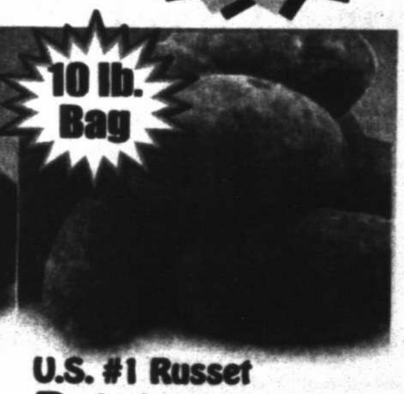

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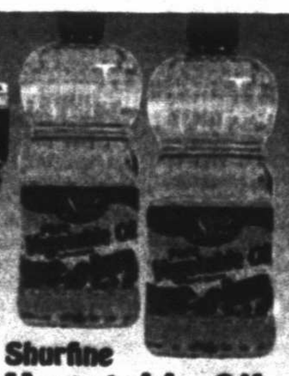

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Warriors ready for fresh start as they face Spurs

By Janie Mccauley
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Kevin Durant is confident Golden State's struggles down the stretch might be just what makes the defending champions dominant on the postseason stage again.

Maybe not quite 16-1 this time around, sure, yet plenty capable of another remarkable run.

"I always knew everybody on our team had a good spirit, a good energy for the game," said Durant, the reigning NBA Finals MVP. "We might have lost some games and had some tough stretches but that doesn't define everybody here as an individual player. I'm kind of positive on, optimistic on each of these guys and how we approach the game no matter what the score of some of those games. I'm glad we can kind of learn from those tough times and continue to move forward."

The Warriors have been hurt and humbled. Beaten handily and beat up hard. Two-time MVP Stephen Curry is expected to be sidelined the entire first round with a knee injury. Four All-Stars — Curry, Durant, Draymond Green and Klay Thompson — were out together at times, too.

On Saturday afternoon, Golden State begins its championship quest with Game 1 of the best-of-seven first round against the San Antonio Spurs at Oracle Arena.

"We learned a lot," coach Steve Kerr said. "Every experience that you gain you can learn from. This has been such a chaotic month with all the injuries and the meaningless games. We've been frustrated. We haven't performed very well. The good news is we have performed well for four years, so we know who we are. We know what we're about. We know this team well, we know the Spurs well, so we know what we have to do. We've got to go do it. The last month is meaningless now. Everything starts over."

Some of that is what Kerr gained from Spurs coach Gregg Popovich: "You take whatever is in front of you and you embrace it."

Here are some key story lines for the Spurs-Warriors series, a rematch of last season's Western Conference Finals swept by Golden State:

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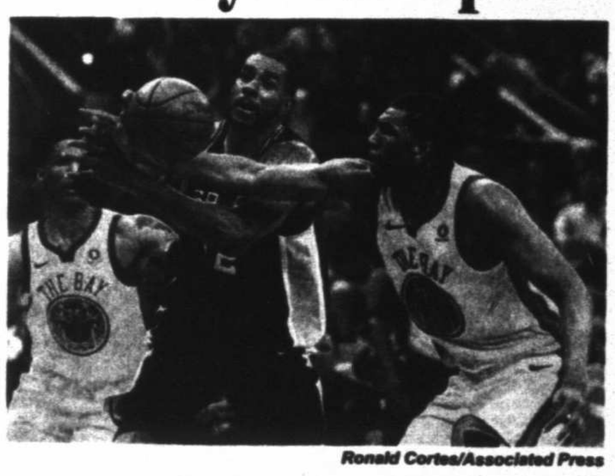

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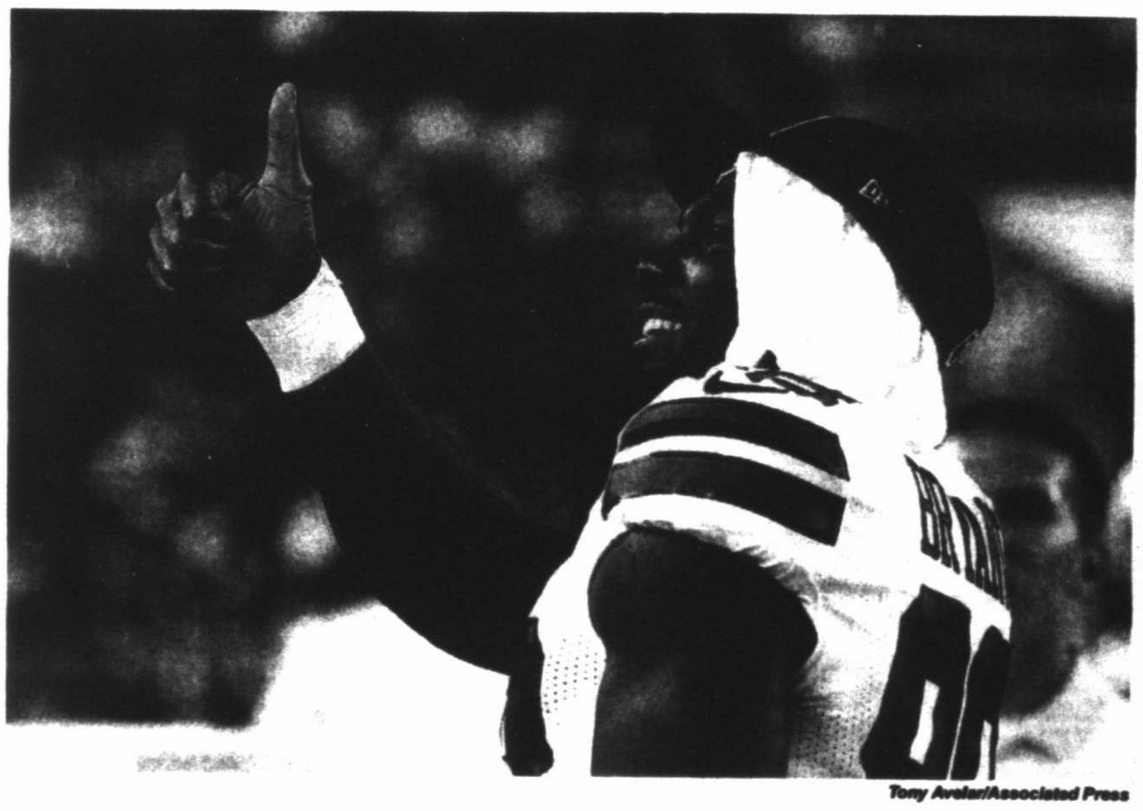
San Antonio Spurs forward LaMarcus Aldridge (12) is fouled by Golden State Warriors' Kevon Looney (5) as he tried to drive to the basket during the second half on March 19 in San Antonio.

It was a good run



Tony Avelar/Associated Press

Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Dez Bryant gestures to fans during the second half of an NFL preseason game in 2015 in Santa Clara, Calif.

Dallas Cowboys release Dez Bryant

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

FRISCO — Dez Bryant never lived up to the big contract he signed with the Dallas Cowboys when he was among the best receivers in the NFL.

If the franchise leader in touchdown catches is going to find his 2014 All-Pro form again, it will be with another team.

The Cowboys released Bryant on Friday, deciding salary-cap relief and declining production from one of their biggest stars outweighed the risk of him proving them wrong by becoming a Pro Bowl player again somewhere else.

And Bryant used Twitter to make it clear that he will be trying.

"If I didn't have my edge, I've got it now," he wrote among a flurry of tweets over two days, starting the day before a meeting where owner and general manager Jerry Jones told him he was being released. "It's very personal."

The 29-year-old Bryant signed a $70 million, five-year deal after leading the NFL with 16 touchdowns in 2014. But he didn't have a 1,000-yard season in three years under the big contract, and just played all 16 games without a 100-yard day for the first time in his eight-year career.

Bryant was owed $12.5 million on each of the last two years of his deal, with a $16.5 million salary cap hit both times. The release clears about $8.5 million in cap space.

"This was not an easy decision," Jones said. "It was made based upon doing what we believe is in the best interest of the Dallas Cowboys. We arrived at this crossroad collectively with input from several voices within the organization."

Jones' statement was more fodder for Bryant, who tweeted, "Key words in this statement.. Several input.. something I already knew."

Bryant and Jones had a unique relationship because of the trouble that surrounded the receiver early in his career. Off-field concerns were the reason the Cowboys got him; he slid to near the bottom of the first round of the 2010 draft. Dallas traded up three spots to get him.

Before the three most prolific seasons of his career, when Bryant averaged 1,312 yards and nearly 14 touchdowns per year, he got tangled in lawsuits over unpaid jewelry bills and had a baggy pants incident with police at an upscale

Please see BRYANT/5B

NFL draft: Big D is about something other than Dallas

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

Big D is about to stand for something other than Dallas.

The NFL is bringing its Big D — the draft — to Jerry Jones' palace. This draft, the first in a stadium, will pay homage in so many ways to the cliche that everything is bigger in Texas.

Ever since the league decided to put the draft up for bids and move it around the country, the focus has been to make it grow even larger than the cottage industry it has become.

From an historic theater setting in Chicago, with Grant Park as the backdrop, to the front yard of the iconic Philadelphia Art Museum with the Rocky statue atop its steps, the picks have become an accompaniment to the surroundings as much as a process in team building.

Now, the draft enters a building that can hold 100,000 people, though capacity has been set at 20,000 inside for the April 26-28 proceedings.

Peter O'Reilly, the NFL's senior vice president for events and the man who oversees planning for the draft, Super Bowl and opening weekend of the season, projects another 90,000 fans daily will be outside AT&T Stadium at the NFL Draft Experience. All tickets are free, with fans having signed up via a ticket lottery for the chance to get into the Cowboys' home.

"In some ways, this is easier than building a massive structure," O'Reilly said.

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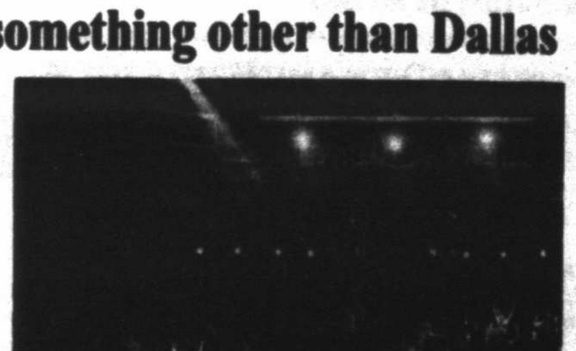

NFL via AP

This computer rendering provided by the NFL shows the on stage view of the proposed NFL Draft at AT&T Stadium in Arlington. The NFL is bringing its Big D, the draft, to Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones' palace. This draft, the first in a stadium, will pay homage in so many ways to the cliche that everything is bigger in Texas.

Hitchcock, 3rd in NHL wins, retiring after 22 years

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

FRISCO — Ken Hitchcock wasn't sure how long he would coach the Dallas Stars the second time around after 15 years away.

Turned out to be one season.

The coach who led Dallas to its only Stanley Cup championship retired Friday, ending a 22-year career as the third-winningest coach in NHL history. The 823 wins are behind only Scotty Bowman (1,244) and Joel Quenneville (884). He's fourth in total games with 1,536.

The 66-year-old Hitchcock will become a consultant for the Stars.

Hitchcock

"I have contemplated this since our last game and I came to the conclusion that now is the right time to step away and let the younger generation of coaches take over," said Hitchcock, who last year signed a multiyear contract that included the stipulation of becoming a consultant when he was finished coaching.

Hitchcock returned to Dallas after 14 seasons elsewhere, including stops in Philadelphia, Columbus and St. Louis. General manager Jim Nill hoped Hitchcock could get the Stars back to the playoffs, but a late-season slump kept them out for the second straight year and the eighth time in 10 seasons.

"We were honored to have Ken as our head coach and it was fitting that he finished his coaching here," Stars owner Tom Gaglardi said. "He is a certain Hockey Hall of Fame coach and he left a lasting legacy wherever he went."

The Stars went to the Stanley Cup Final in consecutive seasons, beating Buffalo for the title in 1999 before losing to New Jersey in six games. Those are the only times Hitchcock or the Stars have made it to the final.

Dallas also won five straight division titles under Hitchcock, who was fired from his first head-coaching job with the team sliding in January 2002. He coached the Flyers from 2002-06, followed by the Blue Jackets (2006-10) and the Blues (2011-17).

St. Louis made the playoffs in each of Hitchcock's five full seasons, reaching the Western Conference finals in 2016 after beating top seed Dallas in seven games in the second round. The Blues abruptly fired Hitchcock in February last year, cutting short what was already going to be his last season with the Blues after their fifth loss in six games.

"To each and every player that I coached, I wish I could do it all over again," said Hitchcock, a Canadian whose record is 823-506 with 88 ties and 119 losses in overtime or a shootout. "You guys were the main reason for the all the wins, and I enjoyed coaching each and every one of you."

Nill turned to Hitchcock when the Stars had 79 points, their second-fewest in a full season since moving Dallas in 1993-94, in the last of four seasons under Lindy Ruff.

Led by high-scoring forwards Jamie Benn and Tyler Seguin and one of the top-scoring defensemen in John Klingberg, the Stars were solidly positioned for the playoffs in March before an eight-game losing streak that started with six losses on the road.

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'HOUNDSWATCH

FRIDAY'S SCORE
Postponed

TODAY'S GAMES
Midland vs Springfield (DH)
11:10 a.m.
2:10 p.m.

INTERNET
www.milb.com

RECORDS
Midland 5-2
Springfield 2-5

Friday	Today	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
ppd	Midland at Springfield 2:10 p.m.	Midland at Tulsa 4 p.m.	Midland at Tulsa 4 p.m.	Midland at Tulsa 7 p.m.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

College Baseball
Texas at Oklahoma, 8 p.m., ESPNU

College Football
Kentucky Spring Game, 10 a.m., SEC
Missouri Spring Game, Noon, SEC
Utah Spring Game, Noon, P12, P12 MTN
Ohio State Spring Game, 12:45 p.m., BTN
Oklahoma Spring Game, 1 p.m., FSSW, FCSC
Clemson Spring Game, 1:30 p.m., ESPN
Florida Spring Game, 2 p.m., SEC
USC Spring Game, 2 p.m., P12, P12 LA
Stanford Spring Game, 3 p.m., P12, P12 BAY
Texas A&M Spring Game, 4 p.m., SEC
Texas Tech Spring Game, 6 p.m., FSSW+, FCSA
Arizona Spring Game, 7 p.m., P12, P12 AZ

College Softball
Texas Tech at Texas, 1 p.m., LHN
Kentucky at Texas A&M, 2 p.m., ESPN2
Baylor at Oklahoma State, 4 p.m., FCSC

Golf
EPGA: Open de Espana, 3rd Round, 7 a.m., GOLF
PGA: RBC Heritage, 3rd Round, Noon, GOLF
PGA: RBC Heritage, 3rd Round, 2 p.m., CBS
Champions: Mitsubishi Electric Classic, 2nd Round, 2 p.m., GOLF
LPGA: LOTTE Championship, Final Round, 6 p.m., GOLF

Major League Baseball
Baltimore at Boston, Noon, MLB
Texas at Houston, 3 p.m., FS1, FXDEP, FSSW, ATTSW
LA Angels at Kansas City, 6 p.m., FS1
Arizona at LA Dodgers, 9 p.m., MLB

National Basketball Association
West 1st Round, Gm 1: San Antonio at Golden State, 2 p.m., ABC
East 1st Round, Gm 1: Washington at Toronto, 4:30 p.m., ESPN
East 1st Round, Gm 1: Miami at Philadelphia, 7 p.m., ESPN
West 1st Round, Gm 1: New Orleans at Portland, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

National Hockey League
West 1st Round, Gm 2: Colorado at Nashville, 2 p.m., NBC
East 1st Round, Gm 2: New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 2 p.m., CNBC
East 1st Round, Gm 2: Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m., NBC, CNBC
West 1st Round, Gm 2: San Jose at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m., NBCSN

RADIO

Major League Baseball
Texas at Houston, 3 p.m., KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa), KXCS 105.5 FM (Big Spring), KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

National Basketball Association
West 1st Round, Gm 1: San Antonio at Golden State, 2 p.m. KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

NAHL Hockey
South Semifinal, Gm 2: Odessa at Lone Star, 7:30 p.m., KFZX 102.1 FM

WHAT'S ON DECK

NAHL Playoffs
Odessa Jackalopes at Lone Star Brahmas, 7:30 p.m.

HS Baseball
Lee at Midland High, noon
Midland High at Lee, 4 p.m.
Midland Christian at Fort Worth All Saints, 12:30 p.m.
MCA at Denton Calvary, 1 p.m.

HS Softball
Odessa Permian at Midland High, noon

JC Baseball
Western Texas College at Midland College (DH), noon

JC Softball
Midland College at Western Texas College (DH), 1 p.m.

SOCCER BRIEF

BOYD, IRVING IN I-6A FINAL

McKinney Boyd will face Irving High in the Region I-6A boys soccer final at 1:30 p.m. today at Grande Communications Stadium.

Boyd (23-0-3) knocked off Wolfforth Frenship, 1-0, in a regional semifinal match on Friday, while Irving (14-5-5) defeated El Paso Montwood, 5-4, in penalty kicks after the teams were tied at 2-2 through two overtimes.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
MLB — Suspended San Diego RHP Luis Perdomo five games and fined him an undisclosed amount for intentionally throwing a pitch at Colorado Armando and then fighting during an April 11 game. Suspended Colorado 3B Nolan Arenado five games and fined him an undisclosed amount for charging the mound and then fighting. Suspended Colorado OF Gerardo Parra four games and fined him an undisclosed amount for fighting during the incident. Suspended San Diego LHP Buddy Baumann one game and fined him an undisclosed amount for fighting during the incident. Fined San Diego C A.J. Ellis and INF Freddy Galvis, and Colorado RHP German Marquez undisclosed amounts for their actions during the incident.

American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Recalled LHP Donnie Hart from Norfolk (IL).
HOUSTON ASTROS — Activated IF Yuli Gurriel from the 10-day DL.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Signed OF Tark El-Attour to a minor league contract.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Reinstated LHP Andrew Heaney from the 10-day DL. Optioned RHP Felix Pena to Salt Lake (PCL).
TEXAS RANGERS — Placed SS Elvis Andrus on the 10-day DL, retroactive to April 12. Recalled 1B Ronald Guzman from Round Rock (PCL). Agreed to terms with RHP Yoanni Gallardo on a minor league contract.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Placed 1B Josh Donaldson on the 10-day DL. Recalled OF Teoscar Hernandez from Buffalo (IL).

National League
CINCINNATI REDS — Selected the contract of RHP Dylan Floro from Louisville (IL). Optioned RHP Tanner Rainey to Louisville. Designated RHP Ariel Hernandez for assignment.
NEW YORK METS — Placed C Kevin Plawecki on the 10-day DL, retroactive to April 12. Transferred C Travis d'Arnaud to the 60-day DL. Selected the contract of C Jose Lobaton from Las Vegas (PCL). Recalled OF Brandon Nimmo from Las Vegas. Optioned RHP Jacob Rhame to Las Vegas.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Recalled RHP Kyle Crick and selected the contract of RHP Richard Rodriguez from Indianapolis (IL). Optioned RHP Clay Holmes and LHP Josh Smoker to Indianapolis.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Recalled LHP Kyle McGrath from El Paso (PCL). Optioned RHP Colten Brewer to El Paso.

Can-Am League
ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Signed RHP Kagen Hopkins.
SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Signed LHP Tyler Alexander.

Frontier League
GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Signed C Bannon Meagher.
JOLIET SLAMMERS — Signed LHP Michael Evans.
LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Signed INF Tyler Badamo.
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS — Signed 1B Joe Dudek.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Suspended Washington G Jodie Meeks 25 games for violating the terms of the NBA/WNBA Anti-Drug Program by testing positive for ipamorelin and Growth Hormone Releasing Peptide-2.
CHARLOTTE HORNETS — Fired coach Steve Clifford.
OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER — Suspended television play-by-play man Brian Davis for Game 1 of the playoff series against Utah for a comment he made about star Russell Westbrook during Oklahoma City's regular-season finale against Memphis.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Named Larry Jackson strength and conditioning coach and Dale Jones and Monty Gibson assistant strength and conditioning coaches.
DALLAS COWBOYS — Released WR Dez Bryant.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed CB Devon House. Released LB David Talley.
HOUSTON TEXANS — Claimed TE Matt Lengel off waivers from Cleveland. Released QB Taylor Heinicke.
LOS ANGELES CHARGERS — Waived RB Kenneth Farrow and K Nick Rose.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Signed K Sebastian Janikowski, CB Stephon Morris, FB JD McKissic and DL Quinton Jefferson.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Waived LB Ohio Pelesa and S Orion Stewart.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Agreed to terms with D Dennis Gilbert on a three-year contract through the 2020-21 season and assigned him to Rockford (AHL).
COLORADO AVALANCHE — Recalled G Spencer Martin from San Antonio (AHL).
DALLAS STARS — Announced the retirement of coach Ken Hitchcock and will remain with the team as a consultant.

Amateur Hockey League
SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Recalled G Sam Brittain from Colorado (ECHL).

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
SPORTING KANSAS CITY — Signed M Wes Hansen Wes Kamal as a Homegrown Player.

National Premier Soccer League
JACKSONVILLE ARMADA — Signed M Joshua Castellanos, D Michael Malin and M Juan Camilo Portilla.

OLYMPICS
USADA — Announced cyclist Rusty Miller tested positive for a prohibited substance and accepted a one-year sanction for his violation.

COLLEGE
BAYLOR — Announced the resignation of women's tennis coach Bill Mathews.
OREGON — Announced the addition of men's and women's track & field and cross country for the 2018-19 academic year.
WYOMING — Announced the resignation of athletic director Wade Anderson.
ST. CLOUD STATE — Named Bud Lemon ice hockey coach.
UCSB — Announced the resignation of men's basketball coach Jimmy Patsos.
TOLEDO — Announced G Chris Darrington is transferring from Tennessee.

High winds postpone MISD baseball, softball games

From staff reports

Because of the high winds on Friday, Midland ISD baseball and softball games have been postponed and rescheduled.

The Midland High and Lee baseball teams will now play a doubleheader on Saturday with the teams playing a game at noon at Zachery Field, followed by a game at 4 p.m. at Ernie Johnson Field.

The Midland High vs. Odessa Permian softball game will now be played at noon Saturday at Martin Field.

The Lee softball game at Wolfforth Frenship has also been moved to 4:30 p.m. Monday.

District 2-6A Softball Standings

	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
x-Permian	6	1	24	1	0
x-Frenship	6	1	20	7	0
x-Odessa High	5	2	20	4	1
Midland High	3	4	18	10	2
Lee	1	6	12	15	2
Tascosa	0	7	6	21	0

x-clinched playoff berth

Friday's scores
All games ppd. due to wind
Today's games
Odessa Permian at Midland High, noon; Amarillo Tascosa at Odessa High, 1 p.m.

District 2-6A Baseball Standings

	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Wolfforth Frenship	6	2	23	4
Lee	5	4	14	10
Odessa High	5	4	10	8
Odessa Permian	4	6	17	11
Amarillo Tascosa	3	6	10	15
Midland High	3	6	16	12

Friday's Scores
Wolfforth Frenship 8, Odessa Permian 0.
Today games
Lee at Midland High, Noon; Midland High at Lee, 4 p.m.; Amarillo Tascosa at Odessa High (DH), 11 a.m.; Permian at Frenship, 1 p.m.

MC BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

SOFTBALL
MIDLAND COLLEGE VS. WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE

When/where: Doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m. today, United Field, Snyder; doubleheader beginning at noon Sunday, Midland College softball field

Records: Midland College 28-16, 11-5 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Western Texas College 16-20, 9-7

Last WJCAC series: Odessa College 3, Midland College 1; Howard College 4, Western Texas College 0

Notes & quotes: The start of the series was pushed back a day because of high winds on Friday. ... The Lady Chaparrals look to bounce back from a 3-1 series loss to rival Odessa College. MC interim coach Amanda Evans said the series was a little rough for her team but added that the good thing about playing a rival is that it showed what her team needed to work on. She said this past week in practice, the pitchers worked on hitting their spots, while the hitters worked on having better approaches at the plate, whether it's early or late in a count. "I think the reset got us more refreshed and got us to calm down a little bit," Evans said. "I also thought we could have improved our morale and excitement a bit. We came out flat both days (against Odessa College). It's a live and learn experience but I think this team comes back from adversity really well." ... WTC is coming in a six-game losing streak but Evans said the Lady Westerners should come ready to play in this series. She added that Evans has some speed and the ability to hit for power. "It's going to come down to who's more aggressive," Evans said.

Next: Midland College at Howard College (DH), 1 p.m. April 20

2018 WJCAC Baseball Standings

	Conf. W	Conf. L	Overall W	Overall L
Midland College	18	4	35	13
Clarendon College	15	5	27	10
New Mexico JC	14	6	27	11
Howard College	14	6	22	14
Odessa College	14	6	23	16
New Mexico Military	10	9	22	17
Frank Phillips	8	12	13	25
Western Texas	7	13	13	22
El Paso CC	2	16	6	34
Luna CC	0	20	6	32

Last weekend's series
Midland College 3, El Paso Community College 1; Odessa College 3, Frank Phillips College 1; Howard College 3, Western Texas College 1; New Mexico Junior College 4, New Mexico Military Institute 0; Clarendon College 4, Luna Community College 0

This weekend's series
Midland College vs. Western Texas College; Odessa College at Clarendon College; New Mexico Military Institute at Howard College; New Mexico Junior College at Frank Phillips College; Luna Community College at El Paso Community College

BASEBALL
MIDLAND COLLEGE VS. WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE

When/where: Doubleheader beginning at noon today, Christensen Stadium; doubleheader beginning at noon Sunday, WTC Baseball Complex, Sunday

Records: Midland College 25-13, 16-4 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; 13-22, 7-13

Last WJCAC series: Midland College 3, El Paso Community College 1; Howard College 3, Western Texas College 1

Notes & quotes: The start of the series was pushed back a day because of the high winds on Friday. ... Midland College comes into this series after having won four straight, including a wild 17-13 non-conference win at New Mexico Junior College on Wednesday. The Chaps also won three of four at El Paso CC last weekend to keep the Chaparrals one game ahead of Clarendon College in the WJCAC standings. "We look to carry the momentum into this conference weekend," MC coach Hector Rodriguez said. "Considering we've been on the road a lot and to look at where we are at in the standings, we feel pretty good and we get start playing at home a little bit more. That's the good news about starting the series a day late is that we get to open the weekend at home and then hopefully get a chance to win the series on the road on Sunday." ... Rodriguez said the Westerners have some good pitchers and some older players on the roster, which should make them competitive. ... A key for MC will be its offense, which Rodriguez said has been resilient this season. "Every time we've had a tough inning on the mound, the offense has had a response," he said. "We did against New Mexico (on Wednesday). We're covering each other up when we need it. That's a sign of a good team." ... Rodriguez said sophomore LHP Aaron Weseman is out indefinitely after suffering a knee injury. Weseman was the No. 2 pitcher in the rotation. ... With Weseman out, the rotation will consists of sophomore RHP Logan McCrummen (3-3, 7.62 ERA) starting today's opening game, followed by sophomore RHP Levi Hon (4-2, 6.33). Freshman RHP Chandler Eaton (2-1, 5.33) will start Sunday's first game, while the fourth game starter will be determined by who's left out of the bullpen.

Next: Howard College at Midland College, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday

2018 WJCAC Softball Standings

	Conf. W	Conf. L	Overall W	Overall L
Howard College	15	1	28	5
Clarendon College	13	3	36	6
Odessa College	11	5	27	8
Midland College	11	8	39	18
Western Texas	9	7	16	20
Luna CC	3	13	10	28
Frank Phillips	1	15	6	28
El Paso CC	1	15	7	36

Last weekend's results
Odessa College 3, Midland College 1; Howard College 4, Western Texas College 0; Frank Phillips College 3, Luna Community College 1; Clarendon College 4, El Paso Community College 0

This weekend's series
Midland College vs. Western Texas College; Odessa College vs. Howard College; El Paso Community College at Frank Phillips College; Luna Community College at Clarendon College

-Compiled by Oscar LeRoy

PRO GOLF SCORES

PGA

Friday
At Harbour Town Golf Links
Hilton Head, S.C.
Purse: $8.7 million
Yardage: 7,099; Par 71
Second Round
(a-amateur)

Bryson DeChambeau	68-64—132
Si Woo Kim	68-65—133
Ian Poulter	69-64—133
Chesson Hadley	68-66—134
Brandt Snedeker	70-64—134
Rory Sabbatini	64-70—134
Luke List	70-64—134
Danny Lee	69-66—135
C.T. Pan	70-65—135
Billy Horschel	68-68—135
Charles Howell III	68-67—135
Bill Haas	69-66—135
Scott Piercy	71-65—136
Xander Schauffele	68-68—136
Cameron Smith	68-68—136
Brice Garnett	69-68—135
Whee Kim	69-68—136
Martin Laird	67-69—136
Matt Kuchar	66-70—136
Satoshi Kodaira	73-63—136
Tom Hoge	70-67—137
Andrew Landry	69-68—137
Brian Stuard	69-68—137
Kevin Kisner	69-68—137
Webb Simpson	69-68—137
Ryan Moore	69-68—138
Ted Potter, Jr.	72-66—138
Emiliano Grillo	72-66—138
Ryan Palmer	73-65—138
Brian Harman	70-68—138
Dustin Johnson	69-69—138
Peter Malnati	69-70—139
Bud Cauley	71-68—139
Matt Every	73-66—139
Lucas Glover	74-65—139
Michael Thompson	74-65—139
Patrick Cantlay	67-72—139
K.J. Choi	69-70—139
Fabián Gómez	68-71—139
Austin Cook	71-68—139
Beau Hossler	70-69—139
Dylan Frittelli	72-68—140
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Kevin Streelman	70-70—140
Harris English	67-73—140
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John Huh	68-74—140
Zach Johnson	70-70—140
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Jonas Blixt	67-73—140
Jim Furyk	70-70—140
Wesley Bryan	69-71—140
Chris Kirk	70-70—140
Nick Watney	68-72—140
William McGirt	71-70—141
Charley Hoffman	72-69—141
J.J. Henry	72-69—141
Michael Kim	70-69—142
Ben Martin	74-68—142
Rod Pampling	72-70—142
Russell Knox	70-72—142
Martin Kaymer	69-73—142
Davis Love III	73-69—142
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Robert Streb	73-71—144
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Brandon Harkins	76-70—146
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Glen Day	77-69—146
Charl Schwartzel	79-67—146
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Carl Pettersson	75-73—148
Cody Gribble	75-73—148
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Chad Campbell	76-75—151
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Derek Fathauer	81-76—157
Chris Couch	79-WD

Open de Espana Leading Scores
Friday
At Centro Nacional de Golf
Madrid
Purse: $1.03 million
Yardage: 7,050; Par: 72
Second Round

Paul Dunne, Ireland	68-65—131
Rafa Cabrera Bello, Spain	68-66—134
Brett Rumford, Australia	68-66—134
Callum Shinkwin, England	67-67—134
Robert Rock, England	70-65—135
Henrik Stenson, Sweden	67-68—135
Jon Rahm, Spain	67-68—135
Marc Warren, Scotland	66-69—135
Jeff Winther, Denmark	69-67—136
Pablo Larrazabal, Spain	71-65—136
Maximilian Kieffer, Germany	69-67—136
Thorbjorn Olesen, Denmark	68-68—136
Andrew Johnston, England	68-68—136
Julien Guerrier, France	67-69—136
Also	
Shiwan Kim, United States	69-68—137
Seungsu Han, United States	70-69—139
David Lipsky, United States	68-71—140
Missed the Cut	
Rafa Cabrera Bello, Spain	73-68—141
Daniel Im, United States	75-68—133
Chase Koepka, United States	75-69—144

LPGA

Thursday
At Ka Olina Golf Club
Kapolei, Hawaii
Purse: $2 million
Yardage: 6,410; Par 72
Second Round
a-denotes amateur

Brooke M. Henderson	68-66—134
Mo Martin	69-67—136
Shanshan Feng	67-69—136
Lindy Duncan	70-68—138
Pornlila Lindberg	70-68—138
Inbee Park	69-69—138
Marijajo Uribe	72-66—140
Mariya Jutanugarn	72-68—140
Lizette Salas	69-71—140
Daniela Iacobelli	73-68—141
Nasa Hataoka	72-69—141
Ji Hyun Kim	71-70—141
Eun-Hee Ji	69-72—141
Haeji Kang	68-73—141
Christina Kim	74-68—142
Ariya Jutanugarn	73-69—142
Marina Edberg	68-74—142
Cydney Clanton	74-69—143
Sei Young Kim	74-69—143
Jennifer Song	74-69—143
Aditi Ashok	73-70—143
Camilla Lennarth	73-70—143
Allison Emrey	71-72—143
Azahara Munoz	74-70—144
Angel Yin	74-70—144
Jenny Shin	73-71—144
Brittany Marchand	73-71—144
Hannah Green	73-71—144
Ryann O'Toole	73-71—144
So Yeon Ryu	72-72—144
Lauren Kim	77-68—145
Dori Carter	75-70—145
Maria Torres	75-70—145
Angela Stanford	75-70—145
Celine Boutier	74-71—145
Peiyun Chien	74-71—145
Hye Jeo Kim	74-71—145
Chella Choi	73-72—145
Maude-Aimee Leblanc	73-72—145
Michelle Wie	72-73—145
Alexandra Newell	72-73—145
Ayaka Ushiwa	71-74—145
Kris Tamulis	71-74—145
Kim Kaufman	70-75—145
Mirjam Lee	70-75—145
Julieta Granada	69-76—145
Jeongeun Lee	76-70—146
Shanshan Santiwatthanaphong	75-71—146
Brittany Altomare	75-71—146
Jeong Eun Lee	75-71—146
Caroline Inglis	75-71—146
Rebecca Artis	73-73—146
Katelyn Dankaugh	72-74—146
Nelyn Rae	72-74—146
Celia Kim	71-75—146
Bianca Pagdanganan	71-75—146
Gaby Lopez	77-70—147
Sung Hyun Park	77-70—147
Ashleigh Buhai	76-71—147
Lydia Ko	75-72—147
Lee Lopez	75-72—147
Pannarat Thanapolboonyaras	75-72—147
PK Kongkraphan	75-72—147
Tiffany Joh	75-72—147
Amy Olson	74-73—147
Hae Young Park	74-73—147
Sherida Law	74-73—147
Sandra Changkija	74-73—147
Mariah Stackhouse	74-73—147
Thidapa Suwannapura	73-74—147
So Young Lee	73-74—147
Katherine Kirk	73-74—147
Pornanong Phatlum	72-75—147
Alena Sharp	69-78—147
Failed to make the cut	
Min Lee	77-71—148
Jackie Stoelting	76-72—148
Anna Nordqvist	75-73—148
Madeleine Sheils	75-73—148
Ostie Ardina	75-73—148
Maddie McCrary	75-73—148
Emma Talley	74-74—148
Luna Sobron	74-74—148
Paula Reto	74-74—148
Sarah Jane Smith	73-75—148
Madalene Sagstrom	71-77—148
Carlota Ciganda	77-72—149
Brittany Lang	76-73—149
Lindsey Weaver	76-73—149
Vicky Hurst	76-73—149
Dani Holmqvist	76-73—149
Wichanee Meechai	75-74—149
Beatriz Recari	74-75—149
Mina Harigae	75-74—149
Danielle Kang	73-76—149
Shae Lee	72-77—149
Sophia Popov	69-80—149
Lee-Anne Pace	79-71—150
Lizette Salas	77-73—150
Haeng Lee	77-73—150
Su Oh	77-73—150
Min Seng Ha	76-74—150
Simin Feng	76-74—150
Kelly Shon	75-75—150
Nannelle Hill	75-75—150
Kendall Dye	74-76—150
Mel Reid	69-81—150
Becky Morgan	79-72—151
Leticia Ras-Anderica	78-73—151
Jenn Kang	78-73—151
Maria Hernandez	77-74—151
Giulia Molinaro	76-75—151
a-Suzaka Yanagaichi	76-75—151
Gemma Dryburgh	74-77—151
Tiffany Chan	72-79—151
Ally McDonald	81-71—152
Perrine Delacour	78-74—152
Cheyenne Woods	77-75—152
Jing Yan	77-75—152
Alison Walshe	76-76—152
Jaye Marie Green	75-77—152
Lauren Coughlin	75-77—152
Ye Lin	74-78—152
Katie Burnett	76-76—152
Brianna Do	80-73—153
Kassidy Tovee	80-73—153
Daniela Darquea	78-77—153
Brittany Benavente	75-78—153
Gladis Bolmhaldo	81-73—154
Amelia Lewis	81-73—154
Celine Herbin	80-74—154
Dawn Lee	79-75—154
Nanna Koerstz Madsen	77-77—154
Mind Mongkolnamtal	76-78—154
Anna-Catharina Tanguay	81-75—156
Jennifer Rahn	80-77—157
Na Yeon Choi	79-78—157
Jenny Ting	80-78—158
Katherine Perry	78-80—158
Eryenu Lee	81-78—159
Katelyn Siegmund	78-81—159
Samantha Wagenrich	80-79—159

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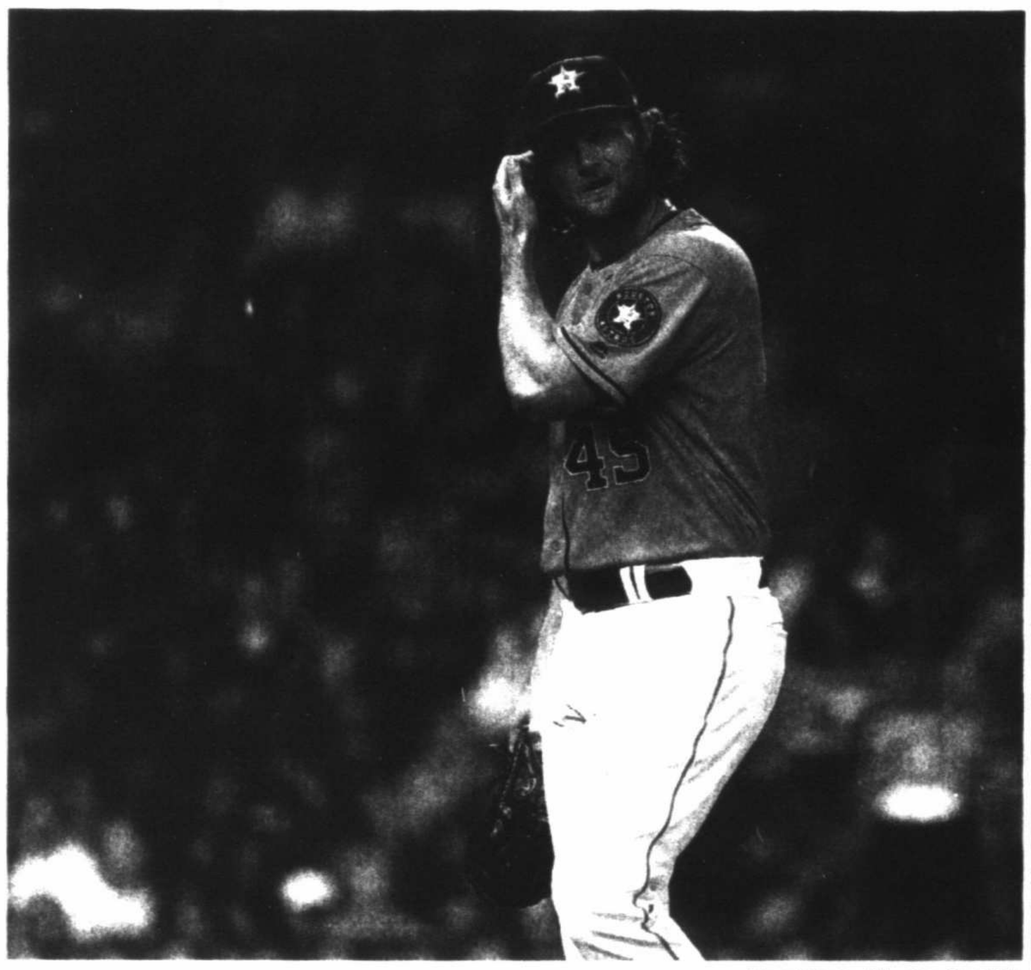
COLLEGE BASEBALL

Big 12
Texas Tech 21, Kansas State 4
TCU 4, Kansas 2
Texas 7, Oklahoma 6
Oklahoma State 7, West Virginia 4
Baylor 10, Memphis 9

SEC
Texas A&M 9, Alabama 8



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Houston Astros starting pitcher Gerrit Cole (45) reacts after striking out Drew Robinson, but also after giving up two home runs during the seventh inning on Friday in Houston.

Cole strikes out 14, Astros beat Rangers

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Gerrit Cole struck out a career-high 14 in seven innings and Derek Fisher scored the go-ahead run on Drew Robinson's error in the eighth, sending the Houston Astros to a 3-2 victory over the Texas Rangers on Friday night.

Cole allowed two runs and three hits. The ace right-hander has 36 strikeouts in 21 innings in his first three starts with Houston after he was acquired in an offseason trade with Pittsburgh.

But Cole Hamels kept Texas in the game with six effective innings, limiting Houston to two more homers by George Springer.

Fisher came in to run for Evan Gattis after he walked with one out. Marwin Gonzalez followed with a single to center off Kevin Jepsen (0-2), and Fisher scored all the way from first after Robinson misplayed the ball.

Joe Smith (1-0) got the final out of the eighth for the win and Chris Devenski finished for his first save.

Texas put two runners on with one out in the ninth, but Devenski struck out Robinson and Isiah Kiner-Falefa to end the game.

Before Fisher's dash around the bases, four solo homers accounted for the scoring.

Springer put Houston in front with his second leadoff homer of the season off Hamels, joining the one he got on opening day.

He led off the fifth with another drive. He has three homers this season — all coming against Hamels.

Texas responded with two homers in the seventh. Joey Gallo hit a drive to deep center with one out, and Robinson Chirinos connected with two down.

Training room

Rangers: SS Elvis Andrus was placed on the 10-day disabled list with a fractured right elbow after being hit by a pitch Wednesday. Andrus won't require surgery but will miss six to eight weeks. 1B Ronald Guzman was promoted from Triple-A Round Rock to take Andrus' spot on the roster. ... RHP Tim Lincecum (right middle finger) threw a bullpen session and will throw another bullpen on Sunday.

Astros: INF Yuli Gurriel (left hand) was activated off the 10-day disabled list. Gurriel was suspended for the first five games of the season and missed the last eight games while on the DL. He went 1 for 4. ... LHP Tony Sipp (right oblique) played catch and could throw a bullpen this weekend, manager A.J. Hinch said.

More rings

Houston right-hander James Hoyt and Gurriel received their World Series championship rings in a pregame ceremony. Rangers catcher Juan Centeno, who appeared in 22 games for the Astros last season and was on the active roster for the postseason, also received a ring prior to the game.

Up next

Rangers: LHP Mike Minor (1-1) is scheduled to make his first road start for Texas on Saturday. Minor has allowed opponents to bat 5 for 35 against him with 12 strikeouts in his first two starts.

Astros: RHP Charlie Morton (2-0) has allowed one unearned run in his first two starts. He has won six straight at home including the postseason.

Little has big night to lead Red Raiders

From staff reports

Little

LUBBOCK – Midland Christian grad Grant Little tied a school record with nine RBI in Texas Tech's 21-4 rout of Kansas State in Big 12 baseball action, Friday at Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park.

Little became the third Red Raider to accomplish the feat, as John Grimes had nine RBI in a March 23, 1984 game against Baylor, and Mike Bewley did it versus Rice on March 21, 1975.

Little, a sophomore left fielder, went 4-for-5 with two home runs, two runs and a walk.

Little had an RBI single in the first inning, cracked a three-run homer in the third, walked in the third, hammered a grand slam to center in the fourth and added an RBI single in the fifth.

The Red Raiders (27-8, 6-4 in Big 12) host Kansas State (15-19, 2-8) in the second game of their three-game series at 2 p.m. today.

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

ROCKHOUNDS' GAME POSTPONED

Due to inclement weather, the Midland RockHounds' Double-A road game Friday against the Springfield Cardinals was postponed.

The two teams will play a doubleheader beginning at 11:10 a.m. today at Hammons Field in Springfield, Missouri. The second game will not start earlier than 2:10 p.m.

Springfield won Thursday night's series opener, 10-5.

TL standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas (Mariners)	5	3	.625	—
Tulsa (Dodgers)	4	3	.571	½
Springfield (Cardinals)	2	5	.286	2½
Northwest Arkansas (Royals)2	6	.250	3

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midland (Athletics)	6	2	.714	—
San Antonio (Padres)	5	3	.625	1
Corpus Christi (Astros)	4	4	.500	1½
Frisco (Rangers)	3	4	.429	2

Friday's Games
Arkansas 8, San Antonio 4
Corpus Christi 8, Northwest Arkansas 1
Frisco vs. Tulsa, late
Midland vs. Springfield ppd.
Today's Games
Midland at Springfield (DH), 11:10 a.m., 2:10 p.m.
Arkansas at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
Frisco at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.

HS BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

SOFTBALL
SW CHRISTIAN 15
MCS 5

FORT WORTH – Midland Christian was plagued by nine errors in a five-inning, run-rule loss to Fort Worth Southwest Christian in TAPPS Division II, District 1 play Friday.

The Lady Mustangs (4-19, 2-4 in TAPPS Division II, District 1) took a 5-0 lead in the top of the first inning before Southwest Christian responded with 15 unanswered runs in the next three innings.

Ashlyn Gallegos went 1 for 2 with an RBI, a run scored and a walk for MCS, which was held to only three hits.

FORT WORTH SOUTHWEST CHRISTIAN 15, MCS 5, 5 INNINGS

MCS	000	00	–5	3 9
SWC	573	0x	–15	10 3

Shyann Taylor and Vivian Angelanna, M. Johnson and J. Taylor. W – Johnson. L – Taylor. HR – Southwest Christian: J. Taylor.

Record: MCS 4-19, 2-4 in TAPPS Division II, District 1

Next: MCS at Trinity Valley, 1 p.m. today

COAHOMA 3
MERKEL 1

MERKEL – MaKynlee Overton tossed a five-hitter to lead Coahoma past Merkel in District 5-3A play.

Overton allowed one run (unearned) and walked one over seven innings.

Kamri Kemper was 2 for 4 with a double and an RBI to lead the Bulldogettes (15-2, 7-1 in District 5-3A).

COAHOMA 3, MERKEL 1

Coahoma	000	020	1	–3 5 2
Merkel	100	000	0	–1 5 0

MaKynlee Overton and Kenzi Cerelos. Brooklynn Cooper and Kamryn Pinex. W – Overton. L – Cooper. 2B – Coahoma: Kenzi Hooper, Cerelos.

Record: Coahoma 15-2, 7-1 in District 5-3A

Next: Stanton at Coahoma, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday

BASEBALL
FW ALL SAINTS 1,
MCS 0

FORT WORTH – Jack Herdgrove hit a leadoff solo home run in the sixth to lift Fort Worth All Saints over Midland Christian in a TAPPS Division II District game Friday.

The Mustangs out-hit All Saints, 7-3 and got a complete game effort from starting pitcher Trace Blue. The sophomore held All Saints to the one run on three hits, while fanning five over six innings in a losing decision.

All Saints starter Matthew Teiding struck out six MCS batters in a complete game win.

Cody Grebeck, Gage Jordan, Hunter Robertson, Zac Tilton, Blue, Quinn Kenney and Rhett Clark each went 1-for-3 for the Mustangs.

FORT WORTH ALL SAINTS 1, MCS 0

MCS	000	000	0	–0 7 0
All Saints	000	001	x	–1 3 0

Trace Blue and Zac Tilton. Matthew Teiding and Mason Spooker. W – Teiding. L – Blue. 2B – MCS: Trace Blue; All Saints: Mason Spooker. HR – All Saints: Josh Hardgrove.

Records: MCS 14-9-1, 6-3 in TAPPS Division II District I

Next: MCS at Fort Worth All Saints, 12:30 p.m. today

COAHOMA 11
MERKEL 3

MERKEL – Zack Schneider hit an inside-the-park home run and Braden Pearson pitched four strong innings to lead Coahoma to a District 5-3A victory against Merkel Friday.

The Bulldogs took a 5-0 lead after the first two innings and then added four more runs in the fifth. Coahoma out-hit Merkel, 13-7 in the win.

Pearson got the start for Coahoma and limited Merkel to one earned run on four hits, while striking out three. At the plate, Zach Holmes was 3-for-3 with an RBI, a walk and two runs, while Seth Brooks was 3-for-5 with an RBI.

COAHOMA 11, MERKEL 3

Coahoma	230	041	1	–11 13 1
Merkel	100	010	1	–3 7 4

Braden Pearson, Logan Franklin (6), Zach Holmes (7) and Gatjo Hill. Upshin, Foss (4), Cano (7) and Owens. W – Pearson. L – Upshin. 2B – Coahoma: Braden Pearson, Stacy Simon. 3B – Merkel: Owens, Foss. HR – Coahoma: Zack Schneider.

Record: Coahoma 8-11-2, 5-2 in District 5-3A

Next: Stanton at Coahoma, 7 p.m. Tuesday

MLB ROUNDUP

Associated Press

American League

YANKEES 8
TIGERS 6

DETROIT — Aaron Hicks hit an inside-the-park home run in the second inning, then added a solo shot over the fence in the sixth to send the New York Yankees to an 8-6 victory over the skidding Detroit Tigers on Friday night.

Hicks came up with a runner on second and hit a drive to right-center that bounced off the wall and past center fielder Leonys Martin. The ball rolled across a vacant area of turf while Hicks circled the bases for the Yankees' first inside-the-park homer since 2011.

He was able to trot home four innings later, when his homer to right cleared the wall by plenty. Hicks also homered twice on April 13 last year, against Tampa Bay.

Jordan Montgomery (1-0) allowed three runs and five hits in six-plus innings. New York's bullpen struggled to hold on, but Aroldis Chapman struck out the side in the ninth for his second save.

BLUE JAYS 8
INDIANS 4

CLEVELAND — Teoscar Hernandez made the most of his season debut, driving in the go-ahead run with a single off All-Star Andrew Miller in the seventh inning as the Toronto Blue Jays rallied for a 8-4 win over Cleveland, snapping the Indians' five-game winning streak on Friday night.

Hernandez, who was recalled earlier in the day when the Blue Jays placed third baseman Josh Donaldson on the 10-day disabled list, added an RBI double in a three-run ninth.

RED SOX 7
ORIOLES 3

BOSTON — Eduardo Nunez hit a three-run homer, Eduardo Rodriguez struck out eight over six stingy innings and the Boston Red Sox equaled their best start in 100 years with a 7-3 win over the Baltimore Orioles on Friday night.

Rafael Devers went 3 for 5 and scored twice for the Red Sox, who are 11-2 for the first time since 1918. J.D. Martinez had a pair of hits and drove in a run with a sacrifice fly during Boston's four-run first inning, which put the Red Sox in command on the way to their 11th victory in 12 games.

National League

BRAVES 4
CUBS 0

CHICAGO — Anibal Sanchez pitched three-hit ball over six innings, Preston Tucker backed him with a three-run homer and the Atlanta Braves spoiled Yu Darvish's first home start for the Chicago Cubs with a 4-0 victory on Friday.

Sanchez struck out six and walked one. The right-hander lowered his ERA to 1.29 through two starts and three appearances after signing a minor league deal in mid-March.

CARDINALS 5
REDS 3

CINCINNATI — Yadier Molina homered and drove in three runs Friday night, leading the St. Louis Cardinals to a 5-3 victory that deepened the Cincinnati Reds' worst season-opening slump since 1955.

MARLINS 7
PIRATES 2

MIAMI — Justin Bour homered and drove in two runs, and the Miami Marlins beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 7-2 on Friday night.

JB Shuck had a career-high four hits in his first major league game since 2016, and Miguel Rojas added three hits for the Marlins, who snapped a three-game losing streak. Miami posted season highs in runs and in hits with 14.

Dillon Peters (2-1) allowed two runs on four hits in six innings.

Chad Kuhl (1-1) worked five innings and allowed 11 hits and five runs, four of them earned.

The Pirates, who entered leading the NL in batting average and runs scored, were held to five hits.

MLB GLANCE

Associated Press

Standings

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	11	2	.846	—
Toronto	9	5	.643	2½
New York	7	7	.500	4½
Baltimore	5	9	.357	6½
Tampa Bay	3	10	.231	8

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	7	4	.636	—
Cleveland	6	6	.571	1
Chicago	4	6	.400	2½
Detroit	4	9	.308	4
Kansas City	3	9	.250	4½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	12	3	.800	—
Houston	10	4	.714	1½
Seattle	8	4	.667	3
Oakland	5	8	.385	6
Texas	4	11	.267	8

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	11	1	.917	—
Atlanta	8	5	.615	3½
Philadelphia	7	5	.583	4
Washington	6	6	.500	5
Miami	4	9	.308	7½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	9	4	.692	—
Milwaukee	7	7	.500	2½
St. Louis	7	7	.500	2½
Chicago	6	7	.462	3
Cincinnati	2	11	.154	7

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	9	3	.750	—
Colorado	8	7	.533	2½
San Francisco	6	7	.462	3
Los Angeles	4	7	.364	4½
San Diego	4	10	.286	6

American League
Friday's Games
Chicago White Sox at Minnesota, ppd.
Boston 7, Baltimore 3
N.Y. Yankees 8, Detroit 6
Philadelphia 2, Tampa Bay 1
Toronto 8, Cleveland 4
Houston 3, Texas 2
L.A. Angels 5, Kansas City 4
Oakland at Seattle, late
Today's Games
Baltimore (Cobb 0-0) at Boston (Velazquez 1-0), 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Cessa 0-0) at Detroit (Liriano 1-1), 12:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Gonzalez 0-0) at Minnesota (Lynn 0-1), 1:10 p.m.
Texas (Minor 1-1) at Houston (Morton 2-0), 3:05 p.m.
Toronto (Sanchez 1-0) at Cleveland (Kluber 1-1), 5:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Eickhoff 0-0) at Tampa Bay (Archer 1-0), 5:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Richards 1-0) at Kansas City (Junis 2-0), 5:15 p.m.
Oakland (Graveman 0-0) at Seattle (Gonzales 1-1), 6:10 p.m.
Oakland (Graveman 0-0) at Seattle (Gonzales 1-1), 6:10 p.m.

National League
Friday's Games
Atlanta 4, Chicago Cubs 0
St. Louis 5, Cincinnati 3
Colorado 2, Washington 1
Miami 7, Pittsburgh 2
N.Y. Mets 8, Milwaukee 5
Philadelphia 2, Tampa Bay 1
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, late
San Francisco at San Diego, late
Today's Games
Colorado (Gray 1-2) at Washington (Scherzer 2-1), 12:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Wacha 1-0) at Cincinnati (Finnegan 0-0), 12:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Wisler 1-1) at Chicago Cubs (Quintana 1-1), 1:20 p.m.
Philadelphia (Arrieta 0-0) at Tampa Bay (Archer 1-0), 5:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Anderson 0-1) at N.Y. Mets (Harvey 0-0), 6:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Taillon 2-0) at Miami (Richards 0-1), 6:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Holland 0-0) at San Diego (Richard 1-1), 7:40 p.m.
Arizona (Walker 0-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Hill 1-0), 8:10 p.m.

Texas home

ASTROS 5, RANGERS 2

Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Choo dh	4	0	0	0
Profar rf	4	0	1	0
Mazara cf	4	0	1	0
Odor 2b	4	0	0	0
Gallo lf	4	1	1	1
Guzman 1b	3	0	1	0
Rua pr	0	0	0	0
R.Chirinos c	2	1	1	1
Kiner-Falefa ss	4	0	0	0

Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Springer cf	4	2	2	2
Bregman 3b	4	0	0	0
Altuve 2b	3	0	1	0
Correa ss	4	0	0	0
Gattis dh	3	0	0	0
Tucker lf	4	0	1	0
Reddick rf	3	0	0	0
Gonzalez 1b	3	0	1	0
Fisher pr-ph	0	1	0	0
Robinson c	3	0	1	0
Marisnick cf	3	0	0	0

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Totals	33	2	6	2	Totals	33 5 9 5

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Houston	100	003	01x—5

E—Profar (1), Robinson (2). LOB—Texas 7, Houston 9. HR—Gallo (4), R.Chirinos (1), Springer 2 (3). SB—Bregman (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Hamels	6	6	2	2	2	7
Martin	1	1	0	0	0	1
Jepsen L,0-2	1-0	1	1	0	1	0
Diekman	2-0	0	0	0	0	1
Houston						
Cole	7	3	2	2	1	14
Harris	2-0	2	0	0	0	0
Smith W,1-0	1-0	0	0	0	0	0
Devenski S,1-1	1	1	0	0	0	3

HBP—by Cole (Choice), by Devenski (Choice). WP—Cole, Martin.

T—2:59. A—32,139 (41,168).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
ASTROS 5, RANGERS 2

Texas	000	020	000	–2 5 2
Houston	100	003	01x	–5 6 0

Hamels, C.Martin (7), Jepsen (8), Diekman (8) and Chirinos; Cole, Harris (8), J.Smith (9), Devenski (9) and R.McCann. Stassi. W – J.Smith 1-0. L – Jepsen 0-2. Sv – Devenski (1). HRs – Texas, Chirinos (1), Gallo (4). Houston, Springer 2 (3).

BLUE JAYS 8, INDIANS 4

Toronto	000	430	100	–8 7 0
Cleveland	200	000	020	–4 12 2

Biagini, O.Herrera (6), Clippard (7), Tepera (8), Osuna (9) and Martin; Clevinger, Otero (5), McAllister (7), Miller (7), Bedrosian (8), Otero (8) and Gomes. WP – O.Herrera. L – McAllister 0-2. HRs – Toronto, Diaz (4).

RED SOX 7, ORIOLES 3

Baltimore	100	000	200	–3 9 0
Boston	211	001	02x	–7 11 0

Tillman, Araujo (5), Wright Jr. (6), Hart (7) and Joseph; Rodriguez, Hembree (7), Kelly (8), Williams (9) and Vazquez. W – Rodriguez 1-0. L – Tillman 0-3. HRs – Boston, Nunez (2).

YANKEES 8, TIGERS 6

New York	200	021	003	–8 11 1
Detroit	200	010	220	–6 12 1

J.Montgomery, Robertson (7), Betances (8), Green (8), Chapman (9) and G.Sanchez; Fiers, Farmer (6), Wilson (8), Verlander (8), Greene (9) and McCann. W – J.Montgomery 1-0. L – Fiers 1-1. Sv – Chapman (2). HRs – New York, Hicks 2, Sanchez, McCann, Candelario.

INTERLEAGUE
PHILLIES 5, JAYS 1

Philadelphia	200	001	001	–5 7 2
Tampa Bay	010	000	000	–1 4 0

Velasquez, Garcia (7), Morgan (8), E.Romero (9) and Alfaro; Faria, Anderson (6), Roe (7), Romo (8), Colome (9) and W.Ramos. W – E.Romero 1-0. L – Colome 0-2. Sv – Neris (3).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
BRAVES 4, CUBS 0

Atlanta	000	040	000	–4 7 0
Chicago	000	000	000	–0 4 2

Sanchez, S.Freeman (7), Minter (8), Vizcaino (9) and Suzuki; Darvish, Chatwood (6), Strop (8), Montgomery (7), Edwards (8), Morrow (9) and Contreras. W – Sanchez 1-0. L – Darvish 0-1. HRs – Atlanta, Tucker (3).

CARDINALS 5, REDS 3

St. Louis	010	004	000	–5 10 0
Cincinnati	200	000	210	–3 7 2

Wainwright, Brebbia (7), Lyons (8), Leone (9), Reyes (9) and Molina; Mahle, Quackenbush (6), Hughes (8), Peralta (9) and Mesoraco. W – Wainwright 2-0. L – Mahle 1-2. Sv – Reyes (2). HRs – St. Louis, Molina (3), Peralta (2). Cincinnati, Mesoraco (1).

MARLINS 7, PIRATES 2

Pittsburgh	000	002	000	–2 5 1
Miami	010	001	20x	–7 14 0

Kuhl, Crick (6), Nicasio (7) and Diaz; Peters, Guerrieri (7), Barraclough (8), Ramos (9) and Wallach. W – Peters 2-1. L – Kuhl 1-1. HRs – Pittsburgh, Diaz (1). Miami, Bour (3).

ROCKIES 2, NATIONALS 1

Colorado	000	101	000	–2 5 0
Washington	000	010	000	–1 4 1

Freeland, Oberg (6), S.Shaw (7), Davis (8), Gilmore (9), Wilhelm (9) and Iannetta; Roark, Kintzler (7), Solis (8), Doolittle (9) and Severino. W – Oberg 1-0. L – Roark 1-1. Sv – Wilhelm (6). HRs – Colorado, Gonzalez (3).

METS 4, BREWERS 3

Milwaukee	000	300	010	–4 9 1
New York	110	100	02x	–5 9 1

Davies, Jennings (6), Guerra (8), J.Barnes (7) and Grandal; Matz, Lugo (8), A.Reyes (8), Blevins (8), Gsellman (9), Familia (9) and Lobaton. W – Matz 1-1. L – Guerra 0-2. Sv – Familia (7). HRs – Milwaukee, Perez (2), Braun (3). Shaw (2). New York, Frazier 2 (2).

NAHL: Jacks drop Game 1 to Lone Star, 3-1

From staff reports

NORTH RICHLAND HILLS – The Odessa Jackalopes opened the best-of-five NAHL South Divisional playoff series against the Lone Star Brahmas with a 3-1 loss on Friday night.

The Brahmas scored three unanswered goals and the series continues with Game 2 at 7:35 p.m. today at the NYTEX Sports Center.

Odessa had a 1-0 lead in the first period when Matt Brown scored off assists from Blake Bride and Zac Herrmann at the 16:23 mark.

The Brahmas tied it in the second when Jakub Sirota scored at the 9:39 mark off assists from Michael Montambault and Aidan Spellacy.

Lone Star added goals from Justin Addamo and Kyle Hallbauer in the third period as the Brahmas improved to 8-1 on the year against the Jackalopes.

Alex Camarre was in goal for Odessa, which was making only its third playoff appearance since moving to junior hockey in 2011.

STARS

From 1B

Still, Dallas improved significantly in a year, finishing with 92 points, just three out of the playoffs. And Nill said Hitchcock went out on his terms.

"To have him instill what he put into our organization, to help build this foundation, it's going to pay dividends for us down the road," Nill said. "He made a lot of these players a lot better."

Nill essentially described a wide-open coaching search that could take time depending on whether potential candidates are on teams still alive in the playoffs, including teams in the minor leagues.

The sixth-year general manager has chosen veteran NHL head coaches both times with the Stars.

"I want to be pretty open-minded about this," Nill said. "You're seeing some successful young coaches come in. And there's some successful coaches out there that have great resumes. I think there's a big variable there."

Hitchcock's playoff record is 86-82, and he also has an extensive background with Team Canada, which is where he forged a relationship with Nill. In Detroit, Nill was still an assistant GM when Hitchcock was a guest coach on Mike Babcock's staff during training camp in 2010.

"He poured his whole life into better understanding in-game concepts and strategy, inspiring players and enhancing teams," Nill said. "He leaves an indelible mark on the game, and his influence will be felt across the sport for years to come."

Gene J. Puskar/Associated Press

Philadelphia Flyers' Shayne Gostisbehere (53) celebrates his goal with Claude Giroux (28) during the first period in Game 2 against the Pittsburgh Penguins on Friday in Pittsburgh.

NHL PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

FLYERS 5 PENGUINS1

PITTSBURGH — Sean Couturier had a goal and two assists, Brian Elliott stopped 34 shots and the Philadelphia Flyers beat the Pittsburgh Penguins 5-1 on Friday night to even the first-round Eastern Conference series at a game apiece.

Shane Gostisbehere, Travis Konecny, Andrew McDonald and Nolan Patrick also scored for the Flyers. They bounced back from an embarrassing 7-0 loss in the opener to beat the Penguins for the first time this season. Game 3 is Sunday in Philadelphia.

Patric Hornqvist scored Pittsburgh's lone goal with just over 5 minutes left to avoid the shutout, but the Penguins looked ordinary for long stretches after looking unstoppable in Game 1.

Matt Murray's shutout streak dating to the 2017 Stanley Cup finals ended at 226:49 when Gostisbehere scored on the power play late in the first period. Murray finished with 16 saves to lose for just the third time in 17 home playoff starts in his career.

JETS 4, WILD 1

WINNIPEG, Manitoba — Paul Stastny, Andrew Copp and Patrik Laine scored in the third period and Winnipeg beat Minnesota to take a 2-0 lead in the Western Conference first-round series.

Defenseman Tyler Myers had a goal in the second period and also had an assist. Rookie Jack Roslovic, replacing injured Mathieu Perreault, had two assists in the game that ended with a series of fights.

Zach Parise had his second goal of the series when he deflected Mikko Koivu's shot past Connor Hellebuyck to end the goalie's shutout bid with 45 seconds left. The goal came on the power play after Jets forward Brandon Tanev was called for hooking with 59 seconds left.

Hellebuyck made 16 saves. Devan Dubnyk stopped 39 shots for Minnesota.

Winnipeg won 3-2 on Wednesday night. Game 3 is Sunday at Minnesota.

NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE

Associated Press

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Tampa Bay 1, New Jersey 0
Thursday, April 12: Tampa Bay 5, New Jersey 2
Today: New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 2 p.m.
Monday, April 16: Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18: Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
x-Saturday, April 21: New Jersey at Tampa Bay, TBA
x-Monday, April 23: Tampa Bay at New Jersey, TBA
x-Wednesday, April 25: Tampa Bay at New Jersey, TBA

Boston 1, Toronto 0
Thursday, April 12: Boston 5, Toronto 1
Today: Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.
Monday, April 16: Boston at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Thursday, April 19: Boston at Toronto, 6 p.m.
x-Saturday, April 21: Toronto at Boston, TBA
x-Monday, April 23: Boston at Toronto, TBA
x-Wednesday, April 25: Toronto at Boston, TBA

Columbus 1, Washington 0
Thursday, April 12: Columbus 4, Washington 3, OT
Sunday, April 15: Columbus at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 17: Washington at Columbus, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 19: Washington at Columbus, 6:30 p.m.
x-Saturday, April 21: Columbus at Washington, TBA
x-Monday, April 23: Washington at Columbus, TBA
x-Wednesday, April 25: Columbus at Washington, TBA

Pittsburgh 1, Philadelphia 1
Wednesday, April 11: Pittsburgh 7, Philadelphia 0
Friday, April 13: Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 1
Sunday, April 15: Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18: Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
x-Friday, April 20: Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, TBA
x-Sunday, April 22: Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, TBA
x-Tuesday, April 24: Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Nashville 1, Colorado 0
Thursday, April 12: Nashville 5, Colorado 2
Saturday, April 14: Colorado at Nashville, 2 p.m.
Monday, April 16: Nashville at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18: Nashville at Colorado, 9 p.m.
x-Friday, April 20: Colorado at Nashville, TBA
x-Sunday, April 22: Nashville at Colorado, TBA
x-Tuesday, April 24: Colorado at Nashville, TBA

Winnipeg 2, Minnesota 0
Wednesday, April 11: Winnipeg 3, Minnesota 2
Friday, April 13: Winnipeg 4, Minnesota 1
Sunday, April 15: Winnipeg at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, April 17: Winnipeg at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
x-Friday, April 20: Minnesota at Winnipeg, TBA
x-Sunday, April 22: Winnipeg at Minnesota, TBA
x-Wednesday, April 25: Minnesota at Winnipeg, TBA

Vegas 1, Los Angeles 0
Wednesday, April 11: Vegas 1, Los Angeles 0
Friday, April 13: Los Angeles at Vegas, late
Sunday, April 15: Vegas at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 17: Vegas at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.
x-Thursday, April 19: Los Angeles at Vegas, 9 p.m.
x-Saturday, April 21: Vegas at Los Angeles, TBA
x-Monday, April 23: Los Angeles at Vegas, TBA

San Jose 1, Anaheim 0
Thursday, April 12: San Jose 3, Anaheim 0
Today: San Jose at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.
Monday, April 16: Anaheim at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18: Anaheim at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
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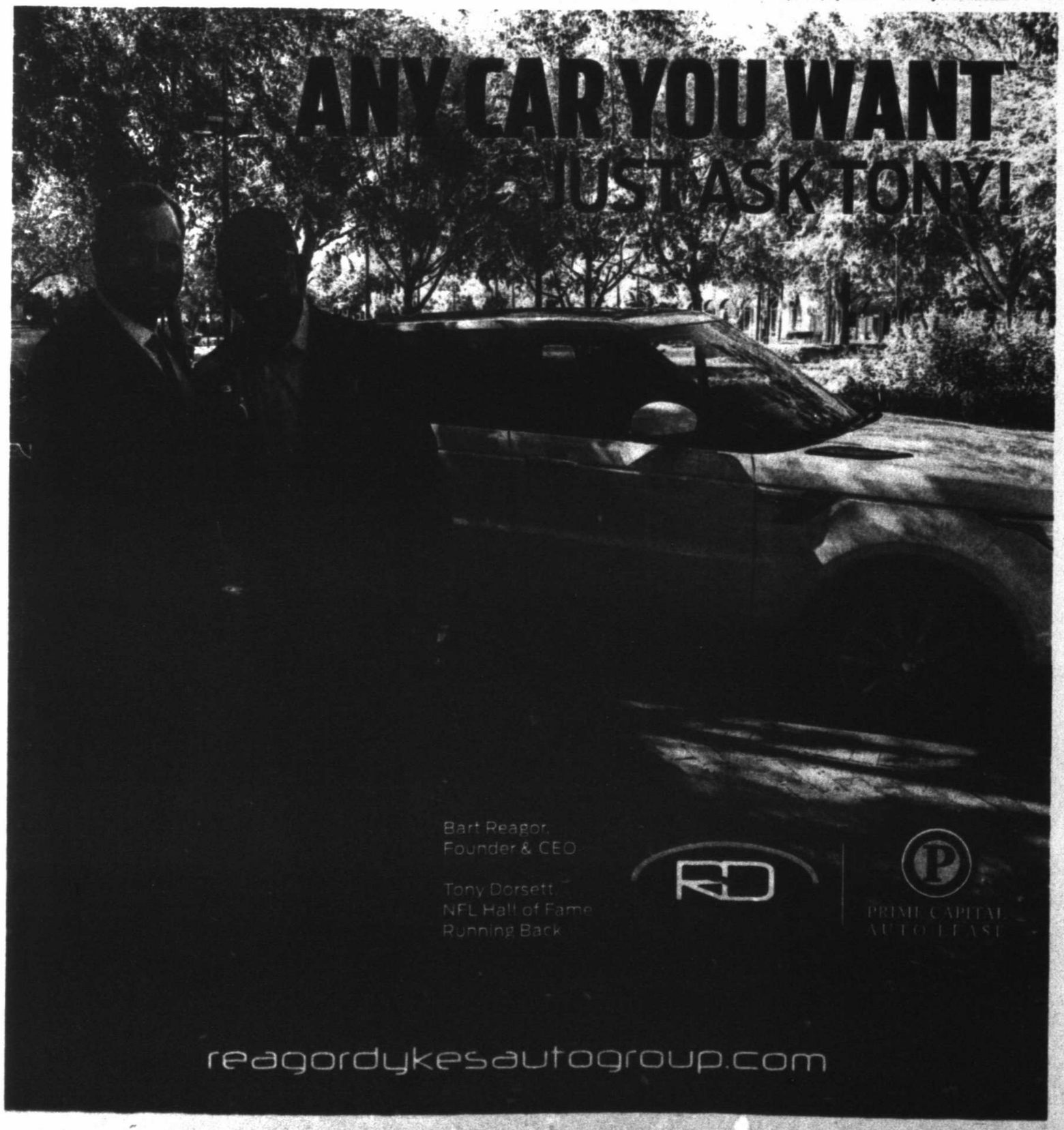
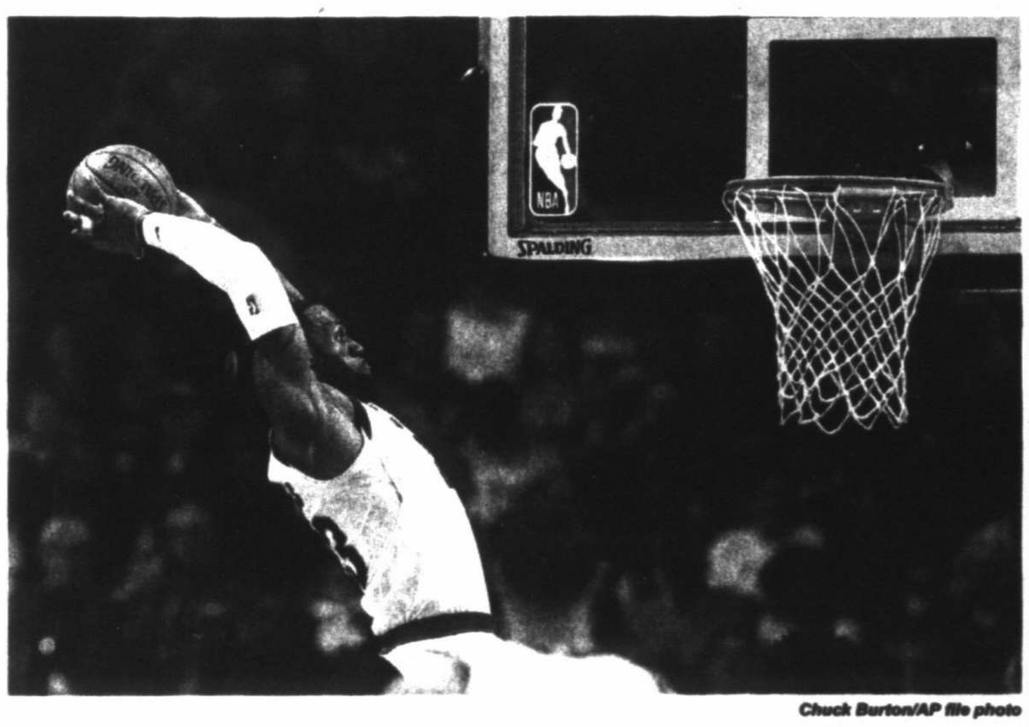
Rest of schedule TBD





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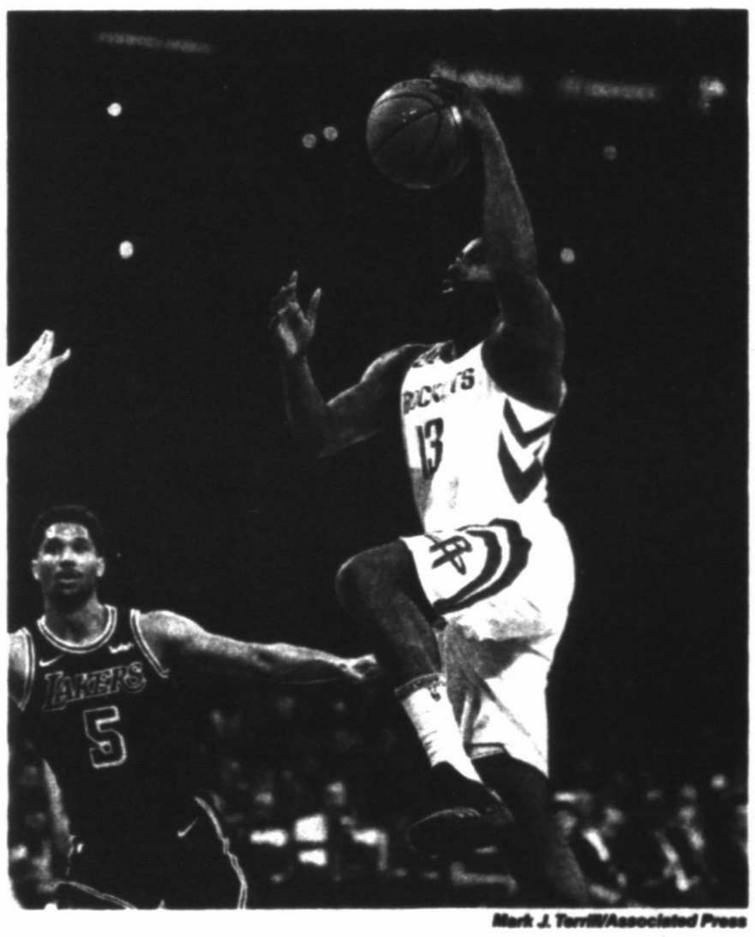
Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James goes up to dunk against the Charlotte Hornets during the first half in Charlotte, N.C in March. James, who will try to lead the Cleveland Cavaliers to their fourth straight NBA Finals, just completed the 15th regular season of his career, and it may have been his best yet.

NBA playoffs are wide open — for once

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press



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Houston Rockets guard James Harden, right, shoots as Los Angeles Lakers guard Josh Hart defends during the first half on Tuesday in Los Angeles.

Hey, here's something we haven't heard before.

The NBA playoffs are wide open.

At perhaps no other time in the league's history have so many teams gone into the postseason with a real shot at hoisting the trophy at the end of this two-month grind.

From the top seeds in Houston and Toronto, to the old stalwarts in Golden State and Cleveland, to the brash up-and-comers in Philadelphia and Minnesota, there are potential storylines galore and no real way to predict how it all may shake out.

"We've got a chance," said LeBron James, who will be seeking his eighth straight trip to the finals. "That's all you can ask for."

For pretty much the NBA's entire history, there's been little reason to tune in for the playoffs until they got to the finals. No wonder Charles Barkley became so enamored with the NHL version of the postseason — that's a sport that actually doles out some real drama once the regular season is over.

The NBA?

Yawn.

Over the last four decades, a top-seeded team has claimed 28 championships. All but one of the remaining titles went to teams seeded second or third going into the postseason — and even several of those were clearly the best team (see: the 2012 Miami Heat with their Big Three of James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh; the 2001 and 2002 Los Angeles Lakers featuring Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal; the 1993 Chicago Bulls claiming their third straight title led by Michael Jordan).

Looking a little deeper over that same 40-year span, and you'll find only five teams lower than a No. 3 seed that lost in the finals. Such dominance by a handful of dynasties and superteams has largely rendered the early rounds of the playoffs a moot point, a mere coronation on the way to the inevitable matchup at the end.

This year, it makes sense to tune in right from the start.

At the risk of getting things totally wrong, here's a few predictions for these most uncertain of playoffs:

Rockets' tough road

Houston posted the league's best record (65-17), and it's hard to bet against a team that has James Harden. But the Rockets are facing a tough opening-round series against Minnesota, which broke a 14-year playoff drought with a dramatic overtime victory on the final day of the regular season . If the Timberwolves can ride that momentum — and it's entirely possible, with Jimmy Butler coming back from a knee injury — they could make things real interesting. The Rockets will be without a valuable rotation player, Luc Mbah a Moute , who sustained a shoulder injury this week in a meaningless game. Assuming they get past Minnesota, the Rockets could be derailed in the second round by the Oklahoma City Thunder, a perplexing squad that has pretty much spent all season trying to figure out how to mesh the immense talents of Russell Westbrook, Paul George and Carmelo Anthony. They seemed to figure it out late in year, winning 11 of their last 16 games — with the five losses by a total of 13 points. The Thunder could be the surprise team that emerges from the loaded West.

Defending champs

The Golden State Warriors have been to the finals three years in a row, winning titles in both 2015 and last season, and they certainly have the talent to make it back despite a less-than-dominating regular season that prompted coach Steve Kerr at one point to call out their effort as "pathetic." Steph Curry will probably miss the opening round with a knee injury, but the Warriors should get by a fading San Antonio Spurs squad that will likely be without ailing Kawhi Leonard for the entire series. Kevin Durant, Draymond Green and Klay Thompson give the defending champs plenty of firepower, even without Curry. The Warriors should at least make it back to the conference final, where chances are either the Rockets or OKC will be waiting.

Philly's momentum

There is no more intriguing team than the Philadelphia 76ers, who just two seasons ago went 10-72. This year, they became the first team in NBA history to close the regular season on a 16-game winning streak, surging to the No. 3 seed in the East . If Joel Embiid comes back faster than expected from a fractured orbital bone, Philadelphia could do some real damage in the East. Look for the Sixers to beat the Heat in the opening round, leading to what could be a very favorable matchup against the injury ravaged Boston Celtics in Round 2. The 76ers should be a year or two away from being a real championship contender. Then again, look what's happened in Philly: The Eagles won their first Super Bowl championship and Villanova claimed the national title in college hoops. Maybe the precocious 76ers will follow their lead, far sooner than anyone could've predicted.

Don't forget the king

James has been to the finals seven years in a row — four times with the Heat, three more since returning to Cleveland. The Cavaliers are only a No. 4 seed after enduring a season of dysfunction, but the King is ready to take this team on his back. At 33, James has been as dominant as ever , and he has a way of flipping the switch to an even higher level in the playoffs. He's still the guy you start with if building a championship-ready roster.

Who knows?

Maybe we'll get a Cavaliers-Warriors final for the fourth year in a row.

At least it would be a bit of a surprise this time.

Bryant

From 1B

Dallas mall.

The most serious problem was a domestic incident involving his mother in 2012, with Bryant pleading guilty and eventually having the charge dismissed when he stayed out of trouble for a year.

Bryant also was a distraction throughout his career with sideline rants, even admitting late last season that he let frustrations affect him during perhaps his most difficult year in the league. He said some of the frustration was rooted in the offensive scheme.

"He will always be a valued member of our family," Jones said in his statement. "Dez and I share a personal and professional relationship that is very strong, and he is one of just a handful of players with whom I have become that close to over the past 30 years."

With 73 touchdown catches, Bryant tops a Dallas list that includes Hall of Fame receivers Bob Hayes (71) and Michael Irvin (65). Tight end Jason Witten, who is getting ready for his 16th season, has 68 career TD catches.

A dramatic dip in production started when Bryant broke his foot in the opener in 2015, a year after he helped the Cowboys win the NFC East and just their second playoff game since the last of the franchise's five Super Bowls following the 1995 season.

Bryant battled injuries each of the past two years as well, but when healthy he wasn't the same receiver who had the famous catch that wasn't against Green Bay in a loss that kept the Cowboys out of the NFC championship game three years ago. He was second in the NFL with 11 drops last season, according to sportradar.

After getting 56 of his touchdowns in his first five seasons, Bryant had 17 his last three with the Cowboys.

Bryant never found the same on-field rapport with Dak Prescott that he had with Tony Romo, who lost his job during Prescott's remarkable rookie season after Romo injured his back in the preseason in 2016. Romo was released last offseason and retired.

"Cowboy nation I need you to know this wasn't my decision.. I will always love y'all... forever Dallas in my heart," Bryant wrote in one post, which came only minutes after he tweeted, "let's start the process" in a reference to free agency.

The Cowboys left little doubt they were in the market for receivers in free agency, adding Allen Hurns after the four-year pro was released by Jacksonville. Six-year journeyman Deonte Thompson was another addition.

While Hurns is the most likely candidate to be the No. 1 receiver, the Cowboys could take a wideout in the first round for the first time since getting Bryant.

"No one will understand the love and the passion you have for the game," DeMarcus Lawrence wrote as one of several now-former teammates to reach out to Bryant on Twitter. "Wish you nothing but the best! I know you'll be throwing up the X soon enough!"

Draft

From 1B

The league did exactly that last spring in Philly.

"The question is how to turn a stadium into a winning draft environment. In Philadelphia, there was such a great energy and that is something we want to recreate," he said. "The draft is always special. It's the time of year, the return to spring and hope. No one wins or loses that day, there's positive vibes."

To that end, this draft will include specific cheering (and, yes, some will become booing) sections for all 32 teams. Modeled somewhat on how political convention floors look, each "Inner Circle" will have 50 fans of that club, with team signage and colors. Cheeseheads and Terrible Towels aren't likely to be optional for the Packers and Steelers fans, of course.

This special area features team rivalry zones, plus opportunities to celebrate the picks with NFL players current and past, including some Hall of Famers. O'Reilly notes that if a prospect chosen by that team is on hand, he will directly "connect with his new fan base."

Teams are using various means for choosing fans who get to sit in their exclusive club section. Buffalo, for example, has an extensive "Bills Backers" presence in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. One of the co-presidents of the fan club in that area, Ezra Castro, is a frequent visitor to New Era Field for Bills home games, despite the distance. Castro, known as "Pancho Bills" for his game-day costume that includes a sombrero and facemask, is battling cancer.

"We thought giving him the opportunity to bring 50 fans ... would show how much we appreciate him and empathize with his situation," says Shaena Kershner, the Bills' head of marketing.

Kershner adds the team will send a "hype person to get that group rowdy, which is not very hard for our fans" when Buffalo's turns come, as well as providing merchandise and memorabilia.

The Packers also went that route, offering Inner Circle spots through a lottery to season ticket holders in the North Texas area, and then using the "Packers Everywhere" app to entice other Green Bay fans near the Cowboys' stadium to attend. It wasn't difficult rounding up 50.

"We were hitting people who were interested and could commit to (the first two days of the draft)," says Kandi Goltz, the Packers' game and fan development manager. "We have really avid fans who will be there and there will be a lot of enthusiasm."

Each Packers fan will have a cheesehead that the team is shipping to Dallas, although that might be superfluous because nearly every follower of the franchise owns one.

"It should look awesome on TV," Goltz says.

The Falcons are sending members of their independent supporters group "The Cast." Cast members are responsible for their own travel and expenses; the team blocked hotel rooms for them. At their Inner Circle will be Fatheads and drums.

Atlanta is sending cheerleaders, too.

The five finalists to host the 2019 or 2020 draft are Kansas City, Nashville, Las Vegas, Canton/Cleveland and Denver. Those two drafts will awarded at the league meetings in May.

"We see it as an opportunity," O'Reilly says. "This model is never cookie-cutter, it is unique to what each town and club offers. It's not the same canvas in each place, but finding a way to bring it to life in that community."

Spurs

From 1B

Still, Popovich is one of his favorite people — even if he wants nothing more than to eliminate his dear friend. "Pop doesn't like to see me lose. I like to see him lose. He's had way too much success already," Kerr cracked. "I think sometimes Pop needs to be humbled a little bit. So I'm looking to really rub it in and enjoy if we're able to beat them."

Kerr added: "I want Pop to win against anybody else. We're that close. He's my mentor and he's somebody I feel incredibly strongly about in terms of who he is and what he did for me in my life, and what he's doing for my son right now."

Robert Wickens an instant fit in new IndyCar job

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

LONG BEACH, Calif. — James Hinchcliffe made no secret of who he wanted as his new IndyCar teammate, lobbying hard for his childhood friend from Canada.

It wasn't an easy sell because Robert Wickens had zero IndyCar experience, and after racing six seasons in Germany, he was hardly a household name. Hinchcliffe fought hard, though, and got his buddy at Schmidt-Peterson Motorsports this season.

After two races, Hinchcliffe has proven to be an impeccable talent scout.

"I keep telling everyone 'I told you so,'" Hinchcliffe told The Associated Press.

Wickens has had an unbelievable start to his IndyCar career and could have gone into round three, Sunday's race on the streets of Long Beach, with two victories already. He won the pole in his debut at St. Petersburg, led 69 laps and was on his way to the win until Alexander Rossi spun him on a late restart. He was the leader last Saturday night in Phoenix on the final restart until Josef Newgarden passed him for the win on fresher tires.

Wickens has a pole, a podium finish and has led 113 of IndyCar's 360 laps this season.

"Everyone thought I just wanted my buddy on the team, no one believed me when I said 'No, this guy is really, really good,' " Hinchcliffe said.

The all-Canadian lineup has been a hit for the Schmidt team, which has shown through two races to have strong, fast Honda-powered cars. Hinchcliffe is sixth in the standings and Wickens is eighth, just 20 points behind leader Newgarden.

"It's been a dream start, minus two laps at the end of St. Pete," Wickens told AP. "But you can't take this as this is how it's going to be all year. Motorsports changes so quickly. We've been in the hunt, we've been in the fight, and I think it's caught a lot of people by surprise, including myself. But I'm not lying when I say I am learning as a I go."

So who is this Wickens guy?

He met Hinchcliffe in Toronto when the two were racing go-karts but his career took him to Europe, where he spent the last 12 years. Six of those were in DTM with a factory-backed Mercedes team and Wickens was a star.

But he was homesick and found himself flying from Germany to Toronto every chance he could get.

"Living in Europe for 12 years, it took a toll. I was spending more and more time in Canada. I was flying 10 hours home to Toronto for five days, then flying back to the next race," Wickens said. "My whole core of my life was still over there and I was more or less commuting to work."

His goal was to return to racing in North America and move into an endurance series with a less hectic lifestyle, he just wasn't sure when that day would come. When Mercedes said it was leaving DTM at the end of this year, it gave Wickens his opening. Hinchcliffe had already started his recruiting job — the two had done a ride swap in early 2017 that gave Wickens his first time in an Indy car, and when Schmidt needed an emergency replacement driver last year at Mid-Ohio, Wickens got the call for the practice day — and Wickens was interested. Now he's got the job and the Schmidt team finally has a strong and balanced two-car team.

Kyle Busch: All-Star race rules 'not what I signed up for'

By Steve Reed
Associated Press

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Kyle Busch is growing tired of stock car racing's governing body trying to manufacture tighter competition in the annual All-Star race at the expense of the Cup Series' heavy hitters.

"That's not what I signed up to be a NASCAR driver for is to scrunch the field up and take the advantage away from those guys that are fast," said Busch, last year's All-Star race winner.

In its seemingly never-ending quest to make the All-Star race more competitive and create more passing opportunities, NASCAR announced this week it will test a different aerodynamic package at the May 19 event at Charlotte Motor Speedway by requiring cars to have restrictor plates. Several recent All-Star races have featured one driver getting out in front of the field while running in clean air — and not being able to be caught.

The plates are used to choke horsepower and slow speeds, thus bunching up the crowd in an effort to make the race a little more exciting for fans.

That drew a groan from the often animated and outspoken Busch, who has 44 career Cup victories.

"I'm not sure that you can fabricate racing to being anything better than what exists, you know?" said the 32-year-old Busch. "People say how great it was back in the day, but you had two guys or three guys on the lead lap sometimes. Richard Petty would win races by two laps at places and now you have 25 cars on the lead lap and competition is as close as it's ever been. People are complaining about it that there is a lack of competition. I don't know what you expect to be competition — you want the last-place guy to be able to be the first-place guy. There's always going to be a last-place guy." The aero package was used at an Xfinity Series race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway last year. There were record numbers of leaders, lead changes and green flag passes for the lead. In an attempt to replicate that for next month's All-Star race, each car will be fitted with aero ducts, a 6-inch-high spoiler with two 12-inch cars and a restrictor plate, among other modifications. Restrictor plates are used at Daytona and Talladega, the two biggest and fastest tracks on the schedule.

Ricky Stenhouse Jr. said he'll wait to offer an opinion until he sees how the restrictor-plate racing plays out at Charlotte.

"I think the racing will probably be a lot closer," Stenhouse said. "I do think that when you reduce the speeds the handling isn't as big of an issue and so I think the racing will be probably a little more intense. We'll just have to see how the fans like it. I think that's the biggest thing we want to do is to make sure the fans enjoy our races."

Busch also wants to see close racing.

But he doesn't want it to come at the expense of those who should be rewarded for the work they put in setting up their cars during the week.

"The fact of the matter is that we're trying to orchestrate something that doesn't quite exist," said Busch, who is looking for his second straight Cup win on Sunday at Bristol Motor Speedway after capturing the checkered flag last weekend at Texas.

Busch joked that you simply can't make everyone happy.

"Be miserable like me — and then nothing will surprise you," Busch said, drawing a laugh from the room full of reporters. "I think if you wanted pink ice cream with white frosting on it, you would say, 'Man, I really wish I had white ice cream with pink frosting.' It's just everybody wants the opposite of what they see and what they get."

Wade Payne/Associated Press

Kyle Busch signs autographs after qualifying on the pole for the NASCAR Cup Series auto race on Friday, in Bristol, Tenn.

NASCAR-Monster Energy-Food City 500 Lineup
By The Associated Press
After Friday qualifying; race Sunday
At Bristol Motor Speedway
Bristol, Tenn.
Lap length: .533 miles
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 128.022 mph.
2. (41) Kurt Busch, Ford, 128.004.
3. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 128.002.
4. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 128.253.
5. (12) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 128.165.
6. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 128.048.
7. (21) Paul Menard, Ford, 127.999.
8. (88) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 127.835.
9. (34) Michael McDowell, Ford, 127.673.
10. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 127.571.
11. (24) William Byron, Chevrolet, 127.470.
12. (19) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 126.689.
13. (20) Erik Jones, Toyota, 127.317.
14. (14) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 127.191.
15. (95) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 127.115.
16. (9) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 127.091.
17. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 126.972.
18. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 126.771.
19. (10) Aric Almirola, Ford, 126.704.
20. (43) Darrell Wallace Jr., Chevrolet, 126.420.
21. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 126.395.
22. (37) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 126.270.
23. (38) David Ragan, Ford, 126.004.
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31. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 124.517.
32. (13) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 123.979.
33. (8) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 123.602.
34. (72) Cody Ljaine, Chevrolet, 121.790.
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36. (55) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 121.388.
37. (51) Harrison Rhodes, Chevrolet, 118.059.
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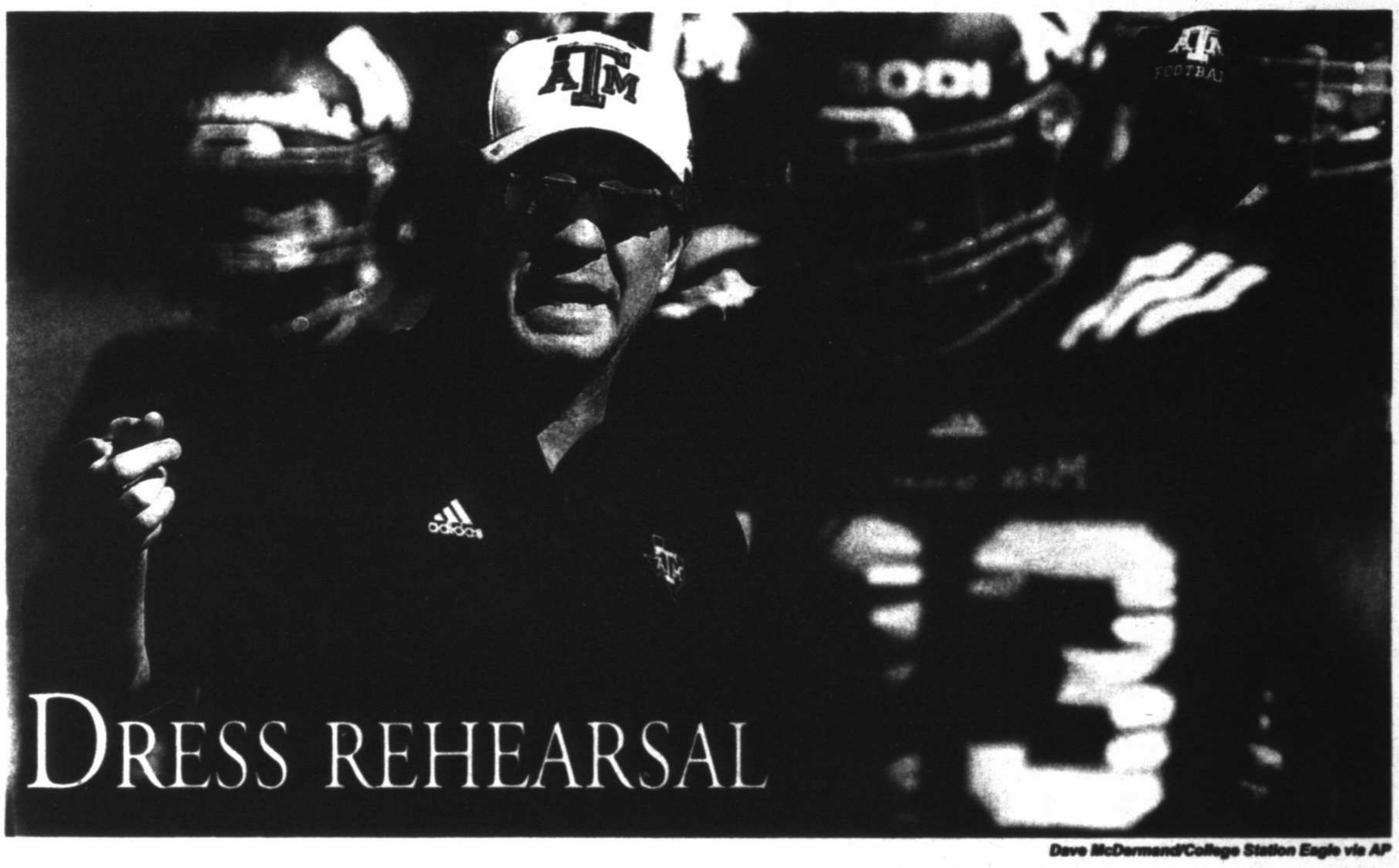

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Texas A&M coach Jimbo Fisher talks to players during the first day of spring practice March 20 in College Station.

A&M plans to influence recruits at spring game

By Brent Zwerneman
Houston Chronicle

COLLEGE STATION — The retired R.C. Slocum, who won more football games at Texas A&M than anyone, once used the recruiting lure of mother's homemade cookies in urging blue-chip Texans to stick close to home.

His pitch: Stay within a couple of hours of mama to play college football, and she can show up any time with fresh cookies. Slocum was perhaps A&M's best recruiter in program history, considering what he had to work with in terms of a threadbare stadium and no-frills locker room at the time, so don't discount the cookie bait.

His point was the same as new A&M coach Jimbo Fisher's this week to recruits: Why cross the state line to play college football? It's the same mantra of second-year Texas coach Tom Herman and others within the state, as they work to keep the state's top talent from wandering abroad (abroad being beyond the Sabine and Red rivers and the boundaries).

Why leave the state?

A&M plays its annual spring game at 4 p.m. today, and plenty of the state's top talented players in the next classes plan to be on hand — which is why Fisher is in the middle of a recruiting pitch.

"You drive over here this weekend, and it's an hour and a half, two hours, maybe three hours," said Fisher, sounding like Slocum 20 years ago. "You don't have to leave (the state). You can stay right here in Texas, come to College Station, get everything you want and play in the best conference in college football, and work toward a national championship."

Fisher, hired from Florida State in December and living in Texas for the first time, is aware of his geographic surroundings. Five of the nation's 16 largest cities by population are in Texas — Houston (four), San Antonio (seven), Dallas (nine), Austin (11) and Fort Worth (16) — and all within 180 miles of A&M.

"Everybody stay home," Fisher preached in what seemed a public service announcement for in-state universities. "Why do we have to go everywhere? Stay home."

It's one more reason Fisher has turned today's spring game into one bursting with pomp and pageantry, in trying to simulate a game-day setting, in large part for recruits.

"We want the guys to see what ... it's going to be like (in the fall)," Fisher said. "Of course they'll get to see the facilities, and be around the players and what a game-day atmosphere is like."

It's shaping up as quite an atmosphere this weekend at A&M, and it's not all about football. The No. 22 A&M baseball team is hosting Alabama in a three-game series, and it's also Parents Weekend at the university, which has an enrollment of approximately 63,000.

There's more intrigue around the spring game, too, because it's Fisher's first and interest had waned the past couple of years under then coach Kevin Sumlin. A year ago, 13 suites in Kyle Field had been reserved for the 2017 spring game. This year, it's more than 80 (and counting).

The Pepsi Fan Zone on the north side of Kyle will be larger than it was for the 2017 Alabama game, and Fisher has asked for more than 100,000 fans to show up.

Among the notable recruits expected are five A&M pledges in safety Brian Williams, receivers Kam Brown and Chase Lane, linebacker RJ Orebon and safety Demani Richardson, according to 247Sports.com.

The list also includes at least 23 high school players taking official or unofficial visits to soak in the spring game, 247Sports writes, including a handful of players the Aggies are in a fight with the likes of Texas and Oklahoma to sign in December (the new early signing period) or in February.

In addition, the state's No. 1 player, offensive tackle Kenyon Green of Atascocita, plans to be at A&M for a second consecutive weekend, according to 247Sport's Brian Perroni.

Battle for the prospects

Herman, with a year's jump-start on Fisher, nailed down seven of the state's top 10 prospects in the class of 2018; A&M had two and Alabama snagged one. This year, three of the state's top-10 players have made non-binding pledges to programs, with A&M and UT each having one and Illinois the other. The Aggies and Longhorns are in on many of the others, which is where something like Saturday's spring game in College Station comes in.

In terms of the current Aggies, the glorified scrimmage will mark the end of spring drills, and the Aggies will reunite in early August with their first opener under Fisher on Aug. 30 against Northwestern (La.) State.

Entrée will tell the tale of Rockets' appetizing season

By Jerome Solomon
Houston Chronicle

For those in the know — or among those who care to be — there are subsets in the appetizer family.

Canapés are appetizers that are easily eaten with your fingers; those that are dipped in sauces are crudités; and the small delicacies that require the use of a knife and fork are hors d'oeuvres.

Silly me, I've always thought those fancy names were meaningless.

After all, we're talking about "the stuff before the good stuff."

I'm sure there are some who go to restaurants just for the appetizers. And I have been to many events where we were forewarned it was an appetizer-only affair.

But in those cases, one would be prepared if "the stuff before the good stuff" is all the stuff there is.

Rockets coach Mike D'Antoni says whatever happens in the playoffs for his team, which finished the NBA regular season with six more wins than any other team, doesn't diminish what has happened thus far.

In other words, "the stuff before the good stuff" deserves appreciation even if the good stuff isn't the best.

D'Antoni is right.

A delectable appetizer — whether it is a canapé, crudité, hors d'oeuvre or one of my sister Sharon's amazing deviled eggs (a canapé) — is no less tasty if the entrée is substandard.

An embarrassing loss to Minnesota in the first round wouldn't erase those fun regular-season nights for fans, but the NBA season isn't a cocktail party.

It ends in June with a champion, the entrée.

Avoiding sour taste

The Rockets' regular season has satisfied the palate for you appetizer lovers. If you watched any games in their 82-game run to the top, you witnessed the best of the best.

They are the most entertaining team in the league and James Harden is the NBA's Most Valuable Player.

But what the Rockets' have given us thus far is only an appetizer, "the stuff before the good stuff."

The playoffs — seven-game series that will produce a champion — is the meat.

So, in that sense, D'Antoni is wrong.

Diminish might be a harsh word, but Harden's almost-certain MVP and the No. 1 seed, will mean significantly less if the Rockets are bounced from the postseason before the NBA Finals.

Despite finishing well behind the Rockets in the standings, the Golden State Warriors are still a slight Western Conference favorite with the Las Vegas sportsbooks.

The team that has the best regular season — the tastiest appetizer — doesn't always prevail, but in the NBA, teams that have recorded seasons like the 65-win Rockets should have a "championship or bust" mentality.

Of the 20 teams that won 65 or more games in a season, 15 went on to win the championship.

Experience isn't on the Rockets' side. Trevor Ariza is the only player on the roster who has won a title. He did so with the Lakers in 2008-09.

D'Antoni can try to play it off, but anything less than a championship for the Rockets will be a disappointment.

How they fall, if they fall, will tell the tale of the 2017-18 season.

Looking good

The appetizer was amazing. It's entrée time now.

The young, high-scoring Timberwolves shouldn't be a problem. The Rockets are too strong offensively to have any difficulty with a team that doesn't play good defense.

Now, the only thing that will satisfy the hunger is the good stuff.

Mavs fans don't want Dirk to retire, but he should

By Mac Engel
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Under normal circumstances, the news that Dirk Nowitzki is done for the year would be devastating but this was met with a shrug because his season ended last October on opening night in a home loss to the horrendous Atlanta Hawks.

Dirk had surgery on his left ankle, and he will miss the final three games of the season for the Dallas Mavericks.

While he has repeatedly said he will return for a 21st NBA season in the fall, he is also justifiably not happy about how this is all ending for his Hall of Fame career.

From the injuries to the losses, he had to know this was coming. He needs to think long and hard about season No. 21, because it's not going to look much different than season No. 20.

All he wants to do his play meaningful games, and contend for the playoffs. For the foreseeable future, the only thing meaningful his team is contending for is the first pick in the draft.

The problem, of course, is that we all want whatever Dirk wants, but the franchise can't truly move forward as long as he's on the team.

As long as Dirk is a Mav, the Mavs are all about Dirk.

According to a few people within the organization, Dirk is sick of the losing. The Mavs are 24-55, easily the most defeats he has ever experienced in his career, and despite his inspirational loyalty, the losing has been harder than he anticipated.

He's over and done with the travel that comes with the NBA. And Dirk is not crazy about how the Mavs have made it all about Dirk.

From the moment Dallas traded to acquire Dirk in what feels like the 1932 NBA draft, he never wanted it to be about him. That was a problem for a long time until he finally realized he was good enough to, and could, carry the Mavs to the title.

As much as Mark Cuban took Dirk for granted and routinely surrounded him with a cast of teammates who were never good enough, at this point, our favorite German import had to know what was coming when he re-signed with Team Lottery Pick.

Now the Mavs, and Dirk, know it, too.

Because the Mavs stink, there are two good reasons for Dirk to return for season No. 21:

1. He just loves to play basketball. Tennis champ Roger Federer once said, "When you do something best in life, you really don't want to give that up."

And Federer said, "Sometimes you're just happy playing. Some people, some media, unfortunately, don't understand that it's OK just to play tennis and enjoy it. They always think you have to win everything, it always needs to be a success story, and if it's not, obviously, what is the point? Maybe you have to go back and think, Why have I started playing tennis? Because I just like it. It's actually sort of a dream hobby that became somewhat of a job. Some people just don't get that, ever."

That feels a lot like Dirk.

2. Dirk doesn't know how to go home.

Ending a career, especially one like Dirk's, is not easy. He has played basketball as long as he can remember being alive. Preparing to end that can be akin to preparing for death.

Playing one more year just delays it all.

Dirk's ankle should heal fine, and he demonstrated at the young age of 39 he can still play. He averaged 12 points per game with 5.7 rebounds on 46 percent shooting in 77 games this season. He also shot 41 percent on 3-pointers.

Dirk's final NBA moment should not be an operating table to repair an ankle, but on the floor draining another 3-pointer to an adoring crowd from a public, and a league, that loves him.

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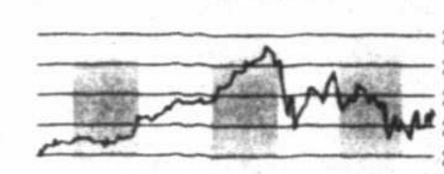

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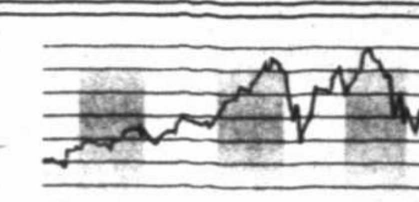

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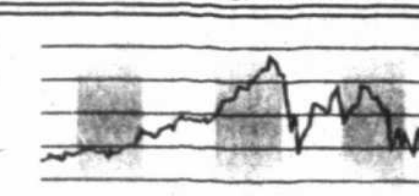

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NYSE — MOST ACTIVE ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	990562	29.80	-.65
S&P500ETF	848606	265.15	-.78
GenElec	701316	13.49	+.31
SPDR Fncl	700918	27.46	-.42
iShEMkts	585164	47.57	-.48

AMEX — MOST ACTIVE ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BlonderT	57110	1.23	+.33
NwGold g	44553	2.42	+.14
PalatinTch	30729	1.41	-.04
B2gold g	27884	2.85	-.04
HthnO&G	27369	1.84	-.05

NASDAQ — MOST ACTIVE ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CSVxSh rs	479828	8.87	-.65
PwShs QQQ	445853	161.37	-.84
MicronT	434437	52.23	-.38
Apple Inc	250997	174.73	+.59
Comcast s	242584	33.02	-.11

NYSE — GAINERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Innovind n	34.85	+2.93	+9.2
ChinRap n	4.53	+.35	+8.4
RAIT pfB	12.00	+.80	+7.1
FCB Fn	58.25	+3.35	+6.3
AlaskaAir	63.95	+3.68	+6.1

AMEX — GAINERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
InTestCorp	7.35	+1.05	+16.7
CPI Aero	10.60	+.75	+7.6
OrchidsPP	7.96	+.54	+7.3
Skyline	25.75	+1.63	+6.8
AvalonHld	2.31	+.14	+6.5

NASDAQ — GAINERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
FulFintch lf	2.50	+.53	+26.9
TurtleBc rs	3.91	+.82	+26.5
NetEnm rs	9.49	+1.44	+17.9
EnrgXV1 hn	5.54	+.74	+15.4
ChinLand h	2.45	+.32	+15.0

NYSE — LOSERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MBIA	9.36	-1.49	-13.7
Glaukos n	27.62	-3.05	-9.9
AristaNetw	244.20	-24.69	-9.2
Infosys	16.62	-1.39	-7.7
ChicB&I	13.86	-.96	-6.5

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Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
VirnetX	3.75	-.40	-9.6
TellradEl	2.30	-.19	-7.7
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Aerocntry	14.10	-.90	-6.0
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ArcadB rsn	26.45	-4.55	-14.7
ShiftPay n	3.18	-.52	-14.1
SperoTh n	15.40	-2.36	-13.2

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	NYSE	AMEX	NASDAQ
Advanced	1,234	148	1,058
Declined	1,602	151	1,732
Unchanged	142	31	241
Total issues	2,978	330	3,031
New Highs	43	4	50
New Lows	41	5	32
Volume	2,945,289,082	87,679,879	1,736,761,857

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52-Week High	Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net % Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
26,616.71	20,379.55	Dow Jones Industrials	24,360.14	-122.91	-.50	-1.45	+19.10
11,423.92	8,744.38	Dow Jones Transportation	10,389.49	+9.06	+.09	-2.29	+16.85
778.80	647.81	Dow Jones Utilities	682.78	+4.62	+.68	-5.61	-2.90
13,637.02	11,324.53	NYSE Composite	12,546.05	-34.17	-.27	-2.05	+10.79
7,637.27	5,805.15	Nasdaq Composite	7,106.65	-33.60	-.47	+2.94	+22.42
2,872.87	2,328.95	S&P 500	2,656.30	-7.69	-.29	-.65	+14.06
2,001.48	1,680.86	S&P Midcap	1,883.86	-6.14	-.32	-.88	+12.07
29,760.80	24,262.59	Wilshire 5000	27,559.95	-98.87	-.36	-.84	+13.59
1,615.52	1,345.24	Russell 2000	1,549.51	-7.82	-.50	+.91	+15.18

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Abraxas	—	67	2.67	+.06	+8.6
AdaDvsEq	1.32e	—	14.83	-.04	-4.3
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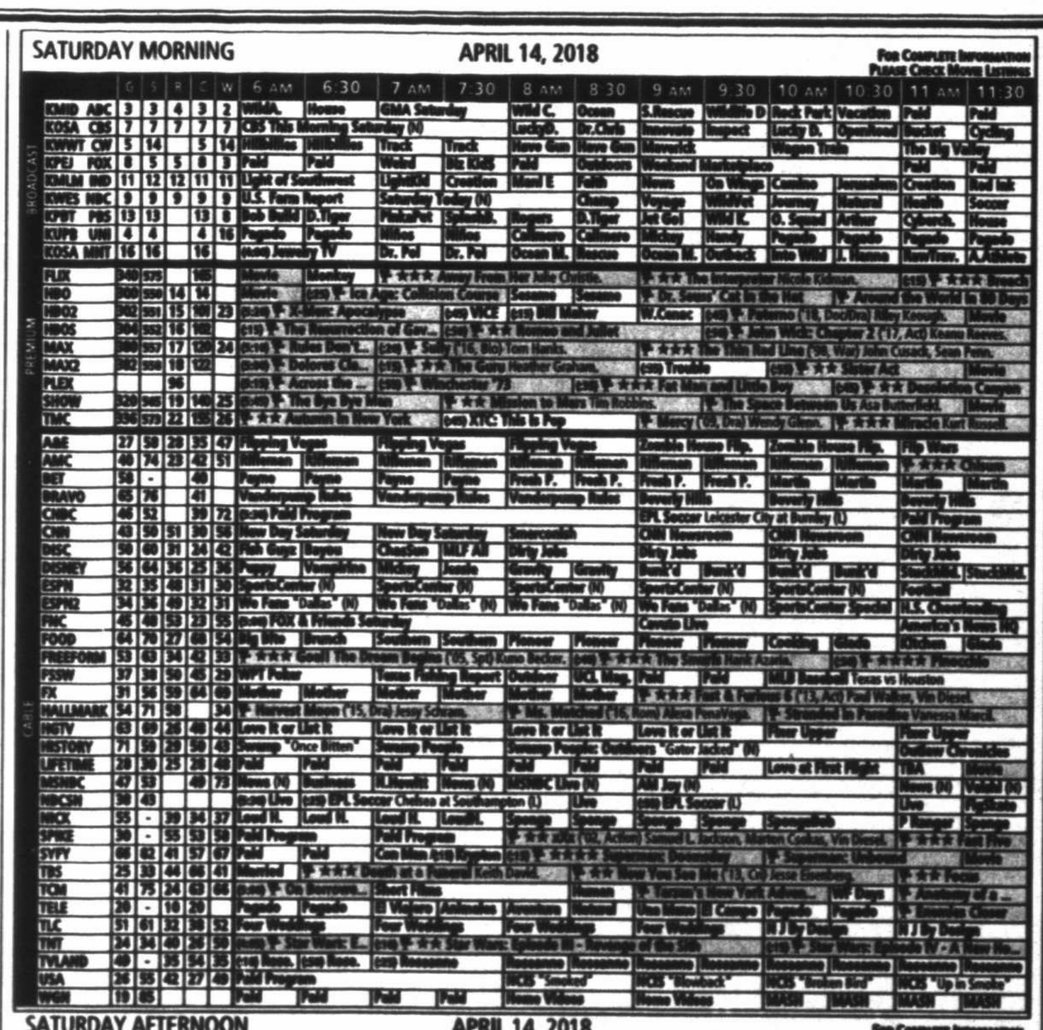

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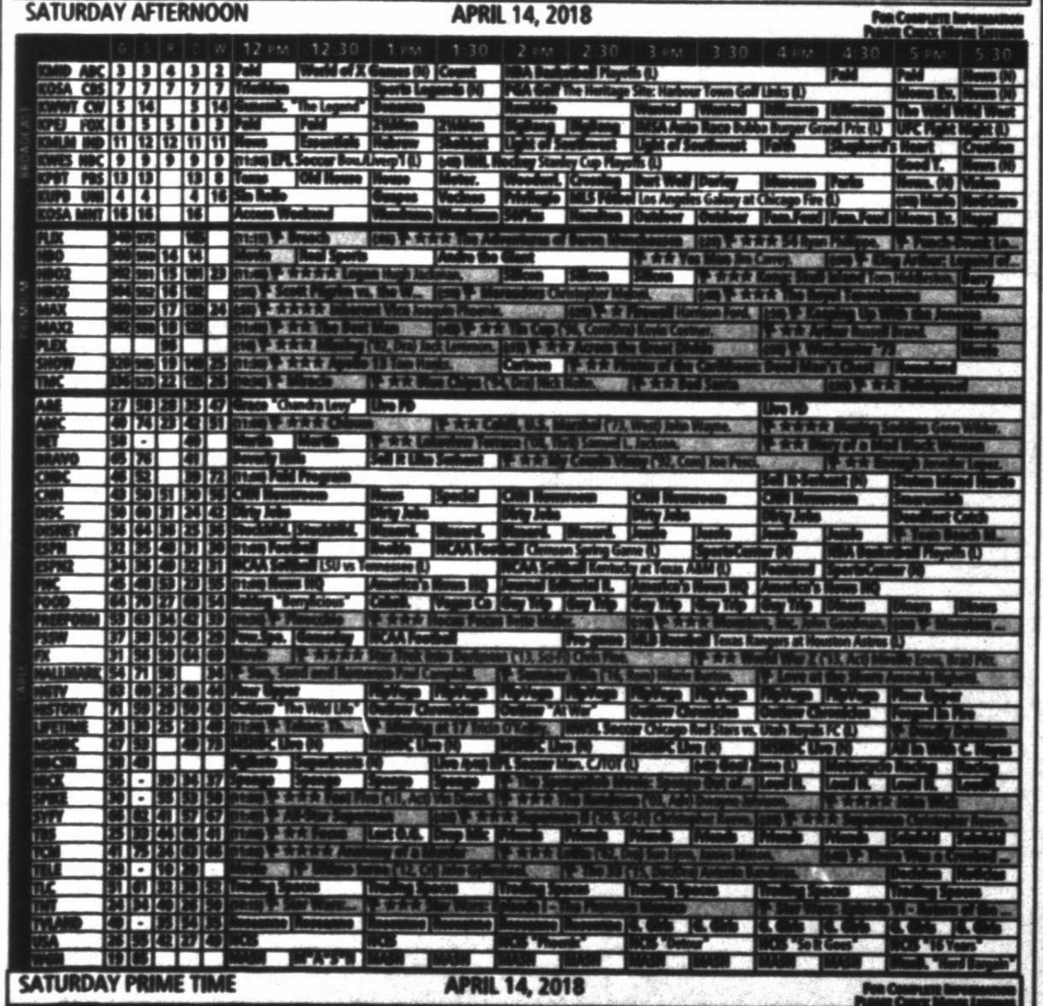

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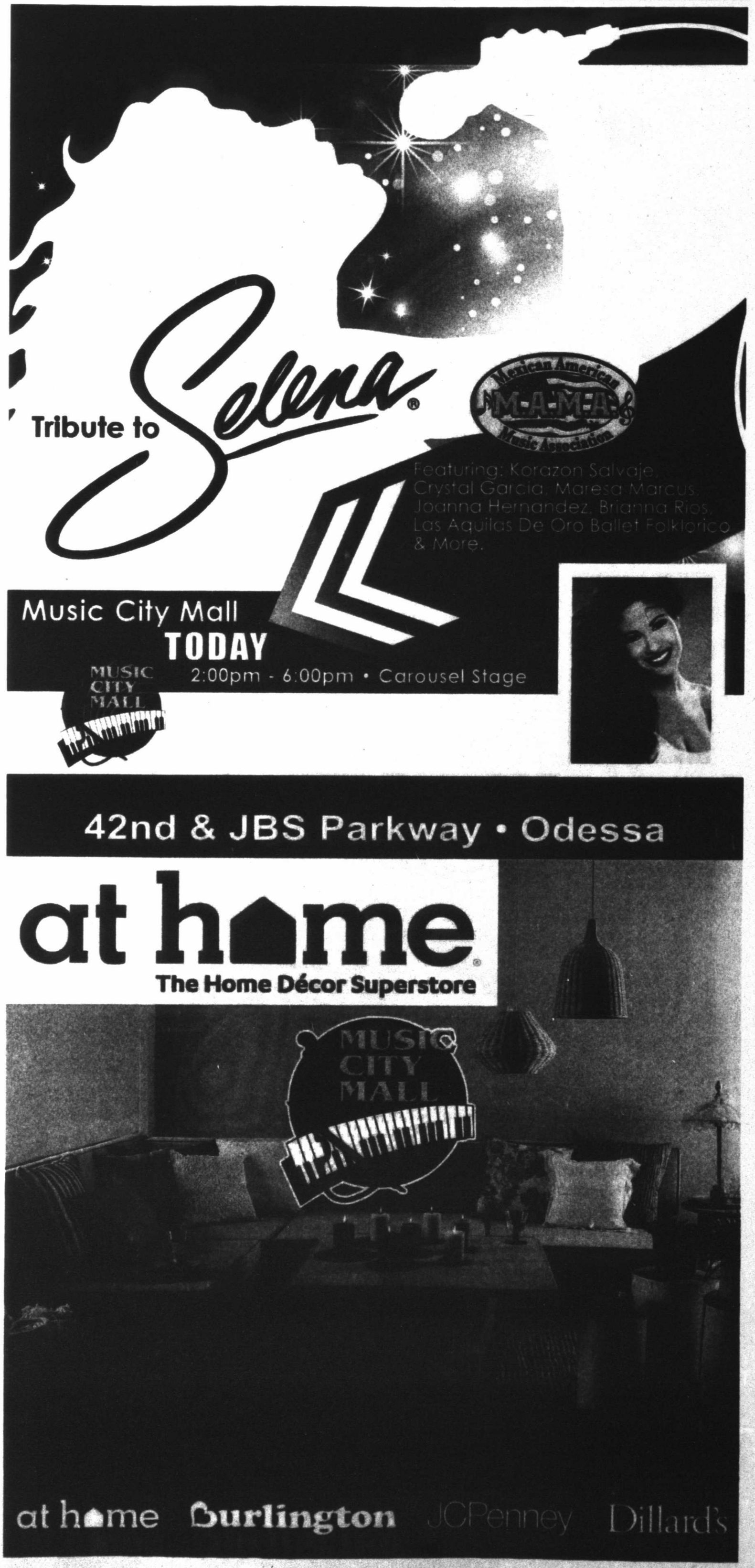
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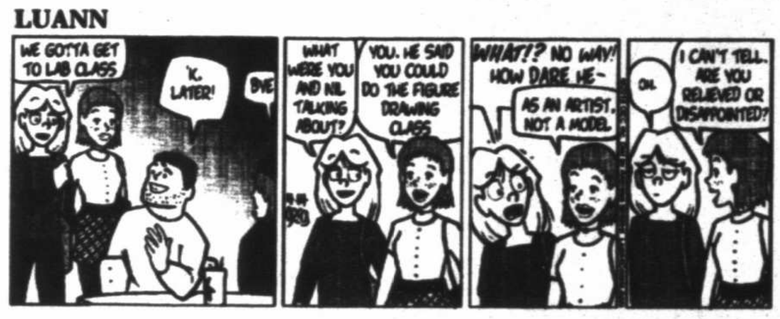

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MARY WORTH

BEETLE BAILEY

ZITS

CLASSIC PEANUTS

BABY BLUES

SHOE

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GARFIELD

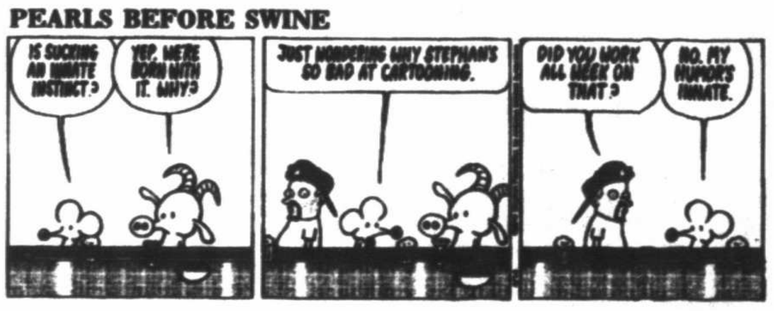
CLOSE TO HOME

"You like it? Brian wove it out of all the obsolete computer cords and cellphone chargers we had lying around."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"DON'T LET MR. WILSON'S YELLING SCARE YOU, JOEY...IT'S JUST HIS WAY OF SAYING GOOD NIGHT."

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE



FAMILY CIRCUS

"... Jesus said, 'White, whole wheat or rye?'"

WIZARD OF ID

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"YOU CAN'T LISTEN TO ONE THING I SAY, YET YOU CAN WATCH THREE GAMES AT ONCE ON THE WEEKEND."

DILBERT

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

		8	3			1	6	
3					5			4
					7			
2		6						9
	8		5		4		2	
7								8
				1				
6			8					7
	4	2				6		

Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

SOLUTION TO FRIDAY'S PUZZLE

2	6	3	7	5	9	1	8	4
8	7	9	4	2	1	6	3	5
4	1	5	6	8	3	9	7	2
3	2	6	9	4	7	5	1	8
7	9	8	5	1	6	4	2	3
1	5	4	2	3	8	7	9	6
6	8	7	3	9	5	2	4	1
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5	4	1	8	7	2	3	6	9

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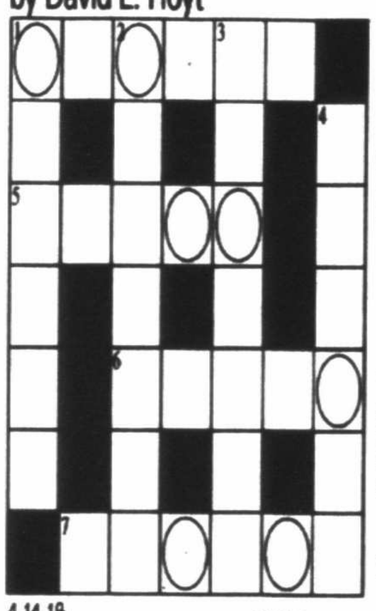

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Train ___	CRSKAT
5. Canadian ___	CNABO
6. Older person	LREED
7. ___ clock	OCAITM

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Pill	BTTELA
2. ___ history	CNIATEN
3. Regal realm	NMKOIGD
4. ___ acid	ICRCIT

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: Lake ___

DOUBLE BONUS

The circled letters can be unscrambled to form two different BONUS answers.

CLUE: Speech

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ANSWERS: 1A-Train 5A-Bacon 6A-Elder 7A-Atomic 1D-Tibet 2D-Nations 3D-Kingdom 4D-Civic 5D-Metric 6D-Otter

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

STEPW

SIPEO

UNERRN

GOUDTU

Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print your answer here: "___-____"

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: HOWDY RUMOR OBLONG ADRIFT
Answer: News traveled quickly from parrot to parrot as a result of — "BIRD" OF MOUTH

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DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Many a tax filer's need: Abbr.
4 It's a lock
8 Half-Blood Prince of fiction
13 Showed emotion
16 Fifth canonical hour
17 Try
18 Rarely a problem for happy-go-lucky types
19 Clematis supports
20 Roger who played the U.K. ambassador on "The West Wing"
21 Published in installments
22 Impressive dismount
25 Pacific resort, popularly
27 "Good heavens!"
28 Typographic measure
31 Had in view
33 Guard attachment?
34 Endangered chimpanzees
36 Potential
38 Rickman who played 8-Across
39 Letters at the top of a window
41 Grenoble green
42 Many an Egyptian pharaoh
44 Historic Italian family
46 Menu type
48 Spaced
53 Bad salt container?
54 Medium access?
56 Half a comedy duo
57 Waze forerunner
58 One might be picky
59 "Okay, back to work"
60 Reunion attendees
61 Offend, in a way
62 Terse street sign

DOWN

1 Certain NCOs
2 English subdivision
3 When some things will change?
4 How to get to Carnegie Hall, perhaps
5 Fifth-century Roman Empire enemy
6 Black and Red
7 Shoulder-length do
8 Like a comment that may elicit "Oh, snap!"
9 "I'm good, thanks"
10 Bow tie alternative
11 Eeyore, for one
12 Contractor's no.
14 Brat's place
15 Sub or Santa follower
23 Nav. rank
24 TV Marine
26 With 51-Down, tops
28 Focus of some climate change concerns
29 Female lover
30 Plotted together
32 "House" actor
34 Avon product?
35 Extremely
37 Viking accessory
40 "Got it" on the radio
43 Ellery Queen and Raven awards, e.g.
45 Camp craft
47 District
49 Resort near Snowbird
50 Gases (up)
51 See 26-Down
52 Canvas primer
55 Thames gallery
56 Eldest March sister

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

C	O	M	B		A	D	D		P	R	O	M	P	T
A	R	E	A		L	Y	E		Y	O	H	O	H	O
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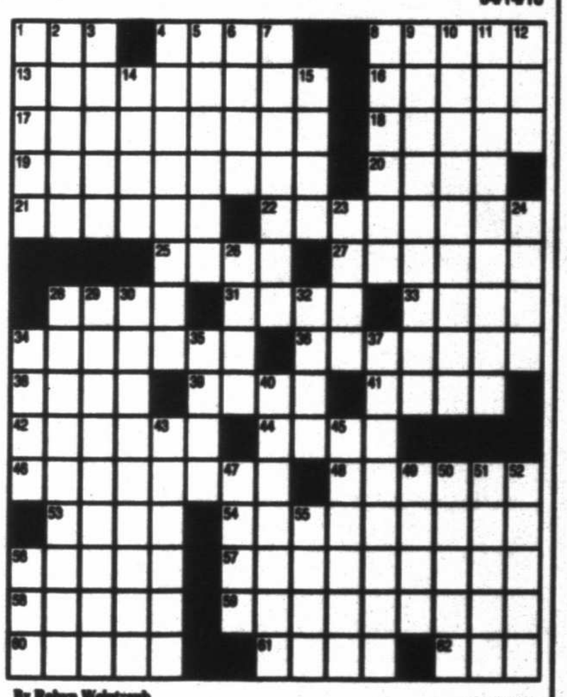

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MEAL MEAL

2.

Spot – Kitchen

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2. ___

Today's Answers:

1. Two square meals
2. Spotless kitchen

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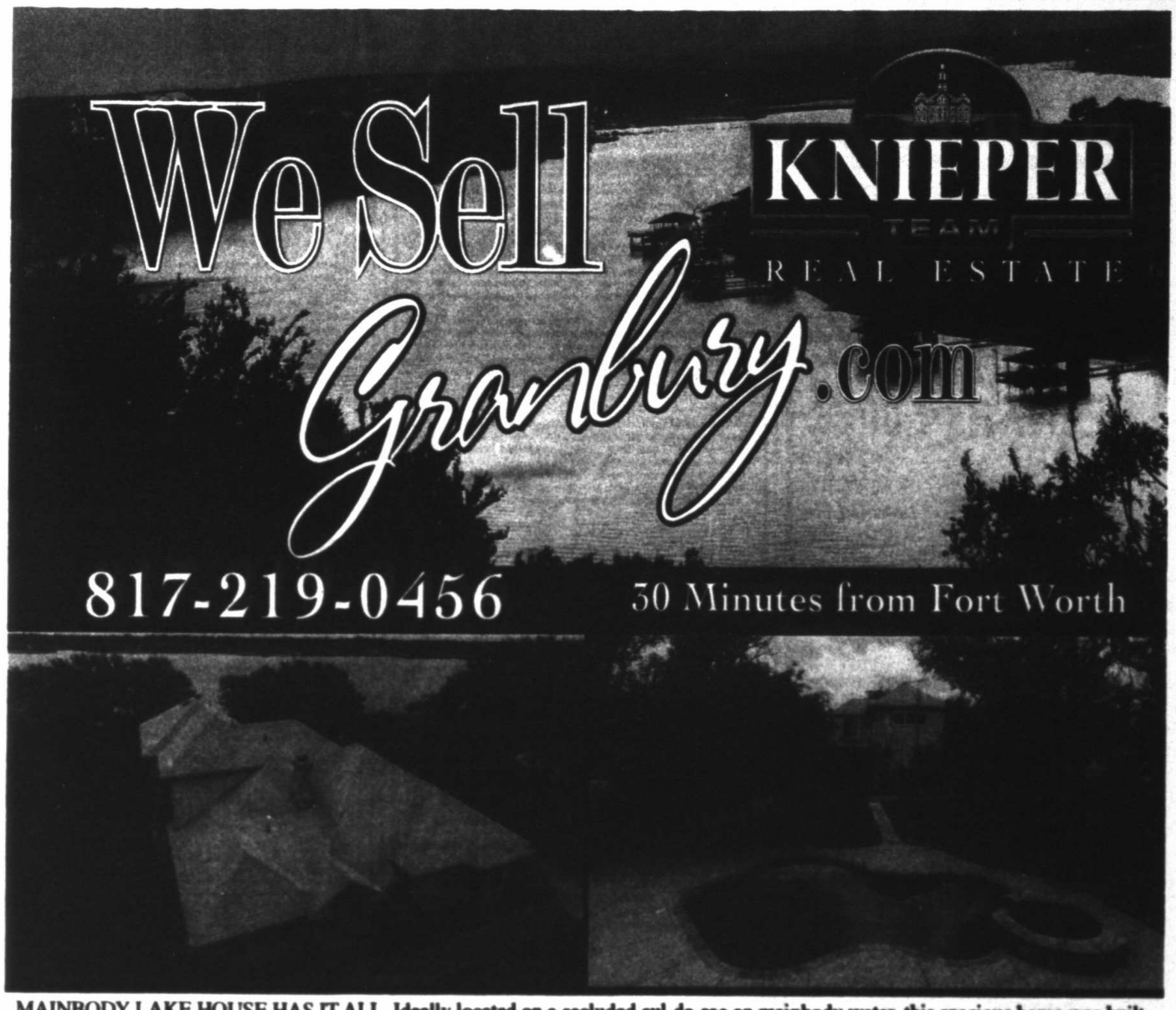
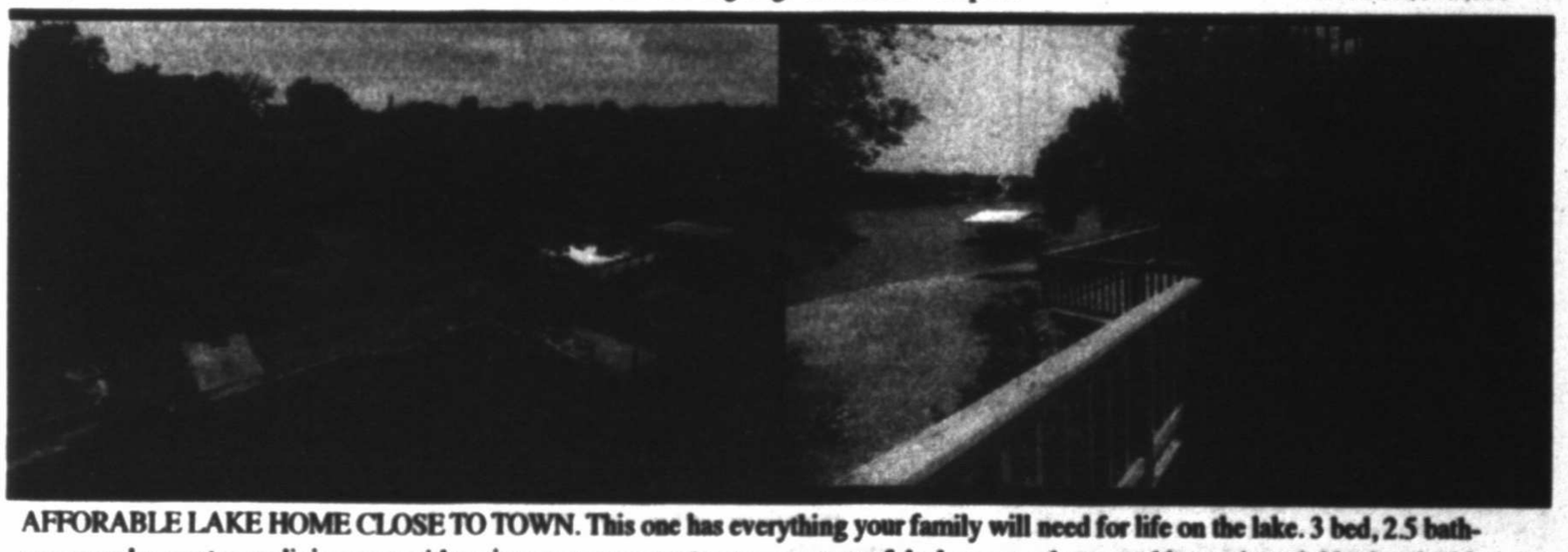
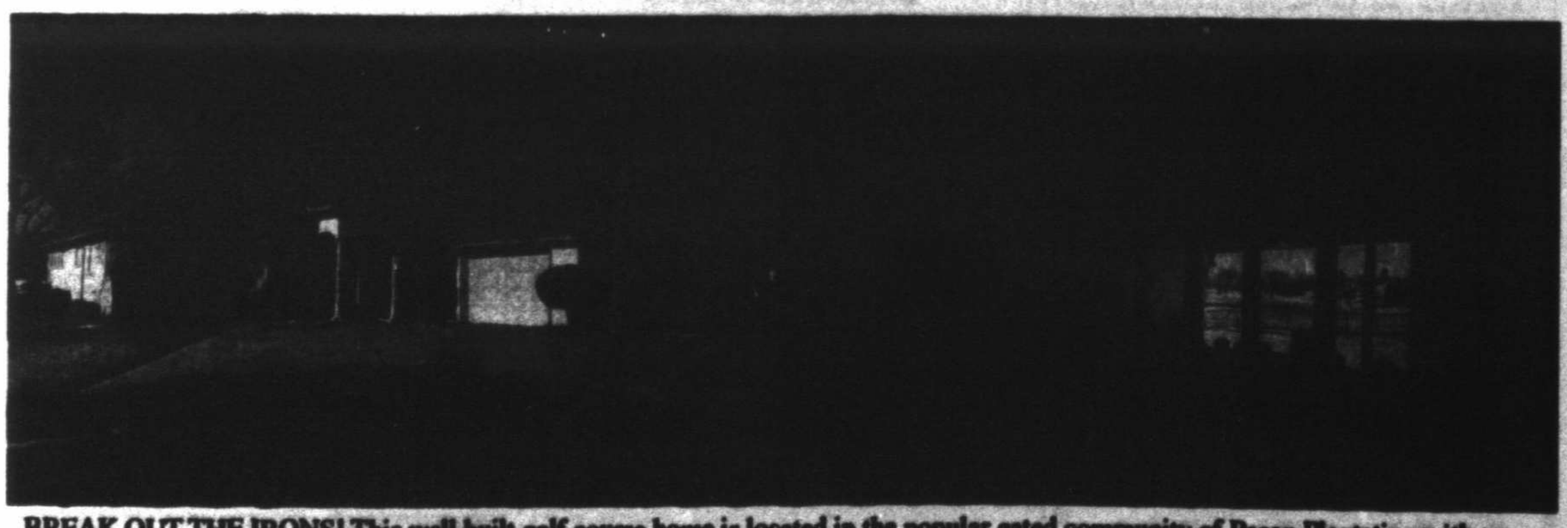


MAINBODY LAKE HOUSE HAS IT ALL. Ideally located on a secluded cul-de-sac on mainbody water, this spacious home was built for making memories. Beautifully landscaped with lots of trees & a huge backyard the fun will never stop. Terrific pool & Spa, two story boat dock. 3 bedrooms and 3 full bathrooms with a 2 car garage and a 2 car carport. Priced at $579,000



AFFORABLE LAKE HOME CLOSE TO TOWN. This one has everything your family will need for life on the lake. 3 bed, 2.5 bathrooms and a great open living area with a nice gameroom spot, a garage, tons of deck space, a huge yard in a quiet neighborhood with a private boat ramp and a private 2 story boat dock with plenty of room for entertaining on summer afternoons. Priced at $350,000

EXPERIENCE LUXURY LIVING AT ITS FINEST! This exceptional mainbody lakefront home enjoys breathtaking panoramic views. Features include: chefs kitchen open with oversized island, handscraped wood floors, double step crown,wine grotto, butler's pantry, granite counters, custom faux paint finishes, media room, pool, outdoor kitchen, boat dock, fire pit, spa and more. Priced at $1,200,000



BREAK OUT THE IRONS! This well built golf course home is located in the popular gated community of Pecan Plantation with an amazing view of Hole 14. The spacious kitchen features an island with built in Wine Rack and Cooler. Living Room is lined with windows to enjoy the views of the pond on the golf course with a fountain. Game room upstairs! Priced at $389,500

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Midland Reporter-Telegram

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About the job: This is an entry-level position that offers paid vacation, a 401(k) and other benefits. Experience in design is necessary, experience with sports is a plus. Recent college graduates are encouraged to apply. This would be a good job for someone looking to perfect their copy editing/design skills.

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CLERICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

MIDLAND County

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Administrative Assistant - SSB

Performs all routine and specialized secretarial work for the Midland Police Department.

Job Duties:
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•Maintain calendar for assigned personnel.
•Develops, types and files correspondence.
•Enters data into the computer regarding police actions or projects.
•Processes and routes mail as needed.
•Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
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Ability to read and understand manuals and reports in order to record work activities, keep records or work with computers. Skill in the operation and maintenance of a number of office machines and equipment such as computers, copiers and printers. Skill in typing and word processing. Skill and experience in the operation of computerized systems in order to design or complete spreadsheets, forms or word processing assignments, brochures, certificates and programs. Experience in software with personal computers related to spreadsheets, databases and word processing.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Must be able to pass typing test with minimum score of 45 wpm.

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EDUCATION/TRAINING

Instructor-Transportation Trainer

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Job Summary: The Transportation Trainer will provide instruction and train students in the classroom as well as in driving. The students will be provided with training and experience to obtain a Commercial Driver License.

Required Qualifications:
• High school diploma or equivalent
• Must possess a valid Texas Class "A" Commercial Driver License, good driving record, and be insurable on Midland College's insurance policy
• Three years' experience driving "over the road" (OTR) or local
• Experience in pre-trip/post trip inspections, coupling and uncoupling of equipment
• Computer literacy
• Knowledge of rules and regulations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
• Knowledge of Double Clutching techniques and how to teach it as required by TXDPS
• Knowledge of air brake testing procedures and be able to instruct and execute
• Knowledge of Hours of Service Regulations and be able to log and teach log book entries as well as log book recap
• Ability to manage multiple tasks while providing close attention to detail
• Ability to work in cooperation with others and work a flexible schedule based on training needs
• Maintain a high level of record keeping, utilize creativity, and meet frequent deadlines
• Establish goals and maintain a high level of decision making
• Adaptable to a constantly changing environment
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• Must successfully pass a DOT physical and DOT drug test

EOE

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• Review commercial and residential development requests
• Review all phases of the platting process for commercial and retail development
• Prepare analysis and recommendations in support of geometric, roadway, intersection, and other infrastructure improvements
• Prepare analysis and recommendations for the installation and maintenance of traffic control devices within the city

Qualifications:
• Bachelors degree in civil engineering or related field with a minimum of three years' experience in traffic engineering or related field.
• Master's degree in civil engineering or related field may be substituted for three years' experience.
• Valid Texas driver's license required.
• Certification as an Engineer in Training (EIT) preferred.

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The ideal candidate will have experience in the Human Resources area and will maximize advertising sales potential, through the development of quality business relationships with hiring managers. This position requires a heavy amount of prospecting and lead-development with local and regional businesses. We pride ourselves on simplifying the hiring process for our customers. You will be selling a digital hiring solution to your customers with a regional, statewide and national footprint.

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· Delivering customized sales presentations in person, or by phone/web-demos

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Qualifications:
• High school education or equivalent.
• Experience can range from commercial truck driving experience preferred to one year as a water truck driver required.
• Valid Class A CDL with Tanker endorsement.
• Clean driving record.
• Salary competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

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MIDLAND County

NOW HIRING

Equipment Operator - Water and Wastewater

Performs manual and unskilled labor of more than ordinary difficulty, which often involves the use of acquired skills and operates several types of light vehicles and equipment. Does related work and training as required.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees in order to receive work orders or instructions for any project.

Ability to read, interpret and understand local, state and federal regulations related to water and sewer system maintenance. Knowledge of the processes used in utility maintenance. Ability to follow instructions and manuals for equipment repair and maintenance. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools. Skill in the use of heavy equipment utilized in maintenance activities such as backhoes, ditch witch, and jet truck. Ability to read operator's manuals and work orders.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Valid Texas CDL Class A operator's license required or must be obtained within 6 months of employment. Must possess or be able to obtain Wastewater Certification Class I and Water Distribution D Certificate with in a reasonable length of time.

Benefits:
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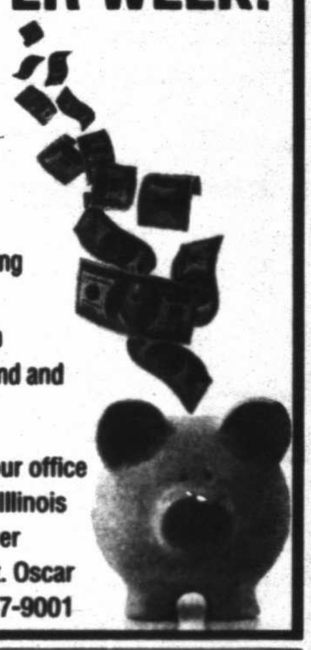

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Minimum Requirements:
- High school diploma or GED required, must be at least 18 years of age
- Ability to read, write and communicate effectively required
- Computer proficiency is required
- Valid Texas Driver's license is required
- Class A CDL and Haz Mat is preferred but not required
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Supervisory Responsibilities:
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Work Environment:
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Physical Demands:
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Position type and expected hours of work:
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- All other duties as assigned

Minimum Qualifications:
- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment
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- Demonstrated ability to manage work in stressful situations
- High school diploma or GED required, must be at least 18 years of age
- Ability to read, write and communicate effectively required
- Computer proficiency is required
- Valid Texas Driver's License is required
- Experience working on Frac site or similar responsibilities is preferred

Work Environment:
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Physical Demands:
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Position type and expected hours of work:
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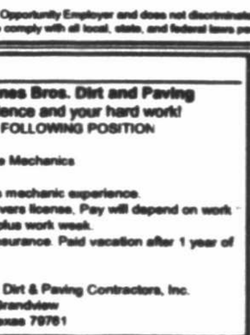

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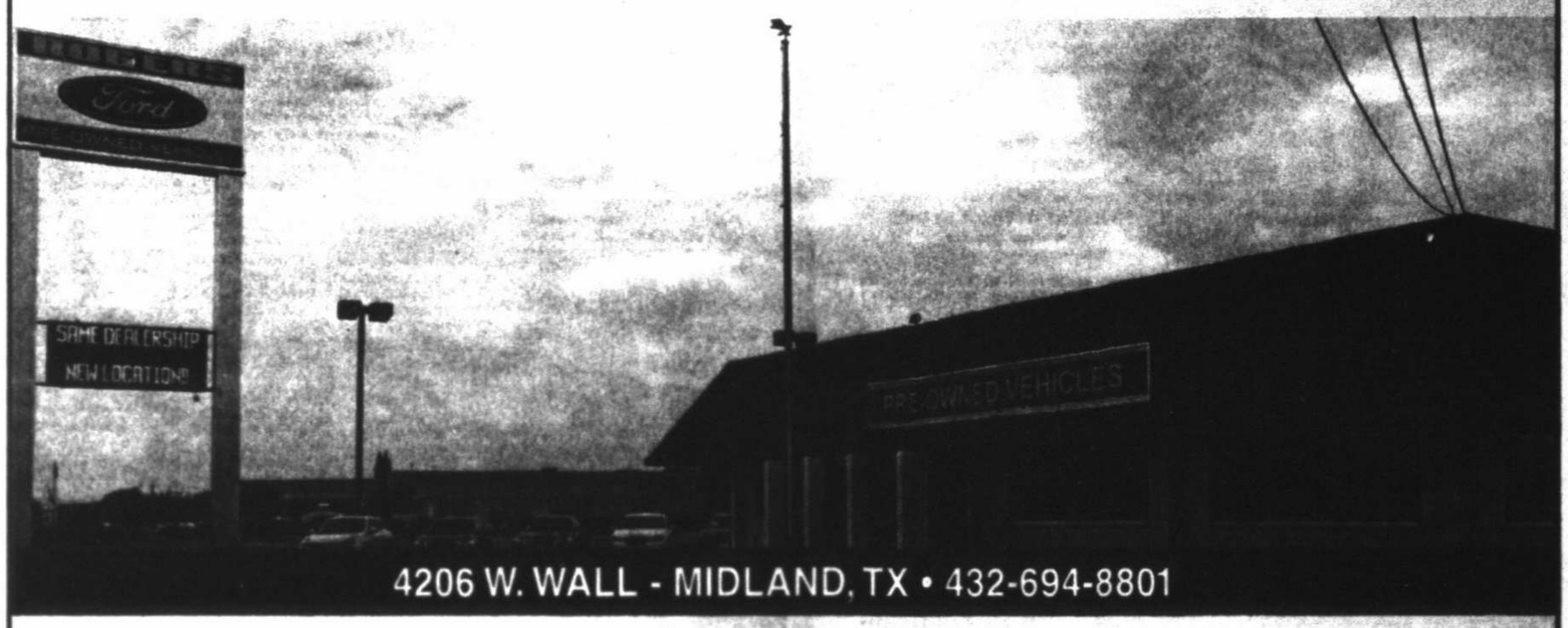

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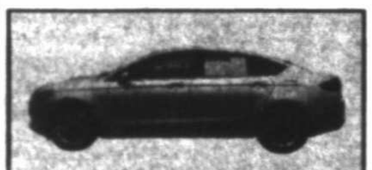

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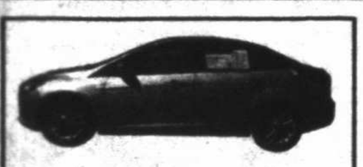

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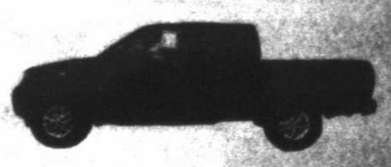

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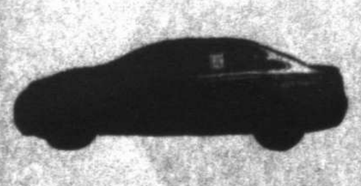

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1900 Painted dining room set, 1930's dresser, 4 antique trunks, Hunt cabinet, Oak vanity, Italian Garden piece, Strasbourgh & Rosepoint Sterling, Francis I bowl, 1860 Bible, Venetian glass, Dresden figurines, Victorian round mirror, Ruby cake stand, Blue Bonnet paintings, Chanel bracelet, collection of estate jewelry including Native American Indian and custom created semi precious jewelry.
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ESTATE SALES BY LAMAR COATS
107 Bayberry - (Midland)
Friday 9am-2pm Saturday 9am-1pm

This is second part of sale in workshop - tools, tools, tools, 2003 Prowler 5th wheel trailer approximately 27 ft.

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Sale by Linda L. Biden
3500 Dentcrest, Midland, Texas 79707
Fri, April 13 - 9am -3pm Sat, April 14 - 9am-3pm

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ESTATE SALE
BY JOSEPH AND TEAM
2502 DARTMOUTH - MIDLAND
Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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Garage Estate Yard Sale

1011 N. "J" Street Saturday only 8am-2pm. Recliner, loveseat, men's clothing, 2XL-3XL, women's clothing, microwave & lots of miscellaneous. Priced to sell.

2004 COMMUNITY Lane Friday & Saturday 8am-2pm. Tory Burch purses, shoes, 0-24 baby girl & 0-5T boy clothes and lots of other baby items, womens J. Crew clothing & much more

511 S. Main Street, Friday 8:30am- 1;30pm & Saturday 8am-1pm. Iglesia Jesucristo Fuente De Vida. Clothes, toys, cleaning supplies, shoes & much more.

2412 Storey Ave
Fri & Sat ONLY 8-3
To many items to list!!

ESTATE SALES 1208 Harvard Ave. Saturday 9am-? & Sunday 10am-? Moving/downsizing. Antiques, furniture, refrigerator, household items. Too much to list!!

603 W Golf Course Rd Fri-Sat. 8-2 in the alley Harley Davidson parts, water well pump parts, lawn equip., furniture, trendy home decor, purses, jewelry, baby specialty equip., tv's, dvd, and much more!!!.

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1009 TARLETON St. Saturday 9am-3pm. Filing cabinets, bed frame, tables, & lots of miscellaneous.

311 UPLAND (corner of Upland & Ohio) Saturday 9am-? Moving sale, Furniture, antiques, dishes, elliptical, lawn mower, yard tools & lots of miscellaneous.

Yard - Garage Sales

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$5 Sofas. Ceiling Fans & Lamps. When they're gone, they're gone. 8:30 - 4:30

79706

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE
Legends Park
Tradewinds Blvd
Saturday, April 21
7:30am-3pm
Multi households, various items.
Too much to list. Don't miss this one!!!

79707

47 LAFFETTET Place sat only 9-? small furniture pieces, home decor, rugs, lady clothing, yard tools, rechargable lawn mower, lots misc. (like new), please park on side street (west dineger)

MOVING/GARAGE SALE SATURDAY 3204 BAYBRIDGE Ct. April 14th at 8am - 1pm Everything needs to go! Lots of household, clothes, garden tools, grill, stroller, toys and more. Hours start at 8A.M., nothing sooner.

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• • • HUGE GARAGE/MOVING SALE••• 4500 Falcon Place SATURDAY ONLY! 8 a.m.-noon. Nursery furniture, baby items, toys, kitchenware, furniture. Everything must go!!!

2000 GERALDINE Saturday 8:30am-12;30pm. Moving sale. Miscellaneous furniture, home decor, clothing & lots of miscellaneous.

3107 WHITTLE Way, Saturday 7:30am-? Multi family sale/ Moving Sale. Furniture, small kitchen appliances, pots & pans, home decor, Coke coolers, PS 3, video games for varios consoles, anime items, clothes & shoes for everyone, Everything priced to sell.

3603 STANOLIND Saturday 8am-2pm. Under the carport. Come see for yourself, Too much to list.

3801 FANNIN Ave. Saturday April 14th. Begins first thing in the am to 2pm. Yard sale everything from bed set to clothes, baby to adult, and all kinds of knick knacks, furniture, rugs, percussion instruments, and more!

4701 Teakwood Trace Sat ONLY 9-1
Garage Sale - Redecorating, rugs, picture frames, decorations, wall art, jewelry, clothes, dishes, misc, and much more!!

79703

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6204 HAYWOOD DR. Grassland West. Saturday only. Lots of ladies clothes lots of Christmas odds and ends. Decor and kitchen items. Small appliances and front load dryer.

GARAGE SALE-6103 Frio Dr. Saturday 8-noon. 3t-4t boys clothes, 10-11 boys shoes, toys, women's MI. clothes, men's L/XL clothes, shoes, home goods/décor, over-door jewelry box, crib bedding, toddler bike, full-size box spring, miscellaneous Don't miss! No parking in alley.

Multi family garage sale: Sat 7:30 -1200 2608 & 2700 Whittle Way Men's, Women's, Children's clothes, shoes. Toys, pack-n-play, car seats, Shop items, yard. Clarke 1700 floor buffer with concrete grinder attachment and buffing pads. Collector Raggedy Ann & Andy in original box 90th Anniversary. Vitasse Genesis Men's bike.

TRINITY MEADOWS - 3801 Meadowridge Ln Saturday only-8-2. Annual treasure hunt! 4 Family garage sale, lots of home decor,inversion table,Christmas,Kng Sz Bed, Pool equipment, many designer clothes and shoes

MAKE THIS YOUR FIRST STOP!
Multi Family Sale
5000 Apple Creek Rd. Saturday ONLY from 8am to 3pm. Women's, men's and young boy's name brand clothing & shoes: Polo, Nike, Underarmor. Purses, jewelry, tons of toys, children's books, dishes, home & holiday decor,and bedding. Too much more to mention!!!

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2012 BMW 528i - white with tan leather interior. Purchased certified with regular maintenance at local BMW dealership. Heated front seats, sunroof, navigation system, premium sound...fully loaded. Beautiful and runs great. Asking $21,000.00. 432-425-2871.

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Bid No. 18001682

For: Annual Generator Maintenance Agreement

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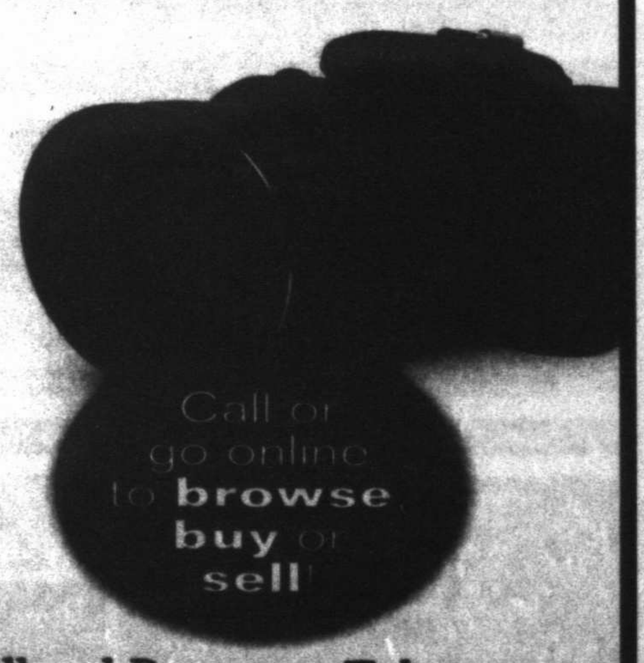

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Merchandise

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1-5/8 CARAT engagement ring. Certified yellow diamond (center stone), radiant cut pavé setting. Purchased from Zales. $8k firm. 432-425-3127

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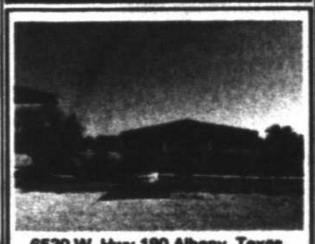

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- *640 ac. over 1 mile SOLD creek, blinds, feeders, elevation change, oak trees $3,200/ac
- *395 ac. Pease Creek, New Listing/Price $1,425/ac
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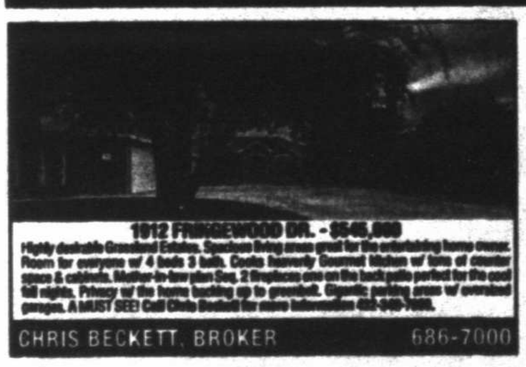

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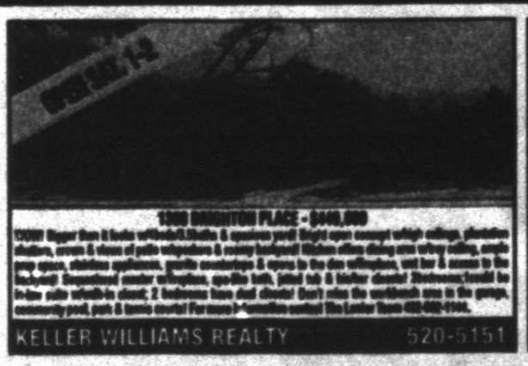

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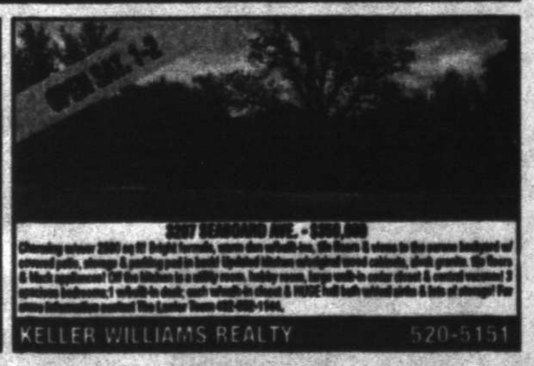

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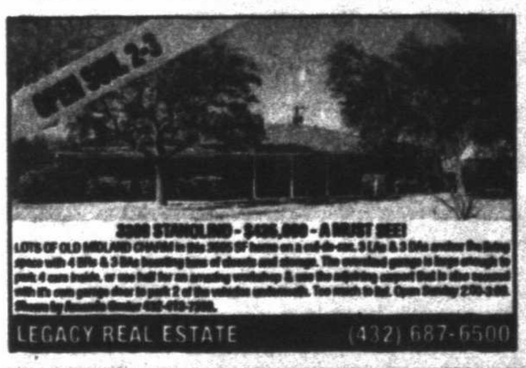

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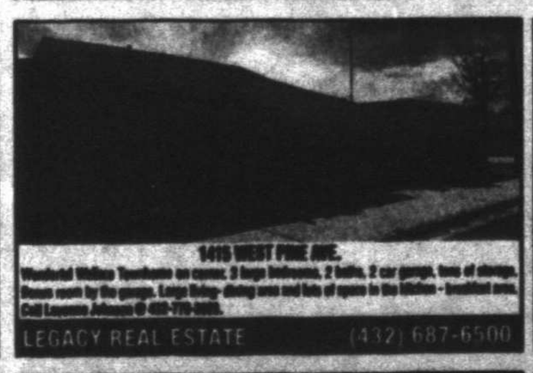

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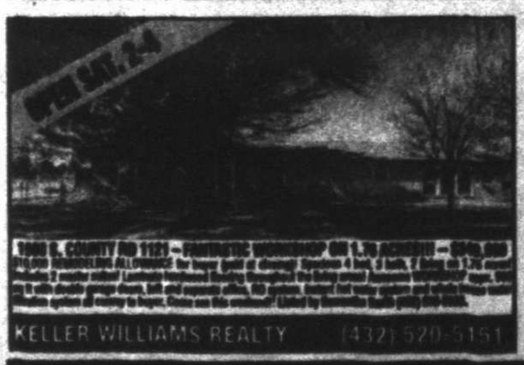

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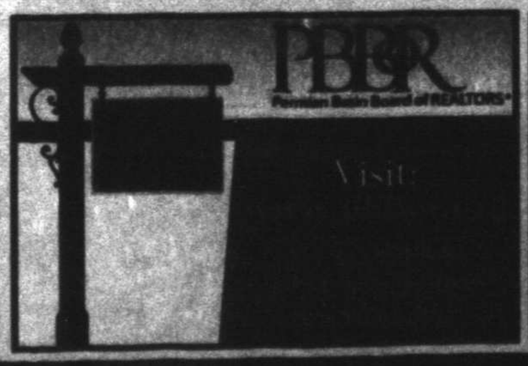

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