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- See a roundup of January's top crime.

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Midlander starts petition to bring back Uber

Petition gathers more than 500 electronic signatures as of Tuesday afternoon

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At about 10 a.m. Tuesday, a petition was started on Change.org to bring Uber back to Midland County. The goal was 500 signature; by 5:30 p.m., it had 527 supporters and counting.

Sequoyah Coats began the petition, which criticized Midland City Council's decision to pass regulations on Uber that forced the transportation-network company "to no longer conduct business in Midland County."

"There is no solid argument for Midland City Council not to allow Uber to operate here," Coats wrote in the petition's description.

Uber announced Monday via a press release to past users of its ride-sharing service that it would leave Midland as a result of a city ordinance passed in December that included some regulations of TNCs such as Uber. Residents could no longer use the service, which operates primarily by using an app on a cellular device, within Midland city limits or at Midland International Air & Space Port.

The release clarified that consumers could use the service to get a ride to Midland or the airport from Odessa, but Uber drivers would not pick up new passengers after completing the initial trip.

The city of Midland released a press release Tuesday afternoon that said Uber made the decision to leave "despite several attempts by the Midland City Council to create a business-friendly environment that would also ensure the safety of Midlanders using their services."

Uber officials said they could provide a list of vehicle and drivers' information electronically on a monthly basis to the

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More online

Read the city of Midland's response to Uber's decision.

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What's in the forecast?

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

A member of a black-tailed prairie dog community located near the intersection of West Louisiana Avenue and North Carrizo Street in downtown Midland peeks at its shadow Saturday.

Midland prairie dog predicts March spring

From staff reports

There are no celebrations with the groundhog here in Midland, but we do have prairie dogs. And as photographer James Durbin was able to capture recently the conditions outside show a prairie and a shadow, which leads the Reporter-Telegram to go out on a limb and predict another six weeks of winter.

In fact, we believe spring will start on March 20. If you don't believe us, check the almanac.

For coverage of the groundhog, please see Page 5A.

Other predictions

- The Climate Prediction Center predicts a 40 percent chance of below-average temperatures and a 50 percent chance of above-average rainfall through April.
- The Midland RockHounds predicts baseball Hall of Famer Gaylord Perry and former Dallas Cowboy Bill Bates will be on hand tonight at the 24th annual West Texas Sports Banquet and Memorabilia Auction

Rest of winter highlights

- Chocolate Decadence, Thursday
- Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10
- JBS Distinguished Lecture Series: Ben Vereen, Feb. 12
- President's Day, Feb. 15
- Shotguns and Stilletos: Buckshot Bash, Feb. 20
- Diana Ross, Feb. 25
- Primary elections, March 1
- Spring Break, March 7-11
- Midland Scottish-Irish Faire and Highland Games, March 12 and 13
- Daylight Saving Time begins, March 13
- Permian Basin Comic Con X 2016, March 18-20

Family of volunteer touched by Carson's response

By Brittney Martin
The Dallas Morning News

The family of a Midland student killed in a car accident last month while volunteering for Republican Ben Carson's presidential campaign said they are touched by the way the candidate has honored his memory.

Braden Joplin, 25, died last month after two weeks of campaigning for Carson in Iowa. Joplin's mother, Carolyn Joplin, said Carson and his wife, Candy, were the "most caring, compassionate people."

"I know why my son believed in him," Joplin said. "I don't think he's used (Braden's death) for a personal agenda at all."

Following Joplin's death, the Carson campaign saw that the last thing Joplin posted on Facebook was an encouragement for his friends to "Trust in God." In response, Carson renamed his town hall meetings in Iowa and South Carolina "Trust in God" town halls.

"He kind of told us, more or less, at the hospital that night that he wasn't going to let Braden die in vain," said Joplin's brother, Bailey. "He was going to keep him alive in his campaign."

Carson said the campaign's "mission" following Braden's death would be to honor him.

"(Joplin) poured his heart into this campaign knowing this election is about something bigger than ourselves — it's about returning this country back into the hands of We the People and He who guides our path," Carson posted on his Facebook page the day after Joplin's death.

Carson coined a term for the way he hopes Joplin's memory inspires others: the "Braden Effect."

"His example has already inspired other young people to step up and take his place to carry on the work he was not able to finish," said campaign spokesman Larry Ross.

LEAP OF FAITH

Joplin took a leap of faith in 2016.

The Texas Tech University student decided to take the spring semester off, and, just three days into the new year, he was on his way to Iowa to campaign for a presidential candidate he believed in.

His parents booked him a flight home at the end of January, but within two weeks, he was looking for ways to extend

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Cruz, turnout highlight Iowa political show

By Stewart Doreen
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For local Republicans, the Iowa caucus was impactful on two fronts. Sen. Ted Cruz delivered a performance they expected, and the enthusiasm for the Republican brand provided a reason to be excited.

Cruz showed off the ground game many expected from a candidate who spent so much of the last year to 18 months courting Iowa voters. Midlander Rhonda Lacy saw firsthand the ground game that resulted in Cruz smashing the record for number of votes in a Republican caucus for president. She was among the Republicans from Texas and across the nation who traveled to the Hawkeye state to campaign for Cruz.

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Cruz wins Iowa; campaigns turn to New Hampshire.

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Energy prices

WTI Futures	$29.89	▼ $1.74
WTI Posted	$28.30	▼ $1.80
WTI Posted	$32.30	▼ $1.80
Natural Gas	$2.025	▼ $0.127
Gasoline	$1.603	▼ $0.004

Did you know?
Alphabet is now the world's most valuable company, pulling ahead of Apple in early trading Tuesday. Page 4A

Today in Health + Wellness
Plant-based diet is preferable for optimal health. Page 1B

Coming Thursday
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People wait in line to buy groceries Jan. 27 at government-regulated prices in Caracas, Venezuela. Cheap oil prices are wreaking havoc and causing uncertainty for some governments and businesses, while creating financial windfalls for others. Venezuela's government earns 95 percent of its export income from oil, and its economy was already unraveling before the plunge in oil prices. Long lines for food and other scarce goods are commonplace.

Cheap oil buoys consumers, shakes up global governments

Associated Press

Cheap oil will be sticking around for a while.

That reality is wreaking havoc and causing uncertainty for some governments and businesses, while creating financial windfalls for others. Less expensive crude is delighting consumers in some regions, while leading to widespread job losses elsewhere.

Oil has fallen from $107 to about $30 in the past 19 months. Furious production by the U.S. and OPEC led to an oversupply. Recently, a sluggish global economy has spurred concerns about demand.

A recovery in oil prices depends on when supply and demand can get close to equilibrium. It could be a rocky ride. In a recent research note, Goldman Sachs predicted "the path to a rebalanced market will be protracted and arduous."

The U.S. government forecasts Brent crude, the international benchmark, will average $40 a barrel this year. Bank of America Merrill Lynch is a bit higher at $46.

Facts and figures show the impact of low oil prices

The impact of sharply lower oil prices is being felt around the globe. Oil-dependent countries are trying to mend busted budgets. Oil companies are cutting production and workers. While consumers in some countries enjoy lower gas prices, elsewhere consumers are paying higher food prices due to declines in the local currency.

Some facts and figures to explain the regional impact:

U.S.

■ The government estimates U.S. production will fall to an average 8.7 million barrels a day this year from 9.4 million in 2015.

■ Oil-dependent states are hit hard. North Dakota faces a $1 billion budget shortfall. Alaska's gap is an estimated $3.5 billion.

■ Gasoline is expected to average just $2.03 a gallon this year, down from $2.43, according to the Energy Department.

Canada

■ At least 40,000 direct and 100,000 indirect oil jobs have been lost, according to a conservative estimate by the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers.

■ Canada's new Liberal government has promised a stimulus package and is likely to run a larger deficit than the $10 billion previously announced.

Latin America

■ In Brazil, the state-owned oil company has trimmed its spending forecast by 25 percent for the 2015-2019 period.

■ The International Monetary Fund predicts that inflation in Venezuela will surpass 700 percent in 2016

Saudi Arabia

■ Saudi Arabia hiked the price of higher-octane gasoline to 0.9 riyals (24 cents) from 0.6 riyals (16 cents). According to IEA, the new price is still one-sixth of the comparable price for the UK, one-quarter that of China or one-half of Iran.

■ One oil analyst estimated that an initial public offering of 20 percent of Saudi Aramco would fetch $200 billion. Exxon's total market cap is $309 billion.

Iraq

■ Production grew by 650,000 barrels a day in 2015, second largest growth behind the U.S., according to the International Energy Agency.

■ Oil revenues make up nearly 95 percent of Iraq's budget. It's looking at a deficit of over 24 trillion dinars (about $20.5 billion) for 2016.

Iran

■ In 2011, prior to U.S. sanctions, Iran's crude oil exports were 2.6 million barrels a day. Exports dropped to 1.4 million barrels a day in 2014.

■ The volume of daily trading on the Tehran Stock Exchange has increased from $40 million to $133 million since the lifting of most Western sanctions.

Europe/Russia

■ European oil demand rose to an average 14.4 million barrels a day in 2015, up from 14.1 million barrels a day in 2014, according to the IEA. Demand is forecast to be flat this year.

■ The International Monetary Fund forecast in November that the Russian economy would shrink by 0.6 percent in 2016. Since then, oil has dropped almost another 40 percent.

Asia

■ Oil production in China was forecast to fall 0.7 percent this year, even before the latest price declines. Older Chinese wells require up to $40 to produce one barrel. The lower the prices, the faster producers will close them down.

■ India's costs for imported crude have dropped by more than two-thirds since early 2014. The IEA expects demand in India to rise 5.7 percent this year to 4.2 million barrels a day.

Africa

■ In Nigeria, the naira currency has crashed from around 160 to the dollar a year ago to 300 to the dollar.

■ In Angola, the staple crop, millet, cost more than 250 kwanzas ($1.60) per kilogram (2.2 pounds) in late January, compared to a price of 100 kwanzas (65c) a month earlier, reported Jornal de Angola.

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North America

U.S. households have saved hundreds of dollars on gasoline and heating oil. That's money they can spend in other areas of the economy. Businesses such as airlines that burn large amounts of fuel have reaped savings in the billions. But energy company profits have plunged, as have their stocks. Layoffs and spending cuts by oil drillers have offset some of the boost from steady consumer spending. Meanwhile, states like Alaska and North Dakota need to plug big budget gaps. The Energy Department expects a decline in U.S. oil production but says oil will only average $38 this year.

For new mines in Alberta's oil sands to cover costs, oil needs to be $85 to $95 a barrel, according to IHS Global Insight. Western Canadian Select oil sands crude recently traded around $15. Canadian oil companies have slashed budgets, laid off tens of thousands of workers and cut dividends. A Bank of Canada report says companies see dramatic change for the global industry, with weaker companies restructuring or exiting the oil business, while healthier companies buy distressed assets. Canada's dollar is down 20 percent versus its U.S. counterpart. Prices for imported groceries have risen, and Canadians are reconsidering a U.S. vacation.

Mexico is better insulated nowadays from an oil collapse. Oil accounts for 20 percent on national revenue, compared with 40 percent up until 2012. However, the country has postponed or canceled some oil projects, and delayed auctions for deep water exploration and production oil contracts, as part of its historic energy reform.

Mideast

Saudi Arabia and Iraq have been furiously pumping oil, per OPEC's decision to maintain robust production. Their hope is that the 12-year lows in crude prices will push more expensive producers, such as U.S. shale drillers, out of the market. OPEC's production rose by an average 1 million barrels a day in 2015. Now Iran, free of Western sanctions, plans to boost production by 500,000 barrels a day. Saudi Arabia cut back on some fuel subsidies and anticipates an $87 billion budget shortfall this year. It's dipping into reserves to finance a war in Yemen. An initial public offering of at least a part of the giant state-run Saudi Arabian Oil Co. is under consideration. Iraq diverted money from construction projects to fund a costly war against the Islamic State. Baghdad also started discussions with international oil companies operating in the oil-rich south to revisit the terms of their service contracts. Iran's economy was slowed by the sanctions over its contested nuclear program. While sanctions relief has been slow to reach the average Iranian, the country is aggressively moving forward with business deals.

Asia

China's economy grew by 6.9 percent in 2015, the country's slowest rate in 25 years, raising concerns about global economic strength and contributing to the oil price decline. Still, China's economy is hardly collapsing. The International Energy Agency predicts oil consumption in China will grow 3.4 percent this year, down from 6 percent in 2015. With a growing emphasis on the services sector, China should see less oil demand from heavy industry and construction. That will likely be offset by growing car ownership and more demand for petrochemicals. China is the world's fifth-biggest oil producer, but financially strapped state-owned oil companies are likely to cut production. For most of Asia, plunging oil prices have alleviated heavy costs for imported oil and gas. For exporting nations, low oil helps and hurts. Auto exports to countries like the U.S. are profitable. But countries such as Brazil and Russia are tightening their belts after splurging on consumer goods from Asia when commodity prices soared. In Japan, consumers are paying less for energy, but lower energy prices are hindering the government's battle against deflation.

Europe

Low oil prices are a boost to the European economy, which is a net importer of oil and gas. It helps consumers in two ways: by making fuel cheaper and lowering the cost of making goods. That lower cost feeds through to help bring down consumer prices in shops. Analysts at Capital Economics say lower oil prices boosted GDP in the 19-country union by about 1 percentage point last year. That's significant, considering the European Central Bank forecasts the eurozone economy grew 1.5 percent in 2015. However, the low prices hinder the European Central Bank's effort to get inflation back up toward to around 2 percent. Some fear that a prolonged period of low inflation can encourage consumers to put off spending in the knowledge that goods won't get more expensive.

Russia

Russia's economy shrank by 3.7 percent last year, its worst contraction since 2009. Oil and gas together contribute about half of state revenues. The government now anticipates cuts to the budget for fiscal 2016, which is based on an oil price of $50 per barrel. Poorer Russians are already feeling the squeeze from falling wages and last year's rapid rise in food prices, driven by Russia's "anti-sanctions" ban on Western food. There is government talk of partly privatizing state companies, but powerful state corporation bosses likely would object. Meanwhile, costly plans to drill in the Arctic, once a source of pride for the Russian government, are on ice. Even so, Russian oil production hit a post-Soviet high of 11.1 million barrels a day in 2015, according to the International Energy Agency, which expects production to tail off somewhat as 2016 proceeds.

Latin America

Across Latin America, drilling projects are being shelved and governments are slashing spending. The IMF is predicting a second straight annual contraction in the region's economies. The last time growth was negative for two straight years was in the debt crisis of the 1980s, which was partly fueled by an oil bust. Venezuela is the nation hardest hit. The government earns 95 percent of its export income from oil — and its economy was already unraveling before the plunge in oil prices. Long lines for food and other scarce goods are commonplace. In Colombia, oil income is expected to be practically nil in 2016. For smaller countries in Central America and the Caribbean that import oil, the lower prices are a relief.

Africa

These are sobering times for Africa's two biggest oil producers. Oil previously provided 80 percent of government revenue in Nigeria and 70 percent in Angola. Nigeria's 2016 budget is double that of 2015 and based on $38 oil, so the government plans to borrow heavily. Angola's budget is based on a price of $40, down from an earlier benchmark of $81. Both countries' currencies have plunged against the dollar. The depreciation has resulted in higher food prices. Now both countries are trying to diversify their economies. Nigeria's government has vowed to focus more on agriculture, mining and massive infrastructure developments to create jobs. The two countries will reap some savings by cutting fuel subsidies.

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Sexually transmitted Zika case confirmed in Texas

By Jamie Stengle
Associated Press

"That gives you the plausibility of spread, but the science is clear to date that Zika virus is primarily transmitted to people through the bite of an infected mosquito."

Dr. Anne Schuchat, Centers for Disease Control

DALLAS — A person in Texas has been infected with the Zika virus after having sex with an ill person who had returned from South America, Dallas County health officials said Tuesday.

It's the first case of the virus being transmitted in the U.S. during the current outbreak of Zika, which has been linked to birth defects in the Americas.

"It's very rare, but this is not new. We always looked at the point that this could be transmitted sexually," said Zachary Thompson, director of the Dallas County Health and Human Services, told WFAA-TV in Dallas.

Health officials did not release any details about the Texas patient, citing privacy issues. In a tweet, Dallas health officials said the first person infected had been to Venezuela but did not detail when and where that person or the second person was diagnosed. The second person did not travel.

The Zika virus is usually spread through mosquito bites, but investigators have been exploring the possibility the virus also can be spread through sex. There was report of a Colorado researcher who picked up the virus in Africa and apparently spread it to his wife back home in 2008, and it was found in one man's semen in Tahiti.

"That gives you the plausibility of spread, but the science is clear to date that Zika virus is primarily transmitted to people through the bite of an infected mosquito," Dr. Anne Schuchat of the Centers for Disease Control said during a recent news conference.

The CDC says it will issue guidance in the coming days on prevention of sexual transmission of Zika virus, focusing on the male sexual partners of women who are or may be pregnant. The CDC has already recommended that pregnant women postpone trips to more than two dozen countries with Zika outbreaks, mostly in Latin America and the Caribbean, including Venezuela. It also said other visitors should use insect repellent and take other precautions to prevent mosquito bites.

In the epidemic in Latin America and the Caribbean, the main villain identified so far is called Aedes aegypti — a species of mosquito that spreads other tropical diseases, including chikungunya and dengue fever. It is found in the southern United States, though no mosquito-borne transmission has been reported in the continental United States to date.

The World Health Organization on Monday declared a global emergency over the rapidly spreading Zika virus, saying it is an "extraordinary event" that poses a threat to the rest of the world. The declaration was made after an emergency meeting of independent experts called in response to a spike in babies born with brain defects and abnormally small heads in Brazil since the virus was first found there last year.

WHO officials say it could be six to nine months before science proves or disproves any connection between the virus and babies born with abnormally small heads.

The CDC said that in the recent Texas case, there's no risk to a developing fetus.

Zika was first identified in 1947 in Uganda. It wasn't believed to cause any serious effects until last year; about 80 percent of infected people never experience symptoms.

The most common symptoms are fever, rash, joint pain and red eyes. The illness is usually mild with symptoms lasting several days to a week. Symptoms usually start two days to a week after being bitten by an infected mosquito.

While Thompson told the television station that the case of sexual transmission is "a game-changer," he added that he didn't want people in Dallas County to overreact. Health officials and Thompson noted that sexual partners can protect themselves by using condoms to prevent spreading sexually transmitted infections.

New Mexico Democrats face pressure over REAL ID fix

By Russell Contreras
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The fate of legislation aimed at bringing New Mexico into compliance with tougher federal identification requirements is now in the hands of the Democratic-led Senate.

A key Senate committee is scheduled Tuesday to hear competing proposals that differ on how the state deals with immigrants living in the country illegally who want to lawfully drive in New Mexico.

A version favored by Gov. Susana Martinez and passed by the GOP-controlled House would require legal residents to get a REAL ID compliant license and allow immigrants to obtain a driver's permit card.

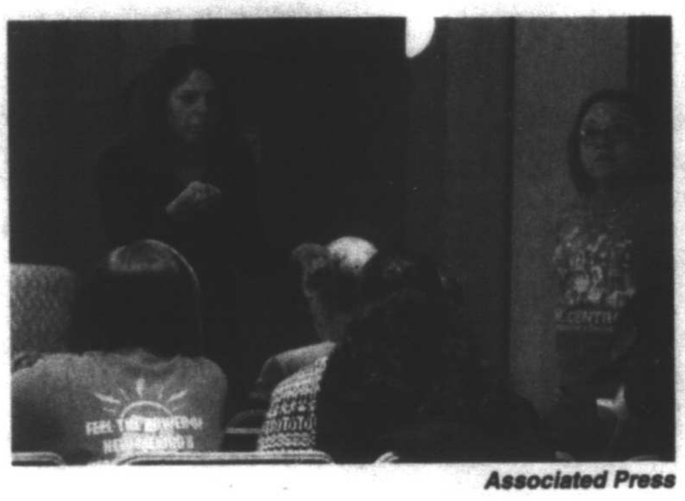
Some Senate Democrats, however, are pushing a proposal that would create a two-tier system, granting REAL ID compliant licenses to those who want them and non-compliant ones to others who don't want to go through the federal requirements. Immigrants in the country illegally would be able to obtain non-compliant licenses.

Democratic Senate Majority Leader Michael Sanchez has said he was open to blending the two competing proposals.

The REAL ID Act requires proof of legal U.S. residency for those who want to use state identification to access certain areas of federal facilities. New Mexico has no such requirement and allows immigrants to get state driver's licenses regardless of legal status.

Another measure introduced Monday by two key senators — a Democrat and a Republican — would essential combine elements of the two bills for a compromise.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. John Arthur Smith, D-Deming, and Sen. Stuart Ingle, R-Portales, would allow all New Mexico residents to apply for REAL ID compliant licenses or obtain a "driver's permit card."



Associated Press

Rachel LaZar, executive director of the Albuquerque-based immigrant advocacy group El Centro de Igualdad y Derechos, speaks to immigrant advocates Tuesday in Santa Fe, N.M. The fate of legislation aimed at bringing New Mexico into compliance with tougher federal identification requirements is now in the hands of the Democratic-led Senate. A version passed by the GOP-controlled House would require residents to get a REAL ID compliant license and allow immigrants to obtain a driver's permit card. Gov. Susana Martinez favors that measure.

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Jeronimo Cortina, University of Houston political science professor

Under the proposal, immigrants in the country illegally would be allowed to apply for the permit card but could no longer get a driver's license in the state.

Martinez spokesman Chris Sanchez said the governor still sees problems with the bill since it doesn't require immigrants to submit fingerprints for background checks.

Last year, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security said New Mexico wouldn't get an extension on REAL ID mandates. Already military installations have stopped accepting New Mexico driver's licenses for entry.

Commercial airplane flights will stop accepting current New Mexico driver's licenses by 2018, federal officials said.

Brian Sanderoff, president of Albuquerque-based Research & Polling Inc., said the response of Senate Democrats to the bills will determine how they are perceived if the session ends without a driver's license fix. If the Senate gives the bills fair and speedy hearings, the public may be forgiving, he said.

"It's important for the Senate to address this one way or another," Sanderoff said.

Jeronimo Cortina, a University of Houston political science professor, said there could be backlash at the polls in November if Senate Democrats simply ignore the GOP proposal and pass their version that Martinez won't support.

"A New Mexico driver's license would be nothing more than a Mickey Mouse card," he said.

The control of the New Mexico Senate then would be up for grabs, he added.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ODESSA

Woman sentenced to 50 years for abuse of stepson

A West Texas woman has been sentenced to 50 years in prison after pleading guilty to abusing her 10-year-old stepson, who was found to be emaciated, malnourished and bruised after a concerned store clerk called authorities.

The Ector County District Attorney's Office said 37-year-old Tonya Carroll of Odessa was sentenced Monday. She pleaded guilty to first-degree injury to a child, third-degree injury to a child and a first-degree felony count of injury to a child by omission.

In December 2013, a store clerk noticed the boy's injuries and called 911. The child was taken to a hospital. Court documents show he was found to be extremely emaciated and malnourished, with bruises and scrapes on his body.

Carroll's husband, James Carroll, is also charged in the case and is awaiting trial.

DENTON

City to address 'whites only' cemetery language

A North Texas City Council will consider an ordinance renouncing language in a cemetery's deed saying burial plots are only for whites.

The Denton City Council will consider the ordinance Tuesday addressing the restriction in the 1933 deed between the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Cemetery and the city. The ordinance calls the restriction "illegal, unenforceable, unconscionable, contrary and repugnant to the philosophy, principals and beliefs of the" city.

The ordinance says the restriction hasn't been enforced since at least 1948.

Councilman Dalton Gregory told WFAA-TV he was "stunned" to learn of the language and backs the ordinance.

Civil rights activist Willie Hudspeth, who brought the issue up, says he's appreciative of the city's speed in addressing it.

PALO DURO CANYON STATE PARK

OSHA cites 'Texas' producers over deadly fireworks blast

Federal officials have issued citations against a group that puts on the outdoor musical "Texas" after a stage manager was killed last summer when two containers of fireworks exploded at the production venue in Palo Duro Canyon.

The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration announced the citations Tuesday. OSHA says the Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation Inc. failed to train workers on the use of explosives, provide fire-retardant clothing, perform a hazard assessment and develop a written hazard communication program.

OSHA proposes $42,000 in penalties.

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Things to do

Today

■ Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 8 p.m., Torino's. challengeentertainment.com.

Thursday

■ Chocolate Decadence, 7 p.m., Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. aphasiawtx.org/chocolate-decadence.

Support groups, club meetings today

■ Coffee Break for Men, 9 a.m., HospiceMidland 911 W. Texas Ave., 682-2855.

■ Midland Downtown Lions Club, noon to 1 p.m., 200 Plaza St.

Midland College hosts Contra Tiempo

Midland College (MC) is partnering with the Midland African American Roots Historical/Cultural Arts Council Inc. to host a free workshop and interactive performance by the renowned urban dance troupe Contra Tiempo.

The workshop begins at noon Thursday in the Allison Fine Arts Building Wagner & Brown Auditorium on the main MC campus, 3600 N. Garfield St. Before the workshop at 11:30 a.m., a complimentary light lunch will be served in McCormick Gallery, also located in the Allison Fine Arts Building. The public is invited to attend.

Founded and directed by Ana Maria Alvarez in 2005, Contra Tiempo's performances are rooted in Salsa and Afro-Cuban heritage and draw from hip-hop, urban and contemporary dance-theater. The result is an invigorating blend of physically intense and socially astute dance numbers that push the boundaries of Latin dance as an expressive cultural and contemporary form.

Source: Midland College

Community calendar

■ Lee High School Choirs' 25th annual Renaissance Madrigal Dinner is Thursday through Sunday at Green Tree Country Club. Tickets are $37 and $47 and are available for the Thursday and Feb. 7 performances.

To make a reservation, call Julie Jollie at 352-0988.

■ The next in the lecture series, Relativity, is planned for 6 p.m. Saturday at the Blakemore Planetarium. The speaker is to be Rosaly M. C. Lopes, senior research scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Her talk is "Fire and Ice: Exploring Volcanoes on Earth and Beyond." Before the lecture, guests may preview the planetarium's new Digistar 5 projection system.

The Relativity lecture series is made possible by the FMH Foundation with support from the Carl B. & Florence E. King Foundation and The Beal Foundation. For more information, visit MuseumSW.org, call 683-2882 or email info@MuseumSW.org.

■ The 60th annual Pancake Jamboree is 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Midland Downtown Lions Club center at 200 Plaza.

Tickets for pancakes, sausage and drink are $7 each, or 11 tickets for $70.

This date in Texas

On Feb. 3, 1998, Texas executed Karla Faye Tucker, 38, for the pickax killings of two people in 1983; she was the first woman executed in the United States since 1984.

Source: Associated Press

Watering schedule

The current outdoor watering schedule allows residents and businesses in the city of Midland to water twice per week.

Even numbered addresses may water outdoors on Saturdays and Wednesdays.

Odd numbered addresses may water outdoors on Fridays and Tuesdays.

Any violation may result in a fine up to $500.

The washing outdoor surfaces ban is still in effect.

Source: City of Midland

When it's open

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

■ **Municipal Courthouse**
406 E. Illinois Ave.
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and Friday
8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday
A deposit box for payments is open 24 hours a day
685-7314

■ **Midland Central Appraisal District**
4631 Andrews Highway
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699-4991

■ **Department of Public Safety: Driver's License Office**
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All or Nothing day: 1-2-3-4-6-8-14-16-18-19-20-22
All or Nothing evening: 6-7-8-10-12-13-15-16-18-20-22-23
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Associated Press

Tents sit under an overpass in view of sports stadiums behind as a commuter train passes near where police arrested three teenage boys the day before in connection with a January shooting at a Seattle homeless encampment known as "The Jungle" that left two people dead and three others wounded Tuesday in Seattle.

3 teens arrested in deadly shooting at Seattle homeless camp

By Phuong Le and Lisa Baumann
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Three teen brothers are suspected in a drug-related shooting that left two people dead and three wounded at a well-known Seattle homeless camp, a crime that comes as the city struggles with a surge of people living on the streets.

The suspects — ages 13, 16 and 17 — were arrested Monday in what police have described as a targeted shooting at the longstanding encampment known as the Jungle, about a mile from downtown.

A judge on Tuesday found probable cause to hold the brothers on investigation of felony murder, assault and firearms violations. The teens are homeless and reportedly lived in tents with their mother near the camp where the slayings occurred, a Seattle police detective wrote in a probable cause statement. Only the oldest teen appeared in King County Juvenile Court. The others waived their court appearances through their attorneys.

The Associated Press typically does not name minors accused of crimes.

Police believe the Jan. 26 killings stemmed from a low-level drug deal and that the suspects and victims knew each other or knew of each other. According to the probable cause statement, the teens reportedly told an informant that one of the victims "owed their mother 500.00 dollars from a drug deal and they went to collect for her." One teen also reportedly told a witness that he took heroin and cash.

Katherine Hurley, a lawyer representing the 13-year-old boy, said after Tuesday's court hearing that there is limited information at this time, and "it's important that we don't jump to conclusions in this very tragic situation."

"This violent crime shocked Seattle," Mayor Ed Murray said in a statement Monday.

Murray and King County Executive Dow Constantine declared emergencies in the fall, calling the increase in the homeless population a crisis and investing new money.

The number of people living on the street or in their cars in Seattle and the county of nearly 2.1 million people jumped to more than 4,500, a 19 percent increase from last year, according to a one-night annual survey conducted Friday. In 2015, there were about 10,100 homeless people living in the Seattle and King County area, ranking it third among major cities, according to a report by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Murray had just finished delivering a live address on the city's homeless issue when he learned of the shooting Jan. 26. "We are involved in a homeless crisis, the like that we have not seen since the Great Depression," he said that night.

Last year, the City Council authorized three city-sanctioned homeless encampments, known as "tent cities," to provide a safer place for those without shelter.

This month, the council and mayor announced Seattle will open two parking lots in neighborhoods so those living in RVs and vehicles can safely park.

The "safe lots" will hold about 50 vehicles and have sanitation and garbage service, as well as social services. They are slated to open in the coming weeks.

Some residents have criticized the city actions, saying they provide no permanent solutions to the homeless problem. Others have complained of increased human waste, trash and criminal activity at the encampments and worry about crime and other problems at the lots.

The homeless camp known as the Jungle, underneath and along Interstate 5, has been "unmanageable and out of control for almost two decades," Murray said last week.

Tents pitched under the freeway overpass and along the greenbelt are visible from I-5, and have long been a presence there.

It's one of dozens of unauthorized homeless encampments that have popped up on vacant land, along freeways and in neighborhoods throughout Seattle. In the past three months, the city has identified about 134 such encampments, some with one or two tents and others with more.

The two people killed at the Jungle have been identified as Jeannine L. Zapata, 45, and James Q. Tran, 33. Both died of gunshot wounds.

Others shot include a 46-year-old man, his 47-year-old girlfriend and another 41-year-old woman, according to court documents. One of the women was released from the hospital Tuesday afternoon, according to Harborview Medical Center spokeswoman Susan Gregg. The man remains hospitalized in satisfactory condition. The other woman wanted to keep her condition private, Gregg said. It was listed as satisfactory last week.

Detectives worked around the clock to identify the suspects, searching a vehicle and numerous other scenes, Seattle Police Chief Kathleen O'Toole said Monday.

Investigators believe at least two of the suspects fired weapons that night. Police recovered one gun during the investigation. They do not believe there are other suspects.

City officials are continuing their assessment of the Jungle to determine what should be done there, O'Toole said.

Alphabet comes before Apple as world's most valuable company

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Alphabet now comes before Apple atop the list of the world's most valuable companies.

Shares of Google's parent company are pulling ahead of Apple in early trading Tuesday.

Alphabet Inc. first took the top spot during Monday's extended session following strong fourth-quarter earnings. Apple Inc.'s iPhone, meanwhile, is suffering its first downturn since it debuted eight years ago.

In the first regular hours of trading, Alphabet shares rose about 4 percent to push the company's market capitalization to about $539 billion. Apple, with investors uneasy about iPhone sales, lost about 1 percent, dropping its market capitalization to a mere $530 billion.

RESPONSE

From 1A

his trip.

The road conditions throughout Iowa were hazardous Jan. 19. A Carson campaign staffer was driving a van carrying three volunteers near Atlantic, Iowa, when he hit a patch of ice and lost control. The van rolled onto its side and was struck by a pickup.

The campaign staffer and two of the volunteers got out of the van and looked around for Joplin, who was asleep in the back when the wreck occurred, according to his mother.

Joplin was transported to a trauma center at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska. The other passengers in the van were taken to a local hospital and were released later that day.

The Carson campaign flew Joplin's family to the hospital, and the candidate immediately suspended his campaign to meet them in Omaha.

Joplin died 30 minutes before his family arrived.

"(Carson) stayed, and we prayed at the hospital over his dead body," Carolyn Joplin said.

That night, Carson issued a statement saying he was "filled with a deep and profound sadness."

"This tragedy has certainly unified and inspired staff and volunteers toward greater resolve to carry on in the cause to which Braden was so committed," Ross said. "But it had an additional impact on the entire primary process, as within a short time of the news, every campaign sent tweets and messages of prayers and concern ... demonstrating that life transcends politics."

LOVE OF PEOPLE, POLITICS

In the two weeks he was with the campaign in Iowa, Joplin stood out. At an event at a Cedar Rapids school, Carson asked fifth-grade students who was the "worst student" in their class, trying to make the point that he used to be in that position. The students singled out one boy, prompting national attention and criticism.

At the end of the event, Joplin found the boy and gave him his copy of Carson's book, "You Have a Brain: A Teen's Guide to Think Big." He jotted down his email address and a note saying the book changed his life.

Carolyn Joplin said Braden and his father, Kenny, often discussed politics. But Braden's interest was piqued by Carson.

"He spent his career healing children with the hope that they would go on to do great things," Braden wrote. "He's the only man that can revive this great nation from our morally bankrupt ways."

Those close to Braden Joplin describe a young man who was fiercely loyal and giving. Carolyn Joplin said her son called her every day, and his brother said he never hung up the phone without saying, "I love you."

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PETITION

From 1A

Midland Police Department to better enable police to cross-check in case of a wreck or crime involving an Uber driver. Uber "has since indicated to City officials that this provision, which Uber officials requested, is what is causing them to leave," the release said.

"This is absolutely ridiculous," wrote Cynthia Ford, whose location was listed as Midland, on the Change.org petition. "During a depressed oil economy it allows some individuals to supplement their loss of income ... Even my 88 year old mother in law (sic) has the uber (sic) app on her phone and it's a great access for transportation for senior citizens."

Hundreds of people, mainly Midlanders, joined Ford in expressing why they supported "bringing back" Uber. Besides allowing for supplemental income, common reasons were being a business-friendly city and that taxi cab companies were stretched too thin to fulfill public demand for alternative travel.

"Midland needs affordable transportation options," wrote Ryan Rich, whose location was listed as Midland. "Plus free enterprise is what the oil field is all about."

Others were more to-the-point, citing that Uber reduced drunken driving and made roads safer. The local Midland chapter of Stop DWI previously expressed support for Uber, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article.

"It saves people's lives," wrote Beau Theimer, listed as a Midlander.

Pieces of the city's ordinance were taken from Uber's current business practices and others from ordinances in cities where Uber currently operates, according to the city press release.

The initial ordinance proposed last fall would not allow Uber to pick up passengers from the airport and required drivers to obtain a secondary background check by the Midland Police Department. Councilman J.Ross Lacy led the initiative to work with Uber, and these two regulations were dropped from the final ordinance, according to previous Reporter-Telegram articles.

The city echoed the Change.org petition's comment section about safety, listing it as a reason why they wrote in the requirement of a monthly Uber report on vehicles and drivers' information.

"Having a database of drivers on file is a simple, basic way we can help prevent an oversight that could lead to a dangerous situation. We are not asking anything of Uber officials that another city where the company successfully operates does not already ask of them."

Uber currently operates in Dallas, Houston and Austin. News outlets reported contention between Uber and Austin over an optional thumbprint background check that allows participating drivers to pick up customers at areas otherwise off-limits.

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SHOW

From 1A

"The decision in Iowa told me that people want change in (Washington) D.C.," said Lacy, who is a co-chair of Mighty Texas Strike Force, a stand-alone organization that works in battleground states and Democratic Party-controlled areas in Texas, making calls and walking blocks in support of Republicans. "When he says he's going to do something, he does it. ... You need to do what the grassroots want, and Iowans really are attracted to that. He will take a stand. He is courageous."

Ernie Angelo, a former Republican national committee-man, said Cruz's victory showed off an organization and commitment that he believes will transfer into future primaries. Two previous winners of Iowa (Mike Huckabee in 2008 and Rick Santorum in 2012) couldn't turn a victory in that state into resources in later contests. Angelo said Cruz already has those resources in hand.

And while some exit polling showed Iowa's GOP turnout was 62 percent evangelical, Angelo said Cruz can add to the message as the primary schedule goes through New Hampshire, Nevada, South Carolina and eventually to Super Tuesday (March 1), which includes Texas.

"He will not change what he believes; he will just have to broaden the message," Angelo said.

Jason Moore, a former radio personality in Midland-Odessa and former member of the State Republican Executive Committee, called the caucus a "historic night" for the GOP and said it reaffirmed Cruz's status as a candidate to be reckoned with.

While Texas' junior senator earned a win in Iowa like George W. Bush in 2000 and George H.W. Bush in 1980, Iowa showed there is plenty of competition. Donald Trump and Sen. Marco Rubio also broke the previous record for votes for a Republican in a GOP caucus and might have started to set up the rest of the GOP nomination race as a three-person contest. Angelo called the Trump loss "a first crack in his veneer" and expects there is a good chance the establishment will "pour money into Rubio's campaign."

Lacy said a turnout of more than 182,000 Republicans in the caucus was good news for the party and sent elections officials "scrambling. They weren't ready for it in Iowa." The previous record in Iowa was 121,000, so officials such as Midland County Republican Chairman James Beauchamp said there is something the party can build on.

Beauchamp added that Iowa is a starting point in the nomination process but that the attention the Iowa caucus receives is probably overstated considering the delegate count. Cruz collected eight delegates with the win. Trump and Rubio received seven each. Beauchamp said "you need 1,237 to win" the nomination. He also said primaries leading into Super Tuesday will award 109 delegates. On Super Tuesday, there are 709 delegates up for grabs in 14 states. Texas will award 155, which is about 22 percent, he said.

"What I am excited about — even ecstatic about — is that for the first time in a long time Texas will have a real say and real impact in who the nominee is."

Pennsylvania's Punxsutawney Phil 'predicts' early spring

Associated Press

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa. — The handlers of Pennsylvania's most famous groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, said the furry rodent failed to see his shadow at dawn Tuesday, meaning he "predicted" an early spring.

"Is this current warm weather more than a trend? Perchance this winter has come to an end? There is no shadow to be cast, an early spring is my forecast!" read Jeff Lundy, vice president of the Inner Circle of The Punxsutawney Groundhog Club.

Lundy is a member of the group sporting top hats that announces the forecast every year.

A German legend has it that if a furry rodent sees his shadow on Feb. 2 winter will last another six weeks. If not, spring comes early.

The forecast was delivered with temperatures in the low 20s, on a clear day when the temperature was expected to reach the unseasonably mild mid-40s.

The Inner Circle congratulated the mid-week crowd of about 10,000 revelers, which the group said was one of the largest for a weekday celebration. Many of those in attendance had stayed overnight and partied into the wee hours waiting for the groundhog's forecast.

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Jeff Lundy, vice president of the Inner Circle of The Punxsutawney Groundhog Club

Truth be told, Phil's handlers don't wait to see if he sees his shadow — which he almost certainly would have Tuesday. Instead, the Inner Circle decide on the forecast ahead of time and announce it on Gobbler's Knob, a tiny hill near the town for which the groundhog is named, about 65 miles northeast of Pittsburgh.

Records dating to 1887 show Phil has predicted more winter 102 times, while forecasting an early spring just 18 times. There are no records for the remaining years.

Tuesday's celebration was billed as the 130th forecast by Phil.

A number of other prognosticating groundhogs sided with Phil on the extended forecast.

The handlers for Staten Island Chuck in New York, General Beauregard Lee in Georgia and Jimmy the Groundhog in Wisconsin said the rodents predicted an early spring.

But, others didn't agree. In Michigan, handlers of Woody the Woodchuck said she predicted six more weeks of winter. The same went for Ohio's Buckeye Chuck.

And in Canada, two four-legged forecasters split the decision. Nova Scotia's Shubenacadie Sam called for an early spring, while Ontario's Wiarton Willie expected six more weeks of winter.

PHOTO: Groundhog Club co-handler John Griffiths holds Punxsutawney Phil during the annual celebration of Groundhog Day on Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pa., on Tuesday. The handlers say the furry rodent has failed to see his shadow, meaning he's "predicted" an early spring. ***Associated Press***

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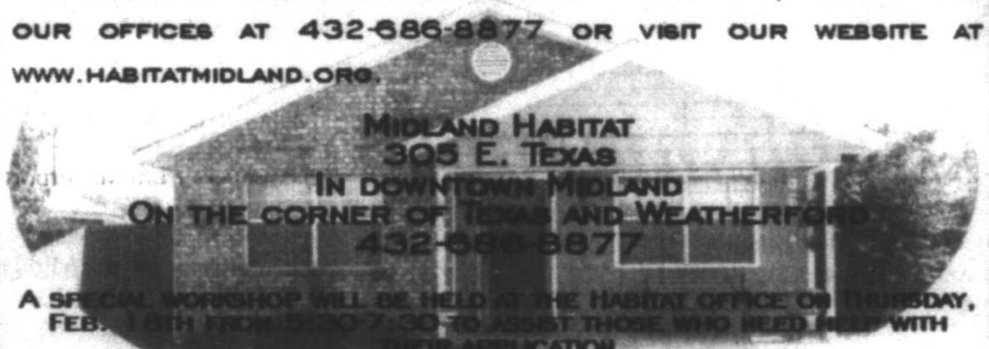

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Grilled Hearts of Romain
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Choice of Entree-

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OPINION

We live in age of working-class discontent

■ The white working class is as pessimistic as they come

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

We live in the age of working-class discontent, which, if it wasn't obvious before, has been made plain by the passions roiling 2016 presidential politics.

The media's preferred description of the average Republican voter has often been "the angry white male." This was crudely simplistic and meant to be pejorative. If the press wants to update the descriptor, it should refer to "the despairing white male." Or more accurately, the despairing white working class.

Two of the most illuminating and alarming books of the past few years — "Coming Apart" by Charles Murray and "Our Kids" by Robert Putnam — described the struggles of working-class America. This is the year that the facts and figures in the pages of those books have made themselves palpably felt in our politics, both left and right.

White working-class life in America has been in a slow-motion disintegration for decades, and it shows. The white working class is an archipelago of hopelessness. It is in a funk about the economy (almost 80 percent think we are still in a recession) and, more fundamentally, the American future.

According to the American Values Survey conducted by the Public Religion Research Institute, only about 40 percent of the white working class say the country's best days are ahead. This is not only lower than college-educated whites (53 percent), but much lower than blacks (60 percent) and Hispanics (56 percent). It is astonishing to think that the white working class has a dimmer view of the nation's future than blacks, who have been historically discriminated against and still lag badly on almost every socio-economic indicator.

As noted by the National Journal's acute analyst Ronald Brownstein, a survey for The Pew Charitable Trusts picked up the same finding a few years ago. It asked people whether they expected to be better off in 10 years. Whereas two-thirds of blacks and Hispanics said "yes," only 44 percent of whites without a college degree said the same.

We are conditioned by the media to be obsessed with race, when class is an increasingly important divider. (No one ever earnestly says on a cable-TV show that we need to have "a conversation about class in America.") The class divide among whites shows up again and again on questions about the fairness of the country.

The American Values Survey finds that white working-class Americans distrust institutions like the government and business more than college-educated whites do; they are more likely to think that their vote doesn't matter because of the influence of wealthy interests; they are more likely to think that hard work doesn't necessarily lead to success.

There is a sense among working-class whites that America has gone off the rails, and has been that way for a long time. Sixty-two percent of them say American culture has gotten worse since the 1950s, whereas only 49 percent of college-educated whites agree. (Similarly, the working class has a much more jaded view of immigration, which has been a defining feature of American life in recent decades.)

If our politics has a coloration of anger and despair, it is only the dismaying trends written about by social scientists Charles Murray, Robert Putnam and Bradford Wilcox coming home to roost. Besides the economic battering that lower-skilled workers have taken in recent decades, the working class is increasingly disconnected from the institutions that lend meaning and hope to people's lives: marriage, the workforce, churches and other institutions of civil society.

They believe that the long-standing American promise of a country where children are better off than their parents has been betrayed, and they sense that their time is past — a sense reinforced by a pop culture that tends to consider them afterthoughts, or fitting subjects for mockery.

Although smaller than it once was, the white working class remains about 40 percent of the electorate. Its travails can't — and won't — be ignored.

GUEST VIEW

Congress needs to start debating the next logical step in energy policy

Houston Chronicle

You may not see any gold-plated Ferraris on the Southwest Freeway, and the Chase Tower doesn't even reach halfway up the Burj Khalifa, but Houston has eclipsed Dubai and Abu Dhabi in another hallmark measurement: cheap gasoline.

According to data compiled by GasBuddy.com, the least expensive fill-up in the United Arab Emirates for January came in at $1.55 per gallon. In Houston it was $1.32 per gallon. Weak oil prices have forced the UAE, which has the seventh-largest oil reserves in the world, to cut government fuel subsidies.

But we're feeling our own cuts on this side of the globe. Houstonians suffered more than 30,000 layoffs in the oil and gas industry last year, and companies like Royal Dutch Shell and BG announced even more cuts in response to weak fourth-quarter earnings reports. The oil industry lost hundreds of billions of dollars as oil prices plummeted, and the big banks that once funded oil and gas projects are bracing for billions in failed loans.

All this economic hurt should be soothed by the knowledge that low oil prices will put extra cash in people's pockets, helping families and driving consumer spending. While the oil industry suffered a jolt, the rest of the nation was supposed to get a boost, according to an April 2015 report from the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. But that's not what happened.

The U.S. economy slowed to a crawl at the end of 2015, with the nation's gross domestic product growing by only .7 percent from October to December. As the New York Times reported earlier this month, the decline of oil prices over the last two years failed to provide the expected economic benefit. That's because technology like hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling transformed the United States into a key oil producer. Low prices used to mean that more cash would stay stateside, instead of being sent to OPEC nations. But now we're the ones losing out. Meanwhile, global investors have tightened the spigot on the oil patch investments that can help drive the economy.

So, what should we do?

After last year's constructive debate on crude oil exports, it is time for Congress to take up the topic of oil imports.

Ed Hirs, a University of Houston energy economist, has pointed to an oil import tariff or quota as a way for the United States to stabilize prices and avoid the economic hit that comes with global price swings. A healthy price floor for domestic oil, or even a price agreement with Canada and Mexico, would ensure steady business for oil producers without hurting downstream refiners or your routine gas station fill-up.

"It is protectionist," Hirs told the Houston Chronicle editorial board. "But it is a net gain for us."

Politicians who have a gut instinct for free markets need to check that feeling when it comes to oil. Global prices are literally controlled by a cartel, and right now it looks like OPEC nations are dumping their product below cost in a fight for market share. That's not a free market, that's a trade war.

Thanks to the fracturing revolution, the United States is producing oil at rates not seen since the 1970s. Changing facts led Congress to change the law about oil exports at the end of last year. The next step logical step would reinstate oil import regulations. After all, import restrictions successfully bolstered the domestic oil industry from 1959 until 1974 and the Arab Oil Crisis.

Whether in Houston or Dubai, the oil industry has been turned on its head. Congress needs to think about setting things right.

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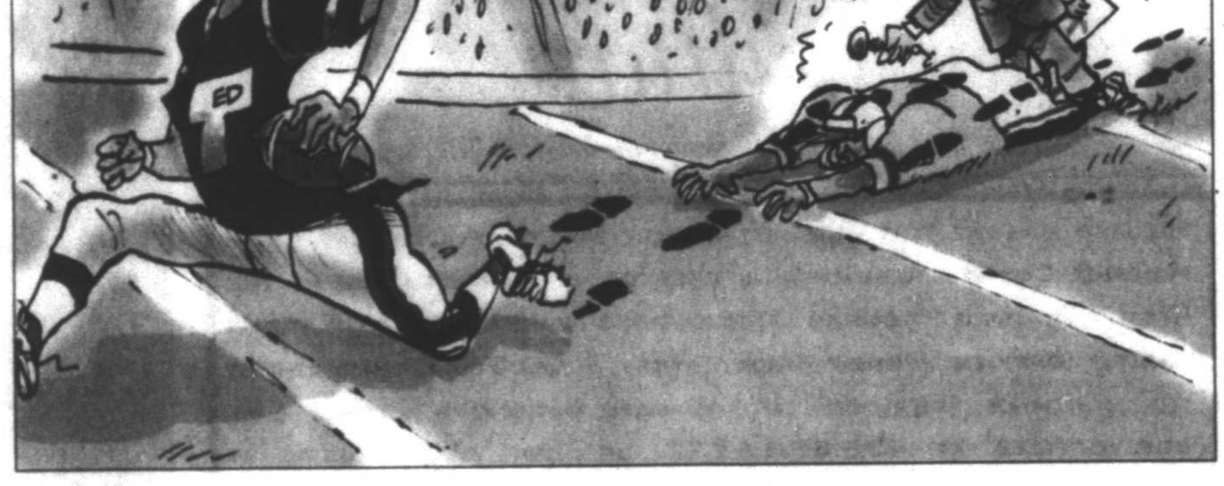

GOP establishment strikes back

■ If an Iowa suburb is any indication, the story of the establishment's death was exaggerated

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WAUKEE, Iowa —

The establishment struck back. The headlines will show that Ted Cruz won the Iowa caucuses, but the more significant message out of Iowa was that Marco Rubio was neck-and-neck with Donald Trump for second place and within a few points of the lead: It showed that mainstream Republicans are, at long last, pushing themselves back into the 2016 presidential race.

To see how, step into the caucus at the Waukee Middle School gymnasium, where 803 Republicans gathered for a showdown between the outsiders and the establishment.

Tapped by the Trump campaign to speak was 19-year-old Emma Budd, a political neophyte. "Our country is seriously off track! Frankly, I'm mad about it, and Donald Trump is, too!" she said. "Why can't they get our jobs and bring them back from foreign countries?" The applause was respectful.

Speaking for Rubio, by contrast, was a U.S. senator. "This country needs to look forward," proclaimed Cory Gardner, a Colorado Republican. Putting a sunny twist on Trump's "Make America Great Again" slogan, Gardner said Rubio would ensure that "this country's greatest days continue to be ahead of us."

The caucus got raucous.

Then they counted the votes: Rubio, 342. Trump, 151. Cruz had 136, and nobody else broke 50.

The caucus results in Waukee are significant, because these fast-growing suburbs west of Des Moines represent the future of the Republican Party — if the Republican Party is to have a future.

The changes in Dallas County mirror the growth of America, as rural residents migrate toward urban centers. Here, where 44 percent of adults have college degrees (versus 26 percent for all of Iowa) and household income is 40 percent higher than the state median, the relatively young residents live in vinyl-clad tract housing with artificial ponds. There is a wine bar, doggie day care and a Caribou Coffee with a gelateria.

The importance of Waukee's results, where Rubio more than doubled Trump's tally, goes well beyond Iowa: If Chamber of Commerce Republicans in communities across the country rally around Rubio as a consensus choice, and if they have the enthusiasm to outpoll voters in poorer, rural areas, they can beat the "outsider" candidates and their angry populism.

I came here to see if the establishment still has any fight — and I was pleasantly surprised.

The participants, shattering previous attendance records, filled up the stands in the middle-school gym, then filled folding chairs on the floor, then stood on the gym floor. Ten minutes after the caucus was supposed to have started, 150 people were still in line — many of them first-time caucusgoers — and organizers had to delay the start by half an hour.

The Trump supporters in Waukee were, predictably, angry. "I'm kind of tired of everything," said Paul Stout, a policeman. "I just want some change. He's something different."

Sue Petersen, a teacher, said she supports Trump because "Obama has totally screwed up the country, and we need somebody to take him down. We're a mess. He's nuts. I'm fed up."

But, less predictably, the anti-Trump caucusgoers were just as angry — about Trump. Asked about Trump, Cindy Garroutte, a paralegal, uttered an obscenity. "Absolutely not!" she said. "Trump hates women." She also said she was caucusing to be the "voice" of her African-American friends, who detest Trump. "I don't understand why Iowa is so for Trump," she said. "I don't know anybody for him." And if Republicans choose Trump as their nominee, she said, "I'd probably be forced to vote Democrat."

Barbara Wente, who works in accounting, called Trump a "fool," "pompous," "abrasive" and a "difficult" person. "A lot of people are ticked off by that," she said. "I don't think Trump can take Hillary with women and young voters."

While Trump and Cruz have done their all to make the establishment poisonous, Rubio dispatched 14 office holders — four sitting senators, a former senator and nine members of the House — to argue his case at caucuses Monday night. Cruz hasn't received the endorsement of one of his Senate colleagues, and Trump hasn't been endorsed by a single member of the House or Senate.

Iowa's Republican electorate is atypical of the country, and Cruz, who was propelled by evangelical voters here, may have trouble duplicating this brand of success elsewhere. But pay attention to Rubio's strong showing here in the western suburbs of Des Moines, in Dallas County.

If mainstream, suburban conservatives across the country show the same energy that they did Monday night for Rubio in Waukee, the much-maligned establishment could yet prevail.

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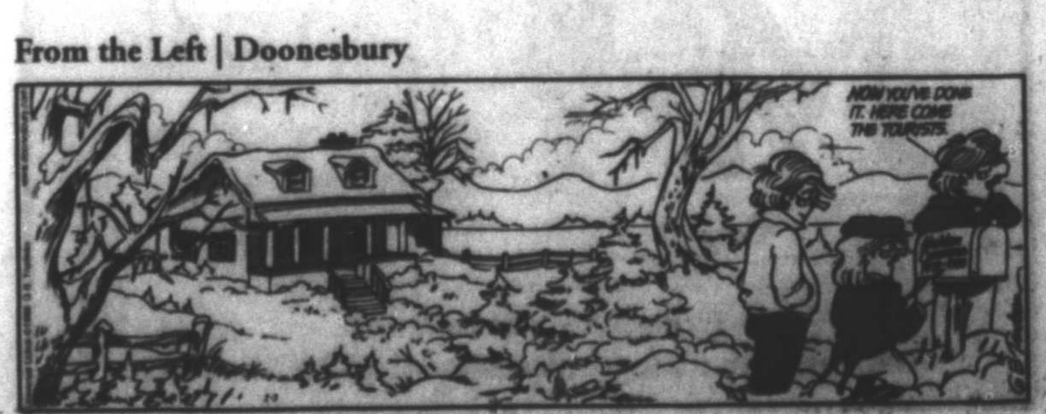

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Cruz wins Iowa, campaigns turn to New Hampshire

By Kathleen Hennessey and Lisa Lerer
Associated Press

NASHUA, N.H. — Hillary Clinton tried to turn a skin-of-her-teeth victory in Iowa into a bit of momentum for her battered Democratic campaign, and Ted Cruz sought to lock in his spot at the top of the Republican field as the presidential candidates packed up Tuesday and sped to New Hampshire.

The contenders descended on the Granite State — along with scores of volunteers and staff — and quickly scattered for a blitz of campaign rallies and television interviews. Some sought to capitalize on the results of the Iowa caucuses, while others looked to put the best face on poor showings as they settled in for the Feb. 9 New Hampshire primary and beyond.

Clinton celebrated her narrow win in the leadoff caucuses and said she expected a tough fight in New Hampshire, noting she'll be campaigning in the "backyard" of Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, where he has been running strong for weeks.

Sanders celebrated his stronger-than-expected showing in Iowa, landing at dawn in Bow and addressing a hardy group of supporters who met him. "We're in this for the long haul," he told reporters as his plane flew through the night to the season's second showdown.

Indeed, the once-unthinkably-small margin between the former first lady, senator and secretary of state over the self-declared democratic socialist suggested the Democratic contest is headed toward a protracted fight between the party's pragmatic and progressive wings.

Clinton defeated Sanders by less than three-tenths of 1 percent, the closest in Iowa Democratic caucus history, the state party said. Sanders said his campaign was still reviewing the results and did not concede.

On the Republican side, Cruz's win in Iowa provided a twist worthy of the topsy-turvy race. The Texas senator proved to be beloved by evangelicals, even if maligned by many others in his party, and adept at mounting a powerful grass-roots operation. Donald Trump's second-place finish was a humbling blow to the boastful mogul who had dominated the polls for weeks. Coming in a close third, Marco Rubio was catapulted to the top of heap of establishment candidates vying to be the party's preferred alternative to Trump or Cruz.

For Republicans, the pivot to New Hampshire meant the still-crowded cast of candidates has turned toward a less religious and mostly undecided electorate.

New Hampshire has historically favored more moderate candidates than Iowa, and more than 40 percent of the state's voters are not registered in any political party, giving them the power to choose which party's' primary to vote in. Polls show well over half of GOP voters have yet to make up their minds.

That might be good news for Cruz, who is hoping to avoid the conservatives' Iowa curse. Unlike past candidates who found love in Iowa but fizzled fast, Cruz argued Tuesday that his campaign has staying power, resources and broad appeal.

"This is the power of the conservative grass roots, and there is a silent majority in this country," Cruz told CNN. "This is center-right country. This is a country built on Judeo-Christian values. And the heart of my campaign is based on common-sense principles."

As his campaign kept one eye on New Hampshire, the other was on South Carolina, where his fiery conservatism is expected to resonate better than in New England. Cruz was slated to hold an evening rally in Greenville, S.C., before returning to New Hampshire.

Rubio on Tuesday told supporters in Exeter, "Perhaps no state in the country demands more of candidates than New Hampshire does." Still, he too was looking ahead. His campaign announced the endorsement of South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott, the only African-American Republican in the Senate.

And then there is Trump, who may be the candidate most in need of a comeback after Iowa. Despite stealing the spotlight and driving the debate for months, he appears to have been out-organized by Cruz in Iowa.

On Tuesday, Trump blamed the media for dismissing his "longshot, great finish."

"Because I was told I could not do well in Iowa, I spent very little there — a fraction of Cruz & Rubio. Came in a strong second. Great honor," Trump tweeted.

Trump was to pick up the endorsement of former Massachusetts Sen. Scott Brown at rally in New Hampshire Tuesday night.

Brown's backing marks Trump's first endorsement by a current or former senator and provides additional evidence that some in the Republican establishment are beginning to warm to a potential candidacy.

Rubio's advisers cast the GOP race as a three-man contest — an attempt to box out the other contenders vying for mainstream Republicans.

That won't be easy. Ohio Gov. John Kasich, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie on Tuesday stormed into New Hampshire with packed campaign schedules. All three are hoping the state will breathe life into their flagging campaigns.

Democrats spent much of the day wrestling over the Iowa results. Sanders' campaign declared victory even in defeat, saying the results were a "giant step" toward proving he was a viable candidate.

Clinton, meanwhile, played up her win — no matter how narrow — while setting expectations for a difficult road ahead.

Associated Press

Republican presidential candidate Sen. Ted Cruz greets supporters during a campaign event on Tuesday in Greenville, S.C.

In Iowa, late deciders and evangelicals sided against Trump

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump made a late play for evangelical voters in Iowa's Republican presidential caucus, but he ultimately couldn't wrest the group away from winner Ted Cruz, according to entrance polls taken at the start of Monday's caucuses.

The polls, conducted for national media including the Associated Press, also suggest that late-deciding Iowans trended toward Cruz and third-place finisher Marco Rubio, who almost nipped Trump for a surprise second.

And perhaps the most perilous indicator for Trump: He got just one out of 20 votes among caucus attendees who said their top priority was a candidate who shares their values.

The Iowa results don't necessarily point to an eventual nominee: Just twice in 40 years has the GOP caucus winner gone on to the claim the nomination in campaigns with no incumbent Republican president.

But the details behind Cruz's victory and Rubio's climb raise new questions about Trump's turnout operation and his ability to turn his consistently front-running poll numbers into actual votes; and that increases pressure on Trump to deliver a victory next Tuesday in New Hampshire or risk damaging his strategy of campaigning as the inevitable nominee at the head of a fractured field.

Trump showed little concern Tuesday. "Because I was told i could not do well in Iowa, I spent very little there — a fraction of Cruz & Rubio. ... Brought in record voters and got second highest vote total in history," he wrote on Twitter.

Indeed, that's true. But it glosses over some important details that Trump must avoid if he hopes to maintain his strength through what could become a lengthy slog of primaries and caucuses.

Sixty-four percent of Republican caucus participants in Iowa identified as born-again Christians. Cruz eclipsed Trump 34 percent to 22 percent among that group. Cruz also finished well ahead of Trump among caucus-goers who identified as "very conservative." And potentially worrisome for Trump, Rubio came close — 33 percent for Trump to 27 percent for Rubio — among those who consider themselves "moderate" or "liberal."

The potential good news for Trump: He outpaced Cruz by more than a 2-to-1 margin among caucus-goers who said they wanted an outsider in the Oval Office. Yet Cruz and Rubio — both senators — buried the billionaire businessman among voters who say they prefer political experience: 39 percent for Rubio, 35 percent for Cruz, 3 percent for Trump.

Yet those two pools of voters each made up about the same proportion of the Iowa GOP electorate, making the results a net loss for Trump.

Among the 45 percent of caucus-goers who said they decided who to support in just the final week, 29 percent supported Rubio, 27 percent supported Cruz and just 14 percent supported Trump.

Among the 36 percent of Iowa caucus-goers who were contacted by someone asking them to come out to support their candidate, Cruz had a 31 percent to 23 percent advantage over Trump.

Those numbers together suggest Trump must improve both in delivering his identified supporters and in swaying undecided voters. Continued inability to do that indicates that Rubio and Cruz have considerably more room to grow their support as the race continues.

A potential avenue for Trump success could be in attracting new voters. Forty-five percent of caucus-goers said they were attending their first caucus, and they appeared more likely to support Trump than Cruz, 30 percent to 23 percent. But among previous caucus participants, Cruz held a 32 percent to 19 percent advantage.

Cruz has celebrated the results as an affirmation of his turnout operation and his contention that the GOP electorate wants a "true conservative" as its nominee.

The Rubio campaign, meanwhile, told its supporters in a Tuesday memo to pay attention to the choice of caucus-goers who prioritize picking someone who can "win in November." That was about a fifth of Monday's caucus crowd; Rubio attracted 44 percent of them to Trump's 24 percent and Cruz's 22 percent.

Among Democrats, the stark divide was generational in Hillary Clinton's narrow victory over Bernie Sanders.

By Bill Barrow and Emily Swanson
Associated Press

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Super Bowl advertisements this year might be a snooze

By Mae Anderson
Associated Press

NEW YORK — No GoDaddy. Not a bikini in sight. Service messages instead of crotch or fart jokes. As the Super Bowl turns 50 and faces middle age, will this be the year that advertisers stick to — gasp — good taste?

The Super Bowl remains advertising's biggest stage, especially as the broadcast TV audience fragments further thanks to Netflix and other on-demand TV services. Advertisers are spending as much as an estimated $5 million per 30 seconds to capture more than 114 million viewers expected to tune in. Debate over the game-day ads will start on social media before the game and carry over to work the next day, so it's crucial to stand out, without going so far as to offend.

But this year, amplifying a trend seen the past few years, advertisers seem to be playing it extra safe. And that might mean a repeat of last year's "Somber Bowl," when viewers were turned off by too-serious ads.

Distinguished British actress Helen Mirren will deliver a lecture about drunken driving and why it's a terrible idea. Many others are going with anthemic or public service-style messages: Colgate Palmolive will urge viewers to "Save Water," while outdoor brand Marmot urges people to spend more time outside and BMW showcases people who "Defy Labels."

Slapstick, crass humor and sex seem to be relegated to the sidelines. Internet address provider GoDaddy, which for 11 years walked the line of bad taste with ads that showed skimpily clad women and an extremely long close up of a kiss, is sitting it out, citing the need for more targeted advertising.

"People want to be entertained. They don't want somber messages or to be reminded of their problems," said veteran ad man Richard Kirshenbaum, CEO of ad agency NSG/SWAT. "The Super Bowl is America's great campfire. People want to gather around and have a great time."

Of course, light-hearted humor will be in abundance when the Carolina Panthers and the Denver Broncos face off on CBS on Sunday. There are the requisite talking animals and celebrities galore. Doritos' ad shows dogs trying to check out at a grocery store, and Ryan Reynolds plays all of the residents in a town called "Ryanville" for Hyundai, for example.

And there are still several major advertisers, including Chrysler and Coca-Cola, whose super-secret ads could deliver big surprises.

Cinematic or serious ads can be Super bowl hits. Chrysler has garnered kudos for years for its spots about American engineering and its cars featuring stars like Eminem and Clint Eastwood. Attaching your brand to a social cause can be a way to engender goodwill.

But advertisers can't afford another crop of ads like last year. Those ads struck viewers as depressing, most notably a dark PSA from insurer Nationwide. It featured a child's death to highlight the risks of preventable household accidents. (Nationwide is not returning this year.)

"The Nationwide ad sucked the oxygen out of the room at every Super Bowl Party in America," said Peter Daboll, CEO of AceMetrix, which measures the advertising effectiveness.

Squarespace is one advertiser that is sticking to comedy, enlisting comedy duo Key & Peele to promote its website services. Last year's ad starred Jeff Bridges meditating in a couple's bedroom that was deemed by some as too esoteric.

"One of the things we really wanted to make sure we were doing is being entertaining," said Squarespace founder and CEO Anthony Casalena. "At the end of day watching Super Bowl, it's a sporting event. You're with friends. We wanted to make something that people had fun with."

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> **Peter Daboll,** CEO of AceMetrix

Anheuser-Busch via AP

This photo provided by Anheuser-Busch shows actress Helen Mirren in a Budweiser ad for Super Bowl 50. In the ad, Mirren delivers a lecture about drunk driving and why it's a terrible idea.

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Change in diet can reverse coronary artery disease

■ Plant-based diet is preferable for optimal health

"When diet is wrong, medicine is of no use. When diet is correct, medicine is of no need."

— Ayurvedic proverb

DR. STATON AWTREY
Midland Health

The wisdom of this 5,000-year-old proverb, though dismissed by modern medicine, still frequently rings true. Certainly, modern drugs and interventions can have amazing benefits, but they alone are not our solution to the most common chronic diseases devastating our population.

February is "Heart Month," so consider cardiovascular disease. It remains the No. 1 cause of death in the United States — in spite of the increasing sums of money we spend and the increasingly sophisticated drugs and technologic advances we employ to treat it and its consequences. These consequences include angina, myocardial infarction — heart attack — abnormal heart rhythms and congestive heart failure. Though we have made significant progress in managing these end-stage events, we are not winning this battle, and with our current emphasis on intervention after the fact and lack of emphasis on prevention, we will not win.

The cost is high. The financial drain of this and other largely preventable diseases is driving our burgeoning national debt. It is literally bankrupting our country. There is also a personal cost: I lost my father to a heart attack. When my father was only 39, he had coronary artery bypass surgery. At age 43 he had a heart attack, and though he survived, he suffered severe brain damage and essentially was left unresponsive and completely incapacitated until he died three years later. We all know this disease is devastating.

Want to know more?

For more information on the monthly community plant-based meal, email plantpuretexas@gmail.com.

The problem is that we, as a society, unconsciously are doing everything we can to have coronary artery disease (and hypertension, obesity, diabetes and cancers of the breast, colon and prostate). Autopsy studies of American children who died from unrelated causes now frequently reveal early stages of cardiovascular disease. This was not the case even 50 years ago. If a researcher wanted to study coronary artery disease (CAD), and was trying to cause lab rats to develop it, he should probably feed them what we eat.

The American diet has become exceedingly unhealthy, and CAD is diet-driven. Among populations whose diet is plant-based (central Africans and the rural Chinese, for example), cardiovascular disease is practically nonexistent. When individuals from these groups immigrate to the United States and adopt our diet they develop CAD just as we do. The problem is with our diet, and the solution is to change our diet.

As Dr. Caldwell Esselstyn from the Cleveland Clinic says, "CAD is a toothless paper tiger; if you don't have it, you need never get it, and if you have it, you need never have a heart attack." There is a

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COM Aquatics' Fun League

What is the COM Fun League?

The COM Fun League is an after-school and summer program for kids who do not want to swim competitively or who are not ready to join the swim team at COM. Although the league will have some competitive swimming activities, it is designed to focus on fun while building fitness, growing friendships and developing positive character traits (good sportsmanship, honesty, etc.).

The league will operate year-round. It will be broken into five separate sessions. Each will have a distinct focus and will be separate from the previous session by one to two weeks. Children may choose to participate in one or more sessions throughout the year.

Who will be invited to participate?

The league is open to children between 6 and 14 who can swim one length of the COM pool (25 yards) without assistance. Children who cannot pass the swimming test will be referred to swimming lessons until they can successfully swim 25 yards.

No current COM swim team members or USA Swimming members will be allowed to join the league.

When will league activities be held?

During the school year, league will meet twice a week for one hour. Options will include 4:30 and 5:30 p.m., Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday.

In the summer, league swimmers will have the option to swim at a variety of "Partner Pools" including clubs and organizations, or at the COM's pools. League times will vary widely.

When will league sessions be held?

(Exact dates are planned, but might change.)

March 7 - May 15
June 1 - August 15
Sept. 5 - Nov. 18
Nov. 28 - Dec. 30
Jan. 11, 2017 - April 1
April 11, 2017 - May 20

Where will the league events be held?

All competitions and all fall, winter and spring practices/games will be held at COM Aquatics, located at 3003 N. "A" St.

How much will participation in the league cost?

About $40 per month, average. Kids can sign up for as many or as few sessions as they want. Discounts will be given for additional swimmers in the same family. Scholarships are available based on need.

What is the limit on total number of participants?

The League can accommodate about 180 swimmers at the COM pools.

Contact COM Aquatics for more information or go to www.comaquatics.com

Causes of congenital heart defects are unknown

■ Midland girl 'born with half a heart,' mom says

By Erin Stone
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The first five months of Kelbie Faircloth's life were a series of complex heart surgeries. From the moment she was born, Kelbie, now 1 1/2, was rushed to the neonatal intensive care unit to be treated for five congenital heart defects.

The easiest way to describe the defects, according to her mother, Jessica Faircloth, Midland County senior court clerk, is that Kelbie was born with half of a heart.

About 1 in 100 children are born with some type of congenital heart defect, which is the most common cause of infant death from birth defects, according to the Children's Heart Foundation, the country's leading organization solely committed to CHD research funding.

But thanks to improvements in diagnostic and surgical techniques in what is still a relatively new field, the vast majority of children born with congenital heart disease make it into adulthood and live relatively normal lives, said Dr. Matt Lemler, professor of Pediatrics at the University of Texas Southwestern and director of the Echocardiography Lab for Children's Health at the Children's Medical Center in Dallas.

Those with complex heart defects —

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Jessica Faircloth and her 20-month-old daughter Kelbie, who has a congenital heart defect, pose for a photo Tuesday at Grafa Park.

"I don't really feel like playing outside with Dad."
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Obituaries

Brent William King

Brent William King, 48, of Midkiff, Texas went to be with the Lord on January 31, 2016 in Fluvanna, Texas because of a dirt bike accident.

Brent was born August 2, 1967 in San Angelo, Texas. After graduating from Rankin High School in 1985, he attended Texas A&M University and also Angelo State University. Brent began his career of farming after college. He immensely loved farming and being out on his land. He was extremely mechanical in nature and always took that to the extreme. Most people called him a "Jack of All Trades" because he could fix anything and usually improve on whatever he had in front of him. He always loved a challenge. Brent's perseverance allowed him to embrace challenges, which usually led to him proving "it could be done." He loved anything fast, motorcycles and cars especially. Brent was a "kid" at heart but also extremely adventurous and spontaneous when it came to having fun. His passion in life was visiting and hanging out with friends and family and having a good time with everyone around him. Brent's zest for life, love of people and love of family will live on through us and he will dearly be missed by all who loved him.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Loyd King, and Rupert Beach, and his father, Rocky King.

Brent is survived by his children, Kater King, of Midkiff and Kanada King, of Lubbock; his forever and faithful companion, his dog, Ruger; his Mother and Stepfather, Sharon and Larry Schwertner, of Ballinger, TX; his Father, Billy Zak, of Del Rio, TX; his Grandmothers, Adeline Beach, of San Angelo and Raye King, of Coleman, TX; his brother and sisters, Kody King, of Willow Park, TX, Rebecca Steele and her husband Robert, of San Angelo and Kelly Marshall and her husband Wilson, of Colorado City, TX; and Shellane King, of Lubbock; his nieces and nephews, Camden Steele and his wife Bailey, Morgan Steele, Carter Steele, Payton King, Parker King, Walton Marshall and Helen Marshall; and one great niece, Hadley Steele Brotherton. He is also survived by numerous friends and family who all held a special place in his heart.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at Harper Funeral Home in San Angelo. A celebration of his life will be 10:00 A.M., Thursday, February 4, 2016 at the First United Methodist Church in San Angelo (37 East Beauregard Avenue) with Rev. Dale Weise officiating. Pallbearers for the service will be Quad Midkiff, Chad Hicks, Ben Acosta, Carl Hoelscher, Bob Gaines, Steve Beach, Austin Hoelscher and Sandra Thompson. Honorary Pallbearers for the service will be Cody Kinard, Wilson Marshall, Robert Steele, Kody King, Ray Barrett and John B Steward. At Brent's request, the "King Spring Fling" will be held in his honor, at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, The Shriner's or a charity of your choice.

"Scatter my ashes at the edge of my farm, and in the afternoon, when the sun starts to set towards the west, just imagine I'm right there watching over my fields. That is my wish."

Family and friends are invited to share condolences and sign the guestbook for Brent at *harper-funeralhome.com.*

Herschel O'Kelley

Herschel O'Kelley of Midland, Texas passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, January 31, 2016.

Herschel was born in Ducktown, TN to Frank and Esther O'Kelley on April 26, 1936. He grew up in St. Louis, MO and graduated from Webster Groves High School in 1954 where he was described as a "triple-threat" playing football, baseball and basketball. He continued his success in sports by receiving scholarships for both baseball and basketball to Southern Methodist University from where he received his BBA in 1958.

His college years were full of life. Always an entrepreneur, Herschel started his first business while also achieving academically, going to the Final Four with the Mustangs two years and participating as an active member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

He married, began his family and worked for a short time in the insurance business in Dallas. Soon thereafter he moved to Abilene, then Odessa, where he and partners opened and operated Gibson's Discount Centers in Odessa, Midland and El Paso until 1982. He also began a career as an independent oil and gas operator in 1978. After his daughters graduated from high school in Odessa, he moved to Midland where he continued growing Rendova Oil Co. and partnered with long-time friend, John Dunagan, in Winged Foot Oil Co. He was passionate about his work and continued going to the office until several days before he passed away. He married Melissa Vestal Late in 2004 and shared a wonderful life full of love and many friends.

Herschel was known for his wonderful sense of humor. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling and continued as an athlete playing tennis and golf. He served the community through the Odessa Chamber of Commerce, Odessa Planning and Zoning, and the United Way. He was a member of the Racquet Club and Petroleum Club of Midland and was President of both the Odessa and Midland Country Clubs. He supported Midland Memorial Hospital, Hospice, and Odessa Boys Club. He was a member of Christ Church Anglican. Herschel personally cared for and helped those around him and others we may never know about. He treated others with respect and was respected by many.

He cared deeply for his family including Melissa's sons, Blair and Christopher Late and Christopher's wife Kelti and daughter Elin. Many fond memories were made with his golfing buddies, the "gangsome" and numerous special friends here and departed. He leaves a legacy of love, caring, dignity, hard honest work and generosity. We have lost a fine gentleman.

Heart-felt thanks to friend and Dr. Summer Merritt, Ray Garcia, Esmerelda Coronado, Geri Filip, Joyce Barthelemy and his Visiting Angels.

Herschel is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Esther O'Kelley.

He is survived by his wife, Melissa O'Kelley; daughters, Cathy Smith and husband Madison of San Antonio, and Christy Atkinson and husband Kevin of Annapolis, MD; grandchildren, Drew Smith and wife Cassie, Sydney Aschbacher and husband Jake, Claire Thompson and husband Glen, Garrett and Kelley Atkinson; Christopher, Kelti and Elin Late and Blair Late.

Services will be held Friday, February 5, 2016 at 2:00, Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road, Midland.

Honorary pallbearers are Madison Smith, Kevin Atkinson, Christopher Late, Blair Late, Drew Smith, and Garrett Atkinson.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Christ Church Anglican, Hospice of Midland, The JTR Suitcase Fund, Midland Memorial Foundation or the charity of one's choice.

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

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Kristina Renee Fonseca

Kristina Renee Fonseca, age 19, passed away Sunday, January 31, 2016.

She was born November 24, 1996 in Odessa. She was a nursing student. Services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, February 4 at First Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Monahans Memorial Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Harkey Funeral Home.

Survivors include her parents, Raul and Carrie Fonseca of Monahans and Jimmy and Carmen Gonzales of Midland; grandparents, Mario and Debbie Escamilla of Colorado City, Maria and Alfredo Fonseca of Odessa, Sandra Garza of Andrews, and Catarina Casas of Midland; great-grandmother, Earlene Swindle of Colorado City; sisters, Alexis Fonseca of Monahans and Mia Gonzales of Midland; brothers, Branden Gonzales of Midland, Ryan Gonzales of Midland, and Nathan Gonzales of Midland; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her great-grandparents, Joe Casas, Andres Perez, Jim Swindle, Mario and Amalia Escamilla, and Orivila Garza.

LaVeta Allen

LaVeta Louise Allen, 82, passed away in Midland on Saturday, January 30, 2016.

She was born on January 16, 1934 in Rotan, Texas the third child of Aaron Richard Voris Allen and Carrie (Schick) Allen. She grew up in Roby, Texas and graduated from Roby High School in 1952. She attended Durham Business School in Fort Worth and worked in Fort Worth until moving to Midland in 1954 to work for Texaco. She retired from the Midland County Appraisal District in 2000. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Vernon Ray.

She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Verbeth (Beth) and Tommy McLaughlin of Midland; sister-in-law, Pat Allen, of Roby; nieces, Sharla (Mark) Thompson of Carthage; Sharon (David) Sullivan of Midland; LaTricia (Trey) Wood of Slaton; nephew, Robert Allen, of Roby; four great nieces, Aly Dempsey, Laney Sullivan, Ashlyn Wood, and Kaitlyn Wood; one great nephew, Caleb Wood; one great great niece, Avery Dempsey; one great great nephew, Luke Dempsey, and several cousins including Wanda Brown and Yvonne Scarbrough of Midland.

The family will receive friends at Ellis Funeral Home on Thursday, February 4, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Graveside Services are scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Friday, February 5, 2016 at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Online condolences may be offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com*

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Max Dickerson

Max Leo Dickerson, 82, of Midland passed away on Monday, February 1, 2016. Memorial services will be held at First United Methodist Church at 10:30am on Thursday, February 4th, with Rev. Macky Pitts officiating.

Max was born on December 15, 1933 in Davidson, Oklahoma to Leo and Modena Dickerson. After high school, he attended Eastern New Mexico University where he also played on the football team. On August 7, 1953, he married the love of his life, Louise Whitaker. After receiving his Master's in Education, Max began working in the public school system. He worked in the education system for 47 years in positions as an educator, coach, and principal. His favorite position was coaching which he did for 23 years at Whitharral ISD, Lubbock Cooper ISD, Whiteface ISD, Iraan ISD, and Greenwood ISD. Lovingly referred to as Coach D by his players, he received the prestigious honor of "Coach of the Year" on numerous occasions and served on several committees with the Texas High School Coaches Association. His time at Greenwood Independent School District lasted for 17 years until his departure from the public education system. For the next 12 years, he worked as the Business Manager for Trinity School. Upon his retirement, Max began working at Wishbone Ranch just north of Stanton. He loved spending time outdoors, farming and ranching, so his time spent at Wishbone was especially pleasurable. His most enjoyable pastime was spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Left to cherish Max's memory is his wife of 62 years, Louise Dickerson; son, Scott Dickerson and wife Karen; daughter, Stacy Turner and husband John; son, Larry Dickerson and wife Sandra; brother, Richard Dickerson; granddaughters, Courtnee McHugh and husband Jay; Lindsee Turner and husband Pat; granddaughters, Laurel Turner, Justine Turner; and Reese Turner; grandsons, Samuel Turner, Caden Dickerson, and Zach Dickerson; greatgrandchildren, Brody McHugh, Blayde McHugh, Cameron Turner, and Kate Turner; and his extended family.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Modena McClure; father, Leo Dickerson; and step-father, Arvel McClure.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude towards Max's caregiver, Barbara Blaylock, and his Home Hospice nurses, Lori Case, Kelli Harrison, and Shari Evans.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Lone Star Sanctuary for Animals, P.O. Box 50426, Midland, TX 79710 or First United Methodist Church (www.firstmethodistmidland.com/giving).

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Winnie Christine Mansell

Winnie Christine Mansell, 82, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 6:30am at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Christine was born in Coleman, Oklahoma on June 19th, 1933 to Jimmy Hardy and Bessie Ann Gatlin but grew up and went to school in Turkey, Texas where she always considered home.

Christine was married to Charles Edward Mansell of Quitaque, Texas on July 17, 1949 in Childress, Texas. Christine and Charles moved several times, from Turkey to Atoka, Oklahoma back to Turkey, to Amarillo, Los Angeles, Lubbock then Denver City and finally in 1961 they settled in Midland and raised their five sons and one daughter. Charles and Christine were married 51 years living in Midland most of that time.

Nanny Christine, or 'Ninny' as Papa Charles affectionately called her, was a licensed beautician by the state of Texas. She surrounded herself with children and preferred working as a nanny raising not only her children and grandchildren but many other children as well. More than anything she enjoyed spending time with her family. Nanny loved to help children read and always had a story or song to liven the mood. Nanny was very imaginative and creative. When the grandchildren stayed at Nanny and Papa's, there was good food, homemade doll houses, scary stories and tons of coloring. Always praising and encouraging words for her loved ones. No one could build you up like she could. She was a huge baseball fan and loved watching Rangers games. Being a great communicator she could talk with anyone about anything.

Christine is preceded in death by her parents Jimmy Hardy and Bessie Ann Gatlin; her husband Charles Edward Mansell; brothers Leon Gatlin, Howard Gatlin and Jimmy Gatlin Sr.; her sister Karen Sorrell; daughter-in-law Vickie Mansell; and her beloved granddaughter Cheyenne Mansell.

Christine is survived by her sister Peggy Ellison, brothers Tommy Gatlin and Dicky Gatlin, all of Midland; her children Monty & Terry Mansell, Keith Mansell, Steve & Mary Ann Mansell, Terry Jon & Lou Ella Mansell, Mark & Debbie Mansell and daughter Tammy & Tychicus Roberson; 23 grandchildren, 42 great grandchildren, and 4 great-great grandchildren, as well as many other family and friends.

The funeral service will be held at 9:00am on Saturday, February 6th 2016 at West Kentucky Baptist Church at 1501 W. Kentucky Baptist Church, Midland, Texas, Reverend Bob Porterfield will be officiating. Graveside service will follow at 2:00pm at Dreamland Cemetery in Turkey, Texas.

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Death Notices

Charles Floyd Langley

Charles Floyd Langley, 59, of Emory, Texas passed away, Sunday, January 31, 2016. Graveside services will be hosted by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home at 3:00pm on Friday, February 5, 2016 at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Survivors include wife, Sharon Langley; children, Byron Keith Langley, Jerod Heath Langley, Heather Irene Bomar, and Kay LeeAnn Langley.

AWTREY

From 1B

compelling body of clinical research published in peer reviewed medical journals backing him up.

Esselstyn published the results of a small group of patients who had coronary artery disease affecting all three major arteries and who were treated with a combination of plant-based diet supplemented with cholesterol-lowering drugs as needed. Most of these 18 patients had already experienced a failed intervention of either angioplasty (balloon dilation of a narrowed artery) or coronary artery bypass surgery, or both. These patients changed from a typical American diet to one based on the consumption of whole, plant-based foods and strictly avoided the consumption of animal products (including dairy). Over the next 12 years, none of them experienced a heart attack or had progression of their disease. In fact, 70 percent of these patients actually had some degree of reversal of their coronary artery disease. This result is particularly compelling when you consider that this same group, in the eight years before changing their diet, had suffered a total of 49 cardiovascular events (heart attack, stroke, angioplasty, or surgery).

A whole food, plant-based diet can do for you what no drug or intervention can: prevent, arrest and even reverse CAD. With tepid dietary recommendations and conventional medical strategies alone, CAD will progress.

Cardiologists and cardiovascular surgeons provide excellent, lifesaving care to patients, but they cannot do for you what you must do for yourself if you are to avoid this now epidemic disease and its consequences: get educated and make a conscious and committed decision to be healthy. Change the food culture in your home for yourself, for your spouse and for your children. I am convinced that if my father had understood and adopted this solution, I would still be sharing his life 35 years later. What a precious gift that would have been.

If you remember nothing else, remember this: The more you base your diet on whole plant foods, avoid added oils and processed sugar, avoid dairy, and consume only modest amounts of fish, poultry and grass-fed beef, the healthier you will become. For optimal health, avoid them altogether. If you already have CAD, the only way to halt progression, and even reverse your disease, is to completely embrace a whole food, plant-based diet.

There are excellent opportunities available in Midland to learn and get started. We have a free monthly community plant-based meal event, which you are invited to join. We share delicious participant-prepared whole food, plant-based meals, provide ongoing education and support one another in this exciting journey to health. It is never too late to begin, and you will be impressed with your personal results.

"Food is Medicine Seminar" is planned for April 2 at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. Dr. Scott Stoll, former Olympic athlete, nutrition expert and co-founder of the Plantrician Project and the International Plant-Based Nutrition Healthcare Conference, is one of the speakers. He will be joined by Dr. Michael Greger, an internationally renowned nutrition expert, and cardiologist Dr. William C. Roberts.

Greger runs the website nutritionfacts.org and testified on behalf of Oprah Winfrey's successful defense when she was sued by the beef industry. Roberts is the current editor of both the American Journal of Cardiology and the Baylor University Center Proceedings.

Nelson Campbell, director of the film "PlantPure Nation" and president of the nonprofit foundation PPN, will discuss an exciting initiative for the Permian Basin. Tickets will become available on the Wagner Noel website within the next few weeks.

HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Support groups this week

■ Coffee Break for Men, 9 a.m. today, HospiceMidland 911 W. Texas Ave., 682-2855.

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

■ Midland Memorial Hospital's Better Breathing Club, 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Midland Memorial Hospital Scharbauer Tower meeting room. Don at 221-4864 or Joanna at 682-4229.

■ The Knot Adoption Support Group, 11:30 a.m. Feb. 10, First Presbyterian Church; Kathy Hagler, Kathy@WTIE.net

■ Caregiver support, noon Feb. 10, HospiceMidland 911 W. Texas Ave., 682-2855.

Weekly meetings & hotlines

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

■ Survivors of sexual abuse; interactive Bible study to help deal with the consequences of sexual abuse meets Tuesdays. Child care available; House of Hope, 570-5935.

■ Overeaters Anonymous; 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays and 3-4 p.m. Sundays; B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031.

■ Peer to Peer support group for veterans, active duty, guard, reserves and their families, 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Permian Basin Community Center, 401 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 403; Wil Hoggard, 213-5342, william.hoggard@wtcmhmr.org.

Midland Memorial Hospital vents

■ Multimodal Pain Management for Acute Pain, 5:30-7:30 p.m. today, MMH. Contact Rebecca Pontaski at 221-1625 or email rebecca.pontaski@midland-memorial.com

■ Weigh to Success Support Group Meeting, 4-5 p.m., Thursday. Contact Sundae Adkins at 638-8081 or email sundae.adkins@midland-memorial.com

■ Cardiovascular Symposium 2016, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Conference Room C. Contact Tonya Dawson at 221-1593 or email tonya.dawson@midland-memorial.com

How sick are you?

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

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

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

Contact your Hospital District representative

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HEART

From 1B

"The doctor explained everything from her chances at birth all the way into adulthood. It wasn't until after I left there that reality kinda hit that something is wrong with my kid's heart. There was that burden of, 'What did I do wrong?' I placed the blame on myself rather than (realizing) it was nothing I did and that it affects more people than we think.

Jessica Faircloth, mother of Kelbie, who was born with congenital heart defects

such as Kelbie — have a harder road to making it into adulthood, but still, their chances are quite good, Lemler said.

Kelbie had her first surgery — a balloon atrial septostomy — when she was 6 days old. At 3 months old, she had a heart catheterization and at 4 months she was showing signs of heart failure. She had a procedure to hook the superior vena cava — or the blood from the upper extremities — to the pulmonary arteries, to take work away from her heart.

When she turns 3 or 4, she will need surgery to reroute the circulation from the lower half of her veins. Kelbie will take blood thinners and see a cardiologist for the rest of her life. She eventually will need a heart transplant, Faircloth said.

For certain complex CHDs, a heart transplant will be needed at some point in the child's life. However, the percentage of transplants that are being done in the adult world due to CHD has rise greatly. Lemler said that's a positive thing.

"In some ways, that's sad, but in other ways it's exciting because they are living into adulthood to have problems in adulthood," Lemler said. "So, in and of itself, that's a victory. I think it's important for people to realize we've come a long way."

Kelbie was diagnosed when Faircloth was 20 weeks pregnant, and it was a lot to absorb, Faircloth said.

"The doctor explained everything from her chances at birth all the way into adulthood," Faircloth said. "It wasn't until after I left there that reality kinda hit that something is wrong with my kid's heart. There was that burden of, 'What did I do wrong?' I placed the blame on myself rather than (realizing) it was nothing I did and that it affects more people than we think."

The causes for most CHDs are unknown, but genetics and environmental toxins can play a factor in certain defects. Conditions such Down syndrome also are often associated with CHDs.

Fetal diagnosis not only helps the parents mentally prepare, but also allows for planning delivery at an appropriate facility. Furthermore, the baby doesn't have to show symptoms of sickness before treatment — as in a post-birth diagnosis — which allows the baby to be in better shape going into surgery and gives them a better chance of survival, Lemler said.

Fetal diagnosis allowed Faircloth and her husband to arrange for Kelbie's delivery to occur in Dallas so she could be transferred to the Children's Medical Center, which is the only cardiac center in Texas and one of only six in the nation to honored by the Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) for congenital heart surgery.

Faircloth and her year-old son moved to the Ronald McDonald House in Dallas for five months, while her husband remained in Midland for work.

Despite the fact that CHD is the most common birth defect in the U.S., it remains underfunded, and there is still little public knowledge about it, according to the Children's Heart Foundation.

"We don't know why this happened, so that's all the more reason for research," Faircloth said. "Knowing the cause could one day prevent it from happening."

Infant deaths due to CHDs often occur when the baby is younger than 28 days old, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"I remember sitting at the table with the other heart moms (at Ronald McDonald house) and we see another mom come in and we ask her how her son's doing and she says, 'He just passed away this morning,'" Faircloth said. "We all looked at each other like that could be us. There were always those moms there who weren't fortunate to be able to walk out of the house with their child."

Kelbie is still too young to fully understand what makes her a little different from other kids. She calls her scar her "zipper." Her brother, who is now 2, says Kelbie was born with a broken heart. He thinks every baby has to have surgery after they're born and on Christmas said 'Jesus was born and then he had his surgery,'" Faircloth said with a laugh.

"She's pretty much like any other kid," Faircloth said. "Unless you saw her scars, you wouldn't know any different.

"Every day I would constantly be checking her, but then I got to where it's not really like that anymore," Faircloth said. "There are days it seems like I forget she has any medical disability and then there are other days where it's always in the back of my mind — that fear of, 'Is she going to be able to grow up, be able to experience what we are experiencing?'"

Physicians must eliminate trust gap for minority patients

ESTHER J. CEPEDA
Washington Post Writers Group

New research confirms that many Hispanics, blacks and other minorities perceive that doctors just don't care about them and that their medical care isn't as good as it could be.

According to University of Pennsylvania research fellow Abigail Sewell, compared with whites, Latinos and blacks are less likely to trust the technical judgment and interpersonal competence of doctors. Latinos are also less likely to trust the fiduciary ethic of their physicians. And the differences between black and Hispanic levels of trust have to do with whether a patient's parents are U.S.-born or not.

"Most people who are immigrants or have some immigrant connection feel more disenfranchised from the health care system," Sewell said in a University of Pennsylvania press release announcing her study, which was published in the November issue of the journal Social Science Research.

Though her paper notes that past research has produced mixed evidence about whether minorities trust physicians less than whites, Sewell used 2002 and 2006 General Social Surveys to ascertain that not only is there lower trust, but that these findings are not easy to uncover due to the way physician evaluation methods assess a patient's confidence in a doctor.

Specifically, Sewell found that respondents believed that their doctors don't take the challenges of their personal lives — such as their access to transportation and safe spaces for exercise or other factors, like legal status — into consideration.

The idea that minorities don't feel respected when they seek health care is being studied more, which is yielding a clear body of research that shows these perceptions are widespread.

Studies going back over a decade have found that women report more severe levels of pain, more frequent incidences of pain, and pain of longer duration than men, but are nonetheless treated for pain less aggressively.

New research based on nationwide data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that non-Hispanic blacks and other minorities are 22 percent to 30 percent less likely to receive pain medication during an emergency room visit, relative to non-Hispanic whites.

And just in case you're thinking this is a problem that only affects non-whites, think again. This same study, which was published in the journal Medical Care, found that some white patients were also less likely to get pain medication if they were treated at a hospital with high concentrations of minority patients.

With only about 8.9 percent of U.S. physicians identifying as black, American Indian, Alaska Native or Hispanic, the most pressing need is for the cultivation and training of more minority physicians. But not far behind is the necessity of educating seasoned doctors to be more understanding of the cultural differences between themselves and their increasingly diverse patients.

And these measures are only part of the equation.

"This problem needs to be addressed through both providers and patients," said Jose Ortiz, president and CEO of the Hispanic Health Council, a Hartford, Connecticut-based organization that creates bilingual, culturally tailored programs to eliminate health disparities in the Latino community. "We work with providers through participatory training that builds a foundation of knowledge, attitudes and skills needed to work effectively with diverse populations. The training explores issues of health inequity, stereotyping and unequal dynamics of power between providers and patients, and builds concrete skills toward addressing them.

"But we also work with patients through community health worker service programs, and it is clear that a number of factors must be overcome — these include histories of oppression of various types, lack of health and health care literacy, some cultural factors, among others. This requires an intensive educational and empowerment process that allows health care consumers to learn their rights and gain the practice and confidence needed to act upon them."

You can imagine these "intensive" processes aren't cheap, but they can be effective not only for minority communities, but also for underinsured, low-income whites and elderly patients who might be intimidated by the preponderance of high-tech gadgetry and more diverse caregivers in routine medical care.

But first we have to start with this: The disconnect between white physicians and their minority patients is becoming a legitimately documented phenomenon, not just one of those all-in-your-head things.

Once the medical establishment and patients of all races can internalize this, we can really start addressing it.

CHRISTINE HALL
Centers for Children and Families

Counseling boy is life-changing

When I began my journey toward becoming a therapist, I never expected that I would want to work with children. However, every road led me in that direction. It wasn't long before I realized the truth in what my graduate school professors told me: "You get the clients you need, not always the ones you want."

This was never truer than when I was assigned my youngest client, a 5- year-old, who I'll call "Joe." Learning about Joe, I quickly realized that he had been through more during his short life than many of my adult clients.

He had experienced grief, neglect, adjustment issues, family issues and various other issues, yet he still walked in excited to see me each week. Joe was able to talk about his life and use art as a way to explain situations he had been through. Although, Joe had a short attention span, he was able to communicate and understand more than most 5-year-old children. Then the day came when I was informed I would have to assist in making a life-changing decision for Joe. Every thought possible ran through my head. How am I supposed to provide information that will very likely impact this little boy's future?

So there I was, going through my thoughts the same way I guide my clients to do. I realized it was more than making a decision for Joe; it was being his advocate in a situation where he may not otherwise be heard. The life ahead of him would be a new chapter. He would have a chance to experience a loving family and experience the joy associated with being part of a family. This little boy, who walked in my office wearing cowboy boots, did not only change my views on counseling children but impacted my life in a way that I could not have imagined.

I may not know the individual walking into my office and the story they will share, but it is a reminder that for each day I try to help change someone's life there is someone who is waiting to change mine.

Public health critique offered of California pot measure

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A marijuana legalization measure likely to end up on the California ballot this year does not do enough to prioritize public health over business interests with the financial incentive and political clout to downplay any adverse effects of allowing people to use pot recreationally, two researchers with expertise in curbing tobacco use said Tuesday.

Stanton Glantz and Rachel Barry of the Center for Tobacco Control Research and Education at the University of California, San Francisco said they support legalization but worry it would create a legal marijuana market dominated by large players with the incentive and political clout to downplay the adverse health effects of pot, just as tobacco companies did decades ago.

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IMO JEAN DOUGLAS
Health Services supervisor for Midland ISD

Helmets don't always prevent concussions

My nephew is a soccer player in Hawaii. State champion, team captain, MVP, star soccer player. Just as football reigns here, soccer is a major sport on the island. JP is 18, 6-foot-3 and quite imposing. There aren't many things that can take him down.

Several weeks ago, he took a cleat to the face during a game, and was seen at the local ER. Fortunately, his nose wasn't broken, and he was discharged with instructions to return if other symptoms appeared. My sister reported he was "just sleeping it off." I encouraged her to have him re-evaluated, since sleeping a lot can be a sign of head trauma (or simply a signature move of a teenager). Later that day, JP woke up vomiting. He was re-examined and diagnosed with a concussion. To his dismay, he was not allowed to play until cleared by the doctor.

Several weeks later, my sister expressed frustration because he had not been cleared to play yet. Playoffs were approaching, and his team was favored to win state. As team captain, he had to watch games from the bench. I reminded her that concussions should be handled with great care, and that I was thankful they were being cautious. Otherwise, I might have to schedule a trip to Hawaii (just to make sure they were taking care of my nephew, of course). I then told her, "You will do exactly what they tell you to do. This is important. Don't rush it."

The movie "Concussion" is showing nationwide. The truth behind the movie is a fascinating tale about one forensic pathologist's research and why it took so long for it to be recognized. Parents and athletes are often anxious to resume play. Some hope to sign on with college athletic programs or receive scholarships based on play. Many simply love playing and don't want to miss that part of their young lives. My sister and brother-in-law are conscientious, and only want the best for their son. It was still frustrating for them to wade through evaluations, appointments and time spent away from the sport JP loves.

Why all the fuss about concussions lately? Kids have always played football and soccer, and they have always ridden horses, bicycles and skateboards for fun. Dr. Bennet Omalu, played by Will Smith in the movie, found some interesting things when he studied the brains of professional athletes who had a history of concussions. To summarize, concussions (especially multiple concussions) can have a lasting effect on how the brain functions. Furthermore, there is something called Second Impact Syndrome that can affect anyone with a concussion. Simply put, if a person experiences a second concussion before their first concussion heals, it can be fatal. Young athletes seem to be at greater risk for this syndrome. So, we are cautious.

Want to know more?

For more information to make sure your student stays in play safely, check out the CDC's Heads Up website: 1.usa.gov/1MRhw0Q

Though kids wear helmets for many sports and activities, helmets cannot always prevent concussions. Helmets work well to prevent certain injuries, and should always be worn. As far as preventing concussions, think about an egg. Think about a very large egg (ostrich egg, perhaps) in a helmet. If we strike the helmet with a hammer, the helmet will likely protect the egg shell, which also helps protect the contents inside. If we pick the helmet up and drop it, or hit it with great force, the shell may stay intact, but what happens to the parts inside? The white and yolk will bounce around in the shell and could become stretched or damaged.

Now, think of my nephew's brain. When he took that cleat to the face, his brain "bounced" around in his skull, causing some trauma. Make no mistake, I am absolutely pro-helmet. Kids often survive what would have been devastating injuries because they wore a helmet. However, they don't always prevent concussions.

With any blow to the head, watch for these signs: headache, pressure in the head, dizziness, balance problems, double vision or other vision problems, sensitivity to light, confusion, memory problems or changes in personality. If you notice any unusual symptoms, have your child evaluated by a physician. Only a medical professional can make the diagnosis of a concussion and recommend follow up. Team physicians and trainers follow rigorous guidelines to ensure safety. If your child has ever suffered a concussion, be sure to notify their coaches and school nurse. Don't rush your student athlete back into play, and always follow the recommendations of your physician.

After many visits with the head trauma team, and final clearance with a neurologist and ophthalmologist, JP was returned to play. They won state, and more importantly, he was safe.

Study finds no harm in allowing surgeons-in-training to work longer

By Jordan Rau
Kaiser Health News

WASHINGTON—Patients suffered no extra harm when doctors training to be surgeons were allowed to work longer shifts, a study released Tuesday concludes, adding to a push to relax the limits on resident hours.

The New England Journal of Medicine study comes as the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education is reassessing requirements that prevent residents from working extremely long stretches or back-to-back shifts. Those rules were enacted in 2003 and strengthened in 2011 amid concerns that sleep-deprived residents were more likely to make serious errors.

Since then there has been push back from residency program directors concerned that the rules created new dangers for patients by abruptly forcing interns to leave in the middle of treating a patient or surgery. They also complain the rules interfere with resident education because it is harder for a trainee to follow their patients.

The study released Tuesday conducted a direct experiment by tracking patient outcomes after loosening the rules for doctors in 58 surgical residency programs. It found that their patients did not die or suffer complications any more than at 59 residency programs that did not waver from the current rules.

"We believe the trial results say it's safe to provide some flexibility in duty hours," said Dr. Karl Bilimoria, the main author and a professor of surgery at the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University in Chicago.

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Paula Walker, left, an instructor with Green Monkey Yoga, leads a yoga class Jan. 24 at the Mondrian South Beach Hotel in Miami Beach, Fla. The hotel world is moving beyond basement gyms and ho-hum spa menus to accommodate guests' growing requests to stay healthy while on the road.

Hotels expand options to keep guests healthy on the road

By Kelli Kennedy
Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Running concierges, a hotel mini bar stocked with produce from the local farmers market and a training wall that comes standard in every room. The hotel industry is moving beyond basement gyms and basic spa menus to accommodate guests' growing requests to stay healthy while on the road.

The trend has been a mainstay at spas and wellness resorts for years, but now hotels frequented by business travelers and families are showing that life on the go doesn't have to mean sacrificing spin class or a quinoa superfood bowl. Boutique and luxury hotels along with big name brands including Westin and Wyndham have vastly expanded fitness programs and dining options in recent years. The luxury gym Equinox is even opening its own hotel in New York.

The number of hotels with fitness facilities jumped from 63 percent in 2004 to 84 percent in 2014, according to a study by the American Hotel & Lodging Association. And hotels offering in-room exercise equipment has nearly doubled in the past 10 years, from seven to 13 percent, according to the study.

"It's what the marketplace is demanding," said Dena Roche, wellness travel expert and editor of The Travel Diet website. "People are trying to lead a healthier lifestyle in their daily life so when they go on the road they want to keep doing those things."

At the Even Hotels, every room has a training zone with a yoga mat, exercise ball, foam roller and a mounted fitness wall with resistance bands plus 19 videos and training guides to help you get your sweat on. Wyndham guests can request a room stocked with an exercise machine (like a stationary bike, elliptical machine or treadmill) and free workout wear, and the W hotel chain partnered with popular yogi Tara Stiles for free in-room yoga videos and a set of tip cards placed around the room to suggest poses to help you relax, wake up or get in the mood.

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Walker, background center, leads a yoga class. The number of hotels with fitness facilities jumped from 63 percent in 2004 to 84 percent in 2014, according to the American Hotel & Lodging Association.

"It's pushing from a trend to a tipping point where there's mass adoption around wellness into every aspect of people's lives," Jason Moskal, a vice president at Intercontinental Hotels Group, which owns the Even brand. Even Hotels have three locations, including one in New York City, and are planning to open eight more including one in Miami.

"Everyone has a different aspect of what they're looking for ... the hotel was designed with this idea of wanting wellness on my own terms," he said.

Rooftop yoga classes are all the rage at hotels across the country including The James Hotel in New York and the Mondrian South Beach. Guests at The Standard in Miami Beach can also enjoy waterfront yoga or stand-up paddle board classes and grab a green drink from the hotel's juice bar. Their spa, which offers a variety of fitness classes for guests (some are for members only) is also a hub for sessions taught by some of the world's top yogis.

Spinning junkies only have to walk downstairs at the 1 Hotel South Beach for a Soul Cycle class.

Forgot to pack your workout clothes? No problem. Trump Hotels and Fairmont have partnered with Under Armour and Reebok respectively to style your workout. Westin's lending program with New Balance had a 16 percent increase in requests in 2015. At the hotel's Grand Central location in New York, more than 2,000 guests paid $5 to get a new pair of sneakers and clothes delivered to their room.

Kimpton's running kit includes a map of the Hudson River running path and pre-loaded iPod shuffle. Fairmont and several other hotels have running programs including "run concierges" at roughly 200 Westin locations and other options for runners.

The beefed-up offerings come as guests, particularly younger ones, say it's one of the deciding factors on where they will stay. Forty-five percent of millennials and 38 percent of Gen-Xers said spa and fitness centers were influential in where they booked a room, according to a 2015 survey from travel and hospitality marketing firm MMGY Global.

Several hotel chains are also targeting the tech-minded fitness buffs. Trump SoHo has a new program that gives guests a free Fitbit Charge to help track whether they meet their daily step goal. Westin is also partnering with Fitbit to deliver personalized video-based exercises that guests can download on their phones or on the Internet along with real-time feedback.

And there's no need to wonder whether there are gluten-free options at hotel restaurants. Most have even revamped the notoriously calorie-laden room service menus.

The Epiphany Hotel in Palo Alto, California, offers guests a fridge stocked with produce from a local farmers market, green juices and home-made power bars for $95. Kimpton hotels overhauled room-service menus, substituting quinoa and oats for white flour. Westin developed a SuperFoodsRx menu and Trump Hotels also has express menus for health-minded guests where dishes like stir-fried veggies and tofu can be delivered to your room in 15 minutes or less.

"This is definitely a lifestyle choice that is here to stay," said Ivanka Trump, an executive vice president of The Trump Organization. "Rather than allowing travel to be an impediment to maintaining one's nutrition and fitness goals, we want to help our guests succeed and achieve in maintaining their commitment to a healthy and balanced lifestyle while on the road."

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TODAY: Sunny High: 47 Low: 29

THURSDAY: Sunny High: 54 Low: 34

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 55 Low: 35

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 53 Low: 33

SUNDAY: Sunny High: 63 Low: 33

MONDAY: Sunny High: 55 Low: 31

Local forecast

There's precipitation in the forecast, according to National Weather Service: 30 percent chance of rain on Friday and a slight chance of rain and snow on Saturday. High temperatures are expected to be in the 50s and the lows in the 30s.

The record high for Feb. 2 is 82 set in 2003. The record low is minus 11 set in1985. On Feb. 2 of last year, the high was 52 and the low was 30.

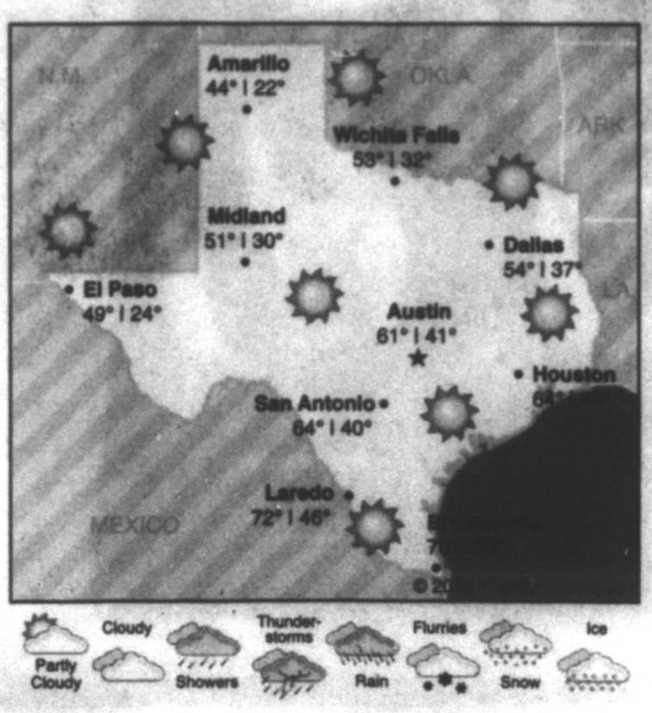
Weather brief

MISSISSIPPI

Tornadoes in the South; snow in Plains and Upper Midwest

JACKSON — Tornadoes touched down in Mississippi and Alabama as thunderstorms swept through the area Tuesday, while a powerful snowstorm buried parts of Colorado and Nebraska in more than a foot of snow before crawling into the Upper Midwest.

In Alabama, the National Weather Service in Birmingham reported a "confirmed large and destructive tornado" on the ground near the city of Aliceville, about 45 miles west of Tuscaloosa. Minor injuries were reported.



Precipitation

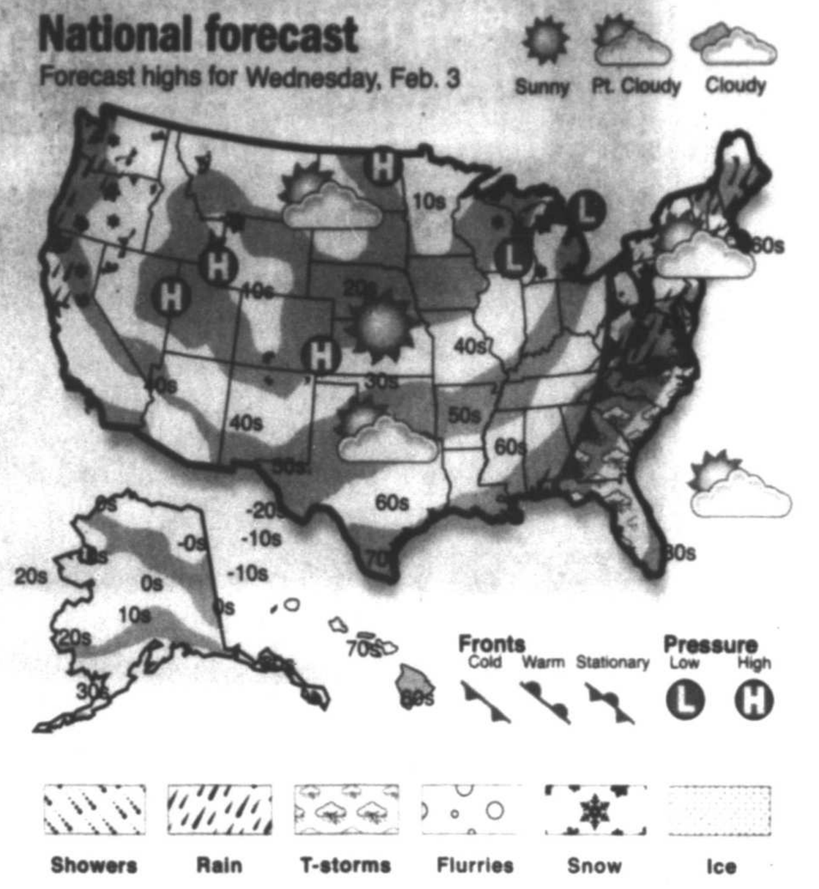
Monday	0.00 in.
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	0.18 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.61 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	57
Low	38
Normal high	66
Normal low	32
Sunrise	7:41 a.m.
Sunset	6:24 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, Feb. 3



Woman on egg donor registry need not volunteer her status

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 recently decided that I wanted to help an infertile couple conceive by becoming an egg donor. I'm well-educated and have a job I love. I understand the commitment both time-wise and emotionally. I am now part of a registry, and I could be selected for a donation at any time.

Like other young women, I am dating. However, I am conflicted about whether to tell my dates about my involvement with egg donation and if so, how. I understand that this is extremely personal, but at the same time I could have genetic offspring out there. Can you advise? — HELPING OUT IN BATON ROUGE

DEAR HELPING OUT: I do not think it would be appropriate to share this information with any man you are seeing casually. However, if a relationship becomes serious, you should discuss it. A way to start the conversation would be to say, "It's said that the most meaningful gift a person can give is a gift of self. Well, I have taken it literally."

DEAR ABBY: My 22-year-old daughter, a recent college graduate, is back living at home. She has been bringing her boyfriends home and having sex in her room. I have a real problem with it. There are younger children living here. My husband is not aware of what goes on behind her closed doors at night. How should I handle this? — STILL UNDER MY ROOF

DEAR STILL: If you prefer not to involve your husband in this, have a private chat with your daughter and tell her you are not comfortable with her entertaining her boyfriends in your home in the manner you have described. Tell her that if she wants to have sex, she should do it elsewhere — but not under your roof with younger children nearby. Because it's your home, your rules should apply.

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend of two years was offered the opportunity to travel to Nepal for a month-long stay. Leading up to the trip I tried not to be jealous, but I did say some childish things like, "You're leaving me for a mountain?" However, before she left, I told her I knew it was a great opportunity and that she should enjoy herself.

She emailed me a couple of nights ago about how she and two of her male guides went to a bar together where she got drunk. They plan on going to the club again later during the trip.

I trust my girlfriend, but I can't help but worry that she may be taken advantage of. I didn't mention my concerns and even encouraged her to go and have fun. But am I wrong to feel worried? Am I being insecure? — LEFT AT HOME IN FLORIDA

DEAR LEFT AT HOME: You're not wrong to feel worried. Under the circumstances, it's only normal. Does your girlfriend drink at home? And if she does, how does it affect her? At high altitudes the effects of alcohol can be magnified.

It's one thing to be open-minded and quite another to be so open-minded your brains fall out. Rather than encourage her, you should have warned her to be careful because what she did was risky. As for feeling insecure, at this point you're entitled to feel that way.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Avoid that man

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
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♥ A
♦ 7 6 5 2
♣ A K Q 7

WEST
♠ 9 8 7
♥ K J 9 6 5 3
♦ Void
♣ J 10 9 4

EAST
♠ K 10 6
♥ 8 4 2
♦ Q J 9 8
♣ 6 5 2

SOUTH
♠ A J 2
♥ Q 10 7
♦ A K 10 4 3
♣ 8 3

The bidding:

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

*Negative, values with no clear bid

Opening lead: Six of ♦

Many good players today add one point for a decent five-card suit when they have a balanced hand. That's what South was thinking when he opened one no-trump, promising 15-17 points. West took advantage of the vulnerability and threw in a light overcall. We agree that he was light.

South won the opening heart lead in dummy perforce. There were plenty of tricks as long as East never got on lead to play another heart. He led a low diamond at trick two and inserted his 10 when East played low. Should this lose to West, South would have four diamond tricks to go with three clubs and two major suit aces. He would also protect his queen of hearts from attack.

When West showed out on the first round of diamonds, declarer had to abandon that suit. No problem! He crossed back to dummy in clubs and led a low spade to his jack — another avoidance play. Win or lose, he would have a second spade trick and his contract, protecting his queen of hearts all the time.

Note that had South opened the bidding with one diamond, they would have had a chance to reach the good six-diamond contract that was available. The bad split in diamonds would have made that contract "touch and go," but it can be made. We'll leave it to interested readers to work out the winning line of play.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2016:

This year challenges you to perform to your highest level. You will manifest one of your long-term goals, if not more. Your determination will make the difference between success and failure. If you're single, the person you meet after mid-September could make you much happier than anyone you meet before then. Unless you are thrilled about the idea of a relationship, do not commit. If you are attached, the two of you will make a major life decision together. You will open up and experiment with new ideas come September. SAGITTARIUS is a good friend.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Others depend on you to see the big picture. As a result, your feedback is far more important than you realize. At first, you might find this process to be confusing and challenging. Understand that people respect your ideas, and don't hold back. Tonight: Midweek break.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Deal with a loved one directly. You both have good ideas; respect the differences in your opinions. A partner or associate can be exceptionally negative and closed down. By now, you're used to this attitude, so just work with it. Tonight: Reach out to a friend at a distance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Let others make choices without causing too much interference. This change in attitude will take work and self-discipline. Make it OK to work through a problem and not get too involved in it. Allow someone else to own his or her issues. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You are determined to get past a problem. How you see a situation could be radically different from how your associates see it. As a result, the solutions that are offered will be different. Don't let your determination isolate you from others. Tonight: Call it a night.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Your imagination can't be shut off right now. Thank goodness! You often express a frisky and playful attitude, and today is no different. A loved one is earnest about involving you in his or her dilemma. Don't make light of this. Tonight: Act as if it's the weekend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Stay centered, and proceed with care. You might not have the wherewithal to proceed as you might like. A family member or a domestic issue seems quite serious. Do not put energy on the negative, but on the positive. You will see a solution quite quickly. Tonight: Head home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You smile, and others respond. The problem seems to be that others are very serious and hard to communicate with. You might want to rethink your approach. Be aware that you have your limitations, and proceed accordingly. A partner will surprise you. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Finances demand your attention. You could be in a position of having to say no to someone. Understand that you're not made of money. You might need to cut back if you have been a spendthrift of sorts. An unusual expenditure option might appear. Tonight: Assess your budget.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Fiery energy mixed with determination could make you the winning player in a certain situation. Knowing what you want, having ideas and not being stopped by problems will allow you to create what you desire. Your commitment comes through. Tonight: Make choices for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22- Jan. 19) ★★★★ Everyone has a bad day or two. The way you handle these periods will determine others' attitudes and their willingness to work with you. You might need some time off from work right now. You will see your energy renew itself and take you in a new direction. Tonight: Not to be found.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ A friendship is more important to you than you might choose to share with the other party. Why are you feeling this way? Why are you projecting this attitude? Sometimes letting others know how much you care is important. Tonight: Out and about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Others sense a change in your attitude. You seem to have no desire to deal with people or listen to their diatribes. A little sensitivity can go a long way. You'll need to work with certain individuals, even if you would prefer not to. Tonight: Know when you're too tired to continue.

BORN TODAY

Lawyer Amal Clooney (1978), actress Kelly Sullivan (1978), painter Norman Rockwell (1894)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Editor's note: Because of a production error, the Daily Crossword for Feb. 3 ran in Tuesday's edition. The crossword that should have run is now featured below.

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1 Weight-watcher's bane
5 Pea jackets?
9 Little marketgoer of rhyme
14 Winans of gospel
15 Long-necked pampas bird
16 Cheri of "SNL"
17 Obeyed the corner traffic sign
20 Coach Steve of the NBA champion Golden State Warriors
21 Philosopher Descartes
22 North Carolina university
23 Place to buy a Nikon
26 Hors d'oeuvres bit
29 Capital of Yemen
31 Cosmetics giant
32 Turkey club spread
36 Uses Redbox, say
38 Soft pitch
39 Conceal, as misdeeds
41 Bank acct. entry
42 Track team member
44 Stuns
45 "I'm ready for the weekend!"
46 Ballerina artist Edgar
48 Gets weak in the knees
50 "For Better or for Worse," e.g.
54 Nanny's nightmare
56 Message from the teacher
57 Swedish furniture retailer
60 Warning about sealed-off escape routes from the police, four of whom are aptly positioned in this puzzle's circles
64 Cow on a dairy container
65 Over and done with
66 Prayer start
67 Oozes
68 Meadow moms
69 State fair structure

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1 TV/radio-regulating agcy.
2 Job for a plumber
3 Top spot
4 Part of many a six-pack
5 Country club instructor
6 Windy City hub
7 Put off
8 Steamy room
9 D.C. big shot
10 "Dinner's ready"
11 Energetic enthusiasm
12 Grasp intuitively, in slang
13 "Eek!"
18 Ensnare
19 Not as costly
24 Message to employees
25 Plucked instrument
26 Far from rattled
27 Dodge
28 Raising money for a children's hospital, say
30 Had food delivered
33 Actress Gardner
34 Fine-grained wood
35 Ironworks input
37 Sunscreen nos.
39 Prepare frantically for finals
40 Amer. ally in WWII
43 Self-gratifying pursuit
45 Man bun
47 Greed and pride, for two
49 Xbox One rival
51 Sporty wheels
52 Smoothie insert
53 Curt
54 What top seeds may get in tournaments
55 Film part
58 Perimeter
59 Very long time
61 Some Caltech grads
62 NHL tiebreakers
63 Banned pesticide

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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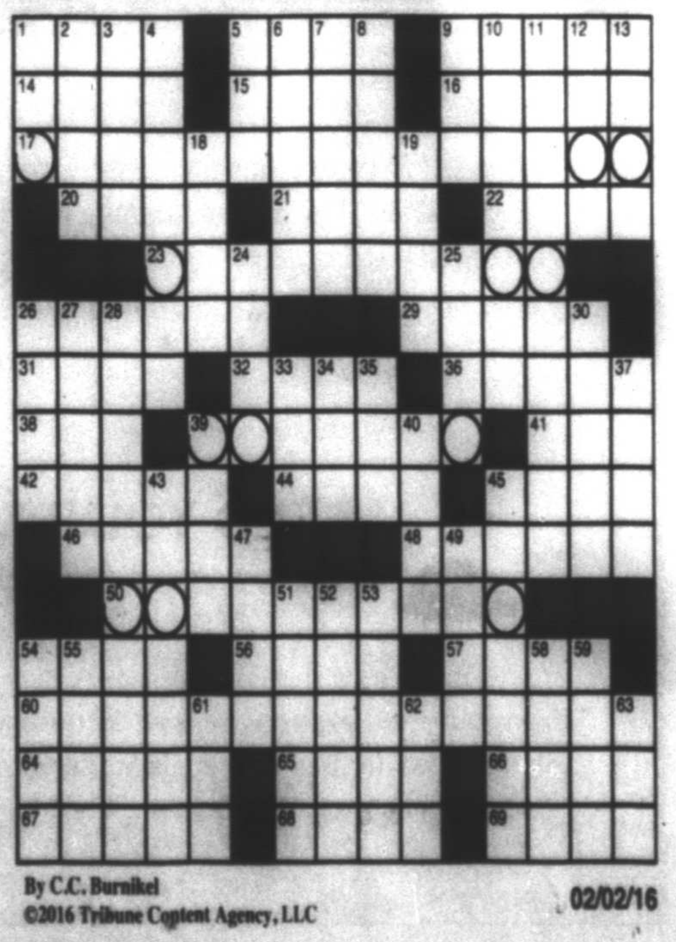

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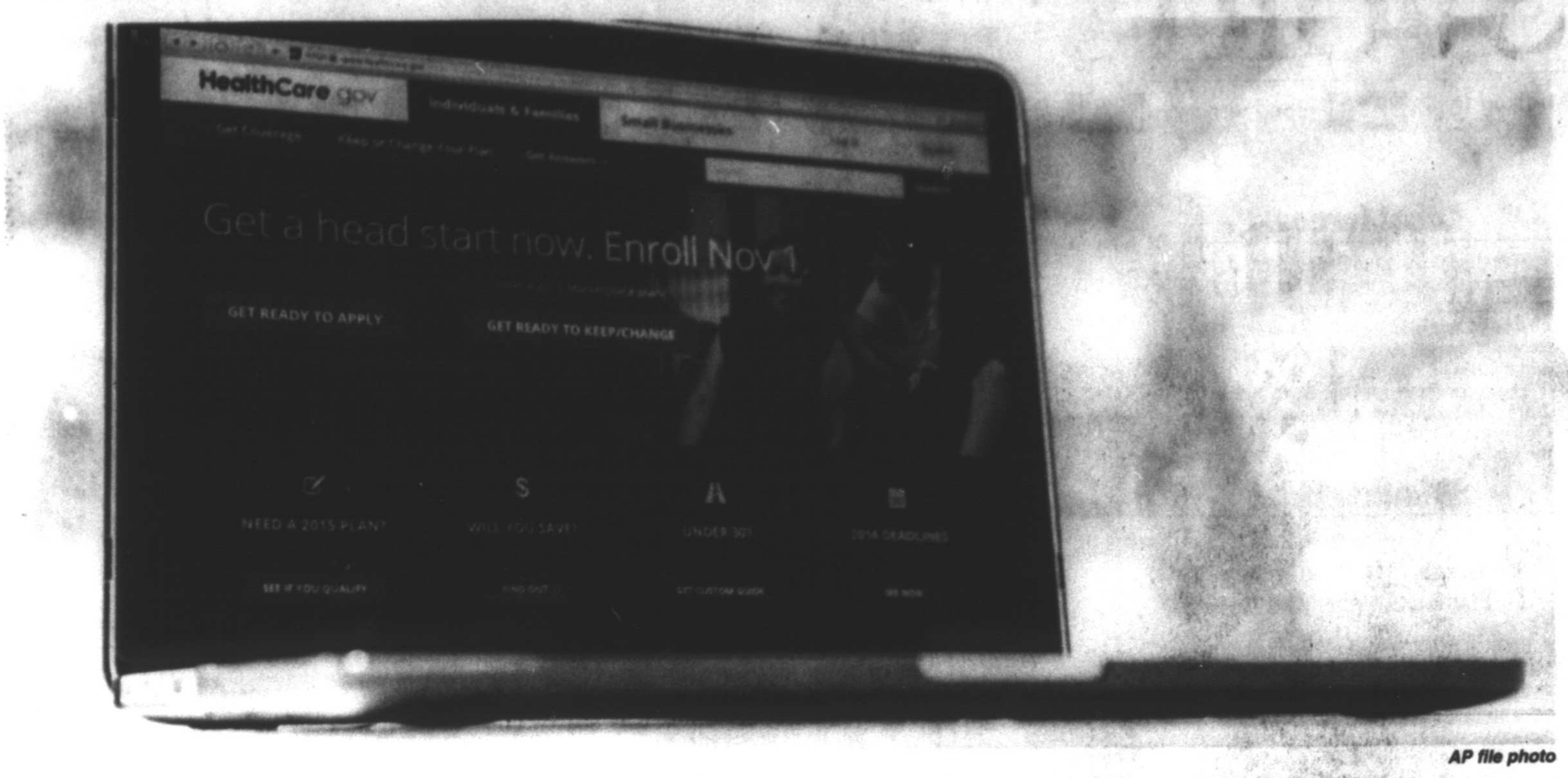

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The HealthCare.gov website, where people can buy health insurance, is displayed on a laptop screen Oct. 6, 2015, in Washington. Aetna has joined other major health insurers in sounding a warning about the Affordable Care Act's public insurance exchanges. The nation's third-largest insurer said Monday that it has been struggling with customers who sign up for coverage outside the ACA's annual enrollment window and then use a lot of care. This dumps claims on the insurer without providing enough premium revenue to counter those costs.

Insurer lays out concerns about ACA exchange business

By Tom Murphy
Associated Press

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The ACA provides an annual enrollment window that gives people several weeks starting every fall in which they can buy coverage for the next year. The law established that window to prevent people from waiting until they become sick to buy insurance. But insurers say it has become too easy for customers to sign up outside of this window.

Customers are allowed to buy coverage outside that time frame if they lose a job, get divorced or have a child, among other reasons. Insurers want the federal government, which processes coverage applications in 38 states, to take a closer look at whether people actually qualify for these special enrollment periods when they apply for coverage.

Both Aetna and UnitedHealth Group Inc. said the exchange customers they get outside the annual enrollment window use more health care than those who sign up within it. This includes some cases where it appears that a customer bought coverage, used it and then dropped it.

"Insurance systems tend to get stressed when people can buy coverage when they know they need it and then drop it when they know they don't," Chief Financial Officer Shawn Guertin told The Associated Press.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services recently outlined several changes it said it was making to help shore up exchange enrollment windows.

Aetna is a big player in the ACA's state-based exchanges. It has enrolled about 750,000 people and is selling coverage in 15 states this year. It lost more than $100 million last year on its exchange business, which makes up a small part of its overall enrollment.

"We continue to have serious concerns about the sustainability of the public exchanges," Aetna Chairman and CEO Mark Bertolini said Monday.

Blue Cross-Blue Shield insurer Anthem Inc. also is paying close attention to how the government deals with special enrollment periods as it judges how sustainable the exchange business will be in the future, CEO Joseph Swedish said recently.

UnitedHealth Group has said it will decide this year whether to participate in the public exchanges in 2017.

Aetna leaders, who have publicly supported the exchanges in the past, say they are still committed and not ready yet to make that kind of call.

"It would be premature, frankly, to declare victory or defeat at this stage in the process," Guertin said.

Federal officials announced last month that they would end several narrow special enrollment windows that focused on consumers like non-citizens with incomes below the federal poverty level who experienced processing delays.

Customers will still be able to use special enrollment periods to shop for coverage if they lose their insurance for more common reasons like a move, a marriage or divorce or the loss of a job.

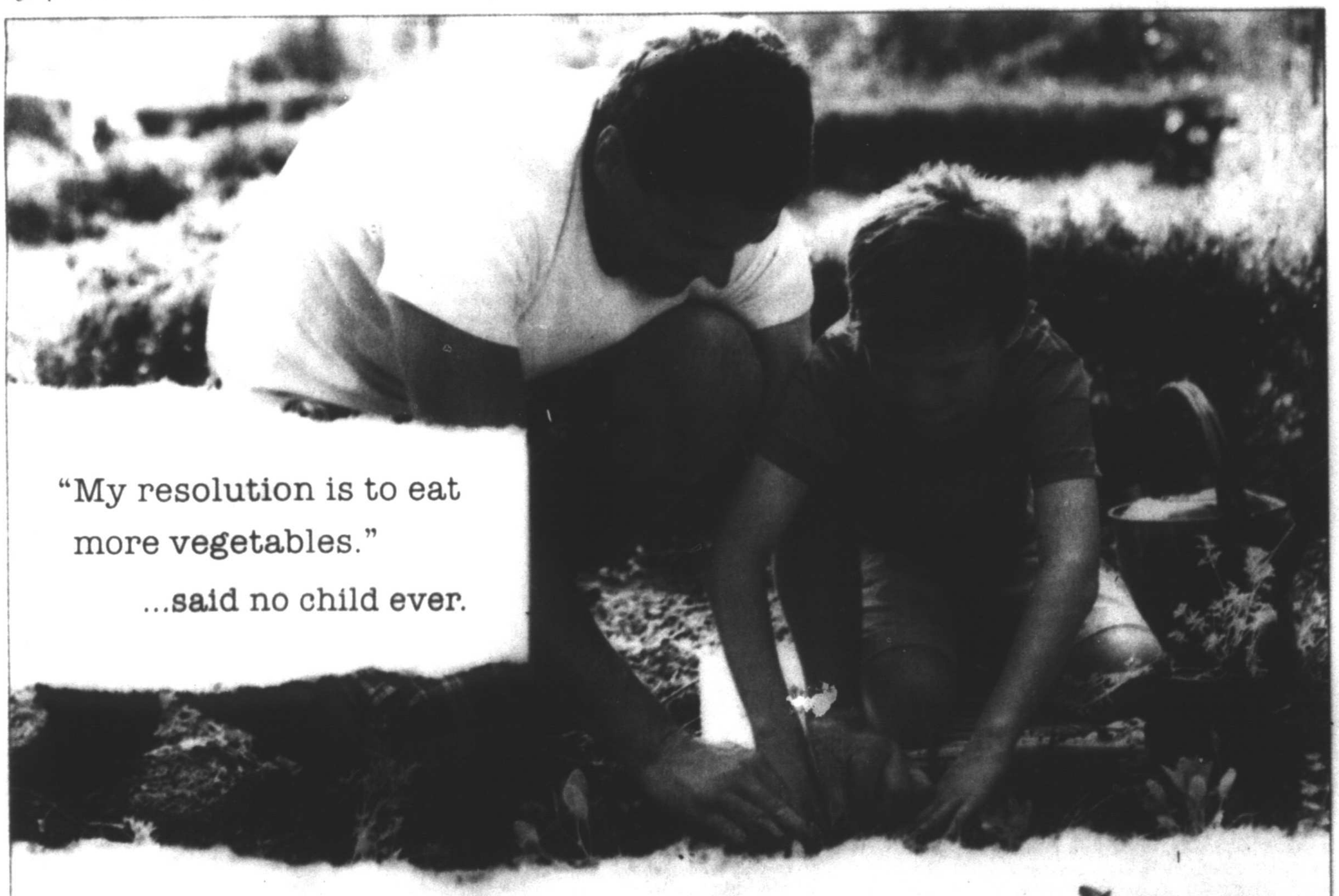
But the government plans to clarify guidelines on those remaining windows so customers understand them better. That includes clarifying that an enrollment period cannot be used for a temporary move, and people who do not provide accurate information on their insurance application could be penalized.

HealthCare.gov CEO Kevin Counihan said in a Jan. 19 blog post that special enrollment periods will not be available for "the vast majority of consumers." HealthCare.Gov operates public insurance exchanges in 38 states.

"For example, special enrollment periods are not allowed for people who choose to remain uninsured and then decide they need health insurance when they get sick," he wrote.

Insurers are also making adjustments. Aetna has left exchanges in markets like Kansas where it incurred high costs. It also has raised rates and done other things to shore up a business that only contributes about 5 percent of its total enrollment.

Guertin said the company hopes its exchange business will move closer to breaking even next year.



...but they could if you showed them the health benefits of a diet high in fresh fruits and vegetables and low on sugar. Children are more receptive to healthy lifestyle choices when they have a positive role model to guide them. Start the New Year off right...pull that broccoli out of the fridge and start cooking. Healthy meal choices are one more step toward our goal of making Midland the healthiest community in Texas.

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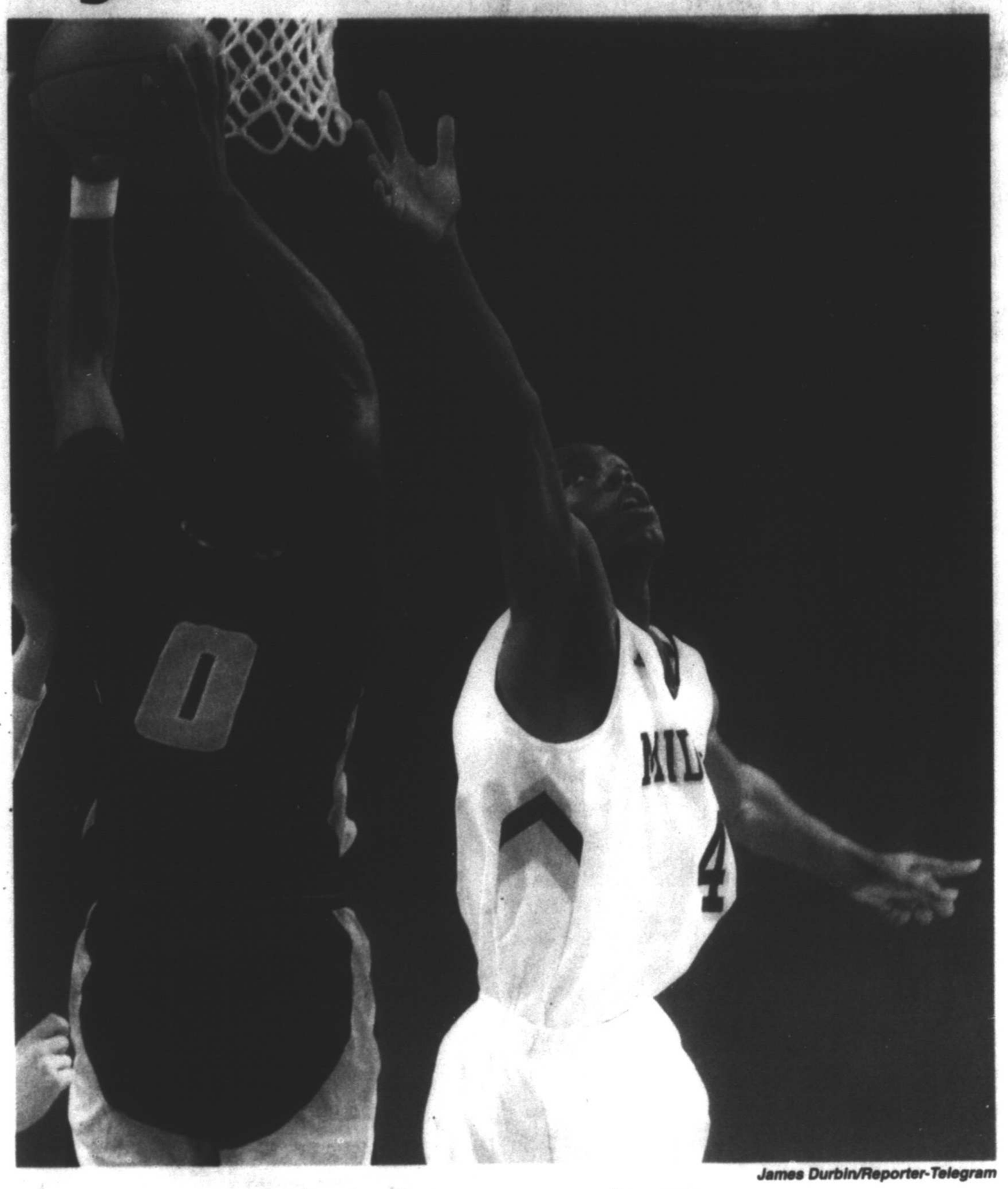

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Midland High's Jamel Jones (4) attempts to block a shot from Abilene's Diamond Gary (0) on Tuesday at Chaparral Center.

AHS duo leads red-hot Eagles past MHS

By Will Korn
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Eagles	89
Bulldogs	76

Abilene High boys basketball coach Don Heseman said his team has been on a crazy ride since Dec. 5 — an eight-week stretch that had seen the Eagles win 20 consecutive games.

And on the strength of a sparkling 36-point, 13-rebound, five-assist and four-steal performance from senior guard Diamond Gary, the Eagles kept their magical run alive with an 89-76 win against Midland High on Tuesday at Chaparral Center.

Abilene High improved to 27-3 overall and 6-0 in District 3-6A to clinch a playoff spot, while MHS fell to 9-14, 3-3.

"It's crazy, it's unbelievable," said Heseman of his team's current 21-game winning streak, one of the longest in school history. "It's not normal for Abilene High. This isn't a normal season. They (the AHS players) know they're something special, they know they have the city behind them, they know they have the pressure. And these young men perform under pressure."

Leading the way was Gary, the Eagles' 6-foot-4 floor general, who was all over the court on Tuesday. He flashed every part of his multi-faceted game — his outside shot, his smooth driving ability and his length, which allowed him to help the Eagles dominate the glass in the second half.

"Coach told me to keep driving and when I drive he said no one can stop me," Gary said. "Those drives and those boards — I told myself, I've got to get my boards and so I went and got them."

MHS head coach Shan Hooker said rebounding was indeed the Achilles heel for his team, which was out-rebounded by a 34-25 margin in the loss. In addition to Gary's 13 rebounds, senior forward Austin Johnson pulled down 14 for the visiting Eagles.

"I think they dominated the boards in the second half and that really hurt us," Hooker said.

Gary and his teammates also forced MHS into several untimely turnovers, throughout the game. It seemed as though every time the Bulldogs made a run to get within a basket or two, an Eagle defender made an alert defensive play that usually led to a basket on the other end.

"(The key) was not to let up on defense and continue our offensive pace," Gary said. "Keep up that defensive pressure and keep turning them over."

From the opening possession, the game featured a blistering pace and stationary dribbling was minimal. The two teams fired a flurry of downcourt passes and quick, often crafty ball movement produced an entertaining first half in which neither side led by more than four points.

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MHS forces 34 turnovers in rout of Lady Eagles

By Christopher Hadorn
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Lady Bulldogs	63
Lady Eagles	30

One week after struggling with inconsistency in two closely contested wins versus the Odessa schools, the Midland High girls basketball team didn't waste any time in exerting its will on Abilene High on Tuesday night.

The Lady Bulldogs came out firing on all cylinders and kept up the torrid pace for three quarters during a 63-30 rout of the visiting Lady Eagles in District 3-6A play at Chaparral Center.

MHS (19-8, 7-1 in District 3-6A) clinched at least a share of the district's No. 2 seed behind a defense that forced 34 Lady Eagles' turnovers and rode a 9-2 turnover advantage in the first quarter to a 20-6 advantage after one stanza.

The Lady Bulldogs defense limited AHS (16-13, 1-7 in District 3-6A) to six or fewer points in each of the first three quarters.

"Our number one key to victory was pressure," MHS head coach Wes Torres said. "The girls set that (tone) early. It wasn't necessarily that we got steals, but we forced them to turn the ball over."

Point guard Alexandrea Washington had a game-high five steals to spearhead the Lady Bulldogs' defensive effort. Midland High post Kaylyn Evans clogged up passing lanes to nab four steals.

On offense, MHS spread the ball around as 10 different players scored in the triumph.

Washington, Alexis Washington and Amber Salcido each led the Lady Bulldogs with 10 points apiece.

Salcido enjoyed a fine night shooting the ball by sinking 2-point jumpers from medium to long range.

Salcido, the senior guard, typically contributes to Midland High's wins with her sound defensive play.

"I have been working on my shot lately," Salcido said. "You have to be in the gym and work at it and work at it so that you can officially do it in a game and that's exactly what I did. I have

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James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Alexis Washington (14) passes against Abilene on Tuesday at Chaparral Center.

Recruiting stunts help coaches stand out in social media age

By Noah Trister
Associated Press

In the wacky world of recruiting, Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh sleeping over at a prospect's house somehow makes perfect sense.

Just ask Gerry DiNardo, who used to coach in the Big Ten himself.

"We felt like whatever we could do to distinguish ourselves within the rules, we would do," DiNardo said. "I was all for the gimmicks. I think they're effective. I think the only difference now is everybody knows what's going on because of social media."

If Twitter had existed 20 years ago, maybe DiNardo could have been the football coach going viral. Instead, it's Harbaugh who has made waves over the past month for his unorthodox approach to recruiting, and he's just one example of the intensity and creativity that big-time programs show in the hypercompetitive weeks leading into signing day.

"It's gotten crazy, of course," said Donald Chumley, who coaches one of the nation's top prospects at Savannah Christian Prep in Georgia. "Everybody's trying to make that last impression."

Demetris Robertson of Savannah

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Area signings

Here are the student athletes from the area that are expected to sign letters-of-intent today to colleges and universities.

MIDLAND HIGH
Football
DE Traver Vliem, Georgia Southern
Boys Soccer
Alex Vonkhofe, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
Girls Soccer
Adrienne Almodovar, Lubbock Christian
Hayden Burdsal, Lubbock Christian
LEE
Football
DE Kaleb Nunez, Air Force
DB Dedrick Strembler, Hardin-Simmons University
RB Tony Jones, Angelo State University
RB Ashton Akbar, Langston University
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN
Football
QB Westin Elliott, West Texas A&M
OL Ryan Wilson, UT-Permian Basin
ANDREWS
Football
LB Keegan Gray, UT-Permian Basin
OL/DL Sam Robertson, UT-Permian Basin

NASCAR's Tony Stewart hospitalized with back injury

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Three-time NASCAR champion Tony Stewart was hospitalized Tuesday with a back injury and Stewart-Haas Racing said the team was unsure of the extent of his injuries just a week before he is expected in Daytona to prepare for his final season in Sprint Cup.

The 44-year-old Stewart was injured Sunday during an accident while he was riding an all-terrain vehicle somewhere on the West Coast, SHR spokesman Mike Arning told The Associated Press. He was being evaluated at an undisclosed hospital and able to move all extremities.

Arning indicated Stewart's condition will not be updated again until Thursday. Stewart was in Arizona on Saturday night at the Barrett-Jackson auction in Scottsdale and interviewed on live television from the event.

Stewart is retiring at the end of this NASCAR season, and he was due to report next week to Daytona International Speedway to begin preparing for the Feb. 21 Daytona 500.

"We have received word from Stewart-Haas Racing of Tony Stewart's accident and injury," NASCAR chairman Brian France said in a statement. "On behalf of everyone at NASCAR, I wish Tony a full recovery and look forward to seeing him back in our sport when he's ready to return."

Stewart turns 45 in May and missed a third of the 2013 season with a broken leg he sustained in a sprint car accident. A year later, his car struck and killed a fellow driver at a dirt track in New York. Stewart was cleared of any criminal wrongdoing, but faces a civil suit from the family of Kevin Ward Jr.

Stewart spoke last month of his excitement over his upcoming final season, and said he'd likely return to racing in

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DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

BULL RIDING

Championship Bull Riding: Hobbs, 8 p.m., FS2

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

National Signing Day, 7 a.m., ESPNU

Texas A&M National Signing Day, 7 a.m., FSSW

Texas National Signing Day, 7 a.m., LHN

Big Ten National Signing Day, 8 a.m., BTN

OU National Signing Day Morning, 8 a.m., FSSW+, FCSC

OU National Signing Day Morning, 9 a.m., FSSW, FSSW+, FCSC

SEC National Signing Day, 9 a.m., SEC

National Signing Day, 9 a.m., CBSSN

Baylor National Signing Day, 1 p.m., FSSW, FCSC

National Signing Day, 2 p.m., ESPN2

Texas Tech National Signing Day, 2 p.m., FSSW

OU National Signing Day Afternoon, 2:30 p.m., FSSW, FCSC

National Signing Day, 4 p.m., ESPNU

Southwest National Signing Day, 5:30 p.m., FSSW

GOLF

LPGA: Coates Golf Championship, 1st Round, 1 p.m., GOLF

European PGA: Omega Dubai Desert Classic, 1st Round, 11 p.m., GOLF

European PGA: Omega Dubai Desert Classic, 1st Round, 4:30 a.m., GOLF

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

St. John's at Xavier, 5:30 p.m., FS1

Illinois at Rutgers, 5:30 p.m., BTN

Notre Dame at Miami-FL, 6 p.m., ESPN2

Penn State at Iowa, 6 p.m., ESPNU

Arkansas at Florida, 6 p.m., SEC

Creighton at Villanova, 7 p.m., CBSSN

Marquette at Seton Hall, 7:30 p.m., FS1

Kansas State at Kansas, 8 p.m., ESPN2

Oklahoma State at Texas Tech, 8 p.m., ESPNU

Ole Miss at Missouri, 8 p.m., SEC

BYU-Hawaii at Cal Baptist, 9 p.m., FCSP

Arizona State at Washington, 10 p.m., ESPNU

NBA

Golden State at Washington, 7 p.m., ESPN

Miami at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW

New Orleans at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m., FSSWSA

Minnesota at LA Clippers, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

NHL

Detroit at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m., NBCSN

TENNIS

ATP: Open Sud de France, 7 a.m., TENNIS

ATP: Ecuador Open Quito, 5:30 p.m., TENNIS

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Kansas State at Baylor, 7 p.m., FSSW+

Oklahoma State at Oklahoma, 7 p.m., FCSC

ON RADIO

NBA

Miami at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring)

NJCAA POLL

NJCAA Division I Men's Basketball Poll (first place votes in parentheses)

No. Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1 Trinity Valley CC (15)	22-1	350	1
2 Georgia Highlands	21-1	330	2
3 North Idaho (1)	25-0	324	3
4 Gillette College	24-0	310	4
5 Indian Hills CC	23-2	294	6
6 Harcum College	20-2	278	7
7 Connors State	19-2	261	8
8 Northwest Florida State	20-3	246	5
9 McLennan CC	21-3	231	11
9 Mineral Area	23-1	231	12
11 Eastern Florida State	21-3	215	13
12 John A. Logan	19-3	[illegible]	9
13 Hutchinson CC	20-3	171	15
14 Southwest Tennessee	18-3	154	18
15 Iowa Western	19-4	148	10
16 Otero JC	20-3	135	23
17 Odessa College	19-4	104	14
18 Arkansas Baptist	19-3	95	24
19 Palm Beach State	19-4	85	17
20 Wallace State	20-4	76	RV
21 Marion Military	17-3	50	RV
22 Neosho County	19-3	47	RV
22 South Georgia State	20-3	47	RV
24 Ranger College	19-4	38	RV
25 Vincennes University	19-4	29	20

Others receiving votes: **Midland College (18-5), 13 points**

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with RHP Peter Moylan on a minor league contract.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with INF Sherman Johnson, LHP Tyler DeLoach, C Stephen McGee, C Michael Stresnitz, INF Alex Yarbrough, LHP Greg Mahle, C Taylor Ward, OF Chad Hinshaw, RHP Yunesky Maya, C Wade Wass, RHP Kyle McGown and LHP Nate Smith to minor league contracts.

MINNESOTA TWINS — Agreed to terms with OF Carlos Quentin on a minor league contract.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Agreed to terms with LHP Wesley Wright on a minor league contract.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Named Greg Mankiw and Raul Ibanez special assistants to the president of baseball operations and the baseball operations department.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Agreed to terms with LHP Chris Capuano on a minor league contract.

NEW YORK METS — Traded OF Darrell Ceciliani to Toronto for cash.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Agreed to terms with RHP Brandon Morrow on a minor league contract.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with INF Brendan Ryan on a minor league contract.

Pacific Coast League

LAS VEGAS 51S — Named Deb Iwanow athletic trainer.

American Association

FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Released C Michael Leach.

KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Signed LHP Evan Deluca and RHP Jeremy Straan.

SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS — Signed INF Ryan Court.

TEXAS AIRHOGS — Signed INF Will DuPont.

WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed INF Marlon Gonzalez and LHP Chris Anderson.

Can-Am League

SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Signed RHPs Tanner Kiest and Michael Tamurino. Released OF CJ Beatty and INF Jon Talley.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

HOUSTON ROCKETS — Suspended Houston C Dwight Howard one game for striking the arm of a game official and fined Houston coach J.B. Bickerstaff $10,000 for public criticism of the officiating of Saturday's game.

Women's National Basketball Association

MINNESOTA LYNX — Re-signed C Sylvia Fowles and G Renee Montgomery.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed RB Bronson Hill to a reserve/future contract.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Named Dan Campbell assistant head coach-tight ends coach, Ronald Curry and Brendan Nugent offensive assistant coaches, Peter Giunta senior defensive assistant coach, Aaron Glenn secondary coach, Joe Lombardi quarterbacks coach, Dennis Allen defensive coordinator, Dan Roushar offensive line coach and Brian Young pass rush specialist.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Agreed to terms with DE Vinny Curry on a five-year contract.

Canadian Football League

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed DB Macho Harris and DE Shayon Green.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ANAHEIM DUCKS — Recalled LW Harry Zolnierczyk from San Diego (AHL).

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Recalled D Viktor Svedberg from Rockford (AHL).

ECHL

ECHL — Suspended Alaska's Garet Hunt three games and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions in Jan. 31 game at Colorado. Suspended Fort Wayne's Garrett Meurs two games and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions in a Jan. 31 at Kalamazoo.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

PORTLAND TIMBERS — Transferred M George Fochive to Viborg FF (Superliga Denmark).

National Women's Soccer League

WASHINGTON SPIRIT — Traded D Katherine Reynolds to Portland for D Alyssa Kleiner.

United Soccer League

LOUISVILLE CITY FC — Signed M Paolo Dell'Piccolo.

SAN ANTONIO — Signed M Carlos Alvarez.

VOLLEYBALL

USA VOLLEYBALL — Announced the retirement of chief executive officer Doug Beal, effective Jan. 2, 2017.

COLLEGE

ALBION — Named Wytse Molenaar men's soccer coach.

ALCORN STATE — Named Fred McNair football coach.

KANSAS STATE — Agreed to terms with volleyball coach Suzie Fritz to a four-year contract extension through the 2020 season.

LAMAR — Named Henry Zapata women's associate head soccer coach.

NYU — Named Samantha Miller women's assistant softball coach.

POST (CONN.) — Named Kayla Mills women's lacrosse coach.

ST. JOHN'S — Announced women's soccer M Madelina McCracken has transferred from Boston College.

UTSA — Announced QB Blake Bogenschutz is leaving the football program for health reasons.

SPORTS ODDS

NFL Super Bowl

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
Carolina	3½	6	(45½)	Denver

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Thursday

At Bangkok, Thailand, Knockout CP Freshmart vs. Carlos Buitrago, 12, for CP Freshmart's interim WBA World strawweight title.

Friday

At Bangkok, Thailand, Samp Kietnwat vs. Gregorio Lebron, 12, for Kietnwat's interim WBA World flyweight title.

At Fantasy Springs Resort Casino, Indio, Calif., Frankie Gomez vs. Silverio Ortiz, super lightweights; Randy Caballero vs. Ruben Garcia, 10, super bantamweights.

Feb. 5

At Sands Bethlehem (Pa.) Center (FS1), Jamel Herring vs. Luis Eduardo Flores, 10, lightweights.

Feb. 16

At Las Vegas (FS1), Alexis Santiago vs. Erik Ruiz, 10, bantamweights.

Feb. 18

At The Hangar, Costa Mesa, Calif., Sergey Kuzmin vs. Rodney Hernandez, 10, heavyweights; Dmitry Bivol vs. Darnell Boone, 10, light heavyweights.

Feb. 19

At Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City, N.J. (SHO), Adam Lopez vs. Mario Munoz, 10, junior featherweights.

Feb. 20

At Oberhausen, Germany, Fedor Chudinov vs. Felix Sturm, 12, for Chudinov's WBA World super middleweight title.

Feb. 27

At Manchester, England (SHO), Carl Frampton vs. Scott Quigg, 12, for Frampton's IBF-WBA Super World bantamweight title; Marco McCullough vs. Isaac Lowe, 12, for vacant Commonwealth featherweight title; Hosea Burton vs. Mikel Shinkwin, 12, for vacant British light heavyweight title; Ryan Burnett vs. Anthony Settoul, 12, for the vacant WBO International bantamweight title; Charlie Edwards vs. Luke Wilton, 10, flyweights.

At Madison Square Garden, New York (HBO), Terence Crawford vs. Hank Lundy, 12, for Crawford's WBO junior welterweight title; Felix Verdejo vs. William Silva, 10, lightweights.

At Honda Center, Anaheim, Calif. (SHO), Leo Santa Cruz vs. Kiko Martinez, 12, for Cruz's WBA Super World featherweight title; Julio Ceja vs. Hugo Ruiz, 12, for Ceja's WBC World super bantamweight title; Gerald Washington vs. Oscar Rivas, 10, heavyweights.

March 4

At Kyoto, Japan, Shinsuke Yamanaka vs. Liborio Solis, 12, for Yamanaka's WBC bantamweight title; Yu Kimura vs. Garigan Lopez, 12, for Kimura's WBC junior flyweight title.

March 5

At Grozny, Russia, Ruslan Chagaev vs. Lucas Browne, 12, for Chagaev's WBA World heavyweight title.

At DC Armory, Washington, D.C. (HBO), Luis Ortiz vs. Alexander Dimitrenko, 12, for Ortiz's interim WBA World heavyweight title; Sadam Ali vs. Jessie Vargas, 12, welterweights.

March 12

At Mohegan Sun Arena, Uncasville, Conn. (CBS), Keith Thurman vs. Shawn Porter, 12, for Thurman's WBA World welterweight title; Edwin Rodriguez vs. Thomas Williams Jr., 10, light heavyweights.

At Olympia Theatre, Montreal, David Lemieux vs. James De La Rosa, 12, middleweights.

March 19

At Kempton Park, South Africa, Hekkie Budler vs. Byron Rojas, 12, for Budler's WBA Super World-IBO World strawweight title.

March 26

At Sheffield Arena, Sheffield, England, Kell Brook vs. Kevin Bizier, 12, for Brook's IBF welterweight title; Dave Allen vs. Richard Towers, 10, heavyweights; Andy Townend vs. Craig Poston, 10, junior lightweights.

At New York, José Pedraza vs. Stephen Smith, 12, for Pedraza's IBF super featherweight title.

At Oracle Arena, Oakland, Calif. (HBO), Andre Ward vs. Sullivan Barrera, 12, light heavyweights.

April 9

At Moscow, Grigory Drozd vs. Ilunga Makabu, 12, for Drozd's WBC cruiserweight title.

April 9

At MGM Grand, Las Vegas (PPV), Timothy Bradley Jr. vs. Manny Pacquiao, 12, for Bradley's WBO welterweight title; Arthur Abraham vs. Gilberto Ramirez, 12, for Abraham's WBO super middleweight title; Oscar Valdez vs. Evgeny Gradovich, 10, featherweights; Jose Ramirez vs. Manny Perez, 10, junior welterweights; Oleksandr Gvozdyk vs. Nadjib Mohammedi, 10, light heavyweights.

Sockers release 2016 schedule

From staff reports

The Midland/Odessa Sockers FC, of the Premier Development League, released its 2016 soccer schedule on Monday.

The Sockers FC will open up its eighth season in franchise history with a road match versus the Albuquerque (N.M.) Sol on May 20.

On May 26, the Sockers FC host the Mississippi Brilla in its home opener at Grande Communications Stadium.

The Sockers FC have been slotted in the Mid South Division, within the PDL's Southern Conference, along with Albuquerque, Mississippi, the Springfield (Mo.) Synergy FC, and the Oklahoma City Pulse.

The Sockers FC's complete 2016 schedule is listed below:

SOCKERS FC 2016 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
May 20	at Albuquerque Sol	6 p.m.
May 22	at Albuquerque Sol	4 p.m.
May 26	Mississippi Brilla	7:30 p.m.
May 28	Mississippi Brilla	7:30 p.m.
May 31	at Springfield Synergy FC	7 p.m.
June 2	at Springfield Synergy FC	7:30 p.m.
June 9	Albuquerque Sol	7:30 p.m.
June 11	Albuquerque Sol	7:30 p.m.
June 23	at Mississippi Brilla	7 p.m.
June 25	at Mississippi Brilla	7 p.m.
July 2	Springfield Synergy	7:30 p.m.
July 5	at Oklahoma City Pulse	7 p.m.
July 14	Oklahoma City Pulse	7:30 p.m.
July 16	Oklahoma City Pulse	7:30 p.m.

HIGHSCHOOLSOCCERROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MHS BEATS COOPERS

ABILENE — The Midland High boys soccer team scored three unanswered goals to beat Abilene Cooper in a non-district game on Tuesday.

MHS (8-4) took a 2-0 lead in the first half thanks to goals from Homero Vazquez and Alex VonHolle and assists coming from VonHolle and Allan Aguilar.

Aguilar then gave the Bulldogs the lead for good with a goal off an assist from Brian Natividad 12 minutes into the second half.

Less than a minute later, VonHolle scored off an assist from Vazquez for a 4-2 advantage.

Then 40 seconds later, Natividad scored on a penalty kick to cap off the scoring.

MHS next heads to Abilene High at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday to begin District 3-6A play.

REBELS STORM BACK IN SECOND HALF

The Lee boys soccer team scored three second half goals to best Lubbock High, 3-2, in non-district play Tuesday at Grande Communications Stadium.

The Rebels (6-3-2) trailed, 2-0 at halftime before Leo Aranda got Lee on the board in the 45th minute with an assist from Carlos Aranda.

Lee tied the game in the 50th minute on an unassisted goal by Leo Barba. Carlos Aranda scored the game-winning goal in the 70th minute courtesy of an assist by Nate Ortiz.

The Rebels will open District 3-6A play when they host Odessa Permian at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Grande Communications Stadium.

Seguin scores twice, Stars beat Jets

Associated Press

Stars 5
Jets 3

WINNIPEG, Manitoba — Tyler Seguin scored twice, John Klingberg had a goal and an assist and the Dallas Stars held on for a 5-3 victory over the Winnipeg Jets on Tuesday night.

Vernon Fiddler and Antoine Roussel also scored for Dallas, and Antti Niemi stopped 21 shots.

Andrew Ladd, Adam Lowry and Dustin Byfuglien scored for Winnipeg, and Connor Hellebuyck made 22 saves.

Seguin scored for the first time in five games and Klingberg had gone eight games without a goal.

Seguin scored 2:49 into the third period to put Dallas ahead 4-2. Byfuglien got his goal with 9:46 left, but Roussel scored an empty-netter with Hellebuyck pulled and 42 seconds left.

Ladd put the Jets on the board by tipping in Drew Stafford's shot during a power play with 5:44 left in the first.

Seguin tied it 51 seconds into the second period just after a Stars power play expired. He ripped a shot from inside the faceoff circle, and Hellebuyck couldn't move over fast enough to stop it.

Lowry scored about 3 minutes later when he stuffed a puck passed a sprawled Niemi.

Dallas then scored three straight goals.

Klingberg tied it 2-2 on an unusual breakaway. After Cody Eakin had his stick knocked out of his hands near center ice, he continued up the ice without it alongside Demers and Klingberg. Demers passed to Klingberg, and he beat the outnumbered Hellebuyck at 14:41.

The Stars took their first lead of the game 2 minutes later after Ales Hemsky dropped a pass to a trailing Fiddler to shoot in.

Forty seconds after Jets forward Andrew Copp went to the box for tripping, Seguin had the puck come back to him and he fired it through traffic past Hellebuyck. It was his 27th goal of the season.

Niemi stretched out for a big pad save on Mark Scheifele late in the game to preserve the lead.

Winnipeg pulled Hellebuyck for the extra attacker with just under 2 minutes left and defenseman Tyler Myers had a shot ring off the crossbar.

NOTES: The game was Winnipeg's fifth of a six-game homestead (1-4-0), which concludes Friday against Carolina. ... The Stars travel to Colorado for a game Thursday night.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	50	30	15	5	65	140	110
Tampa Bay	49	27	18	4	58	130	117
Detroit	49	25	16	8	58	122	124
Boston	50	26	18	6	58	150	135
Montreal	51	24	23	4	52	138	138
Ottawa	51	23	22	6	52	144	161
Toronto	49	18	22	9	45	118	137
Buffalo	50	20	26	4	44	114	136
Metropolitan Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Washington	48	35	9	4	74	160	109
N.Y. Rangers	50	27	18	5	59	144	132
N.Y. Islanders	48	26	16	6	58	135	121
Pittsburgh	49	25	17	7	57	127	125
New Jersey	51	26	20	5	57	117	120
Carolina	51	23	20	8	54	123	135
Philadelphia	48	22	18	8	52	113	129
Columbus	51	19	27	5	43	133	163

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	53	33	16	4	70	147	122
Dallas	51	32	14	5	69	167	136
St. Louis	53	29	16	8	66	130	128
Colorado	52	27	22	3	57	143	142
Nashville	51	24	19	8	56	129	132
Minnesota	50	23	18	9	55	124	120
Winnipeg	50	22	25	3	47	129	145
Pacific Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Los Angeles	49	30	16	3	63	129	113
San Jose	48	26	18	4	56	142	129
Arizona	49	24	20	5	53	131	146
Anaheim	47	22	18	7	51	101	111
Vancouver	50	20	19	11	51	122	139
Calgary	48	21	24	3	45	128	146
Edmonton	50	19	26	5	43	122	149

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Scores and schedule

Tuesday's Scores

Toronto 4, Boston 3, OT

New Jersey 3, N.Y. Rangers 2
N.Y. Islanders 5, Minnesota 3
Philadelphia 4, Montreal 2
Pittsburgh 6, Ottawa 5
Florida 5, Washington 2
St. Louis 1, Nashville 0
Dallas 5, Winnipeg 3
Chicago at Colorado, late
Columbus at Edmonton, late
Los Angeles at Arizona, late
San Jose at Anaheim, late

Today's Games

Buffalo at Montreal, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Calgary, 8:30 p.m.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ROCKETS 115 HEAT 102

HOUSTON — James Harden scored 26 points and tied a career-high with 14 assists as the Houston Rockets snapped a three-game skid with a 115-102 win over the Miami Heat on Tuesday night.

Houston had a double-digit lead for most of the second half and was up by 10 when Josh Smith scored all of the team's points in a 7-2 run that pushed the advantage to 104-89 with about five minutes remaining.

The Rockets started Smith, a 6-foot-9 forward, at center with Dwight Howard serving a one-game suspension for making contact with an official this weekend and Clint Capela out with a high injury.

Smith scored a season-high 19 points in his second start this season and first since returning to Houston in a trade from the Clippers on Jan. 22.

Luol Deng had 17 points for the Heat whose season-high four game winning streak ended.

The Rockets were up by seven entering the fourth quarter and scored the first six points of the period to make it 93-80 with about 10 1/2 minutes remaining.

A 3-pointer by Harden with just over three minutes remaining made it 110-93 and sent all Houston's starters to the bench.

Houston led by 14 early in the third quarter before Miami used a 15-3 run to cut the lead to 74-72 with about five minutes left in the period. Dwyane Wade made four points in the span and the Heat made three consecutive 3-pointers to cap that run with two from Deng and one from Justise Winslow.

CELTICS 97 KNICKS 89

NEW YORK — The Celtics toughened up their defense and were simply too tough for the Knicks.

Isaiah Thomas had 20 points and eight assists, and Boston wore down New York in a 97-89 victory on Tuesday night.

Jae Crowder and Tyler Zeller each added 16 points, while reserves Evan Turner and Kelly Olynyk were also in double figures as the Celtics were fresher and sharper in dominating the final 15 minutes.

"Eventually we started wearing them down playing great defense, and we got stops and turned them into buckets," Turner said.

Turner had 14 points and 10 rebounds, and Olynyk scored 13 points in the Celtics' sixth victory in seven games.

RAPTORS 102 SUNS 97

PHOENIX — Kyle Lowry scored 26 points, including five 3-pointers, DeMar DeRozan added 22 points and the Toronto Raptors held off Phoenix 102-97 Tuesday night, spoiling the debut of Suns interim coach Earl Watson.

The Raptors, whose franchise-record 11-game losing streak ended Monday night in Denver, led the entire second half but had to hold on at the finish.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	33	16	.673	—
Boston	28	22	.560	5½
New York	23	28	.451	11
Brooklyn	12	37	.245	21
Philadelphia	7	41	.146	25½
Southeast Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Atlanta	28	22	.560	—
Miami	27	22	.551	½
Charlotte	23	25	.479	4
Washington	21	25	.457	5
Orlando	21	26	.447	5½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Cleveland	35	12	.745	—
Chicago	26	21	.553	9
Detroit	26	23	.531	10
Indiana	25	23	.521	10½
Milwaukee	20	30	.400	16½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	40	8	.833	—
Memphis	29	20	.592	11½
Dallas	28	23	.549	13½
Houston	26	25	.510	15½
New Orleans	18	29	.383	21½
Northwest Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Oklahoma City	37	13	.740	—
Portland	23	26	.469	13½
Utah	22	25	.468	13½
Denver	19	30	.388	17½
Minnesota	14	35	.286	22½
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Golden State	44	4	.917	—
L.A. Clippers	32	16	.667	12
Sacramento	21	27	.438	23
Phoenix	14	36	.280	31
L.A. Lakers	9	41	.180	36

Scores and schedule

Tuesday's Scores

Boston 97, New York 89
Houston 115, Miami 102
Toronto 104, Phoenix 97
Milwaukee at Portland, late
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, late

Today's Games

Atlanta at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Indiana at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Orlando at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Washington, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Utah, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

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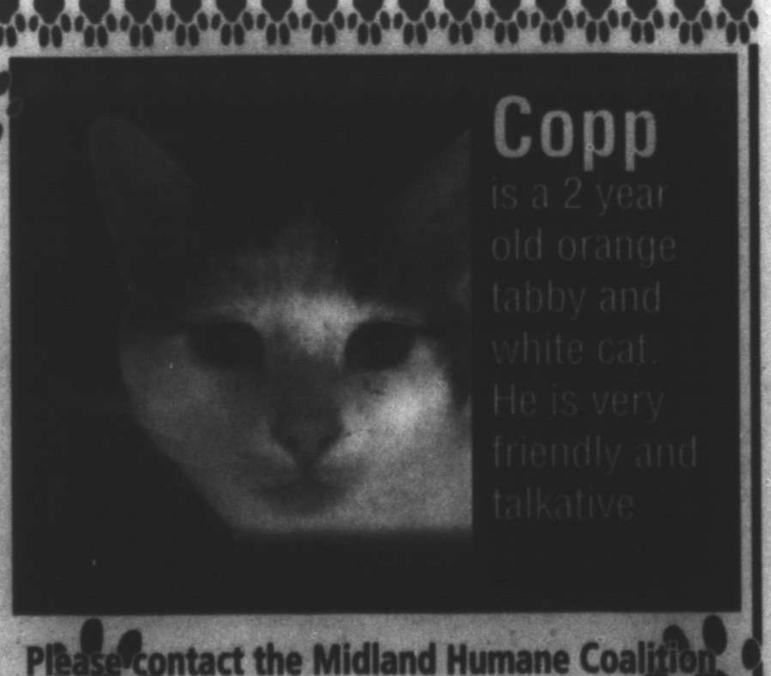

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HIGHSCHOOLBASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girls

LUBBOCK TRINITY 59 MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 48

LUBBOCK — Lubbock Trinity stayed unbeaten in TAPPS District 1-4A with a victory over Midland Christian.

Trinity (10-0 in district) took a 32-21 lead at the half.

Megan Ashton led the Lady Mustangs (20-13, 7-3) with 19 points, while Blaire Neatherlin added 16.

LUBBOCK TRINITY 59, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 48

Midland Christian (20-13, 7-3) — Megan Ashton 19; Ana Galindo 7; Daniella Anastrejo 3, Blaire Neatherlin 16

Lubbock Trinity (10-0 in TAPPS 1-4A) — Ashton Duncan 14, Traci Lucero 9, Peyton Himango 9, Cara Cowan 13, SJ Leverton 4, Nancie Wheeler 6

MCS	21	0	12	15	—48
Trinity	32	0	16	11	—59

Free throws — MCS 13-15, LT 13-21. 3-point goals — MCS 1 (Anastasio), LT 2 (Duncan, Himango). Total fouls — MCS 14, LT 15. Fouled out — None.

Next: Midland Christian at Fort Worth Christian, 6 p.m. Friday

ANDREWS 72 MONAHANS 52

ANDREWS — Rylee Diaz scored a game-high 21 points to lead Andrews to a convincing District 4-4A victory over Monahans.

Taylor Bailey added 19 points, Janey Leach had 11 and Rae Johnson added 10 for the Lady Mustangs (11-17, 4-4).

TJ Aragon and Avery Carter each had 11 for Monahans (0-8 in 4-4A).

ANDREWS 72, MONAHANS 52

Monahans (0-8 District 4-4A) — Emily Subia 1, TJ Aragon 11, Shelby Holly 9, Avery Carter 11, Estrella Porras 4, Caroline Cutbirth 7, Amanda Brandenburg 9

Andrews (11-17, 4-4) — Taylor Bailey 19, Rae Johnson 10, Rylee Diaz 21, Mikyla Alvidrez 9, Bella Martinez 2, Janey Leach 11

Monahans	14	9	15	14	—42
Andrews	22	19	14	17	—72

Free throws — Monahans 17-29, Andrews 20-31. 3-Point Goals - Monahans 3 (Aragon 2, Cutbirth 1), Andrews 6 (Johnson 2, Diaz 2, Bailey 1, Alvidrez 1). Total Fouls - Monahans 20, Andrews 20. Fouled Out - Monahans - Carter.

Boys

SEMINOLE 73 GREENWOOD 47

SEMINOLE — The Greenwood boys basketball team hung tough in the first half, but fell, 73-47 to Seminole on Tuesday in District 4-4A action.

Colton Moore scored 12 points for Greenwood (4-22, 2-4) which trailed, 34-27 at halftime.

But despite going 10-for-29 from the free throw line, the Indians (6-0 in District 4-4A) outscored Greenwood, 39-20 in the second half to pull away with the win.

SEMINOLE 73, GREENWOOD 47

Greenwood (4-22, 2-4) — Colton Moore 12, Sam Magallan 9, Tyler Ellison 4, Tyler James 3, Kelley Cooper 4, Seth Keeson 9, Blake Elliott 11

Seminole (6-0) — Villarreal 3, Lawrence 25, Johnson 12, Wimmer 9, Medlin 5, Perez 2, Moore 11, Childers 5

Greenwood	15	12	12	8	—47
Seminole	19	15	20	19	—73

Free throws — Greenwood 5-6, Seminole 10-29. 3-point goals — Greenwood 9 (Moore 4, Magallan 3, Ellison, Keeson), Seminole 4 (Johnson 3, Wimmer). Total fouls — Greenwood 21, Seminole 11. Fouled out — Greenwood, Tino Madrid.

Next: Pecos at Greenwood, 7:30 p.m. Friday

MONAHANS 58 ANDREWS 54

ANDREWS — Monahans held off Andrews for a District 4-4A win on Tuesday.

Sam Robertson scored a game-high 21 points for the Mustangs, who are now 3-3 in district play. No other Mustang was in double figures.

MONAHANS 58, ANDREWS 54

Monahans — Smith 9, Birdwell 14, Montez 11, Hogan 2, Williams 4, Jackson 2, Rodriguez 14, Navarrete 2

Andrews (3-3 in district) — Peyton Lopez 3, Joel Flores 3, Devin Fitzgerald 3, Keegan Thompson 2, Treton Williams 8, Johnny Phillips 2, Samuel Robertson 21, Aaron Doyle 3

Monahans	10	9	12	21	—58
Andrews	13	10	9	22	—54

Free throws — MHS 12-16, AHS 13-23. 3-point goals — MHS 6 (Smith 3, Birdwell 3), AHS 3 (Lopez, Fitzgerald, Williams). Total fouls — MHS 21, AHS 18. Fouled out — Rodriguez, Jackson, Flores, Fitzgerald.

Next: Andrews at Seminole, 7:30 p.m. Friday

SONORA 54 COAHOMA 50

COAHOMA — Kade Creek scored 18 points to lead Sonora to a close win over Coahoma in District 5-3A play on Tuesday night.

Mason Moore led the Bulldogs (9-14, 0-5 in District 5-3A) with 14 points, while his teammates Adam Clark and John Bermea each contributed with 10 points.

Coahoma made seven 3s in the losing effort.

SONORA 54, COAHOMA 50

Sonora (8-13, 2-2) — Kasten Cordell 9, Kade Creek 18, Dustin McCain 2, Liam Yourgalite 2, Mickey Campos 14, Solis 4, John Arrendondo 5

Coahoma (9-14, 0-5) — Adam Clark 10, Britton Heath 8, Austin Sosa 2, Gage Clark 4, Mason Moore 14, Tyler Martin 2, John Bermea 10

Sonora	12	16	14	10	—54
Coahoma	11	12	18	9	—50

Free throws — Sonora 4-9, Coahoma 7-13. 3-point goals — Sonora 4 (Creek 2, Arrendondo, Cordell), Coahoma 7 (Clark 2, Heath 2, Bermea 2, Moore). Total fouls — Sonora 14, Coahoma 17. Fouled out — Yourgalite, A. Clark

Next: Coahoma at Colorado City, 8 p.m. Friday

AREA BOX LAMESA 78, SWEETWATER 51

Sweetwater — McCoy 12, Lawrence 10, Williams 8, Clark 6, Hunt 6, M. Lawrence 3, Moore 2, Jackson 2, Amos 2

Lamesa (20-5, 5-1 2-4A) — Dre Smiley 19, Edwards 15, Maxwell 10, Derrington 8, K. Smiley 7, Rodriguez 4, KJ Hunter 3, Enriquez 3, Cunningham 3, KD Hunter 2, Jackson 2, Alexander 2

Sweetwater	7	9	18	17	—51
Lamesa	25	25	17	11	—78

Free throws — SHS 19-28, LHS 17-27. 3-point goals — SHS 4 (Williams 2, Hunt 2), LHS 3 (D. Smiley, Edwards, Cunningham). Total fouls — SHS 23, LHS 24. Fouled out — McCoy, Jackson.

Next: Levelland at Lamesa, 8 p.m. Friday

Thomas' 28 helps Permian crush Lee

From staff reports

Chambers

ODESSA — Lee was shut out in the first quarter and it cost the Rebels in a 56-31 loss to Odessa Permian at the Permian Fieldhouse on Tuesday night.

The loss dropped the Rebels to 3-19, 0-6 in District 3-6A, while Permian moved to 11-9, 4-2.

Anthony Thomas almost single-handedly out-scored Lee by himself with a game-high 28 points. No other player in the game was in double figures.

Avery Chambers had nine points, thanks to three 3-pointers, to lead the Rebels.

Panthers 56
Rebels 31

ODESSA PERMIAN 56, LEE 31

Lee (3-19, 0-6) — Samu'J Davis 3, Tayor Britt 2, Avery Chambers 9, Dustin Hunt 3, Cory Sutton 8, James Lydia 2, Brady Cain 2, Dedrick Strambler 2

Odessa Permian (11-9, 4-2) Kobe Robinson 6, Kyle Kennedy 7, Anthony Thomas 28, Jack Fawcett 6, Justin Hammond 5, Keionshay Jones 2, Trace Notley 2

Lee	0	7	14	10	—31
Permian	15	9	18	14	—56

Free throws — Lee 3-4, Permian 4-8. 3-point goals — Lee 4 (Chambers 3, Hunt 1), Permian 2 (Kennedy 1, Hammond 1). Total fouls — Lee 10, Permian 15. Fouled out — none.

Next: Abilene High at Lee, 6 p.m. Friday

Lee moves to 8-0 in district after win

From staff reports

Valdez

ODESSA — The Lee girls basketball team held Odessa Permian to just 11 made field goals and rolled to a 50-32 District 3-6A win against the Lady Panthers on Tuesday at Permian Fieldhouse.

Allison Valdez led Lee (22-4, 8-0) with 13 points, while Karysa Edwards added 11.

Rhianna Jones scored 13 points for Permian (15-10, 3-5), which only managed 12 points over the second and third quarters.

Lady Rebels 50
Lady Panthers 32

LEE 50, ODESSA PERMIAN 32

Lee (22-4, 8-0) — Yarizta Rivas 2, Allison Valdez 13, Alaysha Green 2, Karysa Edwards 11, Braydyn Hill 2, Madison Leavitt 1, Kyra Lewis 6, Zion Nibbelt 7, Quinci Robinson 6

Permian (15-10, 3-5) — Rhianna Jones 13, Tatanesha Flemming 6, Katie Claxton 5, Maliyah Comer 8

Lee	11	17	11	11	—50
Permian	8	7	5	12	—32

Free throws — Lee 6-18, Permian 9-12. 3-point goals — Lee 2 (Valdez, Edwards), Permian 1 (Jones). Total fouls — Lee 17. Permian 19 Fouled out — none

Next: Abilene High at Lee, 7:30 p.m. Friday at Chaparral Center. Odessa Permian at Odessa High, 7:30 p.m

Hield scores 17 as Durant watches; No. 1 Oklahoma beats TCU

Sooners 95
Horned Frogs 72

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Buddy Hield was just the second-best scorer in the building Tuesday night.

With Oklahoma City Thunder star Kevin Durant on hand, Hield scored 17 points to help No. 1 Oklahoma defeat TCU 95-72.

Hield, the nation's No. 2 scorer, was held well below his 26.2 average, but he shot an efficient 7 for 13 from the field and made 3 of 8 3-point attempts as the 2014 NBA MVP and fourtime scoring champion watched.

"It's cool for him coming in here and showing support and supporting the city, especially with us ranked No. 1," Hield said. "KD's one of the guys I really look up to when I watch the NBA, so it's kind of cool him being out here."

Hield was coming off consecutive games with at least 30 points, but even with Durant watching, he was fine with drawing attention to free up his teammates for a night.

"I wasn't trying to impress anybody, just being myself, but it was a good team win," he said. "I couldn't get as many buckets as him (Durant), but I was just trying to get the win and get out of here."

Jordan Woodard scored 14 points, Isaiah Cousins had 13 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists and Ryan Spangler had 11 points and 11 rebounds for the Sooners (19-2, 7-2 Big 12), who won their fourth straight.

The Sooners shot 51 percent from the field and held TCU to 41 percent shooting.

Vladimir Brodziansky scored 17 points, Chris Washburn had 15 and Malique Trent added 12 for TCU (10-12, 1-8), which lost its sixth straight conference game.

TCU coach Trent Johnson was irritated when asked about his team playing in front of Durant.

Associated Press

Oklahoma guard Buddy Hield (24) high fives fans after Oklahoma defeated TCU during a game in Norman, Okla., on Tuesday.

"Was he going to suit up and play for us?" Johnson asked. "I don't know if he could have helped us tonight."

The Sooners didn't shoot as well as usual early, but they were aggressive and got to the free throw line to control the game from the start.

Once the Sooners found their rhythm, TCU was in trouble. Oklahoma hit the 50-point mark on a jumper by Woodard with about 2 minutes left in the first half. The Sooners shot 49 percent to lead 52-33 at the break. Woodard scored 14 points and Hield added 13 in the first half.

"I thought we got off to a good start moving the ball, attacking," Oklahoma coach Lon Kruger said. "We got downhill and made a lot of plays for each other."

Khadeem Lattin made three baskets in the first 3 minutes of the second half to keep the Sooners rolling. A 3-pointer by TCU's Chauncey Collins cut Oklahoma's lead to 58-45, but the Sooners responded with an 11-0 run to put the game out of reach.

"You've got to pay a price, and Oklahoma obviously has paid a price, individually and collectively, because they're really good and really skilled," Johnson said. "We weren't very good tonight, but they had everything to do with that. It's a good basketball team."

MHS GIRLS

From 1C

been working on my shot. Tonight my shots actually started falling in, which is actually kind of good. It's big on my part because I can play both ways, I can contribute both ways."

Midland High led 38-12 at halftime, and 52-18 through three quarters.

Salcido said the Lady Bulldogs thrived on defense because they studied the Lady Eagles' tendencies and tried to force them to dribble and shoot with their weaker hands. Salcido also said her MHS teammates did a solid job of combating the Abilene High's screen attempts.

"Our defense was pretty much on point because they had a lot of screens, which we communicated as a team when to switch, when not to switch," Salcido said of individual defensive assignments.

Abilene High's Dakkia Morris led all scorers with 12 points, while teammate Jasmine Brooks contributed with 10 points.

At 7:30 p.m. Friday, the Lady Bulldogs visit third-place San Angelo Central (4-4 in District 3-6A), who clinched a postseason berth on Tuesday with a 50-45 overtime win over Odessa High.

3-6A girls basketball

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
x-Lee	8	0	22	4
x-Midland High	7	1	19	8
San Angelo Central	4	4	13	17
Odessa Permian	3	5	15	10
Abilene High	1	7	16	13
Odessa High	1	7	13	17

x-clinched playoff berth

Tuesday's Scores

Midland High 63, Abilene High 30; Lee 50, Odessa Permian 32; San Angelo Central 50, Odessa High 45, OT

Friday's Games

Abilene High vs. Lee at Chaparral Center; Midland High at San Angelo Central; Odessa Permian at Odessa High. All games tip off at 7:30 p.m.

"I am excited about where this team is headed," Torres said. "We are definitely headed in the right direction. … We were a little sluggish (last week) and we were able to come back and have a little uptempo game that was more our style."

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MIDLAND HIGH 63, ABILENE HIGH 30

Abilene High (16-13, 1-7) — Cami Hernandez 1, Jhaysh Adams 3, Abigail Zeller 2, Ashley Pierce 2, Dakkia Morris 12, Jasmine Brooks 10

Midland High (19-8, 7-1) — Jayci Strong 2, Mariì Martin 5, Amber Salcido 10, Alexis Washington 10, Alexandrea Washington 10, Katie Jones 2, Rylee Rushton 2, Kilee Frazier 6, Claire Lancaster 8, Kaylyn Evans 8

AHS	6	6	5	13	—30
MHS	20	18	14	11	—63

Free throws — AHS 10-16, MHS 5-6. 3-point goals — MHS 4 (Alexis Washington 2, Alexandrea Washington, Mariì Martin). Total fouls — AHS 9 MHS 14. Fouled out — None

Next: Midland High at San Angelo Central, 7:30 p.m. Friday; Abilene High vs. Lee, 7:30 p.m. Friday at Chaparral Center

MHS

From 1C

But the Eagles, who came out a little sluggish to start the game and led 37-35 at the half, started to gain control in the third quarter. AHS hit six of its nine shots from the field in the period and several sloppy Bulldog passes resulted in easy Eagle points.

Then in the fourth, Gary and Johnson carried their team to its 21st consecutive victory. The guard-forward tandem combined for 22 of AHS' 29 fourth-quarter points, many of which were scored with hustle plays and offensive rebounds.

With Gary and Johnson both on their games in the final eight minutes, the Bulldogs, who played a strong game offensively in their own right, just couldn't keep up.

Johnson finished with 24 points for the Eagles.

"When those two play to their ability, I really and truly believe that there are very few young men in this state who can play with them," Heseman said.

Shawn Rivers led the Bulldogs with 25 points, with 10 of them coming in the fourth quarter. Courtney McMaryion added 13 points for MHS.

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3-6A boys basketball

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
x-Abilene High	6	0	27	3
Odessa Permian	4	2	11	9
Midland High	3	3	9	14
San Angelo Central	3	3	18	10
Odessa High	2	4	15	10
Lee	0	6	3	19

x-denotes clinched playoff spot

Tuesday's Scores

Abilene High 89, Midland High 78; Odessa Permian 58, Lee 31; San Angelo Central 62, Odessa High 47

Friday's Games

Midland High at San Angelo Central; Abilene High at Lee; Odessa Permian at Odessa High. All games tip off at 6 p.m.

ABILENE HIGH 89, MIDLAND HIGH 78

AHS (27-3, 6-0) — Diamond Gary 36, David Russell 9, Chris Castel 3, Peyton Kilian 6, Avery Griffith 7, Isaiah Jones 2, Jydonn Griffith 2, Austin Johnson 24

MHS (9-14, 3-3) — Shawn Rivers 25, Davonne Bass 5, Jamal Jones 10, Carmian Rock 7, Jalen Chitwood 2, Courtney McMaryion 13, Andrew Norwood 6, Deshaun Odell 8

AHS	15	22	23	29	—89
MHS	16	20	19	23	—78

Free throws — AHS 11-24, MHS 16-20. 3-point goals — AHS 6 (Gary 2, Castel, Russell, Kilian, A. Griffith), MHS 6 (Rivers 2, Bass, Jones, Rock, McMaryion). Total fouls — AHS 17, MHS 19. Fouled out — AHS, Russell. Technical fouls — AHS, Diamond.

Next: AHS at Lee, 6 p.m. Friday at Chaparral Center; MHS at San Angelo Central, 6 p.m. Friday

COLLEGE BASKETBALL GLANCE

Tuesday's scores

MEN

SOUTHWEST

Abilene Christian 79, Houston Baptist 72
Incarnate Word 70, Texas A&M-CC 65
Oklahoma 95, TCU 72

SOUTH

Bethune-Cookman 62, Savannah St. 59
Clemson 76, Wake Forest 62
Duke 90, Georgia Tech 71
Georgia 69, South Carolina 58
LSU 80, Auburn 68
Liberty 88, Winthrop 77
Louisiana-Lafayette 73, Louisiana-Monroe 65, OT
Loyola NO 82, Dillard 55
Northwestern St. 81, Cent. Arkansas 75
Tennessee 84, Kentucky 77
Union (Ky) 108, St. Catharine 80

FAR WEST

Air Force 75, Wyoming 62
Boise St. 70, Utah St. 67
New Mexico 87, UNLV 83

MIDWEST

Akron 80, Ohio 69
Ball St. 72, Bowling Green 64
Butler 67, Georgetown 76
Cent. Michigan 88, Kent St. 61
E. Michigan 94, Miami (Ohio) 69
Indiana 80, Michigan 67
Indiana St. 63, Drake 58
Indiana-East 93, Asbury 74
Missouri St. 77, Bradley 71
Toledo 89, W. Michigan 62
West Virginia 81, Iowa St. 78

EAST

CONY 92, Staten Island 65
Castleton 75, Colby-Sawyer 49
Haverford 79, Washington (Md.) 69
Hartwick 68, Rider 57
Rosemont 89, Virginia Tech 60, OT
UMass 61, Rhode Island 56, OT
W. New England 66, Wentworth 60
York (NY) 66, Brooklyn 84, 2OT

EXHIBITION

UT Martin 122, Bryan 60

WOMEN

SOUTHWEST

West Virginia 69, Texas Tech 42

SOUTH

Bethune-Cookman 50, Savannah St. 44
Bretcia 103, Cincinnati Christian 58
Kentucky Christian 59, Berea 46
Louisiana-Lafayette 52, Louisiana-Monroe 40
McNeese St. 92, New Orleans 63
Shenandoah 77, Randolph-Macon 74

MIDWEST

Alverno 60, Dominican (Ill.) 56
Concordia (Wis.) 62, Lakeland 45
Indiana-East 79, Asbury 66
Iowa St. 63, Kansas 53
Maranatha Baptist at Northland, ccd.
Maryland 67, Purdue 67
Milwaukee Engineering 76, Edgewood 72
Nebraska 87, Penn St. 69

EAST

CONY 69, Staten Island 67
Castleton 69, Colby-Sawyer 27
Haverford 61, Washington (Md.) 42
Monmouth (NJ) 73, Manhattan 62
Quinnipiac 60, St. Peter's 49
W. New England 76, Wentworth 59

Today's games

MEN

SOUTHWEST

Oklahoma St. at Texas Tech, 8 p.m.

SOUTH

Arkansas at Florida, 6 p.m.
Gardner-Webb at High Point, 6 p.m.
Liberty at Longwood, 6 p.m.
Notre Dame at Miami, 6 p.m.
Charlotte at NC A&T, 6 p.m.
Coastal Carolina at Presbyterian, 6 p.m.
George Mason at Richmond, 6 p.m.
Charleston Southern at UNC Asheville, 6 p.m.
Boston College at Virginia, 6 p.m.

FAR WEST

UC Irvine at Cal Poly, 9 p.m.
Fresno St. at San Jose St., 9 p.m.
CS Northridge at UC Riverside, 9 p.m.
Arizona at Washington St., 9 p.m.
Arizona St. at Washington, 10 p.m.

MIDWEST

St. John's at Xavier, 5:30 p.m.
Penn St. at Iowa, 6 p.m.
Evansville at N. Iowa, 6 p.m.
Illinois St. at Loyola of Chicago, 7 p.m.
Nebraska-Omaha at W. Illinois, 7 p.m.
Maryland at Nebraska, 7:30 p.m.
Kansas St. at Kansas, 8 p.m.
Mississippi at Missouri, 8 p.m.
S. Illinois at Wichita St., 8 p.m.

EAST

Illinois at Rutgers, 5:30 p.m.
Davidson at George Washington, 6 p.m.
Mass.-Lowell at Hartford, 6 p.m.
VCU at La Salle, 6 p.m.
Army at Lafayette, 6 p.m.
Loyola (Md.) at Lehigh, 6 p.m.
Boston U. at Navy, 6 p.m.
St. Bonaventure at Saint Joseph's, 6 p.m.
Binghamton at Stony Brook, 6 p.m.
Albany (NY) at UMBC, 6 p.m.
Maine at Vermont, 6 p.m.
Rutgers at American U., 6:30 p.m.
Creighton at Villanova, 7 p.m.
Marquette at Seton Hall, 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN

SOUTHWEST

Kansas St. at Baylor, 7 p.m.
SE Louisiana at Dallas, 7 p.m.
UCF at Houston, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma St. at Oklahoma, 7 p.m.
Houston Baptist at Texas A&M-CC, 7 p.m.

SOUTH

E. Kentucky at Tennessee St., 11 a.m.
George Mason at Davidson, 6 p.m.
Tulsa at East Carolina, 6 p.m.
Incarnate Word at Nicholls St., 6 p.m.
Cincinnati at South Florida, 6 p.m.
Austin Peay at UT Martin, 6 p.m.
St. Bonaventure at VCU, 6 p.m.
Morehead St. at Belmont, 7 p.m.
UConn at Tulane, 7 p.m.

FAR WEST

San Diego St. at Colorado St., 8 p.m.
Boise St. at Utah St., 8 p.m.
Air Force at Wyoming, 8 p.m.
San Jose St. at Fresno St., 9 p.m.
Cal St. Fullerton at UC Santa Barbara, 9 p.m.
New Mexico at UNLV, 9 p.m.

MIDWEST

Richmond at Saint Louis, 11 a.m.
Akron at Ball St., 6 p.m.
Cent. Michigan at E. Michigan, 6 p.m.
Kent St. at Miami (Ohio), 6 p.m.
Toledo at W. Michigan, 6 p.m.
Murray St. at SE Missouri, 6:30 p.m.

EAST

SMU at Temple, 11 a.m.
UMBC at Albany (N.Y.), 6 p.m.
Lafayette at Army, 6 p.m.
Stony Brook at Binghamton, 6 p.m.
American at Bucknell, 6 p.m.
Ohio at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
UMass at Duquesne, 6 p.m.
George Washington at Fordham, 6 p.m.
Lehigh at Loyola (Md.), 6 p.m.
Vermont at Maine, 6 p.m.
La Salle at Rhode Island, 6 p.m.
Hartford at UMass-Lowell, 6 p.m.
Colgate at Holy Cross, 6:05 p.m.

Browns tired of Manziel's antics, point to a release

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

AP file photo

On Dec. 6, 2015, Cleveland Browns quarterback Johnny Manziel walks off the field at halftime of a game against the Cincinnati Bengals in Cleveland.

CLEVELAND — The Browns are about to throw Johnny Football away.

The team issued a strong statement Tuesday, condemning quarterback Johnny Manziel's actions and pointing to his release in March, a move that has seemed inevitable for months.

The conduct by the 23-year-old player — rampant partying, two domestic incidents and a general lack of commitment — have been a major problem almost from the day Cleveland drafted the 2012 Heisman Trophy winner in the first round two years ago.

Last weekend, Manziel was involved in a disturbance with his ex-girlfriend in Dallas that is being investigated by police and the NFL.

"We've been clear about expectations for our players on and off the field," said Sashi Brown, the team's vice president of football operations. "Johnny's continual involvement in incidents that run counter to those expectations undermines the hard work of his teammates and the reputation of our organization. His status with our team will be addressed when permitted by league rules."

The Browns, who drafted Manziel with the No. 22 overall pick in the 2014 draft, can release him as early as Monday, the day after the Super Bowl. But salary-cap implications point to the move happening March 9, when the league's new year begins.

The expected end to his run in Cleveland will conclude two turbulent seasons for the electrifying college star known as Johnny Football, whose arrival with the Browns prompted enthusiasm and a belief by some fans that he could bring the Browns back to respectability.

Instead of excitement, however, Manziel mostly delivered disappointment.

He spent most of his rookie season behind Brian Hoyer before getting his first career start late in the season against Cincinnati. Manziel played poorly in a 30-0 loss to the Bengals and the following week he injured his hamstring. Manziel was then fined when he didn't show for the final walk-through practice before the finale at Baltimore.

Manziel said he regretted not working harder in his first season and vowed to change. That admission was followed by him checking into a drug and alcohol treatment center in Pennsylvania, where he spent 73 days.

Manziel returned for his second season eager to show he had learned his lessons. The Browns raved about his work ethic and it appeared he had turned the corner.

But once again, Manziel couldn't stay out of trouble.

In October, Manziel was questioned by police in Avon, Ohio, after a witness reported a roadside confrontation. Manziel and then-girlfriend, Coleen Crowley acknowledged drinking alcohol before their argument. Crowley told police Manziel struck her and pushed her head into the car window.

Manziel was not arrested and he was later cleared of wrongdoing by the NFL, which investigated whether he had violated its personal-conduct policy.

Not long after, Manziel was stripped of his starting job by former coach Mike Pettine after the quarterback had promised he would not be a distraction during the team's bye week. Manziel's appearances on social media videos also bothered the Browns, who were caught between being supportive of him while also appearing to be letting him off easy.

Manziel got his job back after Josh McCown broke his collarbone, but he was ruled out of the season finale with a concussion. Manziel then failed to report to a scheduled medical treatment on Jan. 3 at the team's training facility while his teammates played Pittsburgh. The Browns were not certain of Manziel's location that day as a report surfaced he was in Las Vegas.

On Saturday, police were called an apartment complex where a woman identified as Manziel's ex-girlfriend said she had been in a disturbance with Manziel, who was not at the scene. The woman said she was concerned about Manziel's well-being. That prompted police to use a helicopter to find Manziel, who was deemed "safe and in no danger."

Chip off the ol' Bum: Wade Phillips gets best from Denver D

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press

NFL playoff glance

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 9
Kansas City 30, Houston 0
Pittsburgh 18, Cincinnati 16
Sunday, Jan. 10
Seattle 10, Minnesota 9
Green Bay 35, Washington 18
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 16
New England 27, Kansas City 20
Arizona 26, Green Bay 20, OT
Sunday, Jan. 17
Carolina 31, Seattle 24
Denver 23, Pittsburgh 16

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 24
AFC
Denver 20, New England 18
NFC
Carolina 49, Arizona 15
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 31
At Honolulu
Team Irvin 49, Team Rice 27
Super Bowl
Sunday
At Santa Clara, Calif.
Denver vs. Carolina, 6:30 p.m. (CBS)

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — A few weeks ago, Broncos defensive coordinator Wade Phillips went to great pains to describe glowingly a certain coach with the initials "B.B." — a coach he would go on to out-scheme and beat a few days later to punch his ticket to the Super Bowl.

"I've said it before," Phillips said. "He's a great coach because he can take his guys and beat yours, but he can also take your guys and beat his."

If that sounded familiar, it was a de-Texas-ized version of his dad's old homage to Don Shula: "He can take his'n and beat your'n, and take your'n and beat his'n."

Though Wade may be missing the 10-gallon hat and the cowboy boots, the coach with the Twitter handle @sonofbum really is a chip off the ol' block — sharp as a tack and quick with a quip. And, just like his dad, Son of Bum can coach a little, too.

No magic to it, he insists, as he gets ready for the season's biggest challenge — stopping Cam Newton and the Panthers. Essentially, Phillips says, the key to coaching — the key to life, really — is to keep things simple. And stay aggressive. And never forget, first and foremost, this is a game about connecting with people.

"My dad was my hero, not just my dad," Phillips said. "Everything I learned about football and about people, and about how to work with people, is from him."

The testimonials from his current players are consistent.

"He's hilarious. He'll dance and goof around," defensive lineman Derek Wolfe said. "But then when it's time for business, it's time for business. We take on that personality as a team."

It's possible that the close, personal connections he builds with players is the sort of thing that make a guy a great assistant but not so great as the head coach.

Phillips has been fired from both positions more times than he can count.

Over the decades, he has been shoehorned into this classification: great defensive coordinator, but someone who cannot hold down the top job.

This season's Broncos are No. 1 in yards allowed, passing yards allowed and sacks. But Phillips' head-coaching record is 82-61, and he has a grand total of one playoff win. Of his three head-coaching stints, in Denver, Buffalo and Dallas, none lasted longer than four seasons.

He's learned to live with that, and it eventually led him to what is, officially, his third job with the Broncos.

He was defensive coordinator from 1989-92, when Dan Reeves was winding down a stint that included three Super Bowls. Then Phillips became head coach when Reeves got fired. Then, six jobs later (eight if you count two of his stints as interim head coach), he returned at age 68 to become the defensive coordinator again, this time working for John Elway and Gary Kubiak.

"He said, 'My goal is to be the greatest defensive coordinator in the history of the NFL," Elway said. "I liked that statement."

Phillips says he learned the most in Houston, where he teamed up with his dad in the late '70s to form one of the best teams in football. But the Oilers had the bad luck of being good at when Pittsburgh was putting the finishing touches on a dynasty. They lost two straight years to the Steelers in the AFC title game. After the second one, came what might have been Bum's finest moment.

"One year ago, we knocked on the door. This year, we beat on the door. Next year, we're gonna kick the son of a (expletive) in," he said during a rally in front of 70,000-plus 'Luv Ya Blue'-singing fans at the Astrodome.

But the next year, the Oilers lost in the wild-card round to the Raiders, who also went on to win the Super Bowl. By New Year's Eve of 1980, both Wade and his daddy were out of jobs.

"That's when I realized that you've just got to coach as hard as you can, do the best you can," Phillips said. "Someone will recognize it if they want."

They're recognizing it now.

The plan Phillips concocted against Bill Belichick, Tom Brady and the Patriots two weeks ago is being widely hailed as a stroke of genius. Mr. Aggressive threw off the Pats by often rushing only three players, lining up defensive linemen and linebackers in awkward spots and keeping Brady off-balance. The Broncos hit Brady 23 times, one short of double the most he had been hit all year.

Norman rides his horse as well as he rides receivers

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SAN FRANCISCO

Like many rookies, Josh Norman spent part of his bonus on a new ride when he signed with the Carolina Panthers a few years back.

Delta 747 he calls him, and just like Norman the horse is fast and sleek.

"He's American Saddlebred, and he flies," Norman said.

Norman flies, too, though it took a long time for anyone to notice. No one wanted him out of high school, and 14 other cornerbacks had already been picked when he was grabbed by the Panthers almost as an afterthought in the 2012 NFL draft.

A nasty battle with New York's Odell Beckham Jr. on national television helped his name recognition. So did some shutdown coverage that got people talking about Norman as perhaps the best cornerback in the NFL.

Opposing receivers have surely noticed, largely because Norman is not only in their face but in their ears. Trash-talking is an art to Norman, who has gotten under the skin of more than one big name receiver.

"It's mental warfare," Norman said. "We aren't out there picking daisies."

Every Super Bowl has a character, and Norman isn't shy about staking his claim to this one. At media night on Monday he practically had to be dragged away from the microphone after his teammates had already left the arena.

He talked about his horse and his mouth, and those nasty receivers who want to catch footballs. He had a terse exchange with Hall of Famer Deion Sanders over his remarks on the NFL Network about the Beckham game.

He even put on a Mexican wrestling mask offered by someone in the crowd and proclaimed himself a new wrestling hero.

"El Bandolero," he said, echoing the nickname (The Bandit) the Panthers Spanish radio team screams whenever Norman makes a pick.

He's the mayor of Thieves' Avenue, the locker room area where the Panthers defensive backs hang out. It's a place to dance and get loose, and where this week they will be plotting to steal a few balls from Peyton Manning in the Super Bowl.

Nothing personal, just make sure you don't get in the way.

"Thieving is what we do," Norman said. "We take all you have and use it to our benefit."

Forget that Norman had a grand total of only four thefts this season, and none since he picked off two against Tampa Bay in the fourth game. Quarterbacks avoid throwing to receivers covered by Norman, much as they did two years ago with Seattle's Richard Sherman.

That didn't seem to matter in a December game with the Giants when Norman and Beckham engaged in a game-long tug-of-war that ended with Beckham getting a one-game suspension for unsportsmanlike conduct. Beckham drilled Norman with a helmet-to-helmet hit at one point before finally getting behind him for a 40-yard TD catch that tied the game.

Norman, who was also fined for his play in the game, admitted it unsettled him for days. He still seemed unhappy on Monday when Sanders, who he believes took Beckham's side on the NFL Network, tried to offer an apology of sorts to him.

"I don't consider myself a trash-talker," he said. "I consider myself a motivator."

Forgive Norman if he plays with a chip on his shoulder. He was so lightly regarded in high school, he had to walk on for tiny Coastal Carolina before getting a scholarship in his sophomore year. And his fifth-round signing bonus with the Panthers came with barely enough money to buy Delta 747, a horse he had his eye on after growing up in rural South Carolina.

It's the reason he backs down to no one, including Superman himself. Norman and Cam Newton got into it at training camp last summer, jawing at each other in practice until Norman picked off a pass and gave the quarterback a stiff-arm on the way to the end zone.

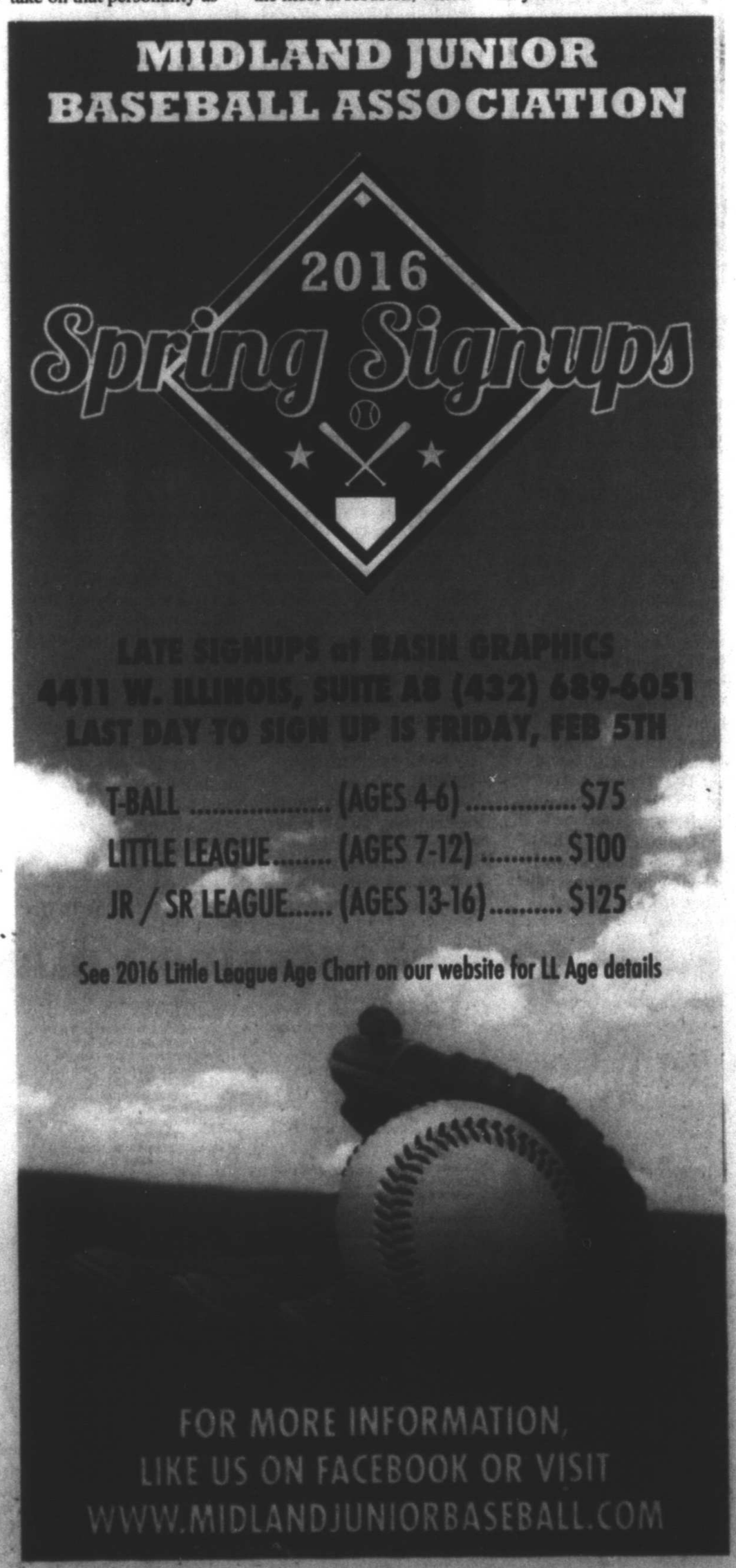
Newton didn't particularly appreciate that, running after Norman and tackling him near the end zone where the two had to be separated.

"I know I'm a lot closer to my quarterback than I ever was on this team," Norman said. "I think it was bound to happen and it happened in the greatest way."

Now he's due to become an unrestricted free agent after the Super Bowl, which should make him millions in a new contract from the Panthers or another team.

Who knows, he might take the cash and add another horse to his collection. The American Saddlebred is his breed of choice, fitting perhaps because the high stepping horses are known as the peacock of the horse world.

After all, a lot of receivers might think Norman is a bit of a peacock himself.



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KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Modern Family	The man who pulled off the greatest cons in history. Pt. 1 of 2 cont'd Feb 4 (N)		Amer. Crime "Season Two: Episode Five" (N)		Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	2 Broke Girls (N)	Mike & Molly (N)	Criminal Minds "Til Death Do Us Part"		C Black "Diagnosis of Exclusion" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) Stephen Colbert	(:35) J.Corden
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	MASH "A Holy Mess"	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Happy Days	Laverne & Shirley	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Mason "The Case of the Dodging Domino"	Banacek
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Am. Idol "Hollywood Round #3" (N)		Hell's Kitchen "15 Chefs Compete" (N)		Fox 24 News	TMZ	2 Broke Girls	Modern Family	Two and Half Men	Met Your Mother
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KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		Laura "The Mystery of the Morning Jog" (N)		Law&O: SVU "Forty-One Witnesses" (N)		Chicago P.D. "Hit Me" (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Nature		Nova "Creatures of Light"		To Be Announced		Charlie Rose (N)		World News	Tavis Smiley
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FLIX		340	575			165	(4:55) ▶ Good Morn...		▶ ★★ The Rockstar Bill Campbell.				▶ ★★ Around the World in 80 Days				▶ Restoration	
HBO		300	550	14	14		(5:30) ▶ The Theory of Everything				▶ ★★ Focus Will Smith.			(:45) Beyonce Jay Z on the Run -				
HBO2		302	551	15	101	23	(4:00) ▶ The Godfather Epic (2014, Drama)										(:05) ▶ The Hills Ha...	
HBO5		304	552	16	102		(:15) ▶ Win Win (11, Comedy) Paul Giamatti.				▶ ★★ Get Hard Will Ferrell.			(:45) ▶ The Drop ('14, Cri) Tom Hardy.			Femme F.	Movie
MAX		380	557	17	120	24	(5:35) ▶ Black Knight		(:15) ▶ ★★ Norbit ('07, Com) Eddie Murphy.				▶ ★★★ Jumper			Femme F.	Femme F.	Movie
MAX2		382	558	18	122		(5:45) ▶ Blackout ('14, Act) Chris Hemsworth.				▶ ★★★ The Backup List			(:45) ▶ ★★ The Other Woman				Movie
PLEX				96			(5:15) ▶ American ...		▶ ★★ Seems Like Old Times			(:45) ▶ ★★ The Love Letter			(:15) ▶ ★★ Spice World			Movie
SHOW		320	565	19	140	25	(4:45) ▶ 12 Monkeys		▶ ★★★ The Lovely Bones ('09, Dra)						(:15) ▶ ★★★ Shooter ('07, Act) Mark Wahlberg.			InsideNFL
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AMC		40	74	23	42	51	(5:00) ▶ The Fugitive		▶ ★★★ The Bourne Supremacy Matt Damon.						▶ ★★ The Day the Earth Stood		Still Keanu Reeves.	
BET		58	-		40		Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	Husbands	Husbands	Criminals at Work			Criminals at Work		Wendy Williams
BRAVO		65	76		41		Vanderpump Rules		Beverly Hills		Housewives Atl. (N)		Newlyweds (N)		Watch (N)	Newlyweds		Beverly
CNBC		46	52		39	72	The Profit		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Restaurant Start (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN		43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		CNN Newsroom	
DISC		50	60	31	24	42	Dual Survival		Dual Survival (N)		Dual Survival (N)		Survivor "India" (N)		Dual Survival		Survivorman "India"	
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ESPN2		34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Notre Dame at Miami (L)				NCAA Basketball Kansas State at Kansas (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
FNC		45	48	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD		64	70	27	68	54	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners (N)	M. Diners	Pleasure	Top 5 (N)	Diners	Diners	Diners	M. Diners
FREEFORM		53	63	34	42	33	(5:00) ▶ Mean Girls		Young (N)	Daddy (N)	▶ ★★★ Nanny McPhee Emma Thompson.				The 700 Club		▶ Step Up 2: The...	
FSSW		37	38	50	45	29	(5:30) Signing	Big 12 (N)	Mavs Pre (L)	NBA Basketball Miami Heat at Dallas Mavericks Site: American Airlines Center – Dallas, Texas (L)					Maveric-ks Live (L)	Stars Insider	WPT Poker Seminole Hard Rock Showdown	
FX		31	56	59	64	69	(5:30) ▶ The Twilight...		▶ ★★ The Purge ('13, Hor) Ethan Hawke.				▶ ★★ The Purge ('13, Hor) Ethan Hawke.				O.J Simpson	
HALLMARK		54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	▶ Unleashing Mr. Darcy Ryan Feeney.					Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls | G. Girls
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HISTORY		71	59	29	50	43	A. Pickers "Let It Go"		American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		Pawn (N)	Pawn S.	(:05) Pawn	Pawn S.	American Pickers	
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MSNBC		47	53		49	73	Hardball		All In With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All In With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	43				NHL Live! (L)		NHL Hockey Detroit Red Wings at Tampa Bay Lightning (L)					(:45) NHL Overtime (L)		Derek Sanderson		Auctions
NICK		55	-	39	34	37	Thunder	Thunder	Bella	100Thing	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	(4:30) ▶ ★★★ Dredd.		▶ ★★ I, Robot ('04, Sci-Fi) Bridget Moynahan.				Will Smith.	▶ ★★★	I Am Legend ('07, Sci-Fi) Will Smith.			
SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) ▶ Resident Evil		Face Off		Face Off (N)		The Magicians		Face Off		Colony (N)	
TBS		25	33	44	66	41	Seinf. "The Raincoats"	Seinf. "The Raincoats"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Josh Brolin, Tom Segura		2 Broke Girls	Conan
TCM		41	75	24	63	66	(5:45) ▶ Madame Bo...		▶ ★★ Love Letters ('45, Dra) Jennifer Jones.				▶ ★★★★ The Third Man Joseph Cotten.				▶ The Fallen Idol	
TELE		20	-	10	20		Gran Hermano		Celia		Eva, La Trailera		Querida centauro		Al rojo	Titulares	Gran Hermano	
TLC		51	61	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life "Chuck's Story"		My 600-lb Life "June's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Dottie's Story" (N)		Skin Tight "Tanya and Brian" (N)		My 600-lb Life "Dottie's Story"		Skin Tight "Tanya and Brian"	
TNT		24	34	40	26	50	Castle "The Late Shaft"		Castle "Den of Thieves"		Castle "Food to Die For"		Castle "Overkill"		CSI: NY "Hung Out to Dry"		CSI: NY "Oedipus Hex"	
TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	Griffith	A. Griffith	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Younger	Teachers	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA		26	55	42	27	49	(4:00) ▶ G.I. Joe:...	▶ ★★★★ G.I. Joe: Retaliation The G.I. Joes are forced to contend with threats from within their own government.					Suits "Live to Fight" (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family
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In hindsight, the perfect ending for Brandt Snedeker

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Nothing brings out hindsight in golf like the weather.

One year when the Match Play was in Arizona, the opening round was delayed by snow that covered Dove Mountain. And while it took five hours the next day for the snow to clear, PGA Tour officials told players to be at the course in the morning in case it melted earlier.

One player was furious. He said there was no way the course would be ready by noon, tour officials knew it and there was no reason for players to have to wait around. Fair enough. But if he was so certain of this, why not just stay at his hotel?

The player said he couldn't risk not being at the course on the odd chance it was ready — the very logic used by the rules officials.

These guys are good.

But they are the best in the world at playing golf tournaments, not running them.

Brandt Snedeker was tempted by hindsight after one of the great final rounds on the PGA Tour on Sunday. He closed with a 3-under 69 at Torrey Pines in rain and gusts that consistently topped 40 mph.

Snedeker, who started the final round in a tie for 27th, was one shot behind and looking good when he finished. The leaders still had to play the back nine. A short time later, however, the horn sounded to suspend play and everyone came in off the course. Suddenly, Snedeker's odds seemed to get longer.

"Weather looks perfect to me outside!!" he tweeted.

Was he joking? Not entirely.

"Last night if you had seen the texts between me and my brother ... 'I can't believe they called it,' and 'I got hosed,' and 'Maybe it will be a good thing,'" Snedeker said Monday after his one-shot victory. "And my caddie kept saying, 'Don't worry about it. Maybe it will work out.' This morning when I woke up it was, 'We're done, I've got no chance.' And then the break of a lifetime. The wind is pumping into them the last five holes. You can't make this stuff up."

It was the perfect storm — bad weather, great golf — to make up a six-shot deficit.

As wild as it seemed to Snedeker, that's what the rules staff had to rely on to make their decisions.

There was a mixture of disgust and irritation in the locker room Sunday afternoon when play was suspended for the third and final time. Players dealt with the wretched conditions all day, and about half of those who finished couldn't break 80. And yet, it was clear that some were angry on behalf of Snedeker.

Charley Hoffman, tied with Snedeker going into Sunday until he shot an 80, went so far as to post on Instagram, "Rules staff absolutely botched (Farmers Insurance Open). Whole field could have finished today. Rules officials need to be held accountable. Sorry CBS."

GOLF GLANCE

PGA TOUR
WASTE MANAGEMENT PHOENIX OPEN
Site: Scottsdale, Arizona.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: TPC Scottsdale, Stadium Course (7,200 yards, par 71).
Purse: $6.5 million. Winner's share: $1.17 million.
Television: Golf Channel (Thursday, 2-6 p.m., 7 p.m.-3 a.m.; Friday, 2-6 p.m., 9 p.m.-1 a.m.; Saturday, noon-2 p.m., 7 p.m.-midnight; Sunday, noon-2 p.m., 5:30-10:30 p.m.; Monday, 12:30-4 a.m.) and NBC (Saturday-Sunday, 2-5 p.m.).
Last year: Brooks Koepka won his first PGA Tour title. He made a 50-foot putt to pull on No. 15 and beat Bubba Watson, Hideki Matsuyama and Ryan Palmer by a stroke.
Last week: Brandt Snedeker won the Farmers Insurance Open at Torrey Pines in San Diego. He closed with a 3-under 69 in wind and rain Sunday and ended up beating K.J. Choi by a stroke Monday.
Online: http://www.pgatour.com

LPGA TOUR
COATES GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP
Site: Ocala, Florida.
Schedule: Wednesday-Saturday.
Course: Golden Ocala Golf and Equestrian Club (6,641 yards, par 72).
Purse: $1.5 million. Winner's share: $225,000.
Television: Golf Channel (Wednesday, 1-4 p.m., 6-9 p.m.; Thursday, 3-4:30 a.m., 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Friday, 3-4:30 a.m., 7-9 p.m.; Saturday, 2-4 p.m.).
Last year: South Korea's Ha Tae Kim won by a stroke. New Zealand's Lydia Ko tied for second to reach No. 1 in the world ranking.
Last week: South Korea's Ryu Hae Ran won the season-opening Pure Silk-Bahamas LPGA Classic. She beat Stacy Lewis, Sei Young Kim and Anna Nordqvist by two strokes.
Online: http://www.lpga.com

EUROPEAN TOUR
OMEGA DUBAI DESERT CLASSIC
Site: Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Emirates Golf Club, Majlis Course (7,307 yards, par 72).
Purse: $2.85 million. Winner's share: $441,570.
Television: Golf Channel (Wednesday, 10 p.m.-3 a.m.; Thursday, 4:30-7:30 a.m.; Saturday, 3-7 a.m., 9 a.m.-11 a.m.; Sunday, 2:30-7 a.m., 9 a.m.-11 a.m.).
Last year: Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy matched the tournament record at 22-under 266 in a three-stroke victory. He also won in 2009.
Last week: South Africa's Brandon Grace successfully defended his Qatar Masters title. He won by two strokes.
Online: http://www.europeantour.com

PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS
ALLIANZ CHAMPIONSHIP
Site: Boca Raton, Florida.
Schedule: Friday-Sunday.
Course: The Old Course at Broken Sound (6,807 yards, par 72).
Purse: $1.75 million. Winner's share: $262,500.
Television: Golf Channel (Friday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Saturday, 1-5 p.m., 7-8 p.m.; Sunday, mid-night-2 a.m., 3-4 p.m., 10:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.).
Last year: Paul Goydos birdied the final hole for a one-stroke victory over Gene Sauers.
Last week: Duffy Waldorf won the season-opening Mitsubishi Electric Championship in Hawaii on Jan. 23 for his second victory in his last three starts. He made a 30-foot birdie putt on the final hole to beat Tom Lehman by a stroke.
Online: http://www.pgatour.com

WEB.COM TOUR
CLUB COLOMBIA CHAMPIONSHIP
Site: Bogota, Colombia.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Bogota Country Club (7,237 yards, par 71).
Purse: $700,000. Winner's share: $126,000.
Television: None.
Last year: Patrick Rodgers beat Steve Marino with a birdie on the second hole of a playoff.
Last week: Ryan Armour won the season-opening Panama Claro Championship for his first victory in 217 career starts. He closed with a 6-under 64 for a three-stroke victory.
Online: http://www.pgatour.com

OTHER TOURNAMENTS
MEN
JAPAN GOLF TOUR/ASIAN TOUR: Lotte/Asia21 Myanmar Open, Thursday-Sunday, Royal Mingalardon Golf and Country club, Yangon, Myanmar. Online: http://www.lpga.org and http://www.asiantour.com
PGA TOUR OF AUSTRALASIA: Oates Victorian Open, Thursday-Sunday, 13th Beach Golf Links, Barwon Heads, Australia. Online: http://www.pgatour.com.au
WOMEN
AUSTRALIAN LADIES PROFESSIONAL GOLF: Oates Victorian Open, Thursday-Sunday, 13th Beach Golf Links, Barwon Heads, Australia. Online: http://www.alpg.com.au

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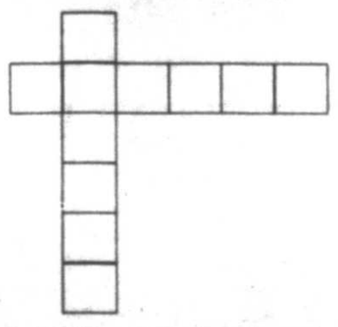

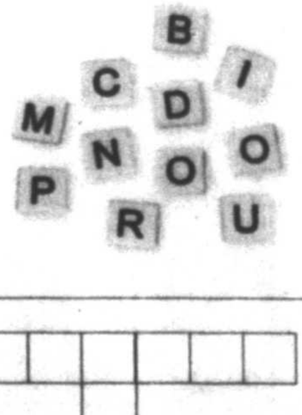

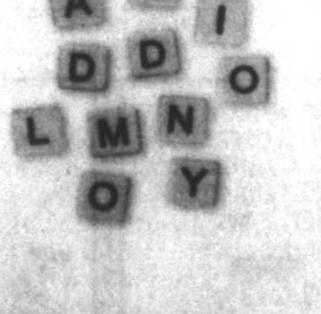

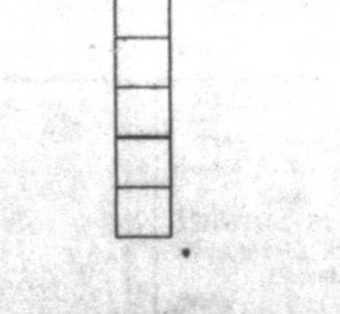

Yesterday's Answer: SURVEY, BUREAU, HANGUP

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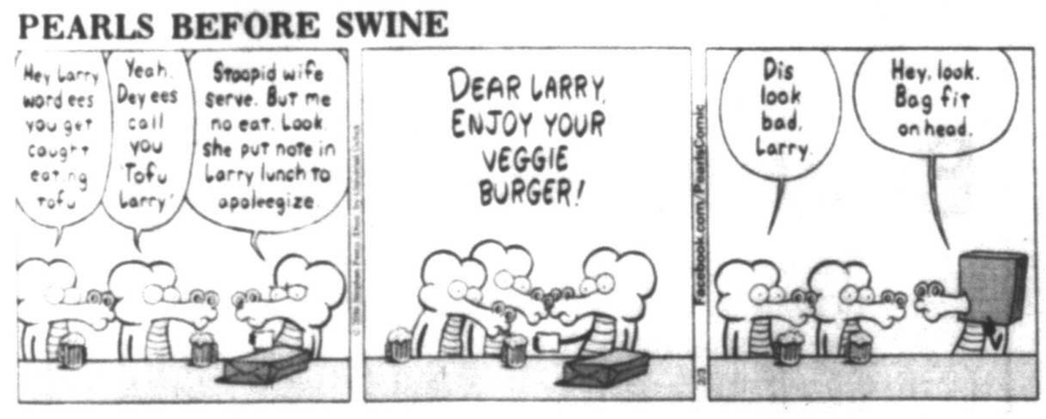

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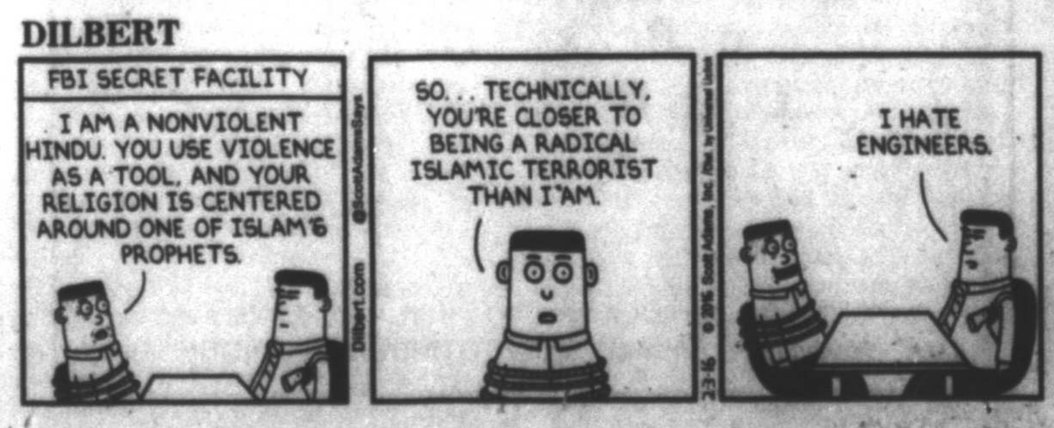

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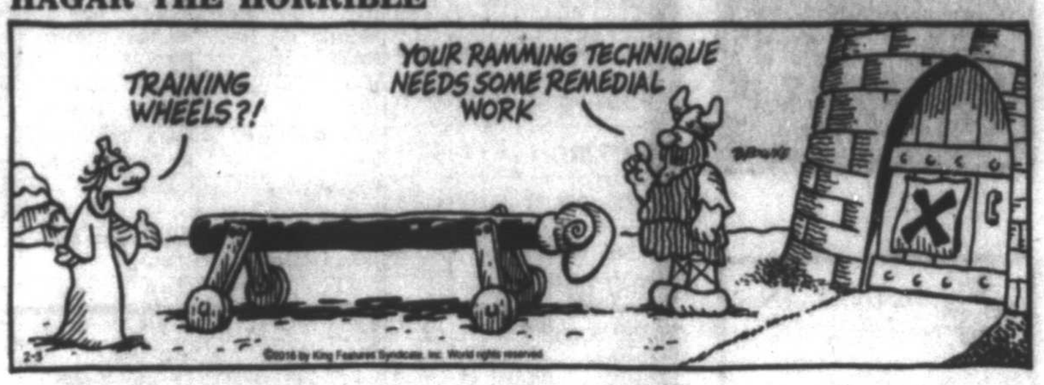

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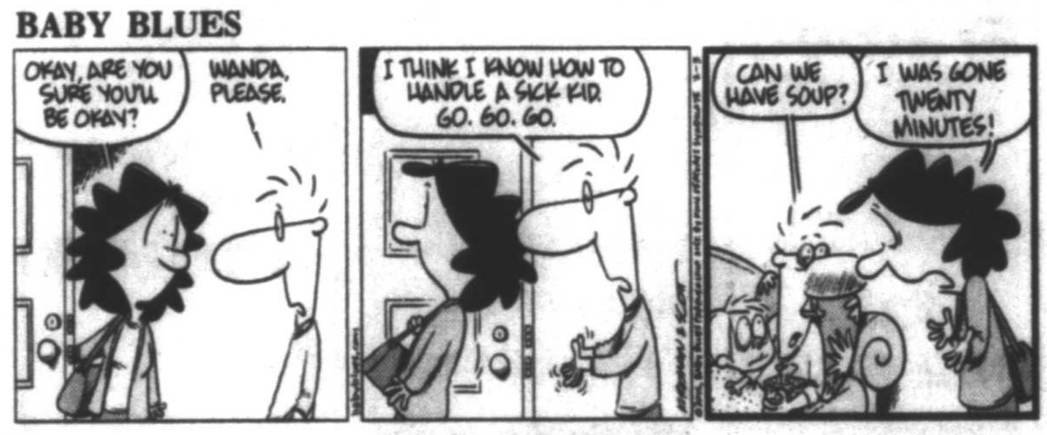

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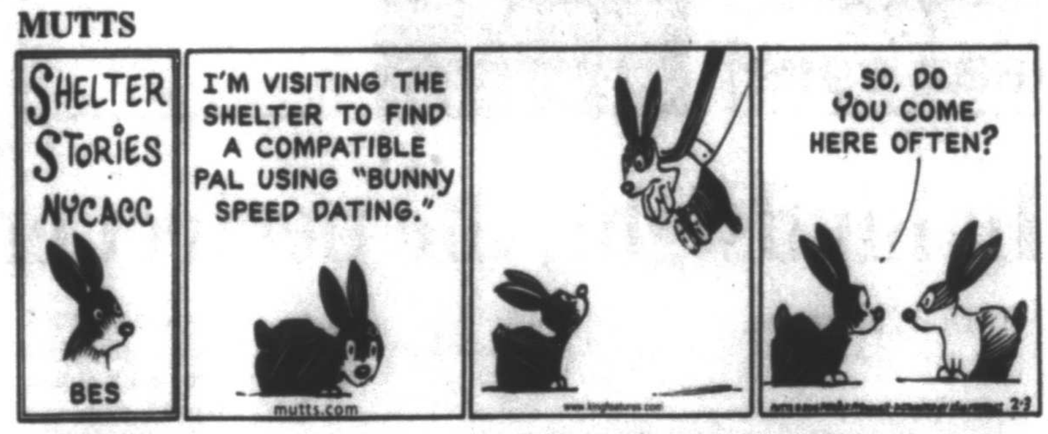

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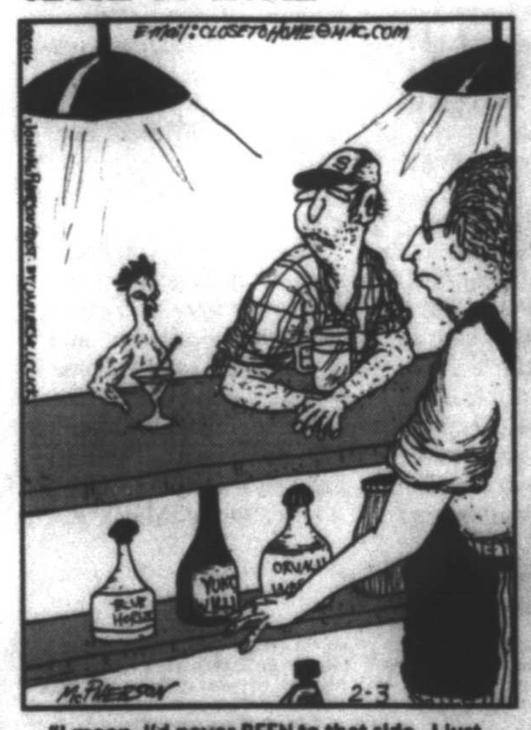


"I mean, I'd never BEEN to that side. I just wanted to check it out. I don't know, I'm just sick of everyone questioning my motives."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"THAT'S VERY POLITE, DENNIS, BUT NO CITY IN HOLLAND IS NAMED 'AMSTERDARN'."

LOCKHORNS

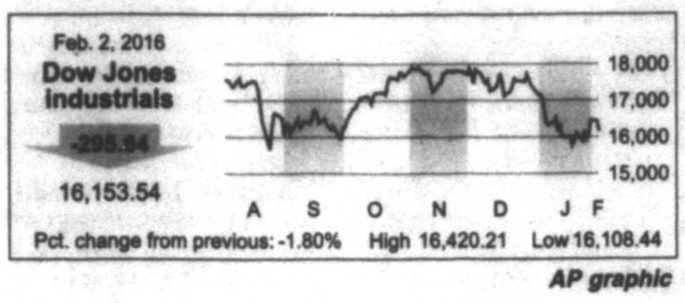
"THIS COFFEE IS SO STRONG, IT COULD GO TEN ROUNDS WITH WLADIMIR KLITSCHKO."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"I always know when I'm in real trouble 'cause my mom calls me William 'stead of Billy."

BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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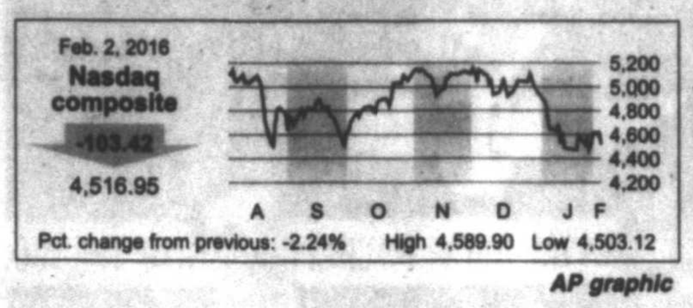

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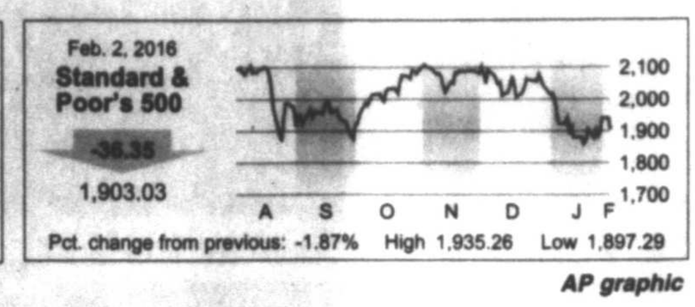

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Tuesday: $29.88
Previous: $31.62

POSTED

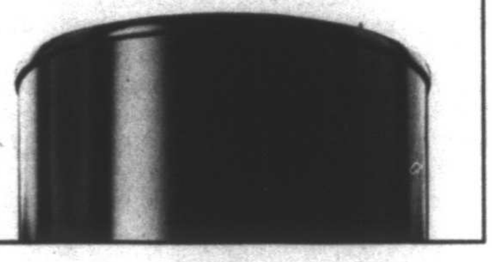
Tuesday: $26.50
Previous: $28.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Tuesday: $23.30
Previous: $24.80

NATURAL GAS

Tuesday: $2.025
Previous: $2.152



NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	16407	00190.16	-3.49
BkofAm	1451693	18.23	-.73
CSVLgCrd rs	953689	1.71	-.27
iShEMkts	706162	29.30	-.98
B iPVixST	702000	25.40	+1.56

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
WestvnRs s	4.13	+1.30	+45.9
MKors	50.11	+9.67	+23.9
Fabrinet	28.02	+2.93	+11.7
GblPowEq	2.92	+.26	+9.8
Jupai n	9.79	+.79	+8.8

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Plantron	32.55	-12.21	-27.3
Yrkndai n	4.88	-1.27	-20.7
DxBrzBull rs	7.88	-1.82	-18.8
Axovant n	13.66	-2.99	-18.0
DxNGBll rs	2.74	-.56	-17.0

Diary

Advanced	622
Declined	2,497
Unchanged	69
Total issues	3,188
New Highs	65
New Lows	126
Volume	4,371,528,058

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CheniereEn	41409	27.15	-2.13
BarcGSOil	38355	4.64	-.22
TransEnbx	38340	3.12	+.05
NewGold g	26094	2.41	-.16
Globalstar	19972	1.17	-.04

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ContMatls	11.55	+.95	+9.0
SbdCp	3032.00	+242.00	+8.7
MexcoEn	2.30	+.18	+8.4
IDI rs	5.72	+.38	+7.1
EnviroStr	3.90	+.17	+4.6

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
incOpR	6.75	-.73	-9.8
Gastar pfB	8.07	-.76	-8.6
LucasE rs	3.06	-.27	-8.1
Amplphi rs	3.30	-.29	-8.1
SparkNet	3.27	-.29	-8.1

Diary

Advanced	127
Declined	253
Unchanged	16
Total issues	396
New Highs	9
New Lows	11
Volume	59,494,483

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	624126	3.57	-.15
Facebook	589497	114.61	-.48
Microsft	537076	53.00	-1.71
PwShs QQQ	426478	102.15	-2.26
CSVixSh rs	379162	9.32	+1.08

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CarverBcp	3.58	+.98	+37.7
ChiCustR n	9.68	+2.53	+35.4
PacBiosci	12.67	+2.48	+24.3
OptimB rs	4.37	+.74	+20.5
LoJack	6.42	+1.06	+19.8

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
IntgDv	18.67	-6.83	-26.8
RentACt	9.89	-3.39	-25.5
ComMdt rs	5.79	-1.01	-14.9
MarPet	3.61	-.59	-14.0
aTyrPhm n	4.75	-.73	-13.3

Diary

Advanced	571
Declined	2,221
Unchanged	153
Total issues	2,945
New Highs	21
New Lows	151
Volume	2,109,100,856

January US auto sales fall slightly due to storm

Associated Press

DETROIT — U.S. auto sales fell slightly in January because of the East Coast snowstorm, but analysts say demand remains strong and buyers will likely head back into dealerships this month.

Sales fell less than 1 percent to 1.1 million, according to Autodata Corp. The mid-January storm, which buried New York and Washington D.C. under more than 2 feet of snow, cost automakers about 15,000 vehicle sales, said John Humphrey, J.D. Power's senior vice president of automotive. But automakers said sales volumes returned to normal levels in the last weekend of the month.

Ford, Toyota, Honda and Volkswagen all saw sales decline from last January. General Motors' sales were flat. Fiat Chrysler, Nissan and Hyundai posted sales increases.

Even with the lackluster results, analysts still expect another record year for U.S. vehicle sales. Low gas prices, low interest rates and an enticing lineup of new vehicles — particularly small SUVs like the Nissan Rogue and the Ford Edge — are continuing to draw shoppers.

U.S. buyers bought a record 17.5 million cars and trucks in 2015. Analysts expect sales to continue to grow this year, though at a slower pace as demand starts to plateau. That will likely mean an increase in cash-back offers and other incentives from automakers as they try to keep posting gains.

Kelley Blue Book said incentives increased about $150 per vehicle in January to about $3,000. Consumers should expect those numbers to go even higher over the next few months as Japanese automakers try to boost their sales before the end of their fiscal year in March.

Incentives are a tricky game for automakers. They can juice sales in the short term, and automakers who don't keep pace can be punished. Ford said its F-Series pickup truck sales fell 5 percent in January partly because it spent about $700 less per truck on incentives than its competitors.

But over the long term, incentives can hurt resale values and brand image, and they also cut into automakers' profits. Ford said its average sale price per vehicle rose $1,800 in January, or three times the industry average.

"It's very important to us to remain disciplined," said Mark LaNeve, Ford's U.S. sales chief.

General Motors' U.S. sales were flat in January at 203,745. Sales were up for its GMC and Buick brands, and sales of the GMC Sierra pickup jumped 14 percent. But Chevrolet and Cadillac sales fell.

Ford's sales fell 3 percent to 173,723 vehicles. Ford's SUV sales were up but it saw double-digit declines in car sales. Even police departments prefer SUVs; Ford's police sedan sales dropped 33 percent, but its police SUV sales were up 15 percent.

Toyota's sales dropped 5 percent to 161,283 vehicles. Toyota's car sales dropped 13 percent but the company saw strong sales of its Lexus luxury SUVs.

Honda's sales dropped 2 percent to 100,497 vehicles. In a twist, Honda's car sales rose — thanks to the new Civic small car — but its SUV sales fell.

Yahoo to cut 1,700 workers as CEO tries to save her own job

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Yahoo is laying off about 1,700 employees and shedding some of its excess baggage in a shake-up likely to determine whether CEO Marissa Mayer can save her own job.

The long-anticipated purge, announced Tuesday, will jettison about 15 percent of Yahoo's workforce along with an assortment of services that Mayer decided aren't worth the time and money that the Internet company has been putting into them.

Mayer hopes to sell some of Yahoo's unwanted services for about $1 billion, though she didn't identify which ones. In an apparent concession to some shareholders, Mayer also said Yahoo's board will mull "strategic alternatives" that could result in the sale of all the company's Internet operations. Analysts have speculated that Verizon, AT&T and Comcast might be interested in buying Yahoo's main business, despite years of deterioration.

Mayer expressed confidence that her plan to run Yahoo as a smaller, more focused company "will dramatically brighten our future and improve our competitiveness, and attractiveness to users, advertisers, and partners."

Some of Yahoo's most outspoken shareholders, such as SpringOwl Asset Management, already have concluded that Mayer should be laid off, too. Mayer, a former rising star at Google who helped Google eclipse Yahoo, has given no indication she intends to leave.

US stocks sink

Another steep drop in the price of oil weighed on global markets Tuesday. Investors remained deeply concerned about the global economy following this week's disappointing Chinese and U.S. manufacturing data.

Energy stocks fell as oil giants Exxon Mobil and Chevron reported their worst quarterly results in more than a decade. In the technology sector, Google's parent company, Alphabet, overtook Apple as the world's most valuable publicly traded company.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 295.64 points, or 1.8 percent, to 16,153.54. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 36.35 points, or 1.9 percent, 1,903.03 and the Nasdaq composite fell 103.42 points, or 2.2 percent, to 4,516.95.

It's a busy week on the economic data front, particularly in the U.S., where the week ends with monthly payroll figures. So far, the numbers haven't impressed. On Monday, the Institute for Supply Management said its gauge of factory activity pointed to a contraction while China's official survey found that manufacturing fell to its lowest level in more than three years.

Metals fall

In metals, gold fell 60 cents to $1,127.30 an ounce, silver fell five cents to $14.29 an ounce and copper was flat at $2.025 per pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $16.86 Down 0.14

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $88.92 Down 3.09

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $3.15 Down 0.03

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $71.25 Down 1.35

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.14 Down 0.08

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $2.30 Up 0.18

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $17.89 down 0.40

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $22.13 Down 0.52

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $4.74 Down 0.30

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $14.80 Up 0.17

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.92f	16	36.06	-.12	+4.8
Abraxas	...	5	.95	-.06	-10.4
AdaDvnEq	.92a	...	11.75	-.19	-8.4
Alcoa	.12	12	6.97	-.24	-29.4
Alibaba	...	26	65.09	-1.94	-19.9
AlonUSA	.60	7	11.60	-.83	-21.8
Ambev	.19e	...	4.43	-.20	-.7
Amgen	**4.00f**	**16**	**150.11**	**-2.64**	**-7.5**
Anadarko	**1.08**	**...**	**39.26**	**+1.01**	**-19.2**
Apache	**1.00**	**...**	**38.55**	**-2.27**	**-13.3**
Apple Inc	2.08	10	94.48	-1.95	-10.2
ApldMatl	**.40**	**15**	**17.05**	**-.80**	**-8.7**
Archrock	.75f	15	4.93	-.81	-34.4
AsecntSol	...	...	.10	-.02	-34.5
ATMOS	**1.68f**	**22**	**69.80**	**+1.31**	**+10.9**
AutoData	2.12	26	82.17	-.80	-3.0
BP PLC	**2.40**	**...**	**29.02**	**-2.68**	**-7.2**
BabcCClnv	1.20	...	16.61	+.19	-3.7
BakrHu	.68	...	42.00	-1.29	-9.0
BcoBrad s	.44e	...	4.42	-.28	-8.1
BkofAm	.20	10	13.23	-.73	-21.4
B iPVixST	...	...	25.40	+1.56	+26.4
BasicEnSv	...	...	2.06	-.19	-23.1
BerkHa A	**...**	**14169902.00**	**-4667.01**		**-4.0**
BkHillsCp	**1.68f**	**32**	**49.30**	**-.01**	**+6.2**
BrityEq	**1.52f**	**42**	**58.87**	**-1.95**	**-14.4**
BrownFA	**1.36f**	**33**	**104.37**	**-.39**	**-5.2**
BrownFB	**1.36f**	**29**	**96.81**	**-.47**	**-3.5**
CVS Health	1.70f	21	94.94	-2.38	-2.9
Cameron	...	17	63.19	-1.90	...
Carnival	1.20	20	45.08	-3.89	-17.3
Caterpillar	3.08	12	60.67	-2.03	-10.7
Celestic g	...	11	8.96	-.10	-18.8
Cemex	.40t	...	4.32	-.09	-22.4
CntryLink	2.16	18	25.21	-.69	+.2
ChesEng	...	...	2.99	-.22	-33.6
Chevron	**4.28**	**33**	**81.24**	**-4.05**	**-9.7**
Chicos	.31	45	10.30	-.09	-3.5
Cimarex	.64	...	84.39	-2.84	-5.6
Cisco	.84	12	22.83	-.65	-15.3
Citigroup	.20	9	40.42	-2.06	-21.9
ClayEng	...	...	16.86	-.14	-43.0
CocaCola	1.32	27	42.44	-.56	-1.2
ColgPalm	1.52	24	68.36	-.84	-1.9
ConAgra	**1.00**	**22**	**40.91**	**-1.07**	**-3.0**
ConchoRes	**...**	**53**	**88.92**	**-3.09**	**-4.2**
ConocoPhil	**2.96**	**41**	**36.59**	**-2.01**	**-21.6**
CrackerB	4.40a	19	132.68	-.43	+4.6
CSVLgNG rs	...	...	1.50	-.26	-38.5
CSVLgCrd rs	...	...	...	1.71	-.27
-56.7					
CSVelIVST	...	...	18.88	-1.35	-26.8
CSVixSh rs	...	...	9.32	+1.08	+48.9
CrosTim	**1.56e**	**9**	**13.69**	**-.31**	**+5.2**
DCP Mid	3.12	9	17.71	-.69	-28.2
DTE	2.92f	17	86.22	+.91	+7.5
Dataram	...	...	.72	-.06	+9.1
DevonE	**.96**	**...**	**24.69**	**-1.37**	**-22.8**
Disney	**1.42f**	**18**	**93.12**	**-2.03**	**-11.4**
DowChm	**1.84f**	**12**	**45.03**	**+2.46**	**-12.5**
EMC Cp	.46	19	24.30	-.22	-5.4
EOG Resrc	**.67**	**...**	**67.16**	**-1.93**	**-6.1**
EmpDist	**1.04**	**22**	**29.78**	**+.08**	**+6.1**
EnCana g	.28	...	3.98	-.38	-21.8
Energen	.08	...	31.19	-1.72	-23.9
EngyTsfr	4.22f	88	28.03	-.87	-16.9
EnPro	**.80**	**...**	**41.61**	**-.51**	**-5.1**
EntProPt	1.56f	18	23.17	-.77	-9.4
Ericsson	.39e	...	8.54	-.24	-11.1
ExxonMbl	**2.92**	**16**	**74.59**	**-1.70**	**-4.3**
Facebook	...	75	114.61	-.48	+9.5
FordM	.60a	7	11.51	-.56	-18.3
FrptMcM	...	...	4.35	-.39	-35.7
GATX	**1.60f**	**7**	**40.33**	**-.85**	**-6.2**
GabelerT	**.94e**	**...**	**6.83**	**+.10**	**-6.9**
GAlav	**1.15e**	**...**	**28.14**	**-.43**	**-11.9**
GenElec	**.92**	**...**	**28.24**	**-.40**	**-9.3**
GenMotors	1.52f	11	29.65	-.46	-12.8
GlPlainEn	**1.06f**	**22**	**28.98**	**+.53**	**+6.1**
HP Inc	.50	...	9.88	-.09	-16.6
HalconRs rs	...	...	.43	-.04	-65.9
Halliburtn	**.72**	**...**	**30.82**	**-1.10**	**-10.3**
HuntBncsh	.28	10	8.41	-.23	-24.0
iShGold	...	...	10.91	...	+6.6
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	18.59	-1.29	-10.1
iShJapan	.13e	...	11.31	-.12	-8.7
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	29.75	-.76	+15.7
iShEMkts	.84e	...	29.30	-.98	-9.0
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	54.13	-1.29	-7.8
iShR2K	1.73e	...	100.28	-2.21	-11.0
IntgDv	...	19	18.67	-6.83	-29.1
Intel	**1.04f**	**13**	**29.80**	**+1.02**	**-13.5**
InterDig	.80	16	43.67	-.94	-11.0
ItauUnibH	.45e	...	5.77	-.66	-11.2
JPMorgCh	1.76	10	57.03	-1.83	-13.1
JohnJn	**3.00**	**17**	**103.41**	**-.96**	**+.7**
Keycorp	.30	10	10.76	-.32	-18.4
KimbClk	**3.52**	**36**	**128.01**	**-1.00**	**+.6**
KindMorg	.50m	22	14.65	-.54	-1.8
LegacyRes	.60m	...	1.14	-.08	-34.9
Lubys	**...**	**...**	**4.40**	**+.08**	**-1.8**
MaraPhrO	.20m	73	8.74	-1.00	-30.6
MktVGold	.12e	...	14.30	-.35	+4.2
MktVRus	.64e	...	13.29	-.67	-9.3
Mattel	1.52	28	30.46	+3.70	+12.1
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Merck	1.84f	13	50.41	-.34	-4.6
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MKors	...	12	50.11	+9.67	+25.1
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Microsft	1.44	34	53.00	-1.71	-4.5
MorgStan	.60	8	24.50	-1.21	-23.0
Nabors	.24	...	6.31	-.31	-25.9
NatGrid	**3.35e**	**...**	**71.52**	**-.55**	**+2.8**
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RangeRs	.16	16	26.99	-1.27	+9.7
RegionsFn	.24	11	7.63	-.31	-20.5
Rowan	.40	...	11.53	-.82	-32.0
RylCarb	1.50	28	71.70	-12.82	-29.2
RoyDShllA	3.76	63	41.52	-1.86	-9.3
SpdrDJIA	3.86e	...	161.41	-2.93	-7.2
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	190.16	-3.49	-6.7
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	26.36	-1.16	-12.8
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SanderFm	**.88a**	**8**	**78.88**	**-2.47**	**+1.8**
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SiriusXM	...	36	3.57	-.15	-12.3
Smucker	2.68	36	128.33	-.80	+4.0
SwstnEngy	...	...	8.17	-.33	+14.9
Sprint	...	...	2.77	-.30	-23.5
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SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	21.03	-.60	-11.7
SP Util	1.55e	...	46.05	+.20	+6.4
SunocoLog	1.92f	...	22.24	-.20	-13.5
TeleflEsp	**1.03e**	**...**	**10.02**	**-.41**	**-9.4**
Tesoro	2.00	6	80.53	-7.23	-23.6
3M Co	4.10	19	147.87	-.86	-1.8
Torchmark	**.54**	**13**	**52.76**	**-1.57**	**-7.5**
TriContl	**.81e**	**...**	**18.37**	**-.33**	**-8.2**
Twitter	...	...	16.08	-1.83	-30.5
TylerTech	**...**	**73**	**153.57**	**-4.69**	**-11.9**
UBSI	**1.32f**	**17**	**33.12**	**-.69**	**-10.5**
US OilFd	...	...	8.57	-.45	-22.1
ValeroE	2.40f	7	65.28	-3.42	-7.7
VangEmg	1.10e	...	29.61	-.91	-9.5
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WEC Engy	1.98f	21	56.13	+.04	+9.4
WalgBoots	1.44	23	78.00	-2.07	-8.4
WealthIntl	**...**	**...**	**5.97**	**-.36**	**-28.8**
WellsFargo	**1.50**	**12**	**48.83**	**-1.11**	**-10.2**
WstnRefin	1.52f	6	31.21	-1.78	-12.4
WhitingPet	...	...	6.01	-.65	-36.3
WmsCos	2.56	53	18.69	-.82	-27.3
XcelEngy	**1.28**	**20**	**38.98**	**+.42**	**+8.5**
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IndyCar puts safety at top of priority list entering 2016

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — IndyCar officials are trying to make racing safer and more appealing in 2016.

After spending a busy offseason trying to stop cars from flipping and limiting the dangers of flying debris, Mark Miles spent Tuesday explaining how rules changes could help.

The most notable difference this season will be the addition of rear beam wing flaps, something similar to what NASCAR has been using on the roofs of its cars and that is designed to keep the lighter IndyCars from going airborne when they are rolling backward.

"I'm told ours are more heavy-duty and professionally engineered and cooler (than NASCAR's) and will be effective," joked Miles, the CEO of IndyCar's parent company, Hulman & Co. "But time will tell."

Inside series headquarters, this is serious business.

Last season was marred by a series of problems — expansive debris fields on race day, upside-down cars and the tragic accident that claimed the life of Justin Wilson one day after he was hit in the head by debris from another car at Pocono.

Canadian driver James Hinchcliffe, who was seriously injured during Indy 500 practice and missed the rest of the season even though his car stayed on the ground, said he believes protective canopies could be on the cars within three years. That's two years sooner than he anticipated last summer.

Associated Press

Drivers Juan Pablo Montoya, left, and Will Power, right, speak during a news conference at IndyCar media day at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Tuesday in Indianapolis.

"Anything that adds protection to the head is good," Hinchcliffe said before noting the new addition to Formula One cars wouldn't work as well on the high-banked ovals at IndyCar venues. "It's easy to throw a canopy on a car, but there's a hundred other things that you have to look at."

When asked if the timeline had been pushed up, Miles acknowledged the series has been working extensively with an unidentified international company. He said there are still significant details to work out — how strong the materials must be, how much weight a canopy would add to the car, how it would affect visibility and whether it would be a complete enclosure.

"It's not going to happen this year, for sure, and it's still too soon to say whether they'd be ready for 2017 or 2018," Miles said.

Until then, Miles and his executive team, including new competition and operations president Jay Frye, are taking more immediate measures to protect drivers.

In November, the series announced it would use tethers on the rear beam wing and rear wing guards at all races while the nose and front wing main plate on the three superspeedways the series uses. On Tuesday, Miles said an improved fuel probe sensor will prevent drivers from pulling out of the pits while the probe is still attached to the car. That's what happened to Graham Rahal at Fontana last season.

And unlike last season, when there were no oval races before the Indianapolis 500 and no testing of the new aero kits at IMS, the series has scheduled an April 6 test at Indy to make sure the new equipment works properly.

The other obligation, of course, is to expand the fan base.

Miles expects television ratings will continue to increase, thanks in part to a creative schedule that eliminates some of the overlap with NASCAR races and NFL games.

Some residents have complained about the "disruption" caused by that race, but Miles said the promoters and Boston Mayor Martin Walsh are still on board. The promoters even announced Tuesday that Coors Light has signed on as a sponsor.

Honda agrees to new deal with IndyCar

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — A rough 2015 season couldn't chase Honda out of IndyCar racing.

Instead, the longtime engine-manufacturer is redoubling its efforts and its commitment to the series.

Honda Performance Development President Art St. Cyr announced Tuesday that his company had signed a new contract to compete in IndyCar through at least 2017 and possibly through the 2020 season, if Honda exercises a three-year option.

"We want to race and this is a premiere series in North America, so it's very important for us to have a presence in this type of racing," St. Cyr said during the series' annual media day at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. "What we want to do and what we're doing here with this agreement and agreements beyond this is to really create a good foundation that has a platform to have exciting racing, to have exciting personalities."

Honda has won 217 IndyCar races over two decades and was the sole engine supplier for six of the last 13 years for the series. It has competed against Chevrolet for the past five seasons.

Last year was easily the toughest as Honda drivers spent most of the year chasing the more dominant Chevys following an aerodynamic kit change. Chevy wound up winning all 16 poles and 11 of 16 races.

That disparity prompted series officials to take one car with each engine for testing in the wind tunnel.

Mark Miles, the CEO of IndyCar's parent company, Hulman & Co., said the results showed Honda could be at a disadvantage on road and street courses but not superspeedways, so Honda proposed a series of changes. He did not elaborate on specifics.

"They didn't approve all of them, we don't have a final ruling yet," St. Cyr said. "I think we have a common understanding of where we're going with this stuff. I think that our expectation is that we can be competitive this year."

Drivers are hoping Honda has closed the gap, though they won't know for sure until they compete on the track together.

While American Marco Andretti said he's still worried about a possible a discrepancy on the longer, faster superspeedways, another American, Graham Rahal, doesn't know what to expect at the March 13 season-opener on the streets of St. Petersburg, Florida.

"You'd be an idiot to sit here and believe that they (the Chevy teams) haven't been developing either," said Rahal, a Honda driver who won twice and finished fourth in the standings in 2015. "But I have high hopes and high expectations for this year."

Miles said while the two sides discussed the new deal, they also talked adding a third engine manufacturer — something he said everyone would embrace if there were a willing partner. St. Cyr said there are provisions in the contract that would give Honda flexibility if that happened.

"Another competitor, another story line, another investor, another investor to help promote the sport would be good," Miles said. "It's very difficult to get done."

Stunts

From 1C

Christian is the No. 8 prospect in the country according to Rivals. With his recruitment coming down to the wire, Notre Dame caused a stir by sending a truck to Georgia in an effort to impress him. Chumley said he saw the massive vehicle — practically a billboard on wheels for Notre Dame football — at school.

Chumley says all this attention can be a positive if players keep it in perspective. For recruits who are under a lot of pressure, it's nice to be able to have fun with the process.

Harbaugh, who has rarely shied away from the spotlight since taking over as Michigan's coach about 13 months ago, recently spent the night at the house of Quinn Nordin, a top kicking prospect from Rockford H.S. in Michigan.

Nordin told MLive.com that Harbaugh arrived just after midnight.

"He slept in the guest room at our house," Nordin said. "I was in my pajamas laughing when he showed up at the door. I couldn't believe it. There were fans in the street."

Harbaugh may offer more details about that tactic at signing day Wednesday, especially if Nordin ends up at Michigan, but until the letters of intent are signed, college coaches aren't allowed to say much about players they're recruiting.

So there's value in these types of stunts. A coach can't come out and announce who he's recruiting, but if he acts in a way that will draw attention on Twitter, suddenly there's additional buzz for his program.

"More coaches are doing things they know can and will go viral because it's great advertisement," said Mike Bellotti, the former Oregon coach who is now an ESPN analyst. "The other thing is that at one point, coaches could rely on their football accomplishments and the strength of their program and all of those things. Now there's a little bit of a kickback to be more personable, to be more 'with it' — to relate to the athlete better."

DiNardo coached at Vanderbilt, LSU and Indiana and is now an analyst for the Big Ten Network. He recalled the time he was recruiting a linebacker named Carlton Hall to Vandy, and he couldn't go into Hall's house because of NCAA rules.

So he stayed by the curb and visited from there.

"I had burned my home visit early in recruiting," DiNardo said. "So I got a speaker phone, and I had the assistant coach go into the house, reorganize the furniture and put the kitchen table by the kitchen window. I parked on the sidewalk. I had my cellphone, and the assistant coach was in the house because he was allowed to be there more than once. So I conducted my second home visit from the curb."

The idea is to show players how important they are to your school. Handwritten notes are another tactic, and DiNardo had a system.

"I would put 10 names on the greaseboard in the morning before the staff room," he said. "Every coach had to write a handwritten note to those 10 people before they left the staff room. So we basically had about 100 handwritten notes. ... So a prospect could very well get 10-15 notes from us in one day, handwritten notes."

Stewart

From 1C

non-NASCAR events upon his retirement. He has not competed in anything out of a Sprint Cup race since Ward's death in 2014.

But he also spoke of what he'd like to accomplish in this final season with a focus on winning his first Daytona 500. Stewart is 0-17 in the crown jewel event and came heartbreakingly close to winning it several times during his career. It remains one of the few holes on a resume that includes the three championships, 48 victories and more than $122 million in winnings.

He goes into the year with a new crew chief — his third change since he won the title in 2011 — and hopes to find some success on the track after three long years. Both the injury to his leg and Ward's death took a toll on Stewart, and he has not won a race since 2013, before he was injured.

Stewart was 28th in the final Sprint Cup standings last year with three top-10 finishes and 24 laps led, both career lows.

Speaking to reporters at the Rolex 24 at Daytona last week, AJ Foyt expressed sympathy for Stewart and said the driver has not gotten over Ward's death. Stewart considers Foyt his hero and idolized the four-time Indianapolis 500 winner as a child.

"I feel sorry for Tony, I think people don't realize that wreck really hurt him more," Foyt said. "He's really a soft-hearted person and something like that really bothers you. I know I had an accident years ago when I ran IMC and a guy ran through the cockpit with me and threw me out on the race track and he lost his life. That bugged me and I had nothing to do with it.

"Things like that bother you for a long time. If you don't have no feelings, it wouldn't bother you but Tony's got a lot of feelings. And I just hope he goes out on top."

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Assistant Manager

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Working knowledge of PowerPoint and Excel is necessary. Excellent wage and benefits package.

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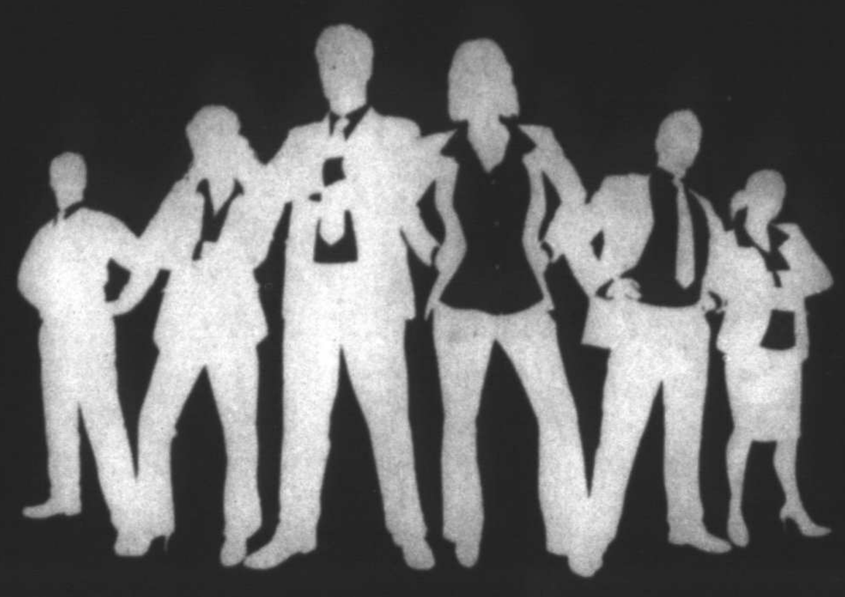

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- Data Entry Postion
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Midland Reporter-Telegram

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Qualified candidates must be a self-starter and possess excellent communication and organizational skills, be detail oriented and assertive, excel in spelling/grammar/punctuation, excel in time management, and possess a positive attitude

We are willing to train and offer a competitive compensation and benefits package, guaranteed commission for three months, a cell phone allowance and the opportunity to advance your career in an exciting, progressive and innovative organization in one of the fastest growing markets in Texas.

If you want to join a **GREAT TEAM** and are ready to **SUCCEED**, please send a resume to:

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Local company seeks shop hand/field coordinator. Apply in person at 3913 FM 715, Midland Texas 79706

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Outside Sales

WANTED: Sales Associate for a growing promotional products, advertising company. Twelve year old locally owned business in search of an experienced advertising/marketing sales person. **Send resume to: P-109 C/O Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland TX., 79701**

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SKILLED LABOR

Diesel Mechanic

Local company seeks diesel mechanic with in frame experience, knowledge of cummins and CAT motors. Apply in person at 3913 FM 715, 79706.

Electrician/Lineman

Oilfield Electrician/Lineman Voltages up to 25KV CDL preferred, must pass drug screen Apply online @ www.hargravepower.com

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Starting Pay $12 per hour. Must pass drug & background screening. Apply in person at: **Hunter's Ridge Apartments, 4201 Andrews Hwy, Midland, TX 79703**

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The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an immediate opening in its Production Department for the position of: PRESSMAN/ PRESSMAN TRAINEE for our Harris N 1650 Printing presses.

This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires: night shift/weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.

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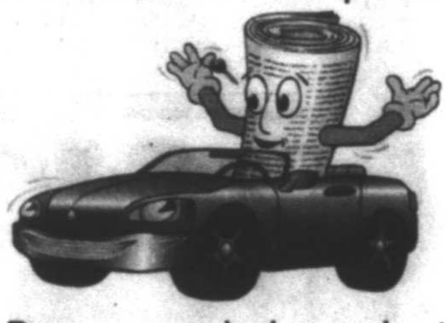

Become an independent contractor delivering the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

Contact: Linda 687-8807

OTHER JOBS

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Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person.

$10.00 per hour

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

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Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person.

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Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO SWR 26/27 SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT Notice is hereby given that SM Energy Company (RRC P-5 # 788997) has filed with the Texas Railroad Commission the following P-17 Application for an exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to surface commingle production from oil and gas leases: Dorcus Janey Allocation 1831H (RRC Lease #18828), Dorcus Janey (SA) A 1833WB (RRC Lease #18893), Dorcus Janey (SA) B 1834WB (RRC Lease #18894), Dorcus Janey (SA) C 1901LS (RRC Lease #803384), Dorcus Janey (SA) D 1902LS (RRC Lease #803390), and Dorcus Janey (SA) E 1903LS (RRC Lease #812223), all in the Spraberry (Trend Area) in Midland and Upton Counties, Texas. This application is for off lease storage, common separation, common storage and casinghead gas metering by allocation by well test. Production will be allocated by W-10 Tests. Any royalty interest owners who have not received written notification, please consider this your Notice of Application. If you have objections to the issuance of this permit, you may submit a letter to P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Railroad Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days following the date of last publication.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL BRINE MINING INJECTION WELL PERMIT IN A NON PRODUCTIVE FORMATION

Tall City Brine LLC, PO Box 8768 Midland, Texas 79708 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a brine mining injection well permit to inject water into the Salado Formation, dissolve salt in the water, create a subsurface cavern and produce the resulting brine solution.

The applicant proposes to perform brine mining from the Salado Formation, Tall City Brine South Midland Brine Lease, Well number 1. The proposed brine mining well is located 3.8 miles southeast of Midland TX, near county road 120 and HWY 158. The subsurface depth interval of the proposed brine mining operation will be from 1750'-1800.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended. Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

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2000 CORVETTE, royal blue, automatic 6 speed. $13,500.00 432-557-2967.

2005 FORD Wheelchair Van. Only 58,000 miles. Like new. $15,000 firm. 432-212-1830.

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PREVENT TRUCK REPO. I am looking for a late model (14 – 15) clean, low mileage Chevrolet LTZ Crewcab, 6.6 Duramax with Allison transmission LOADED to pay off balance, possible trade. Prevent a repo on your record. Call Mike 903-521-0252.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE BY DR. JONATHAN C. KONING

Dr. Jonathan C. Koning, MD, will no longer be seeing patients at the Multi-Care Office at 801 N. Grant Ave, Suite A, Odessa, TX 79761 effective January 11, 2016. The Minimally Invasive Spine Institute will maintain a copy of your medical records at 10400 N. Central Expy, Dallas, TX 75231. Please contact the Minimally Invasive Spine Institute at (972) 884-4400 if you would like a copy of your medical records.

Pickup Trucks

TOYOTA 2008 Tundra, exterior black, cloth seat, all power, AC, automatic, 5.7 V8, grill guard, Rhino lined bed, running boards tool box, 91K miles. Asking $15,500 432-254-1007.

4WD & SUV

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RV SPACES for rent northeast Midland, fenced area. Utilities furnished and background checks required for the safety of our park. Call 432-894-8234.

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2015 ROYAL TRAVEL 5th wheel. 39 ft. 2 bedroom, 4 slides, island kitchen, king bed, garden tub, 3 ACs, washer/dryer, loaded with upgrades. $41,500 OBO. 682-712-3574

Merchandise

Antiques

China cabinet, curved glass, claw feet, mirrored back. $350. Call 432-218-7244

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AAA Appliance 15 minute pickup. 432-556-0104 / 432-528-3046

Free Stuff

FREE KITTENS, Siamese mix, mama cat & baby. Preferably female, older person. 432-269-5365

Recreational Vehicles

2006 CHEROKEE 28C travel trailer. 12 ft. slide, 18 ft. awning, bumper pull. $12,000 OBO. 432-661-3090.

HARLEY, 2007 FXSTSSE Softail Springer CVO, Screaming Eagle. 110 cubic inch engine, 25,000 miles, copper/red color, last year of this style made, $15,000. 432-557-2987.

Need Help Selling Your Vehicle Call the Classified Dept. 682-6222 to place ad

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Kristie Jo Evans, Deceased, were issued on January 28, 2016, in Cause No. P18562, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Jessica Nichole Evans Weis, Independent Co-Executor, whose residential address is 2401 Princeton Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701 and to Dusty Wade Norred, Independent Co-Executor, whose residential address is 5555 Plantation Oaks Drive, Theodore, Alabama 36582.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in care of the Executor.

DATED the 2nd day of February, 2016.

COTTON, BLEDSOE, TIGHE & DAWSON, P.C.
P. O. Box 2776
Midland, Texas 79702
(432) 684-5782
(432) 682-3672 (FAX)

By: Amanda L. Kuhns
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ATTORNEY FOR INDEPENDENT CO-EXECUTORS

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FREE to good home, 2 AKC registered chocolate labs. Ages 11 & 12. Owners moved to city & yard is tiny. Kennels and Igloo included. 432-687-0304.

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Animals & Pets

Pets

Akita purebred female, white. 8 weeks old, first shots/vet check. Asking $350. Call 432-699-5149

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Pets

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO SWR 26/27 SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that XTO Energy Inc., Operator 945936, has filed to amend existing P-17 permit #7030 with the Texas Railroad Commission. The following amended P-17 application is for the exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to surface commingle production from oil and gas leases in (Lease ID18819) LHS Ranch lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field; (Lease ID 45329) Lillie Midkiff 5 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field; (New Lease ID) . Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3201 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field; (New Lease ID) Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3211 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field; (New Lease ID) Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3202 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field; (New Lease ID) Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3213 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field; (New Lease ID) Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3203 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field; (New Lease ID) Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3204 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field; (New Lease ID) Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3205 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field; (New Lease ID) Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3215 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field; (New Lease ID) Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3206 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field; (New Lease ID) Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3207 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field;(New Lease ID) Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3217 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field; (New Lease ID) Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3208 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field; (New Lease ID) Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3221 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field; (New Lease ID) Lillie Midkiff 44-41 Allocation 4101 Spraberry (Trend Area) R40 EXC field; (New Lease ID) Lillie Midkiff 41-44 Allocation 4107 lease Spraberry (Trend Area) R40 EXC field; (New Lease ID) Lillie Midkiff 44-41 Allocation 4111 lease Spraberry (Trend Area) R40 EXC field in Upton/Midland County. This application is for common separation and common storage. Production will be measured by W-10. Any royalty interest owners who have not received written notification please consider this your Notice of Application. If you have objections to the issuance of this permit, you may submit a letter to Erickx Davis, P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days after the date the application is filed.

Residential Rentals

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3 bedroom 1 bath, fenced yard, carport, storage building. $1,400 month. 432-634-6445

4BD, 2BA, 2 living areas, south side. Close to Wal-Mart. $1,700/mo, $1350/dep 432-413-3489.

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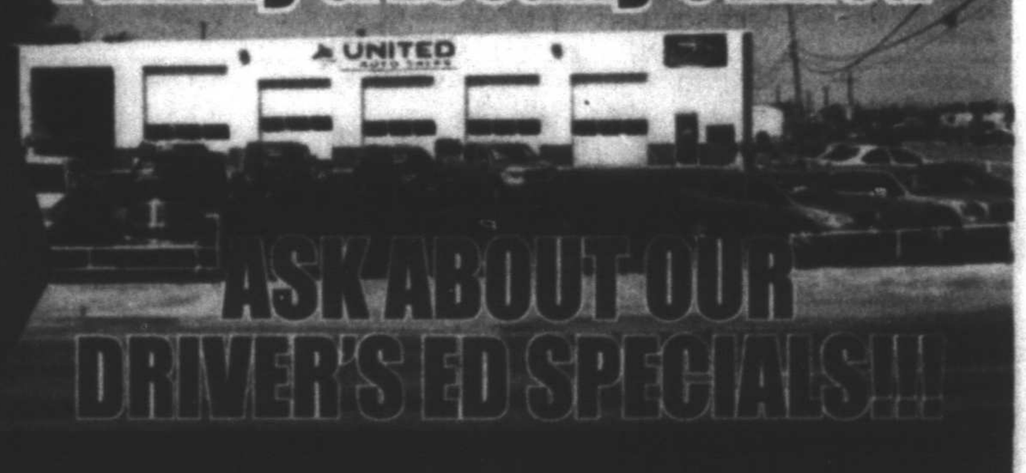

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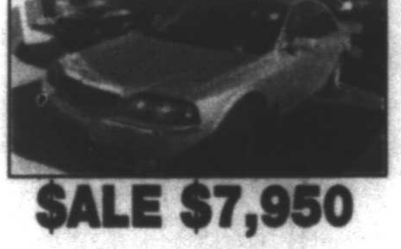
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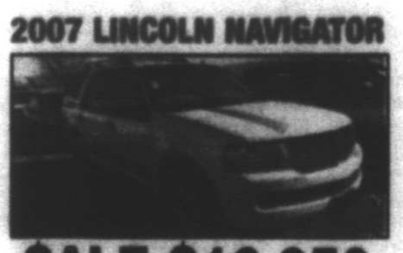
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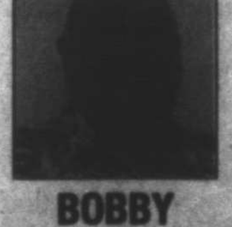
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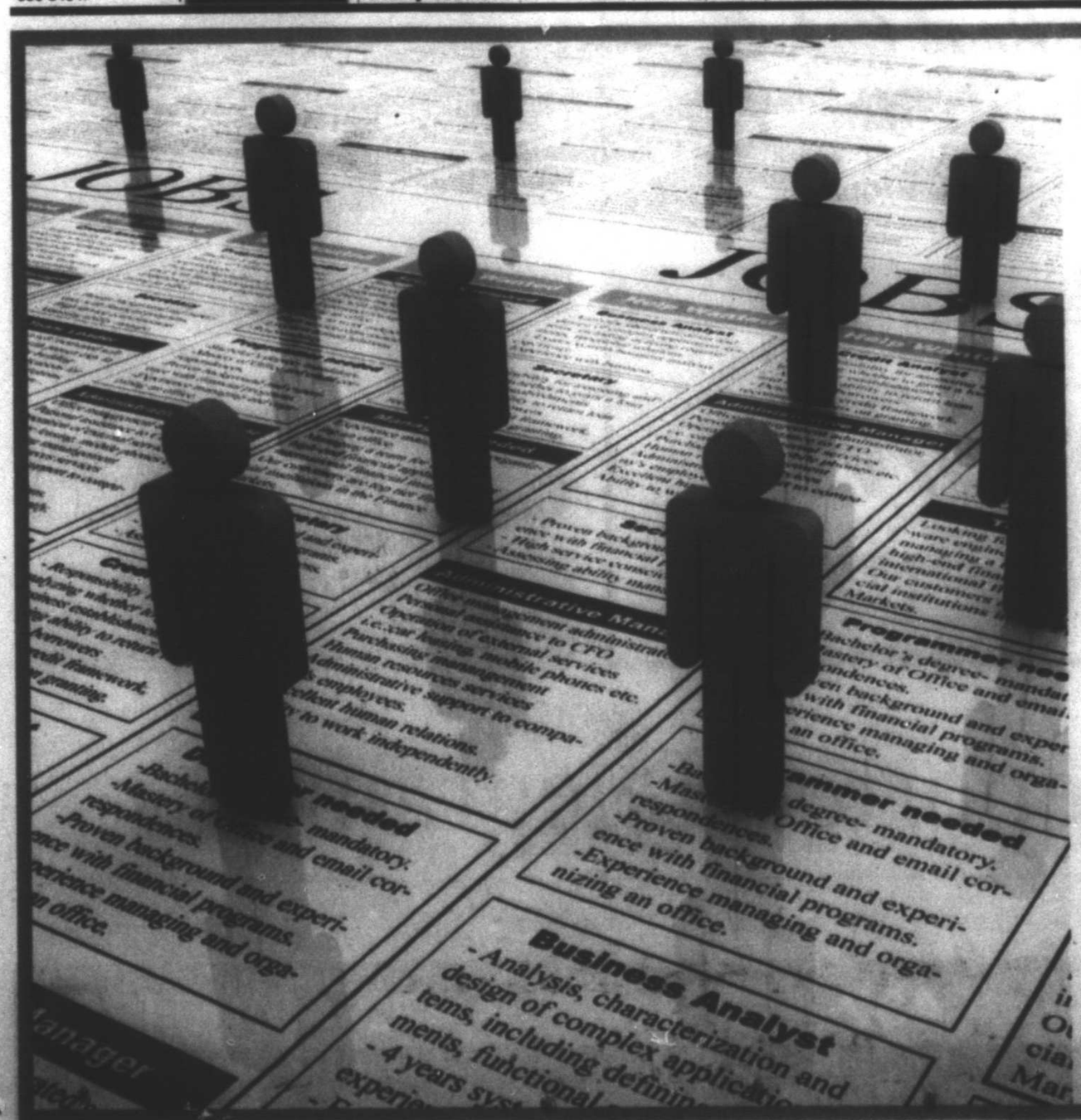

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