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FIGHT NIGHT

Republican presidential candidates came out swinging Thursday in the latest GOP debate. Find out if they got their facts right and check out a recap in case you missed the action.

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City reports fewer traffic crashes, fatals in 2015

By Cassie Burton
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The city of Midland released its annual traffic crash report for 2015. The city reported 3,602 crashes, roughly an 11 percent decrease from 2014's 4,013.

Non-injury crashes number 2,274, and crashes where at least one injury occurred totaled 914, with 1,317 injuries reported overall.

The amount of crashes where it was unknown whether an injury occurred was 404 and the number of fatalities totaled 10.

The city also looked at intersections with the most crashes. Fairgrounds Road and Loop 250 South had 23 crashes alone. The intersection at Andrews Highway and Loop 250 West tied with Midkiff Road and Wall Street with 20 crashes each.

"The city of Midland is preparing plans for the construction of a traffic signal at this intersection and working with TxDOT to identify funding for the project in order to continue with a timeline," a city press release said. "Permian Basin MPO has also identified extending, and therefore elevating, the main Loop 250 lanes over Fairgrounds Road as its highest priority project for potential federal funding in the organization's 25-year plan."

The estimated cost for the project is $16.6 million, the release said.

The percentages fall in line with 2014 percentages. Injury and non-injury crashes both decreased; number of injuries reported increased, and there were 14 less fatalities last year than in 2014.

The full report was released on the city of Midland's website.

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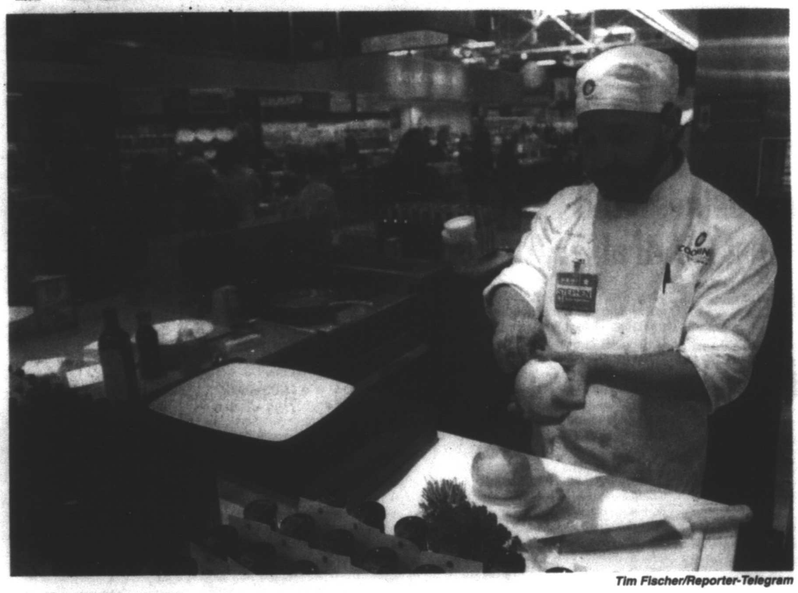

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Chef Stephen Gonzalez explains as he prepares a dish in the Cooking Connection display Thursday at the new H-E-B. The grocery store's second location in Midland opens to the public today.

H-E-B celebrates completion of 2nd store

By Mella McEwen
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As members of Lee High School's band serenaded those arriving for a special preview of Midland's second H-E-B, employees busily stocked shelves in preparation for the store's opening today.

A girls choir from Abell Junior High sang the national anthem to open the ceremony.

Greg Souquette, senior vice president of H-E-B, said that Midland has grown significantly in the 20 years since the San Antonio-based firm opened its first Midland location at Wadley Avenue and Midkiff Road. The new store is located at 5407 Andrews Highway.

More online

Check out video of the new H-E-B grocery store at mrt.com.

"We apologize for taking 20 years to open a second store, and we promise it won't take 20 years to open our third," Souquette said to the crowd of city and county officials, special guests and store associates.

"I look forward to the third store, which they promise

Please see H-E-B/2A

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Fresh selections are available throughout the new H-E-B grocery store on Thursday.

Presidential candidate Rubio to appear in Midland today

From staff reports

Florida Sen. Marco, a Republican candidate for president, will appear in Midland this evening for a private reception at the High Sky Wing of the Commemorative Air Force.

Rubio, according to the campaign, will travel to Dallas and Oklahoma City before the Midland campaign stop. Those indicating their support for Rubio on a reception invite include former Midland mayor Mike Canon.

Rubio

All totaled the invite includes 47 individuals or couples listed, mostly people from the Permian Basin or West Texas. A few listed from outside the region include former Sen. Phil Gramm, businessman and former owner of the Texas Rangers Tom Hicks and Bobby Cox.

Rubio is coming off a pair of second-place finishes in South Carolina and Nevada. Still, he faces an uphill climb in both Texas and across the nation, according to a Real Clear Politics average of recent polls. Across the nation, according to RCP, Donald Trump leads with 33.2 percent of those polled. U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz is second at 20.3 percent. Rubio is third at 16.7 percent. In Texas, Cruz leads with an RCP average of 34.0 percent. Trump and Rubio are next at 26.8 and 18.2 percent, respectively. The latest poll of Texas voters is from Monmouth University, which shows Cruz at 38 percent, Trump at 23 percent and Rubio at 21. RCP shows Rubio trending up both across the nation and in Texas.

Rubio isn't the first Republican president candidate to visit Midland this campaign season. Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee all made trips to Midland after announcing their intention to run for president.

Cruz also has appeared in Midland for a reception. In fact, the Texas senator is the only candidate currently in the race

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WTS Posted	$26.30	▲ $0.75
Natural Gas	$1.711	▲ $0.067
Gasoline	$1.519	▼ $0.005

The big number
Sen. Cruz blocks
$220 million
for Flint, Michigan, water crisis. Page 7A

Word of the Day: blarney
Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 2A.

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[blahr-nee] noun

1. flattering or wheedling talk; cajolery.
2. deceptive or misleading talk; nonsense; hooey.

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Garrett Stauder, unit director of the new H-E-B, welcomes guests Thursday as they finish getting the store ready for customers, which opens its doors to the public today.

H-E-B

From 1A

to build during my term," Mayor Jerry Morales said.

He praised H-E-B for not only providing fresh groceries and amenities to the city, but for its support of local nonprofit organizations and schools. The company donated $10,000 to Midland Need to Read and the Midland County Public Library as part of the celebration.

H-E-B officials declined to offer any specific timeline for a third Midland location.

Bobby Burns, Chamber of Commerce president and chief executive officer — who cut the ribbon to open the first Midland H-E-B in 1996 — said, "We've seen H-E-B come and have such an impact on Midland."

He said it takes teamwork to support growth in Midland and the new store is but one small example.

Garrett Stauder, who will serve as unit manager of the new store, first praised the new store's 299 associates, as well as those from San Antonio, for their work in preparing the store for its grand opening.

He said he hopes the new location will ease the strain of heavy traffic at Midland's first H-E-B.

"The first store is big and bad, and it's done a lot of good things. But Midland has grown, and we want to serve Midland better," he said.

Based on his experience in Odessa — where he helped open a second H-E-B last year — traffic should remain positive at the first store and both stores should attract stores from surrounding towns, he said.

At 113,000 square feet, the new H-E-B is as large as the first and offers the same pricing and many of the same amenities.

What is different is that the new store houses True Texas BBQ, a restaurant that will offer barbecue by the plate or by the pound, traditional sides like cream corn, coleslaw and potato salad, along with salads and sandwiches. True Texas BBQ can seat 144, and dining is also available on an outdoor patio.

Other store amenities include an in-house pharmacy that offers immunizations and Second Saturday screening, a seafood department, healthy living department with more than 100 bulk food items, one of the city's largest beer and wine departments, a produce section, meet market, deli, bakery, floral department and general merchandise department that now offers baby items, housewares and kitchen wares. My Community Federal Credit Union is opening a branch inside the store, and a gasoline island is located to the north.

The store will be open from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. daily, and True Texas BBQ will be open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

Negro Business and Professional Women's Club to host fundraiser for college scholarships

By Erin Stone
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"Back to Our Roots" is the theme of a talk being given at a fundraiser hosted by the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club of Midland. The annual college scholarship fundraiser is 7 p.m. Saturday at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center.

The local nonprofit has been hosting the fundraiser since 1953 as part of its yearly Black History Month program.

The scholarship program is open to all graduating seniors in Midland high schools, regardless of race. Students can pick up an application in their counseling department. The applications are due in April.

"I'm looking for people to come together and enjoy the reason and the cause, which would be making sure that we get the scholarship fund and are able to help our students," said member Shirley Howard.

Midland High School alum Tailar Jones-Nobels was last year's scholarship winner. She is now in her freshman year at Abilene Christian University, Howard said.

Saturday's featured speaker is Akwete Tyehimba, who founded the Pan-African Connection Bookstore and Resource Center in Dallas with her late husband. She will speak on the subject of "Back to Our Roots."

"There's a symbol of a bird in our (African) culture with its feet moving forward and head looking back, called Sankofa," Tyehimba said in a phone interview. "Sankofa teaches us that in order for us to move forward you have to look back. So I'll be talking about history and looking to what came before us for direction and guidance. ... We have a historical responsibility to those who came before us to do good things, to be better."

Howard met Tyehimba while in Dallas and asked her to come speak at the event.

"We were told that Africa is only jungles and wild animals, that there's nothing positive about Africa," Tyehimba said. "Africa is the richest continent in the world. Unfortunately we're the poorest people in the world. We're told we don't have a history (and) that our history started in slavery. One point I'll be making is that our history did not start in slavery. Our young people really need to know that they were some of the first mathematicians, scientists, etc. This blood runs through you. A lot of children don't know that. They think the streets, that's who they are."

There will also be a fashion show featuring volunteers from Midland and Odessa in traditional African dress, the men's chorus group "Men of Valor" from Macedonia Baptist Church and the praise dancers from Goodwill Baptist Church. Additionally, "trailblazers" of the local NBPWC will be honored at the event, Howard said.

Tickets are limited and can be purchased for $25 each from any NBPWC member. For more information call 556-5453.

Rubio

From 1A

who has visited Midland since announcing an intention to run for president and not suspended their campaign.

Neurosurgeon Ben Carson appeared in Midland in the summer of 2014, before announcing his intention to run for the presidency.

While the event is private, the campaign recommends contacting Meredith Mangum Hill at meredith@mango-ll.com to check on availability. It is expected Rubio will have a media event before the evening event.

What's happinging in Midland this weekend? Find out by reading
WEEKENDER
Look for it inside Thursday's edition of the Reporter-Telegram

Texas dean leaving school because of campus carry law

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — A prominent dean at the University of Texas said Thursday he is leaving the state for another job in large part because of the new Texas law that will allow concealed handguns in public college classrooms.

Fritz Steiner, dean of the Texas School of Architecture, was named dean of the University of Pennsylvania School of Design. Steiner, who had previously taught at Pennsylvania, has been at Texas since 2001 and said he would not have considered leaving if not for the new law that takes effect Aug. 1.

"I thought I would be responsible for enforcing a law I don't believe in," Steiner said.

Texas lawmakers in 2015 voted to force public colleges to allow concealed handgun license holders to bring their weapons into college buildings and classrooms over vigorous objections from higher education officials, faculty and students across the state. Supporters of the law call it a critical self-defense measure and protection of constitutional rights.

University of Texas President Greg Fenves last week reluctantly approved rules for where guns will be allowed on his campus. Fenves doesn't support guns on campus but said he had no choice but to enforce the law. His office declined comment Thursday.

The law gives private schools the choice to ban guns, and most have done that.

Fenves has said allowing guns on campus will make it harder to recruit and retain top faculty and students. Steiner's departure would be the most immediate high-profile result of that prediction.

"I can report that it's already part of the conversation when I was trying to recruit and retain faculty and recruit graduate students," Steiner said of the campus carry law. "It's certainly on the minds of many faculty and students."

Steiner said he's not anti-guns, but doesn't want them in the halls of higher education. Texas faculty have worried allowing guns could have a chilling effect on academic freedom and frank discussions in classrooms.

"I grew up hunting. My father was a Marine and a policeman. I'm not a stranger to firearms in any way," Steiner said. "I grew up believing there was an appropriate place for guns, and it was not in a place of higher education and higher learning."

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Mexico covers Rio Grande water shortfall under treaty

Associated Press

BROWNSVILLE — Mexico has delivered enough water to the Rio Grande to eliminate a long-standing shortfall in its share of the water supplied to the river under a 1944 U.S.-Mexico water treaty.

In a statement issued Wednesday, The U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water commission revealed that Mexico's Rio Grande water debt had been covered as of Jan. 25.

For five years, persistent drought had kept South Texas farmers and community leaders in an uproar over shortages in Mexico's water deliveries from its tributaries to the Rio Grande. The United States is entitled to one-third of the water flowing into the Rio Grande from six Mexican tributaries, but Mexico had delivered just 15 percent of what was required from 2010 through 2015.

TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

- Friday Night Magic, 7 p.m., Hastings, 3111 W. Cuthbert Ave. Free.
- Hold 'em poker tournaments, 7 p.m., The Detour.
- Justin Langston, 7 p.m., Rue 432, 106 S. A. St. rue432.com.
- Kyle Park, Judson Cole Band, 7 p.m., Graham Central Station, 4240 Preston Smith Road, Odessa. $10 advance, $12 door. grahamcentralstationodessa.com.
- Eric Sommer, 7 p.m., The Garage Coffee, Music and More, 1100 N. Main St., Fort Stockton. thegaragetx.com.
- Funkster, 8 p.m., The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.
- Koe Wetzel and the Konvicts, 8 p.m., Fire Water Bar and Grill, 3113 W. Industrial Ave.
- The Unsweet Ts, 9 p.m., Detour Bar, 1708 Rankin Highway.
- 3 Shot Jack at Your Place, 3704 W. Wall St.
- Clay Shelburn, 9 p.m., Beer Garden, 7112 West Highway 80.
- Funky Munky at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.
- "Around the World in 80 Days," at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.
- "Hamlet" at Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., Odessa. permianplayhouse.com.
- "Elephant's Graveyard" at The Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road, Odessa. $7. odessa.edu.

Sports happenings

- Region I-5A semifinal, Lee girls vs. Duncanville, 6 p.m., Wilkerson-Greines AC, Fort Worth
- Region I-4A semifinal, Greenwood girls vs. Brownwood, 7 p.m., Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock
- Region I-3A Tournament at Chaparral Center
- Region II-A semfinal, Grady girls vs. Eula, 6 p.m., Moody Coliseum, Abilene

For more coverage, see the Sports section.

New movies in Midland

- **At Tall City 14:** "Eddie the Eagle," "Gods of Egypt," "Triple 9."
- **At Cinergy Cinemas:** "Eddie the Eagle," "Gods of Egypt," "Triple 9."

Early voting this week

Early voting for the March 1 primaries continues. Residents may vote early at any one of the vote centers.

- Midland County Annex, 2110 N. "A" St.; 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.; 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Fellowship Community Church, 5206 N. Midland Drive; 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Cogdell Learning Center, 211 W. Florida Ave.; 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Manor Park, 5192 Sinclair Ave.; 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Gas prices in Midland

- Cheapest gas: $1.38 (Sam's Club, Tradewinds/SH 191; Texaco, Briarwood/Wadley; Texaco, Midkiff/Wadley; Murphy USA, Midland/Briarwood)
- Most common price: $1.44
- Cheapest prices in West Texas: Odessa $1.32, Lubbock $1.34, Abilene $1.37, Midland $1.38, San Angelo $1.38

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Thursday	$1.519	$1.514
Last week	$1.522	$1.529
Last month	$1.661	$1.616
Last year	$2.230	$2.141

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

Texas retail gasoline prices drop

COPPELL — Texas retail gasoline prices dropped by a penny this week, putting the average for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel at $1.52.

AAA Texas on Thursday said that average is 63 cents less per gallon than last year.

Drivers in Dallas and El Paso are paying the most at $1.56 per gallon. Drivers in Beaumont, Corpus Christi, Houston and San Antonio are paying the least at $1.48 per gallon.

CRMWD lake levels

	Contents (Acre-feet)	Percent Full
Thomas	142,792	71.18
Spence	48,987	9.47
Ivie	68,350	12.33
Totals	260,129	20.45

Source: Colorado River Municipal Water District

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.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 4-8-9
Pick 3 day: 7-6-0
Pick 3 evening: 7-3-5
Pick 3 night: 4-9-0
Daily 4 morning: 1-7-6-1
Daily 4 day: 3-3-8-5
Daily 4 evening: 7-6-3-3
Daily 4 night: 1-9-2-4
Cash Five: 16-22-24-25-30
Texas Two Step: 5-8-16-23 BB: 25
All or Nothing morning: 01-04-06-07-08-10-13-15-17-18-22-23
All or Nothing day: 04-08-10-11-12-14-15-16-17-19-21-24
All or Nothing evening: 02-03-06-08-09-10-13-14-17-18-21-23
All or Nothing night: 01-02-03-06-07-09-12-14-15-16-18-22

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

PAPA JOHN'S ADDS LOCATION

Papa John's Pizza opened a new location at 1901 Rankin Highway on Thursday. The grand opening including giveaways and specials throughout the day.

STATE&REGIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LONGVIEW

1 killed, 2 injured in East Texas house fire

Fire officials in East Texas say one person died and two were injured when a fire engulfed a group of mobile homes.

The fire in rural Longview was reported Wednesday night. The identity of the person who died was not immediately released.

Kilgore Fire Department Assistant Chief Michael Simmons says one of the injured people was taken to a Dallas hospital with severe burns. The second injured person was taken to a Longview hospital with burns to the hands.

Neighbor Becky Dillard tells the Longview News-Journal that the house that burned was made up of four or five mobile homes that had been put together to form one home.

The Gregg County Sheriff's Office says the fire marshal is investigating the cause.

GARLAND

Carjacker dies after crashing car during North Texas chase

Police say a carjacker fleeing North Texas officers has died after losing control of the vehicle and crashing into a traffic pole.

Garland police said the incident started late Wednesday night when two men robbed a man sitting in a park at gunpoint, taking his cell phone and car keys.

Police said the man who was robbed then saw one suspect get into his vehicle while the other ran off on foot.

About an hour later, Garland police located the vehicle and tried to stop the driver. The man though led officers in a pursuit into Dallas before losing control of the vehicle and crashing it.

The driver of the vehicle was killed in the crash. The second suspect hasn't been located. Their identities are unknown.

HOUSTON

Infants found unharmed by road after car stolen

Houston police say 4-month-old twins were found strapped into their car seats on the side of the road about 30 minutes after the car they were in was stolen outside a convenience store.

Police Lt. Larry Crowson told the Houston Chronicle that a woman called 911 early Thursday morning to report that when she'd gone into the store, three suspects got into her car and sped away.

Crowson said officers searched the area for the car but were unable to find it or the suspects. About 30 minutes after the car was stolen an officer involved in the search had his squad car window down and heard crying. He then found the children.

Paramedics evaluated the babies, and they appeared to be unhurt.

The stolen car hasn't been located.

HOUSTON

Police say man kills ex-girlfriend, then self

Houston police say a man shot and killed his former girlfriend, then eventually turned the gun on himself.

Police said the 56-year-old man shot the 59-year-old woman in her home Wednesday evening and then rode away on a bicycle. Officers later found him dead from a single gunshot wound in a car parked outside his home. The man and woman were not immediately identified.

Houston police Lt. Robert Blain told the Houston Chronicle neighbors knew of past problems between the couple and were outside when he first arrived at her home. They told police he fired his pistol to get them to leave the area.

SAGINAW

Report: Meth in system of man killed by North Texas police

A toxicology report shows that a 25-year-old man fatally shot by a North Texas police officer after attacking police and others in a residential neighborhood had amphetamine and methamphetamine in his system.

Michael Dale Brown's toxicology report was released Wednesday by the Tarrant County medical examiner's office. Police have said Brown destroyed a front door, vandalized several cars and fought several people on Jan. 30. He was hit twice by stun guns deployed by officers before he was fatally shot by a Saginaw police officer.

His autopsy report said a small plastic bag containing "clear crystal-like substance" was found in his clothes.

Saginaw police spokesman Sgt. Damon Ing told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram the toxicology results are a piece of the ongoing criminal investigation into what happened that night.

DALLAS

3rd defendant sentenced in overdose case

A third defendant has been sentenced in the overdose death of a 19-year-old Dallas woman.

The Dallas Morning News reported that 26-year-old Kathryn Dirks was sentenced Wednesday to 13 years in federal prison in connection to the March 2014 death of Rian Lashley. She had pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute heroin.

Prosecutors said Lashley overdosed and died after being injected with heroin by Dirks and Cierra Rounds in an attempt to rob Lashley.

Prosecutors said the heroin was provided by Jimison Coleman, who Rounds was dating at the time. Rounds was sentenced Tuesday to 13 years in federal prison for her role in Lashley's death. Coleman received a 16-year federal prison sentence Monday for his role in the case.

NEW MEXICO

Carlsbad Caverns elevator repair moved to May

CARLSBAD — Carlsbad Caverns National Park officials say they plan to have a temporary solution for the lack of elevators at the park by May.

The Current-Argus reported that the temporary fix was originally expected to be done by March.

Officials plan to repair some of the steel guide rails in elevators that make the 650-foot descent into the cave. The elevators have been closed for about a year after park engineers said they were too unsafe, noting deterioration in some of the steel rails in the elevator shaft.

Park spokeswoman Valerie Gohlke says the March date was only an estimate for the long and complicated process.

With the elevators out of commission, visitors can reach the underground using the natural entrance — a steep 750-foot descent and ascent.

NEW MEXICO

Texas man sentenced for heroin trafficking

LAS CRUCES — A Texas man has been sentenced to 4 1/2 years in federal prison in a heroin trafficking case in New Mexico.

Prosecutors say 23-year-old Arturo Martinez, of El Paso, will serve five years of supervised release after his prison term.

He was sentenced Wednesday in a federal court in Las Cruces.

Martinez and a co-defendant were arrested in May 2015 at the U.S. Border Patrol checkpoint on Interstate 10 in New Mexico's Dona Ana County.

According to the criminal complaint, authorities found more than 14 pounds of heroin concealed in the engine of the SUV that Martinez and another man were driving from El Paso to California.

Prosecutors say Martinez anticipated a $6,000 payment for transporting the drug.

He pleaded guilty last August to participating in a heroin trafficking conspiracy.

OKLAHOMA

4.0 magnitude earthquake strikes central Oklahoma

LANGSTON — The U.S. Geological Survey says an earthquake with a magnitude of 4.0 struck central Oklahoma early Thursday. There are no reports of damage or injuries from the temblor.

The USGS said the quake hit at 5:39 a.m. with an epicenter 4 miles southwest of Langston, or about 31 miles north-northeast of Oklahoma City. The earthquake had a depth of 3.1 miles, and the USGS says it could be felt in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area.

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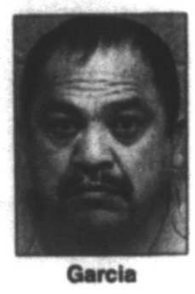
MPD: Man assaults boy

A Midland man was arrested Tuesday for allegedly assaulting a young boy, according to court documents.



Garcia

Simon M. Garcia Jr., 47, was being held Thursday on a $100,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child and a $50,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of indecency with a child, sexual contact.

A woman reporter[4] on Feb. 16 that her son told her about sexual abuse, according to Garcia's arrest affidavit. The child was interviewed at the Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center where he said Garcia touched him under his clothing, according to the affidavit. The boy then described a physical assault, which occurred late last year, according to the affidavit.

Garcia allegedly threatened the boy's siblings if he told anyone what happened, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the first- and second-degree felonies, Garcia could face up to 99 years and 20 years in prison, respectively.

Woman sentenced for wire fraud

A 55-year-old Midland woman was sentenced Thursday to five years in federal prison for her role in a wire fraud scheme that caused an estimated $140,000 loss to her employer and for obstructing justice, according to a press release from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Texas.

In addition, U.S. District Judge Robert A. Junell ordered that former federal fugitive Judy Kay Fryar pay $138,589 in restitution and be placed on supervised release for a period of three years after completing her prison term.

Fryar pleaded guilty on Dec. 9 to one count of wire fraud and one count of obstruction of justice. By pleading guilty, she admitted that from October 2009 to June 2011, she devised a scheme to embezzle money, including monthly lease payments owed to her employer, SKP Holdings in California.

Fryar, as the former on-site property manager for the West Park Apartments in Midland, repeatedly accepted cash payments from tenants and used those monies for her own personal benefit, according to court records. She also altered various tenant lease payments in the company's online property management records in an attempt to conceal her scheme.

Fryar obstructed justice by falsely fabricating a medical condition — stage 4 lung cancer — to obtain favor, sympathy and 10 continuances between January 2013 and July 2015 for jury selection and trial, according to court documents.

Fryar was arrested July 21 in Coke County by the U.S. Marshals Lone Star Fugitive Task Force. She has remained in custody since her arrest.

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From left, Republican presidential candidates Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., businessman Donald Trump and Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, speak and gesture during a Republican presidential primary debate at The University of Houston on Thursday in Houston.

Candidates' stances on cursing, economy analyzed

By Calvin Woodward and Josh Boak
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump, offended by coarse language?

So it seemed in the Republican presidential debate Thursday night. The notably potty-mouthed New York billionaire objected to an expletive uttered by former Mexican President Vicente Fox over Trump's proposal to build a fortress-like wall along the Mexican border and make Mexico pay for it.

A look at statements in the debate and how they compare with the facts.

TRUMP: "I saw him use the word that he used. I can only tell you, if I would have used even half of that word, it would have been national scandal. This guy used a filthy, disgusting word on television, and he should be ashamed of himself, and he should apologize, OK?"

THE FACTS: At issue, it must be said, is the F-bomb.

Fox dropped it when denouncing Trump's plans for the wall.

Trump, meantime, has run a profanity-laced campaign, blurted out the S-word on multiple occasions and used an offensive term for coward against rival Ted Cruz.

But what about THAT bomb?

At a rally in New Hampshire, he declared: "We're not going to let Mexico steal all our businesses. ... We're going to bring business back. ... And you can tell them to go" — pausing — "themselves because they let you down, and they left."

He didn't say the word. He mouthed it.

And Trump used the word loudly and several times in a 2011 Nevada speech before he was a candidate.

■ Fact Check

CRUZ: "The Obama-Clinton economy has done enormous damage to the Hispanic community."

THE FACTS: The bursting of the housing bubble in late 2007 is what really damaged the Hispanic community, before Barack Obama took office.

Under Obama, Hispanics have made strides from the depths of the Great Recession. Their unemployment rate is 5.9 percent. The rate is above the national average of 4.9 percent, but it's well below the 2009 peak of 13 percent.

Hispanics have gained 5 million jobs under Obama, a 25 percent increase since 2009. Under George W. Bush, there was a 21 percent growth of 3.45 million jobs.

But there is one key area where Hispanics are struggling to recover: Median income for that group was $28,757 in 2014, about $1,644 less than in 2007 after adjusting for inflation.

Cruz exaggerates when calling it the Obama-Clinton economy. Hillary Clinton was his secretary of state with little or no influence on his economic policy.

TRUMP: "You look at our borders, they're like swiss cheese, everybody pours in." And: "We have at least 11 million people in this country that came in illegally."

THE FACTS: He's indulging in some hyperbole and his assertion about the 11 million isn't quite right.

During the last budget year about 337,000 people were arrested trying to cross the border illegally, a near 40-year low.

While there are an estimated 11 million people living in the country illegally, not nearly that many broke the law when they crossed the border. More than 40 percent of such immigrants are thought to have entered the country legally with a visa and overstayed that visa.

MARCO RUBIO: "It is a health care law that is basically forcing companies to lay people off, cut people's hours, move people to part-time. It is not just a bad health care law, it is a job-killing law."

THE FACTS: The claim that Obama's health care law is a job killer is hard to square with the fact that the economy has added more than 13.4 million jobs since the law took effect. The unemployment rate has fallen to 4.9 percent from 9.9 percent since Obama signed the act.

Nor is there evidence that workers are being moved en masse to part-time hours. The number of part-time workers has actually fallen slightly since the health care law was passed: There were 27.6 million part-timers working in March 2010, and there are 26.3 million now.

To be sure, about 6 million of those with part-time jobs would prefer full-time work but have been unable to find it. That figure has declined steadily from 9 million since the Great Recession ended in June 2009, though it is still high.

The persistence of "involuntary" part-time employment has led many economists to worry that it could be a long-term problem, but they disagree on whether the health care overhaul is the root cause of that.

TRUMP: Says allowing health insurers to sell polices across state lines would spark competition, and "that's going to solve the problem."

THE FACTS: Allowing the interstate sale of health insurance policies could result in a proliferation of lower-premium plans. But it's not clear that many consumers would want them. This long-standing GOP proposal has previously run into opposition from regulators in many states.

State insurance and consumer-protection regulators say such an approach would allow skimpy out-of-state policies to undercut benefits that individual states require, triggering a race to the bottom. Proponents of interstate competition say they'd prevent that by spelling out a basic benefits plan.

Some insurance industry insiders see another complication: Out-of-state companies may not have adequate local networks of hospitals and doctors.

RUBIO: Repeats a flawed claim to have wiped out an insurance "bailout" in President Barack Obama's health care law. "When they passed Obamacare they put a bailout fund in Obamacare ... we led the effort and wiped out that bailout fund."

THE FACTS: Rubio was a vocal opponent of the "bailout." But Republicans weren't able to wipe it out — just limit it. And other GOP lawmakers say Rubio did not engineer the maneuver.

At issue is a part of the health care law called "risk corridors," intended to compensate insurers that signed up sicker-than-expected patients under the health care law, incurring high costs. The government could pay just 13 percent of risk-corridor claims last year because of lower-than-expected fees paid by insurers who were doing well financially. Congressional Republicans barred the administration from using taxpayer dollars to make up the difference, but Rubio wasn't responsible for that move.

Anxious to slow Trump, both Rubio and Cruz go after him

By Nancy Benac and Julie Bykowicz
Associated Press

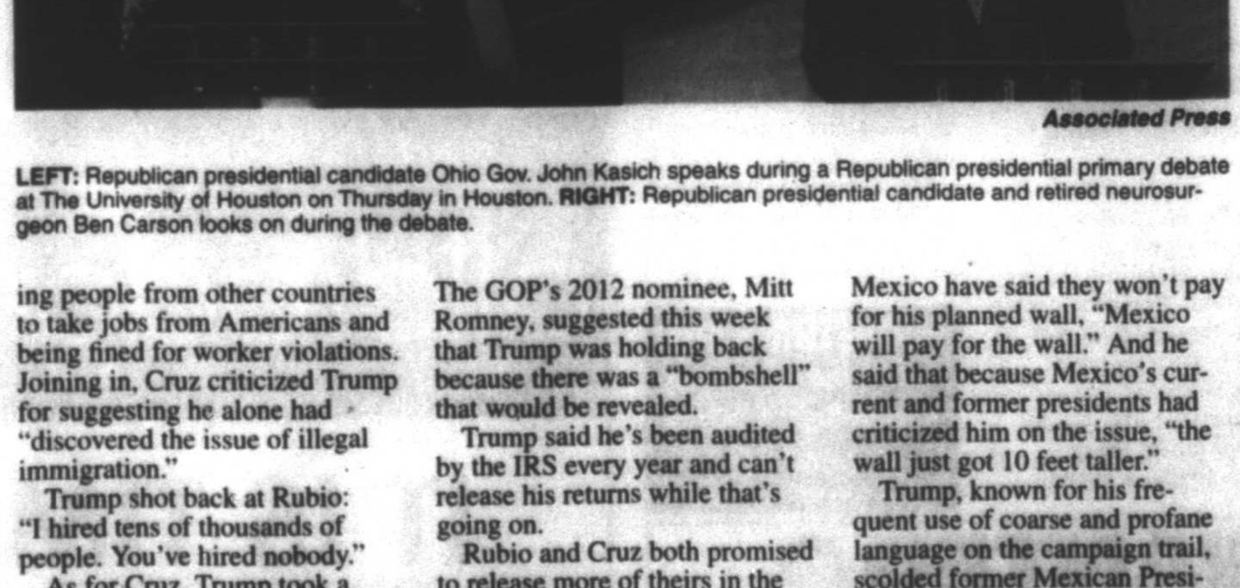
HOUSTON — Brawling from the get-go, a fiery Marco Rubio went hard after Donald Trump in Thursday night's Republican debate, lacerating the front-runner's position on immigration, his privileged background, his speaking style and more.

Ted Cruz piled on, too, questioning the front-runner's conservative credentials, as the two senators tag-teamed Trump in a debate that reflected the increasing urgency of their effort to take down the billionaire businessman before he becomes unstoppable. It was a rare night where the bombastic Trump found himself on the defensive.

The two-hours-plus debate played out as a raucous night of tit-for-tat insults, with candidates shouting over one another so much that it was hard to follow at times. The showdown came just days before the Super Tuesday 11-state round of mega-voting that could all but lock up the nomination.

When Trump faulted Rubio on a deal to buy a $179,000 house, the Florida senator shot back that if Trump "hadn't inherited $200 million, you know where Donald Trump would be right now? Selling watches in Manhattan."

In another rough exchange, Rubio accused Trump of shifting his position on deportation, hiring people from other countries to take jobs from Americans and being fined for worker violations. Joining in, Cruz criticized Trump for suggesting he alone had "discovered the issue of illegal immigration."



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LEFT: Republican presidential candidate Ohio Gov. John Kasich speaks during a Republican presidential primary debate at The University of Houston on Thursday in Houston. **RIGHT:** Republican presidential candidate and retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson looks on during the debate.

Trump shot back at Rubio: "I hired tens of thousands of people. You've hired nobody."

As for Cruz, Trump took a more personal tack, touting his own ability to get along with others and adding: "You get along with nobody. ... You should be ashamed of yourself."

Both Rubio and Cruz said that Trump had had to pay a $1 million fine for illegal immigration hiring.

The candidates were pressed on why they haven't released their tax returns as promised. The GOP's 2012 nominee, Mitt Romney, suggested this week that Trump was holding back because there was a "bombshell" that would be revealed.

Trump said he's been audited by the IRS every year and can't release his returns while that's going on.

Rubio and Cruz both promised to release more of theirs in the next two days.

Rubio was the principal aggressor of the night, and he held nothing back. Taking on Trump's declaration that he'd build a wall on the Mexican border, Rubio declared: "If he builds a wall the way he built Trump Tower he'll be using illegal immigration to do it."

Trump, for his part, insisted that even though officials in Mexico have said they won't pay for his planned wall, "Mexico will pay for the wall." And he said that because Mexico's current and former presidents had criticized him on the issue, "the wall just got 10 feet taller."

Trump, known for his frequent use of coarse and profane language on the campaign trail, scolded former Mexican President Vicente Fox for using a profanity in talking about Trump's plan for the wall.

"He should be ashamed of himself and he should apologize," declared Trump.

After Trump mocked Rubio for his "meltdown" in a previous debate when the Florida senator repeated rote talking points, Rubio swatted right back, scolding Trump for spouting the same five things over and over: "Everyone's dumb. He's going to make America great again. We're going to win, win, win. He's winning in the polls."

Trump was hardly silent, responding to both Rubio and Cruz: "This guy's a choke artist and this guy's a liar. ... Other than that I rest my case."

While Rubio was loaded for bear from the start, Cruz ramped up his criticism as the night wore on and argued that Trump wouldn't be an effective opponent against Hillary Clinton in the general election.

The finger-pointing extended to foreign affairs, with Cruz saying of Trump's plans to negotiate a solution to the Mideast conflict, "He thinks Palestinians are a real estate deal."

Making light of Cruz's repeated attempts to diminish him, Trump said: "Keep fighting, keep swinging, man, swing for the fences."

There was this back-and-forth after one particularly heated exchange:

Cruz to Trump: "Donald, relax."

Trump to Cruz: "I'm relaxed. You're the basket case."

The other two remaining candidates, Ben Carson and John Kasich, were largely left to watch the fireworks flying overhead.

At one point, as the top three candidates mixed it up, Carson spoke up: "Can somebody attack me please."

Univ. of Missouri fires instructor after student run-ins

By Jim Suhr
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The University of Missouri fired an assistant professor on Thursday who had been suspended after run-ins with student journalists during protests last year, including a videotaped confrontation where she called for "some muscle" to remove a videographer from the Columbia campus.

Melissa Click's actions were "not compatible with university policies and did not meet expectations for a university faculty member," Pam Henrickson, chairwoman of the University of Missouri System's Board of Curators, said during a conference call with other top administrators. Henrickson said Click's conduct demanded "serious action."

More than 100 state lawmakers had called for the dismissal of the 45-year-old assistant communications professor, who also was recorded on police body camera in October telling police to get their hands off students and cursing at an officer who grabbed her.

Click, who was suspended last month, has said she regretted her actions. A message left with her attorney Thursday wasn't immediately returned.

A video clip that went viral showed Click calling for "some muscle" to remove a student videographer during protests on Nov. 9 that were spurred by what activists said was administrators' indifference to racial issues on campus. Click was later charged with misdemeanor assault, but a Columbia prosecutor ultimately agreed to drop the case if Click completed community service.

More recently, police body camera footage was released from the October homecoming parade that shows Click's confrontation with police. Demonstrators had blocked then-University of Missouri System President Tim Wolfe's vehicle during the parade, and the video shows Click telling police to "get your hands off the children" and cursing at an officer who grabbed her shoulder.

As Columbia police pushed protesters onto the sidewalk, Click hugged students and spoke with them before stepping between Missouri graduate student Jonathan Butler, who later went on a hunger strike, and an officer.

Interim Chancellor Hank Foley said earlier this month that the homecoming parade footage showed a "pattern of misconduct."

"Her conduct and behavior are appalling, and I am not only disappointed, I am angry, that a member of our faculty acted this way," he said.

Watch out for phishy emails during tax season

By Bree Fowler
Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's tax time, so you'd better think twice before clicking on that link in your email inbox.

What might look like a legitimate communication from your bank, human resources department or email provider may actually be part of a scheme designed to steal the confidential information stored in your computer, or to gain access to the network it's attached to.

Experts warn that tax season is a prime time for this brand of fraud known as "phishing," with hackers out to steal your information in hopes of using it to file a false tax return.

Phishing emails remain one of the top causes of data breaches. While people are more aware of their danger than ever before, the lures continue to evolve and increase in sophistication, making it tough for the average person to discern which emails are legitimate and which ones aren't.

Here are a few answers to common questions about phishing:

Why is it so bad this time of year?

Phishing peaks during tax season, partially because it's a time of year that many people are accustomed to entering their most personal information — such as their Social Security number or bank account information — on websites, Satnam Narang, senior security-response manager for security software maker Symantec, says.

Hackers can use that information to file false tax returns and steal a refund

This year is no exception. Earlier this month, the IRS said that it stopped an attack on the e-filing portion of its website. Hackers tried to use a combination of malware and 464,000 Social Security numbers that had been stolen elsewhere to generate PIN numbers that could be used to file fraudulent returns.

No taxpayer data was stolen from the IRS computer systems as a result of the hack.

Phishing also spikes around Christmas, with attacks in the form of fake delivery notifications. Thieves also often tie phishing emails to major sporting events or natural disasters like overseas earthquakes, says Raj Samani, chief technology officer for Europe, the Middle East and Africa at Intel Security.

What's the difference between phishing and spear phishing?

Narang likens phishing to a person casually throwing a rod in a lake and waiting for a bite. Phishing emails don't contain a lot of specifics but are quick and easy to send out in mass quantities.

"Spear phishing" is much more targeted and personalized. The people behind those attacks spend time researching their targets in order to create highly customized emails that look much more legitimate and are much more likely to be clicked on.

What other red flags are there?

In an effort to get more people to click on a link before thinking about the possible consequences, many phishing emails will give an impression of scarcity, or include some kind of time limit.

For example, an email made to appear to be from a person's bank or email provider may state that if that person doesn't click on the enclosed link within 24 hours, they will be locked out of their account.

And while poor English and long, complex web links were previously sure signs of phishing, they're not as prevalent anymore. Many overseas hackers are no longer using clunky translation websites, because there are fluent English speakers who specialize in translating phishing emails for a fee, Samani says.

Meanwhile, it's become easier to shorten the Web links that direct a people to fake websites, he says.

Narang adds that people should be wary of emails purported to be from banks, or other companies they do business with, but didn't opt into emails from. He also notes that banks generally don't include Web links in emails.

Those links will likely take a person to a fake website where they will be asked to login and those credentials will ultimately be stolen, he says.

And attacks don't just come in the form of email. They can come as text messages too, with those links often containing viruses, Samani says.

How can you prevent phishing-related hacks?

Basic cyberhygiene can go a long way toward preventing a data breach, even if a link in a phishing email gets accidentally clicked on.

Using different passwords for different accounts, two-factor authentication and changing passwords frequently all can be a big help. In addition, companies should test their employees by periodically sending out fake phishing emails to see who falls for them, Narang says.

And companies need to make sure their security keys are up to date, along with their anti-spam filters, so past bad senders don't keep getting through, Samani says.

"I think common sense goes a considerable long way," Samani says.

He adds that with any email communications, it's always better to just go straight to the main website of the entity it purports to be from, just to be on the safe side.

Companies experiment with letting users build their own smartphones

By Anick Jesdanun
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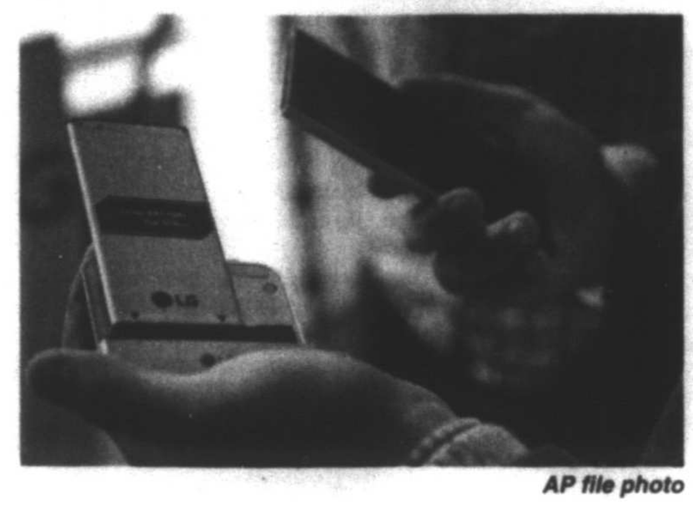

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On Feb. 11, the LG G5 phone is photographed with the bottom of the phone popped out, in New York. The module contains the battery, which can be removed and inserted into a different module with extra features, such as a camera grip with physical shutter buttons. LG is dipping its toes into a modular-design concept with its upcoming G5 smartphone.

NEW YORK — If you could build your dream smartphone, what would it look like? Now, suppose you could put it together yourself.

That's the promise of modular design, a new concept in smartphones that would basically let you snap together different components like Lego blocks. Say you want a great camera. Snap! A vivid screen and good sound because you watch a lot of video? Snap! But maybe you could live with a smaller battery because you spend most of your day at home or work. Snap!

Sure, phones now offer choices in color and storage. Motorola goes a bit further in letting you choose custom backs made of wood or leather. But the rest of the phone is pretty standard. You're stuck with the processor, battery and other hardware chosen by Motorola, Apple, Samsung and other tech companies.

With modular design, you could just pay for the components you need instead of settling for whatever manufacturers put in their designs. And instead of buying a new phone every year or two, you could just upgrade individual parts as they wear out or become obsolete.

LG is dipping its toes in the modular-design concept with its upcoming G5 smartphone, announced this week at a wireless conference. The bottom of the phone pops out to let you swap in new hardware. For starters, you'll be able to attach a camera grip with physical shutter buttons or insert a high-fidelity audio system if regular MP3-quality sound isn't good enough for you.

Google's Project Ara, which isn't making products yet, is also outlining a modular-design approach that starts with a structural frame and lets you add cameras, sensors and batteries. Google figures a phone could cost as little as $50 using the most basic parts.

A Dutch startup called Fairphone is selling the $580 Fairphone 2 online. Though it comes assembled, you can replace the screen for less than $100, or the camera for $40. An expansion port will let people add components — perhaps for wireless charging or mobile payments — that Fairphone or outside parties make in the future.

Chinese phone maker ZTE has circulated concept designs. Other startups exploring modular phones include Finland's Puzzle-Phone (as in the components fit together like a puzzle).

Modular phone design is similar to how hobbyists build their own personal computers or soup up their cars. But there's no guarantee the idea will take off.

For one thing, modular design is itself a trade-off. Many consumers want phones to be thin, light and power efficient, and that means all the parts have to be tightly integrated. You give that up when you go modular.

Samsung, for instance, rejects modular design, preferring to offer "the best combination of features and functionality" in a compact and elegant design, says Justin Denison, Samsung's senior vice president for U.S. product strategy and marketing.

Modular design also isn't easy. Project Ara missed its 2015 target for a pilot project in Puerto Rico and suggested in cryptic tweets that designing modules has proven more complicated than expected. Google had no further comment.

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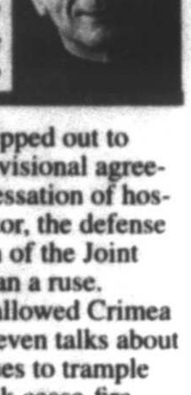
■ While Obama fiddles, plenty is going on around the world; not that he acts concerned



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State of the world, Year Eight of Barack Obama:

(1) In the South China Sea, on a speck of land of disputed sovereignty far from its borders, China has just installed anti-aircraft batteries and stationed fighter jets. This after China landed planes on an artificial island it created on another disputed island chain (the Spratlys, claimed by the Philippines, Malaysia, Taiwan and Vietnam). These facilities now function as forward bases for Beijing to challenge seven decades of American naval dominance of the Pacific Rim.

"China is clearly militarizing the South China Sea," the commander of the U.S. Pacific Command told Congress on Tuesday. Its goal? "Hegemony in East Asia."

(2) Syria. Russian intervention has turned the tide of war. Having rescued the Bashar al-Assad regime from collapse, relentless Russian bombing is destroying the rebel stronghold of Aleppo, Syria's largest city, creating a massive new wave of refugees and demonstrating to the entire Middle East what a Great Power can achieve when it acts seriously.

The U.S. response? Repeated pathetic attempts by Secretary of State John Kerry to propitiate Russia (and its ally, Iran) in one collapsed peace conference after another. On Sunday, he stepped out to announce yet another "provisional agreement in principle" on "a cessation of hostilities" that the CIA director, the defense secretary and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs deem little more than a ruse.

(3) Ukraine. Having swallowed Crimea so thoroughly that no one even talks about it anymore, Russia continues to trample with impunity on the Minsk cease-fire agreements. Vladimir Putin is now again stirring the pot, intensifying the fighting, advancing his remorseless campaign to fracture and subordinate the Ukrainian state. Meanwhile, Obama still refuses to send the Ukrainians even defensive weapons.

(4) Iran. Last Thursday, Iran received its first shipment of S-300 anti-aircraft batteries from Russia, a major advance in developing immunity to any attack on its nuclear facilities. And it is negotiating an $8 billion arms deal with Russia that includes sophisticated combat aircraft. Like its ballistic missile tests, this conventional weapons shopping spree is a blatant violation of U.N. Security Council prohibitions. It was also a predictable — and predicted — consequence of the Iran nuclear deal that granted Iran $100 billion and normalized its relations with the world.

The U.S. response? Words.

Unlike gravitational waves, today's strategic situation is not hard to discern. Three major have-not powers are seeking to overturn the post-Cold War status quo: Russia in Eastern Europe, China in East Asia, Iran in the Middle East. All are on the march.

To say nothing of the Islamic State, now extending its reach from Afghanistan to West Africa. The international order built over decades by the United States is crumbling.

In the face of which, what does Obama do? Go to Cuba.

Yes, Cuba. A supreme strategic irrelevance so dear to Obama's anti-anti-communist heart.

Is he at least going to celebrate progress in human rights and democracy — which Obama established last year as a precondition for any presidential visit? Of course not. When has Obama ever held to a red line? Indeed, since Obama began his "historic" normalization with Cuba, the repression has gotten worse. Last month, the regime arrested 1,414 political dissidents, the second-most ever recorded.

No matter. Amid global disarray and American decline, Obama sticks to his cherished concerns: Cuba, Guantanamo (about which he gave a rare televised address this week) and, of course, climate change.

Obama could not bestir himself to go to Paris in response to the various jihadi atrocities — sending Kerry instead "to share a big hug with Paris" (as Kerry explained) with James Taylor singing "You've Got a Friend" — but he did make an ostentatious three-day visit there for climate change.

So why not go to Havana? Sure, the barbarians are at the gates and pushing hard knowing they will enjoy but 11 more months of minimal American resistance. But our passive president genuinely believes that such advances don't really matter — that these disruptors are so on the wrong side of history, that their reaches for territory, power, victory are so 20th century.

Of course, it mattered greatly to the quarter-million slaughtered in Syria and the millions more exiled. It feels all quite real to a dissolving Europe, an expanding China, a rising Iran, a metastasizing jihadism.

Not to the visionary Obama, however. He sees far beyond such ephemera. He knows what really matters: climate change, Gitmo and Cuba.

With time running out, he wants these to be his legacy. Indeed, they will be.

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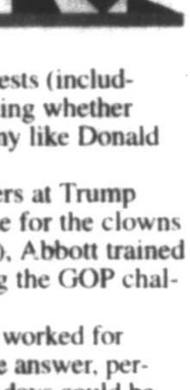
Abbott endorses Cruz, but is Cruz campaign about to fizzle?



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Last week, outside an Austin polling place where he had just cast his GOP primary ballot, U.S. Sen. John Cornyn wouldn't tell me who he's backing for president. I couldn't figure out why. The silence spoke volumes about Cornyn's feelings about his Senate colleague Ted Cruz.

On Wednesday, on a stage set up at a machine shop in a less-than-glamorous part of Houston, I struggled a bit to figure out why Gov. Greg Abbott, at long last, thought it now necessary to tell us he's backing Cruz for president.

The endorsement, which seemed inevitable, came as Cruz campaigned toward next week's Super Tuesday contests (including Texas) that could go a long way toward determining whether Cruz has any shot at stopping what now looks to many like Donald Trump's inexorable march to the GOP nomination.

It was curious that while Cruz lobbed some zingers at Trump (whom he likened to P.T. Barnum and said "the time for the clowns and the acrobats and the dancing bears has passed"), Abbott trained his verbal fire on President Barack Obama, ignoring the GOP challengers who now are Cruz's immediate problem.

Why now for Abbott's endorsement of Cruz, who worked for Abbott when the governor was attorney general? The answer, perhaps, lies in the possibility that the Cruz campaign's days could be numbered. Also to be considered is the fact that Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick has been on the road backing Cruz, and a governor always has to be worried about what a lieutenant governor is up to, particularly a lieutenant governor who someday might come at Abbott from the right.

And the answer about the timing could be nothing more insightful that this is the moment when Cruz most needs a high-profile, homestate endorsement. Abbott gave it glowingly on Wednesday, praising his former aide as the man we need to fix Washington.

Cruz knows what's at stake next Tuesday, calling it "the most important day of the entire presidential election." Cruz desperately needs a Super Tuesday win somewhere. He's the homestate favorite in Texas, but even a Texas win would be subject to spin. There's a good chance he'll win Texas, but there's a very good chance more than half of Texas GOP voters will vote for somebody other than their junior U.S. senator. That wouldn't look so good.

Instead of a triumphant return home, a Cruz win in Texas (and the delegates a win would bring) could wind up looking like little more than a cleared hurdle.

And Trump looms large in all the Super Tuesday states. How well do you have to do next Tuesday, Cruz was asked.

"I believe we are going to do well," he said.

Can you top 50 percent in Texas?

"I believe we are going to do well," he said. "That will be up to the voters."

"I believe Texas will lead the way in standing up and saying we want proven, consistent conservative," Cruz told reporters in Houston. "Texans have a very good ability to see through baloney."

Super Tuesday, he reiterated, "will be a very, very good day for us. I believe the terrain is very favorable."

Which makes his candidacy's future all the more clouded if Super Tuesday is not a very, very good day for him.

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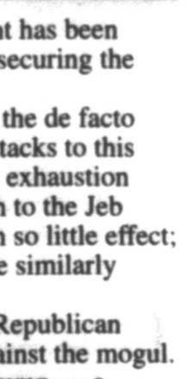
Anti-Trump onslaught is coming

■ Cruz and Rubio might not put up a fight, but Democrats will



RICH LOWRY

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The anti-Trump onslaught is coming. Perhaps within weeks. Just not necessarily from Republicans.

Almost as soon as Donald Trump is the presumptive GOP nominee — which may be as early as March 15 — Democrats will surely start to churn out their negative ads.

They will attack Trump's credentials as a tribune of the little guy by focusing on a money-grubbing venture like Trump University, designed to extract as much cash as possible from people who thought they would learn something from the shell of a school.

They will dissect his business record. They will fasten on his failed casinos and the bankruptcies he used to stiff creditors while maintaining a lavish lifestyle.

They will fry him for hypocrisy on immigration by pointing out that Trump Tower was built by illegal Polish immigrants worked to the bone and that, according to news reports, illegal immigrants are helping build his new hotel in Washington.

They will make the cheap threats he throws at anyone who crosses him a character and temperament issue. They will hound him about his unreleased tax returns. And, of course, they will use decades-worth of controversial statements to portray him as racist and sexist.

This will all be in the tradition of the early Democratic ad campaigns that successfully kneecapped Republican nominees in 1996 and 2012 (Bob Dole and Mitt Romney, respectively). A Democratic campaign to disqualify Trump would seek to make his unfavorable rating (already 60 percent with the general public) not merely alarming, but completely radioactive.

How will Trump fare against such ads? Maybe he will prove impervious to all such criticism, or maybe he will wilt under the assault. Who knows?

In this sense, Republicans are outsourcing the vetting of their front-runner to the other party. At this rate, they will make Trump their de facto standard-bearer in a little less than three weeks, never having run him through the paces of the painful testing that is usually inherent to the process.

Yes, Trump has been constantly criticized. But op-eds aren't the same as attack ads. A Washington Post analysis found that of $215 million super PAC spending so far, only 4 percent has been directed at the man on the cusp of securing the nomination.

A variety of reasons account for the de facto moratorium on sustained Trump attacks to this point: clashing candidate interests; exhaustion after so many donors gave so much to the Jeb Bush super PAC Right to Rise with so little effect; fear of Trump. Democrats won't be similarly constrained.

The last two viable non-Trump Republican candidates have come up small against the mogul. You would think that the rise of Trump — a seismic political event — would inspire a larger argument about the future of the party, the nature of conservatism or the discontent of blue-collar America, but instead Ted Cruz and Marco Rubio are squabbling over who photoshopped whom.

Cruz has engaged in hostilities with Trump when he can't possibly avoid them, as in Iowa and South Carolina, but let up in New Hampshire, when it didn't suit his purposes. Rubio continues to duck and cover, putting tactics (he, of course, wants Cruz out of the race) over leadership.

If Cruz and Rubio aren't going to consistently attack Trump, at least they should have something to say to his working-class voters who feel they are being left behind and ignored. Yet Cruz and Rubio, loyal sons of their party, do not naturally think in these terms. They know how to have a debate over which of them is more adamantly against gay marriage, but a direct appeal to blue-collar voters on bread-and-butter issues appears outside their comfort zones.

If Trump romps to the nomination by mid-March, non-Trump Republicans will have lost to him in part through a lack of trying. That will never be true of the Democrats, who will gleefully and maliciously do the Trump vetting that the GOP race has, so far, been missing.

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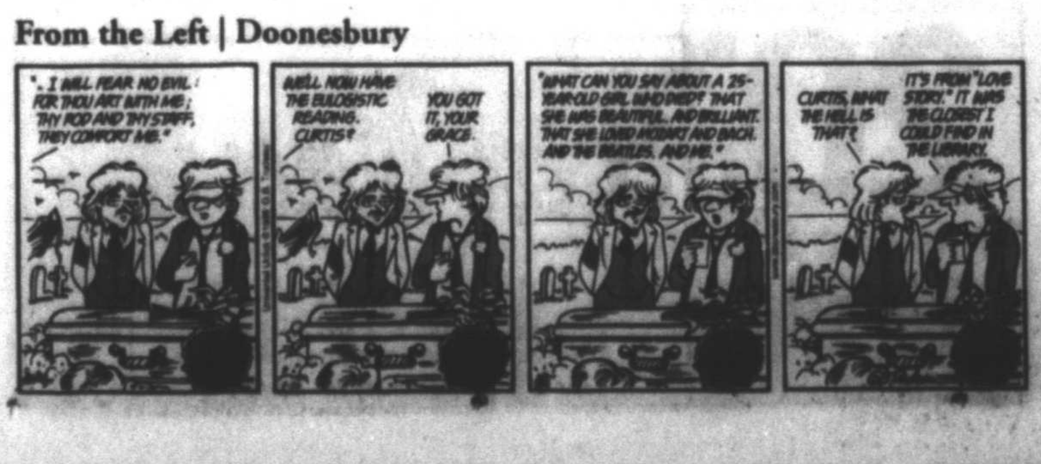

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

AP file photo

Apple CEO Tim Cook responds to a question during a news conference April 30, 2015, in New York. Apple Inc. on Thursday asked a federal magistrate to reverse her order that the company help the FBI hack into a locked iPhone, accusing the federal government of seeking "dangerous power" through the courts.

Apple: FBI seeks 'dangerous power' in fight over phone

By Eric Tucker and Tami Abdollah
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Apple Inc. on Thursday asked a federal magistrate to reverse her order that the company help the FBI hack into a locked iPhone, accusing the federal government of seeking "dangerous power" through the courts and of trampling on its constitutional rights.

The filing represents Apple's first official response since the judge's order last week and builds upon arguments voiced by the company's chief executive and supporters. It marks the latest salvo in a court fight that could create meaningful precedent and establish new legal boundaries in the policy battle between national security and digital privacy — a clash FBI Director James Comey says is the "hardest question I've seen in government."

"No court has ever authorized what the government now seeks, no law supports such unlimited and sweeping use of the judicial process, and the Constitution forbids it," Apple said.

The Justice Department is proposing a "boundless interpretation" of the law that, if left unchecked, could bring disastrous repercussions, the company warned in a memo submitted to Magistrate Sheri Pym that aggressively challenges policy justifications put forward by the Obama administration in the last several days.

"The government says: 'Just this once' and 'just this phone.' But the government knows those statements are not true," lawyers for Apple wrote.

If Apple were required to build the software the FBI wants, the lawyers argued, "criminals, terrorists and hackers will no doubt view the code as a major prize and can be expected to go to considerable lengths to steal it."

Justice Department lawyers were reviewing Apple's brief and will respond, said spokeswoman Melanie Newman. She said Apple had reversed "its long-standing" cooperation with government requests, and that when Justice Department officials want to search a phone or another electronic device, "we narrowly target our request to apply to the individual device" and get a judge's approval.

A hearing is scheduled for next month. A judge in Brooklyn has yet to rule in a similar but separate case.

Apple had until today to file its formal objection, but in submitting its brief Thursday, the company got ahead of a scheduled shareholders meeting and took attention away from Comey, who defended the Justice Department's stance in two separate appearances before Congress.

The dispute broke into public view last Tuesday when Pym directed Apple to help the FBI gain access to a phone used by one of the assailants in the San Bernardino, California, attacks.

Federal agents haven't been able to open the phone of Syed Farook because they don't know the passcode. The Justice Department wants Apple to create specialized software for the iPhone that would bypass some security features so that the FBI can try as many passcodes as possible without the data being erased.

The Justice Department has repeatedly maintained that it's seeking specialized software for just one phone as part of an investigation into an act of terrorism that left 14 people dead and that Apple could retain and destroy the software once the process ends. On Thursday, Comey said the idea that the software could get "out in the wild" was not a legitimate concern.

But Apple said the specialized software the government wants it to build does not currently exist and "would require significant resources and effort to develop," including the work of six to 10 engineers working two to four weeks. The magistrate judge suggested in her ruling that the government would be required to pay Apple's costs.

Apple compared forcing it to create software that doesn't exist to weaken the iPhone's locks to forcing a journalist to publish false information to arrest a fugitive or forcing another software company to implant a virus in a customer's computer so the government could eavesdrop.

And it accused the government of working under a closed courtroom process under the auspices of a terrorism investigation of trying "to cut off debate and circumvent thoughtful analysis."

"The government wants to compel Apple to create a crippled and insecure product," the company said. "Once the process is created, it provides an avenue for criminals and foreign agents to access millions of iPhones."

In addition, Apple invoked the First Amendment in arguing that computer code is akin to free speech and that forcing it to write the new software would run afoul of its constitutional rights.

Apple pointedly noted the U.S. government itself fell victim to hackers, when thieves stole the personal information of tens of millions of current and former federal workers and their family members from the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

While Apple and the Justice Department battled in federal court, members of Congress were eyeing legislation that would require companies to help law enforcement agencies access electronic devices locked by encryption.

Cruz blocks vote on bill to resolve Flint water crisis, says more time needed

By Matthew Daly
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz is holding up bipartisan legislation to address the water crisis in Flint, Michigan, where lead-contaminated pipes have resulted in an ongoing public health emergency.

Senators reached a tentative deal Wednesday for a $220 million package to fix and replace the city's lead-contaminated pipes, make other infrastructure improvements and bolster lead-prevention programs nationwide.

Cruz and at least one other GOP senator objected to a quick vote on the deal, delaying Senate consideration of the bill until at least next week. Cruz was campaigning Thursday ahead of a scheduled Republican debate in Houston, but senators are able to block bills remotely under Senate rules.

"There are a few holds" on the bill, Kristina Baum, a spokeswoman for Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., said Thursday. Inhofe chairs the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and was a main architect of the Flint deal.

Baum declined to identify senators who were objecting to the bill, but said Inhofe and other senators were "genuinely trying to work through their concerns."

Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, chairwoman of the Senate Energy Committee, said she was optimistic lawmakers could resolve the dispute and take up both the Flint bill and a larger energy package it is tied to next week.

Cruz spokesman Phil Novack said staffers were "simply reviewing the bill right now," noting that the Flint proposal only emerged on Wednesday.

Novack declined to specify the nature of Cruz's concern, but many Republican senators have said it's too early to provide funds for Flint without specific plans from state and local officials. Some Republicans also question whether Flint is analogous to natural disasters such floods or hurricanes, since the crisis was the result of a political decision.

Flint's drinking water became tainted when the city switched from the Detroit water system and began drawing from the Flint River in 2014 to save money. The impoverished city was under state control at the time.

Elevated levels of lead have been found in some children's blood. Lead contamination has been linked to learning disabilities and other problems.

The crisis in Flint has become an issue in the presidential campaign. Campaigning in Flint on Thursday, Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders said he hopes people will look at the city's water crisis and say, "Never again."

Hillary Clinton said there are a "lot of Flints" and that she wants to help them. Flint is a majority black city, and Clinton questioned whether a similar crisis would have occurred in a "white, affluent suburb of Detroit."

The legislative impasse over Flint has blocked a bipartisan energy bill that had been moving forward in the Senate. Under the tentative agreement, the Senate would vote on the energy bill before taking up the Flint legislation as a separate bill.

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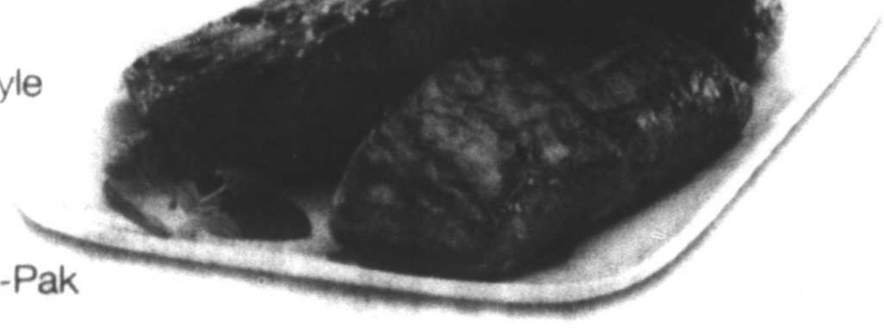

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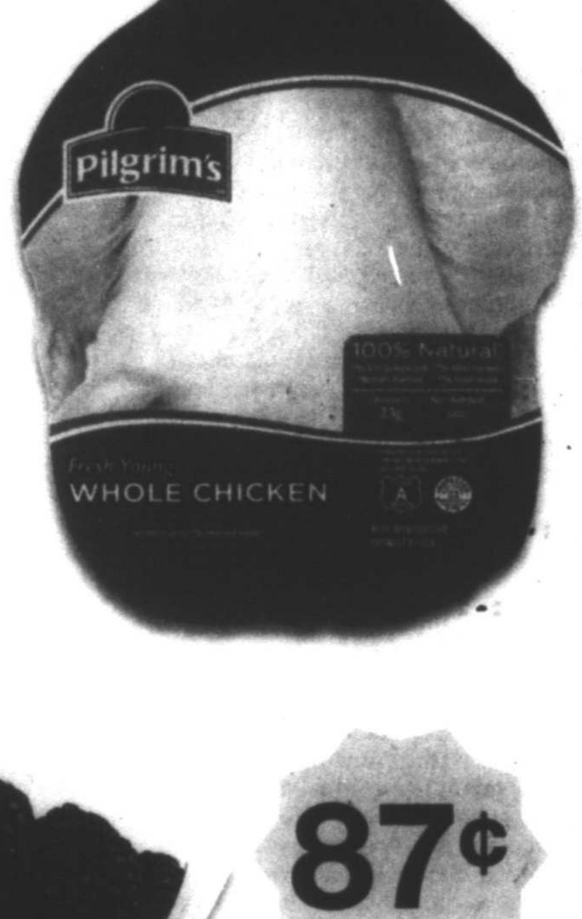

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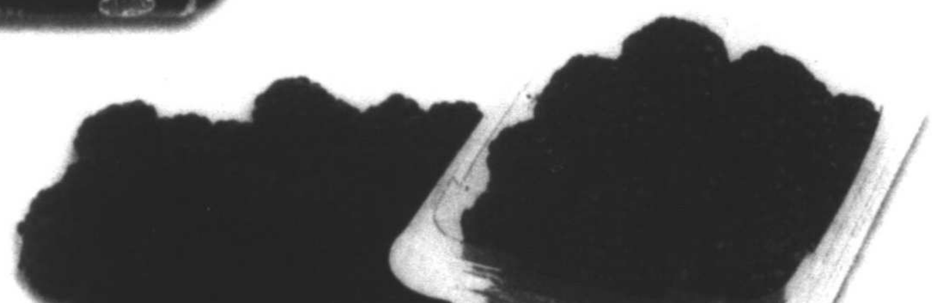

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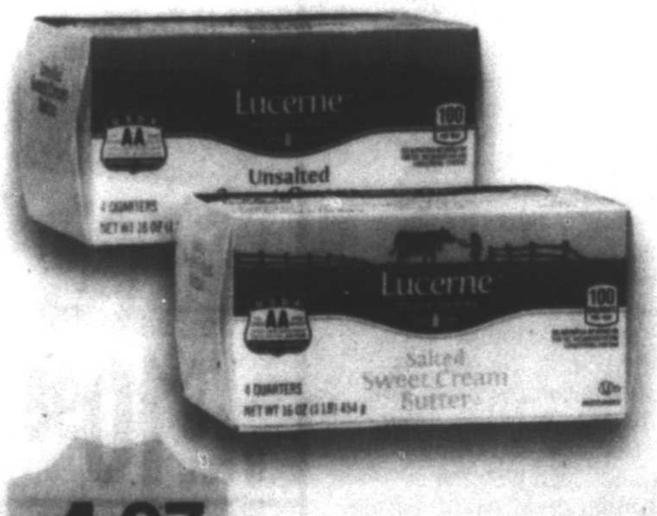

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THIS WEEK

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Simply Unique Expressions is storytelling and variety show event hosted by Sue Roseberry with special guests at Wagner Brown Auditorium in Midland College. The event benefits the Recording Library of West Texas, Midland Storytelling Festival and more. 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Girl Talk is a discussion on self-harm among adolescent girls at MCH in Odessa. The workshop will focus on emotions, secrets and empowerment and led by Florence Pride of Center for Children and Families. The event will also feature a Barre Fitness Class and refreshments. 10 a.m.

COMING SOON

Christ Church Anglican will host the The Rachel Weeping Life Community Conference, a panel discussion on pro-life issues, March 5 and 6. To register, visit ccanglican.com.

SPARE CHANGE

Managing Editor Mary Dearen is participating in the **2016 Autism SHARE Walk**, set for April 23 at Grande Communications Stadium. Her donation will include change she finds during her daily neighborhood walks.

Anyone who would like to contribute to the cause may contact Dearen at mdearen@mrt.com or 432-687-8852. You also may make a contribution at her walk fundraising page. Google "2016 Autism SHARE Walk" and type in Mary Dearen under participant.

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MEALS ON WHEELS Volunteers are needed this summer for the Meals on Wheels program. Call 432-689-6693.

VOLUNTEER READERS The Recording Library of West Texas needs volunteer readers. Call 432-682-2731.

Steers and Stars bring Bill and Gail Engvall back to Midland

By Trent Johnson
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It's fair to label Bill and Gail Engvall as local celebrities. With Bill Engvall, it's obvious as he has soared in comedy and television. For Gail Engvall, her recognition is tied to the impact she's made in the philanthropic sector, specifically the Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center's Steers and Stars Benefit.

"Gail grew up in Midland and has known about the MCRC and what we do for years," Executive Director Gail Heathington said. "For them to have such a personal involvement with our organization is priceless. As a team, they bring that spirit to Steers and Stars, and it's contagious."

Before the weekend's event, Engvall talked about her connection to the the organization, her Midland upbringing and revealed her favorite hometown restaurant.

MRT: What was your involvement in starting the ball? Why did you want to establish it when you did?

Engvall: Bill and I were discussing our desire to get personally involved with a charity that really meant something to us after his success on the Blue Collar Comedy Tour began. We both agreed that it should be something for children and with personal, community-based ties. I told him about my wonderful experience working at the Center the summer after my freshman year in college. He was intrigued and called Brooke Mueller and quickly realized that this was the place he wanted to support. Honestly, we had nothing to do with starting Steers and Stars other than being onboard for Bill to emcee the event and do whatever he could to promote it. The dedicated and creative people at the Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center get all the credit for starting it up and keeping it going all these years.

MRT: How much of an effect do you think the community of Midland had on your views of philanthropy?

Engvall: I'm afraid my personal philanthropy while growing up was limited to selling candy for the Camp Fire Girls. My parents and grandparents did plant a seed though. They consistently gave to the West Texas Rehab Center in Abilene, and I was very aware of that. I believe it is a major reason that I became interested in physical therapy, which led me to the job at MCRC.

I think that growing up in Midland showed me a real sense of the 'haves' and 'have-nots'. It also showed me how willing people are to try to bridge that gap and help out when and where they can. That idea solidified for me when I learned about how the center was funded by donations and all services are provided free of charge. It really made that connection for me between making a donation or volunteering and producing actual, visible end results. Making a difference took on a whole new meaning.

MRT: Is there a special sentiment for this one because it's celebrating the 60th anniversary for the Children's Rehabilitation Center?

Engvall: Of course. The MCRC is a real treasure for the community, and it says so much about the people of the area that they have sustained this jewel for 60 years through the volatile ups and downs of the local economy. It really makes me proud to be from Midland.

MRT: When did you start working with the MCRC?

Engvall: I worked there the summer of 1979 so that I could get some experience around physical therapy. I always knew I wanted to be a physical therapist, and my time at the center reinforced that desire tenfold. Jim Crawford was in charge at the time, and he made quite an impression on me. I respected his dedication and willingness to try therapies that weren't the norm at the time, like hippotherapy and aquatic therapy.

I was out of touch with the people at the center for about 20 years, but they never left my mind. That is why it was the first place I thought of when we were looking for a place to support. We keep in touch fairly regularly with the people there. We have made true friends and have been touched by so many of the children. We like to keep up with their progress whenever possible.

MRT: What are some of your other current philanthropic endeavors?

Engvall: We host an annual golf tournament and gala in Austin every April that supports the Lone Star Paralysis Foundation. We are involved with the National Abilities Center in Park City, Utah, and have also recently started working with the Special Olympics in Salt Lake City.

MRT: How does it feel to be associated with the ball?

Engvall: I am extremely proud. It makes me happy that my hometown supports such a fabulous place and that people are willing to donate to such a great local cause. It is truly an honor for us to be associated with Steers and Stars, from all the generous people who attend to all the dedicated staff and volunteers who make it happen. And let's not forget the children who spend time at MCRC and benefit from the funds that are raised. They have touched our lives and made it better.

MRT: A bonus one, what is the one place you look forward to eating at, when you visit your hometown?

Engvall: That's easy: Taco Villa. I've already planned my Saturday lunch.

Set to attend 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Petroleum Club, 501 W. Wall St.

Another year makes 60 for Lions Club's Pancake Jamboree

By Trent Johnson
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On Saturday, Midlanders will have the chance to feast on pancakes for a good cause. The Pancake Jamboree offers a way to enjoy flapjacks, sausage and coffee but without the guilt. Patrons will also be giving back to the community.

"They're darn good pancakes," said Sherrilyn Blase, president of the Midland Downtown Lions Club. "We're not looking at this year any different because it's our 60th year; we're just glad that we can still do it, and we're glad we continually get a good turnout from it."

Blase added that the Lions Club is simply thankful that it has gone on this long. She believes people simply enjoy going out and seeing others in the community they may not on a regular basis. Good food can only help.

"The community just looks forward to this and always comes out and supports us," Blase said. "The proceeds make up about 99 percent of our budget for the following year. This one is by far the biggest fundraiser we do."

Plates of three pancakes are $7, plus a drink and sausage. On average, the event brings about 3,000 attendees, which results in more than 10,000 pancakes consumed, Blase said. For every plate of pancakes sold, the organization nets more funds for charitable contributions to the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville for handicapped and diabetic children, scholarships for area students and the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center among others.

With a majority of the annual budget coming from one event, the Lions Club still finds joy in piecing the ever important Pancake Jamboree together. The group also gathers volunteers from other places, such as sheriff trustees and people looking to garner community service hours.

"There is pressure to do well because you want it to be successful, and we have to rely on a lot of our Lions to to come out and serve," Blase said. "We're very appreciative of everybody who helps on this project; we're so glad that we have all of these different kinds of people coming forward to help."

Apart from club members, sometimes local officials and other notable citizens will step behind the griddle to lend a hand.

"We're not sure yet who will be a guest server," Blase said. "If someone sees them we just grab them and offer the chance."

Even with the stress of organizing and collaborating on an event of this magnitude, Blase reminds that the important part is to have a good time and eat a delicious meal.

"We hope the community continues to come and support us," Blase said. "We try to support the community with the money raised, and it's something we always look forward to. Just come out and enjoy some great pancakes."

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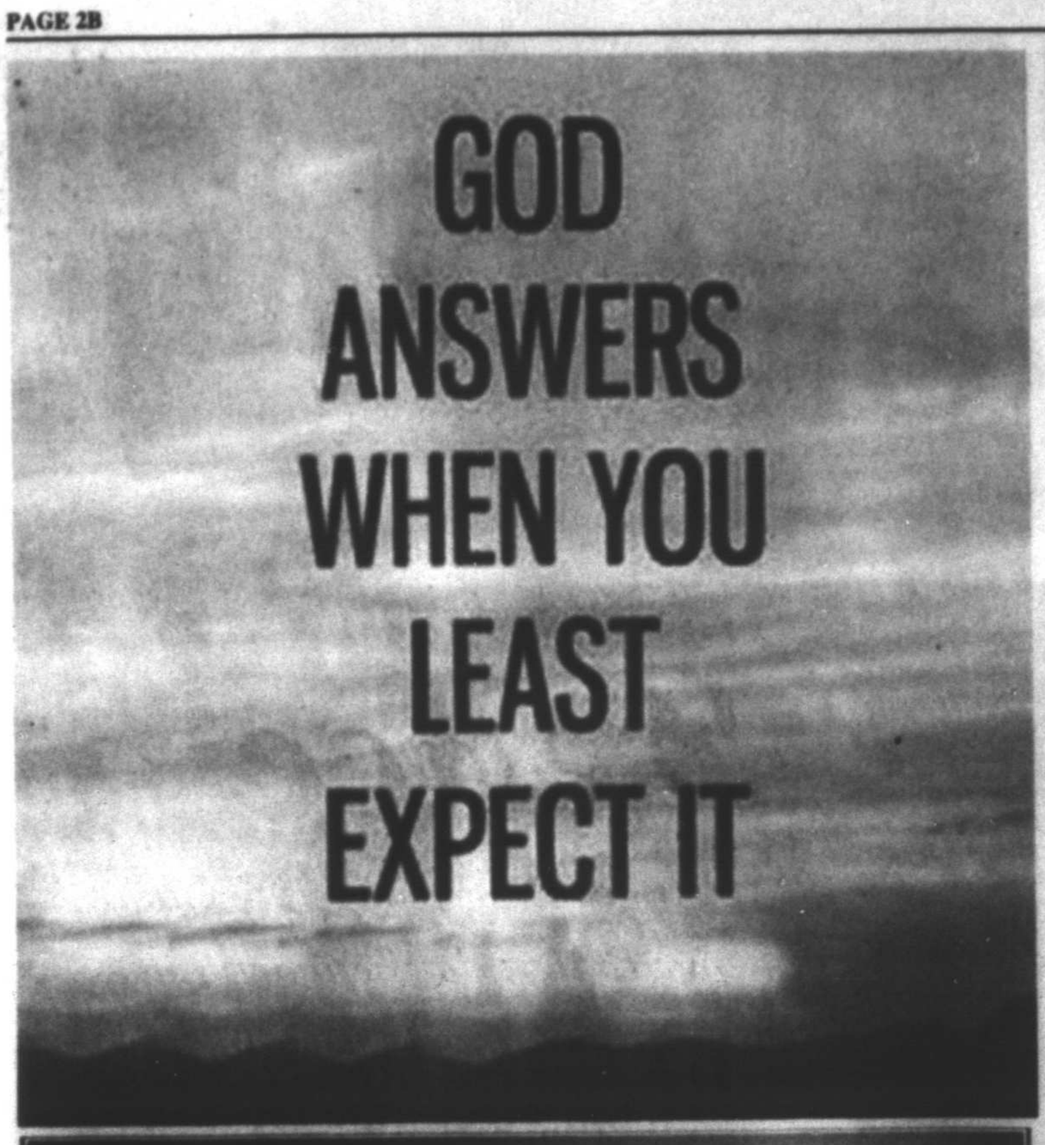

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432-570-8149

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432-694-2571

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432-262-5072

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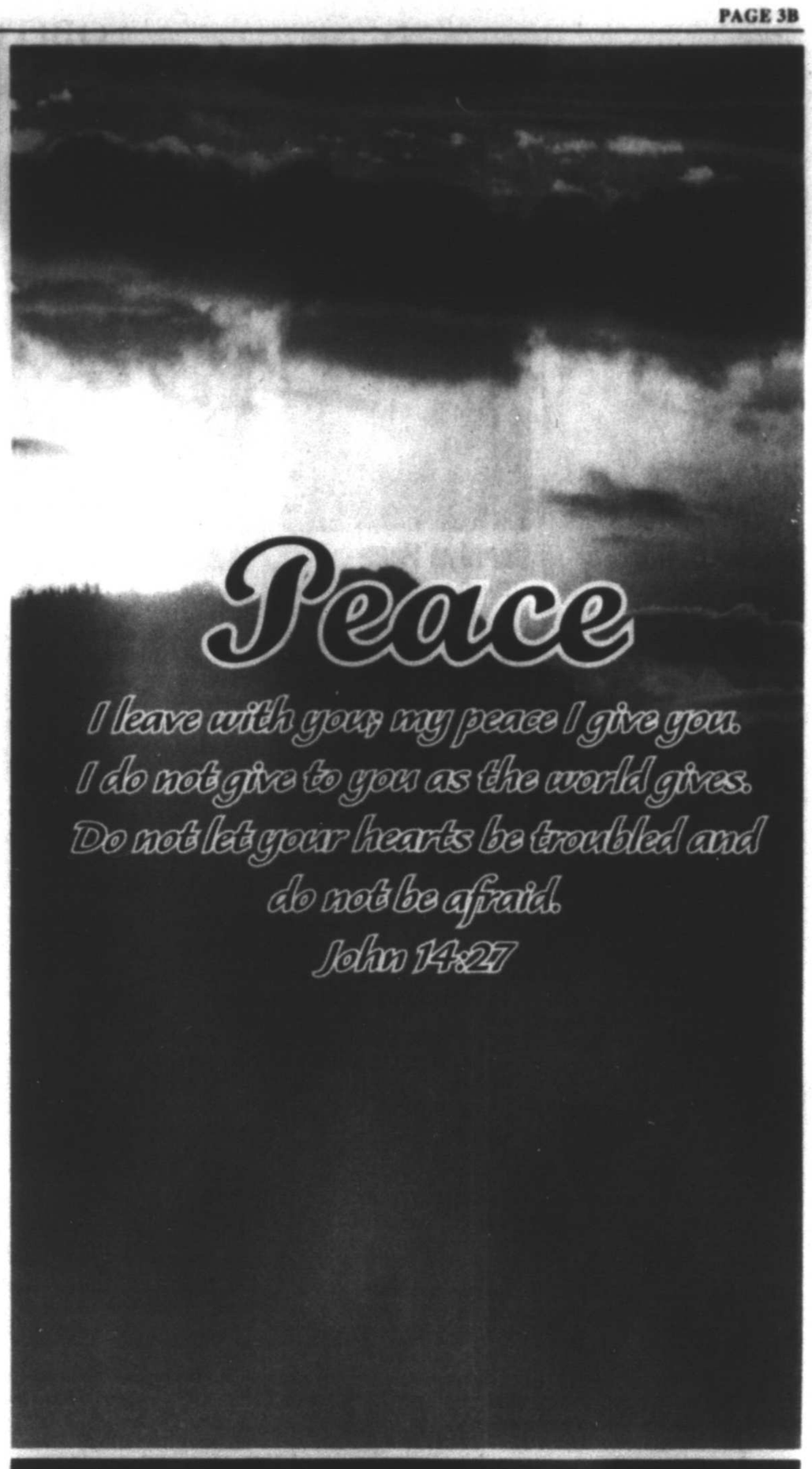

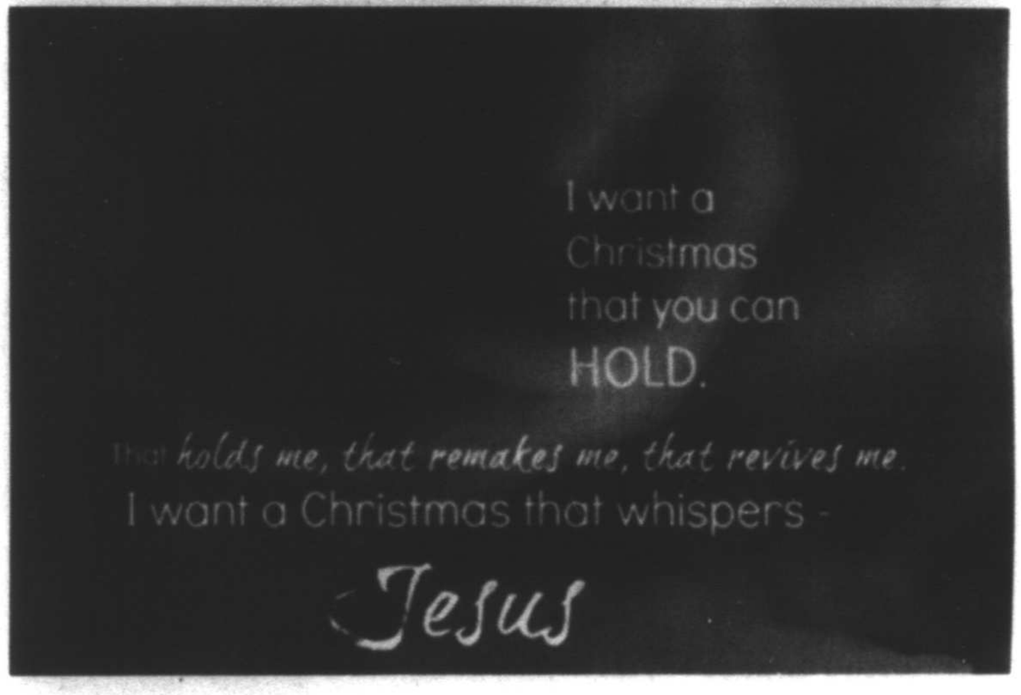

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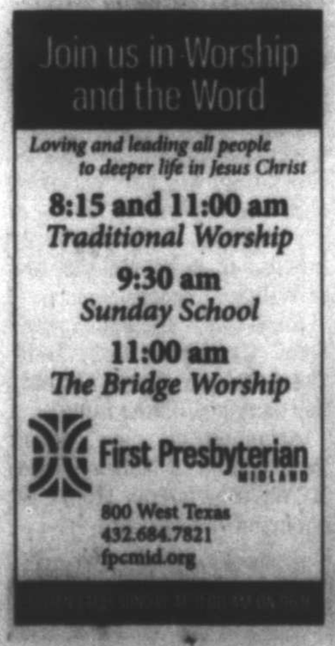

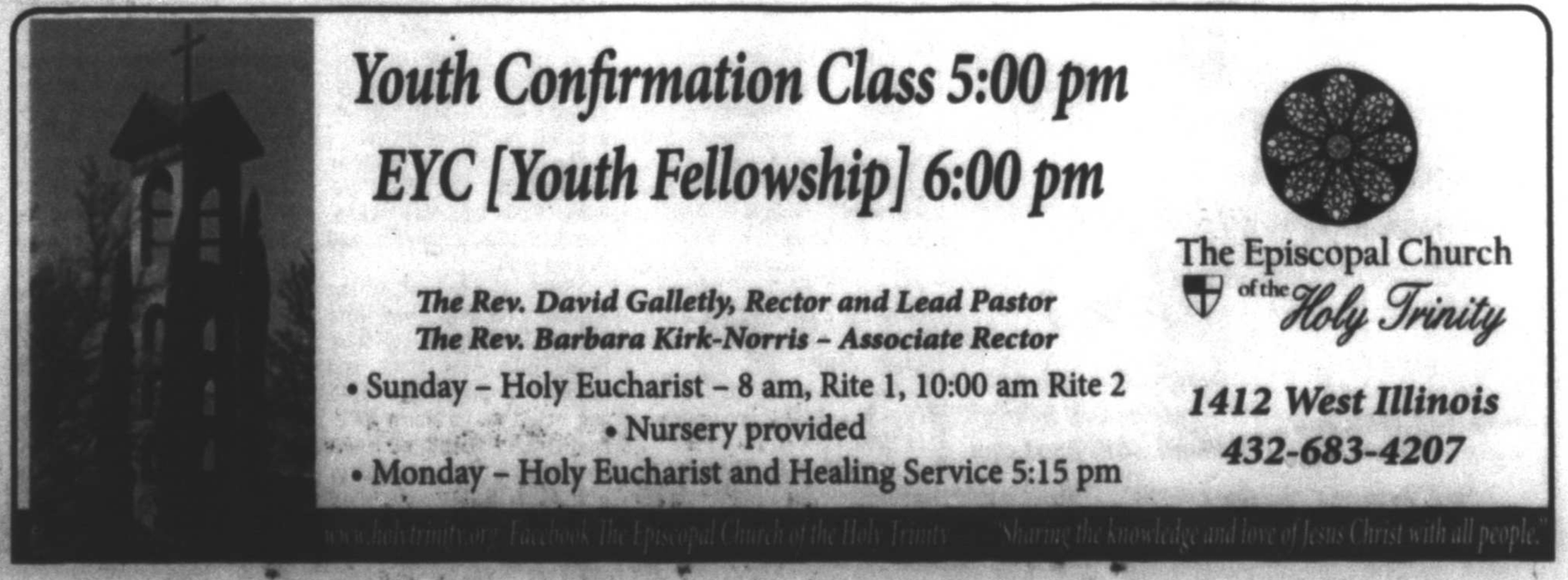

Obituaries

Arthur Smith

Arthur Odell (A.O.) Smith, age 82, died Monday, February 22, 2016 after a short illness. Born on July 6, 1933 to Opal and Frank Smith, A.O. lived most of his childhood in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma with his grandparents. After high school, he worked in the oilfields of West Texas until he was drafted. Almost the entire time he was in the army, he was a pitcher for the Army Softball Team. During the years he was in the service, he and his wife Barbara had two children, Debbie and Rick.

After his military service, A.O. and his family moved to Hobbs, New Mexico where he worked for several service companies in different capacities. Most of his years were spent successfully working as a sales representative. He worked for Pro Well Testing Company of Hobbs for many years and finished his career working for this company in Midland, Texas. Because of his expertise and his love of working, A.O. never retired. He worked until a few weeks before his death.

In 1983, he married Pam Robinson in Eunice, NM. He welcomed her daughter Amber and son Jason into his heart and life. The family moved to Midland in 2000 where they were active in The First Baptist Church. A.O. loved playing Joker each week for many years with the same group of people and cherished the friendships he made with them. Pallbearers for his service will be the men from this close knit group: Bill Black, Phil Woodward, Jake Young, John Faught, Charles Schwope, Ted Fowler, and George Patton plus his former employer, Kirk Staggs, whom A.O. loved like a son.

A.O. is survived by his wife Pam, his daughter Debbie Shoemake (husband Mike), son Rick Smith (wife Ruby), Pam's son Jason Robinson (wife Ludy) and Pam's daughter Amber Heady. Also surviving him are his seven grandchildren: Cindy Oakes, Nikki Horwath, Sunny Perkins, Sammy Camp, Conagher Robinson, Gus Robinson, Taylor Robinson and his 8 great grandchildren.

Preceding him in death are his parents, grandparents and a sister.

Visitation with the family will be Thursday, February 25 from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, 3800 North Big Spring Street, Midland, TX. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26 in the Chapel of First Baptist Church of Midland, 2104 West Louisiana Avenue, Midland, Texas. A private burial will be in the City Cemetery of Eunice, NM.

The family requests that memorial donations be made to MARC of Midland, Inc, 2701 North A Street, Midland, TX 79705.

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

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Carolyn Poer

Carolyn Ann Pate Poer died on February 23, 2016. Memorial services will be held on Saturday, February 27, 2016 at 3:00 PM at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity.

She was born in Pecos, Texas, the daughter of Ben and Lura Pate.

She graduated from Pecos High School and attended Hardin Simmons University. She graduated in 1958 with a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas Christian University. She completed graduate studies from Texas Tech University and Sul Ross University.

In 1957 she married Robert Emmett Poer, her childhood sweetheart from 1st grade. They were married 59 years.

Carolyn taught in Breckenridge, TX and in Dallas where she became director of children's work at Central Christian Church. She developed and implemented Church curriculum for Brite Seminary at TCU. After moving to Midland in 1969 she taught for MISD until her retirement in 2008.

Teaching was her gift. She used that gift to motivate each child to achieve his or her potential. She left no child behind and will always be remembered for being the teacher who cared for and loved her students.

She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and served as president of the Epsilon Eta Chapter. She served on the Midland Symphony Guild, worked with the United Way Campaign, Girl Scout organizations and cancer research campaigns. She was a member of The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity where she was a Sunday school teacher, and a member or the Altar Guild.

Carolyn's greatest pride was being with her 6 grandchildren with whom she created a classroom environment; making up rhymes, writing stories, creating art projects, playing games, singing songs and assisted with many science fair projects.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Poer; her children, Lisa Drummond of Durham, NC; Beth Clark and her husband, Greg of Midland; and Evan Poer of Trophy Club; her grandchildren, Corbin Doffer, Cortney Morgan and her husband, Trentin, Claire Doffer, Sam Poer, Kaytlyn Drummond and Polley Poer and her first great grandchild Weston Morgan.

Our family would like to thank Dr. David Deshan and his nurse Kim, her wise doctor of many years, Dr. Manny Mangat and his caring staff at Texas Oncology for their professional guidance and continuous encouragement through this journey. And last, Midland Memorial Hospital Oncology wing and ICU staff for their gentle and caring spirit, professionalism and respect during her final hours.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be donated to The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity Endowment Fund, 1412 West Illinois Ave., Midland, TX, 79701; or Texas Children's Hospital, 6621 Fannin St., Houston, TX, 77030.

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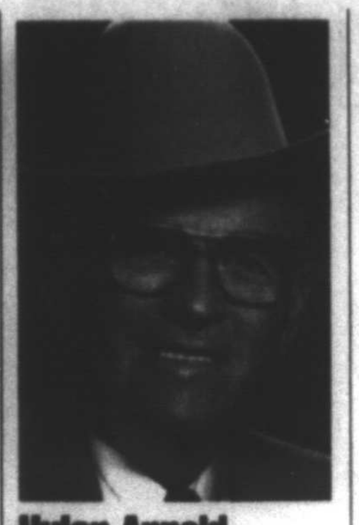

Hulan Arnold Harrison

Hulan Arnold Harrison, 96, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Friday, February 19, 2016. The family will be accepting guests from 3:00pm-5:00pm at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Saturday, February 27, 2016. Graveside services will be held at 1:00pm on Sunday, February 28, 2016 at Terrace Cemetery in Post, Texas.

Hulan was born on July 2, 1919 in Mt. Vernon, AR. to Sarah Lugenia and George Alexander Harrison. He was a WWII Vet from the Army Corps branch. He loved hunting and woodworking. Hulan married Virginia Sharp on April 4, 1953, and out of this union they bore four children; Kathy, Patti, Leland, and Jay.

He is survived by his daughters, Kathy Smith (Gary) and Patti Higgins; sons, Leland Harrison (Laurie) and Jay Harrison; and three grandchildren; Becca Higgins Arons, Caleb Higgins, and Beth Harrison.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Virginia Harrison; parents, George and Lugenia Harrison; brothers, George Coris and George Alexander Harrison; sister, Thelma Harrison Jones; and son-in-law; James Higgins.

The family would like to express their gratitude towards Home Hospice of Midland and Home Instead of Midland.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Home Hospice of Midland.

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Julie Anne Sandefer

Julie Anne Sandefer, 60, of Midland, Texas, lost her battle with cancer on February 21, 2016.

Julie was born April 5, 1955 in Torrence, California, to her mother, Hazel Marie Gipson, and father, Arvel Gilbert Gipson. Julie married the love of her life, Monte Glen Sandefer in 1996. She worked at Chaparral Nut & Bolt for 28 years and spent the past three years enjoying retirement and her grandson JJ Peppers. Julie was an active volunteer throughout Midland including Party for a Cause. She was a strong and true friend.

Julie is survived by husband Monte Sandefer; son Joseph (Cheryl) Peppers, grandson JJ Peppers of Midland, Texas; mother Hazel Gipson of French Camp, California; siblings, Roselee Gipson of Stockton, California, Jodie Ekman of French Camp, California, Arvel Gipson (Susan) of Russellville, Arkansas and Andy Gipson of Sacramento, California. Her nieces and nephews include Amelia Gipson, Rhiannon Ekman, Genevieve Ekman, Kevin Gipson, Ariene Gipson, Gregory Gipson, Larissa Kitchens, Starla Foreman and Melissa Hill.

Her father, Arvel Gilbert Gipson preceded her in death in 1994.

Services will be held at Cotton Flat Baptist Church, 6409 South Highway 349, Midland, Texas, Saturday, February 27th at 1:00 pm. A Fiesta will be held at the American Legion following services.

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Linda Daughtery

A funeral service for Linda Emerson Daugherty, 62 of Brownwood, Texas will be held at Heartland Funeral Home in Early, Texas at 1:00 pm on Saturday, February 27th. Pastor David Barnum will be officiating the service with a graveside following at Taylor's Chapel Cemetery in Comanche, Texas.

The family will receive friends from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Heartland Funeral Home on Friday, February 26th.

Linda went to be with her Lord Sunday, February 21, 2016 in Temple, Texas.

She was born March 30, 1953 in Big Spring, Texas to Carl William and Marlene Jane Emerson. She married Samuel Terry Daugherty in Midland, Texas November 20, 1971. Linda had lived in the Brownwood area for 23 years. While living in Brownwood, Linda worked at Howard Payne University for 10 years and participated in the Red Hat Society, The Republican Women's Club, as well as involved in church. Linda was a member of Grosvenor Baptist Church.

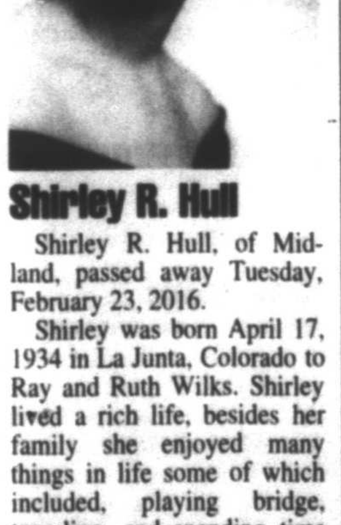
Mrs. Daugherty is survived by her daughter Allison Daugherty Hopkins, her husband Gary Hopkins and their children Micaiah, Charis, Tobias, Josiah, and Eliana all of Forsyth, Georgia; her son James Terry Daugherty, his wife Tiffany Daugherty, and their son Brayden of Temple, Texas; her son John Lawrence Daugherty, his wife Cassandra Daugherty, and their children Samuel, Kaylyn, Michael, Malachi, Lindsey, and Derek all of Clyde, Texas; a sister Betty Lynn Schwartz of Blanket, Texas; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Samuel Terry Daugherty and her parents Carl William and Marlene Jane Emerson.

The family request that memorials be made to the American Liver Foundation, P.B. C. Fund, The American Heart Association, or the Jack Standford Scholarship Fund, Howard Payne University.

Online condolences may be left for the family at *heartlandfuneralhome.net*

Heartland Funeral Home of Early is in charge of arrangements.



Shirley R. Hull

Shirley R. Hull, of Midland, passed away Tuesday, February 23, 2016.

Shirley was born April 17, 1934 in La Junta, Colorado to Ray and Ruth Wilks. Shirley lived a rich life, besides her family she enjoyed many things in life some of which included, playing bridge, traveling, and spending time with friends and family. She also enjoyed the many different activities at Manor Park where she lived the last seven years. Shirley was a Kappa Kappa Gamma from her alma-mater, Southwest Missouri State. She was the most caring wife, mother, sister, grandmother, and great-grandmother one could have.

She is preceded in death by her husband Bill Hull, parents, Ruth and Ray Wilks, grandchildren, Trevor and Beavin Hull.

Shirley is survived by her brother Don Wilks and wife Laurie of Arlington; children, Beca Hull; Amy Cook and husband Tommy; Brit Hull and wife Pam of North Richland Hills; Jeff Hull of Tulsa, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Adam Hull and wife Katie, Parker Hull, Turner Ingle, Gage Foster, Paige Ingle, and Hadley Hull and great-grandchildren, Ellie Kate Hull, and Jace Hull.

A celebration of Shirley R Hull's life will be held 10:00 A.M. Saturday February 27, 2016 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens, arrangements under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be her grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to St. Andrews Mission, 1708 N. Fort Worth Street Midland, Texas 79701.

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T. Verne Dwyer

Tom Verne Dwyer "T. Verne", age 82, passed away on February 20, 2016 in Midland, Texas.

T. Verne is survived by his 4 children; his daughter Marlynn Dwyer LaGreca and husband Kenny, her children Stephen, David, and Michelle; his daughter Shauna Dwyer Gordon and husband Steve, her children Lucas Gordon and Jennifer Carpenter and husband Craig, and her child Connor; his daughter Missy Dwyer and her daughter Nikki; and his son Tom Verne Dwyer II.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

T. Verne was born on August 22, 1933 in Odessa, Texas to parents Thomas Joseph and Agnes W. Dwyer. He attended Texas A&M University and graduated from TCU in 1955 with a degree in Government. Immediately after graduation he accepted a position as a Landman with Gulf Oil in Tulsa, Oklahoma and his responsibilities covered Oklahoma City, Wichita, Kansas, and Midland, Texas. He then moved to Midland in 1958 with Gulf and worked in both Midland and Hobbs, New Mexico. T. Verne wanted a new challenge and opportunity and began working with TXL as Division Landman in Midland in 1959 which was bought by Texaco in 1962.

In August of 1965 he began a 19 ½ year career with Felmont Oil Corporation in Midland. During his time with Felmont he was led by one of the most influential men in his personal and professional life, Hadley Case. T. Verne was trusted to grow Hadley's companies, including Felmont, and was instrumental in leading a wide variety of operations inside and outside of the oil industry. He thrived on the opportunity to learn new businesses and develop them into successful ventures for all involved. T. Verne served as President, Vice President, Director, and Manager of numerous domestic and international companies during his tenure.

In March of 1984, T. Verne decided to take on a new challenge. He became an Independent Landman in Midland and began to live his dream of having his own business. He welcomed the new challenges and opportunities that came along with being a Landman. He loyally served his clients in various roles. He tirelessly assisted them as their oil, gas, and mineral consultant with duties ranging from managing both producing and non-producing assets of estates to being a most respected expert witness. First and foremost he was focused on doing the absolute best job possible for each and every client.

In addition to all of the technical aspects of running his business and serving his clients he mentored countless people, both inside and outside of the industry. He would train, educate, counsel, lend an ear, shoulder, hand or whatever anyone needed. He felt it was most important to help others.

He was proud to be a Certified Professional Landman and gave back to the industry in a variety of ways including as a Board member and Past President of the Permian Basin Landmen's Association and as Vice President of the American Association of Professional Landmen (AAPL). He earned numerous awards and recognition in the industry, two of which included the 2001 AAPL Field / Independent Landman of the Year and the AAPL 2011 Lifetime Achievement Award. His passing is an enormous loss to the profession he loved.

Although T. Verne was unmatched in his passion for the industry and his clients, some of his greatest achievements happened in the community. He was a leader and trailblazer for children's athletics in Midland. He coached Little League Baseball, YMCA football, youth soccer, girls' basketball and softball. He was one of the founding members of the girls' softball league and the Camp Fire Girls in Midland.

T. Verne instilled in his children the importance of faith and has served on the Church Vestry, as Youth Director, teacher, usher, and as Sunday School Superintendent.

T. Verne was well known, loved, and respected by all that truly knew him. He will be remembered for his honesty, integrity, loyalty, commitment, wisdom, willingness to help others, and his warm heart.

A Funeral is scheduled for Friday, February 26, 2016, at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Midland at 10:00 a.m. with Graveside following at Resthaven and then a reception back at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. The family would appreciate your participation in this celebration. Visitation will be Thursday, February 25, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the T. Verne Dwyer Foundation for Early Detection of Multiple Myeloma and Patient Education and Support would be most appreciated. Contributions may be mailed to the T. Verne Dwyer Foundation, c/o Tom V. Dwyer 14902 Preston Rd. #404-412 Dallas, Texas 75254.

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Death Notices

Lee "Dutch" Howard Henderson

Lee "Dutch" Howard Henderson, 54, of Midland, Texas passed away on Monday, February 22, 2016 in Midland, Texas.

He is survived by his son, Dusty Lee Bradley; daughter, Stephanie Lynn Henderson - Lowell; one brother; and one sister.

A viewing will be held on Monday, February 29, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 1, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at American Heritage Cemetery & Funeral Home. A rosary will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at American Heritage Cemetery & Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church in Midland. Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery & Funeral Home, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas, 79707.

William Edwin Combest

William Edwin Combest, 73, of Midland, died Wednesday, February 24, 2016. The family will not be having a service but will be having a get together, following cremation, to celebrate the life of William Combest.

Survivors include wife, Debi Combest; son, Todd Combest; son, Gregg Stroud; and daughter, Tasha Long.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

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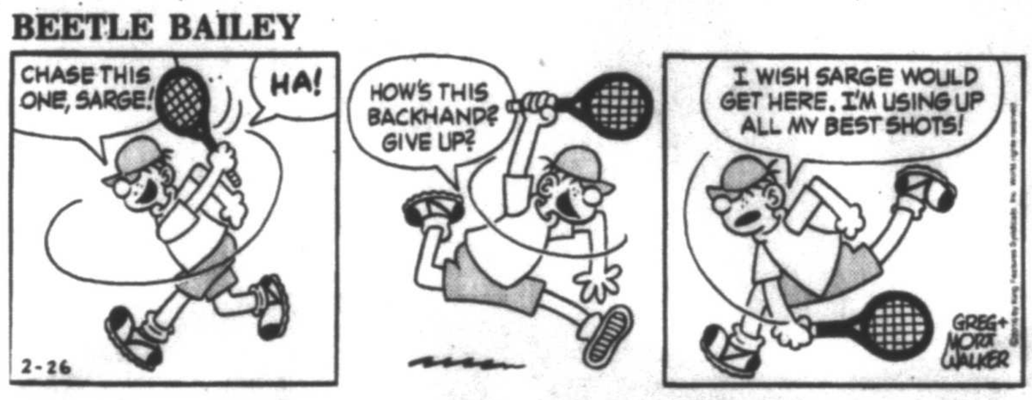

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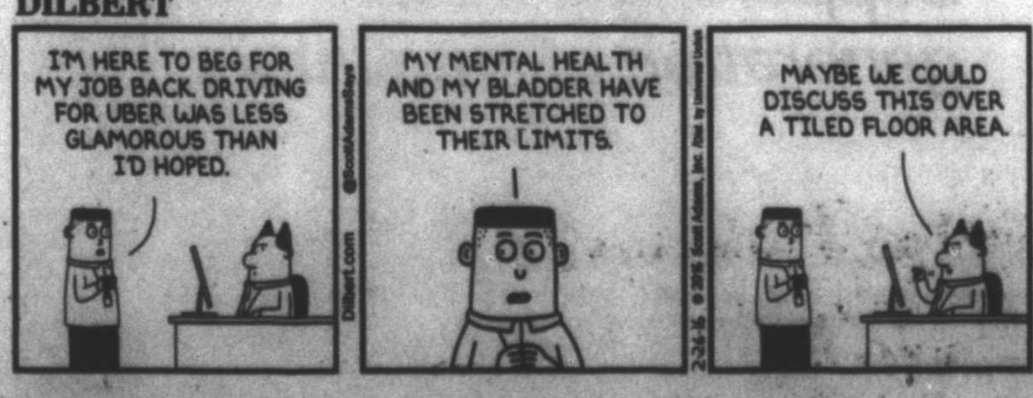

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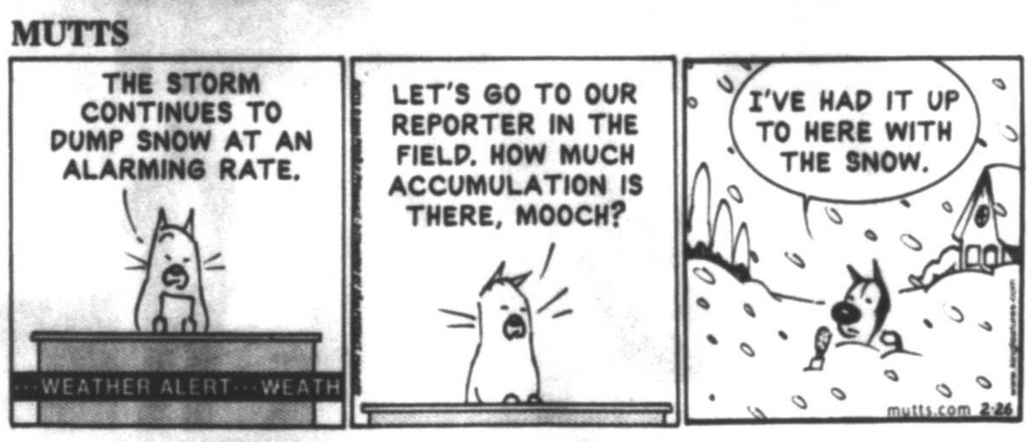

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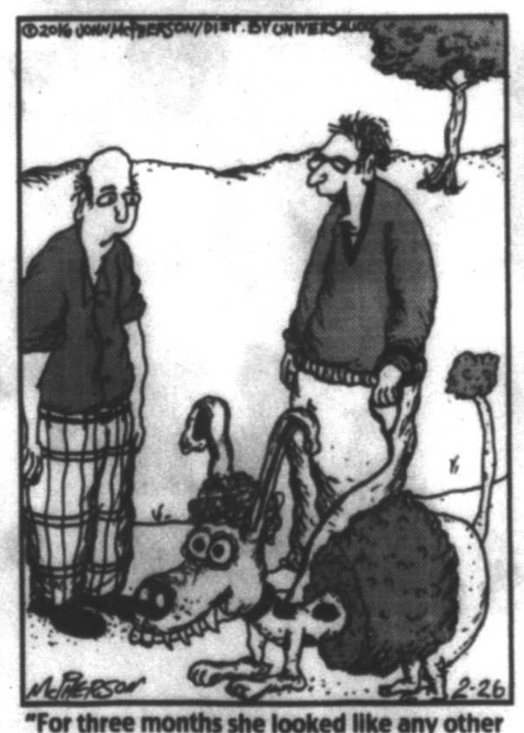

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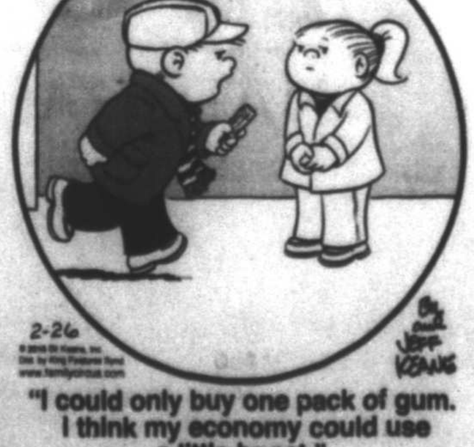

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Denver City a newcomer in 1-3A tournament

By Oscar LeRoy
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Not very many people were expecting the Denver City girls basketball team to make the Region I-3A Tournament at Chaparral Center this year.

The Lady Mustangs were the third place team out of District 3, unranked and had No. 2-ranked Shallowater standing in the way.

None of that mattered.

After upsetting defending Region I champion Shallowater, 50-44, in the regional quarterfinal round, the Lady Mustangs (21-11) believe that anything can happen when they face No. 1-ranked Wall (30-4) — the tournament favorite, at least on paper — in today's 7:30 p.m. regional semifinal game.

"When you knock off the No. 2 team in the state, it's always a confidence boost," Denver City coach Cody Brown said. "We knew we were playing good basketball at the time, and the girls just answered the challenge.

"We obviously like the challenge of always being the underdog. We've been the underdog all year."

The other semifinal game at 6 p.m. will be No. 13 Jim Ned (25-10) against No. 19 Idalou (27-7).

Denver City is the only newcomer to the tournament as the other three programs have made several trips to the Tall City. Wall is making a record ninth trip, Jim Ned is back for a sixth time, and Idalou will be making its fourth appearance.

"This is always something we strive to do," Wall coach Tate Lombard said. "We want to make it to Midland and we're glad to be able to do it again this year. Coming into the season, you have expectations at certain points during the season. Having the opportunity to compete in the regional was one of the top goals for this season."

Idalou coach Tyler Helms said he knows how special it is to still be playing at this time of year.

"I've been to three of them and I think having the experience of being there a couple of times, you understand the ins and outs as far as the games are concerned," he said. "But at the end of the day, you still have to play well. We just have to execute and make sure we play well."

Jim Ned coach Hunter Cooley added

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A key component for Lee

Niblett's positivity leads Lee into I-6A tourney

By Christopher Hadorn
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Lee sixth man Zion Niblett learned from a local basketball coach the value of her role coming off the bench.

"I was always told by one of my coaches, Isaac Greer, it's not about who starts the game, it's who finishes," Niblett said. "I always keep that in mind."

Niblett took that advice to heart on Tuesday as she came off the bench to score 11 points and helped spark the Lady Rebels' improbable 51-49 comeback victory over Arlington Bowie in the Class 6A regional quarterfinals in Abilene.

Niblett's efforts aided Lee (27-4) in overcoming a 26-11 deficit and pushed the Lady Rebels to the regional semifinals where they'll meet No. 1-ranked Duncanville (35-0) at 6 p.m. today at Wilkerson-Greines Activity Center in Fort Worth.

Niblett, a natural guard, was called upon by Lee head coach Monica Ramirez to play the post after Tuesday's leading scorer Karysa Edwards (14 points) fouled out, post Kyra Lewis was dealing with foul trouble and the other post, Yaritza Rivas, was battling an injury.

Niblett ended up registering the second-most points for her team as her competitiveness kicked in with the Lady Rebels fighting to keep their season afloat in an elimination game.

"That's in her personality to fight and to compete," Ramirez said. "She has that in her."

Niblett has embraced her sixth man role. The junior says two of her favorite professional players are 2015 NBA Sixth Man of the Year Lou Williams and 2012 Sixth Man of Year James Harden. So she understands the significance of being the No. 1 substitute off the bench.

Niblett's other role, not as evident in the games, is keeping the team loose as Ramirez refers to her as the team clown.

"She keeps everybody up and laughing," Ramirez said. "She is always entertaining. On her best day, she's our greatest motivator."

Niblett's light-hearted nature can be beneficial when the Lady Rebels are trying not to let a 15-point deficit, like in Tuesday's game, overwhelm their emotions and bring down their morale.

Today, Niblett and Lee will need to stay composed when they face an unbeaten Duncanville team that is ranked No. 2 in the USA Today national poll.

"We all just have to stay positive," Niblett said. "That's my real thing, just stay positive and laughter helps out with that."

Niblett said the Lady Rebels have won 13 straight games in large part because

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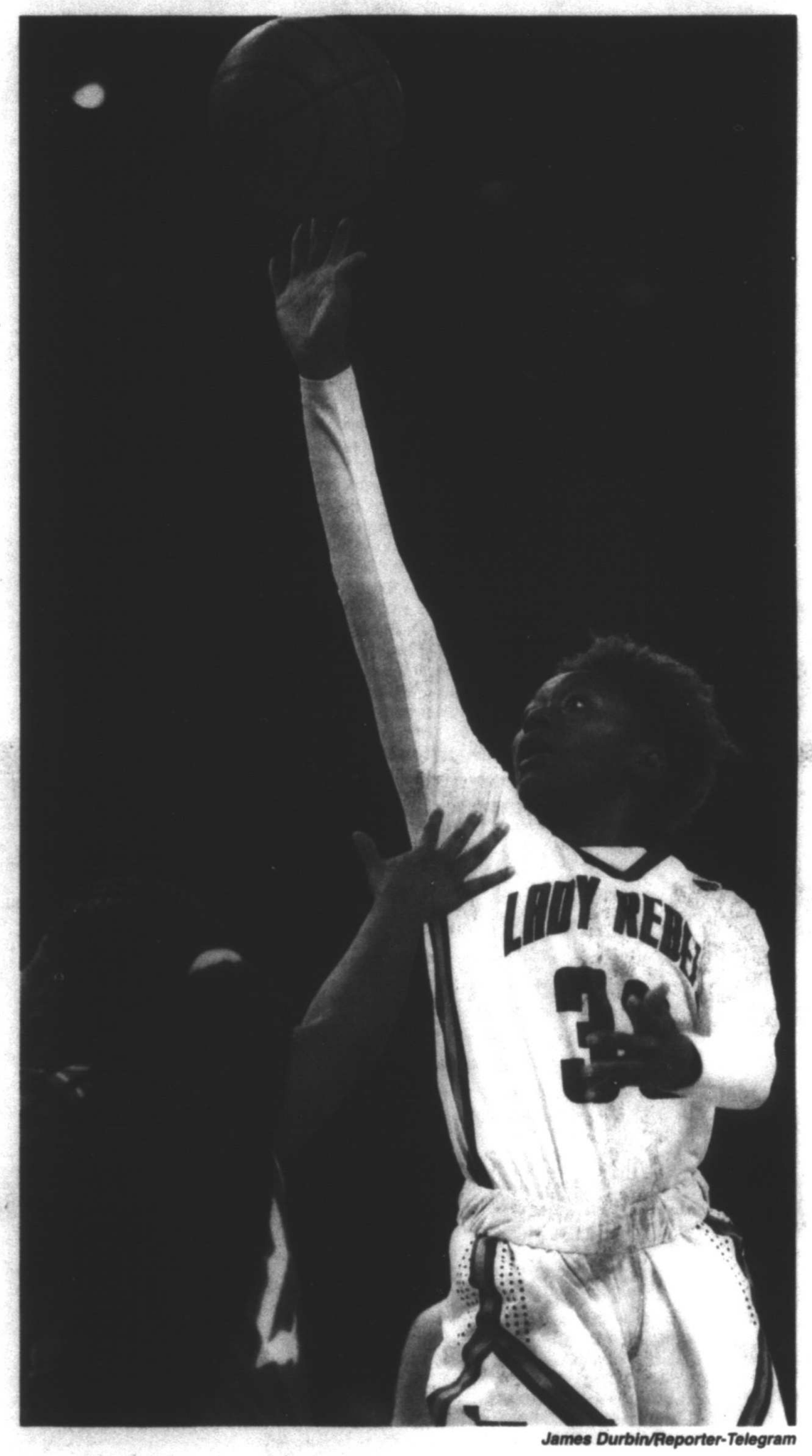

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Lee's Zion Niblett (30) shoots against San Angelo Central on Jan. 29 at Chaparral Center.

Karcher key in Greenwood reaching I-4A tourney

By Christopher Hadorn
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Greenwood shooting guard Natalee Karcher described coming to Midland as a culture shock when her family moved here for the oil industry a couple years back.

Karcher hailed from Comanche, Oklahoma, a town with a 2010 Census population of 1,663.

"Where I came from, it was extremely small," said Karcher, who moved to the area as an eighth grader. "Greenwood was a lot bigger than the town I came from. Just all of the people and Midland itself, going to downtown Midland, it was an eye opener for us. That was a little bit of an adjustment."

Karcher has since settled in nicely and gotten comfortable as a sophomore on the Rangerettes girls basketball team. The guard has been the high scorer in each of GHS' three playoff wins and has guided the Rangerettes (25-11) to the Region 1-4A Tournament where they face Brownwood (25-7) at 7 p.m. today at Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock.

Karcher says Greenwood's run to the regional tournament has galvanized the locals and she feels at home because of the community's passion and affection for the team.

"We're really just a close community and the support is amazing here," Karcher said.

One of the glaring traits about Karcher is her athleticism.

During softball season, Karcher plays shortstop, which is typically is occupied by the most athletic player, on the Rangerettes.

The shooting guard has the speed and quickness to dribble to the basket, and she teams with point guard Caity Payne to pester opposing ball handlers in GHS' full-court press defense.

Karcher averages 3.0 steals a game, which trails only Payne at 3.4.

Greenwood head coach Quint Anthony says Karcher is an active player that is involved in many facets of what his team does.

"Probably the best thing she is doing and I tried to tell her this, 'just be everywhere on the floor,'" Anthony said. "She's so incredibly fast and she's so incredibly athletic that she is able to run all over the place and get to a lot of different situations that some players can't get to. Her defense, along with her ability to drive to the basket — they're just really beneficial for her game."

Karcher scored 18 points in an 86-27 bi-district win over San Elizario, 21 points in a 53-21 area victory versus Borger and 11 points during a 51-42 regional quarterfinal triumph against Lubbock Estacado on Tuesday.

In addition to her ability to penetrate, Anthony says Karcher is an adept shooter from beyond the arc, which makes her

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Sims emerging as leader on young Greenwood team

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Greenwood catcher Payslee Sims photographed in a West Texas Classic game against Presidio on Thursday at Freddie Ezell Softball Complex.

By Christopher Hadorn
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Before settling on softball, Greenwood catcher Payslee Sims played baseball with the boys for three years.

"That is what made her tough," Rangerettes head coach Lee Anne Curry said. "She is a really tough player."

Even though she held her own on the baseball diamond, Sims much preferred the small ball style of softball where the base paths are shorter by 30 feet.

"It wasn't as quick as softball and I don't like that," Sims said. "I like the quickness of softball. I think baseball is boring honestly, just how far the distance of bases are and everything. It's the same sport just not as quick paced."

Sims has more than found a comfort zone in softball as she is excelling on the diamond in only her sophomore season with GHS.

On Thursday, Sims went 4-for-4 with two doubles, a triple and four runs scored to propel the Rangerettes to an 11-3 victory over Presidio in six innings during the first day of the West Texas Classic at Freddie Ezell Softball Complex.

The sophomore demonstrated an ability to put the barrel on

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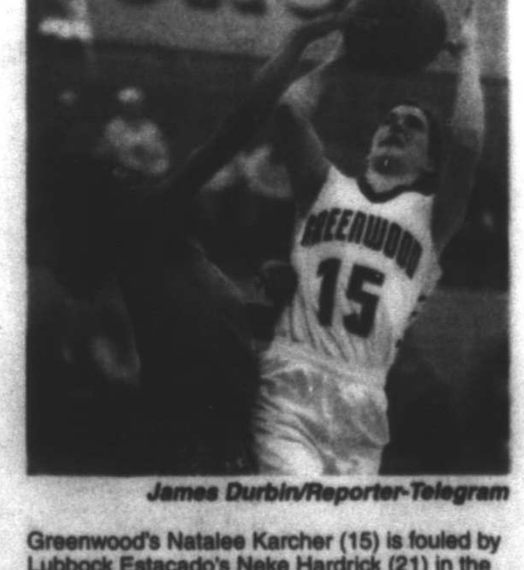

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Greenwood's Natalee Karcher (15) is fouled by Lubbock Estacado's Neke Hardrick (21) in the regional quarterfinal game Tuesday at Lamesa Middle School in Lamesa.

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FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

BOXING

Miguel Cartagena vs. Ricardo Rodriguez, 10:20 p.m., TELE

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Houston vs. Texas Tech, Noon, ROOT, MLB

Louisiana vs. TCU, 3:30 p.m., ROOT, MLB

Stanford at Texas, 6:30 p.m., LHN

Arkansas vs. Rice, 7 p.m., ROOT, MLB

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Weber State vs. Tulsa, 9:30 a.m., LHN

Abilene Christian at Texas, Noon, LHN

Tulsa at Texas, 2:30 p.m., LHN

GOLF

PGA: The Honda Classic, 2nd Round, 1 p.m., GOLF

LPGA: Honda Thailand, 3rd Round, 12 a.m., GOLF

MEN'S COLLEGE HOCKEY

Wisconsin at Ohio State, 5:30 p.m., BTN

Boston U at Notre Dame, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN

Minnesota-Duluth at St. Cloud State, 8 p.m., CBSSN

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

Bellator: Marcos Galvao vs. Eduardo Dantas, 8 p.m., SPIKE, ESPNDEP

Lion Fight 28, 8 p.m., AXS

MOTORSPORTS

XFINITY: Atlanta, Practice, 8 a.m., FS1

Camping World Truck Series: Atlanta, Practice, 9 a.m., FS1

Sprint Cup: Atlanta, Practice, 10 a.m., FS1

XFINITY: Atanta, Practice, 11:30 a.m., FS1

Sprint Cup: Atlanta, Practice, 12:30 p.m., FS1

XFINITY: Atlanta, Final Practice, 1:30 p.m., FS1

Camping World Truck Series: Atlanta, Final Practice, 3 p.m., FS1

Sprint Cup: Atlanta, Qualifying, 4:30 p.m., FS1

NBA

Chicago at Atlanta, 7 p.m., ESPN

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

Memphis at LA Lakers, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

NBA D-LEAGUE

Reno at Santa Cruz, 10 p.m., ESPNU

NFL

NFL Scouting Combine: RB, OL, Special Teams, 8 a.m., NFL

TENNIS

ATP: Dubai, WTA: Doha, Semifinals, 7 a.m., TENNIS

ATP: Alberto Mexicano Telcel, Semifinal 1, 6 p.m., TENNIS

ATP: Alberto Mexicano Telcel, Semifinal 2, 10 p.m., TENNIS

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Xavier at Villanova, 8 p.m., FS1

WOMEN'S COLLEGE GYMNASTICS

LSU at Florida, 6 p.m., SEC

Michigan at Oklahoma, 7 p.m., FSSW+, FCSC

Georgia at Alabama, 7:30 p.m., SEC+

ON RADIO

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Greenwood vs. Brownwood, 7 p.m., KOXE 101.3 FM (Brownwood), http://koxe.com/

NBA

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

NAHL HOCKEY

Odessa at Corpus Christi, 7 p.m., KFZX 102.1 FM

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

BASEBALL

Lee at Lewisville Tournament

Midland High at Round Rock Tournament

Greenwood at El Paso Tournament

Midland Christian at McLain/Cowart Tournament, Plano

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Region I-6A semifinal, Lee vs. Duncanville, 6 p.m., Wilkerson-Greines AC, Fort Worth

Region I-3A Tournament, Chaparral Center

Region II-A semfinal, Grady vs. Eula, 6 p.m., Moody Coliseum, Abilene

BOYS BASKETBALL

Class 4A Area: Greenwood vs. Lubbock Estacado, 6 p.m., Lamesa

Class 1A Region II Area: Garden City vs. Menard, 6:30 p.m., San Angelo Lake View HS

Class 1A Region II Area: Grady vs. Wink, 6 p.m., Seminole HS

GOLF

Lee, Midland High at Midland Girls Invitational, Green Tree CC, Hogan Park

SOFTBALL

West Texas Classic, Freddie Ezell Softball Complex

TENNIS

Lee at Broncho Classic, Odessa

Midland High at Cooper Cougar Invitational, Abilene

TRACK

Midland High at City Bank Relays, Wolfforth

Greenwood at Pecos

Junior College

BASEBALL

Weatherford College at Midland College, 5 p.m.

SOFTBALL

MC at Region Crossover, Longview

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Designated 1B/OF Efren Navarro for assignment. Agreed to terms with RHP Yovani Gallardo on a two-year contract.

DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with LHPs Blaine Hardy and Jairo Labourt, C James McCann, INFs Nick Castellanos and Dixon Machado, OF Wynton Bernard and RHPs Jeff Ferrell, Michael Fulmer, Shane Greene, Montreal Robertson, Jose Valdez, Drew VerHagen and Alex Wilson on one-year contracts.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with LHP Scott Alexander, RHPs Miguel Almonte, Alec Mills and Kyle Zimmer, INFs Cheslor Cuthbert and Raul Mondesi, and OFs Jorge Bonifacio, Brett Eibner, Terrance Gore, Jose Martinez and Bubba Starling on one-year contracts.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Agreed to terms with OF Domonic Brown on a minor league contract.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Agreed to terms with RHP Edgar Martinez on a minor league contract.

CHICAGO CUBS — Traded OF Chris Coghlan to Oakland for RHP Aaron Brooks. Placed LHP Zac Rosscup on the 60-day DL. Agreed to terms with OF Dexter Fowler on a one-year contract.

American Association

GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Traded INF Dustin Geiger to Wichita for a player to be named and cash and RHP Matt Sergey to Laredo for a player to be named and cash.

JOPLIN BLASTERS — Traded RHP Jorge Martinez to York for a player to be named.

TEXAS AIRHOGS — Signed RHP Mark Pope.

WICHITA WINGNUTS — Signed RHP Jon Link, LHP Anthony Capra and OF Brent Clevlen.

WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed RHP Eric Sim.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

BROOKLYN NETS — Waived G Joe Johnson.

MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Reassigned F Jarell Martin to Iowa (NBADL).

MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES — Waived G Andre Miller.

WASHINGTON WIZARDS — Signed F J.J. Hickson.

Women's National Basketball Association

MINNESOTA LYNX — Signed G Katerina Elhotova.

FOOTBALL

Canadian Football League

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed RB Martese Jackson.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ANAHEIM DUCKS — Claimed C Chris Wagner off waivers from Colorado.

DALLAS STARS — Reassigned G Philippe Desrosiers to Idaho (ECHL).

LOS ANGELES KINGS — Recalled Fs Maxim Kitsyn and Scott Sabourin from Manchester (ECHL) to Ontario (AHL).

NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Recalled D Garrett Noonan from Cincinnati (ECHL) to Milwaukee (AHL).

WINNIPEG JETS — Acquired F Marko Dano, a 2016 first-round draft pick and a 2018 conditional draft pick from Chicago for Fs Andrew Ladd and Matt Fraser and D Jay Harrison.

American Hockey League

AHL — Suspended Chicago RW Cody Beach two games.

BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Recalled D C.J. Ludwig from Missouri (ECHL).

WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON PENGUINS — Assigned G Brian Foster to Wheeling (ECHL).

ECHL

FORT WAYNE KOMETS — Loaned F Mike Embach to Chicago (AHL).

MANCHESTER MONARCHS — Loaned F Matt Leitner to Ontario (AHL).

WICHITA THUNDER — Signed G Adrien Lemay.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

SEATTLE SOUNDERS — Transferred F Obafemi Martins to Shanghai Greenland Shenhua (Super League-China).

North American Soccer League

NEW YORK COSMOS — Named Ronan Wiseman assistant youth director.

United Soccer League

SAN ANTONIO FC — Signed D Greg Cochrane and F Manolo Sanchez.

COLLEGE

BRADLEY — Named Carol Price-Torok women's volleyball coach.

SAINT ELIZABETH — Named Kaman Hung men's volleyball coach.

GOLF SCORES

Honda Classic

Thursday
At PGA National Resort and Spa, The Champion
Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.
Purse: $6.1 million
Yardage: 7,140; Par 70 (35-35)
Partial First Round

Sergio Garcia	31-34—65
Michael Thompson	31-34—65
William McGirt	32-34—66
Rickie Fowler	32-34—66
George McNeill	32-35—67
Shane Lowry	34-33—67
David Lingmerth	32-35—67
Jimmy Walker	34-33—67
Justin Hicks	33-34—67
Jason Dufner	35-33—68
Si Woo Kim	37-31—68
Adam Hadwin	33-35—68
Erik Compton	33-35—68
Sean O'Hair	34-35—69
Justin Thomas	33-36—69
Phil Mickelson	37-32—69
Paul Casey	34-35—69
Sam Saunders	31-38—69
Ollie Schniederjans	34-35—69
Greg Owen	35-34—69
Darron Stiles	33-36—69
Vijay Singh	33-36—69
Cameron Tringale	34-36—70
Scott Brown	35-35—70
Brendon de Jonge	37-33—70
Stuart Appleby	35-35—70
Smylie Kaufman	34-36—70
Adam Scott	34-36—70
Russell Knox	35-35—70
Brooks Koepka	36-34—70
Gary Woodland	35-35—70
Blayne Barber	35-35—70
Ricky Barnes	33-37—70
Will Wilcox	35-35—70
Chesson Hadley	31-39—70
Anirban Lahiri	36-34—70
Derek Fathauer	34-36—70
Harold Varner III	33-37—70
Tom Hoge	34-36—70
Hudson Swafford	37-34—71
Matthew Fitzpatrick	37-34—71
Daniel Summerhays	36-35—71
Steve Wheatcroft	36-35—71
Tyrone Van Aswegen	33-38—71
Hideki Matsuyama	37-34—71
Retief Goosen	34-37—71
Dawie van der Walt	36-35—71
Ernie Els	37-34—71
Ian Poulter	34-37—71
Mark Hubbard	35-36—71
Sung Kang	36-35—71
John Huh	38-33—71
Scott Pinckney	33-38—71
Chad Campbell	**35-39—74**

Honda LPGA Thailand

Thursday
At Siam Country Club (Pattaya Old Course)
Chonburi, Thailand
Purse: $1.6 million
Yardage: 6,548; Par: 72 (36-36)
First Round
a-amateur

Lexi Thompson	30-34—64
Q Baek	31-34—65
Amy Yang	34-32—66
Azahara Munoz	33-35—68
Jenny Shin	34-34—68
Brittany Lang	35-34—69
In Gee Chun	34-35—69
Sei Young Kim	34-35—69
Minjee Lee	34-35—69
Paula Creamer	34-35—69
Ha Na Jang	34-35—69
Anna Nordqvist	35-34—69
Pernilla Lindberg	35-34—69
Carlota Ciganda	36-34—70
Cristie Kerr	34-36—70
Chella Choi	36-34—70
Eun-Hee Ji	36-34—70
Jessica Korda	35-35—70
Austin Ernst	34-37—71
Ilhee Lee	35-36—71
Mariajo Uribe	36-35—71
Ariya Jutanugarn	35-36—71
Xi Yu Lin	35-36—71
Sakura Yokomine	35-36—71
Wei-Ling Hsu	36-35—71
Suzann Pettersen	37-34—71
a-Paphangkorn Tavatanakit	36-36—72

Tall City tourney features plenty of star power

By Will Korn
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There will be an abundance of star power on the course when the 2016 Midland Girls Tall City Invitational tees off at 8:30 a.m. today at Green Tree Country Club.

The second round will begin with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Hogan Park Golf Course.

Not unlike the boys version of this tournament — the Bobby Dunn Tall City Invitational, which concluded last weekend — many of the top teams in the Permian Basin and West Texas will be present today and Saturday.

Eighty-five players representing 14 schools will be squaring off in the same division, regardless of classification, and the competition expects to be intense.

The contingent of teams is headlined by Andrews, which has dominated the West Texas golf scene for the last half decade by winning five consecutive state titles.

The Lee girls, led by star freshman Rebecca Reed, also figure to be in contention this weekend. The Lady Rebels are coming off a three-stroke victory over District 3-6A rival Odessa High in the Ector County ISD Invitational last weekend.

Lee also won the Andrews Fall Invitational in November by a margin of 28 strokes over Odessa Permian.

Reed won the ECISD tournament by 12 strokes and finished second at the Andrews Fall Invitational, one stroke behind Midland High sophomore Faith DeLaGarza — the reigning District 3-6A champion and a Region I-6A tournament qualifier.

Reed and DeLaGarza, along with Andrews' No. 1 player Savannah Pinson, are scheduled to tee off together from Green Tree CC's first hole at 10:22 a.m. today.

Lee head coach Blain Huddleston said he just wants his team to go out and play with a focused mindset. He added that he doesn't want his girls to focus on who the competition is.

"We're trying to stress to the girls to just play the course," Huddleston said. "Don't worry about who you're playing against. We're playing with Andrews and the competition, you can't overlook that. (But we need to) focus on what we're doing and not on what others are doing."

Meanwhile MHS head coach Bryan Sledge said he wants to use this weekend's tournament to measure his team's progress as it draws closer to the District 3-6A tournament on March 22.

"It'll get us a starting point where we can gauge where we're at and get an idea of our strengths and weaknesses before March 22," he said.

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MIDLAND GIRLS TALL CITY INVITATIONAL

When: Today-Saturday

Where: Today, Green Tree Country Club; Saturday, Hogan Park Golf Course

Tee times: 8:30 a.m. today; 8:30 a.m. Saturday (shotgun)

Teams participating: Lee, MHS, Odessa Permian, Odessa High, Abilene High, San Angelo Central, Andrews, El Paso Eastwood, El Paso Franklin, El Paso Coronado, Midland Christian, Trinity, Lubbock Monterey, Pecos

MISD LINEUPS

Lee I: Rebecca Reed, Chloe Bice, Alexis Adkisson, Ryleigh Stump, Alex Sparks

Lee II: Kendall Kincaid, Rachel Hulder, Michaela McClinton, Laura Werner, Kristyn Anderson

Lee Medalists: Kristen Jones, Camryn Jackson

MHS I: Faith DeLaGarza, Riley Grunewald, Avree Curlee, Kelly Ann Martinez

Sims

From 1C

the ball and hit hard line drives into the gaps.

"She is just relaxed," Curry said. "She just knows what she wants and when they throw it over the plate, she takes advantage of it and did so today."

The 2015 District 4-4A Newcomer of the Year is a well-rounded player according to Curry.

While it's a frequent practice for a head coach to use a courtesy runner for a catcher in softball, Curry says Sims is too smart and too capable of a base runner to take out.. In Thursday's game, Sims made a dash towards the plate to steal home after Presidio attempted to toss out a Greenwood base runner on a stolen base try at second base.

Sims also takes charge as a catcher behind the plate as she helped Rangerettes ace Kyndall Dove enjoy a fine outing in the circle.

Dove and Sims, as sophomores, are already the leaders on a green GHS squad that is flushed with sophomores and freshmen.

"We're pretty much best friends and we just work really well together," Sims said of her battery mate Dove. "That's what you need when you have a pitcher and catcher like that, just having that good connection."

Sims has been playing catcher since she was four years old.

Her high skill set as a backstop was evident in Thursday's game as she showed fluid and quick actions in blocking balls in the dirt and showed off a strong, accurate throwing arm.

"She's got the best seat in the house and she's the perfect person to be there," Curry said of Sims at catcher. "I wish she would be a little bit more vocal, but we've got plenty of season to work on that."

Sims says the reason why she has developed into an all-around ballplayer is because of her unbridled passion for softball.

She also plays volleyball and is a cheerleader at GHS, but she doesn't get the same enjoyment out of those activities compared to softball.

"You have to love the sport and you have to love what you do to be great at it," Sims said. "I love my sport so I think I can be great at it."

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WEST TEXAS CLASSIC
All games at Freddie Ezell Softball Complex at Ulmer Park

Thursday's scores

5 p.m.

El Paso Eastlake 11, Colorado City 4; Greenwood 11, Presidio 3; El Paso Hanks 23, Irving MacArthur 1; Andrews 10, Alpine 5; Midland High 8, Fort Stockton 2; Odessa High 16, Brownfield 2; Monahans 7, Lee 2; Pecos vs. Big Spring, n/a; San Angelo Lake View JV vs. San Angelo Central JV, n/a

7 p.m.

Presidio JV vs. Pecos JV, n/a; Colorado City 16, Dumas 7; Lee JV vs. Andrews JV, n/a; Amarillo Palo Duro vs. Presidio, n/a; Midland High 2, Irving MacArthur 1; Odessa JV 18, Greenwood JV 1; Kermit vs. San Angelo Lake View, n/a; Kermit JV vs. San Angelo Central JV, n/a; Midland High JV vs. Monahans JV, n/a

9 p.m.

Big Spring vs. Brownfield, late; Greenwood vs. Dumas, late; Andrews vs. El Paso Eastlake, late; Amarillo Palo Duro vs. Fort Stockton, late; El Paso Hanks vs. Odessa High, late; Monahans vs. Alpine, late; Lee vs. San Angelo Lake View, late; Kermit vs. Pecos, late; Presidio JV vs. Monahans JV, late

Today's Games

9 a.m.

Dumas vs. El Paso Eastlake, Field 2; Shallowater vs. Midland Christian, Field 3; Kermit JV vs. San Angelo Lake View JV, Field 4; Lee JV vs. Greenwood JV, Field 5; Big Spring vs. Presidio, Field 6; Odessa JV vs. Pecos JV, Field 7; Lubbock Coronado JV vs. Lubbock Christian, Field 8

11 a.m.

Lubbock Monterey JV vs. San Angelo Central JV, Field 2; Irving MacArthur vs. Andrews, Field 3; Pecos vs. San Angelo Lake View, Field 4; Colorado City vs. Fort Stockton, Field 5; Kermit vs. Shallowater, Field 6; Lee vs. El Paso Hanks, Field 7; Brownfield vs. Amarillo Palo Duro, Field 8

1 p.m.

Midland High JV vs. Presidio JV, Field 2; Monahans JV vs. Lubbock Christian, Field 3; Andrews JV vs. San Angelo Lake View JV, Field 4; Odessa High vs. Monahans, Field 5; Fort Stockton vs. Presidio, Field 6; Midland High vs. Alpine, Field 7; Coronado JV vs. Greenwood JV, Field 8

3 p.m.

Kermit JV vs. Lubbock Monterey JV, Field 2; Lee JV vs. Lubbock Christian, Field 3; Greenwood vs. San Angelo Lake View, Field 4; Midland Christian vs. Big Spring, Field 5; Colorado City vs. Alpine, Field 6; Dumas vs. Brownfield, Field 7; Coronado JV vs. Odessa JV, Field 8

5 p.m.

Midland High JV vs. Lubbock Monterey, Field 2; El Paso Eastlake vs. Pecos, Field 3; Pecos JV vs. San Angelo Central JV, Field 4; Shallowater vs. Amarillo Palo Duro, Field 5; Presidio JV vs. Andrews JV, Field 6; Midland High vs. El Paso Hanks, Field 7; Monahans JV vs. Odessa JV, Field 8

7 p.m.

Midland High JV vs. Andrews JV, Field 2; Kermit vs. Greenwood, Field 3; Lee JV vs. San Angelo Lake View, Field 4; Monahans vs. Midland Christian, Field 5; Odessa High vs. Andrews, Field 6; Lee vs. Irving MacArthur, Field 7; Greenwood JV vs. Kermit JV, Field 8

Saturday's Games

9 a.m.

Pecos JV vs. Kermit JV, Field 2; Lubbock Monterey JV vs. San Angelo Lake View JV, Field 3; Midland High JV vs. Lubbock Christian, Field 4; Odessa JV vs. Presidio JV, Field 5; Greenwood JV vs. San Angelo Central JV, Field 6; Lee JV vs. Monahans JV, Field 7; Amarillo Palo Duro vs. Midland Christian, Field 8

11 a.m.

Alpine vs. Pecos, Field 1; El Paso Hanks vs. Andrews, Field 2; Presidio vs. San Angelo Lake View, Field 3; Monahans vs. Sweetwater, Field 4; Midland High vs. Dumas, Field 5; Fort Stockton vs. Irving MacArthur, Field 6; Lee vs. El Paso Eastlake, Field 7; Andrews JV vs. Lubbock Coronado JV, Field 8

1 p.m.

Lubbock Monterey JV vs. Monahans JV, Field 1; Lubbock Christian vs. San Angelo Central JV, Field 2; Lee JV vs. Presidio JV, Field 3; Colorado City vs. Shallowater, Field 4; Big Spring vs. Greenwood, Field 5; Odessa High vs. Irving MacArthur, Field 6; Midland High JV vs. Kermit JV, Field 7; Kermit vs. Midland Christian, Field 8

3 p.m.

Lubbock Monterey JV vs. Odessa JV, Field 1; Fort Stockton vs. Brownfield, Field 2; Pecos JV vs. Greenwood JV, Field 3; El Paso Eastlake vs. Amarillo Palo Duro, Field 4; Lee vs. Alpine, Field 5; Monahans vs. El Paso Hanks, Field 6; Midland High vs. Andrews, Field 7; Lubbock Coronado JV vs. San Angelo Lake View JV, Field 8

5 p.m.

Andrews JV vs. Lubbock Christian, Field 1; Pecos vs. Brownfield, Field 2; San Angelo Lake View vs. Shallowater, Field 3; Odessa High vs. Colorado City, Field 4; Greenwood vs. Midland Christian, Field 5; Dumas vs. Big Spring, Field 6; Kermit vs. Presidio, Field 7; Lubbock Coronado JV vs. Pecos JV, Field 8

HS BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

CLASS 6A
Area

North Crowley (29-3, W4) vs. Amarillo High (9-14, T2), 6 p.m., Friday, Vernon

Abilene High (31-4, W3) vs. Lubbock Coronado (24-5, R2), 7 p.m. Friday, Big Spring

DeSoto (30-2, W8) vs. Hebron (22-10, T6), 7 p.m. Friday, Arlington HS

Duncanville (17-15, F8) vs. Justin Northwest (22-12, T5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Grapevine HS

Amarillo Tascosa (30-0, W2) vs. Arlington Bowie (20-12, T4), 7 p.m. Friday, Childress HS

El Paso Americas (31-1, W1) vs. Arlington Martin (25-6, R4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lamesa

Plano East (26-7, W6) vs. Cedar Hill (24-5, T8), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Coppell HS

Denton Guyer (30-2, W5) vs. South Grand Prairie (21-8, R8), TBA

CLASS 4A
Area

Seminole (19-6, W4) vs. Levelland (14-10, T2), 7 p.m., Friday, Cooper HS, Lubbock

San Elizario (17-9, W3) vs. Lamesa (24-7, R2), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Pecos HS

Bridgeport (23-7, W8) vs. Hirschi (20-11, R5), 8 p.m. Friday, Wichita Falls

Kennedale (22-12, W7) vs. Iowa Park (11-16, T5), 8 p.m. Friday, Jacksboro HS

Lubbock Estacado (W2) vs. Greenwood (8-23, T4), 6 p.m., Friday, Lamesa

Bushland (17-9, W1) vs. Monahans (10-12, R4), 8 p.m. Friday, United Supermarket Arena, Lubbock

Abilene Wylie (26-5, W6) vs. Midlothian Heritage (24-6, R7), 7 p.m. Friday, Brock HS

Burkburnett (18-6, W5) vs. Decatur (23-8, R8), 6:30 p.m., Wichita Falls

CLASS 3A
Area

Kermit (29-2, W4) vs. Muleshoe (T3), 7 p.m. Friday, Denver City HS

Brownfield (22-3, W3) vs. Littlefield (R2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Wolfforth Frenship HS

Eastland (W8) vs. Texas Leadership Charter Academy (21-8, T6), 7 p.m. Friday, Zephyr

Coleman (W7) vs. Tuscola Jim Ned (21-9, R6), 8 p.m. Friday, McMurry University, Abilene

Shallowater (W2) vs. Slaton (15-8, R3), 7 p.m., Friday, Coronado HS, Lubbock

Childress (27-1, W1) vs. Denver City (T3), 6 p.m. Friday, Wolfforth Frenship HS

Wall (23-6, W6) vs. Brady (R7), 7 p.m. today, Brownwood HS

Colorado City (22-7, W5) vs. Early (12-13, T7), 8 p.m. Friday, Clyde

CLASS 1A
Region II
Area

Borden County (W12) vs. Grandfalls-Royalty (T10), 6 p.m. Thursday, Andrews HS

Imperial Buena Vista (W11) vs. Sands (R11), 7 p.m. Friday, Permian Fieldhouse

Menard (W16) vs. Garden City (17-10, T14), 6:30 p.m. Friday, San Angelo Lake View HS

Water Valley (23-3, W14) vs. Eula (R15), 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Winters

Grady (27-4, W11) vs. Wink (R10), 6 p.m. Friday, Seminole HS

Balmorhea (W9) vs. Klondike (T11), 6 p.m., Friday, Andrews HS

May (W15) vs. Bronte (R14), 7 p.m. Friday, Coleman HS

Jayton vs. Baird (T15), 6 p.m. Friday, McMurry University, Abilene

HS GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

CLASS 6A
Area

Arlington Bowie (W4, 25-8) 65, Frenship 59

Lee (W3, 26-4) 61, Amarillo Tascosa 53

Duncanville (W8, 34-0) 47, Flower Mound 38

Plano (R6, 26-9) 64, DeSoto 43

Amarillo (W2, 31-4) 61, Arlington Lamar 39

El Paso Franklin (W1, 27-3) 60, Weatherford 49

Plano West (W6, 31-4) 65, South Grand Prairie 52

Cedar Hill (R8, 27-7) 54, Keller 47

Regional quarterfinals

Lee (W3, 26-4) 51, Arlington Bowie 49

Duncanville (W8, 35-0) 74, Plano 46

Amarillo High (W2, 32-4) 53, El Paso Franklin 43

Plano West (W6, 32-4) 59, Cedar Hill 57

Regional semifinals

Lee (W3, 27-4) vs. Duncanville (W8, 35-0), 6 p.m., Friday, Wilkerson-Greines AC, Ft. Worth

Amarillo (W2, 32-4) vs. Plano West (W6, 32-4), 8 p.m., Friday, Wilkerson-Greines AC, Ft. Worth

CLASS 4A
Area

Greenwood (W4, 24-11) 53, Borger 21

Estacado (R2, 18-15) 60, Fabens 38

Stephenville (T6, 17-16) 51, Brideport 36

Brownwood (R6, 24-7) 51, Godley 47

Levelland (W2, 26-8) 64, Clint Mountain View 26

Seminole (R4, 21-12) 57, Bushland 46

Abilene Wylie (W6, 27-5) 57, Kennedale 51

Burkburnett (W5, 17-11) 28, Decatur 20

Regional quarterfinals

Greenwood (W4, 24-11) 51, Lubbock Estacado 42

Brownwood (R6, 23-7) 48, Stephenville 42

Seminole (R4, 22-12) 47, Levelland 34

Abilene Wylie (W6, 27-5) 61, Burkburnett 31

Regional semifinals

Greenwood (W4, 25-11) vs. Brownwood (R6, 24-7), 7 p.m., Friday, Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock

Seminole (R4, 23-12) vs. Abilene Wylie (W6, 28-5), 8:30 p.m., Friday, Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock

CLASS 3A
Area

Dimmitt (T2, 16-15) 47, Roosevelt 35

Idalou (W3, 26-7) 56, Littlefield (R2, 26-7) 47

Clyde (W8, 19-14) 30, Merkel 28

Tuscola Jim Ned (R6, 24-10) 51, Eastland 28

Shallowater (W2, 30-4) 37, Brownfield 26

Denver City (T3) 60, Amarillo Highland Park 26

Wall (W6, 30-4) 71, Dublin 36

Colorado (W5, 22-5) 45, Cisco 23

Regional quarterfinals

Idalou (W3, 26-7) 45, Dimmitt 38

Tuscola Jim Ned (R6, 24-10) 50, Clyde 34

Denver City (T3, 17-13) 50, Shallowater 44

Wall (W6, 29-4) 55, Colorado City 27

Regional semifinals

Idalou (W3, 27-7) vs. Tuscola Jim Ned (R6, 25-10), 6 p.m., Friday, Chap Center

Denver City (T3, 18-13) vs. Wall (W6, 30-4), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Chap Center

CLASS 2A
Area

Canadian (R1, 25-5) 59, Abernathy 35

Panhandle (W3, 31-1) 69, Stratford 50

Christoval (W8, 30-5) 63, Tahoka 37

Smyer (T5, 23-9) 57, Haskell 26

Wellington (W2, 27-4) 46, Farwell 39

Gruver (W1, 28-4) 50, Claude 44

Sudan (F5) 47, Miles 45

Sundown (W5, 30-6) 41, Irion County 40

Regional quarterfinals

Sudan (F5) 47, Sundown 42

Panhandle (W3, 31-1) 60, Canadian 57

Christoval (W8, 30-5) 56, Smyer 48

Gruver (W1, 28-4) 39, Wellington 34

Regional semifinals

Sudan (F5) vs. Panhandle (W3, 32-1), 6:30 p.m., Friday, Texan Dome, Levelland

Christoval (W8, 31-5) vs. Gruver (W1, 29-4), 8 p.m., Friday, Texan Dome, Levelland

CLASS 1A
Region II
Area

Roscoe Highland (W12) 74, Balmorhea 23

Grady (R11, 21-10) 76, Rankin 30

Richland Springs (W16, 24-4) 71, Jayton 49

Eula (R15, 23-8) 38, Garden City 32

O'Donnell (W11, 26-7) 86, Marfa 43

Klondike (T11) 47, Fort Davis 34

May (W15) 38, Robert Lee 35

Roby (W13) 75, Menard 67

Regional quarterfinals

Grady (R11, 21-10) 53, Roscoe Highland 49

Eula 35 (R15, 23-8), Richland Springs 34

O'Donnell (W11) 50, Klondike 42

Roby (W13, 28-2) 50, May 41

Regional semifinals

Grady (R11, 22-10) vs. Eula (R15, 24-8), 6 p.m., Friday, Moody Coliseum, Abilene

O'Donnell vs. Roby (W13, 29-2), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Moody Coliseum, Abilene

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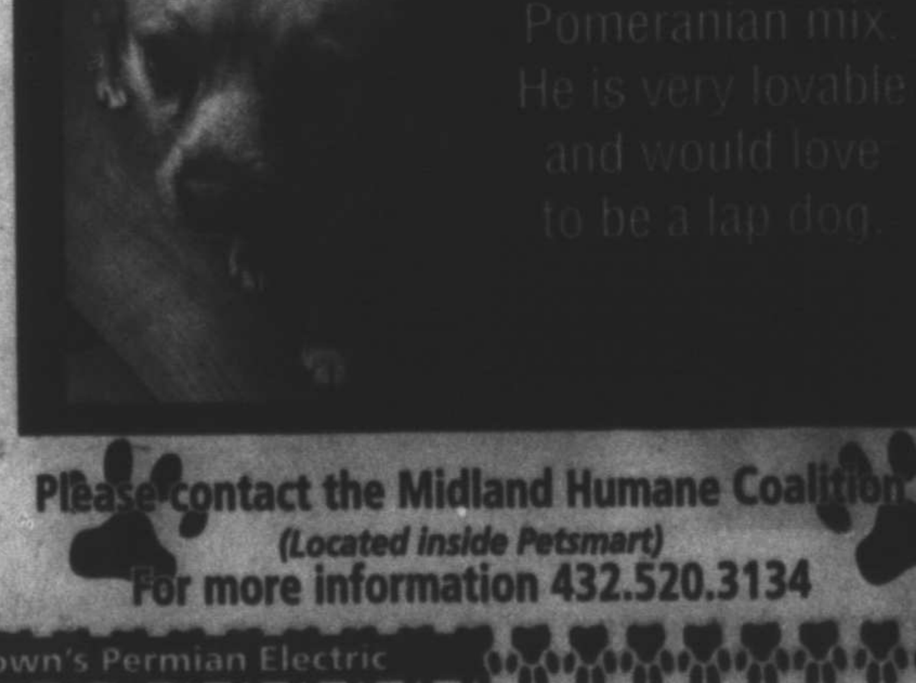

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Grady rejuvenated after overcoming old hurdle

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"We're 22-10 but I've always been a coach who likes to schedule tough. As the old saying goes, 'iron sharpens iron', and I really believe that. You don't want to play a bunch of teams that are easy because you get a false sense of who you really are. You need to get beat down every now and then to figure out what you need to do to get better. When you go up against good teams, you figure out what you can and can't do."

Jimmy Avery, Grady head coach

Grady coach Jimmy Avery described the feeling as a moment of pure joy.

It is that moment that Grady had of accomplishing a goal and defeating a team that had given it trouble in the past.

Roscoe Highland had knocked the Lady Wildcats out of the playoffs last year in a decisive outcome. But in the rematch on Tuesday, it was a different story.

Grady stormed back from an eight-point halftime deficit to beat Highland, 53-49, and advance to the Region II IA Tournament for the first time in four years. The Lady Wildcats (22-10) face Eula (24-8) in a regional semifinal game at 6 p.m. today at Abilene's Moody Coliseum.

"That was huge," said Avery of beating Highland. "They beat us by (17) the year before with pretty much the same kids and it was just a great feeling. If you ever had a moment of pure joy, that was it for me and the kids. The kids just thought back to how hard they've been working for this moment."

While Grady making it to the regional tournament may have surprised some, this is what Avery was hoping for when he put together a challenging schedule this season.

"We're 22-10 but I've always been a coach who likes to schedule tough," he said. "As the old saying goes, 'iron sharpens iron', and I really believe that. You don't want to play a bunch of teams that are easy because you get a false sense of who you really are. You need to get beat down every now and then to figure out what you need to do to get better. When you go up against good teams, you figure out what you can and can't do."

Avery added that his team's chemistry has made it easier for it to be coached and be successful.

"I pretty much only play six girls and they all get along and encourage each other," he said. "There's no bickering, no arguing, it's just good chemistry. That really helps."

While Eula, which knocked off No. 1 Garden City in the area round, provides plenty of challenges for the Lady Wildcats, Avery said the concentration should be how his team performs.

"I'm a John Wooden kind of guy," said Avery, referring to the legendary UCLA coach. "He always said, 'Don't worry about your opponent. You really want to worry about what you need to do when you get into the game.' We need to worry about trying to play defense, rebound and execute."

Those are ingredients the Lady Wildcats hope will get them to the state tournament.

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The game

REGION II 1A SEMIFINAL
GRADY VS. EULA
When/where: 6 p.m., Moody Coliseum, Abilene
Records: Grady 22-10; Eula 24-8
Road to regionals: Grady, def. Borden County 70-41; def. Rankin 76-30; def. Roscoe Highland 53-49. Eula, def. Rochelle 37-30; def. Garden City 38-32; def. Richland Springs 35-34

Notes & quotes: Grady trailed Highland 37-29 at the half on Tuesday before the Lady Wildcats used a 16-6 run in the third quarter to take the lead and the momentum. "We made a few adjustments and we just stepped up defensively in the second half and hit the board hard," Grady coach Jimmy Avery said. "I always tell the girls that the team which plays the best defense and rebounds has the best chance to win each game. We just executed well and things went our way." ... Carli Richards led the Lady Wildcats with 19 points and Emilee Vogler added 12 in the win. ... Avery said he likes the way his team is playing heading into the tournament. "It's there for the taking if we want it bad enough," he said.
Next: Winner faces O'Donnell-Roby winner, 6:30 p.m. today

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Wall's **Maddi Chitsey** (42) and Hannah Carr (30) try to snag a rebound from Canadian's Madisian Smith (2) during the Region 1-2A girls basketball tournament semifinal in 2015 at Chaparral Center.

HIGHSCHOOLBASKETBALLCAPSULES

FROM STAFF REPORTS

CLASS 4A AREA
GREENWOOD VS.
LUBBOCK ESTACADO
When/where: 6 p.m. today, Lamesa Middle School, Lamesa
Records: Greenwood 9-23; Lubbock Estacado 23-7
Last game: Greenwood 71, Fabens 67 in bi-district round, Tuesday; Lubbock Estacado 68, Perryton 40 in bi-district round, Tuesday
Notes: The Rangers played one of their best offensive games of the season in their win against Fabens on Friday. Junior point guard Sam Magallan exploded for a career-high 38 points, while junior forward Blake Elliott added 20. ... Greenwood head coach Paul Hartman was excited about the program's first playoff win in three years. But he wasn't pleased with his team's fourth quarter defense against Fabens. Greenwood led, 45-32 after three quarters of play, but then surrendered a whopping 35 points in the final frame. The Rangers did enough to hang on for the victory, but Hartman said his players will have to play tougher in the final eight minutes if it wants to compete with a strong Estacado squad. ... Greenwood is making its first appearance in the area round since the 2012-13 season. That year, the Rangers advanced all the way to the regional semifinal game, where it fell, 59-41 to Hirschi. ... Estacado advanced to the regional semifinal last season before falling to Abilene Wylie, 68-60.
Next: Winner plays winner of Bushland-Monahans, TBA in regional quarterfinal

REGION II
CLASS 1A AREA
NO. 3 GRADY VS. WINK
When/where: 6 p.m. today, Seminole HS
Records: Grady 27-4; Wink 15-8
Last game: Grady, bye; Wink 59, Fort Davis 39 in bi-district round, Monday
Notes: It's a battle of the Wildcats in the Region II-A area round. ... No. 3 Grady, which fell to Texline in last year's state final, began its 2015-16 playoff run with a first-round bye, courtesy of winning District 11-A with a 12-0 record. Meanwhile, Wink, the No. 2 seed out of District 10-A, is coming off a 20-point win against Fort Davis in the bi-district round. ... Grady is led by 6-foot-2 junior forward Jalen Short, the son of first-year head coach Chris Short. But the Wildcats' also feature a capable cast of other scorers with plenty of playoff experience, including Braeden Jones, Kyle Garza, Cole Avery and Alejandro Jimenez.
Next: Winner plays winner of Balmorhea-Klondike, TBA in regional quarterfinal

REGION 11
CLASS 1A AREA
GARDEN CITY VS. NO. 11 MENARD
When/where: 6:30 p.m. today, San Angelo Lake View HS
Records: Garden City 17-10; Menard 23-5
Last game: Garden City 63, Aspermont 45 in bi-district round, Tuesday; Menard, bye
Notes: The Bearkats enter today's area matchup as the No. 2 seed out of District 14-A and toppled a respectable Aspermont squad by 18 points in the bi-district round on Tuesday. ... Garden City got a game-high 22 points from guard Tanner Davis, as well as 20 points from forward Ethan Goodwin in the victory. ... The Bearkats will likely need a similar scoring output from their top two players when they take on No. 11-ranked Menard, which fell, 58-46, to No. 3 Grady in last year's regional final.
Next: Winner plays winner of Water Valley-Eula, TBA in regional quarterfinal

DENVER CITY

From 1C

that being here a few times has to have some benefit for his program.

"It kind of gives you an understanding of the atmosphere," Cooley said. "I also feel we're peaking at the right time."

Despite the other teams' experience of being here, Brown said his team is ready for the challenge and is very hungry to reach its goals.

"The feeling of not making the playoffs last year stuck with us and that motivated and pushed us," Brown said. "All we kept saying to ourselves was 'keep getting better'. Once we started playing and having success, the girls started believing in themselves."

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Region I-3A Glance
At Chaparral Center
Today's Semifinals
Idalou (W3; 27-7) vs. Tuscola Jim Ned (R6; 25-10); 6 p.m.
Denver City (T3; 21-11) vs. Wall (W6; 30-4; 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's Final
Semifinal winners; 1 p.m.

KARCHER

From 1C

a well-rounded offensive weapon.

Even though Karcher has been on a scoring spree for GHS, she believes her high point totals are the result of her teammates' efforts in creating turnovers on defense.

"Every one works together and usually I'm the furthest down on the court so I will get the ball and I will go lay it up," Karcher said. "It's just everyone is working as a team right now."

Karcher's journey to playoff success took a rough and bumpy road early in the season.

The Rangerettes' shooting guard suffered a concussion in her team's second scrimmage, which not only forced her to miss games, but the head injury affected her play on the court when she returned.

"I had that subconscious fear of being out again," Karcher said. "I wanted to avoid any contact with my head so I wouldn't drive as often or as hard as I did last year in the beginning of the year because I was afraid I was going to hurt it and I would be out again and I hate being out.

"We got over that — me, Coach Anthony, a lot of the girls helped me through that. They were very encouraging, (they said) 'just drive, do your best, go your hardest, you will be OK.' They helped me pull through that hard time."

Karcher eventually got back into a groove on the court, which has helped Greenwood get on a roll as it has won 13 of 14 games heading into today's regional tournament.

"I know that I have my teammates behind me, my coaches behind me and an amazing community behind me," Karcher said. "I think if we do it together and we all come together, we will go as far as we want to go."

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The game

CLASS 4A REGIONAL SEMIFINAL
GREENWOOD VS. BROWNWOOD
When/where: 7 p.m. today, Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock
Records: Greenwood 25-11; Brownwood 25-7
Last game: Greenwood 51, Lubbock Estacado 42, regional quarterfinal; Brownwood 48, Stephenville 42, regional quarterfinal
Notes: Brownwood was ranked No. 25 in the final TABC Class 4A poll. ... Point guard Trejour Wilson, a 6-foot-2 senior, leads the Lady Lions with a whopping 20.2 points per game. ... GHS and Brownwood used to schedule each other in non-district play in years past so Rangerettes head coach Quint Anthony is very familiar with their style. "Coach (Heather) Hohertz, I've known her for a long time," Anthony said. "... They are going to be very tough defensively. They always are." ... The Region 1-4A Tournament features the top two teams from both District 4-4A(Greenwood and Seminole) and District 4-6A (Abilene Wylie and Brownwood). Wylie was ranked No. 7 in the final TABC poll and features Texas Tech commit Brittany Brewer, a 6-foot-4 post. "We're going to have our hands full, but I think we're ready to take on any challenge that comes our way," Anthony said of the regional tournament field.
Next: Winner plays Abilene Wylie-Seminole winner, 6 p.m. Saturday, Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock

NIBLETT

From 1C

they have taken on her coach's stubbornness and resiliency on the court.

The Lee junior also credits Ramirez for molding her into a better person.

Niblett, who is raised by her single mother Shaun, says she can relate to Ramirez because she was raised by a single mom as well.

"Her moving to Midland and being the coach for this program, I feel like that was the best thing to happen to my life actually to be honest," Niblett said. "I used to be a troubled kid, in the street, doing this, doing that. Coach Ramirez always told me, 'I know you're not a quitter.' She was always in my corner when others weren't."

Ramirez calls Niblett a very intelligent girl, and today she will depend on her to keep up the flow of Lee's starters when she comes off the bench as the sixth man.

"As far as her being a sixth man, I think all season long she has earned that title and I think she wears it well," Ramirez said.

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The game

CLASS 6A REGIONAL SEMIFINAL
LEE VS. DUNCANVILLE
When/where: 6 p.m. today, Wilkerson-Greines Activity Center, Fort Worth
Records: Lee 27-4; Duncanville 35-0
Last game: Lee 51, Arlington Bowie 49, regional quarterfinal; Duncanville 79, Plano 47, regional quarterfinal
Notes: Duncanville not only concluded the regular season as the No. 1 ranked team in the TABC Class 6A poll, but it's ranked No. 2 in USA Today's national poll. Lady Panthers post Ciera Johnson, a 6-foot-4 senior, is a five-star prospect according to ESPN and has committed to play at Louisville. Duncanville sophomore guard Green is rated by ESPN as a five-star prospect in its Class of 2018 rankings. "I think most of the time from what I gather about them and anybody else in the top 5 to 10, teams that play them do more self-destructing than they do defeating them," Lee head coach Monica Ramirez said of Duncanville. "When you refuse to play your game and you play outside of your game, just because you're playing Duncanville, Duncanville doesn't have to do much. That's going to be probably be my first order of business is to neutralize that. They need to play their game. We have to play our game. If we play our game, we can be in the game." ... The Lady Rebels are riding a 13-game winning streak heading into the regional tournament. "They got this far because they depend on each other and there's a lot of strong personalities on this team and there's a lot of competitive nature on this team," Ramirez said. "So at any point when any of them drops the ball, there's another one there to pick it up."
Next: Winner plays Amarillo-Plano West winner, 1 p.m. Saturday, Wilkerson-Greines Activity Center, Fort Worth

TOURNEY CAPSULES

The Teams

No. 2 WALL
Coach: Tate Lombard
District: 6-3A
Record: 30-4
Road to regionals: def. Coahoma, 57-10; def. Dublin, 71-36; def. Colorado City, 55-27.
Players to watch: 6-foot-1 senior P Maddi Chitsey (14 ppg), senior P Macy Gulley (9 ppg), senior PG Hannah Carr, junior F Emmy Phillips
Notes: Lombard said Denver City has some talented guards who have been shooting the ball really well, solid post players and has been playing well on both ends of the floor. He added that his team will have to play well to beat the Lady Mustangs. ... Lombard said a key to his team's success has been its chemistry. "Everybody gets along and the girls enjoy playing together," Lombard said. "They are playing for the girl next to them. We could tell early on that they liked being around each other and it has only gotten stronger as the season has gone on."

NO. 13 JIM NED
Coach: Hunter Cooley
District: 6-3A
Record: 25-10
Road to regionals: def Stanton, 64-33; def. Eastland, 51-28; def. Clyde, 50-34
Players to watch: junior P Halle Cooley (11 ppg), junior PG Rylee Crawford (7 ppg), senior G Savannah Heath (6 ppg), Sophomore Torey Bradshaw (10.3 ppg), junior G Ryan Bush (7 ppg)
Notes: Jim Ned's game against Idalou is a rematch of last year's thriller in which Idalou won 44-40 in overtime. ... Cooley said Idalou's post player Rachel Zahn and guard Courtney Hurst are two players his team must contain, but added that it's going to be critical to rebound and execute on offense. ... Cooley said he had seven girls graduate from last year's team and has only one senior on the roster in Heath. "That senior has stepped up in a leadership role and we have a bunch of younger players who are juniors and sophomores who are pretty special," Cooley said. "All the girls have been playing together and have been playing the same style for a long time, so that continuity within the program sure helps."

NO. 19 IDALOU
Coach: Tyler Helms
District: 3-3A
Record: 27-7
Road to regionals: def Alpine, 74-20; def. Littlefield, 56-47; def. Dimmitt, 45-38
Players to watch: senior P Rachel Zahn (7 ppg, 11 rpg), senior PG Courtney Hurst, G senior Andrea Conklin
Notes: Having played Jim Ned in last year's regional tournament, Helms is familiar with the Lady Indians. "They're at the regional tournament every year, they're guard oriented and they try to get into the full court and try to get into transition," Helms said. "We need to use the experience that we have had to play well." ... Helms said his team is pretty balanced across the board scoring-wise and very steady on both ends of the floor.

DENVER CITY
Coach: Cody Brown
District: District 3
Record: 21-11
Road to regionals: def Presidio, 54-36; def. Amarillo Highland Park, 60-26; def. Shallowater, 50-44
Players to watch: sophomore PG Arielle Adams (8 ppg), sophomore G Morgan Dial (7 ppg), senior G Kelsey Delarosa, freshman G Holly Hemmeline (8 ppg)
Notes: This is the first regional tournament appearance in the program's history. ... Brown said the key to playing against Wall is not to be intimidated. "Wall is one of those programs that's always at the regional tournament, so they don't step on the court afraid," Brown said. "I think when you step on the court, you need to be ready to play against them and not be afraid."

HISTORY

Girls Region I-2A/I-3A Tournament history at Chaparral Center

2005
Semifinals
(W6) 45, Wall (W2) 35
Canadian (W7) 42, Ballinger (W3) 36
Final
Canadian 48, Tulia 43
(Canadian went on to be state runner-up.)

2006
Semifinals
Wall (W2) 29, Panhandle (R7) 27
Tahoka (T5) 43, Jim Ned (W3) 42
Final
Wall 55, Tahoka 40
(Wall went on to be state runner-up.)

2007
Semifinals
Panhandle (R1) 49, Ballinger (W6) 48
Merkel (W5) 61, Shallowater (W3) 52
Final
Panhandle 53, Merkel 49
(Panhandle lost in the state semifinals.)

2008
Semifinals
Jim Ned (W6) 47, Slaton (W4) 44
Wall (R6) 48, Panhandle (W1) 46
Final
Jim Ned 50, Wall 44
(Jim Ned went on to win state title.)

2009
Semifinals
Shallowater (R3) 56, Wall (R7) 48
Bowie (W5) 53, Abernathy (W3) 41
Final
Bowie 63, Shallowater 60
(Bowie lost in the state semifinals.)

2010
Semifinals
Idalou (R3) 54, Early (W8) 39
Wall (W7) 75, Shallowater (W3) 61
Final
Wall 58, Idalou 37
(Wall went on to be state runner up.)

2011
Semifinals
San Saba (T6) 65, Dimmitt (T2) 50
Hico (R6) 45, Spearman (W1) 44
Final
San Saba 50, Hico 41
(San Saba lost in the state semifinals.)

2012
Semifinals
Jim Ned (R5) 57, Tulia (W2) 55
Wall (W7) 57, Spearman (W1) 54
Final
Jim Ned 35, Wall 27

2013
Semifinals
Wall (W8) 38, Childress (R3) 30
Merkel (W7) 37, Idalou (W3) 34
Final
Merkel 48, Wall 30

2014
Semifinals
Jim Ned (R6) 39, Slaton (R3) 35
Wall (W6) 43, Canadian (W1) 27
Final
Wall 47, Jim Ned 27
(Wall went on to win the state championship)

2015 semifinals
Idalou (W3) 44, Jim Ned (R6) 40, OT
Shallowater (W2) 40, Wall (W6) 34
Final
Shallowater 48, Idalou 26
(Shallowater went on to be state runner-up)

Number of appearances

Wall	9
Jim Ned	6
Shallowater	4
Idalou	4
Panhandle	3
Spearman	2
Tulia	2
Ballinger	2
Merkel	2
Slaton	2
Canadian	2
Hico	1
San Saba	1
Dimmitt	1
Tahoka	1
Bowie	1
Childress	1
Denver City	1

HSBASEBALL

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MHS WINS 2 IN ROUND ROCK

ROUND ROCK — The Midland High baseball team opened its season on a high note by beating Austin High and Rockwall, Thursday at the Round Rock Tournament.

The Bulldogs bested Austin High, 5-1 in the first game. MHS then overwhelmed Rockwall, 10-0 in five innings in the second game.

Brady Bolger got the start for MHS (2-0) against Austin High and tossed a one-hit complete game. The Bulldogs led, 1-0 before breaking the game open with a four-run outburst in the bottom of the fourth.

Against Rockwall, Jacob Mata took the hill for MHS and stymied the Yellowjackets with a three-hit, nine-strikeout outing. The Bulldogs' offense supported him with a decisive six-run third inning en route to the win.

MHS continues tournament play today when it faces Austin Anderson at 10 a.m. and then No. 21 Belton at 4 p.m.

MIDLAND HIGH 5, AUSTIN HIGH 1
Austin High ... 000 010 0 —1 1 0
MHS ... 001 400 X —5 9 1
Brady Bolger and Cole Dickie. Nick Clauser, Elijah Lopez (5) and Collin Ozdil. W — Bolger (1-0). L — Clausen. 2B — MHS: Cort Hale, Jacob Mata, Jackson Anuszkiewicz

MIDLAND HIGH 10, ROCKWALL 0, 5 INNINGS
Belton ... 000 00 —0 3 3
MHS ... 016 21—10 9 0
Jacob Mata and Cole Dickie. Brooks Helmer, Mason Best (3) and Nick Colacecchi. W — Mata (1-0). L — Helmer. 2B — MHS: Ethan Barker. Rockwall: Brooks Helmer. 3B — MHS: Jaxon Hallmark.
Record: MHS 2-0
Next: MHS vs. Austin Anderson, 10 a.m. today; MHS vs. No. 21 Belton, 4 p.m. today

LEE TOPS NO. 10 HEBRON IN OPENER

LEWISVILLE — Behind a complete game, four-hit performance on the mound from Evan Mata, the Lee baseball team opened the season with a 6-1 victory against No. 10-ranked Hebron, Thursday at the Lewisville Tournament.

The Rebels broke open a scoreless game in the top of the third inning with three runs and then plated two more in the top of the sixth. Lee cranked out 11 hits in the win.

The Rebels (1-0) continue tournament play today against No. 4-ranked Arlington Martin at 4 p.m. and will then take on Lewisville High at 6:30 p.m.

LEE 6, NO. 10 HEBRON 1
Lee ... 003 002 1 —611 0
Hebron ... 000 010 0 —1 4 2
Evan Mata and Hunter Coleman. Harrison Hoffman, Jake Gerard (6) and Michael Nuestifier. W — Mata (1-0). L — Hoffman. 2B — Hebron: Michael Lloyd. 3B — Lee: Hunter Coleman. Hebron: Michael Lloyd.
Record: Lee 1-0
Next: Lee vs. No. 4 Arlington Martin, 4 p.m. today; Lee vs. Lewisville High, 6:30 p.m. today

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WARRIORS 130 MAGIC 114

ORLANDO, Fla. — Stephen Curry scored 51 points and set an NBA record with a 3-pointer in his 128th consecutive game as the Golden State Warriors beat the Orlando Magic 130-114 on Thursday night.

A night after scoring 42 in a six-point victory at Miami, Curry made 20 of 27 shots from the field, going 10 of 15 on 3-pointers. The Warriors pulled away in the closing minutes of the third quarter, with Curry banking in a 44-foot shot at the buzzer for a 99-91 lead.

PELICANS 123 THUNDER 119

NEW ORLEANS — Anthony Davis scored 30 points and blocked four shots, three Pelicans reserves combined for 60 points, and New Orleans beat Oklahoma City.

Ryan Anderson scored 26 points in a little less than 26 minutes off the bench, while Jrue Holiday added 22 points, also in fewer than 26 minutes. Backup point guard Toney Douglas scored 12 points in 14 minutes, with 10 points coming in the fourth quarter.

CELTICS 112 BUCKS 107

BOSTON — Isaiah Thomas scored 27 points, including eight in the fourth quarter, and Boston beat Milwaukee for its ninth straight home victory.

Jae Crowder added 20 points and eight rebounds. Avery Bradley finished with 18 points. All five Boston starters were in double figures.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	38	18	679	—
Boston	34	25	576	5½
New York	24	35	407	15½
Brooklyn	16	42	276	23
Philadelphia	8	49	140	30½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	32	25	561	—
Atlanta	31	27	534	1½
Charlotte	29	27	518	2½
Washington	26	30	464	5½
Orlando	25	31	446	6½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	41	15	732	—
Indiana	31	26	544	10½
Chicago	30	26	536	11
Detroit	29	29	500	13
Milwaukee	24	34	414	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	48	9	842	—
Memphis	33	23	589	14½
Dallas	30	28	517	18½
Houston	28	29	491	20
New Orleans	23	34	404	25

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	41	17	707	—
Portland	30	27	526	10½
Utah	28	28	500	12
Denver	23	35	397	18
Minnesota	18	40	310	23

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	52	5	912	—
L.A. Clippers	37	20	649	15
Sacramento	24	32	429	27½
Phoenix	14	44	241	38½
L.A. Lakers	11	48	186	42

Scores and schedule

Thursday's Scores
Golden State 130, Orlando 114
Boston 112, Milwaukee 107
New Orleans 123, Oklahoma City 119
Brooklyn 116, Phoenix 106
Houston at Portland, late
San Antonio at Utah, late

Today's Games
Charlotte at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Orlando at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Denver at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Memphis at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Armia scores 2, short-handed Jets beat Stars 6-3

Associated Press

DALLAS — Joel Armia scored twice to double his season total, and the short-handed Winnipeg Jets beat the Dallas Stars 6-3 on Thursday night.

Blake Wheeler and Toby Enstrom scored during Winnipeg's three-goal first period, and Mark Scheifele and Jacob Trouba scored in the three-goal third. Michael Hutchinson had 27 saves.

Jason Spezza had two goals for Dallas, including the tying score early in the third period, and Tyler Seguin also scored.

Antti Niemi gave up three goals on eight shots in the opening period, and Kari Lehtonen came on to start the second and finished with 17 saves.

Scheifele had the tie-breaking goal just under seven minutes into the third, and Armia made it 5-3 just 40 seconds later. Armia also had an assist on Trouba's score with 4:05 left.

The Jets were playing without former captain Andrew Ladd, traded to Chicago earlier in the day, and injured center Bryan Little.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	60	35	18	7	77	167	139
Tampa Bay	60	34	22	4	72	165	149
Boston	61	33	22	6	72	190	170
Detroit	61	30	20	11	71	153	158
Ottawa	61	29	26	6	64	176	187
Montreal	61	29	27	5	63	167	168
Buffalo	61	24	30	7	55	144	167
Toronto	59	21	28	10	52	145	176

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	59	44	11	4	92	197	137
N.Y. Rangers	61	35	20	6	76	175	156
N.Y. Islanders	58	32	19	7	71	168	145
Pittsburgh	59	30	21	8	68	155	156
New Jersey	62	30	25	7	67	139	149
Carolina	62	28	24	10	66	152	164
Philadelphia	60	27	22	11	65	148	163
Columbus	62	25	29	8	58	162	191

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	62	38	18	6	82	202	178
Chicago	63	38	20	5	81	177	151
St. Louis	63	35	19	9	79	157	152
Nashville	62	30	21	11	71	162	158
Colorado	63	32	27	4	68	169	176
Minnesota	61	27	24	10	64	159	155
Winnipeg	60	26	30	4	56	158	179

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	59	35	20	4	74	159	138
Anaheim	59	32	19	8	72	147	141
San Jose	59	32	21	6	70	177	161
Arizona	61	27	28	6	60	166	188
Vancouver	59	23	24	12	58	142	168
Calgary	59	26	30	3	55	161	182
Edmonton	61	22	33	6	50	151	188

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

Scores and schedule

Thursday's Scores
Philadelphia 3, Minnesota 2
Columbus 6, New Jersey 1
Toronto 3, Carolina 1
Florida 3, Arizona 2
N.Y. Rangers 2, St. Louis 1
Nashville 3, Chicago 1
Winnipeg 6, Dallas 3
N.Y. Islanders at Calgary, late
Ottawa at Vancouver, late
Edmonton at Los Angeles, late

Today's Games
Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Washington, 6 p.m.
Boston at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Edmonton at Anaheim, 9 p.m.
Buffalo at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

Chaps close out season with win against NMMI

From staff reports

ROSWELL, N.M. — Travaun Coad had a game-high 34 points to help the Midland College men's basketball team to a season-ending 91-88 victory over New Mexico Military Institute at the Cahoon Armory on Thursday.

The Chaparrals finished the year at 21-9 overall and 9-7 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference, good enough for fifth place in the final regular season standings. The win also snapped a three-game losing streak.

NMMI (9-20, 1-15) led at the half, 46-39, before MC made its comeback.

WJCAC men's basketball

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
xy-Odessa College	13	3	24	5
x-South Plains	12	4	21	8
x-New Mexico JC	11	5	21	9
x-Frank Phillips	10	6	21	9
Midland College	9	7	21	9
Western Texas	8	8	17	13
Howard College	6	10	16	14
Clarendon College	2	14	14	16
NMMI	1	15	9	20

x-clinched Region V Tournament berth
y-clinched WJCAC title

Thursday's Scores
Midland College 91, New Mexico Military Institute 88; Western Texas College 98, South Plains College 90; Odessa College 102, Frank Phillips College 70; New Mexico JC 83, Howard College 76; Clarendon College was open
End of regular season

WJCAC women's basketball

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
xy-New Mexico JC	14	0	27	2
x-Midland College	11	3	24	5
x-South Plains	8	6	20	8
x-Odessa College	8	6	19	9
Howard College	7	7	18	12
Western Texas	5	9	18	11
Frank Phillips	3	11	10	15
Clarendon College	0	14	5	25

x-clinched Region V Tournament berth
y-clinched WJCAC title

Thursday's Scores
South Plains College 59, Western Texas College 56; Odessa College 75, Frank Phillips College 47; New Mexico JC 59, Howard College 51; Midland College and Clarendon College were open
End of regular season

Coad, the sophomore transfer from Lackawanna Community College, was also 6 of 9 from 3-point range and 10 of 13 at the free-throw line.

Sophomore Daeshon Francis added 28 points, 10 rebounds and five assists, and fellow sophomore Norbertas "Gee" Giga had 11 points and a game-high 14 rebounds.

Taylor Breck had 26 points for the Broncos, Chancellor Ellis had 19 and Nehemian Mabson added 17.

MIDLAND COLLEGE 91, NEW MEXICO MILITARY 88

Midland College (21-9, 9-7) — William Tchiengang 1-2 2-4 4, Simmons 2-13 3-4 7, Kendall Rollins 0-1 0-0 0, Bryce Ervin 0-2 0-0 0, Solomon Hainna 1-3 4-4 7, Norbertas Giga 3-10 5-6 11, Travaun Coad 9-14 10-13 34, James McPherson 0-2 0-0 0, Daeshon Francis 8-15 11-13 28. Totals 24-62 35-44 91

NMMI (9-20, 1-15) — Chaz Lassiter 2-2 0-0 4, Chancellor Ellis 5-10 4-4 19, Moe Niang 0-1 0-0 0, Emmanuel Kema 2-10 2-2 6, Taylor Breck 11-17 1-1 26, DeMarco Enoch 4-8 0-0 8, T'alai Jospeh 0-0 0-0 0, Rashad Wattie 3-4 2-4 8, Nehemiag Mabson 7-22 2-5 17. Totals 34-74 11-17 88

Halftime — NMMI 46, MC 39. 3-point goals — MC 8-20 (Coad 6-9, Hainna 1-1, Francis 1-4, Simmons 0-4, McPherson 0-1), NMMI 9-29 (Ellis 5-9, Breck 3-6, Mabson 1-7, Enoch 0-1, Kema 0-6). Total fouls — MC 14, NMMI 28. Fouled out — Tchiengang, Lassiter, Wattie, Mabson. Technical fouls — NMMI bench. Rebounds — MC 43 (Giga 14, Francis 10), NMMI 34 (Breck 8). Assists — MC 14 (Francis 5), NMMI 21 (Wattie 6). Turnovers — MC 15, NMMI 13

Coach says entitlement a factor in her retirement

By Pat Eaton-Robb
Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. — SMU women's basketball coach Rhonda Rompola has said her decision to retire at age 55 is driven by a desire to spend more time with her husband.

But she acknowledges there is more to it than that.

Speaking with The Associated Press before Wednesday's 88-41 loss to top-ranked UConn, Rompola said the changing attitudes of student-athletes was another factor in her announcement this week that she will leave the school after 35 years there as a player and coach.

"Kids are not as coachable as they were years ago," she said. "I see kids sometimes talking back to their coaches and it's like a way of life. I'm just being honest. The rules and everything they get, they haven't taken time to appreciate. I was happy to have a scholarship. Kids nowadays are more concerned about when their next cost-of-attendance check is. It's just a different world."

She made it clear she's not talking specifically about her players, but players in general.

Rompola has led the Mustangs (12-15, 7-9 American Athletic) to a 438-315 record, nine 20-win seasons and seven NCAA Tournament berths during her 25 years as head coach. She said she loves the school and her players.

But rules changes, she said, have made the recruiting process more stressful, cut into her free time and given teenagers a sense of entitlement, she said.

She said she does not like the unlimited texting between coaches and high school juniors. And she especially doesn't like that schools are now giving kids "cost-of-attendance" scholarships, which go beyond just tuition, room and board. She said that has led to players shopping for the best payout.

"Kids are making decisions these days to go to a college based on what their cost-of-attendance check is, based on the meals they get, not based on academics, not based on what a great school it is," she said. "I just think the direction it's going is they are making (decisions) for the wrong reasons."

Rompola said she doesn't plan on getting another full-time job once she leaves coaching. She may stay involved in the game by doing some skills instruction for younger kids, she said.

But mostly she wants to golf, spend time at her lake house with her husband, former college coach Mike Dement and leave coaching behind.

"Maybe I'm old school," she said. "It's not necessarily what I signed up for and I'm not going to adjust my coaching to the way kids are these days. That's how it is these days, coaches having to adjust to kids, rather than kids having to adjust to coaches."

TEXASCOLLEGEROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

NO. 24 SMU 69 MEMPHIS 62

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Sterling Brown scored 14 points to help No. 24 SMU shake off pesky Memphis in a 69-62 victory Thursday night.

SMU leading scorer Nic Moore was held without a point in the first half, but his floater with less than a minute to play gave the Mustangs (23-4, 11-4 American Athletic Conference) a 65-62 lead. Moore finished with 12 points on 4-of-9 shooting.

Memphis led 57-56 until Shake Milton hit a 3-pointer and Brown a pair of free throws for a four-point SMU advantage.

Jeremiah Martin missed a corner shot that would have given Memphis a lead with less than a minute to go before Moore hit his floater. With his team up 65-62, Moore stole the ball and Brown drew an intentional foul and made two from the line.

Marcus Kennedy had 12 points and eight rebounds for SMU.

Dedric Lawson scored 18 for Memphis (15-13, 6-9), and Ricky Tarrant Jr. added 15 points and seven assists.

Memphis has taken some very disappointing losses lately, including to AAC cellar dwellers East Carolina and Tulane, and Saturday at South Florida.

Associated Press

SMU guard Sterling Brown (3) is fouled by Memphis forward Dedric Lawson in the second half of a game Thursday in Memphis, Tenn.

This one was more respectable.

Memphis led 57-56 on Trashon Burrell's bank shot with less than 7 minutes left before Milton hit his go-ahead 3.

Moore, who was averaging 16.8 points per game, made his first shot with 12:09 left. It was SUM's second 3-pointer of the game and it tied the score at 47.

Women

NO. 11 TEXAS A&M 57 AUBURN 49

AUBURN, Ala. — Courtney Walker and Khaalia Hillsman scored 16 points apiece and No. 11 Texas A&M pulled away in the fourth quarter to beat Auburn 57-49 on Thursday night for a season-high sixth-straight win.

With the victory, Texas A&M (21-7, 11-4 Southeastern Conference) clinched the No. 2 seed in the conference tournament, its highest mark in program history. The Aggies end their regular season against No. 15 Kentucky on Sunday.

Brandy Montgomery scored 13 points to lead Auburn (18-10, 8-7), which has lost two straight and concludes its season at Florida on Sunday.

Janiah McKay made a jumper and the Tigers had their last lead, 45-43 with 7:42 remaining. Walker answered with a jump shot and Hillsman added a layup as the Aggies closed on a 14-6 run to seal it. Walker scored four points and Courtney Williams added three of her seven points during the stretch.

The Aggies have won all eight meetings against Auburn.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL GLANCE

Thursday's scores

MEN

SOUTHWEST
Texas St. 71, Arkansas St. 60
UALR 72, Texas-Arlington 60

SOUTH
Charlotte 114, UTSA 108, 2OT
Coastal Carolina 68, Charleston Southern 60
Duke 80, Florida St. 65
E. Kentucky 76, Jacksonville St. 54
ETSU 80, Furman 75
Georgia Southern 88, Appalachian St. 63
Hofstra 70, UNC Wilmington 69
Kennesaw St. 73, Lipscomb 57
Louisiana-Lafayette 73, Troy 63
Louisiana-Monroe 66, South Alabama 59
Morehead St. 69, Tennessee Tech 59
North Florida 81, Jacksonville 80
Old Dominion 74, UTEP 53
Presbyterian 74, Longwood 73
Radford 60, Campbell 56
Rice 76, Southern Miss. 74, OT
SC-Upstate 72, NJIT 71
SMU 69, Memphis 62
Stetson 80, Florida Gulf Coast 73
UAB 95, Marshall 91
UConn 81, South Florida 51
UNC Asheville 73, Liberty 56
UNC Greensboro 92, The Citadel 63
UT Martin 72, Tennessee St. 56
VMI 91, Mercer 82
W. Carolina 53, Wofford 48
W. Kentucky 78, Middle Tennessee 72
William & Mary 75, Elon 65

FAR WEST
Montana 90, Idaho St. 77
Utah 81, Arizona St. 46
Weber St. 68, Montana St. 60

MIDWEST
Austin Peay 80, SIU-Edwardsville 75
Cleveland St. 63, N. Kentucky 58
Indiana 74, Illinois 47
Nebraska-Omaha 102, Oral Roberts 98
North Dakota 80, Portland St. 77
S. Dakota St. 71, N. Dakota St. 59
South Dakota 85, IUPUI 82
Wright St. 87, Youngstown St. 81

EAST
Canisius 65, Niagara 60
Drexel 74, Delaware 64
Fairleigh Dickinson 87, Mount St. Mary's 54
LIU Brooklyn 80, CCSU 74
Northeastern 58, Coll. of Charleston 57
Penn St. 58, Nebraska 55
Robert Morris 73, Sacred Heart 63
Seton Hall 70, Providence 52
St. Francis Brooklyn 79, Bryant 72
Towson 69, James Madison 67
Wagner 69, St. Francis (Pa.) 54

WOMEN

SOUTHWEST
Arkansas St. 87, Texas St. 50
Charlotte 64, UTSA 54
Louisiana Tech 78, North Texas 67
Oral Roberts 67, Nebraska-Omaha 58
Rice 76, Southern Miss. 74
UALR 49, Texas-Arlington 43

SOUTH
Alabama 54, Tennessee 46
Appalachian St. 68, Georgia Southern 62
Florida 82, LSU 56
Florida St. 56, NC State 52
Georgia 72, Arkansas 57
Kentucky 69, Missouri 59
Louisiana-Monroe 67, South Alabama 54
Louisville 79, Miami 51
Marshall 73, UAB 65
Maryland 83, Wisconsin 77
Mercer 80, Wofford 32
Mississippi St. 66, Vanderbilt 61
Northwestern St. 73, SE Louisiana 58
Samford 77, Furman 63
South Carolina 66, Mississippi 45
Texas A&M 57, Auburn 49
Troy 90, Louisiana-Lafayette 83
Virginia 72, North Carolina 68
Virginia Tech 54, Wake Forest 48
W. Kentucky 62, Middle Tennessee 51

FAR WEST
CS Bakersfield 76, Grand Canyon 67
Montana 62, Idaho St. 47
Saint Mary's (Cal) 78, Santa Clara 70
San Diego 58, Gonzaga 57

MIDWEST
Green Bay 70, Wright St. 55
IUPUI 63, S. Dakota St. 60
Milwaukee 78, N. Kentucky 71
Notre Dame 71, Clemson 52
Purdue 74, Rutgers 68, OT
S. Illinois 68, Illinois St. 55
South Dakota 90, IPFW 63
W. Illinois 100, N. Dakota St. 89

EAST
Albany (NY) 88, Mass.-Lowell 57
Canisius 54, Niagara 45
Georgia Tech 66, Pittsburgh 60
Monmouth (NJ) 76, Rider 61
Siena 60, Marist 56
Syracuse 71, Boston College 55
Vermont 63, New Hampshire 59

Today's schedules

MEN

MIDWEST
Detroit at Oakland, TBA
Bowling Green at Akron, 6 p.m.
Valparaiso at Milwaukee, 6 or 8 p.m.
Ill.-Chicago at Green Bay, 7 p.m.

EAST
Columbia at Princeton, 5 p.m.
Dartmouth at Brown, 6 p.m.
Iona at Manhattan, 6 p.m.
Quinnipiac at Marist, 6 p.m.
Cornell at Penn, 6 p.m.
Harvard at Yale, 6 p.m.
Rider at Monmouth (NJ), 8 p.m.

WOMEN

SOUTH
Delaware at Elon, 6 p.m.
James Madison at UNC Wilmington, 6 p.m.
Towson at William & Mary, 6 p.m.

FAR WEST
Arizona St. at Southern Cal, 8 p.m.
Oregon at California, 9 p.m.
Oregon St. at Stanford, 10 p.m.
Arizona at UCLA, 10 p.m.

MIDWEST
Evansville at Indiana St., 6:05 p.m.
Loyola of Chicago at Drake, 7 p.m.
Bradley at N. Iowa, 7 p.m.

EAST
Butler at Georgetown, 10 a.m.
Providence at St. John's, 10 a.m.
Fairfield at Quinnipiac, 4 p.m.
Princeton at Columbia, 6 p.m.
Penn at Cornell, 6 p.m.
Brown at Dartmouth, 6 p.m.
Yale at Harvard, 6 p.m.
Drexel at Hofstra, 6 p.m.
Coll. of Charleston at Northeastern, 6 p.m.
Manhattan at Saint Peter's, 6 p.m.
Creighton at Seton Hall, 6 p.m.
Xavier at Villanova, 8 p.m.

Top 25 fared

MEN

Thursday

1. Villanova (24-4) did not play. Next: at Marquette, Saturday.
2. Kansas (24-4) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Saturday.
3. Oklahoma (22-5) did not play. Next: at No. 25 Texas, Saturday.
3. Virginia (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 7 North Carolina, Saturday.
5. Xavier (25-3) did not play. Next: at Seton Hall, Sunday.
6. Michigan State (23-5) did not play. Next: vs. Penn State, Sunday.
7. North Carolina (23-5) did not play. Next: at No. 3 Virginia, Saturday.
8. Iowa (20-7) did not play. Next: at Ohio State, Sunday.
9. Arizona (22-6) did not play. Next: at No. 22 Utah, Saturday.
10. Maryland (23-5) did not play. Next: at No. 20 Purdue, Saturday.
11. Louisville (22-6) did not play. Next: at No. 12 Miami, Saturday.
12. Miami (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 11 Louisville, Saturday.
13. Oregon (22-6) did not play. Next: vs. Washington, Sunday.
14. West Virginia (21-7) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma State, Saturday.
15. Duke (21-7) beat Florida State 80-65. Next: at Pittsburgh, Sunday.
16. Kentucky (21-7) did not play. Next: at Vanderbilt, Saturday.
17. Iowa State (19-9) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas State, Saturday.
18. Indiana (23-6) beat Illinois 74-47. Next: at No. 8 Iowa, Tuesday.
19. Baylor (20-8) did not play. Next: at TCU, Saturday.
20. Purdue (21-7) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 Maryland, Saturday.
21. Texas A&M (21-7) did not play. Next: at Missouri, Saturday.
22. Utah (22-7) beat Arizona State 81-46. Next: vs. No. 9 Arizona, Saturday.
23. Notre Dame (19-8) did not play. Next: at Florida State, Saturday.
24. SMU (23-4) beat Memphis 69-62. Next: vs. Tulane, Sunday.
25. Texas (18-10) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Oklahoma, Saturday.

WOMEN

Thursday

1. UConn (27-0) did not play. Next: vs. Tulane, Saturday.
2. Notre Dame (27-1) beat Clemson 71-52. Next: vs. Boston College, Saturday.
3. South Carolina (27-1) beat Mississippi 66-45. Next: vs. LSU, Sunday.
4. Baylor (28-1) did not play. Next: at Kansas State, Saturday.
5. Ohio State (23-5) did not play. Next: at No. 20 Michigan State, Saturday.
6. Maryland (26-3) beat Wisconsin 83-77. Next: vs. Minnesota, Sunday.
7. Oregon State (24-3) did not play. Next: at No. 13 Stanford, Friday.
8. Texas (25-2) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Saturday.
9. Arizona State (24-4) did not play. Next: at Southern Cal, Friday.
10. Louisville (23-6) beat No. 17 Miami 79-51. Next: vs. Pittsburgh, Sunday.
11. Texas A&M (21-7) beat Auburn 57-49. Next: vs. No. 15 Kentucky, Sunday.
12. Florida State (22-6) beat N.C. State 56-52. Next: vs. No. 17 Miami, Sunday.
13. Stanford (22-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 7 Oregon State, Friday.
14. UCLA (20-7) did not play. Next: vs. Arizona, Friday.
15. Kentucky (20-6) beat No. 24 Missouri 69-59. Next: at No. 11 Texas A&M, Sunday.
16. Mississippi State (23-6) beat Vanderbilt 65-59. Next: vs. Alabama, Sunday.
17. Miami (22-6) lost to No. 10 Louisville 79-51. Next: at No. 12 Florida State, Sunday.
18. Syracuse (23-6) beat Boston College 71-55. Next: ACC Tournament.
19. DePaul (23-7) did not play. Next: at Marquette, Saturday.
20. Michigan State (21-7) did not play. Next: vs. No. 5 Ohio State, Saturday.
21. South Florida (20-7) did not play. Next: vs. Temple, Saturday.
22. Oklahoma State (20-7) did not play. Next: at West Virginia, Saturday.
23. Oklahoma (18-9) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa State, Saturday.
24. Missouri (21-7) lost to No. 15 Kentucky 69-59. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Sunday.
25. Colorado State (25-1) did not play. Next: vs. Nevada, Saturday.

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Last Man St (N)	Dr. Ken (N)	Shark Tank (N)		20/20		Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	The Amazing Race.				Hawaii Five-0 "Ka Pohaku Kihi Pa'a" (N)	Blue Bloods "Help Me Help You" (N)	CBS 7 News	(:35) Stephen Colbert		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Happy Days	Laverne & Shirley	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Lovers Leap"		Twilight Zone
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Sleepy Hollow "Sins of the Father" (N)		Second Chance "That Time in the Car" (N)		Fox 24 News	TMZ	2 Broke Girls	Modern Family	Two and Half Men	Met Your Mother
KMLM JND	11	12	12	11	11	Restore Zion	All About Us	Update News	Sondra Baras	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Update News	Shepherd's Heart		Faith for Families
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	NewsWest 9 Now	Caught on Camera "High Adventure" (N)		Dateline NBC Featuring quality investigative features and stories.				NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Wash. Week (N)	Charlie Rose (N)	In Performance at the White House (N)		American Masters "Fats Domino" (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		World News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Un camino hacia el destino		Antes muerta que lichita		Pasion y poder		El Hotel de los Secretos		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.		Contacto Deportivo
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Fam. Feud	Bones "The Finder"		Bones		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Office	Access H.
FLIX	340	575		165		(5:00) The Paper		★★★ Good Morning, Vietnam						(:05) ★★ Another Stakeout			★★ Metro
HBO	300	550	14	14		(4:25) Get on Up		★★★ Magic Mike XXL Channing Tatum.				Bill Maher (N)		Vice (N)	Animals.		Bill Maher
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	Vinyl "Pilot"				Vinyl		Real Sports		★★★★ Mad Max: Fury Road			
HBOS	304	552	16	102		(5:35) ★★ Divergent Shailene Woodley.				★ A Walk Among the Tombstones ('14, Act) Liam Neeson.							★★ Focus
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:35) Dumb and Dumber To			(:25)	★★ The Boy Next Door		★★★★ John Wick			(:45) Erotic Traveler		Erotic
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:15) ★★ Barbershop ('02, Com) Ice Cube.				★ Gone Girl ('14, Myst) Rosamund Pike, Ben Affleck.					(:35) ★★ Joe Dirt		David Spade.
PLEX			96			(5:35) Desolation ...		★★ Seems Like Old Times		(:45) ★★ Death Becomes Her					★★★ Escape From Alcatraz		
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(4:55) Clouds of Si...		★★★ The Aviator ('04, Bio) Cate Blanchett, Leonardo DiCaprio.						Shameless			Billions "The Deal"
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:45) Lucky Them Toni Collette.				★ God's Pocket				★★★ Good Will Hunting Matt Damon.		(:10)	★ Bikini Spri...
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	(:05) Dynasty	(:35) Dynasty	(:05) Duck Dynasty	(:35) Duck Dynasty	(:05) Duck Dynasty	(:35) Duck Dynasty
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(5:30) ★★ 3:10 to Yuma Russell Crowe.				★★★★ The Shawshank Redemption ('94, Dra) Tim Robbins.						The Walking Dead	
BET	58	-		40		(4:00) Soul Food		★★★ The Help (2011, Drama) Viola Davis, Octavia Spencer, Emma Stone.								Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	76		41		Beverly	★★★ Stepmom ('98, Dra) Julia Roberts.					People's Couch (N)		The People's Couch		The People's Couch	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Guide	Rich Guide	Guide	Guide	Guide	Guide	Guide	Guide	Guide	Guide	Queen of Versailles	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Special		CNN Special			
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Gold Rush		Gold Rush: Dirt (N)		Rush "Frozen Pay" (N)		Deadl. Job Interview		Rush "Frozen Pay"		Deadl. Job Interview	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Friends	Mako Mer	Liv/Mad	S.Middle	Girl M.	Friends	StarEvil	StarEvil	Underc.	Liv/Mad	Jessie	Jessie
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	(5:00) SportC	Count	NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Atlanta Hawks (L)				NBA Basketball Memphis vs L.A. Lakers (L)					
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball (L)				NCAA Basketball Rider vs. Monmouth (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	Revival	Diners	Vacation	Burgers	Diners	Diners	Revival	Diners
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(4:30) Ferris Buell...		★★★ 500 Days of Summer				Shadowhunters		The 700 Club		★ Along Came Polly	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	UEFA Mag. (N)	Mavericks Insider (N)	Mavs Pre (L)	NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Dallas Mavericks Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)					Maveric-ks Live (L)	Inside TCU	RDOHo-uCow	RodeoHo ustonPrev
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(5:00) The Hangov...		★★★ Here Comes the Boom ('12, Act) Kevin James.						★★★ Here Comes the Boom ('12, Act) Kevin James.			
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Home I.	Home I.	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Love It or List It, Too		Love It or List It		Love It or List It		H.Hunt	House	DreamH.	H.Hunt	Love It or List It	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Restore "Rust-o-mod"		To Be Announced		Am. Restoration		Million Dollar (N)		Join,Die	Pawn S.	To Be Announced	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Bring It! "Bucking Bride"		Bring It! Fan Chat "Blow it Up" (N)		Bring It! (N)		Bring It!		Bring It!		Bring It! Fan Chat "Blow it Up"	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup	
NBCSN	38	43				(5:30) USSA	NCAA Hockey Boston University vs. Notre Dame (L)					Curling Night in America (N)				Curling Night	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Paradise	Parents (N)	Harvey	Pig Goat	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Bellator MMA				(:15) Cops	Cops	Cops	Jail
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) ★★ The Mummy Returns				★★ Gone In 60 Seconds ('00, Act) Nicolas Cage.						★ AVPR: Aliens vs. Predator -...	
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	★★ Jackass 3D (2010, Documentary) Bam Margera, Steve-O, Johnny Knoxville.				Cougar Town	Cougar Town
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(4:30) Close Enco...		★★★ Young Frankenstein				★★★★ The Candidate Robert Redford.				★★★ Ninotchka	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		Quien es quien?		Eva, La Trailera		Querida centauro		Al rojo	Boxeo		
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Say Yes Dress	Say Yes to the Dress	Say Yes "Countdown to the Wedding" (N)		Yes Dress "Mother of the Groom" (N)		Love, Lust (N)	Love Swipe (N)	(:05) Say Yes "Mother of the Groom"		(:05) Love, Lust or	(:35) Love Swipe
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Bones "The Mummy in the Maze"		★★★ I Am Number Four (2011, Action) Timothy Olyphant, Dianna Agron, Alex Pettyfer.				(:15) ★★ The Island ('05, Act) Ewan McGregor, Lincoln Six Echo and Jordan Two Delta are clones and must might to stay alive.					
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Griffith	A. Griffith	★★ Three Men and a Baby ('87, Com) Tom Selleck.				Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Christine
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	★★ Semi-Pro ('08, Com) Will Ferrell.	
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Baseball bans rolling block slides in wake of Utley play

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Baseball made its call on the Chase Utley slide: out.

Major League Baseball and the players' union have banned rolling blocks to break up potential double plays, hoping to prevent a repeat of the takeout by Utley that broke the leg of New York Mets shortstop Ruben Tejada during last year's playoffs.

"From my understanding, we've been trying to work on this for a few years now," Utley said at the Los Angeles Dodgers' camp, "so I don't think one instance determined everything."

Maybe, but fans may see it another way — the Chase Utley Rule.

Under the change announced Thursday, a runner must attempt a "bona fide slide," defined as making contact with the ground ahead of the base, being in position to and trying to reach the base with a hand or foot, trying to remain on the base after the slide, and sliding within reach of the base without changing his path to initiate contact with a fielder.

An umpire can call both the runner and batter out for a violation. Baserunners may not elevate or kick a leg above the fielder's knee or throw his arm or upper body.

A runner who makes a permissible slide cannot be charged with interference, even if he makes contact with a fielder.

"I imagine there will be a little bit of an adjustment for the middle infielders, but also the baserunners," Utley said.

Tejada missed the World Series due to the injury sustained at Dodger Stadium in the NL Division Series. Utley was suspended for two games, a penalty still under appeal.

"Did Chase catch him good? Yeah. Could Tejada have maybe done a couple things to get out of the way?," said Philadelphia infielder-outfielder Cody Asche, a former Utley teammate.

Texas shortstop Elvis Andrus looked at Utley's slide and the rule change from two perspectives.

"I didn't have any problem with that, even if looked a little dirty," he said. "But that situation, I'd probably be doing the same, trying to break the double play."

But then he added: "As a fielder, that's awesome. Nobody's going to get you if you're out of the way."

In mid-September, Pittsburgh rookie shortstop Jung Ho Kang's season ended when his left leg was broken and a knee ligament was torn during a takeout slide by the Chicago Cubs' Chris Coghlan, who was traded to Oakland on Thursday.

Orioles, Yovani Gallardo finalize $22M, 2-year deal

Associated Press

SARASOTA, Fla. — The Baltimore Orioles hope that Yovani Gallardo will concentrate on solidifying their starting staff and that he will forget about the angst caused during the restructuring of his contract.

Gallardo and the Orioles finalized a $22 million, two-year contract on Thursday, a deal that includes a 2018 team option. The sides had agreed to a $35 million, three-year deal Saturday subject to him completing a physical to the satisfaction of the team.

"It was a little bit different, to be honest, but I'm just glad we were able to get something done," Gallardo said. "It's part of the process, to be honest. I think it's part of the situation, becoming a free agent, but everything for me, I'm past that."

Gallardo joins Kevin Gausman, Miguel Gonzalez, Ubaldo Jimenez and Chris Tillman in the rotation.

Baltimore and Gallardo were linked in the early in free agency, but it took three months for the deal to come together.

"We had a little bit of contact since Day 1. That was pretty much it," he said. "As the offseason went on, it got a little more serious. I want to pitch for a team that wants me."

Gallardo gets $9 million this year, of which $2.25 million is deferred with no interest, and $11 million in 2017, of which $1 million is deferred. The Orioles' option is at $13 million, of which $3 million would be deferred, and he would get a $2 million buyout if it is declined.

Gallardo receives the guaranteed deferred money in equal payments of $1,625,000 on July 1 in 2019 and 2020, and if the option is exercised he would get $3 million on July 1, 2021. If the option is declined, the buyout is due on July 1, 2018.

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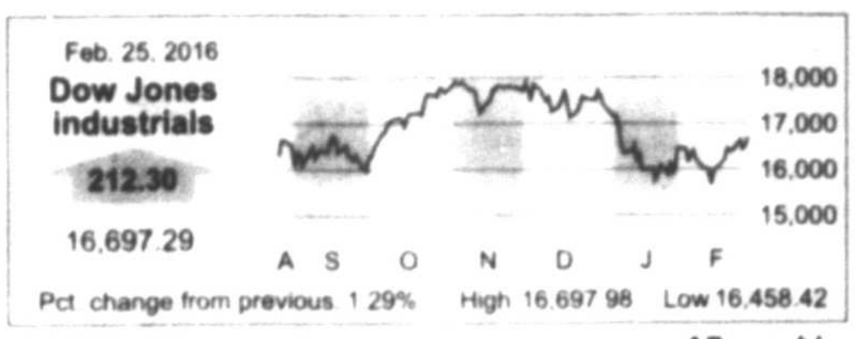

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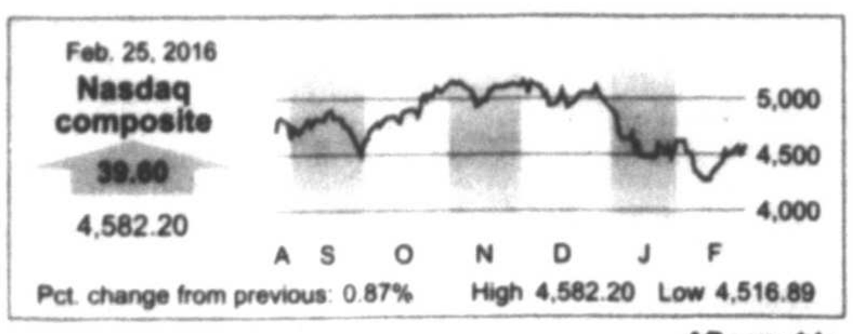

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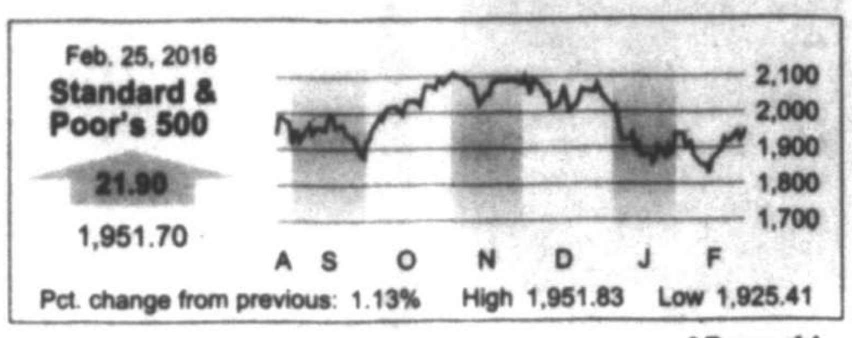

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Thursday:	**$33.07**
Previous:	**$32.15**

POSTED

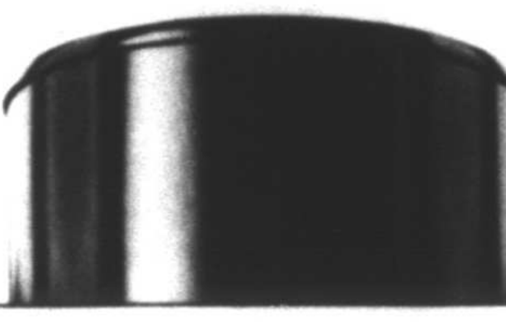
Thursday:	**$29.50**
Previous:	**$28.75**

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Thursday:	**$26.30**
Previous:	**$25.55**

NATURAL GAS

Thursday:	**$1.711**
Previous:	**$1.778**



Halliburton to cut another 5,000 jobs amid oil slump

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Halliburton Co., which provides well-drilling services for oil companies, is cutting 5,000 more jobs as the industry continues to struggle with slumping oil prices.

A company spokeswoman said Thursday that the latest cuts will amount to about 8 percent of the Houston-based company's global workforce.

Oil prices have tumbled about 70 percent since peaking above $100 a barrel in mid-2014. That has led to less drilling activity and to widespread layoffs in the oil fields. Halliburton rival Schlumberger cut 10,000 jobs in the fourth quarter.

Benchmark U.S. crude settled at $33.07 a barrel on Thursday, up 92 cents or nearly 3 percent.

Halliburton spokeswoman Emily Mir said the company was reducing its workforce "due to ongoing market conditions."

Mir said the company regretted the decision, "but unfortunately we are faced with the difficult reality that reductions are necessary to work through this challenging market environment."

When the layoffs are completed, Halliburton will have reduced its workforce by between 26,000 and 27,000 employees since the peak in 2014, she said.

Halliburton grew from 58,000 employees in 2010 to more than 80,000 during 2014. It slashed that number to 65,000 by the end of 2015, according to regulatory filings.

Halliburton declined to say where the layoffs would fall, saying that such details were competitive information. The company's operations stretch from the U.S. through Africa and the Middle East to Asia.

Last month, CEO David Lesar said that when the company began looking to cut costs, "it started with where we work." Halliburton consolidated facilities in more than 20 countries and closed operations in two, he said.

Lesar said that "2016 is shaping up to be one tough slog through the mud." He said Halliburton was trying to work with the financially strongest oil companies that will do best when the industry recovers.

In November 2014, Halliburton announced that it would buy U.S. rival Baker Hughes Inc. for $34.6 billion. The companies are divesting assets as they seek approval from antitrust regulators, and Baker Hughes also has cut thousands of jobs.

Halliburton shares rose 4 cents to close at $32.50 on Thursday. They are down 4.5 percent in 2016 and more than 25 percent in the past year.

Stocks post solid gain

A late-day surge pushed U.S. stocks sharply higher Thursday, propelled by a recovery in energy companies and bank stocks, which have been hit hard this year.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 212.30 points, or 1.3 percent, to close at 16,697.29. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 21.90 points, or 1.1 percent, to close at 1,951.70 and the Nasdaq composite rose 39.60 points, or 0.9 percent, to close at 4,582.20.

Stocks had been flat to slightly higher most of the day but added to their gains in the last hour of trading. The market — as it has done for weeks now — largely tracked the price of oil. U.S. crude oil closed up 92 cents, or nearly 3 percent, to $33.07 a barrel while Brent crude, the global benchmark, rose 88 cents, or 2.6 percent, to $35.29 a barrel.

Bank stocks got a reprieve Thursday after several weeks of downward pressure. The financials sector was the biggest gainer in the S&P 500. Morgan Stanley rose 4 percent, Goldman Sachs rose 2 percent, while the big retail banks Bank of America, U.S. Bancorp and Citigroup were up more than 1 percent each.

Metal prices fall

In metals, gold fell 30 cents to $1,238.80 an ounce and silver fell 13 cents to $15.20 an ounce. High-quality copper fell 2.8 cents to $2.073 a pound.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CSVLgCrd rs	1483238	1.67	+.11
BkofAm	1013443	12.32	+.19
S&P500ETF	1011057	195.54	+2.34
SPDR Fncl	709986	21.17	+.29
SunEdison	693494	1.72	+.46

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PowerSec	18.54	+8.67	+87.8
Navios pfG	3.38	+.73	+27.5
DiamdRsts	23.21	+4.10	+21.5
WLyonHm	10.81	+1.87	+20.9
Metaldyne	14.24	+2.32	+19.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Bankrate	7.28	-5.40	-42.6
RestorHdw	38.49	-13.43	-25.9
PHH Corp	8.83	-3.06	-25.7
PatriotN n	4.54	-1.57	-25.7
SummitMP	12.37	-3.61	-22.6

DIARY

Advanced	2,262
Declined	839
Unchanged	87
Total issues	3,188
New Highs	93
New Lows	40
Volume	4,032,192,901

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Globalstar	61768	1.32	+.04
ChenereEn	45892	34.61	+.99
NwGold g	30604	3.29	+.01
SynergyRs	21598	6.08	-.08
NovaGld g	19009	4.85	+.04

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BovieMed	2.21	+.31	+16.3
NanoVirc	2.69	+.37	+15.9
CRH Med	3.10	+.40	+14.8
Gastar pfB	3.40	+.34	+11.1
BiP Tin	36.00	+2.99	+9.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Plenex	7.56	-.51	-6.3
SnchzPP rs	11.95	-.75	-5.9
Libbey	17.13	-1.07	-5.9
VirnetX	4.90	-.27	-5.2
BowlA	13.70	-.70	-4.8

DIARY

Advanced	223
Declined	120
Unchanged	36
Total issues	379
New Highs	4
New Lows	7
Volume	68,821,609

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
FrontierCm	396467	5.31	+.01
SiriusXM	308591	3.69	+.09
Facebook	289554	108.07	+1.19
PwShs QQQ	281572	103.56	+1.01
Apple Inc	267952	96.76	+.66

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
KEYW Hld	6.34	+1.70	+36.6
TOP Ship rs	2.80	+.75	+36.5
EnerNOC	6.39	+1.37	+27.3
LendgTree	85.50	+15.56	+22.2
Connecture	3.09	+.44	+16.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Eco-StimE	2.42	-.53	-18.0
ArgosTher	3.56	-.77	-17.8
SkySolar	2.69	-.54	-16.7
Relypsa	14.24	-2.54	-15.1
NetEase	136.23	-23.67	-14.8

DIARY

Advanced	1,668
Declined	1,065
Unchanged	164
Total issues	2,897
New Highs	29
New Lows	51
Volume	1,612,561,738

Royal Dutch Shell's US chief leaving

Bloomberg

The president of Royal Dutch Shell's U.S. division is leaving the company as part of a reorganization announced Wednesday, and Executive Vice President Bruce Culpepper was named as his successor.

Marvin Odum, 57, has been with the company for 34 years and held the post at its U.S. division, Shell Oil Co., since oil prices were at record highs. He also was in charge during Shell's failed Arctic drilling bid. Culpepper, who will become the U.S. country chairman and the president of Shell Oil on April 1, has been overseeing human resources in the Americas.

Shell also said it would close the unconventional resources business unit it created earlier this year to house its shale and heavy oil activities in the Americas, including oil sands projects in Canada and fracturing of dense rock formations in the U.S. With Odum's departure, Shell will move the assets under the administrative controls of its upstream and downstream businesses. Odum had been appointed to lead the division last year.

Shell cast the move as part of a bid to simplify its structure, coming alongside the acquisition of BG Group Plc, which was completed this month. Shell has said it will sell $30 billion of assets in the next three years, including some acquired through the BG deal.

"The end of the unconventional division in Shell may be a precursor to a sale of some of U.S. shale assets," Ahmed Ben Salem, an oil and gas analyst at Oddo & Cie in Paris, said by phone. "It's also a part of Shell's attempt to streamline and simplify the company after the BG acquisition."

Royal Dutch Shell has pared capital spending and shed workers to weather collapsing crude prices and facilitate the BG acquisition. In North America, Shell sold off natural gas and shale assets in Wyoming, Louisiana and Pennsylvania and abandoned projects in Alaska and Canada, which forced a $7.9 billion writedown in the third quarter of last year. Shell also had a $3.9 billion adjusted loss in 2015 from their Americas business.

RBC Capital Markets analyst Biraj Borkhataria said Shell is emphasizing "its core competencies" in deep-water development and liquefied natural gas. "The unconventional resources business has long been a troubled area for Shell," Borkhataria said in a research note.

For nearly eight years, Odum has served as the U.S. face of Shell, testifying about industry tax deductions on Capitol Hill and proclaiming the company's support for pricing carbon dioxide emissions.

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Closing Price $10.82 Down 0.31

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $88.78 Down 2.76

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $3.37 Up 0.27

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $71.56 Down 0.16

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $0.67 Down 0.05

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $2.37 Down 0.09

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $17.54 Unchanged

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $22.80 Up 2.36

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $4.21 Up 0.07

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $14.54 Up 0.25

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.92f	16	37.37	+.27	+8.6
Abraxas	...	5	.83	-.04	-21.7
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	11.95	+.16	-6.9
Alcoa	.12	15	8.87	+.11	-10.1
Alibaba		26	66.66	-.57	-18.0
AlonUSA	.60	6	9.59	-1.13	-35.4
AlpAlerMLP	1.20e		9.82	-.07	-18.5
Amgen	4.00f	16	146.75	-.36	-9.6
Anadarko	.20m	...	37.64	+1.43	-22.5
Apache	1.00	...	37.79	-.81	-15.0
Apple Inc	2.08	10	96.76	+.66	-8.1
ApldMatl	.40	17	18.89	+.20	+1.2
Archrock	.75f	11	3.73	-.33	-50.4
ATMOS	1.68f	23	71.62	+.56	+13.6
AutoData	2.12	27	85.92	+.66	+1.4
BP PLC	2.40a	...	28.66	+.12	-8.3
BabsCCInv	1.20		16.48	+.09	-4.5
BakrHu	.68		43.25	+1.34	-6.3
BkofAm	.20	9	12.32	+.19	-26.8
B iPVixST	...		24.16	-.86	+20.2
BarrickG	.08	47	13.58	+.12	+84.0
BasicEnSv	...		1.80	-.08	-32.8
BerkHa A	...	14	198899.03	+2388.00	+.6
BlkHillsCp	1.68f	39	57.07	-.35	+22.9
BrMySq	1.52f	45	63.03	+.80	-8.4
BrownFA	1.36f	35	112.16	-.08	+1.9
BrownFB	1.36f	32	103.39	+1.03	+4.1
CVS Health	1.70f	20	98.40	+1.52	+.6
CalifRescs	...	...	.31	+.01	-86.7
Cameron	...	18	65.91	+.14	+4.3
Caterpillar	3.08	13	66.47	+.59	-2.2
Celestic g	...	12	10.17	+.19	-7.8
CntryLink	2.16	19	30.41	+.40	+20.9
ChesEng	...	...	2.56	-.13	-43.1
Chevron	4.28	35	85.30	+.03	-5.2
Chicos	.31	55	12.56	+1.64	+17.7
Cimarex	.32m	...	84.53	-.35	-5.4
Cisco	1.04f	13	26.60	+.28	-1.3
Citigroup	.20	9	38.62	+.53	-25.4
ClayEng	...	...	10.82	-.31	-63.4
CocaCola	1.40f	25	44.16	+.25	+2.8
ColgPalm	1.52	25	67.42	+1.10	+1.2
ConAgra	1.00	23	42.48	+.50	+.8
ConchoRes	...	...	88.78	-2.76	-4.4

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConocoPhil	1.00m	...	33.06	+.10	-29.2
ConsolEngy	.04		7.65	-.27	-3.2
ContlRescs	...	...	20.46	+2.54	-11.0
CrackerB	4.40a	21	147.90	+1.13	+16.6
CSVLgNG rs	...		.88	-.09	-63.9
CSVLgCrd rs			...	1.67	+.11
-57.7					
CSVelIVST		...	19.44	+.67	-24.7
CSVixSh rs		...	8.31	-.58	+32.7
CrosTim	1.48e	9	13.58	-.49	+4.4
DCP Mid	3.12	9	17.08	+.34	-30.8
DTE	2.92f	19	86.97	+.91	+8.5
Dataram h*	...	...	.71	+.01	+7.6
DevonE	.24m	...	19.56	+.15	-38.9
DirDGldBr	...	...	4.26	-.20	-74.2
Disney	1.42f	17	95.65	+.22	-9.0
DowChm	1.84f	12	48.10	+.91	-6.6
EOG Rescs	.67	...	68.50	-1.02	-3.2
EmpDist	1.04	26	33.67	+.43	+20.0
EnCana g	.06m	...	3.75	+.07	-26.3
Energen	.08	...	25.28	+.45	-38.3
EgyTrEq s	1.14f	7	6.80	-.37	-50.5
EngyTsfr	4.22f	85	27.14	-2.58	-19.5
EnPro	.84f	...	50.99	+7.72	+16.3
ENSCO	.60	...	7.88	-.40	-48.8
EntProdPt	1.56f	18	22.96	-.22	-10.2
Ericsson	.39e	...	9.34	+.13	-2.8
ExxonMbl	2.92	21	82.01	+.49	+5.2
Facebook	...	71	108.07	+1.19	+3.3
FordM	.60a	7	12.39	+.31	-12.1
FrptMcM	...	...	7.12	-.08	+5.2
FrontierCm	.42	...	5.31	+.01	+13.7
GATX	1.60f	8	41.43	-.16	-2.6
GabMultT	.94e	...	6.98	+.14	-6.9
GAInv	1.15e	...	28.85	+.34	-9.7
GenElec	.92	...	29.23	+.50	-6.2
Goldcrp g	.24	...	15.89	+.11	+37.5
GtPlainEn	1.05f	22	29.55	+.65	+8.2
HP Inc	.50	9	10.34	-.48	-12.7
HalconRs rs	...	...	.47	+.03	-62.7
Hallibrtn	.72	...	32.50	+.04	-4.5
ICICI Bk	.16e	...	5.18	-.28	-33.8
iShJapan	.13e	...	11.07	+.13	-8.7
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	30.35	-.10	-14.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShEMkts	.84e	...	30.36	+.10	-5.7
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	54.09	+.64	-7.9
iShR2K	1.73e	...	102.54	+.93	-9.0
Intel	1.04f	13	29.62	+.43	-14.0
InterDig	.80	15	49.93	-1.42	+1.8
JPMorgCh	1.76	10	57.01	+.87	-13.1
JohnJn	3.00	18	106.38	+1.42	+3.6
KimbClk	3.68f	38	133.50	+1.15	+4.9
KindMorg	.50m	27	17.75	+.04	+19.0
Kinross g	...	...	2.98	-.20	+63.7
LegacyRes	.60m	...	.67	-.05	-61.5
Lubys	...	...	4.73	+.09	+5.8
MarathnO	.20m	...	7.39	+.17	-41.3
MktVGold	.12e	...	19.39	+.28	+41.3
McDnlds	3.56f	24	118.37	+1.31	+.2
Merck	1.84f	24	51.00	+.44	-3.4
MeritMed	...	34	18.56	+.87	-.2
MexcoEn	...	...	2.37	-.09	-26.6
MicronT	...	6	10.72	+.08	-24.3
Microsoft	1.44	33	52.10	+.74	-6.1
MorgStan	.60	8	24.63	+.92	-22.6
Nabors	.24	...	6.90	-.03	-18.9
NatGrid	3.35e	...	69.00	+.94	-.8
NOilVarco	1.84	10	27.66	-.58	-17.4
Netflix s	...	...	94.53	+2.92	-17.4
NStRFn rs	3.00	...	12.47	+1.74	-26.8
NvMAd	.79a	...	14.15	+.02	+2.2
NvPMI	.78a	...	14.08	+.04	+3.1
NuvPI	.82a	...	14.34	+.02	+1.7
NSTFI3	.55a	...	14.88	-.02	+2.3
NTXQI	.65	...	14.59	+.08	+1.1
OasisPet	...	3	4.68	+.15	-36.5
OcciPet	3.00	52	69.65	+.21	+3.0
ParTech	...	...	5.85	-.18	-13.1
ParkDrl	...	...	1.36	+.12	-25.3
PattUTI	.40	...	14.82	-.12	-1.7
Penney	...	...	8.36	+.66	+25.5
PennaRE	.84	...	19.53	+.74	-10.7
Prmian	.35e	12	5.38	-.06	+6.3
Petrobras	...	...	3.50	...	-18.6
Pfizer	1.20f	18	30.59	+.57	-5.2
PioNtrl	.08	57	120.49	+1.16	-3.9
PlainsAAP	2.80	14	21.00	+.41	-9.1
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	103.56	+1.01	-7.4
Praxair	3.00f	19	102.61	+.72	+.2

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PrmEgy	...	23	49.56	...	-6.5
PUVixST rs	...	...	37.62	-2.78	+32.7
PrUCrude rs	...	...	7.54	+.28	-39.9
ProctGam	2.65	27	82.34	+.78	+3.7
RangeRs	.16	14	23.35	-.01	-5.1
RegionsFn	.24	11	7.51	+.09	-21.8
RestorHdw	...	16	38.49	-13.43	-51.6
RouseProp	.72	36	18.40	+.65	+26.4
Rowan	.40	...	11.64	-.12	-31.3
RoyDShllA	3.76	68	45.06	+.81	-1.6
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	166.84	+2.17	-4.1
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	195.54	+2.34	-4.1
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	24.16	+.05	-20.1
SabnR	2.81e	10	32.10	-.18	+22.2
Salesforce	...	...	69.42	+6.90	-11.5
SanderFm	.88a	9	88.68	+3.51	+14.4
Schlmbrg	2.00	21	72.35	+.14	+3.7
SiriusXM	...	37	3.69	+.09	-9.3
Smucker	2.68	35	129.57	+1.81	+5.1
SwstnEngy	...	...	6.77	-.06	-4.8
Sprint	...	...	3.07	+.02	-15.2
SP Engy	2.04e	...	56.89	+.05	-5.7
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	21.17	+.29	-11.2
SunEdison	...	...	1.72	+.46	-66.2
SunocoLog	1.92f	...	24.19	+1.50	-5.9
TelefEsp	1.03e	...	10.44	+.43	-5.6

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Tesoro	2.00	6	77.75	-1.20	-26.2
3M Co	4.44f	21	158.99	+1.77	+5.5
Torchmark	.54	13	51.41	+.77	-9.8
Transocn	...	...	8.23	+.03	-33.5
TriContl	.81e	...	18.74	+.22	-6.4
Twitter	...	...	17.59	-.41	-24.0
TylerTech	...	57	122.81	+1.14	-29.5
UltraPt g	...	...	.31	-.03	-87.6
UBSI	1.32f	18	35.29	+.62	-4.6
US NGas	...	...	6.32	-.20	-27.1
US OilFd	...	...	8.80	+.21	-20.0
UtdTech	2.56	15	98.07	+4.46	+2.1
Vale SA	.29e	...	2.80	-.13	-14.9
ValeroE	2.40f	7	60.69	+.08	-14.2
Vipshop	...	28	11.33	-1.36	-25.8
VulcanM	.80f	56	97.98	+.63	+3.2
WEC Engy	1.98f	21	57.98	+.59	+13.0
WPX Engy	...	...	3.89	-.18	-32.2
WalgBoots	1.44	24	79.92	+.49	-6.1
WellsFargo	1.50	12	47.75	+.14	-12.2
WstnRefin	1.52f	5	26.31	-1.23	-26.1
WhitingPet	...	...	3.53	-.19	-62.6
WmsCos	2.56	80	16.03	-.60	-37.6
XcelEngy	1.36f	21	40.20	+.29	+11.9
Xerox	.31f	20	9.64	+.07	-9.3
Yahoo	...	...	31.36	+.41	-5.7

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INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,351.36	15,370.33	Dow Jones Industrials	16,697.29	+212.30	+1.29	-4.18	-8.33
9,214.77	6,403.31	Dow Jones Transportation	7,369.58	+78.70	+1.08	-1.85	-18.86
631.00	539.96	Dow Jones Utilities	637.80	+7.60	+1.21	+10.38	+7.40
11,254.87	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	9,625.28	+119.21	+1.25	-5.11	-13.15
5,231.94	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	4,582.21	+39.60	+.87	-8.49	-8.13
2,134.72	1,810.10	S&P 500	1,951.70	+21.90	+1.13	-4.51	-7.53
1,551.28	1,215.14	S&P Midcap	1,334.29	+14.53	+1.10	-4.60	-11.78
22,537.15	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	19,998.52	+219.13	+1.11	-5.52	-10.23
1,296.00	943.09	Russell 2000	1,031.58	+9.50	+.93	-9.18	-16.75

TODAY: Sunny	SATURDAY: Sunny	SUNDAY: Sunny	MONDAY: Sunny	TUESDAY: Mostly sunny	WEDNESDAY: Sunny
High: 64 Low: 36	High: 74 Low: 46	High: 78 Low: 44	High: 77 Low: 48	High: 70 Low: 38	High: 66 Low: 39

Local forecast

The National Weather Service expects high temperatures to warm up to more than 10 degrees above average by Sunday. Otherwise, the forecast is without rain for the next week.

The record high for Feb. 25 is 86 set in 2009. The record low is 11 set in 1960. On Feb. 25 of last year, the high was 63 and the low was 31.

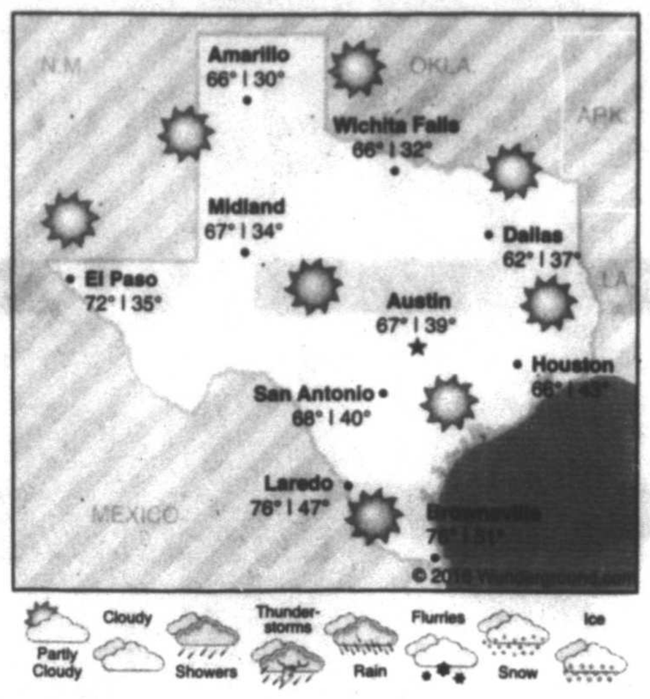
Weather brief

VIRGINIA

Weather Service: Tornado had winds of up to 165 mph

WAVERLY — Tornadoes tore through towns as far north as Pennsylvania, heavy snow canceled hundreds of flights in the Midwest and power outages left tens of thousands of residents from the Carolinas to New England in the dark.

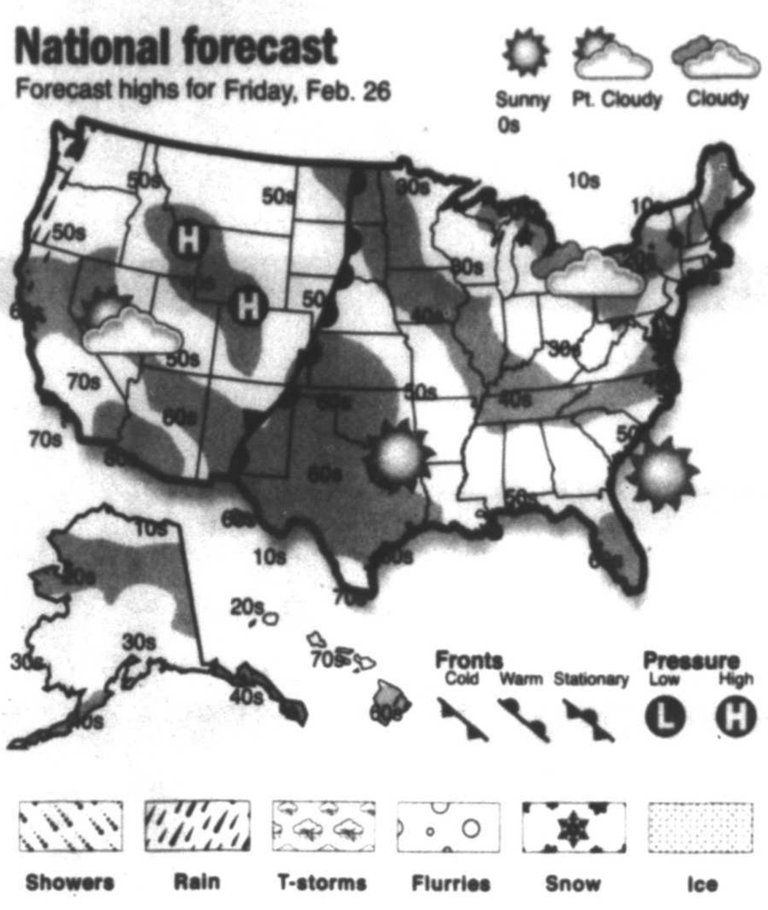
The storms Wednesday claimed at least a half-dozen lives, three of them in the tiny town of Waverly, Virginia, where a 2-year-old child and two men, ages 50 and 26, were killed during the storm, said Virginia State Police spokeswoman Corinne Geller.



Precipitation		Thursday's temperatures	
Wednesday	0.00 in.	High	60
Thursday	0.00 in.	Low	33
Month total	0.30 in.	Normal high	65
Year total	0.48 in.	Normal low	37
Normal total (year to date)	1.19 in.	Sunrise	7:20 a.m.
		Sunset	6:44 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Friday, Feb. 26



Inevitable illness overshadows man's personal relationships

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 have just separated from my wife. I don't plan on dating anytime soon, but I will eventually.

I have a disease that caused my immune system to destroy my liver cells. There is no way to predict whether my liver will fail in five days or five years. Would it be wrong to date knowing I have this disease? There is no cure, just a liver transplant if my liver fails completely.

Also, if it's OK to date, when should I tell someone about my illness? I have no friends because at some point they will see me jaundiced and sick, and I would have to burden them with my health issues or lie. — NEWLY SEPARATED IN MONTANA

DEAR NEWLY SEPARATED: You are allowing your illness to rule your life, and that's not a prescription that's healthy for anyone. Many people suffer from health problems, but they don't cut themselves off from relationships as you have.

Yes, you can date. If it looks like there could be a future, you should bring up the subject of your health at that time. But in the meantime, my advice is to make every effort to enjoy the time you have.

DEAR ABBY: In my mother's opinion, I have a problem. I have prominent nipples that show through shirts. I wear a padded bra, but it doesn't help. I don't want to wear a heavier padded bra because I am big-busted already.

Honestly, the situation doesn't bother me. It's part of being me and no different than having a unibrow or ears that stick out. It's not sexual. Should I worry about what others think about this? — MY EYES ARE UP HERE!

DEAR UP HERE: No. As you are probably already aware, anyone's nipples can become rigid if there's a change in the temperature. It doesn't necessarily signal arousal. If you are comfortable, then keep dressing the way you do. This appears to be your mother's problem. Do not let her anxiety rub off on you.

DEAR ABBY: As an older male retiree, I frequently encounter people at social gatherings who tilt their heads back, narrow their eyes and ask, "Exactly what was it that you did at XYZ Corporation?" When they find out I was what they consider to be "just a paper-pusher," they abruptly turn their backs and walk away. Can you suggest an appropriate response to this form of snobbery? — PAPER-PUSHER IN ARIZONA

DEAR PAPER-PUSHER: When someone asks that question, you might smile and respond, "You know, I'm having such a great time in retirement, I can't really recall what I did there!" Or, if you're feeling mischievous, you could call out after the person, "Just kidding! I was the CEO." And if the person turns to come back, turn YOUR back and walk away because, if your perception is correct, you have been conversing with someone who has terrible manners and no class.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Louie's lament

Neither vulnerable. West deals.

	NORTH ♠K Q 9 6 ♡8 5 ◇A J 2 ♣K Q 7 4	
WEST ♠8 3 ♡A J 10 9 7 4 3 ◇9 7 3 ♣2		EAST ♠A 2 ♡Q 6 ◇Q 10 8 5 4 ♣J 8 6 5
	SOUTH ♠J 10 7 5 4 ♡K 2 ◇K 6 ♣A 10 9 3	

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
3♡	Dbl	Pass	4♠
All pass			

Opening lead: Two of ♣

Hard Luck Louie was fighting the usual crowd at the club's Saturday night duplicate. The auction on this deal was straightforward and repeated at most of the other tables. The opening club lead looked like a singleton, but Louie wasn't sure when East played low and allowed him to win the first trick with the nine. Louie led a spade to the king and East's ace. East gave West a club ruff, and West exited safely with a diamond. Louie had to lose two heart tricks in the end for down one. "My usual luck," said Louie. "Plenty of points, plenty of trumps, but I just couldn't make it."

Lucky Larry was also allowed to win the opening club lead with the nine. Despite this, Larry was sure that the lead was a singleton, so he took some precautions. Rather than starting on trumps right away, Larry eliminated the diamonds first. He cashed the king and ace of diamonds and ruffed dummy's last diamond high. He then led a spade to the king and East's ace. East gave his partner a club ruff, but West had nothing left but hearts. He had to give Larry the king of hearts for his tenth trick. Had East led the queen of hearts instead of giving the ruff, Larry would have covered and dummy's eight of hearts would have prevented East from regaining the lead. Well played!

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 Friday, Feb. 26, 2016:

This year you discover a compulsive quality in at least one area of your life. This driven attitude won't be long-term, but you could find it to be a little uncomfortable, as you might not understand where it is coming from. If you are single, this behavior could have to do with someone you meet. It is a strong possibility that a significant relationship could enter your life, especially after summer. If you are attached, the two of you have a way with each other that brings you back together, even when you get irritated and fight. LIBRA lightens up the moment.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You'll feel free to break past self-imposed boundaries. You often do the unexpected; those around you will experience a jolt or two as a result. You might be in the process of eliminating the frivolous stuff in your life. Tonight: A conversation with a friend is an eye-opener.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You have a lot of ground to cover, and a shortcut might be tempting. An interaction with a friend will point you toward a more unorthodox approach, but one that might be more efficient. Have a discussion with someone you respect. Tonight: Paint the town red with friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You might find a friend to be distracting. How you live your life and what you do with it is your call. Remember that one of the reasons you have this person in your life is because of his or her vibrant personality. Break past irrelevant boundaries. Tonight: Be naughty and nice.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You might find a work-related situation to be unpredictable and possibly explosive. Keep your cool, and don't become reactive. Watch how this issue plays out, and then make a decision. Communication might be quite active with a trusted loved one. Tonight: Expect the unexpected.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ If you don't see the big picture, someone around you will make sure that you do. This person exposes you to new ideas and insights in an illuminating way. You like how his or her mind works. You often can be found having intense discussions. Tonight: At a favorite haunt.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You will be responsive to a partner, and in return, you'll want to have some important feedback from him or her. What you hear could surprise you and cause you to stop and think twice. This person has an eccentric way of speaking. Tonight: Opt to be part of a duo.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Defer to a friend who seems to be a walking whirlwind. It is easier to let this person have his or her way. You might be somewhat shocked by your friend's choices, but still give it some thought and perhaps have a discussion. Tonight: Ready for the unexpected once more?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Continue to get through as much as you can. You might prefer to work alone and not be as responsive as you normally are. Unexpected events and requests punctuate your day. Maintain a sense of humor, but also feel free to say "no." Tonight: Say "yes" to a co-worker's suggestion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You have what it takes to bring people together, though you might have some wild ideas at times. Someone is likely to add a bohemian touch to a get-together. Do not push this person away; instead, be more receptive to his or her ideas. Tonight: Where friendly folks can be found.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Pressure builds with a parent or supervisor. This person is quite capable of delivering some unexpected news. But then again, so are you. A discussion might help, but not if the other party is set on heading in a different direction. Tonight: Out until the wee hours.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You might be ready for a change of scenery, yet someone close to you keeps tossing obstacles in your path. The frustration over this situation is likely to build, unless you decide to look at this person's efforts as flattering. Be the bigger person. Tonight: Do something different.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Use caution with someone who has a financial offer to which he or she thinks you'll say "yes." You could be unpredictable when dealing with your funds. Feel free to do what you want, but make sure that you don't cause any damage, either. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

BORN TODAY

Singer/songwriter Johnny Cash (1932), singer/songwriter Erykah Badu (1971), lawyer Victoria Kennedy (1954)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Publishing tasks
6 Jack letters
9 "Hotel Imperial" (1927) star
14 Best New Artist Grammy winner after Alicia
15 Tesoro de la Sierra Madre
16 Horse play
17 Kitchen drawer?
18 It can be cured
19 "Beats me"
20 Québec quiche, e.g.?
23 Start of a weekly cry
24 "Either thou, __ ... must go with him": Romeo
25 Ran into
26 Saying "It wasn't me" when, in fact, it was?
33 Digitize, in a way
35 Squawk
36 Greenwich Village sch.
37 Set apart, as funds
39 Layer
40 Eastwood's "Rawhide" role
42 Ref. book
43 Retail giant with stores in 23 U.S. states
45 Bit of power
46 "Wish we had built a bigger pyramid," e.g.?
51 Feel poorly
52 Source of bills
53 Stretcher, to Huck Finn
56 Greeting from a faithful friend?
61 Sitar accompaniment
62 Citrus cooler
63 Sarge's superior
64 "Hamlet" courtier
65 Fix
66 Supports illegally
67 Mary's upstairs neighbor
68 Cooper creation
69 Performed, in the Bible

DOWN

1 Pass
2 Modern kerchief cousin
3 How many O. Henry stories end
4 Writer Janowitz
5 Sunny day phenomenon
6 Angora fabric
7 Republic since 1979
8 Search high and low
9 Legendary Australian outlaw
10 Fairness
11 "Treasure Island" castaway Ben
12 Step up?
13 Prefix with bar
21 George's lyrical brother
22 __ alcohol: fusel oil component
27 Bed-in for Peace participant
28 "Blowin' in the Wind" songwriter
29 Early spaceflight proponent Willy __
30 Like petroglyphs
31 Nikita's no
32 Sudden blow
33 Word processing command
34 Blockage
38 Bolivian border lake
39 Shade of green
41 Botanical beard
44 Smuggler's unit
47 Wan
48 Caesar salad dressing ingredient
49 Acting guru Hagen
50 "Good for you"
54 OK components
55 Throw out
56 Load in a basket
57 River of Spain
58 Con man's target
59 Falco of "Nurse Jackie"
60 Silk Road desert
61 2015 A.L. East champ

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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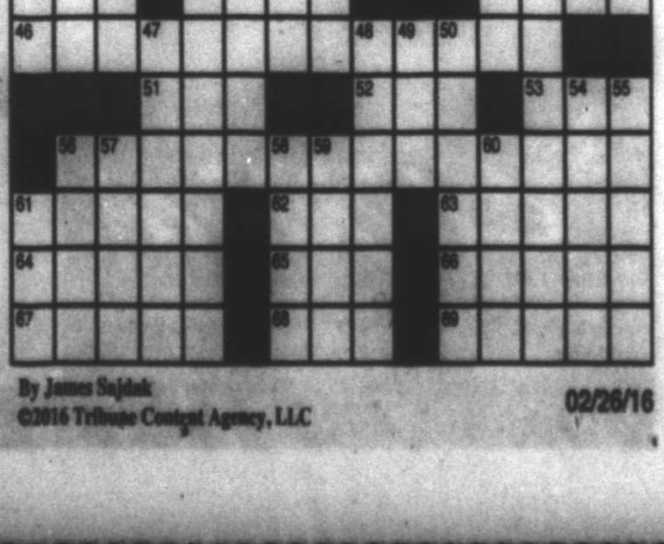

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Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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Midland Reporter-Telegram
HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME NIGHT ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work 7 nights a week between 11pm-5 am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. We will train the right person.

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Outside Sales Rep

Midland Reporter-Telegram
The Midland Reporter-Telegram is looking for someone with excellent communication skills to provide outstanding customer service to our Retail Advertising customers. Responsibilities include prospecting new clients, working closely with new and existing clients to develop multi-media advertising campaigns that provide outstanding results, tracking sales activity, and meeting/exceeding established monthly sales goals.

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:

Jeri Houston, Director of Advertising, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701 or jhouston@mrt.com. No phone calls please.

Rock Crusher Superintendent/ Foreman

Established company seeks to hire an experienced rock crusher superintendent/ Foreman for its operations in the Midland area. Candidates must include a resume and salary history with their initial response. Interested candidates may reply to: M- 41 c/o Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701
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QA & QUALITY CONTROL

Manager- Safety & Compliance

An industry-leading provider of bulk fuels and lubricants is looking for a Safety professional in the Permian Basin. This individual will be responsible for ensuring the safety and compliance of the employees and resources of the Division. Some travel will be required. Applicants with DOT experience are preferred. Apply in confidence by providing your resume in MS Word format to msalesapps@arnoldoil.com

SALES JOBS

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SKILLED LABOR

Diesel Mechanic

Absolute Roustabout Services now hiring a Diesel Mechanic, experience required. Apply online absoluteroustabout.com/employment or in person: 6216 NCR 1150, Midland, Texas 79705

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.

SALES JOBS

Sales Manager

Midland Reporter-Telegram - A Hearst Media Company

Immediate opening for an experienced and dynamic sales manager with great communication skills. Must be able to multi-task in a deadline oriented environment and lead by example with confidence and enthusiasm. Responsibilities include managing all aspects of the inside sales department and lead generation process, including training and coaching Account Executives, helping the sales team consistently meet/exceed established revenue targets, monitoring and reporting on sales metrics, managing the administration process and providing support to the Director of Advertising as needed.

Working knowledge of PowerPoint and Excel is necessary. Excellent wage and benefits package.

Please send resume to: jhouston@mrt.com or Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701, attn: Jeri Houston, Director of Advertising. No calls please.

SKILLED LABOR

Landscape / Maintenance Help Needed

Starting Pay $12 per hour. Must pass Drug & Background Screening. Apply in person at: **Hunter's Ridge Apartments, 4201 Andrews Hwy, Midland, TX 79703**

PRESSMAN/ PRESSMAN TRAINEE

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.

Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701. E-mail:jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL Drivers

We are currently looking for CDL Drivers with a Clean Driving Record Drivers for Belly Dumps & Water Trucks. You can come by our office to fill out an application at 11309 WCR 61, Midland, Texas 79707.
432-640-9664 ask for Judy

Delivery Driver

Full-Time Transport Delivery Driver needed for Midland/Odessa area. Must possess a valid TX DL and Med Card. 2 Years of Tanker Experience Required. Minimum Age: 23. Interested applicants may inquire in person at the address below.

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Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C — Rule 37 Case No. 0299640
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb17 , 2016 — Status/Permit No. 813686
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Mar 23, 2016
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 4, Blk. D, D&W RR CO / MOSELEY, M W Survey, A-581, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC Field, UPTON County, being 21.7 miles NE direction from RANKIN, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commision's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848.** If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at Rule 37 **(512) 463-6751.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Mar 23, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name :	BROOK D-6F	
Lease/Unit Well No. :	6H	
Lease/Unit Acres :	1598.4	
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	1.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	880.0	
Lease Lines :	102.0 F north L,	1320.0 F west L
Survey Lines :	2537.0 F south L,	1320.0 F west L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral : TH1

Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines : 102.0 F NORTH L
1320.0 F WEST L

Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 6 Block: D Abstract: 653
Survey: D&W RR CO / MOSELEY, E A
Lease Lines : 100.0 F SOUTH L
1320.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines: 100.0 F SOUTH L
1320.0 F WEST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : R 40 EXC: Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10950 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, DAVID VINCENTI, at (972) 969-3935.

Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C — Rule 37 Case No. 0299639
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb17 , 2016 — Status/Permit No. 813682
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Mar 23, 2016
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name :	BROOK D-6E	
Lease/Unit Well No. :	5H	
Lease/Unit Acres :	1598.4	
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	1.0	
Lease Lines :	102.0 F north L,	1275.0 F west L
Survey Lines :	1275.0 F west L,	2537.0 F south L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral : TH1

Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines : 102.0 F NORTH L
1275.0 F WEST L

Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 6 Block: D Abstract: 653
Survey: D&W RR CO / MOSELEY, E A
Lease Lines : 100.0 F SOUTH L
440.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines: 100.0 F SOUTH L
440.0 F WEST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : R 40 EXC: Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10950 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, DAVID VINCENTI, at (972) 969-3935.

Legal & Public Notices

ORDINANCE NO. 9540

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING INTERSECTION STOPS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO INSTALL APPROPRIATE SIGNS AND MARKINGS AT THE DESIGNATED LOCATIONS; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS ($200.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland

Amy M. Turner
City Secretary

Legal & Public Notices

ORDINANCE NO. 9541

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING YIELD RIGHT OF WAY SIGNS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS; REQUIRING AND AUTHORIZING THE POSTING OF APPROPRIATE SIGNS AT SAID INTERSECTIONS; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS ($200.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland

Amy M. Turner
City Secretary

Legal & Public Notices

ORDINANCE NO. 9538

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING USE CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS AN 8,853-SQUARE FOOT PORTION OF LOT 1A, BLOCK 2, GRANDRIDGE PARK ADDITION, SECTION 6, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTHWEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF HOLIDAY HILL ROAD AND LEAGUE DRIVE), WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR A SHOPPING CENTER, BY PERMITTING SAID PROPERTY TO BE USED UNDER A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT WITH TERM FOR THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN A LOUNGE OR NIGHTCLUB FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; MAKING SAID PERMIT SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED HEREIN; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland

Amy M. Turner
City Secretary

Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C — Rule 37 Case No. 0299624
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 9, 2016 — Status/Permit No. 813510
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Mar 15, 2016
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 29, Blk. D, D&W RR CO Survey, A-119, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC Field, UPTON County, being 14.1 miles S direction from MIDKIFF, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commision's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848.** If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at Rule 37 **(512) 463-6751.**

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THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name :	BROOK D-31B	
Lease/Unit Well No. :	2H	
Lease/Unit Acres :	2275.4	
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	1.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	880.0	
Lease Lines :	451.0 F S (off lease) L,	1232.0 F W (off lease) L
Survey Lines :	451.0 F south L,	1232.0 F west L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral : TH1

Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines : 451.0 F S (OFF LEASE) L
1232.0 F W (OFF LEASE) L

Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 31 Block: D Abstract: 145
Survey: EL&RR RR CO
Lease Lines : 100.0 F SOUTH L
1330.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines: 100.0 F SOUTH L
1320.0 F WEST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : R 40 EXC: Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10660 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, DAVID VINCENTI, at (972) 969-3935.

Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C — Rule 37 Case No. 0299641
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb18 , 2016 — Status/Permit No. 813689
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Mar 24, 2016
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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Lease/Unit Well No. :	7H	
Lease/Unit Acres :	1598.4	
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	1.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft):	880.0	
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Survey Lines :	2537.0 F south L,	1365.0 F west L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral : TH1

Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines : 102.0 F NORTH L
1365.0 F WEST L

Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 6 Block: D Abstract: 653
Survey: D&W RR CO / MOSELEY, E A
Lease Lines : 100.0 F SOUTH L
2200.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines: 100.0 F SOUTH L
2200.0 F WEST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : R 40 EXC: Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

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Legal & Public Notices

ORDINANCE NO. 9537

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING USE CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS LOT 1, BLOCK 16, HALEY HEIGHTS, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTHWEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH RANKIN HIGHWAY AND COLLINS AVENUE), WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED LR-3, LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT, BY PERMITTING SAID PROPERTY TO BE USED UNDER A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT WITH TERM FOR AN ELECTRONIC BILLBOARD; CHANGING THE ZONING USE CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS A 2.86-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF SECTION 7, BLOCK 39, T-2-S, T&P RR CO. SURVEY, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF INTERSTATE 20, APPROXIMATELY 350 FEET EAST OF LOTE BUSH DRIVE), WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED BP, I-20 BUSINESS PARK DISTRICT, BY PERMITTING SAID PROPERTY TO BE USED UNDER A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT WITH TERM FOR A BILLBOARD; CHANGING THE ZONING USE CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS ALL OF BLOCK 17, LESS 1,351 SQUARE FEET, ORIGINAL TOWN, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED NORTHWEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH LAMESA ROAD AND EAST FRONT STREET), WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED C-3, COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, BY PERMITTING SAID PROPERTY TO BE USED UNDER A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT WITH TERM FOR A BILLBOARD; CHANGING THE ZONING USE CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS A 7.98-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF SECTION 4, BLOCK 39, T-2-S, T&P RR CO. SURVEY, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF INTERSTATE 20, APPROXIMATELY 1,100 FEET EAST OF SOUTH MIDKIFF ROAD), WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED LR- 2, LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT, BY PERMITTING SAID PROPERTY TO BE USED UNDER A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT WITH TERM FOR AN ELECTRONIC BILLBOARD; MAKING SAID PERMITS SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED HEREIN; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland

Amy M. Turner
City Secretary

Legal & Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 2016, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by RSP Permian, L.L.C. (Mask HZ Unit No 1005H) for a Permit to Drill an Oil and Gas Well inside the City Limits on the following described property: Located 230-feet from north line and 315-feet from west line, Section 10, Block X, H.P. Hilliard Survey, Midland County, Texas.

Generally located 291-feet east of N. Garfield Street Extension and 1,095-feet north of Passage Way Extension.

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

CITY OF MIDLAND
Amy M. Turner, MMC
City Secretary

Legal & Public Notices

ORDINANCE NO. 9542

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING USE CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS A 3,725-SQUARE FOOT PORTION LOT 6C, BLOCK 2, WESTRIDGE PARK ADDITION, SECTION 24, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF NORTH LOOP 250 WEST, APPROXIMATELY 550 FEET NORTH OF DEAUVILLE BOULEVARD), WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR A SHOPPING CENTER, BY PERMITTING SAID PROPERTY TO BE USED UNDER A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT WITH TERM FOR THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN A RESTAURANT FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; MAKING SAID PERMIT SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED HEREIN; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland

Amy M. Turner
City Secretary

Legal & Public Notices

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Lots 1 & 2, Block 162, and the south 378-feet of Lot 1R, Block 163, Wilshire Park Addition, Section 9, City and County of Midland, Texas

Generally located northwest of the intersection of Beal Parkway and Leisure Drive.

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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Lot 2 and the south 20-feet of Lot 1; all out of Block 104A, Wilshire Park Addition, Section 9, City and County of Midland, Texas.

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Generally located 806-feet east of N. Garfield Street Extension and 1,095-feet north of Passage Way Extension.

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Generally located 251-feet east of North Garfield Street Extension and 1,095-feet north of Passage Way Extension.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

CrownQuest Operating, LLC, c/o Box 953, Midland, TX 79702 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced formation water/fluid into a formation that is not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of fluids into the Ellenburger (formation), Russell SWD (lease), Well Number: 1S.

The proposed injection wells are located 7.8 miles in a NW direction from Elbow, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) field, in Howard County, TX.

Fluid will be disposed into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 10700 to 13000 feet.

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 78711-2967 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

General Announcements

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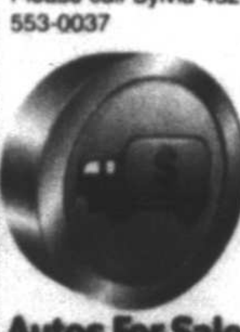
LOST BLACK & white long hair Terrier mix, answers to Sadie. Last seen at intersection of Midland Drive & Gulf. Please contact 432-557-5666 or 432-528-6880

LOST BLONDE Pomeranian named Lucky about 10 lbs that belongs to a disabled person who misses him greatly. Missing since February 1st. Please call Sylvia 432-553-0037



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FORD F250, 2013 for sale. pickup. 6.7 Diesel, automatic. XL Lariat. Excellent condition. 29,000 original miles. Ford warranty bumper to bumper. $46,000. 432-967-0129.

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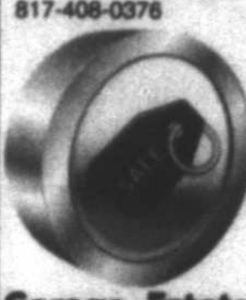

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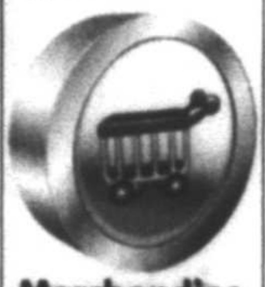

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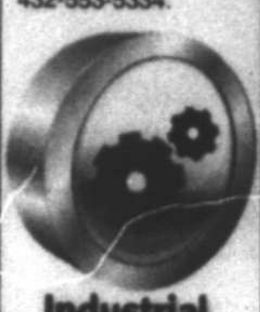

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For pictures go to...
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ORDINANCE NO. 9539

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING CHAPTER ONE, TITLE XI, OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY PERMITTING LOT 1, BLOCK 1, GREEN ACRES, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED AE, AGRICULTURE ESTATE DISTRICT, TO BE USED AS AN LR-2, LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF NORTH STATE HIGHWAY 349, APPROXIMATELY 400 FEET NORTH OF ARAPAHOE ROAD); CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

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