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Library sifts out old, unused materials

Officials say uncluttering shelves has boosted circulation

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

The culling of outdated materials at the Midland County Public Library helped result in a more than 4 percent increase in circulation during fiscal year 2011, according to the assistant librarian.

Assistant Librarian Alice White reported to the Library Advisory Board on Tuesday that circulation -- or the movement of materials through the library system -- increased by 4.2 percent from fiscal year 2010 to 2011. The jump came despite a 4 percent decrease in traffic coming through the library's doors, she said.

"A packed shelf is not appealing to most library users," White said.

Still, while more space on the shelves factored into the higher circulation, not everyone is happy about the unshelving of reading materials.

"I lament the demise of old books like I do the demise of old fogies," said Ed Todd, board member and Reporter-Telegram contributor.

Todd said while he understands some books need to be taken off the shelf, he wishes other books could remain. Just because a book doesn't circulate in 10 years, Todd said, doesn't mean someone couldn't find use in it 10 years from now.

While there is a lot of information online now, Todd said he believes books are more reliable.

"I'm not all that keen on facts printed on the Internet," he said. "I have more faith in the printed word."

White said library staff cull, or weed, through materials based on the "CREW" method, which stands for continuous review, evaluation and weeding. The method provides a guideline for collections and was made standard by the American Library Association, according to its website.

As part of the CREW cycle, staff are constantly looking at the collection, purchasing appropriate materials, putting materials on the shelf and reviewing items for damages, among several other steps, White said.

The local community and its needs also is a big factor in deciding which materials to keep, purchase or take out of circulation, she said.

She said often when books are pulled, it's not simply because they're old but also because they're inaccurate.

When it comes to medical books, information on technology and even travel guides, White said decades-old books no longer provide a correct account.

In some of those cases, a travel or medical book may

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LENDING A HELPING HAND

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Shawn Owen, with Midland Habitat for Humanity, helps Diana Valenzuela and Nita Houch clean paint brushes and buckets Tuesday at 1006 W. Dakota St. Valenzuela and Houch are among a group of students from Western Iowa Tech Community College, who are spending their spring break on a mission trip to help Habitat for Humanity.

Iowa college students help new homeowner, mom

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

They came with a mission: To spend their spring break week giving back to the Midland community in any way they could.

On Sunday, a group of 17 students and leaders from Western Iowa Tech Community College in Sioux City, Iowa, arrived in Midland to help out with Collegiate Challenge, a program designed by Habitat International to give the group a chance to volunteer with local Habitat for Humanity offices.

For the past two days, the group has worked alongside a homeowner as they put the finishing touches on her Habitat house before it will be dedicated Sunday and ready for a move-in.

This is the first time in several years a group has been hosted by the Midland Habitat for Humanity and staff said those at First Baptist Church of Midland were able to donate the use of their two mission houses for the group to stay in this week.

Other donations, such as tickets for Thursday night's Odessa Jackalopes game and dinner Tuesday at the Racquet Club, were also given to the students visiting.

For Moeed Sikander, a foreign exchange student from Pakistan, he said the trip was part of the one-year student exchange program he's enrolled in and a mandatory 40 hours of volunteer work must be completed while in the program.

Still, he's always loved Texas and was excited to get to come for the week. On Tuesday, he compared the weather to that of his native country and said he felt like he was at home.

Before he leaves Midland, he said he plans to buy at least a belt buckle and cowboy hat for himself and a smaller version for his son.

Sikander said in Pakistan he always wanted to help out in some way by doing some form of social work and doing something valuable. This trip, he said, helps him to do just that.

"The opportunity has really been able to do something practical and it's special for me," he said.

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Girl Scout to collect instruments

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

To help low income students participate in music programs, one Girl Scout is coordinating an instrument drive in conjunction with April's Midland ISD Strings Festival.

Coordinating and holding the instrument drive is the main part of Lee High School sophomore Melody Davis' Gold Award project. The Gold Award is the highest honor available for Girl Scouts and comparable to the Boy Scout Eagle Award.

The instrument donation will begin prior to the Strings Festival at 6:30 p.m. April 10 at the Midland College Chapparal Center.

Though the drive focuses specifically on orchestra instruments, Davis said she will collect any instruments and ensure they are working before donating them to MISD.

"I've heard a lot of people around Midland who say they have instruments and stuff sitting in closets, but don't have anywhere to take them," Davis said. "I hope they'll donate them so students can participate and use them."

By listening to her father, a sixth grade strings teacher in MISD, Davis said she's learned how many students want to participate in orchestra, but can't afford to buy an instrument.

"This year there were 52 students who wanted to learn, but couldn't because of monetary issues," Davis said. "When I heard about that, that's when I knew this is what I needed to do my project on."

Currently, MISD has one instrument for loan at each elementary campus and Davis said she hopes to add at least one more to the district's supply so more students can participate.

"If we can get 20 more instruments donated to loan, that's 20 more kids that can join the orchestra," Davis said.

Having partnered with In Tune Music, Davis said all the instruments will be inspected and repaired, if needed.

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Feds unveil reform-minded immigration facility

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

KARNES CITY — With free Internet access, cheap overseas phone calls, private bathrooms and no lights-out policy, the new immigration detention center in this isolated corner of South Texas would hardly seem like a prison if not for the electronically locking doors and reinforced-glass windows.

Following civil-liberties lawsuits filed on behalf of families at a crowded central Texas facility where children were held behind razor barbed-wire, the Obama administration promised three years ago to rethink the nation's much-maligned system for jailing immigration offenders.

The 608-bed lockup in Karnes City, about 60 miles southeast of San Antonio, was intended to be more humane to detainees — though some activists argue they shouldn't be locked up at all.

"We needed to do better. We needed to improve our detainee treatment," said Gary Mead, executive associate director for removal operations with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Some conservatives, however, fear the $32 million civil detention center unveiled Tuesday is coddling criminals.

Guards don't carry handcuffs, and they're not even referred to as guards, but rather, "assistance staff." There's no wall around the facility, and the exterior is painted a crisp royal-blue and burgundy. The dorm-style rooms have four bunk beds, a private bath, television and phone, which inmates can use to make international calls at just 15 cents a minute — a rate mostly unheard of outside. Detainees can stay up all night if they want, or even wander into common areas while everyone else sleeps.

Most of the inmates held here will be those arrested after sneaking across the border in the Rio Grande Valley and other parts of Texas.

Officials are retrofitting centers for low-risk detainees California, Virginia and New Jersey to make them more like this one. They're also building new, more-restrictive immigration detention facility in Florida and Illinois for medium- and high-risk detainees.

The facility will hold only adult males. They won't begin arriving for about three weeks, but ICE invited reporters and representatives from the American Civil Liberties Union and other groups to tour it Tuesday.

The Karnes facility's gym has weight-lifting equipment, a soccer field, indoor and outdoor basketball courts and sand and nets for beach volleyball. There are 117 pay phones, a law library, microwaves, board games and washers and dryers so inmates can do their own laundry.

Lisa Graybill, legal director of the ACLU of Texas, said, "this is their new model civil detention facility, but it's still going to involve detaining people who don't need to be detained."

"It sounds good but our concern is it's not actually going to be good," said Graybill, who said her group is troubled that profit margins maybe more important than detainee welfare.

She said that the Obama administration should scrap U.S. policy adopted in 2005 of detaining nearly all immigration offenders, and instead only lock up only those considered most-dangerous, including any with past criminal records. Others could be given electronic ankle bracelets to ensure they appear for future court dates, she said.

Mead said ICE had increased its use of ankle bracelets and other alternatives to detention, and now has about 23,000 people in such programs compared to about 18,000 last year. He said it costs the federal government about $122 per day per immigration detainee and that those outside detention are cheaper — but their cases are processed more slowly.

The ACLU sued in 2007 over incarcerating families at the T. Don Hutto detention center just northeast of Austin, alleging inhumane conditions. Authorities removed all families and sent them to a facility in Pennsylvania, and Hutto now only houses females.

The detention system has grown from 7,500 beds in 1995 to more than 33,000 today — as have reported abuses such as medical neglect of detainees and denial of due process. ICE removes nearly 400,000 illegal immigrants per year, and has reduced the average length of stay to about 30 days.

Not all detainees are illegal immigrants. Some entered the country legally and committed a crime, making them deportable, but many people in detention have not been convicted. Others are seeking asylum.

The Obama administration recently released more than 400 pages of guidelines for illegal immigrants held in federal custody, and Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, called them "more like a hospitality guideline for illegal immigrants."

Mead said Tuesday that inmates at Karnes, aren't "living in the lap of luxury."

"They are not free to leave," he said.

TEXASROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON

Inmate barred from Muslim services loses appeal

A federal appeals court on Tuesday rejected a Texas inmate's claim that he was unconstitutionally barred from Muslim religious services for six months as discipline for causing a prison ruckus.

The court also rejected his claims that Christian symbols hung in the chapel where Muslim services were held created a "hostile" environment and that prison officials improperly monitored services.

"Prison officials have broad discretion in balancing prisoner rights with prison security," the decision from the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said. It added that "monitoring alone does not prevent the free exercise of religion."

Jesse James Copeland, 56, is serving life for aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon in Gregg County in 1987. His record includes another aggravated robbery conviction, along with burglary and aggravated assault on a corrections officer.

The ruckus started when he refused orders to leave the chapel at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Eastham Unit about 80 miles north of Houston.

"A host of correctional officers and ranking officials abruptly burst into the chapel, and insolently disrupted the service ... having no respect for the Muslim offenders who were making their individual prayers," Copeland said in his lawsuit.

About 30 officers responded to the disturbance, and Copeland was subsequently was barred from attending religious meetings for six months, confined to his cell for 45 days and lost good-behavior credits. Copeland said the punishment violated his free exercise of religion.

He appealed after a lower court rejected his lawsuit as frivolous.

HOUSTON

Dallas man loses appeal, condemned for killing spree

A Dallas man condemned for a shooting spree that left five people dead during a robbery at a suburban Dallas car wash has lost a federal court appeal, moving him a step closer to execution.

Robert Wayne Harris was convicted of two of the five slayings at the Mi-T-Fine Car Wash in Irving in March 2000. He had been fired from his job there a few days earlier for exposing himself to a female customer.

Attorneys for Harris told the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans he was mentally impaired, making him ineligible for execution under Supreme Court guidelines. The appeals court said there was no evidence to support his claim.

"Harris has offered no expert opinion that he is mentally retarded and no IQ score at 70 or below from a test taken prior to age 18," a three-judge panel of the court wrote in a ruling posted late Monday.

Harris, 40, does not yet have an execution date.

His lawyer, Lydia Brandt, said Tuesday she would take the appeal to the Supreme Court.

A Dallas County jury deliberated 11 minutes in September 2000 before finding Harris guilty of killing Rhoda Wheeler, 46, and Agustin Villasenor, 36. The same jury decided three days later Harris should die.

Harris also was charged with capital murder but not tried for the slayings of the three others shot in the same attack.

A sixth employee at the car wash survived a gunshot wound to the head and testified how Harris forced him and two co-workers to kneel at gunpoint before they were shot with a semiautomatic handgun.

Another worker testified he walked in on the scene as Harris was standing over the bodies of three victims. Harris told him there were three other bodies elsewhere. Harris then showed up at a store nearby where the frantic worker was calling 911 to report the carnage. Harris joined in the call and told the dispatcher he had gone to the car wash to talk to his manager after losing his job and discovered the bloody scene.

Harris was arrested the next day, hiding at a former girlfriend's house. The following day, he led police to the decomposing body of a woman who had been missing about four months.

Texas-owned oilfield equipment assembly plant near opening

Associated Press

CHOTEAU, Mont. — A Texas company is looking for engineers, welders and other employees for an oilfield equipment assembly plant it plans to open on the eastern edge of the Rocky Mountain Front in Montana.

Lauren Engineering and Construction of Abilene, Texas, expects to begin operations just south of Bynum by late April, the Missoulian (http://bit.ly/wQ4wn6) reported Tuesday.

Lauren Engineering plans to haul modular equipment from Abilene and assemble it at a 160-acre site on U.S. Highway 89 for delivery to oil fields in Alberta, Canada. The company bought the land in November.

Lauren is building pipe rack modules, or frameworks that carry large sections of specialized pipes for oil-sands refinery tank farms. They weigh between 40,000 and 150,000 pounds and average 80 feet long.

An employment office in Choteau is open briefly on Mondays and Tuesdays to take resumes for jobs at the site. Choteau's finance director Jodi Rogers said the company is hiring about 70 people, including security guards and secretaries.

"It's an opportunity for there to be some good-paying jobs in our community," Rogers said. "I expect they'll be coming from as far as Great Falls. They couldn't pull enough people for that just out of Choteau."

The spot at Bynum is one of the first places where the pieces could be put together in large sections and hauled to Canada without crossing a mountain pass or other difficult road obstacles.

The construction work is separate from the so-called megaloads that have been traveling from the Port of Lewiston in Idaho through northwestern Montana to an oil sands project in northern Alberta.

South Padre rocks as spring break party peaks

Associated Press

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND — When guests at the party next door number about 10,000 and the sound system is rock-concert quality, older visitors and residents say their options during spring break are to flee, adjust or enjoy the spectacle.

At least a few chose each path as Texas week — the apex of South Padre Island's nearly monthlong festivities — bounced back from a chilly opening weekend and packed the barrier island with students freed from their studies.

Residents and guests at the staid Isla del Sol condominium complex — a Frisbee toss away from the main stage of the beach party. — marveled Monday at the size of the gyrating, tangled mass just beyond their property, taking in the scene with binoculars, cell phones and video cameras.

R.G. Ketchum, a state park ranger from Oklahoma staying for two months at the Isla del Sol, found the high-spirited explosion of youth entertaining.

"It's OK. They quit at 5 o'clock. They don't bother us here," Ketchum said. "They're real polite to you if you walk out there. They know you're a senior citizen."

Ketchum watched the crowd control measures closely too, noting when paramedics hauled an incapacitated party-goer out of the crowd in the bed of a small four-wheel drive vehicle.

Still, the party has an undeniable impact. Ketchum said he and his wife rarely go out this week.

Driving on the island is not an attractive option.

Matt Smith, who along with his 90-year-old father are the only year-round residents at the 44-unit Isla del Sol, runs errands in the mornings while spring breakers sleep off the previous night's excesses. By afternoon, the main street splitting the sliver of land is gridlocked. Smith, 45, tells his dad there won't be any trips to McDonald's this week.

He did his own partying on South Padre Island back when the Eagles and Steve Miller Band were the Lil' Flip and Skrillex of the day, and he recognizes what a boon it is for local businesses. But the traffic and mess left on the beach are enough to make Smith consider making other plans in March.

"Every year, I think we should just pack up and leave for the month," he said last week.

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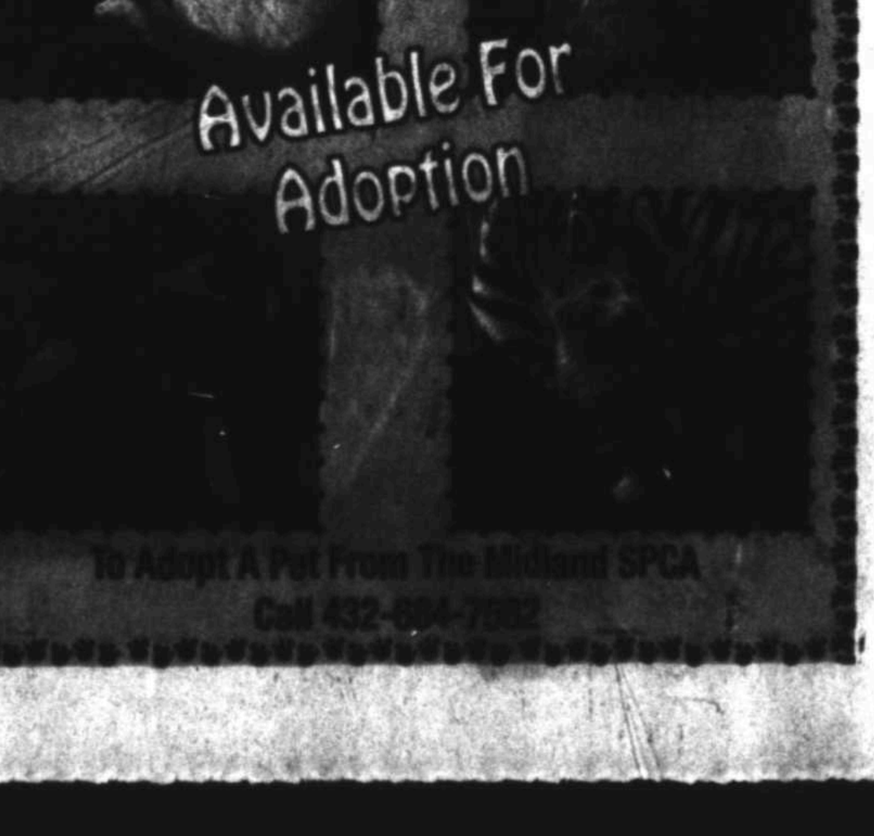

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Associated Press

An 8-month-old kitten named Crystal is proof that black-footed cat embryos can be successfully implanted into housecats. Crystal is a test-tube kitten, her embryo created by in vitro fertilization and implanted into the womb of a domestic cat that gave birth Feb. 6 at the Audubon Center for Research of Endangered Species. She's among fewer than 80 black-footed cats in zoos and collections.

NEWSBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

IOWA

Texan jailed for trying to release minks

SIOUX CITY — A 22-year-old Austin woman has been given 60 days in jail for trying to release minks from a Sioux City farm.

Kellie Marshall had pleaded guilty in Woodbury County District Court to releasing an animal from an animal facility and attempted third-degree burglary.

The Sioux City Journal said Judge Steven Andreasen suspended a five-year prison sentence and 305 days of jail time for Marshall. Marshall was given five years of probation, as well.

Marshall and 24-year-old Victor Vanorden, also of Austin, were found in a soybean field in October before they could release the animals. Officers found fences nearby that had been cut.

Vanorden was sentenced to five years in prison.

Marshall and Vanorden must pay nearly $8,800 in restitution for the fence damage.

HOUSTON

Beehive stolen from outside restaurant

Some thieves might truly have sticky fingers after a 500-pound beehive was swiped from a garden outside a Houston restaurant.

Houston police spokesman Victor Senties said Tuesday that nobody has been arrested.

Surveillance security video shows a truck pulling up before dawn Saturday near the Haven Restaurant. Authorities believe at least two people loaded the box-style hive into the vehicle and drove away.

Chef Randy Evans said the thieves apparently knew what they were doing by taking the hive during rainy, chilly weather. He says bees are usually inactive during such conditions.

Evans said about 5,000 bees lived in the hive, worth an estimated $1,000. Honey made by the bees is used in some restaurant dishes, plus the insects help pollinate the garden.

NEW ORLEANS

Wild black-footed cat: Test-tube kitten born in US

Several endangered black-footed cats have been born recently in the U.S. and researchers said Crystal's birth is the rarest — the first ever born from an embryo fertilized in a lab dish, frozen, and later implanted in a housecat's womb.

The black-footed cat is Africa's smallest wildcat and one of the world's smallest felines — smaller even than a domestic cat.

Earle Pope, interim director of the Audubon Center for Research of Endangered Species, said Crystal was born Feb. 6 at the New Orleans complex. He says Crystal is proof that embryos of this dwindling species can be successfully implanted into domestic cats.

Only an estimated 10,000 of these cats, which get their name from their distinctive black foot pads, still live in the wild in southern Africa.

KANSAS

House quashes bid to make Toto breed top dog

TOPEKA — There may be no place like home, but don't tell Toto.

A Kansas House committee quashed a bid Monday to make the cairn terrier, a breed perhaps best known as that of Dorothy's canine sidekick in "The Wizard of Oz," the state's official dog.

Democratic state Rep. Ed Trimmer told the Wichita Eagle he plans to reintroduce the bill next year. And Brenda Moore, a South Central Kansas Kennel Club official who first proposed the idea, said she plans to drum up public support for it this summer.

The animal rights group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals opposed the measure, saying it believes it would cause Kansas puppy mills to "churn out litter after litter of the breed" and lead to fewer adoptions from animal shelters.

IOWA

Republican mistakenly pitches Democrats

ALBIA — A Republican congressional candidate said he's learned to double check his campaign schedule after he mistakenly spoke at a Democratic convention in Iowa.

Dan Dolan told the Quad-City Times he arrived early Saturday at the county courthouse in Albia for a Republican convention. He says his staffer asked the crowd if he could speak, and when he finished, "a guy raises his hand and says, 'I think you want to talk to the

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Students seek to stop loan interest rate hike

By Kimberly Hefling
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Millions of college students could be in for a shock this summer when the interest rate on a popular federally subsidized student loan doubles unless Congress acts.

College students on Tuesday delivered more than 130,000 letters to congressional leaders asking them to stop rates from increasing from 3.4 to 6.8 percent. The rate hike affects new subsidized Stafford loans, which are issued to low and middle income undergraduates. They hope to raise enough awareness to get Congress to stop it.

"I will be put back into buying a house and saving up for my expenses later on in life, and life as we know, is very unexpected. Adding that variable definitely limits my ability to be successful," said Tyler Dowden, 18, a freshman at Northern Arizona University who spoke at a press conference outside the Capitol before the letters were delivered in boxes with "Congress: Don't Double Student-Debt Rates" printed on the outside.

Dowden said he anticipates graduating with $25,000 in debt, but if the rate increases, he expects to add about $3,500 to that tally. He's studying to be a mental health therapist.

President Barack Obama frequently tells crowds it's important for Congress to stop the hike because one of the most daunting challenges after high school graduation is affording college. His administration has said keeping the rate low would help 7.4 million borrowers save on average more than a thousand dollars over the life of the loan.

But doing so is estimated to cost billions annually at a time when Congress is gridlocked over budgetary and other issues.

With many lawmakers acting on a campaign promise, the Democrat-controlled Congress in 2007 passed legislation to progressively lower the rate to 3.4 percent this school year.

Rep. John Kline, R-Minn., chairman of the House Education and the Workforce Committee, has said the looming hike is the "result of a ticking time bomb set by Democrats five years ago" and that "simply calling for more of the same is a disservice to students and taxpayers."

Jennifer Allen, a spokeswoman for Kline, said in an email that we, "now face the exact predicament we expected: we must either allow interest rates to rise on student loans, or stick taxpayers with another multi-billion dollar bill."

Kline's office estimates based on a Congressional Budget Office figure that the annual cost to keep the rate low is about $6 billion annually, although some Democrats have estimated it would cost less than that.

With tuition costs at a high, students are taking on unprecedented levels of student debt. College students leave owing an average $25,000 in loans, and student loan debt now surpasses credit card debt.

Some graduates simply can't keep up with it. A report released Tuesday by the federal judiciary about the courts' caseload in the government-spending year that ended Sept. 30, showed that filings with the government as a plaintiff increased 25 percent as cases concerning defaulted student loans surged 58 percent, or by 1,588 cases.

Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., and Rep. Joe Courtney, D-Conn., who spoke at the press conference, said it doesn't make sense for student loan recipients to face a higher interest rate than homeowners are getting on mortgages or that banks are able to get. The two back legislation that would keep the lower rate, but both acknowledged that in the political climate, it will be challenging to get the legislation passed by the July deadline.

The college students said they worry constantly about the debt they are taking on, and that the few thousand extra dollars they'd take on in new loans if the rate doubled would affect life decisions.

Samantha Durdock, 19, a sophomore studying government and politics at the University of Maryland, said she wants to go to graduate school after college so that she can pursue a career related to international affairs, but she thinks she won't be able to go immediately with the additional amount she'd likely owe. She said she already expects to graduate owing at least more than $20,000.

"Right now, if the loans stay how it is, it's going to be tight, but I could make it doing five years straight in school. But with the increase I'd probably have to take off," Durdock said.

Online

Federation of State Public Interest Research Groups: http://www.uspirg.org/
Rebuild the Dream: http://rebuildthedream.com/

Highs in 70s in March? Warm spell expected to last

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Break out the beach towels, flip-flops and baseball bats: Warm weather is arriving early across much of the U.S., even in northern states where perplexed residents are swapping their snow shovels for golf clubs.

The unseasonably warm weather was pushing throngs of people outside to play Tuesday from the Plains to New England, where March is feeling like May with temperatures ranging from the high 60s to low 80s — smashing dozens of record highs.

Boaters were cruising along the river in downtown Chicago amid one of Illinois' warmest winters on record. Golfers were smacking balls at a central Minnesota course that opened weeks earlier than last year.

And an ice-breaking mission on Maine's Kennebec River on Tuesday was the shortest in recent memory — because the Coast Guard found no ice.

"It's almost like we skipped winter and now we're going to skip spring, too," said Gino Izzi, a senior meteorologist at the National Weather Service's Chicago office.

Forecasters said spring is early and predicted the temperatures could remain unusually high through the end of March.

Izzi said the weather pattern is a random but normal fluctuation. A jet stream moving north to south on the West Coast is pushing an opposite, see-saw effect in the rest of the nation. Atmospheric patterns, including the Pacific phenomenon known as La Nina, have kept cold air bottled up over Canada and contributed to the unusually warm winter in parts of the lower 48 states accustomed to more snow.

The warm weather was raising some concerns, including upping the risk of wildfires in North Dakota and South Dakota. The usually warm, dry and windy conditions on Tuesday prompted six North

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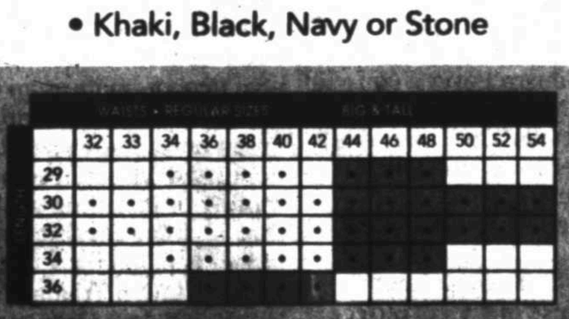

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Thing to do

■ Midland County Republican Women, 11:30 a.m., Petroleum Club. The guest speaker is Todd Staples, commissioner of agriculture. Craig James, a U.S. Senate candidate, also will be in attendance. There is no charge just to hear the speaker. For more information, go to www.mcrw.us or call Joann at 684-0064 for reservations.

Community calendar

■ Midland Quilters Guild will meet at 1 p.m. today at St. Stephen's Catholic Church. Members will be demonstrating ways to embroider and embellish quilts.

■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home monthly reading event is planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday for first- through sixth-graders.

This month's featured book is "Jake Drake, Bully Buster." Each child will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will be served.

To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

Lake levels report

Representing percentage full totals from early March 2010-12

	2010	2011	2012
O.H. Ivie	44.45	30.92	17.74
Thomas	5.34	5.21	1.17
Spence	4.66	2.37	0.45

Notes: Ivie actually increased by 0.04. The three lakes are a combined 8.10 percent full.

Delivery
(in gallons)
Midland: daily average this week 11.907 million
Midland: daily average last week 13.051 million
Midland: daily average last year 19.777 million
Odessa: daily average this week 12.691 million

Source: Colorado River Municipal Water District.

City's watering schedule

According to the city's Drought Contingency plan, the watering schedule is:

■ Odd addresses: beginning 6 p.m. Sundays through 10 a.m. Mondays and beginning 6 p.m. Wednesdays through 10 a.m. Thursdays.

■ Even addresses: beginning 6 p.m. Saturdays through 10 a.m. Sundays and beginning 6 p.m. Tuesdays through 10 a.m. Wednesdays.

When you can water starting April 1:

■ Residents and businesses can water for two hours between the hours of 6 p.m. and midnight on their assigned day.

■ Days are being assigned based on zones. To find out which zone you're in, visit: http://www.ci.midland.tx.us/departments/utilities/WaterUse_DaysofWeek%20030512.pdf or call 685-7474

■ All types of watering devices are permitted.

■ New pools are allowed only if they are filled with water purchased and trucked in from outside the city.

■ Washing outdoor surfaces, such as sidewalks, driveways, building exteriors and parking lots is not allowed.

It's your birthday

Andrea Esquivel, of Midland turns 7 today.

Put your birthday, anniversary in the paper

The Reporter-Telegram is running birthdays and anniversaries as part of our daily presentation.

If you would like to submit an entry, please send us the following information.

■ Birthdays: Name, age, birthday and place of residence.

■ Anniversaries: Names, years married, anniversary date and place of residence.

Please submit your item to Editor Stewart Doreen (sdoreen@mrt.com). We will run as many items as space allows.

This day in Midland

On March 14, 1998, the Midland High boys basketball team, coached by Jack Stephenson, defeated San Antonio Taft, 63-51, in Austin to capture its first Class 5A basketball title. Three Bulldogs — Kirby Lemons, Jay Christian and Charles Tatum — scored all of MHS' points during the game.

Lottery

Pick 3 day: 2-4-4
Pick 3 night: 8-0-7
Daily 4 day: 1-5-2-4
Daily 4 night: 6-8-1-2
Cash Five: 3-18-29-32-35
Mega Millions: 2-8-30-36-48 MB: 31 Megaplier: 3

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, March 14, the 74th day of 2012. There are 292 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1794, Eli Whitney received a patent for his cotton gin, an invention that revolutionized America's cotton industry.

In 1951, during the Korean War, United Nations forces recaptured Seoul.

In 1964, a jury in Dallas found Jack Ruby guilty of murdering Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, and sentenced him to death. (Both the conviction and death sentence were later overturned, but Ruby died before he could be retried.)

In 1967, the body of President John F. Kennedy was moved from a temporary grave to a permanent memorial site at Arlington National Cemetery.

Ten years ago: The government charged the Arthur Andersen accounting firm with obstruction of justice, securing its first indictment in the collapse of Enron. (Although Arthur Andersen was later found guilty, its conviction was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court; however, the damage to the firm's reputation was enough to put it out of business.)

LIBRARY

From 1A

be pulled and then a newer book on the same topic ordered, she said.

In total, the Midland County Public Library ended fiscal year 2011 with 6 percent fewer print items than it had in fiscal year 2010, White said.

The state's library association recommends 5 percent of books be culled annually. White said one could argue Midland County's percentage was a bit higher to make up for years where little weeding occurred.

Books that are removed from the library's shelves are turned over to Better World Books. The company sells some materials online and returns a portion of the profits to the county.

Other materials are distributed to nonprofits and places with low literacy rates.

With more space on the shelves, White said studies show users are more likely to pick up an item.

If an item is picked up and not borrowed, White said they do encourage patrons to allow library staff to re-shelve the material. That way, the book or other item can be scanned to show it was looked at and then put back in its proper place.

Alathea Blischke, secretary for the board, said while she has seen books she utilized taken off the shelves, she supports the weeding process as it makes the library look better.

"I was ashamed and embarrassed over our collection and how appallingly out of date it was," she said. "I appreciate that culling is going on."

White said the full 2011 annual report will be presented to the Midland County Commissioners' Court when it's been completed. It also will be available online.

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COLLECT

From 1A

Though In Tune has agreed to donate labor, Davis said she will be collecting cash donations to help pay for instrument parts and repairs.

"We want to make sure the instruments are in good working condition before we donate them to the district for students to use," Davis said.

Instead of belonging to each school, Davis said the instruments will be housed at Lee, so campuses can use them as needed, she said.

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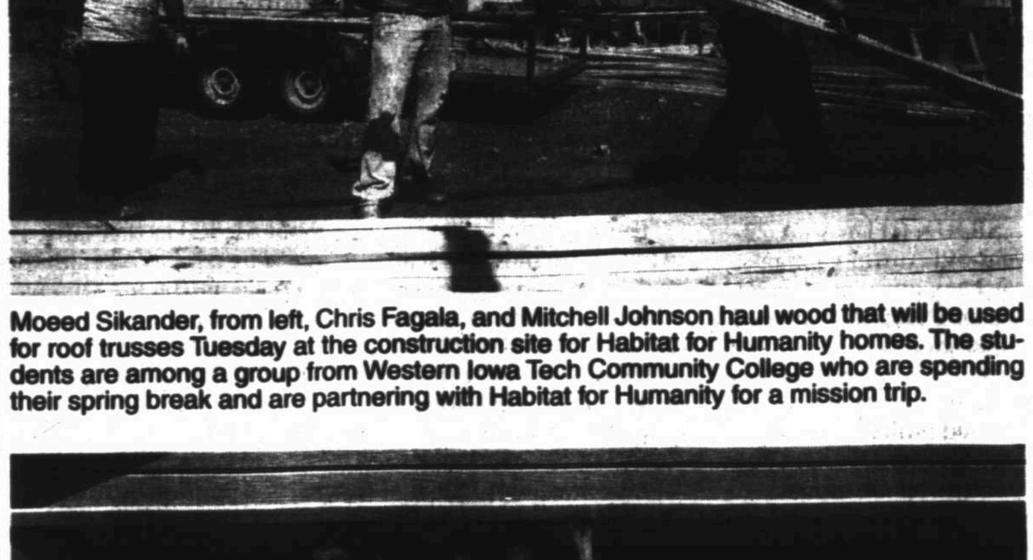
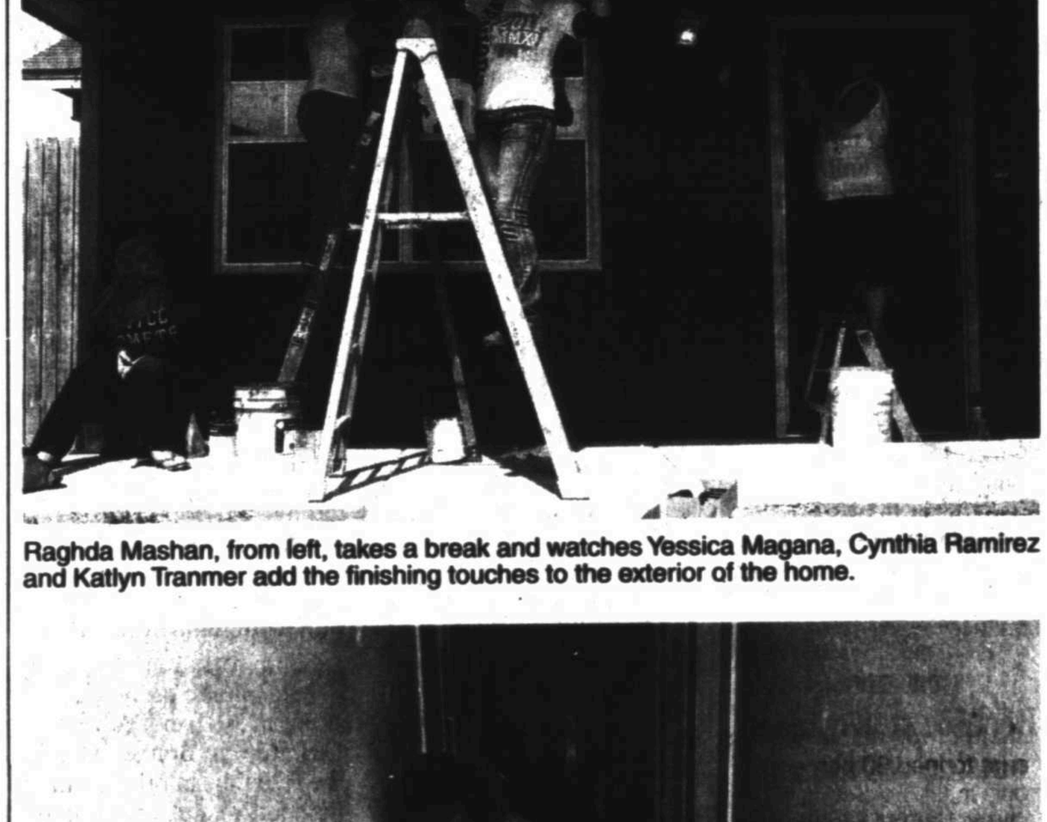
To donate:
Instrument donations will begin will begin before the Strings Festival at 6:30 p.m. April 10 at the Midland College Chapparal Center.

Moeed Sikander, from left, Chris Fagala, and Mitchell Johnson haul wood that will be used for roof trusses Tuesday at the construction site for Habitat for Humanity homes. The students are among a group from Western Iowa Tech Community College who are spending their spring break and are partnering with Habitat for Humanity for a mission trip.



Raghda Mashan, from left, takes a break and watches Yessica Magana, Cynthia Ramirez and Katlyn Tranmer add the finishing touches to the exterior of the home.



Ariel Vanden Brink cleans the floor tiles that were installed by her mission group Tuesday at the home.

Photos by Cindeka Nealy

Texas officials to talk about herd rebuilding

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Agriculture officials plan to travel Texas in the coming months to help ranchers who want to rebuild their herds after heavy selloffs last year when drought parched grazing lands and sent hay prices skyrocketing.

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service said Tuesday it will provide information on lending policies, animal health, balancing forage recovery with growing herds and issues involved in generational turnover.

One goal is to encourage young people to get into ranching after many cattle producers got out of the business because of the historic drought.

Ron Gill, a livestock specialist with the extension service in College Station, said in a news release that some discussion will center around obstacles to younger Texans getting into ranching. Those include a lack of startup money and experience.

"Developing partnerships with family members or others in the community will allow a new generation of ranchers to emerge during this recovery process," Gill said.

Texas is the nation's leader in beef production, and ranching and affiliated trade and service companies are the second largest economic driver in the state, worth billions of dollars, Gill said.

A January U.S. Department of Agriculture report showed Texas had 11.9 million head of cattle and calves, 11 percent fewer than a year before. The worst drought in Texas' history led to the largest one-year decline in the state's cow herd, with numbers dropping by 12 percent, or about 600,000.

If they don't rebound soon, the state could start to lose infrastructure, such as feedlots and meat packing plants, Gill said.

The educational programs begin in April. The first few will be held in Abilene, Alice, Athens, Graham, Midland and Yoakum.

Online:
Program schedule and online registration: http://agriliferegister.tamu.edu (Enter keyword: beef)

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Jeremiah J. Delao, 21, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Midland police on a charge of evading arrest and/or detention with previous convictions and a charge of possession of a controlled substance in a correctional facility.

Jose L. Hernandez, 55, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Department of Public Safety troopers on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Armando Martinez, 52, of Stanton, was arrested Sunday by Midland police on a charge of obstruction or retaliation.

Edward Kennedy Rodriguez, 24, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Midland police on a charge of violation of parole.

Maria Luisa Valdespino, 36, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Department of Public Safety troopers on a charge of violation of parole.

Crystal Starr Goodman, 19, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland County deputies on a charge of failure to appear.

Michael Anthony Preston, 45, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland County deputies on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Toilet paper running low in NJ's capital city

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — Toilet paper is at the center of the latest battle of Trenton.

Paper products are running low as Mayor Tony Mack's administration and the City Council quarrel over a contract to resupply city government in New Jersey's capital.

Council President Kathy McBride tells The Times of Trenton (http://bit.ly/A1bBYd) paper towel and toilet paper dispensers in senior citizen centers, police headquarters, the fire department and other city offices likely won't last through the week.

The council has twice rejected a $42,000 contract for a year's supply of paper products because members raised concerns about a high unit price for hot drink cups.

Mack's administration removed the cups from the contract and sent it back to the council.

Mack has faced frequent criticism and scandal since he took office in 2010.

MISSION

From 1A

Mitchell Johnson said that he likes giving back and has helped out on numerous other Habitat projects. Knowing some handiwork skills and being able to share those, is something he doesn't mind doing. Giving up his spring break week to come to Texas, for him, also wasn't a big deal.

"I wasn't doing anything anyways," he said.

Team leader Ben Rouse said this is the fifth year the group of Western Iowa Tech has left the state to go help out on a project for the week; in the past they've visited Taos, N.M.; Stuart and Jacksonville, Fla. and Laredo last year.

The first year he participated, Rouse said he was a student and the Collegiate Challenge program was a brand new idea. After he went on a few more trips, he was able to coordinate as an employee and lead teams. On each trip, he said, the group never knows what they'll end up doing and have helped out on projects like roofing or installing walls. This week, they're doing finishing work to get the home prepared for a final walk-through.

Both Katlyn Tranmer and Ariel Vanden Brink said they went on the trip last year to Laredo and were excited to get to experience a different area of Texas with this year's project. They both said they like to do volunteer work and enjoy learning the different skills needed when working on the homes.

"This is something better to do with my break than doing nothing," Vanden Brink said, adding that it was a "blast" to get to meet the woman whose home they are working on this week.

Tranmer said that at home, as part of the program, the group does a local build each semester with their Habitat office but it's fun to get to leave the area also and go and experience a new location.

"It's not something we normally get to do," she said.

Midland Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Alynda Best said because of help from the students they'll be able to dedicate a home on Sunday and start construction on the organization's 111th home Monday morning.

"It became quite that easy when we had that many hands to help," she said. "It's exciting. The most important thing is that we've helped a mother and her children get into a home."

Best said they were expecting to receive a group from New York but received word that they wouldn't be coming. Instead, staff thought they wouldn't have anyone to host until the Iowa group contacted them a few weeks ago about coming to Midland.

"I think because it's been such a success, we will do it again," she said.

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Santorum sweeps Alabama, Mississippi primaries

By David Espo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A resurgent Rick Santorum swept primaries in Alabama and Mississippi Tuesday night, upending the race for the Republican presidential nomination as he sought to push Newt Gingrich toward the sidelines.

Mitt Romney was running third in both states.

"We did it again," Santorum told cheering supporters in Lafayette, La. He said it was time for conservatives to unite in an effort to defeat Romney, the former Massachusetts governor who is the faraway leader in the competition for Republican National Convention delegates.

Romney bristled in the hours before the votes were counted, saying Santorum was "at the desperate end of his campaign."

But it was Gingrich with the most to lose as he struggled for political survival in a part of the country he hoped would fuel one more comeback in the unpredictable race to pick an opponent to President Barack Obama.

He congratulated Santorum on his victories, and poked at Romney. "If you're the front-runner and you keep coming in third, you're not much of a front-runner," he said in Birmingham, Ala.

In Alabama, with 76 percent of the precincts counted, Santorum was pulling 35 percent of the vote, Gingrich had 30 percent and Romney 28 percent.

Returns from 92 percent of Mississippi's precincts showed Santorum with 33 percent, Gingrich 31 percent and Romney 30.

Rep. Ron Paul, the fourth contender, made little effort in the states on the day's ballot.

There were 107 Republican National Convention delegates at stake on Tuesday, 47 in Alabama, 37 in Mississippi, 17 in Hawaii caucuses and six more in caucuses in American Samoa.

Evangelicals played an outsized role in both primary states, underscoring the challenge to Romney. In Mississippi and Alabama, 80 percent or more of voters leaving their polling places said they were born again Christians or evangelical. Those voters have been reluctant to rally to Romney's side in the primaries and caucuses to date. Among them, Santorum bested Romney by 9 points in Alabama and 4 points in Mississippi.

More broadly, the exit polls showed a primary electorate that was conservative, determinedly Republican and profoundly unhappy about the government.

In Mississippi, more than eight in 10 voters said they were dissatisfied or angry with the federal government, while in Alabama, 80 percent said they would definitely vote for the Republican candidate against Obama next fall, no matter who he is.

While Alabama and Mississippi are among the most conservative states in the country and share a long border, the exit polls showed significant differences in the voters' reaction to the candidates.

In Mississippi, Romney had the support of 30 percent of primary voters who earn under $50,000 a year, compared with 26 percent in Alabama. He drew the backing of 33 percent of Mississippi primary voters with no college education, compared with 27 percent in Alabama.

Only about half of all voters in each state said they work full-time for pay, and they, too, voted differently one state from the other.

Santorum outpolled Romney, 39 percent to 23 percent among that group in Alabama. The two men tied among that group in Mississippi.

As has been true in earlier primaries, the economy was the most important issue to voters, and an ability to defeat Obama the most important quality when it came time to pick a candidate.

The exit polls were based on interviews with 1,552 voters as they left 30 randomly selected polling places around Alabama, and with 1,575 Mississippi voters from 30 sites. Each survey had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

The Southern showdown came as new polling showed a decline in Obama's approval ratings — a reversal amid escalating gasoline prices and turbulence in the Middle East.

The day began with Romney leading the delegate competition by far in The Associated Press count, with 454 of the 1,144 needed to win the nomination. Santorum had 217, Gingrich 107 and Paul 47.

That gave the former Massachusetts governor more than his rivals combined. And while Santorum in particular challenges the mathematical projections, Romney is amassing delegates at a rate that puts him on track to clinch control of the nomination before the convention next summer.

Romney, campaigning in Missouri, took exception to a television commercial airing in both Southern states and said Santorum "is at the desperate end of his campaign." The commercial was backed by a super PAC that supports the former senator, not by him.

Santorum's camp had earlier issued a memo that dismissed as fuzzy math Romney's claim that he is on track to amass a delegate majority. "Simply put, time is on our side," it said.

Gingrich's aides issued a rebuttal of their own with the polls still open in the primary states. It said the primaries were not yet half over, and the former House speaker "is well positioned to win the GOP nomination."

The large amount of television advertising was testimony to the importance the contenders and their allies attached to the primaries in both Alabama and Mississippi.

All three candidates as well as super PACs supporting each of them ran television commercials. As has been the case all year, Restore Our Future, which backs Romney, spent more than any of the others. The group put down $1.3 million for television ads in Alabama, another $900,000 in Mississippi and more for radio on Christian and other radio stations as well as thousands of pieces of mail designed to help the former Massachusetts governor.

It was only in recent days that Romney seemed to sense a chance in Alabama and Mississippi, and he responded by increasing his television ad expenditures and his plans for campaigning in the states.

Born in Michigan and a longtime resident of Massachusetts, he told one audience the two primaries were "a bit of an away game for him" and drew laughs from another when he said he hoped to go hunting with an Alabama friend "who can actually show me which end of the rifle to shoot."

He generally steered away from criticizing his Republican rivals and aimed his rhetoric instead at Obama, whose prospects in both states are as dim next fall as anywhere in the country.

Santorum campaigned against the president and Romney simultaneously as he sought the support of conservatives who have fueled his recent surge.

In Biloxi, Miss., on Monday, he ridiculed the science behind global warming. "The dangers of carbon dioxide? Tell that to a plant, how dangerous carbon dioxide is," he said.

Gingrich spent part of his time pushing back against suggestions — including from his own staff — that he might drop out if he didn't notch a pair of Southern victories. His only two wins so far came in the South Carolina primary on Jan 21, and last week, when he won his political home state of Georgia.

Initial polls showed the former House speaker in a strong position in both states, but he abruptly canceled a campaign trip to Kansas in advance of the state's caucuses late last week to remain in the South.

He used a recorded telephone message from Chuck Norris, the actor and Karate champion, for a last-minute appeal to voters in Alabama.

Close races in Ala., Miss. fueled by ideology

Voters going to the polls for the tightly fought GOP primaries in Mississippi and Alabama expressed strong support for their chosen candidate, according to preliminary exit polls. And those polls suggested the ongoing nomination battle would not lead to a major fracture in the party come November.

Santorum's wins rested on his advantages among those concerned about shared religious beliefs and women.

IDEOLOGY AND SATISFACTION: Half of voters in both states said Mitt Romney's positions on the issues were generally not conservative enough; while most voters in each state said Newt Gingrich's positions were ideologically about right. About half in each state called Rick Santorum about right. The quarter who called Santorum "not conservative enough" in Mississippi is the highest so far in exit polls where the question has been asked.

Still, most Mississippi voters said they would be satisfied with Gingrich, Romney or Santorum at the top of the ticket, and in Alabama, 8 in 10 said they would definitely vote for the GOP nominee, no matter who wins in the end.

LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER: Electability remains a top consideration for voters in the GOP primary, with about 4 in 10 in each state saying it was their chief concern in choosing a candidate. Asked separately which of the four remaining candidates had the best shot at beating President Barack Obama in the fall; a plurality chose Romney.

STRONGLY BEHIND THEIR CHOICES: Majorities of GOP voters in both states said they were strongly behind their chosen candidate. Across last week's Super Tuesday contests, the share of voters that secure topped 50 percent only in Georgia, Massachusetts and Oklahoma. In Alabama, Romney voters expressed more reservations about their candidate than did Santorum or Gingrich backers; in Mississippi, about half of Romney's and Santorum's supporters strongly favored their candidate, while about 6 in 10 Gingrich supporters strongly favored him.

RELIGIOUS VALUES: In both states, the vast majority of voters identified themselves as born-again or evangelical Christians and about three-quarters said it mattered at least somewhat that a candidate share their religious beliefs. In both Alabama and Mississippi, Santorum held an advantage among those evangelicals who said shared beliefs mattered "a great deal" to their choice. Romney and Gingrich were more competitive among evangelical voters less focused on common religious beliefs.

—*Associated Press*

No surprises in Ala., Miss congressional primaries

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — There were no major upsets in congressional primaries in Alabama and Mississippi on Tuesday, as one powerful House committee chairman won re-election, another was comfortably ahead, and Mississippi's junior senator cruised to victory in his GOP primary contest.

In Alabama, U.S. Rep. Spencer Bachus was comfortably leading a well-known state senator and two other challengers following the incumbent's toughest primary fight in years, according to early returns.

Bachus, who heads the House Financial Services Committee, faced ethics questions in his Republican primary race. The independent Office of Congressional Ethics is investigating his investment activities during the events leading up to and surrounding Congress' $700 billion bailout of Wall Street.

With about two-thirds of precincts reporting, Bachus was capturing nearly three-fifths of the vote in a three-way field. His closest competitor was state Sen. Scott Beason, who was receiving about one-fourth of the vote. Beason gained nationwide attention for sponsoring Alabama's toughest-in-the-nation law against illegal immigration.

In another closely watched Alabama contest, U.S. Rep. Jo Bonner won the Republican primary in his southwest Alabama congressional district, a race that's tantamount to re-election.

Bonner also had captured nearly three-fifths of the vote, with about 60 percent of precincts reporting. He defeated three primary challengers.

Bonner is seeking a sixth term. But last month, he was among five committee Republicans who withdrew from a long-standing investigation of Democratic U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters of California amid questions about their impartiality. Past allegations of bias by Republican members forced the panel to hire an outside lawyer last July to investigate the committee and its handling of the Waters case.

In neighboring Mississippi, Sen. Roger Wicker and the state's three U.S. House members breezed to victory in their party primaries, setting up races in November in which each will be heavily favored.

As for the two House chairman, Bachus and Bonner were both targeted by the Campaign for Primary Accountability, a Texas-based super PAC that seeks to unseat incumbents.

The group aired television commercials and sent direct-mail ads criticizing Bachus for voting for bank bailouts and increases in the federal debt limit while also accepting donations from the financial sector.

Bachus, forced into the unusual position of having to answer opponents' charges during the primary season, blamed the attacks on what he called a Democratic machine aligned with President Barack Obama. Bachus highlighted his opposition to the president's health care overhaul, which he labeled "socialist."

On the Democratic side in the central Alabama district, retired Air Force Col. Penny Huggins Bailey of Leeds was leading Birmingham attorney William Barnes for a spot on the November ballot in the heavily Republican area.

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Opinion

Holder, administration have identity problem

■ In striking down Texas' law, the attorney general strikes another political blow for his boss.

RICH LOWRY
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For Attorney General Eric Holder, life must present a hellish vista of pervasive racist practices.

Wherever he goes, people are required to show identification. When cashing a check. When signing up for a library card. When boarding a plane. When entering certain office buildings. When checking into hotels. When (in the case of the youthful-looking) buying a beer or cigarettes, or entering a bar. The tyranny of the photo ID is so all-encompassing that people can't enter Holder's own Justice Department without showing one.

Holder is outraged that in a nation where requests for photo ID are ubiquitous, more and more states are requiring that people show them when they vote. In a speech last year, Holder characterized these voter-ID laws as an assault on the voting rights that Congressman John Lewis — the hero of Edmund Pettus Bridge — fought for in the mid-1960s. Back then, blacks in the South had to fear for their safety if they showed up at the courthouse to try to register to vote. Now, states are merely asking everyone, regardless of race, to show identification that is readily available to all, regardless of race.

That Holder can equate the fight against voter ID to the struggles of the 1960s demonstrates a moral obtuseness insulting to the memory of the civil-rights pioneers. His Justice Department now is blocking a new voter-ID law in Texas, after doing the same to a South Carolina law. It argues that the Texas statute disproportionally will affect poor Latinos and therefore violate the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

Why would the yokels in Texas do something so outrageous as ask that people prove who they are at polling places? It is obviously a basic check against fraud. Requiring an ID to vote was one of the proposals in 2005 of the commission on federal election reform, chaired by Jimmy Carter and James Baker, neither of whom previously had been noted for his hostility to minorities or the poor.

Analyzing Texas data, the Justice Department contends that anywhere from 6 percent to 10 percent of Hispanic registered voters don't have ID. It piles up a parade of horribles — no cars, great distances, inconvenient hours — for why such potential voters can't get to an office to acquire one, even though the state's Department of Public Safety will issue election identification certificates for free.

The experience of other states with voter-ID laws suggests minorities are not the hapless victims that Holder's Justice Department portrays them as. Hans von Spakovsky of The Heritage Foundation points out that black turnout increased in Georgia in 2008, the first election under a voter-ID law, more than it did in Mississippi, which didn't have such a law. A study by the University of Delaware and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln concluded that "concerns about voter-identification laws affecting turnout are much ado about nothing."

Before his next speech, Holder should bone up on the Supreme Court's 6-3 decision in 2008 upholding Indiana's voter-ID law. The liberal Justice John Paul Stevens wrote the majority opinion. The court held that "there is no question about the legitimacy or importance of the State's interest in counting only the votes of eligible voters," and "we cannot conclude that the statute imposes 'excessively burdensome requirements' on any class of voters." The decision cited the finding of a district judge that plaintiffs had "not introduced evidence of a single, individual Indiana resident who will be unable to vote as a result of the law." Presumably, if the Indiana law had represented the recrudescence of Jim Crow, the nation's highest court would have noticed.

Not that any of this matters to Attorney General Holder. Just as the administration is manufacturing a "war on women," he wants to manufacture a "war on voting rights." It is the same MO of fevered rhetoric and distortions in the service of the same end of motivating key voting blocs. Holder's tenure as the government's top lawyer is an ongoing disgrace.

GUEST VIEW

Open Meetings Act about public's right to know

Dallas Morning News

If there's anything good to say about one ongoing assault on the Texas Open Meetings Act, it is this: At least it's out in the open. Next month, a roster of city officials from across Texas continues a federal court fight to strike down as unconstitutional key parts of the state's 45-year-old guarantee of government transparency.

They say it burdens them to have to be careful about what they say to each other outside of official meetings. They say they fear the threat of overzealous prosecutors slapping handcuffs on them for an innocent, casual chat about city affairs. They say, in short, that the Open Meetings Act abridges their First Amendment rights of free speech through criminal provisions that restrict discussion of official government business to official government meetings.

From a citizen's standpoint, such fear and loathing by elected officials is breathtaking in its effrontery. Voters elect people so they can exercise their judgment and draw on their talents, not so they can complain about what a drag it is to hold office.

The case has its roots in emails that circulated among Alpine City Council members in 2004 and indictments handed up against two of them on charges of illegal private discussion of official business. Charges were dismissed, but two lawsuits followed to try to loosen the restrictions of the open-meetings law.

A federal judge in Pecos, Robert Junell, decisively rejected the First Amendment objection a year ago. Far from having their speech rights violated, he said, city officials are free to discuss city business — as long as it happens in public meetings where everyone can hear. In fact, public office gives them "a bullhorn" to express themselves, Junnell wrote. The conclusion was reassuringly firm against those who argue that public service is consignment to second-class citizenship.

The challenge lives on, however. Complaining council members from 12 cities across the state are set to re-argue their case before a federal appeals panel in Houston on April 5. Defending the state's open-meetings law will be the office of Attorney General Greg Abbott and representatives of news media companies, including this newspaper, that depend on enforcement so deliberations on the public's business stay within public earshot, where they belong.

It's good to see that not all elected officials have such trouble with the open-meetings law. Current or former members of the McKinney, Heath, Addison and Rockwall city councils, among other public bodies, have signed on to a brief in its defense.

For them, the open-meetings law is not a bother or a millstone. Instead, it's an insurance policy.

Savvy public officials know that the law protects them and, by extension, their constituents, against colleagues who might connive to decide a question in stealth.

The Texas open-meetings law was crafted to prevent backroom deal-making that might exclude elected officials who have every right to be part of the process. We trust that the federal courts will have the wisdom to ward off those who would weaken it for sake of convenience.

It's Sunshine Week
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Hard to deport the valedictorian

■ At least we know who politicians won't go after in the illegal immigration fight.

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Whenever I hear stories such as that of Daniela Pelaez, the illegal immigrant and valedictorian at a Miami high school who was slated for deportation to Colombia by the Obama administration, I get depressed.

Not because a young person with a bright future was facing the threat of removal from the United States.

I'm pretty hard-nosed about deporting illegal immigrants — as long as it is done out in the open, according to the rules, without the help of local and state police, and not to serve a political objective by making a president appear tough on illegal immigration.

By the way, the Obama administration has failed all four tests.

I have even supported the deportation of other honor students. In 2008, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) tried to deport Arthur Mkoyan, an illegal immigrant from Armenia and valedictorian at a high school in Fresno, Calif. In 2002, the Immigration and Naturalization Service tried to remove Jesus Apodaca, an illegal immigrant from Mexico who graduated with near perfect grades from a high school in Aurora, Colo.

I called for the removal of both students. Ultimately, though, both of them got reprieves.

Here's my thinking: While having good grades is swell, it isn't the same as having a green card. Why should class valedictorians be given preferential treatment by immigration officials when student body presidents, star athletes and homecoming queens don't receive special dispensation? And what about those kids who struggle in school and drop out? Should we deport them first? Valedictorians facing deportation might get more than their share of media attention. But this doesn't make them more deserving of leniency than anyone else in the same situation.

The real reason these stories are depressing is because they are so often politicized. Democrats respond by talking about the need to pass the DREAM Act, which would offer legal status to undocumented students who go to college or join the military, without mentioning the inconvenient fact that the last time the bill came up for a vote, in December 2010, it was five Senate Democrats whose "no" votes killed it. Meanwhile, most Republicans also oppose the DREAM Act. Yet in high-profile cases such as Pelaez's, it's not unusual to see a few of them splinter off and support efforts to stop a valedictorian from being deported. What sense does this make? None, until you realize that what scares the GOP is volume — that hundreds of thousands of people could be legalized, become citizens, get the right to vote, and punish Republicans at election time for the next half-century.

I can do without the dishonesty and political games. Why not just tell the truth instead of pretending you really care what happens to these kids?

I can also do without the drama. When a judge ruled that 18-year-old Pelaez — whose family overstayed a tourist visa in 1998, and who was later denied a green card — had to return to Colombia, nearly all of her 2,600 high school classmates staged a walkout in protest. More than 11,000 people signed an online petition demanding that Pelaez be allowed to stay in the United States. Miami-Dade Superintendent Alberto Carvalho declared that the student would be sent back "over my dead body."

Now everyone can bring it down a notch. Pelaez was recently granted a two-year reprieve by ICE officials. By way of explanation, the feds released a statement that read: "ICE is focused on smart, effective immigration enforcement that prioritizes the removal of criminal aliens, recent border crossers and egregious immigration law violators."

But not class valedictorians? Like most things that come out of the Obama administration regarding immigration, this statement is untrue. In the last three years, on their way to racking up record numbers of deportations, immigration officials have deported plenty of "non-criminals" — everyone from housekeepers to gardeners to college students.

Meanwhile, Daniela Pelaez doesn't seem very surprised by her reprieve.

"I'm American," she told NBC Miami last week. "I know the national anthem. I know the laws. I know what it is to be an American."

Pelaez also knows what she wants to do after graduating from high school. She intends to go to an Ivy League university and become a doctor.

Given what she has seen firsthand about how elected officials will manipulate tragic and desperate situations for their own benefit, it's not surprising that she doesn't want to be a politician. After all, better to save lives than play with them.

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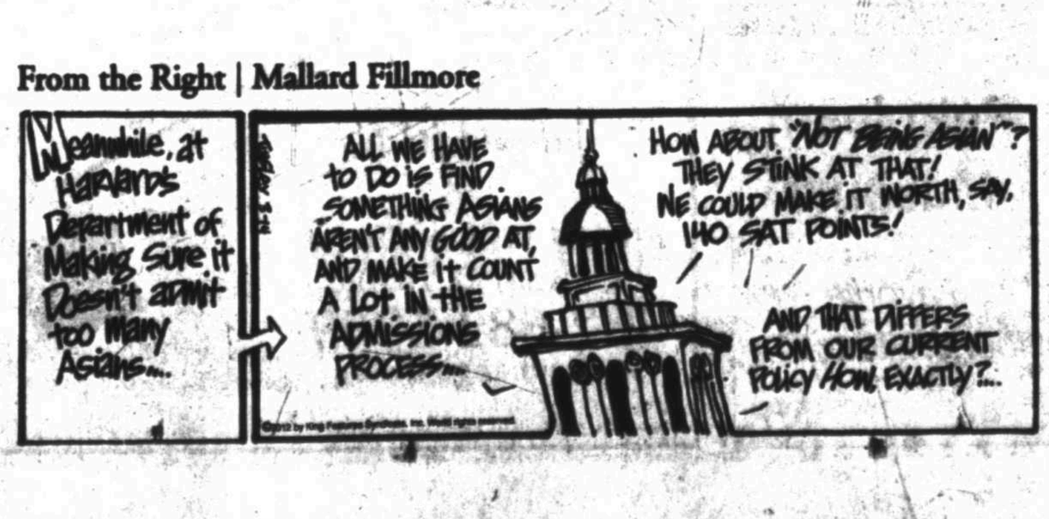

ACROSS THE NATION

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON

US retail sales rise 1.1 percent in February

Americans stepped up spending on retail goods in February, evidence that a stronger job market is boosting the economy.

Consumers bought more autos, clothes and appliances. They also paid higher prices for gas.

Retail sales increased 1.1 percent last month, the Commerce Department said Tuesday. It was the biggest gain since September. The government also revised up the previous two months.

Some economists noted that the February increase and the revisions could lead to faster economic growth. It could also put pressure on Chairman Ben Bernanke and the Federal Reserve to rethink its plan to hold interest rates at record lows until at least late 2014.

The Fed is holding a one-day policy meeting Tuesday.

"We believe that the consumer is in better shape than recent downbeat commentary from Fed Chairman Bernanke," said John Ryding and Conrad DeQuadros, analysts with RDQ Economics, in a note to clients.

A separate Commerce report showed U.S. companies restocked at a faster pace in January, a sign that businesses expect stronger job growth to fuel more sales. Business stockpiles rose 0.7 percent in January, while sales increased 0.4 percent.

WASHINGTON

Fed notes better economy, takes no policy action

The Federal Reserve sketched a mildly brighter view of the economy Tuesday after a burst of hiring since its last meeting in January. It took no further steps to aid the recovery and repeated its plan to keep short-term interest rates near zero through 2014.

After a one-day policy meeting, the Fed said unemployment should continue to decline gradually as the economy expands. It also noted that consumer spending and business investment have picked up.

And it took a more hopeful view of Europe's debt crisis. Though the crisis still threatens the global economy, the danger has eased, the Fed said.

The Fed's policymaking committee "is clearly shifting its stance away from blanket gloom to something more realistic," said Ian Shepherdson, an economist at High Frequency Economics.

The policymakers did caution that rising oil and gas prices will raise inflation temporarily. But they said longer-term inflation should remain stable — repeating a view expressed by Chairman Ben Bernanke.

States allow lawmakers to change votes

By Juliet Williams
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Lawmakers in California's Assembly will hit the campaign trail this year, touting their votes on all manner of bills. Can we believe them? What they say may not be a true reflection of the stand they took when the bill was being debated.

California is one of at least 10 states in which some lawmakers can change their votes after a bill has passed or failed.

While the original outcome of the bill isn't altered, the practice gives lawmakers a chance to change their minds, grab some political cover or varnish their official record when they were afraid or unwilling to take a stand on legislation before a vote.

In January and February, Assembly members used the option more than 400 times, an Associated Press review found.

In Ohio, lawmakers became so concerned about the number of altered votes that they changed their rules to make it more difficult. In North Carolina, the House speaker set a new policy after a colleague changed his vote two weeks after a bill passed.

"They can be accused of flip-flopping and not making up their minds," said North Carolina Republican state Sen. Tom Apodaca, chairman of the rules committee. "You put yourself at risk."

Some lawmakers in California who are among the most prolific users defended the practice. They said they often don't have adequate time to read legislation before voting or use the rule as a tactic to work with other lawmakers.

Lawmakers sometimes hold out to see if a bill passes or fails because they are angry at a colleague or want to see if they actually vote for their bill before voting on the colleague's legislation, Democratic Assemblyman Tony Mendoza of Artesia said.

"Sometimes it's very political," he said.

In California, Assembly members frequently add their vote to bills that were taken up while they were not on the floor or change their votes after the final tally has been announced in the chamber.

The vote-switching and vote-adding is allowed only in the 80-member state Assembly, and it cannot change whether a bill passes or fails. The 40-member Senate allows only the Democratic and Republican leaders to add their votes, but it is seldom used.

The AP review found lawmakers switched their votes or added their name after the total vote was read aloud at least 419 times since January. The vast majority were Assembly members who added their votes after a bill had passed or failed.

Peter Scheer, executive director of the First Amendment Coalition, said both practices let lawmakers off the hook from making difficult decisions when they matter. He said lawmakers who switch votes are either doing so out of stupidity because they did not understand the legislation or to deceive their constituents.

Those who add votes "might as well be absent," Scheer said. "Your vote is superfluous. It's worse than superfluous, because you're only adding it when it's safe, and you're wasting your constituents' time."

Mendoza has added his vote to bills after they had passed or failed 17 times this year, the sixth-highest number in the Assembly. He said he often waits to add votes because lawmakers are making revisions until the last minute.

"Some bills, I don't even want to vote on. I don't like them," Mendoza said. "Sometimes you don't feel good about it, but the author wants you to add on to it because it makes it look good when it goes to the Senate side."

While lawmakers in the Assembly generally accept the use of the rule, legislators in at least nine other states that allow vote-changes or -adds do not appear to employ it so liberally. Most of the other legislative houses allow lawmakers time to change their votes or delay votes before the final tally is announced, but few lawmakers make changes after the vote is recorded.

One exception is North Carolina, where lawmakers in the Legislature can change their recorded votes after the fact.

In the Senate, they must do so on the same legislative day. In the House, there is no time restriction written into the chamber's operating rules. Last year, members changed their votes more than 400 times, often to account for what they said were genuine mistakes.

Last June, Republican Speaker Pro Tempore Dale Folwell raised eyebrows when he asked to change his vote from yes to no on a contentious consumer finance bill two weeks after it passed. Folwell said he changed his mind on the bill's contents.

Soon after, Republican House Speaker Thom Tillis set a policy allowing vote changes within 24 hours of the original vote in "an effort to protect the sanctity of the voting process," spokesman Jordan Shaw said.

When Florida lawmakers change votes, it's usually not for political or tactical reasons because Republicans have overwhelming majorities in both chambers, Democratic Rep. Alan Williams said. More often, it's due to confusion, particularly in the last hectic days of a session when hundreds of bills are voted on.

On the second-to-last day of this year's session, Williams cast a yea vote after the 110-8 roll call on a $371,851 claims bill for the children of a man who died when a Palm Beach County sheriff's deputy slammed into his car after falling asleep at the wheel. Williams then changed his vote to nay before changing it back to yea.

"I stepped off the floor," Williams recalled. "I didn't know what was going on."

The Ohio House has prohibited a practice similar to that in California, where representatives are allowed to change their votes by the end of the day's business. The practice was changed about 10 years ago after it became so widespread that lawmakers and the media frequently were unsure about the vote totals, former House Clerk Laura Clemens said.

"That was making everybody confused," said Clemens, who served in the clerk's office from 1995 until earlier this year.

"It was also being used, quite frankly, rather strategically," she said. "So people would give a vote, thinking they'll vote yes. But when they realized they didn't really need to, then they could change their vote."

Since the crackdown, the House must vote to reconsider the entire bill for lawmakers to change their position, something that is seldom done.

Fed: 15 banks pass stress test; Citi, 3 more fail

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — All but four of 19 major U.S. banks got a green light Tuesday from the Federal Reserve to boost their dividends and take other steps that will make their stocks more attractive to investors. The Fed declared them strong enough to survive a downturn worse than the Great Recession.

The Fed's findings signaled its confidence that the financial system, which nearly collapsed 3 1/2 years ago, is healthy again.

J.P. Morgan Chase, Wells Fargo and other large bank holding companies that passed the Fed's so-called stress tests raised their dividends and announced plans to buy more of their stock. The news ignited a late-day rally on Wall Street. The Dow Jones industrial average shot up 218 points to its highest close since the end of 2007.

"It's clearly good news — the U.S. banking system can now withstand a quite severe recession without falling over," said Douglas Elliott, a fellow at the Brookings Institution, a non-partisan policy think tank.

One notable exception was Citigroup, the nation's third-largest bank. It was among the companies the Fed said lacked enough capital to withstand another severe economic and financial crisis. Its stock price fell 3 percent in after-hours trading. The Fed announced the results after markets had closed.

The other three financial institutions that did not pass the Fed's hypothetical stress tests were Ally Financial, SunTrust and MetLife.

The Fed released the results two days earlier than planned after JPMorgan Chase sent out a press release late Tuesday saying it had passed the test.

The Fed reviewed the balance sheets of 19 bank holding companies to determine whether they could withstand a severe crisis: unemployment at 13 percent, stock prices falling 60 percent over two years and home prices plunging 21 percent from today's levels.

The overall financial system is much stronger than it was in 2009. In the first quarter of that year, the 19 companies stress-tested by the Fed held $420 billion in cash and assets easily convertible to cash. That figure climbed to $759 billion by the end of 2011.

The banks that passed the stress tests celebrated with announcements of increased dividends and plans to buy back their own shares:

■ JPMorgan Chase & Co. will increase its dividend to 30 cents per share from 25 cents and plans to buy back $15 billion of its stock by the first quarter of 2013. The company's outstanding stock is currently worth $136.7 billion.

■ U.S. Bancorp will boost its annual dividend to 78 cents per share from 50 cents and buy back up to 100 million shares of its stock.

■ Wells Fargo & Co. said it will increase its dividend to 22 cents per share from 12 cents.

The Fed can bar the banks that failed the test from paying dividends or buying back their own stock. It can also force them to raise money by selling additional stock or issuing debt.

The Fed didn't order any of the banks that failed its test to raise specific sums. However, it won't allow them to increase dividends or buy back shares, and it told them to submit plans within 30 days outlining how they plan to get stronger.

The Fed has conducted the stress tests each year since 2009. The Fed did not publicize the results of its tests in 2010 or 2011. After the first round of tests, in 2009, the Fed ordered 10 banks to raise a total of $75 billion. Bank of America Corp. alone was told to raise $34 billion.

Citigroup Inc. said in a statement that it plans to keep paying out its quarterly dividend of 1 cent a share.

Insurance company MetLife Inc. said it was "deeply disappointed" with the Fed's findings. It had previously announced plans to free itself from the Fed's oversight by selling off its bank division.

SunTrust Banks Inc. said it will maintain its quarterly dividend, now at 5 cents a share. In a statement, bank executives indicated SunTrust's finances are solid and said they expect first-quarter profits to top Wall Street's estimates.

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AROUNDTHEGLOBE

FROM WIRE REPORTS

INDONESIA

Nightmare zoo shaken by giraffe death

SURABAYA — The tigers are emaciated and the 180 pelicans packed so tightly they cannot unfurl their wings without hitting a neighbor. Last week, a giraffe died with a beach-ball-sized wad of plastic food wrappers in its belly.

That death has focused new attention on the scandalous conditions at Indonesia's largest zoo. Set up nearly a century ago in one the most biologically diverse corners of the planet, it once boasted the most impressive collection in Southeast Asia.

But today the Surabaya Zoo is a nightmare, plagued by uncontrolled breeding, a lack of funding for general animal welfare and even persistent suspicions that members of its own staff are involved in illegal wildlife trafficking.

The rarest species, including Komodo dragons and critically endangered orangutans, sit in dank, unsanitary cages, filling up on peanuts tossed over the fence.

PARIS

NKoreans, French prepare for major concert

A North Korean and a French orchestra held a daylong rehearsal on Tuesday ahead of a landmark concert in Paris, a sign of warming ties between Pyongyang and the West following years of tensions.

Pyongyang's Unhasu Orchestra and Radio France Philharmonic make their debut together on Wednesday — under the baton of renowned South Korean conductor Chung Myung-Whun, who organized the event.

Most of the 90 North Koreans — many of them under 30 — will be performing with a Western ensemble for the first time. The lead violinist Mun Kyong Jin spoke of his excitement at being in the French capital, where the group is spending a week.

"Paris is well preserved. The scenery and the streets are very pretty even if they are narrow," he said through a translator.

The event is also an opportunity for French musicians to learn about their Korean counterparts.

"We were quite ignorant about their musical background," said Radio France violinist Mirelle Jardon.

"We don't know their learning methods, who their teachers are, but I think their level is very high. They are young, they can improve even more," Jardon said. "And with this collaboration, (North Korea is) opening itself to the world."

BEIRUT

Syrian regime gains momentum against rebels

The Syrian army has recaptured most of the northern rebel stronghold of Idlib near the Turkish border, pushing hundreds of military defectors out of a major base they had held for months even as pockets of resistance kept up their fight on Tuesday.

The three-day operation to capture the city followed closely after a similar offensive to dislodge the opposition from another key piece of territory it had controlled, the Baba Amr district in central Homs. The two victories gave President Bashar Assad's regime unmistakable momentum as it tries to crush the armed opposition fighters.

A pledge Tuesday from Syria's staunch ally Russia that Moscow will continue selling weapons to the regime was yet another boost. And a diplomatic bid by U.N. envoy Kofi Annan to broker a cease-fire and start negotiations failed over the weekend.

Official says Somalia should invest in children for future peace

By Tom Odula
Associated Press

DHOBLEY, Somalia — Adan Abdi worries that the students in his class show too little interest in education. That might be a common complaint among teachers, but Abdi's concerns go further: His students are interested in playing war.

Abdi is a teacher in southern Somalia, a region that has been dominated by militia violence for years.

"Students here are not so much interested in learning because they can see a lot of people carrying guns," said the 22-year-old English teacher. "Small guys like them are carrying guns, when they go from (school) to their houses ... they pretend to be fighting using sticks like guns.

"That's what they have in their hearts. Their intention: That they will fight when they grow older," Abdi said.

UNICEF says an entire generation of children has grown up knowing only conflict and fighting in many parts of Somalia, and possibly thousands of children have been trained in combat.

Sikander Khan, the top official for the U.N. children's agency in Somalia, says there is an increased need to invest more in Somalia's youth and children to give long-term peace a chance to prevail.

"We need to make sure that this generation receives quality basic education, access to social services and protection from violence and abuse," he said. "This will stop them being sucked into the continuing violence and they will then be able to make a positive and lasting contribution to the future of Somalia."

Many children in Somalia have little or no education. Only about a third of children of primary-school age are enrolled in school, according to UNICEF.

Children in Somalia are frequently forced to join armed groups such as the al-Qaida-linked al-Shabab. Schools have also come under attack.

"It is estimated that thousands of children have been trained in the use of arms and other skills related to combat. Reports from our partners indicate that in recent months there has been an increase in the recruitment and use of children in armed conflict by warring partners," Khan said.

Mohamed Deq Nur, a 14-year-old student in Mogadishu, Somalia's capital, said he remembers 2006 because he went a month without hearing a gunshot. That year a group called the Islamic Courts Union brought some semblance of order when they took control of Somalia and tried to enforce their strict interpretation of Islamic law.

Mohamed says he has seen dead bodies on the street — most recently, he said, when a man was shot because he refused to give a thief his watch. Mohamed said he doesn't know how to use a gun but thinks it would be good to learn for self protection.

Last year, he said, he and many of his friends begged their parents to get them out of Mogadishu.

But he said he thinks things are now getting better. Regional troops are pushing al-Shabab on three sides, giving the government a chance to try to restore order.

"I don't think Somalia had any future before, but this year is different," he said. "Squatters are being evicted from school buildings which means there will be enough space for learning and there is already free education in some schools and the fighting stopped in Mogadishu."

Somalia has been in conflict since the 1991, when long-tenn dictator Siad Barre was overthrown by warlords who then turned on each other. Al-Shabab has had a grip on much of south-central Somalia for the last several years, but now faces hostile militaries on three sides. Al-Shabab was pushed out of the capital last year.

Khan says the violence has deprived children of their childhood. Because of the conflict, many are also at risk of disease and malnutrition, among other safety risks, because of the lack of an effective central government.

Somalia had one of the worst child mortality rates in the world. One out of every six children die before their 5th birthday, he said.

For Abdi, the teacher, who attended high school in neighboring Kenya, 100 more students have enrolled in his school since al-Shabab insurgents were kicked out of town last year by Somali government forces.

The trend of increased enrollments seems to be the same throughout Somalia, increasing from some 285,000 in 2003-2004 to more than 760,000 in the 2011-2012 school year, according to Sikander.

In Dhobley, Somali government forces who are now backed by Kenyan troops have brought relative peace and stability to the town, Abdi said.

Before that, many residents had moved away because of al-Shabab's brutal rule. He admits in the current situation, even he is looking for opportunities to leave.

"I cannot move because my family is here and I don't know anywhere else to go," he said.

Afghan villagers recount weekend shooting rampage

Associated Press

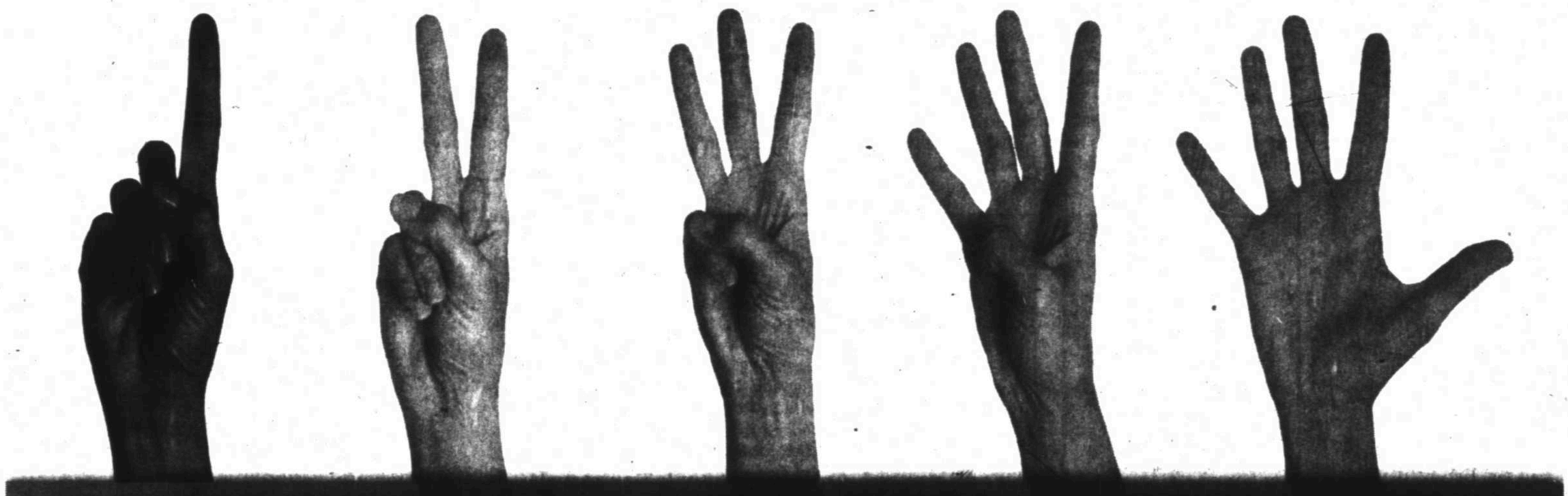
BALANDI, Afghanistan — As bullets flew, the Afghan woman scooped up her 3-year-old niece and ran for their lives. Moments later, the woman was dead and the girl lay bleeding from a gunshot wound.

It was the closing scene of a massacre that left 16 civilians, including nine children, dead in two villages in southern Kandahar province.

The U.S. is holding an Army staff sergeant that military officials say slipped off a U.S. base before dawn Sunday, walked to the villages, barged into their homes and opened fire. Some of the corpses were burned. Eleven were from one family. Five other people were wounded.

The military said Tuesday there was probable cause to continue holding the soldier, who has not been named, in custody. U.S. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta has said he could face capital punishment.

Villagers — angry at foreign troops, frustrated with their government and tired of war — recounted the tragedy to a delegation sent to the scene by President Hamid Karzai. Two who lost relatives insisted that not one — but at least two — soldiers took part in the shootings.



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Teacher uses traditional folk songs to engage children

Carissa Hamilton grew up in a musical household and made it her priority to pass on a familiarity and appreciation for music to her son. She began looking for traditional American folk songs to learn with her family.

"I just felt like it was kind of a mission for me to try to bring these songs and these games back into the vernacular and everyday life," said Hamilton, who has taught music and directed bands for 12 years and currently teaches at Noel Elementary School in Odessa.

A few years ago Hamilton attended a workshop in Lubbock where she learned about a program called "First Steps in Music." Created by John Feierabend, professor of music and director of the music education division at The Hartt School of the University of Hartford, the program uses traditional songs to foster musical skills in children. Hamilton incorporated the First Steps in Music curriculum into her classes for kindergarten, first and second grades.

"We use the songs our grannies used to sing to our parents when they were babies," Hamilton said. "Part of what I love about it is it's bringing those songs back."

After using the curriculum in her elementary classroom for a year, Hamilton decided to offer the program for infants, toddlers and preschoolers.

"I was doing this with my own child and didn't even realize it because it's important to me and thought this is something people can connect to," she said.

Last summer Hamilton worked with children at a few local day cares. She taught songs and games from the curriculum to preschool children and the day care teachers.

"I think music is essential when they're little; when they don't get it in preschool they're not going to get it any other time," she said.

She also began offering classes for parents and their young children. The classes meet once a week for one semester. The next session will begin June 18 at Relax Wellness Center, 2505 W. Kansas Ave.

Divided by age, each class learns a different set of songs and games. At least one parent or guardian is required to attend every class because the curriculum is designed for parents and children to learn the material in class and use the songs and games at home.

Carissa Hamilton, right in top photo, teaches music to children during a First Steps in Music class last year. Hamilton, an elementary school music teacher, will offer the classes for young children and parents again this summer.

"I'm trying to teach the parents just as much as the kids," Hamilton said. "Not all the time is it a teachable moment for the kiddos during class. Parents need to learn the songs to be ready for teachable moments at home."

Unlike other music-based programs for young children, First Steps in Music focuses on music education more than motor skills.

"You're using those games and those songs … and they're learning how to have a singing voice and how to keep the beat and how to be creative," Hamilton said. "These are songs that we use to teach music and those other things come with it."

One of the results of early music education Hamilton said

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WORKING FOR A LIVING

Story by Megan Lea Buck • Photos courtesy of Cliff Hamilton

March is perfect month to pick up a good book

Editor's note: Kirsten Geddes, 16, is a homeschooled junior. She writes for the Reporter-Telegram's Tall City Teens section.

Spring break — a whole nine days of no school in the middle of the second semester that every kid looks forward to. Many people take a vacation, while others simply relax at home the whole time. Either way, you might be looking for something to do this week, so why not pick up a good book? March is a great time for reading, between the break and the fact that March 2 is Dr. Seuss' birthday. If you're looking for something new to read during spring break, I have the list of books for you. Many of these can be found at your local library, in either the juvenile or the young adult sections, and I have found several different types of books, something to please almost everyone.

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"And Then There Were None" by Agatha Christie - Looking for a juicy murder mystery to sink your teeth into? Christie's novel is one of the best and most famous of them all. Ten strangers who are invited to an island by a Mr. U.N. Owen are trapped there, and are slaughtered one by one by a mysterious killer who slays them according to the old nursery rhyme "Ten Little Indians." The guests' pasts come back to haunt them as the paranoia sets in and the killer is discovered to be one their own. This novel is very short, less than 200 pages, and would be great if you had a tight schedule but still desired to read something while on vacation.

Please see **BOOKS/4B**

Equestrian center offers horse camp for youth

By Megan Lea Buck
Features Editor

Six young horse enthusiasts are spending their spring break riding, grooming and learning the ins and outs of horsemanship. Double Diamond Equestrian Center is hosting its first spring break camp for children ages 7-14. The session began Monday and will conclude Friday with a horse show and awards ceremony.

Campers will ride twice a day, participate in group and private lessons and learn about colors, breeds and types of horses. Each camper will be assigned a horse for the week and will be responsible for chores such as grooming the horse.

"They will be feeding the horses in the evening right before they leave," said Double Diamond owner Sarah Staley. "They're going to be pretty much responsible for their camp horse throughout the week."

Staley purchased some property in Midland County last year and since has founded the equestrian center. She and two other instructors teach private lessons — both Western and English riding styles — for students as young as 4 years old. This spring she plans to begin offering group lessons. Staley also boards and trains horses and helps connect potential owners with horses.

"We do help locate horses and place the horse with the right home and the right kid with the right horse," she said.

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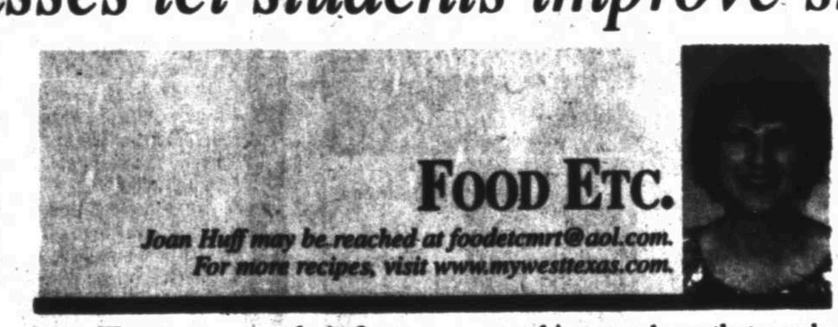
COMING SOON

Beginning March 21, Ed Todd's column will appear in the midweek West Texas Living section. Check out next week's section for his profile of a local poet.

Cooking classes let students improve skills, learn new techniques



One way to increase your cooking expertise is to attend classes. Whether you are a professional or a novice, everyone can benefit from cooking lessons. They are a great way to improve your skills, learn new techniques or try a different cuisine or kitchen gadget. Plus, you will meet others with similar interests.

Cooking classes and demonstrations differ from formal culinary training in that they are low-pressure and are mainly for students' enjoyment. Many of the classes feature recipes that are cooked during the presentation and then sampled by attendees. Usually, chefs teach the classes and they always have wonderful tips and ideas to share.

Locally, the Gourmet Peddler, 3323 N. Midland Drive, offers various classes throughout the year. The store currently is featuring an Easter Basket baking class during which students will learn to bake cookies and cupcakes 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesday. Space is limited and the cost is $40 per person. For more information, call 520-4344.

Richard Steinberg, owner of Bear Claw Knife & Shear at 403 Andrews Highway, teaches knife skills as well as knife sharpening at 2 p.m. on various Sundays each month. The store carries all types of kitchen knives, tactical and survival gear, and can sharpen anything you have that needs their expertise. He also teaches paracord classes 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information on these classes, call 218-6805 or email bearclaw@bcknife.com.

When I was in Winfield, Kan., I attended a class at Bradbury Kitchen and Home. Located within a hardware store, you would be surprised at the quality and quantity of kitchen gifts, accessories and essential pots and pans it offers. The class included many variation on lasagna.

Courtesy photo

Reporter-Telegram food columnist Joan Huff, second from left in front row, joins others for a cooking class at SugarBaker's in San Angelo.

SugarBaker's in San Angelo has a lineup of classes each year featuring local and celebrity chefs. Terry Thompson-Anderson, author of several cookbooks including "Texas on the Plate," cooked up a delicious lunch for

Please see **FOOD/4B**

Obituaries

Arturo Salazar

Arturo Salazar, age 71, of Monahans passed away Tuesday, March 13, 2012 in Midland.

He was born July 8, 1940 in Sanderson, Texas. He was a custodian in the school system. Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday, March 15, 2012 at St. John Catholic Church with Father Gilbert Rodriguez officiating. Rosary is Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 7 p.m. at the St. John's Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Monahans Memorial Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Harkey Funeral Home.

Survivors include: wife: Maria Salazar; daughters: Monica Vasquez of Midland, Veronica Aguilar of Midland and Becky Carnero of Monahans; brothers: Juan Salazar of Monahans, Martin Salazar of Monahans and Joe Salazar of Midland; sisters: Lupe Hagelgans of Sanderson and Esther Garza of San Antonio, Texas; 7) grandchildren and 1) great-grandchild.

Ken Gohr

Ken Gohr, 70, of Midland, Texas, died on Saturday, March10, 2012. Memorial services will be held at 2:00 pm, Friday, March 16, 2012, at Grace Lutheran Church.

He was born on February 9, 1942, in Mountain Lake, Minnesota. He married Neta Ann Winter in Jackson, Minnesota, on August 12, 1962. Ken owned Professional Carpet Systems from 1985 to 2006, remaining as a consultant until his passing.

Ken loved spending time at the lake house and watching his grandchildren play their sporting events. He enjoyed grilling for his family and friends. His family's favorite was his pork ribs.

Survivors include his wife, Neta of Midland; a son, Neil Gohr and wife Tracie of Hobbs, New Mexico; children, Marissa Juarez and partner Todd Kirkpatrick, their children, Kilan and Cielo; and Raianna Gohr and her son Gabriel Corral; three step daughters, Melanie, Summer, and Danielle Patterson; daughter, Nanci Castillo and husband CSM Jose Castillo, of Fayetteville, North Carolina, their daughters, Mackenzie and Madison; daughter Kristine Curtis and husband Roddell of Midland and their children, Kason and Keaton; and son Kevin Gohr and wife Ami of Midland, and their children, Morgan and Mason.

Ken was preceded in death by his father, Otto Gohr; mother and step-father, Ona and Elmer Skare; and brother, Ronald Gohr.

The family suggests memorials to be made to the Baumann Scholarship Fund, in care of Grace Lutheran Church, 3000 W. Golf Course Road, Midland, Texas 79701

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory (432) 550-5800

Ima Lucille Merritt Collins

Ima Lucille Merritt Collins, 99 of Midland, passed away on Saturday March 10, 2012. Ima was born June 15, 1912 in Weatherford, Parker County, Texas to the late Wallace Wilson and Annie Lee Merritt. Ima Married George Dewey (Blackie) Collins on February 7, 1940 in San Antonio, Bayer County Texas. He passed away on August 12, 1974 in Carlsbad, Eddy County New Mexico. Ima is survived by one sister, Marjory Merritt Hill and Sister in law Patty Merritt, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ima is preceded in death by her parents; husband along with siblings Jack Merritt, Nora Woody, Rhoda Bonner, G.C. Preacher Merritt, Barney Merritt, Era Hobbs and Pat Merritt.

Funeral services will be held today at 11:00 am at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel with Pastor Lucian Rudd officiating. A graveside service is set for Thursday, March 16 at 1:00pm at the Carlsbad Cemetery, in Carlsbad New Mexico.

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.net.

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Ira Lee Brannan

Ira Lee Brannan, 85, of Andrews, died Sunday, March 11, 2012 at Hospice House in Odessa.

Arrangements are by McNett Funeral Home in Andrews and services will be held at First Baptist Church in Andrews at 2 PM Thursday. Burial will be at Andrews West Cemetery.

Ira Lee was born in Stratford Texas on February 14, 1927 to Loyd and Willie Belle Brannan. He played basketball, boxed and played clarinet in school in Stratford. Beginning at the age of six, he worked for the Judd Ranch in Stratford, starting at in the kitchen and eventually as a full-fledged ranch hand. He joined the United States Navy as soon as he graduated high school and served in the Pacific theater until the end of the war when he was honorably discharged.

He was driving a bus when he met the love of his life, Neva Joyce Harris. They married on February 18, 1948 and began their life together, first in Amarillo, then Odessa and finally in Andrews. After moving to Odessa in 1951, Ira Lee began working for the accounting firm of Criswell & Munns. Through hard work and study that he was able to pass the CPA exam and by the end of his career had been a Certified Public Accountant in Texas for 50 years.

In 1963 the Brannan family, which had grown to include three sons, Steve, Phillip and David moved to Andrews Texas. In Andrews, Ira Lee was a charter member of the Andrews Industrial Foundation, a Deacon and Sunday school teacher in the First Baptist Church and a strong, loving leader of his family. In his later years, Ira Lee thoroughly enjoyed the activities and associations with his friends at the Andrews Senior Center, particularly during the dances, when he would sometimes play his harmonica with the band.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Neva, brother W. D. Brannan, sister Fern Yell, both his parents and step mother and his daughter-in-law, Polley Brannan.

He is survived by his sons, Steve Brannan and wife Denise of Odessa; Philip Brannan of Andrews, David Brannan of Austin, grandchildren, Erin Mannix and husband, Kevin Mannix, Lane Brannan and wife Stefani, Micah Brannan and wife Mindy, Genece Brannan and fiancé Michael Fontenot, James Marshall Brannan and Kate Brannan as well as great-grandchildren Harleigh, McLane, Brannan, Ethan, Etta, Cooper and Keileigh. The spirit of his life will guide all of us through the remainder of ours.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Home Hospice, Odessa, Crane Nursing & Rehabilitation Center or Andrews Senior Center.

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Questions about death notices or online Guest Books? Email: obits@mrt.com

Loeta Saunders Northcutt

Mrs. Loeta Saunders Northcutt, 83, of Paris, and a longtime resident of Monahans, Texas passed away Sunday, March 11, 2012 at her residence.

She was born on August 5, 1928 in Mitchell County, Texas, the twelfth child of Lucious and Lillie Cook Saunders. She was of the Baptist Faith, an administrative assistant, and a care giver. She married Luke Northcutt on December 6, 1943 in Colorado City, Texas. He preceded her in death in 1976.

Survivors are her two daughters Bobbie Hughes and husband Bill of Sumner, Tx. and Andrea Hardaway and husband Erich of Midland, Tx.; grandchildren Heath Hughes and wife Traci of Frisco, Brad Hughes and wife Dana of Frisco, Luke Hardaway and Katie Rose Hardaway of Midland; great granddaughters Laura, Lindsey, and Kylie; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews; front porch party friends.

Graveside services will be conducted at 2:00 P.M. Wednesday at the Terry County Memorial Cemetery in Brownfield, Texas. Family request in lieu of flowers memorials be made to Meals on Wheels or a charity of choice. Services are under the direction of the Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home where online condolences may be sent by visiting www.fry-gibbs.com.

Mary Lawson

Our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend Mary Culvahouse Lawson went to be with her Lord and Savior on March 13, 2012 at the Hospice House of Odessa, Texas. Mary was born June 1, 1939, in Royalty, Texas to James Sewell and Eula Mae Culvahouse. Mary was 7 of 8 children. She was raised in Kermit, Texas. She married the love of her life, Don Lawson on January 30, 1958. She spent the majority of her years supporting, caring for and mothering all of her loved ones. Mary enjoyed nothing more than to take care of everyone around her, especially her grandchildren, who held a very special part of her heart. She worked at Bealls department store for many years were she enjoyed interacting with all the customers. She was remarkably strong in the last few years of her life were she battled a number of health issues.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, James and Eula Culvahouse, her brother and sisters; Dorothy Phillips, Eugene Culvahouse, and Lucille Granbery. She is survived by her husband, Don Lawson, of Odessa, Texas. Her two sons, Jack Lawson of Odessa, Texas, and Dan and wife Susan Lawson of Fulshear,Texas. She also dearly loved and mothered her "chosen" children, Prissy Pollet and sons, Jason and Scott Weaver of Rockford, Alabama and Billy Bob Galberth of San Angelo, Texas. And of course her special babies; her grandchildren, Heather Cearley and husband Cole, Hillary Lawson, and Hunter Lawson, all of Sonora, Texas, and Danali Lawson of Waco, Texas and one great-granddaughter, Lynden Cearley of Sonora, Texas. She is also survived by many brothers and sisters including Bill Culvahouse, and wife Alice, of Brownfield, Texas, Wayne Culvahouse, and wife El Wanda, of Midland, Texas, Florence Norwood, of Odessa, Texas, Beverly St. Germain and husband J.J., of Alamogordo, New Mexico. She also had many other special nieces, nephews, and cousins. The family would also like to express a special thank you to Voila Laura for not only styling her hair but sharing God's Love with her for thirty plus years. The family would also like to express additional thanks to Dr. Alim Ladha, the neurosurgeon and his staff at Odessa Medical Center that took amazing care of Mary and her family.

Visitation will be 5-7pm, Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at Sunset Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held at 4pm, Thursday, March 15, 2012 at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home. To sign the guest book, go to our website at www.sunsetodessa.com.

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All Obituaries must be submited by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.

Death Notices

Antonia Lopez

Antonia Lopez, 76, of Andrews died on Sunday March 11, in Andrews.

Rosary will be at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, at McNett Funeral Home. Funeral Mass will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday March 15, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Andrews. Burial will be in Andrews West Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

Survived by children, Julian Lopez, Johnny Lopez, Rosa Rodriquez; fourteen grandchildren , twenty four great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Josefina Rodriguez

Josefina De La Rosa Rodriguez, 57, of Big Spring died on Sunday, March 11, in Lubbock.

Services will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Coahoma Cemetery. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Survived by sons, Ricardo Rodriguez, Jr., Cesar Rodriquez, Jose Rodriguez, Oscar Rodriguez (Barbara), Carlos Rodriguez (Andrea); mother, Lupe De La Rosa; siblings, Henry De La Rosa, Alberto De La Rosa, Roman De La Rosa, Pepito De La Rosa, Linda Tapia, Evangelina Martinez, Guadalupe De La Rosa, Mary Ramirez, Vicky Hernandez; five grandchildren.

Mary Galindo

Mary Santos Galindo, 96, of Odessa, died on Tuesday, March 13, in Odessa.

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, at Sunset Funeral Home. Rosary will be at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday. Funeral services are scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Thursday, March 15, at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.

Ricardo Hernandez

Ricardo "Ricky" Hernandez, 26, died Saturday, March 10, in Seminole.

Funeral Mass for, be Friday, March 16, at 10:00 a.m. at St. James Catholic Church in Seminole. Rosary will be Thursday, March 15, at St. James Catholic Church from 7 to 8 p.m. Burial will follow in Gaines County Cemetery. All services are under the direction of Boyer Funeral Home.

He is survived by: Parents, Tomas Hernandez, Sr. (Maria Reyes); siblings, Tomas Hernandez, Jr., Elizabeth Hernandez, Laura Hernandez; paternal grandparents, Reynaldo and Raquel Hernandez; 4 nephews.

Businesses see value in throwing SXSW parties

By Gary Dinges
Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN — Everyone loves a party, and during South by Southwest, there are plenty to choose from.

This year, more than 500 parties — a record — are on tap at venues around town, according to a list on austin360.com, the Austin American-Statesman's entertainment website.

With its focus on music, film and interactive offerings, SXSW naturally attracts interest each year from record labels, film distributors and high-tech firms looking to make a big splash with lavish events featuring celebrities, freebies and, of course, lots of food and booze.

A Microsoft gala last year at downtown's ACL Live venue, for example, reportedly cost $750,000.

But the festival also appeals to other firms, including automakers, fashion designers, television networks and even the makers of Red Bull energy drink.

All are eager to reach the 20,000-plus trendsetters in town, hoping to generate buzz, which, in turn, generates sales.

"The audience is very much people on the cutting edge of new thinking," said Glenn Carter, director of innovation communications for 3M, the maker of Post-it notes, drug-delivery and traffic-safety systems, and first-aid products.

"We're really looking to connect with the millennial audience and reinvigorate the 3M brand.

"This isn't just us slapping our logo on a banner and calling it a day," Carter said.

In its first year at SXSW, 3M's presence includes sponsoring the Fast Company Grill, which is serving up live music and free food during the interactive portion of the festival, which wraps up Tuesday.

"South by Southwest is all about generating new ideas," Carter said. "It's an opportunity to celebrate innovation."

"Everybody wants to be associated with underground, up-and-coming music because it can make their brand very cool," said Blake Smith, global music marketing manager for Hard Rock Hotels. "Of course we want people to see what we have in our hotels and stay with us, but we're really there for a slightly different reason."

Hard Rock heads to Austin in search of new ideas it can implement at its hotels in Chicago, Las Vegas and elsewhere, Smith said, such as allowing guests to check out Fender guitars.

"People do business different at South by Southwest," he said. "We just walked into the Fender party and set this deal up."

Guests can also use their room keys to download special music playlists, and they'll soon be able to borrow disc jockey gear from the front desk.

"We're seeing all the seeds we planted last year at South by Southwest come to fruition," Smith said, "and we'll be scouring the streets again this year looking for more things we can add to our hotels."

Hard Rock's party is Thursday at the Cedar Door, featuring performances by several of the festival's most anticipated bands. It's a big undertaking, Smith said, but it's not necessarily as expensive as you might think.

"We've collaborated with so many brands down there," he said. "There's a lot of people doing things down there for free or trade."

Austin-based DMX is also SXSW-bound. The company creates music playlists, digital signage — and even custom scents — for businesses, including Talbots clothing stores, Gold's Gym and the Chick-fil-A and Wendy's restaurant chains.

"South by Southwest is such a great opportunity for us," said Ray Goforth, DMX's interactive director. "We're looking to engage people and build relationships."

The festival gives DMX a chance to connect with record label representatives and discover new acts that could make it onto some of the company's music lineups, Goforth said.

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Keith Willmann, above, stands in the snake pit as men drop off western diamondback rattlesnakes Friday during the 54th Annual "World's Largest Rattlesnake Roundup" held by the Sweetwater Jaycees at the Nolan County Coliseum in Sweetwater. RIGHT: Fifth-graders Megan Kirkland, left, and Laekin Rivera watch as Miranda Stutts touches a western diamondback rattlesnake.

Sweetwater rattlesnake roundup corrals fun for all ages

By Colin McDonald
San Antonio Express-News

SWEETWATER — The snake was beheaded, gutted and skinned Saturday morning. But that afternoon its quarter-sized heart was still beating as it lay atop a folding table at the 54th annual Sweetwater Rattlesnake Roundup.

For 13-year-old Alexander Kirk, it was about as good as a birthday party could get.

"At first it felt soft like a lump of Jell-O," he said of the heart on display at the snake-skinning demonstration booth. "Then it got hard."

With more than 1,200 pounds of western diamondbacks to be milked, skinned and gutted, there was not a dull moment for Kirk or the thousands of others who came to the event at the Nolan County Coliseum.

Wearing boots and snake chaps with the cuffs sealed to their ankles with fluorescent duct tape, the sponsoring Sweetwater Jaycees shuffled through the piles of slithering snakes in the pits as crowds watched.

They used hooked rods to lift up the largest snakes to show them off before the animals were taken to the milking station and then to be skinned.

"The people who live around here don't like snakes," explained Roy Johnson, a game warden for the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. This year's roundup, which draws snakes collected from across West Texas, was not nearly as productive as years past. The record was set in 1982, with 17,986 pounds collected.

But after a yearlong drought and the worst fire season on record, there were simply not as many snakes to gather, Johnson said.

Texas does not keep records of what impact roundups have on snake populations. And there is controversy over how the snakes are collected.

Johnson and others at the roundup said the most effective way to collect snakes is to gas them out of their burrows. The gas is usually the fumes of unleaded gasoline pumped through a sprayer.

"It's not the gas, it's just the smell of it," said Mike Glass, a senior member of the Jaycees. "Actually shooting gas down in there is a big no-no."

The problem is snakes are very sensitive to even a small exposure to gas as a liquid, and too much can kill them in their dens. The snakes that do come out often die soon after. TPWD is considering a rule to ban gassing.

"If the snake is gassed, it no longer acts like a snake," said Ken Darnell, who has purchased the snake venom from the roundup for the past 15 years.

The venom is frozen and used to make antivenin and for medical research. A good snake can earn the Jaycees $5 to $10 worth of venom.

Darnell does not like gassing because it shortens the life of the snakes, he said. But as all the snakes at the roundup are milked just once before being butchered for their skin and meat, that does not really matter. And if there was no gassing, the roundup would not have enough snakes, Glass said.

For Sweetwater, that would be tragic, said 16-year-old Kayla Chowning, who was crowned Miss Snake Charmer on Thursday night.

"It's a big deal," she said of the festival, which also includes a carnival and rides. "It brings business to town."

The money raised by the weekend event — $40,000 to $50,000 — goes to local charities and scholarships, organizers say.

For those who don't have regular exposure to rattlesnakes, it's also a chance to realize that your natural instinct to just leave snakes alone is best.

"You've got to respect them," Johnson said. "If you don't, they will get you."

For Mary Lee Boyer from Pennsylvania, who came to the show with her husband despite her fear of snakes, that lesson was obvious.

"Y'all are weird down here in Texas no matter what," she said. "Normal people are back home. We don't play with things that are dangerous."

'Female Indiana Jones' to speak at Petroleum Museum event

From Staff Reports

Mireya Mayor, dubbed "Female Indiana Jones" will speak Tuesday at the Arlen Edgar Distinguished Lecture Series, hosted by the Petroleum Museum.

A scientist, explorer, wildlife correspondent, anthropologist and inspirational speaker, Mayor, a Ph.D. in anthropology, has reported on wildlife and habitat issues to worldwide audiences for more than a decade.

A former NFL cheerleader for the Miami Dolphins, Mayor grew up in a big city and as the only daughter of Cuban immigrants. She couldn't join the Girl Scouts as a child because her family thought it was too dangerous. In spite of this, she went on to become the first female wildlife correspondent for the "Ultimate Explorer" series on National Geographic Television, and has spent more than 10 years exploring some of the wildest and most remote places on earth, often armed with little more than a backpack, notebooks and hiking boots. Since then, Mayor has slept in remote jungles teeming with poisonous snakes, gone diving with great white sharks, been charged by gorillas and chased by elephants, and that's just in the last few months.

Mayor is a Fulbright scholar, National Science Foundation Fellow and published author with a Ph.D. in anthropology from Stony Brook University. She wrote the foreword and was a major contributor for National Geographic's Complete Survival Manual, has written articles for National Geographic's kids magazines "Explorer" and "Extreme Explorer," and is working closely with National Geographic's School Publishing on videos and textbooks for classrooms nationwide.

photo by Mark Thiessen/NGT&F

Mayor has made numerous appearances on the "Today" show, MSNBC, CNN and Despierta America and has been profiled in People, Marie Claire, Latina, National Geographic Adventure, Vanidades and Elle magazines. She divides her time between research in the rainforests of Madagascar, lecturing at schools and universities and traveling the world as a wildlife correspondent.

The Petroleum Museum is hosting her as a free event and there are 250 seats available. Contact the Petroleum Museum for tickets at 683-4403.

Nolan Ryan visits Borden County

TALKIN' TEXAS

Tumbleweed Smith is a Big Spring storyteller and folklorist.

When I got to Gail, the county seat of Borden County, I saw a fleet of law enforcement vehicles and a cadre of uniformed lawmen gathered in the small town to provide security for the arrival of some important guests. I stopped at the courthouse to visit with County Judge Ross Sharp and he was as excited as the other residents of the county (population 641). He told me Nolan Ryan was coming to Gail to throw the first pitch to dedicate the school district's brand new baseball field. Just building the field was a big deal in itself, because Borden County High School previously had to play its baseball games out of town. The mascot of the school is a coyote — pronounced kai-oat, not kai-oatey. If you pronounce it the wrong way, Borden County people are going to think less of you.

As students and others filled the bleachers in the new stadium, a pickup drove up and out stepped Nolan Ryan, Rangers left fielder David Murphy and Rangers pitching coach Mike Maddox. They were greeted by school officials, then entered the playing field to an enthusiastic chorus of screams and applause. Nolan walked to the pitcher's mound and joined some pitchers on the Coyote baseball team. They all threw baseballs toward home plate simultaneously. I asked Nolan Ryan how it felt to pitch a baseball and he replied, "Strange." During his 27-year playing career he threw nearly 6,000 strikeouts.

Elementary school teacher Sue Jane Mayes told me how the event came about. "In 2010 my sixth-graders were working on letter-writing. It's a lost art, you know. We wrote letters to Nolan Ryan and the Texas Rangers to congratulate them on being in the World Series. We wanted to say thank you for a great season. We sent along a photo of the class all wearing Ranger T-shirts and caps. I think he was very touched and said he would come to Gail. And here we are two years later and he's here. We could say all this began with a letter. I really want the kids to make a memory today. But this just isn't for the school. It's for the whole county."

The Rangers have a pre-season public relations program called a caravan in which members of the team visit towns to get fans excited about the upcoming games. Not many towns get Nolan Ryan, the owner, president and CEO of the Rangers. "It's always good to come out and be in an environment like this and say thank you to the people who make the effort to come to our ball games," he said. "Dedicating the new field was real special. That shows a big commitment on the part of the students, coaches and school administrators."

Coyote baseball coach Trey Richey said, "To be able to stand next to Nolan Ryan is a genuine honor."

From the baseball field everyone adjourned to the school auditorium where the trio of Rangers received proclamations and the key to the county. Then Nolan Ryan made a presentation of his own to Bertie Copeland, owner of The Coyote Country Store, the only place in Gail where you can buy a meal. She had told someone she wanted a picture of Nolan Ryan. Nolan gave her a Rangers jersey. "We're gonna have it framed and hang it on the wall," Bertie told me.

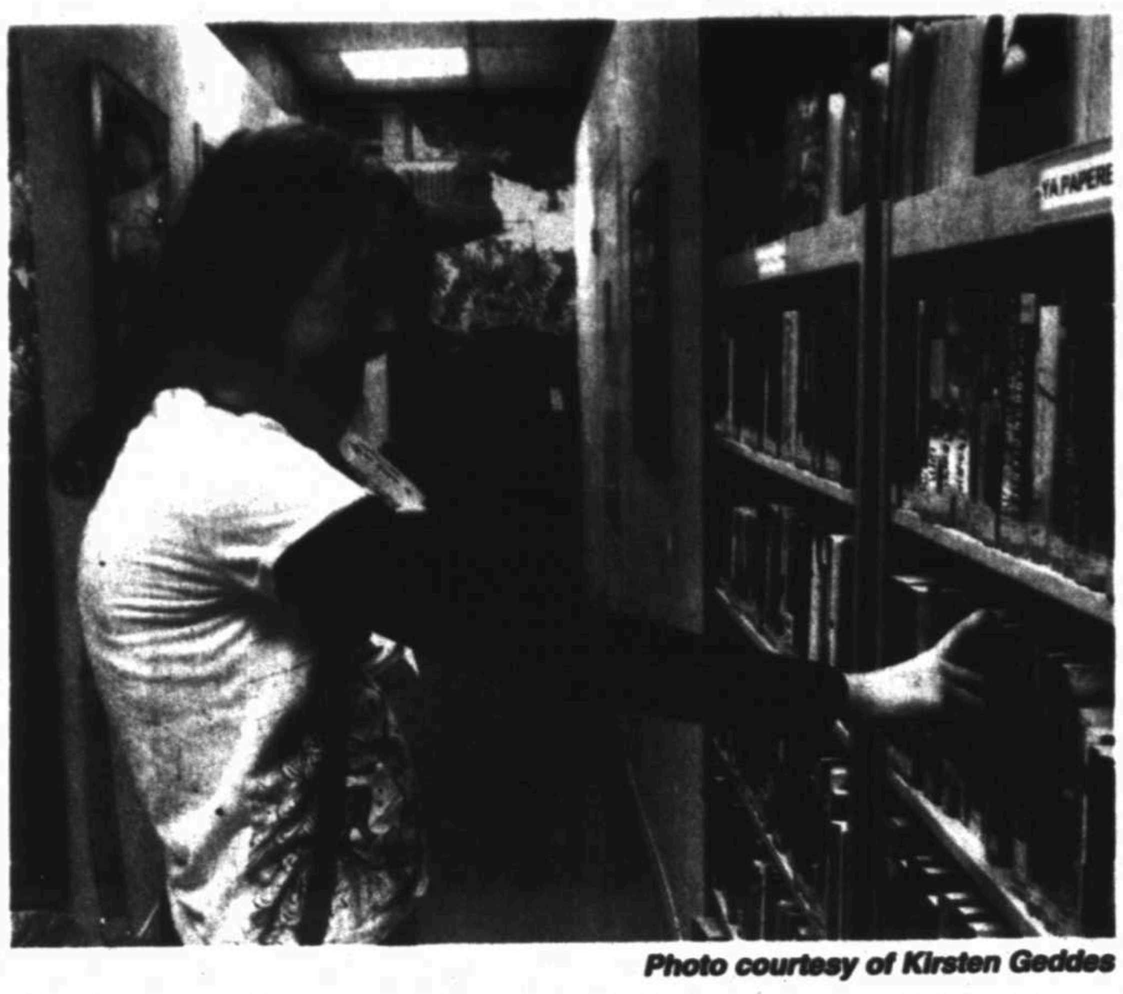
Photo courtesy of Kirsten Geddes

Skylar Geddes searches for a book at the Midland County Library.

Books

From 1B

"The Graveyard Book" by Neil Gaiman - If you love ghost stories, this book from the author of such great novels as "Stardust" and "Coraline" (both made into movies) could be just what you're looking for. "The Graveyard Book" follows the story of Nobody Owens, a boy who was raised by ghosts in a graveyard after his parents were murdered. His adventures in the ghost world, as well as his first experiences with human contact, weave a captivating story anyone would enjoy reading.

"Curious Notions" by Harry Turtledove - What would have happened if the Germans had won the World Wars? The world of alternate universes is explored in the second book of the Crosstime Traffic series. The book stands apart from the first in the series, so there is no need to worry about skipping that one. "Curios Notions" follows Lucy Woo, a 16-year-old girl from a San Francisco where the Germans are in control of the world, and Paul Gomes, from a reality more like ours in the future. Paul and his dad are responsible for trade between the realities, but when Lucy finds out about the other realities, and her father is locked up by the German authorities, what will they do? This book is great for anyone who loves science-fiction.

"Graceling" by Kristin Cashore - This novel is set in a world where people who are born with two different colored eyes have special abilities, or Graces. There are all different types of abilities, some can fight, some can cook and others can sew. But Katsa has the most fearsome Grace of all — the Grace of killing. Employed by the king like all gracelings, she lives a life with few friends as the king's toy, sent to assassinate whoever he wishes. When she must set off on to save her kingdom with the prince Po, also a Graceling, she discoveres many things about herself, her Grace, and her new friend. Action, mystery and romance combine to make Cashore's book a memorable adventure. Also look for the prequel, "Fire" available now in stores and libraries.

"Epic" by Conor Kostick - This book is for the video game and "Dungeons and Dragons" geeks out there. On New Earth, violence is forbidden except for the game which determines everything in your life: Epic. How you play the game controls how much money you have, your standing in society and where you go to college. But when Erik challenges the rulers of the game by creating Cindella the Swashbuckler, a character unlike any dreamed of since the game was created, he and his friends find themselves in the middle of the greatest quest of Epic: the Epicus Ultimatum. A thrilling mix of role-playing game action and the issues of a society based on a video game create one of the most exciting stories in the book world.

"Here Lies Arthur" by Philip Reeve - When the wizard Myrddin (Merlin) finds a young orphan girl, Gwynna, to pose as the Lady of the Lake so Excalibur appears magical, the whole Arthurian legend is turned on its head in this novel. Reeve's take on the famous king's life as told by Gwynna brings a new perspective to Arthur and what life might have been like as a member of his court. The king himself is a temperamental jerk who is a bully and has a love for every women but his own queen, Gwenhwyfar (Guinevere). Anyone interested in the legend of King Arthur should pick up this fresh take on the famous legend.

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Reading is a great way to spend your spring break if you want some peace and quiet. Most of these books can be found at either the Midland County Library or the Midland Centennial Branch Library, and at most bookstores. I give my highest recommendation to all these books, and I certainly hope you find something worth reading! If you do read these books, let me know your opinions on our Facebook page, Tall City Teens. Happy reading!

Food

From 1B

those at her sold-out class. It was inspiring to be in her presence and not only was the food delicious, she made it fun and informative. She shared her recipes as well as her website, www.thetexasfoodandwinegourmet.com, where you can find more recipes, her biography and a list of her cookbooks.

Also recently at SugarBaker's, Dean McInturff, CLU, ChFC, CFP, of Wells Fargo sponsored local chef Michael O'Neill. McInturff has done this for several years and this helps cut the cost down for those attending. O'Neill, well-known in the area, cooked a gourmet lunch of beef tenderloin, a delicious salad with mustard vinaigrette, asparagus wrapped in bacon, chocolate bread pudding and caramel sauce. You learn so much from watching these chefs in action from difficult things down to how they arrange the food on the plate. For information on SugarBaker's classes, call 325-949-7222 or visit www.shopsugarbakers.com.

Of course, if you want to learn how to decorate cakes, our local Hobby Lobby and Michael's offer courses. Hopefully in the future, we will have more places in Midland offering cooking classes. For now, I am looking forward to my next class May 5, at SugarBaker's featuring Rebecca Rather from Fredericksburg, owner of the Rather Sweet Bakery and author of the "Pastry Queen" cookbooks.

Spicy Breakfast Lasagna
From Bradbury Kitchen and Home

3 cups (24 ounces) 4 percent cottage cheese
1/2 cup minced chives
1/2 cup sliced green onions
18 eggs
1/3 cup milk
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 Tablespoon butter
8 lasagna noodles, cooked and drained
4 cups frozen shredded hash browns
1 pound bulk pork sausage, cooked and crumbled
8 ounces sliced Monterey Jack cheese with jalapeno peppers
8 ounces sliced Muenster cheese

In a large bowl, combine the cottage cheese, chives and onions; set aside. In a large bowl, whisk the eggs, milk, salt and pepper. In a large skillet, heat butter until hot. Add egg mixture; cook and stir over medium heat until eggs are completely set. Remove from heat; set aside.

In a greased 13x9-inch baking dish, place four lasagna noodles. Top with 2 cups hash browns, scrambled eggs, sausage and half of cottage cheese mixture. Cover with Monterey Jack cheese. Repeat layers with the remaining lasagna noodles, hash browns and cottage cheese mixture. Top with the Muenster cheese.

Cover and refrigerate for 8 hours or overnight. Remove from the refrigerator 30 minutes before baking. Bake, uncovered, at 350 for 35 to 40 minutes or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Let stand for 5 minutes before serving.

Karen's Blackberry Dessert Lasagna
From Bradbury Kitchen and Home

2 (12-ounce) bags frozen blackberries
4 cups water
2 cups sugar
1/2 cup cornstarch
1/2 stick butter
1 Tablespoon lemon juice
Double recipe of pie dough
Sugar for sprinkling

Make a double recipe of pie dough and roll it out and cut it into strips about the size of lasagna noodles. Cut them the size of the pan you are going to use (9x13) and make enough strips for three layers. Sprinkle them with a little sugar and bake them until golden brown. Let cool.

Put blackberries, water, sugar and about 1/2 cup of cornstarch, butter and lemon juice in a saucepan. Cook over medium heat until thickened (should be about the thickness of canned pie filling), if not, add more corn starch dissolved in water and cook until thickened. If too thick, add a little more water. Let mixture cool slightly.

To assemble, start with one layer of piecrust strips. Top with half of blackberry filling. Layer with more piecrust strips. Add remaining filling and top with final piecrust strips. Bake until golden and bubbly. Cool completely and cut into squares. Serve with vanilla ice cream. If served warm, it will not hold the shape and turn out more like a cobbler.

Spinach, Apple and Fennel Salad with Red Onion and Poppyseed Dressing
From Terry Thompson Anderson

Salad:
1 (10-ounce) package fresh spinach, washed, dried and torn into bite-sized pieces
1 small head fennel, thinly sliced, feathery tops reserved
2 medium Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and sliced
1 small red onion, halved lengthwise, thinly sliced

Poppyseed Dressing:
(Makes about 1 1/2 cups)
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup raspberry-flavored vinegar
1 (1/2-inch thick) slice of a medium onion, roughly chopped
1/2 cup canola oil
1 1/2 teaspoons poppy seeds

Prepare the dressing. Combine sugar, mustard, salt, vinegar and onion in work bowl of food processor fitted with steel blade. Process until smooth. With machine running, pour the canola oil in a thin, steady stream through the feed tube until all has been added. Add the poppy seeds and process just to blend. Transfer dressing to a storage container and refrigerate until ready to serve.

To assemble the salad, combine the spinach, sliced fennel, sliced apple and onion in a salad bowl. Drizzle with desired amount of dressing and toss to moisten all ingredients. Garnish with some of the reserved ferny fennel tops and serve.

Seared and Roasted Pork Tenderloin with Spiced Whiskey Sauce
From Terry Thompson Anderson

2 pieces pork tenderloin, about 2 1/2 -pounds

Rub:
2 teaspoons sea salt
2 teaspoons dark brown sugar
2 teaspoons smoked paprika
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1/2 teaspoon granulated garlic

Whiskey Glaze:
4 Tablespoons (1/2 stick) unsalted butter, cut into small bits
1 large garlic clove, minced
4 Tablespoons Jack Daniels Whiskey
4 Tablespoons dark brown sugar
2 Tablespoons whole grain mustard
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon chipotle chile powder
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Trim any fat and silver skin from the tenderloins and arrange on a baking sheet. Make the rub by combining all ingredients and tossing with a fork to blend well. Rub the mixture into the meat using your fingers. Place in refrigerator for 2 hours or overnight.

To make the Whiskey Glaze, melt the butter in a heavy 1-quart saucepan over medium heat. Add the garlic and cook for 1 minute. Do not brown the garlic. Add the whiskey, sugar, mustard, cinnamon and cloves. Simmer the mixture over high heat, whisking vigorously, until thick and syrupy, about 2-4 minutes. Remove pan from heat and season to taste with salt and pepper. Mixture should be highly seasoned. Pour half of the glaze into a small bowl; set aside.

Preheat the oven to 350. Pour about 1/3 cup olive oil in a heavy-bottomed 12-inch skillet over medium-high heat. When the oil is shimmering in the pan, add the pork tenderloin. Sear quickly on all sides, turning often, just until the meat has a nice well-browned crust. Remove the tenderloins to an open roasting pan. Baste with a portion of the reserved glaze and place in preheated oven. Roast, basting 2-3 more times for about 25 minutes or until internal temperature reaches 140 degrees. Remove meat from oven and set aside to rest for 10 minutes. Reheat the sauce in saucepan. Slice the meat into 1/2-inch thick slices. Fan out on serving plates and drizzle a portion of the sauce over the center of the meat.

Grilled Sweet Potato Slices
From Terry Thompson Anderson

1 large sweet potato peeled and sliced into 3/8 inch thick slices, on the bias

Grilling Oil:
1 1/2 cups olive oil
2 Tablespoons brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon granulated garlic
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper

Combine all ingredients for Grilling Oil, whisking to blend oil. Brush potato slices on both sides with the oil (allow to rest for one hour) and grill on stovetop grill until tender, lightly marked, and tender crisp. Serve hot.

Food Etc.

What are some of your favorite Easter recipes? They can be main dish, salad, vegetable and dessert — anything you and your family would miss if it were not on the table during the holiday. Send your recipe to foodetcmrt@aol.com or mail to the Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, 79701, attention: Food Etc./Joan Huff or fax to 570-7650. Please include your name, phone number and source of the recipe. Deadline is March 27.

Camp

From 1B

Originally from Odessa, Staley said she has been riding horses her "whole life."

She competed at rodeos in high school and college and was a member of the Women's Professional Rodeo Association.

Staley said she's been teaching riding lessons for more than 10 years and previously ran a horse camp in Victoria.

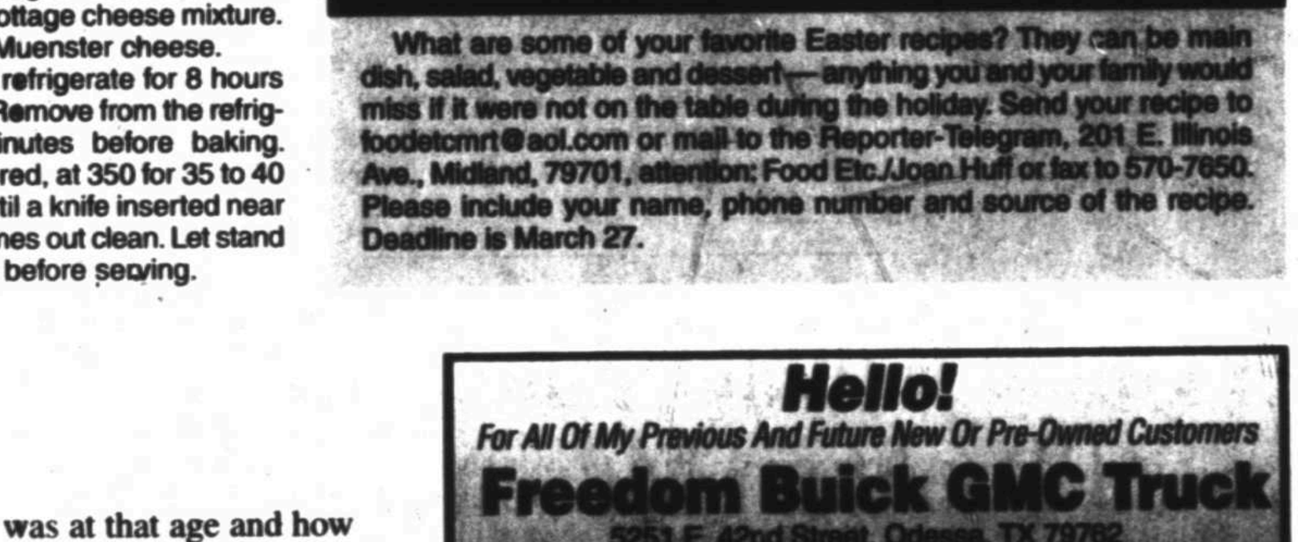
Along with the spring break camp, Staley will offer five sessions of summer riding camps. Cost is $350 per session, and discounts are available to current students or families who have more than one child attend the camp. Campers also will participate in horse-related arts and crafts and water games, and each camper will receive a free private lesson after the camp.

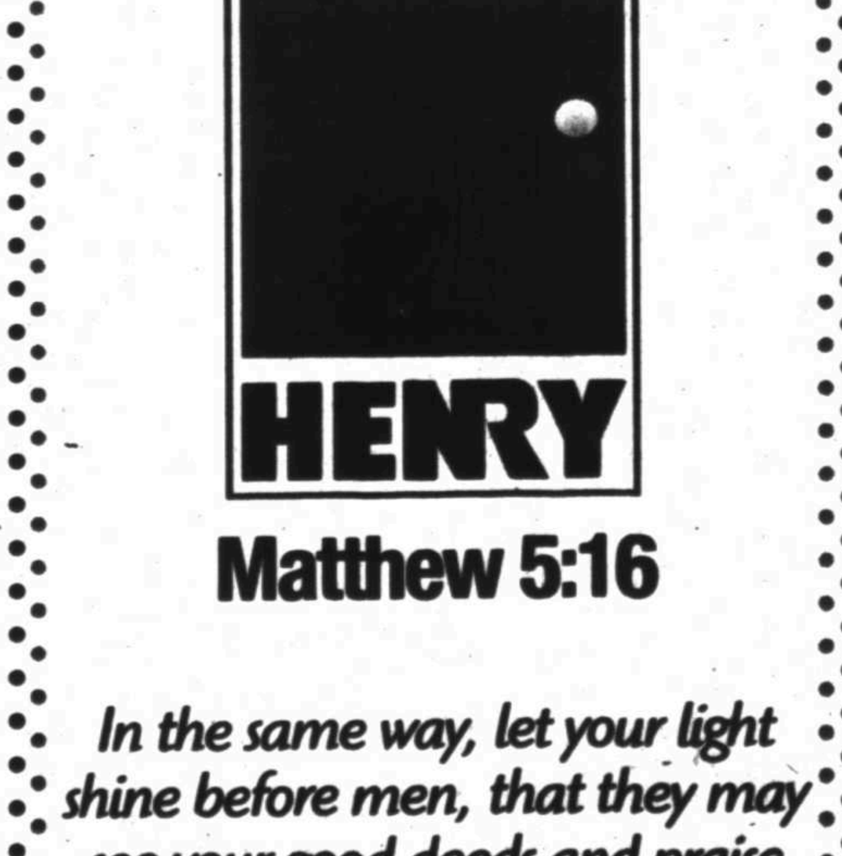
"Because this is the first year I've done this here, we'll pretty much do the same thing for spring break and all the summer camps," she said. "It's more on a beginner level but ... even with experienced riders they can always tune up on their basic horsemanship and we cover a lot of things as far as breeds and feeding programs that some kids — even if they've had a horse their whole lives — may not know that kind of information."

Staley said working with the kids renews her own passion for horses.

"Once you turn your love into a job it gets a little mundane and you lose your passion for it," she said. "The kids help me remember how exciting it was at that age and how much I still love it today."

For more information about Double Diamond Equestrian Center, visit www.doublediamondequestriancenter.com.





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THURSDAY Partly sunny high 79 low 60

FRIDAY Mostly cloudy high 78 low 50

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect partly sunny skies today with a high around 79 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly cloudy conditions with a low around 60 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday, look for isolated showers and thunderstorms before 1 p.m. and partly sunny skies with a high around 79, a low around 60 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday, look for mostly cloudy skies with a high around 78 and a low around 59.

The high on Tuesday reached 80 while the low dropped to 48. The record high for March 13 is 89 set in 1989. The record low is 14 set in 1932 and 1993.

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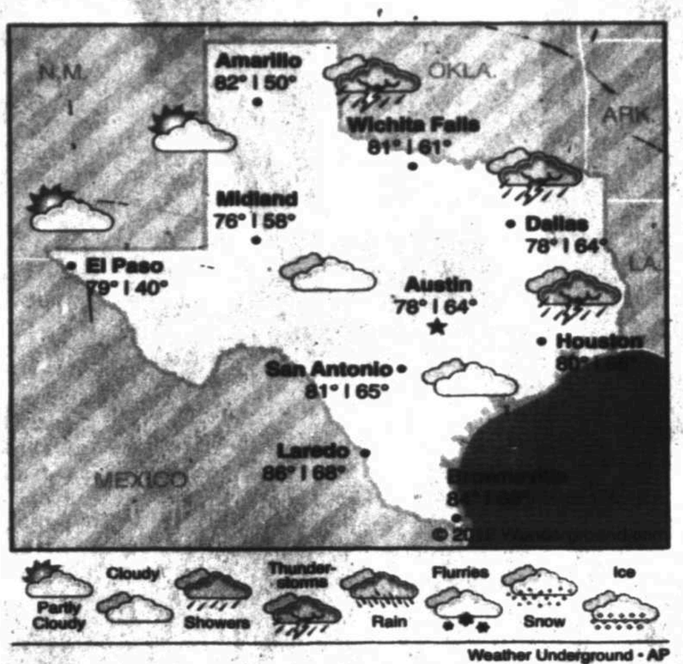
With the exception of northern New England and the Northwest, much of the nation will continue to experience above-average temperatures today. A lack of polar air, combined with strengthening March sunshine, will raise temperatures over the mid-Atlantic, the Midwest, the central Plains and the Four Corners. High pressure will be in control over these locations.

In northern New England, a storm moving over the St. Lawrence Valley will bring some rain and snow.



Precipitation

Monday	0.00 in.
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.07 in.
Total for year	1.26 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.52 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	80
Low	48
Normal high	69
Normal low	40
Sunrise	7:59 a.m.
Sunset	7:56 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, March 14 — Sunny, Pt. Cloudy, Cloudy

Teen's free place to live comes with a painful cost

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 am 19 and having an affair with a married man twice my age, but I am an unwilling participant. You see, I grew up with "Jasmine," and over the years her family has become mine. I was going through a rough time, and when her family offered me a place to stay, I accepted.

They treat me like one of their own, buy me presents — even introduce me as a daughter. However, after my birthday party, Jasmine's father came into my bedroom and took advantage of me. I was scared and didn't say anything. Over the past few months, he has sneaked into my room several times to "talk" or rub my back. He always crosses the line, and I'm too afraid to tell him to stop.

I feel sick and guilty when I see Jasmine or her mother, and I'm hurt and ashamed when I see him. I feel betrayed and confused. I tell myself I do it "for a place to stay." Is there forgiveness for me? Please help. — DISTRAUGHT IN THE NORTHWEST

DEAR DISTRAUGHT: It appears you ARE "doing it for a place to stay," and for your own well-being you need to make other living arrangements and get out of there. You have been betrayed, and your feelings are valid. You are not being treated like a daughter; you are being coerced by a man with no conscience or compassion. Of course there is forgiveness for you — but first you have to forgive yourself. Leaving is the first step.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Ross," and I have been together for five years and have a 2-year-old child. We talk a lot about marriage and we're engaged — kind of. Ross asked me and I said yes four years ago, but no one knows we're engaged. He bought me a ring and I have been wearing it. Nobody has questioned it.

I want to say something about our plans, but Ross says he's too nervous and is afraid my parents will be angry. I am 23 and unemployed. Ross is 24 and has had bad luck with a bunch of jobs. Our 2-year-old and I live with my parents. Ross is currently staying with his grandparents.

I don't want a big wedding and I'm afraid my parents will be mad if Ross and I start planning ours. How can we break the news to them? —TIMID IN STOCKTON, CALIF.

DEAR TIMID: If your boyfriend is too nervous to tell anyone about the engagement, face it — you're kind of NOT engaged. If I were you, I'd hold off making any announcements to your folks until you have the answers ready to some questions first, like where you and Ross plan to live after the wedding. With your parents? His grandparents? Who do you expect will be paying for the wedding you're planning?

"Everyone" may have ignored the significance of the ring you're wearing because neither of you is ready for marriage.

DEAR ABBY: When buying a gift for someone and it arrives with a mail-in rebate, what do you do? If you give the person the rebate, he or she will know how much you paid for the gift. If you remove the UPC code, it looks like you regifted. How should this be handled? — HAVEN'T A CLUE IN EAST HARTFORD, CONN.

DEAR HAVEN'T A CLUE: Many people regift, and as long as the item is well-chosen for the recipient and is in mint condition, there's nothing wrong with the practice. How much was paid for the item is beside the point. When a gift is given, the price tag is removed. Because the mail-in rebate would be a tip-off, it should be removed, too.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Don't believe what you see

North-South vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
♠ Void
♡ Q J 9 8 4
◇ A J 10 6 4
♣ Q 6 5

WEST
♠ J 10 8 4 3
♡ K 6 5 3
◇ 8 7
♣ 9 8

EAST
♠ K 9 7 6
♡ 10 7 2
◇ K 5 3 2
♣ K 2

SOUTH
♠ A Q 5 2
♡ A
◇ Q 9
♣ A J 10 7 4 3

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	1♡	Pass	1♠
Pass	2◇	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: Jack of ♠

It is not wise to trust your eyesight at the bridge table. Those players to your left and right are not there to help you. Consider this deal from the first qualifying session of the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs at the recent ACBL Fall North American Championships held in Seattle. Against South's three no-trump West led the jack of spades. Declarer discarded a heart from dummy and ducked the trick when East followed with the king, risking being held to 10 tricks if the defender shifted to a heart. But East saw no reason to try anything more than return a spade.

Declarer won with the ace, then ran the queen of diamonds, which held, and continued with the nine, West following with the eight.

South knew that his opponent was a good enough defender not to cover the queen of diamonds when it was led and, if East had held up the king and another diamond finesse was taken, he would not be able to get back to dummy in time unless one of the defenders held a singleton king of clubs. Since he was already sure of 10 tricks, he rose with the ace of diamonds and took the club finesse to bring home 11 tricks and a near top board.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, March 14, 2012:

This year Lady Luck appears and could impact your life financially and/or emotionally. You will encounter trouble when you go to extremes. Self-discipline is a must, or you could overindulge and take away from your good fortune. Your immediate circle changes, as you meet people with similar goals. If you are single, you will have more than one opportunity to change your status. Take your time choosing the right person. If you are attached, you find your sweetie to be provocative and full of information. He or she also could have quite a temper. SAGITTARIUS can be a challenging boss.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You will try anything once — within reason. Remain sensitive to financial matters that offer provocative options. Be smart about your choices. Your drive and hard work impress someone. Tonight: Remain upbeat. Try a new place.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Everyone, including you, likes to be indulged. At times, it might be difficult to say "thank you." Let someone express his or her ideas about an important situation before you choose how much you want to reveal. Tonight: Be a duo.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Remain responsive, but be careful when choosing your cause. You might not be able to cover all your bases; therefore, decide what is most important or instrumental to your success. A domestic issue takes the forefront because of someone's energy. Tonight: Say "yes" to the moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Make and act on a long-overdue resolution. You know you need to follow that path; the time is now. Understand what is happening. You have spirit and energy behind your words and actions. Others know you are serious. You will be effective. Tonight: Flow with the moment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Your enthusiasm helps you cross the thin line between impossible and possible. Often, others watch your antics in amazement. If you choose to take a risk, be aware of the potential damages. Feelings flow between you and another person. Tonight: Face the facts: You cannot do everything and be everywhere.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Stay centered and know exactly what you are doing. Listen to someone's rendition of events. Remember that whatever people inadvertently choose to see could vary, and they might not even be conscious of their mental filters. Tonight: Buy a favorite treat on the way home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You communicate the essence of your thoughts without difficulty. Others enjoy the special touches of your style as well. A discussion involving a primary personal issue is well-timed. Check into a real estate matter with care. Tonight: Speak your mind.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Remain sensitive to a change in an offer that has been presented to you in the past. This could make quite a difference in the overall experience and its results. Explore your options as you express your gratitude. A determined friend pushes very hard to get his or her way. Tonight: Indulge a little.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You have the energy and wherewithal to nail down a situation to your liking. Others appreciate you including them, yet a respected individual could push too hard to have you follow his or her way of doing things. Communication soars. Tonight: Wish upon a star. It could work.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Much is going on beyond the obvious. You sense this fact and pull back. Your decision shows an innate wisdom, and in the long run, it will help. Zero in on your observation skills. Detach as much as possible. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ A meeting makes you more aware of a potential goal. Is this goal realistic? Conversations point to many different opinions. You discover that someone has a more direct path to the same end. Together, you will make quite the team. Tonight: With friends, perhaps making a new friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Someone's leadership might be OK with you but not with another person you care a lot about. You could be between a rock and a hard place. You probably need to focus on your goals and priorities. At that point, you will know what to do. Tonight: Could be late.

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BORN TODAY:

Physicist Albert Einstein (1879), cartoonist Hank Ketcham (1920), comedian Billy Crystal (1948)

DAILY CROSSWORD

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15 "The Big Sleep" genre
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46 Convenient connections
47 Fighting words
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60 Hide from a trapper
61 Spanish surrealist
62 Big chip maker
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65 "With Reagan" memoirist

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6 Actress MacDowell
7 Either "True Grit" (2010) director
8 "Correct answer!" sound
9 Formal glassware
10 When Juliet drinks the potion
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12 One whose workplace is all abuzz
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50 Former Montana copper-mining city
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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Courtesy of Cliff Hamilton

Carissa Hamilton, right, teaches a First Steps in Music class last year.

Music

From 1B

she's seen in her students is a boost in self-confidence.

"As a teacher I see a lot of kids who are afraid to put themselves out there. They're afraid to be wrong; they're afraid to be weird," she said. "I've really seen a lot of kids who are really shy and reserved come out of their shell. Whenever they get to school that lack of inhibition goes to other things — they don't mind giving the answer, they're just braver in a lot of other things, too."

Hamilton enjoys watching the parents interact with their children in a musical environment.

"I think it's really neat for the kids to see their parents playing games and singing songs with them," she said. "It kind of humanizes their mom."

The songs allow the parents to connect to their child at the child's level while encouraging interaction away from televisions and computers.

"If you want to create history in your house, do what everyone did back in the day when they had babies and there wasn't a TV; there wasn't all this technology that distracts us," she said.

For more information about First Steps in Music classes, call 413-3825 or visit www.firststepsofmidland.com.

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gardens

Local food movement proponent to share gardening tips in book

By Molly Glentzer
Houston Chronicle

> "Once we rediscover the plants of a particular place, it's endless the things we can dream up to cook with them."
>
> **— Alice Waters**

Wouldn't Thomas Jefferson find it funny to hear Alice Waters called a revolutionary?

The iconic locavore, her voice as warm as a sunny day in late spring, laughed at the suggestion.

"I hope I would have been one of his good friends down the street that brought him a bowl of peas," she said recently, noting this year she's cooking a dinner at Monticello, the Virginia estate where Jefferson grew about 330 types of vegetables and myriad plants. "To think our first presidents would have preferred to be farmers."

Waters' latest book, "40 Years of Chez Panisse" (Clarkson Potter, 304 pp., $55), lovingly chronicles — with essays from dozens of friends — how the idea everyone should have access to fresh, locally sourced food became a radical notion. Of course, Waters writes, the ideas she promotes about sustainable agriculture are really "neither new nor radical, but as old as humankind."

Waters, 67, just wanted to "live differently, eat differently," she said. "I've been searching for a meaningful life."

It's not just about food, she added — "it's about the sharing of it and all the values that are tied to taking care of the land. Offering a child something nourishing. It's about empathy. It's everything."

Those who think they're too busy to garden could take a few cues from Waters, who maintains a hectic international schedule.

"I've always been kind of a picker rather than a planter," she said. She's partial to fruit trees because they don't require as much attention as a vegetable plot.

She doesn't grow beans because they have to be cooked when they're young.

And she doesn't feel compelled to grow things at home if they're abundant at farmers markets.

That said, her yard sounds like a small Eden. Waters reserves about 325 square feet for lettuces, greens and root vegetables, she said. Her trees include the smallish 'Meyer' and other lemons, a dwarf apple and a larger Gravenstein, a Fuyu persimmon, a kumquat and a bay laurel, which she prunes so sun can reach nearby beds.

There's also a 6-foot-by-6-foot plot of raspberries. And she tucks little strawberries all around, "so you can grab them when you're coming in the door."

She lets rocket (arugula) grow everywhere, too. "It reseeds itself and can be eaten at any time — when it's little, in salads; when it's bigger, in pasta; and after it goes to seed, you can throw the flowers into a chiffonade," she said.

She likes fennel for the same reason; its root, branches and flowers are all useful, she said — even the pollen.

Then the herbs: rosemary and mint all the time, basil in the summer — "I really couldn't live without them," she said. She also grows chervil in the spring, and marjoram. And of course roses and violets.

Her next book, due this fall — "The Art of Simple Food 2" — will address how to grow the most flavorful varietals, she said. "That discernment is a thrill for a gardener and a cook."

Most gardeners can grow the same things, she said, they just may have a longer or different growing season in some climates. "In every part of the country, there's something that's probably been growing a very long time. I'll bet you can grow papayas," she said. "Once we rediscover the plants of a particular place, it's endless the things we can dream up to cook with them."

She's thrilled home gardeners are staging an "heirloom revolution," growing hard-to-ship fruits and vegetables that are tasty and beautiful.

"It's wonderful what's going on, particularly with kids from ages 6 to 22," Waters said. "This generation is committed to thinking differently about their lives. They're investing in a culture of farming — not just in biodiversity but in living cooperatively. When people get together in that way and understand why they're together, you really can make change," she said.

Waters isn't anywhere near ready to slow down, but she is "contemplating what this last chapter of life is about," she said. She sees more with schools ahead, as her 15-year-old Edible Schoolyard Project continues to flourish. "Maybe we'll be shelling fava beans for school kids," she said.

Chez Panisse, known the world over for its sometimes sublimely simple, fresh-from-the-garden fare, supports two farms entirely. The restaurant also buys from 85 other local producers, Waters said.

Water restrictions bring increase in weeds

Neil Sperry's Gardens

"Neil Sperry's Texas Gardening" can be heard 11 a.m.-noon Saturdays on KCRS (AM 550). He can be contacted at mailbag@sperrygardens.com.

Dear Neil: My bermuda lawn is filled with henbit and dandelions, in spite of the fact I applied pre-emergents the first week of September and again in October. Broadleafed weedkillers don't seem to get them. Any advice?

Answer: This spring has been, by far, the worst I've seen for weeds, and last summer's drought and water curtailments are assuredly the reasons. Of the two weeds you mentioned, henbit already should be gone. Mowing alone gets rid of most of it, even though it probably has deposited a fair quantity of seeds back for next winter. Dandelions are a little more challenging, but I always have had good luck using the same pre-emergent you mentioned (Portrait granules) and any of several broadleafed weedkillers (containing 2,4-D). I might add broadleafed weedkillers are very slow to finish their work. I've used them for 40 years, and I learned early on to be patient with them. It often takes one to two weeks for them to kill their target weeds. So, no definitive answer, but hopefully some encouragement.

(And, another representative question from the many that have been sent ….)

Dear Neil: How can I rebuild my bermuda lawn so it's thick and dense this summer? What do I do, and when? I also would like to seed new bermuda this year. When should I do that?

Answer: It's late to apply a pre-emergent herbicide now, because we've had a very mild winter and the weeds started early. But, the most critical issues for turf management are always water, nitrogen and mowing. Keep the grass active by watering deeply and less often, if and when water curtailments allow. Apply an all-nitrogen or high-nitrogen fertilizer in April to promote good growth this spring. Mow at the recommended height. Tall grass quickly weakens, and that allows weeds to get a good start. As for the seeding, that needs to be done after soils warm — probably mid- or late April. Hopefully, however, you don't want to sow bermuda seeds into the existing and thin turf. Because the seed is so tiny, new seedings require good soil preparation before planting, and that involves tilling and raking. It's almost impossible to do that within an existing lawn. It's always better to transplant plugs of existing bermuda from healthy areas into the voids, and that can be done anytime after mid-April. Once again, that assumes you will be able to water the transplanted grass.

Dear Neil: I have a large American elm that has been dropping large branches recently, probably because of the drought. Recently, I had to have my yard dug up to replace a sewer line, and they cut very large roots in the process — from one entire side of the tree. Now I'm concerned spring winds might knock the tree over once it leafs out, and I don't want to have my house or car damaged. I don't want to lose the tree if I don't have to, but I don't know how to make that decision. Do you have any ideas?

Answer: You need to hire a certified arborist to do an on-site evaluation of the tree. If it's fairly healthy, perhaps a few branches could be removed to help the tree cope with the loss of its roots. Or, if it needs to come out altogether, that arborist would be able to give you a bid. It's just not possible to tell without seeing it. Good luck!

Dear Neil: Have you ever seen a yellow-fruiting yaupon holly tree? I saw one in a nursery, but I'm wondering if they do as well as the red type.

Answer: I actually have one along my driveway. I've had it for probably 25 years, and it has become a lovely tree. It's loaded with fruit every winter, but I need to tell you about my first impression the first year it had fruit. I had been out of town for a few days, and the fruit changed to golden yellow while I was gone. The plant had 6 or 7 inches of new growth on all of its branches, and on my first glance, I wondered what had happened that caused all of its lower leaves to turn yellow. It looked like a plant that had gotten too dry. All of that said, I think I prefer the standard red-fruiting types a lot better. But, this one's a nice novelty.

Dear Neil: How likely is my lavender lantana to come back from its roots? When will I know if it made it through the winter?

Answer: Trailing lavender lantana is one of the least winter-hardy of all lantanas. However, it is a perennial, and with a winter as warm as this past one was, it probably will survive in more of the state than usual. You'll know by late March or early April.

Dear Neil: We have dead and dying red oaks in our viciaity. Is there a disease that might be involved?

Answer: It's possible that oak wilt might be involved, but it's far more likely that leftover drought damage is just now showing up. Last year was brutal to our trees. Again, a certified arborist is the one to make that determination for you.

Seeds for Thought

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Prioritize trees to stretch water

Ok, it's time to really stretch our water resources. This will separate the West Texas tough from the not so tough — plants that is. Well, maybe gardeners, too! Here are some helpful guidelines for the gardener, yardener or the average homeowner who just wants to save their trees.

Decide what is important. Simply put, it takes weeks to establish a lawn but it takes years to grow a tree. Not to make light of lawns, but this is not a hard decision to make. Lawns are nice, cooling, produce oxygen, provide play and recreational space, but when it comes down to sprinkling the grass or taking a shower, you're going to choose a shower. If you have bermudagrass it may survive. If we are blessed with a little rainfall, which we have been, it may survive. It will go dormant in drought, but the roots are likely to survive. When conditions improve, we may want to look at more native grasses such as buffalo, blue grama, side oats grama and purple three awn.

Do you have too many trees to water in two hours? Prioritize and alternate your watering schedule by week.

Consider the species. Some tree species are trash trees or are short-lived, problematic trees. If they send up a forest of root sprouts, heave your patio up, have weak wood that breaks with every little wind or have a persistent insect pests you may want to let them go. Siberian elm, chinaberry, cottonwood, boxelder, paper mulberry, and tree of heaven may be on the short list.

Consider tree condition. If the tree is old for it's species average lifespan and in a state of decline, don't be a hero. Trees like this are slowly on their way out and there's not much you can do to change that. A 25-year-old mulberry with lots of dead wood may be a candidate for mercy neglect. Use your water on the most valuable trees in the landscape.

If a tree has always been weak and isn't thriving, there's reason why and it may never be a good tree. It may have severe winter injury, storm damage, oak wilt, herbicide damage or mechanical injury that makes it a good candidate for replacement.

Consider placement. If a tree is placed where it shades your indoor or outdoor living spaces, it is valuable. Trees located off the front corners of your house, acting as enframement trees, are important. Trees serving as specimen, accent and focal trees, that are in good condition, are important. Trees located in the back forty, not serving an important role, may only deserve once a month irrigation or none at all.

Consider replacement. Don't hesitate to plant a new tree, even with water restrictions. New trees don't require copious amounts of water, but they do need regular water, moist soil and plenty of mulch. Smaller nursery trees and well-adapted species, are the way to go. Desert willow, Mexican white oak, Chinese pistache, chinkapin pak, escarpment oak, sweet acacia, cedar elm, lacebark elm, Mexican buckeye, Mexican redbud and many others could be planted and become an asset. Start plants in 20-, 30- or 40-gallon size containers.

How should you water? City government has the final word on how and when the water can be administered, so check their website or call for more detailed information. Next week we will cover where to apply water, how much water, application techniques and how to strategize your two-hour watering events. We can do this and still have trees!

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Lee's Christian Dixon prepares to hit the ball during Lee's game against Odessa High on Tuesday at Ernie Johnson Field.

Rebels run-rule Bronchos to start 3-5A play

By Jordan Mason
Sports Writer

Lee's district title defense didn't get off to the start it might have been expecting, falling behind a run just four batters into the game against an Odessa High team that had lost four of five entering Tuesday.

But it didn't take long for the Rebels to right the ship, as pitcher Mick Limon shut out the Bronchos the rest of the way, and the Rebel bats, led by Luke Stice, powered Lee to an 11-1 win at Ernie Johnson Field.

After Ivan Subia put the Bronchos up 1-0 with an RBI single in the first, Stice got Lee's first hit of the day and scored the Rebels' first run of the day in a four-run second inning that gave Lee (13-3, 1-0 in District 3-5A) the lead for good as it rolled to a run-rule win. Stice went 3 for 3 on the day with a walk, two triples and an RBI.

"Coach always says you can either win the game at the beginning or you can win the game at the end," Stice said. "We were able to jump on them early."

Rebels	11
Bronchos	1

Colton Lathram kept the run going in the second by driving in Limon on a sacrifice fly before Caleb West drove in two runs with a two-out single to right that put Lee up 4-1.

West's single drove in Clay Marburger and Kenneth Duby, who reached on a bunt single, then stole second — a precursor to the Rebels' successful day on the base paths.

Lee stole five bases in the game and was only caught stealing on its last attempt in the sixth inning.

"I knew that (OHS pitcher Johnny) Campos had a good move to first, but we felt like if we could get past that point right there we could steal a couple of crucial bases," Lee coach Hector Limon said. "But I was only anticipating in a couple of crucial situations…we would up going kind of

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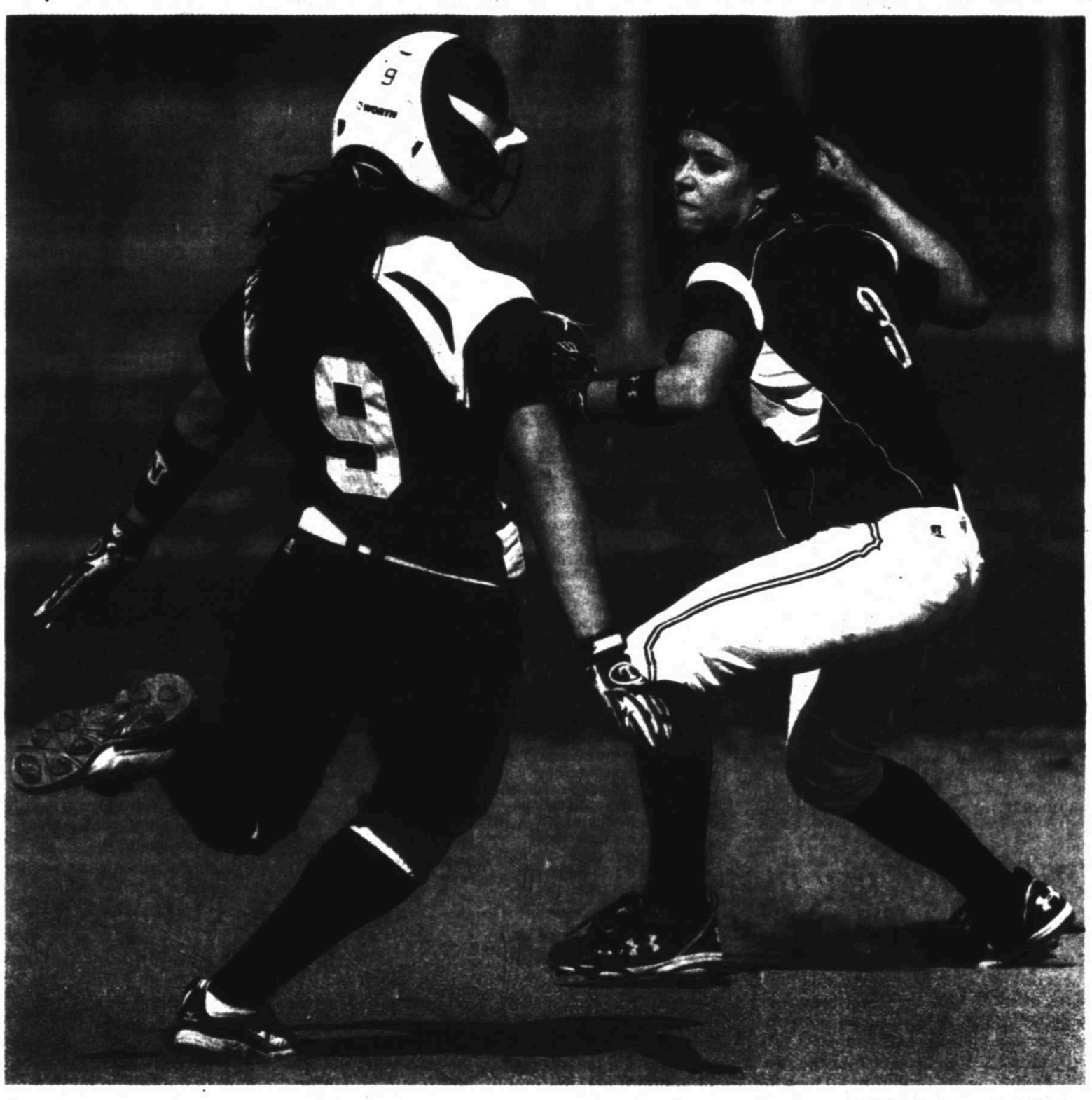

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Midland High's Taylor Vines looks to throw to first after making a force out on Lee's Adrianna Berzoza at second during Tuesday's District 3-5A game at the Audrey Gill Sports Complex.

Sisneros drives in Posada in ninth inning to lead Lady Dawgs past rival Lady Rebels

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

Val Sisneros was yet to record a hit on Tuesday and hadn't gotten the ball out of the infield the entire game. Yet, when Midland High needed her most, the senior first baseman came through.

Sisneros drove a pitch from Lee's Kylee Olivas to the fence in left field, scoring fellow senior Naomi Posada from first base with a game-winning triple in Midland High's 3-2 nine-inning victory against the Lady Rebels in District 3-5A matchup at Audrey Gill Sports Complex.

Lady Bulldogs	3
Lady Rebels	2 (9)

With the win, Midland High (14-7, 3-0 in District 3-5A) remains unbeaten in district play. Lee (11-9, 0-2), meanwhile, continues to look for its first win of the 3-5A season.

"We had opportunities throughout the game and just didn't take advantage of them. We left a lot of runners in scoring position," MHS coach Shawnda Vines said. "Val came in and got that big hit at the end when we needed it the most, which is a lot of what this game is — timely hitting."

Sisneros

With the score tied 2-2 heading into the bottom of the ninth, Posada drew a walk for the second time in the game to set the table for Sisneros. With a 1-2 count against her, Sisneros got around on a high-inside pitch from Olivas and drove over the head and outstretched glove of Lee's Alicia Alvarez, who made a diving attempt at the ball.

Posada had stopped at second to see if the Alvarez somehow came up with the catch, but began racing toward third once she saw the ball hit the ground. Posada ended up scoring easily while Sisneros slid safely into third with the game-winning triple.

"I was just trying to score Naomi," Sisneros said. "I don't know what she pitched me. I just knew that if I hit and she scored then we won. I don't pay attention to where the pitch is, I just swing for it."

It was Lee that got on the board first in the game when freshman first baseman doubled in Alvarez and Ciara Sheppard for

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Seniors key for MHS in win against Permian

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

ODESSA — Mike Dominguez knew his job was to get outs, no matter what it took.

And Tuesday afternoon, Dominguez, a senior pitcher from Midland High, came on in relief of Alex Mata to shut down Odessa Permian's offense and give the Bulldogs a chance to rally for an 8-6 victory at McCanlies Field in the District 3-5A opener for both teams.

Plus, along with his performance on the mound, Dominguez drove in the eventual game-winning run with a sacrifice fly in the fifth inning.

Dominguez

"When I pitch, I really don't have to worry too much because I know my defense is going to make a play every time behind me," Dominguez said. "When they come up like that, you've got to get outs and you've got to put them down. Once they are up they are going to roll over you, and you can't let anything like that happen."

Sims

After loading the bases in the top of the first and giving up two runs in the first inning, the Bulldogs (11-7, 1-0 in District 3-5A) came back to score six in the top of the second. Senior catcher Travis Sims drove in two runs with a single and Jimmy Essman slapped a two-run triple down the right field line.

Bulldogs	8
Panthers	6

Austen Wade drove in another run, and Essman ended the scoring when he scored on a wild pitch for a 6-2 Bulldog lead.

In the bottom of the second, though, Permian's Blanton Garrett keyed a four-run outburst with a

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3-5A Baseball Standings

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Lee	1	0	13	3
Midland High	1	0	11	7
Abilene High	1	0	8	6
Abilene Cooper	0	0	4	8
San Angelo Central	0	1	9	9
Odessa High	0	1	6	13
Odessa Permian	0	1	2	15

Tuesday's Scores
Midland High 8, Odessa Permian 6; Lee 11, Odessa High 1; Abilene High 4, San Angelo Central 0

Friday's Games
San Angelo Central at Midland High, noon; Odessa Permian at Abilene Cooper, 4:30 p.m.; Abilene High at Odessa High, 4:30 p.m.

Knight leads Lamar into tourney against Vermont

By Rusty Miller
Associated Press

NCAA Tournament
- When: Lamar vs. Vermont
- When: 5:40 p.m. today
- Where: University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio

DAYTON, Ohio — There should be a bold line drawn on Lamar's schedule, separating what happened over the last six games from the previous 28.

That's when Pat Knight blew up at his seniors — saying they were "stealing money being on scholarship." At the time, it was seen as a desperate act by the coach of a team headed nowhere.

But then Lamar (23-11) won every game since, including the Southland Conference tournament title. Now it finds itself in the NCAA's First Four, taking on Vermont (23-11) in a battle of No. 16 seeds at the University of Dayton on Wednesday night.

"Oh, yeah, I could have had a mutiny," Knight conceded on Tuesday while previewing his team's game. "That's the thing."

Instead, Knight's harsh words — he also said he had the worst group of seniors he'd ever been around and that his players had problems "off the court, on the court, classroom, drugs" — seems to have brought them together.

A team of dysfunction has suddenly become one of unity.

"When he did what he did, we could have curled up in a ball in a corner and quit, but we never did," said one of those seniors, guard Anthony Miles. "It kind of just forced us to come together stronger and show the world that we've got a really, really good team."

No one could blame Vermont coach John Becker for looking at two sets of tapes on Lamar this week.

The Catamounts, winners of the America East tournament, are making their fifth appearance in the NCAA tournament. But about all anyone is

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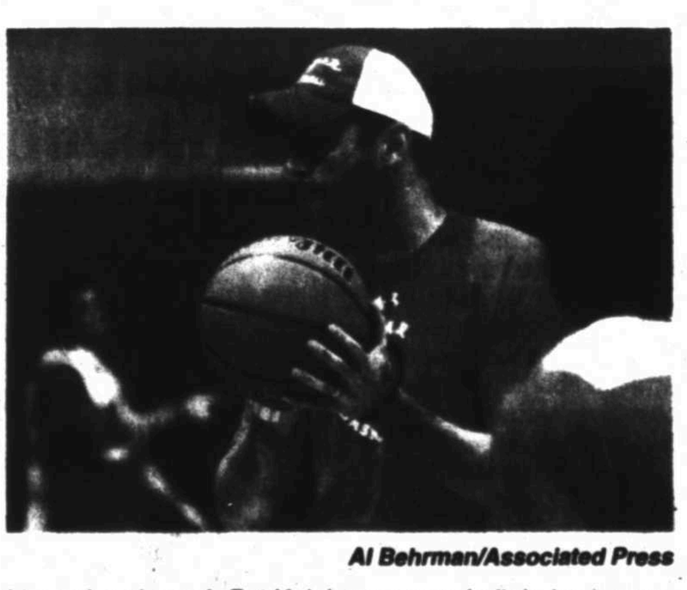

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Lamar head coach Pat Knight passes a ball during a practice Tuesday in Dayton, Ohio. Knight will lead Lamar in a first round NCAA tournament game against Vermont today.

Chaps fall to 6th at District 5 Preview

From staff reports

DENNIS — The Midland College golf team struggled for the second straight day at the District 5 Preview and that resulted in a sixth place finish.

Simpson

The Chaps shot a 305 on Tuesday at Sugar Tree Golf Club and finished with a two-round 605 total, which was 31 strokes behind Odessa College, which shot a 279-295—574.

Western Texas College was second with a 589 total, McLennan Community College (591) was third, New Mexico Junior College (599) was fourth and Ranger College (604) overtook MC for fifth.

MC coach Delnor Poss said the Chaparrals had difficulty executing their game plan and even veteran players Luke Richardson (76-75—151) and Richie Farmer (76-78—154) struggled to get consistent play.

Poss said he was happy with the play of freshman Paul Simpson, who finished in the top 10 afrter shooting 71-73—144.

David Ryan (74-72—146) and Tyler Brown (74-75—149), playing as individuals, also performed well and could very well find themselves playing on the Chaps' first team in next week's Omega Treating Chemicals Midland Invitational at Green Tree Country Club.

MC's tournament is a 54-hole golf tournament which takes place Monday and Tuesday.

District 5 Preview
Sugar Tree Golf Club
Final results
Tuesday

Team standings — 1. Odessa College 279-295—574; 2. Western College 293-296—589; 3. McLennan Community College 296-296—591; 4. New Mexico Junior College 297-302—599; 5.Ranger College 305-299—604; 6. Midland College 300-305—605; 7. Odessa College II 304-302—606; 8. Paris JC 302-305—607; 9. Dodge City CC 305-303—608; 10. Tyler JC 313-300—613; 11. New Mexico Military 318-325—643

Midland College Scores

Paul Simpson 71-73—144, Richie Farmer 76-78—154, Luke Richardson 76-75—151, Blake Brorman 78-80—158, Tyson Turnbow 79-81—160

Individual medalists — Tyler Brown 74-75—149, David Ryan 74-72—146, Sean Lawrie 78-74—152

RIVALRY

From 1C

a 2-0 lead. The Lady Rebels had four hits in the opening frame, but managed just three over the next eight innings.

"Tough one," Lee coach Wes Overton said. "That's all I can say. We had some great plays, they had some great plays. We had too many missed opportunities. You can't come out in a game like this and be gangbusters in the first inning and then just quit, which is exactly what happened.

"We had two (runs) in the first inning and then all zeros. Too many people left on base."

Midland High cut Lee's lead in half in the bottom of the first, showing patience at the plate. After recording the first two outs, Olivas got wild in the pitcher's circle, hitting Posada and Sisneros and walking Marissa Urias to load the bases. Olivas then walked Taylor Vines, bringing in Posada for Midland High's first run.

But, Olivas calmed down after that and dueled with Midland High sophomore pitcher Stefani Baeza over the next several innings. Olivas finished the game with seven strikeouts while allowing three runs — two earned — on five hits, four walks and three hit batters.

Baeza, meanwhile, had just three strikeouts, but was the benefactor of key defensive plays in critical situations, including two diving grabs by second baseman Taylor Vines.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Brittany Baggett safely slides into third as Lee's Kristen Schlemeyer gets the ball too late Tuesday a the Audrey Gill Sports Complex.

3-5A Softball Standings

	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Midland High	3	0	14	7
Odessa Permian	2	1	17	2
Abilene High	2	1	8	6
Odessa High	2	1	10	10
Abilene Cooper	0	2	13	6
Lee	0	2	11	9
San Angelo Central	0	2	8	12

Tuesday's Scores

Midland High 3, Lee 2, 9 innings; Abilene High 5, Abilene Cooper 3; Odessa Permian 5, Odessa High 1. San Angelo Central was idle.

Thursday's Games

Midland High at Odessa High, Ratliff Sports Complex; Abilene Cooper at San Angelo Central, San Angelo Stadium; Odessa Permian at Lee, Gene Smith Field. All games at 4:30 p.m. Abilene High is idle.

"We had some very nice defensive plays, both infield and outfield," Shawnda Vines said. "That put us in a position to win the ball game."

The Lady Bulldogs managed to tie the game at 2 in the fourth inning when Brittany Baggett, running for Megan O'Valle, scored after a sharply hit ground ball by Gaby Muniz rolled through the legs of Lee second baseman Dee Gaona.

In the end, it was just another classic game in the ongoing crosstown rivalry.

"We can't say enough about how well-rounded the game was on both sides really," Vines said. "They had some nice plays, too, and they did a nice job of putting runners on and putting pressure on as well. It's just classic Lee-Midland softball."

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MIDLAND HIGH 3, LEE 2, 9 INNINGS

Lee	200	000	000	—2	7	3
Midland High	100	100	001	—3	5	1

Kylee Olivas and Destiny Reyes. Stefani Baeza and Courtney Warren. W — Baeza. L — Olivas. 2B — Lee: Ciara Sheppard, Rosie Marquez. 3B — MHS: Valeri Sisneros. RBI — Lee: Marquez 2; MHS: Sisneros, Taylor Vines.

Records: Lee 11-9, 0-2 in 3-5A; Midland High 14-7, 3-0

Next: Odessa Permian at Lee, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Gene Smith Field; Midland High at Odessa High, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Ratliff Sports Complex.

REBELS

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bonus on that."

Duby's bunt single was the first of two on the day, not to mention a successful sacrifice bunt by West that helped Skyler Estrella score on a Christian Dixon single in the fourth.

"We had a (sacrifice), a drag and a push today — we kind of bunted for the cycle," Limon said with a laugh.

Dixon's RBI single put Lee up 6-1 before Stice put the Rebels up 7-1 with his second triple of the game.

By then, Mick Limon had settled in but ran into trouble in the next inning when Mason Rodriguez drew a leadoff walk and Campos followed with a double to right to put runners on second and third.

Yet Limon got himself out of the jam by striking out the next three batters to get out of the inning.

"That's just the competitor in him," Hector Limon said.

Mick Limon kept rolling in the sixth, striking out the side to bring his strikeout total to 10 on the day. After giving up the run to Subia, Limon pitched five scoreless innings, allowing just four hits on the day.

"Earlier on in the game, the fastball wasn't too great," Limon said, "but (coach Jarrod) Morris, he's a great pitching coach — he told me I had to get the fastball going if I was going to get anything going."

That Limon was able to get going on the mound was part of a huge day for Lee in every facet of the game, as the Rebels head into a non-district showdown with Lubbock Coronado — who eliminated them from the playoffs last season — having won three straight.

And while Mick Limon said the team won't spend too long celebrating the win, the Rebels were happy to start district play on a positive note.

"You combine the success on the bases with the success swinging the bat, also the short game with the bunts, it was well-rounded today," Hector Limon said. "Offensively, I'm pretty proud of us."

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LEE 11, ODESSA HIGH 1

OHS	100	000	x	—1	3	1
Lee	041	222	x	—11	9	1

Johnny Campos, EJ Alvarez (6) and Jakob Nunez. Mick Limon and Antonio Rodriguez. W — Limon (3-2). L — Campos (2-3). 3B — Lee: Limon, Luke Stice (2). RBI — OHS: Ivan Subia; Lee: Limon (2), Colton Lathram, Caleb West (2), Christian Dixon, Stice.

Records: OHS 6-13, 0-1 in 3-5A; Lee 13-3, 1-0

Next: Abilene High at Odessa High, 4:30 p.m. Friday, Pressly Field; Lubbock Coronado at Lee, 1 p.m. Saturday, Ernie Johnson Field

LAMAR

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talking about is Knight's team and his angry diatribe.

"I think he understood his team. He understood that they needed some encouragement," Becker said. "He understood he had tough kids on his team and that they would respond to that kind of public calling-out type of situation. In hindsight, it worked perfectly."

Knight's 8-minute screed after a 62-52 loss to Stephen F. Austin on Feb. 22 became a YouTube sensation. Several websites have called it the most colorful and brutally honest postgame session ever by a college coach.

Yet another one of those maligned seniors, Mike James, says he's never watched a replay.

"I haven't paid attention to it," he said. "People call you, tell you stuff about it. But you've got to move on. It's not part of the game. We're here to play basketball. We're not here to join in all that."

The next morning after Knight's blow-up, Miles came in and apologized on behalf of all the seniors. Since then, the Cardinals have been the very picture of brotherhood and hard work.

"You've got to give these guys credit," said Knight, who added that his Hall of Fame coaching father Bobby told him he was glad the rant worked, but that he should never do it again.

"I mean, I was on cruise control for the last six games. I didn't have to coach, really. It was a joy to see these guys."

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MC ALUMNI UPDATE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Here is an update of basketball players from Midland College who are now playing at four-year universities.

MEN

Darren White
Campbell University
(Big South Conference)
17-15 (11-7)

16.8ppg (team's leading scorer), 5.5 rpg, 2.1 apg, 0.9 spg, 1.1 bpg (32 games), No Postseason Play

Ty Nurse
Texas Tech University (Big 12 Conference)
8-23 (1-17)

8.9 ppg, 1.8 rpg, 1.9 apg, 0.8 spg (30 games), No Postseason Play

Rodney Milum
Appalachian State University
(Southern Conference)
12-15 (7-9)

9.5 ppg, 1.8 rpg, 1.1 apg, 0.4 spg (11 games)
Note: Milum has left Appalachian State due to personal/family issues

Jamaal Trice
Appalachian State University (Southern Conference)
13-18 (7-11)

9.1 ppg, 2.4 rpg, 0.7 apg, 0.3 spg, 0.2 bpg (31 games), No Postseason Play

Jonathon Simmons
University of Houston (Conference USA)
15-15 (7-9)

14.7 ppg (team's leading scorer), 5.0 rpg, 2.2 apg, 0.7spg, 0.4 bpg (30 games), No Postseason Play

Kenny Moore
Tennessee State University
(Ohio Valley Conference)
20-12 (11-5)

7.1 ppg, 3.0 rpg, 1.2 apg, 0.8 spg, 0.2 bpg (25 games), Tennessee State University vs. Mercer University in the CIT on Tuesday

Brockeith Pane
Utah State University
(Western Athletic Conference)
17-15 (8-6)

12.4 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 3.9 apg, 0.7spg, 0.2 bpg (32 games), Utah State University vs. California State University-Bakersfield in the CITon Wednesday

TyShwan Edmondson
Austin Peay State University
(Ohio Valley Conference)
12-20 (8-8)

12.8ppg (team's leading scorer), 3.2rpg, 1.9 apg, 1.8 spg, 0.2 bpg (32 games), No Postseason Play

Caleb Dean
Western Michigan University
(Mid America Conference)
14-20 (6-10)

1.2 ppg, 0.8 rpg (10 games), No Postseason Play

Dwight Miller
University of Tennessee
(Southeastern Conference)
18-14(10-6)

2.5 ppg, 1.6 rpg, 0.2 spg, 0.6 bpg (22 games), University of Tennessee vs. Savannah State University in the NIT on Tuesday

Guy Landry-Edi
Gonzaga University
(West Coast Conference)
25-6 (13-3)

5.6 ppg, 2.4 rpg, 0.9 apg, 0.6 spg, 0.2 bpg (23 games), Gonzaga University vs. West Virginia University in the NCAA Tournament onThursday

Note: Former Midland College coaches Grant McCasland (Baylor University) and Ross Hodge (University of Southern Mississippi) will also be participating in the NCAA Tournament as assistant coaches at their respective schools.

WOMEN

Lauren Mansfield
Iowa State University (Big 12 Conference)
18-12 (9-9)

8.1 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 3.3 apg, 1.1 spg (30 games), Iowa State University vs. University of Wisconsin-Green Bay in the Women's NCAA Tournament on Saturday

Adrie Shiels
University of Idaho
(Western Athletic Conference)
12-20 (6-8)

3.8 ppg, 3.2 rpg, 0.6 apg, 0.4 spg, 0.8 bpg (31 games), No Postseason Play

Erika Warren
University of Texas-El Paso
(Conference USA)
29-3 (15-1)

5.2 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 1.2 apg, 0.5 spg, 0.2 bpg (31 games), University of Texas-El Paso vs. Penn State University in the Women's NCAA Tournament on Sunday

Tanica Anderson
James Madison University, VA
(Colonial Athletic Conference)
24-7 (14-4)

2.1ppg, 1.5rpg, 0.6apg (11 games), James Madison University vs. Davidson University in the Women's NITThursday, March 15, 2012

HS BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

BASEBALL
GREENWOOD DOWNS OZONA

The Greenwood baseball team had nine hits and solid starting pitching from Zach Long to defeat Ozona 4-1 on Tuesday at the Greenwood High School baseball field.

Long pitched into the seventh inning before giving way to Victor Urias, who picked up the save.

Garrett Carlisle was 2 for 3 with an RBI, and Urias was also 2 for 3 for the Rangers (3-9).

GREENWOOD 4, OZONA 1

Ozona	000	000	1	—1	6	0
Greenwood	021	001	x	—4	9	1

Rodriguez, Dehoyos (6) and Mendez. Zach Long, Victor Urias (7) and Zach Redwine. W — Long. L — Rodriguez. S — Urias. 2B — GHS: Garrett Carlisle. 3B — GHS: Urias, Stephen Milligan.

Record: Greenwood 3-9.

Next: Greenwood at Brownfield, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 20

SOFTBALL
MCS NIPS FORT STOCKTON

FORT STOCKTON — The Midland Christian softball team overcame 11 errors to outlast Fort Stockton 12-11 on Tuesday.

Both teams had a five-run fourth inning, but Midland Christian plated two more runs in the fifth for the difference.

Katie Vines got the win in relief of Britton Reaw.

The Lady Mustangs (8-11-1) next play at Monahans at noon today.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 12, FORT STOCKTON 11

Midland Christian	131	520	0	—12	12	11
Fort Stockton	222	500	0	—11	9	5

Britton Reaw, Katie Vines (5) and Miranda Galindo. Sign and unknown, W — Vines. L — Sign. 2B — MCS: Galindo.

Record: Midland Christian 8-11-1

Next: Midland Christian at Monahans, noon today

NCAA TOURNAMENT ROUNDUP

WESTERN KENTUCKY 59, MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE 58

DAYTON, Ohio — T.J. Price's three-point play with 16 seconds left completed Western Kentucky's furious comeback Tuesday night for a 59-58 victory over Mississippi Valley State in an NCAA tournament opener featuring a presidential audience.

President Barack Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron had front-row seats to see the tournament open with a classic March comeback.

The Hilltoppers (16-18) are the longest of long shots, the only squad in the 68-team field with a losing record. They overcame a 16-point deficit in the final 5 minutes to thrill underdogs everywhere.

Western Kentucky moves on to play Kentucky — the top seed in the South Regional — on Thursday in Louisville, an all-Bluegrass game for the second round.

BYU 78, IONA 72

DAYTON, Ohio — Noah Hartsock scored 16 of his 23 points in the second half to fuel BYU's incredible comeback from a 25-point deficit, leading the Cougars past Iona 78-72 in the first round of the NCAA tournament Tuesday night.

Brandon Davies added 18 points and Damarcus Harrison 12 for the Cougars (26-8), who advance to play third-seeded Marquette on Thursday in Louisville, Ky.

It was the second stunning turnaround of the night in Dayton. With President Barack Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron watching, Western Kentucky came back from a 16-point deficit in the final 5 minutes to beat Mississippi Valley State 59-58.

Associated Press

LOCAL SPORTS

STIMMEL EARNS NATIONAL TOURNEY HONOR

Midland Interscholastic Polo Team player Russell Stimmel was named to Open USPA National Interscholastic Championship Tournament All-Star team this past weekend.

Stimmel, a senior at Trinity, was named to the team along with Julia Smith and Daymar Rosser of Cowtown/Work to Ride, which is based in Philadelphia, and Daniel Galindo of Eldorado.

Cowtown/Work to Ride won the tournament title over Eldorado, as the Midland team lost to Poway in its opening game.

OCC LADIES ST. PATRICK'S DAY SCRAMBLE

Results of the Odessa Country Club Ladies St. Patrick's Day Scramble

Gross — 1. Sandra Hill-Pat Kennedy-Molla Maytubby 71; 2. Debbie Peden-Cindi Thomas-Norma Wright 75

Net — 1. Jamie Gortney-Lori Baze-Jean Stinson 53.3; 2. Cheryl Trotter-Rhonda Krogh-Mackay Jackson 54.7

Longest drive (No. 10) — Abby McCullough

Straight drive (No. 3) — Toni Balte

Closest to the pin (No. 17) — Paul Ahders

SMU fires Matt Doherty after 6 seasons

DALLAS (AP) — SMU fired men's basketball coach Matt Doherty on Tuesday after six seasons in which the high-profile former North Carolina coach failed to take the Mustangs to the NCAA tournament.

Doherty went 13-19 this year and 80-109 in six years with SMU. Athletic director Steve Orsini said he thought the school had the potential to reach the national rankings and compete for championships.

BULLDOGS

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three-run double that helped tie the game at 6.

"I don't know what it is, they always play us hard," Midland High coach Barry Russell said. "I don't know that we were really focused, and I don't know if we thought that since we beat Highland Park we could just show up and go. We are still mentally a young team."

Dominguez came on with two outs in the second for Mata, and forced Caleb Flores into a fly to center field to end the inning. After the second, Permian (2-15, 0-1 in District 3-5A) had two runners in scoring position as Dominguez scattered five hits over 5 1/3 innings and had four strikeouts and no walks.

"He definitely came to the occasion," said Sims, who was 3 for 4 at the place with three RBI on Tuesday. "He really settled everyone down, and did what he was supposed to do. He put up five goose eggs. He did his job."

Meanwhile, Dominguez's sacrifice fly in the fifth gave the Bulldogs a 7-6 lead, and then Sims drove in Ryan Whittenberg with a double to right-center for an 8-6 advantage.

Russell said Dominguez and Sims showed their senior leadership on Tuesday, and was key to opening the league season with a victory.

"Our seniors have got to carry us," Russell said. "We don't have a whole lot of them, but the ones we do have they've got to be the focal point for our team. (Sims) had a good day hitting, and that's what seniors do and that's what they are there for."

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MIDLAND HIGH 8, ODESSA PERMIAN 6

MHS	060	011	0	—8	9	0
Permian	240	000	0	—6	10	0

Alex Mata, Mike Dominguez (2) and Travis Sims. Brian Munoz, Izzy Tavarez (2), Colt Simmons (7) and Stephen Juarez. W — Dominguez. L — Munoz. 2B — MHS: Sims. Permian: Blanton Garrett, Zac Autry. 3B — MHS: Jimmy Essman. RBI — MHS: Austen Wade, Travis Sims 3, Essman 2, Dominguez. Permian: Jack Wilkins, Blanton Garrett 3, Zac Augry 2.

Records: Midland High 11-7, 1-0 in District 3-5A; Odessa Permian 2-15, 0-1

Next: San Angelo Central at Midland High, noon Friday; Odessa Permian at Abiene Cooper, 4:30 p.m. Friday

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Kansas City	6	5	.545
Baltimore	4	4	.500
Minnesota	6	6	.500
New York	5	7	.417
Texas	3	6	.333
Cleveland	3	7	.300
Tampa Bay	3	7	.300
Chicago	2	8	.200

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	6	2	.750
San Francisco	8	4	.667
Miami	5	3	.625
Chicago	6	4	.600
Houston	6	4	.600
Washington	5	4	.556
St. Louis	4	4	.500
Cincinnati	5	6	.455
Philadelphia	5	6	.455
Colorado	4	6	.400
Milwaukee	4	6	.400
San Diego	4	7	.364
New York	3	6	.333
Arizona	3	7	.300
Pittsburgh	3	7	.300
Atlanta	1	10	.091

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Tuesday's Scores
Miami 2, Atlanta 2, tie, 10 innings
Toronto 8, Minnesota 2
Baltimore 7, Tampa Bay 7, tie, 10 innings
Houston 6, Philadelphia 5, 10 innings
St. Louis 7, N.Y. Mets 1
Cleveland 8, Texas 8, tie, 10 innings
Colorado 5, L.A. Dodgers 2
San Diego 6, Chicago White Sox 3
Oakland 8, Milwaukee (ss) 6
Kansas City 7, Cincinnati 5
Chicago Cubs 5, San Francisco 4
Seattle 7, Milwaukee (ss) 4
L.A. Angels 3, Arizona 0
Detroit 6, Washington 3
Boston 1, N.Y. Yankees 0

Today's Games
Minnesota vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Houston vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Miami vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Cleveland vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Colorado (ss) vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Arizona (ss) at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
Washington vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 5:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.
Arizona (ss) vs. Colorado (ss) at Scottsdale, Ariz., 9:10 p.m.

TUESDAY'S TEXAS LINESCORES
At Goodyear, Ariz.
RANGERS 8, INDIANS 8, 10 INNINGS

Texas	016 000 001 0	—	8 12 0
Cleveland	002 222 000 0	—	8 11 1

Darvish, Uehara (4), Beimel (5), Mi.Adams (6), Scheppers (7), R.Ross (8), Stetter (9), R.Mendez (9) and Torrealba, L.Martinez; Tomlin, J.Gomez (4), McAllister (7), C.Lee (9), Ambriz (10) and Marson, M.Hernandez. HRs—Texas, Y.Solarte (2).

At Kissimmee, Fla.
ASTROS 6, PHILLIES 5, 10 INNINGS

Philadelphia	000 001 110 2	—	5 15 1
Houston	000 100 110 3	—	6 12 0

Hamels, D.Bush (6), Valdes (7), Sanches (8), Horst (10) and Schneider, S.Lerud; L.Hernandez, D.Carpenter (6), R.Cruz (7), Abad (7), Harrell (8), Del Rosario (10) and C.Snyder, Corporan. W—Del Rosario. L—Horst. HRs—Philadelphia, Do.Brown (1). Houston, Bixler (1).

NBA DL

East Conference

	W	L	Pct	GB
Iowa	22	16	.579	—
Springfield	22	16	.579	—
Canton	22	18	.550	1
Dakota	20	18	.526	2
Erie	20	18	.526	2
Maine	17	24	.415	6 1/2
Fort Wayne	11	29	.275	12
Sioux Falls	11	29	.275	12

West Conference

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	30	11	.732	—
Austin	23	16	.590	6
Bakersfield	22	17	.564	7
Rio Grande Valley	22	18	.550	7 1/2
Texas	21	18	.538	8
Tulsa	19	22	.463	11
Reno	18	21	.462	11
Idaho	16	25	.390	14

Tuesday's Score
Sioux Falls 125, Erie 86

Today's Games
Sioux Falls at Dakota, 7 p.m.
Rio Grande Valley at Austin, 7:30 p.m.
Texas at Idaho, 8 p.m.

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Houston	1	0	0	3	1	0
Sport. Kansas City	1	0	0	3	1	0
Chicago	0	0	0	0	0	0
Toronto FC	0	0	0	0	0	0
New York	0	1	0	0	1	2
D.C.	0	1	0	0	0	1
New England	0	1	0	0	0	1
Philadelphia	0	1	0	0	1	3
Columbus	0	1	0	0	0	2
Montreal	0	1	0	0	0	2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Portland	1	0	0	3	3	1
Real Salt Lake	1	0	0	3	3	1
Colorado	1	0	0	3	2	0
Vancouver	1	0	0	3	2	0
FC Dallas	1	0	0	3	2	1
San Jose	1	0	0	3	1	0
Seattle	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chivas USA	0	1	0	0	0	1
Los Angeles	0	1	0	0	1	3

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's Games
Chicago at Montreal, 1 p.m.
Houston at San Jose, 4 p.m.
New England at Sporting Kansas City, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at FC Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.
Toronto FC at Seattle FC, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at Chivas USA, 9:30 p.m.

Coll. Baseball

TUESDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST
Texas A&M 10, Texas-Pan American 4
Texas-Arlington 5, Baylor 4
Texas Tech 21, Alabama A&M 1
FAR WEST
New Mexico St. 6, New Mexico 2
Pepperdine 3, UC Irvine 2
EAST
Adelphi 5, Barry 2
Florida Tech 10, UMass Lowell 5
Mount St. Vincent 19, Oswego St. 18
Nyack 12-5, St. Michael's 0-15
Pace 11, C.W. Post 1
St. Thomas Aquinas 3, New Haven 2
Stonehill 10, C.W. Post 4
SOUTH
Appalachian St. 6, Duke 3
Barton 4, Bloomsburg 3
Belmont 20, Middle Tennessee 5
Bluefield 14, Emory & Henry 8
Bryan 7, Trevecca Nazarene 5
Charlotte 11, USC-Upstate 0
Chowan 6-9, Millersville 5-16
Claflin 5-4, St. Augugustine's 3-1
Cumberlands 12, Holy Cross 0
Florida 9, Florida St. 2
Furman 7, ETSU 4
Georgetown, Ky. 6, Asbury 3
Georgia Tech 15, Wagner 4
High Point 9, N. Carolina A&T 2
Louisville 4, Mississippi 3
Lynchburg 19, Ferrum 5
Martin Methodist 17-6, Brescia 2-5
Maryville, Tenn. 6-4, Eureka 0-3
Miami 11, Illinois St. 6
MidAm Nazarene 6, Doane 3
Milligan 12, Roanoke 2
Missouri Baptist 3, Cumberland, Tenn. 2
Morehead St. 11, Marshall 8
Mount Olive 20, Virginia St. 5
North Carolina 5, UNC-Greensboro 1
N.C. State 8, Elon 1
Southern Wesleyan 11, North Greenville 1
Tennessee Tech 5, Tennessee 1
Tenn. Wesleyan 13, Virginia-Wise 1
Thomas More 12, Hanover 7
Tusculum 10, Shippensburg 9
Union, Ky. 7, Pikeville 5
Vanderbilt 12, Middle Tennessee 2
Virginia 8, Marist 5
Virginia Tech 7, Radford 3
Wake Forest 14, Georgia Southern 4
Young Harris 15-7, Waldorf 14-11

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

NCAA Tournament
FIRST ROUND
At UD Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Tuesday's Scores
Western Kentucky 59, MVSU 58
BYU 78, Iona 72
Today
Lamar (23-11) vs. Vermont (23-11), 5:40 p.m.
California (24-9) vs. South Florida (20-13), 30 minutes following

National Invitation Tournament
First Round
Tuesday's Scores
UMass 101, Mississippi State 96, 2OT
Seton Hall 63, Stony Brook 61
Iowa 84, Dayton 75
Tennessee 65, Savannah State 51
Northwestern 76, Akron 74
Middle Tennessee 86, Marshall 78
Oregon 96, LSU 76
Washington 82, Texas-Arlington 72
Cleveland State (22-10) at Stanford (21-11), late
Wednesday's Scores
Minnesota (19-14) at La Salle (21-12), 6 p.m.
UCF (22-10) at Drexel (27-6), 6:15 p.m.
Northern Iowa (19-13) at Saint Joseph's (20-13), 6:15 p.m.
Valparaiso (22-11) at Miami (19-12), 6:30 p.m.
Bucknell (24-9) at Arizona (23-11), 8 p.m.
Nevada (26-6) at Oral Roberts (27-6), 8:15 p.m.
Illinois State (20-13) at Mississippi (20-13), 8:30 p.m.

College Basketball Invitational
First Round
Tuesday's Scores
TCU 83, Milwaukee 73
Princeton 95, Evansville 86
Washington State (15-16) at San Francisco (20-13), late
Wednesday
Wofford (19-13) at Pittsburgh (17-16), 6 p.m.
Quinnipiac (18-13) at Penn (19-12), 6:30 p.m.
Delaware (18-13) at Butler (20-14), 7 p.m.
North Dakota State (17-13) at Wyoming (20-11), 8 p.m.
Western Illinois (18-14) at Oregon State (19-14), 9 p.m.

2012 CollegeInsider.com Tournament
First Round
Tuesday's Scores
Robert Morris 67, Indiana State 60
Mercer 68, Tennessee State 60
Old Dominion 68, Coastal Carolina 66
Georgia State 74, Tennessee Tech 43
Toledo 76, McNeese State 63
Weber State 72, Utah Valley State 69
Today
Manhattan (20-12) at Albany (NY) (19-14), 6 p.m.
Yale (19-9) at Fairfield (19-14), 6 p.m.
Bowling Green (16-15) at Oakland (17-15), 6 p.m.
Buffalo (19-10) at American (20-11), 6:30
North Dakota (17-14) at Drake (17-15), 7 p.m.
Rice (17-15) at La.-Lafayette (16-15), 7 p.m.
UC Santa Barbara (20-10) at Idaho (18-13), 9 p.m.
CS Bakersfield (16-14) at Utah State (17-15), 9 p.m.
Cal State Fullerton (21-9) at Loyola Marymount (19-12), 9 p.m.
Thursday
Kent State (21-11) at SC-Upstate (20-12), 6 p.m.

NCAA Men's Div. II Basketball Tournament
At Highland Heights, Ky.
Quarterfinals
Monday, March 21
Stonehill vs. West Liberty, TBA
Midwestern State vs. Western Washington, TBA
Alabama-Huntsville vs. Bellarmine, TBA
Colorado Mines vs. Montevallo, TBA
Semifinals
Thursday, March 22
Stonehill-West Liberty winner vs. Midwestern State-Western Washington winner, TBA
Alabama-Huntsville-Bellarmine winner vs. Colorado Mines-Montevallo winner, TBA
Championship
Saturday, March 24
Semifinal winners, noon

NCAA Men's Division III Basketball Tournament
Friday
At Salem, Va.
Semifinals
Cabrini vs. Illinois Wesleyan, 5 p.m.
MIT vs. Wisconsin-Whitewater, 7 p.m.
Saturday
At Salem, Va.
Championship
Cabrini-Illinois Wesleyan winner vs. MIT-Wisconsin-Whitewater winner, 6 p.m.

NAIA Division I
At Municipal Auditorium
Kansas City, Mo.
All Times EDT
First Round
Today
Rogers State vs. Tougaloo, 9 a.m.
Shorter vs. Life, 10:45 a.m.
Texas Wesleyan vs. Point Loma Nazarene, 12:30 p.m.
Evangel vs. Lindsey Wilson, 2:15 p.m.
Southern Nazarene vs. Martin Methodist, 4:30 p.m.
Mountain State vs. MidAmerica Nazarene, 6:15 p.m.
Lee (Tenn.) vs. Georgetown (Ky.), 8 p.m.
Robert Morris (Ill.) vs. Southern (NO), 9:45 p.m.
Thursday
Xavier (La.) vs. LSU Shreveport, 9 a.m.
Southern Poly vs. Cumberlands (Ky.), 10:45 a.m.
Oklahoma Christian vs. Concordia (Calif.), 12:30 p.m.
John Brown vs. Montana Western, 2:15 p.m.
Campbellsville vs. Biola, 4:30 p.m.
Our Lady of the Lake vs. Baker, 6:15 p.m.
Columbia (Mo.) vs. Montana State-Northern, 8:45 p.m.
Belhaven vs. Oklahoma Baptist, 10:30 p.m.

NCAA TOURNAMENT BOXES
W. KENTUCKY 59, MVSU 58
W. KENTUCKY (16-18): Gordon 4-14 3-7 11, Crook 3-10 3-6 9, Akol 3-9 3-4 9, Fant 2-4 5-8 9, Price 3-11 5-5 11, Anyigbo 0-0 0-0 0, McDonald 0-7 0-0 0, Akamune 1-3 0-2 2, Snipes 1-1 0-0 2, Zollo 2-4 0-0 6. Totals 19-63 19-32 59.
MVSU (21-13): Joyner 1-10 1-2 3, Arrington 3-6 1-8 7, Studivant 0-7 0-0 0, Burwell 7-12 3-4 20, Crosby 3-9 1-3 7, Pugh 4-6 2-2 11, Pajkovic 0-0 0-0 0, Cox 4-11 2-3 10. Totals 22-61 10-22 58.
Halftime—MVSU 23-19. 3-Point Goals—W. Kentucky 2-17 (Zollo 2-3, Akol 0-1, McDonald 0-3, Price 0-5, Gordon 0-5), MVSU 4-22 (Burwell 3-6, Pugh 1-2, Crosby 0-3, Arrington 0-3, Cox 0-3, Joyner 0-5). Fouled Out—Arrington. Rebounds—W. Kentucky 60 (Fant, Gordon 11), MVSU 32 (Studivant 8). Assists—W. Kentucky 10 (Crook, Gordon 3), MVSU 12 (Joyner 4). Total Fouls—W. Kentucky 18, MVSU 24. A—NA.

NIT BOX
WASHINGTON 82, TEXAS-ARLINGTON 72
TEXAS-ARLINGTON (24-9): Ingram 6-17 4-5 17, Butler 4-11 0-0 8, Reves 3-4 1-2 7, White-Miller 3-4 1-1 8, Reed III 4-14 10-12 20, Lagerson 0-0 0-0 0, Gay 3-5 0-0 7, Catlett 1-4 0-0 2, Edwards 1-3 1-2 3. Totals 25-62 17-22 72.
WASHINGTON (22-10): Gant 5-9 1-2 13, N'Diaye 1-2 5-11 7, Gaddy 4-5 0-0 10, Wroten 3-5 3-4 9, Ross 9-15 2-2 23, Wilcox 3-8 8-10 15, Simmons 1-2 1-2 3, Seferian-Jenkins 1-1 0-0 2, Kemp, Jr. 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 27-47 20-31 82.
Halftime—Tied 37-37. 3-Point Goals—Texas-Arlington 5-21 (Reed III 2-7, White-Miller 1-1, Gay 1-2, Ingram 1-10, Butler 0-1), Washington 8-22 (Ross 3-8, Gaddy 2-3, Gant 2-4, Wilcox 1-5, Simmons 0-1, Wroten 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Texas-Arlington 37 (Butler, Reves 7), Washington 27 (Gant 10). Assists—Texas-Arlington 13 (White-Miller 7), Washington 18 (Wroten 8). Total Fouls—Texas-Arlington 23, Washington 16. A—2,801.

CBI BOX
TCU 83, MILWAUKEE 73
MILWAUKEE (20-14): Meier 7-17 0-0 18, Haarsma 8-13 0-1 17, Allen 4-7 1-1 9, S. Boga 1-3 1-1 3, Gulley 2-10 0-0 5, Williams 4-10 5-10 14, Kelm 1-4 2-2 5, Haggerty 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 28-67 9-15 73.
TCU (18-14): Crossland 0-0 0-0 0, Williams 4-7 6-9 15, Anderson 2-7 0-0 6, Thoms 3-7 5-5 13, Cadot 4-9 3-4 11, Fields 5-7 3-3 15, Butler 3-4 1-2 10, McKinney 1-2 0-0 2, Green 5-11 1-1 11. Totals 27-54 19-24 83.
Halftime—TCU 38-30. 3-Point Goals—Milwaukee 8-30 (Meier 4-13, Haarsma 1-3, Kelm 1-3, Williams 1-4, Gulley 1-6, Haggerty 0-1), TCU 10-21 (Butler 3-3, Fields 2-3, Anderson 2-3, Thoms 2-5, Williams 1-2, Green 0-2, Cadot 0-3). Fouled Out—Haarsma. Rebounds—Milwaukee 35 (Meier 9), TCU 35 (Cadot, Thoms, Williams 7). Assists—Milwaukee 16 (Williams 10), TCU 16 (Thoms 6). Total Fouls—Milwaukee 21, TCU 15. A—1,062.

Women

NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament
DES MOINES REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday
At Allstate Arena
Rosemont, Ill.
Tennessee (24-8) vs. UT Martin (23-8), 3:10 p.m.
DePaul (22-10) vs. BYU (26-6), 30 minutes following
Sunday
At Stroh Center
Bowling Green, Ohio
Ohio State (25-6) vs. Florida (19-12), 11:15 a.m.
Baylor (34-0) vs. UC Santa Barbara (17-15)), 30 minutes following
At Carmichael Arena
Chapel Hill, N.C.
Georgetown (22-8) vs. Fresno State (28-5), 11:20 p.m.
Georgia Tech (24-8) vs. Sacred Heart (25-7), 30 minutes following
At Jack Stephens Center
Little Rock, Ark.
Delaware (30-1) vs. UALR (20-12), 4:20 p.m.
Nebraska (24-8) vs. Kansas (19-12) 30 minutes following

FRESNO REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday
At Ted Constant Convocation Center
Norfolk, Va.
West Virginia (23-9) vs. Texas (18-13), 10:10 a.m.
Stanford (31-1) vs. Hampton (26-4), 30 minutes following
At Mackey Arena
West Lafayette, Ind.
South Carolina (23-9) vs. Eastern Michigan (23-8), 10:05 a.m.
Purdue (24-8) vs. South Dakota State (24-8), 30 minutes following
Sunday
At Lloyd Noble Center
Norman, Okla.
St. John's (22-9) vs. Creighton (20-12), 4:05 p.m.
Oklahoma (20-12) vs. Michigan (20-11), 30 minutes following
At Memorial Gymnasium
Nashville, Tenn.
Vanderbilt (22-9) vs. Middle Tennessee (26-6), 4:10 p.m.
Duke (24-5) vs. Samford (20-12), 30 minutes following

RALEIGH REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday
At Reed Arena
College Station
Arkansas (23-8) vs. Dayton (23-6), 3:05 p.m.
Texas A&M (22-10) vs. Albany (NY) (23-9), 30 minutes following
At Comcast Center
College Park, Md.
Maryland (28-4) vs. Navy (18-13), 10:15 a.m.
Louisville (22-9) vs. Michigan State (20-11), 30 minutes following
Sunday
At Joyce Center
Notre Dame, Ind.
California (24-9) vs. Iowa (19-11), 11:10 a.m.
Notre Dame (30-3) vs. Liberty (24-8), 30 minutes following
At Donald L. Tucker Center
Tallahassee, Fla.
Georgia (22-8) vs. Marist (25-7), 11:05 a.m.
St. Bonaventure (29-3) vs. Florida Gulf Coast (29-2), 30 minutes following

KINGSTON REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday
At Webster Bank Arena
Bridgeport, Conn.
Kansas State (19-13) vs. Princeton (24-4), 10:20 a.m.
UConn (29-4) vs. Prairie View (17-15), 30 minutes following
At McCarthey Athletic Center
Spokane, Wash.
Rutgers (22-9) vs. Gonzaga (26-5), 3:15 p.m.
Miami (25-5) vs Idaho State (24-7), 30 minutes following
At Hilton Coliseum
Ames, Iowa
Kentucky (25-6) vs. McNeese State (26-7), 3:20 p.m.
Green Bay (30-1) vs. Iowa State (18-12), 30 minutes following
Sunday
At Maravich Center
Baton Rouge, La.
Penn State (24-6) vs. UTEP (29-3), 4:15 p.m.
LSU (22-10) vs. San Diego State (25-6), 30 minutes following

Women's National Invitation Tournament
First Round
Today
Northern Colorado (20-11) at Colorado (18-13), 8 p.m.
Cal Poly (17-14) at Washington (17-13), 9 p.m.
Thursday
Miami (Ohio) (21-9) at Richmond (22-8), 5 p.m.
Drexel (18-13) at Fairfield (24-8), 6 p.m.
American (23-7) at Villanova (17-14), 6 p.m.
Quinnipiac (22-9) at Temple (21-9), 6 p.m.
Harvard (17-11) at Hofstra (19-11), 6 p.m.
VCU (17-14) at Bowling Green (24-6), 6 p.m.
Boston University (23-8) at Saint Joseph's (21-10), 6 p.m.
Appalachian State (25-6) at UNC Wilmington (20-12), 6 p.m.
Howard (24-8) at Virginia (22-10), 6 p.m.
Davidson (22-9) at James Madison (24-7), 6 p.m.
Wake Forest (19-13) at Charlotte (16-13), 6 p.m.
Stetson (23-10) at Florida International (22-10), 6 p.m.
Florida Atlantic (17-12) at South Florida (17-15), 6 p.m.
High Point (20-12) at N.C. State (18-15), 6 p.m.
Eastern Illinois (22-8) at Texas Tech (19-13), 7 p.m.
MVSU (18-13) at Tulane (22-10), 7 p.m.
Drake (18-15) at South Dakota (22-7), 7 p.m.
UMKC (22-11) at Missouri State (22-8), 7 p.m.
Chattanooga (22-9) at Memphis (24-7), 7 p.m.
Central Michigan (20-15) at Illinois State (18-12), 7:05 p.m.
Utah State (21-9) at Utah (15-15), 8 p.m.
UC Davis (17-12) at Oregon State (18-12), 9 p.m.
UNLV (22-9) at Saint Mary's (Cal.) (21-10), 9 p.m.
Friday
Syracuse (18-14) at Hartford (19-12), 6p.m.
Detroit (20-13) at Toledo (21-9), 6 p.m.
Duquesne (20-11) at Cincinnati (15-15), 6 p.m.
Central Arkansas (24-6) at Oklahoma State (16-12), 7 p.m.
Oral Roberts (20-10) at Wichita State (19-12), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona State (20-11) at Pacific (17-130, 9 p.m.
CS Northridge (17-13) at San Diego (22-8), 9 p.m.

NCAA Women's Div. II Basketball Tournament
At San Antonio
Quarterfinals
Tuesday, March 20
Wayne (Neb.) vs. Bentley, 11 a.m.
Alaska Anchorage vs. Ashland, 1:30 p.m.
Shaw vs. Pittsburg State, 5 p.m.
Rollins vs. Lander, 7:30 p.m.
Semifinals
Wednesday, March 21
Wayne (Neb.)-Bentley winner vs. Alaska Anchorage-Ashland winner, 5 p.m.
Shaw-Pittsburg State winner vs. Rollins-Lander winner, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, March 23
Championship
TBD, 6 p.m.

NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Tournament
At Holland, Mich.
Friday
Semifinals
Amherst vs. George Fox, 4 p.m.
Illinois Wesleyan vs. St. Thomas (Minn.),6 p.m.
Saturday
Third Place
Amherst-George Fox loser vs. Illinois Wesleyan-St. Thomas (Minn.) loser, 3 p.m.
Championship
Amherst-George Fox winner vs. Illinois Wesleyan-St. Thomas (Minn.) winner, 6 p.m.

NAIA Division I Women's Basketball
At Frankfurt (Ky.) Convention Center
First Round
Today
Shawnee State vs. William Woods, 7:30 a.m.
Oklahoma City vs. Our Lady of the Lake, 9:15 a.m.
Azusa Pacific vs. MidAmerica Nazarene, 11 a.m.
Westminster (Utah) vs. Belhaven, 13:45 p.m.
Freed-Hardeman vs. Avila, 3 p.m.
Vanguard vs. Georgetown (Ky.), 4:45 p.m.
Olivet Nazarene vs. Shorter, 7 p.m.
Cumberlands (Ky.) vs. Rogers State, 8:45 p.m.
Thursday
Saint Xavier vs. Campbellsville (Ky.), 8 a.m.
Lewis-Clark State vs. Loyola (La.), 9:45 a.m.
Westmont vs. Lyon, 11:30 a.m.
Lubbock Christian vs. LSU Shreveport, 1:15 p.m.
Columbia (Mo.) vs. Langston, 3:30 p.m.
Lee (Tenn.) vs. Biola, 5:15 p.m.
Union (Tenn.) vs. Lindsey Wilson (Ky.), 7 p.m.
Xavier (La.) vs. Southern Nazarene (Okla.), 8:45 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	25	17	.595	—
Boston	22	19	.537	2 1/2
New York	18	24	.429	7
Toronto	14	28	.333	11
New Jersey	14	29	.326	11 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	31	10	.756	—
Orlando	28	15	.651	4
Atlanta	24	17	.585	7
Washington	9	32	.220	22
Charlotte	6	34	.150	24 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	35	9	.795	—
Indiana	24	16	.600	9
Milwaukee	18	24	.429	16
Cleveland	16	24	.400	17
Detroit	15	27	.357	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	27	13	.675	—
Memphis	24	17	.585	3 1/2
Dallas	24	20	.545	5
Houston	23	20	.535	5 1/2
New Orleans	10	32	.238	18

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	32	10	.762	—
Denver	23	19	.548	9
Minnesota	22	21	.512	10 1/2
Utah	20	21	.488	11 1/2
Portland	20	22	.476	12

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	26	16	.619	—
L.A. Clippers	23	17	.575	2
Phoenix	19	22	.463	6 1/2
Golden State	17	21	.447	7
Sacramento	14	27	.341	11 1/2

Tuesday's Scores
Toronto 96, Cleveland 88
Indiana 92, Portland 75
Orlando 104, Miami 98, OT
Houston 104, Oklahoma City 103
L.A. Lakers 116, Memphis 111,2OT
Dallas 107, Washington 98
Atlanta at Denver, late
Golden State at Sacramento, late

Today's Games
Philadelphia at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Toronto at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Portland at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Houston, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Orlando at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Boston at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Atlanta at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.
Utah at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.

TUESDAY'S BOXES
MAVERICKS 107, WIZARDS 98
WASHINGTON (98): Singleton 1-3 3-4 5, Booker 8-13 4-8 20, McGee 4-9 4-5 12, Wall 6-14 6-9 18, Crawford 5-16 4-4 15, Vesely 0-0 0-0 0, Young 5-11 4-6 15, Blatche 5-9 1-2 11, Mack 1-1 0-0 2, Mason 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 35-79 26-38 98.
DALLAS (107): Marion 4-10 2-2 10, Nowitzki 10-14 5-6 27, Haywood 3-7 0-0 6, Kidd 0-3 0-0 0, Carter 6-11 0-0 14, Terry 10-20 2-2 24, Odom 1-6 1-1 3, Mahinmi 2-2 0-0 4, Beaubois 8-14 0-4 19, Cardinal 0-0 0-0 0, Wright 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 44-87 13-15 107.

Washington	26	25	24	23	— 98
Dallas	27	33	23	24	— 107

3-Point Goals—Washington 2-12 (Young 1-4, Crawford 1-4, Singleton 0-2, Mason 0-2), Dallas 6-22 (Terry 2-4, Carter 2-5, Nowitzki 2-5, Odom 0-1, Marion 0-1, Kidd 0-3, Beaubois 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Washington 45 (Booker 12), Dallas 56 (Marion 13). Assists—Washington 18 (Wall 10), Dallas 22 (Beaubois, Marion, Kidd 4). Total Fouls—Washington 17, Dallas 31. Technicals—Crawford, Dallas defensive three second 2. A—20,319 (19,200).

ROCKETS 104, THUNDER 103
HOUSTON (104): Parsons 9-16 0-0 21, Scola 6-17 6-6 18, Dalembert 4-10 0-0 8, Dragic 4-11 3-4 12, Lee 8-12 1-1 21, Patterson 5-12 2-2 12, Budinger 4-9 0-1 10, Flynn 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 41-89 12-14 104.
OKLAHOMA CITY (103): Durant 8-18 8-9 28, Ibaka 6-10 0-0 12, Perkins 2-5 0-0 4, Westbrook 7-18 5-6 19, Cook 1-4 0-0 2, Harden 5-12 4-5 16, Collison 2-3 0-2 4, Mohammed 5-8 0-0 10, Jackson 1-3 0-0 3, Ivey 2-3 0-0 5. Totals 39-84 17-22 103.

Houston	23	30	24	27	— 104
Oklahoma City	22	31	20	30	— 103

3-Point Goals—Houston 10-24 (Lee 4-7, Parsons 3-5, Budinger 2-4, Dragic 1-7, Flynn 0-1), Oklahoma City 8-23 (Durant 4-8, Harden 2-6, Jackson 1-2, Ivey 1-2, Cook 0-2, Westbrook 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Houston 42 (Dalembert 8), Oklahoma City 58 (Durant 12). Assists—Houston 25 (Dragic 7), Oklahoma City 22 (Harden 7). Total Fouls—Houston 17, Oklahoma City 16. Technicals—Dragic, Westbrook. A—18,203 (18,203).

PACERS 92, TRAIL BLAZERS 75
PORTLAND (75): Wallace 1-4 3-4 5, Aldridge 5-15 7-9 17, Camby 0-0 0-2 0, Felton 2-8 1-1 5, Batum 3-11 3-4 9, Przybilla 1-1 2-2 4, Matthews 1-5 6-8 9, Crawford 2-7 4-4 9, N.Smith 3-3 2-2 10, Thomas 0-2 0-0 0, C.Smith 1-3 2-2 4, Babbitt 1-5 0-0 3, Johnson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 20-64 30-38 75.
INDIANA (92): Granger 4-8 1-2 11, West 5-10 0-0 10, Hibbert 4-9 0-0 8, Collison 3-10 2-2 8, George 5-9 0-0 11, Jones 2-6 0-0 4, Hill 5-9 0-4 11, Hansbrough 2-6 4-5 8, Amundson 10-11 1-2 21, Price 0-2 0-0 0, Pendergraph 0-0 0-0 0, Stephenson 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 40-82 8-15 92.

Portland	15	23	14	23	— 75
Indiana	19	29	27	17	— 92

3-Point Goals—Portland 5-22 (N.Smith 2-2, Babbitt 1-3, Matthews 1-4, Crawford 1-5, Wallace 0-1, Aldridge 0-1, Felton 0-2, Batum 0-4), Indiana 4-11 (Granger 2-3, Hill 1-2, George 1-2, Price 0-1, Hansbrough 0-1, Jones 0-1, Collison 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Portland 44 (Przybilla, Wallace 6), Indiana 57 (West 10). Assists—Portland 5 (Felton 2), Indiana 24 (Price 6). Total Fouls—Portland 14, Indiana 25. Technicals—Indiana defensive three second. A—10,933 (18,165).

MAGIC 104, HEAT 98
MIAMI (98): James 7-20 3-3 19, Bosh 9-14 5-6 23, Anthony 1-1 0-0 2, Chalmers 4-13 0-0 10, Wade 12-22 2-2 28, Haslem 2-5 0-0 4, Battier 1-5 0-0 2, Cole 1-6 0-0 2, Pittman 0-0 0-0 0, Jones 3-5 0-0 8. Totals 40-91 10-11 98.
ORLANDO (104): Turkoglu 3-8 0-0 7, Anderson 6-11 2-3 16, D.Howard 9-13 6-18 24, Nelson 10-16 1-2 25, Redick 4-10 6-7 17, Q.Richardson 2-4 4-5 9, Davis 2-7 2-2 6, Duhon 0-2 0-0 0, Liggins 0-2 0-0 0, Harper 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-73 21-37 104.

Miami	27	29	17	21	4	— 98
Orlando	30	15	27	22	10	— 104

3-Point Goals—Miami 8-23 (Wade 2-3, Jones 2-3, James 2-4, Chalmers 2-8, Cole 0-1, Battier 0-4), Orlando 11-28 (Nelson 4-7, Redick 3-8, Anderson 2-5, Q.Richardson 1-2, Turkoglu 1-3, Liggins 0-1, Duhon 0-2). Fouled Out—Battier. Rebounds—Miami 44 (James 11), Orlando 61 (D.Howard 25). Assists—Miami 21 (James 8), Orlando 19 (Turkoglu 5). Total Fouls—Miami 30, Orlando 15. Technicals—Miami defensive three second, Q.Richardson, Orlando defensive three second. Flagrant Fouls—Q.Richardson. A—18,879 (18,500).

RAPTORS 96, CAVALIERS 88
TORONTO (96): J.Johnson 3-5 0-0 6, Bargnani 8-15 3-3 19, A.Johnson 4-4 2-4 10, Bayless 6-13 4-4 20, DeRozan 1-6 2-2 4, Kleiza 3-8 0-0 7, Davis 3-6 2-6 8, Barbosa 7-14 0-0 17, Forbes 2-3 0-0 4, Gray 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 37-74 14-21 96.
CLEVELAND (88): Gee 4-8 7-7 16, Jamison 8-18 4-4 20, Hollins 1-3 0-2 2, Irving 5-17 3-4 14, Parker 1-3 2-2 4, Thompson 2-6 5-6 9, Sessions 6-9 4-6 16, Gibson 0-5 0-0 0, Samuels 1-5 0-0 2, Casspi 1-2 2-2 5. Totals 29-76 27-33 88.

Toronto	21	33	21	21	— 96
Cleveland	22	24	19	23	— 88

3-Point Goals—Toronto 8-19 (Bayless 4-7, Barbosa 3-8, Kleiza 1-3, Bargnani 0-1), Cleveland 3-15 (Casspi 1-1, Gee 1-3, Irving 1-4, Parker 0-1, Sessions 0-1, Jamison 0-2, Gibson 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 51 (A.Johnson 9), Cleveland 46 (Irving 7). Assists—Toronto 25 (Bayless 7), Cleveland 20 (Irving 7). Total Fouls—Toronto 29, Cleveland 22. Technicals—Kleiza, Toronto defensive three second. A—14,203 (20,562).

LAKERS 116, GRIZZLIES 111
L.A. LAKERS (116): World Peace 1-7 3-6 5, P.Gasol 6-14 2-2 14, Bynum 15-18 7-8 37, Fisher 2-5 2-2 8, Bryant 11-25 11-12 34, Barnes 1-4 3-4 5, Murphy 1-2 0-0 2, Blake 3-5 0-0 9, McRoberts 0-0 0-0 0, Goudelock 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 41-83 28-34 116.
MEMPHIS (111): Young 2-5 0-0 4, Speights 12-20 1-1 25, M.Gasol 10-25 0-0 20, Conley 5-15 0-0 10, Allen 7-12 4-4 18, Mayo 7-25 0-0 14, Cunningham 4-6 0-0 8, Haddadi 0-0 0-0 0, Pondexter 5-8 0-0 12, Selby 0-0 0-0 0, Pargo 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 52-116 5-5 111.

L.A. Lakers	21	30	20	26	6	13	— 116
Memphis	29	23	28	17	6	8	— 111

3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 6-20 (Blake 3-4, Fisher 2-4, Bryant 1-4, Barnes 0-1, Goudelock 0-2, World Peace 0-5), Memphis 2-19 (Pondexter 2-4, M.Gasol 0-2, Allen 0-2, Conley 0-3, Mayo 0-8). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 58 (Bynum 16), Memphis 54 (M.Gasol 11). Assists—L.A. Lakers 24 (P.Gasol 8), Memphis 26 (Conley 11). Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers 12, Memphis 27. Technicals—Bryant, World Peace, Memphis defensive three second. A—18,119 (18,119).

NBA LEADERS
THROUGH MARCH 12
Scoring

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Bryant, LAL	41	426	270	1180	28.8
Durant, OKC	41	404	263	1145	27.9
James, MIA	39	396	256	1080	27.7
Love, MIN	39	328	277	1003	25.7
Westbrook, OKC	41	366	203	972	23.7
Rose, CHI	34	276	176	776	22.8
Wade, MIA	31	266	164	699	22.5
D.Williams, NJN	40	293	202	881	22.0

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	LOT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	69	44	18	7	95	192	150
Pittsburgh	68	42	21	5	89	219	173
Philadelphia	69	40	22	7	87	223	197
New Jersey	70	40	25	5	85	195	182
N.Y. Islanders	70	28	31	11	67	164	211

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	69	40	26	3	83	223	170
Ottawa	70	36	25	9	81	216	206
Buffalo	70	33	29	8	74	174	196
Toronto	70	30	32	8	68	202	217
Montreal	70	27	32	11	65	185	196

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	69	33	23	13	79	171	193
Washington	70	36	28	6	78	189	197
Winnipeg	69	32	29	8	72	181	195
Tampa Bay	69	32	30	7	71	197	234
Carolina	70	26	29	15	67	183	211

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	71	45	18	8	98	186	139
Detroit	69	44	22	3	91	217	162
Nashville	69	41	21	7	89	200	179
Chicago	71	38	25	8	84	213	209
Columbus	69	22	40	7	51	161	223

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	69	42	19	8	92	215	172
Colorado	71	37	30	4	78	186	189
Calgary	69	32	25	12	76	173	191
Minnesota	70	29	31	10	68	150	194
Edmonton	69	26	36	7	59	182	209

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	70	39	26	5	83	186	183
Phoenix	70	34	25	11	79	182	178
San Jose	68	34	25	9	77	187	175
Los Angeles	69	32	25	12	76	154	152
Anaheim	70	29	30	11	69	173	196

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

Tuesday's Scores
Washington 5, N.Y. Islanders 4, SO
Chicago 4, St. Louis 3, SO
Philadelphia 3, New Jersey 0
N.Y. Rangers 4, Carolina 2
Tampa Bay 6, Boston 1
Florida 5, Toronto 2
Dallas 1, Minnesota 0
San Jose at Calgary, late
Detroit at Los Angeles, late

Today's Games
Colorado at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Winnipeg, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Detroit at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

TUESDAY'S SUMMARIES
STARS 1, WILD 0

Dallas	0	0	1	— 1
Minnesota	0	0	0	— 0

First Period—None.
Second Period—None.
Third Period—1, Dallas, Ja.Benn 21 (Morrow), 3:46.
Shots on Goal—Dallas 10-9-6—25. Minnesota 8-9-8—25.
Goalies—Dallas, Lehtonen. Minnesota, Hackett. A—17,326 (18,064). T—2:18.

CAPITALS 5, ISLANDERS 4

Washington	0	2	2	0	— 5
N.Y. Islanders	2	2	0	0	— 4

Washington won shootout 2-1
First Period—1, N.Y. Islanders, Moulson 30 (MacDonald, Okposo), 8:54. 2, N.Y. Islanders, Hamonic 2 (Tavares, Nielsen), 19:39 (pp).
Second Period—3, N.Y. Islanders, Tavares 29 (Streit, Hamonic), 9:05 (pp). 4, Washington, Knuble 4 (Wideman, Aucoin), 9:33. 5, N.Y. Islanders, Tavares 30 (Okposo, Hamonic), 11:44. 6, Washington, Ovechkin 28 (Laich, Johansson), 19:07.
Third Period—7, Washington, Orlov 3 (Johansson, Aucoin), 1:51. 8, Washington, Ovechkin 29 (Aucoin, Ward), 10:15.
Overtime—None.
Shootout—Washington 2 (Semin NG, Ovechkin G, Orlov NG, Hendricks G), N.Y. Islanders 1 (Nielsen NG, Tavares G, Moulson NG, Streit NG).
Shots on Goal—Washington 4-11-11-2—28. N.Y. Islanders 10-11-7-2—30.
Goalies—Washington, Neuvirth. N.Y. Islanders, Nabokov. A—11,488 (16,234). T—2:37.

FLYERS 3, DEVILS 1

New Jersey	0	0	0	— 0
Philadelphia	0	1	2	— 3

First Period—None.
Second Period—1, Philadelphia, Couturier 12 (Coburn), 11:07.
Third Period—2, Philadelphia, Voracek 13 (Briere), 2:14. 3, Philadelphia, Briere 14 (Voracek, Coburn), 15:11 (en).
Shots on Goal—New Jersey 8-6-3—17. Philadelphia 7-13-9—29.
Goalies—New Jersey, Brodeur. Philadelphia, Bryzgalov. A—19,724 (19,537). T—2:12.

PANTHERS 5, MAPLE LEAFS 2

Toronto	0	1	1	— 2
Florida	1	1	3	— 5

First Period—1, Florida, Bergenheim 15 (Samuelsson, Ellerby), :59.
Second Period—2, Florida, Garrison 15 (Goc, Weiss), 14:43. 3, Toronto, Bozak 15 (MacArthur, Kessel), 19:02.
Third Period—4, Florida, Kopecky 7 (Garrison, Jovanovski), 5:07 (pp). 5, Florida, Goc 8 (Weiss), 10:28 (pp). 6, Toronto, Grabovski 22 (Schenn, MacArthur), 12:50. 7, Florida, Bergenheim 16 (Kopecky), 18:40 (en).
Shots on Goal—Toronto 5-11-12—28. Florida 9-5-13—27.
Goalies—Toronto, Reimer. Florida, Theodore. A—17,475 (17,040). T—2:21.

LIGHTNING 6, BRUINS 1

Boston	0	0	1	— 1
Tampa Bay	4	1	1	— 6

First Period—1, Tampa Bay, Pyatt 8 (Malone, Connolly), 1:56. 2, Tampa Bay, Thompson 9 (Hall, Wyman), 2:26. 3, Tampa Bay, Shannon 4 (Hedman, Tokarski), 4:31 (pp). 4, Tampa Bay, Hedman 4, 15:38.
Second Period—5, Tampa Bay, Stamkos 49 (Purcell, Lee), 3:08.
Third Period—6, Boston, Caron 7 (Boychuk, Chara), 1:55. 7, Tampa Bay, Stamkos 50 (St. Louis, Lee), 11:43.
Shots on Goal—Boston 2-15-17—34. Tampa Bay 10-3-4—17.
Goalies—Boston, Turco, Thomas, Turco. Tampa Bay, Tokarski. A—19,204 (19,204). T—2:28.

BLACKHAWKS 4, BLUES 3

St. Louis	3	0	0	0	— 3
Chicago	1	1	1	0	— 4

Chicago won shootout 1-0
First Period—1, Chicago, Brunette 11 (Hossa, Kane), 2:51. 2, St. Louis, Langenbrunner 5 (Arnott), 3:50. 3, St. Louis, McDonald 9 (Perron, Berglund), 6:49. 4, St. Louis, Berglund 16 (Jackman, McDonald), 15:59.
Second Period—5, Chicago, Stalberg 17 (Kruger, Oduya), 14:13.
Third Period—6, Chicago, Seabrook 6 (Hossa, Sharp), 7:41 (pp).
Overtime—None.
Shootout—St. Louis 0 (Oshie NG, McDonald NG, Perron NG), Chicago 1 (Kane G, Bolland NG, Sharp NG).
Shots on Goal—St. Louis 6-8-8-2—24. Chicago 13-11-16-6—46.
Goalies—St. Louis, Halak. Chicago, Emery, Crawford. A—21,349 (19,717). T—2:43.

ON THE AIR

What's on TV

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Preseason, N.Y. Mets vs. Detroit, noon, ESPN
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
NCAA Division I tournament, first round, Lamar vs. Vermont, 5:30 p.m.,TRUTV
NIT, first round, Minnesota at La Salle, 6 p.m., ESPN2
NIT, first round, Bucknell at Arizona, 8 p.m., ESPN2
NCAA Division I tournament, first round, California vs. USF, at Dayton,TRUTV, 8 p.m.
NBA
Philadelphia at Indiana, 6 p.m., ESPN
Miami at Chicago, 8:30 p.m., ESPN
NHL
Colorado at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN
Dallas at Winnipeg, 7:30 p.m., FSS
SOCCER
UEFA Champions League, CSKA Moscow at Real Madrid, 2:30 p.m., FSS
UEFA Champions League, Napoli at Chelsea (same-day tape), 12:30 a.m., FSS

WHAT'S ON DECK

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL
Midland Christian at Monahans, Noon

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
MLB—Suspended Minnesota RHP Yeison Florentino (Dominican Summer League) 50 games for testing positive for metabolites of Nandrolone and Minnesota RHP Ezequiel Zarzuela (DSL) 50 games for testing positive for metabolites of Stanozolol under the minor league drug prevention and treatment program.
American League
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Claimed INF Brandon Hicks off waivers from Atlanta. Placed LHP Brett Anderson on the 60-day DL.
National League
CHICAGO CUBS—Assigned RHP Casey Weathers and RHP Esmailin Caridad to their minor league camp.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Reassigned SS Joe Panik, C Andrew Susac, C Tommy Joseph, INF Ehire Adrianza, OF Francisco Peguero, RHP Jake Dunning, RHP Austin Fleet, RHP Stephen Harrold, LHP David Quinowski, RHP Seth Rosin and RHP Shawn Sanford to their minor league camp.
New York-Penn League
BROOKLYN CYCLONES—Named Marc Valdes pitching coach.
American Association
LAREDO LEMURS—Signed RHP Mark Haynes and OF Sean M. Smith.
WICHITA WINGNUTS—Signed RHP Derek Miramontes and INF Jake Kahaulelio.
Atlantic League
LONG ISLAND DUCKS—Signed INF Brandon Sing, RHP Bob Zimmermann and RHP Jeff Lyman.
Frontier League
EVANSVILLE OTTERS—Signed OF Alex Foltz and RHP Matt Trent to contract extensions.
WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS—Named Ehren Wassermann pitching coach. Signed RHP Kurtis Frymier, OF Bill Nowlin and SS Chris Wade to contract extensions.
United League
SAN ANGELO COLTS—Signed RHP Stephen Nikonchik.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA—Fined Chicago G Derrick Rose $25,000 for public criticism of officiating after Monday's game against New York.
Women's National Basketball Association
LOS ANGELES SPARKS—Named Jim Lewis assistant coach.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL—Suspended Green Bay DE Mike Neal four regular season games for violating the league's policy on performance enhancing substances.
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Released OT Levi Brown.
ATLANTA FALCONS—Agreed to terms with QB Chris Redman and WR Harry Douglas.
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Re-signed OL Geoff Hangartner. Released G Travelle Wharton.
CHICAGO BEARS—Agreed to terms with CB Tim Jennings on a two-year contract and QB Jason Campbell on a one-year contract.
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Tendered contract offers to LS Clark Harris, LB Dan Skuta and S Jeromy Miles.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Tendered contract offers to WR Jordan Norwood and DL Brian Schaefering. Signed OL John Greco to a contract extension. Released P Richmond McGee and OL Tony Pashos.
DALLAS COWBOYS—Released K David Buehler and CB Terence Newman. Tendered contract offers to DE Clifton Geathers and OT Jermey Parnell.
HOUSTON TEXANS—Released QB Matt Leinart, FB Lawrence Vickers and OT Eric Winston.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed LB Russell Allen to a three-year contract and P Nick Harris. Released WR Kassim Osgood and OL Kevin Haslam.
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Traded WR Brandon Marshall to Chicago for two undisclosed draft picks.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Re-signed QB Sage Rosenfels.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Agreed to terms with WR Marques Colston on a five-year contract.
NEW YORK GIANTS—Re-signed CB Terrell Thomas. Named Matt Rhule assistant offensive line coach and Lunda Wells offensive assistant. Signed CB Michael Coe, CB Justin Tryon, OT Joel Reinders and TE Larry Donnell.
NEW YORK JETS—Re-signed LB Bryan Thomas to a one-year contract.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed OT Todd Herremans to a three-year contract extension through 2016.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Agreed to terms with C Nick Hardwick on a three-year contract. Released OT Marcus McNeill.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed CB Perrish Cox to a two-year contract and WR Randy Moss to a one-year contract.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Agreed to terms with DE Red Bryant and LB Heath Farwell.
ST. LOUIS RAMS—Released CB Ron Bartell.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Signed WR Vincent Jackson to a five-year contract.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Re-signed DE Adam Carriker to a four-year contract. Agreed to terms with WR Pierre Garcon on a multiyear contract and WR Josh Morgan.
Canadian Football League
EDMONTON ESKIMOS—Named Terry Eisler defensive and special teams assistant coach.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL—Suspended Buffalo Sabres D Tyler Myers for three games, without pay, for boarding Montreal Canadiens F Scott Gomez.
BOSTON BRUINS—Assigned C Lane MacDermid to Providence (AHL).
PHOENIX COYOTES—Assigned D David Rundblad to Portland (AHL).
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Signed F Vladislav Namestnikov to a three-year contract.
American Hockey League
AHL—Suspended Wilkes-Barre/Scranton F Steve MacIntyre four games for his actions in a March 11 game at Springfield.
Central Hockey League
ALLEN AMERICANS—Announced Texas (AHL) recalled F Nick Layton. Signed G Adam Kraus.
QUAD CITY MALLARDS—Announced Abbotsford (AHL) recalled G David Brown.
RAPID CITY RUSH—Waived F Mike Vaskivuo. Activated F Kelly Czuy from the leave-of-absence list.
WICHITA THUNDER—Waived D Tyler Miller. Signed D Kevin Young.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
D.C. UNITED—Signed MF Lewis Neal and S Luis Perea.
FC DALLAS—Signed F Scott Sealy and D Alex Lee.
SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC—Signed MF Andy Rose. Announced MF Alex Caskey was transferred to the team from Charleston (USL).
TORONTO FC—Signed D Logan Emory.
COLLEGE
COLGATE—Named Brad Dunlay assistant offensive line coach.
GEORGIA TECH—Dismissed junior G Glen Rice Jr. from the men's basketball team.
MONTANA WESTERN—Announced the resignation of women's basketball coach Cara Cocchiarella.
RUTGERS—Named Norries Wilson running backs coach and Joe Rossi special teams coordinator and assistant defensive coach.
SMU—Fired men's basketball coach Matt Doherty.
SOUTH CAROLINA—Fired men's basketball coach Darrin Horn.
SYRACUSE—Announced sophomore C Fab Melo was ruled ineligible for the NCAA tournament.

GOLF

PGA TOUR
TRANSITIONS CHAMPIONSHIP
Site: Palm Harbor, Fla.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club, Copperhead Course (7,340 yards, par 71).
Purse: $5.5 million. Winner's share: $990,000.
Television: Golf Channel (Thursday, 2-5 p.m., 7:30-10:30 p.m.; Friday, 3-5 p.m., 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 12:30-2 p.m., 8:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m.) and NBC (Saturday-Sunday, 2-5 p.m.).
Last week: Justin Rose won the Cadillac Championship at Doral for his first World Golf Championship victory. The Englishman beat Bubba Watson by a stroke. Tiger Woods withdrew after 11 holes in the final round because of soreness in his left Achilles tendon. ... George McNeill won the Puerto Rico Open, birdieing the last three holes for a two-stroke victory over Japan's Ryo Ishikawa.
Online: http://www.pgatour.com

LPGA TOUR
LPGA FOUNDERS CUP
Site: Phoenix.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa, Wildfire Golf Club (6,613 yards, par 72).
Purse: $1.5 million. Winner's share: $225,000.
Television: Golf Channel (Thursday, 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Friday, 11:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 3-6 p.m.; Sunday, 2-4 a.m., 3-6 p.m.; Monday, 2-4 a.m.).
Last event: Angela Stanford won the HSBC Women's Champions in a playoff in Singapore on Feb. 26 for her fifth LPGA Tour victory.
Online: http://www.lpga.com

CHAMPIONS TOUR
TOSHIBA CLASSIC
Site: Newport Beach, Calif.
Schedule: Friday-Sunday.
Course: Newport Beach Country Club (6,584 yards, par 71).
Purse: $1.75 million. Winner's share: $262,500.
Television: Golf Channel (Friday, 7:30-9:30 p.m.; Saturday, 1:30-3:30 a.m., 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Sunday, midnight-2 a.m., 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Monday, midnight-2 a.m.).
Last event: Kenny Perry won the ACE Group Classic by five strokes Feb. 19 in Naples, Fla. Perry closed with a 70 after opening with rounds of 64 and 62 to break the tour's 36-hole record at 18-under 126.
Online: http://www.pgatour.com

EUROPEAN TOUR
ANDALUCIA OPEN
Site: Puerto Banus, Spain.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Aloha Golf Club (6,881 yards, par 72).
Purse: $1.31 million. Winner's share: $218,260.
Television: Golf Channel (Thursday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 8 a.m.-noon).
Last week: Justin Rose won the Cadillac Championship at Doral in Florida for his first World Golf Championship victory. The Englishman beat Bubba Watson by a stroke. Tiger Woods withdrew in the final round because of soreness in his left Achilles tendon.
Online: http://www.europeantour.com

NATIONWIDE TOUR
Next event: Louisiana Open, March 22-25, Le Triomphe Country Club, Broussard, La.
Last week: Paul Haley II won the Chile Classic in his third career Nationwide Tour start, closing with a 1-under 71 for a three-stroke victory.
Online: http://www.pgatour.com

OTHER TOURNAMENTS
MEN
eGOLF PROFESSIONAL TOUR: Pine Needles Classic, Wednesday-Saturday, Pine Needles Lodge and Golf Club, Southern Pines, N.C., and Seven Lakes Country Club, West End, N.C. Online: http://www.egolfprofessionaltour.com
NGA TOUR: Milton Martin Honda Classic, Thursday-Sunday, Chattahoochee Golf Club, Gainesville, Ga. Online: http://www.ngatour.com
ASIAN TOUR: Cambodian Classic, Wednesday-Saturday, Angkor Golf Resort, Siem Reap, Cambodia. Online: http://www.asiantour.com
TOUR OF THE AMERICAS: Los Lirios Open, Thursday-Sunday, Los Lirios de Rancagua Golf Club, Rancagua, Chile. Online: http://www.tourdelasamericas.com
WOMEN
JAPAN LPGA TOUR: T-Point Ladies, Friday-Sunday, Kagoshima Takamaki Country Club, Kagoshima, Japan. Online: http://www.lpga.or.jp

TENNIS

BNP Paribas Open
Tuesday
At The Indian Wells Tennis Garden
Indian Wells, Calif.
Purse: Men: $5.55 million (Masters 1000); $5.44 million (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Men
Third Round
Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, def. David Ferrer (5), Spain, 6-4, 6-3.
Juan Martin del Potro (9), Argentina, def. Fernando Verdasco (19), Spain, 6-2, 7-6 (6).
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (6), France, def. Radek Stepanek (28), Czech Republic, 6-7 (2), 6-3, 6-2.
Alexandr Dolgopolov (21), Ukraine, def. Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4.
Rafael Nadal (2), Spain, def. Marcel Granollers (26), Spain, 6-1, 6-4.
Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, def. Nikolay Davydenko, Russia, walkover. Women
Fourth Round
Agnieszka Radwanska (5), Poland, def. Jamie Hampton, United States, 6-3, 4-6, 3-0, retired.
Victoria Azarenka (1), Belarus, def. Julia Goerges (14), Germany, 6-3, 6-1.
Maria Sharapova (2), Russia, def. Roberta Vinci (21), Italy, 6-2, 6-1.
Angelique Kerber (18), Germany, def. Christina McHale (32), United States, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (4).
Li Na (8), China, def. Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, 6-1, 6-0.
Maria Kirilenko (20), Russia, def. Nadia Petrova (30), Russia, 6-1, 5-7, 6-2.
Doubles
Men
Second Round
John Isner and Sam Querrey, United States, def. Robert Lindstedt, Sweden, and Horia Tecau (4), Romania, 6-3, 5-7, 10-5.
Mariusz Fyrstenberg and Marcin Matkowski (6), Poland, def. Matthew Ebden, Australia, and Ryan Harrison, United States, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 10-4 tiebreak.
Leander Paes, India, and Radek Stepanek (7), Czech Republic, def. Juan Monaco, Argentina, and Kei Nishikori, Japan, 7-6 (5), 6-4. Women
Quarterfinals
Iveta Benesova and Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, Czech Republic, def. Casey Dellacqua and Sam Stosur, Australia, 3-6, 6-2, 10-7 tiebreak.
Liezel Huber and Lisa Raymond (1), United States, def. Jarmila Gajdosova, Australia, and Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States, 6-4, 6-2, 10-5 tiebreak.

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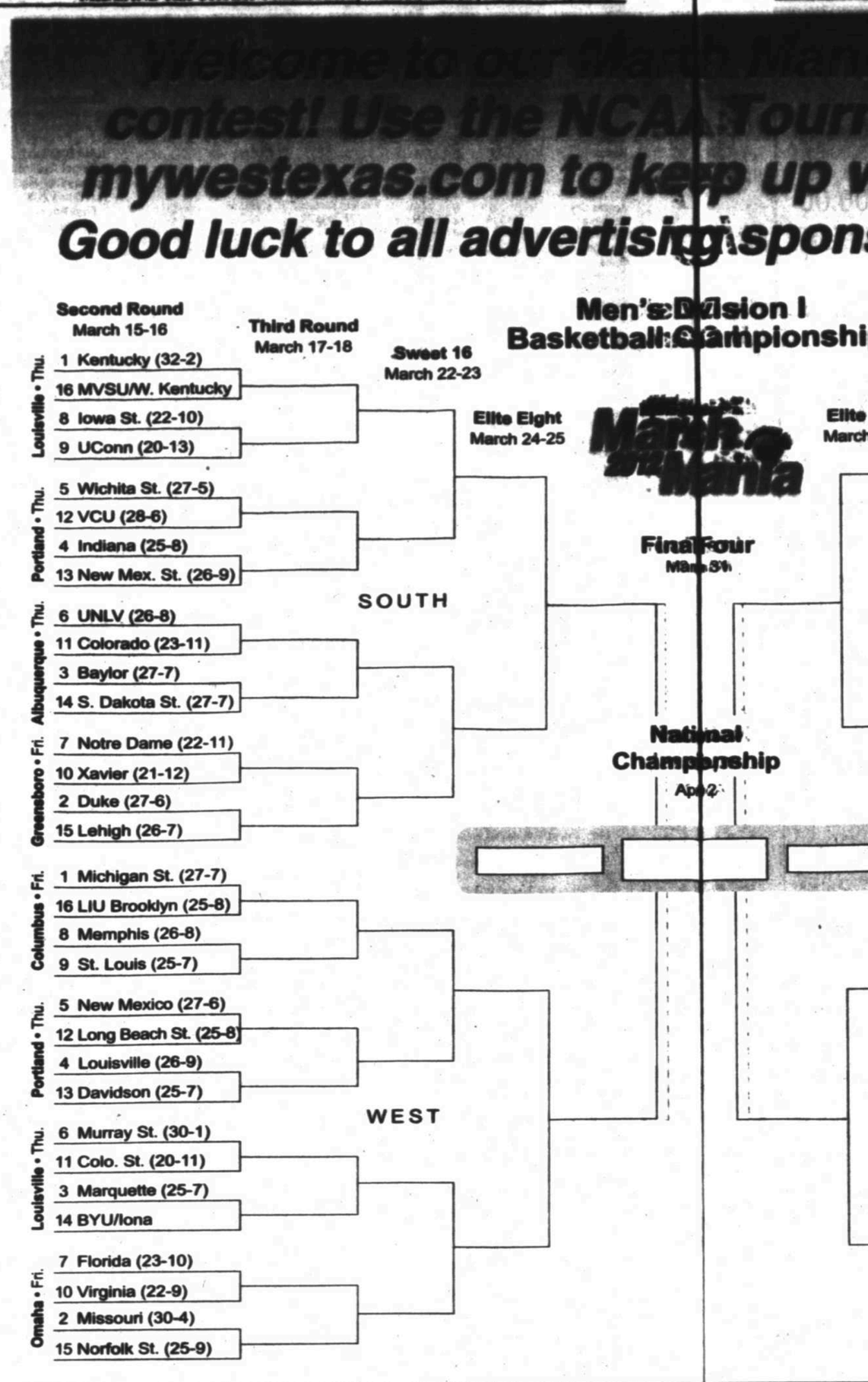

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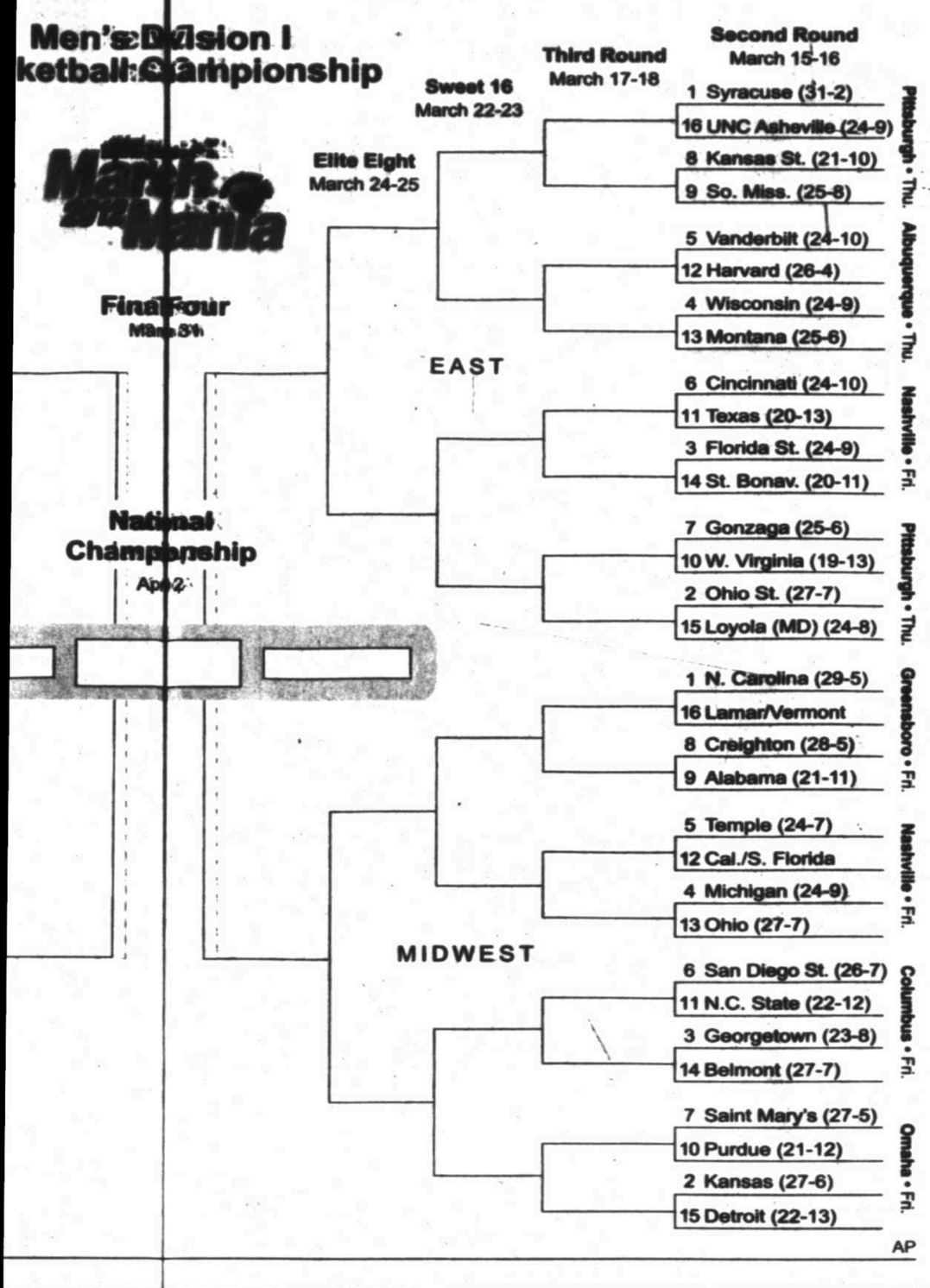

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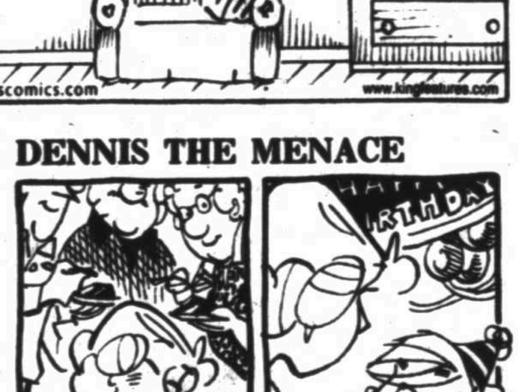

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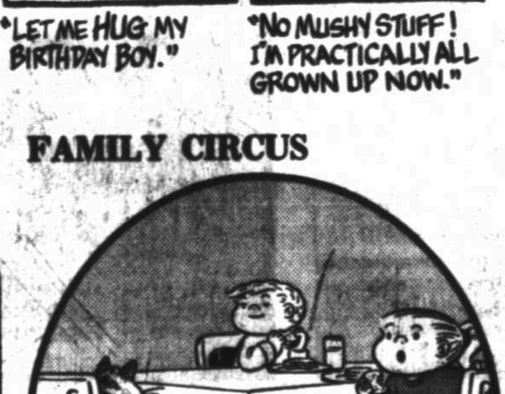

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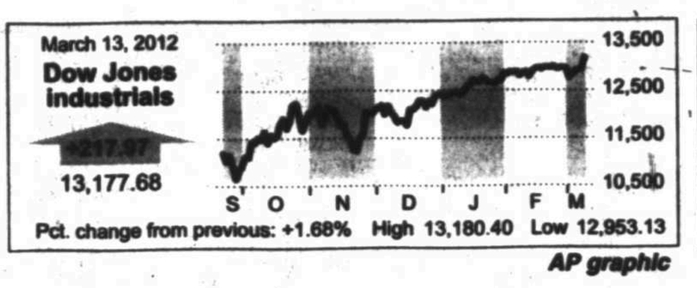

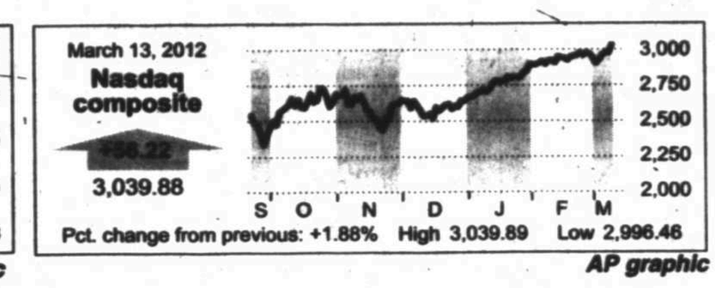

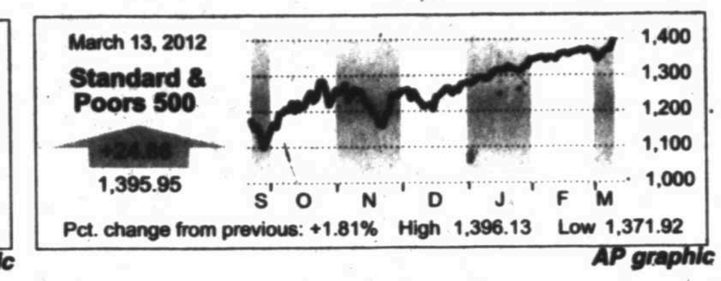

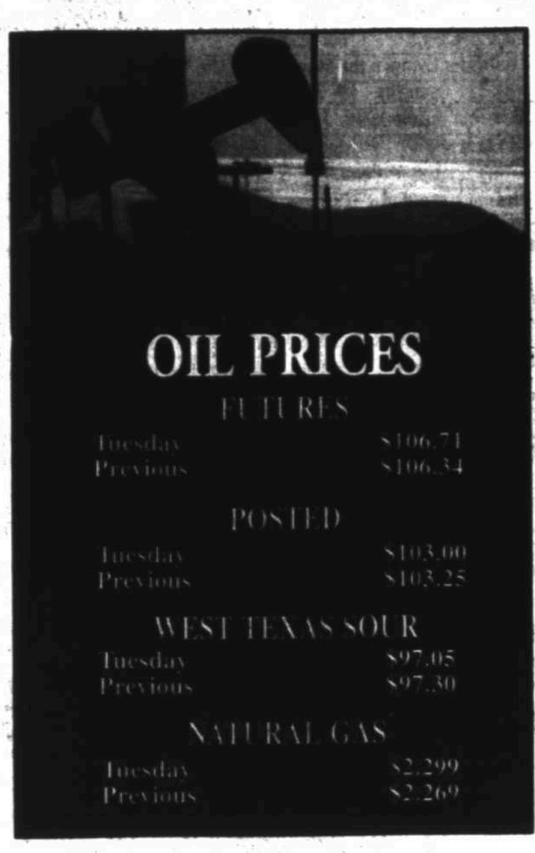

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Trader Peter Tuchman, center, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Tuesday. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 218 points and closed at its highest level since the end of 2007.

Stocks record biggest gains of year

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bank stocks turbocharged a rally across the financial markets Tuesday, and all three major stock indexes posted their biggest gains of the year. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 218 points and closed at its highest level since the last day of 2007.

The Nasdaq composite closed above 3,000 for the first time since December 2000, when dot-com stocks were collapsing.

There was already plenty of good news driving the market higher Tuesday: Retail sales in February increased the most since September, and the Federal Reserve said it expected the unemployment rate to keep falling.

Then the market soared in the final hour after JPMorgan Chase, the country's largest bank by assets, announced that it plans to buy back as much as $15 billion of its stock and raise its quarterly dividend by a nickel to 30 cents per share.

"That's what really made the day," said Jeffrey Kleintop, chief market strategist at LPL Financial.

JPMorgan Chase stock soared 7 percent, and other banks followed. Citigroup and Goldman Sachs gained 6 percent. Banks were easily the best-performing stocks in the market, gaining almost 4 percent as a group.

The Fed had planned to release the results of its so-called stress test for 19 financial institutions Thursday after the market closed. But after JPMorgan Chase made its announcement — and said it was raising the dividend with the Fed's blessing — the Fed pulled a surprise.

The central bank released its stress test results two days ahead of schedule, a half-hour after the markets closed Tuesday. JPMorgan Chase and 14 other financial institutions passed. Four, including Citigroup, failed.

Citigroup stock was down 4 percent in after-hours trading following the Fed announcement.

The Dow finished at 13,177.68, its highest close since Dec. 31, 2007. The close put the Dow within 1,000 points of its record, 14,164.53, set less than three months earlier. All 30 stocks in the Dow closed higher, the first time that has happened this year.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 56.22 points, or 1.9 percent, to 3,039.88.

On Dec. 11, 2000, the last time the Nasdaq closed above 3,000, it was in the middle of a horrifying slide — from a peak above 5,000 in March 2000 to just above 1,100 in October 2002.

At the beginning of 2000, the peak of the dot-com frenzy, investors valued stocks in the Nasdaq composite index at an astronomical 175 times their per-share earnings over the previous year.

Google was not yet a public company, and the iPod didn't exist. Apple pulled in $2.3 billion in quarterly revenue. Many Nasdaq companies were Internet startups with high stock prices but big losses.

And many of them failed, taking the Nasdaq down with them.

Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at Harris Private Bank, said the key difference between the Nasdaq then and now is that the technology companies that dominate the index only promised profits 12 years ago.

"The Nasdaq hasn't done much of anything for 12 years, but it's had a huge rally in earnings," Ablin said.

Today, the profits are real. Apple reported $46 billion in revenue in its latest quarter. The Nasdaq composite, which includes more than 2,500 companies, trades at about 24 times earnings, according to Birinyi Associates.

Natural gas price rises

A rosier assessment of the economy from the Federal Reserve on Tuesday gave a boost to flagging natural gas prices.

After declining earlier, natural gas futures surged when the Fed forecast gradual declines in the unemployment rate as the economy expands moderately over the coming months. It also noted that consumer spending and business investment have picked up.

Natural gas rose 3 cents to finish $2.299 per 1,000 cubic feet in New York trading. It fell to a 10-year low of $2.269 on Monday.

Oil and gasoline futures also rose. The gains indicate growing confidence in the economy and the potential for stronger energy demand, said Michael Lynch, president of Strategic Energy & Economic Research.

Benchmark oil increased 37 cents to finish at $106.71 in New York. Brent crude ended up 88 cents at $126.22 per barrel in London.

The price for natural gas has fallen about 26 percent this year because homeowners and businesses used less heat during the mild winter. The savings helped offset the higher price of gasoline and diesel fuel. And about one-quarter of the nation's electricity is generated using natural gas.

Dollar rises

The dollar rose against the euro, and hit and 11-month high against the yen, after the Federal Reserve said that the economy has been improving since its last meeting in January.

The Fed also said it expects the job market to improve steadily. The comments were made in a statement after a one-day policy meeting.

As expected, the Fed didn't take any steps for further economic stimulus.

The euro fell to $1.3073 late Tuesday from $1.3150 late Monday.

Gold fell $5.60 to $1,694.20 per ounce. But it's still up nearly 7 percent so far this year.

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Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $18.90 Up 0.91

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $79.00 Up 0.74

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $99.34 Down 0.35

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $37.18 Up 1.18

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $29.74 Down 0.12

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $8.66 Down 0.09

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $13.99 Up 0.34

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	3696334	8.49	+.50
SPDR Fncl	1712439	15.42	+.57
S&P500ETF	1622731	140.06	+2.48
Citigrp rs	809258	36.45	+2.16
JPMorgCh	751020	43.39	+2.85

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BkAtl A rs	3.63	+1.70	+88.1
FT EmMSC	46.59	+15.12	+48.0
Midas	11.44	+2.45	+27.3
Bluegreen	3.65	+.64	+21.2
TCF Fn wt	2.37	+.34	+16.7

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
IP SXR1K	18.67	-5.48	-22.7
IP SESPX	17.83	-3.20	-15.2
MediaGen	5.38	-.83	-13.4
ETLg3mVix	74.04	-9.70	-11.6
VersoPap	2.11	-.27	-11.3

Diary

Advanced	2,490
Declined	585
Unchanged	79
Total issues	3,154
New Highs	198
New Lows	8
Volume	4,260,206,383

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
AmRepwtA	73066	1.02	+.11
RareEle g	61828	6.15	+.44
NovaGld g	58421	7.36	-.19
CheniereEn	46067	16.01	+.14
NwGold g	37546	9.96	-.16

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
eMagin	3.59	+.31	+9.5
ChaseCorp	15.95	+1.28	+8.7
UnivPwr	2.05	+.15	+7.9
RareEle g	6.15	+.44	+7.7
BovieMed	2.63	+.18	+7.3

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SDgo pfB	19.77	-1.99	-9.1
XPO Log rs	15.18	-1.05	-6.5
DocuSec	4.11	-.28	-6.4
Innsuites	2.25	-.15	-6.3
AvalonHld	3.50	-.17	-4.6

Diary

Advanced	291
Declined	173
Unchanged	31
Total issues	495
New Highs	10
New Lows	...
Volume	91,136,003

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
PwShs QQQ	5552344	66.26	+1.21
SiriusXM	485734	2.29	-.03
Microsoft	476463	32.67	+.63
Intel	329734	27.49	+.51
Cisco	325533	20.22	+.39

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BBC pf II	30.04	+10.19	+51.3
VlyNBc wt	2.00	+.80	+42.9
NCentBsh	30.02	+7.98	+36.2
Omeros	10.22	+2.58	+33.8
SalemCm	3.88	+.83	+27.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ColemanC	10.35	-2.63	-20.3
Majesco	2.56	-.41	-13.8
EasyLnkSint	4.59	-.59	-11.4
TaythDv	9.59	-.98	-9.3
ChiCera un	4.39	-.41	-8.5

Diary

Advanced	1,969
Declined	562
Unchanged	104
Total issues	2,635
New Highs	173
New Lows	19
Volume	1,668,203,231

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.76f	48	31.63	+.19	+4.6
Abraxas	...	14	3.83	+.05	+16.1
AdamsEx	.65e	...	10.92	+.16	+13.3
AMD	...	12	7.76	+.26	+43.7
AlcatelLuc	...	...	2.37	+.04	+51.9
Alcoa	.12	15	10.31	+.44	+19.2
AlonUSA	.16	13	9.19	+.29	+5.5
Altria	1.64	18	30.10	+.07	+1.5
Amgen	1.44f	17	88.91	+.88	+7.3
Anadarko	.36	...	83.64	-1.12	+9.6
Apache	.60f	9	108.06	+1.66	+19.3
Apple Inc	...	16	568.10	+16.10	+40.3
ApldMatl	.36f	11	12.50	+.13	+16.7
ATMOS	1.38	14	31.46	+.26	-5.7
AutoData	1.58	20	55.07	+.19	+2.0
BP PLC	1.92f	6	47.33	+.61	+10.7
BabcCChnr	1.20	...	17.46	-.04	-2.9
BakrHu	.60	13	48.60	+1.01	-.1
BkofAm	.04	...	8.49	+.50	+52.7
Bar IPVix	...	...	21.25	-1.02	-40.2
BasicEnSv	...	16	18.90	+.91	-4.1
BerkHa A	...	20121	250.00	+2015.00	+5.7
BerryPet	.32	...	51.80	+.74	+23.3
BlkHillsCp	1.48f	32	34.37	+.44	+2.4
BrMySq	1.36	15	33.42	+.37	-5.2
BrownFA	1.40	30	79.40	+1.26	+.2
BrownFB	1.40	21	81.66	+1.06	+1.4
CVS Care	.65	17	45.23	-.13	+10.9
Cameron	...	24	53.79	+.84	+9.4
Caterpillar	1.84	15	113.30	+4.36	+25.1
Celestic g	...	9	10.11	+.61	+37.9
CntryLink	2.90	24	39.38	+.38	+5.8
ChseEng	.35	8	24.70	+.49	+10.8
Chevron	3.24	8	111.19	+1.19	+4.5
Chicos	.21f	19	15.28	-.11	+37.2
Cimarex	.48f	13	81.90	+.07	+32.3
Cisco	.32f	16	20.22	+.39	+12.2
Citigrp rs	.04	10	36.45	+2.16	+36.5
ClayEng	...	10	79.00	+.74	+4.1
CocaCola	2.04f	19	79.25	+.61	+.4
ColgPal	2.48f	19	95.23	+.75	+3.1
ConAgra	.96	15	26.57	+.13	-.1
ConchoRes	...	30	99.34	-.35	+6.0
ConocoPhil	3.84	9	77.76	+.45	+6.7
Corning	.30	8	13.90	+.45	+7.1
CrackerB	1.00	16	56.67	+.63	+12.4
CrosTim	2.94e	16	46.55	-.72	-4.7
CrwnCstle	...	...	53.98	-.97	+20.5
DCP Mid	2.60f	38	46.72	+.02	-1.6
DTE	2.35	13	56.46	+.58	+3.7
Dataram h	...	...	.72	...	-11.1
Dawson	...	...	37.18	+1.18	-5.9
DeltaAir	...	8	9.31	+.12	+15.1
DevonE	.80	6	72.10	+1.19	+16.3
DirSCBear	...	...	17.86	-1.16	-32.6
DirFnBear	...	...	22.20	-2.53	-40.6
DirxSCBull	...	...	62.68	+3.55	+39.6
Disney	.60f	17	44.01	+1.67	+17.4
DowChm	1.00	17	34.60	+.59	+20.3
Dynegy	...	...	.55	+.05	-80.1
EMC Cp	...	29	29.62	+.59	+37.5
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EmpDist	1.00	16	20.57	+.04	-2.5
Energen	.56f	13	52.21	+.49	+4.4
EngyTsfr	3.58	43	47.00	+.68	+2.5
EnPro	...	16	37.58	+.66	+13.9
EntPrPt	2.48f	22	51.75	-.07	+11.6
Ericsson	.37e	...	10.11	+.21	-.2
ExpScripts	...	22	54.46	+1.03	+21.9
ExtervanH	...	...	13.84	+.35	+62.1
ExxonMbl	1.88	10	86.86	+1.31	+2.5
FordM	.20	7	12.70	+.27	+18.0
ForestOil s	...	16	13.05	+.86	-3.7
FMCG	1.25f	8	39.09	+.83	+6.3
FreeportFd	...	...	1.27	+.03	-1.6
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GAInv	.50e	...	28.82	+.48	+16.7
GenElec	.68	16	19.59	+.45	+9.4
Golfsmith	...	...	4.34	+.08	+35.6
Goodrich	1.16	20	126.26	+.20	+2.1
GtPlainEn	.85	16	20.04	+.11	-8.0
HalconR rs	...	...	10.51	+.51	+11.9
Hallibrtn	.36	11	35.34	+.64	+2.4
Heinz	1.92	17	53.35	+.05	-1.5
HewlettP	.48	9	24.57	+.53	-4.6
Hitachi	...	...	59.99	+1.89	+15.1
HuntBnk	.16	12	6.00	+.28	+10.9
iShBraz	1.50e	...	68.16	+1.89	+18.8
iShJapn	.20e	...	10.07	+.09	+10.5
iShSilver	...	...	32.26	-.38	+19.7
iShChina25	.77e	...	39.96	+1.13	+14.6
iShEMMkts	.81e	...	44.49	+1.18	+17.3
iS Eafe	1.71e	...	55.10	+.88	+11.2
iShR2K	1.02e	...	83.06	+1.62	+12.6
integrysE	2.72	19	54.13	+.07	-.1
Intel	.84	12	27.49	+.51	+13.4
InterDig	.40	19	37.82	+.69	-13.2
ItauUnibH	.84e	...	21.30	+.42	+14.8
JPMorgCh	1.20f	10	43.39	+2.85	+30.5
JohnJn	2.28	19	66.33	+.23	-.4
Keycorp	.12	8	8.26	+.38	+7.4
KimbClk	2.96f	18	73.05	+.84	-.7
KindME	4.64	...	85.31	-1.64	+.4
KindMM	4.64t	...	78.12	-.93	-.5
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Lubys	...	27	5.49	+.28	+21.7
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Microsoft	.80	12	32.67	+.63	+25.8
MorgStan	.20	17	18.93	+.73	+25.1
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NatGrid	3.00e	...	51.86	+.75	+7.0
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NoblaCp	1.28e	...	5.05	+.05	+4.8
NvMAd	.95e	...	15.14	+.05	+3.1
NvPMI	.94	...	15.17	...	+2.4
NuvPI	.92	...	14.77	-.10	+2.1
NSTFI3	.86e	...	14.70	+.04	+2.7
NTXQI	.82	...	16.47	+.01	+.8
OcciPet	2.16f	12	99.98	+1.54	+6.7
Oracle	.24	17	30.13	+.42	+17.5
ParTech	...	16	4.91	-.11	+24.6
ParkDrl	...	...	6.15	+.30	-14.2
PatlUTI	.20	9	18.67	+.29	-6.6
PenBE	.60	...	15.09	+.66	+44.4
Pmrdln	1.44e	17	23.12	+.11	+13.5
Pfizer	.88f	17	22.01	+.47	+1.7
PioNtrl	.08	15	107.93	+.97	+20.6
PlainsAA	4.10f	16	79.14	-.94	+7.7
PwShs QQQ	.46e	...	66.26	+1.21	+18.7
Praxair	2.20f	20	111.13	+1.12	+4.0
PrmEgy	...	...	24.79	+2.27	+9.7
PrUShS&P	...	...	15.39	-.58	-20.2
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SpdrGold	...	...	162.30	-2.77	+6.8
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SabnR	4.12e	16	62.91	-.30	-.2
SanderFm	.68	...	55.01	+1.58	+9.7
SandRidge	...	63	8.18	+.21	+.2
Saplent	.35e	25	12.75	+.25	+1.2
Schlmbrg	1.10f	20	74.77	+.75	+9.5
SigmaAld	.80f	19	72.09	+.95	+15.4
SiriusXM	...	18	2.29	-.03	+25.8
Smucker	1.92	19	76.29	+.83	-2.4
SprintNex	...	...	2.79	+.07	+19.2
SP Engy	1.07e	...	74.67	+.89	+8.0
SPDR Fncl	.22e	...	15.42	+.57	+18.6
SP Inds	.73e	...	37.78	+.77	+11.9
Sunocol s	1.68f	13	38.35	-.18	-2.7
SunTrst	.20	21	22.58	+.70	+27.6
TelefEsp	2.14e	...	16.82	+.28	-3.3
Tesoro	...	8	29.89	+.56	+28.0
3M Co	2.36f	15	88.75	+1.21	+8.6
Trchmrk s	.60f	10	48.47	+.90	+14.0
TriContl	.63e	...	16.08	+.23	+13.0
TylerTech	...	45	37.69	-.13	+25.2
UBWV	1.24	19	30.35	+.59	+7.4
US Bancrp	.78f	13	31.01	+1.33	+14.6
UrbanOut	...	23	27.95	-1.56	+1.4
Vale SA	1.55e	...	23.62	+1.14	+10.1
ValeroE	.60	8	28.48	+.26	+35.3
VulcanM	.04	...	46.21	+.93	+17.4
Walgrn	.90	11	33.25	-.38	+.6
WellsFargo	.88f	12	33.33	+1.82	+20.9
WstnRefin	.04e	11	19.96	+.21	+50.2
WhitingPet	...	12	57.03	+.75	+22.1
WmsCos	1.04f	20	30.23	+.56	+12.1
XcelEngy	1.04	16	27.13	+.09	-1.8
Xerox	.17	9	8.42	+.14	+5.8
Yahoo	...	18	14.55	+.06	-9.8

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467.64	381.99	Dow Jones Utilities	461.18	+1.26	+.27	-.75	+14.04
8,718.25	6,414.89	NYSE Composite	8,234.47	+148.19	+1.83	+10.13	+1.76
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Julio Cortez/AP

Dallas Cowboys cornerback Terence Newman (41) chases New York Giants wide receiver Victor Cruz (80) as he runs down the sideline to score on a 74-yard touchdown pass during the first half of their game Jan. 1 in New Jersey. Newman was released by the Cowboys on Tuesday.

Cowboys release Newman, woo Chiefs corner

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

With salary cap space cleared by personnel moves and the reworking of two contracts, the Dallas Cowboys have set their sights on signing a free-agent prize to bolster their secondary.

Kansas City cornerback Brandon Carr was scheduled to meet with coach Jason Garrett, defensive coordinator Rob Ryan and team vice president Stephen Jones on Tuesday night at Cowboys Stadium. Targeting Carr is no surprise after the Cowboys finished 23rd in the NFL in pass defense while missing the playoffs last season with an 8-8 record.

A flurry of expected moves Tuesday, including the whacking of aging corner Terence Newman, resulted in Dallas clearing $16 million in cap space to position the club to woo Carr and other free agents.

Scuttling Newman, who turns 34 in September, saved $6 million. The release of Buehler cleared $1.6 million.

The Cowboys reportedly saved $8.56 million by reworking the contracts of tackle Doug Free and corner Orlando Scandrick.

Dallas also was set to host quarterback Kyle Orton. The Cowboys are seeking a veteran backup after Jon Kitna retired in January.

A fifth-round pick by the Chiefs in 2008, Carr had a career-high four interceptions last season. He could demand $7 million a year, according to NFL.com analyst Michael Lombardi, and has also reportedly drawn interest from San Francisco.

The 6-foot, 207-pound Carr has started all of the 64 games he's played for Kansas City, registering eight interceptions. He turns 26 in May.

While the Cowboys recruited Carr and Orton, two of their free agents made visits of their own.

Wide receiver Laurent Robinson is talking to Jacksonville, NFL.com reported. Arizona, San Diego and the New York Jets reportedly have also expressed an interest in Robinson, who scored 11 touchdowns last season in a breakout season.

Tight end Martellus Bennett confirmed via Twitter he would visit the New York Giants. "Headed to NY tonight. excited!" the Texas A&M alum wrote. With Bennett likely gone, the Cowboys are reportedly eyeing Seattle's John Carlson and Chicago's Kellen Davis.

Dallas is also reportedly interested in Carolina's Dan Connor as a candidate to bolster depth at inside linebacker.

Newman tied for the team lead in interceptions last season with four, but his listless play down the stretch made him vulnerable. A terrible performance in the season-ending loss to the Giants doomed him.

A first-round pick in 2003, Newman leaves with 32 interceptions, tying him for seventh with Lee Roy Jordan on the franchise's career chart.

Newman turns 34 in September. Despite starting all but two of the 133 games he played for Dallas and making the Pro Bowl twice, he never fulfilled the promise of a fifth overall pick.

A fifth-round pick in 2009, Buehler lost his job last year to rookie Dan Bailey.

With the NFL taking $10 million over two years in cap space away from the Cowboys for front loading contracts during the uncapped 2010 season, it became imperative that the club clear space.

Strapped for cash, the club decided against tendering offers to several of its restricted and exclusive rights free agents, including fullback Tony Fiammetta and receivers Jesse Holley and Kevin Ogletree. The only exclusive rights free agents to be tendered one-year offers were tackle Jermey Parnell and defensive end Clifton Geathers.

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Middle (N)	Suburgatory (N)	Modern Family	Happy End. (N)	Revenge "The Governor's Son" (N)		KMID News	(:35) News Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: One World (N)		Criminal "I Love You, Tommy Brown" (N)		CSI: Crime "Trends With Benefits" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) LateS The Ting Tings, Martin Short (N)		(:35) LateL (N)
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	One Tree Hill (N)		Remodeled (N)		Cops	'Til Death	King of Queens	SouthPk "Free Hat"	South Park	Roseanne
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	BigBang "Pilot"	American Idol "Finalists Compete" The finalists perform once again. (N)				The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Loves Ray	Law & Order: C.I. "Masquerade"	
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. Diana Dye	CCM Ministries	Update News	Jean-Claude	Light of the Southwest				Joe McGee	Cardoza Moore	NewBeginning	Dr. Denis Otero
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	Be Millionaire	Whitney (N)	Are You There (N)	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Home Invasions"		Rock Center Ann Curry		News-West 9	(:35) Tonight Show Meat Loaf, Drew Brees		(:35) LateNight
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FLIX	340	65		165		★★ The Core		★ The Honeymoon Killers Shirley Stoler.				★★★ Eating Raoul			★★★ 24 Hour Party People		
HBO	300	68	14	14		The Rite		Hanna ('11, Act) Saoirse Ronan.				Luck		Bill Maher		Down	Movie
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Little Fockers		George Harrison			(:45) George Harrison: Living in the Mate				(:40) Life	(:10) Get Him to...	
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SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Faster		Shameless		Lip Service		Lies	Califor.	Comedy	Hobo With a Shotgun		
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	Monogamy		Love Shack Ida Anderson.			Blubberella Lindsay Hollister.			The Job Patrick Flueger.			Movie
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Bounty Hunter "The Tender Trap"		Bounty Hunter "Tears for Fears"		Dog the Bounty Hunter "Bounty Baby"		Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	CSI: Miami "G.O."		★★ Coach Carter ('05, Dra) Robert Ri'chard, Samuel L. Jackson.						★★ Coach Carter Samuel L. Jackson.			
BET	58	26		40		106&Pk	★★★★ Dead Presidents ('95, Susp) Larenz Tate.					★ Carlito's Way: Rise to Power				Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Tabatha Takes Over		Real Housewives		Interior Therapy (N)		Million Dollar (N)		Watch	Interior Therapy		Million
CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		Crime Inc.		American Greed		American Greed		Mad Money		American Greed	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan	
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ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	NBA Basketball Philadelphia 76ers vs. Indiana Pacers (L)					NBA Basketball Miami Heat vs. Chicago Bulls (L)					SportsCenter	
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FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Movie	★★★★ Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone ('01, Fant) Daniel Radcliffe.							The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P.
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Rest. "Flood Tide"		Restaurant		Restaurant (N)		Stakeout (N)		WorstCooks		Rest. "Valley View"	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Big 12 Showcase	In My Own Words	Stars Pregame (L)	NHL Hockey Dallas Stars vs. Winnipeg Jets Site: MTS Centre -- Winnipeg, Man. (L)					Stars Live (L)	Ultimate Insider	WPT Poker Grand Prix de Paris	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	2½Men	Two 1/2...	★★★ The Proposal ('09, Com) Sandra Bullock.					★★★ The Proposal ('09, Com) Sandra Bullock.				
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Little House Prairie		Little House Prairie		Little House Prairie		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	Property Brothers		Income	Cousins	HouseH	House (N)	Property Brothers		Income	Cousins
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	(5:00) Bigfoot		Restore	Restore	Only in America (N)		Restore	Restore	Only in America		Restore	Restore
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Wife Swap "Brazenwood/ Taylor"		Wife Swap		Wife Swap "Cathrea/ Stewart"		Wife Swap "Fulco/ Samel-Garloff"		Wife Swap "Harris/ Weasel"		Wife Swap	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	39				NHL Live!	NHL Hockey Colorado Avalanche vs. Buffalo Sabres (L)					NHL Live!	NBC Sports Talk		Overtime	Poker After Dark	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	ToRock	Sponge	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Face Off "Dinoplasty"		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters (N)		Face Off (N)		Monster Man (N)		Ghost Hunters Int'l.	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Airport"	Seinf. "The Hot Tub"	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Anne Hathaway		Office "Broke"	The Office
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:15) ★★★ Pulp		★★★ A Streetcar Named Desire				(:15) ★★★★ On the Waterfront				(:15) Time Limit	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Maid en Manhattan		Corazon valiente		Relaciones Peligrosa		Noticiero	Sin senos no paraiso		Decision
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TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Law & Order "Whiplash"		Law & Order "Purple Heart"		Law & Order "Boy on Fire"		Law & Order "Driven"		Southland "The Risk"		CSI: NY "'Til Death Do We Part"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	Home I.	Home I.	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Hot In (N)	Divorced	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS: Los Angeles "Identity"		NCIS "Ships in the Night"		NCIS "Freedom"		Psych "Shawn and the Real Girl" (N)		NCIS "Ignition"		NCIS "Flesh and Blood"	
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	'Til Death

Panel upholds Knaus penalties

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

CONCORD, N.C. — The crew chief for five-time champion Jimmie Johnson lost his appeal Tuesday challenging penalties for failing the opening day inspection at the Daytona 500.

The three-member committee heard testimony from Hendrick Motorsports and NASCAR, then ruled unanimously in favor of the sanctions against Chad Knaus.

NASCAR said Knaus presented a car that had illegally modified sheet metal between the roof and the side windows. Knaus maintains NASCAR made that determination with a visual inspection, the No. 48 Chevrolet never even made it to the templates at Daytona, and the car had been used at all four restrictor-plate races in 2011.

TEXASSPORTSROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NBA

MAVERICKS 107, WIZARDS 98

DALLAS — Dirk Nowtizki scored 27 points, Jason Terry had 24 and the Dallas Mavericks got a much-needed victory, beating the Washington Wizards 107-98 on Tuesday night.

The defending NBA champions had lost eight of their previous 10 games. That included three road losses in three nights before a welcome two-day break leading into consecutive home games against the league's two worst teams.

Trevor Booker had 20 points for the Wizards (9-32).

ROCKETS 104, THUNDER 103

OKLAHOMA CITY — Courtney Lee and rookie Chandler Parsons each scored 21 points, Patrick Patterson blocked Serge Ibaka's point-blank putback attempt in the final 2 seconds, and the Houston Rockets charged back from an 11-point deficit in the final 3 minutes to beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 104-103 on Tuesday night.

Lee drilled a 3-pointer from the left corner with 15 seconds left to complete a 13-1 run in the final minutes for Houston that was aided by a technical foul against Oklahoma City All-Star Russell Westbrook.

Kevin Durant led the Thunder with 28 points but missed a turnaround jumper from the top of the key in the closing seconds after fumbling the ball and recovering.

NHL

STARS 1, WILD 0

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Jamie Benn's goal early in the third period and Kari Lehtonen's second consecutive shutout gave the Dallas Stars their sixth straight victory, 1-0 over the Minnesota Wild on Tuesday night.

Benn scored for the third time in four games to give him 21 this season. He snagged a rink-wide pass from Brendan Morrow that glanced off Wild left wing Stephane Veilleux's stick and straight to Benn for the tip-in with 16:14 remaining.

MLB

DARVISH WILD IN 2ND START FOR TEXAS

GOODYEAR, Ariz. — Yu Darvish couldn't command his fastball over three innings for the Texas Rangers in an 8-all tie with the Cleveland Indians. The game Tuesday was called after the 10th.

The Japanese star walked four in his second spring start. He allowed two runs and three hits and struck out three.

Darvish limited the trouble by getting Shin-Soo Choo to ground into a bases-loaded double play. Texas catcher Yorvit Torrealba helped Darvish by throwing out two would-be basestealers.

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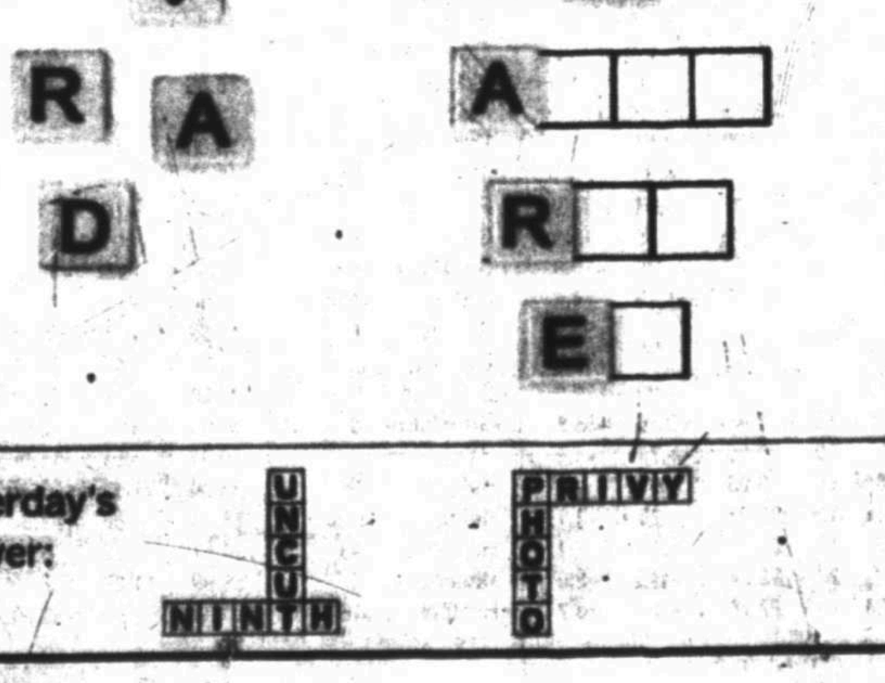

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Texans owner McNair says he wants Mario, not interested in Peyton Manning

By Chris Duncan
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Texans owner Bob McNair wants to re-sign outside linebacker Mario Williams and he's not interested in pursuing Peyton Manning.

The 6-foot-6, 283-pound Williams officially became an unrestricted free agent and the most coveted defensive player on the market on Tuesday afternoon. The franchise's career sacks leader missed most of last season with a torn chest muscle, but McNair knows the Texans will have to compete with several teams willing to offer Williams a giant payday.

Williams made just over $15 million last year.

The Texans cut quarterback Matt Leinart, right tackle Eric Winston and reserve fullback Lawrence Vickers as free agency began.

Houston has other key unrestricted free agents to consider besides Williams, including right guard Mike Brisiel, center Chris Myers, tight end Joel Dreessen and kicker Neil Rackers. Star running back Arian Foster would've become a free agent before signing a five-year, $43.5 million deal last week.

McNair shot down speculation that Houston was ever in the running to sign Manning, the four-time MVP released last week by the Colts. McNair said the team is firmly committed to Matt Schaub, who played in 10 games last season before breaking his right foot.

The release of Winston was unexpected. The 6-foot-7, 302-pound Winston, a third-round pick in the 2006 draft, started 87 consecutive games for Houston since becoming a starter during his rookie season, and he was one of the team's union representatives. He was due to make $4.5 million this season.

"You're releasing someone who's been a good teammate and worked hard, and helped get the team where it is today," McNair said. "You hate to see that happen. Right now, for salary-cap purposes, that move had to be made."

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NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARGARET MITCHELL STROH, DECEASED:

Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of March, 2012, Letters Testamentary were issued to Jay Douglas Stroh as Independent Executor in proceedings in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Probate, styled "In the Matter of the Estate of Margaret Mitchell Stroh, Deceased," being No. P-16943 in that Court, and which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present the same to Jay Douglas Stroh, 10815 W. Roundelay Circle, Sun City, Arizona 85351, within the time prescribed by law.

DATED this 13th day of March, 2012.

Jay Douglas Stroh,
Independent Executor of the Estate of
Margaret Mitchell Stroh, Deceased

Notice Of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit

XTO Energy, Inc., Opr. No. 945936, 200 N. Loraine Street, Suite 800, Midland, Texas 79701 applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to obtain fluid injection permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the Clear Fork Formation in the Goldsmith, C. A., Et al Lease, well number: 525W. The proposed injection well is located 2101' FNL & 2111' FWL, Blk 44, Sec 16 of the lease and approximately 2.5 miles south from the city of Goldsmith in the Goldsmith (Clear Fork) Field, in Ector County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4969' – 7867' 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.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

SUMMONS (Family Law)
Case No: BLD 1100045

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:
Marianna Kimberly Fischer
You are being sued.
Petitioner's name is:
Jerry Elmer Fischer Jr.

You have 30 calendar days after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120 or FL-123) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter or phone call will not protect you.

If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form.

If you want legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. You can get information about finding lawyers at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), or by contacting your local county bar association.

NOTICE: The restraining orders are effective against both spouses or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered, or the court makes further orders. These orders are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.

NOTE: If a judgment or support order is entered, the court may order you to pay all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for yourslef or for the other party. If this happens, the party ordered to pay fees shall be given notice and an opportunity to request a hearing to set aside the order to pay waived court fees.

The name and address of the court are:
Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, 265 N. Broadway, Blythe, CA 92225.

The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney, are:
Jerry Elmer Fischer Jr., 239 N. 3rd. Street, Blythe, CA 92225. (760) 609-1185.

DATE: May 23, 2011
SEAL
J. Hurst , Deputy

NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED:
You are served as an individual defendant.

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Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JANET BARR FITTING, DECEASED:

Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of February, 2012, Letters Testamentary were issued to Dikka Fitting Amuchastegui and Alfred Barr Green as Independent Co-Executors in proceedings in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Probate, styled "In the Matter of the Estate of Janet Barr Fitting, Deceased," being No. P-16939 in that Court, and which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present the same to Dikka Fitting Amuchastegui, 1 Warwick Place, Midland, Texas 79705; or Alfred Barr Green, P.O. Box 1556, Overgaard, Arizona 85933, within the time prescribed by law.

DATED this 13th day of March, 2012.

Dikka Fitting Amuchastegui and
Alfred Barr Green, Independent Co-Executors
of the Estate of Janet Barr Fitting, Deceased

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 11:00 A.M., March 21, 2012 to be opened at 11:00 A.M., in the Office of the City Secretary City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 4725-12
For: Fire Engine Equipment for the Midland Fire Department

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

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Lost & Found

FOUND 2 lost Pugs by Midland Christian School. Call 432-520-8387.

FOUND 2 Pugs at Huntington/Sinclair area. Call 432-553-1762.

FOUND 3 dogs. Mom and pups in Ric Dr area. Call 432-634-3925.

FOUND Pit/Boxer mix, Andrew's Highway and Cuthbert's area. Call 432-559-9715.

FOUND: VERY sweet female grey/white cat. Call to identify 432-686-9266

CHOCOLATE Lab missing from Bentwood/Cuthbert Needs Insulin. Please call Tina 432-853-4186.

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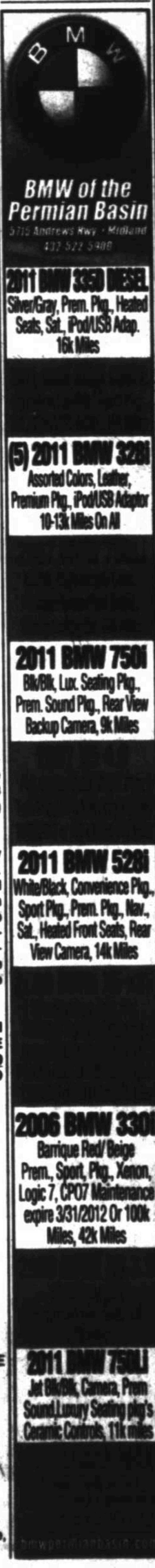

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OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 20, 2012
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Apr 2, 2012
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

Rule 38 Case No. 08-0274772
Status/Permit No. 714071

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 1, Bk. 38 T2N, T&P RR CO Survey, A-288, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MARTIN County, being 17.3 miles NW direction from STANTON, 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 Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848.**

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 Apr 2, 2012 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)

Lease/Unit Name :	MCMORRIS '1'
Lease/Unit Well No. :	2
Lease/Unit Acres :	80.3
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	467.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	1716.0

Lease Lines :	467.0 F EAST L,	467.0 F SOUTH L
Survey Lines :	467.0 F EAST L,	2182.0 F NORTH L

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 1 additional field: (1) MABEE (STRAWN). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for this field.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) :	Special Rules 467/660, 80.0 acres.
MABEE (STRAWN) :	OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11481 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, NORMA DONOVAN, at (972) 969-3643.

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Sales Rep/Assistant Manager
Confidential FT
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Teraco, Inc. is an industry leading plastic card manufacturer located in Midland. We currently have a job opening in our Personalization Department. We are looking for someone who has experience in management, employee development and training, quality control, and can adhere to production schedules. Must be willing to work nights and overtime. At least a high school diploma or equivalent is required. Benefits include: paid vacation and holiday, tuition reimbursement, 401K, and medical insurance. Email your inquiries to: resume@teraco.com or stop by 2080 Commerce Dr. to fill out an application.

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Henry Howard Services, LLC has openings in the West Texas areas: **Sales person, Dispatcher, Mechanics, and CDL Drivers** for Vacuum transports, Rolloff trucks and End dump trucks. Must have Tank vehicle and HazMat endorsements or able to get it within 90 days of hire. Must have clean driving record and able to pass DOT drug screen. Oilfield experience required. Please send resume or requests for application to: PO Box 387 Carthage, TX 75633, **operations@henryhowardservicesllc.com** or Fax **903-693-8623** or call **903-754-3011**.

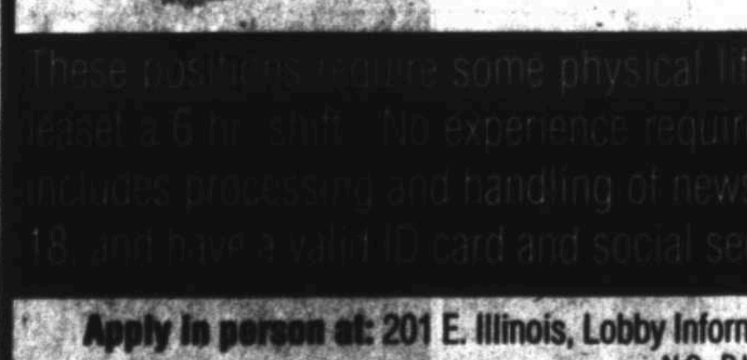
Sales Associates
Woods Boots FT
Wear boots and jeans to work. Wood's Boots is hiring retail sales associates high commissions, best hours in retail, great customers, full and part time positions available. Apply in person at any of the 4 locations in Midland/Odessa.

Sam's Club Is Now Hiring For Following Positions:
• Cashier - PT • Overnight - FT • Carts - PT
Flexible schedules required. Apply at the store kiosk in person at 1500 N. Tradewinds, Midland, TX 79706 or online at samsclub.com

Sam's CLUB

Shop Assistant
Permian Petroleum Services, Inc. FT
Need experienced Shop Assistant to service and wash trucks, change truck tires and assist mechanics. Must be 21 years or older and have valid driver's license with clean driving history. Competitve wages, paid health insurance, uniforms and vacations. Retirement plan, vision and dental insurance available. Apply to 4601 Rankin Highway, Midland, fax resume to 432-683-7407, or call 432-682-0434.

OTHER JOBS



Midland Reporter-Telegram has immediate openings in it's Distribution Department (Mailroom)

Part-Time Shift Work Available

Schedule consists of a combination of day and night shifts. Night Shifts - 12 (midnight) until 3-5 a.m. Starting pay is $9.50 hourly.

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: etitsworth@hearstnp.com
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OTHER JOBS

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Part time delivery drivers needed for the Midland Reporter-Telegram. Early morning hours. Must have car and phone.

Contact: Tony:687-9002

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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, Production Director
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701
E-mail: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
or
come by 201 E. Illinois Street to fill out an application.

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Service Agents
Avis FT/PT
Starting pay $9.25 with night differential of $9.75/hour! We have Full-Time & Part-Time Opportunities at our Midland Airport location. You would keep the rental cars ready for customers. This includes cleaning, vacuuming, check fluids and tire pressure. Valid drivers license & good drivin history required. Background check required. Must be able to work Nights, Holiday & Weekends. Must be at least 18 years old. Apply in Person: Avis, Midland Airport call (432) 583-4700 for directions. Mon-Fri 8 a.m. - 11 p.m
AVIS

Service Driver
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4500 S State HWY 349
Midland, TX 79706 0-1 Years Exp.
Service driver needed for portable toilet business. Must have a good driving record. Please apply in person or call 432-685-1082.

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Net Profit, Inc. FT
Midland, TX 79701 HS Diploma Req.
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Midland, TX 79705
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For Dining Room Service Staff. Must have a professional appearance. We hire attitude and personality over experience. We offer competitive salary and benefits. Please apply in person: 6101 N. Hwy 349, Midland, TX 79705, Tues.-Sat.

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Assistant Retail Manager / PT Sales Associates
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Natural Foods Market FT
Health food store is taking applications for an energetic and friendly full-time sales person. Knowledge of supplements, herbs, and healthy diet a must. Shifts will include evenings, and most Saturdays. Apply in person Monday through Friday only, 9am to 5pm at Natural Foods Market, 2311 W. Wad ley.

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Roberts Truck Center, LLC Apply in Person to pick
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Seeking a full time Parts Counter Associate. Experienced preferred. Roberts Truck Center, LLC is and Equal Opportunity Employer.

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The Midland Reporter-Telegram Advertising Department is looking for an Outside Sales Representative. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record of personal sales successes, preferably in a newspaper/media environment. Some knowledge of the advertising industry would be helpful, but not required.

Duties for this position will include, but are not limited to selling advertising in all print publications of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and all online products, including mywesttexas.com.

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Desirable Qualifications & Skills:
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Blasters/Painter General Manager
Confidential FT
Send resume to: M- 18, Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701.

CDL Driver, Blinders, Yard Hands
Impact Chemical Technologies FT
Hiring CDL Drivers, Blinders and Yard Hands. Apply in person at: 10501 East Highway 80, Midland, TX 79706, or send resume to: PO BOX 10887, Midland, TX 79702.

FLEET MECHANIC
Ingram Concrete is seeking full-time employees to fill Fleet Mechanic positions in various locations in West Texas. Diesel experience required and must have own tools. We offer competitive pay with excellent benefits. Please apply at 2608 N. FM 1788 in Midland, Texas 79707 or call 432-561-8922 for additional information. EEO Employer

Forklift/Front End Loader Operator
Smith Pipe of Abilene FT
Forklift/Front End Loader Operator needed in our Abilene location. Must have five years experience in a manufacturing or warehouse environment. Applicant will be tested on operating skills. Apply in person at Smith Pipe of Abilene, 7435 Hwy 277 South, Abilene, Texas, or call 325-691-1085 for an application. EOE

Full Time Maintenance
Villa Chateau Apartments FT
Full time maintenance person needed, must have own tools, Drug Screen/ Background Check done, Apply in person at Villa Chateau Apts. 1603 N. Midkiff Rd. No phone calls please.

SKILLED LABOR

General Labor & Truck Driver
Viking Pool FT
Vacation, dental and health insurance. Must pass drug screen. CDL required for truck driver. Apply in person, 8am-5pm, 10600 W. I-20 East, Odessa, TX 79765.

General Manager
Confidential FT
General Manager for Tank fabrication facility in Midland. Send resume to: M- 18, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701.

Manual Lathe Operator
Premier Tools FT
Manual Lathe Operator needed. Apply in person at: 2915 South County Rd. 1255, Midland, TX 79703.

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Plumbers
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Weidner Apartment Homes FT
Weidner Apartment Homes is currently seeking 2 Service Technicians and 1 Service Manager to care for a couple of our apartment communities. Responsibilities: Assist in the preparation of apartments for occupancy, respond to service requests, performs maintenance and repairs on electrical, plumbing, HVAC systems, as well as small and large appliances. Qualifications: Experience in apartment maintenance or related field preferred, HVAC certification, strong verbal communication skills, have a valid driver's license and reliable transportation. We offer competitive salaries, excellent benefits and a generous apartment discount. Please apply online at: www.weidnercareers.com or fax resume to 1-877-399-9012

Shop Mechanic
Basin Engine and Pump FT
Shop/Field Mechanic Needed for an Industrial Oilfield Shop. Tools, Uniforms provided. Benefits package, Pay DOE. Please call Shawn 432/570-1114, fax resume 432/570-1115 or email shawn@basinengine.com.

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Basin Engine and Pump FT
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Experienced Professional needed to manage DOT and all safety requirements for local transportation company. Must be up to date with all aspects of DOT regulations and FMCSA rules & regulation and also CSA. Prior experience will be necessary for this position. Please call **432-563-1894** to schedule interview.

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Credence Trucking is looking for a reliable Class A Belly Dump Truck Driver. Midland area. Please call 432-254-3333 to apply.

Class A CDL Driver - $5,000 Sign On Bonus
Service Seal, LLC FT
Stable Company looking for Class A CDL Driver with Hazmat endorsement for local and regional deliveries. Minimum 3 to 5 years professional driving experience. Must be dependable, trustworthy and have clean driving record and background and willing to work in the warehouse when not driving. If you meet these qualifications, please call Melissa at 432-570-9414.

CLASS A CDL DRIVER
Needed to haul oilfield equipment. Must be able to pass drug screen / physical. Benefits, 401k, uniforms after 90 days. Please apply in person at **5800 E I-20** or call **432-682-5017**.

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The ideal candidate will have 1-3 years experience in a similar role, a high school diploma (or equivalent), and a current Class A CDL with Tanker and Hazmat endorsements.

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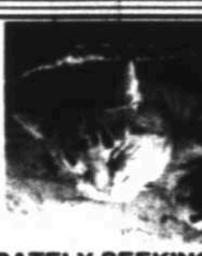

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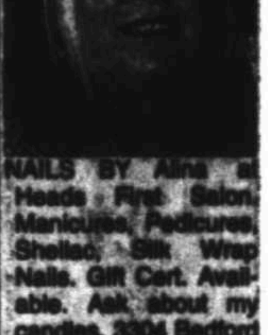

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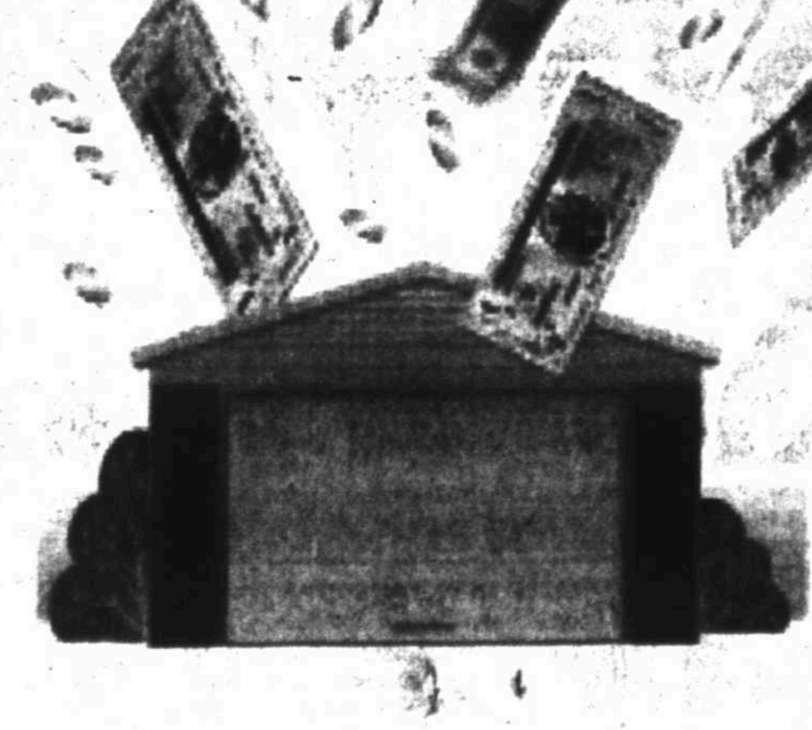

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