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Texas Tech football will scrimmage in Midland again.

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Texas Tech football coach Kliff Kingsbury echoed the sentiments of Director of Athletics Kirby Hocutt by saying that Midland is huge for the Red Raiders. Read more in Sports.

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Scalia's death impacts Texas cases at Supreme Court

Texas Tribune

For Republican Texas officeholders regularly straining against the leash of a strong federal government, Antonin Scalia has been a reliable and predictable conservative friend on the nation's highest court.

They counted on him over and over in winning and losing cases that involved redistricting, environmental regulation, same-sex marriage, college admissions — even the elevation of a Texas governor to the White House.

He might have been at their side in four Texas cases now pending before the court on legal questions about undocumented immigrants, the longstanding one-person-one-vote principle in election law, a challenge to the state's regulation of abortion facilities and, once again, on the consideration of race in college admissions.

But his death this weekend on a West Texas ranch silenced the high court's conservative intellectual anchor and its most acerbic writer and shifts an often-divided court to the left. Speculation about whether the current Senate will consider a replacement appointed by President Obama began immediately upon word of Scalia's death; whatever happens there, it's unlikely another judge would be in place before the end of the court's current term.

Scalia wasn't always on Texas' side in cases before the high court.

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BUILDING UP DOWNTOWN

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Work continues Monday on a new parking garage at the corner of Missouri Avenue and Main Street.

DA candidates differ on how to determine a job well-done

By Cassie Burton
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District attorney candidates Laura A. Nodolf and William R. Lundy Jr. — currently assistant DAs — have differing takes on what determines if a district attorney is successful.

Nodolf mainly turned to the numbers during Wednesday's forum for Republican candidates. She pointed to the number of days an individual spent in jail, number of dates between an indictment and a trial, plea deal numbers and trial numbers, as well as recidivism.

Nodolf

The majority of cases through the Midland County District Attorney's Office are settled via plea deal, Nodolf said.

Lundy

"If you start to see a backlog on dockets, it means we're not doing our job," Nodolf said. "If we're doing a reduction in number of pleas, maybe we're not doing our job making the right plea offer and assessing the cases appropriately as we should."

Lundy agreed that numbers can be a marker but said that the main way to tell if a DA has done "a good job" is asking residents.

"You ask the citizens, 'Do you feel safe? Are your kids safe at school, safe at home, and do you feel safe at night?' That's the only way you can really know," Lundy said. "You have numbers, but they don't tell you what citizens can."

The forum allowed for Nodolf and Lundy to answer both audience and moderator-posed questions.

Nodolf said that what made her uniquely qualified for the position was her more than 200 jury trials in Midland during 13 years of service and her dedication to

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I'd love me some higher oil prices right about now

KEN HERMAN
Austin American-Statesman

Three things I never thought I'd say:

1. Maybe I'm not buying enough stuff made in China.

2. Please make me pay more at the gas pump.

3. Many Americans think Donald Trump would make a fine president.

I can't do much about number three, but I'm sure I should try to do something about numbers one and two. In fact, I'm here to tell you I'd love to pay more for each and every gallon of gas I pump. Dear Big Oil: Take my money, please.

Yes, we live in strange economic times.

Thank you, Dow Jones.

The entire world economy — and, on the more important micro basis, my personal economy — seems to hinge on two things: the price of something nobody can buy (a barrel of oil) and the stability of something nobody can understand (the Chinese stock market or, as I like to call it, Great Wall Street).

Back in December 2014, I told you I was inspired/worried/confused by a story on our business pages indicating my giddiness about then-falling gasoline prices may have rendered me penny wise and gallon foolish. Back then, $2-a-gallon gas seemed cheap. Now, of course, that seems

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Save the date The spelling bee is set for **Saturday.** Read more about it in Education/Page 2B.

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Will Midland voters line up with Facebook likes?

From staff reports

Even as candidates for president make themselves available to voters in South Carolina and Nevada, registered voters in Midland County can cast ballots for their favorite, beginning today.

Early voting for the March 1 Republican and Democratic primaries begins today at five voting centers around Midland (Midland County Annex, 2110 N. "A" St.; Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.; Fellowship Community Church, 5206 N. Midland Drive; Cogdell Learning Center, 211 W. Florida Ave. and Manor Park, 5192 Sinclair Ave.)

Here are a few things we will be watching.

— Turnout: We don't expect voters to act like it's the general election — that happens in November. However, we expect that more competitive presidential primaries will increase interest on both the Republican and Democratic party sides. In 2012, 11,620 Midland County voters cast a ballot on the Republican side (6,167 during early voting). That GOP total dwarfed those voting in the Democratic Party primary (584 or 0.83 percent of the 70,012 voters in Midland County). For those interested, 44,600 (or 60.62 percent of voters registered in Midland County at the time of the general election) cast a ballot in November 2012.

— Facebook vs. the real thing: According to fivethirtyeight.com — in what was called the "Facebook Primary" — real life might have a hard time measuring up to Facebook likes when it comes to our favorite candidate. According to the website, the Facebook primary would crown Ben Carson as No. 1 in Texas with 28 percent of Facebook users "liking" Carson. Sen. Ted Cruz (23 percent), Donald Trump (19), Sen. Bernie Sanders (14) and Sen. Marco Rubio (7) round out the top five across the state. Carson is also No. 1 across the nation with 26 percent. Trump and Sanders are tied for second (23 percent).

For those wondering who dominates closer to home, the winner, again, is Carson, who has the greatest percentage of likes in Midland, Ector, Andrews, Howard, Martin, Brewster, Crane, Ward, Winkler, Taylor (Abilene), Tom Green (San Angelo) and Lubbock counties. Cruz, who is second in most of West Texas, is No. 1 in Glasscock and Pecos counties. Trump wins Reeves and Loving counties.

In Midland County, Carson is liked by 37 percent, Cruz 26 percent, Trump 19, Rubio 8, Sanders 5 and Clinton 2.

— Many choices for Railroad commissioner: We will be interested to see how registered voters in the heart of the oil patch vote for the 10 Railroad Commission candidates (seven Republicans and three Democrats). Unlike the 2010 and 2012 RRC elections, when a former Midlander was on the ballot, this one is void of anyone with Midland or Permian Basin ties.

DIFFER

From 1A

residents and a city that is her home, not "a career stop."

She also pointed to her involvement on the administrative and the trial side, as well as implementing the Tech Share project that expedited filing cases by law enforcement and sharing evidence among lawyers.

Lundy cited his 29 years practicing law and that he has "tried every kind of case you can try," including white collar and Ponzi schemes while assistant attorney general for the state of Tennessee.

He said his years of experience give him the wisdom, judgment and maturity in deciding which cases to try — not just if it's a good case, but a victim who "deserves some shot at justice."

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Early voting centers

Early voting for the March 1 primaries begins today and continues through Feb. 26. Residents can vote early at any one of the vote centers.

Midland County Annex, 2110 N. "A" St.
- 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 16-19
- 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Feb. 20
- 1-6 p.m. Feb. 21
- 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Feb. 22-26.

Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.
- 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 16-19
- 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 20
- 1-4 p.m. Feb. 21
- 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 22-26.

Fellowship Community Church, 5206 N. Midland Drive
- 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 16-19
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Manor Park, 5192 Sinclair Ave.
- -- 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 16-19
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HERMAN

From 1A

"I'm going to advise you, especially if you're prone to getting moody about money, to avoid checking your 401(k) or any investments you have that don't involve a cash-infused mattress."

high. Hooray for lower oil prices, right? Wrong. It seems that the only thing we have to fear is high oil prices. That, and low oil prices.

When the price of oil isn't just right, we (which includes me) are screwed in the fiscal sense.

In late 2014, as I delighted in declining gasoline prices, some economists were warning us that that delight might have been ill-advised. Unperturbed, I stuck with Herman's First Rule of Economics: What do economists know about the economy? I'm no economist, but I know what I like, and I like paying less for stuff. I also will stake my reputation on the notion that, in general, it is better to have more money than less money. Rich or poor, I always say, it's good to have money.

I had occasion recently to glance at my 401(k) numbers. Without getting into my personal predicament, I'm going to advise you, especially if you're prone to getting moody about money, to avoid checking your 401(k) or any investments you have that don't involve a cash-infused mattress.

Turns out, some economists indeed have some passing knowledge about the economy. Armed with my current knowledge about my numbers, I hereby apologize for so publicly declaring my glee about falling gas prices. And I have this question: Where are the OPEC folks when we (I) need them? You call yourself a cartel? Would it kill you to collude us back toward $3.50-a-gallon gas? Shake it up, sheikhs. How about it, Dubai brothers? Could you raise the price of a gallon of gas by a Qatar? My 401(k) can't Kuwait much longer. (Sorry about all that. The head said no, but the fingers said yes. I'm sorry that I wound up giving you the fingers.)

Remember when we thought of oil as a dwindling resource? Here's a verse from Tower of Power's 1974 whiny, wrong-headed, liberal drivel ode entitled "There's Only So Much Oil In The Ground."

"There's no excuse for our abuse
No excuse for our abuse
We just assume that we will not
Exceed the oil supply
But soon enough the world will watch the wells run dry."

Well, frac that.

I'm guessing there's a good chance we'll run out of uses for oil before we run out of oil. Thanks a lot, Tesla.

So please hear this as one frightened 401(k) owner's outcry for higher oil prices. Again, I apologize for thinking lower gas prices were good for me. I'm willing to do my part for the economy by voluntarily adding 10 percent to the bottom line when I fill up. And I'm going to tip the kid who pumps my gas. (That is if I can find a gas station with a kid who pumps my gas.)

So that should take care of the oil side of the declining economy. And, now that I think of it, I've already done my part for the other problem. Though, in retrospect, I could have done more by way of propping up the struggling Chinese gross domestic product.

I should have bought more made-in-China stuff when I was in China last year. I'm headed to Wal-Mart to rectify that.

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Trucker found hauling 132 pounds of cocaine in Southeast Texas

Associated Press

ORANGE — A South Texas truck driver has been accused of trying to smuggle nearly $5 million worth of cocaine.

Orange County jail records show 30-year-old Mauro Cano Moreno of Alamo was being held Monday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Moreno was arrested Thursday following a traffic stop on Interstate 10 in Southeast Texas.

Investigators say about 60 bundles of white powder found in the rig tested positive for cocaine. A sheriff's department statement says the 132 pounds of cocaine has a street value of at least $4.8 million.

Obituaries

Patricia Emily Bienek

Patricia Emily Bienek, 58, of Midland, passed from this life February 12, 2016.

She was born to Frank C. and the late Dorothy Anne Wilde on December 17, 1957 in Greenville, S.C.

Patty was a selfless woman who was personable and very caring. Even in the times when she was not feeling well, she insisted on caring for the needs of others above her own self.

She was well traveled, living in various places during her childhood. In high school, she was a star track runner. She grew to become a gourmet cook. Patty loved her family dearly and spoke often of her late mother.

Although her absence pains those of us left behind, it brings us great comfort knowing she is now with her mother, who she greatly missed.

She is survived by her husband, Gary Bienek; sons, George and Daniel J. Castillo; father, Frank C. Wilde and wife, Pauline; brothers, Frank G. and Michael K. Wilde; sisters, Karen M. Wilde and Pamela G. Wilde.

A memorial service will be held at American Heritage, 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 17, 2016.

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Robert Edwin Shirley

1942 - 2016

Robert "Bob" Shirley passed from this life on February 12, 2016.

Bob was born on April 9, 1942 in Pampa, Texas to Harold and Carmon Shirley. He attended schools in Denver City, Texas and joined the United States Navy at 17 years of age, serving on the USS Midway aircraft carrier.

He married Linda Cryer on December 26, 1959. Bob graduated Texas Tech University in 1971 and remained a Red Raider fan for the rest of his life. After graduation, he worked for Amoco for nine years and for Anadarko Petroleum Corporation in Midland, Texas until his retirement in 2002. He was a current board member and past President of Black Forest Property Owners Association in Ruidoso.

He is survived by his wife, Linda; son, Robert Martin Shirley of Hobbs, New Mexico; daughter, Christy Lynn Martinez and her husband Rudy of Midland; son, Lance Alan Shirley of Wylie, Texas; and by one granddaughter and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 19, 2016 at LaGrone Funeral Home Chapel in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the charity of your choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family at *www.lagroneruidoso.com* .

Joe L. Bill

Joe L. Bill, our beloved brother, uncle, and cousin, was called by Our Lord Jesus Christ on Saturday February 6, 2016 at the age of 53, with his loving family by his side.

Joe was born on June 8, 1963 in Kermit, Texas. He lived in Midland.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Francis A. Bill and George S. Bill.

Left to cherish his memories are his brothers and sisters, Janie Sotelo (John), George Bill, Jr. (Sylvia), Robert Bill (Luz), Raymond Bill, Paul Bill, Mary F. Bill, and Rosa L. Gallegos; 19 nephews and nieces, 30 great nephews and nieces; and five great-great nephews and nieces; and also many aunts and uncles, cousins and friends.

Joe will be remembered for someone who kept to himself, but was always ready to sit outside under his carport at his house, and carry out a conversation with anybody who stopped to visit.

Pallbearers will be Michael Sotelo, George Bill, III, Billy Bill, P. J. Bill, Ronnie Velarde, Jr, and Tristan Garcia.

Rosary will be Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Thomas Chapel.

Funeral Mass will be Tuesday at 10 am at St. Stevens Catholic Church; burial will be in Serenity Memorial Gardens, under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

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Death Notices

George Edmund Clark

George Edmund Clark was born February 13, 1934. He died February 12, 2016.

Jo Ann, John Douglas, Susan, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren mourn the loss of their beloved friend, mentor provider, and super-hero. He will live in our hearts forever. Rest in peace Papa! As was his request, there will be no formal service.

Glen Arlen Carnett

Glen Arlen Carnett, 89, of Midland, passed away on Sunday, February 14, 2016.

The family will be accepting guests on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Memorial services will be held at Fannin Terrace Baptist Church on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Graveside services will be held privately with the family.

He is survived by his wife, Emma "Em" Carnett.

Joyce D. Kennedy

Joyce D. Kennedy, 89, of Midland, passed away on February 14, 2016.

Arrangements are pending with Martinez Funeral Home.

Priscilla Milburn

Priscilla Milburn, 78, of Midland, died Sunday, February 14, 2016.

Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

OTHERDEATHS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

KANSAS

Award-winning news photographer Bill Snead dies

LAWRENCE — Bill Snead, an award-winning news photographer from Kansas whose career included covering wars and national political conventions, has died. He was 78.

Snead died Sunday at his Lawrence home after struggling several months with advanced lung cancer, according to his wife, Dona Snead.

Snead spent 21 years with The Washington Post, including time as a staff photographer and assistant managing editor for graphics, The Lawrence Journal-World reported.

He also served as a picture editor for National Geographic, bureau manager for United Press International in Ho Chi Minh City during the Vietnam War and director of photography for the Wilmington (Delaware) News-Journal.

In 1993, Snead returned to the Lawrence newspaper, where he started working during high school, to become its deputy editor and left the paper in 2007 as a senior editor.

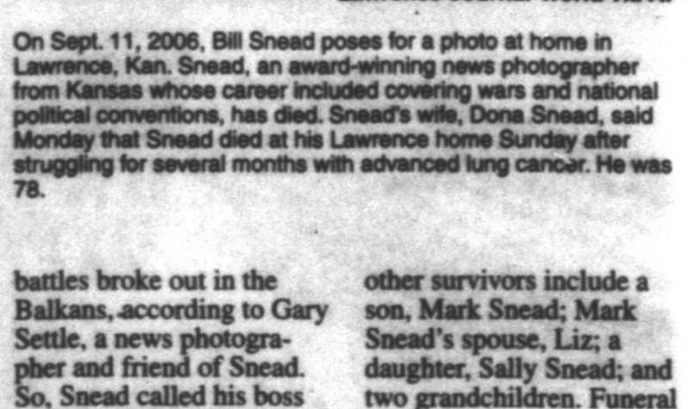
"Bill Snead was a unique individual, usually with a twinkle in his eye and quick with an interesting story," said Dolph C. Simons Jr., editor of the Journal-World and chairman of The World Company. "He was recognized as a world-class photographer, one of the best, and an excellent writer. He was a visionary thinker and doer, fearless in many respects, and a hard worker always seeking better performance by himself and his associates."

Snead planned to take a vacation in Europe 1991 but was sidetracked when battles broke out in the Balkans, according to Gary Settle, a news photographer and friend of Snead. So, Snead called his boss and friend, Washington Post editor Ben Bradlee, to tell him he was going to the Balkans and to look for him to send back photos.

"Working his way through Albania, Yugoslavia, Romania, Iraq and Turkey, he covered events as a million Kurdish refugees were driving out of Iraq into Turkey, found ways to process his film, made prints and got them transmitted back to The Washington Post," Settle told the newspaper in a recent email. "Over three hectic weeks, The Post published 33 of Bill Snead's photographs from the crisis. Many were the first and only of their kind."

The following year, Snead won the newspaper photographer of the year award from the White House News Photographers Association. He also was a runner-up that year for a Pulitzer Prize for news photography.

Besides Dona Snead, other survivors include a son, Mark Snead; Mark Snead's spouse, Liz; a daughter, Sally Snead; and two grandchildren. Funeral services are pending.



Lawrence Journal-World via AP

On Sept. 11, 2006, Bill Snead poses for a photo at home in Lawrence, Kan. Snead, an award-winning news photographer from Kansas whose career included covering wars and national political conventions, has died. Snead's wife, Dona Snead, said Monday that Snead died at his Lawrence home Sunday after struggling for several months with advanced lung cancer. He was 78.

DETROIT

Former Chrysler Chairman John J. Riccardo dies at age 91

DETROIT — Former Chrysler Chair John J. Riccardo has died. He was 91.

The Rev. John C. Riccardo said Monday that his father died Saturday.

The Detroit Free Press reports that John J. Riccardo joined the automaker in 1959 and rose to president by 1970. He was its chairman five years later.

He recruited Lee Iacocca to join Chrysler in 1978 as chief executive.

Riccardo sought a federal government loan bailout for the struggling automaker that was approved by Congress after he stepped down in 1979 as chair.

Riccardo also is survived by his wife, Thelma; and four other adult children.

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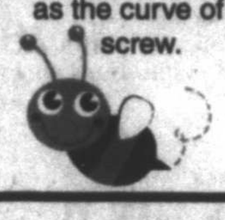

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Results in key cases could change with Scalia's death

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court abhors even numbers. But that's just what the court will have to deal with, perhaps for many months, after the death of Justice Antonin Scalia. Eight justices will decide what to do, creating the prospect of 4-4 ties.

Here are some questions and answers about the prospects of filling the vacancy left by the death of its conservative icon and longest-serving justice and its effect on the court:

Q: What happens when President Barack Obama makes a nomination?

Any nominee would first face the Senate Judiciary Committee, which would hold confirmation hearings and then vote on whether to send the selection to the full Senate. An Obama nominee would have a hard time even getting a favorable vote to get out of the committee, where Republicans hold an 11-9 edge. Some of the fiercest foes of the president serve on the panel, including GOP presidential candidate Ted Cruz of Texas, Jeff Sessions of Alabama, David Vitter of Louisiana and Mike Lee of Utah. The committee chairman, Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, said within hours of Scalia's death Saturday that Obama's successor should select the next justice.

Q: What if the nominee did emerge from the committee?

The decision then rests with the full Senate, where Republicans are in the majority 54-46 and Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., wasted no time Saturday making clear that "this vacancy should not be filled until we have a new president." Further complicating the prospects for approval is Cruz, who has vowed to filibuster any Obama nominee. That means it would take 60 votes to break a GOP filibuster. Obama's allies would need 14 Republicans to break ranks and move ahead on the nomination. The 2012 and 2014 elections left just a handful of moderate Republicans who might vote for an Obama pick. Of those still in the Senate, only Susan Collins, R-Maine, and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., voted for Obama's two other Supreme Court choices, Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor.

Q: What happens to cases in which Scalia cast a vote or drafted an opinion, but no decision has been publicly announced?

It may sound harsh, but Scalia's votes and draft opinions in pending cases no longer matter. Veteran Supreme Court lawyer Roy Englert says that "the vote of a deceased justice does not count." Nothing is final at the court until it is released publicly and, while it is rare, justices have flipped their votes and the outcomes in some cases.

Q: What happens if there is a tie?

The justices have two options. They can vote to hear the case a second time when a new colleague joins them or they can hand down a one-sentence opinion that upholds the result reached in the lower court without setting a nationwide rule. When confirmation of a new justice is expected to happen quickly, re-argument is more likely. In this political environment, the vacancy could last into 2017.

Q: Why doesn't the court like tie votes?

A major function of the Supreme Court is to resolve disputes among lower courts and establish legal precedents for the entire country. Tie votes frustrate those goals, and they essentially waste the court's time.

Q: How does Scalia's death affect specific cases?

It deprives conservatives of a key vote and probably will derail some anticipated conservative victories in major Supreme Court cases, including one in which labor unions appeared headed for a big defeat. Next month's Supreme Court clash over contraceptives, religious liberty and President Barack Obama's health care law also now seems more likely to favor the Obama administration.

Q: What other pending cases could be affected?

A challenge to the way governments have drawn electoral districts for 50 years now appears to have little chance of finding a court majority. The court heard arguments in December in a case from Texas on the meaning of the

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SCALIA

From 1A

but he was with the state's conservatives more often than not.

He was on the losing side of a 5-4 decision in Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs v. Inclusive Communities Project in 2015, which said discrimination in housing cases could be proved with statistics showing "disparate impact" as opposed to intentional bias.

And he was on the losing side in Walker v. Texas Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, when the court said the state was free to reject license plates featuring the Confederate flag.

Scalia was with the 6-2 majority in 2014's Schuette v. BAMN that upheld Michigan voters' right to ban taking race into account in college admissions. That decision was the subject of much study in relation to another admissions case — Fisher v. the University of Texas at Austin — heard earlier in the court's current term.

And he was one of the five justices whose ruling made Gov. George W. Bush of Texas the 43rd U.S. president.

Scalia could have been an outsized voice in four cases before the court in the current term — two of which haven't even been argued yet.

Texas abortion law

On March 2, the court will hear oral arguments in Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt, which challenges Texas' 2013 abortion law. Beyond deciding the constitutionality of a law that could shut down about half of the state's 19 remaining abortion clinics, the Texas abortion case gives the Supreme Court an opportunity to clarify how far states can go in restricting abortion.

In 1992, the court ruled that states can impose abortion restrictions as long as they do not place an undue burden on a woman's ability to obtain an abortion.

Lower courts across the country have disagreed, however, on what constitutes an "undue burden." Activists on all sides are hoping the high court will provide a clearer definition in its decision in the Texas case. That case centers on the state's requirement that abortion clinics meet hospital-like ambulatory surgical center standards — which include minimum sizes for rooms and doorways, pipelines for anesthesia and other modifications. In June, a three-judge panel of the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals largely upheld the new abortion restrictions, saying the new law does not impose an undue burden on a majority of Texas women seeking abortions.

Justice Anthony Kennedy could be the swing vote. If he sides with the conservatives on the court, the resulting 4-4 tie would affirm the lower court ruling.

The lower court also granted the relatively remote Whole Woman's Health in McAllen an exemption to some narrow elements of the ambulatory surgical center requirements and from a separate provision of the law that requires doctors who perform abortions to have admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles of an abortion clinic.

Barring a tied vote, a decision in the Texas case could also determine the constitutionality of restrictions in place in other areas of the country. As of November, 10 states had adopted admitting privileges requirements, but courts blocked enforcement in six of those states, according to the Center for Reproductive Rights. Six states had enacted ambulatory surgical center standards on abortion facilities. Those restrictions were not in effect in two of those states.

The Supreme Court is also scheduled to hear arguments March 23 in a case that would decide whether religious nonprofits should be required to provide birth control benefits to female employees, even if the employers object to certain contraceptives on religious grounds. The court will take up seven related cases from around the country, including one brought by East Texas Baptist University and Houston Baptist University.

Immigration

The high court also agreed to hear the state's case against the Obama administration's controversial executive action on immigration that was announced in November 2014.

Known as Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents, or DAPA, the action would shield more than 4 million undocumented immigrants in the country from deportation proceedings and allow them to apply for three-year work permits. Lower courts have ruled to halt the policy three separate times.

The Supreme Court agreed to hear the case in January but has yet to schedule arguments.

Gov. Greg Abbott, in his former role as Texas attorney general, filed suit to stop DAPA and argued the president was abusing his executive authority. U.S. District Court Judge Andrew Hanen of Brownsville ruled the Obama administration failed to comply with the federal government's Administrative Procedure Act, which governs how federal regulations are made. A Nov. 9 decision by the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld that decision, and the executive action remains unenforced as the appeal rises to the Supreme Court.

During an interview with The Texas Tribune this month, Solicitor General Scott Keller said the case wasn't about immigration, but instead about the separation of powers.

"I think the justices take seriously every single case that goes before them," he said. "And when they see this case, they are going to see an executive that is pushing through a sweeping theory of executive power. And the court takes the separation of powers very seriously, and forcing the separation of power is something the court has done for decades."

UT's affirmative action policy

The death of Scalia cast uncertainty on many important cases before the Supreme Court, but probably won't have a major impact on the decision in Fisher v. the University of Texas at Austin, which is a case about the constitutionality of affirmative action.

Justice Anthony Kennedy is still the likely swing vote, just as he was before Scalia died.

Abigail Fisher, who is white, contends she was unconstitutionally denied admission into UT-Austin in 2008 because of her race. UT-Austin considers the race of a small portion of its applicants, and black and Hispanic students often get a slight advantage in that pool of admissions. If Fisher wins her case, UT-Austin might be unable to consider the race of its applicants in the future. A broad ruling against UT-Austin could even end affirmative action nationwide.

Scalia, a longtime opponent of affirmative action, was almost certain to vote against UT-Austin. He was in the dissent in Grutter v. Bollinger in 2003, when the Supreme Court upheld the practice of affirmative action in a limited way.

During oral arguments in the Fisher case in December, he repeatedly cast doubts on whether racial preferences were constitutional or whether they did anyone any good.

He cited an argument that sending black and Hispanic students to schools that they aren't necessarily qualified for doesn't do them any good. He said most of the black scientists in America "do not come from the most advanced schools."

"There are those who contend that it does not benefit African-Americans to get them into the University of Texas where they do not do well, as opposed to having them go to a less-advanced school, a slower track school where they do well," he said.

Scalia was one of four conservative justices who most people predicted would vote against UT-Austin, unless some kind of broad compromise was reached. Meanwhile, three liberals on the court — Sonia Sotomayor, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer — have indicated support for affirmative action. (The court's fourth liberal, Elena Kagan, recused herself because she worked on the case while she was U.S. solicitor general.)

If Kennedy joins the conservatives or liberals in a ruling that breaks down along ideological lines, the vote will now be 4-3 either way. With Scalia on the court, it would have been 5-3 in favor of the conservatives or a 4-4 tie, the latter of which would have kept standing the the lower court's ruling in favor of UT-Austin.

The case could also end in some kind of unexpected compromise that doesn't break down along ideological lines, just like it did when the Supreme Court heard it the first time in 2013. That year, the court voted 7-1 to essentially avoid a major decision, instead remanding the case to a lower court.

"One of the reasons I am convinced the court did take the case is that the conservatives figured out they couldn't lose — they had four sure votes and were willing to roll the dice with Kennedy," said Sanford Levinson, a constitutional law expert at the University of Texas at Austin.

"Now they have three sure votes, and the liberals have three sure votes — so it goes to Kennedy. They might decide just to dump the case, to say it was unwise to [take up the case] in the first place, because it seems to me not unlikely that you could end up with a 3-3-1 decision.'

Redistricting

Finally, the justices heard arguments last year on a Texas case that questions a basic idea in American election law. In Evenwel v. Abbott, the plaintiffs argue that their voting power is diluted by the way Texas draws its state legislative districts, saying those lines should be based on the number of eligible voters in each district and not on population.

Congressional districts are based on population, as directed in the Constitution. The Evenwel case challenges Texas Senate district lines; a decision allowing states to use eligible voters as a base could shatter current lines here and in other states that want to make the change, remaking the distribution of power in state legislatures. That decision is pending.

The court has already accepted those four cases, among others, but doesn't have to do anything this term if the justices decide to change course.

If the justices don't want to rule on a case they've already accepted, they can announce it was "improvidently granted," which means lower court ruling holds, Levinson said. They can hold over any unheard cases they want until they have a ninth colleague, and they can rehear oral arguments with a ninth colleague if they want to wait or they think a ruling with a four-person majority would be too controversial.

"It certainly wouldn't surprise me if they hold over some stuff where time really isn't of the essence," Levinson said. "You can make this argument of the election case [Evenwel]. If they hold it over, the world won't come to an end."

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Meetings schedule

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

Midland College
4 p.m.
Gibson boardroom, Administration Building, Midland College campus

Club meetings, support groups today

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

■ Pop-Up Toasters Toastmasters Club., 6:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church's Family Life Center - Room 228, 800 W. Texas Ave.; 432-242-2061 or popuptoasters@gmail.com.

■ The Helping Hand Metastatic Cancer Support Group, noon, Texas Tech Physicians of the Permian Basin Clinic, Room 210B. Lunch will be served. To RSVP , call Amber Chavez at 620-1023.

■ National Active & Retired Federal Employees, 6 p.m., Jack E. Brown Dining Hall at Midland College. For information, call 634-7826.

■ Midland Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church (Koinonia Room); Judith Craig, 683-3648.

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

■ Classic Movie Club, 7 p.m., Cigar Frog's, 216 N. Main St.; 687-1671.

■ Sons of Confederate Veterans, Dunn-Holt-Mid-kiff Camp No. 1441, 7 p.m., Fairmont Park Church of Christ Activities Annex; Tom Owens, tmowens44@juno.com or 697-6955.

■ Permian Basin Dance Club with live country western bands, 7:30 p.m.-10 p.m., St. Stephen's ballroom, 4601 Neely St. 432-520-4343 or 432-296-9840.

Military support groups

■ A confidential peer-to-peer support gathering for combat veterans at Midland College Cogdell Center, 201 Florida Ave.; Steve Cree, 770-7469.

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

■ American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 19, 6:30 p.m., 501 Veterans Airpark Lane; 682-5511.

■ Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1303 E. Taylor, bingo games 7 p.m.

■ VFW Post 4149 Motorcycle Group 4 meets 7 p.m., 409 Veterans Airpark Lane, 684-9226.

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■ Centers for Children and Families (570-1084)
■ Midland College Veterans Affairs Office (685-4511)
■ Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee (366-3458)
■ Soldiers of Today and Yesterday (631-3429)

Community calendar

■ Betenbough Homes will host a free home-buying class at 6:30 p.m. today at 6718 N. State Highway 349. Topics include benefits of ownership; qualifying for a loan and loan options; initial investments and monthly payments; and selecting a floor plan.

■ Keep Midland Beautiful, the Texas Department of Transportation and the city of Midland will be dedicating a gateway monument on State Highway 349 near Solomon Lane and Fire Station 4. The ceremony is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday.

The monument, which measures 10 feet high and 50 feet wide, is made of pavers that fill a triangular median. The monument features the city's name in 3-foot-tall letters, an oil derrick, a pump jack and the Texas star. The project was funded by money KMB received as a part of the Governor's Community Achievement Awards through Keep Texas Beautiful and TxDOT.

Encino Landscape Inc. of Cleveland won the landscaping project with a bid of $442,080, according to KMB.

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Today in history

On Feb. 16, 1968, the nation's first 911 emergency telephone system was inaugurated in Haleyville, Alabama.

Trial to start on IS-linked charges in cartoon contest

By Jaques Billeaud
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Halfway through 2014, three Arizona men were falling under the sway of the Islamic State group, authorities say.

The trio watched videos depicting violence by jihadists, tried to get pipe bombs, planned an attack at a Prophet Muhammad cartoon contest in Texas last year and researched travel to the Middle East so they could join Islamic State fighters, investigators say.

Two of the men brought semiautomatic rifles and an Islamic State flag to the May 3 contest featuring cartoons deemed offensive to Muslims and died in a shootout with police before hurting anyone attending the event in suburban Dallas.

The third man goes on trial Tuesday in Phoenix in what is believed to be the first time the U.S. government has put a person on trial on terror charges related to the militant group.

Abdul Malik Abdul Kareem, a 44-year-old moving company owner, is accused of hosting the two gunmen at his home to discuss plans for the attack, going target shooting in the remote Arizona desert with the pair and providing the guns used at the contest.

Prosecutors say Kareem also encouraged Elton Simpson and Nadir Soofi to carry out violence in the United States in support of the Islamic State group and inquired about explosives to blow up a stadium in metro Phoenix during the 2015 Super Bowl.

Kareem denies the allegations.

It's unknown whether the thwarted Texas attack was inspired by the Islamic State or carried out in response to an order from the group.

Prosecutors paint a picture of three men being influenced by the group, which has amassed thousands of fighters around the globe and taken control of parts of Syria and Iraq while carrying out beheadings, mass shootings and other violence.

Six weeks before the cartoon contest, Simpson accessed an Islamic State list of residential addresses of U.S. military service members whom the group wanted attacked.

Simpson and Soofi also drove to Yuma and elsewhere in Arizona near military installations after having discussed plans to attack a base.

FBI Director James Comey told lawmakers in December that one of the attackers exchanged more than 100 messages with an overseas terrorist in the days before the attack in Garland. Kareem's indictment says Simpson used social media to communicate with Islamic State extremists and other violent jihadists.

The U.S. Justice Department didn't respond to questions about the case.

While 'affluenza' teen went free, similar case led to prison

By Nomaan Merchant
Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE — One 16-year-old drove drunk, ran a red light and crashed into a pregnant woman's car, killing her and her unborn child. Another drunken teenager rammed a pickup truck into a crowd of people assisting a stranded driver, killing four.

Jaime Arellano went to prison. Ethan Couch went free.

The stories of the two Texas teens illustrate how prosecutors' decisions in similar cases can lead to wildly different outcomes. The poor immigrant from Mexico has been behind bars for almost a decade. The white kid with rich parents got 10 years of probation.

Couch lost control as he drove his family's pickup truck after he and his friends had played beer pong and consumed beer that some of them had stolen from Wal-Mart. The vehicle veered into a crowd of people helping the driver on the side of the road. Authorities later estimated that he was going 70 mph in a 40 mph zone.

The crash fatally injured the stranded motorist, a youth minister who stopped to help her and a mother and daughter who came out of their nearby home.

But prosecutors in Fort Worth said they didn't ask to have his case moved to the adult system because they thought the judge would refuse. Instead, he stayed in juvenile court and became infamous for his psychologist's assertion that his wealthy parents coddled him into a sense of irresponsibility the psychologist called "affluenza."

Arellano was charged with intoxication manslaughter and intoxication assault, the same counts against Couch. But prosecutors in Arellano's case moved quickly after his June 2007 crash to send him to adult court. Arellano took a plea deal and got 20 years in prison, where he remains today.

Sending Arellano's case to the adult system opened the door to the kind of punishment many say Couch should have received from the beginning.

Matt Bingham, the Smith County district attorney and head of the office that prosecuted Arellano, declined to comment on Couch's case but said he considered adult prison to be a fair option for any teenager who has killed someone.

Juveniles don't always commit "what people think of as juvenile crimes," Bingham said. "There is an appropriate punishment for what they have done. And the fact that they're 16 years of age doesn't negate that."

Arellano could never have argued he had "affluenza."

Arellano and his family crossed the U.S.-Mexico border illegally two years before the crash and settled in East Texas. He spoke little English and had little knowledge of the court system. Five months before the crash, he dropped out of high school.

Now 24, he spoke to The Associated Press about his case from behind a narrow glass partition at a Texas prison. Wearing a white inmate uniform, he spoke in soft, accented English that he said he learned while in prison.

Arellano had his first beer at 15 and had driven drunk a few times before. His parents tried to stop him from driving under the influence, but he said he wouldn't listen.

"They talked to me way too many times," he said. "But I just didn't want to hear it."

On the night of June 23, 2007, Arellano was driving an SUV through Tyler, about 100 miles east of Dallas, on his way to a party. He had an open beer and several more in a cooler.

Witnesses saw him swerve through the intersection and slam into a Ford Mustang making a left turn ahead, according to police reports.

Driving the Mustang was Martha Mondragon, a 31-year-old woman who was nine months' pregnant. Mondragon and the child she was carrying were killed. Her 6-year-old daughter flew out of her booster seat and through a car window. She was hospitalized and survived.

Prosecutors quickly sought to have Arellano's case moved to adult court, and a judge agreed.

At that point, Arellano faced two choices: a plea deal with the promise of 20 years in prison and possible parole after a decade, or a jury trial in one of the most conservative regions of the United States and the risk of 50 years in prison. He took the plea.

While he once thought he might have gotten probation if he were white, Arellano said he doesn't feel that way today.

"I know it was serious," he said. "It had to happen this way so I could better myself, so I could think better."

Arellano becomes eligible for parole next year. Once released, he expects to be deported to Mexico, where he hopes to work on a ranch.

Some contractors say new disclosure law is confusing

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Some attorneys and financial services firms dealing with municipal bond sales are seeking clarification of a new Texas law that requires disclosure of who is making money from government contracts.

The Texas Ethics Commission in April is expected to review concerns that the statute, which took effect Jan. 1, is confusing, the Houston Chronicle reported.

The law bars state and local governments from signing contracts unless vendors disclose their owners and others who helped facilitate or negotiate contracts that either have a value of at least $1 million or require a vote by a governing board.

"People should know where the money is going," State Rep. Giovanni Capriglione, R-Southlake, said. "The intent — regardless of whether it's a good or a service or a financial product — is for everyone to see who is profiting."

The law's reporting requirements are so broad that as many as 26,000 disclosure forms are expected to be filed by the end of the year, the newspaper reported.

Law firms and bond underwriters pushing to have the law amended by the 2017 Legislature say they support transparency in markets and the goal of the law but maintain that the new statute is confusing.

"Having a regime that is unclear, and has different firms filing the forms with different levels of information, potentially creates either an overabundance of information or not enough information," said Leslie Norwood, managing director and associate general counsel of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association.

The law does not define, according to Norwood, what a contract with a value of at least $1 million means: Do all firms that work on a bond sale of at least $1 million need to disclose the information, or only those that are paid fees of at least $1 million?

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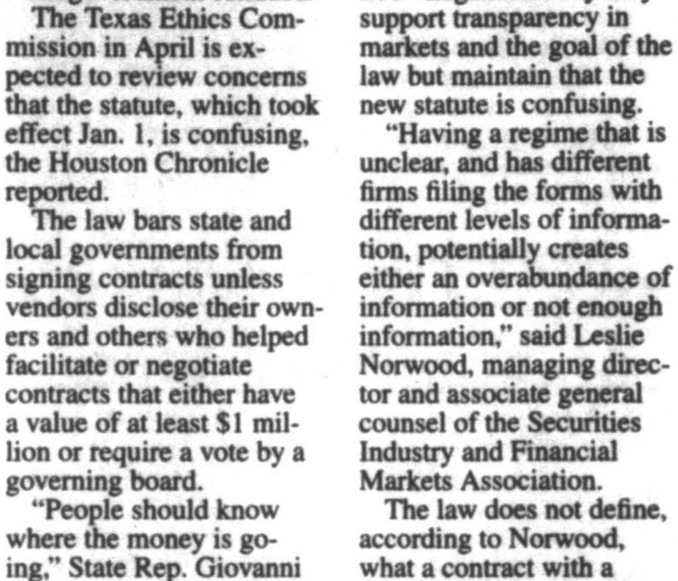

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Q&A

From 3A

principle of "one person, one vote," which the court has said requires that political districts be roughly equal in population.

But it has left open the question of whether states must count all residents, including noncitizens and children, or only eligible voters in drawing district lines.

Q: What will happen in the upcoming case over the Obama health care overhaul?

The Supreme Court will be looking at the health care law for the fourth time since its 2010 enactment. This time, the focus is on the arrangement the Obama administration worked out to spare faith-based hospitals, colleges and charities from paying for contraceptives for women covered under their health plans, while still ensuring that those women can obtain birth control at no extra cost as the law requires.

The faith-based groups argue that the accommodation still makes them complicit in providing contraception to which they have religious objections.

A tie vote here would sow rather than alleviate confusion because the appellate courts that have looked at the issue have not all come out the same way.

That prospect suggests that Justice Anthony Kennedy will join the court's four liberal justices to uphold the arrangement, Supreme Court lawyer Thomas Goldstein said.

Q: Are there cases in which a tie would be a loss for the Obama administration?

The administration's plan to shield up to 5 million people from deportation was struck down by lower courts, and a Supreme Court tie would leave that ruling in place. On abortion, the administration is backing a challenge to Texas' strict new regulations for abortion clinics. A federal appeals court upheld the regulations.

Q: Have there been other instances when a Supreme Court justice was nominated and confirmed in an election year?

More than a dozen Supreme Court justices have been confirmed during the final year of a president's term in office, but nearly all of those took place more than a century ago when the process was far less politically polarized.

Republican leaders in the Senate have argued that filling the vacancy left after Scalia's death should wait until after the next president is elected. Obama insists he plans to fulfill his duties under the Constitution to nominate a new justice before his term ends.

Most recently, Kennedy was confirmed by a 97-0 vote on Feb. 3, 1988, an election year. But Kennedy had been nominated by President Ronald Reagan in November 1987. And he was actually Reagan's third choice and far less reliably conservative than the first two picks. The Senate rejected the nomination of Robert Bork, and Douglas Ginsburg withdrew over reports that he used marijuana while a Harvard law professor.

Before that, it was 1940 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt nominated Frank Murphy in an election year, and he was confirmed in just 12 days on Jan. 16, 1940.

Q: When was the last time the Senate refused to confirm a Supreme Court nomination made during a president's final year in office?

President Lyndon Johnson nominated two men for Supreme Court seats in 1968, the last year of his presidency. He sought to elevate Justice Abe Fortas to replace Earl Warren as chief justice, and he nominated Homer Thornberry — a federal appellate judge from Texas — to fill the expected vacant seat.

But the Senate blocked a vote on Fortas over strong opposition to the move, and Fortas later withdrew his nomination. Without a vacancy, Thornberry's nomination also never got a Senate vote.

Warren eventually retired in 1969, and President Richard Nixon named Warren Burger to replace him.

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RIP Antonin Scalia, a conservative legal giant

ROSS DOUTHAT
New York Times News Service

Antonin Scalia, dead unexpectedly this weekend at 79, was not the most politically powerful justice during his three decades on the Supreme Court. That distinction belonged to the court's two swing votes, Sandra Day O'Connor and then Anthony M. Kennedy, respectively the philosopher queen and king of our fraying republican order.

Unlike them, Scalia did not have the opportunity to write all his preferences into the law of the land. For every victory he won, there was a sharp defeat; for every important majority opinion a stinging, quotable dissent. And on the issues he cared the most about — abortion, above all — his defeats were famous and his dissents often not just eloquent but anguished.

But in every other respect, he was the most important justice of his era.

He was important because of his intellectual influence. There were and are many legal theories and schools of constitutional interpretation within the world of American conservatism. But Scalia's combination of brilliance, eloquence and good timing — he was appointed to the court in 1986, a handful of years after the Federalist Society was founded, and with it the conservative legal movement as we know it — ensured that his ideas, originalism in constitutional law and textualism in statutory interpretation, would set the agenda for a serious judicial conservatism and define the worldview that any "living Constitution" liberal needed to wrestle with in order to justify his own position.

This intellectual importance was compounded by the way he strained to be consistent, to rule based on principle rather than on his partisan biases — which made him stand out in an age when justices often seem as purely partisan as any other office holder. Of course there were plenty of cases ("Bush v. Gore!" a liberal might interject here) in which those biases probably did shape the way he ruled. But from flag burning to the rights of the accused to wartime detention, Scalia had a long record of putting originalist principle above a partisan conservatism. And this, too, set an example for his fellow conservatives: The fact that today the court's right-leaning bloc has far more interesting internal disagreements than the often lock-step-voting liberal wing is itself a testament to the premium its leading intellectual light placed on philosophical rigor and integrity.

Finally, Scalia's eloquence and brio ensured that his influence was not just intellectual but also personal. Countless conservative legal eagles who came of age after 1986 will talk about how it was Scalia who inspired them to pursue a career in the law, Scalia who showed them what it meant to be an intellectually fulfilled right-winger in a profession that tilts left, Scalia whose good-humored zest for intellectual combat shaped their own approach to controversy. Indeed, there are few professional conservatives, period — academics or think tankers or even newspaper columnists — who have not been influenced in some sense by Scalia's words, his writing, his mind.

And not only conservatives: From the first, but more so as he aged, liberals recognized Antonin Scalia as their side's Great Antagonist, the kind of larger-than-life personality that you despise and admire in equal measure, a foe who inspires not just self-righteousness but also, occasionally, self-doubt.

It is because of all of this — because of his immense influence, his intellectual clout, his long cultural shadow — that Scalia's death in a presidential year promises to be a nightmare for the republic.

As absurd as it often feels to have Anthony Kennedy as the last arbiter of everything, in a way we've been weirdly fortunate in the court's long-running 5-4-with-a-swing-vote split. It's allowed both halves of our polarized republic to feel somewhat represented on the highest court, to feel as if they have at least a fighting chance in the majority of controversies, to feel as if there's some legitimacy — not a lot, maybe, but some — to the decisions of our unelected guardians. (As much as liberals may hate the Roberts court for Citizens United, it also gave them same-sex marriage and protected Obamacare; as much as conservatives object to Kennedy's ruling in Obergefell, they're grateful for his ruling in Hobby Lobby.)

To have the intellectual godfather of the conservative bloc replaced by a liberal appointee would upset this balance, perhaps irrevocably. As it was for a time — and not a happy time — in the 1960s and 1970s, the court would simply become the Enemy to half the country, a vanguard force pulling the political order to the left.

This reality trumps the patterns of (very modest) compromise that enabled Samuel Alito, John Roberts, Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor to win confirmation, and it makes it impossible to imagine Republican senators confirming an Obama appointee in the next 11 months. And it's probably a good thing for the republic that they won't: If there is to be a liberal replacement for a figure as towering as Scalia, if the court is about to swing sharply to the left, it's far better for the judicial branch's legitimacy if that swing follows a democratic election, a campaign in which the high court stakes are front and center in the race.

But because they will be front and center, Scalia's death promises a war like none other between here and November, and an extra layer of insanity in a campaign already defined by radicals and demagogues.

The irony is that this kind of high-stakes collision of law and politics is precisely the thing that Scalia's legal philosophy strained to curb and check and roll back, by promoting a more limited and humble vision of the Supreme Court's role in our republic.

But for all of his importance, all his influence, in this effort he clearly failed — and what's about to come will prove it.

OUR VIEW

Americans can capably decide who Scalia's replacement should be

We were sad to hear of the death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. So much already has been written about the life of the man, including the reaction of Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, who said, "His fierce loyalty to the Constitution set an unmatched example, not just for judges and lawyers, but for all Americans."

The Associated Press, it seemed, wrote it best when it reported "Scalia deeply influenced a generation of conservative legal thinkers and was a lightning rod for criticism from the left almost from the moment President Ronald Reagan put him on the court in 1986."

For conservatives in West Texas, his loss goes beyond the mindless bickering of a cable news/talk radio-infused society. Scholars will study for years his impact on the courts and conservatism. Conservatives will appreciate the mind of this judicial giant well beyond the time his replacement is picked. This brings us to the elephant in the room: Scalia's successor.

We already have heard what the president is expected to do and how the Republican-led Senate will counter. The president should have every opportunity to pick his person. Voters know this when they cast a ballot — or opt not to cast a ballot — every four years. As the presidency is decided, so goes the Supreme Court with nominations of like-minded individuals when there is a vacancy on the court. We have heard the theory that hard-right Republicans decided to stay home in 2012 because they could not stomach voting for Mitt Romney. It has been said that the decision of people to stay home delivered the election to President Obama. If the president gets to pick Scalia's replacement — a third Obama selection to the Supreme Court — Republicans can thank those who opted not to vote for the ideological shift in the court.

However, in our view, we don't think that Scalia's replacement needs to be named just yet. We side with Republicans who believe our country's voters should have some say in this — not because we think Republicans have a right to replace Scalia with a conservative, but because we can't think of a more important time for the right justice nomination. We like the idea that those eligible to vote ultimately make the call for Scalia's replacement by selecting the person they believe is appropriate to be the next president. It should drive turnout in the primary process and energize an electorate in the general election, and there is nothing wrong with that.

This takes the decision out of the hands of a president who has blurred the lines of where his executive powers end. This also opens a Pandora's box for Republicans, because it allows for Democrats to turn the tables if the same situation happens in the future.

Again, in our view, the president's legacy takes a back seat to what's best for the country, and we trust America's eligible voters more than we do either political party to direct an outcome that's best for our country.

Maybe Democrats don't believe their presidential candidate — no matter who it is — will pass muster in November. Maybe Republicans don't get that their party might not win in November and this action could cost the party control of the Senate as well. Regardless, we are willing to let the chips fall where they may. We have confidence that America's voters know what's best for their country, and this hands the power back to the people who deserve it most.

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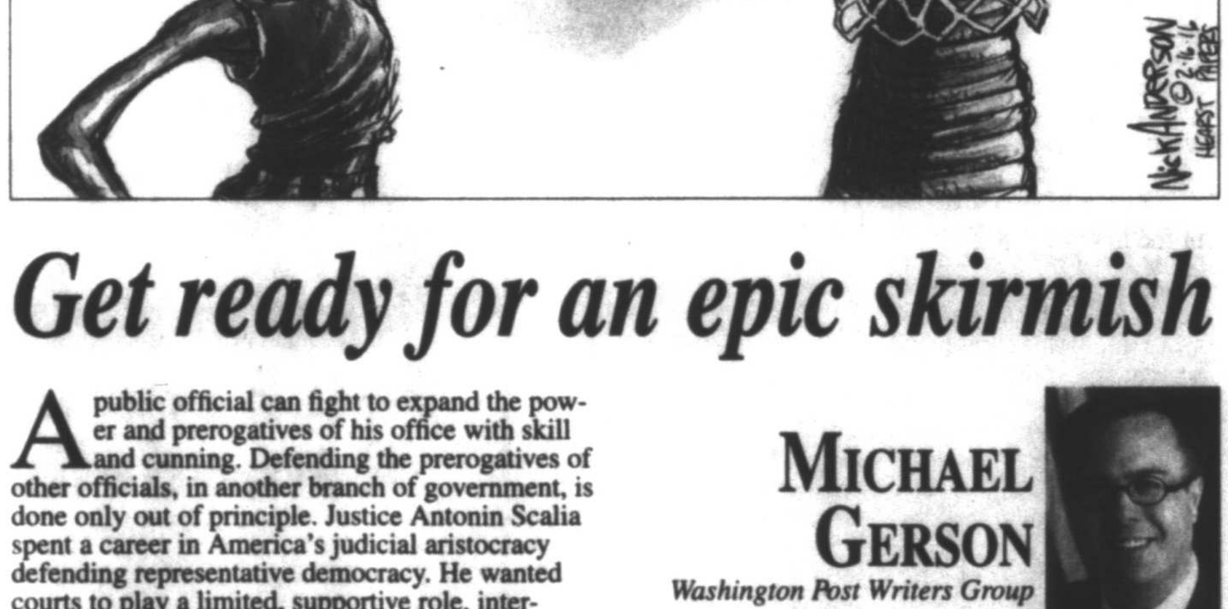

Get ready for an epic skirmish

MICHAEL GERSON
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A public official can fight to expand the power and prerogatives of his office with skill and cunning. Defending the prerogatives of other officials, in another branch of government, is done only out of principle. Justice Antonin Scalia spent a career in America's judicial aristocracy defending representative democracy. He wanted courts to play a limited, supportive role, interpreting texts produced by representatives of the people. If new meanings are required — as they often are, in a varied, progressing country — then it is the people who need to provide them.

"Do you think the American people would ever have ratified" the Constitution, Scalia asked, if they had known that "the meaning of this document shall be whatever a majority of the Supreme Court says it is?" On issues such as abortion rights, he said that judges "vote on the basis of what they feel," which amounts to "the destruction of our democratic system."

The reaction of judges who enjoy a starring role in American government was, and is, negative. Which is unsurprising. Progressive judges have an interest in making their private moral intuitions the law of the land, without the inconvenience of having to persuade their fellow citizens. If judicial decision-making involves the interpretation of evolving standards, this gives tremendous influence to the interpreters. Progressives generally like this approach because it has secured progressive outcomes. But, as a political theory, there is nothing particularly liberal about it because it grants immense political power to a small self-serving, self-dealing elite.

Here is Scalia: "The non-originalist judge who decides what the modern Constitution ought to mean — perhaps by applying his favorite principles of moral philosophy, or perhaps only by applying his own brilliant analysis of what the times require — escapes the application of any clear standard, by which we may conclude that he is a charlatan."

In exposing this scheme, Scalia — the strongest of Catholics — was thoroughly Protestant in his disposition. He viewed the advocates of a "living Constitution" in much the same way that Martin Luther viewed the Roman Catholic priesthood — as a class maintaining its power through mystification and the claim that only it can interpret sacred texts. Scalia argued for the plain meaning of texts, available to everyday people. A priesthood of citizens. And Scalia did spark something of a reformation, inspiring a generation of judicial originalists who have gained serious influence in academia and on the bench.

The question "Who judges?" is also the question "Who rules?" Scalia, the brightest judicial light of his time, wanted the representative branches to rule.

And so how is the legislative branch likely to respond to a Supreme Court vacancy as consequential as the one Scalia's death creates? Not well.

In the plain meaning of the text of the Constitution, appointing "judges of the Supreme Court" is a presidential power. And Alexander Hamilton, in Federalist 76, asserts broad presidential discretion in exercising this authority and sets out narrow grounds for the Senate to reject nominees.

All of which now means little. The nomination system is broken beyond recognition. And yes, it is Democrats who started it. The nomination of Robert Bork to the Supreme Court during the Reagan years set the pattern — in ideologically decisive nominations — of war-room style campaigns involving opposition research and public defamation. As far as I can tell, there is no going back.

President Obama's task is further complicated by exceptionally bad relations with Congress. Most Republican leaders can (and do) relate stories of snubs and disdainful treatment by the president. He has no chits of goodwill to cash.

And the political pressures on Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell all go in one direction: to delay, without even a Judiciary Committee vote. If McConnell allows a decisive change in the Supreme Court on his watch, conservatives will ask: What good is having a Senate majority anyway? The revolt against McConnell would be broad, and include much of the Republican presidential field.

Obama will attempt to change this dynamic with an appealing and/or exceptionally qualified nominee. Could the Iowan leader of the Judiciary Committee, Chuck Grassley, really oppose an Iowan? Could the Senate refuse someone who it approved for a lower court by 97-0?

It will not matter. In part because the Supreme Court has assumed such a large role in American life, a decisive shift in its ideological composition would be an event of massive political consequence. And no one will be bringing the Federalist Papers to this knife fight.

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SOUTH CAROLINA

George W. Bush offers tough Trump takedown in campaign debut

CHARLESTON — George W. Bush never mentioned Donald Trump. But with his folky touch, the former president unleashed a tough takedown Monday of the billionaire businessman who has upended a Republican Party his family has long led.

"I understand Americans are angry and frustrated," Bush said during his first campaign rally for his brother, Jeb Bush. "But we do not need somebody in the Oval Office who mirrors and inflames our anger and frustration."

Trump's rise has confounded the Bush family and its allies. But despite months of predicting the brash billionaire would fade, it's Jeb Bush whose White House hopes are in peril, particularly if he's unable to pull out a strong showing in Saturday's South Carolina primary.

The former president emerged from his self-imposed political hibernation to try to give Bush a boost. He layered each validation of his younger brother with an implicit critique of Trump.

He urged voters to back a candidate who will be "measured and thoughtful" on the world stage. A candidate whose "humility" helps him understand what he doesn't know. A candidate who can win in November's general election.

"All the sloganeering and all the talk doesn't matter if we don't win," Bush said. "We need somebody who can take a positive message across the country."

With his brother as a strong warm-up act, Jeb Bush delivered an impassioned version of his campaign speech, touting his experience as Florida governor and vowing he could put Republicans back in the White House for the first time in eight years.

"I can beat Hillary Clinton," he said of the Democratic front-runner. "I can promise you that."

The former president's return to presidential politics has been met with blistering attacks from Trump about the unpopular Iraq war and the economic recession that began at the end of his administration. Trump has also repeatedly reminded voters that the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks happened on Bush's watch.

"If the ex-president is campaigning for his brother, I think he's probably open to great scrutiny, maybe things that haven't been thought of in the past," Trump told reporters Monday.

Rather than gloss over 9/11, Bush leaned in. As the crowd fell into a hushed silence, he recounted in detail his whereabouts on the morning of the attacks and praised the troops that served in the two wars he started in response.

"Your most solemn job as voters is to elect a president who understands the reality of the threats we face," he said.

CALIFORNIA

Obama welcomes Southeast Asian leaders to US for talks

RANCHO MIRAGE — President Barack Obama has opened a meeting of leaders from Southeast Asia, saying the landmark gathering on U.S. soil reflects his personal commitment to a strong and enduring partnership with the region's diverse countries.

Obama said he got to know Southeast Asia as a boy living in Indonesia with his mother.

He has worked as president to raise the U.S. profile in the region.

Obama said the people of a 10-nation bloc of Southeast Asian countries have always treated him well when he visits. He says that's why he's holding their two-day summit in sunny California, not in Washington, where snow fell Monday.

The summit marks the first time these leaders have met at the invitation of the U.S.

LAS VEGAS

A new prize in Nevada: the Asian-American vote

Cynthia Ameli stopped her car, shocked at what she saw: A group of young Asian-Americans waving Obama campaign signs on the side of a Las Vegas thoroughfare.

A Chinese-American who grew up in Chicago, Ameli was used to African-Americans and Latinos organizing for candidates, but not members of her own ethnic community. Even more astounding to her were how those signs in late 2012 announced the support of a community that had rarely spoken out about its politics — "Asian American Pacific Islanders for Obama." Ameli leapt out of her car and asked for a sign.

Now Ameli, a 57-year-old pharmacist, keeps a collection of Asian-American campaign placards and buttons at her house, including new ones from the Hillary Clinton campaign, for which she volunteers.

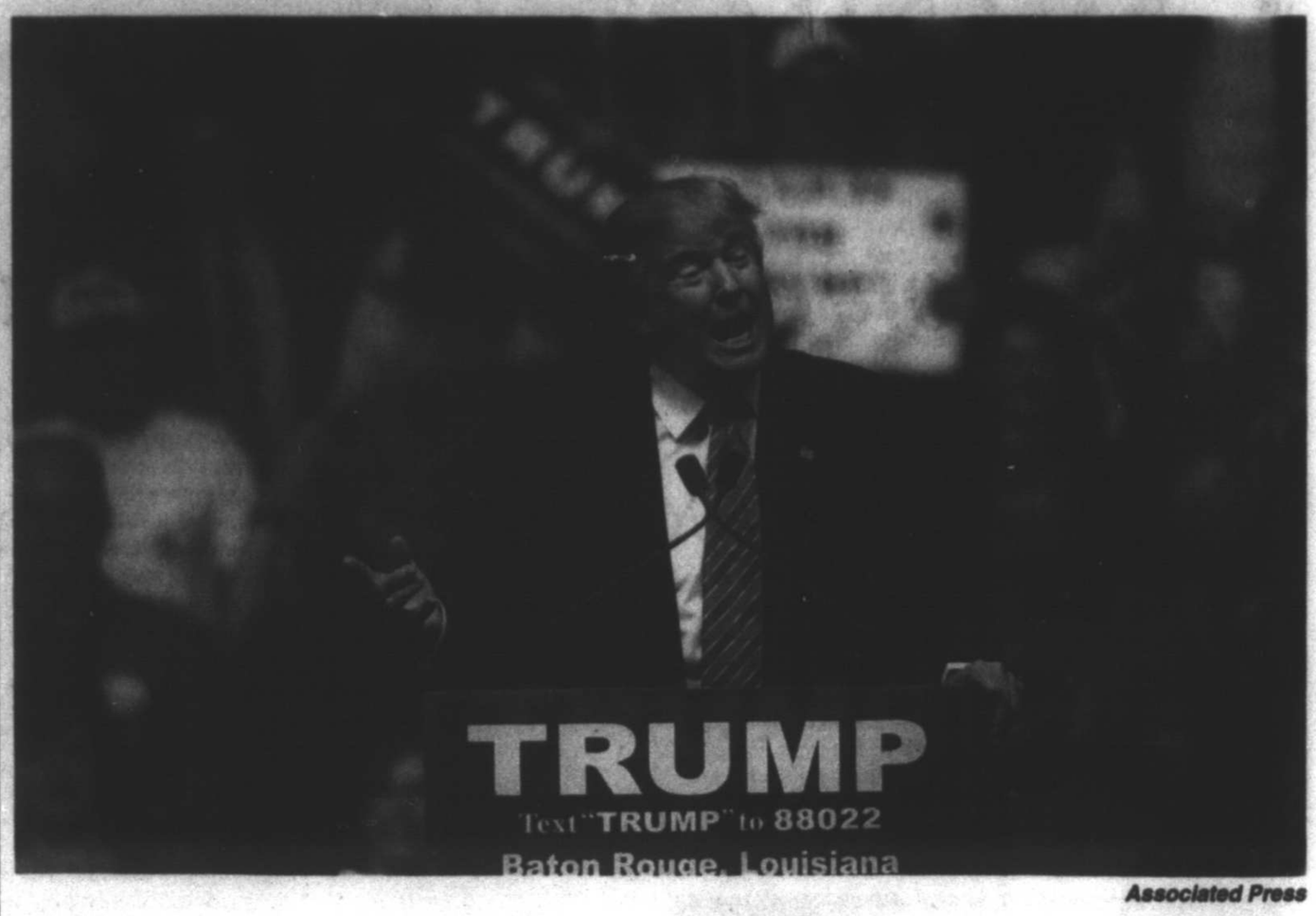
As Clinton and Bernie Sanders scrap for every vote before Saturday's Nevada caucuses, they are competing for support among members of the nation's fastest-growing ethnic group, one that both parties are trying to win over. Asian-Americans comprise 6 percent of the U.S. population and their numbers have increased 56 percent since 2000. In Nevada, Asian-Americans are 9 percent of the population.

Asian-Americans encompass a diverse range of people, among them recent Chinese immigrants, Muslims from Pakistan, Filipino-American Catholics and U.S. citizens from Hawaii. Campaigns are paying attention.

"It's a fast-growing population, it's young, people are getting engaged," said Shu-Yen Wei, who helps with Asian-American outreach for the Democratic National Committee. "That's why people are interested."

Since the 1990s, exit polls have found Asian-Americans voting increasingly Democratic during presidential elections, with 73 percent backing President Barack Obama in 2012. Analysts attributed that to the GOP's criticism of illegal immigration.

But in the 2014 midterm elections, Asian voters appeared to split evenly between Democrats and Republicans. Their numbers are small enough so that it's difficult to rely on polling to determine their leanings. Most, analysts agree, do not register with a political party, and they have among the lowest turnout rates of any group.



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Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks Thursday at a campaign rally in Baton Rouge, La. Eyebrows shot up when Sarah Palin used a salty acronym, WTF, to mock the policies of President Barack Obama in 2011. Five years later, Trump has blown right past acronyms in a profanity-laced campaign for the Republican nomination that has seen multiple candidates hurl insults and disparaging remarks at one another and their critics.

Into the mosh pit: Republican campaign talk gets nastier

By Nancy Benac
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In 2011, eyebrows shot up when former vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin used a salty acronym — WTF — to mock the policies of President Barack Obama.

How quaint.

Five years later, Donald Trump has blown right past acronyms. He's in a profanity-laced campaign for the Republican nomination that has seen multiple candidates hurl insults and disparaging remarks at one another and their critics.

In recent days, Trump has publicly lip-synced the F-bomb, blurted out the S-word more than once, hurled an offensive term for coward at rival Ted Cruz and fired a steady string of put-downs at other candidates whom he labels pathetic, liars, losers, nasty, evil and more.

While Trump started it, other GOP candidates have jumped right into the rhetorical mosh pit, readily trading versions of "liar, liar" in Saturday night's venomous debate.

Cruz has said Trump is "losing it," called out his "Trumpertantrums" and dismissed the billionaire's insults as "hysterical."

Before exiting the race, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie predicted that he could beat Hillary Clinton in a debate, promising, "I'll beat her rear end on that stage," and tormented fellow Republican Marco Rubio as a fragile "boy in the bubble."

Even Jeb Bush, whose 90-year-old mother recently complained that he was too polite, belatedly joined in.

Bush, a favorite target of Trump's taunts, tweeted back: "You aren't just a loser, you are a liar and a whiner." This, after weeks of calling him a "jerk."

It's not that politicians are typically paragons of proper speech and etiquette. They've just tended to keep their name-calling and coarseness off-mic.

Now, it's on the podium — and by design.

"There's a general taboo-breaking that allows more and more of it to happen faster and faster," said Robert Lane Greene, author of "You Are What You Speak," a book about the politics of language. "The first time somebody does it, eyebrows go up and people get concerned, but then the next person doing it is less eye-opening."

The Democratic nomination contest has been tame in comparison with the Republicans: Hillary Clinton complained of a "low blow" when Bernie Sanders said she was a progressive only on "some days." Sanders, in turn, rejected Clinton's accusation that his campaign had engaged in an "artful smear" by insinuating that she was beholden to Wall Street.

As for the GOP campaign, Greene sees the coarseness of the GOP campaign as evidence that "the contest to become the alpha male in the room has become more obvious this time than in previous elections."

That seems to be just fine with the voters who have put Trump at the top of the polls and handed him a victory in New Hampshire's first-in-the-nation primary.

About a quarter of Republican voters in New Hampshire said "telling it like it is" was the most important quality to them in selecting a candidate, and two-thirds of those voters went for the potty-mouth guy who tells it like no one else.

"He's real, right?" said Joanne Galvin, an independent voter from Pelham, New Hampshire, explaining her vote for Trump. She dismissed his use of a vulgarity about Cruz at a big rally by saying Trump was simply repeating what someone in the audience had shouted out.

Trump has offered a similar defense and promised he'll tone things down if he gets closer to the presidency, saying, "When you're president, or if you're about to be president, you would act differently."

Asked during Saturday's debate about his penchant for profanity, Trump pledged to knock it off, saying, "I will not do it again ... Not using profanity is very easy." But he also made clear he has no intention of reining in his personal attacks and insults.

A super PAC supporting Bush is hoping Trump's language is a turnoff to South Carolina voters. It's running a radio ad in the state that strings together clips of Trump's expletive-deleted language and then asks, "Is this the type of man we want our children exposed to? The time is now for South Carolina to end the Trump charade."

Trump frames his blunt language as a harmless rejoinder to political correctness run amok, telling one TV interviewer, "Every once in a while you can have a little fun, don't you think?"

But Kathleen Hall Jamieson, director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania and an expert on political communication, said Trump has "hijacked" political correctness to justify his routine use of personal attacks. That's causing other candidates to mirror his tactics and creates a worrisome diversion from a needed discussion of ideas, she said.

Harking back to 1988, she recalled when Republican presidential contender Bob Dole stepped over a line when he snapped at GOP primary rival George Bush to "stop lying about my record."

Until then, she said, "candidates did not use the word 'lie' about each other."

It's all part of a broader trend toward informality in politics that has been going on for more than a century, says Greene.

Many Americans are drawn to Trump, Greene says, because he talks like "the guy next to them on the bar stool."

"Some people find the guy next to you on the barstool obnoxious, but a lot of Americans ARE that guy."

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Taylor Swift wins top Grammy Award; Kendrick Lamar wins 5

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Taylor Swift's official switch from country to pop with her multi-hit, best-selling "1989" album brought the singer her second Grammy Award win for album of the year.

Swift was shocked when she won the night's top prize, beating out Kendrick Lamar, Chris Stapleton, Alabama Shakes and the Weeknd. Swift used her speech to encourage young women who feel defeated at times or discouraged by others.

"There are going to people out there that try to undercut your success or take credit for your fame ... you don't let those people sidetrack (you)," she said.

Swift won Grammy album of the year for "Fearless" in 2009. She won three awards Monday, including best pop vocal album and best music video for "Bad Blood," at the Staples Center in Los Angeles.

Alabama Shakes also won three awards, though Lamar was the night's big winner with five.

He won best rap album for "To Pimp a Butterfly" as well as rap performance, rap song, rap/sung performance and music video.

Mark Ronson and Bruno Mars won two awards for "Uptown Funk," including record of the year. Ronson gave a shout-out to Prince, James Brown and George Clinton for being leaders in funk.

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- Album of the year: "1989," Taylor Swift.
- Best new artist: Meghan Trainor.
- Song of the year (songwriter's award): "Thinking Out Loud," Ed Sheeran and Amy Wadge.
- Best pop solo performance: "Thinking Out Loud," Ed Sheeran.
- Best pop duo/group performance: "Uptown Funk," Mark Ronson featuring Bruno Mars.
- Best traditional pop vocal album: "The Silver Lining: The Songs of Jerome Kern," Tony Bennett and Bill Charlap.
- Best pop vocal album: "1989," Taylor Swift.
- Best dance recording: "Where Are U Now," Skrillex and Diplo with Justin Bieber.
- Best dance/electronic album: "Skrillex And Diplo Present Jack U," Skrillex and Diplo.
- Best rock performance: "Don't Wanna Fight," Alabama Shakes.
- Best rock song: Alabama Shakes' "Don't Wanna Fight."
- Best rock album: "Drones," Muse.
- Best metal performance: "Cirice," Ghost.
- Best alternative music album: "Sound & Color," Alabama Shakes.
- Best urban contemporary album: "Beauty Behind the Madness," The Weeknd.
- Best R&B song: D'Angelo and The Vanguard's "Really Love."
- Best R&B performance: "Earned It (Fifty Shades of Grey)," The Weeknd.
- Best R&B album: "Black Messiah," D'Angelo and The Vanguard.
- Best rap performance: "Alright," Kendrick Lamar.
- Best rap/sung collaboration: "These Walls," Kendrick Lamar Featuring Bilal, Anna Wise and Thundercat.
- Best rap album: "To Pimp a Butterfly," Kendrick Lamar.
- Best rap song: Kendrick Lamar's "Alright."
- Best country album: "Traveller," Chris Stapleton.
- Best country solo: "Traveller," Chris Stapleton.
- Best country duo/group performance: "Girl Crush," Little Big Town.
- Best country song: Little Big Town's "Girl Crush."
- Best musical theater album: "Hamilton."

Associated Press

Virgin Galactic prepares to roll out new ship

■ XCOR among companies with space tourism projects

By John Antczak
Associated Press

Virgin Galactic later this month in Mojave, California, is preparing to roll out its new SpaceShipTwo, a vehicle the company hopes will one day take tourists to the edge of space. It comes roughly 15 1/2 months since an earlier incarnation was destroyed in a test flight, killing one of the pilots. Despite the setback, the dream of sending tourists to the edge of space and beyond is still alive. Space tourism companies are employing designs including winged vehicles, vertical rockets with capsules and high-altitude balloons.

A look at projects currently under development:

Virgin Galactic

The most prominent space tourism program, the commercial space line founded by adventurer-business mogul Sir Richard Branson will use a winged rocket plane dubbed SpaceShipTwo, successor to SpaceShipOne, which in 2004 won the $10 million Ansari X Prize that was intended to spur the industry's development.

SpaceShipTwo is designed to be flown by two pilots and carry up to six passengers on a suborbital trajectory to altitudes above 62 miles, an internationally recognized boundary of space.

Like early U.S. X-planes, Virgin Galactic's craft will be carried aloft by another aircraft, called WhiteKnightTwo, and released at about 50,000 feet before its rocket engine is ignited for a supersonic thrill ride to the fringes of space and a view of the Earth far below.

The space line says SpaceShipTwo's cabin is roomy enough for passengers to float during a few minutes of weightlessness before beginning an unpowered glide to a runway landing.

A key feature of the design is the so-called feathering system — a term derived from the feathers of a badminton projectile. Twin tails extending rearward from the tips of each wing rotate upward as a means to slow and stabilize SpaceShipTwo as it re-enters the atmosphere. The "feathers" then rotate back to their normal position for the rest of the glide and landing.

Virgin Galactic's first SpaceShipTwo was destroyed Oct. 31, 2014, when a co-pilot prematurely unlocked the feathers during a powered test flight and aerodynamic forces broke the craft apart. The co-pilot was killed but the pilot parachuted to safety. The company will roll out its new SpaceShipTwo later this month in Mojave, California, but the timeline for testing and commercial operation has not been released.

Hundreds of people have put down deposits of $250,000 for a chance to fly into space with Virgin Galactic, which plans to operate from Spaceport America in New Mexico.

Blue Origin

Amazon founder Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin project is testing a vertical-takeoff rocket topped by a six-passenger capsule for suborbital hops.

Like Astronaut Alan Shepard's pioneering 1961 flight during Project Mercury, the capsule separates from the booster rocket and descends beneath parachutes without going into orbit around the Earth.

The unconventional twist is reusability.

Blue Origin recently conducted a test launch from Texas in which the rocket dubbed New Shepard performed a vertical landing, slowing its descent by relighting its engine as it fell back to Earth. In January, the company launched the same rocket and it again landed intact.

Blue Origin said during flights, passengers will experience a few minutes of weightlessness after the capsule separates from the booster. Passengers will be able to leave their seats and float about the capsule before a signal tells them to be reseated for landing.

The company has chosen Florida for its base of operations. Details of space tourism operations have not been released.

XCOR Aerospace

The company has spent years developing a rocket plane named Lynx that is intended to be capable of making multiple flights each day with a pilot and one passenger aboard.

Unlike Virgin Galactic's SpaceShipTwo, the Lynx will take off under its own power from a runway, climb toward space and then glide back to a runway landing. XCOR also plans flights surpassing an altitude of 62 miles.

In December, the company said it reached a milestone in development of the Lynx propulsion system by successfully using waste heat to drive essential engine parts, eliminating the need for large and heavy tanks of compressed gas.

XCOR, now headquartered in Midland, also reported progress late last year in completing structural components of its first Lynx, as well as a flight simulator system for pilot training.

The company said it has more than 350 clients. The price of booking a seat rose from $100,000 to $150,000 Jan. 1, but the company has not said when flights will begin.

"The fact is that we are in a process in which you just can't rush things," Lynx test pilot Harry van Hulten said in press release last fall.

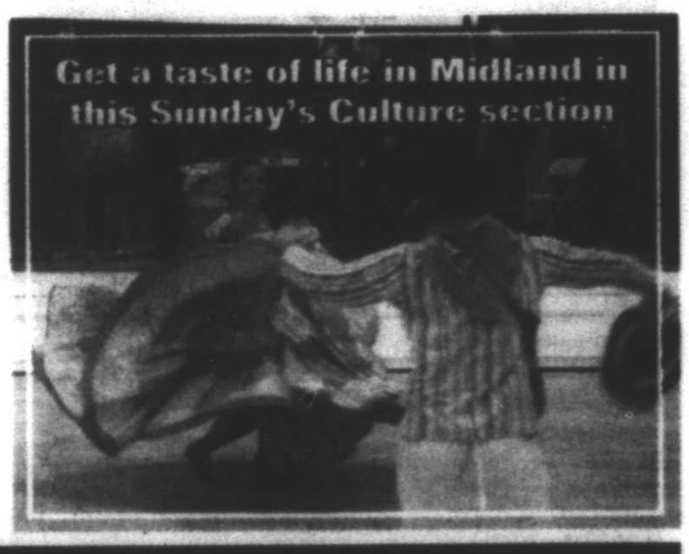
World View

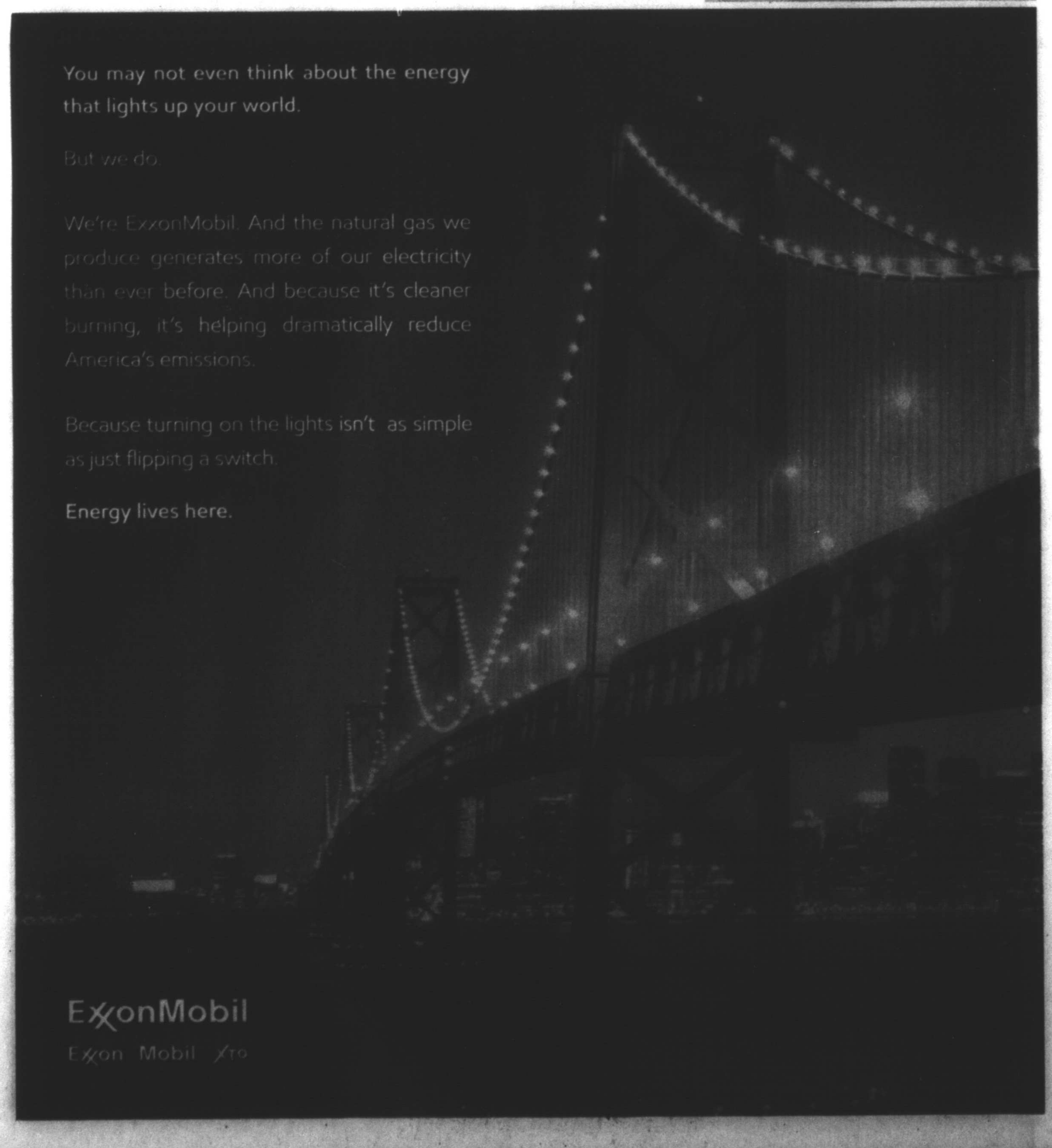
The Arizona company plans to loft passengers to altitudes above 100,000 feet in a capsule suspended below a "parawing" and a helium balloon.

The trip some 19 miles high would be to "near space" but would give a substantial view of the Earth far below while avoiding the stress of G forces endured during rocket flight.

Compared to flights on rocket-powered space tourism vehicles offering a few minutes at the top of a suborbital trajectory, World View envisions spending two hours at the maximum altitude, with amenities such as a lavatory.

The two-member crew then begins the landing process by venting helium until the capsule descends to 50,000 feet. The balloon is then released and the parawing allows the capsule to glide to a landing spot.





PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE MIDLAND REPORTER-TELEGRAM PRESENT

Classroom Pioneers

CELEBRATING INNOVATIVE EDUCATIONAL LEADERS

Louise Fry

LAMAR ELEMENTARY
KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

Thirty years into her career as a teacher, Louise Fry is still embracing new challenges and daily expanding her horizons.

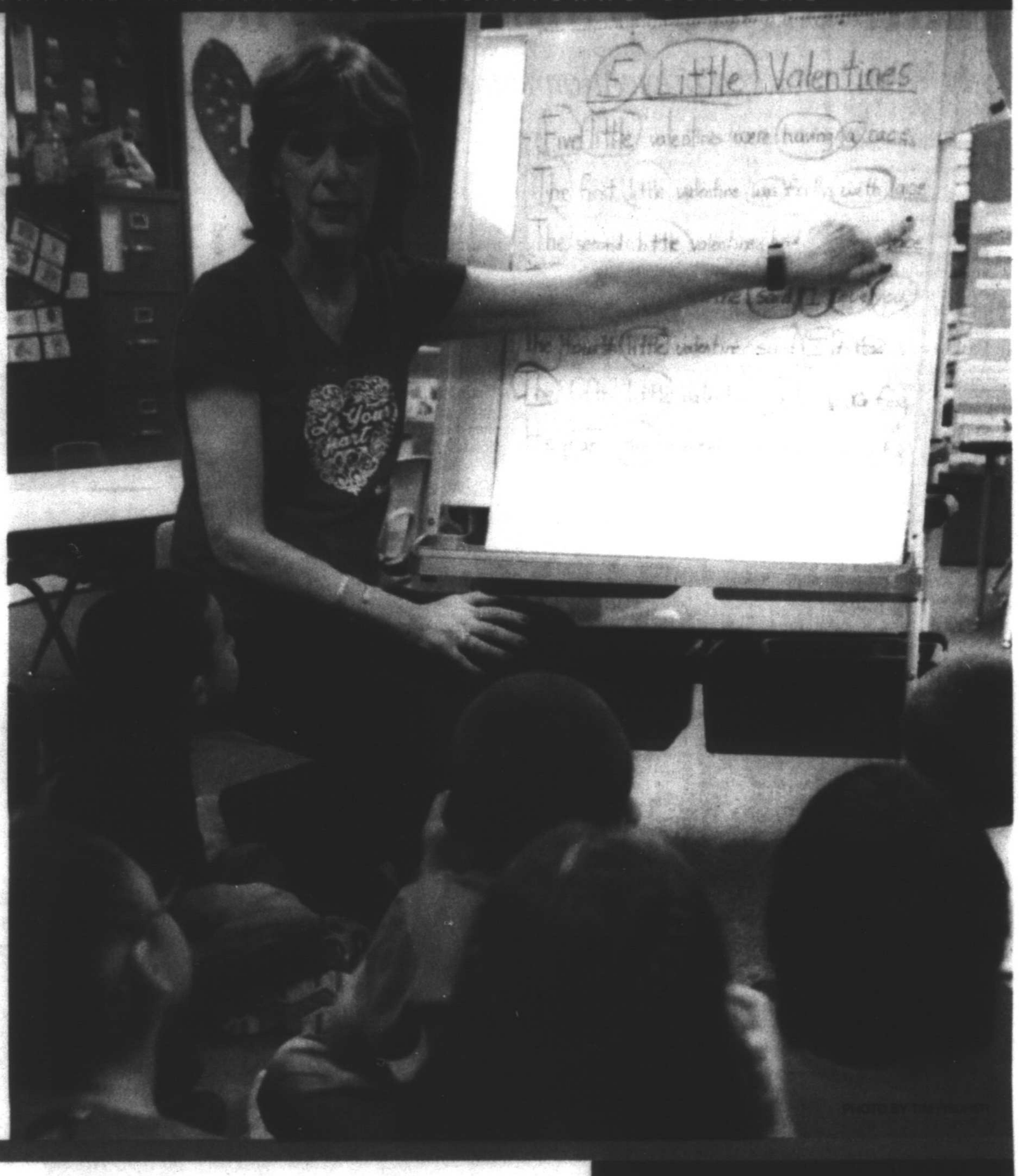
For the first time ever, Fry is teaching kindergarten and finds it highly enjoyable because each student is so eager to learn.

An Oklahoma native, Fry grew up in Stillwater and earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Oklahoma State University. Before accepting a teaching position at Lamar eight years ago, Fry taught in Oklahoma and at Midland's Hillander School and Midland Classical Academy.

She holds a master's degree in reading, and considers teaching children to read one of the most rewarding parts of the profession. She has taught classes and supervised student teachers for University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Fry has lived in Midland 26 years.

Her family includes husband, Collin, son, Kevin, daughter, Kate, stepdaughter, Kara, stepson, Clint, and two granddaughters.



Q&A with the Pioneer

Why did you choose a career in education?

I feel like I have a passion for working with children. I have always wanted to be a teacher. After teaching for more than 30 years I still enjoy my job. I'm always looking for ways to reach the children. I try to find different ways to help them learn. I go to different workshops to understand and help my students.

What is the greatest challenge to being an educator in Midland today?

Teaching is a very challenging job. Children today seem to learn differently than students in the past. It may be the technology that children have available to them now.

How have you moved beyond the basic curriculum and found innovative ways to reach your students?

Four years ago I started a program to get the fathers or male role models to be more involved with their children. It's a campus-wide event called All Pro Dads' Breakfast. We meet three times a semester. Kids and their dads come for breakfast and enjoy a program that encourages conversations with their kids. I have helped another school start this program.

What is the one lesson you want to impart on every student who enters your classroom?

I'm implementing something called conscious discipline in my classroom. I'm teaching them life lessons on how to solve conflict and how to connect with each other. I want my students to leave kindergarten better equipped to face life's challenges.

What support can Midlanders provide you and other educators?

I spend a lot of out-of-pocket money for my kids and classroom. I do it because of my love for kids and teaching. Programs like Classroom Pioneers help with these expenses. I appreciate being selected for this honor.

Midland's Classroom Pioneers

- Melissa Wright, Early College High School
- Patrice Compton, Parker Elementary
- Stephanie Markgraf, Burnet Elementary
- Corina Flores, Pease Communication and Technology Academy
- Lara G. Payne, Lee Freshman High School
- Laura Doughty, Houston Elementary
- Amanda Melchor-McCown, Lee High School
- Lisa Dominguez, Pease Communication and Technology Academy
- Trazi Wihebrink, Abell Junior High
- Kristi Ham, Fannin Elementary
- Guadalupe Cristal Gonzalez, Scharbauer Elementary
- Kelcee Baker, Greathouse Elementary
- Kathy J. Marshall, Goddard Junior High
- Chris Pollard, Emerson Elementary
- Alan Pitkin, Lee High School
- Barbara Terrazas, Abell Junior High
- Genevra Miller, Early College High School
- Yvonne Rodriguez Gamboa, Bush Elementary
- Adalina Torres-Borrego, Henderson Elementary
- Christopher Brooks Hightower, Midland High School
- Sarah Napier, Scharbauer and Fasken elementaries
- Diane Harris, Jones Elementary
- Leesha Seidel, Carver Center
- Laura Timmermann, Bowie Fine Arts Academy

Louise is a committed, seasoned educator and mentor

I have known Louise since our children were students at Emerson Elementary. She has dedicated her entire working career to the education field — as a classroom teacher, reading specialist, student teacher mentor, and all of the other responsibilities being a teacher requires (cafeteria monitor, crosswalk guard, surrogate mom and a quiet, understanding ear). Regardless of the school assignment, Louise has gotten involved in — and in some cases, organized — the local Parent Teacher Association (PTA) resource.

At Lamar Elementary, she organized the All Pro Dads program that encouraged students' fathers to join them for breakfast in the Lamar cafeteria. This program has become a favorite of the students and the dads and encouraged participation of local businesses. It also serves as an opening to celebrate and acknowledge the importance of parental involvement in education. Teaching kindergarteners can be a challenge as they enter the school setting with requirements and expectations beyond their normal routines. Louise loves to see a child learn — see that smile when they know that they can write their name or read that book. Teaching individuals — regardless of the age — to love learning is what Louise excels in doing. Louise is a committed, seasoned educator and mentor. MISD, its students and their parents are fortunate to have her on staff.

DIANE WILLIAMS, FRIEND

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Anti-tobacco summit to be held in Midland

Say What! tobacco prevention summit to provide training for students and community

By Erin Stone
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A free summit on tobacco planned for later this month is well-timed in that e-cigarette and hookah use is on the rise among Texas youth.

In partnership with the Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, the statewide Say What! program will be presented Feb. 27 at Memorial Gardens Park in Odessa to target youth and their tobacco use.

Funded by the Texas Department of State Health Services and managed by the Texas School Safety Center at Texas State University in San Marcos, the Say What! program is run for and by youths.

Across the state, use of traditional cigarettes declined among middle and high school students, but use of electronic cigarettes and hookahs increased in those age groups from 2011-14, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

A recent study by the Midland Coalition, a group of representatives from various entities working to fight and prevent substance abuse, showed that cigarette use by Midland ISD students in grades six through 12 went down in the last school year. The study did not take into account the use of e-cigarettes.

"Everyone kind of knows that tobacco is bad, but why are youth continuing to use?" said Darrien Skinner, Say What! program student worker at TSU. "It's all a play from the tobacco industry to get them hooked on the product, by leveraging new products like e-cigarettes to make them look more attractive than they really are, make them look harmless by attracting youth to the flavoring."

Texas legislation passed last year for the education code restricting tobacco products on campuses across the state, now includes e-cigarettes. Additionally, it prohibits anyone under 18 from possessing or purchasing e-cigarettes.

"There's been a lot of work done in tobacco prevention in just smoking and dip," Skinner said in a phone interview. "So we're trying to use youth advocates to reach these other products and talk about them."

The youth-to-youth prevention education is what helps make Say What! more effective, Skinner said.

"Say What! is focused on youth leadership and youth advocacy because we have found that at the core of change on the community level, youth have the voice and motive to reach their peers," Skinner said. "We're leveraging youth to start that conversation in their communities and schools."

The Feb. 27 event will begin with a morning training with Say What! youth advocates for young people who register, Skinner said. Those students will experience interactive activities and discussions about individual leadership development, small group team building and commitment to a larger cause, according to a press release from the council.

"What we're saying through our youth advocates is that these products might be advertised as safer, but that doesn't mean that they're safe," Skinner said. "As far as the e-cigarette topic, we're really just wanting to focus on the fact that youth use is increasing and that there's

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THE R-I-G-H-T STUFF

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Leighton Petty competes in last year's Midland Reporter-Telegram regional spelling bee at Midland College. Petty, who attended Hillander during the 2014-15 school year, will be competing for San Jacinto Junior High at the 29th annual bee, which is Saturday.

Schools in Andrews, Ward counties enter regional bee

From staff reports

Schools from Andrews and Ward (Monahans) counties will be competing for the first time in the Midland Reporter-Telegram Regional Spelling Bee.

The addition of these four area schools and the three new Midland ISD elementary schools brings the total number of competitors to 45. In the past, five schools from Howard County participated in the bee, but this year only one Big Spring school is sending a contestant.

The 29th annual regional spelling bee is set for 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Allison Fine Arts Building at Midland College.

These 45 students will be competing to represent the region at the annual Scripps National Spelling Bee, which is May 25-26 in Washington, D.C. In addition to the all-expenses-paid trip to the national bee, the winner will receive a 2016 U.S. Mint Proof Set, an online subscription to Encyclopedia Britannica, a Webster's Third New International Dictionary and Amazon and iTunes gift cards. The second-place winner will receive a Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary and Amazon and iTunes gift cards. Three other competitors will receive Amazon and iTunes gift cards.

The contestants are:

- Abell Junior High: Pranav Ganta, 12, seventh grade.
- Alamo Junior High: Jalen Packer, 13, eighth grade.
- Andrews Middle School, Andrews: Nevaeh Galvan, 12, seventh grade.
- Bonham Elementary: Kirsten Cabalonga, 11, fifth grade.
- Bowie Fine Arts Academy: Jerron Camp, 12, sixth grade.
- Brooks Middle School: Isabel Munoz, 12, seventh grade.
- Bunche Elementary: Julia Ward, 12, sixth grade.
- Burnet Elementary: Isaiah Conde, 11, fifth grade.
- Bush Elementary: Bjorn Marshall, 11, sixth grade.
- Carver Center: Amanda Ngo, 9, fourth grade.
- Crockett Elementary: Joe Alaniz III, 11, sixth grade.
- DeZavala Elementary: Fernanda Montes, 11, sixth grade.
- Emerson Elementary: Kirana Arisanti, 11, sixth grade.
- Fannin Elementary: Lucas Pruessner, 10, fourth grade.
- Fasken Elementary: Srikar Chamarthi, 11, sixth grade.
- Goddard Junior High: Kimberly Lopez, 14, eighth grade.
- Goliad Elementary, Big Spring: Ayla Bissonnette, 9, fourth grade.
- Greathouse Elementary: Mikayla Guajardo, 12, sixth grade.
- Greenwood Elementary: Haley Tolbert, 11, fifth grade
- Henderson Elementary: Alexia Lara, 11,

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Lee senior Mamoulides earns National Merit finalist status

From staff reports

Mamoulides

Lee High School senior Alexa N. Mamoulides has been named a National Merit finalist in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program.

The National Merit Scholarship Program announced in September that Mamoulides was a semifinalist. She was the only semifinalist from Midland County. There were 16,000 semifinalists nationwide.

Mamoulides, the daughter of Mitch and Barbara Mamoulides, plans to major in linguistics and minor in dance.

The National Merit Scholarship Corp. reported on its website that "some 15,000 Semifinalists are notified by mail at their home addresses that they have advanced to finalist standing." Better than 93 percent of semifinalists were expected to attain finalist standing, according to NMSC.

About 1.5 million juniors began the 2016 program by taking the 2014 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, according to the NMSC. The selected semifinalists, who represent less than 1 percent of U.S. seniors, include the highest-scoring entrants in each state, and the number of students selected is proportional to the state's percentage of the graduating seniors nationwide.

The most recemt National Merit Scholarship Program finalists in Midland County include Amanda Bell of Greenwood in 2015. Six Midland high school seniors were named finalists in 2011. The students were Calley Jones and James Kim of Lee High School, Todd Hagist and Jon Langston of Midland High School and Vijay Agusala and Ben Hardie of Trinity School. Agusala actually lived in Odessa but attended school in Midland.

Bell, Hagist and Agusala all received the $2,500 scholarship from the National Merit Scholarship Corp., according to Reporter-Telegram records.

Also, four Midland ISD students have been named National Merit Commended Scholars for 2016: Eric Brandon Kam, Midland High; and Hunter Coleman, Oluwaseun Okimi and Claire Smith, LHS.

There are lots of reasons to love everything about school

I love schools. I love the academics of school. I love math and science and reading and writing and every other subject that we teach at school. But, I love schools for so many other reasons, too, right now. I love schools as an administrator and I love schools as a parent.

In a time of school choice and options for children, it is exciting that there are so many different schools. There are neighborhood schools, charter schools, private schools, magnet schools and there are classical schools And, most likely, there are schools that I don't even know about. Even with the different options, schools do have things in common, and those things are what I love.

I love teachers. I am convinced that teachers are such an amazing workforce, and when charged with a task are talented, brilliant and extraordinary. They are the first ones on campus and are the last to leave. They have energy and creativity. They cry for students. They laugh with students. They pour sweat and tears into their classrooms and their students. I have the amazing job of watching teachers in action every, single day. And, for that, I am thankful. Teachers build relationships with students and care about students, and I love that.

I love extracurricular activities. I love the energy I see when clubs are in action and teams are performing or competing. I love the coaches and the sponsors who work endless hours to travel, to teach, to support. I love to see the emotion that students feel when competing. I love seeing the coach on the sidelines cheering and I love seeing celebrations. I love seeing the post-game talks after events and I love seeing the teams regrouping after failing. I love seeing students work together to accomplish a common goal. Winning and losing in competitions are both full of life lessons, and I love that.

I love the extras at school. I love the custodial team, the school counselor, the assistants, the nurse, the office team. I love the people who choose to make a difference in our students' lives every day. I love the morning traffic and the chaos when students are picked up at the end of the day. I love the camaraderie of school. I love to see smiling faces and excited faces. Each day is unique, and I love that.

I love the parents. I love building relationships with our families. I love understanding family dynamics and loving the uniqueness of some. I love talking with our moms and dads and grandparents. I love being included in discussions with parents. Schools are not complete without parents, and I love that.

With each thing I love, I am sure that I could tell you of things that I am not fond of. But, those things also make a school unique. Schools help our students to become life-long learners and problem-solvers of the future. The school team is invested in our future. Without schools, without teachers, without extracurriculars and the extras of school, our learners of the future would be lost. Each part of this education puzzle are unique and necessary, and I love that.

Jennifer Seybert is principal of University of Texas of the Permian Basin STEM Academy.

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KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "React" (N)		NCIS: New Orleans "No Man's Land" (N)		Limitless "Undercover" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) Stephen Colbert	(:35) J.Corden
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FREEFORM		53	63	34	42	33	Liar "Do Not Disturb"		Pretty Little Liars (N)		Shadowhunters (N)		Pretty Little Liars		The 700 Club		Bruce Almighty	
FSSW		37	38	50	45	29	Spursinsider (N)	Stars Insider (N)	RDOHoo-uCow (N)	RDO Hou Prev (N)	H.S. Football UIL State Championship 6A Division II Katy vs. Austin Lake Travis						Insider (N)	UFC Fight Flashback
FX		31	56	59	64	69	Star Trek: Into Darkness ('13, Sci-Fi) Chris Pics.						O.J Simpson (N)		O.J Simpson		O.J Simpson	
HALLMARK		54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper (N)		Fixer Upper (N)		H.Hunt	House (N)	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper	
HISTORY		71	59	29	50	43	Counting	CountCars	Counting	Counting	Count. (N)	Count. (N)	Forged in Fire (N)		(:05) Count.	Counting	Counting	Counting
LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	48	Dance Moms "Abby's Replaceable"		Dance Moms (N)		Dance Moms (N)		Pitch Slapped "Deke Plays with Fire" (N)		Dance Moms "Debbie Allen to the Rescue"		Dance Chat "Abby's New Favorites"	
MSNBC		47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	43				NHL Live! (L)		NHL Hockey Dallas Stars at St. Louis Blues (L)					(:45)	NHL Overtime (L)	Youth Olympics		Blazers
NICK		55	-	39	34	37	Paradise	H.Danger	Nicky,	F.House	F.House		F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	Movie		Law Abiding Citizen ('09, Cri) Jamie Foxx.						Four Brothers ('05, Act) Mark Wahlberg.			Drive
SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	Cloud Atlas (2012, Adventure) Halle Berry, Jim Broadbent, Tom Hanks.								Colony (N)		The Magicians	
TBS		25	33	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld "The Slicer"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan John Cleese, Michaela Watkins		2 Broke Girls	Conan
TCM		41	75	24	63	66	(2:45) Grand Prix		On the Waterfront						Anna and the King of Siam		(:15) The Ghost...	
TELE		20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		Quien es quien?		Eva, La Trallera		Querida centauro		Al rojo	Titulares	Gran Hermano	
TLC		51	61	32	38	52	The Little Couple "Big Family Changes"		Little Couple "A Little Trip to the Big Easy"		The Little Couple "All Aboard!" (N)		Rattled (N)		The Little Couple "All Aboard!"		Rattled "Maybe It's Time for the Epidural"	
TNT		24	34	40	26	50	Castle "The Dead Pool"		Castle "To Love and Die in L.A."		Rizzoli & Isles "Hide and Seek" (N)		Rizzoli & Isles "Murderjuana" (N)		Rizzoli & Isles "Hide and Seek"		Rizzoli & Isles "Murderjuana"	
TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	Griffith	(:35) Griffith	(:10) Ray	(:50) Ray	(:25) Loves Ray		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA		26	55	42	27	49	NCIS "Semper Fidelis"		The Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show "Closing Night" (L)				Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family		
WGN		19	85				(5:00) The Last Samurai (2003, Drama) Ken Watanabe, Billy Connolly, Tom Cruise.				Outsiders "Rubberneck" (N)		Outsiders "Rubberneck"		Outsiders "Rubberneck"		Outsiders "Rubberneck"	

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BEE

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sixth grade.

- Hillander School: Trevor Van Husen, 12, sixth grade.
- Houston Elementary: Juan Carlos Garcia, 11, sixth grade.
- Jones Elementary: Alexia Lyles, 11, sixth grade.
- Lamar Elementary: Autumn Maxim, 12, sixth grade.
- Long Elementary: Phoenix Murrill, 10, fifth grade.
- Midland Academy Charter School: Kayla Byrom, 12, sixth grade.
- Midland Christian School: Jaiden Catalasan, 10, fourth grade.
- Midland Classical Academy: Reagan Layh of Odessa, 10, fifth grade.
- Milam Elementary: Alyssa Castro, 9, fourth grade.
- Parker Elementary: Alyssa Orosco, 10, fourth grade.
- Pease Communications & Technology Academy: Dariana Martinez, 10, fifth grade.
- Rusk Elementary: Chloe Ortega, 11, sixth grade.
- St. Ann's School: Taylor Moralez, 11, sixth grade.
- San Jacinto Junior High: Leighton Petty, 13, seventh grade.
- Santa Rita Elementary: Desiree Sebree, 10, fifth grade.
- Scharbauer Elementary: Grace Burton, 10, fifth grade.
- South Elementary: Zhonte Keets, 11, fifth grade.
- Sudderth Elementary, Monahans: Madisyn Yanez, 11, sixth grade.
- Travis Elementary: Yariza Flores, 11, fifth grade.
- Trinity School: Nikkie Galindo, 14, eighth grade.
- Underwood Elementary, Andrews: Prayer Lorskulsint, 10, fourth grade.
- Walker Junior High, Monahans: Isaiah Cereceres, 13, seventh grade.
- Washington Elementary, Big Spring: Casen Muniz, 9, fourth grade.
- Washington Math & Science Institute: Myrron McGee, 9, fourth grade.
- Yarbrough Elementary: Reagan Green, 10, fourth grade.

Greenwood Elementary will represented by the school's third-place winner, Haley Tolbert. The champion, Harper Duran, has a conflict, and the second-place winner has moved.

There are five contestants who have competed at previous regional bees. Alamo's Jalen Packer won fourth place in 2014 and Trinity's Nikkie Galindo won third place in 2013 and 2014. Crockett's Joe Alaniz III competed in 2014, Jones' Alexia Lyles competed in 2014 and 2015 and San Jacinto's Leighton Petty competed in 2015.

Carver contestant Amanda Ngo's sister, Anna, won the 2015 regional bee.

Reporter-Telegram Regional Spelling Bee champions since 1993:

1993 Jeremy Gengler, Goddard; 1994 Tarfia Faizullah, Trinity; 1995 Vinesh Patel, Abell; 1996 Vinesh Patel, Abell; 1997 Katie Noah, Goddard; 1998 Katie Noah, Goddard; 1999 Stacey Moore, Alamo; 2000 Michael Moore, Crockett; 2001 Chiraag Alur, Abell; 2002 Michael Moore, Alamo; 2003 Nicholas Van Nguyen, Anson Jones; 2004 Jamie Lain, San Jacinto; 2005 Taylor Young, Alamo; 2006 Danielle Rubio, Bonham; 2007 Calley Jones, Abell; 2008 Samuel Dowlen, MACHE; 2009 Samuel Dowlen, MACHE; 2010 Jace Brandl, Scharbauer; 2011 Thomas Rubio, Alamo; 2012 Thomas Rubio, Alamo; 2013 Gabrielle Rubio, Alamo; 2014 Gabrielle Rubio, Alamo; 2015 Anna Ngo, Carver Center

By school since 1993:

Alamo 7, Abell 4, Goddard 3, MACHE 2, San Jacinto 1, Trinity 1, Crockett 1, Anson Jones 1, Bonham 1, Scharbauer 1, Carver Center 1

Study explores how black men find success in college

By Errin Haines Whack
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — James Wanda, a senior at Pennsylvania's Lafayette College and one of two black computer science majors in his class, says at times he has felt pressure to succeed not just for himself, but for his entire race.

"I realized if I fail, in some ways, it means that people might take that as either confirmation that other black students will fail, or as a sign that they might fail," said the 21-year-old from Arlington, Virginia.

For black students — especially men — at many mainstream colleges, these pressures, racial slights and other negative interactions can push them to transfer or even drop out. A new study in the Harvard Educational Review is highlighting how some black male college students are overcoming those challenges, and the reasons for their success.

Shaun Harper, a professor and executive director of the Center for the Study of Race and Equity in Education at the University of Pennsylvania, surveyed more than 140 students at 30 predominantly white public and private colleges.

Among his findings: While high-achieving black male students aren't immune from racial stereotypes, they have found a way to push back against them — often through taking on confidence-building campus leadership roles that can change perceptions of them among their white peers and faculty.

SUMMIT

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an appeal because of the flavoring and the marketing. So we're trying to educate youth to prevent a nicotine addiction through these products."

Those students who went through the morning training will engage the community 1-3 p.m. at Memorial Gardens Park in order to put into practice what they learned.

"We want to go into the community there, educate a group of youth and create action at our event, then give them the tools and skills to recreate that type of event in the future if they wanted to," Skinner said.

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LEVEL

For each of the words below, replace one letter with the letter after the plus sign. Then, rearrange the letters to spell an adjective describing an emotional state.

TONETIC+N

DETAIL+E

GROUP+D

SHOOFLY+I

Yesterday's Answer: SYCAMORE, ASH; CEDAR, HOLLY; CYPRESS, POPLAR; MAGNOLIA, ASPEN

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MAKINGTHEGRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Winners of this year's Legacy Scholarship essay contest are **Alexis Allen, Jonathan Childers, Emily Cooley, Laynie Milam** and **Natalie Vasquez.** They will be honored at a luncheon April 21.

The contest is for Midland College students who are Legacy recipients and is an opportunity for them to receive additional scholarship funds.

The essays focused on how volunteering changed these students' lives. The winning essays can be found at www.midland.edu/legacyessays.

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Midland ISD has established National Technical Honor Society chapters for Lee and Midland high schools. The society recognizes students who maintain a GPA of at least 3.25 in career and technical education classes.

Lee students were inducted earlier this month. Members are: **Justin Tarin, president; Trisha Nag,** vice president; **Madison Leavitt,** secretary; **Courtney Calloway,** treasurer; **Carlea Bullock, Matthew Fawks, Alexia Diaz, Cole Larsson, Nubia Montes, Bree'Ana Ortega, Joshua Romero, Dylan Schlechta, Crystal Uba, Ashley Wiggins** and **Gabriella Zarazua.**

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Greenwood, Lee and Midland high school students who are enrolled in dual credit automotive technology and diesel technology courses at Midland College advanced to the 2016 SKILLS USA state contest after winning at the regional contest earlier this month in San Angelo.

The state contest is March 30-April 2 in Corpus Christi.

The state qualifiers are:

■ Automotive hands-on competition: **Jacob Chaparro,** LHS, gold; **Joseph Velasco,** MHS, silver; **Juan Olandez,** MHS.

■ Diesel hands-on competition: **Alex Olivas,** MHS, gold; **Patrick Shaw,** GHS, bronze.

Top 10 winners are: **Shaw, Olivas, Olandez,** and **Lorenzo Magallon** and **Isaiah Pando,** both MHS.

■ Auto-diesel projects: **Chaparro, Magallon, Olandez, Pando, Velasco** and **Reagan Tampke,** MHS.

Olivas and Shaw won "best of show" for their automotive alternator project and diesel turbo project, respectively.

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Midlander **Katie McCrohan** graduated in December from East Texas Baptist University. She received a bachelor of science in university studies.

Ross Perot waves to the crowd Friday after Nash Elementary school students performed at the closing of the opening reception of the Perot Leadership Museum at the Palmer Memorial Library at Texarkana College in Texarkana.

Jerry Habraken/Texarkana Gazette via AP

EDUCATIONBRIEFS

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

UIL recognizes Big Spring teacher

AUSTIN — A Big Spring High School teacher is among those honored by the The University Interscholastic League as 2015 UIL Sponsor Excellence Award winners.

Jennifer Adams has been an academic sponsor for 20 years. She has coached debate, extemporaneous speaking, oral interpretation, ready writing, current issues and events, social studies and literary criticism. Over the years she has coached a state champion in extemporaneous speaking and has had 37 state qualifiers.

The award, now in its 25th year, was created to recognize UIL sponsors who help students to develop and refine their extracurricular talents, according to a press release from UIL. Winners were selected by a panel of judges from nominations submitted by principals and superintendents.

Each winner will receive $1,000 and a symbolic memento from the UIL.

Bill Nye to give presentation at MC

Bill Nye, the Science Guy is coming to Midland College on March 17 as part of the Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series.

Nye is a scientist, engineer, comedian, author and inventor. His mission is to help foster a scientifically literate society and to make science entertaining and accessible, according to MC's website.

The free lecture is 7:30 p.m. at Chaparral Center.

Perot helps dedicate museum in his name

TEXARKANA — Dallas billionaire Ross Perot has helped dedicate a museum in his name at the East Texas college he once attended.

The 85-year-old Perot visited Texarkana College on Friday to dedicate the Ross Perot Leadership Museum.

Texarkana College was facing a more than $3 million shortfall when Perot in 2012 donated $1 million and pledged $4 million more. School officials say Perot's support helped spark a $22 million fundraising effort.

Perot was born on the Texas side of Texarkana, a city that's also part of Arkansas. He attended Texarkana College, formerly known as Texarkana Junior College, in the 1940s and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy.

Perot founded Electronic Data Systems and twice ran for U.S. president in the 1990s.

UT regents invest $2M in high school engineering program

AUSTIN — The University of Texas System Board of Regents has invested $2 million to expand The University of Texas at Austin's Engineer Your World program to better prepare high school students for college engineering programs and allow them to receive college credits, according to a press release from the university.

Engineer Your World is a one-year high school engineering curriculum developed by UT's Cockrell School of Engineering. The program seeks to provide high-quality, low-cost engineering education and teacher training at the high school level.

The funding, which was approved in December, will help Engineer Your World launch a new dual-enrollment course to give high school students an opportunity to earn college credit at a UT System academic institution.

The UT System funding will also support the program's efforts to bring its engineering courses to more Texas schools and offer teachers a subsidized summer training program. Since it was created at the Cockrell School in 2008, Engineer Your World has grown from seven schools and 212 students to 61 schools and 2,500 students in Texas. The curriculum has also expanded nationwide to reach 105 schools and 5,000 students in 15 states.

For more information, email engineeryourworld@austin.utexas.edu or visit http://engineeryourworld.org.

INTERNATIONAL WEEK

Photos courtesy Sarah Green

Trinity School students gather around 2007 Trinity graduate Emily Schatzle during a lecture series as part of the International Week festivities Friday at Trinity School. Schatzle works for Student Ambassador Exchange in Austin and spoke with the Trinity students about her study abroad experiences in France and Brazil.

Trinity School fourth grade art students display Native American-style art.

HISD to rename 3 schools

■ Named after men linked to the Confederacy, campuses join four others slated for change

By Ericka Mellon
Houston Chronicle

A split Houston school board voted Thursday to order the renaming of three more campuses named after men tied to the Confederacy.

The hourslong debate brought out accusations of racism, questions about historical legacy and concerns about the cost — an estimated $250,000 per campus.

The action followed efforts that began last year after the slaying of nine South Carolina church parishoners, and several speakers noted that it came in the middle of Black History Month.

The new campuses to be renamed, joining four others approved on split votes in January, are Albert Sidney Johnston and Sidney Lanier middle schools and Jefferson Davis High School. Johnston was a high-ranking Confederate general, Lanier was a Confederate soldier and poet, and Davis was president of the Confederacy.

Nearly all the votes were along racial lines, with the black and Hispanic board members voting in favor of the name changes.

Committees at each school now are charged with proposing new names by May.

Supportive of the changes, James Douglas, president of the NAACP of Houston, told the school board about a recent conversation he had with a younger African-American about the Confederacy and the naming debate.

"Where would you be today if they had won?" Douglas asked. "I said, 'Do you feel proud having to go into a school that honors a person who intended to keep you in slavery?'"

A few dozen speakers — parents, students and community members — expressed mixed views. Some agreed the names sent the wrong message, while those supportive of keeping Lanier's name said he was a young, low-level soldier who redeemed himself as a writer. Others questioned the price tag as the district faces a projected $107 million budget shortfall.

Renaming all eight campuses — Reagan High School is expected to come before the board again — would cost an estimated $2 million, based on district figures.

"I'll take dignity over dollars," said trustee Rhonda Skillern-Jones, who led the effort last year to change the district's policy to allow the board to order renaming. The move followed the shooting deaths last June at a historic black church in Charleston, S.C.

Trustee Jolanda Jones, whose district includes Lanier Middle School, said the name changing issue was "personal" to her. "Slave masters were not nice to us. Slave masters raped us," she said.

"I find it incredibly interesting, incredibly interesting , that the majority of people that are proud of Sidney Lanier are white," added Jones, who is black. "I am offended that when black people talk about slavery and the vestiges, that people want us to get over it."

Trustees voted in January to rename Henry Grady, Richard Dowling and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson middle schools and Lee High School. They postponed a decision on the other campuses to seek input at community meetings.

Reports from the meetings at Johnston, Lanier and Davis said that most speakers opposed the name changes.

In another split decision, the board voted 5-4 to ban specialty schools from having teams in the University Interscholastic League, the entity that governs competitive high school athletics in Texas.

The change means that Carnegie Vanguard High School, a magnet school for gifted students, would lose its UIL teams in 2017-18. The campus is the district's only specialty school with UIL teams.

Students at specialty schools — which lack attendance zones and instead draw transfers — would be allowed to play at the campus to which they are zoned.

Supporters of the change said it was unfair to let Carnegie Vanguard remain an exception when principals at other specialty schools also want to participate in UIL.

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TODAY: Sunny High: 76 Low: 39

WEDNESDAY: Sunny High: 81 Low: 48

THURSDAY: Sunny High: 83 Low: 51

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 82 Low: 51

SATURDAY: Partly sunny High: 78 Low: 50

SUNDAY: Partly sunny High: 72 Low: 42

Local forecast

High temperatures up to 20 degrees above normal and approaching record levels are expected this week before the weather cools down this weekend and early next week, according to the National Weather Service. There also is a chance of rain Sunday and Monday, according to the NWS.

The record high for Feb. 15 is 84 set in 2000 and 2014. The record low is 11 set in 1951. On Feb. 15 of last year, the high was 77 and the low was 39.

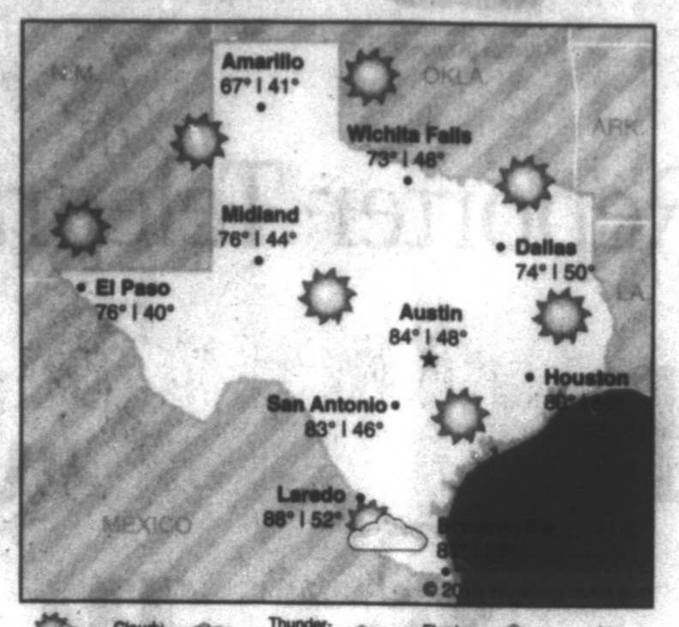
Weather brief

NEW YORK

Bye, dangerous cold; Hello, sleet and snow along eastern US

Residents along the eastern U.S., freed from bitter, dangerous cold temperatures on Valentine's Day, couldn't even pause to take a slightly warmer breath before the next winter weather hurdle showed up. Snow, sleet and rain fell across the mid-Atlantic states while tornados rolled through the South.

With federal offices and many businesses closed for Washington's Birthday, many people were able to hunker down at home.



Precipitation

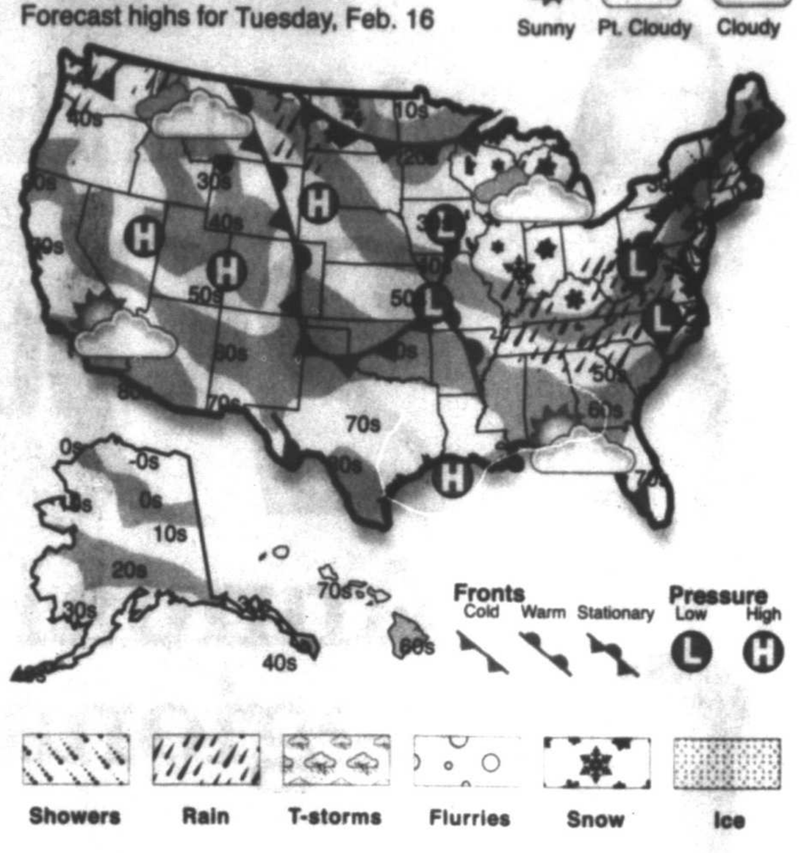
Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	0.18 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.94 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	65
Low	35
Normal high	62
Normal low	35
Sunrise	7:30 a.m.
Sunset	6:36 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Feb. 16



Broken car seat sparks feud over who should foot bill

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: My sister-in-law has asked me to pay for repairs to the passenger seat of her car. She was picking up my 9-year-old to stay the night, and when he got inside, he moved the seat forward to better fit his stature. She got upset and said, "The seat was broken. We had it set just right for me when I'm the passenger."

Since he adjusted it she hasn't been able to reset it. When I asked if there was a note on the dash that read "Do not move seat," she said no. Then I asked, if this was her best friend's son, would she be requesting money to repair an already broken seat? Her response was, "No." Am I wrong to think she was out of line to ask? — FUMING IN WASHINGTON STATE

DEAR FUMING: You're not wrong. If your sister-in-law had warned your son not to touch the seat before he adjusted it, she might have a leg to stand on. However, if she's short of money and was baby-sitting your son as a favor, in the interest of keeping peace in the family, offer to contribute to the cost of the repair.

DEAR ABBY: What are the dangers of driving while on strong painkillers? Since codeine is a controlled substance that you have to sign for to receive the prescription, does it impair distance vision and reaction time?

My elderly dad says as long as he has taken the pill the night before, it's all right for him to drive. He takes about 12 different medications every day, and the pain medicine must stay in his system at all times to work effectively.

Are other drivers in danger when he drives under the influence of prescription drugs? Can he be arrested if he hits someone? His car is already dented because he hit something. It would be a shame for him to cause some innocent driver who encounters him on the highway to be crippled or die. What do you think? — MEDICATED IN RALEIGH, N.C.

DEAR MEDICATED: I am not an expert in pharmacology. I suggest you compile a list of all the drugs your father is taking — both prescription drugs and the over-the-counter variety. Take the list to his pharmacist and ask these questions. He or she can give you the answers you need because some drugs can interact with each other.

DEAR ABBY: A friend and I had a falling-out over a manners thing. When three people eat out together and everyone orders their own dessert, is it rude to not allow someone to take a bite of yours?

This friend wanted to taste another one's dessert and the guy said no. The friend then claimed the refuser was rude because he didn't want to share. Was the person wrong to have declined? — JUST ONE BITE

DEAR JUST ONE: Whether to share one's food is a matter of personal preference. No rule of etiquette demands that someone do so just because it has been requested, and it wasn't rude to refuse.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Patience

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

	NORTH ♠ Q J 10 ♡ Q J 9 8 ◇ Q J ♣ K 9 6 4	
WEST ♠ 9 8 6 2 ♡ A 10 5 3 2 ◇ K 4 ♣ 8 5		EAST ♠ 5 4 3 ♡ 7 6 ◇ J 10 7 6 ♣ A Q 7 2
	SOUTH ♠ A K 7 ♡ K 4 ◇ A 9 8 5 3 ♣ J 10 3	

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♡	Pass	3NT	All pass

Opening lead: Three of ♠

West led a normal, if unlucky, fourth-best heart, won in dummy with the eight. South led a spade to his ace and ran the jack of clubs, losing to East's queen. East, who knew from the auction that South started with no more than three spades, led a spade. Declarer won and led the 10 of clubs, losing to East's ace. East led another spade, setting up West's long spade.

South now led a heart to the king. West could see that if he won this trick, South would have nine tricks, so he showed patience and allowed the king of hearts to hold. Declarer cashed two club tricks as West deceptively discarded the four of diamonds and a low heart, leaving this position:

	NORTH ♠ Void ♡ Q J ◇ Q 2 ♣ Void	
WEST ♠ 9 ♡ A 10 ◇ K ♣ Void		EAST ♠ Void ♡ Void ◇ J 10 7 6 ♣ Void
	SOUTH ♠ Void ♡ Void ◇ A 9 8 5 ♣ Void	

South could have succeeded by leading a diamond to the ace, but not knowing the position, led the queen of hearts instead. West won and his patience was rewarded when he cashed the nine of spades. Dummy had no good discard, and when South chose the low diamond from dummy, West continued with the king of diamonds, promoting the setting trick for his partner. Nice defense!

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 Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2016:

This year you make a difference in almost everything you choose to do. You often add a touch of cynicism to a plan, and/or might suggest a more efficient way to get to a chosen end result. This type of versatility touches many areas of your life. You have what it takes, and others appreciate what you bring to the table. If you are single, you open up to many different types of people. You will enjoy your romantic life a lot more than in recent years. If you are attached, the two of you move to a new level of understanding and sharing. You finally are able to break down some self-imposed boundaries in order to open up your bond. GEMINI makes you feel like a teenager again!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You might feel as if you are misunderstood by someone. Try rephrasing your message with different words and examples. Tap into your imagination to create more of what you want. Your high energy will help you hit a home run. Tonight: Spend some time with a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Be aware of the long-term ramifications of a financial commitment. A meeting could point to an ideal solution. You can't always come up with a good solution by yourself. Let others know how grateful you are for their time and suggestions. Tonight: Balance your budget.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You'll beam in much more of what you want. It is always nice to get more of what you desire. Your imagination will take you to the next step in pursuing a long-discussed dream or goal. Discuss this with someone you trust, and get his or her feedback. Tonight: All smiles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★ Make it OK to be a little out of sync with others. In fact, you might want to pull back and retreat. Consider your options more carefully. Know that no decisions need to be made immediately. Trust your judgment, but also test it out on others. Tonight: Get some R and R.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Focus on the implications involved with continuing on your present course. Someone rather innovative might decide to play devil's advocate for you. As a result, he or she will come up with many alternative ideas that you had not even considered. Tonight: Time to celebrate!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You are more than willing to take the lead with a project, but you might feel as if someone is holding you back. You will want to find out what is going on with this person and listen to where he or she is coming from. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Reach out to an older friend who always presents a different perspective. Go with the unexpected possibility. Follow your instincts with new information you hear about someone who has a very different type of personality from yours. Tonight: Time to detach.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ One-on-one relating will help you break certain patterns. You might have difficulty letting go of some habits and certain types of behavior. Remain more upbeat, and be direct with a boss, supervisor or older relative. Tonight: Accept a special invitation from a special someone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ You might feel as if you can't reveal the whole story about a personal situation. Others will notice that you seem a little off, but rather than ask intrusive questions, they'll carry most of the conversation. Be sure to show your appreciation. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You still have your hands full. Don't question what is happening behind the scenes. Simply focus on what is happening out in the open. Deal with one issue at a time. You might receive information that proves to be a real eye-opener. Tonight: Walk off some stress.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You simply can't help being yourself, even though some people don't seem to understand your mischievous and somewhat sarcastic side. You have the capacity for unusual follow-through when you so choose, as you might today. Tonight: Someone's mood delights you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Pressure builds on the homefront. There is little you can do to change the flow of events. Your ability to multitask emerges. Others display an unusual amount of goodwill and patience. Tonight: Head home.

BORN TODAY

Actor LeVar Burton (1957), film director John Schlesinger (1926), actress June Brown (1927)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Mud wrap venue
4 Bridge, to Botticelli
9 On a cruise
14 Knock gently
15 Unalaska inhabitant
16 With 27-Down, striped holiday treat
17 Tycoon Onassis
18 Add to the language
20 North Atlantic hazard
22 Perching on
23 Unusually high temperatures, often
26 Letters used in old dates
29 Beirut's country: Abbr.
30 __-Cat: winter vehicle
31 Skin-and-bones sort
33 Fish and chips option
36 Wonton, e.g.
38 Law enforcement slogan
41 Felix Unger et al.
42 "Atlas Shrugged" author Rand
43 Many opera villains
44 Grassland
46 Uncertainties
49 Braying beast
50 Dessert with swirls
54 Canyon feedback
57 Ice-T or Jay Z
58 What the starts of 18-, 23-, 38- and 50-Across can be part of
62 "Who am __ judge?"
63 German river, to Germans
64 Adult insect
65 Not quite Ige.
66 Chore list entries
67 Web surfing tool
68 Beverage suffix

DOWN

1 Step between landings
2 Part of UPS
3 Unit-pricing word
4 Hoosier hoopster
5 Grace opening
6 Sounds from a stable
7 Vineyard vat
8 Approximate touchdown hr.
9 Vier und vier
10 Hawaiian root
11 Feature of most fedoras
12 Newspaper hires, briefly
13 Vote for
19 __ on the back
21 Spotted members of the lynx family
24 Laptop buyer, for one
25 Month after juillet
27 See 16-Across
28 Urge (on)
31 Energetic
32 Outpatient treatment sites
34 Upscale hotel chain
35 Printer resolution spec.
37 __ Nashville: country label
38 Bering and North
39 Like graduation caps
40 St. with a panhandle
41 Steph Curry's org.
45 In Europe, say
47 Daughter of Muhammad
48 Enjoyed the ice
50 Comfy slip-on
51 "Tootsie" actress Jessica
52 Word with Downs or salts
53 Slowly eat into
55 Ad writer's award
56 Feathered brooders
58 Dated PC hookup
59 "So that's it!"
60 Bob Cratchit's boy
61 I believe, in texts

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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Midland Reporter-Telegram
29th Annual Regional Spelling Bee
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BIG TASTE MORE OF IT
Saturday, February 20, 2016
Midland College
9:30 a.m.
Allison Fine Arts Building
Students from Midland County and the region will compete for a chance to represent Midland at the 2016 Scripps National Spelling Bee, which is May 25-26 in Washington, D.C.
These students are scheduled to compete in the regional bee from their respective schools.
John Deats, director of Learning Resource Center at Midland College, is the pronouncer for this year's bee.
The judges are John Trischitti, director of Midland County Public Library, and Midland Reporter-Telegram Managing Editor Mary Dearen.
Prizes
In addition to an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., the regional champion receives Merriam-Webster's Third New International Dictionary, a 2016 U.S. Mint Proof set, a one-year subscription to Encyclopedia Britannica Online, and Amazon and iTunes gift cards.
The REGIONAL RUNNER-UP will receive Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary and Amazon and iTunes gift cards.
THREE OTHER STUDENTS will receive Amazon andiTune gift cards.
Abell Junior High Praser Gerts
Alamo Junior High Jules Pyeor
Bonham Elementary Kirsten Cebalongs
Bowie Fine Arts Academy Jerron Camp
Sudderth Elementary, Monahans Madisyn Yanez
South Elementary Zhonie Keets
Scharbauer Elementary Grace Burton
Santa Rita Elementary Desiree Sebree
San Jacinto Junior High Leighton Petty
St. Ann's School Taylor Morales
Rusk Elementary Chloe Ortega
Pease Communications & Technology Academy Dariana Martinez
Parker Elementary Alyssa Orosco
Milam Elementary Alyssa Castro
Midland Classical Academy Reagan Lary
Midland Christian School Jaiden Catalasan
Trinity School Nikita Bellade
Underwood Elementary, Andrews Prayer Leatherman
Walker Junior High, Monahans Isaiah Carreon
Washington Elementary, Big Spring Esana Musa
Greenwood Elementary Haley Tolbert
Midland Academy Charter School Kayla Byrom
Long Elementary Phoenix Merrill
Lamar Elementary Ashton Meeks
Jones Elementary Alexis Lyles
Houston Elementary Jose Carlos Garcia
Hillander School Trevor Van Husen
Henderson Elementary Alexis Lara

Lewis' block seals playoff win for Lady Rebels

By Christopher Hadorn
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TUSCOLA — The Lee girls basketball team has leaned on its defense all year long and Monday night it got a decisive stop at the opportune time.

Kyra Lewis blocked Tatum Henderson's 3-point attempt right before the final buzzer to lift the Lady Rebels to a 45-42 victory over Arlington Martin in a Class 6A bi-district playoff at Jim Ned High School.

Lewis

Lee (25-4) advanced to the area round for the second consecutive season where it will meet Tuesday night's Amarillo Tascosa-El Paso El Dorado winner.

"My man had kind of sneaked above the 3 (point line)," Lewis said of the waning moments. "As soon as I saw her catch the ball, I knew I had to close out close because I knew they needed a 3. The only option they had was to shoot it so I just closed out hard and got a little bit of a tip on it."

Prior to the game, Lady Rebels head coach Monica Ramirez said the Lady Warriors (16-11) played similarly to her team, and that proved to be the case on Monday as Martin's

Please see LEWIS/3C

MHS can't keep up with Lamar in playoff loss

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TUSCOLA — Monday's Class 6A bi-district playoff game between Midland High and Arlington Lamar began as a track meet, as two athletic squads traded baskets during a thrilling first quarter.

Unfortunately for the Lady Bulldogs, they couldn't keep up the pace.

The Lady Vikings held MHS to only one made field goal in the fourth quarter, and Lamar prevailed with a 66-55 win at Jim Ned High School.

Washington

The Lady Vikings (19-13) advanced to play Amarillo High in the area round, while the Lady Bulldogs' fine season ended one week after they fell one-point short of a co-District 3-6A championship.

Early on, MHS (20-10) did a splendid job of attacking Lamar with fast breaks and being aggressive toward the basket. Despite the presence of 6-foot-3 Lamar center Arhianna Sims-Jackson in the paint, the Lady Bulldogs weren't deterred from attacking her.

MHS post Claire Lancaster scored six

Please see MHS/3C

Red Raider welcome

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Texas Tech football coach Kliff Kingsbury, right, greets Craig Mulloy, his father John and son Cody Monday at the Red Raider Recruiting Review at the Horseshoe Pavilion.

Kingsbury excited to return to Midland

By Oscar LeRoy
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Texas Tech football coach Kliff Kingsbury echoed the sentiments of Director of Athletics Kirby Hocutt by saying that Midland is huge for the Red Raiders.

With both the Tech football and baseball and baseball teams making yearly spring trips to the Tall City and another good turnout for the Red Raider Club Recruiting Review -- one of only three in the state along with Dallas and Houston -- at the Horseshoe Pavilion, it's easy to see why.

"The fan base, the passion, everybody driving in (to Lubbock) each Saturday is incredible and we'll continue to grow with this area," Kingsbury said.

The coach, who just completed his third season with the Red Raiders, is also excited about bringing his team back to Grande Communications Stadium for a scrimmage for the fourth consecutive year.

"Every year it gets better," Kingsbury said. "It breaks up the monotony for our players. Our players get to practice traveling, get in a new environment and be in front of great fans. The tailgating is awesome and then we get a great meal afterwards. It's been phenomenal for both parties."

Kingsbury was in town to talk about his latest recruiting class of 24 players, 14 of which are expected to play on the defensive side.

While the class was ranked anywhere from the lower 30s to mid 40s by national recruiting services, Kingsbury believes that the class filled his team's needs going into the 2016 season.

Kingsbury said with defensive coordinator David Gibbs on board for a full year, he had a lot of influence of what kind of players he wanted to recruit.

"You can see it in the length at defensive back and the length in defensive linemen," Kingsbury said. "He knows what he's recruiting for in his system and I know he's got a good class."

Kingsbury didn't hesitate to say that with the losses to graduation and the desire to add depth on defense that he expects to see most if not all on the field in the fall.

"We're going to try to play them all right away," he said. "You don't want to sit or red-shirt anybody. We kind of recruited towards that throughout the process, knowing that we were going to have some holes to fill. We're going to throw them all out there and see who can play."

One of those players, who might see the field early is defensive back Desmon Smith, the 6-foot-2, 190-pounder out of Odessa Permian.

"We saw Des at camp this summer and he was very physical, very competitive, tough kid, and wants to be a Red Raider," said Kingsbury of Smith. "He loves Texas Tech, loves everything about it and we've had great success with these West Texas players."

Other notes from Kingsbury's visit with the media:

■ Kingsbury said Lee grad and rising

Please see RETURN/5C

TCU barely favored to repeat as Big 12 baseball champs

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

After consecutive College World Series appearances, TCU is the preseason pick to win the Big 12 Conference again. Barely.

When the nine Big 12 baseball coaches did their preseason picks, their first-place votes were split evenly among TCU, Oklahoma State and Texas.

That tight preseason vote for the Horned Frogs, only two points ahead of Oklahoma State and four ahead of Texas, seems appropriate after the way they advanced to Omaha last season. TCU overcame a seven-run deficit after two outs in the eighth inning against North Carolina State to win its regional, then clinched the Super Regional for the College World Series berth with a 16-inning victory over Texas A&M.

Along with eight players who were seniors last season, TCU coach Jim Schlossnagle lost three pitchers who were picked in last summer's amateur baseball draft — starters Tyler Alexander and Alex Young and closer Riley Ferrell.

Mitchell Traver, a 6-foot-7 right-hander who was also drafted but opted to return for his junior season at TCU, was 9-2 with a 1.89 ERA and 77 strikeouts in 16 games last season.

The Frogs' rotation could also include a junior college transfer and a true freshman right-hander.

The Frogs could also start the season without two of their senior outfielders. Nolan Brown, their expected leadoff hitter after batting .302 last season, is recovering from hand surgery last month, and Evan Williams suffered a broken collarbone in a car accident.

Here are a few things to watch in the Big 12's 20th baseball season, which gets started Friday:

EXPERIENCED COWBOYS: Oklahoma State, which finished second in the Big 12 last season, goes into coach Josh Holliday's fourth season at his alma mater with seven returning everyday players, including All-Big 12 infielder Donnie Walton (.326 last season) and second-team outfielders Corey Hassel and Ryan Sluder.

There are also nine pitchers back from a staff that had a combined 2.84 ERA, the lowest for the Cowboys since 1973.

Please see TCU/5C

Hocutt: Red Raider football, baseball returning to Midland

By Oscar LeRoy
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Texas Tech Director of Athletics Kirby Hocutt said Midland has become a home away from home for his teams.

Thanks to the great fan support and the relatively short distance away from the university, Hocutt has made Midland a go-to destination for his athletic programs.

During a press conference at Security Bank Ballpark on Monday, Hocutt announced that the Red Raider football team will be holding at least a scrimmage for the fourth consecutive year at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 2 at Grande Communications Stadium. This is just days before the Tech baseball team plays Abilene Christian University at Security Bank Ballpark at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 5.

Admission to the football scrimmage is once again free and gates will open at noon.

Hocutt

Last year, the Red Raiders held their annual spring game at Grande because of renovations to Jones AT&T Stadium and it was estimated that more than 7,500 fans were in attendance.

"This has become an annual spring tradition," Hocutt said. "That's how we feel about it. We want to be here each and every spring. The attendance and support that we have gotten here has been tremendous. Riding up each morning and seeing the tailgating, the festive atmosphere, and then the great attendance that we have had here for the scrimmages have been terrific. And then the baseball turnout has been first class."

Hocutt added that as long as the Texas Tech teams get the support in the Permian Basin, they will keep coming back to Midland.

"Midland is a major city for us, has been and always will be," Hocutt said. "We'll continue to look at all the other communities and cities around the state, and we'll continue to have a presence in all the other cities, but Midland is one where we want to have an annual presence."

Hocutt added that the large number of alumni in the area is another aspect that separates Midland from other West Texas cities outside of Lubbock that would love to host a Tech athletic event.

"The support that we have had felt here has been world class," Hocutt said. "At this point, what we've got going in Midland is working so well that we don't want to change that."

RockHounds general manager Monty Hoppel echoed Hocutt's sentiments.

"The tremendous partnership we've established with Texas Tech University is only possible thanks to the support of the community and because of the quality of this facility (Scharbauer Sports Complex)," he said. "The Red Raiders have always had an outstanding fan base in West Texas and we're pleased to be able to bring both of these events to the sports complex and the Permian Basin."

This past season, the Red Raider football team went 7-6 with an appearance in the Advocare V100 Texas Bowl against nationally-ranked LSU in head coach Kliff Kingsbury's third year as head coach.

Tech baseball opens its season on Saturday and the Midland game will be sandwiched between Big 12 series against Kansas State and at Oklahoma State. Tickets for the baseball game in Midland are $8 and will go on sale Monday, March 14.

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DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Boxing

Alexis Santiago vs. Erik Ruiz, 8 p.m., FS1, FXDEP

Men's College Basketball

Michigan at Ohio State, 6 p.m., ESPN

West Virginia at Texas, 6 p.m., ESPN2

Wake Forest at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m., ESPNU

Creighton at Butler, 6 p.m., FS1

South Carolina at Missouri, 6 p.m., SEC

Northwestern at Purdue, 6 p.m., BTN

Rhode Island at VCU, 6:30 p.m., CBSSN

Kansas State at TCU, 7 p.m., ESPNews

Florida at Georgia, 8 p.m., ESPN

Iowa State at Baylor, 8 p.m., ESPN2

Ole Miss at Texas A&M, 8 p.m., ESPNU

Vanderbilt at Mississippi State, 8 p.m., SEC

Rutgers at Illinois, 8 p.m., BTN

UNLV at Air Force, 8:30 p.m.,CBSSN

Men's Soccer

UEFA Europa: Fenerbahce vs. Lokomotiv Moscow, 10:50 a.m., FS2

UEFA Champions: Paris Saint-Germain vs. Chelsea, 1:30 p.m., FS1, ESPNDEP

UEFA Champions: Benfica vs. Zenit St. Petersburg, 1:30 p.m., FS2, FXDEP

Copa MX: Club Leon vs. Mineros de Zacatecas, 6:40 p.m., ESPNDEP

Copa MX: Dorados de Sinaloa vs. Juarez, 6:40 p.m., UDN

Copa Libertadores: Deportivo Tachira vs. Club Olimpia, 8 p.m., FSP

Copa MX: Necaxa vs. Monarcas Morelia, 8:50 p.m., ESPNDEP

Copa MX: Cafetaleros de Tapachula vs. Venados, 8:50 p.m., UDN

Motorsports

Daytona 500 Media Day, 9 a.m., FS1

NBA D-League

Austin at Rio Grande Valley, 7 p.m., FSSW+, FSSWSA

National Hockey League

Dallas at St. Louis, 7 p.m., NBCSN

Tennis

WTA: Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships, 9 a.m., TENNIS

ATP: Delray Beach Open, Noon, TENNIS

ATP: Rio Open, 3 p.m., TENNIS

ATP: Marseille, ATP: Rio de Janeiro, ATP: Delray, WTA: Dubai, 4 a.m., TENNIS

RADIO

Boys High School Basketball

McCamey at Forsan, 6:30 p.m., KXCS 105.5 FM (Big Spring)

Greenwood at Andrews, 7:30 p.m., KACT 105.5 FM (Andrews); listen online at kactradio.com

Big Spring at Lubbock Estacado, 7:30 p.m., KBYG 106.3, 1400 AM FM, KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

Boys Basketball

Rankin at Wink, 6 p.m.

Stanton at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m.

McCamey at Forsan, 6:30 p.m.

MHS vs. Odessa High, 7:30 p.m., Chaparral Center

Lee at San Angelo Central, 7:30 p.m.

Greenwood at Andrews, 7:30 p.m.

Big Spring at Lubbock Estacado, 8 p.m.

Girls Basketball

Class 2A bi-district Forsan vs. Haskell, 7:30 p.m., Winters

Class 1A bi-district, Grady vs. Borden County, 8 p.m., Snyder

MCA vs. Amarillo San Jacinto, 6:30 p.m., Lubbock Trinity HS

Boys Soccer

Odessa High at Lee, 7:30 p.m.

MHS at San Angelo Central, 7:30 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Odessa High at Lee, 7:30 p.m.

MHS at San Angelo Central, 7:30 p.m.

Softball

Lubbock High at MHS, 4 p.m.

Lee at Lubbock Monterey, 4 p.m.

Greenwood at San Angelo Lake View, 4:30 p.m.

Andrews at Midland Christian, 5:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with 1B Ike Davis on a minor league contract.

National League

MIAMI MARLINS — Agreed to terms with LHP Craig Breslow on a minor league contract.

NEW YORK METS — Named Marc Valdes pitching coach, Valentino Pascucci hitting coach and Kory Wan strength and conditioning coach for St. Lucie (FSL) and Joel Fuentes hitting coach Columbia (SAL).

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with RHP Paolo Espino and OF Logan Schafer on minor league contracts.

American Association

LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Signed RHP Sharon Martis, C Luis Alen and INF Christian Ibarra.

Can-Am League

OTTAWA CHAMPIONS — Released LHP Mark Hardy.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS_Waived CB Travis Howard and FB Collin Mooney.

CHICAGO BEARS — Named Curtis Johnson wide receivers coach and Ben McDaniels offensive assistant coach. Promoted Pierre Ngo to assistant strength and conditioning coach.

DETROIT LIONS — Named Brian Callahan quarterbacks coach.

Arena Football League

ORLANDO PREDATORS — Agreed to terms with DB Paul Stephens.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

American Hockey League

ECHL

ELMIRA JACKALS — Announced F Allan McPherson and D Spiro Goulakos have been assigned to the team by Rochester (AHL).

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

D.C. UNITED — Signed M Luciano Acosta.

North American Soccer League

JACKSONVILLE ARMADA FC — Announced owner and CEO Mark Frisch will assume oversight of day-to-day operations of the club.

United Soccer League

SAN ANTONIO FC — Named Andy Thomson assistant coach. Signed M Miguel Salazar and D Sam McBride.

COLLEGE

MARYLAND — Suspended men's freshman basketball C Diamond Stone one game for his behavior during a Feb. 13 game against Wisconsin.

RUTGERS — Announced men's freshman basketball G Corey Sanders was suspended from basketball activities for two weeks (four games) due to a violation of team rules. Sanders will not compete in the next four games as a result of the suspension.

THIEL — Named Jeff Stephens defensive line coach.

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	35	17	.673	—
Boston	32	23	.582	4½
New York	23	32	.418	13½
Brooklyn	14	40	.259	22
Philadelphia	8	45	.151	27½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	31	24	.564	—
Miami	29	24	.547	1
Charlotte	27	26	.509	3
Washington	23	28	.451	6
Orlando	23	29	.442	6½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	38	14	.731	—
Indiana	28	25	.528	10½
Chicago	27	25	.519	11
Detroit	27	27	.500	12
Milwaukee	22	32	.407	17

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	45	8	.849	—
Memphis	31	22	.585	14
Dallas	29	26	.527	17
Houston	27	28	.491	19
New Orleans	20	33	.377	25

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	40	14	.741	—
Portland	27	27	.500	13
Utah	26	26	.500	13
Denver	22	32	.407	18
Minnesota	17	37	.315	23

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	48	4	.923	—
L.A. Clippers	35	18	.660	13½
Sacramento	22	31	.415	26½
Phoenix	14	40	.259	35
L.A. Lakers	11	44	.200	38½

Sunday's Games

West 196, East 173

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

No games scheduled

DISTRICT 3-6A SOCCER

Boys standings

	W	PW	PL	L	Pts.
Odessa High (4-8-2)	2	0	0	0	6
Abilene High (11-5-0)	1	0	0	1	3
S.A. Central (6-5-2)	1	0	0	1	3
Lee (7-4-3)	**1**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**3**
Midland High (9-5-0)	**0**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**2**
O. Permian (7-6-2)	0	0	1	1	1

Saturday's Scores

Midland High 3, Odessa Permian 3, MHS wins 3-0 in penalty kicks; San Angelo Central 4, Lee 1; Odessa High 2, Abilene High 0.

Today's games

Midland High at San Angelo Central; Odessa High at Lee; Abilene High at Odessa Permian. All matches start at 5:30 p.m.

Girls standings

	W	PW	PL	LPts.	San
A. Central (13-1-2)	2	0	0	0	6
Midland High (5-8-0)	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**6**
Lee (7-5-1)	**1**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**3**
Abilene High (10-6-0)	1	0	0	1	3
Odessa High (9-5-1)	0	0	0	2	0
O. Permian (7-6-2)	0	0	0	2	0

Note: 3 points for a win, 2 points for a penalty kick win, 1 point for a penalty kick loss

Saturday's Scores

Midland High 2, Odessa Permian 0; San Angelo Central 4, Lee 1; Abilene High 3, Odessa High 1.

Today's games

Midland High at San Angelo Central; Odessa High at Lee; Abilene High at Odessa Permian. All matches start at 7:30 p.m.

SKI REPORT

New Mexico

Angel Fire — Mon 5:29 am MG machine groomed 29 - 42 base 71 of 78 trails;91% open, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Thu: 9a-4p; Fri: 9a-8p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Pajarito — Mon 5:35 am packed powder machine groomed 24 - 43 base 40 of 44 trails, 91% open,5 of 7 lifts, Wed-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Wed-Sun; Feb 15: 9a-4p;

Red River — Mon 7:11 am MG machine groomed 50 - 50 base 58 of 58 trails 100% open, 257 acres, 7 of 7 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 8a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Sandia Peak — Sun Reopen 02/19 packed powder machine groomed 20 - 35 base 35 of 39 trails;90% open, 4 of 5 lifts, Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Fri-Sun;

Sipapu — Mon 4:27 am packed powder machine groomed 39 - 49 base 42 of 42 trails,100% open;10 miles, 2000 acres, 6 of 6 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Ski Apache — Fri 9:15 am MG machine groomed 54 - 140 base 54 of 55 trails;98% open, 10 of 10 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Ski Santa Fe — Sun 1:43 pm packed powder machine groomed 61 - 88 base 79 of 79 trails 100% open, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Taos — Mon 8:42 am packed powder machine groomed 91 - 91 base 110 of 110 trails,100% open;1294 acres, 13 of 15 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — Mon 5:47 am 4 new powder machine groomed 55 - 55 base 99 of 109 trails, 91% open, 900 acres, 8 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p;Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Aspen Highlands — Mon 5:05 pm 5 new powder machine groomed 54 - 89 base 122 of 122 trails,100% open, 1053 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p;Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;

Aspen Mountain — Mon 6:52 am 3 new packed powder machine groomed 48 - 48 base 76 of 76 trails,100% open, 675 acres, 7 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p;Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;

Beaver Creek — Mon 5:20 am 3 new powder machine groomed 46 - 46 base 150 of 150 trails,100% open, 1832 acres, 24 of 25 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p;Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Breckenridge — Mon 5:26 am 10 new powder machine groomed 59 - 59 base 187 of 187 trails,100% open, 2908 acres, 34 of 35 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p;Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Buttermilk — Mon 5:04 am 3 new packed powder machine groomed 42 - 54 base 41 of 44 trails;93% open, 431 acres, 7 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sa-Sun: 9a-3:30p;

Dunn's 5 goals for US highlight 10-0 rout of Puerto Rico

Associated Press

FRISCO — Crystal Dunn tied a national team record with five goals and U.S. women routed Puerto Rico 10-0 on Monday night to win Group A in the CONCACAF qualifying tournament for the Rio Olympics.

The top-ranked Americans scored three times within 1:56 during the second half and outshot Puerto Rico 32-1.

The U.S. can clinch one of the 12 slots in Brazil with a win in its CONCACAF semifinal game Friday in Houston. It will face the runner-up of Group B, which will finish play Tuesday.

Canada is expected to win that group with Guyana or Trinidad & Tobago finishing second.

The U.S. remained unbeaten in all-time CONCACAF qualifying play at 16-0-1, having scored 91 goals and allowing four.

The tournament is the Americans' first competitive play since winning last summer's World Cup in Canada.

They have won three straight Olympic titles and four of the five that have been staged in women's soccer.

Group A's other semifinalist is Costa Rica, which edged Mexico 2-1 in Monday's first game at Toyota Stadium.

Dunn's scores came in the sixth, 21st, 62nd, 85th and 87th minutes. She had five career goals going into the game.

The other five goals came from Carli Lloyd (on a penalty kick), Kelley O'Hara, Christen Press, Samantha Mewis (her first career score) and on an own goal.

U.S. coach Jill Ellis' opening lineup included eight players who didn't start either of the two previous group games and only five players who appeared in last summer's World Cup. The lineup was drastically changed since the team had already clinched a semifinal spot, was playing for the third time in five days and faced an opponent ranked No. 108.

Alex Morgan played only the second half, substituting for Lloyd. Goalkeeper Hope Solo was among the regular starters rested.

The newcomers including Mallory Pugh, 17, the youngest American woman to start a qualifying match. Pugh assisted on Dunn's first goal and was tripped in the 18th minute, leading to Lloyd's penalty kick.

Alyssa Naeher earned the shutout in her first CONCACAF qualifying appearance.

It was Lloyd's 85th career international goal and 11th in Olympic qualifying, three off Abby Wambach's U.S. record.

O'Hara's score came on a back heel near the goal line in the 45th minute off a cross from Stephanie McCaffrey.

Puerto Rico made its first appearance in the CONCACAF qualifying tournament and had never previously faced the United States at the senior level.

It was outscored in its three matches 25-0.

This U.S. roster features only 13 of the 20 players who were on the World Cup team. Christie Rampone and Megan Rapinoe are injured, and Amy Rodriguez and Sydney Leroux are pregnant and will miss the Olympics.

Stars slip past Predators 3-2 in OT

By Jim Diamond
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Mattias Janmark scored at 3:49 of overtime to give the Dallas Stars a 3-2 win over the Nashville Predators on Monday night.

Cody Eakin and Ales Hemsky also scored for Dallas, which has won straight.

In overtime, Tyler Seguin's shot from the left side was stopped by Nashville goaltender Carter Hutton. Seguin then poked the rebound over to the right side, where Janmark had an easy tap-in for the winner.

Craig Smith and Filip Forsberg scored for Nashville. The Predators have lost three of four.

Smith opened the scoring at 11:32 of the first period after collecting the rebound of Mattias Ekholm's shot from the left side and beating Dallas goaltender Antti Niemi with a wrist shot on the stick side. The score broke a seven-game goalless stretch for Smith.

Niemi finished with 24 saves.

Eakin tied the game at 1 at 5:42 of the second.

With Nashville on a power play, Jamie Benn sent a pass from the left side to Eakin at the right faceoff dot, where he beat Hutton with a one-timer.

With the assist, Benn extended his point-scoring streak to five games.

Hemsky made it 2-1 only 1:17 later when he out-battled Nashville defenseman Anthony Bitetto for a rolling puck in front of the net and then slipped it by Hutton for his seventh goal of the season.

Forsberg evened the game at 2 at 16:18 of the second after Smith sent a pass from behind the Dallas net in front to Forsberg, where he scored his 19th of the season.

Making his second consecutive start, Hutton denied Benn from just outside the crease with 4:23 remaining in the third to keep the score tied. Hutton finished with 29 saves.

NOTES: Hemsky has points in three consecutive games. ... Dallas has eight short-handed goals this season. ... The Predators are 6-11-3 against Central Division teams this season.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	57	33	18	6	72	160	134
Detroit	57	29	19	9	67	146	147
Boston	56	30	20	6	66	172	157
Tampa Bay	55	30	21	4	64	147	135
Montreal	57	27	26	4	58	157	158
Ottawa	57	25	26	6	56	163	181
Buffalo	57	23	29	5	52	138	160
Toronto	55	20	26	9	49	134	163

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	54	40	10	4	84	181	125
N.Y. Rangers	56	32	18	6	70	163	143
N.Y. Islanders	55	30	19	6	66	161	141
New Jersey	57	29	21	7	65	127	130
Pittsburgh	55	28	18	8	64	142	141
Carolina	56	25	21	10	60	137	149
Philadelphia	55	24	21	10	58	131	148
Columbus	57	25	28	5	55	148	178

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	57	37	15	5	79	187	154
Chicago	60	37	18	5	79	170	139
St. Louis	59	32	17	9	73	143	135
Nashville	57	36	21	10	62	181	152
Colorado	59	29	26	4	62	158	164
Minnesota	55	23	22	10	56	135	140
Winnipeg	55	25	27	3	53	142	160

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	55	33	19	3	69	153	131
Anaheim	55	28	19	8	64	131	134
San Jose	54	29	20	5	63	160	146
Arizona	56	26	24	6	58	151	171
Vancouver	55	22	21	12	56	131	152
Calgary	55	25	27	3	53	150	168
Edmonton	57	22	29	6	50	143	171

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

Monday's Scores

Florida 2, Pittsburgh 1, SO

N.Y. Islanders 4, Detroit 1

Anaheim 6, Calgary 4

Dallas 3, Nashville 2, OT

Chicago 7, Toronto 2

Arizona 6, Montreal 2

Minnesota at Vancouver, late

Today's Games

Philadelphia at New Jersey, 6 p.m.

Los Angeles at Washington, 6 p.m.

Winnipeg at Carolina, 6 p.m.

Boston at Columbus, 6 p.m.

Buffalo at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.

San Jose at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.

Dallas at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

Anaheim at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL PLAYOFF GLANCE

Polls

MEN'S POLLS

The top 25 teams in the USA Today men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 14, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Villanova (25)	22-3	785	1
2. Kansas (7)	21-4	764	6
3. Oklahoma	20-4	680	3
4. North Carolina	21-4	674	8
5. Maryland	22-4	636	2
6. Iowa	20-5	624	5
7. Xavier	22-3	615	4
8. Virginia	20-5	579	7
9. Michigan State	21-5	500	9
10. Miami	20-4	558	11
11. West Virginia	20-5	488	10
12. Arizona	21-5	425	14
13. Dayton	21-3	382	17
14. Kentucky	19-6	346	21
15. Iowa State	18-7	319	15
16. Purdue	20-6	298	16
17. Oregon	20-6	259	12
18. Notre Dame	19-7	203	—
19. Duke	19-6	183	—
20. Providence	19-7	161	17
21. Indiana	20-6	154	22
22. Baylor	**19-7**	**109**	**19**
23. South Carolina	21-4	108	20
24. Texas A&M	**19-7**	**106**	**13**
25. Texas	**19-8**	**73**	**25**

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 14, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Villanova (44)	22-3	1,601	1
2. Kansas (21)	21-4	1,578	6
3. Oklahoma	20-4	1,471	3
4. Iowa	20-5	1,349	4
5. North Carolina	21-4	1,343	9
6. Maryland	22-4	1,248	2
7. Virginia	20-5	1,188	7
8. Michigan St.	21-5	1,174	8
9. Xavier	22-3	1,174	5
10. West Virginia	20-5	1,094	10
11. Miami	20-4	1,036	12
12. Arizona	21-5	923	17
13. Iowa St.	18-7	742	14
14. Kentucky	19-6	692	22
15. Dayton	21-3	681	19
16. Oregon	20-6	529	11
17. Purdue	20-6	497	18
18. Louisville	19-6	494	13
19. Notre Dame	18-7	489	—
20. Duke	19-6	462	—
21. SMU	**21-3**	**441**	**16**
22. Indiana	20-6	232	—
23. Providence	19-7	125	20
24. Texas	**19-8**	**123**	**24**
25. Baylor	**18-7**	**97**	**21**

Others receiving votes: **Texas A&M 80**, Utah 75, Saint Joseph's 57, Wisconsin 47, South Carolina 39, Southern Cal 38, Michigan 17, Syracuse 17, Wichita St. 14, Stony Brook 13, Monmouth (NJ) 10, California 8, Hawaii 5, UNC Wilmington 4, San Diego St. 3, Yale 3, Cincinnati 2.

WOMEN'S POLLS

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 14, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. UConn (32)	24-0	800	1
2. Notre Dame	24-1	755	3
3. South Carolina	23-1	748	2
4. Baylor	**25-1**	**703**	**4**
5. Ohio St.	21-4	662	7
6. Maryland	23-3	614	5
7. Oregon St.	22-3	604	8
8. Texas	**22-2**	**589**	**6**
9. Arizona St.	22-4	558	9
10. Florida St.	21-4	532	10
11. Louisville	19-6	465	12
12. Texas A&M	**17-7**	**416**	**15**
12. UCLA	19-6	416	14
14. Mississippi St.	21-5	398	11
15. Stanford	20-6	371	13
16. Kentucky	17-6	272	18
17. Oklahoma St.	19-5	226	20
18. Miami	21-5	215	19
19. South Florida	18-6	174	22
20. Oklahoma	17-7	173	21
21. DePaul	21-7	147	23
22. Florida	19-6	136	16
23. Syracuse	20-6	74	—
24. Tennessee	15-8	63	25
25. Michigan St.	18-7	58	17

Others receiving votes: Missouri 55, West Virginia 47, Colorado St. 40, BYU 31, Duquesne 22, Georgia 17, Auburn 9, **UTEP 8**, Oregon 7, Minnesota 6, Green Bay 3, Arkansas St. 2, Army 1, Florida Gulf Coast 1, Indiana 1, Washington 1.

Scores

MEN

SOUTHWEST

Cent. Arkansas 107, Northwestern St. 94

Houston Baptist 79, Lamar 76

Sam Houston St. 84, Abilene Christian 71

Stephen F. Austin 84, Incarnate Word 46

Texas Southern 79, Grambling St. 72

MIDWEST

Green Bay 70, Milwaukee 68

Oakland 89, Wright St. 79

Wichita St. 71, New Mexico St. 41

EAST

Fairfield 76, Marist 73

Iona 78, Quinnipiac 59

LIU Brooklyn 82, St. Francis Brooklyn 67

Lehigh 64, Holy Cross 59

Monmouth (NJ) 79, Manhattan 70

SOUTH

Bethune-Cookman 83, NC A&T 77, OT

Delaware St. 71, Coppin St. 67

ETSU 83, W. Carolina 77

Hampton 87, Morgan St. 79

NC Central 79, Florida A&M 74

Southern U. 97, MVSU 64

Texas A&M-CC 65, New Orleans 57

UNC Greensboro 65, Wofford 61

Virginia 73, NC State 53

WOMEN

SOUTHWEST

Grambling St. 49, Texas Southern 46

Jackson St. 77, Prairie View 67

MIDWEST

Minnesota 78, Iowa 76

Saint Louis 88, Davidson 51

EAST

CCSU 65, LIU Brooklyn 57

Mount St. Mary's 71, Fairleigh Dickinson 55

Sacred Heart 62, Robert Morris 52

St. Francis (Pa.) 67, Wagner 74

St. Francis Brooklyn 58, Bryant 57

Stetson 74, NJIT 56

SOUTH

Alcorn St. 81, Ark.-Pine Bluff 53

Coppin St. 84, Delaware St. 79

Florida A&M 69, NC Central 54

Florida Gulf Coast 98, SC-Upstate 44

Hampton 60, Morgan St. 47

Jacksonville 76, Lipscomb 55

Kennesaw St. 76, North Florida 54

Louisville 67, South Florida 55

NC A&T 68, Bethune-Cookman 55

South Carolina 62, Tennessee 58

Southern U. 78, MVSU 36

Texas A&M 62, Mississippi 48

UT Martin 81, Belmont 79

Schedule

MEN

SOUTHWEST

West Virginia at Texas, 6 p.m.

Kansas St. at TCU, 7 p.m.

Iowa St. at Baylor, 8 p.m.

Mississippi at Texas A&M, 8 p.m.

MIDWEST

Buffalo at Akron, 5 p.m.

Creighton at Butler, 6 p.m.

Toledo at Cent. Michigan, 6 p.m.

Valparaiso at Cleveland St., 6 p.m.

W. Michigan at Kent St., 6 p.m.

Ball St. at Miami (Ohio), 6 p.m.

South Carolina at Missouri, 6 p.m.

E. Michigan at Ohio, 6 p.m.

Michigan at Ohio St., 6 p.m.

Northwestern at Purdue, 6 p.m.

Ill.-Chicago at Youngstown St., 6:05 p.m.

Bowling Green at Illinois, 7 p.m.

Rutgers at Illinois, 8 p.m.

FAR WEST

UNLV at Air Force, 8:30 p.m.

EAST

Wake Forest at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.

SOUTH

Richmond at Davidson, 6 p.m.

South Florida at East Carolina, 6 p.m.

St. Catherine U. at Morehead St., 6 p.m.

Detroit at N. Kentucky, 6 p.m.

Rhode Island at VCU, 6:30 p.m.

Allen at Campbell, 7 p.m.

Troy at South Alabama, 7:05 p.m.

Florida at Georgia, 8 p.m.

Vanderbilt at Mississippi St., 8 p.m.

WOMEN

EAST

Vermont at Binghamton, 6 p.m.

SOUTH

Winthrop at Campbell, 4:30 p.m.

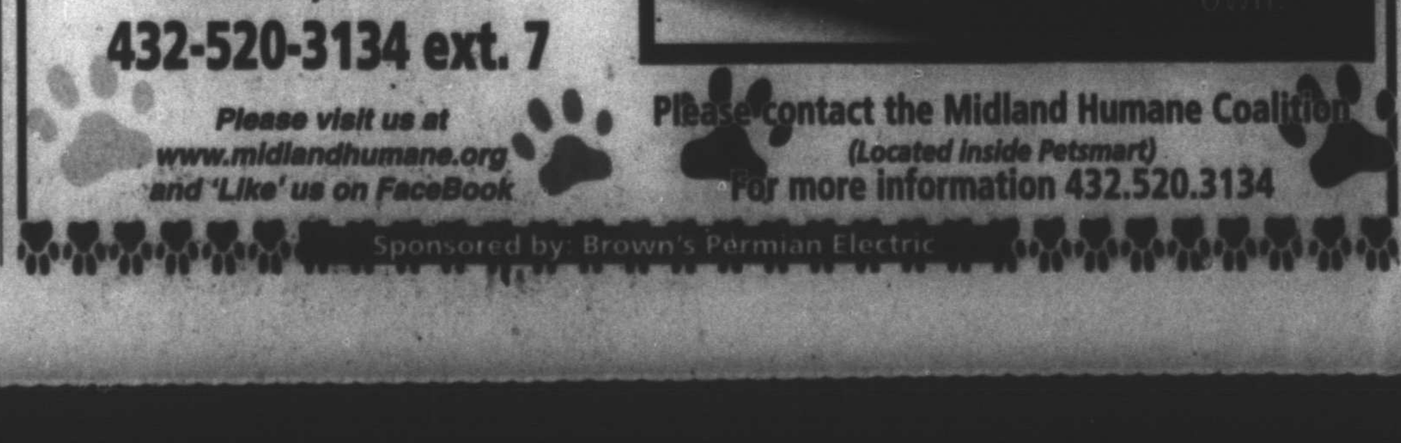
Troy at South Alabama, 5 p.m.

Charleston Southern at Coastal Carolina, 6 p.m.

Presbyterian at Gardner-Webb, 6 p.m.

High Point at Longwood, 6 p.m.

Radford at UNC Asheville, 6 p.m.



LEWIS

From 1C

guards matched up well against Lee's athletic backcourt.

The Lady Rebels managed only seven steals, a paltry number for a team that has relied on their full-court press to create turnovers and convert them into easy points in transition. Martin forced 22 turnovers in the contest.

"They're very athletic," Lewis said. "A few of their guards matched our guards."

To compensate, Lee did a good job of controlling the glass on the Lady Warriors, out-rebounding them by a 34-18 margin.

Lady Rebels post Yaritza Rivas spearheaded the effort with a game-high 10 rebounds and added 13 points to finish with a double-double.

"We just crashed the boards and we looked for ways that we could do it," Rivas said. "That was our way. We out-sized them. We used it to our advantage."

Lee shooting guard Allison Valdez grabbed eight rebounds, while Lewis had six.

"It was a tug of rope game, just fighting for those boards," Lewis said.

Both Lewis and Rivas made key baskets in the paint during the final two minutes of the contest, the latter pushed the Lady Rebels to a 43-39 advantage with 1:22 left.

Martin made it a one-score affair when Gabby Bell drilled a 3 with 18 seconds left before Valdez made one of two free throws to force the Lady Warriors to go for 3 on their final possession.

"With our team, we stay together no matter what, obviously to the last second in every game," Rivas said. "We stay together and we pull together. We hold it down."

Lewis led Lee with 14 points, three steals and two blocked shots.

Martin's Tiara Malone scored a game-high 15 points, but wasn't available on the Lady Warriors' final chance after she fouled out.

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LEE 45
ARLINGTON MARTIN 42

Lee (25-4) — Yaritza Rivas 13, Allison Valdez 5, Alaysha Green 4, Karysa Edwards 7, Braydyn Hill 2, Nyra Lewis 14

Martin (16-11) — Courtnei Buckley 5, Sidney Reeves 4, Hillery Smith 6, Gabby Bell 6, Tiara Malone 15, Tatum Henderson 6

Lee	11	14	10	—	45
Martin	10	12	9	—	42

Free throws — Lee 14-20, Martin 3-8, 3-point goals — Lee 1 (Edwards), Martin 3 (Malone, Bell, Buckley). Total fouls — Lee 10, Martin 19. Fouled out — Smith, Malone.

Next: Lee vs. Amarillo Tascosa-El Paso El Dorado winner, TBA

Wright's 27 leads MC past Frank Phillips

From staff reports

BORGER — Walnatia Wright scored a game-high 27 points to lead No. 9 Midland College to a 65-62 victory over Frank Phillips College on Monday night.

The Lady Chaparrals took a 17-10 lead after the first quarter and had a 36-25 halftime lead.

But the Lady Plainsmen (10-12, 3-8) made a charge in the second half, before MC held on to avoid its second straight upset loss.

Valentine Zambelli added 10 for the Lady Chaps, while Lisa Kaempf added nine.

Demi Read had 18 points for FPC.

The Lady Chaps return home on Thursday to host WJCAC leader and No. 8-ranked New Mexico Junior College. Tip off is at 5:45 p.m.

NO. 9 MIDLAND COLLEGE 65

WJCAC Women's basketball

Team	Overall W	L	District W	L
x-New Mexico JC	11	0	24	2
y-Midland College	10	2	22	4
Howard College	7	5	17	10
Odessa College	6	5	17	8
South Plains	6	6	16	8
Western Texas	3	8	10	10
Frank Phillips	3	8	10	12
Clarendon College	0	12	5	23

x-clinched Region V Tournament berth

Monday's Scores

Midland College 65, Frank Phillips College 62; South Plains College 87, Howard College 52; Odessa College 56, Western Texas College 48; Clarendon College and New Mexico JC won open

Thursday's Games

New Mexico JC at Midland College; Howard College at Odessa College; Frank Phillips College at Western Texas College; South Plains College at Clarendon College

FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE 62
MIDLAND COLLEGE 65

Midland College (23-4, 10-2) — Morgan 1 1-2 4, Tae'lor Hodge 0 0-0 0, Sierra Dixon 2 0-0 5, Toni Taylor 0 2-2 2, Valentine Zambelli 3 2-2 10, Tichina Coleman 2 0-1 4, Walnatia Wright 11 5-7 27, Kayla Bretherton 0 2-2 2, Tenesha Dixon 1 0-0 2, Lisa Kaempf 4 1-4 9. Totals 24 13-20 65

Frank Phillips (10-12, 3-8) — Goss 4 4-6 15, Howard 0 0-0 0, Machuca 4 0-0 11, Willis 0 0-0 0, Forrest 6 0-0 13, Smith 1 0-3 2, Read 7 4-7 18, Costa 1 0-0 3. Totals 22 8-16 62

Midland College	17	19	14	15	—65
Frank Phillips	17	15	19	11	—62

3-point goals — MC 4 (Zambelli 2, Ashton, Dixon), FPC 7 (Goss 3, Machuca 3, Costa). Total fouls — MC 16, FPC 23. Fouled out — Smith.

Next: New Mexico JC at Midland College, 5:45 p.m.Thursday

Frank Phillips College outlasts Chaps

From staff reports

BORGER — The postseason hopes for the Midland College men's basketball team took a hit on Monday after an 82-75 loss to Frank Phillips College.

The loss drops the Chaparrals (20-7, 8-5 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference) to fifth place in the league standings, one game back of the Plainsmen (20-7; 9-4) with three games to go.

MC got into a hole in the first half as Frank Phillips took a 46-30 lead at the break thanks in part to 52.9 percent shooting.

The Chaps closed the gap within five points in the second half before FPC held on for the win.

MC was just 6 of 19 from 3-point range and 11 of 20 from the free-throw line.

Daeshon Francis had a game-high 29 points, James McPherson had 13 off the bench, and Norbertas Giga added 12 points and 16 rebounds for the Chaps.

FPC hit 10 of 19 3-pointers and had six players in double figures, led by Alize Johnson with 15. Lucious McKay added 14 points, Leron Smith 13, Anthony Stove 11 and Roderick Harris chipped in with 10.

MC returns to Chaparral Center at 7:30 p.m. to face New Mexico Junior College.

WJCAC Men's basketball

Team	Overall W	L	District W	L
South Plains	11	3	20	7
Odessa College	10	3	21	6
New Mexico JC	9	4	19	8
Frank Phillips	9	4	20	7
Midland College	8	5	20	7
Western Texas	6	9	14	13
Howard College	5	9	15	12
Clarendon College	2	12	14	14
NMMI	1	13	9	18

Monday's Scores

Frank Phillips College 82, Midland College 75; South Plains College 82, Howard College 55; Odessa College 75, Western Texas College 42; New Mexico Military Institute 77, Clarendon College 70; New Mexico JC was open

Thursday's Games

New Mexico JC at Midland College; Howard College at Odessa College; Frank Phillips College at Western Texas College; South Plains College at Clarendon College; New Mexico Military Institute is open

FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE 82
MIDLAND COLLEGE 75

Midland College (20-7, 8-5) — Jachai 1-8 1-2 3, Bryce Ervin 0-0 0-0 0, Solomon Hanna 4-9 0-0 8, Norbertas Giga 6-11 0-0 12, Daeshon Francis 10-18 6-10 26, William Tchiengang 2-2 0-0 4, Kendall Rollins 0-0 0-0 0, Dylan Cham 0-0 0-0 0, Austin Dasaro 0-2 0-0 0, Treveun Coad 3-7 3-6 7, James McPherson 4-8 1-1 13. Totals 29-68 11-20 75

Frank Phillips (20-7, 9-4) — Lucious McKay 3-10 6-11 14, Roderick Harris 4-8 2-5 10, Anthony Stove 4-8 0-0 11, Isaiah Palmer 4-10 1-2 10, Alize Johnson 6-8 2-3 15, Kwanique Martin 0-0 1-2 1, Leron Smith 5-8 0-0 13, Jordan Dingle 3-9 0-0 6, Kyle Wilson 0-2 2-3 2. Totals 29-62 14-26 82

Halftime — FPC 46, MC 30. 3-point goals — MC 6-19 (McPherson 4-8, Francis 2-5, Simmons 0-3, Giga 0-2, Dasaro 0-1, Coad 0-3), FPC 10-10 (Smith 3-4, Stove 3-3, McKay 2-5, Palmer 1-2, Johnson 1-4, Harris 0-1). Total fouls — 21, FPC 18. Fouled out — None. Rebounds — MC 45 (Giga 16), FPC 32 (Palmer 10).

Next: New Mexico JC at Midland College, 7:30 p.m. Thursday

HSBOYSBASKETBALLCAPSULES

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ODESSA HIGH AT MIDLAND HIGH

When/where: 7:30 p.m. today at Chaparral Center

Records: Odessa High 16-12, 3-6 in District 3-6A; MHS 10-16, 4-5 in District 3-6A

Last game: OHS 45, Lee 33; Odessa Permian 53, MHS 43

Three things to watch:

■ For the Bulldogs, a win clinches the district's No. 4 playoff seed. An MHS win Friday combined with a Lee road win against San Angelo Central, would place the Bulldogs in a two-way tie for the No. 3 seed.

■ A victory for OHS puts it in a two-way tie with MHS for the No. 4 seed. Should

5-6A Boys basketball

Team	Overall W	L	District W	L
x-y-Abilene High	9	0	30	0
x-Odessa Permian	7	3	23	10
x-San Angelo Central	5	4	20	11
Midland High	4	5	19	16
Odessa High	3	6	16	13
Lee	0	9	8	22

Friday's scores

Odessa Permian 53, Midland High 43; Odessa High 45, Lee 33; Abilene High 61, San Angelo Central 52

Tuesday's games

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

that happen, the two teams would likely play a tiebreaker game as the season series would be tied 1-1. A loss today eliminates the Bronchos from playoff contention.

■ With the exception of their Feb. 2 home loss against Abilene High, the Bulldogs have followed every district loss with a win in their next game. That trend of recovery will need to continue today for MHS to guarantee a playoff spot.

Next: MHS, TBA; OHS, TBA

LEE AT SAN ANGELO CENTRAL

When/where: 7:30 p.m. today, San Angelo

Records: Lee 3-22, 0-9 in District 3-6A; Central 20-11, 5-4 in District 3-6A

Last game: OHS 45, Lee 33, Friday; Abilene High 61, Central 52, Friday

Three things to watch:

■ This is the Rebels' last chance to pick up a district win and end another frustrating season on a positive note.

■ With a win, combined with a Permian home loss against district-leading Abilene High, the Bobcats will capture the No. 2 seed, courtesy of a head-to-head tiebreaker over the Panthers.

■ Lee nearly upset the Bobcats on Jan. 29 at Chaparral Center. The Rebels fell, 54-48, but put together a big rally in the fourth quarter to make things interesting.

Next: Lee has completed its season; Central, TBA

MHS

From 1C

first-quarter points, while fellow post Kaylyn Evans added five points in the first period.

Midland High led 23-18 after the first quarter and took a 34-30 lead into intermission.

The Lady Vikings took control of the game when Destiny Thurman nailed a 3 right before the buzzer at the end of the third quarter, lifting Lamar to a 51-48 advantage.

From that point on, the Lady Bulldogs had a difficult time closing the gap as they were outscored 15-7 in the final stanza. Alexis Washington's transition layup was Midland High's last field goal made, which occurred with 6:10 remaining in the fourth quarter.

"They tightened up their defense and we're aggressive," Lady Bulldogs head coach Wes Torres said. "We missed some of our shots we hit in the first half, in the first quarter while attacking the paint. We didn't hit those shots in the second quarter. Credit to them, they kind of locked down defensively and they were able to take us out of attacking the basket."

Trailing 60-52 with about two minutes left, MHS missed three consecutive shots inside the paint.

Sims-Jackson got stronger as the game went on, tallying 12 rebounds and seven blocked shots.

"The game was the most physical game I coached this year and since I've been in Midland," Torres said. "Credit to them, they played extremely physical. We didn't handle it as well as we wanted to all the time. Our girls, they fought and they left it all out on the floor."

Washington had 16 points in her final high school game to go along with seven rebounds, five assists and three blocked shots.

Lancaster registered a double-double with 11 points and 12 rebounds.

Midland High's Alexandrea Washington, like her twin sister, contributed in many facets with eight rebounds, four assists and four steals. All three Lady Bulldogs were playing their final high school games as seniors.

"You know what, they're well coached," Lamar head coach Errin Levels said of the Lady Bulldogs. "They run the offense well. They rebound well. They do a lot of things well. It's always a good game when we play them."

Lamar's Thurman led her team with 15 points and was joined in double figures by teammates Jada Washington with 13 points, Ariel Williams with 10 points and Jermica Harris with 10 points.

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ARLINGTON LAMAR 66
MIDLAND HIGH 55

MHS (20-10) — Amber Salcido 9, Alexis Washington 16, Alexandrea Washington 7, Rylee Rushton 2, Claire Lancaster 12, Kaylyn Evans 9

Lamar (19-13) — Pam Byrd 4, Destiny Thurman 15, Jada Washington 13, Ariel Williams 10, Kaylyn Cunningham 6, Jermica Harris 10, Arhsanna Sims-Jackson 8

MHS	23	11	14	7	—55
Lamar	18	12	21	15	—66

Free throws - MHS 14-18, Lamar 17-29. 3-point goals - MHS 3 (Alexis Washington 2, Salcido), Lamar 5 (Washington 2, Williams 2, Thurman). Total fouls - MHS 18, Lamar 17. Fouled out - Lancaster, Sims-Jackson.

HSBASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

GIRLS
Greenwood 86
San Elizario 27

PECOS — Behind 18 points each from Caity Payne and Natalee Karcher, Greenwood rolled to a victory against San Elizario on Monday in a Class 4A bi-district game.

The Rangerettes (23-11) steamrolled their way to a 41-16 halftime advantage and then outscored San Elizario, 24-8, in the third quarter to enhance their lead.

Greenwood will take on the winner of today's Lamesa-Borger game in the area round. Time, date and location are yet to be determined.

GREENWOOD 86
SAN ELIZARIO 27

Greenwood (23-11) — Caity Payne 18, Madi Ulcak 5, Reagan Shanks 2, Natalee Karcher 18, Blaike Thompson 2, Layne Banks 8, Ariana Leyva 12, Cassi Mebane 2, Cylie Mebane 10, Kaitlin Keel 2, Callie Rose Gilbert 8

San Elizario (4-23) — Castro 9, Moreno 6, Valdez 4, Dominguez 6, Villa 2

Greenwood	20	21	24	21	—86
San Elizario	10	6	8	3	—27

Free throws — Greenwood 17-24, San Elizario 4-12. 3-point goals — Greenwood 1 (Leyva), San Elizario 3 (Castro, Dominguez 2). Total fouls — Greenwood 15, San Elizario 18. Fouled out — Valdez, Villa.

Next: Greenwood vs. winner of Lamesa-Borger, area round, TBA

Fabens 65
Andrews 64

ALPINE — Fabens edged the Lady Mustangs, 65-64 in a Class 4A bi-district game on Monday at Sul Ross State University.

Andrews finished its season with an 8-14 record. No other information was reported.

Jim Ned 64
Stanton 33

SAN ANGELO — Jim Ned raced past Stanton to a 64-33 Class 3A bi-district win on Monday at Lake View High School.

No other information was reported.

No. 1 Wall 57
Coahoma 10

STERLING CITY — No. 1 Wall bulldozed its way to a 57-10 Class 3A bi-district victory against Coahoma on Monday.

Julia Castillaw had seven points for Coahoma.

No other information was reported.

BOYS
Garden City 63
Sterling City 17

GARDEN CITY — Tanner Davis scored a game-high 20 points to lead the Bearkats to a blowout win against Sterling City on Monday in District 14-1A play.

Ethan Goodwin added 16 points for Garden City, which led, 35-11 at halftime.

The Bearkats (16-9, 11-3) finished in a tie with Bronte for the district's No. 2 seed and the two teams are tentatively scheduled to play a tiebreaker game on Friday. Time and location have not yet been finalized.

GARDEN CITY 63
STERLING CITY 17

SC — Horwood 7, Collins 6, Mackie 3, Raynore 1

GC (16-9, 11-3) — Tanner Davis 20, Ethan Goodwin 16, Seth Miller 10, Bailey Matschek 8, J.D. Rodriguez 5, Riley Eggemeyer 2, Scott Miller 2

SC	2	9	3	3	—17
GC	18	17	14	14	—63

Free throws — SC 1-9, GC 4-14. 3-point goals — SC 1 (Horwood), GC 5 (Davis 2, Matschek 2, Rodriguez). Total fouls — SC 12, GC 12. Fouled out — none.

Next: GC vs. Bronte, TBA, Friday

HS BASKETBALL PAIRINGS

CLASS 6A
Bi-District

Arlington Bowie (24-8, W4) 74, Odessa Permian (16-12, F3) 36
El Paso Coronado (18-7, R1) vs. Wolfforth Frenship (18-15, T2), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Fort Stockton
Lee (25-4, W3) 45, Arlington Martin (16-11, F4) 42
Amarillo Tascosa (20-7, R2) vs. El Paso El Dorado (17-12, T1), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Seagoville
Duncanville (32-0, W8) vs. Southlake Carroll (17-14, F7), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Arlington High
Denton Guyer (23-7, R5) vs. Flower Mound (22-6, T6), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Lake Dallas
Euless Trinity (28-3, W7) vs. DeSoto (19-12, F8), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Arlington Bowie
Plano (25-9, R6) 48, Denton Ryan (17-13, T5) 38
Amarillo High (30-4, W2) 61, El Paso Montwood (15-14, F1) 32
Arlington Lamar (19-13, T4) 66, Midland High (20-10, R3) 55
El Paso Franklin (26-3, W1) 59, Lubbock Coronado (8-15, F2) 54
Weatherford (28-5, R4) 57, San Angelo Central (14-19, T3) 51
Plano West (30-4, W6) 78 vs. Justin Northwest (16-15, F5) 38
Hurst L.D. Bell (20-10, R7) vs. South Grand Prairie (25-9, T8), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Grand Prairie
Keller (25-8, W5) vs. Allen (21-11, F6), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Carrollton Creekview
Cedar Hill (26-7, R8) 60, Colleyville Heritage (22-11, T7) 44

CLASS 4A
Bi-District

Greenwood (23-11, W4) 86, San Elizario (4-23, F3) 27
Borger (R1) vs. Lamesa (5-17), TBA
Fabens (21-7, W2) 65, Andrews (8-14, F4) 64
Lubbock Estacado (17-15, R2) 68, Perryton (11-13, T1) 65
Bridgeport (20-11, W6) vs. Midlothian (8-23, F7), 6:30 p.m. today, Southlake Carroll HS
Wichita Falls Hirschi (R5) vs. Stephenville (14-15, T6), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Breckenridge
Godley (26-8, W7) 66, Castleberry (5-16, F8) 31
Brownwood (22-7, R6) vs. Vernon (15-10, T5), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Breckenridge
Levelland (25-6, W2) 74, vs. Dalhart (21) 45
Clint Mountain View (12-15, R3) 46, Pecos (15-13, T4) 43
Bushland (17-9, W1) vs. Big Spring (7-17, F2), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Lubbock Christian University
Seminole (20-8, R4) 74, Clint (14-16, T3) 33
Abilene Wylie (26-5, W6) 39, Iowa Park (10-11, F5) 32
Kennedale (24-10, R7) vs. Springtown (9-24, T8)
Burkburnett (W5) vs. Graham (3-13, F6), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Windthorst
Decatur (R8) vs. Venus (22-8, T7), 7 p.m. today, Keller

CLASS 3A
Bi-District

Lubbock Roosevelt (16-6, F5) 59, Tomillo (13-9, W4) 34
Spearman (R1) vs. Dimmitt (T2), 8 p.m. today, TBA
Idalou (22-6, W3) 74, Alpine (F4) 20
Littlefield (R2) vs. Childress (T1), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wayland Baptist, Plainview
Clyde (19-13, W6) 55, Bangs (F7) 40
Merkel (17-15, T6) 42, Sonora (17-13, R5) 36
Eastland (F8) 44, Comanche (W7) 31
Tuscola Jim Ned (R6) 64, Stanton (T5) 33
Shallowater (W2, 29-4) 92, Amarillo River Road (F1) 24
Brownfield (R3) 68, Kermit (T4) 23
Amarillo Highland Park (W1) vs. Muleshoe (F2), time, date, site TBD
Presidio (R4) vs. Denver City (T3), time, date, site TBD
Wall (W8, 28-4) 57, Coahoma (F5) 10
Dublin (T8) 64, Brady (R7) 52
Colorado City (W5, 21-3) 52, Ballinger (F6, 11-22), 37
Cisco (R8) vs. Coleman (T7, 11-22), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, McMurry's Kimbrell Arena, Abilene

CLASS 2A

Abernathy (W4) vs. (F3), time, date, site TBD
(R1) vs. Memphis (T2), time, date, site TBD
(W3) vs. New Deal (F4), time, date, site TBD
Wheeler (R2) vs. (T1), time, date, site TBD
Christoval (W8) vs. Hawley (F7), 6 p.m. Monday, Winters HS
Tahoka (R5) 72, Fort Hancock (T8) 32
Haskell (W7) vs. Forsan (F8), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Winters HS
Anthony (R6) vs. Smyer (T5), time, date, site TBD
Wellington (W2) vs. (F1), time, date, site TBD
Farwell (R3) 72, Hale Center (T4) 36
(W1) vs. Shamrock (F2), time, date, site TBD
Olton (R4) vs (T3), time, date, site TBD
Van Horn (W6) vs. Sudan (F5), time, date, site TBD
Stamford (R7, 23-7) vs. Miles (T8, 19-5), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Coleman HS
Sundown (W5) vs. (F6), time, date, site TBD
Irion County (R8) 46, Anson (T7) 36

CLASS 1A
Region II

Roscoe Highland (W12), bye
Balmorhea (R9) vs. (T10), time, date, site TBD
(W10), bye
Grady (R11) vs. Borden County (W12), 6 p.m. Tuesday, The Coliseum, Snyder
Richland Springs (W16), bye
(R13) vs. Paint Rock (T14), time, date, site TBD
Garden City (W14), bye
Eula (R15, 21-8) vs. Rochelle (T16), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Coleman HS
O'Donnell (W11), bye
(R10) vs. Marfa (T9), time, date, site TBD
Fort Davis (W9), bye
Ira (R12) vs. Klondike (T11), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Scurry County Coliseum, Snyder
May (W15), bye
Robert Lee (R14) vs. Trent or Rotan (T13), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sweetwater
(W13), bye
Menard (R16) vs. Cross Plains (T15), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Zephyr HS

Chris Bosh dealing with another blood-clot scare

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

MIAMI — Chris Bosh of the Miami Heat is dealing with another blood-clot scare, making this the second consecutive year that he's spent the All-Star break facing a most uncertain future because of a health issue.

Bosh will spend "the next few days" reviewing options and no determination will be made about his playing status until he goes through more tests and evaluation, a person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press on Monday night. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because neither the All-Star forward nor the Heat have revealed the concerns publicly.

Bosh is Miami's leading scorer at 19.1 points per game this season. He said over the weekend in Toronto that he was optimistic about playing again this season.

Bosh pulled out of the All-Star Game and the 3-point contest over the weekend because of what he and the Heat described as a calf strain. He was shut down at the All-Star break last season because a blood clot had found its way to one of his lungs, and that issue is something that Bosh believes started as a calf problem.

He went to Toronto expecting to participate in All-Star weekend, then was examined there — presumably because of the calf pain — and the NBA subsequently announced on Friday afternoon that Bosh was withdrawing from the game and the 3-point event. Bosh remained in Toronto to cheer on his Eastern Conference teammates, then returned to Miami and met with team medical personnel Monday.

"The biggest thing is his health," Heat teammate Dwyane Wade said Saturday in Toronto, when the speculation was that Bosh was only dealing with a strain. "All in all, as I said last year, it's bigger than basketball. It's about his family and he has to make sure he does everything right. I want to make sure that he's doing whatever he needs to do to be healthy and get back on the basketball court whenever he's ready."

The fact that Bosh remained in Toronto, and was active over the course of the weekend, suggests he's at least optimistic that the problem — whether it's a clot or not — can be managed. He was on the bench for the All-Star Game, was in uniform for the team photo session pregame, accompanied Wade to a dinner that honored Kobe Bryant on Saturday night and moved around without any obvious difficulty.

Last year, that wasn't the case.

"I couldn't walk anywhere," Bosh said in September, describing how the clot affected him. "I was in too much pain."

Bosh has taken precautions over the last year to try and prevent the recurrence of a clot, including partnering with Janssen Pharmaceuticals — the maker of the commonly used blood thinner Xarelto — to educate people about the risks.

THE MARKET IN REVIEW

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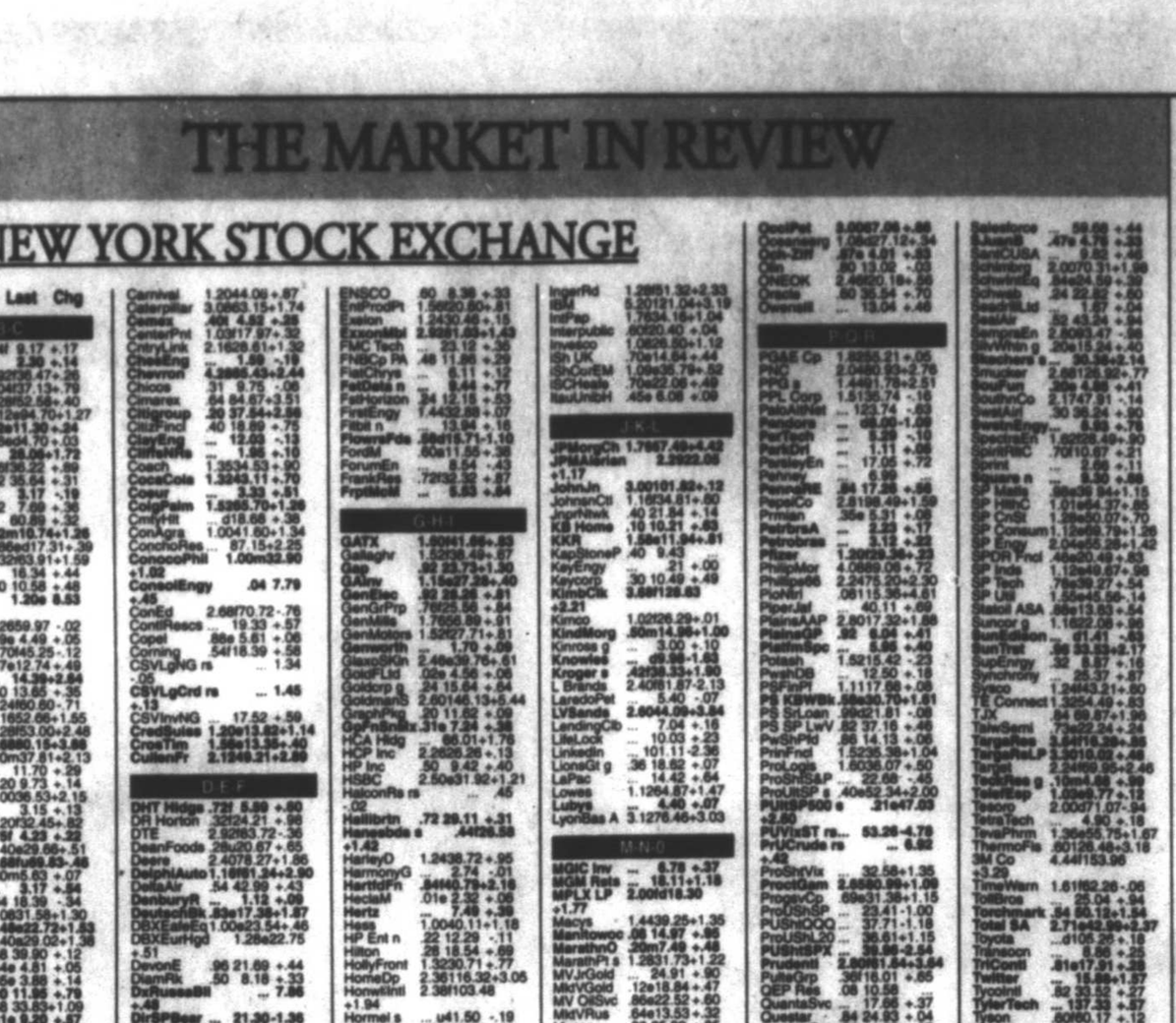

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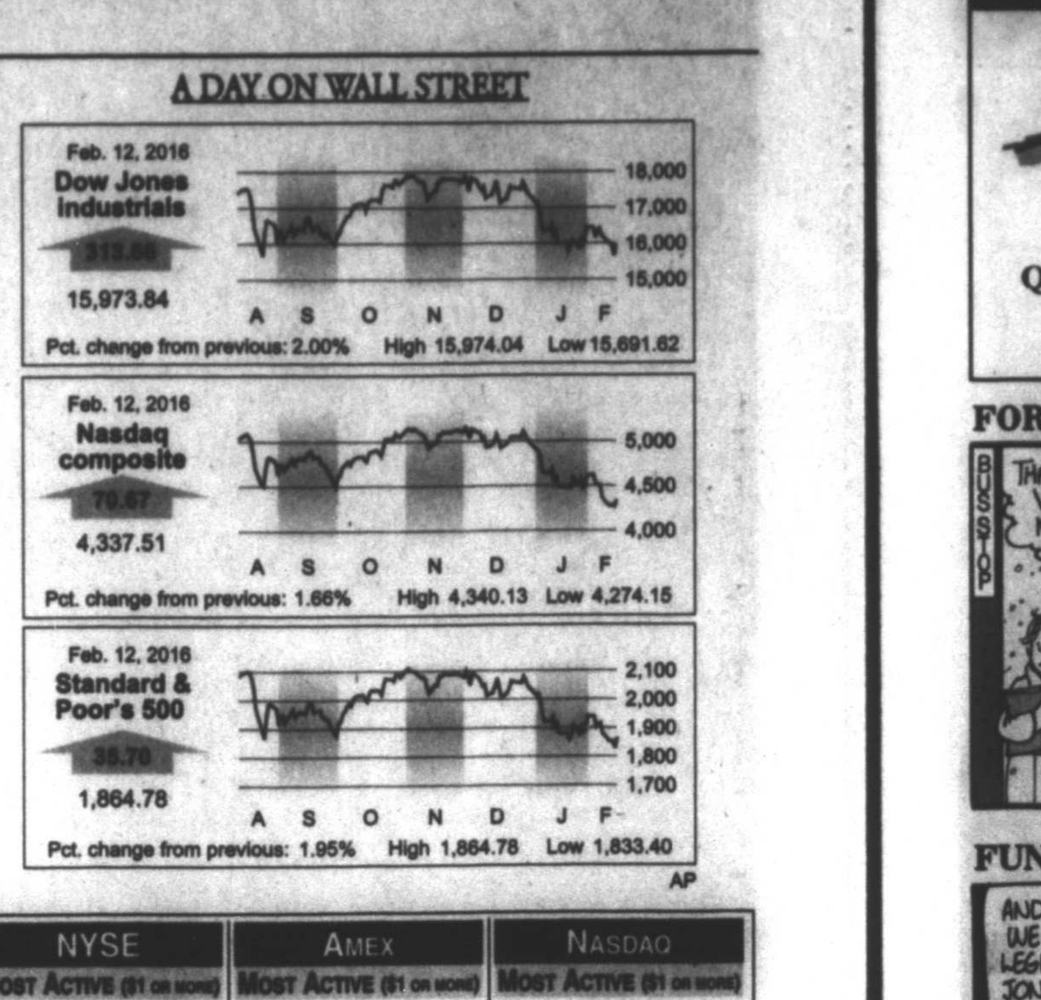

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TeckRes g	4.68	+.99	+26.8	CKX Lands	10.00	+.95	+10.5	MercerIntl	8.13	+1.99	+32.4
AmAxle	14.39	+2.64	+22.5	EnFuel grs	2.23	+.20	+9.9	Groupon	2.89	+.65	+29.0
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VivintSolar	5.45	-.82	-13.1	ComndSec	2.30	-.15	-6.1	AmtonTch	4.13	-1.06	-20.4
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Amazon		507.08	
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AnalogDev	1.60	49.64	+.86
ApolloEdu		8.60	-.02
Apollolnv	.80	4.82	+.24
Apple Inc	2.08	93.99	+.29
AplidMatl	.40	16.06	+.42
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BGC Ptrs	.56	8.60	+.20
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Cisco	1.04f	25.11	+.43
CitrixSys		64.31	
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CleanEngy		2.50	+.19
ClovisOnc		18.97	+.37
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+1.76			
ColuSpritw	.60	55.54	
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Comcast	1.10f	56.78	+.74
CommSal n	2.40	d15.41	-.27
CorOnDem		26.31	+.66
Costco	1.60	f149.65	
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CSVrsSh rs		f1.87	-1.07
Crane Inc		f52.29	+.79
Cntp com s		37.13	+.80
CyberArk		d32.79	-3.96
CypSemi	.44	6.55	+.18
D E F			
Dataram h		.81	+.04
Dentsply	.29	54.73	-1.78
Depomed		16.07	
DiamdFin		69	13.74
DiscCmA		25.00	+.67
DiscCmC		24.44	+.63
DishNetw h		43.31	+1.76
DollarTree		75.23	+1.80
DonlleyRR	1.04	12.72	+.36
Dorchstr	.87e	9.97	+.14
DrxBear		d12.00	-.41
FshNagara	32	9.10	+.36
FstSolar		39.39	-.37
FT DWFS	.18e	19.28	+.25
FstMerit	.68	18.04	+.70
Flextrn		10.15	+.18
Fortinet		24.11	+.28
Fossil Grp		33.34	+.10
FredsMkt		22.78	+.10
FrontierCm	.42	4.24	-.08
FultonFncl	.36	12.99	+.66
G H I			
Gentex	.34	13.99	+.36
GenmCp		83.03	+1.93
GileadSci	1.72	89.44	+2.06
GluMobile		3.16	-.11
GoDaddy		f27.55	+1.23
Goodyear	.28	29.69	+1.08
GoPro		10.31	+.14
Groupon		2.89	+.65
GulfportE		28.62	+1.03
HD Supply		23.31	+.83
Halozyme		14.81	+.93
Hasbro	2.04f	70.08	+.52
HawkHold		36.25	+2.23
HeartTrPnr		13.00	+.93
HortonHmks		8.43	-.14
HuntBnshsh	.28	8.44	+.44
HuntJB	.16	41.49	+1.53
iShACWX	1.00e	35.42	+.55
iSh ACWI	1.43e	50.39	+.87
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Illumina		142.72	+4.26
Incyte		68.36	+2.85
Infinera		14.82	+.86
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IntgDv		16.96	-.40
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InvestBncp	.24f	11.36	+.41
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JetBlue		21.25	+.76
JunoTher		39.83	+1.60
KeungGM	1.30f	90.05	+.19
KraftHnz n	2.30	71.92	+.48
LPL Finc	1.00f	d16.50	-8.76
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LibtyGlobC		31.55	+1.23
LibCpVC A		23.17	-.09
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LinnEngy		38	+.01
LinnCo		6.17	-.05
LogMein		d45.08	+1.52
Lululemn gs		58.84	+1.62
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MannKd		.39	+.09
MarinMd	1.00	63.80	+2.21
MarvellT lf	.24	8.61	+.20
Mattel	1.52	30.76	+1.18
Maximlntg	1.20	32.45	+.45
MedPrest s		39.45	+1.56
MelcoCrwn	.12e	14.18	+1.38
MemorialP	.40m	3.28	+.37
MentorNetDv		11.03	+.11
MeritMed		16.79	+.39
MerrimkP		5.53	+.03
Methanex	1.10	26.13	+1.05
Microchp	1.43f	40.41	+.76
MicronT		10.02	+.33
Microsoft	1.44	50.50	+.81
Momo		7.49	-.36
Mondelez	.68	38.10	+.43
MonsterBev		122	37
Mylan NV		41.83	+.41
MyriadG		34.31	+.09
NXP Semi		67	30
NantHlthtr	.80f	27.36	+.40
Navient	.64	13.19	+.58
NetApp	.72	21.89	+.16
NetSuite s		87	40
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Paccar	.96e	50.00	+1.71
PacBiosci		8.61	-.13
ParkADv	.20	8.86	+.19
Patterson	.88e	42.48	+1.02
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PayPal n		34.30	+.78
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PilgrimsP	5.77e	22.03	+1.03
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+1.47			
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PrmRgy		49.56	
Privatbcp	.04	34.12	+1.91
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Randgold		66	w80.28
Realypsa		17.48	+.27
RealtyInco	32m	11.45	+.53
RexEnergy		.63	-.02
RossStrs s	.47	53.75	+1.19
Rovi Corp		20.84	+2.86
S T U			
SBA Com		88.79	+3.83
SBI Inv	.52f	36.34	+2.49
SLM Cp		5.70	.04
SS&C Tech	.40f	69.25	+2.58
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SangBio		24.96	+.05
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SpiritAir		44.43	+1.79
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Sprouts		28.54	+.55
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Symantec	.60a	19.15	+.38
Synopsys		41.92	+.58
T-MobileUS		38.65	+1.15
TD Ameritr	.68	26.28	+.60
TakeTwo		34.13	-.94
TasmPrm n	1.10	3.33	+.06
TerraFmP	1.40f	7.86	+.22
Teslalnbf		151.04	+.57
TesseraTch	.80	28.57	-.06
Textinst	1.52	51.14	+.76
TrimbleN		21.33	+.21
TripAdvis		58.90	+1.17
21stCPcoA	.30	24.55	-.13
21stCPcoB	.30	24.67	-.04
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UBA Tech h		u9.71	+.49
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Wayfair		36.00	+.13
WebMD rs		58.89	+.19
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ZionBcp	.04	23.11	+.49
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Name	Sell	Chg
AMG Managers		
AMG YacktFoc	20.05	-.25
YacktFoc Sv	18.90	+.20
Aberdeen Funds		
AsiaPacEq	23.13	-.33
Alger Funds I		
SmCpGrowt	20.00	+.43
Alger Funds Inst		
SmCpGrowt	20.00	+.43
Alger Funds Retail		
SmCpGrowt	20.00	+.43
American Beacon Inst		
AmrBcnSmCp	20.58	+.46
AmrBcnStrat	13.68	+.31
AmrBcnTxMg	23.23	+.50
AmrBcnTxMgr	19.21	+.40
AmrBcnTxMgr	19.21	+.40
AmrBcnTxMgr	19.21	+.40
MCapApr	13.98	+.24
SmCpVal Inv	14.44	+.36
SmCpVal Pl	14.44	+.36
Stock Inv	50.51	+.79
Stock Pl	50.51	+.79
Ultra	30.94	+.51
American Funds A		
AmcpA p	23.47	+.42
AMutA p	32.68	+.58
BalA p	22.72	+.23
BondA p	12.77	+.03
CapIBA p	59.31	+.93
CapWGA p	39.31	+.63
CapWorA p	22.92	+.36
EupacA p	39.62	+.51
FdInvA p	44.05	+.67
GlbBalA	27.01	+.22
GwthA p	47.27	+.69
GwthFA p	36.15	+.68
HiIncA p	10.75	+.03
ICAA p	33.61	+.51
IncoA p	19.87	+.23
IntBdA p	13.18	+.03
IntlGrInA p	25.61	+.33
IntlStkA p	31.77	+.43
LifGr2045 p	10.99	+.18
American Funds Inst		
MutlBdInst r	10.99	+.18
American Funds R-6		
BlncR6 p	25.52	+.33
BondR6 p	12.77	+.03
CapWGR6 p	39.31	+.63
CapWorR6 p	22.92	+.36
EupacR6 p	39.62	+.51
FdInvR6 p	44.05	+.67
GlbBalR6	27.01	+.22
GwthR6 p	47.28	+.69
HiIncR6 p	10.75	+.03
IncoR6 p	19.87	+.23
IntBdR6 p	13.18	+.03
IntlGrInR6 p	25.61	+.33
IntlStkR6 p	31.77	+.43
NewWorR6 p	22.92	+.36
American Funds R-1		
BalA p	22.72	+.23
BondA p	12.77	+.03
CapWGA p	39.31	+.63
CapWorA p	22.92	+.36
EupacA p	39.62	+.51
FdInvA p	44.05	+.67
GwthA p	47.27	+.69
HiIncA p	10.75	+.03
IncoA p	19.87	+.23
IntBdA p	13.18	+.03
IntlGrInA p	25.61	+.33
IntlStkA p	31.77	+.43
NewWorA p	22.92	+.36
American Funds R-2		
BalA p	22.72	+.23
BondA p	12.77	+.03
CapWGA p	39.31	+.63
CapWorA p	22.92	+.36
EupacA p	39.62	+.51
FdInvA p	44.05	+.67
GwthA p	47.27	+.69
HiIncA p	10.75	+.03
IncoA p	19.87	+.23
IntBdA p	13.18	+.03
IntlGrInA p	25.61	+.33
IntlStkA p	31.77	+.43
NewWorA p	22.92	+.36
American Funds R-3		
BalA p	22.72	+.23
BondA p	12.77	+.03
CapWGA p	39.31	+.63
CapWorA p	22.92	+.36
EupacA p	39.62	+.51
FdInvA p	44.05	+.67
GwthA p	47.27	+.69
HiIncA p	10.75	+.03
IncoA p	19.87	+.23
IntBdA p	13.18	+.03
IntlGrInA p	25.61	+.33
IntlStkA p	31.77	+.43
NewWorA p	22.92	+.36
American Funds R-4		
BalA p	22.72	+.23
BondA p	12.77	+.03
CapWGA p	39.31	+.63
CapWorA p	22.92	+.36
EupacA p	39.62	+.51
FdInvA p	44.05	+.67
GwthA p	47.27	+.69
HiIncA p	10.75	+.03
IncoA p	19.87	+.23
IntBdA p	13.18	+.03
IntlGrInA p	25.61	+.33
IntlStkA p	31.77	+.43
NewWorA p	22.92	+.36
American Funds R-5		
BalA p	22.72	+.23
BondA p	12.77	+.03
CapWGA p	39.31	+.63
CapWorA p	22.92	+.36
EupacA p	39.62	+.51
FdInvA p	44.05	+.67
GwthA p	47.27	+.69
HiIncA p	10.75	+.03
IncoA p	19.87	+.23
IntBdA p	13.18	+.03
IntlGrInA p	25.61	+.33
IntlStkA p	31.77	+.43
NewWorA p	22.92	+.36
American Funds R-6		
BalA p	22.72	+.23
BondA p	12.77	+.03
CapWGA p	39.31	+.63
CapWorA p	22.92	+.36
EupacA p	39.62	+.51
FdInvA p	44.05	+.67
GwthA p	47.27	+.69
HiIncA p	10.75	+.03
IncoA p	19.87	+.23
IntBdA p	13.18	+.03
IntlGrInA p	25.61	+.33
IntlStkA p	31.77	+.43
NewWorA p	22.92	+.36
American Funds Retail		
BalA p	22.72	+.23
BondA p	12.77	+.03
CapWGA p	39.31	+.63
CapWorA p	22.92	+.36
EupacA p	39.62	+.51
FdInvA p	44.05	+.67
GwthA p	47.27	+.69
HiIncA p	10.75	+.03
IncoA p	19.87	+.23
IntBdA p	13.18	+.03
IntlGrInA p	25.61	+.33
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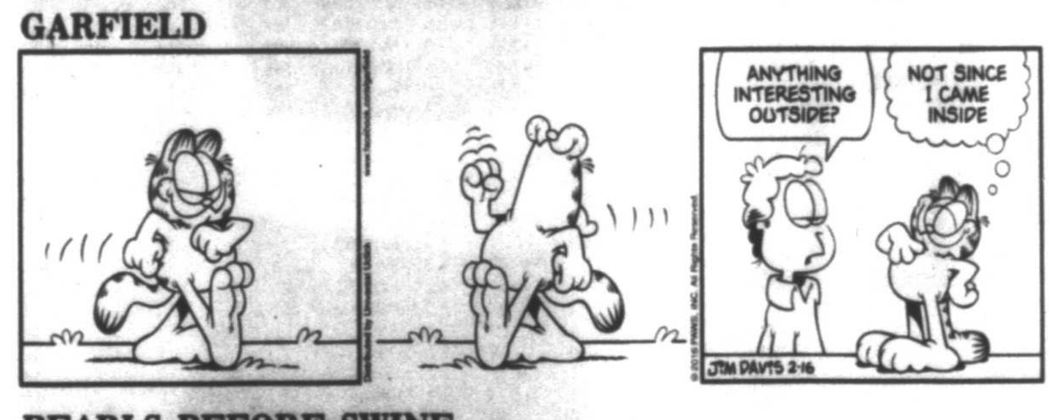

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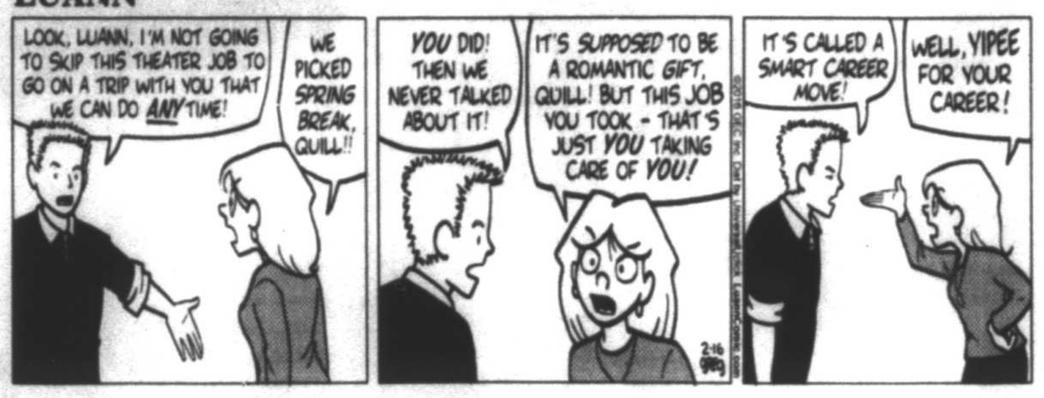

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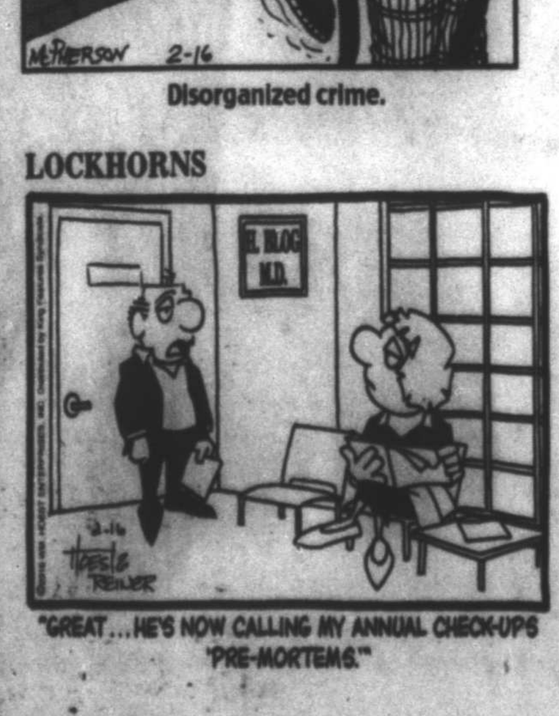

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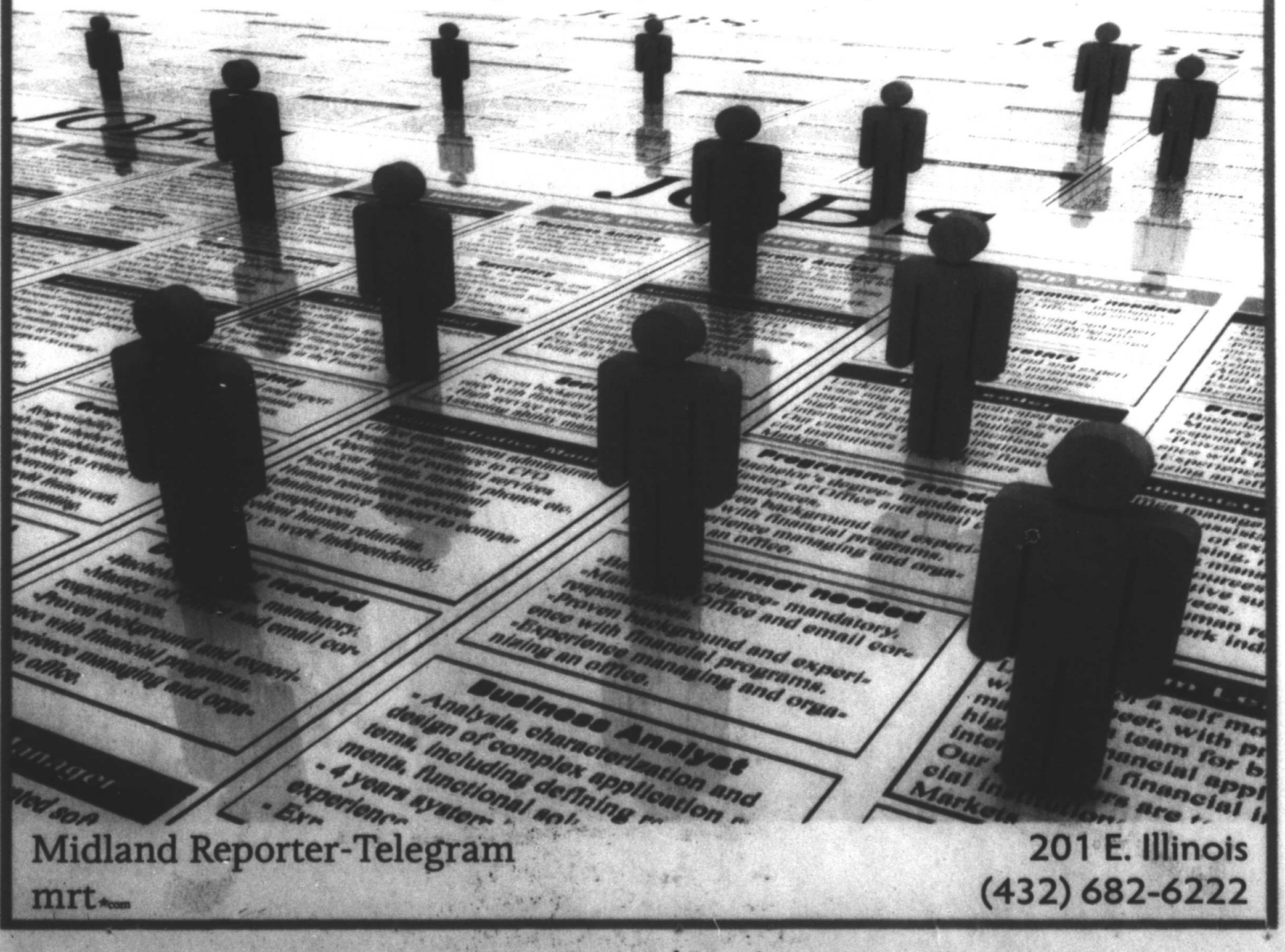

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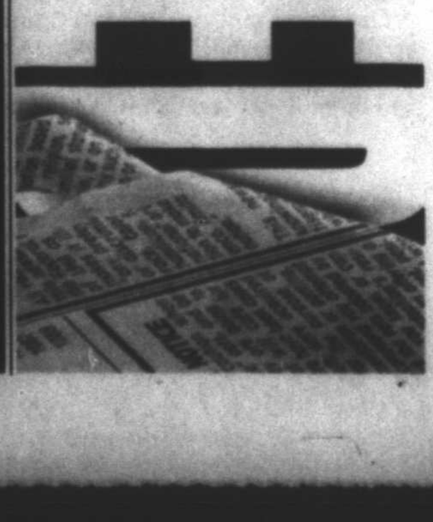

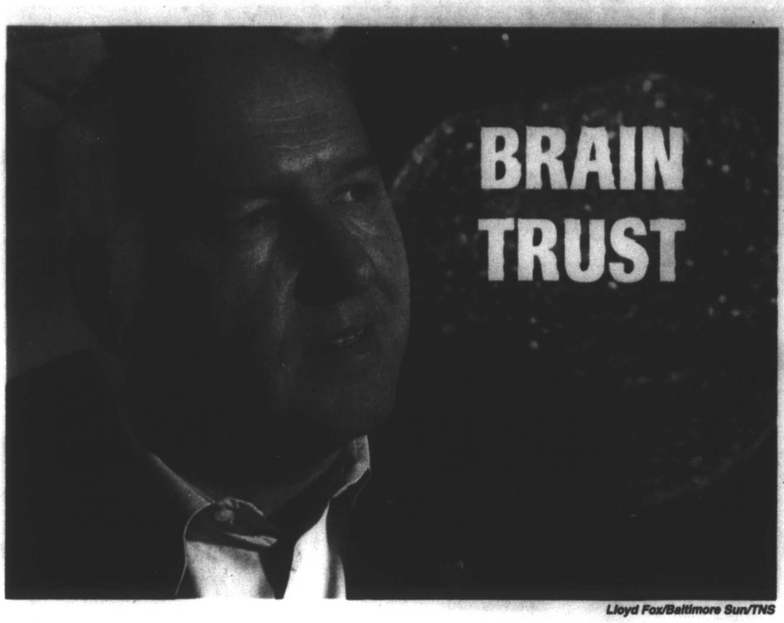

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Thomas Hartung, the director of the Center for Alternatives to Animal Testing at Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, is shown in Baltimore on Feb. 10. He has created miniature brains, pictured on his computer screen, that can be used to test for different types of diseases.

Scientists develop mini-brains in promising research

By Andrea K. McDaniels
Baltimore Sun

BALTIMORE — Researchers at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health are growing tiny replicas of the human brain to help the study of neurological diseases in a trend many hope could lead to better treatments and even cures for some of the most debilitating illnesses.

The Hopkins scientists join a handful of other medical researchers around the country who are culturing so-called "mini-brains" in the lab. It's a relatively new field of scientific inquiry that could revolutionize how new drugs are tested for effectiveness by replacing drug testing on lab animals with testing on human cells. This process could offer more accurate test results and help in the development of new, more effective drugs.

The scientists reprogrammed the genes of human skin cells to make them like embryonic stem cells, which have the capacity to develop into any kind of tissue. These stem cells were then nurtured to become brain cells. The researchers presented their work Friday at the American Association for the Advancement of Science conference in Washington, D.C.

When fully grown, the three-dimensional mini-brains measure about 350 micrometers, just visible to the human eye, and look like tiny balls. It takes about eight weeks to grow the brain cells into one of these balls. While the versions aren't exact replicas of brains, they are made of the same neurons and cells found in human brains, feature the same structures and act in the same way.

The mini-brains provide a better testing ground for scientists, said lead researcher Dr. Thomas Hartung, who holds the Bloomberg School's Doerenkamp-Zbinden endowed chair in evidence-based toxicology.

Human brains are much more complex than the brains of rats now more typically used in research. And about 95 percent of the drugs that look promising when tested in animal models fail when tested in humans, said Hartung, who is also director of the school's Center for Alternatives to Animal Testing.

"A lot of drug development has failed because the animal models don't represent humans," he said. "There is a very big desire to get models that are more human."

The use of mini-brains in research is a growing field that first emerged when scientists at the Austrian Academy of Science Institute of Molecular Biotechnology in Vienna announced in 2013 that they had grown a small brain that was at the same developmental level as a 9-week-old fetus. The pea-size brain was incapable of functions such as thinking and consciousness.

The mini-brains have become more complex over the years — functioning more and more like an actual brain. Researchers at Stanford University have developed mini-brains with the circuitry that models how cells talk with one another in the brain. Early mini-brains mimicked the brain's architecture, but not as much of the functioning.

"There's been amazing progress in this field over the last few years," said Dr. Thomas R. Insel, director of the National Institute of Mental Health at the National Institutes of Health, in a release last spring about the Stanford study. The federal agency provided grant money for the study.

"While the technology is still maturing, there is great potential for using these assays to more accurately develop (and) test safety and effectiveness of new treatments before they are used in individuals with mental illness," Insel said in the release.

The mini-brains being developed at Hopkins also contain circuitry that functions like an actual brain, Hartung said. The researchers were able to create large batches of identical mini-brains, which will enable more accurate testing of drugs. The more similar the cells, the better the comparisons that can be made when testing different drugs, he said.

"We can literally produce thousands of these brains in one batch," Hartung said. "This is the big advantage that can allow you to test many substances and combinations of drugs."

Scientists say research on mini-brains could improve the understanding of disorders such as Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and dementia.

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New tarantula species named after singer Johnny Cash

By Janet McConnaughey
Associated Press

A tarantula named after singer Johnny Cash is among 14 new species identified by scientists who spent a decade collecting the hairy spiders and studying nearly 3,000 of them.

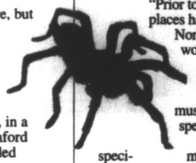
The spider doesn't sing, but it's black and can be found near the California prison that was the setting of Cash's "Folsom Prison Blues."

The researchers also collapsed the number of U.S. species from 55 to 29, including Aphonopelma johnnycashi and Aphonopelma atomicum — named, with a wink to "Tarantula" and other sci-fi B movies, because it was collected near the atom bomb test site in Nevada.

"This is unequivocally the most important work on tarantulas ever done. It sets an incredibly high standard for taxonomy which few will be able to attain," Robert Raven of Australia's Queensland Museum wrote in an email after reading the paper.

The 340-page study by biologists Chris Hamilton and Jason Bond of Auburn University and Brent Hendrixson of Millsaps College "will be referenced for many many years," Raven said.

A National Science Foundation grant let the three collect nearly 1,500 spiders from the 12 states where tarantulas live — the public sent another 300 or so — and analyze DNA from more than 1,000. They also studied 1,200 specimens lent by the American Museum of Natural History and The Natural History Museum of London.



"Prior to our research, those two places had the largest collections of North American tarantulas in the world," Hamilton said.

While he was doing the tarantula work for his doctoral dissertation, Auburn built a museum that now houses the new specimens, he said.

The group used more DNA specimens and a much broader range of DNA than any past studies, as well as analyzing anatomy, behavior and ecology, said Ingi Agnarsson, who lined up peer reviewers and evaluated the study as an editor for the journal ZooKeys, which recently published it.

The group checked DNA for 54 of the 55 supposed species. The exception was Aphonopelma phasmus, which was found in a remote part of the grand Canyon that researchers couldn't get to.

Atomicum's name refers to the Nevada National Security Site. Hamilton wrote the name also is "in homage to the famous sci-fi B movies of the 1950s, of which "Tarantula" (1955) was the most entertaining."

Because atomicum is one of the smallest U.S. tarantulas, the name is "slightly ironic," he wrote.

It's not quite the smallest — that's Aphonopelma paloma, which can sit comfortably atop a quarter, Hamillton said.

Hamilton, who is such a fan of Cash that he has a tattoo of the late singer on his right arm, said the name "johnnycashi" — pronounced "Johnny CASH-eye" — came to him almost as soon as he was sure that it was indeed a new species.

"We're describing diversity on the planet, but it should still be fun," he said.

Organization is the key to overcoming financial troubles

Dear PropellerHeads: My piggy bank is in danger of dying from starvation. Any tips on how to get better at makin' bacon?

A: Kevin Bacon is fantastic. Have you ever seen "Footloose"? It's like my favorite movie and … oh wait, that's not even remotely what you were asking. Blame it on #baconfever. Because you're obviously focused on other, less important things, I guess I can help you out this once.

The holidays are notorious for a bunch of things, among them is spending too much money and resolving not to do so in the next year. Here at PropellerHeads HQ, we're not financial advisors, but we can point you towards some neat resources to help you put a little more coin in your pocket.

First things first: After you wake up from the euphoria of holiday spending and the bills show up, you need to get organized. The old-school way is to save your receipts for a month and use them to see where you're spending your money. In the age of everyone being attached to a smartphone, there are some easier options.

One popular choice is Mint (mint.com). It's a mobile app that you use to monitor your bank accounts, credit cards, and other debt. You can make payments to thousands of creditors, and even keep track of manual bills on it as well. This helps you identify where your money is going and where there may be opportunities for saving.

Okay, now that you're painfully aware of how dire your finances are, what next? A common issue with many folks these days is that they're weighed down in debt, especially after the holidays. Economists consider paying off debt as "savings." Considering most credit cards have interest rates in the double digits, paying them down is getting a nice return on your "investment."

If you have multiple cards or loans you need to pay down, it can be a little intimidating trying to figure out what to attack first. While Mint has some debt repayment tools, one that we're fond of that specifically focuses on getting you debt free is Ready for Zero (readyforzero.com). The app is usable on mobile devices and supported with an online platform that you can use on a laptop. It offers you multiple ways to attack your debt, providing tips and tricks to use along the way, as well as an anticipated debt-free date.

So now that you have your budget set and are paying back Santa for all the holiday cheer, the next thing you should look at is paying yourself through savings. Most financial advisors recommend trying to save 10 percent or more of your take-home pay, accumulating at least 2-3 months' worth of savings to cover a job loss or other unexpected event. If you're disciplined about your budget, you may be able to do that easily.

However, if you're like me, some of that savings makes its way to purchasing Fallout 4, some new kicks, or ... wait, is that a Cinnabon stand? Mmmmm…Cinnabons. Like I was saying, sometimes saving is easier said than done, so why not take some of the conscious effort out of it and start saving without even trying?

Many banks have a "Keep the Change"-type of option that rounds purchases up to the next dollar and puts that difference into your savings account. It's a good way to put aside some cash if you use your debit card frequently, but can cause problems if it's putting away too much. We prefer an option like Digit (digit.co).

Digit is an app that monitors your spending habits and will use your trends to identify when you have some extra cash that you can afford to put into savings. It transfers that money into your Digit account and does it without your initiation. You can monitor your savings on the app, and easily transfer cash back into your main bank account if you have a need. It's really a nice little tool for those who would like to save, but are really bad at it.

Well, hopefully that helps with your piggy bank's involuntary diet a little bit. I'm off to finish my movie … everybody cut loose …

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