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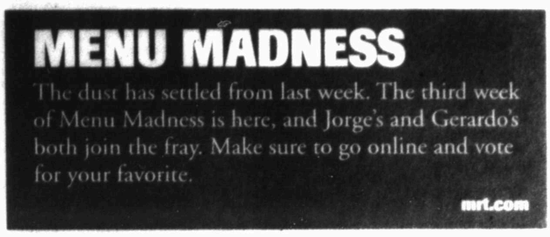

Business interests question Republican truths

Immigration remains most divisive issue among both conservatives and business lobby

By Chris Tomlinson
Associated Press

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AUSTIN — Business interests are walking the halls of the Texas Capitol calling on lawmakers to rethink some of their past policies, hoping that after the November election they can win some key victories next year.

The business lobby's wish list, expressed at legislative hearings and press conferences, includes better-educated workers, more spending on infrastructure and an overhaul of immigration policies. Where these issues fall on the ideological continuum is in the eye of the beholder, but for these trade associations and executives, these are the essential duties of government and critical for economic growth.

Candidates running for election in November are also taking up these issues, but surprisingly their positions are not breaking along traditional partisan lines.

Immigration policy is the most volatile issue, and one that is dividing Texas Republicans. A coalition of trade associations representing restaurants, hotels, agriculture and property owners has called for legalizing the workers currently in the country — who don't have a criminal record — and setting up a reliable pipeline to bring in more immigrant labor as needed.

While the main target of their lobbying effort is the Republican caucus in Congress, immigration policy has divided Texas Republican primary voters, who largely oppose relaxing current laws, and Republican leaders who are trying to build the party by growing their numbers.

The current state Republican Party platform calls for a guest-worker program, but tea party groups are organizing an effort to take it out at this June's party convention.

Another target is the Texas Dream Act, which allows people brought to Texas illegally as children to pay in-state tuition at public universities, even if they don't

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Habitat for humanity

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Concho Operating Group donated funds to build a Habitat home. In addition to employees donating their time and talents to build the house, Concho donated the funds to buy the building supplies. Concho employees will continue working on the project Saturday, April 26 and May 3.

Physicist Michio Kaku to speak Tuesday at MC

By Tessa Duvall
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The modern-day image of a scientist is changing, and Michio Kaku is no small part of that change.

Kaku, the co-creator of string field theory and Henry Semat Professor of Physics at City College of New York, has more than 1.9 million fans on Facebook. He's appeared on "The Daily Show" and "The Colbert Report," and talked about the science behind "Doctor Who" on BBC America. His IMDb appearances list rivals that of some actors.

Kaku will give a lecture at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the Al G. Langford Chaparral Center at Midland College as a part of the Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series. The lecture will focus on "The Future of the Mind," Kaku's latest No. 1 New York Times best seller.

Rebecca Bell, MC dean of community relations and special events, said the college selected Kaku because he is both stimulating and entertaining to listeners of all ages.

"It used to be that if you were a 'popularizer of science,' other scientists would say, 'Ha! This guy's no good. He's just a popularizer of science,'" Kaku said. "But we don't think that way anymore."

The shift to popularizing science began with theoretical physicist, cosmologist and author Stephen Hawking, he said. It has continued with the likes of astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson — also a friend of "The Colbert Report" — and Kaku.

Now, Kaku uses his reach to explain the latest in science research to a broader audience. During his last online question-and-answer session, about 15,000 questions were submitted; Kaku had time to answer 30.

"To me, it means there's a lot of curiosity out there," Kaku said. "A lot of people are curious about the future. They're going to live in it, but there's no one to talk to because there's only science fiction movies out there, and they know that's fake."

Kaku said he enjoys science fiction, which began with his interest in Flash Gordon as a child.

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MIDLAND 101

By Jimmy Patterson

Historical marker shows site of first producing well in county

You wouldn't know it so much today, what with the influx of many new residents and myriad results of increased oil activity, but Midland was in fact a late bloomer when it came to the discovery of black gold.

Oil had been discovered around Midland County before the county was able to stake a claim of its own. While the Petroleum Building and Scharbauer Hotel were built for the purpose of making Midland the industry's headquarters, it would be another 16 years before oil was found within the confines of Midland County.

The first commercial oil in the county was struck in November 1945 in what became known as the Midland field, according to Samuel Myres in "Permian Basin: Era of Advancement." The discovery well was the Humble Oil and Refining Co.'s No. 1 Mrs. O.P. Buchanan. The well yielded 4,540 barrels in 1945 and another 11,700 barrels before dropping off substantially.

A Texas Historical Commission marker 10 miles southeast of town on Highway 158, near the intersection with

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

AMARILLO

Panhandle rehearses to handle livestock disasters

Planners in the Texas Panhandle — a major region for cattle feedlots, hog production and the dairy industry — have completed an 18-month, $1.4 million program to help minimize and survive natural or man-made disasters such as a major disease outbreak.

The Amarillo Globe-News reported that an important theme during the Texas Panhandle planning process was the threat of diseases — such as foot-and-mouth disease — arriving through natural means or possibly by terrorism. The viral disease afflicts animals with divided hooves and can spread quickly, according to the U.S. Agriculture Department. It was eradicated in the United States in 1929 but the USDA makes extensive efforts to prevent it reappearing.

At any given time in the Panhandle region, 2.5 million cattle are in feedlots, 90 percent of the state's hogs are being raised and dairies producing 1 million gallons of milk a year just for a cheese factory in Dalhart.

"The loss of large-scale feeding operations, from any cause, will result in catastrophic economic losses," said Walt Kelley, project manager of the Regional Resiliency Assessment Program.

The planning effo... involved business leaders, county judges and other emergency management offices such as sheriffs' departments. They were advised by major livestock producer associations, academics, and state and federal agencies involved in agriculture and emergency operations.

They studied scenarios for disease outbreaks such as a situation that forced livestock trucking to be stopped, or required officials to deal with thousands of cattle corpses. They also discussed how to contain any outbreak and keep businesses either operating or ready to operate as soon as possible.

Texas Cattle Feeders Association president Ross Wilson said the planning helps cattle feeders in natural disasters and in response to animal disease.

Long-term benefits will come from talks among the groups involved in the planning, said John Kiehl, regional services director for the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, said.

"If we can build on what has been started with this ... by taking the conversation into other states, we can make serious strides in protecting an industry that is critically important to the entire nation," he said.

WASHINGTON

Obama plans to attend Fort Hood service Wednesday

A White House aide says President Barack Obama plans to attend a memorial service Wednesday at Fort Hood — the site of last week's shooting rampage.

A Fort Hood spokesman confirmed there will be a remembrance ceremony that day, and presidential adviser Dan Pfeiffer told CBS' "Face the Nation" that Obama will be there.

Investigators said that an Army truck driver, Ivan Lopez, had an argument before opening fire at the Texas post last Wednesday, killing three soldiers and wounding 16 others before taking his own life.

The attack was the second at the base since 2009, when 13 people were killed in a shooting by an Army psychiatrist.

AUSTIN

LBJ summit celebrates law's 50th anniversary

Four U.S. presidents, including Barack Obama, are scheduled to headline a summit this week that commemorates the signing of a law 50 years ago that brought broad changes in America's social fabric.

The Civil Rights Summit celebrates President Lyndon B. Johnson's signing the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The event runs Tuesday through Thursday at the LBJ Presidential Library and the LBJ Auditorium on the University of Texas campus in Austin.

Obama will give the keynote address Thursday morning, with former President George W. Bush speaking that evening.

Former President Jimmy Carter will converse Tuesday evening with library director Mark K. Updegrove, and former President Bill Clinton is to speak Wednesday evening.

CONROE

Man shot dead by deputies serving warrant

Deputy constables say they shot and killed a man inside his house near Conroe after the man met them with a gun.

The shooting happened in the pre-dawn hours of Sunday as the deputies tried to serve a felony warrant.

The Montgomery County Precinct 4 Constable's Office said the deputies were allowed into the house where they encountered their suspect, who was a guest in the home. A constable's office statement said the man grabbed a handgun, prompting the deputies to open fire. The man was dead where he fell.

HOUSTON

Drive-by shooting at quinceanera wounds mother

A woman was hospitalized in serious condition with wounds suffered when two armed men opened fire on a girl's 15th birthday party in a drive-by shooting, according to Houston police.

The incident happened Saturday night at a banquet hall in northwestern Houston where a quinceanera, a landmark birthday party, was taking place. Police said two groups of men began arguing inside when one group was asked to leave.

The men left but returned with firearms in a truck, from which they opened fire on the banquet hall. One bullet penetrated a glass door and wounded the woman in the side of her stomach.

Police said the wounded woman was believed to have been a bystander and not a target. No arrests or identities have been reported.

AUSTIN

Perry searches Pacific isles for US servicemen

Gov. Rick Perry and wife Anita Perry have traveled to a remote South Pacific archipelago to search for U.S. servicemen missing from World War II battles.

The Perrys traveled to the island of Peleliu in the Republic of Palau, where he and other volunteer searchers will search for about 80 U.S. airmen missing after being shot down by Japanese forces in 1944 and '45.

Peleliu was the site of a bloody Marine Corps landing and 2-month battle on the Japanese-held island that left about 6,500 U.S. Marines and 3,200 U.S. soldiers dead, injured or missing. About 11,000 Japanese troops died and only 202 were taken prisoner.

HOUSTON

Former judge cases 'random chaos'

A first-year Houston family law judge's resignation has left in limbo hundreds of divorce, child support and custody cases dating back to 2012 and could cost litigants additional money to finalize them.

The Houston Chronicle reported Denise Pratt, the former judge in family court, left behind nearly 300 court orders stacked on the floor and desk of her 311th District Court.

Pratt, a Republican, resigned late last month and suspended her re-election campaign after Harris County prosecutors began investigating her dismissal of more than 600 cases without notice. At the time, she said her departure resulted from "relentless attacks" by her political opponents.

Obituaries

Odis Marion Holiman

Odis Marion Holiman, 97, of Midkiff passed away on April 4, 2014 in Big Spring, Texas. Services will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 10:00a.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be at 3:00p.m. at Arden Cemetery in Mertzon, Texas.

Odis was born on October 31, 1916 in Arden, Texas to Joe and Emma Venable Holiman. His love of reminiscing and story-telling always attracted audiences and laughter. He would tell of being bucked off a horse at the age of 5 and his dad asking if he was okay. He responded with "yes" and then his dad sarcastically asked why he "was still lying there on the ground". Odis would laugh as he told the story of his first time driving a Model T at the age of 7 following his dad herding their livestock. He later served in the US Army during World War II as a young adult and quickly became an even more honorable man.

He met and married his first wife, Viola Tkac, that he shared many years and fond memories until her passing on March 17, 2002. He proudly told the story of taking out a $30 loan, giving Viola $25 of it for a wedding dress and shoes, and giving the other $5 to the minister. Another of his memories with her involved their miniature puppy lying between them on long trips, but somehow sensing the pending arrival of their destination, would end up behind Odis' legs in the floorboard waiting to spring free.

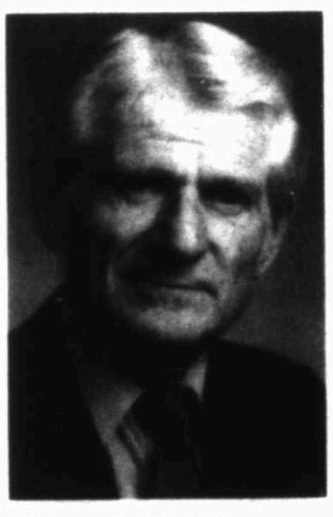
In 1960, he moved to the Midland area, residing in Midkiff. Owning two ranches, one in Midkiff the other in Fort Stockton, he had many tales and life lessons to share. One of his more miraculous prospered from a welding incident. A fire began to spread behind him and the wind was ferociously spreading the fire while he tried to use his shovel and dirt to extinguish it. Helplessly, he asked God to help him find the strength and to stop the wind so that he could save his land (and his neighbors) from the intense flames. His prayers were answered; almost immediately the wind ceased and the fire was laid to rest. Odis was a simple man that was very thankful for everything that he had accomplished in his life. He previously owned a gas station that President George Bush, Senior often frequented. His love for life was contagious and he accomplished so much during his 97 years. No matter the state he was in, he always commented "well I guess I am okay, because I am still here". The family takes comfort in knowing that he is in a much better place and that he is still laughing with a huge smile on his face. He was a Baptist with a love for God and was also a lifetime member of the NRA. Many lessons could be learned from his time well spent here with us, but the main thing that Odis preached was that "honesty is the most important thing". Odis remarried on June 19, 2013 to his best friend, Rose E. Marquez. Although their time together was brief, it was full of love and happiness. He will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by all that knew him.

Odis is preceded in death by his first wife, Viola Holiman; son, H. Lewis Holiman; parents, Joe and Emma Holiman; sisters, Elsie Harper, Mozelle Holiman and Irene Gurtrude Holiman; and his brothers, Bill and Leonard Holiman.

He is survived by his wife, Rose Marquez Holiman of Midland; daughter, Viola Marie Early of Midland; grandchildren, Kyle Epting of Midland, Garland Epting of Midland, Stacy Grounds of Florida, and Tanya Winger of Dallas/Fort Worth; daughter-in-law, Patti Holiman; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Children's Cancer Society (http://thechildrenscancersociety.org/donate_now).

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



Robert "Bob" Orwen Lynch, Sr.

Robert "Bob" Orwen Lynch, Sr., longtime Midland resident passed away on April 5, 2014 at 89 years old.

Bob was born March 28, 1925, to Edgar Howe Lynch and Virginia Elizabeth Orwen in Guymon, Oklahoma and was raised in Amarillo, Texas and graduated from Amarillo High School in 1942. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corp on February 24, 1943 at the age of 17. After boot camp he joined the Marine Paratroopers which later disbanded along with Carlson's Raiders to form the 5th Marine Division. He was a machine gunner with the 26th marines and was awarded the Purple Heart for shrapnel wounds received in Iwo Jima and honorably discharged on January 1, 1946.

Bob graduated from Texas Christian University in 1950 with a degree in Geology. He moved from Ft. Worth to Midland in 1953 and since 1961 had been a consulting Geologist in Midland.

He is survived by two sons: Robert O. Lynch, Jr. of San Antonio and Richard H. Lynch of Midland and two daughter-in-laws, three grandsons, one granddaughter, one great grandson and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Keystone Class of St. Luke's United Methodist Church or to the charity of your choice.

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

Death Notices

Amador "Ramon" Amparan

Amador "Ramon" Amparan, 79, of Midland passed away on Friday, April 4, 2014 at his residence. He is survived by his son; Manuel Amparan, his five daughters, Hilda Sandoval, Belem (Blanca) Morales, Josie Villarreal, Laura Morin and Elvira Rodriguez; two brothers; Arturo Amparan and Vicente Amparan.

A Christian prayer service was be held April 6, 2014 at 7:00 pm at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel. A Catholic Rosary service will be held Monday, April 7, 2014 at 7:00 pm at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass is set for Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 10:00 am at St. Stephen's Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Dr. Robert L. "Bob" McMillan

Dr. Robert L. "Bob" McMillan, 77, of Midland, passed away on Friday, April 4, 2014 in Midland. The family will received friends on Sunday, April 6, 2014 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Funeral services will be held at 10:00AM on Monday, April 7, 2014 at Mid-Cities Community Church. Graveside services will be at 4:00PM on Monday, April 7, 2014 at the Tuscola Cemetery in Tuscola, Texas.

Dr. McMillan was born on November 20, 1936 in Ballinger, Texas to Jesse Rose and Willard Larue McMillan.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Stockton McMillan; daughter, Marki Larue McMillan; son, Chad Dickson McMillan and wife Nancy Jane; son, Robert Lance McMillan; and step-children, Terri Lynn Hawkins and Melinda Vinson.

Church service honors fallen

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

KILLEEN — The church program pictured an empty road being enveloped by the dark clouds of a sweeping thunderstorm, and the service's lesson was from Isaiah 35:4, "Be strong, fear not." The preacher implored those gathered Sunday that they would find hope in God, but also acknowledged the question on everyone's mind: Why Fort Hood — again?

What would have been a routine Sunday service at Tabernacle Baptist Church just outside the sprawling Texas military base became a tribute to the soldiers killed four days earlier when a fellow service member opened fire. It also offered some catharsis for the community struggling to comprehend Fort Hood's second fatal shooting rampage in less than five years.

Similar somber religious gatherings were held throughout the military town of Killeen, but there were more questions than answers.

"A lot of us, I think this morning, are asking the question, 'Why? Why would this happen? Why Fort Hood again? Why are these types of things allowed to happen?'" Pastor Robert Sperbeck told dozens gathered at Tabernacle, where 90 percent of the congregation is current or retired military personnel. "The devil is the author of what happened on Wednesday, but we do know the answer, we know there is hope."

Investigators said Spc. Ivan Lopez, an Army truck driver from Puerto Rico, had argued with soldiers in his unit moments before killing three people and wounding 16 others and then fatally shooting himself. Base officials have said Lopez, who saw no combat during a deployment to Iraq, was being treated for depression and anxiety while being assessed for post-traumatic stress disorder.

The shooting immediately revived memories of the November 2009 attack by Nidal Hassan, an Army psychiatrist who killed 13 and wounded more than 30 people at the base.

The White House said Sunday that President Barack Obama planned to attend an official memorial service Wednesday at Fort Hood. But in the surrounding town, the grieving has already begun. Residents have also held a march and a vigil, while Killeen's Central Christian Church erected a memorial with a trio of crosses honoring those killed and 16 flags for those wounded.

Sperbeck lead the singing of "Amazing Grace," passed a collection plate for the shooting victims and read the names of the slain soldiers.

He said Sgt. Daniel Ferguson, a 39-year-old from Florida, "died a hero," noting that he was killed while holding a door shut to keep the shooter from entering a room and targeting more potential victims.

The pastor said that 38-year-old Staff Sgt. Carlos Lazaney-Rodriguez from Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, was a 20-year army veteran who was just seven months from retirement. And Sgt. Timothy Owens, 37, from Effingham, Ill., "had planned to make a career serving in the military."

"Lord we pray for the military, for our fort where there are many that are without hope, that are in the midst of depression," Sperbeck said. "They need help, and we're here to help them."

NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW YORK

Gay men divided over use of HIV prevention drug

It's the Truvada conundrum: A drug hailed as a lifesaver for many people infected by HIV is at the heart of a rancorous debate among gay men, AIDS activists and health professionals over its potential for protecting uninfected men who engage in gay sex without using condoms.

Many doctors and activists see immense promise for such preventive use of Truvada, and are campaigning hard to raise awareness of it as a crucial step toward reducing new HIV infections, which now total about 50,000 a year in the U.S. Recent efforts range from think-tank forums and informational websites to a festive event at a New York City bar featuring popular drag queens.

Yet others — despite mounting evidence of Truvada's effectiveness — said such efforts are reckless, tempting some condom users to abandon that layer of protection and exposing them to an array of other sexually transmitted infections aside from HIV.

"If something comes along that's better than condoms, I'm all for it, but Truvada is not that," said Michael Weinstein, president of the AIDS Healthcare Foundation. "Let's be honest: It's a party drug."

SAN DIEGO

Immigration holds drop in California

Far fewer immigrants arrested by California law enforcement are being turned over to federal authorities for deportation since a new state law went into effect in January.

The law was pushed by immigrant advocates and directs law enforcement agencies to more quickly release those without serious criminal records rather than hold them so federal officials can take them into custody for deportation proceedings.

Already, according to a review by The Associated Press, the new law appears to be having a big impact in slowing deportations at a time when President Barack Obama is looking to ease immigration enforcement policies nationwide and appease immigrant advocates who said his administration has been too tough.

Until now, California has accounted for a third of deportations under U.S. Immigration and Custom Enforcement's Secure Communities program, which screens the fingerprints of arrestees for potential immigration violations.

WASHINGTON

Experts decode germs' DNA to fight food poisoning

Chances are you've heard of mapping genes to diagnose rare diseases, predict your risk of cancer and tell your ancestry. But to uncover food poisonings?

The nation's disease detectives are beginning a program to try to outsmart outbreaks by routinely decoding the DNA of potentially deadly bacteria and viruses.

The initial target is listeria, the third-leading cause of death from food poisoning and bacteria that are especially dangerous to pregnant women. Already, the government credits the technology with helping to solve a listeria outbreak that killed one person in California and sickened seven others in Maryland.

"This really is a new way to find and fight infections," said Dr. Tom Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "One way to think of it is, is it identifying a suspect by a lineup or by a fingerprint?"

Whole genome sequencing, or mapping all of an organism's DNA, has become a staple of medical research. But in public health, it has been used more selectively, to investigate particularly vexing outbreaks or emerging pathogens, such as a worrisome new strain of bird flu.

For day-to-day outbreak detection, officials rely instead on decades-old tests that use pieces of DNA and aren't as precise.

Now, with genome sequencing becoming faster and cheaper, the CDC is armed with $30 million from Congress to broaden its use with a program called advanced molecular detection. The hope is to solve outbreaks faster, foodborne and other types, and maybe prevent infections, too, by better understanding how they spread.

"Frankly, in public health, we have some catching up to do," said the CDC's Dr. Christopher Braden, who is helping to lead the work.

As a first step, federal and state officials are rapidly decoding the DNA of all the listeria infections diagnosed in the U.S. this year, along with samples found in tainted foods or factories.

It's the first time the technology has been used for routine disease surveillance, looking for people with matching strains who may have gotten sick from the same source.

If this pilot project works, the CDC said it sets the stage to eventually overhaul how public health laboratories around the country keep watch on food safety, and to use the technology more routinely against other outbreaks.

"Genome sequencing really is the ultimate DNA fingerprint," said George Washington University microbiologist Lance Price, who uses it to study the spread of antibiotic-resistant bacteria and says the CDC's move is long overdue.

Especially in foodborne outbreaks, the technology will increase investigators' ability to nab the right culprit, he said. The faster that happens, the fewer people may get sick.

GOP seeks coverage choices in health care law they hate

By David Espo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — At the prodding of business organizations, House Republicans quietly secured a recent change in President Barack Obama's health law to expand coverage choices, a striking, one-of-a-kind departure from dozens of high-decibel attempts to repeal or dismember it.

Democrats describe the change involving small-business coverage options as a straightforward improvement of the type they are eager to make, and Obama signed it into law. Republicans are loath to agree, given the strong sentiment among the rank and file that the only fix the law deserves is a burial.

"Maybe you say it helps (Obamacare), but it really helps the small businessman," said Rep. Phil Roe, R-Tenn., one of several physician-lawmakers among Republicans and an advocate of repeal.

No member of the House GOP leadership has publicly hailed the fix, which was tucked, at Republicans' request, into legislation preventing a cut in payments to doctors who treat Medicare patients.

It is unclear how many members of the House rank and file knew of it because the legislation was passed by a highly unusual voice vote without debate.

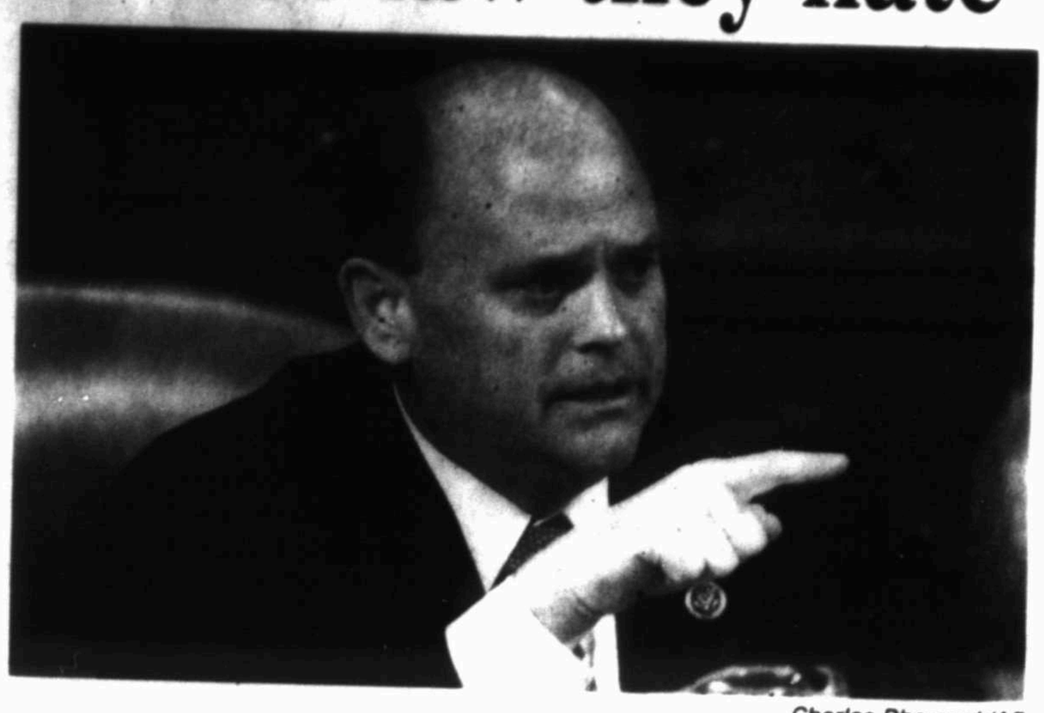
Several lobbyists and Republican aides who monitored the issue said the provision reflects a calculation that no matter how hard the party tries, the earliest the law can be repealed is after Obama leaves office in 2017. In the meantime, according to this line of thinking, small-business owners need all the flexibility that can get to comply with it.

One repeal-favoring Republican lawmaker took a similar view. "I was brought up in a family of 12. My mother taught me to be patient," said Rep. Tom Reed of New York, who backed a stand-alone bill to make the same change.

The provision itself was relatively minor. It eliminated a cap on deductibles for small group policies offered inside the law's health care exchanges, as well as outside; the cap was set at $2,000 for individuals and $4,000 for families.

Republicans said they sought it so small businesses can offer high-deductible plans that could be purchased by individuals who also have health savings accounts. These tax-preferred accounts are a long-time favorite of many Republicans, who said they give consumers greater control over their own health care.

The health law contains no deductible caps for individual plans or those offered by large employers, and the Department of Health and Human Services already had waived them for small businesses through 2015. The legislation means they will never go into effect.



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In this June 4, 2013, photo, Rep. Tom Reed, R-N.Y., questions at a House Ways and Means Committee hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington. At the prodding of business organizations, House Republicans, including Reed, quietly secured a recent change in President Barack Obama's health law to expand coverage choices, a striking, one-of-a-kind departure from dozens of high-decibel attempts to repeal or dismember it.

As yet, there is no indication the change in course heralds any sort of significant pre-election change in attitude by Republicans, who last week engineered their 52nd vote in the House to repeal or dismember the law. They have said they intend to make its elimination a key element in the November election.

At the same time, though, administration officials announced last week that more than 7 million people have signed up for coverage. Democrats hope to counter demands for repeal by challenging critics to explain why they want to eliminate some of politically popular provisions such as guaranteed of coverage for pre-existing condition or plans without a lifetime cap in coverage costs.

Fittingly in an era of divided government, now that the change has been made, officials in both parties are once more at odds, each describing it as a victory for their side in a ceaseless political struggle.

Asked if the legislation strengthened the law, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said, "I would hope so. I believe that" it does. He added, "So there are changes being made. But the Republicans have to get over if they hate 'Obamacare' and are going to repeal it," he added.

Rory Cooper, a spokesman for House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., said, "This is another in a series of changes to Obamacare that the House has supported to help save Americans from being harmed by the law, and we're glad to see the President signed it into law." Cantor was involved in negotiations on the legislation, which were overseen by Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, and Reid.

While Cooper described the change merely as one of several designed to prevent harm, the episode marks the first time Republicans have agreed to make it easier for anyone to obtain coverage under the law.

According to a list maintained by the office of the House Republican whip, Rep. Kevin McCarthy of California, five of the eight previous changes signed by Obama reduced funding, one repealed a minor voucher provision; one jettisoned a section dealing with home care for the elderly and the other eliminated a tax reporting requirement.

In this case, though, large business organizations that support repeal pressed Republicans to make the change.

"Repealing the annual limitation on deductible would free up an important 'lever' that employers need as they struggle to design affordable plans that meet the requirements" of the law, R. Bruce Josten, executive vice president at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, wrote senior lawmakers.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Menu Madness

First round
Doreen region
1. Garlic Press def. Manuel's Authentic
32. Carambas def. MD's Pizza Factory
17. Bob's Better Burger def. Swensen's
16. The Bar def. Dos Margaritas
Chick-fil-A def. 9. Outback
24. Basin Burger House def. Olive Garden
Carino's def. 25. Tampicos
8. Luigi's def. Martinez Bakery
Dearen region
5. Saltgrass Steakhouse def. Sedona Mexican Grill
28. Firehouse Subs def. Shahi Tandoor
21. Murray's Deli def. Back in the Day Cafe
12. Dona Anita's def. Pizzeria Venti
13. Abuelos def. Dino's Pizza
20. Harvest Caffe def. Dickey's
Osaka def. 29. Freebirds
4. Wall Street Bar and Grill def. Brooks' BBQ
Cannon Region
3. Manny's Italian Village def. Taste of Chicago
Shogun Steakhouse def. 30. Smiling Moose Deli
Graham's Pharmacy def. 19 Chitos Mexican Restaurant
14. King and I def. Casa Madrid

This week's matchups
Today
11. Jorge's vs. Lori's Cafe
22. Brianna's Pizza vs. Gerardos
Tuesday
27. Kuo's vs. Dos Compadres
6. KD's Barbecue vs. Romie's Buck Region
Wednesday
7. Taste@508 vs. La Bodega
26. Genghis Grill vs. Cancun Grill
Thursday
23. Palios vs. Cattlebarons
10. Bushidos Steakhouse and Sushi Bar vs. Rosa's
Friday
15. Strawberry Fields Cafe vs. Burgers, Fries and Cherry Pies
18. Michael's vs. La Mision
31. Texas Roadhouse vs. Cafe at the Gardens (Alldredge)
2. Venezia vs. JumBurrito

Thing to do

Storytime for birth through 2 years old: 9:30 a.m.; 2 to 6 years old at 10:30 a.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us

TxDOT campaign

The Texas Department of Transportation is kicking off today its Be Safe. Drive Smart campaign for National Work Zone Awareness Week. The campaign will focus on the importance of driver behavior in work zones, and will remind motorists to slow down, stay alert and obey traffic signs.

Support groups, club meetings today

■ Midland Parkinson Support Group: 6:30 p.m., HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital, 699-6640.
■ Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1303 E. Taylor Ave., bingo games 7 p.m.

What's on the radio

News talk
KCRS (AM 550)
6-9 a.m. The Morning Drive with Robert Hallmark and Kurt Verlei
9-11 a.m. Lynn Woolley
11 a.m.-2 p.m. Rush Limbaugh
2-5 p.m. Dave Ramsey
5-6 p.m. Local news reports
6-9 p.m. Roger Hedgecock
9-midnight Hugh Hewitt
Midnight-6 a.m. Coast to Coast with George Noory
Web: http://www.newstalkkcrs.com

KWEL (AM 1070, FM 107.1)
6-10 a.m. Morning Show with Craig Anderson
10 a.m.-noon, Herman Cain
Noon-2 p.m. Glenn Beck
2-5 p.m. Sean Hannity
Web: http://www.kwel.com

Sport talk
KMND (AM 1510)
6-9 a.m. Mike and Mike in the Morning
9 a.m.-noon The Herd with Colin Cowherd
Noon-3 p.m. The Dan Patrick Show

Other options
Contemporary Christian: KFRI (FM 88.7), KLVW (FM 90.5)
NPR: KOCV (FM 91.3)

How to submit

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Today in history

Today is Monday, April 7, the 97th day of 2014. There are 268 days left in the year.
On this date:
In 1949, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "South Pacific" opened on Broadway.

Associated Press

Elizabeth York/MISD

Bottom from left: Natasha Angela Thio, Early College High School at Midland College; Palvasha Deme, Lee; Madison Hope Williams; Lee; Raj Sandip Patel, Lee; Melody Jan Davis, Lee; Victoria Marie Castillo, Coleman High School

Top from left: Carly Norwood, Midland High; Victoria Ellen Gerald, Midland High; Jason Glenn Carter, Midland High; Rebecca "Caroline" Smith, Midland High; Cora Drozd, Midland High; Emery Jo Ives, Lee

SHININGSTARS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Students, educators honored at Shining Star reception

The Midland ISD Education Foundation honored 12 top members of the Class of 2014 and their chosen mentors at its fourth annual Shining Stars Academic Recognition Reception at Green Tree Country Club on Sunday.

The honorees from each school are:

Coleman High School
Victoria Marie Castillo, distinguished scholar
Veronica Abila, distinguished educator

Early College High School at Midland College
Natasha Angela Thio, distinguished scholar
Karen Murdoch, distinguished educator

Lee High School
Raj Sandip Patel, distinguished scholar
Lara Payne, distinguished educator

Palvasha Deme, distinguished scholar
Beau Garza, distinguished educator

Melody Jan Davis, distinguished scholar
Phillip Edwards, distinguished educator

Emery Jo Ives, distinguished scholar

More coverage

See more coverage of the Shining Stars event in Wednesday's Education section.

Ashlee Johnson, distinguished educator

Madison Hope Williams, distinguished scholar
Jason Smith, distinguished educator

Midland High School
Cora Drozd, distinguished scholar
Chris Hightower, distinguished scholar

Victoria Ellen Gerald, distinguished scholar
Cory Callaway, distinguished educator

Carly Norwood, distinguished scholar
Cyndi Pyles, distinguished educator

Jason Glenn Carter, distinguished scholar
Shane Fletcher, distinguished educator

Rebecca "Caroline" Smith, distinguished educator
Anne Phillips, distinguished educator

Researchers net 'zombie bass' with electricity

By Jay Reeves
Associated Press

ROGERSVILLE, Ala. — Bernie Fuller has fished for decades, yet he's never witnessed anything to match the sight of dozens of zombie bass eerily rising out of a north Alabama lake.

Americans like Fuller spend about $48 billion annually fishing for fun, and they like knowing what's in the water with their bait. To provide answers to that question and more, biologists are conducting a study where they use "electrofishing" to stun fish in Tennessee Valley Authority lakes.

Momentarily incapacitated by a weak electrical charge that's fed into the water from a boat equipped with a humming generator, fish large and small floated motionless to the surface during an electrofishing trip last week. They were scooped up with a net and placed into an aerated holding tank.

Eyes wide and mouths agape, stunned fish were measured, weighed and checked for illnesses and parasites. Within a few minutes the animals snapped out of a zombie-like state, and workers put them back in the water to swim away.

Fuller was among nine area anglers who went along on a TVA research trip last week on Wheeler Lake near Rogersville, and he grinned as one big fish after another floated to the top in a reservoir where he thought there were far fewer and much smaller bass based on his fishing experience.

"I've learned there's a lot of fish in here," Fuller said after a day on the water.

Another fisherman, Roger Morris, laughed as a big bass popped to the surface.

"They're pulling some 3- to 4-pounders regularly and all day we may catch three or four that size," said Morris, of nearby Courtland.

John Justice, a fisheries biologist with TVA, said fish rarely suffer any lasting effects from electrofishing.

"Generally speaking they recover within a few seconds to a couple of minutes," he said.

Justice said data collected during successive years of electrofishing provides biologists with valuable information about how to best manage the lakes, which are some of the most biologically diverse in North America. The statistics show whether adjustments need to be made to things including water flow, catch limits, stocking programs and water levels, he said.

INTERESTS

From 1A

have permission to be in the country. The two Republican candidates for lieutenant governor, David Dewhurst and Dan Patrick, want to rescind the act, while gubernatorial nominee Greg Abbott wants to leave it.

Democrats, meanwhile, are campaigning for an overhaul of federal law in line with the business interests.

Nothing has riled up the Texas Association of Business more than Republican-led cuts to school testing and revised high school graduation standards. The group's president, Bill Hammond, complains that only 25 percent of public school graduates are ready for work or college, and he argues that testing lets parents hold schools accountable for student performance.

Public education took center-stage in the governor's race last week, with Abbott introducing his plan to boost student performance. He broke with Republican lawmakers who in 2011 called pre-kindergarten education state-subsidized daycare and reduced funding from full-day to half-day programs.

Abbott's Democratic opponent, Wendy Davis, has railed against this decision as a Fort Worth state senator and has tried to make her filibuster of the 2011 budget cuts the centerpiece of her campaign.

She attacked Abbott last week for his choice in education experts, but Abbott's support for full-time, state-funded pre-kindergarten is a significant recognition that Texas is short-changing public schools. Texas ranks in the bottom third of states in third grade reading scores, and Abbott is calling for pre-kindergarten programs that will make a significant difference in student performance in later years.

Abbott's tea party allies in the Legislature, though, may not be on board. Based on the results of the March primary, the incoming Republican-controlled Legislature may be the most conservative yet and many are calling for property and sales tax cuts rather than increased spending.

Those lawmakers demonstrated their reluctance to open the state's wallet in 2013 by choosing to let voters decide whether to tap the rainy day fund for water and transportation projects. Voters approved water funding in 2013 and are expected to approve transportation spending in November, but those constitutional amendments are only a drop in the bucket toward solving the state's long-term funding crisis for infrastructure.

Last week the Texas Association of Business's Stephen Minick warned lawmakers that their failure to invest in improved infrastructure sent the wrong signal to companies interested in moving to Texas.

House Speaker Joe Straus on Friday appointed a special committee to study transportation funding issues, but tea party activists have questioned his conservatism and are more interested in shrinking government spending.

During the Great Recession, Texas executives praised lawmakers for their fiscal prudence. Now that state revenues are breaking records well over $100 billion, they are telling lawmakers it's time to invest in workers and infrastructure. The question is whether lawmakers will listen.

MPD: Police find missing Midland woman

From staff reports

Midland police located a Midland woman Sunday who had been reported missing after she was last seen leaving her home earlier that morning, according to the Midland Police Department.

Shaily Patel, 22, returned to her residence shortly after her disappearance was announced to the public and news media. Officials confirmed that she had been found at about 6:40 p.m. Sunday. She had not been seen since about 8 a.m. the same day.

Mohegan Tribe protects benefits with casino empire

By Michael Melia
Associated Press

UNCASVILLE, Conn. — A gaming slump is eating into the profits of Mohegan Sun, but the 2,000 tribal members who draw benefits from the massive casino aren't feeling the pinch — not with money coming in from a burgeoning Mohegan Tribe gaming empire.

Under a strategy that began before the downturn hit Connecticut's Mohegan Sun, one of the world's biggest casinos, the tribe's gaming company is running casinos in Pennsylvania and Atlantic City, N.J., and pursuing more projects in states including Washington, New York, and Massachusetts.

"We have to take care of their tribe membership and the benefits they are able to get, and they are not shrinking," said Mitchell Etess, CEO of the Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority. "If you just were to stay here, you would not have an increasing amount of revenue."

The Mohegans, who opened their flagship Mohegan Sun casino on tribal land in 1996, are among a small number of American Indian tribes — and perhaps the most ambitious — to put their gaming expertise to work at commercial casinos outside their reservations.

Mohegan Sun once dominated the region's gaming market along with the neighboring Foxwoods Resort Casino, owned by the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, and both tribes moved to expand years ago in anticipation of the competition that now has arrived in force.

FELONYARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Guillermo S. Cantu, 32, of Victoria, was charged Saturday with possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams.

Ahmed Fawzy, 39, of Midland, was charged Saturday with assault on a family or household member by impeding breathing.

Charlemagne S. Franklin, 24, of Midland, was charged Saturday with harassment of a public servant.

Melissa A. Hernandez, 36, of Midland, was charged Saturday with possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams.

Dylan W. McGowan, 30, of Midland, was charged Saturday with possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams.

Bacilio Mendoza Jr., 35, of Midland, was charged Saturday with evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and accident involving injury.

Karla D. Partlow, 41, of Big Spring, was charged Saturday with possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams and theft between $1,500 and $20,000.

Jose G. Solis, 47, of Denver, Colo., was charged Saturday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

KAKU

From 1A

What Kaku doesn't always like, however, is the portrayal of physicists in pop culture. Scientists aren't all awkward like the characters on "The Big Bang Theory" — although he does find the show funny.

"In the old days, we were mad scientists," he said of evolving stereotypes. "We were the ones who had the death rays and would blow up the world or take over the world. So that stereotype is less so.

"In some sense, The Big Bang Theory is an improvement," he said, chuckling. "Among my friends, my friends are perfectly normal people. If you were to go to a physics party, yeah, we'd be kind of boring talking physics, but other than that, you'd never realize you were talking to a physicist."

As he researches for his books, Kaku said he visits with other scientists and inventors who don't have the same level of media access, and then he writes about their cutting-edge research.

"The reason (my predictions are right) is I cheat," he said. "I go in the laboratories, I see the prototypes. I see these things. It's not pie in the sky, abstract, science fiction. I see working prototypes of all these technologies, and then I write about them."

Kaku said he hopes his books, lectures and appearances help his audiences understand and get excited about science.

"We have to convey upon them the importance of this mission, rather than reducing it boring memorization to the elements, crystals, minerals," he said.

"I can't understand how people are not excited and jumping up and down about these latest discoveries," he said. "I can't understand why people are not amazed."

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From 1A

County Road 1110, tells the story of the first find:

"The discovery of oil in the Permian Basin during the 1920s helped sustain the area economy during the Great Depression, and many oil and gas companies established headquarters in Midland. Not until the 1940s, though, did Midland County begin seeing its own productive oil wells. Geologist H.L. Beckman worked with the Rowan Drilling Company to stake out Humble Oil and Refining Company's No. 1 Mrs. O.P. Buchanan Well at this site. They spudded the well on September 14, 1944 and completed it on November 6, 1945 at a total depth of 12,574 feet. The well produced 332 barrels of oil in 29 hours and became Midland County's first producing oil well. It was plugged on August 1, 1947."

Jimmy Patterson's book, "A History of Character: The Story of Midland, Texas," is scheduled for release later this year.

NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON

Jeb Bush says he'll make decision on bid this year

Jeb Bush says all the speculation about whether he'll run for president in 2016 is actually getting him more attention than if he had already entered the race.

The former Republican governor of Florida said that's not by design, and that he'll make his decision before year's end.

He told Fox News Channel in an interview airing Sunday that the state of politics is "crazy right now."

Bush said one factor in his decision will be whether he can deliver an optimistic, hopeful message without getting drawn into a political "mud fight." He said the other main factor in his decision will be whether it's OK with his family if he ran.

Bush has antagonized many Republicans by supporting an immigration overhaul and educational standards for kindergarten through 12th grade known as Common Core.

On immigration, he said that those who come into the country illegally generally do so because they had no other means to provide for their family, and what they did is "not a felony."

"It's an act of love. It's an act of commitment to your family," Bush said. "I honestly think that that is a different kind of crime. There should be a price paid, but it shouldn't rile people up that people are actually coming to this country to provide for their families."

The interview with Bush occurred at his father's presidential library during the celebration of the 25th anniversary of George. H. W. Bush's presidency.

OKLAHOMA

USGS records 3 earthquakes near Langston

LANGSTON — The United States Geological Survey has recorded three earthquakes — including one of magnitude 4.0 — near Langston.

The USGS reported the 4.0 magnitude quake was recorded at 9:58 a.m. Sunday 1 mile south of Langston — about 35 miles northeast of Oklahoma City.

No injuries or damage were reported.

The other quakes registered a preliminary magnitude of 3.0 and 2.7 and were recorded at 9:25 a.m. and 10:04 a.m. in the same area.

Geologists said earthquakes of magnitude 2.5 to 3.0 are generally the smallest that are felt by humans and that damage is not likely from quakes below magnitude 4.0.

CALIFORNIA

About 100 arrested in college party brawl

ISLA VISTA — About 100 people were arrested and at least 44 people were taken to the hospital during a weekend college party in Southern California that devolved into a rock- and bottle-throwing melee, authorities said.

The violence broke out in the densely populated beachside community of Isla Vista around 9:30 p.m. Saturday during the annual spring break party known as Deltopia, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office said.

Sheriff's spokeswoman Kelly Hoover said things escalated after a University of California, Santa Barbara, police officer was hit in the face with a backpack filled with large bottles of alcohol.

Authorities said some members of the crowd of 15,000 then began throwing rocks, bricks and bottles at officers, lighting fires and damaging law enforcement vehicles.

"It was an emergency situation where we had to call in mutual aid," Hoover said. "They have had civil disturbances before in Isla Vista, but it has been many years since something like this."

Community takes a dive for young cancer patient

By Bill Draper
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Being told to "go jump in a lake" is usually a snarky kiss-off. But it's become a heartwarming call-to-action for a Missouri community whose effort to help the family of a 5-month-old boy with cancer has inspired thousands across the country to submerge themselves in cold bodies of water.

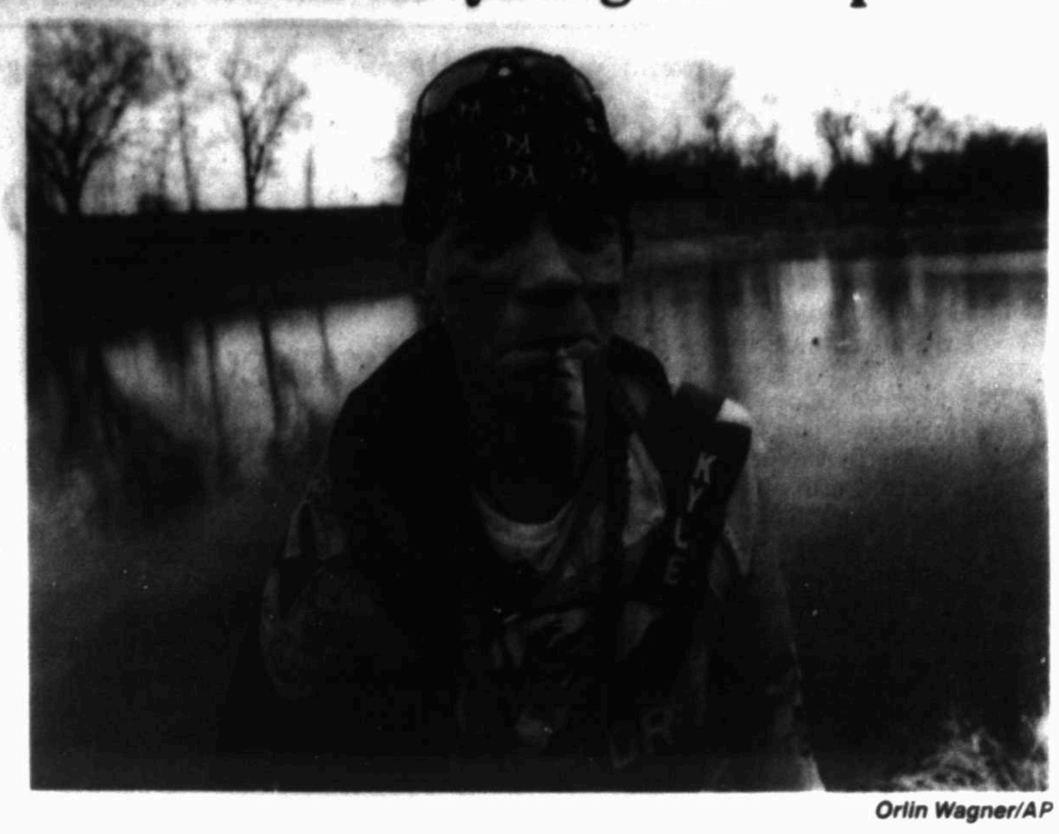
Organizers of the Facebook-based Plunge for Landon fundraiser said they have lost count of how many people have posted videos of themselves taking a dive for Landon Shaw, a Tarkio infant who was diagnosed in late February with a rare form of cancer. People are jumping in, from chilly farm ponds north of Kansas City to the Gulf of Mexico and the Potomac River in Washington, D.C.

"I can't believe how viral this is going," said Alyssa Shaw, Landon's mom. "My son has been such an inspiration to everybody and opened up people's eyes that you can't take life for granted."

Before they jump into the water, participants record themselves challenging three other people to do the same, with monetary pledges for each person who completes the challenge. The effort had raised more than $30,000 by Friday evening, only five days after notice of the fundraiser was first posted on the popular social networking site.

Entire schools, police departments and businesses around the region have posted videos of participants taking the plunge.

Landon was 4 months old on Feb. 23 when his parents took him to Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City to find out why he was vomiting and losing weight. Doctors found a tumor on his left kidney, which they removed, and later discovered a large mass on his brain.



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Kansas City Chiefs fan Ty Rowton, known as "XFactor," exits the water with a toy fish in his mouth after takeing a Plunge for Landon in a farm pond near Bonner Springs, Kan., Friday. A 5-month-old boy's battle with cancer has inspired hundreds to jump into cold bodies of water, from a local golf course pond to the Gulf of Mexico and even the Potomac River in Washington, D.C.

Landon's heart stopped during an operation to remove the brain tumor, his mother said, and he lost so much blood that doctors gave the family little hope their baby would survive.

"The surgeons came into the room and said they would be surprised if he made it through the night," Shaw said.

Landon did make it through, and his condition improved enough that on April 1, Shaw and her husband, Brandon, were able to bring their baby home.

But the child still has a long road ahead, with chemotherapy sessions, MRIs and CT scans. And the family is on Medicaid, Shaw said, which isn't nearly enough to cover medical bills that are just starting to arrive.

The plunge group's Facebook page had more than 11,700 members Friday, seven times the number of people who live in the small farming community of Tarkio, two hours north of Kansas City.

Lydia Hurst, who helps maintain the group's page, said participants include a soldier in Afghanistan and people in Germany, South Korea, Spain and Ireland.

Ty Rowton, also known as the red tight-wearing Kansas City Chiefs super fan "X-Factor," dove into a pond near Bonner Springs, Kan., on Friday after being challenged by several people he didn't know. In turn, he challenged the Royals, Chiefs and all their fans to also chip in to help baby Landon.

Hurst took her own plunge Tuesday morning in sub-freezing temperatures. Like most people she knows who did their own plunges, she said she never would have jumped into a frigid farm pond had it not been for the thought of the little boy.

"My legs got numb faster than I thought they would," she said. "It was shocking. I went home and showered and didn't get warm until about noon that day."

Residents of the former college town of roughly 1,600 also have been holding bake sales and fundraising suppers — popular affairs in rural Bible Belt communities to help the family pay for travel and other expenses. But the plunge drive has brought in the bulk of donations.

A YouTube video shows U.S. Rep. Sam Graves, a lifelong Tarkio resident, in a suit and tie as he dove head-first into the Potomac in Washington on Wednesday. He challenged several Republican leaders, both nationally and in Missouri, to take the plunge.

Lora Cummins, a former Tarkio resident who is an ordained minister and beach body coach in Port Aransas, accepted the challenge of some of her ex-classmates in the town and jumped into the Gulf of Mexico on Wednesday.

"All of us are so fortunate to have grown up there and forged lifelong bonds," she said. "Facebook has brought us all back together."

MOVING ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Friends and Patients:

I'm pleased to announce as of April 1, 2014, I will be joining West Texas Orthopedics. As a result of this change, I will be moving my office to a new location. My new address will be at West Campus Midland Memorial Hospital, 4214 Andrews Hwy., Ste. 208-B, 432-686-0321.

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OPINION

Dysfunctional Senate would disappoint Founders

■ Destructive ways from Reid to Cruz turn the Senate into a circus

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God saves the Queen. He saves this Honorable Court. But who will save the United States Senate?

The venerable institution that Democrats control and Republicans covet has lately been something of a circus. The Senate majority leader, Harry Reid, D-Nev., prevents amendments and pursues an unhinged vendetta against the Koch brothers, private citizens engaged in lawful political activity. The Senate minority leader, Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., is under political siege from right and left in his own state. Conservative populists gain presidential buzz by blowing up or shutting down Senate processes.

Since the U.S. Senate is America's pinnacle of institutional self-regard — "the world's greatest deliberative body" — its reputation has always had a long way to tumble. Even the Senate of Webster and Clay was also the Senate of Know-Nothings, Doughfaces, Hunkers, Hard-Shells and secessionists, picking their teeth and missing the spittoons.

But the gap between constitutional calling and institutional infirmity has seldom been greater than it is today. One long-serving senator recently told me, "The Senate has lost its soul." He means that the institution has lost its defining, deliberative function. It is becoming circus-like in certain modern and destructive ways.

The first, bear with me, concerns Senate procedure. In the not too distant past, a few senators — say, an odd pairing of a Democrat and a Republican — might get together to push for a creative or unexpected amendment. This is how much of the agenda of compassionate conservatism, for example, was carried out when I worked as a Senate staffer in the 1990s. Amendments were an opportunity for innovation. They could also, of course, be used to force political opponents into clarifying and embarrassing votes, which is also part of the deliberative process.

But the amendment process is increasingly and purposely blocked in the Senate. Majority Leader Reid often writes major legislation in his own office, bypassing the hearings and markups where senators outside the leadership get their say and where the political opposition can become more invested in bills as they move forward. And Reid employs a maneuver called "filling up the amendment tree" — which prevents amendments on the Senate floor outside his control — as the norm rather than the exception. None of these practices is unprecedented; they have just become commonplace.

Reid blames Republican obstructionism for such stern procedural measures. His actions, not coincidentally, also protect vulnerable Democrats from having to take awkward votes. But whatever the justification, the routinization of this approach — passing leadership-written bills without a real amendment process — is a highly partisan shift in the traditions of the Senate. It is difficult to imagine, say, Sen. Ted Kennedy meekly accepting up-or-down votes on legislation written by Majority Leader George Mitchell. And Robert Byrd — the great Senate historian and institutionalist — would be provoked to long-winded apoplexy by such a diminution of privilege.

Republicans are now highly critical of these procedures. But they will, almost certainly, employ them if they gain the majority. Partisans will not accept the voluntary renunciation of established advantages. Procedural ruthlessness seems to be a one-way ratchet.

The second source of Senate dysfunction concerns the nature of modern political movements. In particular, social media and conservative media have created a powerful avenue of influence outside of party structures, which empowers ideological purists and intimidates other conservative legislators. A senator such as Ted Cruz, R-Texas, or Rand Paul, R-Ky., does not need to work his way up to influence by persuading his Senate colleagues; he gains prominence by using populist issues (unrealistic attempts at Obamacare repeal or imaginary domestic drone threats) to criticize the weakness or perfidy of his colleagues.

I wonder if conservative "constitutionalists" have any idea how odd and disturbing the Founders would have found the whole idea of the Senate as a populist platform. According to Federalist 63: "There are particular moments in public affairs when the people, stimulated by some irregular passion, or some illicit advantage, or misled by the artful misrepresentations of interested men, may call for measures which they themselves will afterwards be the most ready to lament and condemn." The Senate is specifically designed to minimize, not multiply, such moments.

Many senators I talk to, Republican and Democrat, are frustrated by this multi-fronted attack on the possibility of deliberation. Both partisans and ideologues are impatient with institutional restraint, which they see as an obstacle to progress or purity. It should bother them, and us, that the Founders were institutionalists to the core and for good reason: because a democracy must deliberate somewhere.

GUEST VIEW

Immigration policy appears to have been outsourced to thugs

Houston Chronicle

The horrific "house of horrors" police uncovered in Pearland recently is a grim reminder that we have outsourced immigration policy in this country to thugs, smugglers and criminal gangs.

And just what does immigration policy look like in the hands of criminals? It's 115 undocumented immigrants from El Salvador, Mexico, Guatemala and Honduras held in a house with locked doors, boarded-up windows and one stench-filled broken toilet. The captives included 16 women, one of them pregnant, and more than a dozen children. The smugglers wielded a large wooden paddle to keep their captives cowed.

Political gridlock on comprehensive immigration reform is a prime culprit for an outrageous situation such as this one. The U.S. Senate passed an immigration reform package last year, but House Republicans continue to be obstinate. And we can't expect President Obama to break the impasse. The president seems to have spent his political capital on the Affordable Care Act, and, in any case, his support for immigration reform would more likely hurt than help in the House.

Even the Texas Republican Party — officially, that is — recognizes the need for a means of controlling the flow of labor between the United States and its neighbors to the south, although some GOP candidates are backpedaling as we approach next month's runoff. The party's platform calls for a guest-worker program that would provide each non-resident an individual Biometric Identification Card that tracks such vital information as address changes and criminal court appearances.

That's a sensible approach to a complex problem, unlike the extremist approach state Sen. Dan Patrick touts in his campaign for lieutenant governor. His proposal for even more "boots on the ground," for expensive drones and other equipment and for an impenetrable border wall that extends for 2,000 miles is more action adventure than realistic solution. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst's call for a $60 million "border surge" is no better.

Lawmakers need to get serious, and that includes giving employers a clear means at the job site to determine who is eligible to work. Comprehensive immigration reform involves much more, of course, but a sensible guest-worker program is an integral component.

Meanwhile, gangs and smugglers will continue wielding the paddle. Those of us lucky enough to be U.S. citizens will need to close our ears if we don't want to hear the thwacks, close our eyes to avoid the houses of horror and clamp our nostrils to avoid the stench.

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Playing politics over Chavez's legacy

■ Democrats can't stand the icon favored strict enforcement of immigration laws

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It's a shame that Republicans blocked a resolution calling for the Senate to honor the legacy of Chicano icon Cesar Chavez.

But though the GOP looks petty and downright stupid for not allowing a purely symbolic commemoration honoring the history-changing labor leader, the Democrats look sort of clueless themselves for not letting the Republicans add their say to the resolution.

According to news reports, Republicans said they would have allowed the resolution to pass if Democrats had accepted additional language recognizing that Chavez supported strict enforcement of immigration laws in order to help protect American workers' wages. Democrats refused to agree to those additions.

"It is an injustice to his memory," the Washington Times quoted Sen. Robert Menendez of New Jersey, who has introduced the resolution eight consecutive years to no avail. He claimed Republicans were trying to mix the immigration debate with a commemorative resolution.

Menendez is right: The Republicans were playing politics — just like the Democrats.

Why, exactly, is it an injustice to Chavez's memory to note that he was against illegal immigration because it undermined the bargaining power of U.S.-born and legal immigrant workers?

It's not like this is news.

In 2012, author and former farmworker Frank Bardacke added to the stacks of Chavez biographies — minus the blind hero worship — with his book "Trampling Out the Vintage: Cesar Chavez and the Two Souls of the United Farm Workers."

He tells the story of a complex human being with grand ideas about how to make the lives of the poor better by taking on powerful, entrenched interests. And some of those interests, especially in California agribusiness, were more than happy to turn their backs on a broken, sometimes violent and often exploitive immigration system.

"In 1948, Ventura County's total farm receipts had been less than $40 million. In 1958, agricultural sales topped $100 million," Bardacke writes. "Local workers were the big losers. In a period when agriculture was booming and agricultural employment climbing, there was less work for locals and at lower wages. A small group of local farmworkers held on, finding work mostly in the vegetables from the spring to the fall. Meanwhile, real wages of *braceros* actually declined during this remarkable decade of growth: the nominal wage in lemons, the best paid of all local agricultural jobs, was 95 cents an hour in 1947, and just 97 cents an hour in 1959."

Bardacke provides a colorful portrayal of how the braceros — seasonal Mexican laborers — and the people who hired them, used dirty, or outright unlawful, tricks to evade legal guarantees "that the Bracero program [a U.S.-sponsored way to bring workers across the border for seasonal labor] would not 'adversely affect' domestic labor and decreed that braceros could not be contracted to a job if there was enough domestic labor to do it."

So, yes, Chavez favored strict border controls and an Immigration and Naturalization Service that would actually do its job instead of turning a blind eye to cheap labor streaming across the border.

Chavez also indirectly participated in an effort called the "wet line," which involved setting up tents along the U.S.-Mexico border and staffing them with about 300 members of the United Farm Workers, who wore armbands emblazoned with "UFW Border Patrol."

Bardacke writes, "They were paid $10 a day plus expenses. They operated mostly at night, using dune buggies, cars, vans and small trucks to chase people down. During the day, they also had a small plane to track people from the air. ... No judge's order put any limit on what the union's night patrol might do to the people it caught. ... If you got picked up by the UFW, you were on your own."

Instead of trying to downplay this history — liberals are all about "authentic" history unless it tarnishes one of their own patron saints — why not let it ride and instead use the point to discuss how and why Chavez eventually fought for the rights of all workers and to ensure that even unlawfully present workers got relief in the 1986 immigration reform?

But no, that would make too much sense. I mean, who would actually agree to injecting any sliver of realism, pragmatism or factual precedent into our immigration debate? Sounds too much like compromise, I suppose, and neither Democrats nor Republicans seem at any risk of allowing this.

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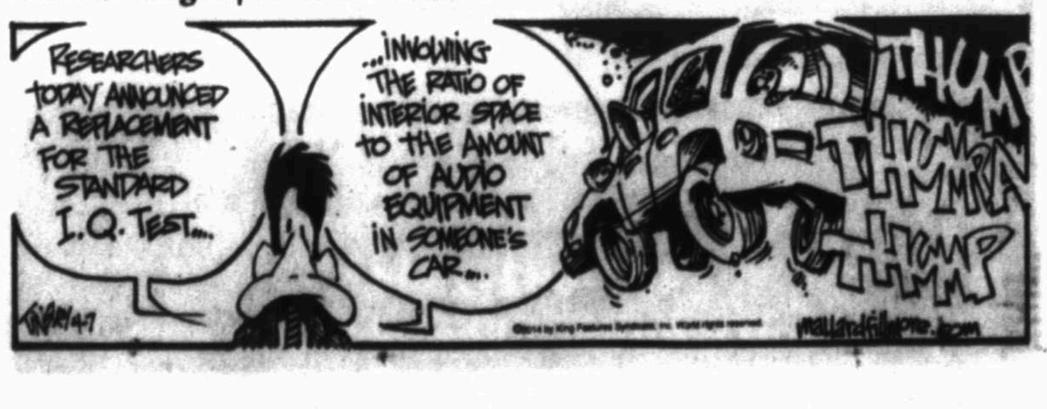

Some hear race echoes in Virginia gay marriage ban

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — To some people in Virginia, the fight over legalization of same-sex marriage echoes a decades-old battle over the state's 1924 law banning marriage between white and black people.

"You're talking about pure prejudice as the basis of both laws," argued Philip J. Hirschkop, who as a young lawyer in the 1960s represented an interracial couple that successfully challenged Virginia's ban on "miscegenation," or mixing of the races.

But opponents of gay marriage reject the comparison.

"It's a slur and a slander on all those Americans who understand that there is something unique and special about husbands and wives coming together in marriage," said Brian Brown, president of the National Organization for Marriage, a Washington-based group that opposes same-sex marriage.

In 1958, two Virginia residents, Mildred Loving, a black woman, and her white husband, Richard Loving, went to Washington, D.C., to get married. After they returned to Virginia, police burst into their bedroom in the middle of the night, and arrested them for violating the Racial Integrity Act of 1924. Their 1-year jail sentence was suspended on the condition that they leave Virginia for 25 years.

The U.S. Supreme Court, in a unanimous 1967 decision, struck down the Virginia law — and similar ones in roughly one-third of the states.

"There can be no doubt that restricting the freedom to marry solely because of racial classifications violates the central meaning of the Equal Protection Clause," Chief Justice Earl Warren wrote in the landmark ruling.

In February, U.S. District Judge Arenda Wright Allen tossed Virginia's ban on same-sex marriage, concluding it, too, violated the Constitution's Equal Protection Clause. She also made a direct link to the Loving case of 47 years ago.

"Tradition is revered in the Commonwealth, and often rightly so. However, tradition alone cannot justify denying same-sex couples the right to marry any more than it could justify Virginia's ban on interracial marriage," she wrote.

Brown countered that there is more to banning gay marriage than preserving tradition.

"It's biology, not bigotry, that defines the difference between men and women," he said. "Laws against interracial marriage were obviously wrong, and they had to do with the evils of slavery, and our own history of racism in this country."

The trial judge in the Loving case had declared, "Almighty God created the races white, black, yellow, malay and red, and he placed them on separate continents. And, but for the interference with his arrangement, there would be no cause for such marriage. The fact that he separated the races shows that he did not intend for the races to mix."

Richard Loving was killed by a drunken driver in 1975, and Mildred Loving died in 2008.

In the same-sex marriage case, the judge issued a stay of her order while it is appealed; both sides expect the U.S. Supreme Court to ultimately resolve the issue, either in this case or a similar one from another state. Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring is not defending the gay marriage ban, which he said is unconstitutional. Instead, an attorney for court clerks in Norfolk and Prince William County is defending it.

The attorney, David B. Oakley, wrote that the judge's comparison to the Loving case was misguided.

"Unlike infringing on the right to marry based on invidious racial laws, the decision to restrict marriage to couples of the opposite sex is not based on any suspect or irrational classifications," Oakley wrote.

Blacks support gay marriage at lower levels than whites, although acceptance has risen for both groups. Polling by the Pew Research Center this year showed that 43 percent of blacks support allowing gays and lesbians to legally marry. That's up from 38 percent last year, but still below the 54 percent support among whites this year. In 2012, the NAACP passed a resolution endorsing same-sex marriage as a civil right.

"When the question is asked about marriage, most people then dig into their beliefs," said Hilary Shelton, the NAACP's senior vice president for advocacy and policy, noting that many black people attend church. "So when the question's asked about marriage, you find that most will say, well, my religion doesn't support that. But if you ask them if people should be able to legally enter into those contracts, you'll find the numbers go up astronomically."

Shelton, who describes himself as an "old-school Midwestern boy" who grew up in an African-American community, said he saw the two bans as comparable.

"The way the NAACP is looking at issues like this, it's not that we're necessarily promoting interracial marriage or gay marriage," he said. "We're promoting equal opportunity and equal protection under the law, saying that people of the same gender should be able to enter into that same set of contracts as people of two different genders. So it really is a civil rights issue."

But The Rev. Bill Owens, president of the Coalition of African-American Pastors, which calls itself a traditional family values group, said there is "is absolutely no comparison" between the two bans.

"The ban on interracial marriage was strictly because of the color of a person's skin," he said. "We were born a certain color. And you cannot control that."

Obama actions test workplace ideas

By Jim Kuhnhenn
Associated Press

AP file photo

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., left, and Lilly Ledbetter, right, the woman who has become the symbol for the workplace equality movement, face reporters at the Capitol as the Senate considers the "Paycheck Fairness Act," in Washington on June 5, 2012

WASHINGTON — Lacking congressional support to raise wages or end gender pay disparities, President Barack Obama is again imposing his policies on federal contractors, in keeping with presidents' tradition of exerting their powers on a fraction of the economy they directly control.

Obama will sign an executive order Tuesday barring federal contractors from retaliating against employees who discuss their pay with each other. The order is similar to language in a Senate bill aimed at closing a pay gap between men and women. That measure is scheduled for a vote this week, but is unlikely to pass.

The president also will direct the Labor Department to adopt rules requiring federal contractors to provide compensation data based on sex and race.

He plans to sign the two executive orders during an event at the White House where he will be joined by Lilly Ledbetter, whose name appears on a pay discrimination law Obama signed in 2009.

The moves showcase Obama's efforts to seek action without congressional approval and demonstrate that even without legislation, the president can drive economic policy. At the same time, they show the limits of his ambition when he doesn't have the support of Congress for his initiatives.

Republicans said Obama is pushing his executive powers too far and should do more to work with Congress. His new executive orders are sure to lead to criticism that he is placing an undue burden on companies and increasing their costs.

Federal contracting covers about one-quarter of the U.S. workforce and includes companies ranging from Boeing to small parts suppliers and service providers. As a result, presidential directives can have a wide and direct impact. Such actions also can be largely symbolic, designed to spur action in the broader economy.

"This really is about giving people access to more information both to help them make decisions at the policy level but also for individuals," said Heather Boushey, executive director and chief economist at the Washington Center for Equitable Growth. She has been working with the administration to get compensation information about the nation's workforce.

"This is definitely an encouraging first step," she said.

Federal contractors, however, worry that additional compensation data could be used to fuel wage related lawsuits, said James Plunkett, director of labor policy at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

What's more, he said, such orders create a two-tiered system where rules apply to federal contractors but not to other employers. Those contractors, knowing that their business relies on the government, are less likely to put up a fight, he said.

"Federal contractors ultimately know that they have to play nicely to a certain extent with the federal government," he said.

In a separate action today, Obama intends to announce 24 schools that will share more than $100 million in grants to redesign themselves to better prepare high school students for college or for careers. The awards are part of an order Obama signed last year. Money for the program comes from fees that companies pay for visas to hire foreign workers for specialized jobs.

The moves represent a return to economic issues for the president after two weeks devoted almost exclusively to diplomacy and the final deadline for health insurance coverage. A trip to Asia in two weeks is sure to change the focus once again.

Still, Obama has declared this a year of action, whether Congress supports him or not.

In February, Obama signed an executive order increasing the hourly minimum wage for federal contractors from $7.25 per to $10.10. While White House officials estimated such an increase would affect only a small percent age of federal contract workers, they said the move could encourage states or individual businesses to act on their own to increase workers' wages.

Obama has also pushed his workplace initiatives beyond just federal contractors where possible.

Last month he instructed the Labor Department to come up with new workplace overtime rules for all employers, a power the administration has under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

But presidents have most direct power over the workforce that is paid with taxpayers' money.

Obama's go-it-alone strategy is hardly new.

The most enduring workplace anti-discrimination laws began with an executive order signed by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in June 25, 1941, outlawing discrimination based on race, color, creed and national origin in the federal government and defense industries.

President John F. Kennedy broadened that in 1961 with an order that required government contractors to take affirmative action to ensure hiring "without regard to their race, creed, color or national origin."

President George W. Bush also acted on his own when he ordered federal contractors to ensure that their workers were in the country legally by requiring the use of an electronic employment verification system.

Jeffrey Hirsch, a former lawyer with the National Labor Relations Board, said presidential executive orders that affect federal contracting workforces can over time demonstrate that those practices are less onerous than initially imagined.

"It's an important step in implementing things in a broader scale," said Hirsch, now a professor at the University of North Carolina School of Law.

Through executive actions, Obama also has drawn attention to areas where he has chosen not to act on his own.

The White House has resisted pressure from gay rights advocates who want have Obama to sign an anti-discrimination executive order that would protect gays and lesbians working for federal contractors. The White House wants the House to approve a Senate-passed bill extending those protections to all Americans.

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Angry families want GM prosecuted for defects

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The families of those who died in General Motors cars with defective ignition switches want prosecutors to go after GM insiders responsible for letting the problems fester for more than a decade — and perhaps for covering them up.

"The only way the public is going to be protected from this negligence by companies is if there will ultimately be prison sentences," said Leo Ruddy of Scranton, Pa., whose 21-year-old daughter Kelly was killed in 2010 when her Chevrolet Cobalt veered inexplicably off the highway and crashed.

Family members attended hearings in Washington last week that stoked those sentiments. Lawmakers confronted GM CEO Mary Barra with what they said was evidence that, in 2006, a company employee intentionally tried to conceal the switch problem. And the head of the nation's auto safety watchdog said GM withheld critical information that connected the failing switch to air bags that didn't deploy in a crash.

"I don't see this as anything but criminal," said Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-New Hampshire, a former state prosecutor.

However, even if an employee or employees did conceal information, it's uncertain whether they would be charged with a crime. Legal experts said it's easier to prove wrongdoing by a corporation than by individuals. The internal documents that can be used to build a case against the company might be inadmissible as evidence against individuals. And it can be hard to prove that individuals knowingly made false statements.

The Justice Department didn't bring charges against any individuals last month when it closed a yearslong investigation of Toyota.

GM has acknowledged that in 2004 and 2005, engineers submitted proposals to fix the switches in Cobalts, Saturn Ions and other small cars, but the fixes were never implemented. GM said upper management only became aware of the problem last year. A recall of the small cars, now up to 2.6 million vehicles, began in February.

On Wednesday, Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., accused one GM employee of a cover-up. Ray DeGiorgio, the lead switch engineer on the Cobalt, said in a deposition last year for a lawsuit against GM that he never approved a change to the ignition switch. But McCaskill produced a document from GM's switch supplier that showed DeGiorgio signed off on a replacement, but with the same part number. Failing to change a part number makes the part harder to track.

Appearing Sunday on ABC's "This Week," McCaskill said, "There is no reason to keep the same part number unless you're trying to hide the fact that you've got a defective switch out there that in fact ended up killing a number of people on our highways."

Paul Rothstein, a Georgetown University law professor, wouldn't speak specifically about DeGiorgio, but said someone "caught in a lie" could be more vulnerable to individual prosecution.

Barra called the failure to change the part number "unacceptable." She said the company has not yet fired any employees in connection with the recall. But she said if inappropriate decisions were made, GM will take action, including firing those involved.

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HOUSEHOLDS

Manor Park opens doors to new 'households'

From staff reports

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held March 28 for the Cowden and Scharbauer cottages at The Village at Manor Park.

The facility's latest building project is known as "households," according to Alan Hale, Manor Park's executive director.

The Cowden Cottage and Scharbauer Cottage each has 20 private bedrooms with private bathrooms. Each cottage has a kitchen, dining room and living room for the residents' use.

What else makes "households" different from the traditional nursing home concept is that instead of staff making decisions, residents can decide such things as when they get up or what they eat, Hale said.

The cottages were made possible through donations and a tax-exempt bond issued by Wells Fargo, according to a press release from Manor Park.

AT TOP
Participating in the March 28 ribbon-cutting for the Cowden and Scharbauer cottages were, Alan Hale, Manor Park executive director, from left; Clarence Scharbauer III, Robin Thomas, chairman of the Manor Park Board of Trustees; Dick Campbell, Campbell Construction Co.; Grant Billingsley, executive director of the Scharbauer Foundation; and Jim Rhotenberry, Rhotenberry Wellen Architects.

LEFT
Don Stephens, Manor Park chief financial officer, from left, and Gwyn and Don Sparks.

BELOW, FAR LEFT
Stephen Nelson, Manor Park households administrator, left, and Tyler Hale, with Community National Bank.

BELOW, CENTER
Gary Boyd, from left, Margaret Cowden, Alan Hale, Salena James, household coordinator of the Cowden Cottage, and Robyn Boyd, director of Life Enhancement.

BELOW, RIGHT
Lucy Woodside, Manor Park director of development, from left, Margaret Cowden and Alan Hale.

Courtesy photos

Midland College group tours Ecuador

Editor's note: Stan Jacobs retired as vice president of instruction in August 2012, after 41 years with Midland College.

By Stan Jacobs

We left Midland in mid-March in a sand/dust storm where everything is brown, and landed in Ecuador, a country where everything is full of color — the food, clothing, buildings and people, and the hills and valleys emerald and jade green. It was like the land of Oz, but unlike Oz, there were catacombs, waterfalls, volcanoes and jungles. There were shamans, caimans and chicha.

We went to the base of Cotopaxi, the world's second-highest active volcano. From there, we got several glimpses of its snowy mouth more than 19,000 feet high, as the clouds danced by. We struggled to keep our footing on the volcanic gravel in the cold wind, and some of us suffered headaches and nausea. Further down, we saw wild horses, a black-and-white hummingbird, an Andean lapwing by a lagoon and exotic plants on the tundra.

The Avenue of the Volcanoes is located between a double ridge of the Andes mountain chain that forms the spine of South America. This is where the Inca civilization flourished from Ecuador south to Peru and Chile, a distance of more than 3,000 miles.

On the second day we traveled south to Banos then east to Puyo. We had our high boots and tent-like ponchos to protect us from the mud and incessant rain. We were at the headwaters of the Amazon, and from the heights, through the cloudy mists and rain, we could see the streams as they became tributaries that join to form the mighty river that flows to the Atlantic.

The Quichua are indigenous peoples of this part of the jungle. We joined in the tribe's celebration dances and drank "chicha," a ceremonial drink made of fermented corn. That night, some of us intrepid souls

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Paddling a dugout canoe are Ed Barnhart, front to back, Carol Cockerham, Burgess Wade and Murrey Swanson.

HAVEYOUHEARD

BY MARILYN MCKNIGHT HARRISON

THE LADIES OF THE PETROLEUM CLUB

ABOVE
Leila Seal, from left, Elizabeth Greaves, Carol Bynum, Anne Herbig and Penny Angelo.

RIGHT
Sallie Kidwell, from left, Nancy Doss, LaNell Honeyman, Shirley Butts and Anne Johnson.

MIDLAND COLLEGE RECEPTION

ABOVE
Paula Henry, from left, Virginia Johnson and Jim Henry.

LEFT
Virginia Johnson and Bob Jones.

CONTEMPORARY STUDY CLUB

BELOW
Carol Bynum, from left, Kay Smith and Shirley Miller.

RIGHT
Beverly Muirr, from left, Elizabeth Greaves and Lou Brown.

SENIOR PARTY

Jordin Newman, left, and Brenda Yowell.

MCC LADIES ASSOCIATION

RIGHT
Marilyn Allen, left, and the Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris.

ABOVE
Katie Joyner.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Pat and Jan Fortune.

LADIES OF THE PETROLEUM CLUB

The laughter didn't stop once **Jeanne Robertson** took the stage at the April 1 luncheon meeting of the Ladies of the Petroleum Club.

In her talk, "The Meetin' Ain't Over 'til the Tall Lady Speaks," the award-winning humorist addressed such issues as her height (she reached her full stature of 6 feet 2 inches at the age of 13), competing in a "Miss America pageant, the joys of wardrobe malfunctions while on stage, and the novel and unusual experiences of sharing life with "LB," the nickname she has given her left-brain husband.

Dressed in a stunning hot pink suit, the statuesque, silver-haired speaker ended her remarks with a message. She stressed the importance of beginning each day by looking for humor, which makes it easier to face life's daily challenges.

Robertson, who lives in North Carolina, has been to West Texas on several occasions, including the Pink the Basin Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon in October 2012.

Before the program, **Cathy Burgess**, president, introduced current and retiring board members and presented **Emily Blonkvist, Paula Douglas, LaNell Honeyman** and **Brenda McClure** to the board. She also gave special recognition to **Dorcas Hight**, the Petroleum Club's membership director, for her "above and beyond" service.

Among those seen in the crowd were **Judy Canon, Pamela Feist, Barbara Hartwell, Anne Johnson, Linda Melson, Kathy Robbins** and **Mary Ann Dzubinski.**

CONTEMPORARY STUDY CLUB

Members of the Contemporary Study Club and their guests recently toured Big Spring's Hotel Settles, which was known as the Settles Hotel before it was renovated.

Before lunch in the dining room, the women learned about the hotel's history. It was built in 1929 by the Settles family, which had oil and ranching operations outside of Big Spring. The hotel was in operation for 50 years. During the Settles Hotel's heyday, it was a stopover for such luminaries as Presidents Herbert Hoover and Lyndon Johnson, Lawrence Welk, Gregory Peck, Buddy Holly, Dr. William Mayo, founder of the Mayo Clinic, and Elvis Presley.

Items of any value were auctioned off when the hotel closed its doors in 1980. Included from the original hotel are the lobby terrazzo floors and two of the three original telephone booths that are in an alcove by the restaurant.

The hotel's current owner is **Brint Ryan**, a Big Spring native and graduate of Big Spring High School. He purchased the hotel in 2006 with the dream of restoring downtown Big Spring.

Among those enjoying the day trip were **Penny Angelo, Dottie Barker, Barbara Culver Clack, Marion Frazier, Sarah Lew Grimes, Anne Herbig** and **Leila Seal.**

ORGANIZATION CELEBRATION

Members recently celebrated the 60th anniversary of PEO Chapter DD with a dinner at the DoubleTree by Hilton.

Both **Jo Swallow**, a charter member and past president of Chapter DD, and **Michele Seymour**, the newly installed president, discussed the founding of PEO and the chapter's organization on March 16, 1954.

The event was hosted by the social committee, of which **Denise Hampton** is chair.

Attending were 31 members and guests, including **Betty Ann Prentice, Jane Samples, Jeannette Kolokoff, Chris Newman, Sue Solari, Linda Christian,** and **Swallow,** who now belongs to Chapter GD, which meets at Manor Park, where she resides. She is the only charter member still living in Midland.

SENIOR PARTY

Jordin Newman, who will be graduating from Midland High School, was honored recently with a Mexican luncheon at La Mision Restaurant. Hostesses were her grandmothers, **Chris Newman** and **Brenda Yowell**; her aunt, **Holly Newman**; and close family friend, **Jeanette Durham.**

The guests autographed a photo frame, which will hold a portrait taken of the luncheon guests. Decorations carried out a spring theme and included a display of Newman's childhood pictures. As favors, guests received cookies inscribed with Newman's name.

The daughter of **Blake** and **Steve Newman** plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in speech therapy. She is a member of the swim team, is a swimming letterman, a member of the National Honor Society and participated in volleyball.

ARTS SERIES RECEPTION

Members of the Dance Theatre of Harlem were special guests at a reception before their recent performance at Midland College as part of the Phyllis & Bob Cowan Performing Arts Series.

Paula and **Jim Henry** hosted the reception in the Scharbauer Student Center Carrasco Room.

Guests included Distinguished Chaparral Circle Donors and Friends of the Series.

Among those seen in the crowd were Midland High School graduate **Lindsey Pitts Croop**, who now dances with the ballet company and formerly was a member of the Midland Festival Ballet; her parents, **Lael Cordes-Pitts** and **Larry Pitts**; and her brother, **Logan Pitts**, who was home on spring break from Vassar College; **Liz** and **Nick Taylor, Mary de Compiegne, Carol Kirk, Lucy Box, Peggy Hartsell and Evalyn** and **Bob Halvorsen.**

The New York-based ballet company, which was founded in 1969, consists of 18 racially diverse dance artists.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Jan and **Pat Fortune** recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a celebration at Harvest Caffe hosted by their sons and daughters-in-law: **Robert** and **Jennifer Fortune** of Frisco and **Brad** and **Karyn Fortune** of Prosper.

Their grandchildren, **Brandon Fortune, Avery Atchley, Alec Fortune, and Brett Fortune,** also joined in the festivities.

The honorees were married on Feb. 14, 1964, at the Church of the Nazarene in Big Spring.

Some of the people who were in their wedding 50 years ago attended the anniversary celebration: Jan's uncle, **the Rev. B.A. Patton** of Lindale, who performed the wedding ceremony; Jan's brother, **Jackie Thomas** of Sugarland, who gave her in marriage; Jan's sister, **Joyce Flinchbaugh** of Big Spring, one of her bridesmaids; another bridesmaid, **Brenda MizeToner** of Round Rock; and one of the groomsmen, **Bobby Evans** of Big Spring.

The Fortunes have resided in Midland since 1976. Pat retired from Gandy's Dairies after 33 years, and Jan retired from AT&T with 27 years of service.

MCC LADIES ASSOCIATION

"Spring into a Healthier You" was the topic of discussion for the Midland Country Club Ladies Association's March luncheon meeting.

Nutrition expert **Micah Dunn** and Pilates/yoga instructor **Katie Joyner** presented the program. Dunn, a registered dietitian, certified personal trainer and owner of EMPower Nutrition, debunked many of the myths surrounding nourishment and diet and shared tips for proper nutrition. Joyner discussed the potential health benefits of yoga and demonstrated some of its key poses.

Their message was that good health is all about lifestyle changes — not just diet.

Door prize winner was **Sheree Robb**. Among the other luncheongoers were **Julie Brignon, Valleen Bowden, Becky Gafford, Sarah Broyles, Lizzie Moore** and **Tina Strickling.**

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KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Dancing With the Stars (N)				Castle "Disciple"		KMID News	(:35) J. Kimmel	Johnny Depp, Clayton Kershaw (:35) News	Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Champi-onship (L)	NCAA Basketball Division I Tournament Championship Stic AT&T Stadium -- Arlington, Texas (L)				CBS 7 News	(:05) David	Letterman	
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Gilligan's Island	Gilligan's Island	Hogan's Heroes	F Troop	Marylv-lerM.	MaryTy-lerM.	Twilight Zone	P. Mason	"The Case of the Latent Lover"	Untouc-hables
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KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Antiques Rd. "Kansas City (Hour Two)" (N)		Perform White H "Women of Soul" (N)		Ind. Lens "Brothers Hypnotic" (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		BBC News	Tavis Smiley (N)
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FLIX		340	65		165		(3:20) ★★ Blackball		★★ The Cowboy Way Woody Harrelson.				★★ Terminal Velocity			(:45) ★★ The Crow 3: Salvation		
HBO		300	68	14	14		(5:00) Beautiful C...		FaceOff	24/7	★★★ Now You See Me Jesse Eisenberg.				Game of Thrones		Veep	Silicon
HBO2		302	69	15	101	23	Movie	Hopes	Bill Maher		Game of Thrones		Veep	Silicon	★★ The Great Gatsby Leonardo DiCaprio.			
HBO3		304	70	16	102		(4:50) 42		Deadwood		Vice		Trouble With the Curve Clint Eastwood.				★★★ Revolutionary Road	
MAX		380	71	17	120	24	(3:15) Entrapment		(:15) ★★ Stoker Mia Wasikowska.						★★ The Negotiator ('98, Act) Samuel L. Jackson.			Emmanuel
MAX2		382	72	18	122		★★ There's Something About Mary				★ Vehicle 19 Paul Walker.				Black Tie Nights	(:50) ★ Big Momma's House 2		
PLEX				96			(5:15) Disappeara...		★★ Company Business					(:40) ★★★ Making Mr. Right	(:20) ★★★ Canvas Joe Pantoliano.			
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	(5:00) ★ The Longes...		Shameless "Lazarus"		Lies		Lies		Shameless "Lazarus"	Comedy	★ The Canyons Lindsay Lohan.	
TMC		336	67	22	155	26	(4:45) ★ Silver Lining...		★ The Hunter ('11, Dra) Willem Dafoe.						★ Alex Cross ('12, Act) Matthew Fox.		★ Red Riding: In t...	
A&E		27	32	28	35	47	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dy "I, Si"	Bates Motel "Plunge" (N)		Bates Motel "Plunge"		Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	★★★ We Were Soldiers ('02, War) Madeleine Stowe, Mel Gibson.						★★★ Windtalkers ('02, War) Adam Beach, Nicolas Cage.					
BET		58	26		40		Game	★★ Phat Girlz ('06, Com) Jimmy Jean-Louis, Mo'nique.					Together	Together	Being Mary Jane		Wendy Williams	
BRAVO		65	63		41		Beverly Hills		Bev Hills Social (N)		Beverly Hills (N)		Southern Charm (N)		Watch (N)	Couch (N)	Beverly Hills	
CNBC		46	45		39	72	American Greed		Cocaine Cowboys				Cocaine Cowboys (N)		Colorado Pot Rush		Cocaine Cowboys II	
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		The Lead		DLemon	The Case	A. Cooper 360		The Lead	
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud (N)		Car Hoards (N)		Fast N' Loud		Lords of Car Hoards	
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	Jessie	Austin	★ Hannah Montana: The Mov...		ToyStory		Dog Blog	Austin	GoodLuck	Jessie	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers vs. Boston Red Sox Site: Fenway Park (L)						Baseball Tonight (L)		Sportscenter		Sportscenter	
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	College Gameday (L)				SportsC Featured		NFL Live		Olbermann (L)		Olbermann	
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	(4:30) ★ Remember ...		★★★ The Blind Side ('09, Spt) Tim McGraw, Sandra Bullock.						The 700 Club		Fresh P	Fresh P
FNC		45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Game "Frozen Feats"		Chopped		Kitchen Casino (N)		M. Diners	M. Diners	Diners...	Diners	Kitchen Casino	
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers vs. Boston Red Sox Site: Fenway Park Boston, Mass. (L)						Rangers Live (L)	Rangers Insider	SportsD-ay OnAir	SaluteT-roops	WPT Poker Grand Prix de Paris	
FX		31	31	59	64	69	(5:00) ★ Date Night		★★ The Hangover Part II Bradley Cooper.				Archer (N)	Archer 1/2	Chozen	Archer 2/2	★★ The Animal	
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	Waltons "The Sinner"		The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
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HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	Swamp People		Swamp "Hooked"		Swamp People		Swamp People		Swamp "Hexed"		Swamp "Hooked"	
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	Hoarders "Linda and Todd"		Hoarders "Susan and Michael"		Hoarders "Patty/ Bill"		Hoarders "Hanna/ Kathy and Gary"		Hoarders "Adella/ Teri"		Hoarders "Susan and Michael"	
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	39				USOC Olyimpics (N)		F1 Auto Racing Bahrain Grand Prix					Barclay's Show		EPL Soccer		
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Sponge	Sam & Cat	F. House	F. House	F. House	F. House	F. House	F. House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Jail	Jail
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	Bitten "Caged"		Bitten "Ready" (N)		Being Human (F) (N)		Lost Girl (N)		Bitten "Ready"		Being Human	
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Howie Mandel. Christina Hendricks (N)		Pete Holmes	Conan
TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ Annie Get ...		★★★ The Naked City				(:45) ★★★ A Face in the Crowd Andy Griffith.				★ Show People	
TELE		20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		La impostora		En otra piel		Camelia la texana		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	En otra piel	
TLC		51	33	32	38	52	Honey Boo Boo "Halloween Too"		Honey Boo Boo "Never Boo-fore Seen"		Honey Boo "New Year's Revolutions" (N)		TBA	Honey Boo Boo	Honey Boo "New Year's Revolutions"		TBA	Honey Boo Boo
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Heroes and Villains"		Castle "Head Case"		Dallas "Like a Bad Penny" (N)		Dallas "Like a Bad Penny"		Nashville Wives "Long Ride Home" (N)		Nashville Wives "Long Ride Home"	
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Gilligan	(:35) Gilligan	Gilligan	(:50) Ray	(:25) Loves Ray		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Hot In	SoulMan
USA		26	30	42	27	49	NCIS: Los Angeles "Deadline"		WWE Monday Night Raw						(:05) WWE Hall of Fame		(:05) Chrisley	(:35) Chrisley
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CASA VOLUNTEERS

Judge Sylvia Chavez, third from right, on March 31 administered the oath to five new CASA of West Texas volunteers: **Phil Lawson**, from left, **Debbie Lawson, Crystal Edwards, Angela Smith** and **Kathy Horton**. The volunteers join the close to 100 others who advocate for children in the seven counties the agency serves.

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March 24

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March26

Curry-Blumentritt, Gloria Crites-Servatius, Ricki Perry-Anguish, Higgins-Massie, Brenda Brauner-Baggett, R. Bacon-B. Bacon, Kay Arrell-Liza Philpy

March 27

Brenda Leonard-Jean Pistole, Gloria Jackson-Linda Scarpelli, Baggett-Servatius, Sarana Savage-Kay Sewell, Les Neal-John Seymour

March 28

Debbie Kemp-Sandy Thomas, Anguish-Servatius, Sue Marshall-Tommie Strack, Curry-Blumentritt, Helen South-Perry, R. Bacon-B. Bacon, Frances Mills-Sally Reeder, Peggy Cowan-Bonnie Hubbard

March 30

Higgins-Levin, Anguish-Perry, Servatius-B. Bacon, Marilyn Matthews-Thomas, Brauner-Patti Heard, Dorothy Brenneman-South, Judy Duke Miller-Philpy, Fieta Pruett-Nancy Ward

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LEVEL

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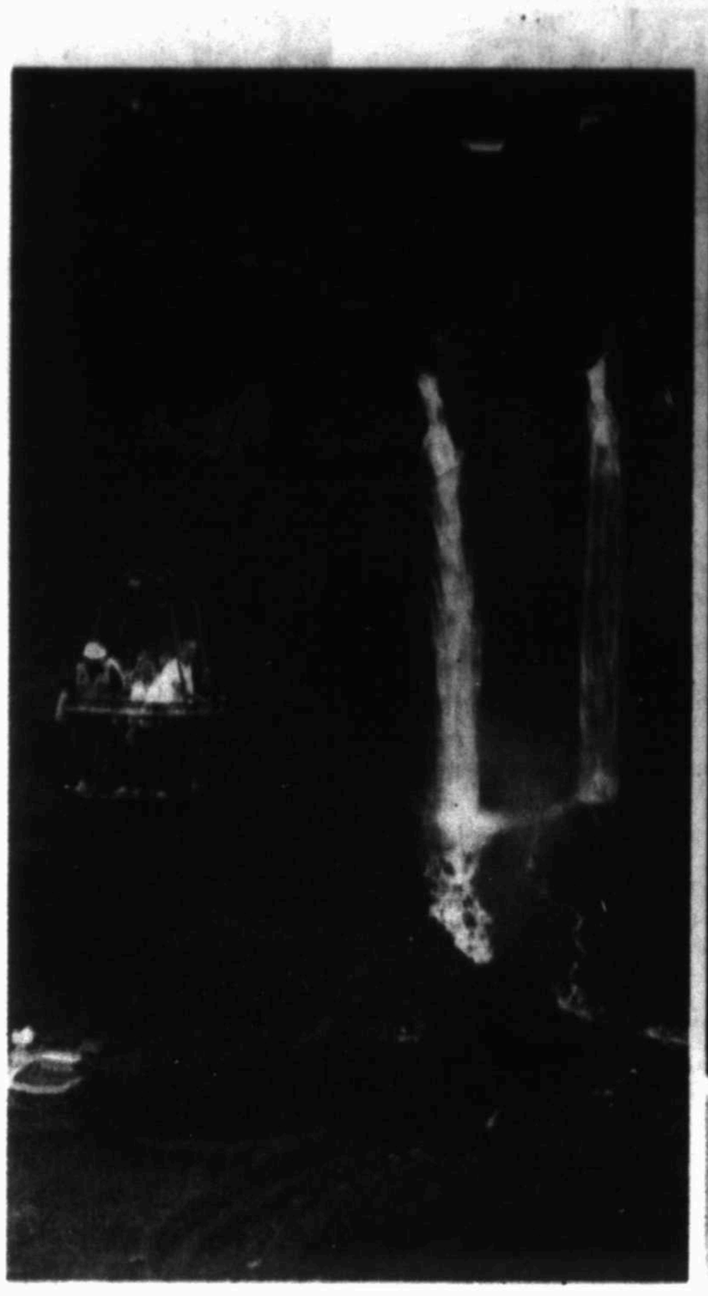

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ABOVE
Margaret Wade, left, and Katherine Walker hike to a waterfall.

LEFT
Stan Jacobs under a waterfall.

FAR LEFT
Members of the Midland College Study Tour ride a bucket over a river in Ecuador.

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went for a hike in the jungle with our little flashlights looking for caiman lizards and frogs and other critters. Across the water, we could see our flashlights reflected in the eyes of the caimans, and when we turned off our lights we saw the glow worms along our muddy path.

The next morning, we paddled down the river in dugout canoes, more or less like the indigenous peoples have done for centuries. Then we went up and down the rugged rocky muddy path through the jungle over a mile to the fabled waterfall. Although the water looked and felt very cold, a few of us decided that we had not come all this way not to swim under the waterfall. On the way back to Banos, we stopped at a great gorge where we saw a double waterfall and the high wire with "the bucket" suspended from it. Naturally, some of us had to take a ride; it cost $1 for a round trip.

On the way from Banos to Quito, we stopped at the Indigenous Culture Museum in Pelileo and viewed handmade life-size sculptures and displays that were real enough to give me the creeps.

On March 21, the vernal equinox, we visited the Equator museums and saw the zenith passage of the sun, directly overhead, which cast shadows directly beneath us. We also toured Old Quito and saw the Neo-Gothic cathedral, the presidential palace, the city square, and La Compania, Quito's "Sistine Chapel" that has an interior covered in seven tons of gold leaf and beautiful paintings. At the Equator museums we saw shrunken heads, giant spiders, a boa constrictor, and a very dangerous fish that is attracted to urine.

Then it was on to Otavalo and the mother of all market places. We stayed at a hacienda next to a monastery, built in 1602 as a sheep ranch. It was magnificent: old rooms with fireplaces and gardens all around with an incredible variety of flowers and pools. On my customary morning walk, I saw a man and his dog driving cattle down the city street, a rooster and chickens in the church yard, and while sitting on the curb, I found a four-leaf clover. Back on the grounds of the hacienda, I saw a baby llama, still walking with a wobble, that turned and headed straight for me, and to my surprise it licked my fingers and whimpered (as the mother llama watched). After all that, the horses and the big gobbler turkey did not seem to be a big deal.

We spent 2 1/2 hours at the marketplace. I set up shop in a visible location and began to draw caricatures of the children. I had already drawn the indigenous Quichua children, then exchanged drawings with the artist in the plaza in Quito, and now I was at the great market in Otavalo, wondering if I could attract a crowd. I did, partly because the drawings were free. I think people enjoy watching me draw more than posing for a drawing. The caricatures confirm a universal fascination with one's own image; it appears to be a cross-cultural phenomenon.

Note: This year's Midland College Study Tour was organized by Margaret Wade, dean of Math and Science, and directed by Ed Barnhart, of Maya Exploration Center: Education through Exploration.

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3. What are some of the basic guidelines?

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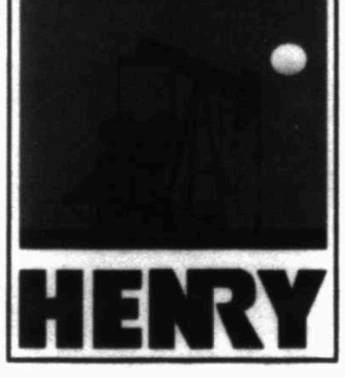

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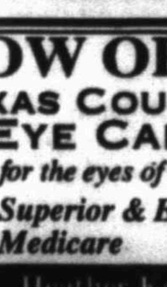

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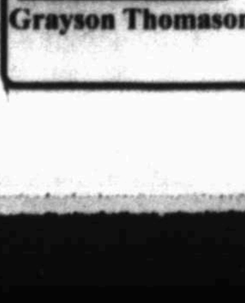

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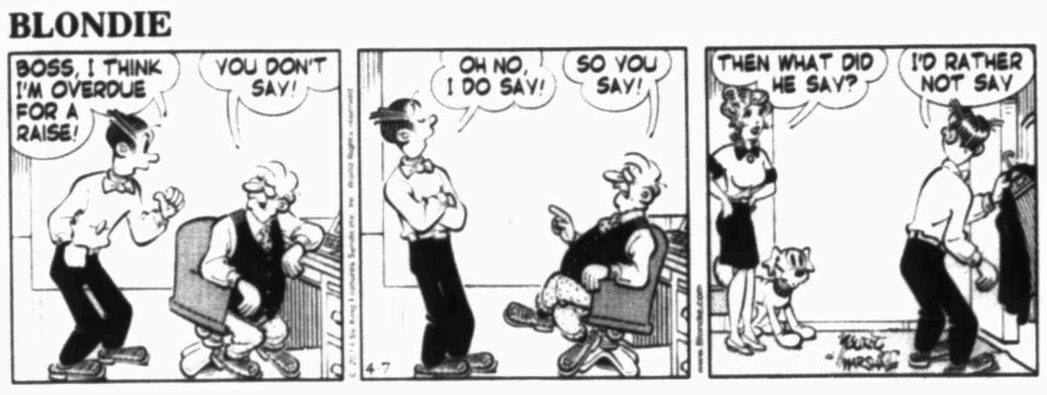

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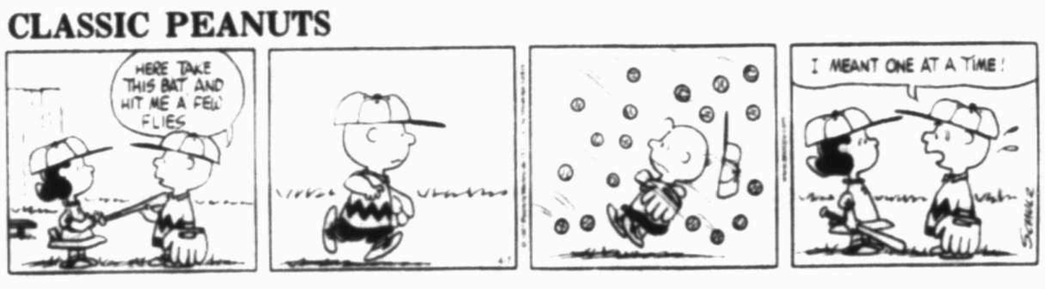

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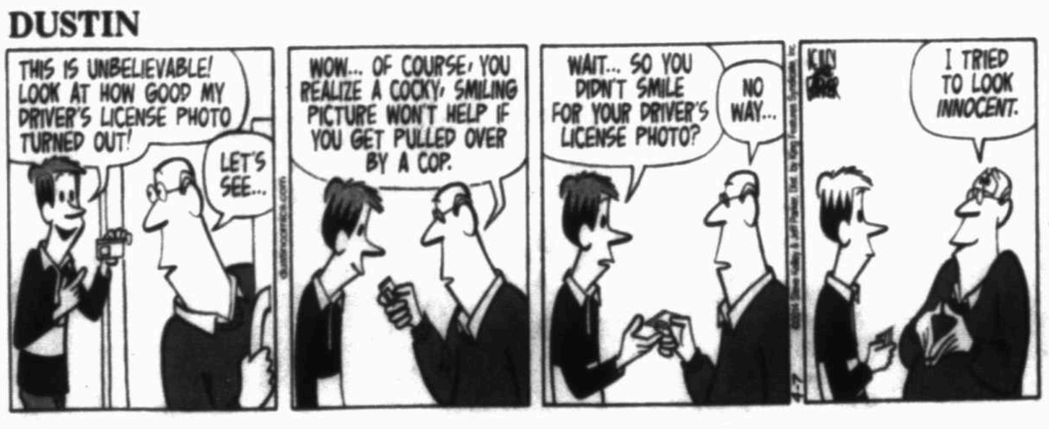

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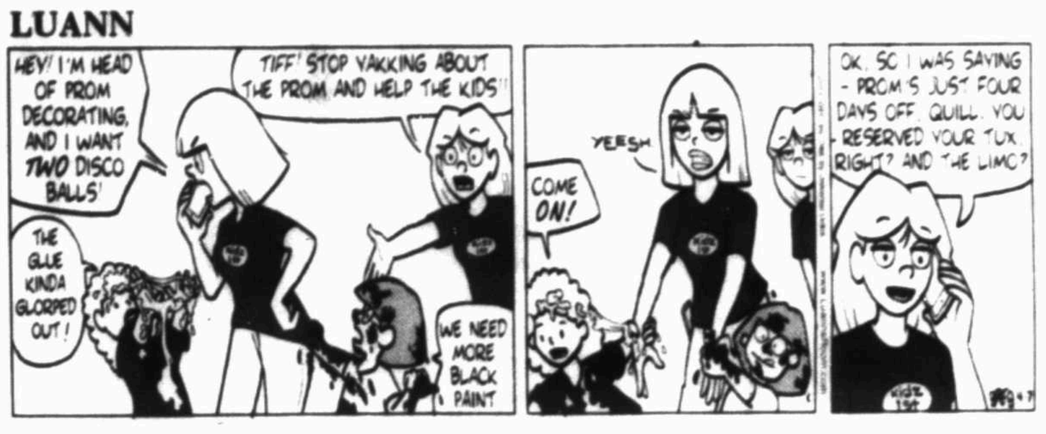

MARY WORTH

ZITS

BABY BLUES

MUTTS

CLOSE TO HOME

"Dr. Colton is asking that everyone in the waiting room wear a mask to protect patient privacy."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"I BET IF SHE HAD ARMS, SHE'D BE TEXTING."

LOCKHORNS

"STOP REFERRING TO MY COOKING AS 'EATING LOCO.'"

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Oh, yes! It's gonna be an umbrella day."

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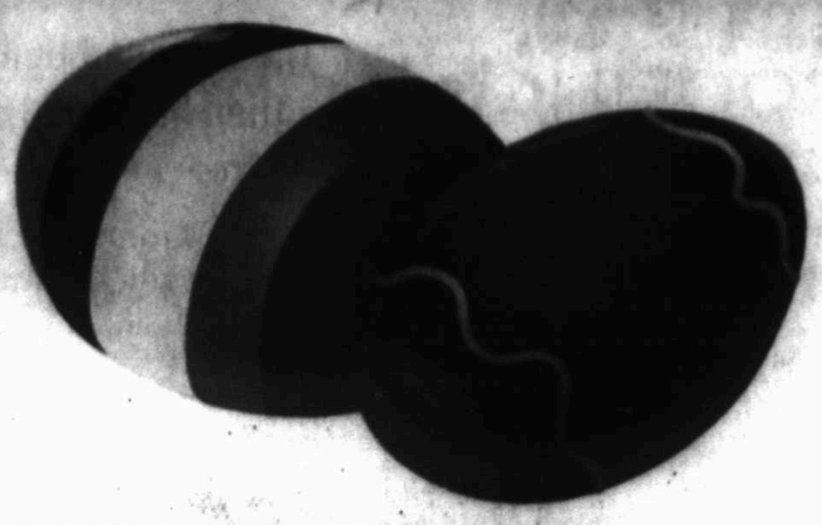

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Alcantara, Coleman lead RockHounds past Naturals

By Len Hayward
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Raul Alcantara is considered one of the Oakland A's top young pitching prospects, and on Sunday he certainly showed it against Northwest Arkansas.

The 6-foot-3, 225-pound right-hander held the Naturals to one run through eight innings on 91 pitches thrown.

Only problem was Naturals starter Sugar Marimon was his equal through six innings, shutting down the RockHounds with three hits.

RockHounds 2
Naturals 1

Alcantara

Coleman

But Alcantara's pitching performance didn't go to waste as Dusty Coleman's two-run home run over the left-field wall in the eighth inning against Naturals reliever Scott Alexander was the difference in a 2-1 RockHounds victory at Security Bank Ballpark.

Coleman's home run gave Alcantara the pitching victory as the 'Hounds improved to 2-2 this season. Sean Frankoff came on to pitch a scoreless ninth for the save.

"That just goes to show that the game is not over until the last out is made," Midland manager Aaron Nieckula said. "You've got to keep believing, keep fighting, keep scratching, keep clawing. I give a lot of credit to Dusty, he jumped on that pitch and hit the ball out of the ballpark."

Coleman's home run, though, was one of the few balls that did any damage during Sunday's game, which was delayed 25 minutes for rain and lightning.

Marimon and the 21-year old Alcantara were putting on a pitching clinic early in the game. Northwest Arkansas scored its lone run in the second inning when Justin Trapp drove in Jared Schlehuber with a single to left.

After that, though, Alcantara, a native of the Dominican Republic, retired the side in three of

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Texas League

First half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	2	1	.667	
NW Arkansas	2	2	.500	1/2
Tulsa	2	2	.500	1/2
Springfield	1	3	.250	1 1/2

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Corpus Christi	3	1	.750	
Midland	2	2	.500	1
San Antonio	2	2	.500	1
Frisco	1	2	.333	1 1/2

Sunday's Scores

Tulsa 5, San Antonio 1
Midland 2, Northwest Arkansas 1
Arkansas at Frisco, ppd., rain
Corpus Christi 5, Springfield 3

Today's Games

San Antonio at Tulsa, 12:05 p.m.
Arkansas at Frisco, 4:05 p.m., 1st game
Northwest Arkansas at Midland, 6:35 p.m.
Arkansas at Frisco, 6:35 p.m., 2nd game
Corpus Christi at Springfield, 7:05 p.m.

Forging her own path

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee tennis player Hope Williams looks to continue her season as she will compete in the District 2-5A Tennis Championships at Bush Tennis Center

Williams aims to first regional tennis tournament

By Len Hayward
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Hope Williams doesn't really consider herself superstitious, but there is one thing that is a ritual for her before each tennis tournament — eating pasta.

It doesn't matter what kind of pasta, it can be a pasta salad, fettuccine or spaghetti, but it's a tradition to have her mother make some the night before. It's a needed carbohydrate load for an upcoming tournament, and one that Williams has been doing for a couple of years now.

"Tennis will wear you out, and three matches in a day will kind of take a toll on you," Williams said at the Bush Tennis Center on Friday. "People don't realize that, and they think tennis is an easy sport."

Williams is hoping that she gets to continue that tradition at least one more time after Sunday night as the Lee senior will be among one of the favorites in girls singles in this week's District 2-5A Tennis Championships at the Bush Tennis Center.

The event

DISTRICT 2-5A TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

When: Today-Tuesday
Where: Bush Tennis Center
Teams competing: Lee, Midland High, Odessa High, Odessa Permian, Lubbock Coronado, Abilene High, Abilene Cooper, Amarillo Tascosa, San Angelo Central
Note: Matches will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, and around 9 a.m. on Tuesday

The two-day tournament will begin today and conclude Tuesday, and Williams is not only hoping to be playing Tuesday but to also be in contention for that elusive regional tournament berth.

Williams is the fourth sibling — the lone girl — of an athletic family that has seen success at Lee as all three of her brothers played football for the Rebels. This week, though, Williams is hoping to forge her own path, a path that leads to Lubbock in a week and the Region I-5A Tournament.

To do that, though, Williams will have to navigate a tough 2-5A field that did get a little easier when multi-time champion Erin Walker, of Abilene High, graduated, but still contains plenty of talented players from stalwart schools such as San Angelo Central, Lubbock Coronado and Midland High.

"That is a big relief," Williams said. "She is a very good player."

Williams, though, is taking a regional tournament or bust attitude this week. She's not only been focused on this week for a whole year, but for the last several years.

It's not only countless hours on the court for Lee, but also taking weekly lessons from her instructor Jayson Lester, a tennis professional at Green Tree Country Club.

All that work has come down to these next two days.

"It's been lots of private lessons outside of here, and lots of practice, lots of clinics and USTA tournaments, and just lots

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Mike Stone/AP

The giant TV screen announces the postponement of a NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race because of rain as Darrell Walker bows his head at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth on Sunday. The race was rescheduled for today

Rain postpones NASCAR race at TMS

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — On a day when the weather was more suitable for ducks than racing, the Sprint Cup Series at Texas Motor Speedway became NASCAR's first rainout of the season.

The Robertson family from "Duck Dynasty" had prominent roles at Sunday's race, called the Duck Commander 500, but Uncle Si never got to give the command to start engines. NASCAR pulled the plug after a delay of about four hours.

The race will be run today at 11 a.m., nine hours before the start of the NCAA national championship game in nearby Arlington. Tony Stewart, making a comeback this season after missing the final four months of last year with a broken leg, will start on the pole.

It's the third time in seven Sprint Cup Series races this season that rain has hampered the event. The season-opening Daytona 500 was stopped for more than six hours, and the race at Bristol Motor Speedway had two delays totaling more than five hours.

At least the fans who braved the rain got to enjoy the Robertson family antics.

Uncle Si was wearing a sparkly jumpsuit meant to resemble a firesuit. Family patriarch Phil Robertson was supposed to wave the green flag as the honorary starter, his youngest son, Jep, was to ride in a pace car. Jase Robertson introduced the Top 10 starters, and his wife Missy sang the national anthem.

Sadie, Willie's 16-year-old daughter, delivered the invocation.

Korie Robertson, Willie's wife, said about 30-40 members of the family were at the race.

"And some extras, some bearded people may have slipped in there claiming they were kin," said Willie Robertson, who also sponsored Clint Bowyer's car for the race.

A steady rain saturated the track Sunday. NASCAR's new track drying system requires two hours to dry the 1.5-mile speedway, but the unseasonably cool temperatures made the task more difficult.

Jones' playoff chip-in wins Houston Open

By Kurt Voigt
Associated Press

HUMBLE —Matt Jones told his caddy he was about to make a 42-yard chip-in on the first playoff hole at the Houston Open.

The Australian did just that on Sunday, earning his first PGA Tour win in spectacular fashion — and changing his immediate travel plans in the process.

Jones, who began the day six shots off the lead, shot a final-round 66 and ended the tournament 15 under to earn his first trip to the Masters with the dramatic win over Matt Kuchar.

He earned nearly $1.2 million for the win, also making amends for a disastrous missed putt last September that appeared destined to keep him from playing at Augusta National.

Destiny, however, had other plans for the 33-year-old who played collegiately at Arizona State.

"Going to Augusta is amazing," Jones said. "The win means everything to me right now because that's what we play for is to win. To have Augusta as a reward for that win is amazing."

In September, Jones lipped out an 8-foot birdie putt on the last hole of the BMW Championship — a putt that would have earned him a trip to next week's Masters by sending him to the Tour Championship.

After briefly tying Kuchar in the middle of the round on Sunday, Jones' chances at redemption for last year appeared finished after he bogeyed the next-to-last hole in regulation. The setback left Jones at 14 under, two shots back of Kuchar.

However, Jones — in the first of his two memorable moments on the 18th — rolled in a 46-foot putt for birdie. That pulled the Australian within one shot of Kuchar, who was

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Patric Schneider/AP

Matt Jones celebrates after chipping in for birdie on a playoff hole against Matt Kuchar to win the Houston Open on Sunday in Humble.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV

COLLEGE BASEBALL

NC State at Clemson, 6 p.m., ESPNU

MLB

Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, Noon, MLB Network

Regional coverage, Cincinnati at St. Louis or Oakland at Minnesota, 3 p.m., MLB Network

Texas at Boston, 6 p.m., ESPN and Fox Sports Southwest

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NCAA Division I tournament, championship, UConn vs. Kentucky, 8 p.m., CBS

SOCCER

Premier League, Sunderland at Tottenham, 1:55 a.m., NBC Sports Network

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY

TEXAS LEAGUE

Northwest Arkansas at RockHounds, 6:30 p.m.

JUNIOR COLLEGE BASEBALL

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

JUNIOR COLLEGE GOLF

Midland College at NJCAA Region V Tournament, Tanglewood Resort, Pottsboro

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GOLF

District 2-5A Tournament, Round 3, Ross Rogers/Wild Horse GC, Amarillo

District 4-3A Tournament, Snyder

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

District 2-5A Tournament, Bush Tennis Center

District 3-2A Tournament, Brownfield

District 6-A Tournament

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

District 4-3A Meet, Big Spring

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

District 2-3A Tournament, Shadow Hills Golf Course, Lubbock

District 3-2A Tournament, Denver City

LOCAL SPORTS

WYATT ACES AT MCC

Andrew Wyatt recorded a hole-in-one on Sunday at Midland Country Club. Wyatt aced the eighth hole using a 6-iron from 216 yards.

Witnesses were Robroy McDonald, Wayne Rogers, Terence Begnel and Matt Phillips

AUTO RACING

Formula One-Bahrain Grand Prix Results
Sunday
At Bahrain International Circuit
Sakhir, Bahrain
Lap length: 3.36 miles

1. Lewis Hamilton, England, Mercedes, 57 laps, [illegible] mph.
2. Nico Rosberg, Germany, Mercedes, 57, [illegible].
3. Sergio Perez, Mexico, Force India, 57, [illegible].
4. Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Red Bull, 57, [illegible].
5. [illegible], Germany, Force India, 57, [illegible].
6. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Red Bull, 57, [illegible].
7. Felipe Massa, Brazil, Williams, 57, [illegible].
8. Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Williams, 57, [illegible].
9. Fernando Alonso, Spain, Ferrari, 57, [illegible].
10. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Ferrari, 57, [illegible].
11. Daniil Kvyat, Russia, Toro Rosso, 57, [illegible].
12. [illegible], France, Lotus, 57, [illegible].
13. Max [illegible], England, Marussia, 57, [illegible].
14. Pastor Maldonado, Venezuela, Lotus, 57, [illegible].
15. Kamui Kobayashi, Japan, Caterham, 57, [illegible].
16. Jules Bianchi, France, Marussia, 56, +1 lap.
17. Jenson Button, England, McLaren, 55, +2 laps, retired.

Not Classified

18. Kevin Magnussen, Denmark, McLaren, 40, retired.
19. Esteban Gutierrez, Mexico, Sauber, 39, retired.
20. Marcus Ericsson, Sweden, Caterham, 33, retired.
21. Jean-Eric Vergne, France, Toro Rosso, 18, retired.
22. Adrian Sutil, Germany, Sauber, 17, retired.

Drivers Standings
(After three of 19 races)

1. Nico Rosberg, Germany, Mercedes, 61 points.
2. Lewis Hamilton, England, Mercedes, 50.
3. Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Force India, 28.
4. Fernando Alonso, Spain, Ferrari, 26.
5. Jenson Button, England, McLaren, 23.
6. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Red Bull, 23.
7. Kevin Magnussen, Denmark, McLaren, 20.
8. Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Williams, 18.
9. Sergio Perez, Mexico, Force India, 16.
10. Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Red Bull, 12.
11. Felipe Massa, Brazil, Williams, 12.
12. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Ferrari, 7.
13. Jean-Eric Vergne, France, Toro Rosso, 4.
14. Daniil Kvyat, Russia, Toro Rosso, 3.

Constructors Standings

1. Mercedes, 111 points.
2. Force India, 44.
3. McLaren, 43.
4. Red Bull, 35.
5. Ferrari, 33.
6. Williams, 30.
7. Toro Rosso, 7.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BOSTON RED SOX — Placed 3B Will Middlebrooks on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Saturday. Recalled INF Brock Holt from Pawtucket (IL).

HOUSTON ASTROS — Assigned RHP Chia-[illegible] outright to Oklahoma City (PCL).

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Sent RHP [illegible] De La Rosa to Arkansas (TL) for a rehab assignment.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Sent OF Craig [illegible] to Stockton (Cal) for a rehab assignment.

TEXAS RANGERS — Announced C Chris Jimenez refused outright assignment and elected free agency. Optioned RHP Nick Martinez to [illegible] (TL). Reinstated RHP Yu Darvish from the 15-day DL.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Sent LHP J.A. Happ to Dunedin (FSL) for a rehab assignment.

National League

CHICAGO CUBS — Sent RHP Jake Arrieta to Tennessee (SL) for a rehab assignment.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Sent RHP Brian Wilson to Rancho Cucamonga (Cal) for a rehab assignment.

NEW YORK METS — Optioned INF Wilmer Flores to Las Vegas (PCL). Reinstated LHP Jon Niese from the 15-day DL.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Sent LHP Cole Hamels to Clearwater (FSL) for a rehab assignment.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Sent C Chris Stewart to Bradenton (FSL) for a rehab assignment.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Assigned OF Javier Herrera to Fresno (PCL).

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Placed OF Scott Hairston on the 15-day DL. Recalled 1B/OF Tyler Moore from Syracuse (IL).

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CHICAGO BEARS — Agreed to terms with C Brian de la Puente on a one-year contract.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Agreed to terms with WR Nate Burleson.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

DALLAS STARS — Reassigned F Chris Mueller to Texas (AHL).

MONTREAL CANADIENS — Reassigned F Stefan Fournier from Hamilton (AHL) to Wheeling (ECHL).

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Signed F Henri Ikonen to an amateur tryout contract and assigned him to Syracuse (AHL).

SOCCER

U.S. SOCCER — Fired U.S. women's national team coach Tom Sermanni.

COLLEGE

OHIO UNIVERSITY — Named Saul Phillips men's basketball coach.

SANTA CLARA — Named JR Payne women's basketball coach.

GOLF

Chris Carlson/AP

Lexi Thompson jumps into Poppy's Pond after winning the Kraft Nabisco Championship on Sunday in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

LPGA-Kraft Nabisco Championship Scores
Sunday
At Mission Hills Country Club, Dinah Shore Tournament Course
Rancho Mirage, Calif.
Purse: $2 million
Yardage: 6,738; Par: 72
Final
(a-amateur)

Lexi Thompson, $300,000	73-64-69-68—274
Michelle Wie, $187,584	67-71-68-71—277
Stacy Lewis, $136,079	73-70-69-69—281
Cristie Kerr, $94,998	69-70-71-72—282
Se Ri Pak, $94,998	67-70-71-74—282
Shanshan Feng, $69,323	66-73-72-72—283
Azahara Munoz, $51,522	72-70-70-72—284
Angela Stanford, $51,522	74-69-69-72—284
Charley Hull, $51,522	73-69-66-76—284
Amy Yang, $41,594	68-73-71-73—285
Caroline Masson, $33,911	73-72-72-69—286
Morgan Pressel, $33,911	70-70-75-71—286
Karrie Webb, $33,911	73-70-70-73—286
Gerina Piller, $33,911	77-65-70-74—286
Catriona Matthew, $33,911	72-68-70-76—286
Mi Hyang Lee, $24,289	72-72-72-71—287
Na Yeon Choi, $24,289	72-71-72-72—287
Tiffany Joh, $24,289	70-75-70-72—287
Christina Kim, $24,289	74-69-72-72—287
Anna Nordqvist, $24,289	71-59-74-73—287
Jee Young Lee, $24,289	71-75-67-74—287
Jiyai Shin, $24,289	69-73-70-75—287
Chella Choi, $24,289	70-72-69-76—287
Jessica Korda, $20,335	73-73-71-71—288
x-Minjee Lee	75-68-73-72—288
x-Brooke M. Henderson	77-68-70-74—289
Hee Young Park, $19,257	72-72-71-74—289
Mirim Lee, $19,257	71-72-70-76—289
x-Alison Lee	75-74-70-71—290
Giulia Sergas, $17,125	73-74-72-71—290
Eun-Hee Ji, $17,125	74-73-69-74—290
Lydia Ko, $17,125	73-70-73-74—290
Mo Martin, $17,125	73-68-74-75—290
Paula Creamer, $14,583	72-74-74-71—291
Sandra Gal, $14,583	72-70-77-72—291
Mariajo Uribe, $14,583	72-72-74-73—291
Pernilla Lindberg, $14,583	73-74-69-75—291
Inbee Park, $13,146	74-70-73-75—292
Jodi Ewart Shadoff, $11,180	76-70-73-74—293
I.K. Kim, $11,180	74-73-72-74—293
Jenny Shin, $11,180	74-73-70-76—293
Thidapa Suwannapura, $11,180	73-72-72-76—293
Alison Walshe, $11,180	73-74-70-76—293
P.K. Kongkraphan, $11,180	74-74-68-77—293
Pornanong Phatlum, $11,180	71-73-72-77—293
Karine Icher, $8,909	75-72-72-75—294
Jimin Kang, $8,909	76-69-74-75—294
x-Lilia Vu	73-73-73-75—294
Ilhee Lee, $8,909	78-69-70-77—294
So Yeon Ryu, $8,909	70-72-75-77—294
x-Su-Hyun Oh	74-74-73-74—295
Nicole Castrale, $7,805	71-73-74-77—295
Austin Ernst, $7,805	71-74-72-78—295
Haeji Kang, $7,805	70-74-71-80—295
Christel Boeljon, $6,881	73-72-78-73—296
Meena Lee, $6,881	74-74-75-73—296
Ha Na Jang, $6,881	73-73-71-79—296
Sun Young Yoo, $6,881	74-72-71-79—296
Brittany Lincicome, $6,265	77-72-76-72—297
Sakura Yokomine, $6,265	75-70-77-75—297
Danielle Kang, $5,751	76-73-73-76—298
Carlota Ciganda, $5,751	73-69-79-77—298
Sei Young Kim, $5,751	75-70-76-77—298
Haru Nomura, $5,170	75-72-75-77—299
Caroline Hedwall, $5,170	71-74-76-78—299
Juli Inkster, $5,170	76-70-73-80—299
Mina Harigae, $4,775	76-72-77-75—300
Ai Miyazato, $4,775	77-71-76-76—300
Hee-Won Han, $4,775	75-73-75-77—300
Jennifer Rosales, $4,775	69-74-76-81—300
Dewi Claire Schreefel, $4,468	75-74-75-77—301
Candie Kung, $4,468	74-70-76-81—301
x-Angel Yin	68-79-75-80—302

RockHounds

From 1C

the next six innings, but also helped himself with defense. He picked off two runners in the third inning, and then another runner was caught stealing at second.

Marimon, meanwhile, gave up three hits in six innings, while also benefitting from some nifty defense.

Overall, it was a tough day on the base paths for both teams. A total of three base runners were caught stealing, including the RockHounds' Chad Oberacker twice. Oberacker was caught at third in the eighth inning after Coleman's home run. No team had a stolen base, and three players were picked off. But with the way both pitching staffs were throwing the ball, those kind of chances had to be taken.

"They had a lot of guys on base that didn't end up going anywhere," said Coleman, who was playing shortstop in place of the injured Addison Russell. "Raul made some good pickoff plays, and they just kind of ran themselves out of a few innings, which really helps a lot."

Nieckula and pitching coach Don Schulze debated on sending Alcantara out for the eighth inning as he was near his pitch count limit. Keeping Alcantara on the mound paid off as he retired the side in the eighth and was able to earn the win. Alcantara gave up one run on six hits with one strikeout and no walks.

"He was effortlessly cruising right along and for me he earned that eighth inning," Nieckula said. "Anytime you are pitching that well, you kind of earn your innings and he did."

Coleman's home run was his second of the year as he drove in Beau Taylor, who drew a leadoff walk, and help the RockHounds win a pitcher's duel that lasted half as long as Thurday's opening night slugfest.

"This is baseball, and you are going to have those days where everything somebody touches, they are going to fall," Coleman said. "And those days where people hit it in the heart right at people. You focus on what you can control, and the rest of it is just kind of part of the game."

'HOUNDS' BITES: Midland shortstop and Oakland A's top prospect Addison Russell was placed on the disabled list retroactive to April 5 with a hamstring injury. Russell had played in two games for the RockHounds and was hitting .714 with a double and two RBI in two games. Conner Crumbliss has joined the team from Triple-A Sacramento. ... Raul Alcantara showed off some of his defensive prowess in the third inning on Sunday. He executed a pair of pickoffs during the inning. Alcantara picked off Ethan Chapman at second base, and then a few minutes later picked off Whit Merrifield at first base. ... Saturday's game was briefly delayed for 25 minutes because of light rain and lightning. A lightning strike close to the ballpark forced umpires to stop the game. Without the 25-minute delay, there was 2 hours and 1 minute of baseball played. ... Heading into Sunday's game, the Naturals were the Texas League's best pitching team. They team had a 1.23 earned run average and gave up seven runs in a three-game set with Frisco to start the season. Meanwhile, after Thursday's 20 runs, the RockHounds have allowed four in the next three games.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Right-handed pitcher Chris Jensen will take the mound for the RockHounds today at Security Bank Ballpark. Northwest Arkansas will send J.C. Sulbaran to the hill.

ROCKHOUNDS 2, NATURALS 1

NW Ark	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Adams cf	4	0	1	0	Burns lf	3	0	0	0
Merrifield ss	3	0	1	0	Myers dh	4	0	0	0
Bonafacio dh	4	0	1	0	Crumbliss 2b	3	0	0	0
Cuthbert 3b	3	0	0	0	Muncy 1b	3	0	0	0
Schlehuber 1b	3	1	1	0	Whitaker rf	3	0	1	0
Rincon lf	3	0	1	0	Taylor c	2	1	0	0
Trapp 2b	3	0	1	1	Marte 3b	3	0	1	0
Graterol c	3	0	0	0	Coleman ss	3	1	1	2
Chapman rf	3	0	1	0	Oberacker cf	3	0	2	0
Totals	29	1	7	1	Totals	27	2	5	2

NW Arkansas .... 010 000 000—1
Midland .... 000 000 02x—2

E – Merrifield. DP — Midland 1. LOB — NW Arkansas 4, Midland 3. 2B — Oberacker (1), Merrifield 92). HR — Coleman (2). CS — Bonafacio, Adams, Oberacker 2

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
NW Arkansas						
Marimon	6	3	0	0	0	1
Alexander L, 0-1	2	2	2	2	2	3
Midland						
Alcantara W, 1-0	8	6	1	1	1	1
Frankoff S, 1	1	1	0	0	1	2

HBP — by Alcantara (Merrifield). WP — Marimon.

T — 2:01. A — 3,219

Williams

From 1C

of tennis since I was 10 years old," Williams said. "I'm nervous, but that's a good mindset to have."

Williams advanced to the semifinals of last year's 2-5A tournament, which was also at the Bush Tennis Center, but lost to Lubbock Coronado's Reagan Collins and never had a chance at a playback match.

Williams is a year older and has that experience under her belt, and has won two tournaments already this season. She also finished fifth in the Tall City Invitational in Midland in February, which might have effect on her seeding as much as any tournament she's played in this season.

Lee tennis coach Andy Cariens said that Williams has been able to handle the pressure that comes with expectations, but he added that how she handles the mental ups and downs of a tournament could determine her finish as much anything else.

"It's going to come down to the mental aspect and how we hold up and how everybody else holds up," Cariens said. "Whenever we have some of those moments in matches, either things go our way or they don't. How we handle those are really big things."

Williams said she's more mentally prepared for this week than she has been in her career, but also knows her competitive tennis career will likely end this year before she heads to the University of Oklahoma next fall.

There's plenty motivating Williams for this week, and now it's a matter of using that to do something she's never done before, and also get one more night-before pasta meal from her mother.

"I would be disappointed, especially since it's my senior year," Williams said. "I learned you have to be consistent. My game is getting there, and I haven't peaked."

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Bergenheim's late goal lifts Panthers over Stars

By Paul Gereffi
Associated Press

Panthers **3**
Stars 2

SUNRISE, Fla. — Sean Bergenheim scored with 4:31 left to break a third-period tie, and the Florida Panthers snapped a five-game losing streak in a 3-2 win over the Dallas Stars on Sunday.

Bergenheim put the Panthers ahead for good when he redirected Colby Robak's drive from the left circle into the net. Scottie Upshall and Brandon Pirri also scored for Florida, and. Roberto Luongo made 35 saves and beat Dallas for the first time in five starts.

Tyler Seguin and Jamie Benn had goals for the Stars, and Kari Lehtonen stopped 21 shots.

The Stars still hold a one-point lead over the Phoenix Coyotes for the second Western Conference wild card spot.

Florida erased a 2-0 deficit on goals by Upshall and Pirri in the second period.

The Panthers made it 2-1 when Erik Gudbranson's shot was tipped by a Dallas player, hit Upshall and bounced into the net at 8:20 of the second.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
z-Boston	78	53	18	7	113	251	167
x-Montreal	79	45	27	7	97	212	199
x-Tampa Bay	78	42	27	9	93	229	211
Detroit	78	37	27	14	88	211	222
Toronto	79	38	33	8	84	229	248
Ottawa	78	33	31	14	80	226	261
Florida	79	28	43	8	64	188	258
Buffalo	78	21	48	9	51	150	234

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-Pittsburgh	79	50	24	5	105	240	197
N.Y. Rangers	79	43	31	5	91	212	190
Philadelphia	78	40	29	9	89	220	220
Columbus	78	40	31	7	87	219	207
New Jersey	78	34	28	16	84	191	200
Washington	78	35	30	13	83	222	236
Carolina	78	34	33	11	79	196	215
N.Y. Islanders	78	31	36	11	73	215	258

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-St. Louis	78	52	19	7	111	245	177
x-Colorado	78	50	21	7	107	239	209
x-Chicago	79	45	19	15	105	259	207
Minnesota	78	40	26	12	92	195	194
Dallas	78	38	29	11	87	227	221
Nashville	78	35	32	11	81	198	231
Winnipeg	79	35	34	10	80	220	232

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Anaheim	78	50	20	8	108	251	202
x-San Jose	79	49	21	9	107	239	192
x-Los Angeles	79	45	28	6	96	197	166
Phoenix	78	36	28	14	86	209	221
Vancouver	78	35	32	11	81	187	210
Calgary	78	33	38	7	73	200	228
Edmonton	79	28	42	9	65	197	261

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

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

Sunday's Scores

Chicago 4, St. Louis 2
Florida 3, Dallas 2
Columbus 4, N.Y. Islanders 0
Minnesota 4, Pittsburgh 0
Vancouver 2, Los Angeles 1
Nashville 3, San Jose 0

Today's Games

Calgary at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

Oklahoma State takes series from Texas Tech

From staff reports

No. 20 Cowboys **8**
No. 25 Red Raiders 3

STILLWATER, Okla. — No. 20 Oklahoma State scored four runs in the seventh and eighth innings to break open a tight game and take an 8-3 victory on Sunday against No. 25 Texas Tech at Allie P. Reynolds Stadium.

Texas Tech dropped to 24-11 overall and to 5-7 in Big 12 play while Oklahoma State (22-10, 5-4 Big 12) claimed its second straight Big 12 Conference series — both coming on its home field.

Tech starting pitcher Chris Sadberry took a no decision, despite throwing six innings allowing just one run on four hits with three strikeouts and not allowing a walk. Tech reliever Ryan Moseley (0-1) suffered his first career loss allowing three runs on one hit with one walk in the Cowboys' four-run seventh inning.

OSU reliever Vince Wheeland (2-0) earned the win going 4 1/3 innings allowing just one run on four hits with one walk allowed.

Tyler Neslony led the Red Raiders going 3-for-5 with a run scored. Sophomore first baseman Eric Gutierrez went 2-for-4, Todd Ritchie went 2-for-3 with a run scored and Midland Christian grad Hunter Redman — who also doubled in the eighth to score Tech's third run — went 2-for-4 with a pair of RBI.

Texas Tech will return home for four games next week, beginning on Tuesda hosting Abilene Christian for a 6:30 p.m. midweek game at Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park. Tech will then host Kansas State for a Big 12 Conference series in Lubbock next weekend.

Notre Dame women keep rolling, beat Maryland

Fighting Irish....................87
Terapins..............................61

By Doug Feinberg
Associated Press

Mark Humphrey/AP

Notre Dame guard Lindsay Allen (15) celebrates a goal in the closing seconds of the second half of a Final Four game against Maryland on Sunday in Nashville, Tenn.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Kayla McBride wouldn't let Notre Dame's pursuit of a perfect season end.

The All-American senior guard had one of the most impressive games of her career in Sunday night's national semifinal, scoring 28 points to lead Notre Dame to an 87-61 win over Maryland.

She seemingly did whatever she wanted, shedding defenders with behind-the-back dribbles and quick cross-overs before scoring. She set the tone for Notre Dame and her Irish teammates followed her lead into Tuesday night's championship game.

The Irish (37-0) will play the winner of UConn and Stanford. It's the third time in four years that Notre Dame has been in the title game. The Irish are looking for their first title since winning it all in 2001.

Notre Dame played without senior Natalie Achonwa, who suffered a torn ACL in the regional final victory over Baylor. The entire team wore shirts in warmups with Achonwa's No. 11 and the 6-foot-3 forward's nickname "Ace" on the back. She helped her team warm up, passing the ball and offering words of encouragement.

Muffet McGraw, who was The Associated Press coach of the year, was concerned coming into the game about her team's ability to rebound against the bigger Terrapins without Achonwa. It proved to be no problem for the Irish, who dominated the Terrapins (28-7) on the boards.

The Irish outrebounded the Terps 50-21, including a 19-4 advantage on the offensive end. It was the widest rebounding margin ever in a Final Four game shattering the previous mark of 19 set by Louisiana Tech in 1989. Maryland broke the national semifinals record for fewest rebounds in a game of 25 set by Minnesota in 2004.

Notre Dame also befuddled Maryland on defense, forcing them into turnovers and poor shots with ever-changing defenses. Terps' star Alyssa Thomas was constantly double-teamed and rarely got a good look at the basket. She finished with 14 points. Thomas ended her career as the school's all-time leading scorer and rebounder. She had waited four years to make the Final Four and her only trip was a short one. Coach Brenda Frese took her out with 1:33 left and the game well out of reach. Frese gave her star a long hug.

This was Maryland's first trip to the Final Four since winning the championship in 2006. The Terps were intent on crashing the party and ruining Notre Dame's perfect season.

UConn and Kentucky for national title

By Jim O'Connell
Associated Press

Final Four

At AT&T Stadium
Arlington
National Semifinals
Saturday
UConn 63, Florida 53
Kentucky 74, Wisconsin 73
National Championship
Today
UConn (31-8) vs. Kentucky (29-10), 8:10 p.m.

ARLINGTON — Connecticut and Kentucky couldn't have met in last year's championship game and few people gave them a chance to be in this year's.

Seventh-seeded Connecticut and eighth-seeded Kentucky meet today in one of the unlikeliest NCAA championship games ever.

Neither was around in last year's postseason — Connecticut because of a tournament ban over academic issues; Kentucky because it didn't make the field. And neither looked like national title contenders at times this season.

Kentucky (29-10) and its outstanding freshmen went from preseason No. 1 to out of the rankings after some bad losses. And Connecticut (31-8) was not a popular postseason pick after finishing tied for third in the American Athletic Conference with multiple losses to Louisville and SMU.

In the tournament, the Huskies have stopped some of the country's top guards and put themselves in position for their fourth national championship, the previous three under Naismith Memorial Hall of Fame coach Jim Calhoun.

"Hopefully we have an opportunity to fall back on our defense," second-year coach Kevin Ollie said. "We have been doing that the whole year."

If Kentucky has a chance to win in the final minute that defense better pay attention to guard Aaron Harrison, one of five freshmen starters.

He has hit huge 3-pointers in the Wildcats' last three games. Harrison rattled in a 26-footer with 5.7 seconds to go in the 74-73 win over Wisconsin in the semifinals. He made almost the exact same shot with 2.3 seconds left against Michigan for a 75-72 win that sent the Wildcats to the Final Four. Against Louisville, he hit a 3 with 39 seconds left to give Kentucky the lead for good in a 74-69.

"The biggest thing is he's not afraid to miss," Kentucky coach John Calipari said. "He's OK with it. He's comfortable in his own skin ... If you're going to make those kind of shots, you absolutely cannot be afraid to miss them."

These two programs have combined to win six of the last 18 NCAA titles.

"Playing against Connecticut, I mean, I'm just happy we're still playing," Calipari said.

Neither program could say that last year.

Connecticut was banned from the postseason after failing to meet NCAA academic standard. It had practice limitations and lost a scholarship. The players could have transferred but didn't. The Huskies finished 20-10 in Ollie's first year. They took the hit and made it back to the biggest stage.

"It's actually very impressive," NCAA president Mark Emmert said Sunday. "To see that team hold together. I think it's a commitment to those young men on that team that hung together."

The leader of the group is All-American Shabazz Napier who leads the team in almost every statistical category. He's the guy who makes the big shot or big pass. Fellow guard Ryan Boatright has taken some of the spotlight recently for his defensive performances against the likes of Keith Appling of Michigan State and Scottie Wilbekin of Florida.

"Defense is the biggest thing for me. The points will come," Boatright said. "I want to make him uncomfortable, don't let him get in a rhythm or flow. Their guards, God blessed them with height and they will try to take advantage of smaller guys like us but I've been the smaller guy my whole life and I've never backed down."

Kentucky is playing its best basketball lately, led by big man Julius Randle and the Harrison twins.

"We just had too much talent and we saw in spurts how good we could be," Randle said, "so it just felt like it was a matter of time before it clicked."

UConn back in title game, beats Stanford

Huskies...............................75
Cardinal...............................56

By Teresa M. Walker
Associated Press

Final Four

At Nashville, Tenn.
National Semifinals
Sunday
Notre Dame 87, Maryland 61
UConn 75, Stanford 56
National Championship
Tuesday
Notre Dame (37-0) vs. UConn (39-0), 7:30 p.m.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Connecticut Huskies are back in a very familiar position, undefeated and playing for a national championship.

They'll be going for an unprecedented ninth national championship after Breanna Stewart scored 18 points and the Huskies advanced to another title game with a 75-56 win against Stanford on Sunday night.

It wasn't easy early, though the Huskies (39-0) did part and set up the highly anticipated championship showdown of undefeated teams.

They will square off against Notre Dame, an 87-61 winner over Maryland, on Tuesday night in the title game. It will be the first women's national title game between unbeaten teams.

"It wouldn't be any fun if you didn't beat teams that were any good," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said of the matchup with Notre Dame. "I think women's basketball needs rivalries like this, teams that aspire to be great and want to win championships."

The Huskies also won their 45th straight game after overcoming another sluggish start. Stewart, the Associated Press player of the year, missed her first four shots and UConn was up just 28-24 at halftime.

But Connecticut settled down and put the Cardinal away in the second half, outscoring them 47-32. Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis found her shooting stroke, scoring all of her 15 points in the second half.

Bria Hartley added 13 points for UConn and Stefanie Dolson and Moriah Jefferson each finished with 10.

Stanford (33-4) lost its third national semifinal since reaching the 2010 championship against UConn, which the Huskies also won. All-American Chiney Ogwumike finished with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Amber Orrange scored 16 points, and Lili Thompson had 12.

Stanford coach Tara VanDerveer had promised the Cardinal wouldn't go down easy, and her team never stopped competing.

Thompson, a freshman, hit four of her first five shots for 10 quick points, helping the Cardinal get off to a good start early. The Cardinal led by as much as six a couple times, the last at 22-16 with 12:32 left when Mikaela Ruef banked in a jumper just before the shot clock expired with 5:39 to go.

It was the third sluggish start for the Huskies, who missed shot after shot and had a couple tough shooting stretches in the first half. The first lasted more than 5 minutes and the second nearly 7 minutes.

Then they finally got going.

The Huskies scored 12 straight to finish the half on a 12-2 run. Kiah Stokes hit a free throw, then Hartley hit the Huskies' lone 3 of the half with 4:42 left.

Then Stewart got it going, hitting a jumper with 3:03 left after missing her first four shots. She finished the spurt stealing the ball from Thompson and finishing the fast break with a layup, drawing the foul for a three-point play and a 28-22 lead.

Stanford at least got a jumper from Orrange with 1:38 left, but the Cardinal had the ball with the chance at the last shot and couldn't connect when Taylor Greenfield's 3-point attempt hit harmlessly off the rim.

Ellis, Mavs win 3rd straight, beat Kings

Associated Press

Mavericks...............................93
Kings.......................................91

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — With go-to scorer Dirk Nowitzki having an off night, the Dallas Mavericks relied on other offensive options to hold off the Sacramento Kings.

Monta Ellis scored eight of his 23 points in the fourth quarter and the Mavericks kept their playoff position with their third straight win, a 93-91 victory over the Sacramento Kings on Sunday.

The Mavericks won for the fourth time in five games to maintain seventh place in the Western Conference. It was the fifth straight road win for Dallas, which concludes its four-game road trip Tuesday in Utah.

"Every game is a playoff game right now," Dallas reserve center DeJuan Blair said.

The Kings defeated Dallas at home earlier this season and their three straight losses have been by a combined nine points. So with Nowitzki getting 15 points on 5-of-17 shooting, the Mavericks had to look elsewhere for a reliable scorer.

It was Ellis who stepped up in a tight fourth quarter. He made a crucial 3-pointer and converted all three free throws when Dallas was clinging to its slim lead down the stretch.

Ellis made a 3 at the 3:04 mark of the fourth quarter and converted a three-point play to give the Mavericks a 90-84 lead with 1:51 left.

"Monta saved the day in the fourth quarter," Nowitzki said. "He made that huge 3 and then he had the and-one (three-point play) on a pick and roll. He was phenomenal in the fourth quarter."

Rudy Gay had 32 points and tied a career high with eight assists for the Kings. DeMarcus Cousins added 28 points and 10 rebounds, and rookie point guard Ray McCallum had eight points and nine rebounds.

SUNDAYINTHENBA

FROM WIRE REPORTS

STANDINGS
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Toronto	45	32	.584	—
x-Brooklyn	42	34	.553	2 1/2
New York	33	45	.423	12 1/2
Boston	23	54	.299	22
Philadelphia	17	60	.221	28

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Miami	53	23	.697	—
x-Washington	40	37	.519	13 1/2
x-Charlotte	39	38	.506	14 1/2
Atlanta	34	42	.447	19
Orlando	22	55	.286	31 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Indiana	53	25	.679	—
x-Chicago	45	32	.584	7 1/2
Cleveland	31	47	.397	22
Detroit	28	49	.364	24 1/2
Milwaukee	14	63	.182	38 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-San Antonio	60	17	.779	—
x-Houston	51	25	.671	8 1/2
Dallas	47	31	.603	13 1/2
Memphis	45	32	.584	15
New Orleans	32	45	.416	28

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Oklahoma City	55	21	.724	—
Portland	50	28	.641	6
Minnesota	38	38	.500	17
Denver	33	44	.429	22 1/2
Utah	24	53	.312	31 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-L.A. Clippers	55	23	.705	—
Golden State	48	29	.623	6 1/2
Phoenix	46	31	.597	8 1/2
Sacramento	27	50	.351	27 1/2
L.A. Lakers	25	52	.325	29 1/2

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Sunday's Scores
Miami 102, New York 91
L.A. Clippers 120, L.A. Lakers 97
Dallas 93, Sacramento 91
Atlanta 107, Indiana 88
Houston 130, Denver 125, OT
San Antonio 112, Memphis 92
Phoenix 122, Oklahoma City 115
Golden State 130, Utah 102
Portland 100, New Orleans 94

Today's Games
No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
Detroit at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at Miami, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Utah, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY'S BOXES
MAVERICKS 93, KINGS 91

DALLAS (93): Marion 3-8 0-2 7, Nowitzki 5-17 3-4 15, Dalembert 3-6 0-0 6, Calderon 5-10 0-0 14, Ellis 9-19 3-3 23, Blair 3-6 0-2 6, Carter 6-13 1-1 17, Harris 1-6 1-2 3, Crowder 0-0 0-0 0, Wright 1-4 0-0 2, Ellington 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-89 8-14 93.

SACRAMENTO (91): Gay 12-18 7-9 32, Evans 1-2 0-0 2, Cousins 12-23 4-4 28, McCallum 4-12 0-0 8, McLemore 2-9 0-1 5, Outlaw 2-5 0-0 6, Thompson 2-3 1-4 5, Williams 1-3 2-2 5, Cunningham 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 36-76 14-20 91.

Dallas	29	16	23	25	—	93
Sacramento	24	24	17	26	—	91

3-Point Goals—Dallas 13-31 (Calderon 4-7, Carter 4-9, Ellis 2-4, Nowitzki 2-6, Marion 1-2, Harris 0-3), Sacramento 5-18 (Outlaw 2-5, Williams 1-1, Gay 1-2, McLemore 1-5, Cunningham 0-1, McCallum 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Dallas 53 (Dalembert 11), Sacramento 52 (Cousins 10). Assists—Dallas 23 (Harris 7), Sacramento 21 (McCallum 9). Total Fouls—Dallas 16, Sacramento 17. A—17,023 (17,317).

SPURS 112, GRIZZLIES 92

MEMPHIS (92): Allen 2-7 0-0 4, Randolph 3-9 2-3 8, Gasol 3-7 0-0 6, Conley 8-13 0-2 18, Lee 1-7 2-2 4, Miller 0-2 0-0 0, Johnson 7-11 4-4 20, Davis 3-5 3-6 9, Calathes 2-6 0-0 4, Koufos 4-9 0-0 8, Udrih 3-6 0-0 6, Leuer 0-2 0-0 0, Franklin 2-2 0-0 5. Totals 38-86 11-17 92.

SAN ANTONIO (112): Leonard 12-13 0-0 26, Duncan 5-10 3-3 13, Splitter 0-3 2-2 2, Parker 4-4 2-2 10, Green 4-8 0-1 9, Diaw 0-2 0-0 0, Ginobili 8-11 6-6 26, Belinelli 1-5 2-2 5, Mills 3-5 0-0 7, Ayres 1-2 2-2 4, Joseph 4-6 0-0 8, Bonner 0-2 0-0 0, Daye 1-6 0-0 2. Totals 43-77 17-18 112.

Memphis	10	28	29	25	—	92
San Antonio	26	28	27	31	—	112

3-Point Goals—Memphis 5-14 (Conley 2-3, Johnson 2-4, Franklin 1-1, Leuer 0-1, Allen 0-1, Miller 0-2, Calathes 0-2), San Antonio 9-22 (Ginobili 4-6, Leonard 2-2, Green 1-3, Belinelli 1-3, Mills 1-3, Diaw 0-1, Joseph 0-1, Daye 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Memphis 44 (Gasol, Randolph 6), San Antonio 45 (Mills 6). Assists—Memphis 22 (Conley 6), San Antonio 27 (Leonard, Joseph 5). Total Fouls—Memphis 14, San Antonio 16. Technicals—San Antonio Coach Popovich. A—18,581 (18,797).

ROCKETS 130, NUGGETS 125, OT

DENVER (125): Miller 8-14 0-0 19, Faried 7-11 2-2 16, Mozgov 6-9 2-4 15, Brooks 11-24 0-0 24, Foye 4-11 2-2 11, Fournier 9-16 2-2 26, Arthur 3-9 1-2 7, Vesely 2-4 1-1 5, Randolph 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 51-107 9-13 125.

HOUSTON (130): Parsons 5-11 3-5 15, Jones 6-16 2-2 14, Asik 6-11 6-11 18, Lin 7-12 4-4 19, Harden 9-23 11-12 32, Motiejunas 0-3 0-2 0, Garcia 5-11 0-2 11, Canaan 5-8 1-2 15, Casspi 2-3 0-0 6. Totals 45-98 27-40 130.

Denver	27	25	36	29	8	—	125
Houston	22	47	19	29	13	—	130

3-Point Goals—Denver 14-31 (Fournier 6-10, Miller 3-5, Foye 2-4, Brooks 2-7, Mozgov 1-1, Arthur 0-4), Houston 13-36 (Canaan 4-7, Harden 3-10, Casspi 2-3, Parsons 2-6, Lin 1-4, Garcia 1-5, Jones 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Denver 64 (Faried 13), Houston 62 (Asik 23). Assists—Denver 28 (Brooks 15), Houston 24 (Harden 10). Total Fouls—Denver 24, Houston 19. Technicals—Faried. A—18,325 (18,023).

CLIPPERS 120, LAKERS 97

L.A. LAKERS (97): Bazemore 1-3 0-0 2, Kelly 3-11 0-0 6, Hill 10-14 2-2 22, Marshall 4-10 2-5 10, Meeks 6-15 3-3 17, Johnson 3-8 2-2 10, Sacre 3-8 3-4 9, Young 5-15 6-7 18, Brooks 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 36-86 18-23 97.

L.A. CLIPPERS (120): Barnes 4-6 0-0 9, Griffin 7-14 9-13 23, Jordan 5-6 1-5 11, Paul 8-10 3-4 23, Redick 7-11 0-0 15, Collison 7-17 0-0 14, Dudley 1-2 2-2 5, Davis 3-5 1-2 7, Green 0-0 0-0 0, Turkoglu 4-8 0-0 10, Bullock 1-4 0-0 3. Totals 47-83 16-26 120.

L.A. Lakers	22	27	23	25	—	97
L.A. Clippers	25	32	37	26	—	120

3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 7-31 (Johnson 2-4, Meeks 2-6, Young 2-11, Brooks 1-1, Bazemore 0-1, Kelly 0-4, Marshall 0-4), L.A. Clippers 10-19 (Paul 4-4, Turkoglu 2-4, Dudley 1-1, Barnes 1-3, Redick 1-3, Bullock 1-3, Collison 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 42 (Sacre 10), L.A. Clippers 59 (Jordan 12). Assists—L.A. Lakers 26 (Marshall 11), L.A. Clippers 28 (Collison, Paul 6). Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers 19, L.A. Clippers 17. A—19,239 (19,060).

HEAT 102, KNICKS 91

NEW YORK (91): Anthony 4-17 4-5 13, Stoudemire 5-9 2-2 12, Chandler 4-7 2-2 10, Felton 6-12 1-2 15, Smith 11-28 0-0 32, Prigioni 0-1 0-0 0, Shumpert 3-7 1-2 9, Hardaway Jr. 0-7 0-0 0, Brown 0-0 0-0 0, Murry 0-0 0-0 0, Tyler 0-0 0-0 0, Aldrich 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 33-88 10-13 91.

MIAMI (102): James 13-22 9-12 38, Haslem 2-4 2-2 6, Bosh 5-7 3-4 14, Chalmers 4-7 5-6 15, Douglas 2-5 1-2 5, Battier 2-2 0-2 6, Allen 4-10 0-0 12, Cole 1-2 0-0 2, Lewis 1-2 2-2 4. Totals 34-61 22-30 102.

New York	26	24	14	27	—	91
Miami	25	23	25	29	—	102

3-Point Goals—New York 15-42 (Smith 10-22, Felton 2-5, Shumpert 2-6, Anthony 1-4, Prigioni 0-1, Hardaway Jr. 0-4), Miami 12-27 (Allen 4-9, James 3-7, Battier 2-2, Chalmers 2-3, Bosh 1-3, Lewis 0-1, Douglas 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New York 48 (Chandler 11), Miami 45 (Haslem 11). Assists—New York 18 (Anthony 6), Miami 22 (James 6). Total Fouls—New York 24, Miami 17. A—19,647 (19,600).

HAWKS 107, PACERS 88

ATLANTA (107): Carroll 2-3 0-0 5, Millsap 8-14 0-2 17, Antic 7-8 1-2 18, Teague 9-17 5-5 25, Korver 5-7 0-0 11, Brand 1-3 0-0 2, Mack 4-7 4-4 13, Scott 3-6 0-0 7, Martin 2-8 3-4 9. Totals 41-73 13-17 107.

INDIANA (88): George 6-17 5-9 18, West 5-10 3-4 13, Hibbert 0-5 0-0 0, G.Hill 3-10 4-6 12, Stephenson 1-6 1-2 3, Butler 2-3 0-0 5, Mahinmi 3-3 4-6 10, Scola 4-7 2-2 10, Sloan 2-5 0-0 4, Turner 3-7 0-0 6, Allen 1-2 0-0 2, Copeland 2-3 0-1 5. Totals 32-78 19-30 88.

Atlanta	33	22	24	28	—	107
Indiana	11	12	36	29	—	88

3-Point Goals—Atlanta 12-27 (Antic 3-4, Martin 2-4, Teague 2-5, Millsap 1-2, Carroll 1-2, Korver 1-3, Scott 1-3, Mack 1-4), Indiana 5-20 (G.Hill 2-5, Copeland 1-2, Butler 1-2, George 1-5, Scola 0-1, Turner 0-1, Stephenson 0-2, Sloan 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 51 (Millsap 11), Indiana 46 (George, G.Hill 7). Assists—Atlanta 22 (Mack 7), Indiana 18 (West 4). Total Fouls—Atlanta 26, Indiana 26. Technicals—Atlanta defensive three second. A—18,165 (18,165).

TRAIL BLAZERS 100, PELICANS 94

NEW ORLEANS (94): Miller 1-3 0-0 3, Davis 6-18 3-3 15, Stiemsma 2-4 0-0 4, Roberts 6-17 1-2 13, Evans 4-9 2-3 10, Morrow 6-12 3-3 17, Rivers 5-11 3-4 14, Withey 1-1 1-2 3, Ajinca 6-11 1-1 13, Aminu 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 38-90 14-18 94.

PORTLAND (100): Batum 7-12 0-0 16, Aldridge 11-25 3-4 25, Lopez 2-2 0-0 4, Lillard 9-19 2-3 20, Matthews 7-13 4-4 21, Williams 3-9 2-2 8, Robinson 0-1 0-0 0, Barton 0-1 0-0 0, Wright 1-4 2-2 4, Leonard 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 41-87 13-15 100.

New Orleans	25	30	14	25	—	94
Portland	25	23	29	23	—	100

3-Point Goals—New Orleans 4-12 (Morrow 2-5, Rivers 1-1, Miller 1-1, Roberts 0-5), Portland 5-22 (Matthews 3-7, Batum 2-7, Lillard 0-2, Wright 0-3, Williams 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Orleans 47 (Aminu 9), Portland 57 (Aldridge 18). Assists—New Orleans 21 (Evans 8), Portland 20 (Lillard 5). Total Fouls—New Orleans 19, Portland 17. Technicals—Lopez. A—20,036 (19,980).

WARRIORS 130, JAZZ 102

UTAH (102): Jefferson 1-2 0-2 2, Williams 2-5 2-2 7, Favors 5-11 0-0 10, Burke 10-21 2-2 24, Hayward 4-9 2-2 10, Burks 5-10 14-16 24, Garrett 0-2 0-0 0, Kanter 4-11 0-2 8, Evans 4-8 0-2 8, Clark 3-6 0-0 7, Gobert 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 39-86 20-28 102.

GOLDEN STATE (130): Iguodala 4-6 2-2 11, Green 5-6 0-0 11, Bogut 3-4 0-0 6, Curry 12-18 2-2 31, Thompson 11-20 4-4 33, O'Neal 3-7 1-1 7, Barnes 5-8 0-0 10, Blake 1-3 0-0 3, Crawford 4-8 0-0 10, Speights 4-9 0-0 8, Armstrong 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 52-90 9-9 130.

Utah	22	30	21	29	—	102
Golden State	35	31	35	29	—	130

3-Point Goals—Utah 4-13 (Burke 2-5, Clark 1-2, Williams 1-3, Burks 0-1, Jefferson 0-1, Garrett 0-1), Golden State 17-33 (Thompson 7-10, Curry 5-10, Crawford 2-4, Green 1-1, Blake 1-2, Iguodala 1-3, Speights 0-1, Barnes 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Utah 46 (Kanter 12), Golden State 47 (Bogut 11). Assists—Utah 27 (Burke 15), Golden State 34 (Curry 16). Total Fouls—Utah 13, Golden State 23. Technicals—Golden State defensive three second. A—19,596 (19,596).

SUNS 122, THUNDER 115

OKLAHOMA CITY (115): Durant 13-28 8-10 38, Ibaka 3-5 5-6 11, Perkins 2-3 0-2 4, Westbrook 12-26 7-8 33, Roberson 0-0 0-0 0, Fisher 2-3 0-0 5, Collison 3-3 0-0 6, Jackson 3-8 4-4 11, Butler 1-6 2-2 5, Lamb 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 40-84 26-32 115.

PHOENIX (122): Tucker 7-9 4-6 22, Frye 1-5 0-0 2, Plumlee 3-5 2-2 8, Bledsoe 6-13 6-11 18, Dragic 11-19 2-3 26, Mark.Morris 4-6 2-2 10, Green 7-11 5-7 24, Randolph 1-2 0-0 2, Marc. Morris 5-6 0-0 10, Smith 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 45-77 21-31 122.

Oklahoma City	25	28	38	24	—	115
Phoenix	28	34	32	28	—	122

3-Point Goals—Oklahoma City 9-32 (Durant 4-15, Westbrook 2-9, Fisher 1-1, Butler 1-3, Jackson 1-3, Lamb 0-1), Phoenix 11-23 (Green 5-7, Tucker 4-5, Dragic 2-5, Smith 0-1, Bledsoe 0-2, Frye 0-3). Fouled Out—Westbrook. Rebounds—Oklahoma City 49 (Durant 11), Phoenix 43 (Tucker 7). Assists—Oklahoma City 17 (Westbrook 8), Phoenix 17 (Dragic 5). Total Fouls—Oklahoma City 30, Phoenix 24. Technicals—Tucker, Phoenix defensive three second. A—18,422 (18,422).

Touted Aggies' receiver Seals-Jones arrested

By Brent Zwerneman
San Antonio Express-News

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M receiver Ricky Seals-Jones was arrested early Sunday morning on charges of disorderly conduct, but his lawyer on Sunday night said Seals-Jones intends to fight the charges.

A police report contends "Seals-Jones was being 'carried away by his friends' as the bars were closing in the 100 block of College Main. An officer said he saw someone bump into Seals-Jones, which led (him) to reportedly start exchanging words with the person," according to KBTX-TV.

The station's account continued, "As the officer moved toward the scene to see and hear what was going on, he said Seals-Jones broke away from his friends and yelled '**** you! You want some?' The officer also said Seals-Jones motioned to the other person like he wanted to fight."

Seals-Jones' attorney Cameron Reynolds, however, described quite a different scene. Reynolds wrote in a release, "Ricky Seals-Jones is absolutely fighting these charges. He had nothing to drink and was at home when a friend called him to come to Northgate to give him a ride home. Ricky went to Northgate to help his friend toward the car when someone struck him. When Ricky turned toward him that person cursed him and called Ricky the 'N' word. Words were exchanged and Ricky was arrested. The other individual was not arrested.

"I have personally spoken with an independent witness who confirms these facts. Ricky volunteered to take a breath test since he had not consumed alcohol but this request was never granted."

Northgate is College Station's primary bar district. Seals-Jones of Sealy, Rivals.com's No. 2 receiver nationally in 2013, played in the Aggies' first two games last season before he was sidelined by injury. His arrest continued a trend of Aggies running into trouble this offseason. Quarterback Kenny Hill, who's vying for the starting job, was arrested a little more than a week ago on charges of public intoxication.

Touted safety Kameron Miles was dismissed from the program about a month ago for what Rivals.com reported as theft. Defensive tackle Isaiah Golden was arrested in February on a misdemeanor marijuana charge, while fellow sophomore Darian Claiborne, a linebacker, was arrested at the same time for a noise violation (for yelling while the players were being questioned). Claiborne had already been arrested on charges of marijuana possession in December.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV
COLLEGE BASEBALL
NC State at Clemson, 6 p.m., ESPNU
MLB
Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, Noon, MLB Network
Regional coverage, Cincinnati at St. Louis or Oakland at Minnesota, 3 p.m., MLB Network
Texas at Boston, 6 p.m., ESPN and Fox Sports Southwest
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
NCAA Division I tournament, championship, UConn vs. Kentucky, 8 p.m., CBS
SOCCER
Premier League, Sunderland at Tottenham, 1:55 a.m., NBC Sports Network

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY
TEXAS LEAGUE
Northwest Arkansas at RockHounds, 6:30 p.m.
JUNIOR COLLEGE BASEBALL
Howard at Midland College, 6:30 p.m.
JUNIOR COLLEGE GOLF
Midland College at NJCAA Region V Tournament, Tanglewood Resort, Pottsboro
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GOLF
District 2-5A Tournament, Round 3, Ross Rogers/Wild Horse GC, Amarillo
District 4-3A Tournament, Snyder
HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS
District 2-5A Tournament, Bush Tennis Center
District 3-2A Tournament, Brownfield
District 6-A Tournament
HIGH SCHOOL TRACK
District 4-3A Meet, Big Spring
HIGH SCHOOL GOLF
District 2-3A Tournament, Shadow Hills Golf Course, Lubbock
District 3-2A Tournament, Denver City

LOCAL SPORTS

WYATT ACES AT MCC

Andrew Wyatt recorded a hole-in-one on Sunday at Midland Country Club. Wyatt aced the eighth hole using a 6-iron from 216 yards.

Witnesses were Robroy McDonald, Wayne Rogers, Terence Begnel and Matt Phillips

AUTO RACING

Formula One-Bahrain Grand Prix Results
Sunday
At Bahrain International Circuit
Sakhir, Bahrain
Lap length: 3.36 miles

1. Lewis Hamilton, England, Mercedes, 57 laps, 139.42.743 mph
2. Nico Rosberg, Germany, Mercedes, 57, 139.43.828
3. Sergio Perez, Mexico, Force India, 57, 140.06.810
4. Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Red Bull, 57, 140.07.282
5. Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Force India, 57, 140.11.397
6. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Red Bull, 57, 140.12.622
7. Felipe Massa, Brazil, Williams, 57, 140.14.008
8. Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Williams, 57, 140.14.619
9. Fernando Alonso, Spain, Ferrari, 57, 140.15.338
10. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Ferrari, 57, 140.16.205
11. Daniil Kvyat, Russia, Toro Rosso, 57, 140.24.085
12. Romain Grosjean, France, Lotus, 57, 140.25.886
13. Max Chilton, England, Marussia, 57, 140.42.652
14. Pastor Maldonado, Venezuela, Lotus, 57, 140.45.546
15. Kamui Kobayashi, Japan, Caterham, 57, 141.10.643
16. Jules Bianchi, France, Marussia, 56, +1 lap
17. Jenson Button, England, McLaren, 55, +2 laps, retired.

Not Classfied

18. Kevin Magnussen, Denmark, McLaren, 40, retired.
19. Esteban Gutierrez, Mexico, Sauber, 39, retired
20. Marcus Ericsson, Sweden, Caterham, 33, retired
21. Jean-Eric Vergne, France, Toro Rosso, 18, retired
22. Adrian Sutil, Germany, Sauber, 17, retired.

Drivers Standings
(After three of 19 races)

1. Nico Rosberg, Germany, Mercedes, 61 points
2. Lewis Hamilton, England, Mercedes, 50.
3. Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Force India, 28
4. Fernando Alonso, Spain, Ferrari, 26
5. Jenson Button, England, McLaren, 23
6. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Red Bull, 23
7. Kevin Magnussen, Denmark, McLaren, 20
8. Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Williams, 18
9. Sergio Perez, Mexico, Force India, 16
10. Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Red Bull, 12
11. Felipe Massa, Brazil, Williams, 12
12. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Ferrari, 7
13. Jean-Eric Vergne, France, Toro Rosso, 4
14. Daniil Kvyat, Russia, Toro Rosso, 3

Constructors Standings

1. Mercedes, 111 points
2. Force India, 44
3. McLaren, 43
4. Red Bull, 35
5. Ferrari, 33
6. Williams, 30
7. Toro Rosso, 7

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League

BOSTON RED SOX — Placed 3B Will Middlebrooks on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Saturday. Recalled INF Brock Holt from Pawtucket (IL).

HOUSTON ASTROS — Assigned RHP Chia-Jen Lo outright to Oklahoma City (PCL).

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Sent RHP Dane De La Rosa to Arkansas (TL) for a rehab assignment.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Sent OF Craig Gentry to Stockton (Cal) for a rehab assignment.

TEXAS RANGERS — Announced C Chris Gimenez refused outright assignment and elected free agency. Optioned RHP Nick Martinez to Frisco (TL). Reinstated RHP Yu Darvish from the 15-day DL.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Sent LHP J.A. Happ to Dunedin (FSL) for a rehab assignment.

National League

CHICAGO CUBS — Sent RHP Jake Arrieta to Tennessee (SL) for a rehab assignment.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Sent RHP Brian Wilson to Rancho Cucamonga (Cal) for a rehab assignment.

NEW YORK METS — Optioned INF Wilmer Flores to Las Vegas (PCL). Reinstated LHP Jon Niese from the 15-day DL.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Sent LHP Cole Hamels to Clearwater (FSL) for a rehab assignment.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Sent C Chris Stewart to Bradenton (FSL) for a rehab assignment.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Assigned OF Javier Herrera to Fresno (PCL).

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Placed OF Scott Hairston on the 15-day DL. Recalled 1B/OF Tyler Moore from Syracuse (IL).

FOOTBALL
National Football League

CHICAGO BEARS — Agreed to terms with C Brian de la Puente on a one-year contract.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Agreed to terms with WR Nate Burleson.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

DALLAS STARS — Reassigned F Chris Mueller to Texas (AHL).

MONTREAL CANADIENS — Reassigned F Stefan Fournier from Hamilton (AHL) to Wheeling (ECHL).

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Signed F Henri Ikonen to an amateur tryout contract and assigned him to Syracuse (AHL).

SOCCER

US SOCCER — Fired U.S. women's national team coach Tom Sermanni.

COLLEGE

OHIO UNIVERSITY — Named Saul Phillips men's basketball coach.

SANTA CLARA — Named JR Payne women's basketball coach.

GOLF

Chris Carlson/AP

Lexi Thompson jumps into Poppy's Pond after winning the Kraft Nabisco Championship on Sunday in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

LPGA-Kraft Nabisco Championship Scores
Sunday
At Mission Hills Country Club, Dinah Shore Tournament Course
Rancho Mirage, Calif.
Purse: $2 million
Yardage: 6,738; Par: 72
Final
(a-amateur)

Lexi Thompson, $300,000	73-64-69-68—274
Michelle Wie, $187,584	67-71-68-71—277
Stacy Lewis, $136,079	73-70-69-69—281
Cristie Kerr, $94,998	69-70-71-72—282
Se Ri Pak, $94,998	67-70-71-74—282
Shanshan Feng, $69,323	66-73-72-72—283
Azahara Munoz, $51,522	72-70-70-72—284
Angela Stanford, $51,522	74-69-69-72—284
Charley Hull, $51,522	73-69-66-76—284
Amy Yang, $41,594	68-73-71-73—285
Caroline Masson, $33,911	73-72-72-69—286
Morgan Pressel, $33,911	70-70-75-71—286
Karrie Webb, $33,911	73-70-70-73—286
Gerina Piller, $33,911	77-65-70-74—286
Catriona Matthew, $33,911	72-68-70-76—286
Mi Hyang Lee, $24,289	72-72-72-71—287
Na Yeon Choi, $24,289	72-71-72-72—287
Tiffany Joh, $24,289	70-75-70-72—287
Christina Kim, $24,289	74-69-72-72—287
Anna Nordqvist, $24,289	71-69-74-73—287
Jee Young Lee, $24,289	71-75-67-74—287
Jiyai Shin, $24,289	69-73-70-75—287
Chella Choi, $24,289	70-72-69-76—287
Jessica Korda, $20,336	73-73-71-71—288
x-Minjee Lee	75-68-73-72—288
x-Brooke M. Henderson	77-68-70-74—289
Hee Young Park, $19,257	72-72-71-74—289
Mirim Lee, $19,257	71-72-70-76—289
x-Alison Lee	75-74-70-71—290
Giulia Sergas, $17,125	73-74-72-71—290
Eun-Hee Ji, $17,125	74-73-69-74—290
Lydia Ko, $17,125	73-70-73-74—290
Mo Martin, $17,125	73-68-74-75—290
Paula Creamer, $14,583	72-74-74-71—291
Sandra Gal, $14,583	72-70-77-72—291
Mariajo Uribe, $14,583	72-72-74-73—291
Pernilla Lindberg, $14,583	73-74-69-75—291
Inbee Park, $13,146	74-70-73-75—292
Jodi Ewart Shadoff, $11,180	76-70-73-74—293
I.K. Kim, $11,180	74-73-72-74—293
Jenny Shin, $11,180	74-73-70-76—293
Thidapa Suwannapura, $11,180	73-72-72-76—293
Alison Walshe, $11,180	73-74-70-76—293
P.K. Kongkraphan, $11,180	74-74-68-77—293
Pornanong Phatlum, $11,180	71-73-72-77—293
Karine Icher, $8,909	75-72-72-75—294
Jimin Kang, $8,909	76-69-74-75—294
x-Lilia Vu	73-73-73-75—294
Ilhee Lee, $8,909	78-69-70-77—294
So Yeon Ryu, $8,909	70-72-75-77—294
x-Su-Hyun Oh	74-74-73-74—295
Nicole Castral, $7,805e	71-73-74-77—295
Austin Ernst, $7,805	71-74-72-78—295
Haeji Kang, $7,805	70-74-71-80—295
Christel Boeljon, $6,881	73-72-78-73—296
Meena Lee, $6,881	74-74-75-73—296
Ha Na Jang, $6,881	73-73-71-79—296
Sun Young Yoo, $6,881	74-72-71-79—296
Brittany Lincicome, $6,265	77-72-76-72—297
Sakura Yokomine, $6,265	75-70-77-75—297
Danielle Kang, $5,751	76-73-73-76—298
Carlota Ciganda, $5,751	73-69-79-77—298
Sei Young Kim, $5,751	75-70-76-77—298
Haru Nomura, $5,170	75-72-75-77—299
Caroline Hedwall, $5,170	71-74-76-78—299
Juli Inkster, $5,170	76-70-73-80—299
Mina Harigae, $4,775	76-72-77-75—300
Ai Miyazato, $4,775	77-71-76-76—300
Hee-Won Han, $4,775	75-73-75-77—300
Jennifer Rosales, $4,775	69-74-76-81—300
Dewi Claire Schreefel, $4,468	75-74-75-77—301
Candie Kung, $4,468	74-70-76-81—301
x-Angel Yin	68-79-75-80—302

ROCKHOUNDS

From 1C

the next six innings, but also helped himself with defense. He picked off two runners in the third inning, and then another runner was caught stealing at second.

Marimon, meanwhile, gave up three hits in six innings, while also benefitting from some nifty defense.

Overall, it was a tough day on the base paths for both teams. A total of three base runners were caught stealing, including the RockHounds' Chad Oberacker twice. Oberacker was caught at third in the eighth inning after Coleman's home run. No team had a stolen base, and three players were picked off. But with the way both pitching staffs were throwing the ball, those kind of chances had to be taken.

"They had a lot of guys on base that didn't end up going anywhere," said Coleman, who was playing shortstop in place of the injured Addison Russell. "Raul made some good pickoff plays, and they just kind of ran themselves out of a few innings, which really helps a lot."

Nieckula and pitching coach Don Schulze debated on sending Alcantara out for the eighth inning as he was near his pitch count limit. Keeping Alcantara on the mound paid off as he retired the side in the eighth and was able to earn the win. Alcantara gave up one run on six hits with one strikeout and no walks.

"He was effortlessly cruising right along and for me he earned that eighth inning," Nieckula said. "Anytime you are pitching that well, you kind of earn your innings and he did."

Coleman's home run was his second of the year as he drove in Beau Taylor, who drew a leadoff walk, and help the RockHounds win a pitcher's duel that lasted half as long as Thurday's opening night slugfest.

"This is baseball, and you are going to have those days where everything somebody touches, they are going to fall," Coleman said. "And those days where people hit it in the heart right at people. You focus on what you can control, and the rest of it is just kind of part of the game."

'HOUNDS' BITES: Midland shortstop and Oakland A's top prospect Addison Russell was placed on the disabled list retroactive to April 5 with a hamstring injury. Russell had played in two games for the RockHounds and was hitting .714 with a double and two RBI in two games. Conner Crumbliss has joined the team from Triple-A Sacramento. ... Raul Alcantara showed off some of his defensive prowess in the third inning on Sunday. He executed a pair of pickoffs during the inning. Alcantara picked off Ethan Chapman at second base, and then a few minutes later picked off Whit Merrifield at first base. ... Saturday's game was briefly delayed for 25 minutes because of light rain and lightning. A lightning strike close to the ballpark forced umpires to stop the game. Without the 25-minute delay, there was 2 hours and 1 minute of baseball played. ... Heading into Sunday's game, the Naturals were the Texas League's best pitching team. They team had a 1.23 earned run average and gave up seven runs in a three-game set with Frisco to start the season. Meanwhile, after Thursday's 20 runs, the RockHounds have allowed four in the next three games.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Right-handed pitcher Chris Jensen will take the mound for the RockHounds today at Security Bank Ballpark. Northwest Arkansas will send J.C. Sulbaran to the hill.

ROCKHOUNDS 2, NATURALS 1

NW Ark	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Adams cf	4	0	1	0	Burns lf	3	0	0	0
Merrifield ss	3	0	1	0	Myers dh	4	0	0	0
Bonafacio dh	4	0	1	0	Crumbliss 2b	3	0	0	0
Cuthbert 3b	3	0	0	0	Muncy 1b	3	0	0	0
Schlehuber 1b	3	1	1	0	Whitaker rf	3	0	1	0
Rincon lf	3	0	1	0	Taylor c	2	1	0	0
Trapp 2b	3	0	1	1	Marte 3b	3	0	1	0
Graterol c	3	0	0	0	Coleman ss	3	1	1	2
Chapman rf	3	0	1	0	Oberacker cf	3	0	2	0
Totals	29	1	7	1	Totals	27	2	5	2

NW Arkansas ... 010 000 000—1
Midland ... 000 000 02x—2

E – Merrifield. DP — Midland 1. LOB — NW Arkansas 4, Midland 3. 2B — Oberacker (1), Merrifield 92). HR — Coleman (2). CS — Bonafacio, Adams, Oberacker 2.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
NW Arkansas						
Marimon	6	3	0	0	0	1
Alexander L, 0-1	2	2	2	2	2	3
Midland						
Alcantara W, 1-0	8	6	1	1	1	1
Frankoff S, 1	1	1	0	0	1	2

HBP — by Alcantara (Merrfield). WP — Marimon.

T — 2:01. A — 3,219.

WILLIAMS

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of tennis since I was 10 years old," Williams said. "I'm nervous, but that's a good mindset to have."

Williams advanced to the semifinals of last year's 2-5A tournament, which was also at the Bush Tennis Center, but lost to Lubbock Coronado's Reagan Collins and never had a chance at a playback match.

Williams is a year older and has that experience under her belt, and has won two tournaments already this season. She also finished fifth in the Tall City Invitational in Midland in February, which might have effect on her seeding as much as any tournament she's played in this season.

Lee tennis coach Andy Cariens said that Williams has been able to handle the pressure that comes with expectations, but he added that how she handles the mental ups and downs of a tournament could determine her finish as much anything else.

"It's going to come down to the mental aspect and how we hold up and how everybody else holds up," Cariens said. "Whenever we have some of those moments in matches, either things go our way or they don't. How we handle those are really big things."

Williams said she's more mentally prepared for this week than she has been in her career, but also knows her competitive tennis career will likely end this year before she heads to the University of Oklahoma next fall.

There's plenty motivating Williams for this week, and now it's a matter of using that to do something she's never done before, and also get one more night-before pasta meal from her mother.

"I would be disappointed, especially since it's my senior year," Williams said. "I learned you have to be consistent. My game is getting there, and I haven't peaked."

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Bergenheim's late goal lifts Panthers over Stars

By Paul Gereffi
Associated Press

Panthers ... 3
Stars ... 2

SUNRISE, Fla. — Sean Bergenheim scored with 4:31 left to break a third-period tie, and the Florida Panthers snapped a five-game losing streak in a 3-2 win over the Dallas Stars on Sunday.

Bergenheim put the Panthers ahead for good when he redirected Colby Robak's drive from the left circle into the net. Scottie Upshall and Brandon Pirri also scored for Florida, and. Roberto Luongo made 35 saves and beat Dallas for the first time in five starts.

Tyler Seguin and Jamie Benn had goals for the Stars, and Kari Lehtonen stopped 21 shots.

The Stars still hold a one-point lead over the Phoenix Coyotes for the second Western Conference wild card spot.

Florida erased a 2-0 deficit on goals by Upshall and Pirri in the second period.

The Panthers made it 2-1 when Erik Gudbranson's shot was tipped by a Dallas player, hit Upshall and bounced into the net at 8:20 of the second.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
z-Boston	78	53	18	7	113	251	167
x-Montreal	79	45	27	7	97	212	199
x-Tampa Bay	78	42	27	9	93	229	211
Detroit	78	37	27	14	88	211	222
Toronto	79	38	33	8	84	229	248
Ottawa	78	33	31	14	80	226	261
Florida	79	28	43	8	64	188	258
Buffalo	78	21	48	9	51	150	234

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-Pittsburgh	79	50	24	5	105	240	197
N.Y. Rangers	79	43	31	5	91	212	190
Philadelphia	78	40	29	9	89	220	220
Columbus	78	40	31	7	87	219	207
New Jersey	78	34	28	16	84	191	200
Washington	78	35	30	13	83	222	236
Carolina	78	34	33	11	79	196	215
N.Y. Islanders	78	31	36	11	73	215	258

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-St. Louis	78	52	19	7	111	245	177
x-Colorado	78	50	21	7	107	239	209
x-Chicago	79	45	19	15	105	259	207
Minnesota	78	40	26	12	92	195	194
Dallas	78	38	29	11	87	227	221
Nashville	78	35	32	11	81	198	231
Winnipeg	79	35	34	10	80	220	232

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Anaheim	78	50	20	8	108	251	202
x-San Jose	79	49	21	9	107	239	192
x-Los Angeles	79	45	28	6	96	197	166
Phoenix	78	36	28	14	86	209	221
Vancouver	78	35	32	11	81	187	210
Calgary	78	33	38	7	73	200	228
Edmonton	79	28	42	9	65	197	261

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.
x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

Sunday's Scores
Chicago 4, St. Louis 2
Florida 3, Dallas 2
Columbus 4, N.Y. Islanders 0
Minnesota 4, Pittsburgh 0
Vancouver 2, Los Angeles 1
Nashville 3, San Jose 0

Today's Games
Calgary at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

Oklahoma State takes series from Texas Tech

From staff reports

No. 20 Cowboys ... 8
No. 25 Red Raiders ... 3

STILLWATER, Okla. — No. 20 Oklahoma State scored four runs in the seventh and eighth innings to break open a tight game and take an 8-3 victory on Sunday against No. 25 Texas Tech at Allie P. Reynolds Stadium.

Texas Tech dropped to 24-11 overall and to 5-7 in Big 12 play while Oklahoma State (22-10, 5-4 Big 12) claimed its second straight Big 12 Conference series — both coming on its home field.

Tech starting pitcher Chris Sadberry took a no decision, despite throwing six innings allowing just one run on four hits with three strikeouts and not allowing a walk. Tech reliever Ryan Moseley (0-1) suffered his first career loss allowing three runs on one hit with one walk in the Cowboys' four-run seventh inning.

OSU reliever Vince Wheeland (2-0) earned the win going 4 1/3 innings allowing just one run on four hits with one walk allowed.

Tyler Neslony led the Red Raiders going 3-for-5 with a run scored. Sophomore first baseman Eric Gutierrez went 2-for-4, Todd Ritchie went 2-for-3 with a run scored and Midland Christian grad Hunter Redman — who also doubled in the eighth to score Tech's third run — went 2-for-4 with a pair of RBI.

Texas Tech will return home for four games next week, beginning on Tuesda hosting Abilene Christian for a 6:30 p.m. midweek game at Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park. Tech will then host Kansas State for a Big 12 Conference series in Lubbock next weekend.

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Notre Dame women keep rolling, beat Maryland

Fighting Irish 87
Terapins 61

By Doug Feinberg
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Kayla McBride wouldn't let Notre Dame's pursuit of a perfect season end.

The All-American senior guard had one of the most impressive games of her career in Sunday night's national semifinal, scoring 28 points to lead Notre Dame to an 87-61 win over Maryland.

She seemingly did whatever she wanted, shedding defenders with behind-the-back dribbles and quick cross-overs before scoring. She set the tone for Notre Dame and her Irish teammates followed her lead into Tuesday night's championship game.

The Irish (37-0) will play the winner of UConn and Stanford. It's the third time in four years that Notre Dame has been in the title game. The Irish are looking for their first title since winning it all in 2001.

Notre Dame played without senior Natalie Achonwa, who suffered a torn ACL in the regional final victory over Baylor. The entire team wore shirts in warmups with Achonwa's No. 11 and the 6-foot-3 forward's nickname "Ace" on the back. She helped her team warm up, passing the ball and offering words of encouragement.

Muffet McGraw, who was The Associated Press coach of the year, was concerned coming into the game about her team's ability to rebound against the bigger Terrapins without Achonwa. It proved to be no problem for the Irish, who dominated the Terrapins (28-7) on the boards.

The Irish outrebounded the Terps 50-21, including a 19-4 advantage on the offensive end. It was the widest rebounding margin ever in a Final Four game shattering the previous mark of 19 set by Louisiana Tech in 1989. Maryland broke the national semifinals record for fewest rebounds in a game of 25 set by Minnesota in 2004.

Notre Dame also befuddled Maryland on defense, forcing them into turnovers and poor shots with ever-changing defenses. Terps' star Alyssa Thomas was constantly double-teamed and rarely got a good look at the basket. She finished with 14 points. Thomas ended her career as the school's all-time leading scorer and rebounder. She had waited four years to make the Final Four and her only trip was a short one. Coach Brenda Frese took her out with 1:33 left and the game well out of reach. Frese gave her star a long hug.

This was Maryland's first trip to the Final Four since winning the championship in 2006. The Terps were intent on crashing the party and ruining Notre Dame's perfect season.

Mark Humphrey/AP

Notre Dame guard Lindsay Allen (15) celebrates a goal in the closing seconds of the second half of a Final Four game against Maryland on Sunday in Nashville, Tenn.

UConn and Kentucky for national title

By Jim O'Connell
Associated Press

Final Four

At AT&T Stadium
Arlington
National Semifinals
Saturday
UConn 63, Florida 53
Kentucky 74, Wisconsin 73
National Championship
Today
UConn (31-8) vs. Kentucky (29-10), 8:10 p.m.

ARLINGTON — Connecticut and Kentucky couldn't have met in last year's championship game and few people gave them a chance to be in this year's.

Seventh-seeded Connecticut and eighth-seeded Kentucky meet today in one of the unlikeliest NCAA championship games ever.

Neither was around in last year's postseason — Connecticut because of a tournament ban over academic issues; Kentucky because it didn't make the field. And neither looked like national title contenders at times this season.

Kentucky (29-10) and its outstanding freshmen went from preseason No. 1 to out of the rankings after some bad losses. And Connecticut (31-8) was not a popular postseason pick after finishing tied for third in the American Athletic Conference with multiple losses to Louisville and SMU.

In the tournament, the Huskies have stopped some of the country's top guards and put themselves in position for their fourth national championship, the previous three under Naismith Memorial Hall of Fame coach Jim Calhoun.

"Hopefully we have an opportunity to fall back on our defense," second-year coach Kevin Ollie said. "We have been doing that the whole year."

If Kentucky has a chance to win in the final minute, that defense better pay attention to guard Aaron Harrison, one of five freshmen starters.

He has hit huge 3-pointers in the Wildcats' last three games. Harrison rattled in a 26-footer with 5.7 seconds to go in the 74-73 win over Wisconsin in the semifinals. He made almost the exact same shot with 2.3 seconds left against Michigan for a 75-72 win that sent the Wildcats to the Final Four. Against Louisville, he hit a 3 with 39 seconds left to give Kentucky the lead for good in a 74-69.

"The biggest thing is he's not afraid to miss," Kentucky coach John Calipari said. "He's OK with it. He's comfortable in his own skin. ... If you're going to make those kind of shots, you absolutely cannot be afraid to miss them."

These two programs have combined to win six of the last 18 NCAA titles.

"Playing against Connecticut, I mean, I'm just happy we're still playing," Calipari said.

Neither program could say that last year.

Connecticut was banned from the postseason after failing to meet NCAA academic standard. It had practice limitations and lost a scholarship. The players could have transferred but didn't. The Huskies finished 20-10 in Ollie's first year. They took the hit and made it back to the biggest stage.

"It's actually very impressive," NCAA president Mark Emmert said Sunday. "To see that team hold together. I think it's a commitment to those young men on that team that hung together."

The leader of the group is All-American Shabazz Napier who leads the team in almost every statistical category. He's the guy who makes the big shot or big pass. Fellow guard Ryan Boatright has taken some of the spotlight recently for his defensive performances against the likes of Keith Appling of Michigan State and Scottie Wilbekin of Florida.

"Defense is the biggest thing for me. The points will come," Boatright said. "I want to make him uncomfortable, don't let him get in a rhythm or flow. Their guards, God blessed them with height and they will try to take advantage of smaller guys like us but I've been the smaller guy my whole life and I've never backed down."

Kentucky is playing its best basketball lately, led by big man Julius Randle and the Harrison twins.

"We just had too much talent and we saw in spurts how good we could be," Randle said, "so it just felt like it was a matter of time before it clicked."

UConn back in title game, beats Stanford

By Teresa M. Walker
Associated Press

Huskies 75
Cardinal 56

Final Four

At Nashville, Tenn.
National Semifinals
Sunday
Notre Dame 87, Maryland 61
UConn 75, Stanford 56
National Championship
Tuesday
Notre Dame (37-0) vs. UConn (39-0), 7:30 p.m.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Connecticut Huskies are back in a very familiar position, undefeated and playing for a national championship.

They'll be going for an unprecedented ninth national championship after Breanna Stewart scored 18 points and the Huskies advanced to another title game with a 75-56 win against Stanford on Sunday night.

It wasn't easy early, though the Huskies (39-0) did part and set up the highly anticipated championship showdown of undefeated teams.

They will square off against Notre Dame, an 87-61 winner over Maryland, on Tuesday night in the title game. It will be the first women's national title game between unbeaten teams.

"It wouldn't be any fun if you didn't beat teams that were any good," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said of the matchup with Notre Dame. "I think women's basketball needs rivalries like this, teams that aspire to be great and want to win championships."

The Huskies also won their 45th straight game after overcoming another sluggish start. Stewart, the Associated Press player of the year, missed her first four shots and UConn was up just 28-24 at halftime.

But Connecticut settled down and put the Cardinal away in the second half, outscoring them 47-32. Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis found her shooting stroke, scoring all of her 15 points in the second half.

Bria Hartley added 13 points for UConn and Stefanie Dolson and Moriah Jefferson each finished with 10.

Stanford (33-4) lost its third national semifinal since reaching the 2010 championship against UConn, which the Huskies also won. All-American Chiney Ogwumike finished with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Amber Orrange scored 16 points, and Lili Thompson had 12.

Stanford coach Tara VanDerveer had promised the Cardinal wouldn't go down easy, and her team never stopped competing.

Thompson, a freshman, hit four of her first five shots for 10 quick points, helping the Cardinal get off to a good start early. The Cardinal led by as much as six a couple times, the last at 22-16 with 12:32 left when Mikaela Ruef banked in a jumper just before the shot clock expired with 5:39 to go.

It was the third sluggish start for the Huskies, who missed shot after shot and had a couple tough shooting stretches in the first half. The first lasted more than 5 minutes and the second nearly 7 minutes.

Then they finally got going.

The Huskies scored 12 straight to finish the half on a 12-2 run. Kiah Stokes hit a free throw, then Hartley hit the Huskies' lone 3 of the half with 4:42 left.

Then Stewart got it going, hitting a jumper with 3:03 left after missing her first four shots. She finished the spurt stealing the ball from Thompson and finishing the fast break with a layup, drawing the foul for a three-point play and a 28-22 lead.

Stanford at least got a jumper from Orrange with 1:38 left, but the Cardinal had the ball with the chance at the last shot and couldn't connect when Taylor Greenfield's 3-point attempt hit harmlessly off the rim.

Ellis, Mavs win 3rd straight, beat Kings

Associated Press

Mavericks 93
Kings 91

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — With go-to scorer Dirk Nowitzki having an off night, the Dallas Mavericks relied on other offensive options to hold off the Sacramento Kings.

Monta Ellis scored eight of his 23 points in the fourth quarter and the Mavericks kept their playoff position with their third straight win, a 93-91 victory over the Sacramento Kings on Sunday.

The Mavericks won for the fourth time in five games to maintain seventh place in the Western Conference. It was the fifth straight road win for Dallas, which concludes its four-game road trip Tuesday in Utah.

"Every game is a playoff game right now," Dallas reserve center DeJuan Blair said.

The Kings defeated Dallas at home earlier this season and their three straight losses have been by a combined nine points. So with Nowitzki getting 15 points on 5-of-17 shooting, the Mavericks had to look elsewhere for a reliable scorer.

It was Ellis who stepped up in a tight fourth quarter. He made a crucial 3-pointer and converted all three free throws when Dallas was clinging to its slim lead down the stretch.

Ellis made a 3 at the 3:04 mark of the fourth quarter and converted a three-point play to give the Mavericks a 90-84 lead with 1:51 left.

"Monta saved the day in the fourth quarter," Nowitzki said. "He made that huge 3 and then he had the and-one (three-point play) on a pick and roll. He was phenomenal in the fourth quarter."

Rudy Gay had 32 points and tied a career high with eight assists for the Kings. DeMarcus Cousins added 28 points and 10 rebounds, and rookie point guard Ray McCallum had eight points and nine rebounds.

Touted Aggies' receiver Seals-Jones arrested

By Brent Zwerneman
San Antonio Express-News

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M receiver Ricky Seals-Jones was arrested early Sunday morning on charges of disorderly conduct, but his lawyer on Sunday night said Seals-Jones intends to fight the charges.

A police report contends "Seals-Jones was being 'carried away by his friends' as the bars were closing in the 100 block of College Main. An officer said he saw someone bump into Seals-Jones, which led (him) to reportedly start exchanging words with the person," according to KBTX-TV.

The station's account continued, "As the officer moved toward the scene to see and hear what was going on, he said Seals-Jones broke away from his friends and yelled '**** you! You want some?' The officer also said Seals-Jones motioned to the other person like he wanted to fight."

Seals-Jones' attorney Cameron Reynolds, however, described quite a different scene. Reynolds wrote in a release, "Ricky Seals-Jones is absolutely fighting these charges. He had nothing to drink and was at home when a friend called him to come to Northgate to give him a ride home. Ricky went to Northgate to help his friend toward the car when someone struck him. When Ricky turned toward him that person cursed him and called Ricky the 'N' word. Words were exchanged and Ricky was arrested. The other individual was not arrested.

"I have personally spoken with an independent witness who confirms these facts. Ricky volunteered to take a breath test since he had not consumed alcohol but this request was never granted."

Northgate is College Station's primary bar district. Seals-Jones of Sealy, Rivals.com's No. 2 receiver nationally in 2013, played in the Aggies' first two games last season before he was sidelined by injury. His arrest continued a trend of Aggies running into trouble this offseason. Quarterback Kenny Hill, who's vying for the starting job, was arrested a little more than a week ago on charges of public intoxication.

Touted safety Kameron Miles was dismissed from the program about a month ago for what Rivals.com reported as theft. Defensive tackle Isaiah Golden was arrested in February on a misdemeanor marijuana charge, while fellow sophomore Darian Claiborne, a linebacker, was arrested at the same time for a noise violation (for yelling while the players were being questioned). Claiborne had already been arrested on charges of marijuana possession in December.

SUNDAYINTHENBA

FROM WIRE REPORTS

STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Toronto	45	32	.584	—
x-Brooklyn	42	34	.553	2 1/2
New York	33	45	.423	12 1/2
Boston	23	54	.299	22
Philadelphia	17	60	.221	28

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Miami	53	23	.697	—
x-Washington	40	37	.519	13 1/2
x-Charlotte	39	38	.506	14 1/2
Atlanta	34	42	.447	19
Orlando	22	55	.286	31 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Indiana	53	25	.679	—
x-Chicago	45	32	.584	7 1/2
Cleveland	31	47	.397	22
Detroit	28	49	.364	24 1/2
Milwaukee	14	63	.182	38 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-San Antonio	60	17	.779	—
x-Houston	51	25	.671	8 1/2
Dallas	47	31	.603	13 1/2
Memphis	45	32	.584	15
New Orleans	32	45	.416	28

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Oklahoma City	55	21	.724	—
Portland	50	28	.641	6
Minnesota	38	38	.500	17
Denver	33	44	.429	22 1/2
Utah	24	53	.312	31 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-L.A. Clippers	55	23	.705	—
Golden State	48	29	.623	6 1/2
Phoenix	46	31	.597	8 1/2
Sacramento	27	50	.351	27 1/2
L.A. Lakers	25	52	.325	29 1/2

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Sunday's Scores

Miami 102, New York 91
L.A. Clippers 120, L.A. Lakers 97
Dallas 93, Sacramento 91
Atlanta 107, Indiana 88
Houston 130, Denver 125, OT
San Antonio 112, Memphis 92
Phoenix 122, Oklahoma City 115
Golden State 130, Utah 102
Portland 100, New Orleans 94

Today's Games

No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Detroit at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at Miami, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Utah, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY'S BOXES

MAVERICKS 93, KINGS 91

DALLAS (93): Marion 3-8 0-2 7, Nowitzki 5-17 3-4 15, Dalembert 3-6 0-0 6, Calderon 5-10 0-0 14, Ellis 9-19 3-3 23, Blair 3-6 0-2 6, Carter 6-13 1-1 17, Harris 1-6 1-2 3, Crowder 0-0 0-0 0, Wright 1-4 0-0 2, Ellington 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-89 8-14 93.

SACRAMENTO (91): Gay 12-18 7-9 32, Evans 1-2 0-0 2, Cousins 12-23 4-4 28, McCallum 4-12 0-0 8, McLemore 2-9 0-1 5, Outlaw 2-5 0-0 6, Thompson 2-3 1-4 5, Williams 1-3 2-2 5, Cunningham 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 36-76 14-20 91.

Dallas	29	16	23	25	—	93
Sacramento	24	24	17	26	—	91

3-Point Goals—Dallas 13-31 (Calderon 4-7, Carter 4-9, Ellis 2-4, Nowitzki 2-6, Marion 1-2, Harris 0-3), Sacramento 5-18 (Outlaw 2-5, Williams 1-1, Gay 1-2, McLemore 1-5, Cunningham 0-1, McCallum 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Dallas 53 (Dalembert 11), Sacramento 52 (Cousins 10). Assists—Dallas 23 (Harris 7), Sacramento 21 (McCallum 9). Total Fouls—Dallas 16, Sacramento 17. A—17,023 (17,317).

SPURS 112, GRIZZLIES 92

MEMPHIS (92): Allen 2-7 0-0 4, Randolph 3-9 2-3 8, Gasol 3-7 0-0 6, Conley 8-13 0-2 18, Lee 1-7 2-2 4, Miller 0-2 0-0 0, Johnson 7-11 4-4 20, Davis 3-5 3-6 9, Calathes 2-6 0-0 4, Koufos 4-9 0-0 8, Udrih 3-6 0-0 6, Leuer 0-2 0-0 0, Franklin 2-2 0-0 5. Totals 38-86 11-17 92.

SAN ANTONIO (112): Leonard 12-13 0-0 26, Duncan 5-10 3-3 13, Splitter 0-3 2-2 2, Parker 4-4 2-2 10, Green 4-8 0-1 9, Diaw 0-2 0-0 0, Ginobili 8-11 6-6 26, Belinelli 1-5 2-2 5, Mills 3-5 0-0 7, Ayres 1-2 2-2 4, Joseph 4-6 0-0 8, Bonner 0-2 0-0 0, Daye 1-6 0-0 2. Totals 43-77 17-18 112.

Memphis	10	28	29	25	—	92
San Antonio	26	28	27	31	—	112

3-Point Goals—Memphis 5-14 (Conley 2-3, Johnson 2-4, Franklin 1-1, Leuer 0-1, Allen 0-1, Miller 0-2, Calathes 0-2), San Antonio 9-22 (Ginobili 4-6, Leonard 2-2, Green 1-3, Belinelli 1-3, Mills 1-3, Diaw 0-1, Joseph 0-1, Daye 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Memphis 44 (Gasol, Randolph 6), San Antonio 45 (Mills 6). Assists—Memphis 22 (Conley 6), San Antonio 27 (Leonard, Joseph 5). Total Fouls—Memphis 19, San Antonio 16. Technicals—San Antonio Coach Popovich. A—18,581 (18,797).

ROCKETS 130, NUGGETS 125, OT

DENVER (125): Miller 8-14 0-0 19, Faried 7-17 2-2 16, Mozgov 6-9 2-4 15, Brooks 11-24 0-0 24, Foye 4-11 1-2 11, Fournier 9-16 2-2 26, Arthur 3-9 1-2 7, Vesely 2-4 1-1 5, Randolph 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 51-107 9-13 125.

HOUSTON (130): Parsons 5-11 3-5 15, Jones 6-16 2-2 14, Asik 6-11 6-11 18, Lin 7-12 4-4 19, Harden 9-23 11-12 32, Motiejunas 0-3 0-2 0, Garcia 5-11 0-2 11, Canaan 5-8 1-2 15, Casspi 2-3 0-0 6. Totals 45-98 27-40 130.

Denver	27	25	36	29	8	—	125
Houston	22	47	19	29	13	—	130

3-Point Goals—Denver 14-31 (Fournier 6-10, Miller 3-5, Foye 2-4, Brooks 2-7, Mozgov 1-1, Arthur 0-4), Houston 13-36 (Canaan 4-7, Harden 3-10, Casspi 2-3, Parsons 2-6, Lin 1-4, Garcia 1-5, Jones 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Denver 64 (Faried 13), Houston 62 (Asik 23). Assists—Denver 28 (Brooks 15), Houston 24 (Harden 10). Total Fouls—Denver 24, Houston 19. Technicals—Faried. A—18,325 (18,023).

CLIPPERS 120, LAKERS 97

L.A. LAKERS (97): Bazemore 1-3 0-0 2, Kelly 3-11 0-0 6, Hill 10-14 2-2 22, Marshall 4-10 2-5 10, Meeks 6-15 3-3 17, Johnson 3-8 2-2 10, Sacre 3-8 3-4 9, Young 5-15 6-7 18, Brooks 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 36-86 18-23 97.

L.A. CLIPPERS (120): Barnes 4-6 0-0 9, Griffin 7-14 9-13 23, Jordan 5-6 1-5 11, Paul 8-10 3-4 23, Redick 7-11 0-0 15, Collison 7-17 0-0 14, Dudley 1-2 2-2 5, Davis 3-5 1-2 7, Green 0-0 0-0 0, Turkoglu 4-8 0-0 10, Bullock 1-4 0-0 3. Totals 47-83 16-26 120.

L.A. Lakers	22	27	23	25	—	97
L.A. Clippers	25	32	37	26	—	120

3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 7-31 (Johnson 2-4, Meeks 2-6, Young 2-11, Brooks 1-1, Bazemore 0-1, Kelly 0-4, Marshall 0-4), L.A. Clippers 10-19 (Paul 4-4, Turkoglu 2-4, Dudley 1-1, Barnes 1-3, Redick 1-3, Bullock 1-3, Collison 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 42 (Sacre 10), L.A. Clippers 59 (Jordan 12). Assists—L.A. Lakers 26 (Marshall 11), L.A. Clippers 28 (Collison, Paul 6). Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers 19, L.A. Clippers 17. A—19,239 (19,060).

HEAT 102, KNICKS 91

NEW YORK (91): Anthony 4-17 4-5 13, Stoudemire 5-9 2-2 12, Chandler 4-7 2-2 10, Felton 6-12 1-2 15, Smith 11-28 0-0 32, Prigioni 0-1 0-0 0, Shumpert 3-7 1-2 9, Hardaway Jr. 0-7 0-0 0, Brown 0-0 0-0 0, Murry 0-0 0-0 0, Tyler 0-0 0-0 0, Aldrich 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 33-88 10-13 91.

MIAMI (102): James 13-22 9-12 38, Haslem 2-4 2-2 6, Bosh 5-7 3-4 14, Chalmers 4-7 5-6 15, Douglas 2-5 1-2 5, Battier 2-2 0-2 6, Allen 4-10 0-0 12, Cole 1-2 0-0 2, Lewis 1-2 2-2 4. Totals 34-61 22-30 102.

New York	26	24	14	27	—	91
Miami	25	23	25	29	—	102

3-Point Goals—New York 15-42 (Smith 10-22, Felton 2-5, Shumpert 2-6, Anthony 1-4, Prigioni 0-1, Hardaway Jr. 0-4), Miami 12-27 (Allen 4-9, James 3-7, Battier 2-2, Chalmers 2-3, Bosh 1-3, Lewis 0-1, Douglas 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New York 48 (Chandler 11), Miami 45 (Haslem 11). Assists—New York 18 (Anthony 6), Miami 22 (James 6). Total Fouls—New York 24, Miami 17. A—19,647 (19,600).

HAWKS 107, PACERS 88

ATLANTA (107): Carroll 2-3 0-0 5, Millsap 8-14 0-2 17, Antic 7-8 1-2 18, Teague 9-17 5-5 25, Korver 5-7 0-0 11, Brand 1-3 0-0 2, Mack 4-7 4-4 13, Scott 3-6 0-0 7, Martin 2-8 3-4 9. Totals 41-73 13-17 107.

INDIANA (88): George 6-17 5-9 18, West 5-10 3-4 13, Hibbert 0-5 0-0 0, G.Hill 3-10 4-6 12, Stephenson 1-6 1-2 3, Butler 2-3 0-0 5, Mahinmi 3-3 4-6 10, Scola 4-7 2-2 10, Sloan 2-5 0-0 4, Turner 3-7 0-0 6, Allen 1-2 0-0 2, Copeland 2-3 0-1 5. Totals 32-78 19-30 88.

Atlanta	33	22	24	28	—	107
Indiana	11	12	36	29	—	88

3-Point Goals—Atlanta 12-27 (Antic 3-4, Martin 2-4, Teague 2-5, Millsap 1-2, Carroll 1-2, Korver 1-3, Scott 1-3, Mack 1-4), Indiana 5-20 (G.Hill 2-5, Copeland 1-2, Butler 1-2, George 1-5, Scola 0-1, Turner 0-1, Stephenson 0-2, Sloan 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 47 (Millsap 11), Indiana 46 (George, G.Hill 7). Assists—Atlanta 22 (Mack 7), Indiana 18 (West 6). Total Fouls—Atlanta 26, Indiana 26. Technicals—Atlanta defensive three second. A—18,165 (18,165).

TRAIL BLAZERS 100, PELICANS 94

NEW ORLEANS (94): Miller 1-3 0-0 3, Davis 6-18 3-3 15, Stiemsma 2-4 0-0 4, Roberts 6-17 1-2 13, Evans 4-9 2-3 10, Morrow 6-12 3-3 17, Rivers 5-11 3-4 14, Withey 0-1 1-2 1, Ajinca 6-11 1-1 13, Aminu 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 38-90 14-18 94.

PORTLAND (100): Batum 7-12 0-0 16, Aldridge 11-25 3-4 25, Lopez 2-2 0-0 4, Lillard 9-19 2-3 20, Matthews 7-13 4-4 21, Williams 3-9 2-2 8, Robinson 0-1 0-0 0, Barton 0-1 0-0 0, Wright 1-4 2-2 4, Leonard 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 41-87 13-15 100.

New Orleans	25	30	14	25	—	94
Portland	25	23	29	23	—	100

3-Point Goals—New Orleans 4-12 (Morrow 2-5, Rivers 1-1, Miller 1-1, Roberts 0-5), Portland 5-22 (Matthews 3-7, Batum 2-7, Lillard 0-2, Wright 0-3, Williams 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Orleans 47 (Aminu 9), Portland 57 (Aldridge 18). Assists—New Orleans 21 (Evans 8), Portland 20 (Lillard 5). Total Fouls—New Orleans 19, Portland 17. Technicals—Lopez. A—20,036 (19,980).

WARRIORS 130, JAZZ 102

UTAH (102): Jefferson 1-2 0-2 2, Williams 2-5 2-2 7, Favors 5-11 0-0 10, Burke 10-21 2-2 24, Hayward 4-9 2-2 10, Burks 5-10 14-16 24, Garrett 0-2 0-0 0, Kanter 4-11 0-2 8, Evans 4-8 0-2 8, Clark 3-6 0-0 7, Gobert 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 39-86 20-28 102.

GOLDEN STATE (130): Iguodala 4-6 2-2 11, Green 5-6 0-0 11, Bogut 3-4 0-0 6, Curry 12-18 2-2 31, Thompson 11-20 4-4 33, O'Neal 3-7 1-1 7, Barnes 5-8 0-0 10, Blake 1-3 0-0 3, Crawford 4-8 0-0 10, Speights 4-9 0-0 8, Armstrong 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 52-90 9-9 130.

Utah	22	30	21	29	—	102
Golden State	35	31	35	29	—	130

3-Point Goals—Utah 4-13 (Burke 2-5, Clark 1-2, Williams 1-3, Burks 0-1, Jefferson 0-1, Garrett 0-1), Golden State 17-33 (Thompson 7-10, Curry 5-10, Crawford 2-4, Green 1-1, Blake 1-2, Iguodala 1-3, Speights 0-1, Barnes 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Utah 46 (Kanter 12), Golden State 47 (Bogut 11). Assists—Utah 27 (Burke 15), Golden State 34 (Curry 16). Total Fouls—Utah 13, Golden State 23. Technicals—Golden State defensive three second. A—19,596 (19,596).

SUNS 122, THUNDER 115

OKLAHOMA CITY (115): Durant 13-28 8-10 38, Ibaka 3-5 5-6 11, Perkins 2-3 0-2 4, Westbrook 12-26 7-8 33, Roberson 0-0 0-0 0, Fisher 2-3 0-0 5, Collison 3-3 0-0 6, Jackson 3-8 4-4 11, Butler 1-6 2-2 5, Lamb 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 40-84 26-32 115.

PHOENIX (122): Tucker 7-9 4-6 22, Frye 1-5 0-0 2, Plumlee 3-5 2-2 8, Bledsoe 6-13 6-11 18, Dragic 11-19 2-3 26, Mark.Morris 4-6 2-2 10, Green 7-11 5-7 24, Randolph 1-2 0-0 2, Marc.Morris 5-6 0-0 10, Smith 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 45-77 21-31 122.

Oklahoma City	25	28	38	24	—	115
Phoenix	28	34	32	28	—	122

3-Point Goals—Oklahoma City 9-32 (Durant 4-15, Westbrook 2-9, Fisher 1-1, Butler 1-3, Jackson 1-3, Lamb 0-1), Phoenix 11-23 (Green 5-7, Tucker 4-5, Dragic 2-5, Smith 0-1, Bledsoe 0-2, Frye 0-3). Fouled Out—Westbrook. Rebounds—Oklahoma City 49 (Durant 11), Phoenix 43 (Tucker 7). Assists—Oklahoma City 17 (Westbrook 8), Phoenix 17 (Dragic 5). Total Fouls—Oklahoma City 30, Phoenix 24. Technicals—Tucker, Phoenix defensive three second. A—18,422 (18,422).

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Seminole Relays
Friday
Wigwam Stadium, Seminole
GIRLS
Team Totals

1. Andrews, 215 points; 2. San Angelo Lake View, 132; 3. Midland Christian, 127; 4. Seminole, 22; 5. Sanderson, 20.

Field Events

Triple jump: 1. Ives, Andrews, 34 feet, 3.25 inches; 2. Galindo, Midland Christian, 32-11.75; 3. Hill, Midland Christian, 32-6.5; 4. Fender, Midland Christian, 31-5.75; 5. Clark, Lake View, 31-5; 6. Infante, Andrews, 29-8.

Long jump: 1. Ives, Andrews, 16-2; 2. Berryhill, Midland Christian, 16-2; 3. Hill, Midland Christian, 15-10; 4. Galindo, Midland Christian, 14-11; 5. Clark, Lake View, 14-2; 6. Infante, andrews, 13-8.75

Shot put: 1. Lindsey, Lake View, 36-3; 2. Lujan, Andrews, 35-3; 3. Gardenhire, Andrews, 31-11.5; 4. Lopez, Seminole, 29-8; 5. Chacon, Andrews, 29-7

Discus: 1. Blue, Lake View, 110-6.5; 2. McClendon, Midland Christian, 110-3.5; 3. Lindsey, Lake View, 107-4.25; 4. Cruz, Andrews, 105-3.5; 5. Marquez, Andrews, 102-6.25; 6. Gardenhire, Andrews, 101-7.75

High jump: 1. Ashton, Midland Christian, 5-2; 2. Bean, Andrews, 4-8; 3. Cook, Andrews, 4-4

Pole vault: 1. Bean, Andrews, 8-0; 2. Harvey, Lake View, 8-0; 3. Hanna, Greenwood, 8-0

Running Events

3,200: 1. Carrasco, Sanderson, 12 minutes, 27.43 seconds; 2. Roman, Andrews, 13:03.09; 3. Flores, Andrews, 13:03.52; 4. Travis, Andrews, 13:33.34; 5. Mills, Midland Christian, 13:51.11; 6. Schnur, Midland Christian, 13:52.96

400 relay: 1. Midland Christian, 50.46; 2. Andrews, 52.09; 3. Lake View, 53.37

800: 1. Carrasco, Sanderson, 2:31.92; 2. Torres, Andrews, 2:32.80; 3. Gegleman, Midland Christian, 2:35.92; 4. Gonzales, Lake View, 2:36.36; 5. Hammond, Midland Christian, 2:38.92; 6. Meeker, Midland Christian, 2:39.27

100 hurdles: 1. Ives, Andrews, 15.16; 2. Ridge, Andrews, 15.38; 3. Berryhill, Midland Christian, 16.01; 4. Galindo, Midland Christian, 17.56; 5. Burtch, Seminole, 17.62; 6. Brown, Midland Christian, 18.21

100: 1. Lopez, Andrews, 12.71; 2. To, Lake View, 13.02; 3. Lavendar, Andrews, 13.21; 4. Loewen, Seminole, 13.49; 5. Lujan, Andrews, 13.81; 6. Yates, Lake View, 13.9

800 relay: 1. Lake View, 1:55.14

400: 1. Coverson, Lake View, 1:02.4; 2. Haynes, Andrews, 1:03.8; 3. Loewen, Seminole, 1:04.4; 4. Harvey, Lake View, 1:07.9; 5. Cook, Andrews, 1:08.4; 6. Infante, Andrews, 1:10.4

300 hurdles: 1. Ashton, Midland Christian, 45.46; 2. Ridge, Andrews, 50.43; 3. Ives, Andrews, 50.93; 4. Brown, Midland Christian, 54.4

200: 1. Rios, Andrews, 28.84; 2. Loewen, Seminole, 29.15; 3. Martinez, Andrews, 29.78; 4. Flatt, Midland Christian, 29.93; 5. Gamez, Lake View, 30.09; 6. House, Lake View, 30.56

1,600: 1. Roman, Andrews, 5:56.90; 2. Hammond, Lake View, 5:58.75; 3. Floser, Andrews, 6:01.93; 4. Samaniego, Lake View, 6:06.40; 5. Schmur, Lake View, 6:27.84; 6. Light, Lake View, 6:31.50

1,600 relay: 1. Lake View, 4:18.18; 2. Andrews, 4:20.87; 3. Midland Christian, 4:22.34

BOYS

Team Totals: 1. Andrews, 166 points; 2. Midland Christian, 151; 3. San Angelo Lake View, 76; 4. Seminole, 75; 5. Permian JV, 70; 6. Garden City, 45

Field Events

Triple jump: 1. Martin, Lake View, 41 feet, 7.5 inches; 2. Cordell, Andrews, 38-7; 3. Grimsley, Andrews, 37-7.25; 4. Carrillo, Seminole, 35-1.5; 5. Narrell, Permian, 34-10.75; 6. Chavez, Permian, 32-0

Long jump: 1. Martin, Lake View, 19-7; 2. Cruz, Permian, 19-3; 3. Nguyen, Midland Christian, 19-3; 4. Butler, Permian, 19-1.5; 5. Fitzgerald, Andrews, 18-7; 6. Eddison, Midland Christian, 18-6.5

Shot put: 1. Wilson, Midland Christian, 50-1; 2. Smart, Andrews, 43-3; 3. Montalvo, Lake View, 42-4; 4. Oliveras, Permian, 42-0; 5. Azam, Andrews, 40-3; 6. Coverson, Lake View, 40-0.5

Discus: 1. Wilson, Midland Christian, 144-2; 2. Martinez, Andrews, 142-5.75; 3. Olivarez, Permian, 141-11.5; 4. Montalvo, Lake Vie, 141-1.5; 5. Maholly, Andrews, 14-0; 6. Coverson, Lake View, 133-7.5

High jump: 1. Powell, Midland Christian, 6-0; 2. Delay, Seminole, 5-10; 3. Oceant, Andrews, 5-10; 4. Warren, Midland Christian, 5-8; 5. Thomason, Midland Christian, 5-6; 6. Loewen, Seminole, 5-4

Pole vault: 1. Nguyen, Midland Christian, 13-6; 2. Vaughn, Seminole, 12-6; 3. Hooper, Midland Christian, 12-6; 4. Hill, Permian, 10-6; 5. Hindman, Seminole, 10-6

Running Events

3,200: 1. Sanchez, Lake View, 10 minutes, 22.62 seconds; 2. Hicks, Andrews, 10:29.31; 3. Espinoza, Andrews, 10:31.09; 4. Roberts, Sanderson, 10:36.0; 5. Duran, Lake View, 10:32.0; 6. Chapman, Andrews, 10:37.0.

400 relay: 1. Andrews, 42.96; 2. Garden City, 44.93; 3. Permian, 45.24.

800: 1. Alex, Midland Christian, 2:02.50; 2. Suggs, Midland Christian, 2:04.63; 3. Roberts, Sanderson, 2:05.63; 4. Odom, Garden City, 2:10.49; 5. Kennemen, Lake View, 2:11.39; 6. Jimenez, Andrews, 2:12.36.

110 hurdles: 1. Greenfield, Seminole, 14.8; 2. Everitt, Seminole, 15.0; 3. Johnson, Permian, 16.17; 4. Thomason, Midland Christian, 16.25; 5. Gilbreath, Midland Christian, 17.27; 6. Chavez, Permian, 18.75.

100: 1. Ridge, Andrews, 10.68; 2. Christensen, Midland Christian, 11.12; 3. Baquirin, Midland Christian, 11.15; 4. Butler, Permian, 11.17; 5. Jimenez, Andrews, 11.28; 6. Hooper, Midland Christian, 11.4.

800 relay: 1. Andrews, 1:31.56; 2. Midland Christian, 1:32.88; 3. Garden City, 1:34.56; 4. Permian, 1:35.47.

400: 1. Brownlee, Andrews, 54.4; 2. Hooper, Midland Christian, 54.43; 3. Gabaldon, Andrews, 55.47; 4. Arzabala, Andrews, 55.5; 5. Powell, Midland Christian, 55.65; 6. Kennemer, Lake View, 57.09.

300 hurdles: 1. Greenfield, Seminole, 39.03; 2. Everitt, Seminole, 39.69; 3. Nguyen, Midland Christian, 43.72; 4. Stark, Andrews, 43.88; 5. Johnson, Permian, 44.49; 6. Gilbreath, Midland Christian, 44.72

200: 1. Bowman, Lake View, 23.17; 2. Christensen, Midland Christian, 23.52; 3. Martin, Lake View, 23.96; 4. Suggs, Midland Christian, 24.4; 5. Bueno, Andrews, 24.56; 6. Ramirez, Garden City, 24.59

1,600: 1. Sanchez, Lake View, 4:39.34; 2. Causey, Midland Christian, 4:49.37; 3. Hicks, Andrews, 4:51.14; 4. Espinoza, Andrews, 4:55.52; 5. Duran, Lake View, 4:59.62; 6. Ramos, Lake View, 5:00.46

1,600 relay: 1. Andrews, 3:34.93; 2. Seminole, 3:35.37; 3. Garden City, 3:38.83; 4. Permian, 4:03.93

District 5-2A Championships
Saturday
Buck Stadium, Alpine

(Note: Top four event finishers qualify for District 5-6 Area Championships, scheduled for April 12 in Tuscola)

GIRLS

Team Totals: 1. Alpine, 205 points; 2. Sonora, 166; 3. Crane, 87; 4. Kermit, 85; 5. Reagan County, 50

Field Events

High jump: 1. Madison Grimmett, Alpine, 4 feet, 10 inches; 2. (tie) Tyler Hampton, Sonora, and Arien Ditto, Kermit, 4-8; 4. Zella Powers, Sonora, 4-0

Long jump: 1. Gracie Dozier, Sonora, 16-3.5; 2. Ashlie Velasquez, Crane, 15-1.75; 3. Arien Ditto, Kermit, 14-10.5; 4. Sydney McCallister, Alpine, 14-10.5; 5. Alondra Miller, Alpine, 14-5.25; 6. Jomyara Gutierrez, Sonora, 13-10.5

Pole vault: 1. Tyler Hampton, Sonora, 8-6; 2. Gracie Dozier, Sonora, 8-0; 3. Brianna Jarratt, Sonora, 7-6; 4. Maryanna Salcido, Alpine, 6-6; 5. Alondra Miller, Alpine, 6-0

Discus: 1. Taylor Medina, Alpine, 107-8; 2. Geovanna Carrasco, Reagan County, 88-1; 3. Hannah Olvera, Alpine, 84-9; 4. Veronica Gaytan, Sonora, 80-3; 5. Madison Miller-Leeman, Alpine, 78-4; 6. Sara Baucom, Reagan County, 66-3

Triple jump: 1. Sydney McCallister, Alpine, 35-9.25; 2. Luz Cervantes, Reagan County, 32-10.75; 3. Bethany Aguero, Sonora, 30-3.25; 4. Rubi Lozoya, Alpine, 30-3

Shot put: 1. Marissa Alarcon, Kermit, 36-6; 2. Geovanna Carrasco, Reagan County, 32-2; 3. Taylor Medina, Alpine, 29-10.5; 4. Hannah Olvera, Alpine, 29-0.5; 5. Mercedes Hunt, 28-9.5; 6. Veronica Gaytan, Sonora, 28-6.5

Running Events

3,200: 1. Emely Chacon, Kermit, 13 minutes, 16.97 seconds; 2. Janelle Vasquez, Sonora, 13:26.13; 3. Alicia Flores, Crane, 13:51.15; 4. Madison Miller-Leeman, Alpine, 14:10.81; 5. Selena Garcia, Alpine, 14:14.48; 6. Brianna Palacios, Sonora, 14:53.34

400 relay: 1. Alpine, 50.92; 2. Kermit, 52.84; 3. Sonora, 54.24; 4. Crane, 54.32

800: 1. Lillian Kent, Sonora, 2:29.29; 3. Cynthia Saucedo, Reagan County, 2:33.25; 3. Jordan Ramirez, Crane, 2:38.97; 4. Berkley Baker, Alpine, 2:44.16; 5. Reagan Morris, Alpine, 2:45.72; 6. Mirabel Tobias, Sonora, 2:55.75

100 hurdles: 1. Elena Cano, Alpine, 16.40; 2. Tyler Hampton, Sonora, 18.46; 3. Julia Pope, Sonora, 19.10; 4. Bethany Aguero, Sonora, 19.54

100: 1. Deziah Ervin, Alpine, 12.47; 2. Zoe Gonzales, Reagan County, 13.14; 3. Gracie Dozier, Sonora, 13.21; 4. Angelica Lomeli, Crane, 13.55; 5. Sydney McCallister, Alpine, 13.61; 6. Carly Wilha, Reagan County, 13.96

800 relay: 1. Crane (Ashlie Velasquez, Angie Santos, Bryanna Martinez, Jordan Ramirez), 1:51.59; 2. Kermit, 1:52.55; 3. Sonora, 1:53.84; 4. Reagan County, 1:56.15; 5. Alpine, 1:56.54.

400: 1. Madison Grimmett, Alpine, 1:02.30; 2. Maggie Hillery, Alpine, 1:02.66; 3. Shelby Costable, Alpine, 1:02.73; 4. Abby Nolen, Sonora, 1:05.81; 5. Maribel Garcia, Crane, 1:06.94; 6. Anabelle Vasquez, Kermit, 1:12.41.

300 hurdles: 1. Elena Cano, Alpine, 47.67; 2. Tyler Hampton, Sonora, 52.44; 3. Bethany Aguero, Sonora, 56.61; 4. Jasmin Martinez, Crane, 58.37.

200: 1. Deziah Ervin, Alpine, 25.97; 2. Abby Nolen, Sonora, 26.44; 3. Madison Grimmett, Alpine, 27.00; 4. Angie Santos, Crane, 27.28; 5. Ashlie Velasquez, Crane, 27.76; 6. Bryanna Martinez, Crane, 28.38.

1,600: 1. Madison Miller-Leeman, Alpine, 6:03.12; 2. Janelle Vasquez, Sonora, 6:05.35; 3. Alicia Flores, Crane, 6:05.64; 4. Emely Chacon, Kermit, 6:15.29; 5. Grace Jahn, Alpine, 6:15.55; 6. Selena Garcia, Alpine, 6:32.60.

1,600 relay: 1. Alpine (Elena Cano, Maggie Hillery, Grace Jahn, Shelby Costable), 4:11.96; 2. Crane, 4:19.46; 3. Kermit, 4:25.80; 4. Sonora, 4:27.41

BOYS

Team Totals: 1. Sonora, 180 points; 2. Kermit, 1?5; 3. Alpine, 85; 4. Crane, 84; 5. Tornillo, 66; 6. Reagan County, 56.

Field Events

High jump: 1. (tie) Anastascio Munoz, Sonora, and Samuel Sanchez, Tornillo, 6 feet, 0 inches; 3. Gabriel Rollert, Sonora, 5-6; 4. Rickey Martinez, Sonora, 5-0.

Pole vault: 1. Jr. Arreola, Kermit, 12-0; 2. Austin Esparza, Sonora, 11-6; 3. Dustin Holmes, Sonora, 11-0; 4. Zachary Adams, Reagan County, 11-0; 5. Bico Rodriguez, Sonora, 10-6.

Discus: 1. Michael Solis, Sonora, 131-8; 2. Lionel Deleon, Sonora, 128-7; 3. Juan Valenzuela, Kermit, 128-2; 4. Alex Nevarez, Kermit, 127-4; 5. Trenton Gardner, Reagan County, 126-0; 6. Sergio Solis, Sonora, 125-9.

Triple jump: 1. Samuel Sanchez, Tornillo, 44-5.75; 2. Anastascio Munoz, Sonora, 42-5; 3. Justin Pullig, Reagan County, 41-10.25; 4. David Dingle, Kermit, 41-8.5; 5. Cody Ivey, Alpine, 41-5.75; 6. Justin Stone, Alpine, 40-10.

Shot put: 1. Ethan Patlan, Sonora, 48-7; 2. Damien Rodriguez, Kermit, 45-8.5; 3. Andres Acevedo, Sonora, 42-2.5; 4. JJ Ramos, Kermit, 39-5; 5. Marco Martinez, Kermit, 39-1; 6. Brett Castillo, Sonora, 35-11.5.

Long jump: 1. Zachary Ramirez, Reagan County, 21-0.25; 2. Samuel Sanchez, Tornillo, 20-5.75; 3. Alfredo Rocha, Reagan County, 19-7; 4. Jared Willey, Sonora, 19-1.75; 5. Jantzen Michel, Kermit, 18-11.75; 6. Dylan Floriana, Kermit, 18-2.25

Running Events

3,200: 1. Patrick Hillery, Alpine, 10 minutes, 43.86 seconds; 2. Edwardo Ortiz, Tornillo, 10:56.42; 3. Cris Escalante, Crane, 11:07.42; 4. Pablo Garcia, Crane, 11:10.97; 5. Adrian Morales, Tornillo, 11:20.17; 6. Jaime Braly, Sonora, 11:35.17

400 relay: 1. Sonora, 44.65; 2. Kermit, 44.71; 3. Alpine, 45.07

800: 1. Fabian Velasco, Crane, 2:05.21; 2. Luis Ramirez, Tornillo, 2:05.82; 3. Jose Carrasco, Kermit, 2:C8.98; 4. Marco Revilla, Tornillo, 2:07.58; 5. David Gomez, Tornillo, 2:14.60; 6. Marco Olivares, Kermit, 2:19.89

110 hurdles: 1. Demetrius Rivas, Crane, 17.07; 2. Jose Buitron, Sonora, 17.88; 3. Carter Zook, Sonora, 19.50

100: 1. Chris Stallings, Kermit, 11.75; 2. Ricardo Ontiveros, Alpine, 11.98; 3. Christian Morris, Alpine, 12.04; 4. Jose Lomeli, Crane, 12.16; 5. David Dingle, Kermit, 12.19; 6. Jose Hernandez, Sonora, 12.30

800 relay: 1. Alpine (Christian Morris, Cody Ivey, Ricardo Ontiveros, Justin Stone), 1:32.72; 2. Sonora, 1:33.21; 3. Kermit, 1:33.52; 4. Reagan County, 1:36.50

400: 1. Austin Sandoval, Crane, 49.63; 2. Zachary Ramirez, Reagan County, 50.48; 3. Noe Porras, Kermit, 52.12; 4. Diego Garcia, Crane, 53.01; 4. Mavrick Thurman, Crane, 53.04; 6. Richard Muniz, Kermit, 56.46

300 hurdles: 1. Anastascio Munoz, Sonora, 40.35; 2. Justin Stone, Alpine, 41.18; 3. Carter Zook, Sonora, 43.07; 4. Jose Buitron, Sonora, 44.36; 5. Demetrius Rivas, Crane, 45.45

200: 1. Austin Sandoval, Crane, 21.28; 2. Cody Ivey, Alpine, 22.76; 3. Seth Gunn, Sonora, 23.00; 4. Alfredo Rocha, Reagan County, 23.07; 5. Bryan Garcia, Sonora, 23.41; 6. Jantzen Michel, Kermit, 23.72

1,600: 1. Patrick Hillery, Alpine, 4:40.00; 2. Edwardo Ortiz, Tornillo, 4:48.34; 3. Carlos Carrasco, Kermit, 4:56.52; 4. Adrian Morales, Tornillo, 4:59.19; 5. Cris Escalante, Crane, 5:04.81; 6. Nikko Longoria, Kermit, 5:10.76

1,800 relay: 1. Crane (Mavrick Thurman, Fabian Velasco, Diego Garcia, Austin Sandoval), 3:25.15; 2. Sonora, 3:25.34; 3. Kermit, 3:28.63; 4. Reagan County, 3:28.79; 5. Tornillo, 3:39.54

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watching his closest challenger from the tee.

"I was going to three-putt before I left it short," Jones said. "I didn't care about finishing second or third or fourth; it didn't matter. I was only trying to get the win."

Kuchar went on to bogey the final hole of regulation after sending his second shot into the water. That set the stage for the playoff in the soggy conditions at the Golf Club of Houston.

Jones sent his tee shot on the first hole of the playoff into the right fairway bunker. He then landed just short of the greenside bunker with his second shot, while Kuchar found the bunker from the fairway.

It was the second straight miss of the 18th green from the fairway for Kuchar, who sent his fairway metal on the 72nd hole into the water before recovering to make bogey and reach the playoff.

Jones didn't leave Kuchar any room for error in the playoff, sending his chip over the greenside bunker and watching as it rolled in — causing a roar from the gallery and leaving Jones standing with his arm raised in celebration.

"I walked up there and told my caddy I was going to chip it in," Jones said. "... You don't know if it's going to lip out, low or high, but when I saw it disappear it's probably the happiest I've been on the golf course."

Jones is the second straight Australian to win on the PGA Tour, following Steven Bowditch's win at the Texas Open last week.

It was in San Antonio that Kuchar struggled to a final-round 75 while playing in the final pairing with Bowditch. The American began Sunday with a four-shot lead over Sergio Garcia and Cameron Tringale, but he bogeyed the first hole on his way to a disappointing even-par 72 and bitter ending.

Kuchar had a chance to match Jones' chip-in, but his bunker shot came up short.

"Certainly fantastic stuff (by Jones) to birdie 18 twice," Kuchar said. "That's probably the hardest hole on the golf course, and for him to put two 3s is pretty impressive stuff."

Golfers were sent off in threesomes early Sunday morning for the second day in a row because of the threat of strong storms in the Houston area. The rain, heavy at times, began early during the final pairing's round, but the pros finished without any delays.

The playoff opening was all that was need for Jones, whose previous best finish on the PGA Tour was a tie for second at last year's Greenbrier Classic.

It also resulted in an unexpected visit to next week's Masters, a tournament Jones said he wouldn't visit unless he earned his way there.

"I was going home to play with my 2-year-old and 3-week-old," Jones said. "So, bit of a change now that I think they'll be on a plane to Augusta as well. We've got to find a house."

Garcia finished in third at 13 under, while Tringale was fourth at 12 under.

Rory McIlroy matched the low round of the tournament with a 7-under 65 on Sunday, finishing tied for seventh at 8 under overall.

Phil Mickelson, who won the tournament in 2011, was 1 under on Sunday and finished 7 under overall in a tie for 12th — a week after he was forced to withdraw from the Texas Open because of a muscle pull in his right side.

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Matt Kuchar takes shot out of the bunker on the 18th green during a playoff hole against Matt Jones in the final round of the Houston Open on Sunday in Humble.

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Cameron Tringle (135), $307,200 68-68-69-71—276
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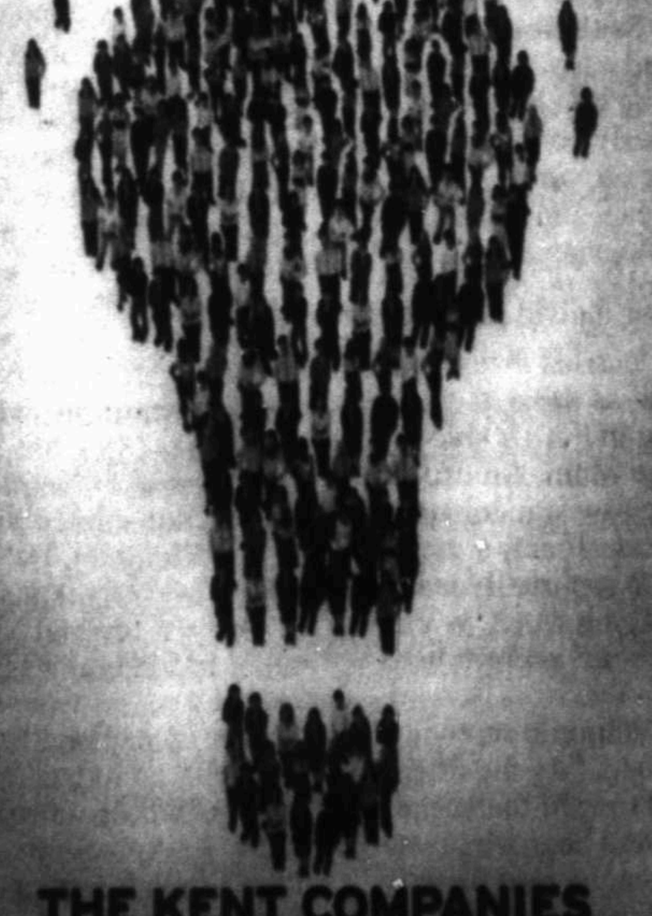

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Darvish returns as Rangers beat Rays

Rangers 3
Rays 0

By Mark Didtler
Associated Press

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Texas starting pitcher Yu Darvish throws during the first inning of a game against the Tampa Bay Rays on Sunday in St. Petersburg, Fla.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Yu Darvish showed no rust after missing three weeks.

Darvish allowed seven hits over seven innings in his season debut, Elvis Andrus hit a two-run homer, and the Texas Rangers avoided a three-game sweep by beating the Tampa Bay Rays 3-0 on Sunday.

"He was in control of the game," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "He was using his pitches. He was throwing strikes. And that's what he does."

Darvish (1-0) struck out six and walked one. Sidelined by neck stiffness, it was his first outing since a spring training game on March 16.

"I didn't feel anything unusual," Darvish said through an interpreter.

Darvish got his 500th career strikeout, coming in 401 2/3 innings, by fanning David DeJesus and Wil Myers in the first. According to the Rangers, it is the fewest innings for a starter to reach 500 strikeouts in major league history.

Andrus put the Rangers up 2-0 with his homer off Joel Peralta (0-1) in the eighth. Donnie Murphy made it 3-0 on an RBI infield during the ninth.

"He's going to get five a year, and today was one of them," Washington said of Andrus' homer. "It was huge. We needed it. Today, he drove the bus."

Neal Cotts replaced Alexi Ogando for the Rangers with two on and two outs in the eighth, and struck out Matt Joyce on a 3-2 pitch. Joakim Soria pitched the ninth for his first save.

Alex Cobb scattered three hits, walked one and struck out six in seven shutout innings for the Rays.

"Unfortunately for us, he was really on," Cobb said of Darvish.

Only one runner reached second against Cobb.

"He didn't give up any pitches," Andrus said. "I thought he was painting the whole game. I'm really glad that we had Yu out there. He was doing the same thing for us."

Tampa Bay had runners on second and third with one out in the fifth, but failed to score when Myers hit an infield pop fly and Ben Zobrist flew out.

Darvish got three consecutive outs after allowing Evan Longoria's double to lead off the sixth. He also worked out of a jam during the seventh after Ryan Hanigan hit a leadoff double.

"We just did not get the knocks when we needed it," Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon said.

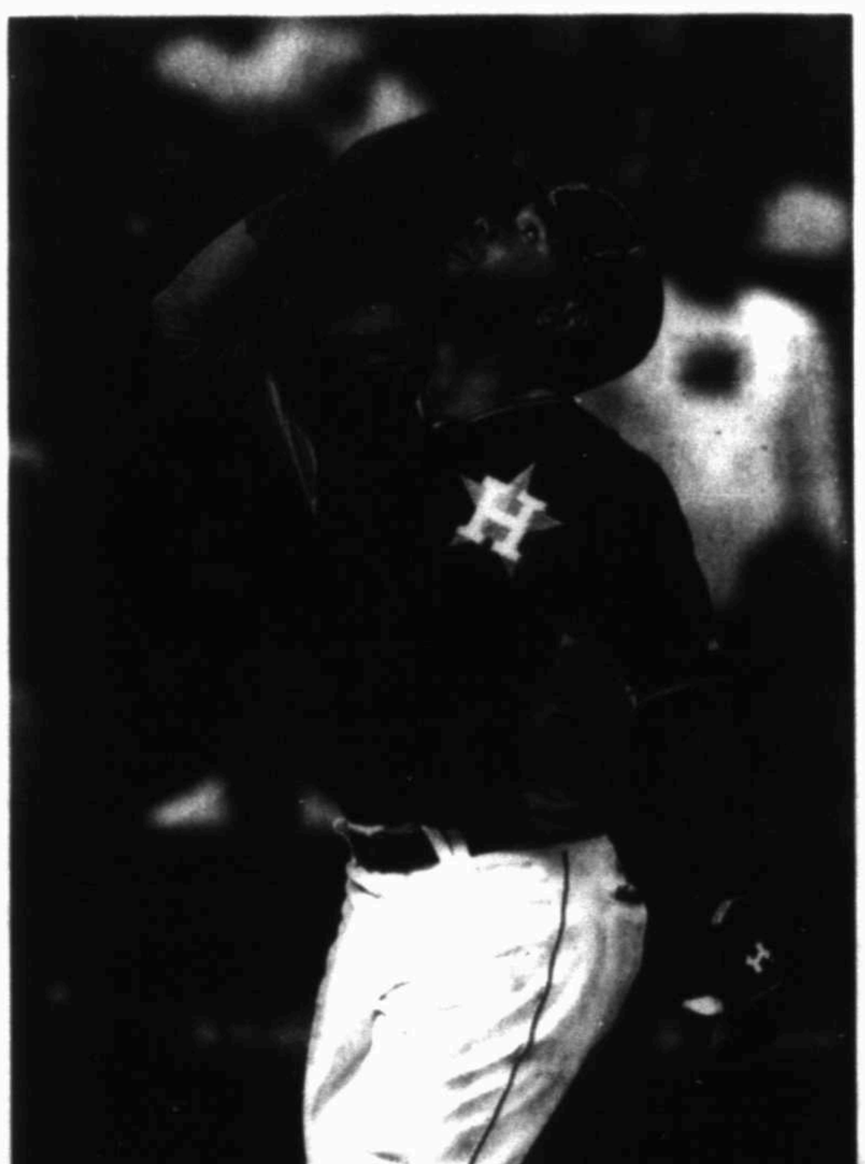
The Rays were hitless in 10 at-bats with runners in scoring position against Darvish, and 0 for 11 overall.

"As usual, you've got a team over there that fights forever," Washington said. "They put themselves in some good positions to score some runs, but Yu made the pitches when he had to."

Notes: Darvish was activated from the 15-day disabled list and RHP Nick Martinez was optioned to Double-A Frisco. ... Rangers RHP Colby Lewis (hip surgery) gave up four runs and four hits over five innings in a rehab start for Triple-A Round Rock. ... Texas LHP Joe Saunders (bruised left ankle) is not expected to be ready for his regular bullpen session Monday and could miss his next start. ... Texas RHP Tanner Scheppers (0-0) will face Boston RHP John Lackey (1-0) today night in the opener of a three-games series at Fenway Park.

Feldman, 5 HRs help Astros beat Angels

By Jeremy Rakes
Associated Press



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Houston's Jonathan Villar gestures at home plate after hitting a two-run home run against the Los Angeles Angels in the seventh inning Sunday in Houston.

HOUSTON — This is exactly what the Houston Astros were looking for when they signed Scott Feldman over the winter.

Feldman tossed seven innings of one-run ball, and the Astros stopped a three-game losing streak with a 7-4 victory over the Los Angeles Angels on Sunday.

"I just tried to go out and make my pitches," Feldman said. "The guys went out and got some early runs for me again. From there, just trying to throw strikes and not walk many guys."

Feldman (2-0), who signed a $30 million, three-year contract in December, allowed three hits and walked two in his second start of the season. He also pitched 6 2-3 scoreless innings in a victory over the New York Yankees on opening day.

He became one of four pitchers in Astros history to go at least 6 2-3 innings in his first two starts while allowing one run or less, joining Roger Clemens, Robin Roberts and Dean Stone.

"He's been outstanding," Houston manager Bo Porter said. "Again, giving us the start that he did today, obviously, we needed it with the bullpen getting taxed the last couple days. He gave us seven solid innings the way he did today was outstanding."

Chad Qualls got two outs for his first save of the season.

The Astros hit five homers. Jason Castro, Matt Dominguez, Jesus Guzman and Alex Presley connected against Jered Weaver (0-2), and Jonathan Villar added a two-run shot in the seventh off Matt Shoemaker.

Feldman did not allow a hit until Josh Hamilton's two-out dribbler in the fourth went under the glove of the pitcher, who charged at it off the mound. He allowed his first run in 11 1-3 innings this season in the fifth on Erick Aybar's groundout to second that made it 4-1.

Feldman said he did not have great command of his pitches, but his curveball was there throughout the game. Castro, Feldman's batterymate, said the pitcher was helped by early run support.

"Any time we can put some runs up and then shut them out is huge moving forward," Castro said. "It keeps the momentum on our side. We were able to keep putting the pressure on the offense and he just kept doing his job coming out putting up zeroes."

Castro hit a two-run shot off the left-center facade in the first, and Dominguez, Guzman and Presley had solo homers in the second, fourth and fifth, respectively.

"We had some good swings on some pitches and the ball went out of the park," Presley said. "We had seven hits and five were home runs. That's a pretty good percentage. It's something you don't see every day, and we took advantage of it."

Weaver allowed five runs and five hits with six strikeouts over 5 2-3 innings. It was the third time that he had allowed four homers in a game and the first since Aug. 2, 2008, against the New York Yankees.

"I made a couple of mistakes and they did not miss them, obviously," Weaver said. "You know you are going to have games like that, but it is frustrating personally to start the year off like this. I have a bunch more to go, so I am just going to shake this one off and start thinking about who we've got next."

Los Angeles manager Mike Scioscia said he thought Weaver struggled with his command at times.

"He threw some good pitches and located some good fastballs," Scioscia said. "As the game went on, his changeup became part of what he was doing and had some success with it. But, just from the get-go he was having problem with commanding counts and repeating pitches, and he got behind."

Raul Ibanez cut Houston's lead to 7-3 with a two-run single in the ninth against Anthony Bass, and Howie Kendrick followed with another base hit. Qualls got Hank Conger to fly out before Aybar had a run-scoring single. Qualls then struck out Kole Calhoun to end it.

Houston's five homers were its highest total since it hit five at the Chicago White Sox last Aug. 26.

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

ORIOLES 3, TIGERS 1

DETROIT — Chris Tillman outpitched Justin Verlander, allowing one run while working into the ninth and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Detroit Tigers 3-1 Sunday to avoid getting swept.

Tillman (1-0) gave up five hits, including Torii Hunter's solo homer in the fourth, in 8 1-3 innings. Tommy Hunter entered with one out in the ninth and Victor Martinez on second base and retired the last two batters for his second save.

Baltimore won for the first time since its opener against baseball's last undefeated team.

Verlander (0-1) gave up two runs on five hits and two walks over eight innings. He struck out three, moving past Tommy Bridges and into fourth place on the franchise's all-time list with 1,674 in his career.

Adam Jones drove in the go-ahead run in the eighth with a sacrifice fly after Nick Markakis tripled.

YANKEES 6, BLUE JAYS 4

TORONTO — CC Sabathia pitched six innings for his first victory of the season and Brett Gardner hit a two-run home run for the New York.

Sabathia (1-1) allowed four runs and seven hits, walked none and struck out six. He was hit hard in Tuesday's opening day loss at Houston, allowing six runs and eight hits, including two home runs, in six innings.

The left-hander was taken deep again Sunday when Melky Cabrera connected in the first inning. The homer was Cabrera's third of the season and third this series.

Maicer Izturis followed with an infield single but was erased on a fielder's choice. Sabathia retired 16 of the next 17 hitters before running into trouble in the sixth.

TWINS 10, INDIANS 7

CLEVELAND — Chris Colabello drove in four runs, Brian Dozier scored three times and Minnesota outslugged Cleveland.

Colabello, who played seven seasons of independent ball in Canada before signing with the Twins in 2012, broke a 6-6 tie with a three-run double in the sixth inning off Blake Wood (0-1). The 30-year-old Colabello leads the AL with 11 RBIs after six games.

Joe Mauer had three hits and scored twice for the Twins, who took two of three in the series and will play their home opener Monday against Oakland.

Anthony Swarzak (1-0) picked up the win in relief of Ricky Nolasco. Glen Perkins worked a perfect ninth for his second save.

David Murphy had four hits, Jason Kipnis had three RBIs and Yan Gomes hit a two-run homer for Cleveland.

WHITE SOX 5, ROYALS 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Chris Sale gave up four singles in eight scoreless innings for Chicago.

Alexei Ramirez and Tyler Flowers each drove in a pair of runs as the White Sox won the series finale after dropping the first two games.

Sale (2-0) struck out six and walked one. In his previous four starts against the Royals, the White Sox had backed him with one run, enough to beat James Shields 1-0 in the 2012 opener.

Shields (0-1) took the loss in this one, too, giving up a run on five hits, striking out six, walking none and hitting two batters in seven innings.

ATHLETICS 6, MARINERS 3

OAKLAND, Calif. — Jim Johnson struck out two and closed it out after losing back-to-back outings to begin with his new team, saving Oakland's victory.

Brandon Moss hit a three-run homer, Yoenis Cespedes connected in the eighth and Josh Donaldson beat out an infield single in the fifth to drive in the go-ahead run.

Sonny Gray (1-0) allowed one earned run and six hits, struck out three and walked two in six innings. In the ninth, manager Bob Melvin went back to Johnson, who delivered his first save despite allowing two baserunners.

Johnson, who converted 50 of 59 save opportunities in 2013, was acquired from Baltimore to replace departed All-Star Grant Balfour.

National League

NATIONALS 2, BRAVES 1

WASHINGTON — Ian Desmond led off the seventh inning with a home run — the only run of the game scored on a hit — and the Washington Nationals and their makeshift lineup avoided a sweep Sunday with a 2-1 win over the Atlanta Braves.

Desmond ripped a down-the-middle fastball from Alex Wood (1-1) well into the left field bleachers, the Nationals' first hit since the first inning. But it was enough to win on a day when four Washington pitchers combined to allow eight hits.

Taylor Jordan allowed one run over 6 2-3 innings, working out of several jams along the way, and Jerry Blevins (1-0) retired two batters in the seventh to get the win. Rafael Soriano pitched the ninth for his first save.

PIRATES 2, CARDINALS 1

PITTSBURGH — Tony Sanchez hit a tiebreaking RBI double in the seventh inning and Pittsburgh edged St. Louis.

Sanchez's double to deep center field with two outs came off Cardinals ace Adam Wainwright (1-1) and snapped a 1-1 tie.

The hit by the rookie reserve catcher scored Pedro Alvarez, who led off the inning with a walk, and was Sanchez's second game-winning hit of the week as he singled home the winning run in the 16th inning of Wednesday night's victory over the Chicago Cubs.

Tony Watson (1-0) retired all four batters he faced, striking out three, and ran his string of consecutive scoreless innings to 24, dating to last season. Jason Grilli pitched a scoreless ninth to convert his first save.

PADRES 4, MARLINS 2

MIAMI — Pinch-hitter Alexi Amarista celebrated his 25th birthday by delivering a go-ahead, three-run homer in the seventh inning to lift San Diego.

Ian Kennedy (1-1) allowed one run and three hits in six innings for the Padres. He struck out five.

Four relievers then helped the Padres end a four-game losing streak, including two against the Marlins to begin the series. Huston Street pitched the ninth for his second save.

REDS 2, METS 1

NEW YORK — Alfredo Simon pitched seven impressive innings in his first start in more than two years and began the go-ahead rally with his second career hit, helping Cincinnati salvage a win in the three-game series.

Joey Votto had a sacrifice fly and Ryan Ludwick a tiebreaking single off Jonathon Niese (0-1), who was making his first start of the season after a being slowed by shoulder and elbow injuries this spring.

DIAMONDBACKS 5, ROCKIES 3

DENVER — Mark Trumbo homered for the fourth straight game as Arizona averted a sweep.

Wade Miley pitched eight strong innings to extend his mastery over the Rockies. He also had a career-best three hits, including an RBI single and benefited from a defense that turned five double plays as the Diamondbacks won for just the second time in nine games this season.

DODGERS 6, GIANTS 2

LOS ANGELES — Matt Kemp hit his first two home runs at Dodger Stadium since late in 2012 and Hanley Ramirez slugged his first two homers this season, helping Los Angeles beat the San Francisco Giants 6-2 Sunday night to avoid a three-game sweep.

Zack Greinke (2-0) pitched six innings, allowing two runs and six hits — including Brandon Belt's fourth homer leading off the sixth, and the first of the season by Hunter Pence three batters later. The right-hander struck out eight and walked none.

MLB STANDINGS, BOXES AND LINESCORES

STANDINGS

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	4	3	571	—
New York	3	3	500	1/2
Toronto	3	4	429	1
Baltimore	2	4	333	1 1/2
Boston	2	4	333	1 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	4	1	800	—
Chicago	3	3	500	1 1/2
Cleveland	3	3	500	1 1/2
Minnesota	3	3	500	1 1/2
Kansas City	2	3	400	2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	4	2	667	—
Houston	3	3	500	1
Oakland	3	3	500	1
Texas	3	3	500	1
Los Angeles	2	4	333	2

Sunday's Scores

Minnesota 10, Cleveland 7
N.Y. Yankees 6, Toronto 4
Baltimore 3, Detroit 1
Milwaukee 4, Boston 0
Texas 3, Tampa Bay 0
Chicago White Sox 5, Kansas City 1
Houston 7, L.A. Angels 4
Oakland 6, Seattle 3

Today's Games

Baltimore (Jimenez 0-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 0-1), 12:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 0-1) at Houston (Cosart 1-0), 1:10 p.m.
Oakland (Kazmir 1-0) at Minnesota (Correia 0-0), 3:10 p.m.
San Diego (Erlin 0-0) at Cleveland (Kluber 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
Texas (Scheppers 0-0) at Boston (Lackey 1-0), 6:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Moore 0-1) at Kansas City (Vargas 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Paulino 0-0) at Colorado (Lyles 1-0), 7:40 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	5	2	.714	—
Atlanta	4	2	.667	1/2
Washington	4	2	.667	1/2
Philadelphia	3	3	.500	1 1/2
New York	2	4	.333	2 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	4	2	.667	—
Pittsburgh	4	2	.667	—
St. Louis	3	3	.500	1
Chicago	2	4	.333	2
Cincinnati	2	4	.333	2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	5	2	.714	—
Los Angeles	5	3	.625	1/2
Colorado	3	4	.429	2
San Diego	2	4	.333	2 1/2
Arizona	2	7	.222	4

Sunday's Scores

Cincinnati 2, N.Y. Mets 1
San Diego 4, Miami 2
Washington 2, Atlanta 1
Milwaukee 4, Boston 0
Pittsburgh 2, St. Louis 1
Chicago Cubs 6, Philadelphia 3
Arizona 5, Colorado 3
L.A. Dodgers 6, San Francisco 2

Today's Games

Milwaukee at Philadelphia, ppd., rain
Cincinnati (Cingrani 0-0) at St. Louis (Wacha 0-0), 3:15 p.m.
San Diego (Erlin 0-0) at Cleveland (Kluber 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Paulino 0-0) at Colorado (Lyles 1-0), 7:40 p.m.

SUNDAY'S AL WEST BOXES

RANGERS 3, RAYS 0

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi
Choo lf	4	1	1	0	DeJess dh	5	0	2	0
Andrus ss	4	1	1	2	Myers rf	4	0	0	0
Fielder 1b	4	0	0	0	Zobrist 2b	4	0	2	0
ABeltre 3b	3	1	0	0	Longori 3b	4	0	1	0
Rios rf	4	0	1	0	Loney 1b	4	0	1	0
Morlnd dh	4	0	1	0	DJnngs cf	3	0	1	0
DMrph 2b	4	0	2	1	Joyce lf	4	0	0	0
LMartn cf	4	0	0	0	Hanign c	3	0	1	0
Arencii c	3	0	1	0	YEscor ss	4	0	0	0
Totals	34	3	7	3	Totals	35	0	8	0

Texas .... 000 000 021—3
Tampa Bay .... 000 000 000—0

E—Longoria (1). DP—Tampa Bay 1. LOB—Texas 5, Tampa Bay 10. 2B—DeJesus (2), Longoria (2), Hanigan (1). HR—Andrus (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Darvish W,1-0	7	7	0	0	1	6
Ogando	2-3	1	0	0	1	0
Cotts	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Soria S,1-1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tampa Bay						
Cobb	7	3	0	0	1	6
Jo.Peralta L,0-1	1	2	2	2	0	1
Lueke	2-3	2	1	0	0	0
C.Ramos	1-3	0	0	0	0	0

WP—Darvish.
T—3:01. A—22,569 (31,042).

ASTROS 7, ANGELS 4

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Calhon rf	5	0	0	0	Villar ss	3	2	1	2
Trout cf	4	0	0	0	Grssmn lf	4	0	0	0
Pujols 1b	4	1	1	0	JCastro c	4	1	1	2
JHmltn lf	4	1	2	0	Altuve 2b	4	0	0	0
Freese 3b	4	0	0	0	Guzmn 1b	4	1	2	1
Ibanez dh	3	1	1	2	Krauss dh	3	0	0	0
HKndrc 2b	3	1	2	0	MDmn 3b	3	1	1	1
Conger c	4	0	1	0	Presley cf	3	1	1	1
Aybar ss	3	0	1	2	Hoes rf	3	1	1	0
Totals	34	4	8	4	Totals	31	7	7	7

Los Angeles .... 000 010 003—4
Houston .... 210 110 20x—7

E_Weaver (1). DP_Houston 1. LOB_Los Angeles 6, Houston 1. 2B_J.Hamilton (2). HR_Villar (1), J.Castro (1), Guzman (2), M.Dominguez (2), Presley (1). SB_H.Kendrick 2 (2), Villar (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles						
Weaver L,0-2	5 2-3	5	5	5	0	6
Shoemaker	2 1-3	2	2	2	0	1
Houston						
Feldman W,2-0	7	3	1	1	2	1
Bass	1 1-3	4	3	3	0	0
Qualls S,1-1	2-3	1	0	0	0	1

HBP_by Weaver (Villar), by Feldman (H.Kendrick).
T_2:52. A_14,786 (42,060).

ATHLETICS 6, MARINERS 3

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi	Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
Almont cf	4	0	1	1	Crisp cf	3	1	0	0
BMiller ss	4	0	1	1	Dnldsn 3b	4	1	1	1
Cano 2b	4	1	1	0	Lowrie ss	1	1	1	1
Smoak 1b	3	0	1	1	Moss dh	4	1	1	3
Morrsn dh	4	0	0	0	Cespds lf	3	1	1	1
Seager 3b	3	0	0	0	Jaso c	4	0	1	0
Ackley lf	4	1	1	0	DNorrs c	0	0	0	0
MSndrs rf	4	1	2	0	Fuld rf	4	0	1	0
Zunino c	4	0	1	0	Barton 1b	4	0	0	0
					Sogard 2b	3	1	3	0
Totals	34	3	8	3	Totals	30	6	9	6

Seattle .... 021 000 000—3
Oakland .... 003 020 01x—6

E—Barton (1). DP—Oakland 1. LOB—Seattle 7, Oakland 5. 2B—Cano (2), M.Saunders (1), Sogard (1). HR—Moss (1), Cespedes (1). SB—Sogard (1). CS—Cespedes (1). SF—Lowrie.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle						
E.Ramirez L,1-1	4	7	5	5	3	1
C.Young	2	0	0	0	0	2
Leone	1	1	0	0	1	1
Medina	1	1	1	1	0	2
Oakland						
Gray W,1-0	6	6	3	1	2	3
Gregerson	1	1	0	0	0	1
Doolittle	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ji.Johnson S,1-2	1	1	0	0	1	2

E.Ramirez pitched to 3 batters in the 5th.
WP—E.Ramirez, Gray 2.
T—2:57. A—32,852 (35,067).

SATURDAY'S LINESCORES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TWINS 10, INDIANS 7

Minnesota .... 023 103 001—10 9 0
Cleveland .... 020 311 000 —7 15 1

Nolasco, Swarzak (5), Thielbar (6), Fien (7), Burton (8), Perkins (9) and K.Suzuki; Masterson, Atchison (4), B.Wood (6), Rzepczynski (6), Shaw (8), Axford (9) and Y.Gomes. W—Swarzak 1-0. L—B.Wood 0-1. Sv—Perkins (2). HRs—Cleveland, Y.Gomes (2).

YANKEES 6, BLUE JAYS 4

New York .... 300 300 000 —6 9 0
Toronto .... 100 003 000 —4 9 0

Sabathia, Warren (7), Kelley (8), Robertson (9) and McCann; Hutchison, Redmond (4), Delabar (8), Rogers (9) and Kratz. W—Sabathia 1-1. L—Hutchison 1-1. Sv—Robertson (2). HRs—New York, Gardner (1). Toronto, Me.Cabrera (3).

ORIOLES 3, TIGERS 1

Baltimore .... 000 001 011 —3 8 0
Detroit .... 000 100 000 —1 5 0

Tillman, Tom.Hunter (9) and Wieters; Verlander, Alburquerque (9) and Holaday. W—Tillman 1-0. L—Verlander 0-1. Sv—Tom.Hunter (2). HRs—Baltimore, Wieters (1). Detroit, Tor.Hunter (3).

WHITE SOX 5, ROYALS 1

Chicago .... 000 000 104 —5 8 2
Kansas City .... 000 000 001 —1 7 1

Sale, Lindstrom (9) and Flowers; Shields, K.Herrera (8), Ti.Collins (9), Bueno (9) and S.Perez. W—Sale 2-0. L—Shields 0-1.

INTERLEAGUE

BREWERS 4, RED SOX 0

Milwaukee .... 020 000 110 —4 9 1
Boston .... 000 000 000 —0 9 2

Gallardo, Duke (7), Thornburg (8) and Lucroy; Lester, Mujica (8), A.Miller (9) and D.Ross. W—Gallardo 2-0. L—Lester 0-2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

PADRES 4, MARLINS 2

San Diego .... 000 000 310 —4 7 0
Miami .... 000 100 100 —2 5 2

Kennedy, A.Torres (7), Thayer (7), Benoit (8), Street (9) and Grandal; Eovaldi, Da.Jennings (8), Marmol (9) and Saltalamacchia. W—Kennedy 1-1. L—Eovaldi 1-1. Sv—Street (2). HRs—San Diego, Amarista (1).

REDS 2, METS 1

Cincinnati .... 000 002 000 —2 8 0
New York .... 010 000 000 —1 4 0

Simon, M.Parra (8) and B.Pena; Niese, Germen (6), Farnsworth (8), Valverde (9) and d'Arnaud. W—Simon 1-0. L—Niese 0-1. Sv—M.Parra (1).

PIRATES 2, CARDINALS 1

St. Louis .... 000 001 000 —1 3 0
Pittsburgh .... 000 100 10x —2 6 0

Wainwright, Neshek (8) and Y.Molina; Volquez, Watson (6), Melancon (8), Grilli (9) and T.Sanchez. W—Watson 1-0. L—Wainwright 1-1. Sv—Grilli (1).

NATIONALS 2, BRAVES 1

Atlanta .... 000 001000 —1 8 2
Washington .... 100 00010x —2 4 1

A.Wood, Schlosser (8), Avilan (8) and Laird; Jordan, Blevins (7), Clippard (8), R.Soriano (9) and Leon. W—Blevins 1-0. L—A.Wood 1-1. Sv—R.Soriano (1). HRs—Washington, Desmond (2).

CUBS 6, PHILLIES 3

Philadelphia .... 000 010 002 —3 8 1
Chicago .... 400 004 00x —6 6 1

A.Burnett, Lincoln (6), Manship (7) and Ruiz; Villanueva, Schlitter (6), H.Rondon (7), Veras (9), Strop (9) and Jo.Baker. W—Villanueva 1-2. L—A.Burnett 0-1.

DIAMONDBACKS 5, ROCKIES 3

Arizona .... 002 120 000 —5 13 1
Colorado .... 000 010 101 —3 8 1

Miley, A.Reed (9) and Montero; Anderson, W.Lopez (7), Belisle (9) and Rosario. W—Miley 2-1. L—Anderson 0-2. Sv—A.Reed (2). HRs—Arizona, Trumbo (5).

DODGERS 6, GIANTS 2

San Francisco .... 000 002 000 —2 8 0
Los Angeles .... 010 301 01x —6 7 0

M.Cain, J.Gutierrez (7), Huff (8) and Posey; Greinke, Withrow (7), Howell (8), C.Perez (8), Jansen (9) and Butera. W—Greinke 2-0. L—M.Cain 0-1. HRs—San Francisco, Belt (4), Pence (1). Los Angeles, Kemp 2 (2), H.Ramirez 2 (2).

Local forecast

Expect partly sunny skies today with a high around 71 and north winds between 5 and 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph in the afternoon. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 43 and north winds between 15 and 20 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph after midnight. There is a 20 percent chance of isolated showers and thunderstorms during the day.

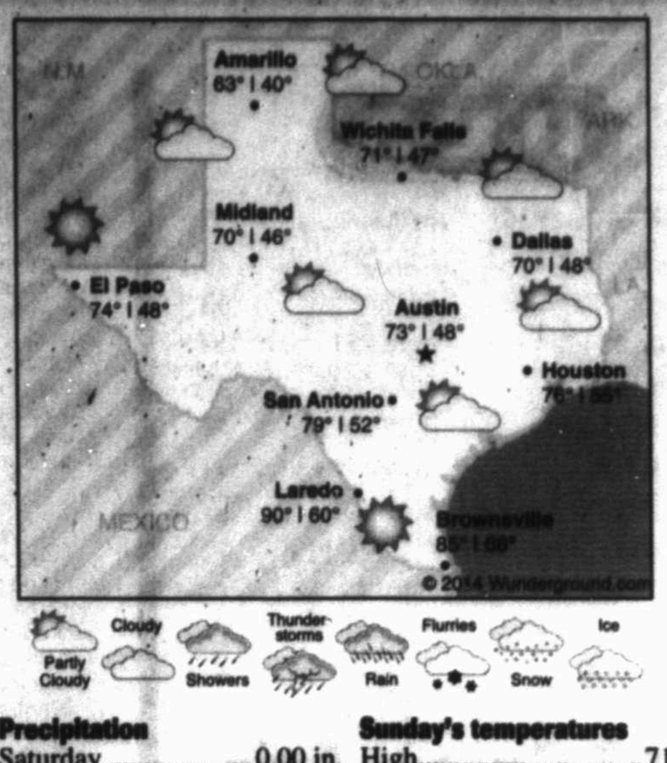
Tuesday, look for sunny skies with a high around 75 and southwest winds around 5 mph. Expect mostly clear conditions at night, with a low around 51 and southwest winds around 10 mph.

Wednesday, the forecast calls for sunny skies during the day, mostly clear skies at night, with a high around 87 and a low around 58.

The high on Sunday reached 71, while the low dropped to 48. The record high for April 6 is 99 set in 1972. The record low is 25 set in 1936 and 1994.

National forecast

Soaking rain will continue to accompany a storm system as it moves northeast through the Midwest and the East today.



Precipitation

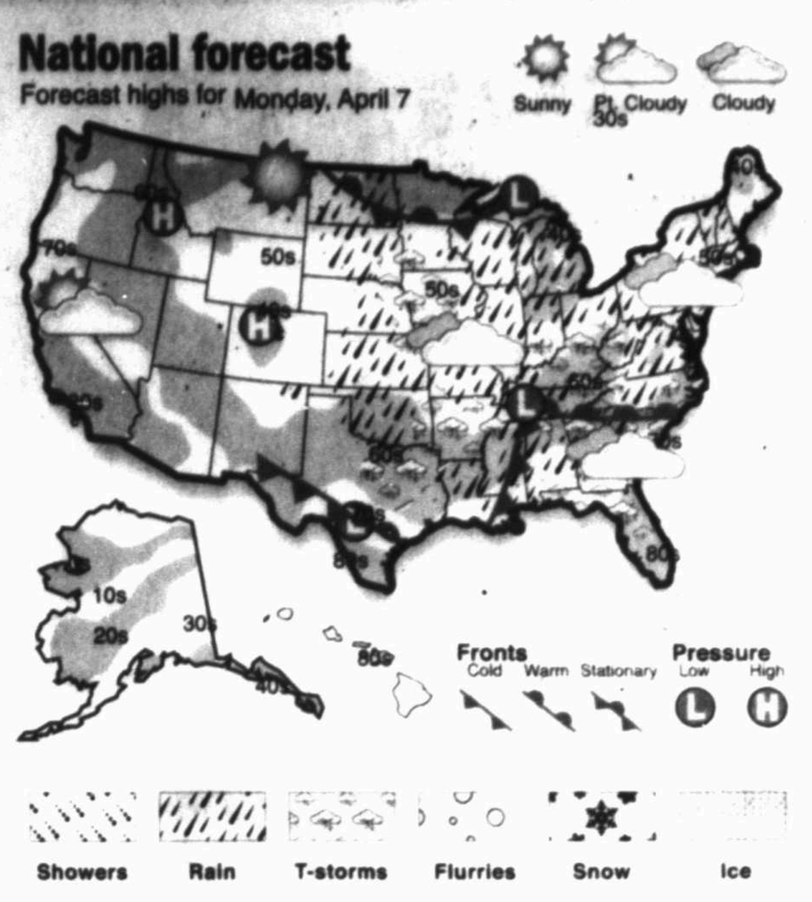
Saturday	0.00 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	0.45 in.
Normal total (year to date)	2.00 in.

Sunday's temperatures

High	71
Low	48
Normal high	76
Normal low	46
Sunrise	7:30 a.m.
Sunset	8:13 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Monday, April 7



Mother who lost baby wants to find right words for grief

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 1-year-old baby recently passed away. I have two other children, one with special needs. I find it irritating and not at all comforting when people tell me that "at least I have other children and that I should concentrate on them."

How can I politely tell them that I have never stopped taking care of my other children, and that nothing eases the pain of burying your child? — MOURNING MY BABY IN PUERTO RICO

DEAR MOURNING: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your child. My heart goes out to you.

While I can imagine that you might be tempted to lash out at these insensitive individuals, I hope you realize their comments are made out of ignorance. Sometimes it isn't what you say as much as how you say it. In a case like this, exactly what you have written to me would be an appropriate response as long as it is said calmly and without anger.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter was married for eight years before divorcing her cheating husband. They have two children. When my daughter found out about the affair, she was inconsolable. The girlfriend actually phoned her and said, "Why are you so upset? Everyone cheats!"

Now, two years later, the girlfriend is pregnant. My daughter would like a paternity test done before the kids are introduced to this new child. She thinks it would be harmful if they are introduced to a new half-sibling who may later prove to belong to another man. ("Everyone cheats"?)

What do you think about this? Is it wrong for my daughter to want proof that this is her ex's baby? He feels certain he's the father, but he also knows the other woman has kept in touch with her ex-boyfriend. — JUST WONDERING IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR JUST WONDERING: If your daughter's ex wants to claim paternity without a paternity test, there is no legal basis I can think of to prevent him from being considered the father. While your daughter has reason to be angry at her ex and to dislike the woman with whom he cheated, she can't prevent her children from seeing the baby if he wants them to.

(P.S. You'd think her ex would WANT to know for certain, but it takes all kinds ...)

DEAR ABBY: What is the best way to answer your children when they ask if you have taken drugs? I smoked a little marijuana back in college, but stopped before graduation and I haven't done it since.

My children are about ready to go to high school. I have avoided answering their questions in the past, but I know I'll have to say something sometime. What? — TONGUE-TIED IN ANYTOWN, USA

DEAR TONGUE-TIED: I don't believe in lying to children. When you are asked, tell them you tried it in college, didn't like it and considered it a waste of time. Then tell them that as long as they are living under your roof, using ANY illegal substance will not be condoned.

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 Monday, April 7, 2014:

This year you will have plenty of opportunities to deal with your anger. You will learn to turn this uncomfortable feeling into a positive one for you and those around you. Your willingness to look within yourself will be important. If you are single, you could be passionately drawn to a Libra. The fireworks will be incredible, but the fighting also could be intense. Ask yourself if you really want a relationship like this. If you are attached, you could be forging a new path where both you and your sweetie express your deeper feelings. Rather than judge your partner, learn to empathize and understand where he or she is coming from. CANCER can drag you down.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You could find others to be demanding. Know that you can't make everyone happy all the time. A loved one or associate will let you know this fact in no uncertain terms. Explaining can only go so far with someone who does not want to listen. Tonight: Play it low-key.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Keep communication flowing. You might want to consider what is said without personalizing the comment. You could feel as if you have no say with a volatile person in your life. It might be good to go to the gym to work out some stress. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Be open to a different method of handling your finances. You might get some important tips that could help you in the future. Be more forthright in your dealings. Tonight: Buy a treat on the way home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You could be facing a problem you don't want to deal with, but you will have little choice. You might not be sure what to say. Honor a change with a friend or loved one. You could find some of this person's views challenging at best. Tonight: Do what makes you happy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★ You might be walking right into a hornet's nest without even realizing it. You could have very little to do with the situation, yet you could be the one being blamed. Listen to your instincts. Use care with flaring tempers. Tonight: Cocoon at home if possible.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Emphasize the positives, even if all you are hearing are the negatives. The more you detach from this situation, the better your choices will be. Honor a need for a change, but know that you don't have to act just yet. Tonight: Escape the tension around you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You might want to try a new approach or find a different way of handling a problem. Clearly you do not have all the answers. Still, you must take a bigger role in what is going on. Be sensitive to a boss who could be off-kilter. Tonight: Vanish quickly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Detach from any volatile situation. You might be angrier than you realize. Express your side of a disagreement by saying what you want. A friend could be very difficult to deal with. Don't be petty. Tonight: Answer emails, then see what you feel like doing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Your creativity will be pushed to the max when dealing with a changeable situation. The issue could involve a friend or loved one. You will need to renegotiate what was previously thought to be written in stone. Tonight: With a favorite person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You defer to others easily and probably too quickly. Honor a change within yourself, and keep in mind that a situation could get better with time. You seem to be less attached to a personal matter than you realize. Let go and relax. Tonight: Join friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Try to stay away from controversy. Buckle down and get your work done. Others might share a lot of their feelings. Detach and gain a new perspective. It is important for you to stay neutral. Tonight: Jump on your computer and surf the Web.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Your imagination and creativity will take you to a new level. A partner suddenly might be very short and irritable. Be smart and walk away from an argument. Understand that a money matter needs to be handled. Realize what you want here. Tonight: Add some caring.

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Actor Russell Crowe (1964), film director Francis Ford Coppola (1939), musician Ravi Shankar (1920)

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Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A Q 10 9 6 3 ♡ 8 6 3 ◇ 8 4 ♣ 9 6
Right-hand opponent opens one no-trump. What call would you make?
A — A good suit is the primary requirement when you overcall one no-trump. This is about the minimum acceptable strength, so we would bid two spades at this vulnerability.

Q 2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ K 2 ♡ 10 ◇ K J 9 6 5 2 ♣ K 7 5 4
The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1NT	2♠	?	

What call would you make?
A — This is the kind of problem you face after an overcall like in question #1. Remember that making nine tricks is usually much easier than 11. You have a spade stopper, so bid three no-trump. This problem would be much more difficult had the overcall been two hearts.

Q 3 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A 8 7 6 2 ♡ 7 5 4 ◇ 9 ♣ A Q 9 3
The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1◇	Pass	2◇	?

What call would you make?
A — You might have stumbled onto a robbery in progress. Bid two spades before you are stolen blind.

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A 8 7 6 4 ♡ J 8 6 3 ◇ A J ♣ 4 3
The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1NT	Pass	?	

What call would you make?
A — Should you employ transfers, bid two hearts, showing five spades, and re-bid three hearts, showing four or more hearts as well. If transfers are not part of your system, start with two clubs, Stayman, and continue with a jump to three spades should partner bid two diamonds.

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22 Comfy shoe
24 Biblical pronoun
26 Bic products
27 Subject for a meteorologist
33 Ross of the Supremes
34 "__ won't be afraid": "Stand By Me" lyric
35 French lady friend
36 Jerusalem's land: Abbr.
37 Look after
41 Chicken __ king
42 Swindle
44 Prefix with classical
45 Bernese Alps peak
47 Bill Gates or Paul Allen, vis-à-vis Microsoft
51 Those, to Tomás
52 On an ocean liner, say
53 All for __; to no avail
56 Co. that merged into Verizon
57 Gas company with toy trucks
61 Egyptian snake
62 Summoned up
65 Curtain support
66 Shed __; cry
67 Muhammad Ali's boxing daughter
68 Exec. moneyman, and a hint to 17-, 27-, 37-, 47- and 62-Across
69 Requirements
70 Aggravate

DOWN

1 Animal pouches
2 Comments from the confused
3 Supreme Norse god
4 __-Salem, N.C.
5 Fr. holy woman
6 1994 Denis Leary film about a crook who acts as an arbiter
7 Gut-punch reactions
8 Batman and Robin, e.g.
9 Italian tenor standard
10 Spiritual Arizona resort
11 "Keep dreaming"
12 Came by horse
13 Old Russian royal
18 Flower starter
23 Nick and Nora's dog
25 Former Congressional gp. concerned with Communist infiltration
26 Univ. teacher
27 "The __ Kid": '50s TV Western
28 Former Calif. NFLer
29 __ a kind: unique
30 Mental picture
31 Persian Gulf ship
32 Pretty close
33 Checker, e.g.
38 Provide critical comments for
39 Curious George creators Margret and H.A.
40 Actress Russo
43 Video file format
46 Boise resident
48 Trash bin
49 Old cowboy movies
50 Previously owned
53 Drug cop
54 Dating from
55 High hairstyle
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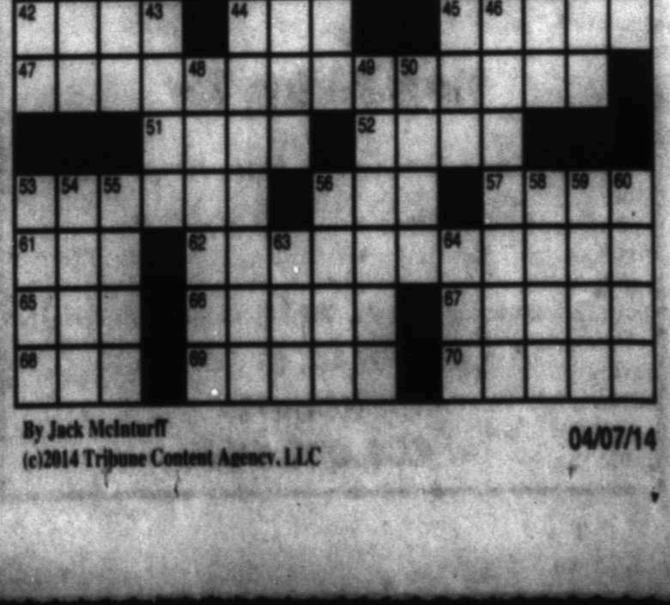

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CHEVY 2003 TAHOE Z71 LEATHER good condition $7000 AND 2001 Suburban Leather, good condition. $6000. Call 432-230-3372

CHEVY 2009 Tahoe LS. Excellent Condition. Lots of Extras. We Finance 683-6222 bnbmidlandtx.com

DODGE 2006 Durango, white, 94,000 miles, good condition. $8,000 OBO. Call 432-664-2811

FORD 2008 Edge Limited, 63K miles, one owner, panoramic sunroof, leather, extended Ford warranty included. $18,500. Call 558-8498

GMC 1997 Jimmy Blazer, 4 door, 6 cylinder. Asking $1400.
1999 Toyota Camry, 4 door, 4 cylinder. $2700. 432-238-3185

GMC 2007 YUKON SLT, 120k mi, 4x4, Black/Black. Leather seats with 3 rows, running boards, grill guard, 6 CDs, new tires in 2012. Carfax available. Asking $18k. 432-664-5658

TOYOTA 2007 Sequoia LT, Maroon, loaded, one owner, good cond, 95k mi, $15600. Call 432-528-9088

Motorcycles

2001 CR80, all new electrical, carborator rebuilt. Solid bike. $1100 432-349-6110

2009 HARLEY Davidson Heritage Softail. Low milage, excellent condition, adult bike. Garage kept. $15,500. 432-528-2356

2010 HARLEY-DAVIDSON Roadglide Custom, flat black, 26K miles. $16,900. Call for info 432-934-2318

Motorcycles

2013 HARLEY Davidson Dynaglide Street Bob. 7K miles, windshield, saddlebags, custom paint. Excellent condition. Includes HD cover. Asking $16,000. 432-352-7470

HARLEY DAVIDSON 2003 100 year anniversary Touring Classic. Big Bore kit, head and cam, detachable four pack, 2 seats. Low miles. $11,500. 683-6222

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RVs

1988 PACE Arrow, good condition, low mileage. $10,000 OBO 432-222-5873

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2012 40' 5th wheel, 2 slides, 2 bedrooms, 2 ac's, washer/dryer, electric awning, pet & smoke free, mint condition, loaded. $25,895 OBO 817-680-8841

2012 PASSPORT Ultra Lite Grand Touring 33' Travel Trailer, Perfect Condition, $21,900. (432) 312-8869

2013 BRAND NEW, Never used 29' Springdale travel trailer and new hitch. Sleeps 6, 2 slides, 2 entry doors, electric jack & awning, entertainment center, lots of storage, large pantry, full size shower. Call 903-683-2151

2013 NOMAND pull type 34' two large living room slides. Front bedroom. 15000 btu, microwave, awning. Like new. Located DFW. 832-701-8052

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RVs

Excellent Condition
2006 Allegro Bay 35' by Tiffin Motorhome. 55,000 miles, fully equipped, gas on workhorse chassis. 2 slide outs, washer/dryer, generator, 2 A/C top units, refrigerator with ice maker, 2 burner range, microwave/conventional oven, queen size rear bedroom & sleeper sofa. For price please call 713-436-8719 or 210-410-9200

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GULF STREAM B Touring Crusier R.V. 2006, 19,191 miles, 3 rollouts. Gasoline engine, airconditioned, 2 T.V.s. Large living room, kitchen, refrigerator, shower, generator. $39,750. Call 806-445-1999 no paypal. Pictures available on request.

JAYCO 2006 19H, fold-down bed ends, a/c, heat, refrigerator, oven, microwave, shower, toilet, stereo, outside shower, good tires, non-smoker, covered, great condition, $10,895, make offer. 432-617-3021

MUST SELL THIS WEEK: 2012 40' 2 bedroom, 2 slides Travel Trailer. 2 Airs, washer & dryer, every option. Sleeps 9. Will accept smaller trailer in trade. Asking $22,500. Call 325-829-4777

SIERRA 2014 Travel trailer, 40ft, 2bedroom, 4 slide outs, fiberglass exterior, outside kitchen, washer, dryer, 2 a/c's, many extras, non-smokers, no pets, in Odessa! $37,000. MUST SELL! Call 701-230-2503

Recreational Vehicles

1974 AIRSTREAM. Great condition, new a/c unit, asking $7800. Call 432-413-1371

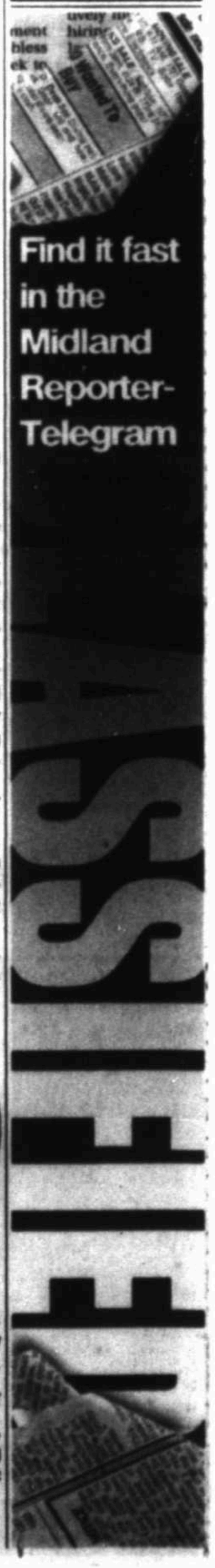
1995 JAYCO motor home, 27', microwave, refrigerator, everything very nice. Automatic step. $8,000 OBO. 432-528-6358

2005 HARLEY Davidson Heritage Softail Classic, excellent condition! Garage, low miles. Extras: Engine Guard, exhaust header, windshield, Vance & Hines Big Raduis 2-into-2, Kuryakyn Grips/footpegs, Wing mini floorboards, fuel pack. $11,600. 432-695-4252

LOADRUNNER 2013 7X14 Black Cargo Trailer, tandem axle, electric drum brakes, 32" side door and rear double doors. Original owner pulled one time. 432-553-5334. $4,800.00

Auto Services and Parts

BUYING/Hauling Off Junk Or Unwanted Vehicles. Dependable Junk Removal. 432-352-5031



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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

PRODUCTION LIFT COMPANIES

Business Manager

Production Lift Companies is seeking a Business Manager for its Midland office. The position is responsible for AR/AP-Quickbooks, HR-Employee offers, orientation, files, Insurance-Medical, Workers Comp., Auto, Gen Liability, Payroll, Invoicing, Govt. Reporting, DOT Reports, Management Reporting. This position demands an energetic individual who is conscientious, accurate, reliable with good work ethic, self-motivated and able to work well in a team enviroment. Equal opportunity employer, competitive salary and benefits package.

Email resume and salary requirements to: mswihart@productionlift.com

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Bookkeeper
Bookkeeping job for small independent (5 person office). JIB's, Payables, Receivables on OGAS software. Management accounting (monthly p&l and budget projections) on Excel. Quik Books for reconciling and payroll. Hours flexible. No smoking, good folks and good environment; insurance for full time. Midland Oil & Gas Inc. Send resume to ernie@midoil.com

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LEGAL ASSISTANT
Legal Assistant needed for Midland law firm with skills in analyzing title instruments and preparing exhibits. A background in land work would be beneficial, although not necessarily required. Excellent data entry skills are essential. The candidate will be responsible for preparation of exhibits to be attached to deeds of trust, mortgages, and other financial documentation, as well as verification of the oil and gas interests reflected on exhibits. Excellent benefits, salary commensurate with experience. Please send resume to **jvanvranken@lcalawfirm.com**

Office Position
Full Time Office position, Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm. Answering phones, orienting new hires, general office duties as needed. Pay DOE. Bring resumes to 810 S. Marshall, Midland, TX or email to lumarie@qualitypipeline.com

Part Time Assistant
America's Storage Center PT
Looking for a part time assistant 12-6pm Mon-Fri. Please call 432-520-6400 or stop by for more information

Program Assistant
Program Assistant: Full time position with benefits for a respected Child Placing Agency, High Sky Children's Ranch. Requires strong computer skills specifically in office, excel, data entry and template building. Must be able to answer a multi-phone line, manage a high volume documentation, file and maintain HIPPA compliance. Position requires a minimum of a high school diploma. Preference given to applicants with administrative assistant certificates. If you would like a full job description send a resume or contact Shawna Bowerman at shawnab@highsky.org. Position closes 4/21/14. No phone calls please

Secretary/Bookkeeper
Immediate opening for full time person responsible for supporting two (2) consulting engineers. Answering telephone, typing reports, scheduling appointments, controlling accounts receivables, billing, building reports, and maintaining office supplies and equipment. This person should have working knowledge of Microsoft Office, Quicken and Internet Explorer. Salary depends on experience. please email your resume to: info@joecneal.com

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Daycare Teacher
St Lukes Child Development Program We are currently hiring for full and part time positions, must be 18 years of age with a high school diploma or its equivalency. We offer vacation, sick and personal time, 401k, Health plan, paid holidays for full time positions. Apply in person at 3011 W. Kansas Midland, TX

ENERGY & UTILITIES

Aim Directional Services is taking applications for the following positions:
Directional Managers, Directional Coordinators, MWD Coordinators, Directional Drillers, MWD Engineers, Directional Sales, and Motor Shop Personnel. Must have at least 2-years experience. Only experienced personnel in these positions should apply. Send resumes to **resumes@aimdir.com** with Name, Phone, and email address

Crossfire, LLC is Hiring for the Following Positions:
In Midland, Texas: * **Experienced Crane Operators and Riggers** * **Administrative Assistant - Data Entry Clerk**. For complete job descriptions and to send a resume visit our website at **www.crossfire-llc.com**. Send resume to **recruiting@crossfire-llc.com**

Field Service Technician
Production Lift Systems FT
Local oilfield service company seeking **Field Service Technician**. Two years production experienced required. Full benefits. Must have a valid driver's license and pass drug test. Apply at **14 East Industrial Loop Midland, TX 79701** or call **432-699-1200**

Flowback Personnel, Well Testers & CDL Drivers
WARRIOR ENERGY SERVICES now hiring experienced **Flowback Personnel, Well Testers, & CDL Drivers** in the Permian Basin. Please apply in person at **8290 Interstate Highway 20 in Midland, TX**

FORKLIFT OPERATOR
United Casing, Inc.
Requirements: Certified heavy lift operator with minimum 3 years experience with oilfield pipe. Must have experience loading/unloading & racking pipe. Warehouse forklift drivers should not apply. Send all inquiries and resumes to **bquigley@unitedcasing.com** or bring to **3610 E. Highway 158, Midland**. **Qualified Applicants Only**

HEALTHCARE

Available Positions
Desert Gardens Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
3203 Sage Street
Midland, TX 79705
Desert Gardens located in Midland, Texas is currently seeking qualified Nursing staff to fill the following Positions:
• Business Office Manager
• Medication Aide for 6-2 Shift Monday - Friday.
• Restorative Aide (1 position) Monday - Friday with experience.
• CNA 6-2 position Monday - Friday.
• CNA 10-6 position on a rotating schedule. • Housekeeper
• Floor Tech with experience • Dietary Aide
$1,000 Sign on BONUS Apply in person.

Available Positions
Dynamic Therapy Services Seeking energetic PRN, Physical Therapists and Speech Pathologists. Call us! 432-685-3505

Full Time, LVN/Medical Assistant and FT or PT Receptionist for a physician's office. Must have good oral/written communication skills, dependable, organized, team player. Computer skills a must, experience in medical office environment is a plus. Competitive salary. Email resume to michiganprofessionals@aol.com

LVN/CNA & Billing-Front Desk Receptionist
For busy internal medicine practice. Experienced preferred. Mail resume to 2817 W. Loop 250 N Ste. A, Midland, 79705.

Part time Medical Assistants & Exp. Sonographer
Somne Systems is looking for part time medical assistants and sonographer with experience. Please send resume to info@somnosystems.com

Physician Assistant/Nurse Practioner
Neurosurgical practice (Midland) has immediate opening for a Texas licensed PA or NP. Call Beverly at 432-682-4307 to schedule interview

HEALTHCARE

Registered Dental Hygienist
Thomas Campagna, DMD FT
We are looking for an exceptional, experienced, **Registered Dental Hygienist**, full/ part time to join our team, at Midland's premier dental practice. Please email **info@smilemidland.com**, fax **(432) 520-0720** or bring resume to: **3722 W. Loop 250 North, Midland, TX**

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

Assistant General Manager
Looking for energetic person for the position of Assistant General Manager for a very busy hotel. Apply in person at 5716 Deauville Blvd, Midland, TX

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Installer Helper & Sales
The Fireplace FT
Installer helper and sales positions open. Full time, must be able to work Saturdays. Call The Fireplace 432-620-0200 or come buy 4928 N. Lamesa Rd. Midland, Tx

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Firehouse Subs FT
Midland, TX 79701
Now hiring Slice, Prep, Cashiers, Catering & Kitchen help for AM/PM positions. Apply in person: 2900 W. Loop 250 North, Ste 162

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Able to do physical labor
Good Attitude
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Petroleum Landman
Hilliard Energy F/T
Hilliard Energy has an opening for an oil and gas landman. Candidate must have a minimum of 2 years title and negotiations experience (running mineral lease hold and surface title, acquiring leases and surface agreements), willingness to travel, and a clean driving record. To apply, send resume to **careers@mmbo.com** or for more info call 432-683-9100

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Wednesday, April 9
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Midland Center, 105 N Main St

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Hosted by The Midland-Reporter-Telegram

Residential Housekeeper wanted. M W Th Fr 9am-12noon. Call 432-689-6416

Resident Monitor, Full Time & Relief Cook, Administrative Clerk
Dismas Charities FT/PT
Midland, TX 79701
Dismas Charities is hiring Full-time, Part-time & relief staff for the positions of Resident Monitor, Administrative Clerk and Full-Time & Relief Cook (part-time, up to 25hrs/wk $9.64/hr + $3.81). Walk-in applicants are welcome at 24 W. Industrial Loop.

Staff Members/ Gym/ Gameroom
The Boys & Girls Club of Midland seeking afternoon Staff Members, Gym, Gameroom PT, M-F 3-8. Call Michael between 1-3 or 6-8 only, 432-683-3056 or email to taylor@basinkids.org

Sweeper
Looking for someone to sweep parking lots at night. Wed - Sun. $600 weekly. Apply in person at 4801 SCR 1200

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Emergency Shelter Administrator
Emergency Shelter Administrator: Full time position with benefits for a respected Child Placing Agency, High Sky Children's Ranch. Requires strong leadership skills, ability to develop a team, monitor a high volume documentation requirements, light travel and on call. Position requires a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree. Preference given to applicants with Master's in Social Work or related field. 2 years supervisory experience preferably in the Social Work field including a QRO or CPA setting. If you would like a full job description or to send a resume, contact Shawna Bowerman at shawnab@highsky.org. Position closes 4/21/14. No phone calls please.

Seeking Motivated Staff Person
High Sky Children's Ranch, Stay Together Program is seeking a dedicated individual interested in a career helping families and at risk youth that are experiencing difficulties such as family conflict, runaway and truancy. Good salary, paid medical, retirement, vacation, holidays and travel. Bachelor's Degree in a related field & 1 year exp. working with children or families. 1 year of related exp. may be substituted for 1 year of college. Spanish speaking preferred. Call for app. at **432-694-7728** or print from **Highsky.org**

QA & QUALITY CONTROL

Quality Assurance/Quality Control Technician
T H Hill Associates, the Leader in third party monitoring services for the drilling side of the oil and gas industry is seeking qualified personnel to work as Quality Assurance/ Quality Control Technicians in the Midland/ Odessa area. The following qualifications are highly desired: Experience in the inspection, assembly and testing of downhole drilling tools. Experience with NDT inspection and Quality Assurance/ Control procedures. Experience in the enforcement of technical specifications and SOPs. Engineering & industrial Technology experience. Technical writing skills, reliable transportation, and a laptop computer are required. Position requires travel and overtime availability. Benefits include guaranteed hours, Medical, Dental, and Life insurance, 401K opportunities and paid vacation. Please email your resume to careers@thhill.com. For more information, please visit our website at www.thhill.com

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required; we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and Social Security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person

Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

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- *Medical*
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Stop by **3108 North Loop 250 West Midland, TX 79707** or call **432-689-3137** www.crackerbarrel.com **Cracker Barrel** EOE

Multiple Positions

Basin Burger House FT/PT

Now hiring for All Positions. **Line Cooks, Prep Cooks, Waitstaff , Hostess, and Shift Managers**. Join our team! Apply in person after 2 pm at 607 N Colorado, Downtown Midland.

Now Hiring

Lori's Cafe hiring Full Time Servers & Cooks ($12 starting, more with experience. Apply in person at 2201 W. Wall, Midland

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Genghis Grill is growing and our career opportunities are getting better by the day! We are currently looking for hourly and salary **Managers**. No early mornings or late nights, flexible schedules, and fun environment. We offer competitive salary and bonus structure along with a full benefits program. Send resume, cover letter and salary requirements to be considered to: **dparra@genghisgrill.com**. Employment is contingent upon satisfactory results of a background check and drug screen. EOE

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Excellent working environment! Now adding **DAY & EVENING SERVERS** to our Team. Come join a group that fosters membership, not just employment. Excellent pay. Will train. Closed Sundays. Apply at **Loop 250 & A Street** or call **432-967-9823** & speak to someone immediately.

SALES JOBS

CASHIERS

Smoker's Outlet is looking for **Cashiers** in the Midland area. We offer competitive wages and a good work environment. Paid weekly. Go by your nearest **Smoker's Outlet** to apply.

FULL-PART TIME SALES ASSOCIATES

We are looking for **Insurance Associates** who possess these important qualities: *Cool under pressure. *Enjoy working hard. *Relate well to all kinds of people. *Energetic. *Dedicated to meet customers needs. P&C license preferred. Must have customer service experience. Bilingual a plus. Please fax your resume to: **432-570-9501** or Mail to **P O Box 8830**, Midland, TX 79708. Bring by **4410 N Midkiff, Ste D1F, Midland, TX 79705**.

Outside B2B Sales Representative

A national safety and first aid company is currently seeking an **Outside B2B Sales Representative** to service customers and develop new business in the Permian Basin market. Major cities include Midland TX, Odessa TX, Hobbs NM, Carlsbad NM, Roswell NM,Big Spring TX in and around these cities. As an Outside Sales Representative with Our company, you'll play an important role in our mission to keep workplaces safer, healthier and more productive. We strive to provide high quality first aid, safety, emergency and training products delivered in a way that meets each customers needs. Our products and services increase workplace safety and compliance, and drive preparedness for sudden cardiac arrest through our comprehensive AED programs. You'll enjoy uncapped commissions for doing work that's keeping our customer's employees safe and can save lives. We sell thousands of products and there is not a business that can't use something we sell. Our company, as a business partner, our customers know they are prepared to handle anything from a minor injury to a major emergency. Specifically, the job includes: -closing business-to-business deals with companies of every size and in every industry, -maintaining, building and creating lasting relationships with new and existing customers within your exclusive sales territory. Please send resume to: **safetysales123@gmail.com**

Outside Sales

Outside Sales for **Great Plains Steel, Inc**. Midland TX/Odessa/Surrounding Area Territory. Some Steel Knowledge Helpful. Company Car & Phone. Salary & Benefits + Quarterly Bonuses. Qualifying Health Insurance Plan, Life Insurance, AFLAC, Retirement. Send resume to **Great Plains Steel, Inc. P.O. Box 2916, Lubbock, TX. 79408** or email to **jobs@greatplainssteel.com**.

Outside Sales Representative

Local distribution center seeks **Outside Sales Representative**. Must be 18 years of age with clean driving record. Sales territory will include West Texas & Eastern New Mexico area. Duties will include daily deliveries and customer service to existing & newly established customers. Experience preferred but will train the right person. Send resume to **bob.moore55@yahoo.com**. EOE

Sales Associate and Assistant Managers

Wood's Boots in Midland and Odessa are adding to our teams. We are looking for talented Sales Associates and Assistant Managers at multiple locations. Stop in today and pick up an application at any of our four locations.

SCIENCE & RESEARCH

LAB TECHNICIAN

Growing oilfield company looking for a **Lab Technician**. Laboratory experience is not required but preferred. Please send resumes to Justin Disney at **Justin.Disney@catalystoilfield.com**.

SKILLED LABOR

Landscape Help

Hunter's Ridge Apartments FT
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Midland, TX 79701
Landscaping help needed. Apply in person to Hunter's Ridge, Midland

SKILLED LABOR

Licensed Commercial Plumber & Exp. Helpers

TMI Mechanical currently hiring **Licensed Commercial Plumbers & Experienced Helpers** for local jobsites. We offer top pay **(up to $28/hr DOE and we will pay additional for medical gas endorsements)**. Paid medical, paid vacations and holidays. Must have good driving record. Please call **432-686-0002** for interview.

Machinist

Wanted: Manual Machinist for engine lathe, for above ground wellhead equipment. Some experience required. Shop welder for above ground wellhead equipment, all materials supplied. Pay DOE. Good Benefits, insurance, uniforms and paid holidays. Call 432-563-3443 or apply at Fullco General Machine 12915 West County Road 122, Odessa, between Midland/Odessa.

MIDLAND MACHINIST

Set up and operation of CNC lathe. Good work ethics and flexibility to work 12 hour days and call in on weekends if needed. Will be required to read and understand drawings as well as read the measurement tools to produce a quality machined parts. Must have at least 2 years' experience machining connections. Pay to be discussed with each applicant and will be based on knowledge and skill set 20-25 dollars per hour. Please contact **Jimmy Turner at 936-230-7186** or email **jimmy.turner@conroemachine.com**

Now Hiring

Oil field construction company hiring experienced heavy equipment operators and roustabouts for positions in Midland, Karnil, and surrounding areas. Paid time off and medical benefits. Please call 432-258-1339 for more information. Hablamos Espanol.

PRESSMAN

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an immediate opening in its Production Department for the position of: PRESSMAN for our Harris N 1650 Printing presses.

This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires: night shift/weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.

Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701. E-mail:jmaddox@hearstnp.com

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REBUILD TECHNICIAN

Confidential FT

Immediate opening for a **Rebuild Technician.** This position is responsible for the inspection, cleaning, processing, repair and paperwork processing for all items in Rebuild Services, including tools, parts and upgrades. The ideal candidate will have mechanical and engine rebuild experience, with technical school training preferred. The company offers a comprehensive benefit package. If interested please send your resume to Box P-111 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

Road Winch Operators

Wilbanks Energy Logistics is now hiring experienced Road Winch Operators at our new Gardendale location. Top pay and benefits, call 432-362-8600, apply online at wilbanksel.com or visit us at 14625 Hollyhock Ave., Gardendale TX.

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